

# 1/22: Dynamics & integrators

## Announcements:

- intro survey out, due Thurs (1/29)
- HW0 out, not graded
- HW1 out next Thurs (1/29)
- Autograder issue fixed 😊

## Today:

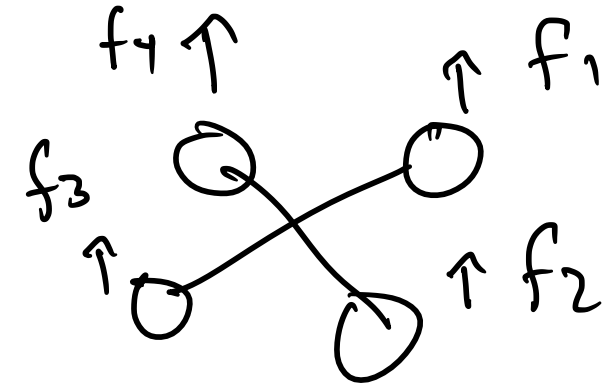
- what is a dynamical system?
- numerical integrators
- demo in code

OH:

Preston: CIS 459  
Thurs 2-4p

Samuel: Malott 304H  
Thurs 5-7p

Q: What is a dynamical system?



drone

$x$ : state - description  
of where the drone  
is + how it's moving

$u$ : inputs we provide  
to the system

$$x = [p \in \mathbb{R}^3, \dot{p} \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$\dot{x} = f(x, u)$$

$$R \in SO(3), \omega \in \mathbb{R}^3] \equiv \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$$u = [f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4] \in \mathbb{R}^4$$

why is continuous time hard?

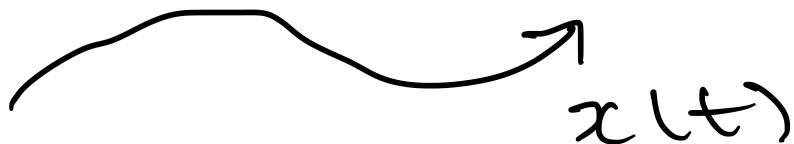
$$\min_{x(t)} \int_0^T x(\tau) d\tau$$

$$x(t), x(t+\varepsilon) \dots$$

"in direct methods"



calculus of variables



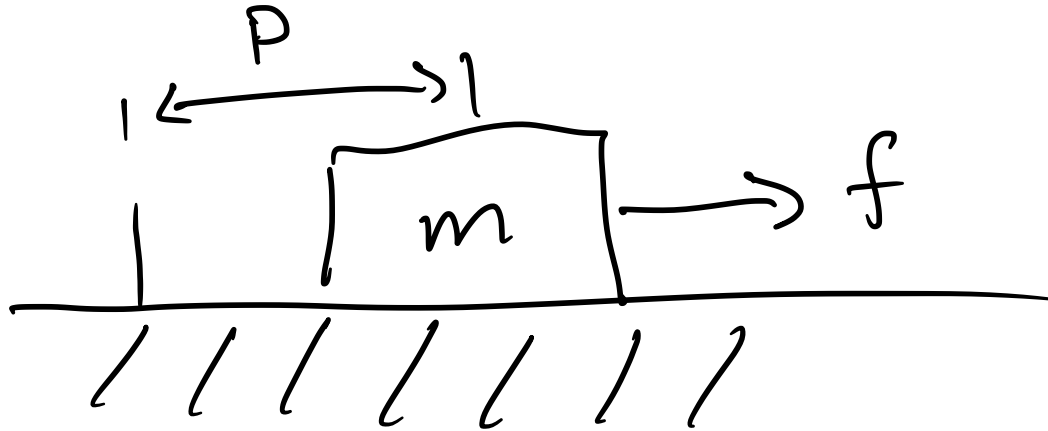
"direct methods"



$$x_{k+1} = f(x_k, u_k)$$

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e.g. 1 (Double integrator)



$$x = \begin{bmatrix} p & \dot{p} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u = \begin{bmatrix} f \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f = ma = m\ddot{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{x} = f(x, u)$$

$$\boxed{\dot{x} = Ax + Bu} \quad \text{A}$$

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{p} \\ \ddot{p} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{p} \\ \ddot{p} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \dot{p} \\ \frac{1}{m} f \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p \\ \dot{p} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1/m \end{bmatrix} u$$

e.g. 1 (Humanoid robot) "manipulator eqs."



$$\begin{cases} m(q) \ddot{q} + C(q, \dot{q}) \dot{q} \\ + g(q) = B\tau + F_{ext} \end{cases}$$

$\tau$ : inputs

contact

$$J(q)^T \lambda$$

$$x = [\theta, \dot{\theta}, p, \dot{p}, R, \omega]$$

$$q = [\theta, p, R]$$

$$\dot{q} = [\dot{\theta}, \dot{p}, \omega]$$

2) Numerical integration

$$\dot{x} = f(x, u) \Rightarrow x_{k+1} = \tilde{f}(x_k, u_k)$$

$$x_{k+1} = x(t + \Delta t)$$

$$x_k \approx x(t)$$

Fundamental theorem:

$$x(t + \Delta t) = x(t) + \int_t^{t + \Delta t} f(x(\tau), u(\tau)) d\tau$$

Assumption:  $u(\tau) = u \quad \tau \in [t, t + \Delta t]$   
"zero-order hold"

simplest method: Euler's method

$$x(t+\Delta t) = x(t) + \Delta t \cdot f(x(t), u(t))$$

Pros: simple! function calls = 1

Cons: local accuracy  $O(\Delta t^2)$   
high error

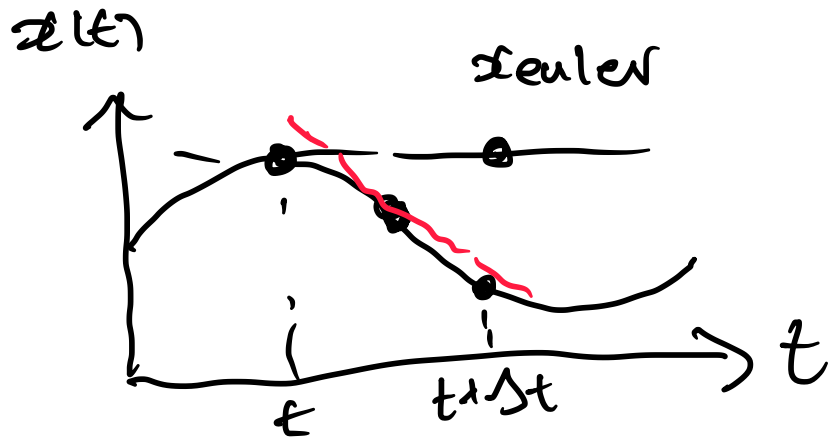
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midpoint method

# evals: 2

error:  $O(\Delta t^3)$

$$x(t+\Delta t) = x(t) + \Delta t \cdot f\left(x\left(t+\frac{\Delta t}{2}\right), u\right)$$



$$k_1 = x(t) + \frac{\Delta t}{2} f(x(t), u)$$

$$x(t+\Delta t) \approx x(t) + \Delta t \cdot f(k_1, u)$$

In general, Runge-Kutta  $\mathcal{O}k(4)$

$$x(t + \Delta t) \approx x + \frac{\Delta t}{6} (k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4)$$

$$k_1 = f(x(t), u)$$

# evals: 4

$$k_2 = f\left(x + \frac{\Delta t}{2} k_1, u\right)$$

error:  $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^5)$

$$k_3 = f\left(x + \frac{\Delta t}{2} k_2, u\right)$$

$$k_4 = f(x + \Delta t k_3, u)$$