

Today: ① Num sol'n of ODEs

What is an ODE? An eqn with derivatives

ex) $\dot{x} = x$

What is a sol'n? A function $x(t)$ that satisfies ODE

ex) $x(t) = t^2$

→ plug in $\dot{x} \stackrel{?}{=} x$

$2t = t^2$ ✗

$x(t) = t^2$ does not solve $\dot{x} = x$

ex) $x(t) = e^t$

→ check $\dot{x} \stackrel{?}{=} x$

$e^t = e^t$ ✓

$x(t) = e^t$ $\left[\begin{array}{c} \text{satisfies} \\ \text{solves} \end{array} \right]$ ODE $\dot{x} = x$

Can we solve "all" ODEs?

ex) $\dot{x} = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{given}}}{f(t)}$

⇒ sol'n: $x(t) = \int_0^t f(t') dt'$

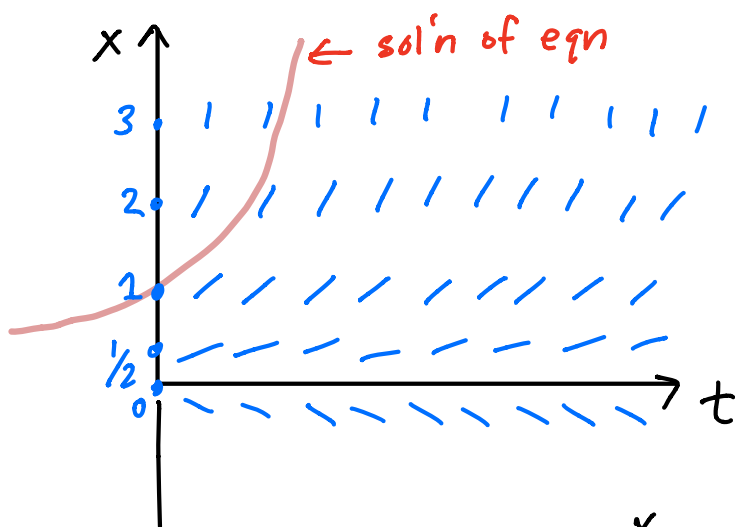
ex) $f(t) = \frac{e^t}{t^2 + \ln(t)}$

⇒ no formula for $x(t)$

Most ODEs have no analytical sol'n

→ need numerical sol'n

ex) $\dot{x} = x$, IC: $x(0) = 1$

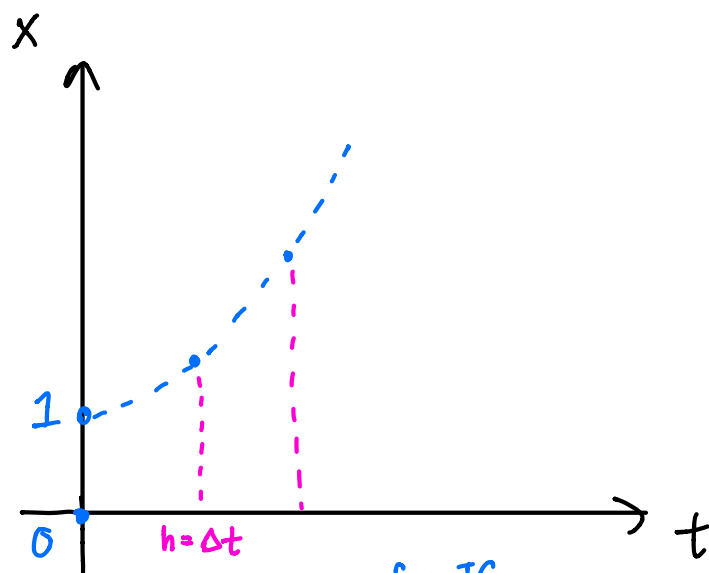


How to do on computer?

Can evaluate r.h.s.
= $f(x, t)$

$$\dot{x} = \underbrace{f(x, t)}_{\text{ex) } f(x, t) = x}$$

If you know the rules of a system, and the present value, you can predict the future



$x(0) = x_0 = 1$ ← from IC

$$x(h) = x_0 + h \underbrace{f(x, t)}_{x=1}$$

$$x(nh) = x[(n-1)h] + h \cdot f[(n-1)h]$$

Euler's Method

$$x(t+h) = x(t) + h \dot{x}[t, x(t)]$$

a little bit in the future

present value

time interval

present rate of change

First order form: ex) $\ddot{x} + x = 0$ ①

define $v = \dot{x}$
 $\Rightarrow \dot{x} = v$ ②

① $\Rightarrow \ddot{x} = -x$
 $\dot{v} = -x$ ③

$$\ddot{x} + x = 0 \Rightarrow$$

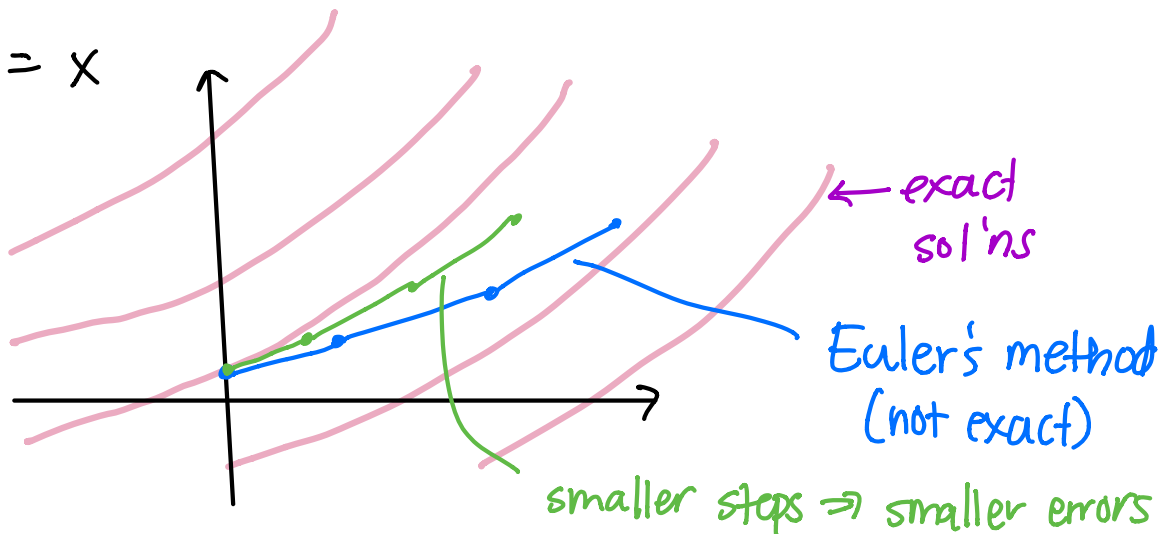
$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = v \\ \dot{v} = -x \end{cases}$$

Present state of system: $z = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$

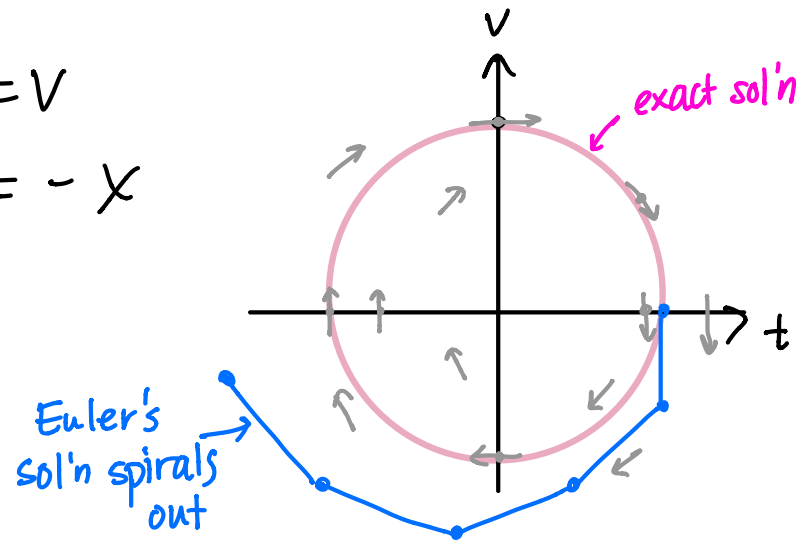
ex) $z_1 = x$
 $z_2 = v$

$$\text{ODE: } \dot{z} = f(t, z)$$

Error: $\dot{x} = x$



Phase plane: ex) $\dot{x} = v$
 $\dot{v} = -x$



Phil & Sally's emotional state:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \dot{S} &= P \\ \dot{P} &= -S \end{aligned} \right\} \text{just like the harmonic oscillator}$$

$$\vec{z} = \begin{bmatrix} P \\ S \end{bmatrix}$$

state of
the system

Solving ODEs on MATLAB:

demo: see posted code & Andy's walkthrough