

# **Numerical solution of ODE (Ordinary Differential Equation)**

# What is an ODE ?

Example:

f is an unknown **function**

$$f'(x) = af(x) + b$$

dérivative of f  
depends of f

f is 1D function  
*(otherwise PDE)*

Can also be written as:  $y' = ay + b$

# What is an ODE ?

More examples:

Linear, constant coefficients  $f'(x) = 4f(x) + 2$

Linear, variable coefficients  $f'(x) = 4(x - 5)f(x) + 2x^2 - 7$

Non linear  $f'(x) = 4x \sin(xf(x)) + 2/f^2(x)$

General expression

$$f'(x) = \mathcal{F}(x, f)$$

Even more general: Implicit formulation

$$\mathcal{R}(x, f, f') = 0$$

# What is an ODE?

Order of ODE:

Second order,  
linear

$$f''(x) = 2f'(x) + 3f(x) - 4$$

Third order,  
non linear

$$f^{(3)}(x) = 2x^2 \sin(f''(x) + f'(x)) - f^2(x)$$

General definition:

$$f^{(n)}(x) = \mathcal{F}(x, f, f', \dots, f^{(n-1)})$$

Even more general:

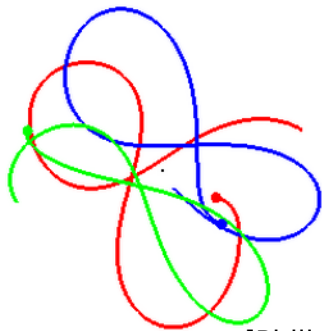
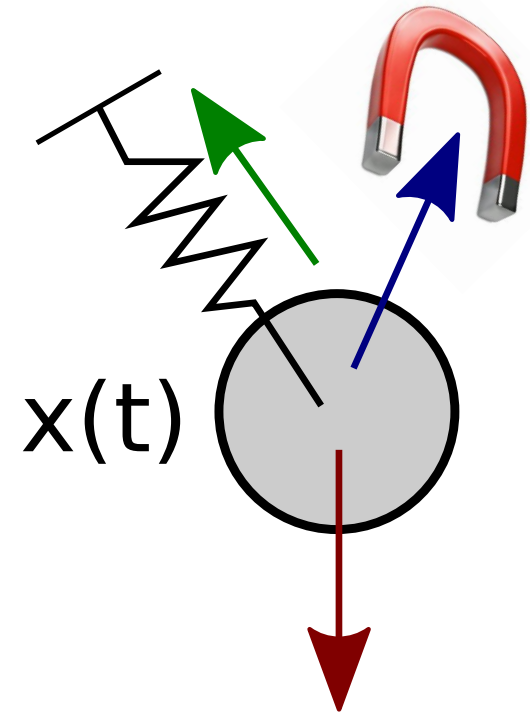
$$\mathcal{R}(x, f, f', \dots, f^{n-1}, f^{(n)}) = 0$$

# Why do we need ODE?

Physics:

$$m a(t) = \sum F(x(t), t)$$

$$x''(t) = \frac{1}{m} F(x(t))$$



[Philippe Roux]

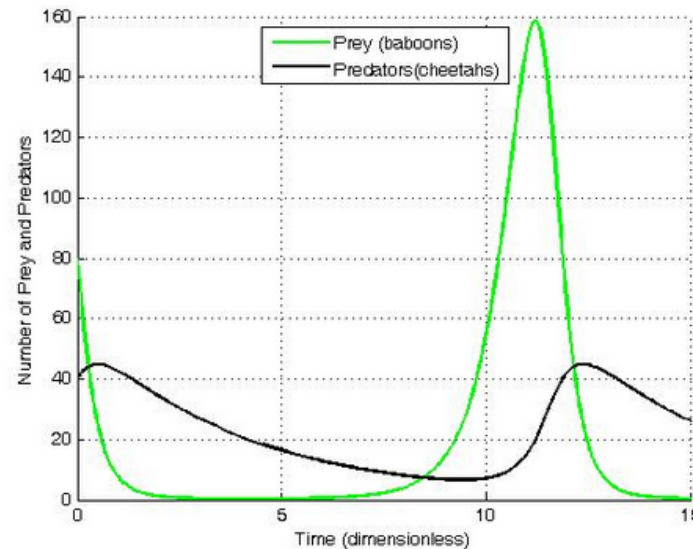
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Biology:

Population grows

$$\begin{array}{l} f_1 : \text{prey} \\ f_2 : \text{predator} \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} f_1'(t) = f_1(t)(\alpha - \beta f_2(t)) \\ f_2'(t) = -f_2(t)(\gamma - \delta f_1(t)) \end{array} \right.$$

*Lokta-Volterra equation*

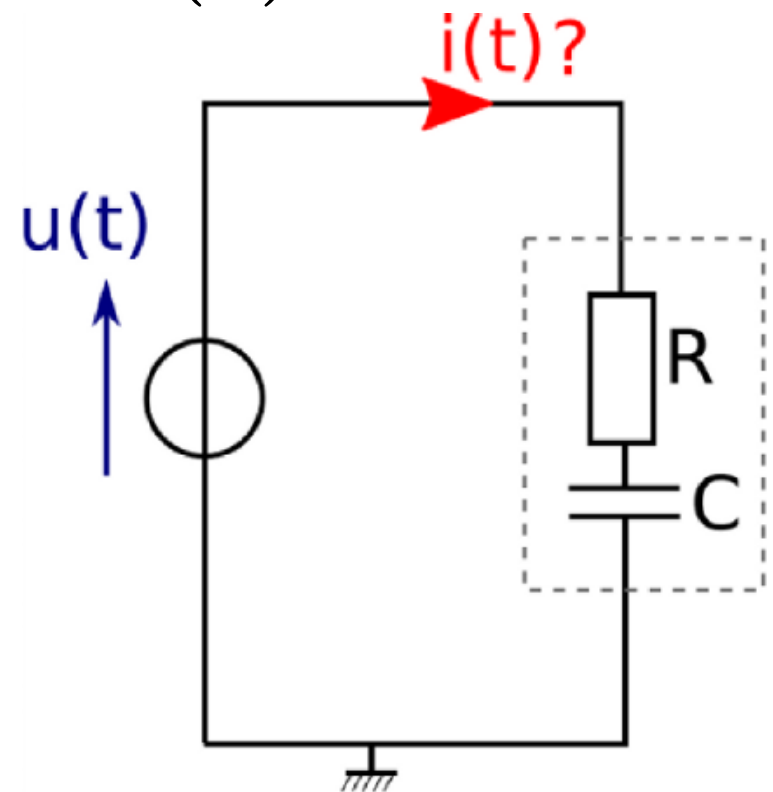
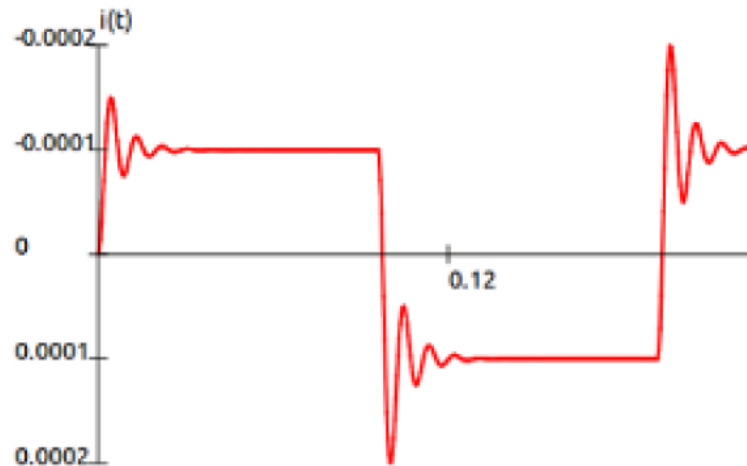


[Wikipedia]

# Why do we need ODE?

Physics:

$$RCi'(t) + i(t) = Cu'(t)$$



# What can we solve analytically?

Linear + constant coefficient

$$a_0 f(x) + a_1 f'(x) + \cdots + a_n f^{(n)}(x) = r(x)$$

Linear + variable coefficient + low order

$$a_0(x) f(x) + a_1(x) f'(x) + a_2(x) f''(x) = r(x)$$

Non linear:    Almost never  
                  Existence and uniqueness ?



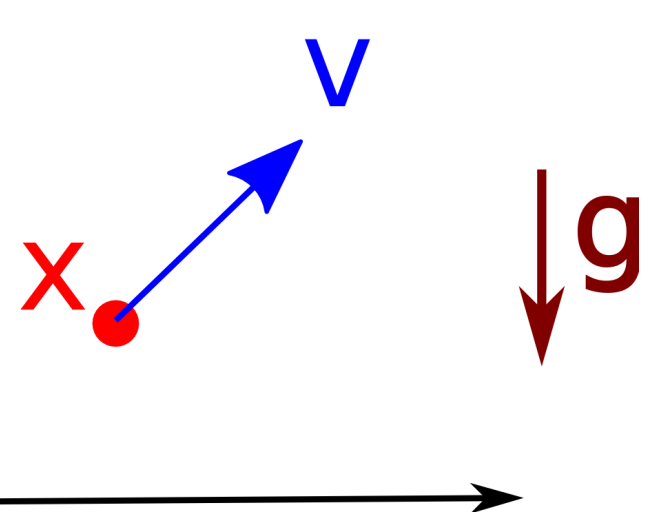
# Case study: Free fall under gravity

Motion equations:

Initial conditions:

$$x(t=0) = x_0$$

$$v(t=0) = v_0$$



# Numerical approach

Motion equations:

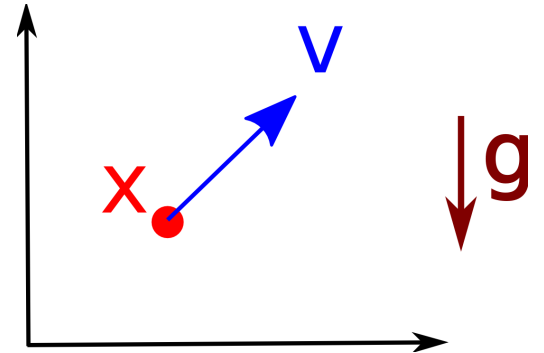
$$x'(t) = v(t)$$

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Approximation:

$$f'(t) \simeq \frac{f(t + dt) - f(t)}{dt}$$

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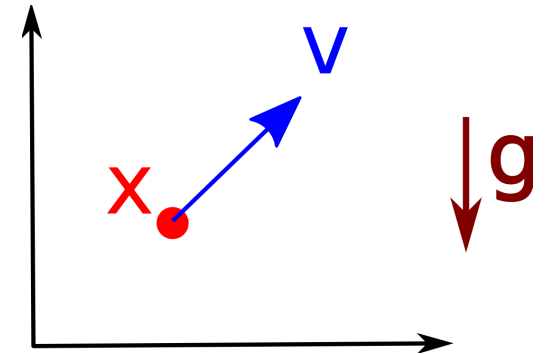
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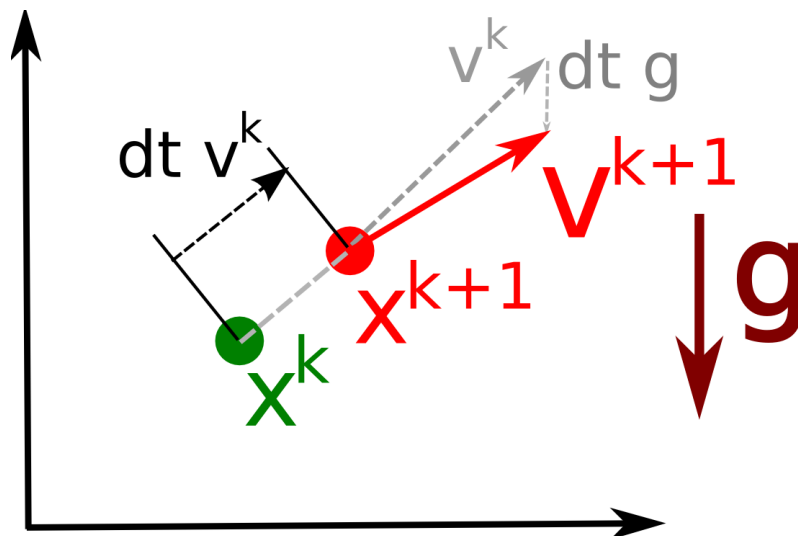
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## Solution

$$\begin{cases} v^{k+1} = v^k + (\Delta t)g \\ x^{k+1} = x^k + (\Delta t)v^k \end{cases}$$



Code;

```
x=x0;  
v=v0  
for (k=0; k<N; ++k)  
{  
    x=x+dt*v;  
    v=v+dt*g;  
}
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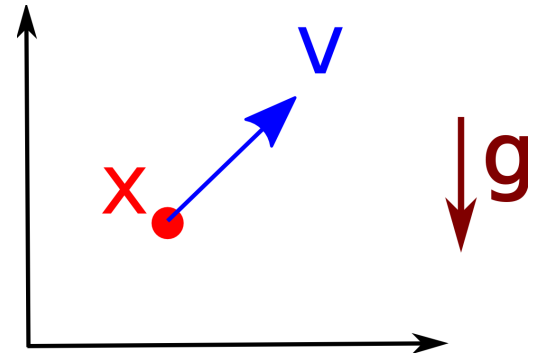
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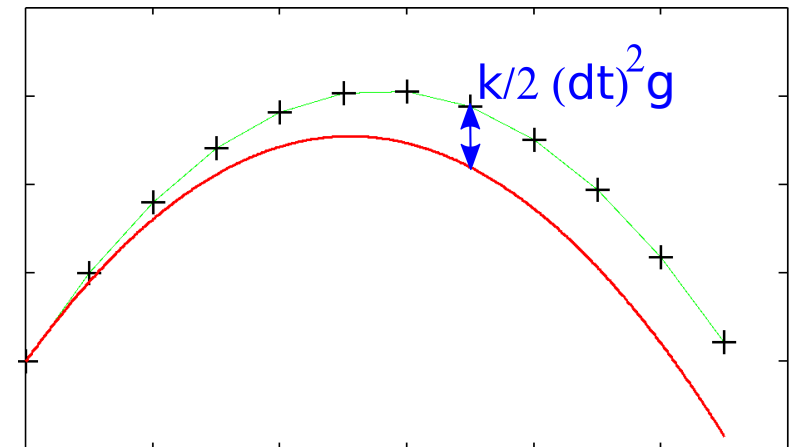
$$v(t=0) = v_0$$



Numerical solution:

$$\begin{cases} v^{k+1} = v^k + (\Delta t)g \\ x^{k+1} = x^k + (\Delta t)v^k \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x^{k+2} = 2x^{k+1} - x^k + (\Delta t)^2 g \\ x^0 = x_0 \\ x^1 = x_0 + \Delta t v_0 \end{cases}$$



$$\Rightarrow x(t = k\Delta t) = x_0 + (k\Delta t) v_0 + \frac{k(k-1)}{2} (\Delta t)^2 g$$

Real solution:

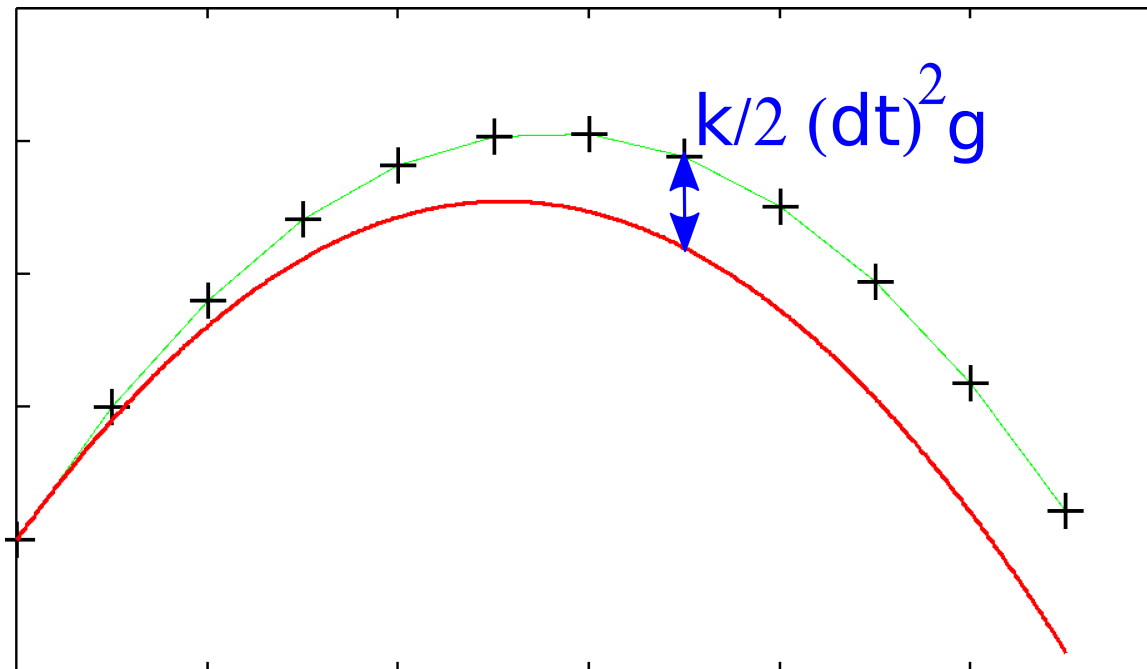
$$\tilde{x}(t = k\Delta t) = x_0 + (k\Delta t) v_0 + \frac{1}{2} (k\Delta t)^2 g$$

# Accuracy

Numerical error:  $\|x(k\Delta t) - \tilde{x}(k\Delta t)\| = \frac{k}{2}(\Delta t)^2 g$

Definition of accuracy of order h:

$$\|x(k\Delta t) - \tilde{x}(k\Delta t)\| = \mathcal{O}((\Delta t)^{h+1})$$



# Matrix formulation

Linear ODE of order  $n$   
= system of ODE of order 1

$$u(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ x'(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$u'(t) = Au(t) + b(t)$$

$$\text{with } A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad b(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ g \end{pmatrix} \quad u(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ v(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

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Same approach:

$$u^{k+1} = (I + \Delta t A) u^k + \Delta t b$$


Same solution ...

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Implicit Euler:  $\frac{u^{k+1} - u^k}{\Delta t} = Au^{k+1} + b$



now unknown

# Implicit Euler

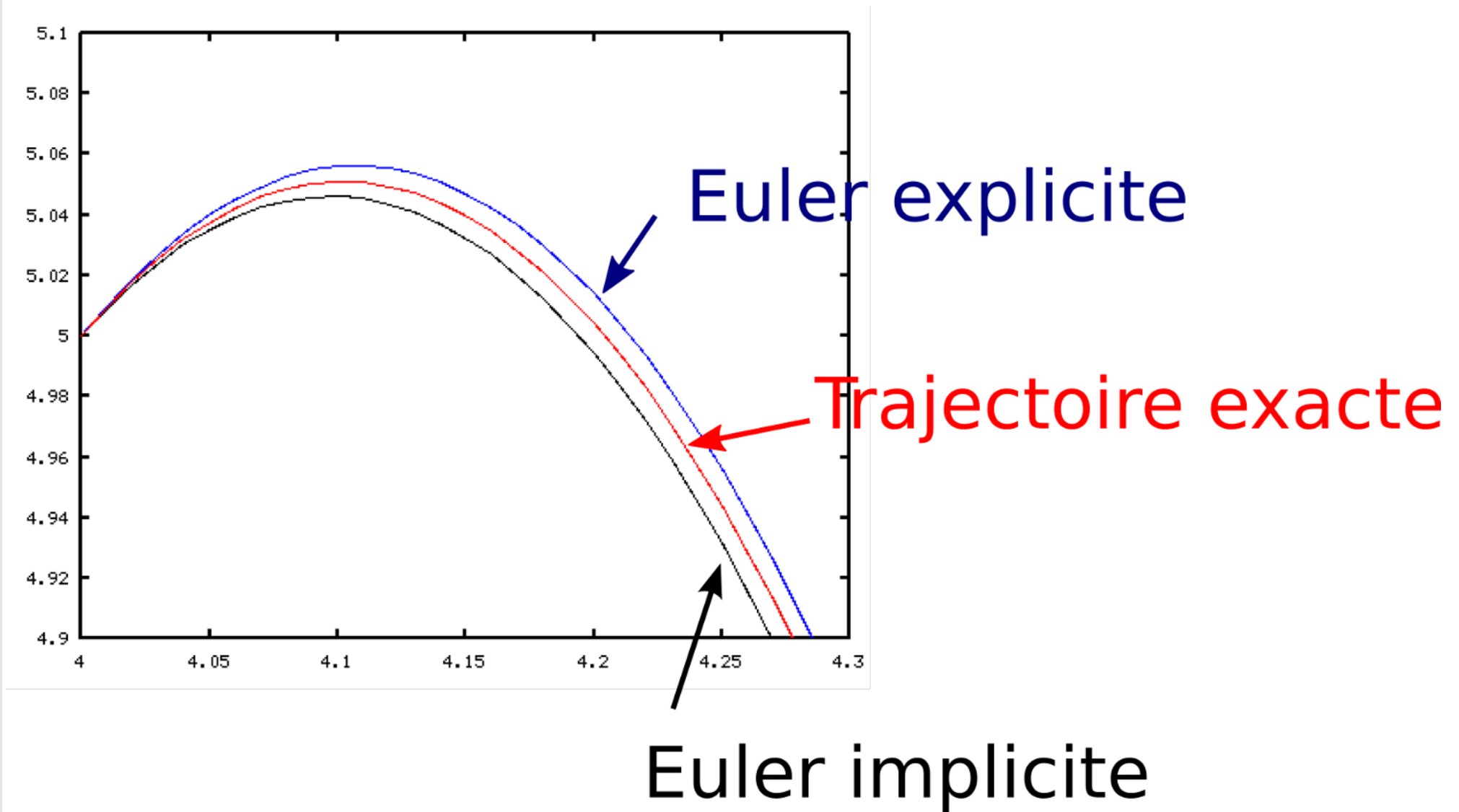
$$u^{k+1} = (\mathbf{I} - \Delta t \mathbf{A})^{-1} (u^k + \Delta t \mathbf{b})$$

$$\begin{cases} x^{k+2} = 2x^{k+1} - x^k + (\Delta t)^2 g \\ x^0 = x_0 \\ x^1 = x_0 + \Delta t v_0 + (\Delta t)^2 g \end{cases}$$

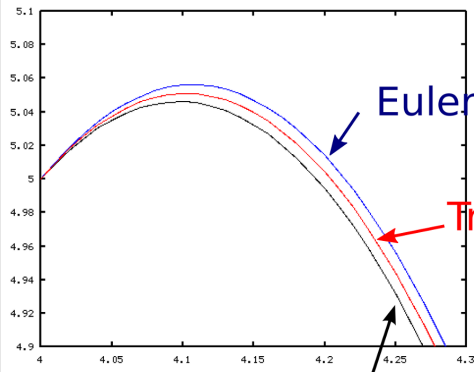
$$x(k\Delta t) = x_0 + (k\Delta t) v_0 + \frac{k(k+1)}{2} (\Delta t)^2 g$$

Still not the true solution

# Implicit Euler



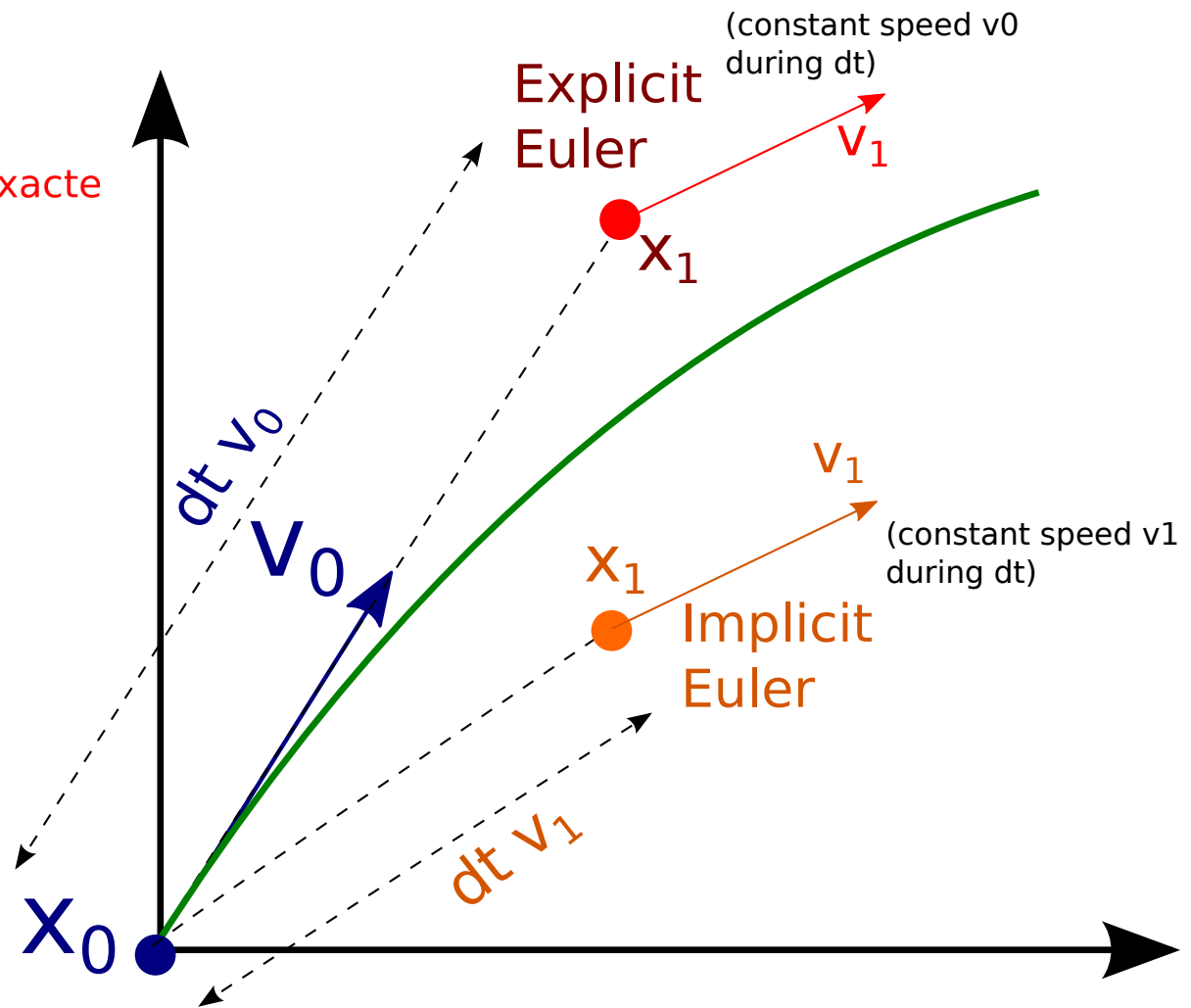
# Implicit Euler



Euler explicite

Trajectoire exacte

Euler implicite



(constant speed  $v_0$   
during  $dt$ )

Explicit  
Euler

$v_1$

$X_1$

(constant speed  $v_1$   
during  $dt$ )

$v_1$

Implicit  
Euler

$X_1$

$X_0$

$dt v_1$

$dt v_0$

$v_0$

# Summary Explicit/Implicit Euler

$$u'(t) = F(t, u)$$

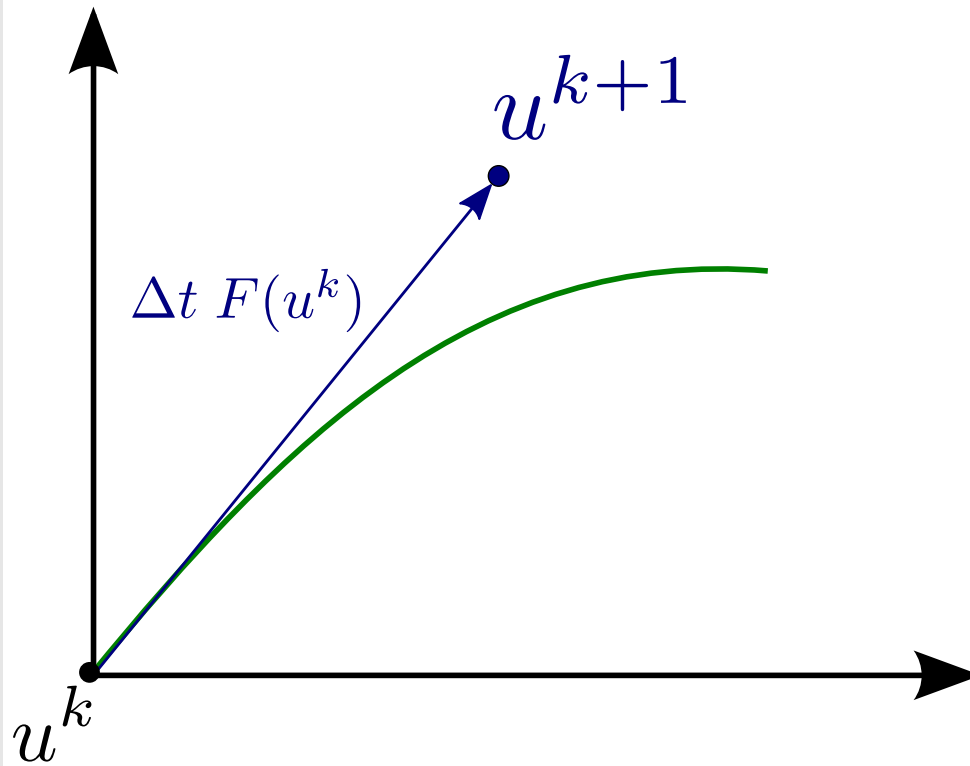
Explicit Euler: 
$$\frac{u^{k+1} - u^k}{\Delta t} = F(u^k)$$

Implicit Euler: 
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*(F must be inverted)*

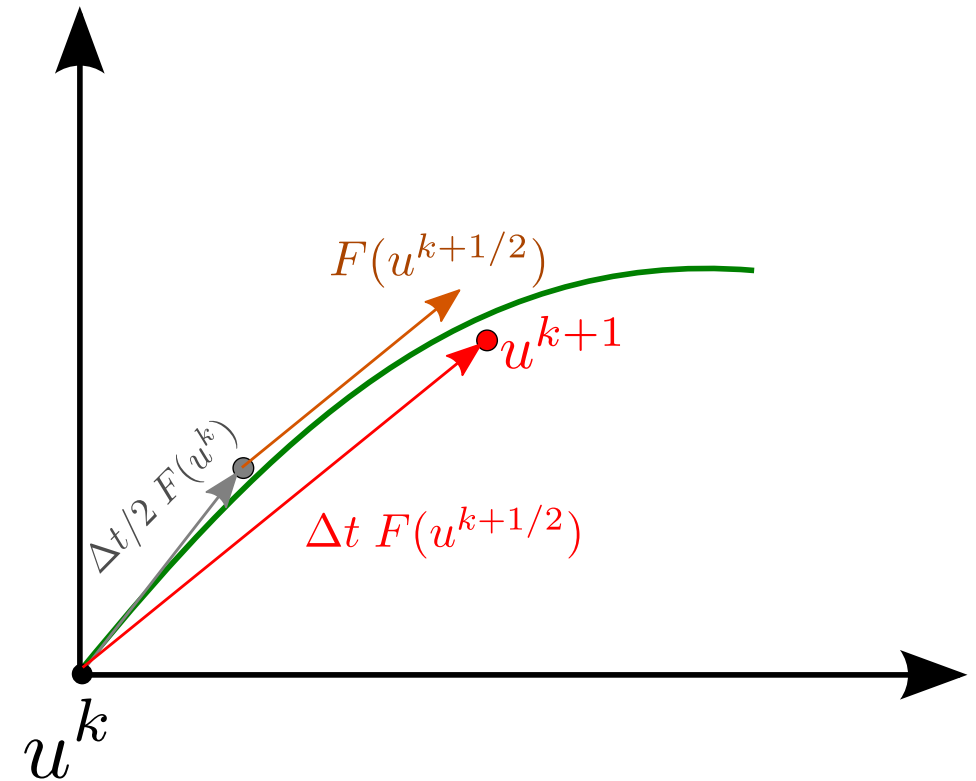
# Runge Kutta

Explicit Euler



$$u^{k+1} = u^k + \Delta t F(u^k)$$

Runge Kutta (order 2)



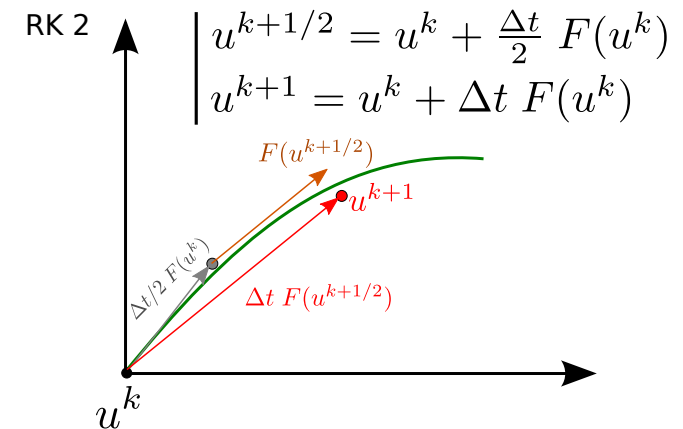
$$\begin{cases} u^{k+1/2} = u^k + \frac{\Delta t}{2} F(u^k) \\ u^{k+1} = u^k + \Delta t F(u^{k+1/2}) \end{cases}$$

# Runge Kutta: Free fall

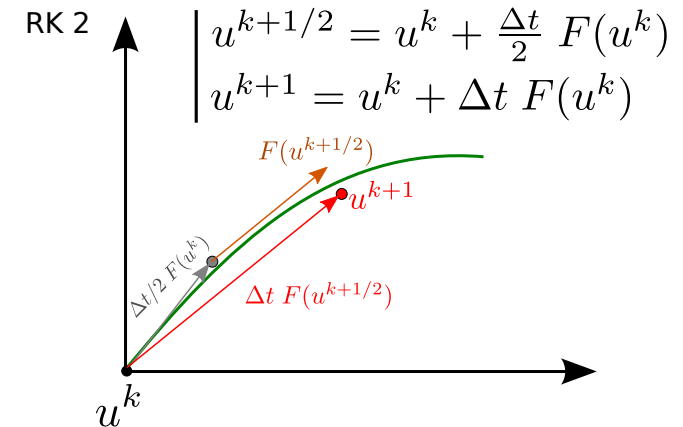
$$F : u^k = (x^k, v^k) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} v^k \\ g \end{pmatrix}$$

$$u^{k+1/2} = \begin{pmatrix} x^k + \Delta t/2 v^k \\ v^k + \Delta t/2 g \end{pmatrix}$$

$$F(u^{k+1/2}) = \begin{pmatrix} v^k + \frac{\Delta t}{2} g \\ g \end{pmatrix}$$



# Runge Kutta: Free fall



$$\begin{aligned} x^{k+1} &= x^k + \Delta t v^k + \frac{(\Delta t)^2}{2} g \\ v^{k+1} &= v^k + \Delta t g \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases} x^{k+2} = 2x^{k+1} - x^k + (\Delta t)^2 g \\ x^0 = x_0 \\ x^1 = x_0 + \Delta t v_0 + \frac{(\Delta t)^2}{2} g \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$x^k = x_0 + (k \Delta t) v_0 + \frac{(k \Delta t)^2}{2} g$$



# Runge Kutta: ode45

$$\begin{aligned}k_1 &= F(t_n, u_n) \\k_2 &= F\left(t_n + \frac{1}{5}\Delta t, u_n + \frac{1}{5}\Delta t k_1\right) \\k_3 &= F\left(t_n + \frac{3}{10}\Delta t, u_n + \left(\frac{3}{40}k_1 + \frac{9}{40}k_2\right)\Delta t\right) \\k_4 &= F\left(t_n + \frac{3}{5}\Delta t, u_n + \left(\frac{3}{10}k_1 - \frac{9}{10}k_2 + \frac{6}{5}k_3\right)\Delta t\right) \\k_5 &= F\left(t_n + \Delta t, u_n + \left(-\frac{11}{54}k_1 + \frac{5}{2}k_2 - \frac{70}{27}k_3 + \frac{35}{27}k_4\right)\Delta t\right) \\k_6 &= F\left(t_n + \frac{7}{8}\Delta t, u_n + \left(\frac{1631}{55296}k_1 + \frac{175}{512}k_2 - \frac{575}{13824}k_3 + \frac{44275}{110592}k_4 + \frac{253}{4096}k_5\right)\Delta t\right)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}u_{n+1}^4 &= u_n + \Delta t \left(\frac{2825}{27648}k_1 + \frac{18575}{48384}k_3 + \frac{13525}{55296}k_4 + \frac{277}{14336}k_5 + \frac{1}{4}k_6\right) \\u_{n+1}^5 &= u_n + \Delta t \left(\frac{37}{378}k_1 + \frac{250}{621}k_3 + \frac{125}{594}k_4 + \frac{512}{1771}k_6\right)\end{aligned}$$

# Spring Mass System

Spring force

$$F(t) = K(L_0 - x(t))$$

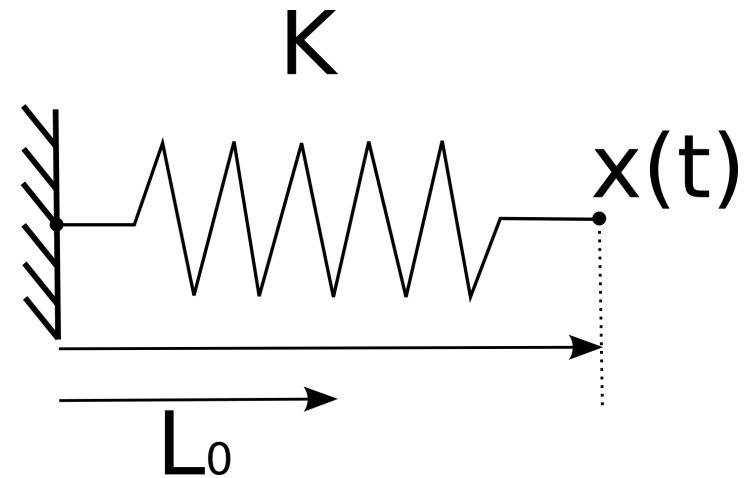
Equation of motion

$$x''(t) = K/m(L_0 - x(t))$$

ODE formulation

$$u'(t) = Au(t) + B$$

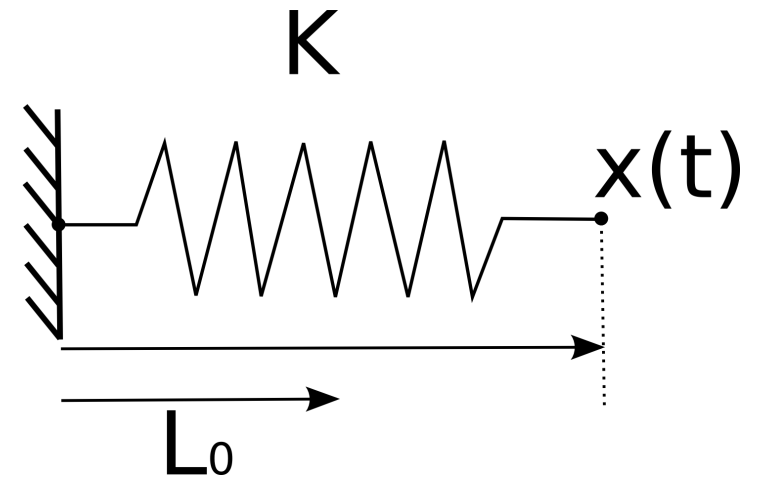
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -K/m & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ L_0 K/m \end{pmatrix}$$



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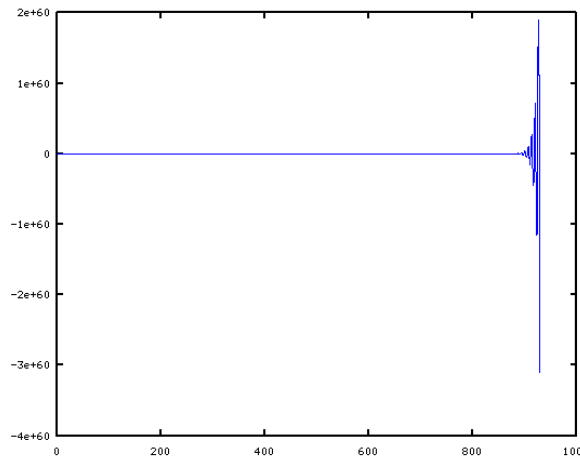
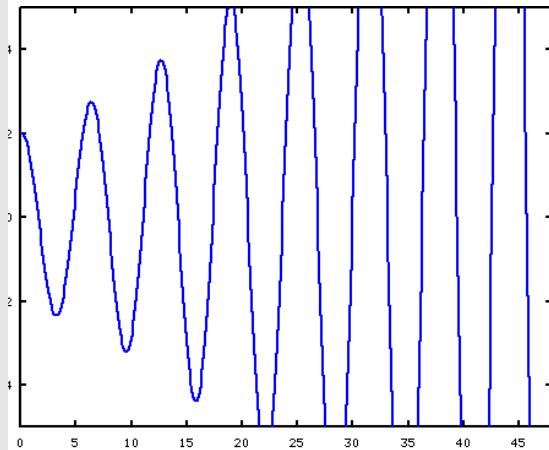
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Explicit Euler:

$$x^{k+2} = 2x^{k+1} - \left(1 + (\Delta t)^2 \frac{K}{m}\right) x^k + (\Delta t)^2 \frac{K}{m} L_0$$



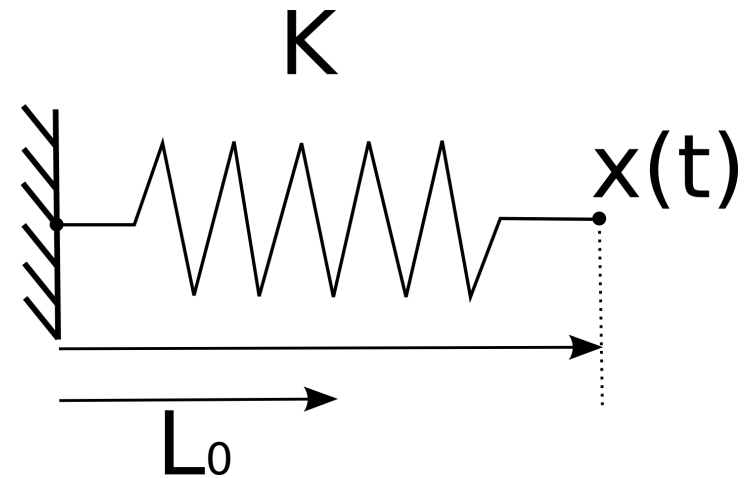
Expect:

$$x(t) = A \sin(\omega t + \varphi)$$

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Do not diverge if  $1 + \sqrt{(\Delta t)^2 \frac{K}{m}} < 1$

=> Always diverge to infinity !

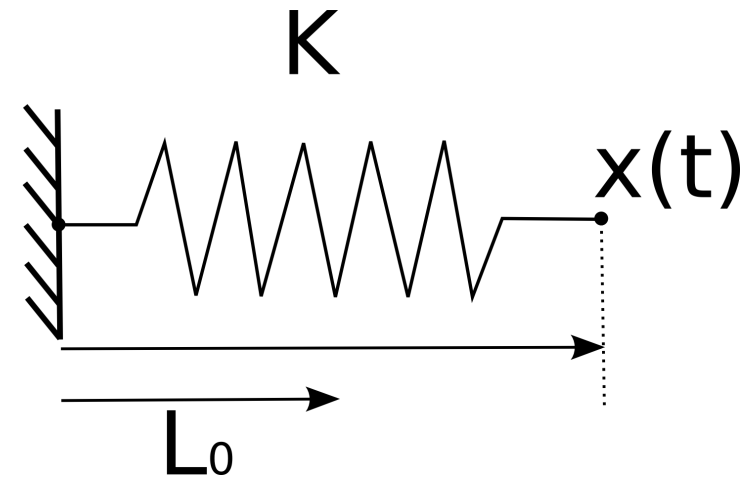
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Spring force

$$F(t) = K(L_0 - x(t))$$

Add fluid damping

$$F_d(t) = -\mu v(t)$$



New equation for explicit Euler:

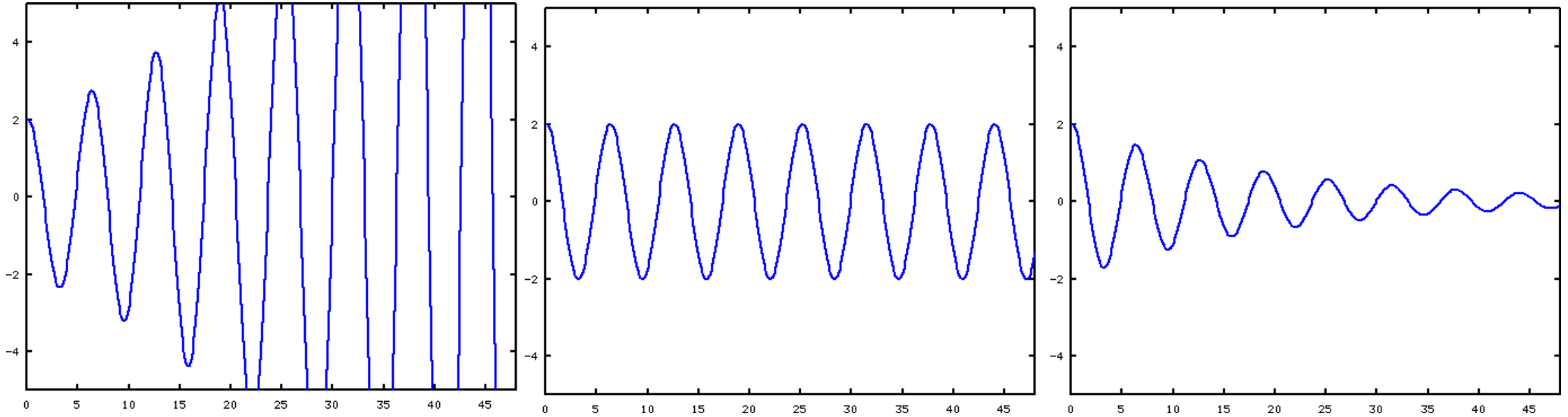
$$x^{k+2} - \left(2 - \frac{\mu}{m} \Delta t\right) x^{k+1} + \left(1 + (\Delta t)^2 \frac{K}{m} - \frac{\mu}{m} \Delta t\right) x^k = (\Delta t)^2 \frac{K}{m} L_0$$

Conditionnaly stable

Large  $K \Rightarrow$  Stiff springs

**Stiff ODE**

# Accuracy $\neq$ Stability



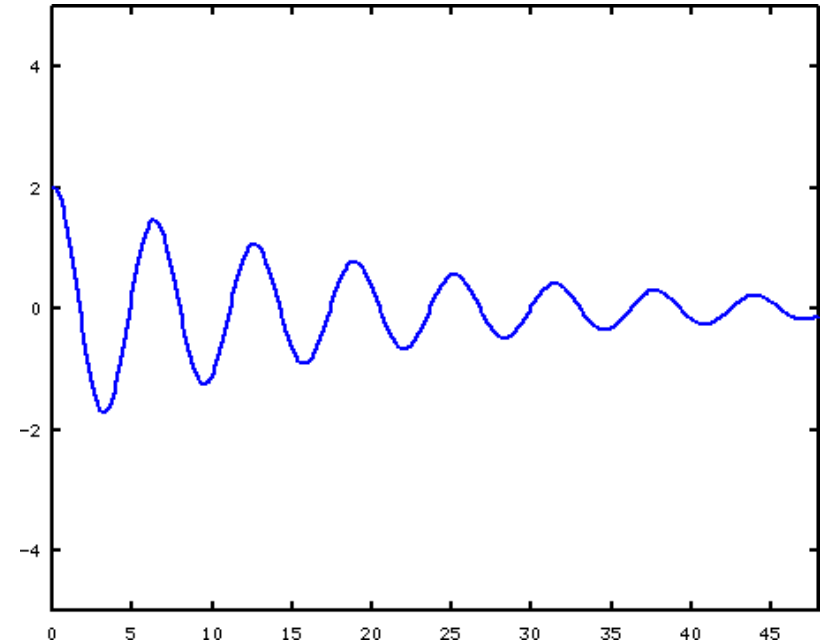
# Implicit Euler

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\Delta t \\ -\Delta t \frac{K}{m} & 1 \end{pmatrix} u^{k+1} = u^k + \Delta t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ K \frac{L_0}{m} \end{pmatrix}$$

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Eigenvalues of  $M^{-1}$   $1 - \Delta t \sqrt{\frac{K}{m}} < 1$

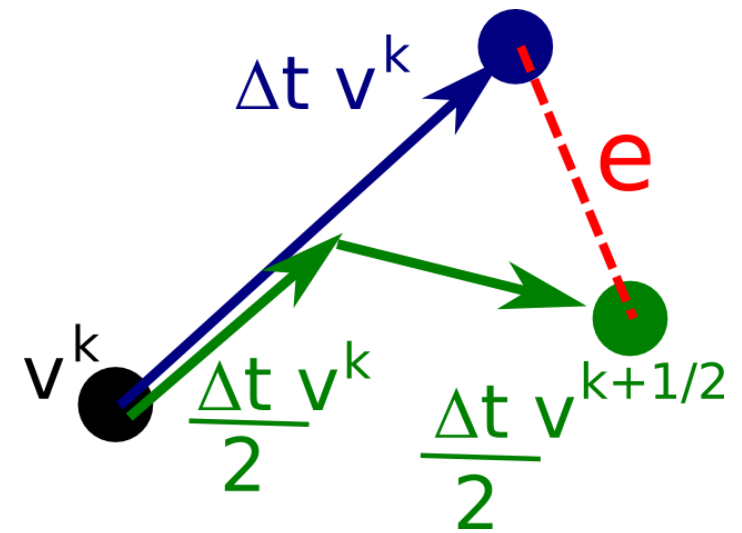
Unconditionally stable



# Automatic step-size

Compute:

- $u_1^{k+1} = u^k + \Delta t F(u^k)$
  - $$\begin{cases} u_2^{k+1/2} = u^k + \Delta t/2 F(u^k) \\ u_2^{k+1} = u_2^{k+1/2} + \Delta t/2 F(u_2^{k+1/2}) \end{cases}$$
  - $e = \|u_1^{k+1} - u_2^{k+1}\|$
- ↙  $\begin{cases} e < K_{\max} \Rightarrow (\Delta t)_{\text{new}} = \Delta t/2 \\ e < K_{\min} \Rightarrow (\Delta t)_{\text{new}} = 2\Delta t \end{cases}$





# Example of simulation

$$F(t) = K (L_0 - \|x - x_0\|) \frac{x - x_0}{\|x - x_0\|}$$

