# Lecture 16: Scheming with ODEs (MOSTLY the same as Tutorial Solutions 06)

In this tutorial, we will experiment with different ODE models using different time integration schemes.

One of the best all-purpose methods for time stepping is the Runge-Kutta 4th-order method.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List of Runge-Kutta methods (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List of Runge-Kutta methods)

$$k_{1} = f(t, x(t))$$

$$k_{2} = f(t + \frac{h}{2}, x(t) + \frac{h}{2}k_{1})$$

$$k_{3} = f(t + \frac{h}{2}, x(t) + \frac{h}{2}k_{2})$$

$$k_{4} = f(t + h, x(t) + h k_{3})$$

$$x(t + h) = x(t) + \frac{h}{6}(k_{1} + 2k_{2} + 2k_{3} + k_{4})$$

We will formulate this in a slightly different way than is usually found in books.

$$i_1 = \frac{h}{2}f(x(t)), \quad i_2 = \frac{h}{2}f(x(t) + i_1), \quad i_3 = hf(x(t) + i_2), \quad i_4 = \frac{h}{2}f(x(t) + i_3)$$
$$x(t+h) = x(t) + \frac{1}{3}(i_1 + 2i_2 + i_3 + i_4)$$

This first way which this is simpler is that there is no explicit time dependence. This might seem like a reduction in the number of systems we can solve, but there is not actually loss of generality.

Suppose we have a system

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(t, x)$$

where  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . We can write this system in a slightly different way

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(s, x), \quad \frac{ds}{dt} = 1$$

If we now define variable and function

$$z = [s, x]^{\mathsf{T}}$$

and

$$F(z) = [f(z), 1]^{\mathsf{T}}.$$

Then

$$z \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$$
 and  $F : \mathbb{R}^{d+1} \to \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$ 

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(t, x) \implies \frac{dz}{dt} = F(z)$$

There are convenience reasons we might want to leave time-dependent systems as a special case. But for now it means we can build a time stepping code that doesn't worry about it.

# TASK 0

There is a simple relation between  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$ ,  $k_3$ ,  $k_4$  and  $i_1$ ,  $i_2$ ,  $i_3$ ,  $i_4$ . Find this rescaling.

If you equate the (second) arguments of f, you see that

$$i_1 = \frac{h}{2}k_1$$

$$i_2 = \frac{h}{2}k_2$$

$$i_3 = hk_3$$

Then, using the last equation for x(t + h), you equate them to get

$$i_4 = \frac{h}{2}k_4$$

Not sure how useful this is. Especially because they aren't all the same rescaling.

# **RK4 class**

Below is a Python class that impliments the 4th-order Runge-Kutta scheme (RK4).

This method is called 4th-order accurate in h. If you analyse the error, you'll find the first error term is  $\mathcal{O}(h^5)$ . But this is for a single time step. But over time, the *global accumulated* error will be  $\mathcal{O}(h^4)$ .

This class takes a starting value for x, and pure function f(x) and a possible starting time.

The \_\_call\_\_() method takes a single time step with size dt. It stores the past data in a list. You can get numpy arrays with the data and times with the state() method. The now() method gives the latest time.

# In [1]:

```
import numpy as np
class RK4():
    def init (self,start,forcing,time=0):
        self.time = [time]
        self.data = [start]
        self.RHS = forcing
    def call (self,dt):
        self.time += [ self.time[-1] + dt ]
        x = self.data[-1]
        f = self.RHS
        i1 = (dt/2)*f(x)
        i2 = (dt/2)*f(x+i1)
        i3 =
               (dt)*f(x+i2)
        i4 = (dt/2)*f(x+i3)
        self.data += [x + (1/3)*(i1 + 2*i2 + i3 + i4)]
    def state(self):
        return np.array(self.time), np.array(self.data).T
    def now(self):
        return self.time[-1]
```

To see how RK4 works we need a system to integrate.

The pendulum equation is

$$x''(t) = -\sin x(t)$$

becuase

$$\sin x \approx x + \mathcal{O}(x^3)$$
, as  $x \to 0$ 

We can also consider the equation for a simple harmonic oscillator

$$x''(t) = -x(t)$$

This is the same as a linearised pendulum

In both the nonlinear and linearised case, we need to put the system into 1st-order form.

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ -\sin x_0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ -x_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Below we see an example of a Python class that has both options.

# In [2]:

```
class Pendulum():
    def __init__(self,linear=False):
        self.linear = linear

def __call__(self,x):
    if self.linear:
        return np.array([x[1], -x[0]])

    return np.array([x[1], -np.sin(x[0])])
```

This class will give us *objects* that are individual functions that allow us to evaluate the right-hand side of the

```
In [3]:
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```
P = Pendulum()
L = Pendulum(linear=True)
```

P and L are both functions that we can call. They are also objects in the sense that they are particualr instances of the class Pendulum.

To see how they work, we need some data. We can even put a bunch of vectors in at the same and see what comes out.

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In [4]:
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```
x = np.array([[1,0],[0,1],[2,3],[4,5]]).T
print('x =')
print(x)
print('')
print('L(x)=')
print(L(x))

x =
[[1 0 2 4]
  [0 1 3 5]]

L(x)=
[[ 0 1 3 5]
  [-1 0 -2 -4]]
```

We can see something different comes out with P.

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In [5]:
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```
x = np.array([[1,0],[0,1],[2,3],[4,5],[np.pi/2,9]]).T
print('x =')
print(x)
print('')
print('P(x)=')
print(P(x))
```

```
x =
              0.
                           2.
                                       4.
                                                   1.57079633]
[[1.
 [0.
              1.
                           3.
                                       5.
                                                   9.
                                                              ]]
P(x) =
[[ 0.
                                                                    ]
                             -0.90929743
                                           0.7568025
 [-0.84147098 -0.
                                                      -1.
                                                                    ]]
```

We can now make time steppers for each one of these function. Each time stepper will keep track of the data as we go.

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In [6]:
```

```
x0, y0 = .6, 1.9
initial_data = np.array([x0, y0])

linear_RK4 = RK4(initial_data,L)
nonlinear_RK4 = RK4(initial_data,P)
```

We make the initial conditions [0.6, 1.9] in both cases. We can see that the states are the same as the initial conditions.

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In [7]:
```

```
t, x = linear_RK4.state()
print(t)
print(x)

t, x = nonlinear_RK4.state()
print(t)
print(x)

[0]
[[0.6]
[1.9]]
[0]
[[0.6]
[1.9]]
```

Let's take a single timestep with each

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In [8]:
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```
dt = 0.02
linear_RK4(dt)
nonlinear_RK4(dt)
```

It might look like nothing happened. But the states are updated.

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In [9]:
```

```
t, x = linear_RK4.state()
print(t)
print(x)

t, x = nonlinear_RK4.state()
print(t)
print(t)
```

```
[0. 0.02]

[[0.6 0.63787747]

[1.9 1.88762081]]

[0. 0.02]

[[0.6 0.637885]

[1.9 1.8883969]]
```

Let's advance these 20 time units:

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In [10]:
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```
while linear_RK4.now() < 20:
    linear_RK4(dt)
    nonlinear_RK4(dt)</pre>
```

Get the data:

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In [11]:
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```
t, xl = linear_RK4.state()
t, xn = nonlinear_RK4.state()
```

Let's make some plots.

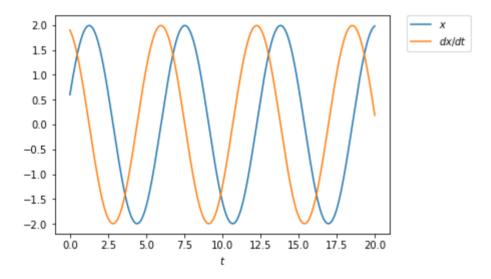
In [19]:

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline

def time_plots(t,X,ylabel='',title='',legend=None):
    fig, ax = plt.subplots()
    for x in X: ax.plot(t,x)
    ax.set_title(title)
    ax.set_xlabel('$t$')
    ax.set_ylabel(ylabel)
    if legend: ax.legend(legend, bbox_to_anchor=(1.05,1), loc=2, borderaxespad=0)
    return fig, ax
```

# In [20]:

```
fig, ax = time_plots(t,[x1[0],x1[1]],legend=['$x$','$dx/dt$'])
```



# TASK 1

Determine the analytical solution to the linear oscilator problem and analyse the error from the RK4 integration as a function of time.

Well, the analytical solution is a sinusoid.

$$x = A \sin t + B \cos t$$
  
$$x' = A \cos t - B \sin t$$

You can then use the initial conditions to conclude that for the above question

$$x = \frac{19}{10}\sin t + \frac{6}{10}\cos t$$

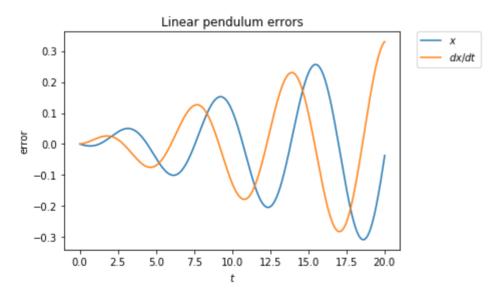
$$x' = \frac{19}{10}\cos t - \frac{6}{10}\sin t$$

In [15]:

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In [22]:
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```
error = (xl - linear_pendulum(t,x0=x0,y0=y0))/(dt**4)
time_plots(t,error,ylabel='error',legend=['$x$','$dx/dt$'],title='Linear pendulu
m errors')
```

# Out[22]:



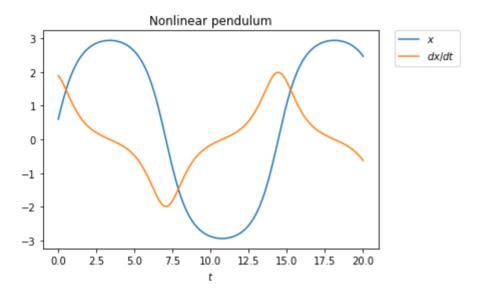
We can make a similar plot for the nonlinear pendulum.

#### In [23]:

```
time_plots(t,[xn[0],xn[1]],title='Nonlinear pendulum',legend=['$x$','$dx/dt$'])
```

Out[23]:

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 <matplotlib.axes.\_subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x7f661f86d9b0>)

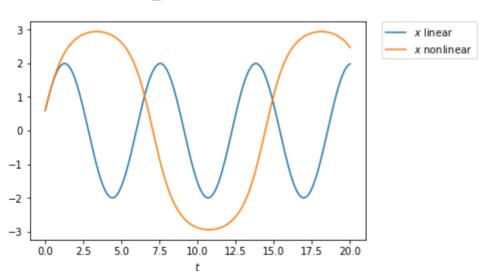


We can also compare the linear and nonlinear cases together,

# In [24]:

```
time_plots(t,[x1[0],xn[0]],legend=['$x$ linear','$x$ nonlinear'])
```

# Out[24]:



In addition to simple plots of x(t) and x'(t) as a function of time, we can also make a **Phase Portrait**: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phase portrait (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phase portrait)

This is one of the most useful tools for analysing dynamical systems. It's a parametric plot of x'(t) versus x(t). Very simple, but very powerful.

With higher-dimensional systems, we can take any two variables. We can also make a 3D picture also. We'll do that later.

# In [25]:

```
def phase_portrait_2D(X,legend=None,title=''):
    fig, ax = plt.subplots()
    for x in X: ax.plot(x[0],x[1])
    ax.set aspect('equal')
    ax.set xlabel('$x$')
    ax.set ylabel('$dx/dt$')
    ax.set_title(title)
    if legend: ax.legend(legend, bbox to anchor=(1.05,1), loc=2, borderaxespad=0
)
    return fig, ax
```

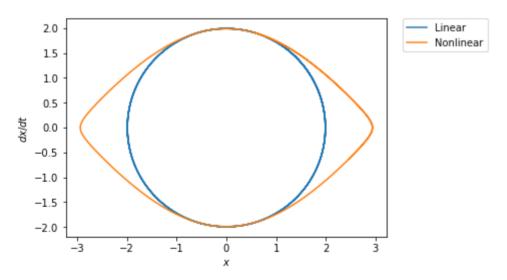
We can plot the linear and nonlinear cases on top of eachother.

#### In [26]:

```
phase portrait 2D([xl,xn],legend=['Linear','Nonlinear'])
```

Out[26]:

(<Figure size 432x288 with 1 Axes>, <matplotlib.axes. subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x7f661fb7d5c0>)



We can now see the weird behaviour of the pendulum is just a warped circle.

We can do something similar in 3D

In [27]:

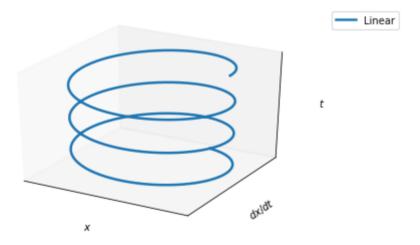
```
from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D

def phase_portrait_3D(X,title='',legend=None):
    fig = plt.figure()
    ax = fig.gca(projection='3d')
    for x in X: ax.plot(x[0],x[1],x[2], lw=2.5)
    ax.set_xlabel("$x$")
    ax.set_ylabel("$dx/dt$")
    ax.set_zlabel("$t$")
    ax.set_zlabel("$t$")
    ax.set_title(title)
    ax.set_title(title)
    ax.set_yticks([])
    ax.set_zticks([])
    if legend: ax.legend(legend, bbox_to_anchor=(1.05,1), loc=2, borderaxespad=0)
    return fig, ax
```

We can see that the linear case is a spiral if we include time as the 3rd dimension.

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In [28]:
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```
phase_portrait_3D([[ xl[0], xl[1], t ]], legend=['Linear'])
Out[28]:
(<Figure size 432x288 with 1 Axes>,
    <matplotlib.axes. subplots.Axes3DSubplot at 0x7f661f87e160>)
```

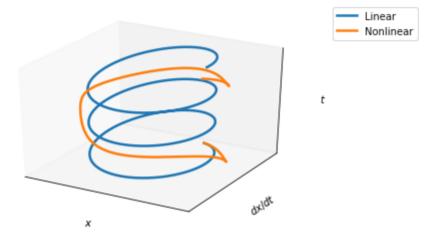


We can put the linear and nonlinear cases together and compare them. We can see that the nonlinear case takes longer to complete its trajectory.

In [29]:

Out[29]:

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 <matplotlib.axes. subplots.Axes3DSubplot at 0x7f661f702278>)



# **Conservation of energy**

Both of these problems are *conservative*. That means they have an *energy* function that doesn't change in time.

In the linear case

$$E = \frac{x_1^2 + x_0^2}{2}$$

In the nonlinear case

$$E = \frac{x_1^2}{2} - \cos x_0$$

Conservative systems are useful for testing time-stepping schemes. We can look and see how well they are keeping track of the energy.

In [30]:

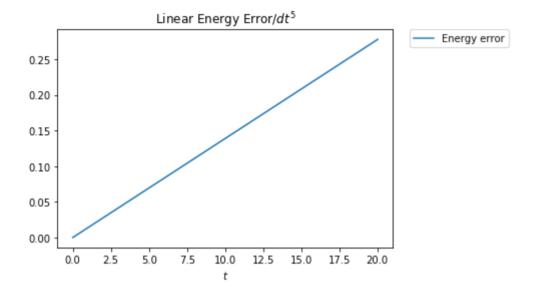
```
el = 0.5*(xl[1]**2 + xl[0]**2)
energy_error = abs((el - el[0])/el[0])
```

#### In [31]:

```
time_plots(t, [energy_error/(dt**5)], legend=['Energy error'],title='Linear Ener
gy Error/$dt^5$')
```

# Out[31]:

```
(<Figure size 432x288 with 1 Axes>,
     <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x7f661f6cbfd0>)
```



We can see that the energy is increasing over time, but the error is less than  $10^{-9}$ . This is roughly  $\mathcal{O}(h^5)$  for 20 time units of integration. So the energy does a little better than the solution itself. This is something to watch out for. The energy is helpful, but *just because the energy is conserved, doesn't guarantee the solution is as accurate.* 

# TASK 2

Make the same analysis for the nonlinear case.

# In [32]:

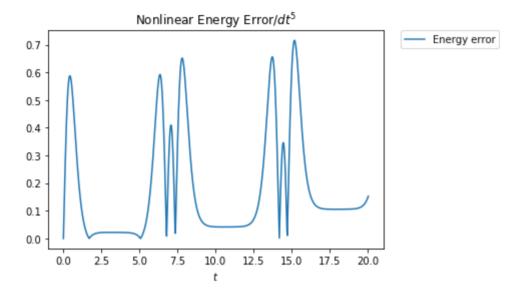
```
en = 0.5*(xn[1]**2) - np.cos(xn[0])
energy_error = abs((en - en[0])/en[0])
```

#### In [33]:

time\_plots(t, [energy\_error/(dt\*\*5)], legend=['Energy error'],title='Nonlinear E
nergy Error/\$dt^5\$')

# Out[33]:

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All of this was for the 4th-order Runge-Kutta scheme. The is only one of many similar methods. Another common example is the 2nd-order RK2, and the 1st-order Euler method.

The **Euler method** is the absolute simplest:

$$x(t+h) = x(t) + h f(x(t))$$

The error for this scheme is  $\mathcal{O}(h^2)$  after one time step, and  $\mathcal{O}(h)$  after the error accumulates.

# TASK 3

Adapt the RK4 class to make an new Euler class that computes the Euler method.

In [34]:

```
class Euler():

def __init__(self,start,forcing,time=0):
    self.time = [time]
    self.data = [start]
    self.RHS = forcing

def __call__(self,dt):
    self.time += [ self.time[-1] + dt ]

    x = self.data[-1]
    f = self.RHS
    self.data += [ x + dt*f(x) ]

def state(self):
    return np.array(self.time), np.array(self.data).T

def now(self):
    return self.time[-1]
```

It turns out that there are quite a few 2nd-order Runge-Kutta type schemes. A common one also goes by the name *Heun's method*: <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heun's method">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heun's method</a> (<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heun's method">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heun's method</a>)

In the same style as our RK4:

$$i_1 = hf(x(t)), \quad i_2 = hf(x(t) + i_1)$$
  
$$x(t+h) = x(t) + \frac{i_1 + i_2}{2}$$

We call time steppers integrators because if the right-hand side function only depends on time

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = f(t)$$

Then the result of time stepping will be some approximation to the integral

$$I(t) = \int_0^t f(s) \, \mathrm{d}s$$

# TASK 4

Show that RK4 is equivilent to Simpson's method, and Heun's method is equivilent to the trapazoidal rule for f(t,x) = f(t) only.

Consider Simpson's rule on a function f(t) for a single step from t = 0 to t = h.

We have

$$\int_{t}^{t+h} f(t)dt \approx \frac{h}{6}(f(t) + 4f(t + h/2) + f(t + h))$$

Now, consider integrating the ODE

$$x'(t) = f(t)$$

from t to t + h. Then,

$$x(t+h) - x(t) = \int_{t}^{t+h} f(t)dt$$

Using RK4 calculation, where f(t) only, you calculate:

$$k_{1} = f(t, x(t))$$

$$k_{2} = f(t + \frac{h}{2})$$

$$k_{3} = f(t + \frac{h}{2})$$

$$k_{4} = f(t + h)$$

$$x(t + h) = x(t) + \frac{h}{6}(k_{1} + 2k_{2} + 2k_{3} + k_{4})$$

$$\implies x(t + h) - x(t) = \frac{h}{6}\left(f(t) + 4f(t + \frac{h}{2}) + f(t + h)\right)$$

This is for a single step. Obviously it's true when you do multiple steps after each other.

So RK4 is equivalent to Simpson's method when integrating a function of time!

The analysis for Heun's method is very similar. For you to complete.

# TASK 5

Show that the Euler method is equivilent to a Riemann sum for if f(t,x) = f(t) only.

The Euler method is actually the only example of an RK1 scheme, but it gets its own name because it's the Granddaddy of the all.

Again, you can complete this.

Check what the Riemann sum is, and evaluate what the Euler integration step gives you.

# TASK 6

Adapt the Euler and/or RK4 class to make a class that computes the RK2 scheme (Heun's method)

In [35]:

```
class RK2():
   def init (self,start,forcing,time=0):
        self.time = [time]
        self.data = [start]
        self.RHS = forcing
   def __call__(self,dt):
        self.time += [ self.time[-1] + dt ]
        x = self.data[-1]
        f = self.RHS
        i1 = dt*f(x)
        i2 = dt*f(x+i1)
        self.data += [x + 0.5*(i1+i2)]
   def state(self):
        return np.array(self.time), np.array(self.data).T
   def now(self):
        return self.time[-1]
```

# TASK 6

Use the Euler and RK2 classes to solve the linear and nonlinear problems and compare the results to the RK4 benchmark.

This makes the different time steppers with the different right-hand side functions.

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In [36]:
```

```
linear_E1 = Euler(initial_data,L)
nonlinear_E1 = Euler(initial_data,P)

linear_RK2 = RK2(initial_data,L)
nonlinear_RK2 = RK2(initial_data,P)
```

This advances the states to 20 time units.

```
In [37]:
```

```
while linear_E1.now() < 20:
    linear_E1(dt)
    nonlinear_E1(dt)
    linear_RK2(dt)
    nonlinear_RK2(dt)</pre>
```

This gets all the different states.

#### In [38]:

```
t, xl_4 = linear_RK4.state()
t, xn_4 = nonlinear_RK4.state()

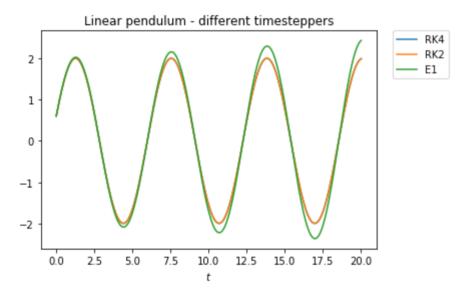
t, xl_2 = linear_RK2.state()
t, xn_2 = nonlinear_RK2.state()

t, xl_1 = linear_E1.state()
t, xn_1 = nonlinear_E1.state()
```

We can look at them on top of eachother:

# In [39]:

# Out[39]:



We can see that the Euler scheme drifts quite a lot over time.

We can look at the differences scaled by dt\*\*2 and dt respectively.

# In [40]:

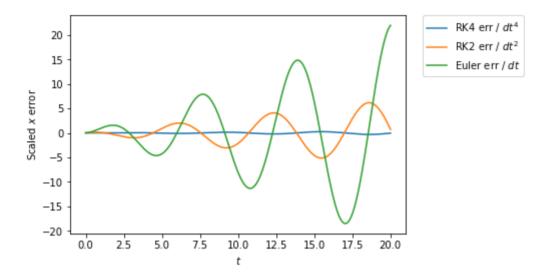
```
xl_ans = linear_pendulum(t, x0=x0,y0=y0)
```

# In [41]:

```
el_4 = (xl_4[0] - xl_ans[0])/dt**4
el_2 = (xl_2[0] - xl_ans[0])/dt**2
el_1 = (xl_1[0] - xl_ans[0])/dt
```

# In [42]:

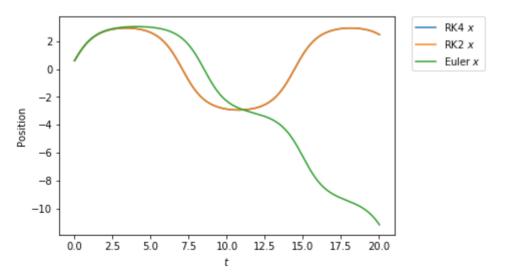
Out[42]:



We can see the results are even clearer for the nonlinear case

# In [43]:

# Out[43]:



A more fun example is the Van der Pol oscillator (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Van der Pol oscillator):

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} - \mu(1 - x^2) \frac{dx}{dt} + x = 0$$

# TASK 7: Van der Pol

Adapt the Pendulum class and make a new class to accomadate the Van der Pol equation. This should take a parameter  $\mu$  and give back a pure function that is the first-order formulation right-hand side.

In [44]:

```
class Van_der_Pol():
    def __init__(self,mu):
        self.mu = mu

def __call__(self,x):
    mu = self.mu
    f0 = x[1]
    f1 = -x[0] + mu*(1-x[0]**2)*x[1]
    return np.array( [ f0, f1 ] )
```

# TASK 8

Investigate this system for different values of  $\mu$ . Using the RK4 integrator.

```
In [45]:
```

```
V01 = Van_der_Pol(1)
V10 = Van_der_Pol(10)
VPO_01_RK4 = RK4( initial_data , V01 )
VPO_10_RK4 = RK4( initial_data , V10 )
```

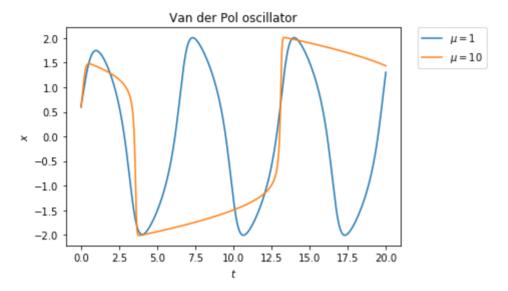
In [46]:

```
In [47]:
```

```
t, xv_01 = VPO_01_RK4.state()
t, xv_10 = VPO_10_RK4.state()
```

#### In [48]:

#### Out[48]:

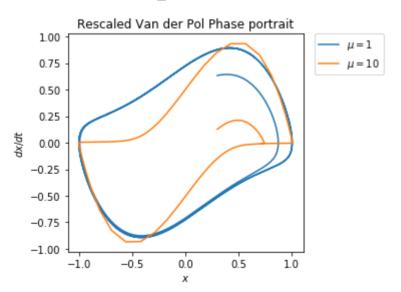


This is a prime example of a "fast-slow" system. As  $\mu$  becomes larger, the system is able to change very rapidly. But only for shot bursts.

# In [49]:

# Out[49]:

(<Figure size 432x288 with 1 Axes>,
 <matplotlib.axes.\_subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x7f661f3721d0>)



# **TASK 9: Lorenz**

Do all the same analysis with the 3D Lorenz system (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lorenz system)

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = s(y - x)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = x(r - z) - y$$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = xy - bz$$

For parameters s, r, and b.

In [50]:

```
class Lorenz():

    def __init__(self,s,r,b):
        self.s = s
        self.r = r
        self.b = b

    def __call__(self,x):

        s = self.s
        r = self.r
        b = self.b
        f0 = s*(x[1]-x[0])
        f1 = x[0]*(r-x[2]) - x[1]
        f2 = x[0]*x[1] - b*x[2]

    return np.array( [ f0, f1, f2 ] )
```

In [51]:

```
LNZ = Lorenz(10,28,8/3)

LNZ_RK4 = RK4( np.array([0.6,1.9,2.3]) , LNZ )
```

In [52]:

```
while LNZ_RK4.now() < 20:
   LNZ_RK4(0.1*dt)</pre>
```

In [53]:

```
t, x = LNZ_RK4.state()
```

# In [54]:

phase\_portrait\_3D([x ], title='Lorenz Butterfly')

# Out[54]:

# Lorenz Butterfly

