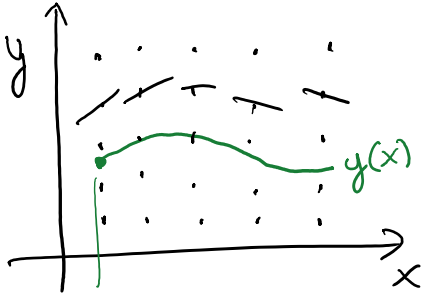


$$\frac{dy(x)}{dx} = f(x, y)$$



$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$$

$$y(x) = ?$$

$$y(x_{start}) = y_{start} \leftarrow \text{given}$$

Need initial conditions if  $\frac{d}{dt}$   
boundary -  $\frac{d}{dx}$

$$y_i(x_{start}) = y_i^{start}$$

Dirichlet  
Boundary Condition

$$\frac{dy_i}{dx}(x_{start}) = \text{Slope is given somewhere}$$

Von Neumann Boundary  
Condition

N-equations  $\rightarrow$  needs N boundary conditions

Analytical solutions can be difficult.

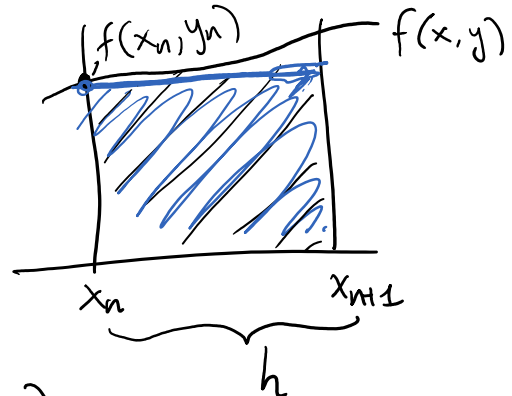
Numerical solution (algorithm) is "easy".

$\hookrightarrow$  Numerical errors can magnify, must be kept under control/tracked.

$$\int_{y_n}^{y_{n+1}} dy = \int_{x_n}^{x_{n+1}} f(x, y) dx$$

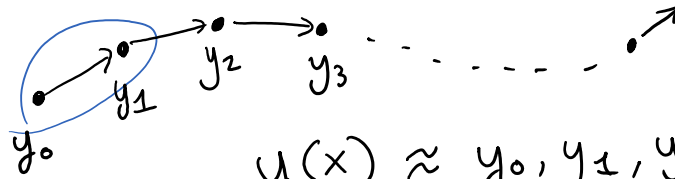
$$y_{n+1} - y_n = \int_{x_n}^{x_{n+1}} f(x_n, y_n) dx$$

$$= (x_{n+1} - x_n) \cdot f(x_n, y_n)$$



$$= (x_{n+1} - x_n) \cdot f(x_n, y_n) \quad h$$

$$\boxed{y_{n+1} = y_n + h \cdot f(x_n, y_n)} \quad \text{Forward Euler Method}$$



$$y(x) \approx y_0, y_1, y_2, \dots$$

Error depends on the stepsize  $h$

Truncation Error: Error associated with the algorithm or method, and not the precision of the floating point calculations.

Local error: Error over a single step

Global error: Error over a fixed interval

Error of Forward Euler:

$$\int_{x_n}^{x_{n+1}} f(x, y) dx$$

$$f(x, y(x)) = \underbrace{f(x, y(x_n + h))}_{\text{Taylor expand}}$$

$$= f\left(x, \underbrace{y_n + h \frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{x_n}}_{\text{small}}\right)$$

Taylor expand again the function  $f$

$$f(x, y(x)) \cong f(x, y_n) + h \underbrace{\left[ \frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{x_n} f'(x, y_n) \right]}_{\text{slope at } x_n}$$

$$\int_{x_n}^{x_{n+1}} f(x, y(x)) dx \cong \int_{x_n}^{x_{n+1}} \underbrace{\left[ f(x, y_n) + h f(x_n, y_n) f'(x, y_n) \right]}_{\text{fix the function values}} dx$$

fix the function values at our initial condition at  $x_n$

$$\cong h \cdot f(x_n, y_n) + \underbrace{h^2 f(x_n, y_n) f'(x_n, y_n)}$$

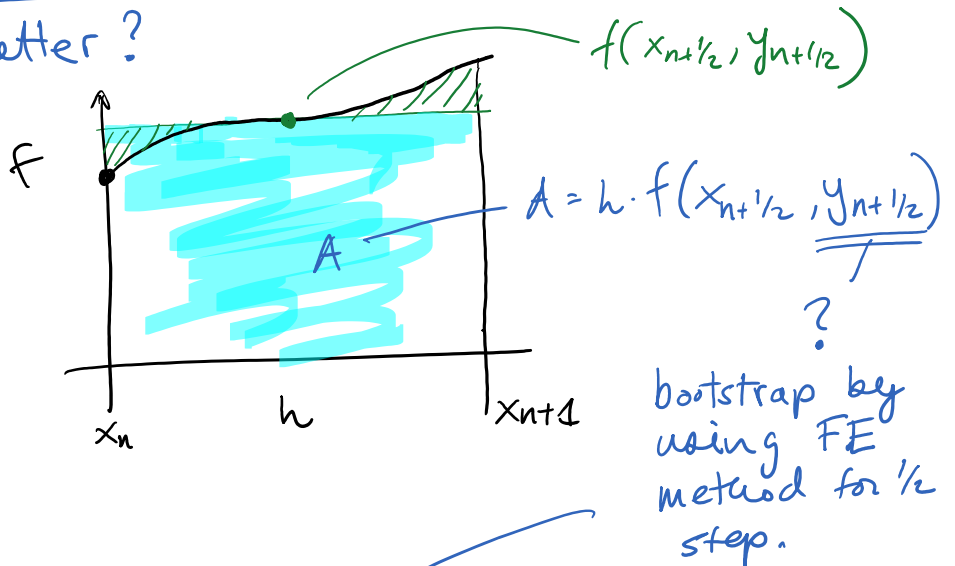
Local Error:  $\mathcal{O}(h^2)$

Global error:  $N_{\text{steps}} = \frac{X}{h}$

Global error  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{O}(h)$

Quite Poor.

Can we do better?



$$y_{n+1/2} = y_n + \frac{h}{2} f(x_n, y_n) \quad \text{use this in the integral}$$

$$y_{n+1} - y_n = h \cdot \underline{f(x_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{h}{2} f(x_n, y_n))}$$

2 evaluations of  $f$  here (so more expensive)

Local Error:  $\mathcal{O}(h^3)$

Global Error:  $\mathcal{O}(h^2)$

Midpoint Runge-Kutta:

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h \cdot f\left(x_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{h}{2} f(x_n, y_n)\right)$$

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higher order Integration  $\rightarrow$  Simpson's Rule

4<sup>th</sup> order R-K

$$k_1 = h \cdot f(x_n, y_n)$$

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

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

$$k_4 = h \cdot f(x_n + h, y_n + k_3)$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{k_1}{6} + \frac{k_2}{3} + \frac{k_3}{3} + \frac{k_4}{6} + O(h^5)$$

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Explicit Methods

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Predator-Prey Behaviour

Foxes and Mice

f

m

Lotka-Volterra Model (1920) / population  
without foxes we want the mice to  
grow exponentially

$$\frac{\Delta m}{m} = k_m \cdot \Delta t$$

$\uparrow$  constant birth rate

but if foxes are around the population  
reduces proportional to the number of  
foxes.

$$\frac{\Delta m}{m} = k_m \cdot \Delta t - k_{mf} \cdot f \cdot \Delta t$$

$$\frac{dm}{dt} \approx \frac{\Delta m}{\Delta t} = (k_m \cdot m - \underbrace{k_{mf} \cdot m \cdot f}_{\propto \text{number of encounters of foxes and mice}})$$

$$\frac{\Delta f}{f} = -k_f \Delta t$$

↑ exponential death rate for foxes.

$$\frac{\Delta f}{f} = -k_f \Delta t + k_{fm} m \cdot \Delta t$$

↳ Birth rate  $\propto$  to number of mice

$$\frac{df}{dt} = -k_f \cdot f + k_{fm} \cdot f \cdot m$$

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = k_m m - k_{mf} \cdot f \cdot m$$

Solve this for some initial populations.

$$k_m = 2$$

$$k_{mf} = 0.02$$

$$k_{fm} = 0.01$$

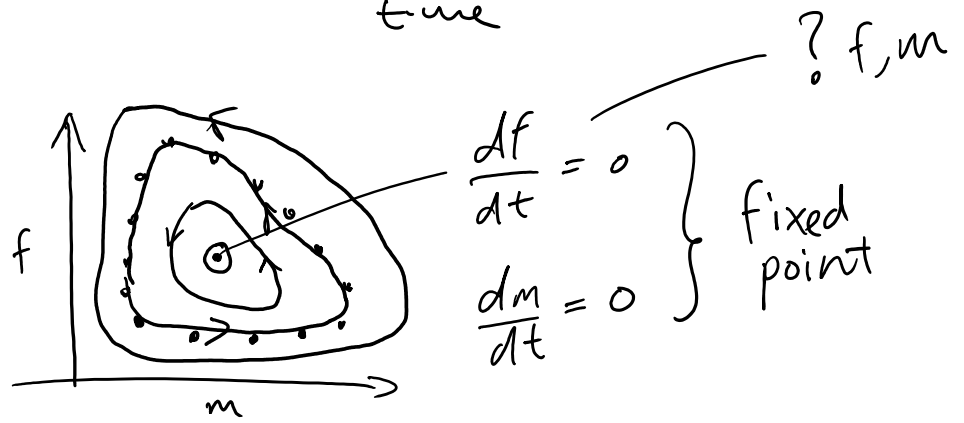
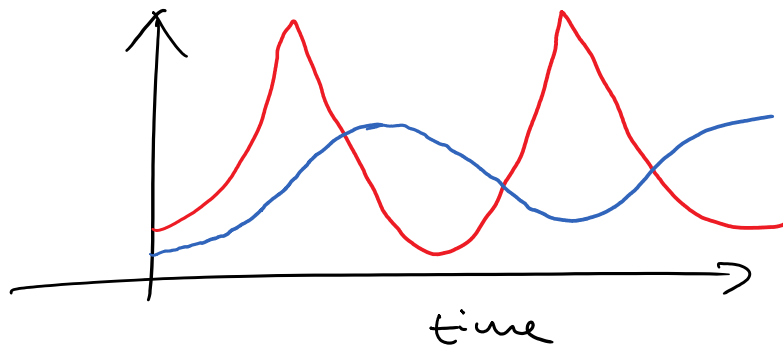
$$k_f = 1.06$$

$$\text{I.C. } m(0) = 100$$

$$f(0) = 15$$

$$y = \langle m(t), f(t) \rangle$$

2 Plots:



"Phase" Plot