

Simulation in Computer Graphics

Particles

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Outline

- introduction
- particle motion
- finite differences
- system of first order ODEs
- second order ODE

Motivation

- sets of particles (particle systems) are used to model time-dependent phenomena such as snow, fire, smoke



Motivation

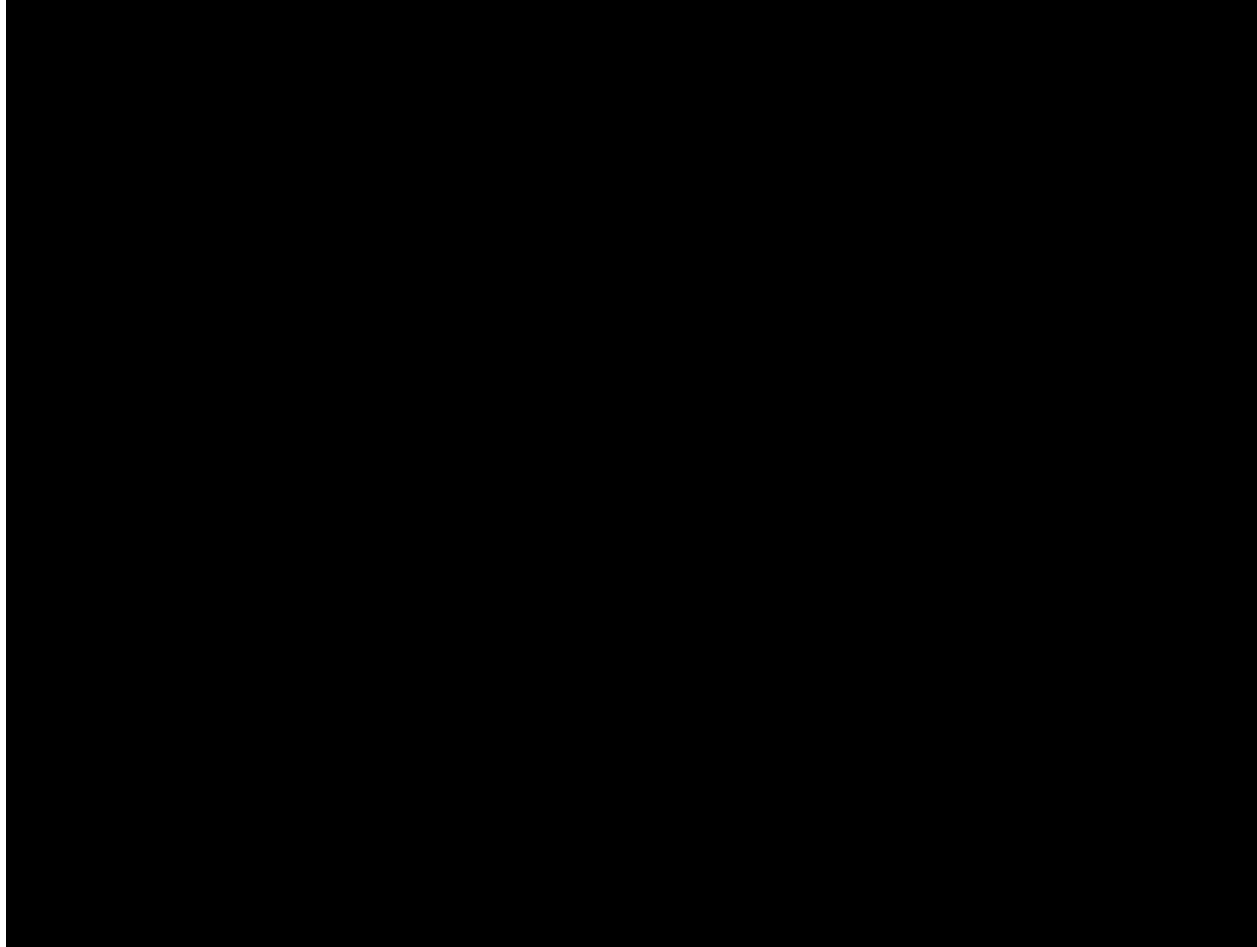
- particles are characterized by mass, position and velocity
- forces determine the dynamic behavior
- inter-particle forces are neglected
- particles can carry arbitrary attributes for rendering purposes, e.g., shape, color, transparency, life time



Kolb, Latta, Rezk-Salama



Demo



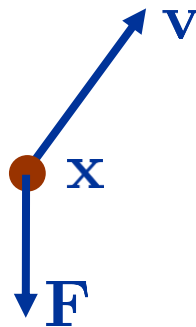
750,000 particles in XNA,
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CyAZ2Y7nOTw>

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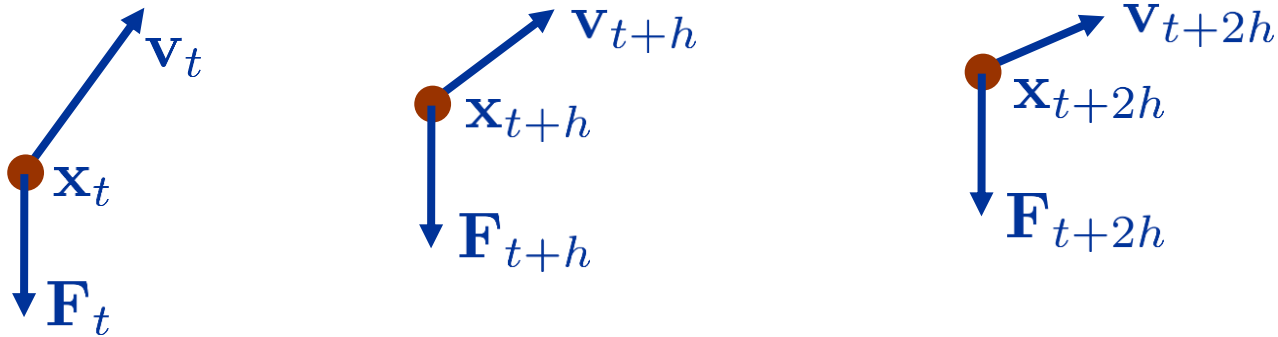
Particle Quantities

- quantities relevant for the motion of a particle:
 - mass $m \in \mathbb{R}$
 - position $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$
 - velocity $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3$
 - force $\mathbf{F} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ acting on the particle
 - force \mathbf{F} generally depends on position and velocity



Particle Motion

- quantities are considered at discrete time points



- particle simulations are concerned with the computation of unknown future particle quantities \mathbf{x}_{t+h} , \mathbf{v}_{t+h} using known current information \mathbf{x}_t , \mathbf{v}_t , \mathbf{F}_t

Governing Equation

- Newton's Second Law, Newton's motion equation, motion equation of a particle
- the force acting on an object is equal to the rate of change of its momentum

$$\mathbf{F}_t = \frac{d}{dt} (m\mathbf{v}_t) = \frac{dm}{dt} \mathbf{v}_t + m \frac{d\mathbf{v}_t}{dt}$$

- constant mass

$$\mathbf{F}_t = m \frac{d\mathbf{v}_t}{dt} = m \frac{d^2 \mathbf{x}_t}{dt^2}$$

Governing Equation

- $\mathbf{F}_t = m \frac{d^2 \mathbf{x}_t}{dt^2}$ is an ordinary differential equation ODE
- describes the behavior of \mathbf{x}_t in terms of its derivatives with respect to time
- numerical integration can be employed to numerically solve the ODE, i.e. to approximate the unknown function \mathbf{x}_t

Governing Equation

- initial value problem of second order

$$\frac{d^2 \mathbf{x}_t}{dt^2} = \frac{1}{m} \mathbf{F}_t \quad \mathbf{x}_{t_0} = \mathbf{x}_0 \quad \frac{d\mathbf{x}_{t_0}}{dt} = \mathbf{v}_0$$

- second-order ODEs can be rewritten as a system of two coupled equations of first order
- initial value problem of first order

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}_t}{dt} = \mathbf{v}_t \quad \mathbf{x}_{t_0} = \mathbf{x}_0$$

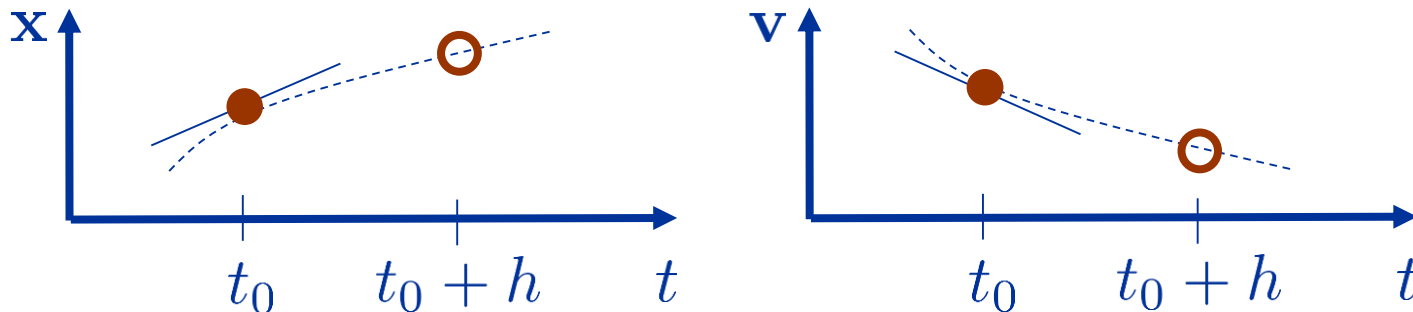
$$\frac{d\mathbf{v}_t}{dt} = \frac{1}{m} \mathbf{F}_t \quad \mathbf{v}_{t_0} = \mathbf{v}_0$$

Initial Value Problem of First Order

- functions \mathbf{x}_t , \mathbf{v}_t represent the particle motion
- initial values are given \mathbf{x}_{t_0} , \mathbf{v}_{t_0}
- first-order differential equations are given

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}_t}{dt} = \mathbf{v}_t \quad \frac{d\mathbf{v}_t}{dt} = \frac{1}{m}\mathbf{F}_t$$

- the functions and their first derivatives are known at t_0
- how to compute \mathbf{x}_{t_0+h} , \mathbf{v}_{t_0+h}



Forces

- generally depend on positions and velocities
 - friction / fluid viscosity depend on velocities
 - spring forces, shear, stretch depend on positions
 - contact handling forces depend on positions and velocities
- can be arbitrarily expensive to compute
 - consider one particle (particle system) or sets of particles (deformables, fluids)
 - require additional effort, e.g., contact handling forces
 - detect collisions of particles with obstacles
 - compute penalty force from penetration depth

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Finite Differences

- Taylor-series approximation

$$\mathbf{x}_{t+h} = \mathbf{x}_t + \frac{d\mathbf{x}_t}{dt} h + O(h^2) \quad O(h^2) - \text{truncation or discretization error}$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}_t}{dt} = \frac{\mathbf{x}_{t+h} - \mathbf{x}_t}{h} + O(h) \quad O(h) - \text{error order of, e.g., a scheme that employs such approximation}$$

- continuous ODEs are replaced with discrete finite-difference equations FDEs

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}_t}{dt} = \mathbf{v}_t \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\mathbf{x}_{t+h} - \mathbf{x}_t}{h} = \mathbf{v}_t$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{v}_t}{dt} = \frac{1}{m} \mathbf{F}_t \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\mathbf{v}_{t+h} - \mathbf{v}_t}{h} = \frac{1}{m} \mathbf{F}_t$$

Finite Differences

- polynomial fitting (line fitting in case of one sample)

$$\mathbf{x}_t = \mathbf{a}t + \mathbf{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\mathbf{x}_t}{dt} = \mathbf{a} \quad \Rightarrow \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{x}_t - \frac{d\mathbf{x}_t}{dt}t$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{t+h} = \frac{d\mathbf{x}_t}{dt}(t+h) + \mathbf{x}_t - \frac{d\mathbf{x}_t}{dt}t$$

which results in

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}_t}{dt} = \frac{\mathbf{x}_{t+h} - \mathbf{x}_t}{h} + O(h)$$

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Euler Method

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}_t}{dt} = \dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{v}_t \quad \frac{d\mathbf{v}_t}{dt} = \dot{\mathbf{v}} = \frac{1}{m}\mathbf{F}_t$$

- initialize $\mathbf{x}_{t_0} = \mathbf{x}_0$, $\mathbf{v}_{t_0} = \mathbf{v}_0$, \mathbf{F}_{t_0} , m , h
- numerical integration of position and velocity

$$\mathbf{x}_{t_0+h} = \mathbf{x}_{t_0} + h\dot{\mathbf{x}}_{t_0} = \mathbf{x}_{t_0} + h\mathbf{v}_{t_0}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{t_0+h} = \mathbf{v}_{t_0} + h\dot{\mathbf{v}}_{t_0} = \mathbf{v}_{t_0} + h\frac{1}{m}\mathbf{F}_{t_0}$$

Coupled Equations

- Euler step from t_0 to $t_0 + h$

$$\mathbf{x}_{t_0+h} = \mathbf{x}_{t_0} + h\mathbf{v}_{t_0}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{t_0+h} = \mathbf{v}_{t_0} + h\frac{1}{m}\mathbf{F}_{t_0}(\mathbf{x}_{t_0}, \mathbf{v}_{t_0})$$

- Euler step from $t_0 + h$ to $t_0 + 2h$

$$\mathbf{x}_{t_0+2h} = \mathbf{x}_{t_0+h} + h\mathbf{v}_{t_0+h}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{t_0+2h} = \mathbf{v}_{t_0+h} + h\frac{1}{m}\mathbf{F}_{t_0+h}(\mathbf{x}_{t_0+h}, \mathbf{v}_{t_0+h})$$

- the position update depends on velocity
- the velocity update depends on position and velocity

Accuracy and Stability

- discretization error is defined as the difference between the solution of the ODE and the solution of the FDE
- the FDE is consistent, if the discretization error vanishes if the time step h approaches zero
- the FDE is stable, if previously introduced errors (discretization, round-off) do not grow within a simulation step
- the FDE is convergent, if the solution of the FDE approaches the solution of the ODE

Accuracy and Stability

- although the discretization error is diminished by smaller time steps in consistent schemes, the discretization error is introduced in each step of the FD scheme
- if previously introduced discretization errors are not amplified by the FD scheme, then it is stable
- consistent and stable schemes are convergent

Stability

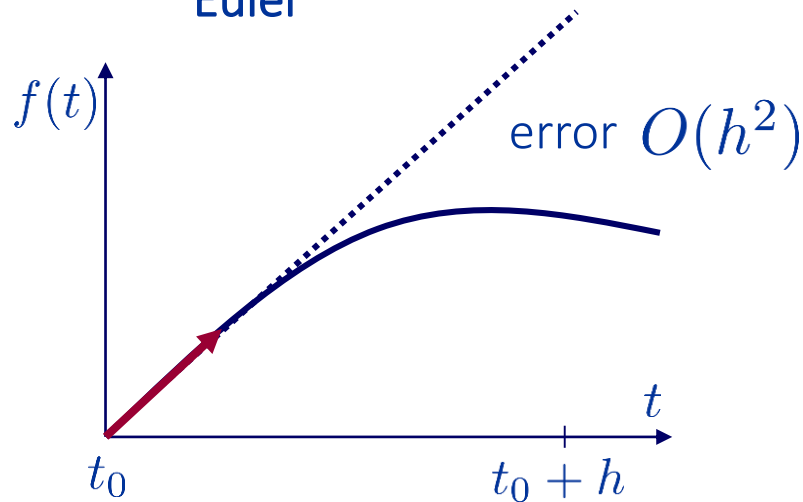
- if stability is influenced by the time step, the FD scheme is **conditionally stable**
- if the FD scheme is stable or unstable for arbitrary time steps, it is **unconditionally stable** or unstable
- ODE, FDE and the parameters influence the stability of a system
- schemes with improved stability work with larger time steps

Time Step

- larger time steps **typically** speed up a simulation
- smaller time steps **can** improve the stability
- arbitrarily small time steps are not feasible due to round-off errors
 - for larger time steps,
the error is dominated by the discretization error
 - for smaller time steps,
the error is dominated by round-off errors
- performance of an FD scheme is trade-off between error order in terms of the time step and computing complexity

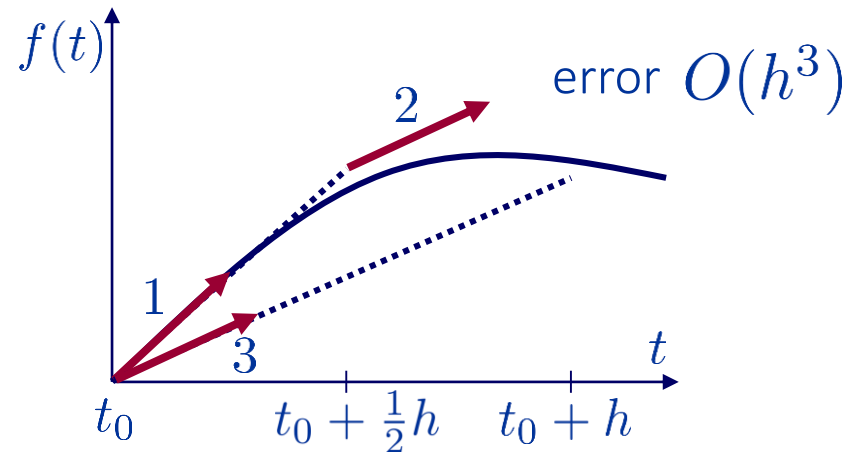
Second-Order Runge-Kutta Midpoint Method

Euler



- compute the derivative at t_0
- approximate $f(t_0 + h)$ using the derivative at t_0

Midpoint Method



- compute the derivative at t_0
- compute $f(t_0 + h/2)$
- compute the derivative at $t_0 + h/2$
- approximate $f(t_0 + h)$ using the derivative at $t_0 + h/2$

Second-Order Runge-Kutta Midpoint Method

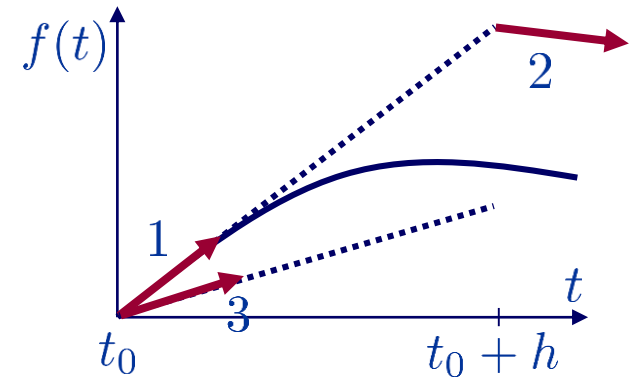
$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{v}_t \quad \dot{\mathbf{v}}_{\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{v}_t} = \frac{1}{m} \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{v}_t}$$

- compute $\mathbf{x}'(t)$
 - compute $\mathbf{v}'(t)$
 - compute $\mathbf{x}'(t+h/2)$
 - compute $\mathbf{v}'(t+h/2)$
with $\mathbf{x}(t+h/2)$ and $\mathbf{v}(t+h/2)$
 - compute $\mathbf{x}(t+h)$ with $\mathbf{x}'(t+h/2)$
 - compute $\mathbf{v}(t+h)$ with $\mathbf{v}'(t+h/2)$
- $$\mathbf{k}_1 = \dot{\mathbf{x}}_t$$
- $$\mathbf{l}_1 = \dot{\mathbf{v}}_{\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{v}_t}$$
- $$\mathbf{k}_2 = \dot{\mathbf{x}}_t + \mathbf{l}_1 \frac{h}{2}$$
- $$\mathbf{l}_2 = \dot{\mathbf{v}}_{\mathbf{x}_t + \mathbf{k}_1 \frac{h}{2}, \mathbf{k}_2}$$
- $$\mathbf{x}_{t+h} = \mathbf{x}_t + h\mathbf{k}_2$$
- $$\mathbf{v}_{t+h} = \mathbf{v}_t + h\mathbf{l}_2$$

Second-Order Runge-Kutta Heun

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{v}_t \quad \dot{\mathbf{v}}_{\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{v}_t} = \frac{1}{m} \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{v}_t}$$

- compute $\mathbf{x}'(t)$
- compute $\mathbf{v}'(t)$
- compute $\mathbf{x}'(t+h)$
- compute $\mathbf{v}'(t+h)$
- c. $\mathbf{x}(t+h)$ with $\mathbf{x}'(t)$ and $\mathbf{x}'(t+h)$
- c. $\mathbf{v}(t+h)$ with $\mathbf{v}'(t)$ and $\mathbf{v}'(t+h)$



$$\mathbf{k}_1 = \dot{\mathbf{x}}_t$$

$$\mathbf{l}_1 = \dot{\mathbf{v}}_{\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{v}_t}$$

$$\mathbf{k}_2 = \dot{\mathbf{x}}_t + \mathbf{l}_1 h$$

$$\mathbf{l}_2 = \dot{\mathbf{v}}_{\mathbf{x}_t + \mathbf{k}_1 h, \mathbf{k}_2}$$

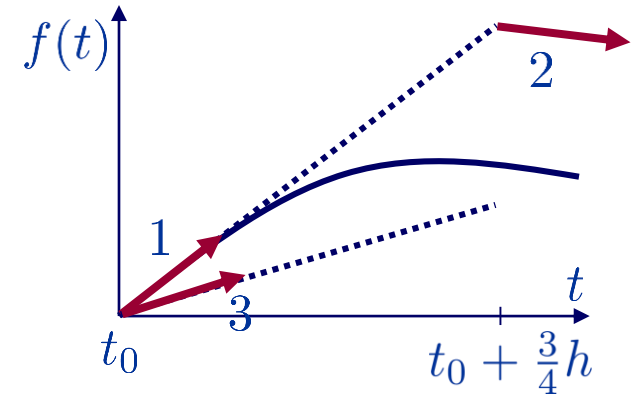
$$\mathbf{x}_{t+h} = \mathbf{x}_t + h \left(\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{k}_1 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{k}_2 \right)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{t+h} = \mathbf{v}_t + h \left(\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{l}_1 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{l}_2 \right)$$

Second-Order Runge-Kutta Ralston Method

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{v}_t \quad \dot{\mathbf{v}}_{\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{v}_t} = \frac{1}{m} \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{v}_t}$$

- compute $\mathbf{x}'(t)$
- compute $\mathbf{v}'(t)$
- compute $\mathbf{x}'(t+3h/4)$
- compute $\mathbf{v}'(t+3h/4)$
with $\mathbf{x}(t+3h/4)$ and $\mathbf{v}(t+3h/4)$
- c. $\mathbf{x}(t+h)$ with $\mathbf{x}'(t)$ and $\mathbf{x}'(t+3h/4)$
- c. $\mathbf{v}(t+h)$ with $\mathbf{v}'(t)$ and $\mathbf{v}'(t+3h/4)$



$$\mathbf{k}_1 = \dot{\mathbf{x}}_t$$

$$\mathbf{l}_1 = \dot{\mathbf{v}}_{\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{v}_t}$$

$$\mathbf{k}_2 = \dot{\mathbf{x}}_t + \mathbf{l}_1 \frac{3}{4}h$$

$$\mathbf{l}_2 = \dot{\mathbf{v}}_{\mathbf{x}_t + \mathbf{k}_1 \frac{3}{4}h, \mathbf{k}_2}$$

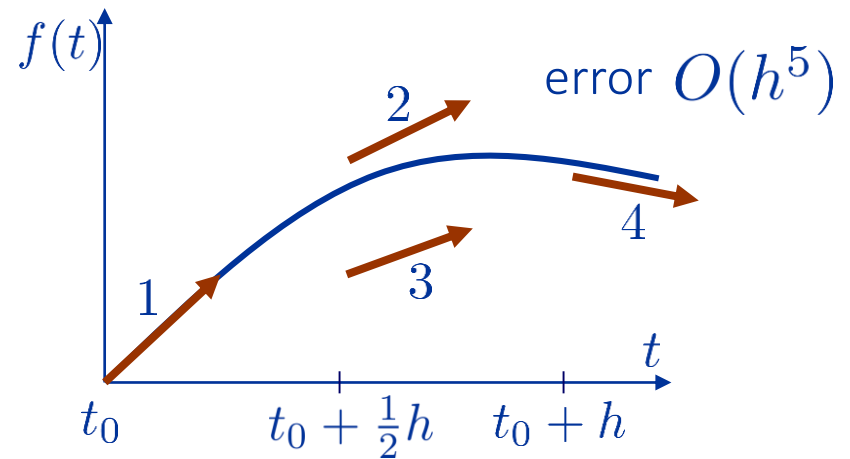
$$\mathbf{x}_{t+h} = \mathbf{x}_t + h \left(\frac{1}{3} \mathbf{k}_1 + \frac{2}{3} \mathbf{k}_2 \right)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{t+h} = \mathbf{v}_t + h \left(\frac{1}{3} \mathbf{l}_1 + \frac{2}{3} \mathbf{l}_2 \right)$$

Fourth-Order Runge-Kutta

Runge

- compute $f'(t_0)$ (1)
- compute $f(t_0+h/2)$ with $f(t_0)$ and $f'(t_0)$
- compute $f'(t_0+h/2)$ (2)
- compute $f(t_0+h/2)$ with $f(t_0)$ and $f'(t_0+h/2)$
- compute $f'(t_0+h/2)$ (3)
- compute $f(t_0+h)$ with $f(t_0)$ and $f'(t_0+h/2)$
- compute $f'(t_0+h)$ (4)
- compute $f(t_0+h)$ with $f(t_0)$ and a weighted average of all derivatives (1) – (4)



Fourth-Order Runge-Kutta

Runge

- four derivative computations per time step
- error $O(h^5)$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{k}_1 &= \dot{\mathbf{x}}_t & \mathbf{k}_3 &= \dot{\mathbf{x}}_t + \mathbf{l}_2 \frac{1}{2}h \\ \mathbf{l}_1 &= \dot{\mathbf{v}}_{\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{v}_t} & \mathbf{l}_3 &= \dot{\mathbf{v}}_{\mathbf{x}_t + \mathbf{k}_2 \frac{1}{2}h, \mathbf{k}_3} \\ \mathbf{k}_2 &= \dot{\mathbf{x}}_t + \mathbf{l}_1 \frac{1}{2}h & \mathbf{k}_4 &= \dot{\mathbf{x}}_t + \mathbf{l}_3 h \\ \mathbf{l}_2 &= \dot{\mathbf{v}}_{\mathbf{x}_t + \mathbf{k}_1 \frac{1}{2}h, \mathbf{k}_2} & \mathbf{l}_4 &= \dot{\mathbf{v}}_{\mathbf{x}_t + \mathbf{k}_3 h, \mathbf{k}_4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{t+h} = \mathbf{x}_t + h \frac{1}{6} (\mathbf{k}_1 + 2\mathbf{k}_2 + 2\mathbf{k}_3 + \mathbf{k}_4)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{t+h} = \mathbf{v}_t + h \frac{1}{6} (\mathbf{l}_1 + 2\mathbf{l}_2 + 2\mathbf{l}_3 + \mathbf{l}_4)$$

Fourth-Order Runge-Kutta

Kutta

- four derivative computations per time step
- error $O(h^5)$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{k}_1 &= \dot{\mathbf{x}}_t & \mathbf{k}_3 &= \dot{\mathbf{x}}_t + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{l}_1 + \frac{3}{2}\mathbf{l}_2\right)\frac{2}{3}h \\ \mathbf{l}_1 &= \dot{\mathbf{v}}_{\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{v}_t} & \mathbf{l}_3 &= \dot{\mathbf{v}}_{\mathbf{x}_t + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{k}_1 + \frac{3}{2}\mathbf{k}_2\right)\frac{2}{3}h, \mathbf{k}_3} \\ \mathbf{k}_2 &= \dot{\mathbf{x}}_t + \mathbf{l}_1\frac{1}{3}h & \mathbf{k}_4 &= \dot{\mathbf{x}}_t + (\mathbf{l}_1 - \mathbf{l}_2 + \mathbf{l}_3)h \\ \mathbf{l}_2 &= \dot{\mathbf{v}}_{\mathbf{x}_t + \mathbf{k}_1\frac{1}{3}h, \mathbf{k}_2} & \mathbf{l}_4 &= \dot{\mathbf{v}}_{\mathbf{x}_t + (\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3)h, \mathbf{k}_4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{t+h} = \mathbf{x}_t + h\frac{1}{8}(\mathbf{k}_1 + 3\mathbf{k}_2 + 3\mathbf{k}_3 + \mathbf{k}_4)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{t+h} = \mathbf{v}_t + h\frac{1}{8}(\mathbf{l}_1 + 3\mathbf{l}_2 + 3\mathbf{l}_3 + \mathbf{l}_4)$$

Performance

Euler

- **one** computation of the derivative per time step
- error $O(h^2)$

Runge-Kutta

- **two (four)** computations of the derivative per time step
- error $O(h^3), O(h^5)$
- allows larger time steps

- similar performance if the time step for RK 2 is twice the time step for Euler
- Does RK allow for faster simulations than Euler?

Implementation

- Euler
 - one function evaluation
 - force computation
 - position and velocity update
- Runge-Kutta
 - multiple function evaluations
 - computation of auxiliary forces, positions, velocities
 - once for second order
 - three times for fourth order
 - position and velocity update

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Predictor-Corrector Methods

- predict a value from current (and previous) derivatives
- correct the predicted value with its derivative
- second-order Adams-Bashforth predictor

$$f_{t+h} = f_t + h \frac{1}{2} (3\dot{f}_t - \dot{f}_{t-h}) + O(h^3)$$

- second-order Adams-Moulton corrector

$$f_{t+h} = f_t + h \frac{1}{2} (3\dot{f}_{t+h} - \dot{f}_t) + O(h^3)$$

- based on Lagrange polynomials or Taylor approximations
- can be efficiently implemented with two derivative computations per simulation step
- requires values at previous time steps, not self-starting

Adams-Bashforth Predictors

$$f_{t+h} = f_t + h\dot{f}_t + O(h^2)$$

$$f_{t+h} = f_t + h\frac{1}{2}(3\dot{f}_t - \dot{f}_{t-h}) + O(h^3)$$

$$f_{t+h} = f_t + h\frac{1}{12}(23\dot{f}_t - 16\dot{f}_{t-h} + 5\dot{f}_{t-2h}) + O(h^4)$$

$$f_{t+h} = f_t + h\frac{1}{24}(55\dot{f}_t - 59\dot{f}_{t-h} + 37\dot{f}_{t-2h} - 9\dot{f}_{t-3h}) + O(h^5)$$

$$f_{t+h} = f_t + h\frac{1}{720}(1901\dot{f}_t - 2774\dot{f}_{t-h} + 2616\dot{f}_{t-2h} - 1274\dot{f}_{t-3h} + 251\dot{f}_{t-4h}) + O(h^6)$$

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Adams-Moulton Correctors

$$f_{t+h} = f_t + h\dot{f}_{t+h} + O(h^2)$$

$$f_{t+h} = f_t + h\frac{1}{2}(\dot{f}_{t+h} + \dot{f}_t) + O(h^3)$$

$$f_{t+h} = f_t + h\frac{1}{12}(5\dot{f}_{t+h} + 8\dot{f}_t - \dot{f}_{t-h}) + O(h^4)$$

$$f_{t+h} = f_t + h\frac{1}{24}(9\dot{f}_{t+h} + 19\dot{f}_t - 5\dot{f}_{t-h} + \dot{f}_{t-2h}) + O(h^5)$$

$$f_{t+h} = f_t + h\frac{1}{720}(251\dot{f}_{t+h} + 646\dot{f}_t - 264\dot{f}_{t-h} + 106\dot{f}_{t-2h} - 19\dot{f}_{t-3h}) + O(h^6)$$

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Explicit and Implicit Integration

explicit Euler

$$\mathbf{x}_{t+h} = \mathbf{x}_t + h\mathbf{v}_t$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{t+h} = \mathbf{v}_t + h\frac{1}{m}\mathbf{F}_t$$

- one unknown per equation
- direct calculation of $\mathbf{x}(t+h)$ and $\mathbf{v}(t+h)$
- non-linear equations have no effect on the approach
- can handle non-analytical, procedural forces

implicit Euler

$$\mathbf{x}_{t+h} = \mathbf{x}_t + h\mathbf{v}_{t+h}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{t+h} = \mathbf{v}_t + h\frac{1}{m}\mathbf{F}_{t+h}$$

- system of algebraic equations with many unknowns
- **simultaneous** computation of $\mathbf{x}(t+h)$ and $\mathbf{v}(t+h)$
- solution of a system of equations
- non-linear equations are commonly linearized to get a system of linear equations

Linearization of Scalar Functions

- one-dimensional scalar field

$$f_{x+h} = f_x + hf'_x + O(h^2)$$

- multi-dimensional scalar field

$$f_{\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{h}} = f_{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{h} \cdot \text{grad} f_{\mathbf{x}} + O(\|\mathbf{h}\|^2)$$

- gradient

$$\text{grad} f_{\mathbf{x}} = \nabla f_{\mathbf{x}} = \left(\frac{\partial f_{\mathbf{x}}}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial f_{\mathbf{x}}}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial f_{\mathbf{x}}}{\partial x_n} \right)^T$$

- nabla, del

$$\nabla = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \right)^T$$

Linearization of Vector Fields

- multi-dimensional vector field

$$\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{h}} = \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{x}}}\mathbf{h} + O(\|\mathbf{h}\|^2)$$

- Jacobi matrix

$$\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{x}}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{x}}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{grad}^T F_{1,\mathbf{x}} \\ \dots \\ \text{grad}^T F_{m,\mathbf{x}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial F_{1,\mathbf{x}}}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial F_{1,\mathbf{x}}}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial F_{m,\mathbf{x}}}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial F_{m,\mathbf{x}}}{\partial x_n} \end{pmatrix}$$

Implicit Integration

Theta Scheme

- general form

$$\mathbf{x}_{t+h} = \mathbf{x}_t + h((1 - \theta)\mathbf{v}_t + \theta\mathbf{v}_{t+h})$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{t+h} = \mathbf{v}_t + h((1 - \theta)\frac{\mathbf{F}_t}{m} + \theta\frac{\mathbf{F}_{t+h}}{m})$$

- explicit Euler $\theta = 0$
- implicit Euler $\theta = 1$
- Crank Nicolson $\theta = 0.5$

Theta Scheme

Example Implementation

- rewriting the problem for $\theta = 0.5$

$$m\mathbf{v}_{t+h} = m\mathbf{v}_t + \frac{h}{2}(\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{x}_t} + \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{x}_{t+h}})$$

In this example,
force \mathbf{F} depends on \mathbf{x} ,
not on \mathbf{v} .

- force linearization

$$\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{x}_{t+h}} = \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{x}_t + \frac{h}{2}(\mathbf{v}_t + \mathbf{v}_{t+h})} \approx \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{x}_t} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{x}_t}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \cdot \frac{h}{2} \cdot (\mathbf{v}_t + \mathbf{v}_{t+h})$$

- solving a linear system for \mathbf{v}_{t+h}

$$\left[m\mathbf{I} - \frac{h^2}{4} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{x}_t}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right] \cdot \mathbf{v}_{t+h} \approx m \cdot \mathbf{v}_t + h \cdot \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{x}_t} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{x}_t}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \cdot \frac{h^2}{4} \mathbf{v}_t$$

Theta Scheme

Conjugate Gradient

- linear system

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{b}$$

- gradient of a function

$$\nabla \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{b}$$

with

$$\nabla \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0}$$

- iterative solution for \mathbf{v} with initial value \mathbf{v}_0

$$\mathbf{v}_{i+1} = \mathbf{v}_i + \alpha \cdot \mathbf{w}(\nabla \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{v}_i))$$

Conjugate Gradient Method

- $\mathbf{v}_0 = \mathbf{v}(t)$
- direction \mathbf{d}
- residual \mathbf{r}
- step size α
- $\mathbf{v}(t+h) = \mathbf{v}_i$

- \mathbf{A} is symmetric, positive-definite
- $-\mathbf{r}_0, -\mathbf{d}_0$ gradient of function f
- $\mathbf{d}_i, \mathbf{d}_j$ are conjugate,
i.e. $\mathbf{d}_i^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{d}_j = 0$
- $\mathbf{r}_i = 0$ in maximal n steps,
if \mathbf{v} has n components

$$\mathbf{d}_0 = \mathbf{r}_0 = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{v}_0$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\mathbf{r}_i^\top \mathbf{r}_i}{\mathbf{d}_i^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{d}_i}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{i+1} = \mathbf{v}_i + \alpha \mathbf{d}_i$$

$$\mathbf{r}_{i+1} = \mathbf{r}_i - \alpha \mathbf{A} \mathbf{d}_i$$

$$\mathbf{d}_{i+1} = \mathbf{r}_{i+1} + \frac{\mathbf{r}_{i+1}^\top \mathbf{r}_{i+1}}{\mathbf{r}_i^\top \mathbf{r}_i} \mathbf{d}_i$$

Euler-Cromer (semi-implicit)

$$\mathbf{v}_{t+h} = \mathbf{v}_t + h \frac{1}{m} \mathbf{F}_t$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{t+h} = \mathbf{x}_t + h \mathbf{v}_{t+h}$$

Euler

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...  
computeForces(); //F(t)  
positionEuler(h); //x=x(t+h)=x(t)+hv(t)  
velocityEuler(h); //v=v(t+h)=v(t)+ha(t)  
...
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Leap Frog

$$\mathbf{v}_{t+\frac{h}{2}} = \mathbf{v}_{t-\frac{h}{2}} + h \frac{1}{m} \mathbf{F}_t = \mathbf{v}_{t-\frac{h}{2}} + h \frac{1}{m} \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{v}_t}$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{t+h} = \mathbf{x}_t + h \mathbf{v}_{t+\frac{h}{2}}$$

- error $O(h^3)$
- can generally handle larger time steps h compared to Euler

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Leap Frog

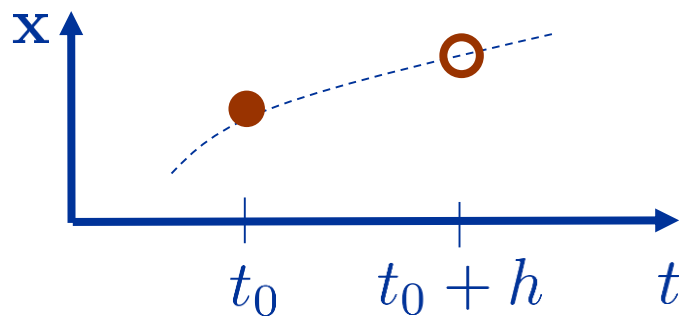
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initV() // v(0) = v(0) - (h/2)a(0)
...
computeForces(); //F(t)
velocityEuler(h); //v=v(t+h)=v(t)+ha(t)
positionEuler(h); //x=x(t+h)=x(t)+hv(t+h)
...
```

Outline

- introduction
- particle motion
- finite differences
- system of first order ODEs
- second order ODE

Initial Value Problem of Second Order

- function \mathbf{x}_t represents the particle motion
- initial values are given $\mathbf{x}_{t_0}, (\dot{\mathbf{x}}_{t_0})$
- second-order differential equation is given
$$\frac{d^2 \mathbf{x}_t}{dt^2} = \ddot{\mathbf{x}}_t = \frac{1}{m} \mathbf{F}_t$$
- at time t_0 , the function and their derivatives are known
- how to compute $\mathbf{x}_{t_0+h}, (\dot{\mathbf{x}}_{t_0+h})$



Overview of Integration Schemes

integration methods for
first-order ODEs

Euler, Heun, Ralston,
Midpoint method,
4th order Runge-Kutta

integration methods for
second-order ODE
(Newton's motion equation)

Verlet, velocity Verlet,
Beeman, Gear,
Euler-Cromer, Leap-Frog

Verlet

- Taylor approximations of \mathbf{x}_{t+h} and \mathbf{x}_{t-h}

$$\mathbf{x}_{t+h} = \mathbf{x}_t + h\mathbf{v}_t + \frac{h^2}{2} \frac{\mathbf{F}_t}{m} + \frac{h^3}{6} \mathbf{x}_t^{(3)} + O(h^4)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{t-h} = \mathbf{x}_t - h\mathbf{v}_t + \frac{h^2}{2} \frac{\mathbf{F}_t}{m} - \frac{h^3}{6} \mathbf{x}_t^{(3)} + O(h^4)$$

- adding both approximations

$$\mathbf{x}_{t+h} = 2\mathbf{x}_t - \mathbf{x}_{t-h} + h^2 \frac{\mathbf{F}_t}{m} + O(h^4)$$

Verlet

- independent of velocity
- one derivative computation per time step
- efficient to compute, comparatively accurate
- third-order in the position
- if required, velocity can be computed, e.g. using
$$\mathbf{v}_{t+h} = \frac{\mathbf{x}_{t+h} - \mathbf{x}_t}{h} + O(h)$$
- velocity is commonly required for collision response or damping

Velocity Verlet

- one force (derivative) computation per time step
- second-order accuracy in position and velocity

$$\mathbf{x}_{t+h} = \mathbf{x}_t + h\mathbf{v}_t + \frac{h^2}{2} \frac{\mathbf{F}_t}{m} + O(h^3)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{t+h} = \mathbf{v}_t + \frac{h}{2} \left(\frac{\mathbf{F}_t}{m} + \frac{\mathbf{F}_{t+h}}{m} \right) + O(h^3)$$

\mathbf{F}_{t+h} is computed
using \mathbf{x}_{t+h} , \mathbf{v}_{t+h}

- equivalent to
$$\mathbf{v}_{t+\frac{h}{2}} = \mathbf{v}_t + \frac{h}{2} \frac{\mathbf{F}_t}{m}$$
$$\mathbf{x}_{t+h} = \mathbf{x}_t + h\mathbf{v}_{t+\frac{h}{2}}$$
$$\mathbf{v}_{t+h} = \mathbf{v}_{t+\frac{h}{2}} + \frac{h}{2} \frac{\mathbf{F}_{t+h}}{m}$$

Beeman

- one force (derivative) computation per time step
- efficient to compute
- third-order accuracy in position and velocity

$$\mathbf{x}_{t+h} = \mathbf{x}_t + h\mathbf{v}_t + h^2 \left(\frac{2}{3} \frac{\mathbf{F}_t}{m} - \frac{1}{6} \frac{\mathbf{F}_{t-h}}{m} \right) + O(h^4)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{t+h} = \mathbf{v}_t + h \left(\frac{5}{12} \frac{\mathbf{F}_{t+h}}{m} + \frac{2}{3} \frac{\mathbf{F}_t}{m} - \frac{1}{12} \frac{\mathbf{F}_{t-h}}{m} \right) + O(h^4)$$

- \mathbf{F}_{t+h} is computed using $\mathbf{x}_{t+h}, \mathbf{v}_{t+h}$

Gear Integration

position velocity acceleration



$$\mathbf{x}_{t+h} = \mathbf{x}_t + \frac{\mathbf{x}_t^{(1)}}{1!} h + \frac{\mathbf{x}_t^{(2)}}{2!} h^2 + \frac{\mathbf{x}_t^{(3)}}{3!} h^3 + \frac{\mathbf{x}_t^{(4)}}{4!} h^4 + \frac{\mathbf{x}_t^{(5)}}{5!} h^5 + \dots$$

$$\mathbf{r}_{t+h}^0 = \mathbf{r}_t^0 + \mathbf{r}_t^1 + \mathbf{r}_t^2 + \mathbf{r}_t^3 + \mathbf{r}_t^4 + \mathbf{r}_t^5 + \dots$$

$$\mathbf{r}_t^k = \frac{d^k \mathbf{x}_t}{dt^k} \cdot \frac{h^k}{k!}$$

Gear Integration

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$$\mathbf{r}_{t+h}^0 = \mathbf{r}_t^0 + \mathbf{r}_t^1 + \mathbf{r}_t^2 + \mathbf{r}_t^3 + \mathbf{r}_t^4 + \mathbf{r}_t^5 + \dots$$

$$h\mathbf{x}_{t+h}^{(1)} = h\mathbf{x}_t^{(1)} + h\frac{\mathbf{x}_t^{(2)}}{1!}h + h\frac{\mathbf{x}_t^{(3)}}{2!}h^2 + h\frac{\mathbf{x}_t^{(4)}}{3!}h^3 + h\frac{\mathbf{x}_t^{(5)}}{4!}h^4 + \dots$$

$$\mathbf{r}_{t+h}^1 = \mathbf{r}_t^1 + 2\mathbf{r}_t^2 + 3\mathbf{r}_t^3 + 4\mathbf{r}_t^4 + 5\mathbf{r}_t^5 + \dots$$

$$\frac{h^2}{2}\mathbf{x}_{t+h}^{(2)} = \frac{h^2}{2}\mathbf{x}_t^{(2)} + \frac{h^2}{2}\frac{\mathbf{x}_t^{(3)}}{1!}h + \frac{h^2}{2}\frac{\mathbf{x}_t^{(4)}}{2!}h^2 + \frac{h^2}{2}\frac{\mathbf{x}_t^{(5)}}{3!}h^3 + \dots$$

$$\mathbf{r}_{t+h}^2 = \mathbf{r}_t^2 + 3\mathbf{r}_t^3 + 6\mathbf{r}_t^4 + 10\mathbf{r}_t^5 + \dots$$

Gear - Prediction

$$\mathbf{x}_{t+h} = \mathbf{r}_{t+h}^0 = \mathbf{r}_t^0 + \mathbf{r}_t^1 + \mathbf{r}_t^2 + \mathbf{r}_t^3 + \mathbf{r}_t^4 + \mathbf{r}_t^5$$

$$h\mathbf{v}_{t+h} = \mathbf{r}_{t+h}^1 = \mathbf{r}_t^1 + 2\mathbf{r}_t^2 + 3\mathbf{r}_t^3 + 4\mathbf{r}_t^4 + 5\mathbf{r}_t^5$$

$$\frac{h^2}{2} \frac{\mathbf{F}_{t+h}}{m} = \mathbf{r}_{t+h}^2 = \mathbf{r}_t^2 + 3\mathbf{r}_t^3 + 6\mathbf{r}_t^4 + 10\mathbf{r}_t^5$$

$$\mathbf{r}_{t+h}^3 = \mathbf{r}_t^3 + 4\mathbf{r}_t^4 + 10\mathbf{r}_t^5$$

$$\mathbf{r}_{t+h}^4 = \mathbf{r}_t^4 + 5\mathbf{r}_t^5$$

$$\mathbf{r}_{t+h}^5 = \mathbf{r}_t^5$$

Gear - Correction

- error

$$\text{error}_{t+h} = \mathbf{r}_{t+h}^2 - \frac{\mathbf{F}_{t+h}}{m} \frac{h^2}{2!}$$

$$\mathbf{r}_{t+h}^k = \mathbf{r}_{t+h}^k - C_k \text{error}_{t+h}$$

- error correction coefficients C_k

k = 0	k = 1	k = 2	k = 3	k = 4	k = 5
$\frac{3}{20}$	$\frac{251}{360}$	1	$\frac{11}{18}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{60}$

Gear - Implementation

- initialization
$$\mathbf{r}_0^0 = \mathbf{x}_0 \quad \mathbf{r}_0^2 = \frac{\mathbf{F}_0}{m} \frac{h^2}{2}$$
$$\mathbf{r}_0^1 = \mathbf{v}_0 h \quad \mathbf{r}_0^3 = \mathbf{r}_0^4 = \mathbf{r}_0^5 = 0$$
- integration
$$\mathbf{r}_{t+h}^0 = \mathbf{r}_t^0 + \dots + \mathbf{r}_t^5$$
 - prediction
$$\mathbf{r}_{t+h}^i = \dots$$
 - error estimation
$$\text{error}_{t+h} = \mathbf{r}_{t+h}^2 - \frac{\mathbf{F}_{t+h}}{m} \frac{h^2}{2!}$$
 - correction
$$\mathbf{r}_{t+h}^k = \mathbf{r}_{t+h}^k - C_k \text{error}_{t+h}$$

Comparison – Explicit Schemes

method	force comp. per time step	error order position	error order velocity
Euler	1	1	1
RK 2 nd order	2	2	2
RK 4 th order	4	4	4
Verlet	1	3	1
Velocity Verlet	1	2	2
Beeman	1	3	3

Comparison – Explicit Schemes

- methods for first-order ODEs
 - accuracy corresponds to computing complexity
 - position and velocity have the same error order
- methods for second-order ODEs
 - improved accuracy with minimal computing complexity
 - error order might differ for position and velocity
- implicit methods cannot be compared this way
 - do not only compute forces (derivatives)
 - commonly require to solve a linear system
 - improved stability even for low error orders, implicit Euler with error order one can be unconditionally stable, e. g. for harmonic oscillators (springs)

Advantages / Disadvantages

- explicit methods
 - simple to set up and program
 - fast computation per integration step
 - suitable for parallel architectures
 - small time steps required for stability
 - many computing steps required for a given time interval t
- implicit methods
 - stability is maintained for large time steps
 - require less steps for a given interval t
 - large time steps can cause large truncation errors
 - complicate to set up
 - less flexible, problems with non-analytical forces
 - large computing time per integration step

Advantages / Disadvantages

- predictor-corrector methods
 - not self-starting
 - have to be re-initialized in case of discontinuities, e. g. due to collision response
- in general, implicit methods are more robust (stable) compared to explicit methods
 - if an explicit scheme is not conditionally or unconditionally stable it cannot be used regardless of its efficiency
- explicit methods can be computed efficiently which is essential if frequent updates are required
 - if an implicit scheme cannot be computed at interactive rates, it cannot be used in interactive applications regardless of the time step

Summary

- motion equation for a mass point
 - second-order differential equation
 - coupled system of first-order differential equations
- numerical integration
 - initial values \mathbf{x}_t and \mathbf{v}_t
 - approximate integration of \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{x} through time with time step h
- integration schemes
 - Euler, Runge-Kutta 2nd , Runge-Kutta 4th
 - Crank-Nicolson, implicit Euler, Euler-Cromer, Leap-Frog
 - Gear, Verlet, velocity Verlet, Beeman
- trade-off between accuracy and computing cost
- goal: maximizing the ratio of time step and computing cost