

ODEs (Ordinary Differential Equations)

$$\dot{y} = \frac{dy}{dt} = f(y(t), t)$$

→ Covers processes in time

From Calculus:

$$\dot{y} = ky, \quad k \text{ constant}$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = y(0)e^{kt}$$

BUT what if more complicated?

$$\dot{y} = \sin(y), \quad \dot{y} = \underbrace{NN(y)}_{\text{Neural Network}}$$

→ Solve numerically.

Q) When does solution exist?

Def. Lipschitz continuity

$f(x)$ is Lipschitz continuous on a domain $[a, b]$ if $\forall x_1, x_2 \in [a, b]$

$$|f(x_1) - f(x_2)| \leq L|x_1 - x_2|$$

for some constant L .

Thm. Picard-Lindelöf

If f is Lipschitz, $y' = f(y)$ has a unique solution.

eg. $f(x)$, where $f'(x)$ exists on $[a, b]$,


$$\text{let } L = \max_{x \in [a, b]} f'(x),$$

then $|f(x_1) - f(x_2)| \leq L|x_1 - x_2|$ by MVT.

How to solve ODEs numerically?

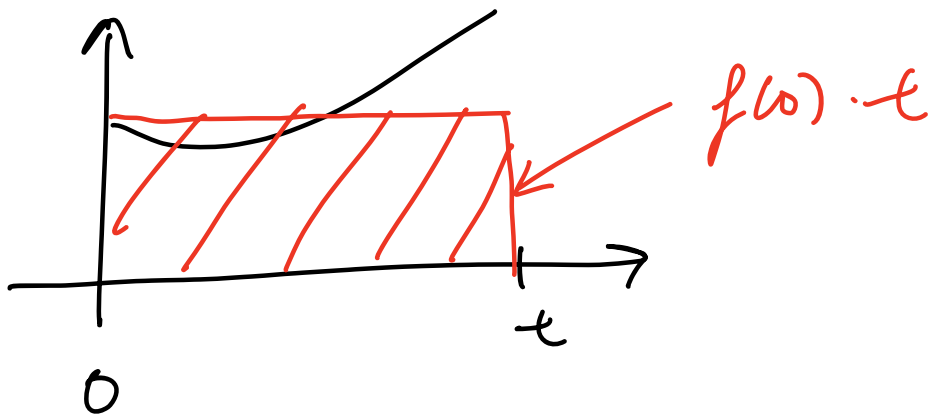
FTC: $\dot{y} = f(y)$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = y(0) + \int_0^t f(s) ds$$


Integrate using
numerical integration

Most simple method:

$$\int_0^t f(s) ds \approx f(0) \cdot t$$



i.e. quadrature rule for $\int_0^1 f(x) dx$

$$\{x_i\} = \{0\}, \quad \{w_i\} = \{1\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow y(t) &= y(0) + t y'(0) \\ &= y(0) (1+t) \end{aligned}$$

→ Forward Euler method

Another method:

$$\int_0^t f(s) ds \approx t \left[\frac{1}{2} f(0) + \frac{1}{2} f(t) \right]$$



$$\Rightarrow y(t) = y(0) + \frac{t}{2} [y(0) + y(t)]$$

$$y(t) = \frac{y_0 \left(1 + \frac{t}{2}\right)}{1 - \frac{t}{2}}$$

→ Trapezoidal rule,

(AKA Crank-Nicholson)