

Differential Equations in R

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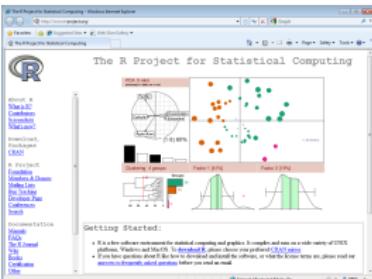
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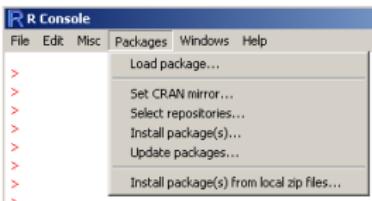
Installing

Installing the R Software and packages

Downloading R from the R-project website: <http://www.r-project.org>



Packages can be installed from within the R-software:



or via commandline

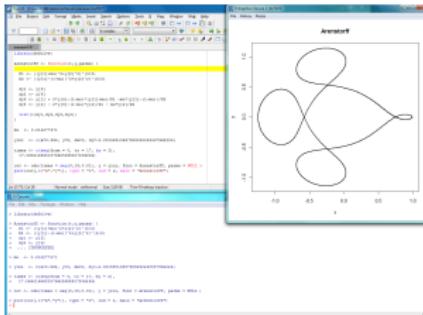
```
install.packages("deSolve", dependencies = TRUE)
```



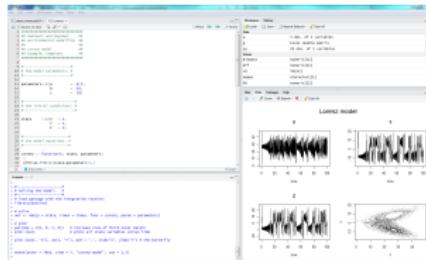
Installing

Installing a suitable editor

Tinn-R is suitable (if you are a Windows adept)



Rstudio is very promising



Necessary packages

Several packages deal with differential equations

- ▶ deSolve: main integration package
 - ▶ rootSolve: steady-state solver
 - ▶ bvpSolve: boundary value problem solvers
 - ▶ ReacTran: partial differential equations
 - ▶ simecol: interactive environment for implementing models

All packages have at least one author in common

→ **Consistency** in interface

Getting help

- ▶ ?deSolve opens the main help file
 - ▶ Index at bottom of this page opens an index page
 - ▶ One main manual (or “vignette”):
 - ▶ vignette("deSolve")
 - ▶ vignette("rootSolve")
 - ▶ vignette("bvpSolve")
 - ▶ vignette("ReacTran")
 - ▶ vignette("simecol-introduction")
 - ▶ Several dedicated vignettes:
 - ▶ vignette("compiledCode")
 - ▶ vignette("bvpTests")
 - ▶ vignette("PDE")
 - ▶ vignette("simecol-Howto")

One equation

Model specification

Let's begin ...

One equation

Logistic growth

Differential equation

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = r \cdot N \cdot \left(1 - \frac{N}{K}\right)$$

Analytical solution

$$N_t = \frac{KN_0e^{rt}}{K + N_0(e^{rt} - 1)}$$

R implementation

```

> logistic <- function(t, r, K, NO) {
+   K * NO * exp(r * t) / (K + NO * (exp(r * t) - 1))
+ }
> plot(0:100, logistic(t = 0:100, r = 0.1, K = 10, NO = 0.1))

```

One equation

Numerical simulation in R

Why numerical solutions?

- ▶ Not all systems have an analytical solution,
 - ▶ Numerical solutions allow discrete forcings, events, ...

Why R?

- ▶ If standard tool for statistics, why x\$\$\$ for dynamic simulations?
 - ▶ Other reasons will show up at this conference (useR!2011).

Numerical solution of the logistic equation

```
library(deSolve)
model <- function (time, y, parms) {
  with(as.list(c(y, parms)), {
    dN <- r * N * (1 - N / K)
    list(dN)
  })
}
y      <- c(N = 0.1)
parms  <- c(r = 0.1, K = 10)
times  <- seq(0, 100, 1)

out <- ode(y, times, model, parms)
plot(out)
```

Differential equation
„similar to formula on paper“

<http://desolve.r-forge.r-project.org>

Differential equation „similar to formula on paper“

Numerical methods provided by the deSolve package

Inspecting output

► Print to screen

```
> head(out, n = 4)
```

```

      time      N
[1,]    0 0.1000000
[2,]    1 0.1104022
[3,]    2 0.1218708
[4,]    3 0.1345160

```

► Summary

```
> summary(out)
```

	N
Min.	0.100000
1st Qu.	1.096000
Median	5.999000
Mean	5.396000
3rd Qu.	9.481000
Max.	9.955000
N	101.000000
sd	3.902511

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A geometric diagram consisting of three concentric rings of hexagons. The innermost ring contains one hexagon. The middle ring contains six hexagons, and the outermost ring contains twelve hexagons. All hexagons are oriented with their top points pointing upwards.

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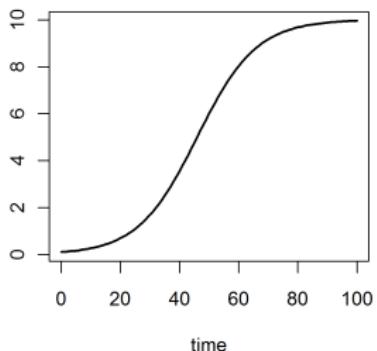
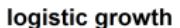
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Inspecting output -ctd

► Plotting

```
> plot(out, main = "logistic growth", lwd = 2)
```



Inspecting output -ctd

- #### ► Diagnostic features of simulation

```
> diagnostics(out)
```

↳ soda return code

```
return code (idid) =  2  
Integration was successful.
```

INTEGER values

```
1 The return code : 2
2 The number of steps taken for the problem so far: 105
3 The number of function evaluations for the problem so far: 211
5 The method order last used (successfully): 5
6 The order of the method to be attempted on the next step: 5
7 If return flag =-4,-5: the largest component in error vector 0
8 The length of the real work array actually required: 36
9 The length of the integer work array actually required: 21
14 The number of Jacobian evaluations and LU decompositions so far: 0
15 The method indicator for the last succesful step,
      1=adams (nonstiff), 2=bdf (stiff): 1
16 The current method indicator to be attempted on the next step,
      1=adams (nonstiff), 2=bdf (stiff): 1
```

Coupled ODEs: the rigidODE problem

Problem [3]

- ▶ Euler equations of a rigid body without external forces.
 - ▶ Three dependent variables (y_1, y_2, y_3), the coordinates of the rotation vector,
 - ▶ I_1, I_2, I_3 are the principal moments of inertia.

Coupled ODEs: the rigidODE equations

Differential equation

$$\begin{aligned} y'_1 &= (l_2 - l_3)/l_1 \cdot y_2 y_3 \\ y'_2 &= (l_3 - l_1)/l_2 \cdot y_1 y_3 \\ y'_3 &= (l_1 - l_2)/l_3 \cdot y_1 y_2 \end{aligned}$$

Parameters

$$l_1 = 0.5, l_2 = 2, l_3 = 3$$

Initial conditions

$$y_1(0) = 1, y_2(0) = 0, y_3(0) = 0.9$$

Coupled equations

Coupled ODEs: the rigidODE problem

R implementation

```

> library(deSolve)
> rigidode <- function(t, y, parms) {
+   dy1 <- -2 * y[2] * y[3]
+   dy2 <- 1.25* y[1] * y[3]
+   dy3 <- -0.5* y[1] * y[2]
+   list(c(dy1, dy2, dy3))
+ }
> yini  <- c(y1 = 1, y2 = 0, y3 = 0.9)
> times <- seq(from = 0, to = 20, by = 0.01)
> out   <- ode (times = times, y = yini, func = rigidode, parms = NULL)

> head (out, n = 3)

      time        y1        y2        y3
[1,] 0.00 1.0000000 0.0000000 0.9000000
[2,] 0.01 0.9998988 0.01124925 0.8999719
[3,] 0.02 0.9995951 0.02249553 0.8998875

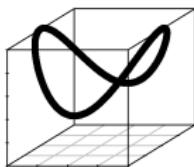
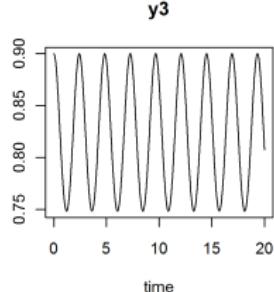
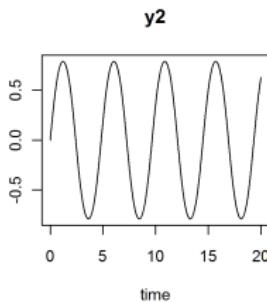
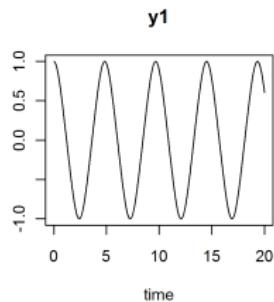
```



Coupled equations

Coupled ODEs: plotting the rigidODE problem

```
> plot(out)
> library(scatterplot3d)
> par(mar = c(0, 0, 0, 0))
> scatterplot3d(out[,-1], xlab = "", ylab = "", zlab = "", label.tick.marks = FALSE)
```



Exercise: the Rossler equations

Differential equation [12]

$$\begin{aligned} y'_1 &= -y_2 - y_3 \\ y'_2 &= y_1 + a \cdot y_2 \\ y'_3 &= b + y_3 \cdot (y_1 - c) \end{aligned}$$

Parameters

$$a = 0.2, b = 0.2, c = 5$$

Initial Conditions

$$y_1 = 1, y_2 = 1, y_3 = 1$$

Exercise: the Rossler equations - ctd

Tasks:

- ▶ Solve the ODEs on the interval $[0, 100]$
 - ▶ Produce a 3-D phase-plane plot
 - ▶ Use file `examples/rigidODE.R.txt` as a template

Solvers ...

Solver overview, stiffness, accuracy

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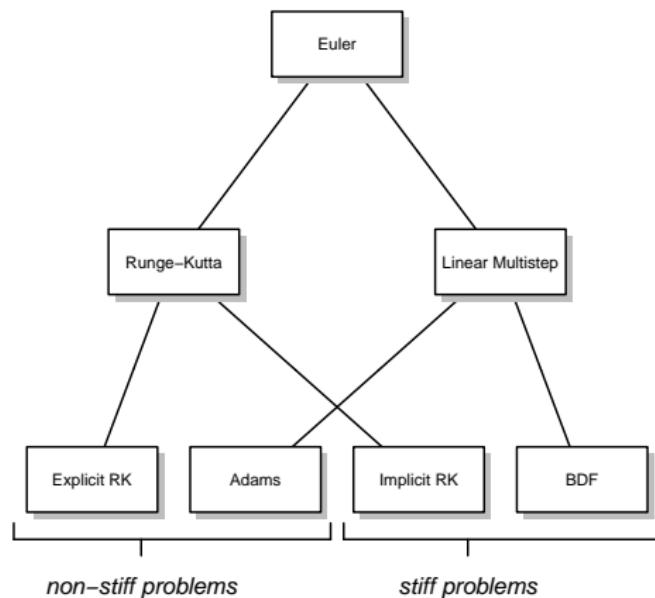
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Solvers

Integration methods: package deSolve [20]



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Plotting

Forcings + Events

Delay Diff. Equations

Partial Diff. Equations

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Speeding up
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Solvers

Solver overview: package deSolve

Function	Description
<code>lsoda</code> [9]	IVP ODEs, full or banded Jacobian, automatic choice for stiff or non-stiff method
<code>lsodar</code> [9]	same as <code>lsoda</code> ; includes a root-solving procedure.
<code>lsode</code> [5], <code>vode</code> [2]	IVP ODEs, full or banded Jacobian, user specifies if stiff (bdf) or non-stiff (adams)
<code>lsodes</code> [5]	IVP ODEs; arbitrary sparse Jacobian, stiff
<code>rk4</code> , <code>rk</code> , <code>euler</code>	IVP ODEs; Runge-Kutta and Euler methods
<code>radau</code> [4]	IVP ODEs+DAEs; implicit Runge-Kutta method
<code>daspk</code> [1]	IVP ODEs+DAEs; bdf and adams method
<code>zvode</code>	IVP ODEs, like <code>vode</code> but for complex variables

adapted from [19].



Solvers

Solver overview: package deSolve

Solver	Notes	stiff	$y = f(t,y)$	$M\dot{y} = f(t,y)$	$F(y,t,y) = 0$	Roots	Events	Lags (DDE)	Nesting
lsoda/lsodar	automatic method selection	auto	x			x	x	x	
lsode	bdf, adams, ...	user defined	x			x	x	x	
lsodes	sparse Jacobian	yes	x			x	x	x	
vode	bdf, adams, ...	user defined	x				x	x	
zvode	complex numbers	user defined	x				x	x	
daspk	DAE solver	yes	x	x	x		x	x	
radau	DAE; implicit RK	yes	x	x		x	x	x	
rk, rk4, euler	euler, ode23, ode45, ... rkMethod	no	x				x		x
iteration	returns state at t+dt	no	x				x		x

- `ode`, `ode.band`, `ode.1D`, `ode.2D`, `ode.3D`: top level functions (wrappers)
 - `red`: functionality added by us

Options of solver functions

Top level function

```

> ode(y, times, func, parms,
+   method = c("lsoda", "lsode", "lsodes", "lsodar", "vode", "daspk",
+             "euler", "rk4", "ode23", "ode45", "radau",
+             "bdf", "bdf_d", "adams", "impAdams", "impAdams_d",
+             "iteration"), ...)
```

Workhorse function: the individual solver

```

> lsoda(y, times, func, parms, rtol = 1e-6, atol = 1e-6,
+   jacfunc = NULL, jactype = "fullint", rootfunc = NULL,
+   verbose = FALSE, nroot = 0, tcrit = NULL,
+   hmin = 0, hmax = NULL, hini = 0, ynames = TRUE,
+   maxordn = 12, maxords = 5, bandup = NULL, banddown = NULL,
+   maxsteps = 5000, dllname = NULL, initfunc = dllname,
+   initpar = parms, rpar = NULL, ipar = NULL, nout = 0,
+   outnames = NULL, forcings = NULL, initforc = NULL,
+   fcontrol = NULL, events = NULL, lags = NULL,...)

```

Arghhh, which solver and which options???

Problem type?

- ▶ ODE: use `ode`,
 - ▶ DDE: use `dede`,
 - ▶ DAE: `daspk` or `radau`,
 - ▶ PDE: `ode.1D`, `ode.2D`, `ode.3D`,

... others for specific purposes, e.g. root finding, difference equations (`euler`, `iteration`) or just to have a comprehensive solver suite (`rk4`, `ode45`).

Stiffness

- ▶ default solver `lsoda` selects method automatically,
 - ▶ `adams` or `bdf` may speed up a little bit if degree of stiffness is known,
 - ▶ `vode` or `radau` may help in difficult situations.

Stiffness

Solvers for stiff systems

Stiffness

- ▶ Difficult to give a precise definition.
 - ≈ system where some components change more rapidly than others.

Sometimes difficult to solve:

- ▶ solution can be numerically unstable,
 - ▶ may require very small time steps (slow!),
 - ▶ deSolve contains solvers that are suitable for stiff systems,

But: “stiff solvers” slightly less efficient for “well behaving” systems.

- ▶ **Good news:** lsoda selects automatically between stiff solver (bdf) and nonstiff method (adams).

Van der Pol equation

Oscillating behavior of electrical circuits containing tubes [22].

2nd order ODE

$$y'' - \mu(1 - y^2)y' + y = 0$$

... must be transformed into two 1st order equations

$$y'_1 = y_2$$

$$y'_2 = \mu \cdot (1 - y_1^2) \cdot y_2 - y_1$$

- ▶ Initial values for state variables at $t = 0$: $y_{1(t=0)} = 2, y_{2(t=0)} = 0$
 - ▶ One parameter: $\mu = \text{large} \rightarrow \text{stiff system}; \mu = \text{small} \rightarrow \text{non-stiff}.$

Model implementation

```

> library(deSolve)
> vdpol <- function (t, y, mu) {
+   list(c(
+     y[2],
+     mu * (1 - y[1]^2) * y[2] - y[1]
+   ))
+ }
> yini <- c(y1 = 2, y2 = 0)
> stiff <- ode(y = yini, func = vdpol, times = 0:3000, parms = 1000)
> nonstiff <- ode(y = yini, func = vdpol, times = seq(0, 30, 0.01), parms = 1)
> head(stiff, n = 5)

    time      y1          y2
[1,] 0 2.000000 0.00000000000
[2,] 1 1.999333 -0.0006670373
[3,] 2 1.998666 -0.0006674088
[4,] 3 1.997998 -0.0006677807
[5,] 4 1.997330 -0.0006681535

```

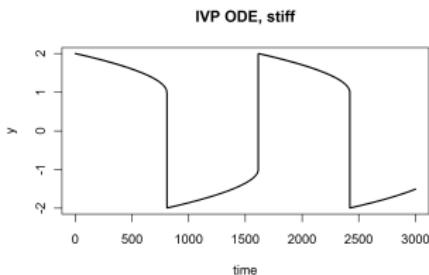
Interactive exercise

- ▶ The following link opens in a web browser. It requires a recent version of Firefox, Internet Explorer or Chrome, ideal is Firefox 5.0 in full-screen mode. Use Cursor keys for slide transition:
 - ▶ **Left cursor** guides you through the full presentation.
 - ▶ **Mouse** and **mouse wheel** for full-screen panning and zoom.
 - ▶ **Pos1** brings you back to the first slide.
 - ▶ [examples/vanderpol.svg](#)
 - ▶ The following opens the code as text file for life demonstrations in R
 - ▶ [examples/vanderpol.R.txt](#)

Plotting

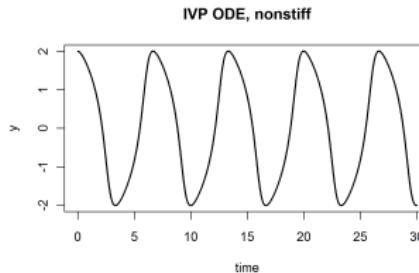
Stiff solution

```
> plot(stiff, type = "l", which = "y1",
+       lwd = 2, ylab = "y",
+       main = "IVP ODE. stiff")
```



Nonstiff solution

```
> plot(nonstiff, type = "l", which = "y1",
+       lwd = 2, ylab = "y",
+       main = "IVP ODE, nonstiff")
```



Default solver, lsoda:

```
> system.time(
+   stiff <- ode(yini, 0:3000, vdpol, parms = 1000)
+ )

  user  system elapsed
 0.16    0.00    0.20

> system.time(
+   nonstiff <- ode(yini, seq(0, 30, by = 0.01), vdpol, parms = 1)
+ )

  user  system elapsed
 0.16    0.00    0.20
```

Implicit solver, bdf:

```
> system.time(
+   stiff <- ode(yini, 0:3000, vdpol, parms = 1000, method = "bdf")
+ )

  user  system elapsed
 0.18    0.00    0.20

> system.time(
+   nonstiff <- ode(yini, seq(0, 30, by = 0.01), vdpol, parms = 1, method = "bdf")
+ )

  user  system elapsed
 0.08    0.02    0.11
```

⇒ Now use other solvers, e.g. adams, ode45, radau.

Results

Timing results; your computer may be faster:

solver	non-stiff	stiff
ode23	0.37	271.19
lsoda	0.26	0.23
adams	0.13	616.13
bdf	0.15	0.22
radau	0.53	0.72

Comparison of solvers for a stiff and a non-stiff parametrisation of the van der Pol equation (time in seconds, mean values of ten simulations on an AMD AM2 X2 3000 CPU).

Accuracy

Accuracy and stability

- ▶ Options `atol` and `rtol` specify accuracy,
 - ▶ Stability can be influenced by specifying `hmax` and `maxsteps`.

Accuracy and stability - ctd

`atol` (default 10^{-6}) defines absolute threshold,

- ▶ select appropriate value, depending of the size of your state variables,
 - ▶ may be between $\approx 10^{-300}$ (or even zero) and $\approx 10^{300}$.

`rtol` (default 10^{-6}) defines relative threshold,

- ▶ It makes no sense to specify values $< 10^{-15}$ because of the limited numerical resolution of double precision arithmetics (≈ 16 digits).

`hmax` is automatically set to the largest difference in times, to avoid that the simulation possibly ignores short-term events. Sometimes, it may be set to a smaller value to improve robustness of a simulation.

`hmin` should normally not be changed.

Example: Setting rtol and atol: [examples/PCmod_atol_0.R.txt](#)

Plotting, scenario comparison, observations

Plotting and printing

Methods for plotting and extracting data in deSolve

- ▶ subset extracts specific variables that meet certain constraints.
 - ▶ plot, hist create one plot per variable, in a number of panels
 - ▶ image for plotting 1-D, 2-D models
 - ▶ plot.1D and matplot.1D for plotting 1-D outputs
 - ▶ ?plot.deSolve opens the main help file

`rootSolve` has similar functions

- ▶ subset extracts specific variables that meet certain constraints.
 - ▶ plot for 1-D model outputs, image for plotting 2-D, 3-D model outputs
 - ▶ ?plot.steady1D opens the main help file

Example: Chaos

Chaos

The Lorenz equations

- ▶ chaotic dynamic system of ordinary differential equations
 - ▶ three variables, X , Y and Z represent idealized behavior of the earth's atmosphere.

```

> chaos <- function(t, state, parameters) {
+   with(as.list(c(state)), {
+
+     dx      <- -8/3 * x + y * z
+     dy      <- -10 * (y - z)
+     dz      <- -x * y + 28 * y - z
+
+     list(c(dx, dy, dz))
+   })
+ }
> yini  <- c(x = 1, y = 1, z = 1)
> yini2 <- yini + c(1e-6, 0, 0)
> times <- seq(0, 100, 0.01)
> out   <- ode(y = yini, times = times, func = chaos, parms = 0)
> out2  <- ode(y = yini2, times = times, func = chaos, parms = 0)

```

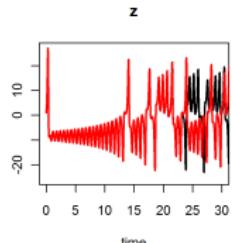
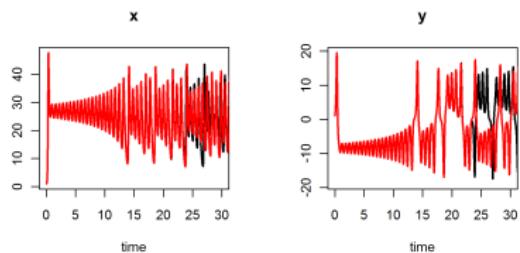


Example: Chaos

Plotting multiple scenarios

- ▶ The default for plotting one or more objects is to draw a line plot
 - ▶ We can plot as many objects of class deSolve as we want.
 - ▶ By default different outputs get different colors and line types

```
> plot(out, out2, xlim = c(0, 30), lwd = 2, lty = 1)
```



Example: Chaos

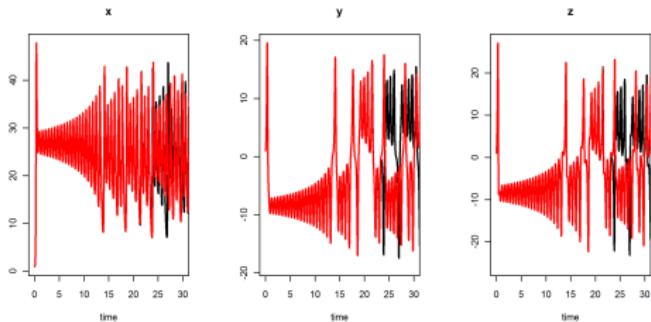
Changing the panel arrangement

Default

The number of panels per page is automatically determined up to 3×3 (`par(mfrow = c(3, 3))`).

Use `mfrow()` or `mfcoll()` to overrule

```
> plot(out, out2, xlim = c(0,30), lwd = 2, lty = 1, mfrow = c(1, 3))
```



Important:

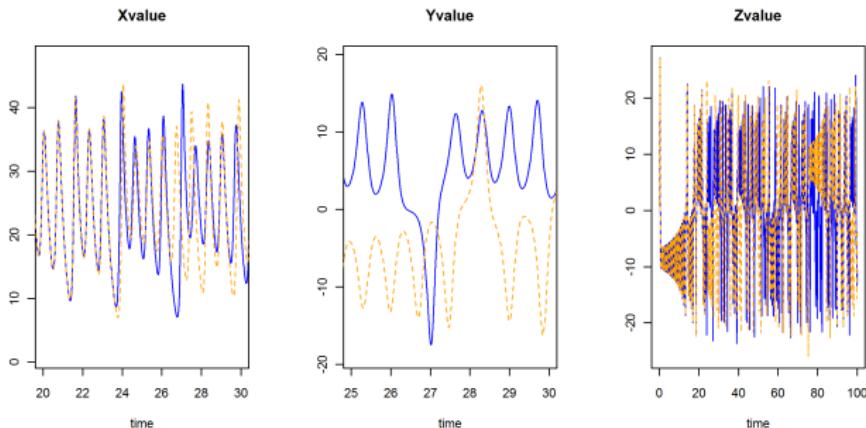
upon returning the default `mfrow` is **NOT** restored

Example: Chaos

Changing the defaults

- ▶ We can change the defaults of the *dataseries*, (col, lty, etc.)
 - ▶ will be effective for all figures
 - ▶ We can change the default of each *figure*, (title, labels, etc.)
 - ▶ vector input can be specified by a list; NULL will select the default

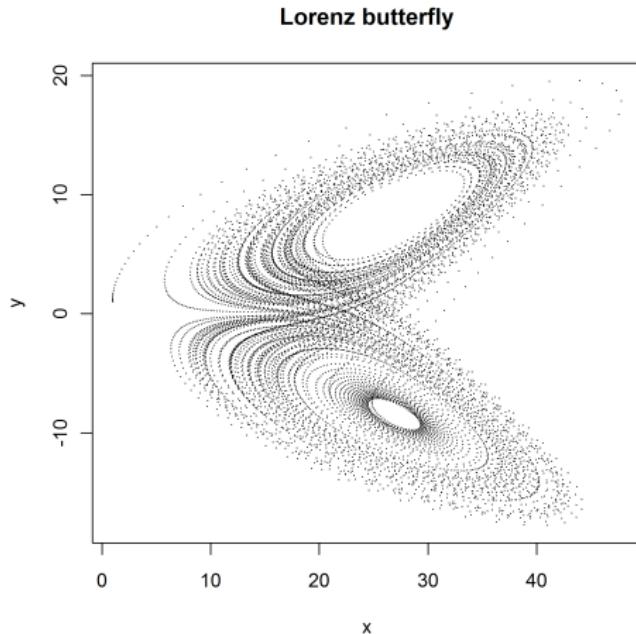
```
> plot(out, out2, col = c("blue", "orange"), main = c("Xvalue", "Yvalue", "Zvalue"),
+      xlim = list(c(20, 30), c(25, 30), NULL), mfrow = c(1, 3))
```



R's default plot

- If we select x and y-values, R's default plot will be used

```
> plot(out[, "x"], out[, "y"], pch = ".", main = "Lorenz butterfly",
+       xlab = "x", ylab = "y")
```



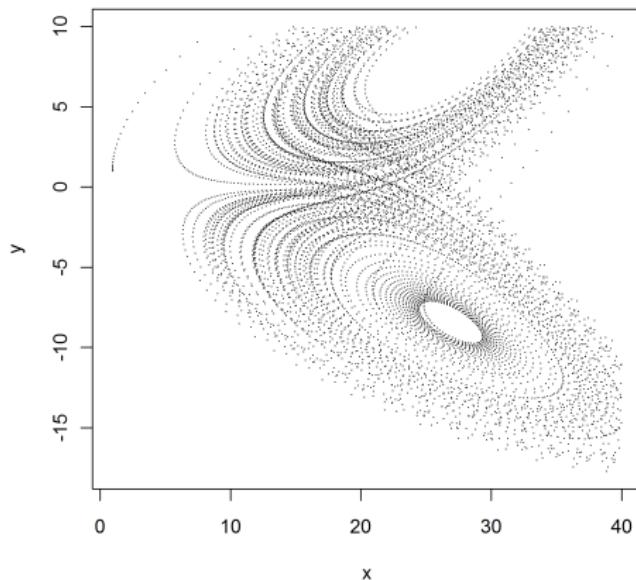
R's default plot

- ▶ Use subset to select values that meet certain conditions:

```
> XY <- subset(out, select = c("x", "y"), subset = y < 10 & x < 40)
```

```
> plot(XY, main = "Lorenz butterfly", xlab = "x", ylab = "y", pch = ".")
```

Lorenz butterfly



Multiple scenarios

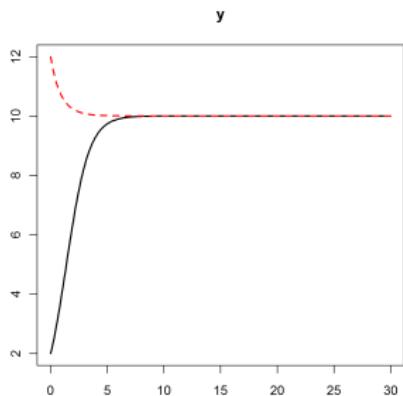
Plotting multiple scenarios

Simple if number of outputs is known

```

> derivs <- function(t, y, parms)
+   with (as.list(parms), list(r * y * (1-y/K)))
> parms <- c(r = 1, K = 10)
> yini <- c(y = 2)
> yini2 <- c(y = 12)
> times <- seq(from = 0, to = 30, by = 0.1)
> out <- ode(y = yini, parms = parms, func = derivs, times = times)
> out2 <- ode(y = yini2, parms = parms, func = derivs, times = times)
> plot(out, out2, lwd = 2)

```



Multiple scenarios

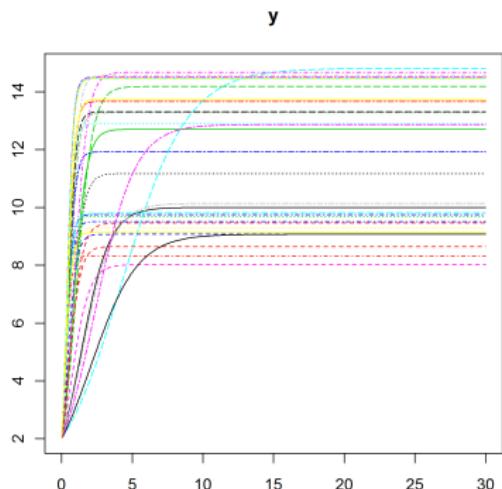
Plotting multiple scenarios

Use a list if many or unknown number of outputs

```

> outlist <- list()
> plist <- cbind(r = runif(30, min = 0.1, max = 5),
+                 K = runif(30, min = 8, max = 15))
> for (i in 1:nrow(plist))
+   outlist[[i]] <- ode(y = yini, parms = plist[i,], func = derivs, times = times)
> plot(out, outlist)

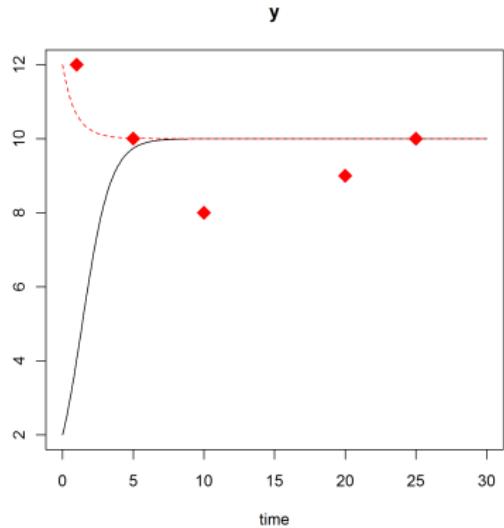
```



Observed data

Arguments `obs` and `obspar` are used to add observed data

```
> obs2 <- data.frame(time = c(1, 5, 10, 20, 25), y = c(12, 10, 8, 9, 10))
> plot(out, out2, obs = obs2, obspar = list(col = "red", pch = 18, cex = 2))
```



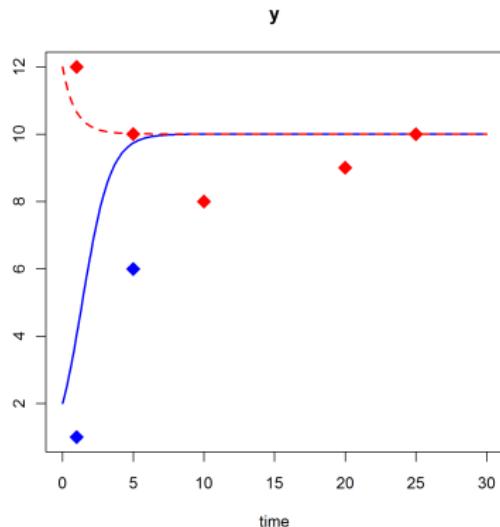
Observed data

A list of observed data is allowed

```

> obs2 <- data.frame(time = c(1, 5, 10, 20, 25), y = c(12, 10, 8, 9, 10))
> obs1 <- data.frame(time = c(1, 5, 10, 20, 25), y = c(1, 6, 8, 9, 10))
> plot(out, out2, col = c("blue", "red"), lwd = 2,
+       obs = list(obs1, obs2),
+       obspar = list(col = c("blue", "red"), pch = 18, cex = 2))

```



Under control: Forcing functions and events

Discontinuities in dynamic models

Most solvers assume that dynamics is *smooth*

However, there can be several types of discontinuities:

- ▶ Non-smooth *external variables*
- ▶ Discontinuities in the *derivatives*
- ▶ Discontinuities in the *values of the state variables*

A solver does not have large problems with first two types of discontinuities, but changing the values of state variables is much more difficult.

External Variables

External variables in dynamic models

... also called forcing functions

Why external variables?

- ▶ Some important phenomena are not explicitly included in a differential equation model, but imposed as a *time series*. (e.g. sunlight, important for plant growth is never “modeled”).
- ▶ Somehow, during the integration, the model needs to know the value of the external variable at each time step!

External Variables

External variables in dynamic models

Implementation in R

- ▶ R has an ingenious function that is especially suited for this task:
function `approxfun`
 - ▶ It is used in two steps:
 - ▶ First an interpolating function is constructed, that contains the data.
This is done before solving the differential equation.

```
afun <- approxfun(data)
```

- Within the derivative function, this interpolating function is called to provide the interpolated value at the requested time point (t):

```
tvalue <- afun(t)
```

?forcings will open a help file

External Variables

Example: Predator-Prey model with time-varying input

This example is from [15]

Create an artificial time-series

```

> times <- seq(0, 100, by = 0.1)
> signal <- as.data.frame(list(times = times, import = rep(0, length(times))))
> signal$import <- ifelse((trunc(signal$times) %% 2 == 0), 0, 1)
> signal[8:12,]

  times import
8    0.7      0
9    0.8      0
10   0.9      0
11   1.0      1
12   1.1      1

```

Create the interpolating function, using approxfun

```
> input <- approxfun(signal, rule = 2)
> input(seq(from = 0.98, to = 1.01, by = 0.005))
[1] 0.80 0.85 0.90 0.95 1.00 1.00 1.00
```

External Variables

A Predator-Prey model with time-varying input

Use interpolation function in ODE function

```

> SPCmod <- function(t, x, parms) {
+   with(as.list(c(parms, x)), {
+
+     import <- input(t)
+
+     dS <- import - b * S * P + g * C
+     dP <- c * S * P - d * C * P
+     dC <- e * P * C - f * C
+     res <- c(dS, dP, dC)
+     list(res, signal = import)
+   })
+ }

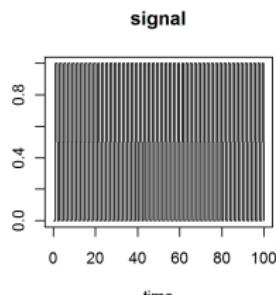
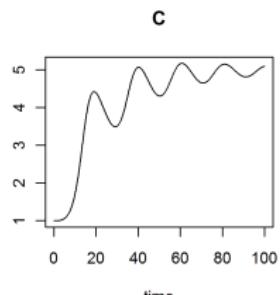
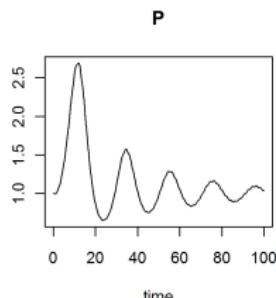
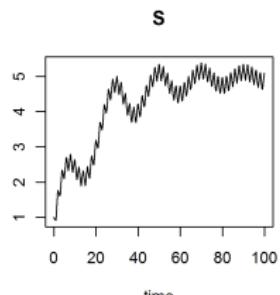
> parms <- c(b = 0.1, c = 0.1, d = 0.1, e = 0.1, f = 0.1, g = 0)
> xstart <- c(S = 1, P = 1, C = 1)
> out <- ode(y = xstart, times = times, func = SPCmod, parms)

```

External Variables

Plotting model output

```
> plot(out)
```



Discontinuities in dynamic models: Events

What?

- ▶ An event is when the values of state variables change abruptly.

Events in Most Programming Environments

- ▶ When an event occurs, the simulation needs to be restarted.
 - ▶ Use of loops etc.
 - ▶ Cumbersome, messy code

Events in R

- ▶ Events are part of a model; no restart necessary
 - ▶ Separate dynamics inbetween events from events themselves
 - ▶ Very neat and efficient!

Discontinuities in dynamic models. Events

Two different types of events in R

- ▶ Events occur at *known times*
 - ▶ Simple changes can be specified in a `data.frame` with:
 - ▶ name of state variable that is affected
 - ▶ the time of the event
 - ▶ the magnitude of the event
 - ▶ event method ("replace", "add", "multiply")
 - ▶ More complex events can be specified in an `event function` that returns the changed values of the state variables
`function(t, y, parms, ...).`
 - ▶ Events occur when certain *conditions* are met
 - ▶ Event is triggered by a `root function`
 - ▶ Event is specified in an `event function`

?events will open a help file

A patient injects drugs in the blood

Problem Formulation

- ▶ Describe the concentration of the drug in the blood
 - ▶ Drug injection occurs at known times → `data.frame`

Dynamics inbetween events

- ▶ The drug decays with rate b
 - ▶ Initially the drug concentration = 0:

```

> pharmaco <- function(t, blood, p) {
+   dblood <- - b * blood
+   list(dblood)
+ }

> b      <- 0.6
> yini <- c(blood = 0)

```

A patient injects drugs in the blood

Specifying the event

- ▶ Daily doses, at same time of day
 - ▶ Injection makes the concentration in the blood increase by 40 units.
 - ▶ The drug injections are specified in a special event data.frame

```
> injectevents <- data.frame(var = "blood",
+                               time = 0:20,
+                               value = 40,
+                               method = "add")

> head(injectevents)
```

```

    var time value method
1 blood    0    40    add
2 blood    1    40    add
3 blood    2    40    add
4 blood    3    40    add
5 blood    4    40    add
6 blood    5    40    add

```

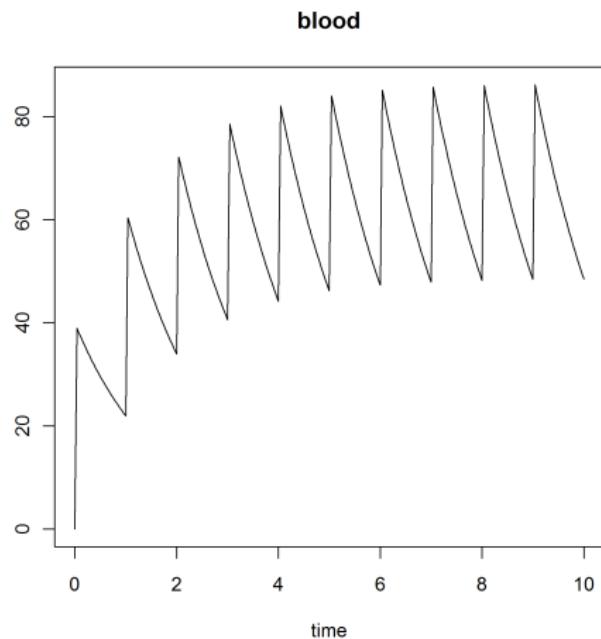
A patient injects drugs in the blood

Solve model

- ▶ Pass events to the solver in a list
 - ▶ All solvers in deSolve can handle events
 - ▶ Here we use the “implicit Adams” method

plotting model output

```
> plot(outDrug)
```



Events

An event triggered by a root: A Bouncing Ball

Problem formulation [13]

- ▶ A ball is thrown vertically from the ground ($y(0) = 0$)
 - ▶ Initial velocity (y') = 10 m s^{-1} ; acceleration $g = 9.8 \text{ m s}^{-2}$
 - ▶ When ball hits the ground, it bounces.

ODEs describe height of the ball above the ground (y)

Specified as 2nd order ODE

$$\begin{aligned} y'' &= -g \\ y(0) &= 0 \\ y'(0) &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

Specified as 1st order ODE

$$\begin{aligned} y'_1 &= y_2 \\ y'_2 &= -g \\ y_1(0) &= 0 \\ y_2(0) &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

A Bouncing Ball

Dynamics inbetween events

```

> library(deSolve)
> ball <- function(t, y, parms) {
+   dy1 <- y[2]
+   dy2 <- -9.8
+   +
+   list(c(dy1, dy2))
+ }
> yini <- c(height = 0, velocity = 10)

```

The Ball Hits the Ground and Bounces

Root: the Ball hits the ground

- ▶ The ground is where height = 0
 - ▶ Root function is 0 when $y_1 = 0$

```
> rootfunc <- function(t, y, parms) return (y[1])
```

Event: the Ball bounces

- ▶ The velocity changes sign (-) and is reduced by 10%
 - ▶ Event function returns changed values of both state variables

```

> eventfunc <- function(t, y, parms) {
+   y[1] <- 0
+   y[2] <- -0.9*y[2]
+   return(y)
+ }
```

An event triggered by a root: the bouncing ball

Solve model

- ▶ Inform solver that event is triggered by root (`root = TRUE`)
 - ▶ Pass event function to solver
 - ▶ Pass root function to solver

```

> times <- seq(from = 0, to = 20, by = 0.01)
> out <- ode(times = times, y = yini, func = ball,
+             parms = NULL, rootfun = rootfunc,
+             events = list(func = eventfunc, root = TRUE))

```

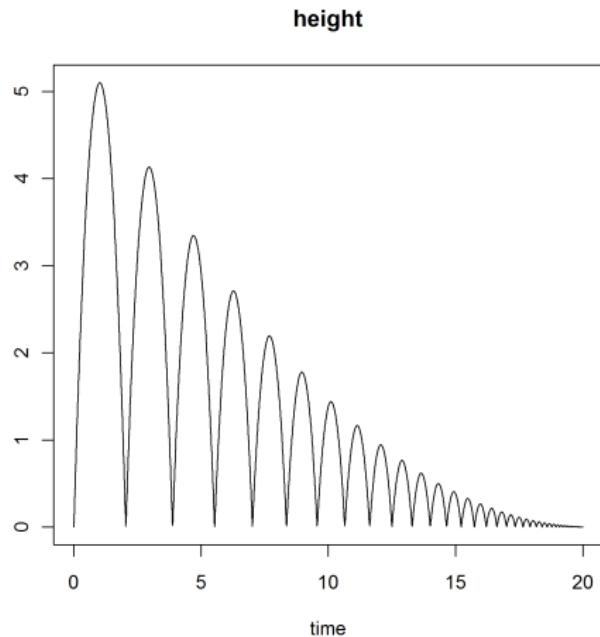
Get information about the root

```
> attributes(out)$troot
```

```
[1] 2.040816 3.877551 5.530612 7.018367 8.357347 9.562428 10.647001 11.623117
[9] 12.501621 13.292274 14.003862 14.644290 15.220675 15.739420 16.206290 16.626472
[17] 17.004635 17.344981 17.651291 17.926970 18.175080 18.398378 18.599345 18.780215
[25] 18.942998 19.089501 19.221353 19.340019 19.446817 19.542935 19.629441 19.707294
[33] 19.777362 19.840421 19.897174 19.948250 19.994217
```

An event triggered by a root: the bouncing ball

```
> plot(out, select = "height")
```



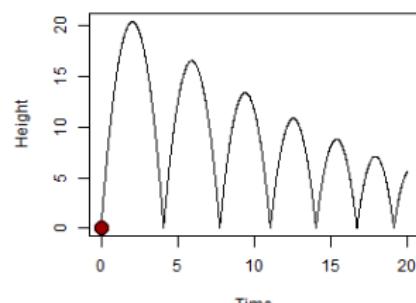
An event triggered by a root: the bouncing ball

Create Movie-like output

```

for (i in seq(1, 2001, 10)) {
  plot(out, which = "height", type = "l", lwd = 1,
        main = "", xlab = "Time", ylab = "Height"
  )
  points(t(out[i,1:2]), pch = 21, lwd = 1, col = 1, cex = 2,
         bg = rainbow(30, v = 0.6)[20-abs(out[i,3])+1])
  Sys.sleep(0.01)
}

```



Exercise: Add events to a logistic equation

Problem formulation, ODE

The logistic equation describes the growth of a population:

$$y' = r \cdot y \cdot \left(1 - \frac{y}{K}\right)$$

$$r = 1, K = 10, y_0 = 2$$

Events

This population is being harvested according to several strategies:

- ▶ There is no harvesting
 - ▶ Every 2 days the population's density is reduced to 50%
 - ▶ When the species has reached 80% of its carrying capacity, its density is halved.

Exercise: Add events to a logistic equation - ctd

Tasks:

- ▶ Run the model for 20 days
 - ▶ Implement first strategy in a `data.frame`
 - ▶ Second strategy requires root and event function
 - ▶ Use file `examples/logisticEvent.R.txt` as a template

Delay Differential Equations

What?

Delay Differential Equations are similar to ODEs except that they involve past values of variables and/or derivatives.

DDEs in R: R-package deSolve

- ▶ dede solves DDEs
 - ▶ lagvalue provides lagged values of the state variables
 - ▶ lagderiv provides lagged values of the derivatives

Example: Chaotic Production of White Blood Cells

Mackey-Glass Equation [8]:

- ▶ y : current density of white blood cells,
- ▶ y_τ is the density τ time-units in the past,
- ▶ first term equation is production rate
- ▶ b is destruction rate

$$\begin{aligned}
 y' &= ay_\tau \frac{1}{1+y_\tau^c} - by \\
 y_\tau &= y(t-\tau) \\
 y_t &= 0.5 \quad \text{for } t \leq 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

- ▶ For $\tau = 10$ the output is periodic,
- ▶ For $\tau = 20$ cell densities display a chaotic pattern

Solution in R

```

> library(deSolve)
> retarded <- function(t, y, parms, tau) {
+   tlag <- t - tau
+   if (tlag <= 0)
+     ylag <- 0.5
+   else
+     ylag <- lagvalue(tlag)
+
+   dy <- 0.2 * ylag * 1/(1+ylag^10) - 0.1 * y
+   list(dy = dy, ylag = ylag)
+ }
> yinit <- 0.5
> times <- seq(from = 0, to = 300, by = 0.1)
> yout1 <- dede(y = yinit, times = times, func = retarded, parms = NULL, tau = 10)
> yout2 <- dede(y = yinit, times = times, func = retarded, parms = NULL, tau = 20)

```

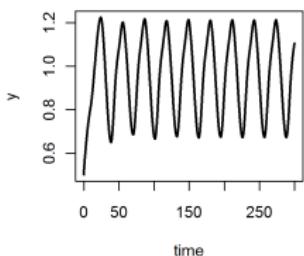
Solution in R

```

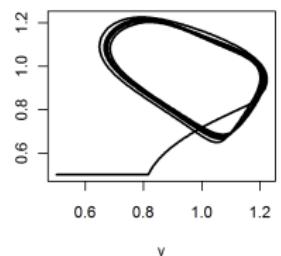
> plot(yout1, lwd = 2, main = "tau=10", ylab = "y", mfrow = c(2, 2), which = 1)
> plot(yout1[,-1], type = "l", lwd = 2, xlab = "y")
> plot(yout2, lwd = 2, main = "tau=20", ylab = "y", mfrow = NULL, which = 1)
> plot(yout2[,-1], type = "l", lwd = 2, xlab = "y")

```

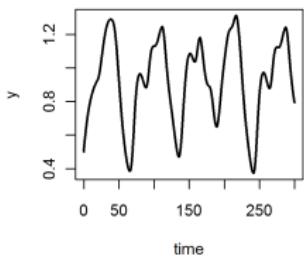
tau=10



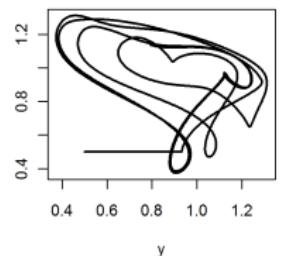
y_{lag}



tau=20



ylag



Exercise: the Lemming model

A nice variant of the logistic model is the DDE lemming model [14]:

$$y' = r \cdot y \left(1 - \frac{y(t-\tau)}{\kappa}\right) \quad (2)$$

Use file [examples/ddelemming.R.txt](#) as a template to implement this model

- ▶ initial condition $y(t = 0) = 19.001$
 - ▶ parameter values $r = 3.5, \tau = 0.74, K = 19$
 - ▶ history $y(t) = 19$ for $t < 0$
 - ▶ Generate output for t in $[0, 40]$.

Diffusion, advection and reaction: Partial differential equations (PDE) with ReacTran

Partial Differential Equations

PDEs as advection-diffusion problems

Many second-order PDEs can be written as advection-diffusion problems:

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = -v \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} + D \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial x^2} + f(t, x, C)$$

same for 2-D and 3-D

Example: wave equation in 1-D

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad (3)$$

can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{du}{dt} &= v \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} &= c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}\end{aligned}\tag{4}$$

Three packages for solving PDEs in R

ReacTran: methods for numerical approximation of PDEs [16]

- ▶ `tran.1D(C, C.up, C.down, D, v, ...)`
 - ▶ `tran.2D`, `tran.3D`

deSolve: special solvers for time-varying cases [20]

- ▶ `ode.1D(y, times, func, parms, nspec, dimens, method, names, ...)`
 - ▶ `ode.2D`, `ode.3D`

`rootSolve`: special solvers for time-invariant cases [19]

- ▶ `steady.1D(y, time, func, parms, nspec, dimens, method, names, ...)`
 - ▶ `steady.2D`, `steady.3D`

1-D PDEs

Numerical solution of the wave equation

```
library(ReacTran)          ← http://desolve.r-forge.r-project.org

wave <- function (t, y, parms) {
  u <- y[1:N]
  v <- y[(N+1):(2*N)]
  du <- v
  dv <- tran.1D(C = u, C.up = 0, C.down = 0, D = 1,
                  dx = xgrid)$dc
  list(c(du, dv))
}
xgrid <- setup.grid.1D(-100, 100, dx.1 = 0.2)
x       <- xgrid$x.mid
N       <- xgrid$N
uini   <- exp(-0.2*x^2)
vini   <- rep(0, N)
yini   <- c(uini, vini)
times <- seq (from = 0, to = 50, by = 1)           ← Numerical method provided by the
                                                       deSolve package

out <- ode.1D(yini, times, wave, parms, method = "adams",
               names = c("u", "v"), dimens = N)

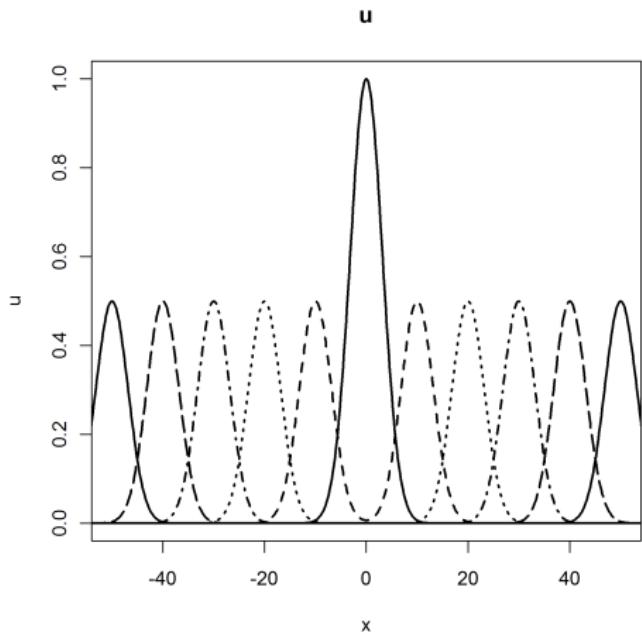
image(out, grid = x)
```

Plotting 1-D PDEs: matplotlib

```

> outtime <- seq(from = 0, to = 50, by = 10)
> matplot.1D(out, which = "u", subset = time %in% outtime, grid = x,
+   xlab = "x", ylab = "u", type = "l", lwd = 2, xlim = c(-50, 50), col="black")

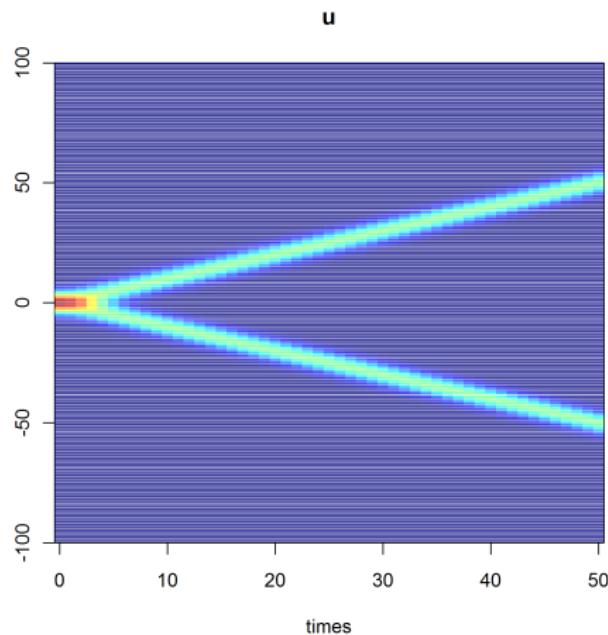
```



1-D PDEs

Plotting 1-D PDEs: image

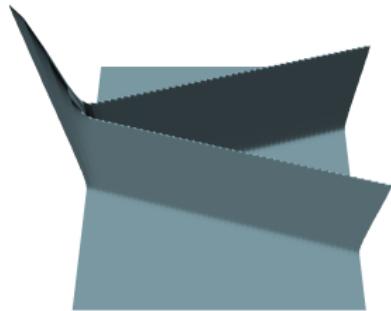
```
> image(out, which = "u", grid = x)
```



Plotting 1-D PDEs: persp plots

```
> image(out, which = "u", grid = x, method = "persp", border = NA,
+       col = "lightblue", box = FALSE, shade = 0.5, theta = 0, phi = 60)
```

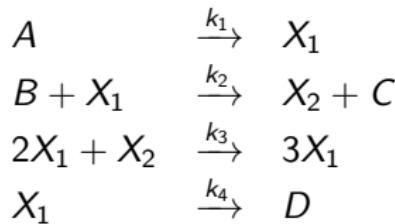
u



Exercise: the Brusselator

Problem formulation [6]

The Brusselator is a model for an auto-catalytic chemical reaction between two products, A and B , and producing also C and D in a number of intermediary steps.



where the k_i are the reaction rates.

Exercise: Implement the Brusselator in 1-D

Equations for X1 and X2

$$\frac{\partial X_1}{\partial t} = D_{X_1} \frac{\partial^2 X_1}{\partial x^2} + 1 + X_1^2 X_2 - 4 X_1$$

$$\frac{\partial X_2}{\partial t} = D_{X_2} \frac{\partial^2 X_2}{\partial x^2} + 3X_1 - X_1^2 X_2$$

Tasks

- ▶ The grid x extends from 0 to 1, and consists of 50 cells.
 - ▶ Initial conditions:

$$X_1(0) = 1 + \sin(2 * \pi * x), X_2(0) = 3$$

- ▶ Generate output for $t = 0, 1, \dots, 10$.
 - ▶ Use file implementing the wave equation as a template:
`examples/wave.R.txt`

2-D wave equation: Sine-Gordon

Problem formulation

The Sine-Gordon equation is a non-linear hyperbolic (wave-like) partial differential equation involving the sine of the dependent variable.

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = D \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + D \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} - \sin u \quad (5)$$

Rewritten as two first order differential equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{du}{dt} &= v \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} &= D \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + D \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} - \sin u\end{aligned}\quad (6)$$

2-D PDFs

2-D Sine-Gordon in R

grid:

```

> Nx <- Ny <- 100
> xgrid <- setup.grid.1D(-7, 7, N = Nx); x <- xgrid$x.mid
> vgrid <- setup.grid.1D(-7, 7, N = Ny); v <- vgrid$x.mid

```

derivative function:

```

> sinegordon2D <- function(t, C, parms) {
+   u <- matrix(nrow = Nx, ncol = Ny, data = C[1 : (Nx*Ny)])
+   v <- matrix(nrow = Nx, ncol = Ny, data = C[(Nx*Ny+1) : (2*Nx*Ny)])
+   dv <- tran.2D (C = u, C.x.up = 0, C.x.down = 0, C.y.up = 0, C.y.down = 0,
+                   D.x = 1, D.y = 1, dx = xgrid, dy = ygrid)$dC - sin(u)
+   list(c(v, dv))
+ }

```

initial conditions:

```

> peak <- function (x, y, x0, y0)  return(exp(-((x-x0)^2 + (y-y0)^2)))
> uini <- outer(x, y, FUN = function(x, y) peak(x, y, 2, 2) + peak(x, y, -2, -2)
+                               + peak(x, y, -2, 2) + peak(x, y, 2, -2))
> vini <- rep(0, Nx*Ny)

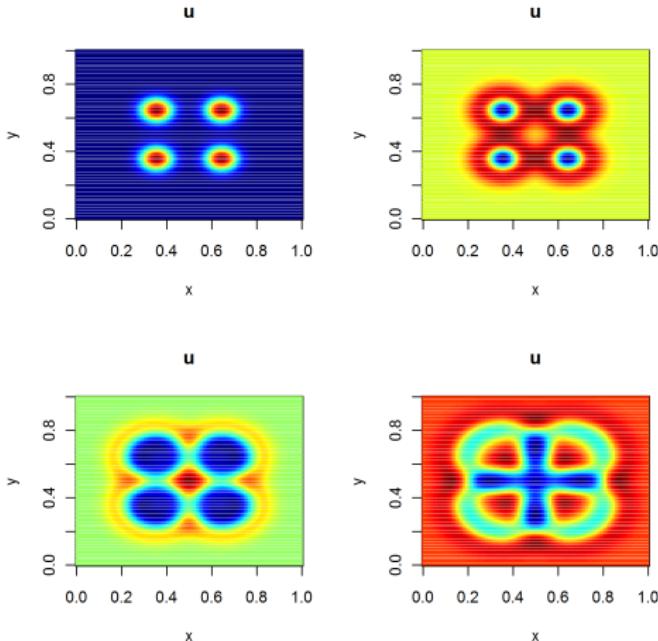
```

solution:

```
> out <- ode.2D(y = c(uini, vini), times = 0:3, parms = 0, func = sinegordon2D,
+                  names = c("u", "v"), dimens = c(Nx, Ny), method = "ode45")
```

Plotting 2-D PDEs: image plots

```
> image(out, which = "u", grid = list(x, y), mfrom = c(2,2), ask = FALSE)
```



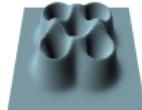
Plotting 2-D PDEs: persp plots

```
> image(out, which = "u", grid = list(x, y), method = "persp", border = NA,
+       col = "lightblue", box = FALSE, shade = 0.5, theta = 0, phi = 60,
+       mfrow = c(2,2), ask = FALSE)
```

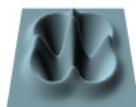
U



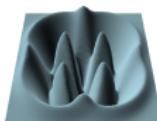
u



u



u



Movie-like output of 2-D PDEs

```

out <- ode.2D (y = c(uini, vini), times = seq(0, 3, by = 0.1),
               parms = NULL, func = sinegordon2D,
               names=c("u", "v"), dimens = c(Nx, Ny),
               method = "ode45")
image(out, which = "u", grid = list(x = x, y = y),
      method = "persp", border = NA,
      theta = 30, phi = 60, box = FALSE, ask = FALSE)

```

Exercise: Implement the Brusselator in 2-D Equations

$$\frac{\partial X_1}{\partial t} = D_{X_1} \frac{\partial^2 X_1}{\partial x^2} + D_{X_1} \frac{\partial^2 X_1}{\partial y^2} + 1 + X_1^2 X_2 - 4 X_1$$

$$\frac{\partial X_2}{\partial t} = D_{X_2} \frac{\partial^2 X_1}{\partial x^2} + D_{X_2} \frac{\partial^2 X_1}{\partial v^2} + 3X_1 - X_1^2 X_2$$

Tasks

- ▶ The grids x and y extend from 0 to 1, and consist of 50 cells.
 - ▶ Parameter settings: diffusion coefficient:

$$D_{X_1} = 2; D_{X_2} = 8 * D_{X_1}$$

- ▶ Initial condition for X_1 , X_2 : random numbers inbetween 0 and 1.
 - ▶ Generate output for $t = 0, 1, \dots, 8$
 - ▶ Use the file implementing the Sine-Gordon equation as a template:
[examples/sinegordon.R.txt](#)

Speeding up: Matrices and compiled code

Methods for speeding up

- ▶ Use matrices,
- ▶ Implement essential parts in compiled code (Fortran, C),
- ▶ Implement the full method in compiled code.

Formulating a model with matrices and vectors can lead to a considerable speed gain – and compact code – while retaining the full flexibility of R. The use of compiled code saves even more CPU time at the cost of a higher development effort.

Using matrices

Use of matrices

A Lotka-Volterra model with 4 species

```

> model <- function(t, n, parms) {
+   with(as.list(c(n, parms)), {
+     dn1 <- r1 * n1 - a13 * n1 * n3
+     dn2 <- r2 * n2 - a24 * n2 * n4
+     dn3 <- a13 * n1 * n3 - r3 * n3
+     dn4 <- a24 * n2 * n4 - r4 * n4
+     return(list(c(dn1, dn2, dn3, dn4)))
+   })
+ }
> parms <- c(r1 = 0.1, r2 = 0.1, r3 = 0.1, r4 = 0.1, a13 = 0.2, a24 = 0.1)
> times = seq(from = 0, to = 500, by = 0.1)
> n0  = c(n1 = 1, n2 = 1, n3 = 2, n4 = 2)
> system.time(out <- ode(n0, times, model, parms))
    user  system elapsed
  0.91    0.00   1.16

```

Source: examples/ly-plain-or-matrix.R.txt

Using matrices

Use of matrices

A Lotka-Volterra model with 4 species

```

> model <- function(t, n, parms) {
+   with(parms, {
+     dn <- r * n + n * (A %*% n)
+     return(list(c(dn)))
+   })
+ }
> parms <- list(
+   r = c(r1 = 0.1, r2 = 0.1, r3 = -0.1, r4 = -0.1),
+   A = matrix(c(0.0, 0.0, -0.2, 0.0,           # prey 1
+             0.0, 0.0, 0.0, -0.1,           # prey 2
+             0.2, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0,          # predator 1; eats prey 1
+             0.0, 0.1, 0.0, 0.0),         # predator 2; eats prey 2
+             nrow = 4, ncol = 4, byrow = TRUE)
+ )
> system.time(out <- ode(n0, times, model, parms))
    user  system elapsed
0.46    0.00    0.61

```

Source: [examples/lv-plain-or-matrix.R.txt](#)

Results

- ▶ `plot(out)` will show the results.
 - ▶ Note that the “plain” version has only 1 to 1 connections, but the matrix model is already full connected (with most connections are zero). The comparison is insofar unfair that the matrix version (despite faster execution) is more powerful.
 - ▶ Exercise: Create a fully connected model in the plain version for a fair comparison.
 - ▶ A parameter example (e.g. for weak coupling) can be found on:
<http://tolstoy.newcastle.edu.au/R/e7/help/09/06/1230.html>

Using compiled code

All solvers of deSolve

- ▶ allow direct communication between solvers and a compiled model.

See vignette ("compiledCode") [15]

Principle

- ▶ Implement core model (and only this) in C or Fortran,
 - ▶ Use data handling, storage and plotting facilities of R.

examples/compiled_lorenz/compiledcode.svg

Compiled code

The End

Thank you!

More Info:

<http://desolve.r-forge.r-project.org>

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A lot of effort went in creating this software; please cite it when using it.

- ▶ to cite deSolve: [20], rootSolve [19], ReacTran [16],
 - ▶ Some complex examples can be found in [18],
 - ▶ A framework to fit differential equation models to data is FME [17],
 - ▶ A framework for ecological modelling is simecol [10].

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