



Lecture 15: Numerical ODEs

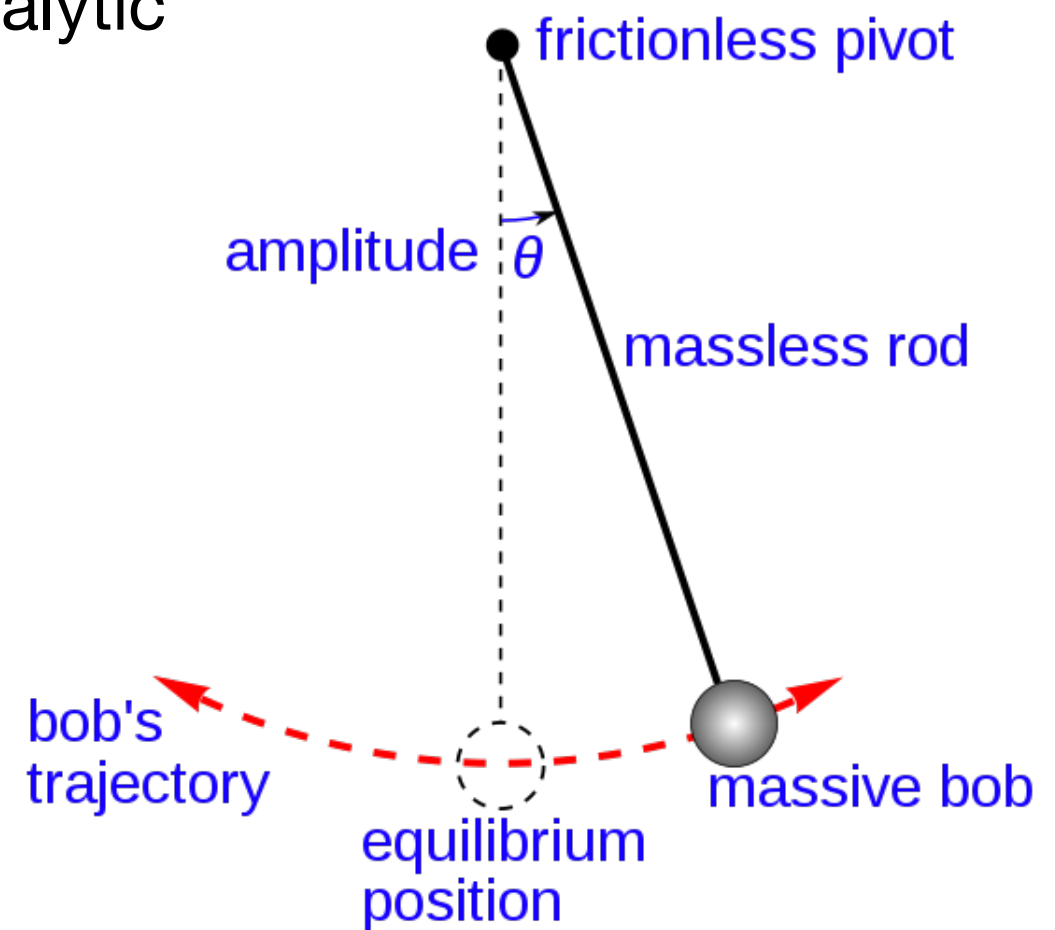
The pendulum

- While seemingly simple the solution is not analytic

- $$m\ell\ddot{\theta} = -mg \sin(\theta)$$

- $$\frac{1}{2}\dot{\theta}^2 = \frac{g}{\ell} (\cos \theta - \cos \theta_0)$$

- $$\int \frac{d\theta}{\sqrt{(\cos \theta - \cos \theta_0)}} = 2 \int \frac{g}{\ell} dt$$



Elliptic Integral : This is what actually

Numerical Simulation

- This part of the class will cover numerical simulation
 - Typically this involves stepping through a simulation
 - Simplest stepping involves computing velocity/acceleration
 - Stepping through the forces :

- $\frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = \vec{v}(t) \rightarrow \vec{x}(t) = \int d\vec{x} = \int \vec{v}(t) dt$

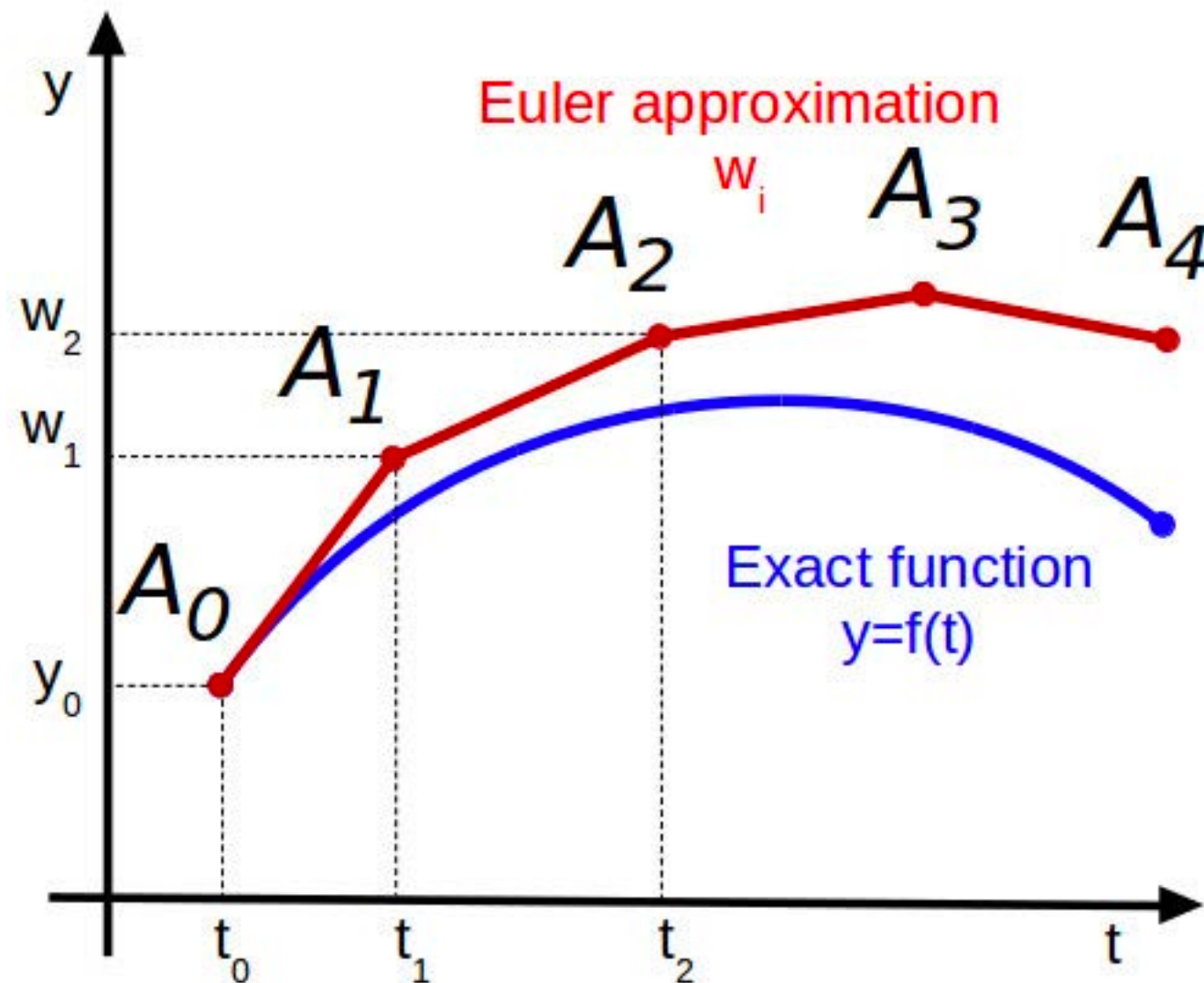
- $\frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \vec{a}(t) \rightarrow \vec{v}(t) = \int d\vec{v} = \int \frac{\vec{F}(t)}{m} dt$

What can we do to step

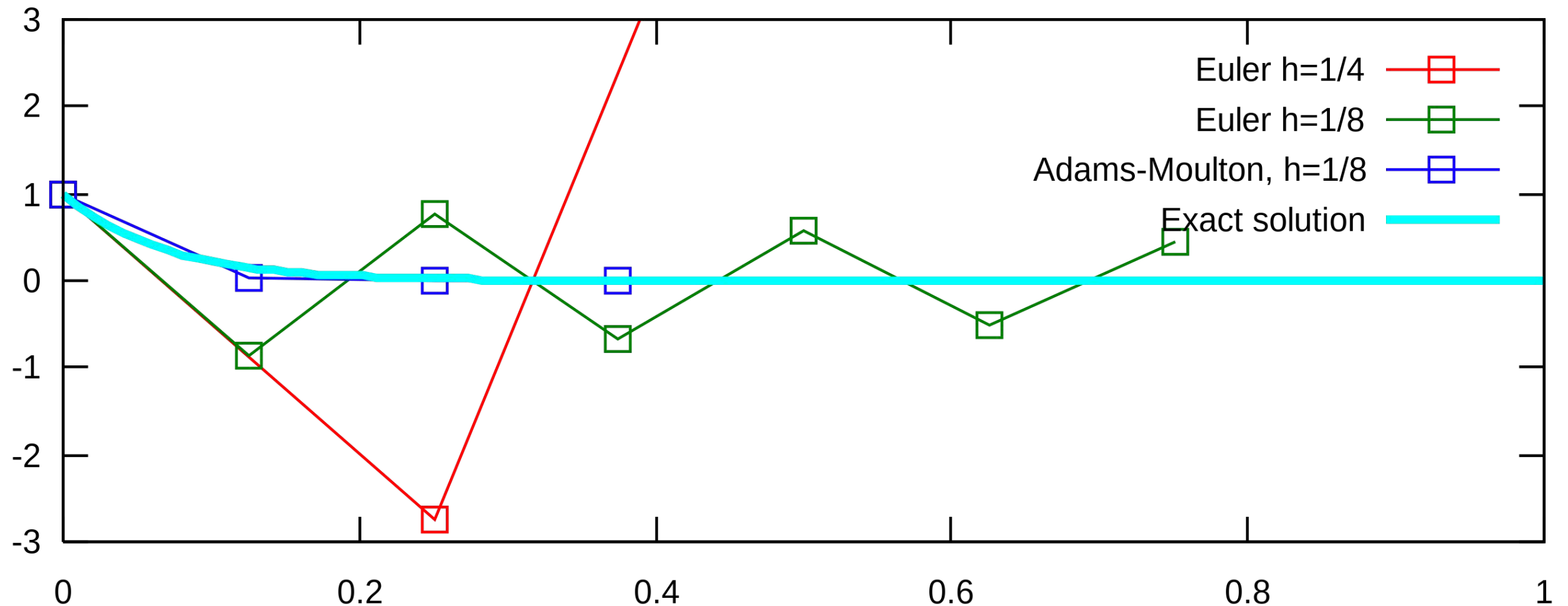
- For some time interval Δt , we can assume that
- $\vec{v}(t) \approx v_t$ (a constant for a short time)
- $\vec{a}(t) \approx a_t$ (a constant for a short time)
- From this base assumption, we can start to approximate
- These lead to a model

Tiers of approximation

- Strategy to linearize
- Rely on Slope take appropriate timesteps

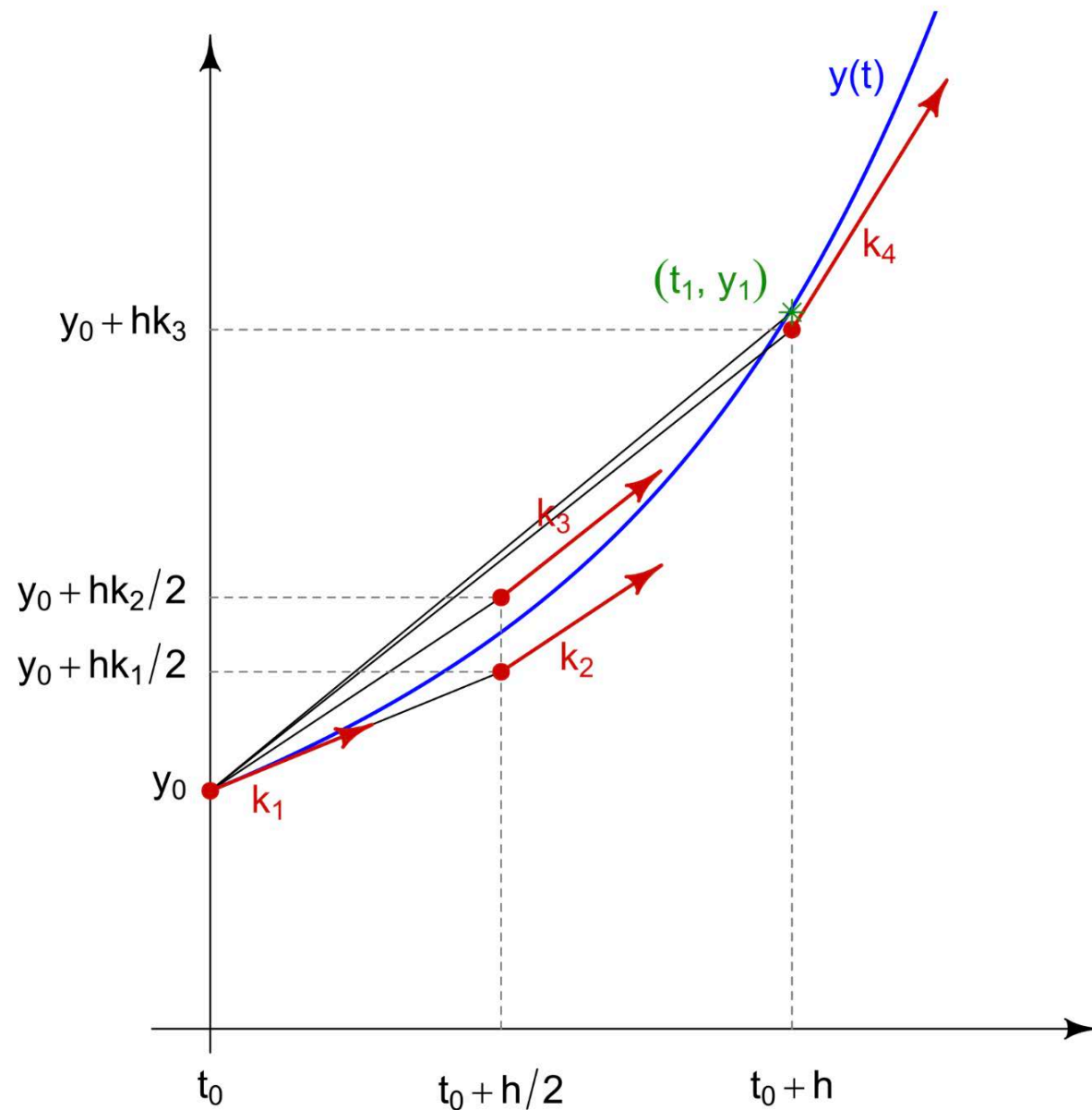


ODE Stiffness



- Stiff ODEs breakdown when step size too large
- Stiffness is a sign of a difficult ODE

Runge-Kutta



$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{1}{6} (k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4) h,$$

$$t_{n+1} = t_n + h$$

for $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$, using^[3]

$$k_1 = f(t_n, y_n),$$

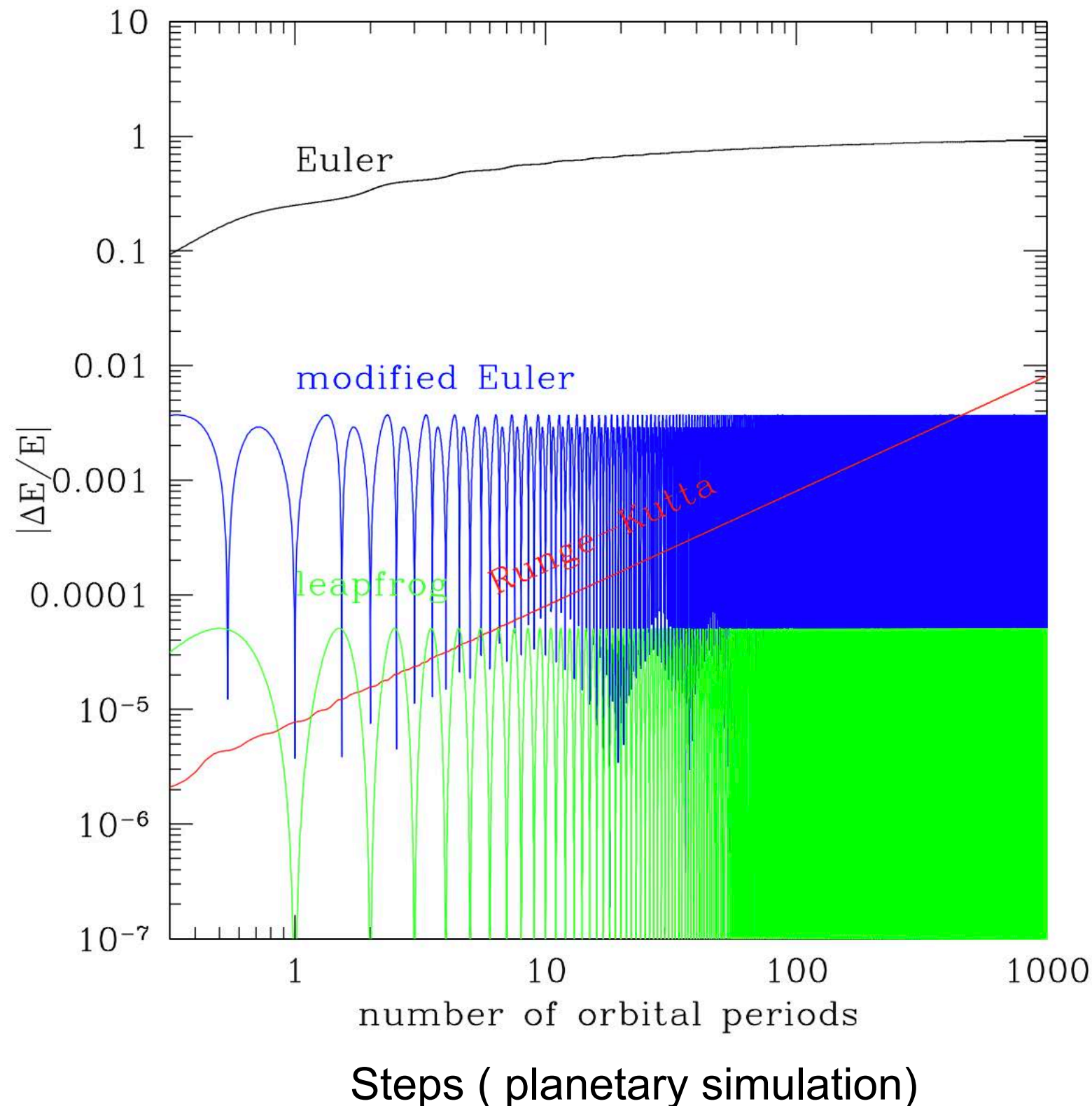
$$k_2 = f\left(t_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + h\frac{k_1}{2}\right),$$

$$k_3 = f\left(t_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + h\frac{k_2}{2}\right),$$

$$k_4 = f(t_n + h, y_n + hk_3).$$

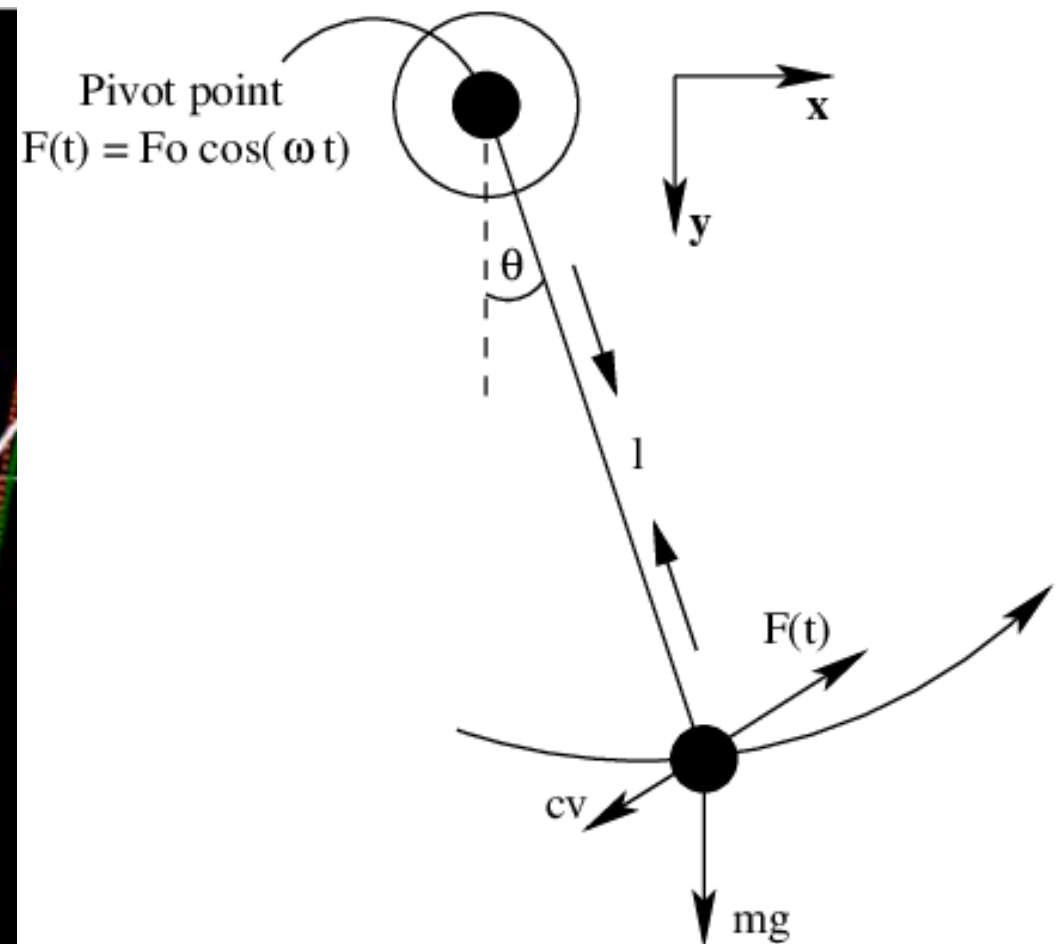
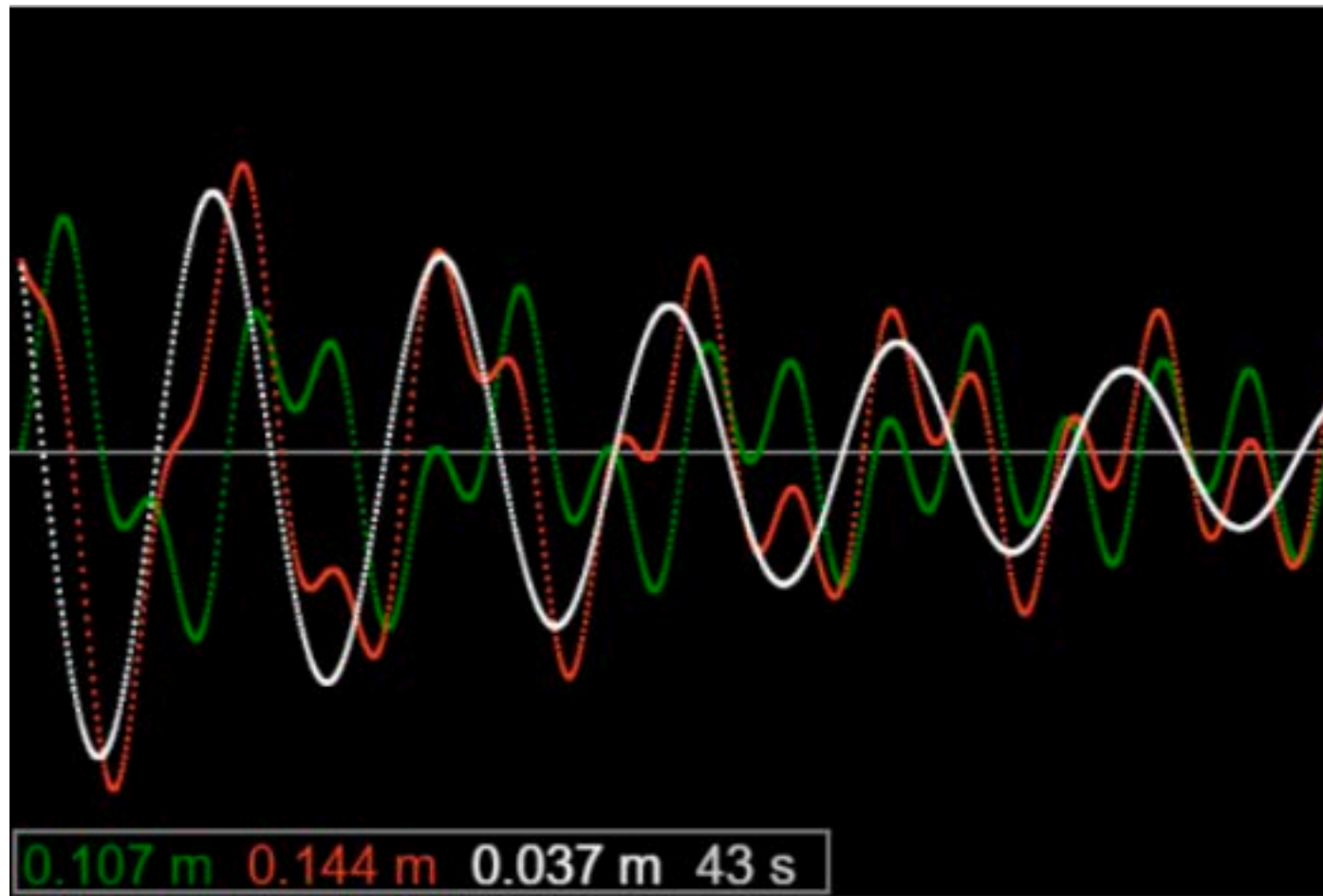
- Construct 4 or more steps to get to the next one
- For Pendulum we have to intertwine velocity and position

Precision



- Each step has its own benefits and limitations
- Can see this from precision over time for the left approximations

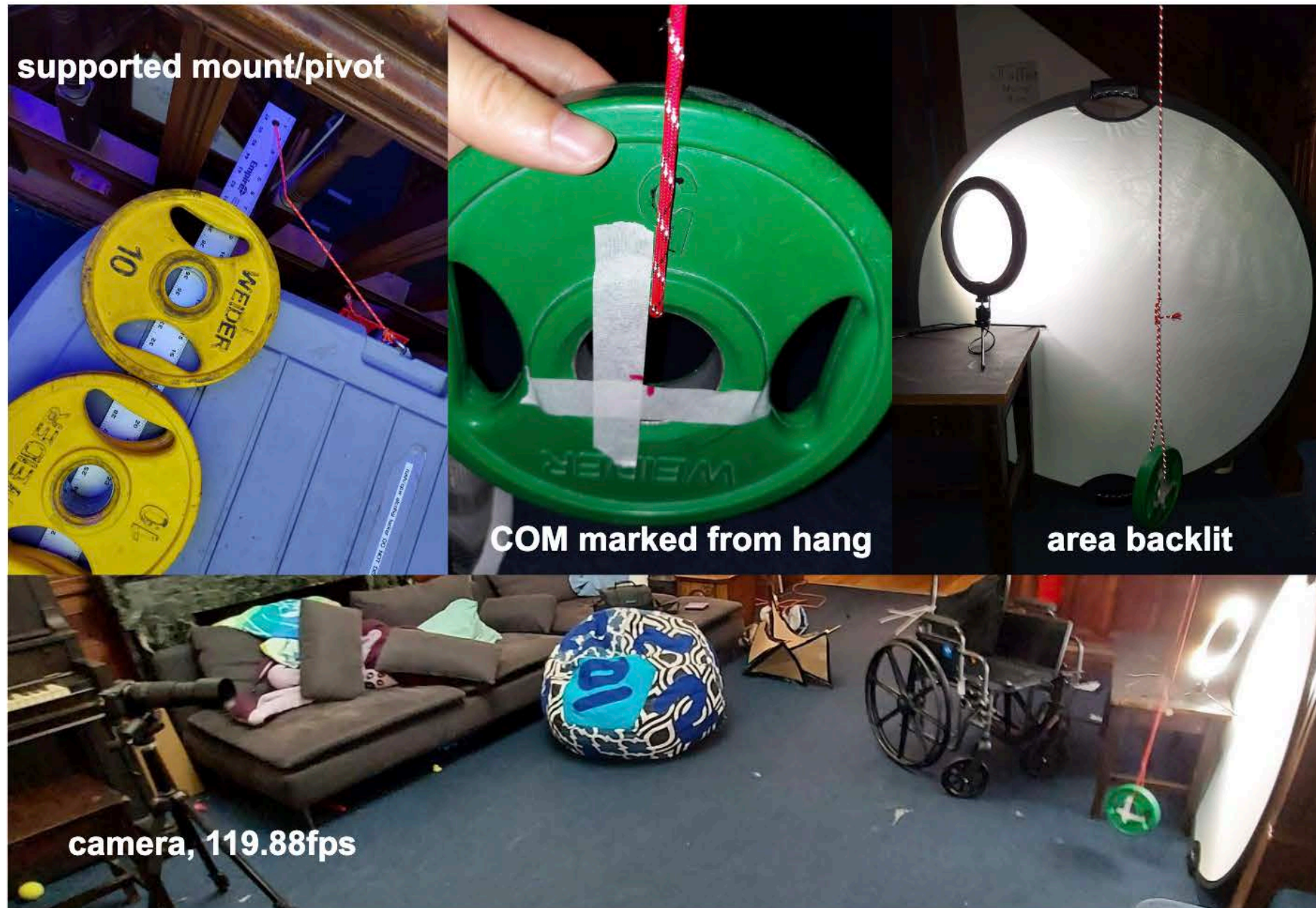
Damped Driven Harmonic Oscillator⁹



- We can extend our simulation towards damped driven HO
- Dynamics here are fun and interesting
- But we need a good integrator to understand it

High quality Pendulum¹⁰ data

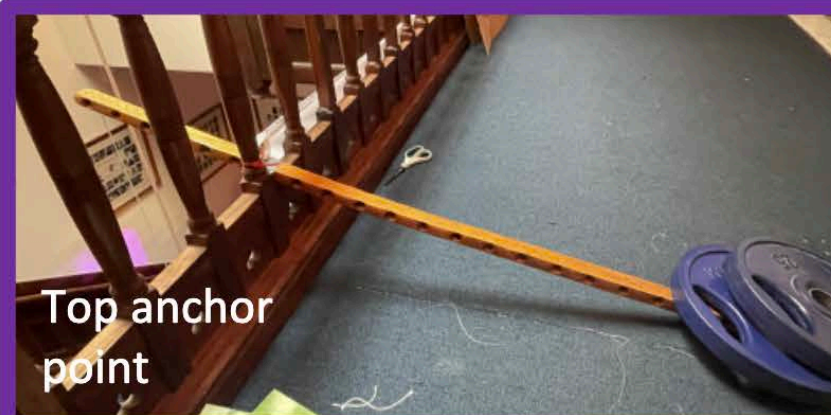
Apparatus



Pendulum designed to make length measurement more repeatable, improve small angle approx. and facilitate timing via computer vision, with low damping.

length approx. 4 m
displacement $< 1.5^\circ$
mass approx. 5 lbs

High quality Pendulum¹¹ data



Length:
 $10.7886 \pm 0.0032 \text{ m}$

Period measurement:
phone camera + Jade's
computer vision program
 $30\text{fps} \rightarrow \sigma = 0.0096 \text{ s}$

Small angle approximation:
 $1.06^\circ: T_{\text{corr}} = 0.9999T_{\text{meas}}$

Procedure:
2 minutes damping time
60s recording
Video analysis

Image Sources

pit and pendulum

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