

Hydroinformatics Module 4: Numerical Methods I

Lecture 1 and 2: Models, ODE,
Explicit and implicit methods

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Remarks:

1. Schedule

2. Prerequisites

- Basic mathematics,
- Fluid dynamics and fluid mechanics,
- Mathematical representation of fluid flow equations

3. Marking

- **Assignments (15%)**
- **Written examination (30%)**

Course

□ Main aim

- introduce numerical techniques which can be used on computers
- overview of
 - **WHAT** it can be done
 - **HOW** it can be done

□ At the end of lectures you will:

- apply standard methods to simple flow problems and determine the optimal values for time steps and grid size
- assess simulation results produced by different methods
- evaluate the relevance of their use
- identify and analyse the reason for failure of particular methods and, possibly, provide solutions

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1-Why Numerical Methods?

Computational Fluid Dynamics

- Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) is the science of predicting fluid flow, heat transfer, mass transfer, chemical reactions, and related phenomena by solving the mathematical equations which govern these processes using a numerical process (that is, on a computer).

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Solution of Equations

Phenomena in nature -described in terms of properties that prevail at each point of space and time separately

Formulating PDE's governing the phenomena

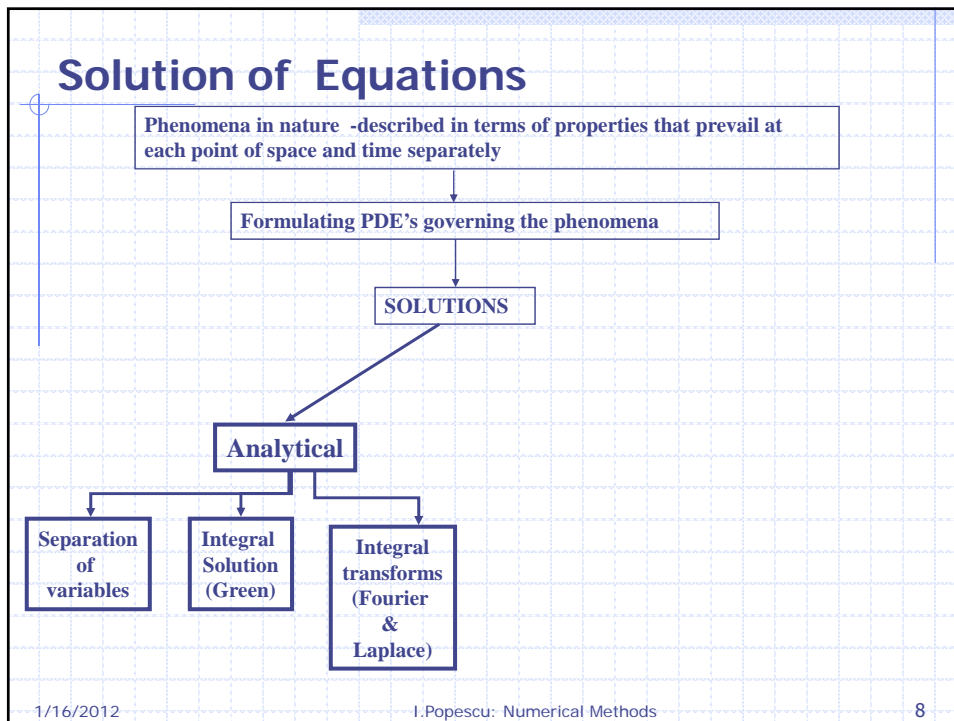
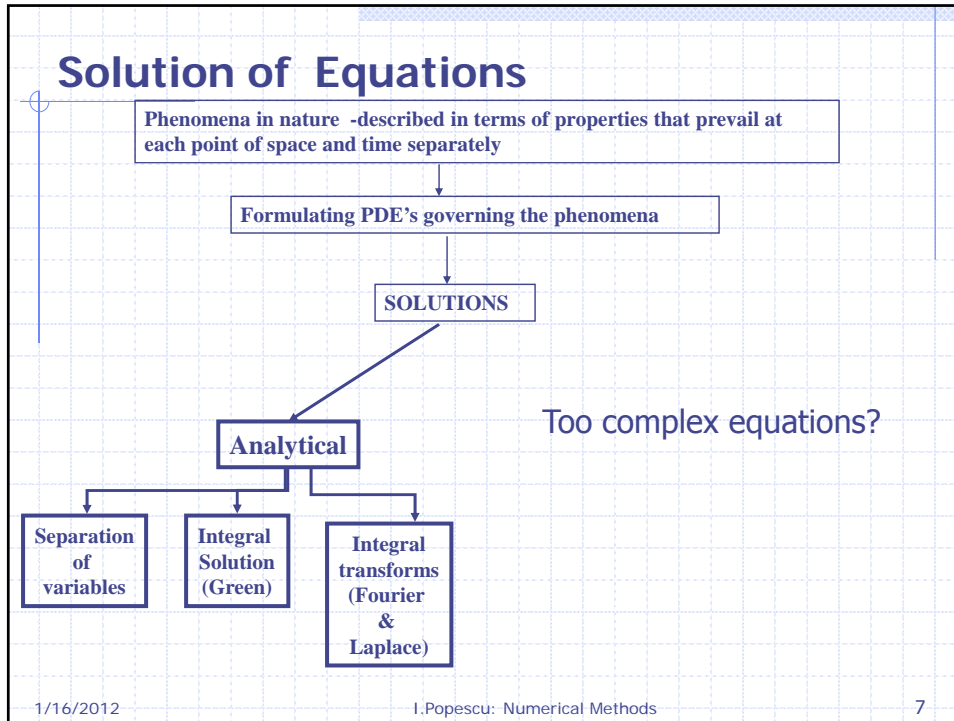
SOLUTIONS

HOW ??

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What is a model?

Is this a model?




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The image shows two white airplane models on silver stands against a blue background. The models are identical and appear to be scale replicas of a commercial jet aircraft.

What is a model?

Is this a model?



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The image shows a detailed architectural model of a modern building complex. The building features a curved facade, large glass windows, and a prominent white structure with a curved roof. The model includes miniature trees and a street in front of the building.

What is a model?

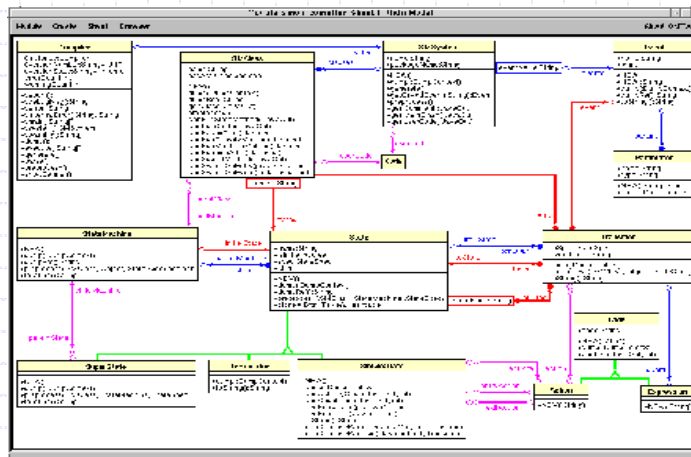
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– Naomi Campbell



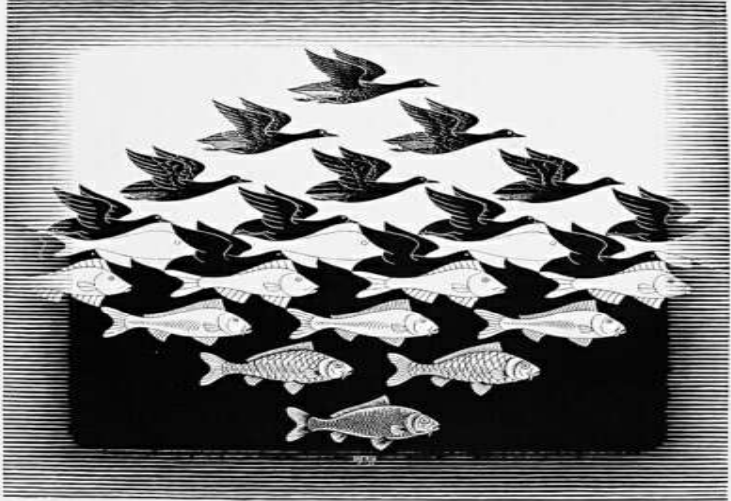
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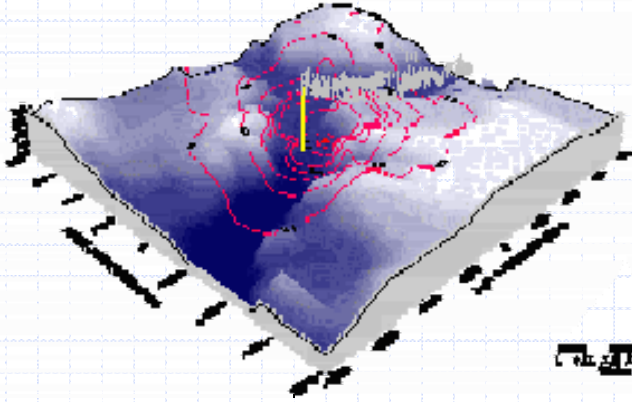
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What is a model?

Water System Modeling

The diagram illustrates the hydrological cycle and water flow in a landscape. It shows precipitation falling on the ground, some being intercepted by trees. Water then evaporates or transpires from the surface. Water that reaches the ground can be stored in depressions or infiltrate into the soil. The soil is divided into an unsaturated zone and a saturated zone. Water flows through the saturated zone as base flow, which can then contribute to channel flow in a stream. Surface runoff also contributes to channel flow. Interflow is shown as water moving horizontally through the soil layer above the saturated zone.

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What is a model?

A simplification of reality, but with essential features -- an example:

Reality

Model

The slide compares 'Reality' with a 'Model'. 'Reality' is represented by the Mona Lisa painting, a complex and detailed work of art. 'Model' is represented by a simple yellow stick figure on a green background, with a thought bubble above its head, illustrating a simplified representation of a human figure.

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What is a model?

□ Different forms

□ Engineering problem solving

- A model is a simplified, schematic representations of the real world, a representations that retains enough aspects of the original system to make it useful to the modeller.

□ In fluid dynamics

- physical models (scale models);
- mathematical models
 - conceptual
 - simulation models

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Error and uncertainty in modelling

□ Definitions of model:

- "A system which will convert a given input (geometry, boundary conditions, force, etc.) into an output (flow rates, levels, pressures, etc.) to be used in civil engineering design and operation" (Novak)
- "A simplified representation of the natural system" (Resfgaard)

□ It is not reasonable to expect that a "simplified representation" convert input into exact output.

□ Errors are inevitable.

□ The actual values of the output variables are uncertain.

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What's the difference between a modeling program, and a model?

- ❑ Modelling program = software
 - Software with an array of equations that simulate river flow
- ❑ Model = software + data
 - A modelling program + data specific to a certain river

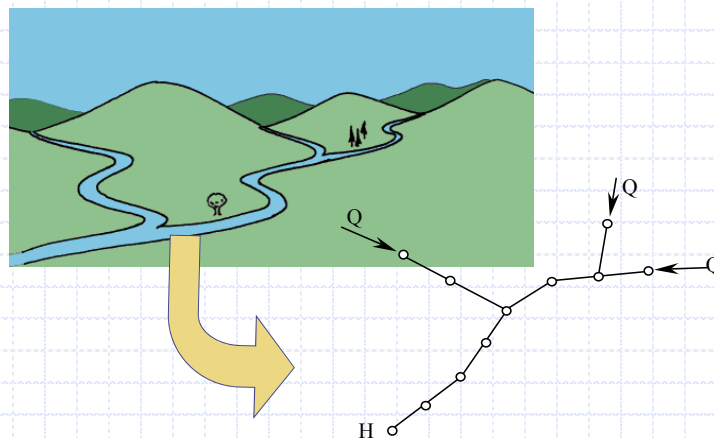
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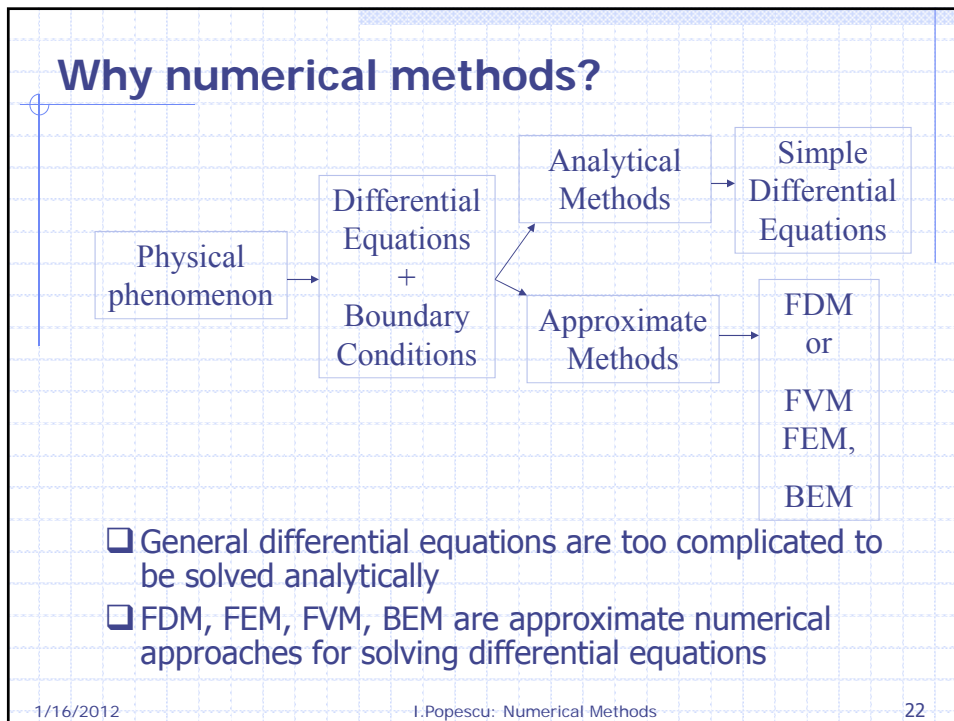
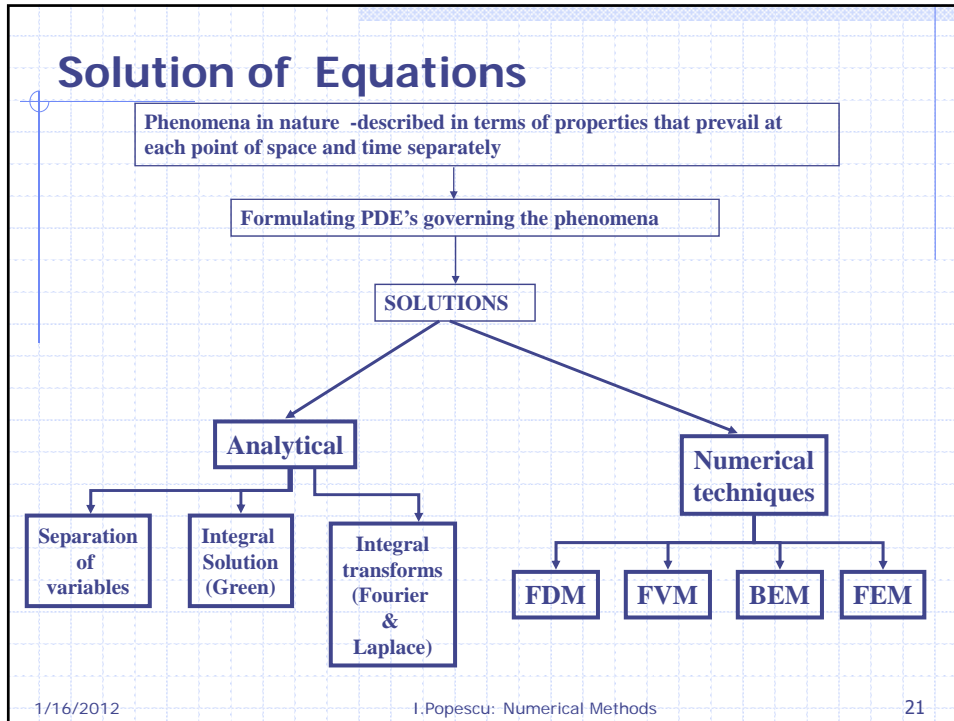
- ❑ Mathematical models



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Why Numerical Methods?

Analytical solutions

- derived only for few engineering problems
- limited number of closed form solutions
- useful to provide insight to the behaviour of an engineering system

Numerical solutions

- fill the gap between theory and experiment

Why Numerical Methods?

Easy input - preprocessor.

Solves many types of problems

Modular design

- fluids, dynamics, heat, etc.

Can run on PC's now.

Relatively low cost, even sometimes cheaper

Why Numerical Methods?

- Models are no longer restricted to closed solution problems
- Represent accurately realistically complex system such as:
 - non-linear systems
 - time dependent state variables
- Sometimes physical experiments are impossible to be simulated

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Simple Mathematical Models

Dependent variable = f (independent variable, parameters, forcing function)

- Dependent variable**
 - A characteristic that usually reflects the behavior or state of the system
- Independent variable**
 - Are usually dimensions, such as time and space
- Parameters**
 - Are reflective of system's properties or compositions
- Forcing functions**
 - External influences acting on the system

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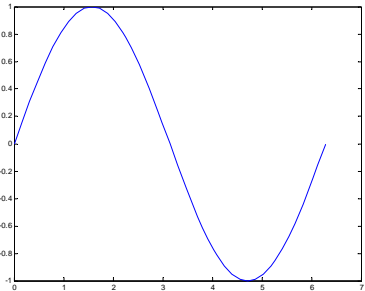
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Basic principle of Numerical Methods

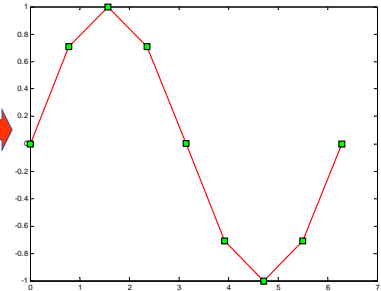
DISCRETISATION

- An exact '*continuous*' solution is represented by an approximate '*discrete*' solution at a number of points.



Exact solution

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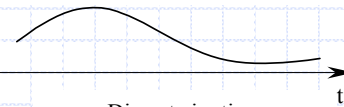
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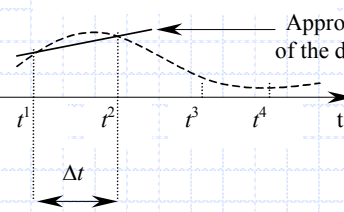
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DISCRETISATION of space and time

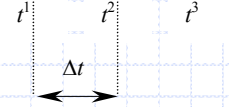
Continuous in time



Discrete in time



Approximation of the derivative



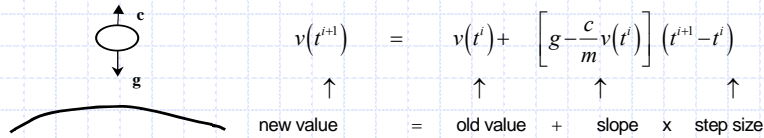
$$\frac{\Delta U}{\Delta t} = \frac{U(t^2) - U(t^1)}{t^2 - t^1} = \frac{U^2 - U^1}{t^2 - t^1}$$

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Example - simple mathematical model

Newton Second Law

$$F = ma \quad \text{or} \quad a = \frac{F}{m}$$



Analytical solution -
$$v(t) = \frac{gm}{c} \left[1 - e^{-ct/m} \right]$$

Example-simple mathematical model

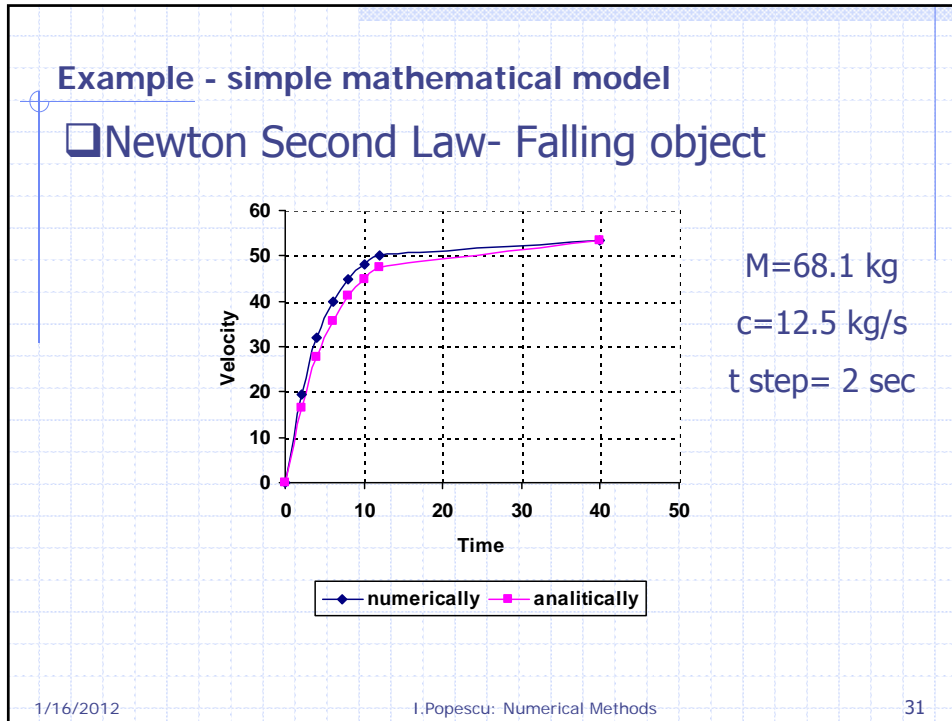
Newton Second Law- Falling object

M=68.1 kg

c=12.5 kg/s

t step= 2 sec

Time (s)	Computed velocity (m/s)	
	Numerically	Analytically
0.0	0.000	0.000
2.0	19.600	16.404
4.0	32.005	27.769
6.0	39.856	35.641
8.0	44.824	41.095
10.0	47.969	44.873
12.0	49.959	47.490
:	53.390	53.390



2- Differential equations

- Quick review -

Introduction and First Definitions¹

- Differential equations are equations that contain derivatives
 - In an algebraic equation, the unknown is a number. In a differential equation, **the unknown is a function**.
 - Most often the unknown function we seek, expresses the behavior of the state variable or variables as a function of time. This function it is called **state equation**
- The order of the differential equation is the order of the derivative of the unknown function involved in the equation.

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Introduction and First Definitions²

- A linear differential equation of order n is a differential written in the following form:

$$a_n(x) \frac{d^n y}{dx^n} + a_{n-1}(x) \frac{d^{n-1} y}{dx^{n-1}} + \dots + a_1(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + a_0(x)y = f(x)$$

where $a_n(x)$ is not the zero function.

Note: Some books may use the notation y' , y'' , y''' , $y^{(4)}$, ...for the derivatives.

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Linear Differential Equations

- A linear equation obliges the unknown function $y(x)$ to have some restrictions. Accepted operation on y are:
 - Differentiating y
 - Multiplying y and its derivatives by a function of the variable x .
 - Adding what you obtained in previous step and let it be equal to a function of x .

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Solving differential equations (DE)

- A major field of study
 - Existence: Does a differential equation have a solution?
 - Uniqueness: Does a differential equation have more than one solution? If yes, how can we find a solution which satisfies particular conditions?
- Differential equations require integration to be solved
 - If the values of the unknown function $y(x)$ and its derivatives at some point are known the solution to DE is called an initial value problem (in short IVP).
 - If no initial conditions are given, the description of all solutions to the DE is called the general solution
- Some kinds of D.E.'s can be solved exactly; many not
 - for those that cannot, there are various ways to approximate the solution

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Differential Equations

Single Variable

We know:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = F(y)$$

We want to know:

$$y = f(t)$$

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Differential Equations

Several Variable

We know:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = F_1(y, x, \dots, q)$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = F_2(y, x, \dots, q)$$

⋮

$$\frac{dq}{dt} = F_n(y, x, \dots, q)$$

We want to know:

$$y = f_1(t)$$

$$x = f_2(t)$$

⋮

$$q = f_3(t)$$

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Methods for solving DEs

- Solving a differential equation can be done in three major ways:
 - analytically,
 - qualitatively,
 - numerically.

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Partial derivatives

- When a function changes with more than one variable at once – for example, both time and space – we use *partial derivatives*

- Notation:

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = \text{means the rate of change in } y \text{ with } t$$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = \text{means the rate of change in } y \text{ with } x$$

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Total time derivative

□ The *total time derivative* is used to describe the change in a variable in relation to a moving (as opposed to stationary) object

□ Example:

$$\frac{Dy}{Dt} = \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial y}{\partial x}$$

u is velocity

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Time & space derivatives: review

Notation:

$\frac{dy}{dt}$ = ordinary derivative: y changes only with t

$\frac{\partial y}{\partial t}$ = partial derivative: change in y with t at a fixed point

$\frac{Dy}{Dt}$ = total time derivative: change in y as one moves about (e.g., in a fluid)

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Classification of DE (Classes)

- dimension of unknown:
 - ordinary differential equation (**ODE**) – unknown is a function of one variable, e.g. $y(t)$
 - partial differential equation (**PDE**) – unknown is a function of multiple variables, e.g. $u(t,x,y)$
- number of equations:
 - single differential equation, e.g. $y'=y$
 - system of differential equations (coupled), e.g. $y_1'=y_2, y_2'=-y_1$
- order
 - nth order DE has nth derivative, and no higher, e.g. $y''=-g$
- linear & nonlinear:
 - *linear* differential equation: all terms linear in unknown and its derivatives
 - e.g. $x''+ax'+bx+c=0$, $x'=t^2x$ – linear; $x''=1/x$ – nonlinear

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Classification of PDEs

$$a \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + b \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + c \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = d \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + e \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + fu + g$$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$$

□ elliptic PDE - $b^2 - 4ac < 0$

– smooth solutions

□ hyperbolic PDE - $b^2 - 4ac > 0$

– solutions with discontinuities

□ parabolic PDE - $b^2 - 4ac = 0$

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General features of PDEs

□ Elliptic PDEs

- describe processes that have already reached steady state
- time-independent (e.g. steady-state aquifer flow or heat diffusion).

□ Hyperbolic PDEs

- describe time-dependent, conservative physical processes, such as convection, that are not evolving towards steady state (e.g. free surface flow, pipe flow).

□ Parabolic PDEs

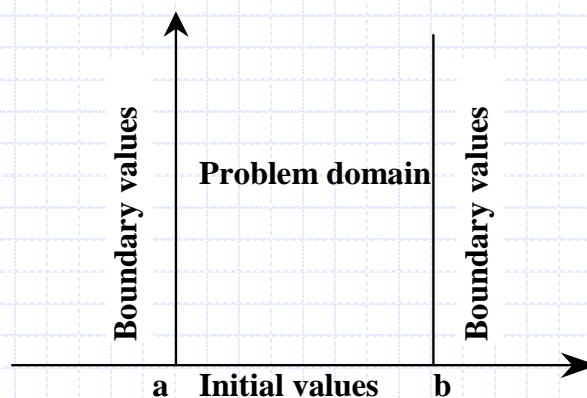
- describe time-dependent, dissipative physical processes, such as diffusion, that are evolving towards steady state. (e.g. transient aquifer flow).

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What do we need to solve DE?



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Boundary and initial conditions

□ Initial value problems (IVP)

- derivative with respect to time (either dU/dt , or d^2U/dt^2 , etc.) in the equation, it is necessary to know the *initial* value of U in order to compute its value in the future, within the model domain.
- initial condition of U must be given.
- this problems are also called *initial value problems*

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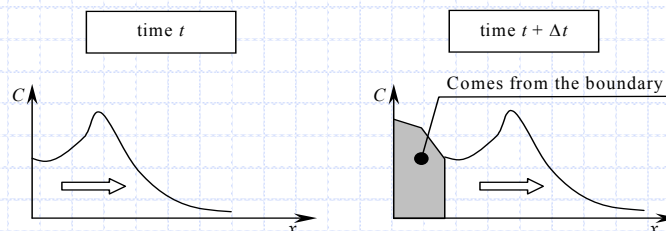
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Boundary and initial conditions

□ Boundary value problems (BVP)

- Initial conditions are not always sufficient to ensure the existence of a unique solutions. Conditions on the boundary of the domain of the problem must be given as well. These conditions are called *boundary conditions*.



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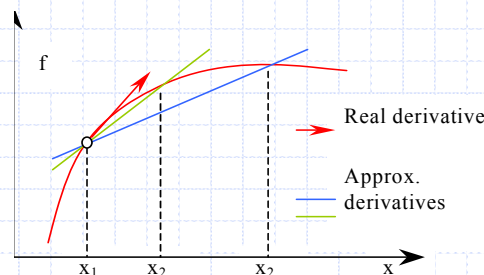
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What is a derivative?

- Rate of change of a function
- slope of the tangent line to the graph of a function
- best linear approximation to a function



$$f'(x) = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+\Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x}$$



Δx is small

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x+\Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x}$$

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Taylor series expansion

$$f(x \pm \Delta x) = f(x) \pm \Delta x f'(x) + \frac{\Delta x^2}{2!} f''(x) \pm \frac{\Delta x^3}{3!} f'''(x) + \frac{\Delta x^4}{4!} f^{(4)}(x) \pm \frac{\Delta x^5}{5!} f^{(5)}(x) + \dots$$

$$\frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x} = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \left[\Delta x f'(x) + \frac{\Delta x^2}{2!} f''(x) + \frac{\Delta x^3}{3!} f'''(x) + \dots \right] = f'(x) + O(\Delta x)$$

first order accurate in Δx

$$\frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x - \Delta x)}{2\Delta x} = \frac{1}{2\Delta x} \left[2\Delta x f'(x) + 2 \frac{\Delta x^3}{3!} f'''(x) + \dots \right] = f'(x) + O(\Delta x^2)$$

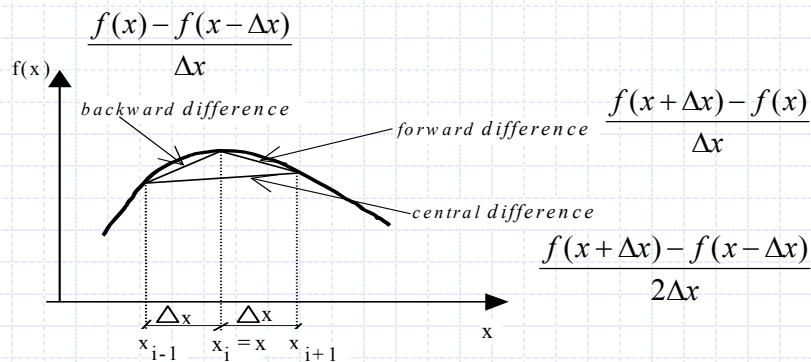
second order accurate in Δx

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Why study Numerical Methods ?

- NO numerical method is completely trouble free in all situations!
 - *How should one choose/use an algorithm to get trouble free and accurate answers?*
- No numerical method is error free!,
 - *What level of error/accuracy do one take in the way the problem is solved?*
- No numerical method is optimal for all types/forms of an equation!
- IMPORTANT** : In order to solve a physical problem numerically, you must *understand* the behavior of the numerical methods used as well as *the physics of the problem*

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Typical difficulties with NM

- ☐ Instability

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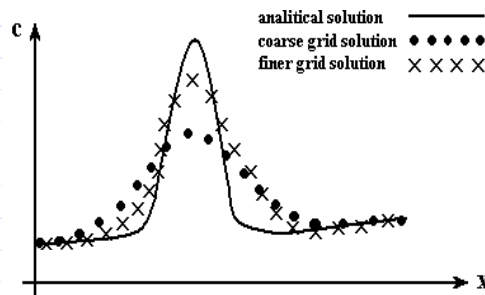
Typical difficulties with NM

- ☐ Inconsistency

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Typical difficulties with NM

□ Inaccurate



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Errors

□ Errors due to computers:

- Round-off error
- Exponent underflow
- Exponent overflow

□ Errors due to numerical methods

- Truncation error
- Propagated error

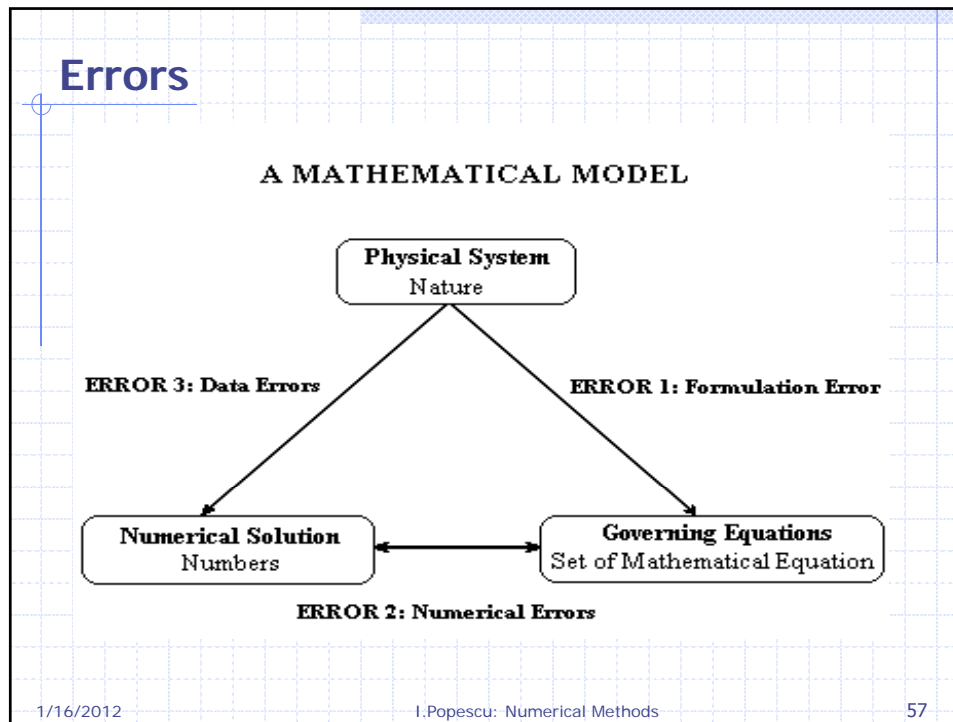
□ Measures for errors

- absolute error
- relative error

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- as a developer and user must understand how a numerical method performs for his/her given problem*
- understanding how various numerical algorithms are derived,
- how the physics effects the numerics
- how the numerics effects the physics
- what are the accuracy/stability properties
- what are the cost of a method for given level of accuracy (this varies substantially from method to method)

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Properties of Numerical Methods

□ Convergence

- numerical scheme solution is *convergent* if it comes closer and closer to the analytical solution of the real ODE/PDE when the time step decreases;

□ LaxTheorem: 2 conditions need it for convergence

- Consistency; and
- Stability

Properties of Numerical Methods

□ Consistency

- A scheme is *consistent* if it gives a correct approximation of the ODE/PDE as the time/space step is decreased
- verified using Taylor Series expansion

Properties of Numerical Methods

□ Stability

- A scheme is *stable* if any initially finite perturbation remains bounded as time grows

□ Stability verification

- Matrix method
- Fourier method
- Domains of dependence

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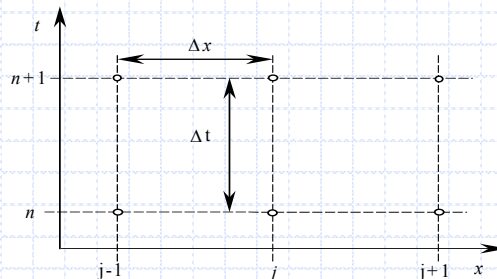
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Notations

□ $U^n = U(t^n)$

□ $U_j = U(x_j)$

□ $U_j^n = U(t^n, x_j)$



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4-Finite difference methods for ODE

The general Initial Value Problem¹

□ Given

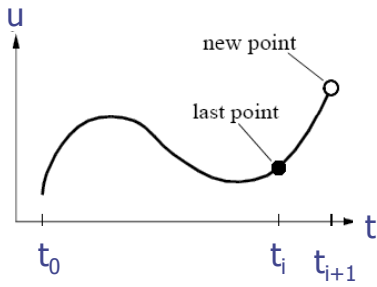
$$\frac{du}{dt} = f(u, t)$$

and initial condition given

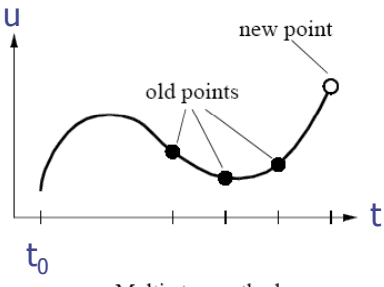
If you know values at time n , find the values at time $n+1$

The general IVP²

- All initial value problems are solved by Integrating forward in t
- There are two main types of integration procedure
 - One-step methods
 - Multi-step methods



One-step method



Multi-step method

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General classification

- Numerical scheme
 - a particular discretization of a differential equation
- Schemes:
 - Explicit (Euler method) - the value of the variable at time level $n+1$ can be computed directly (or explicitly) from the value at time level n .
 - Implicit (Improved Euler) - involves values of the variable at time level $n+1$, there is an implicit relationship between the derivative and the variable which has to be computed.
 - Mixed (Crank-Nicholson) - schemes in which the explicit and implicit schemes are combined.

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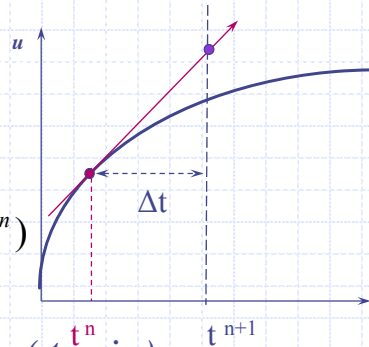
Explicit schemes/Euler/One Step Method

Forward difference approximation

$$\frac{du}{dt} = f(u, t)$$

$$u^{n+1} \approx u^n + \Delta t \cdot f(u^n, t^n)$$

$$u^{final} = u^{initial} + \Delta t \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} f(u^n, t^n)$$



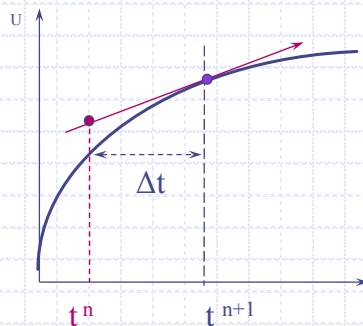
This is the same as saying:

new value = old value + (slope) x (step size)

These schemes are also called *one step methods* or "*marching in time*", because new value is calculated as one step forward from the old value.

Implicit schemes

Backward difference approximation



$$\frac{dU}{dt} = f(U, t)$$

$$U^{n+1} - f(U^{n+1}, t^{n+1}) \Delta t = U^n$$

Iteration need it, usually

Mixed schemes

Averaging implicit and explicit schemes

Use this "average" slope to predict U^{n+1}

$$U^{n+1} = U^n + \frac{f(U^{n+1}, t^{n+1}) + f(U^n, t^n)}{2} \Delta t$$

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Numerical schemes for ODE - Example

Ground water reservoir

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = -\alpha h$$

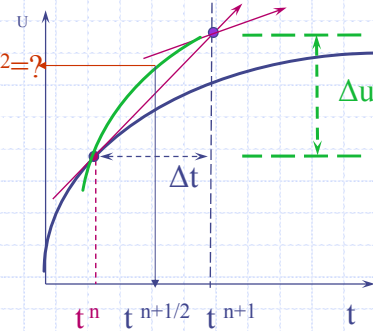
-exact solution

$$h = h_0 e^{-\alpha t}$$

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Multi step methods: Midpoint Methods

- ❑ A better estimate of the function U would come from evaluating the derivative at the midpoint of the Δt interval. $u^{n+1/2}=?$
- ❑ The problem: we know t at the midpoint but we don't know the $u(t)$ at the midpoint (yet).
- ❑ The solution is to use Euler's method to estimate Δu and then re-estimate Δu using the derivatives evaluated halfway along the line segment encompassing the original Δu .
- ❑ This method is called the second order Runge Kutta method, or the midpoint method.



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Mixed schemes - Midpoint Methods

$$u^{n+1} = u^n + (a_1 k_1 + a_2 k_2) \Delta t$$

Where for two point schemes

$$k_1 = f(u^n, t^n)$$

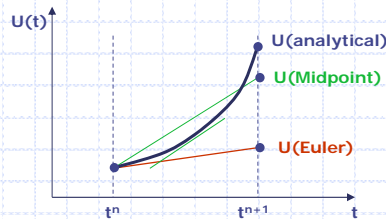
$$k_2 = f(u^n + q_{11} k_1 \Delta t, t^n + p_1 \Delta t)$$

a_1, a_2 - weighted coefficients

$$a_1 = 1 - a_2;$$

$$a_2 p_1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$a_2 q_{11} = \frac{1}{2}$$



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Exercise

- Apply the Euler and Mid-point methods to the following problem (with known solutions!):

$$\frac{du}{dt} = f(u, t)$$

for

1. $f(u, t) = t$
2. $f(u, t) = t^2$
3. $f(u, t) = u$
4. $f(u, t) = -u$

- In each case, compare the errors in the two schemes after taking the same number (10, say) of identical timesteps (start with $u(0) = 0$). Is the mid-point method noticeably superior to Euler?

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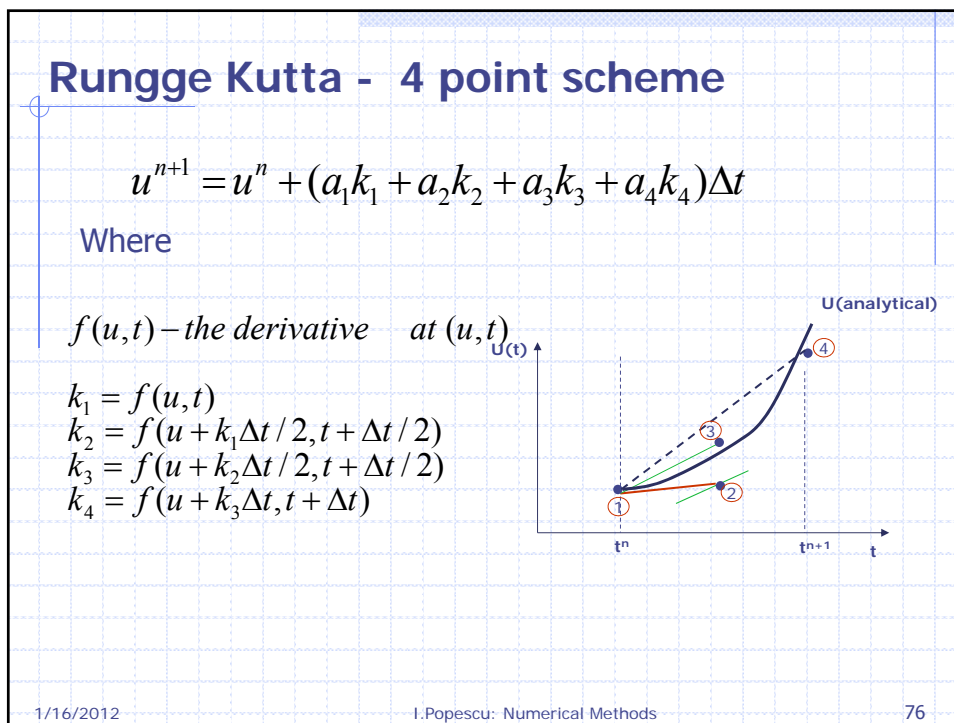
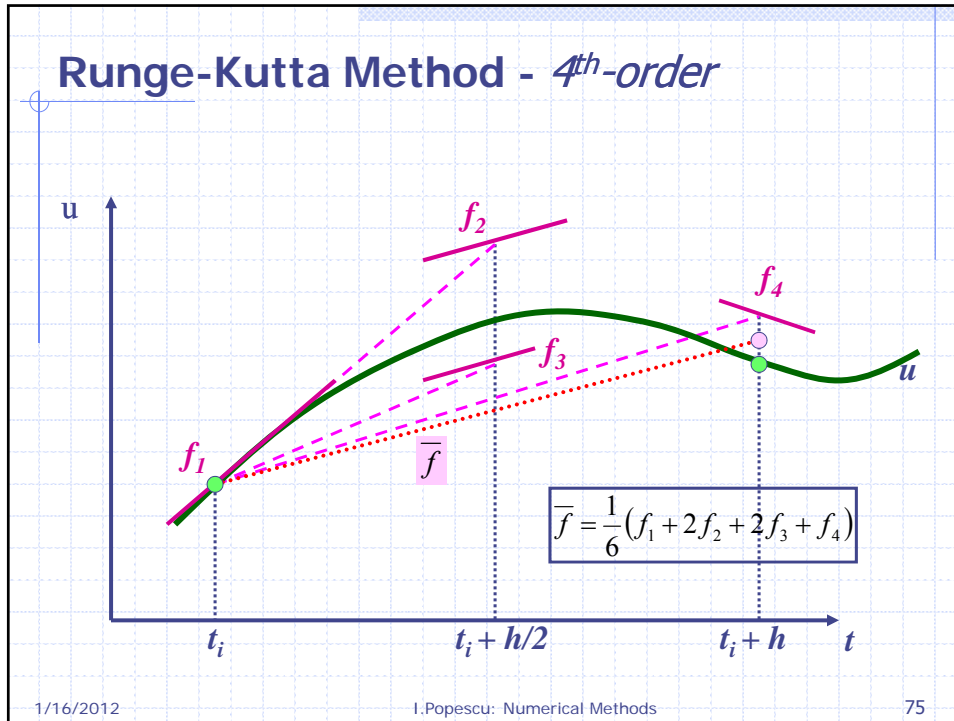
Mixed schemes - Multi Step Methods

- The midpoint method can be extended by considering other intermediate estimates. The most frequently used variation is the *fourth-order Runge-Kutta* method which considers one estimate at the initial point, two estimates at the midpoint, and one estimate at a trial endpoint.
- This is popular for two reasons
 - It is easy to program
 - It is stable
- However
 - It requires more computing time

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Runge-Kutta 4th order - solution

$f(u,t)$ – the derivative at (u,t)

$$k_1 = f(u, t)$$

$$k_2 = f(u + k_1 \Delta t / 2, t + \Delta t / 2)$$

$$k_3 = f(u + k_2 \Delta t / 2, t + \Delta t / 2)$$

$$k_4 = f(u + k_3 \Delta t, t + \Delta t)$$

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Runge-Kutta versus Euler-example

Solve the equation below using both Euler and Runge Kutta methods

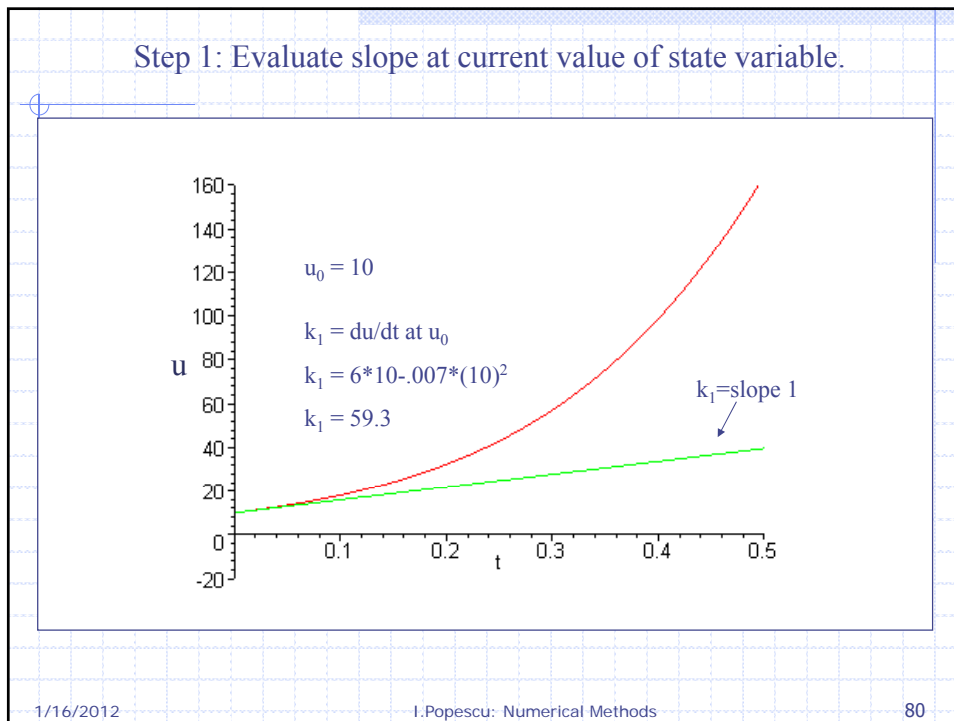
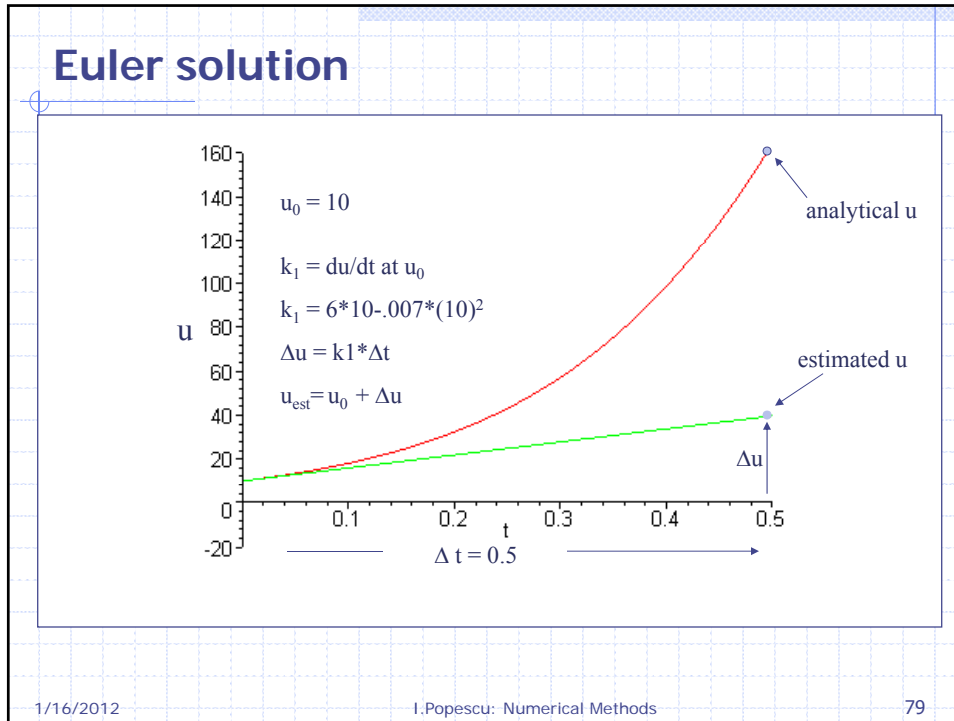
$$\frac{du}{dt} = 6u - 0.007 u^2$$

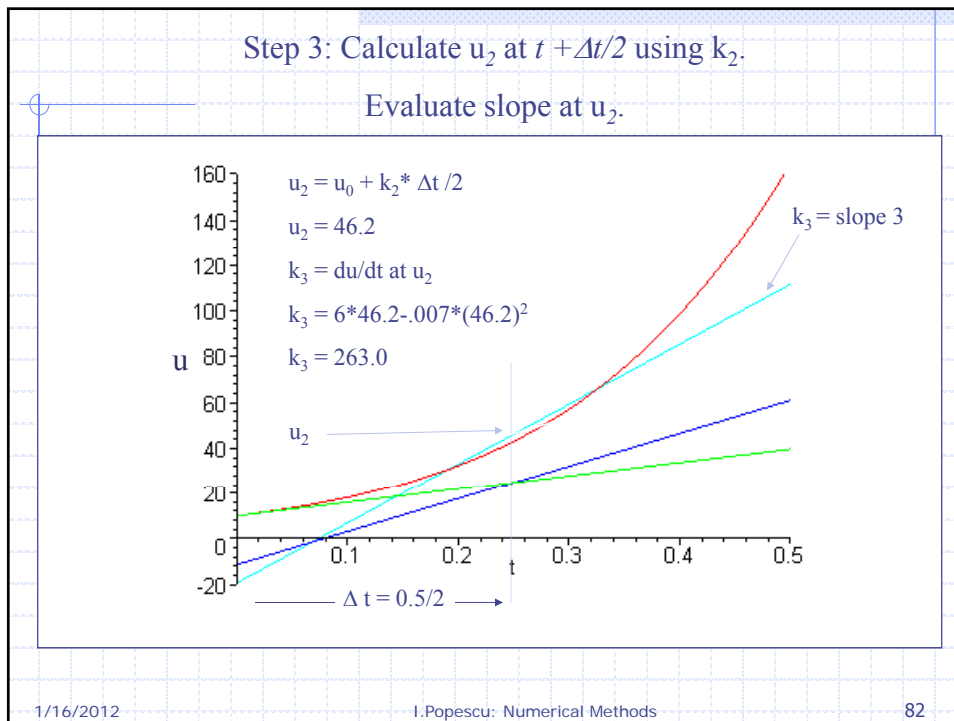
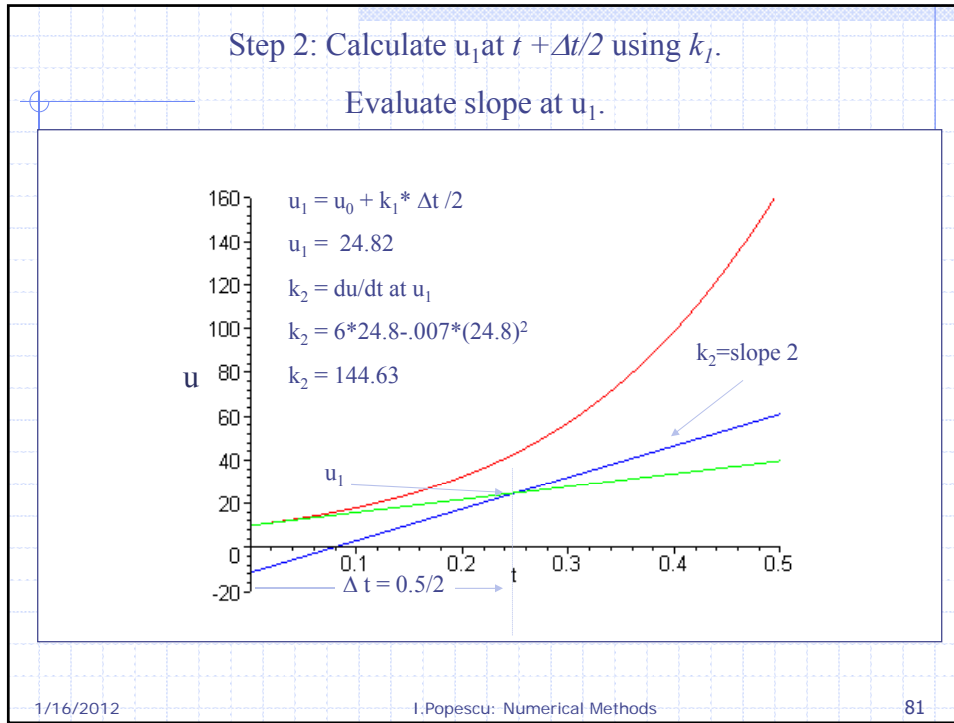
Problem: estimate the slope to calculate Δu

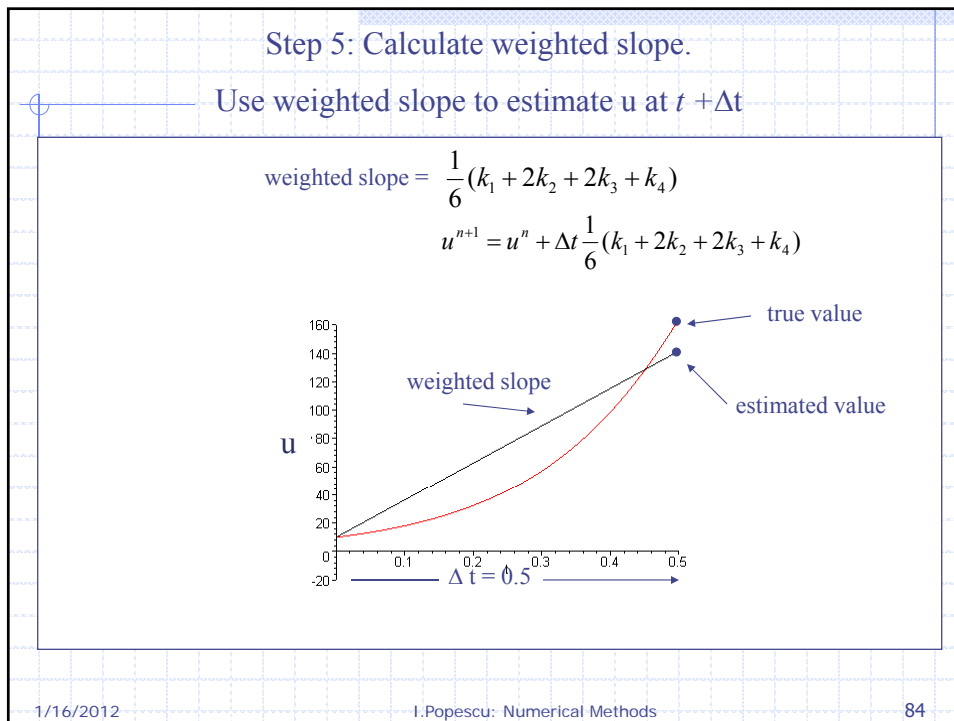
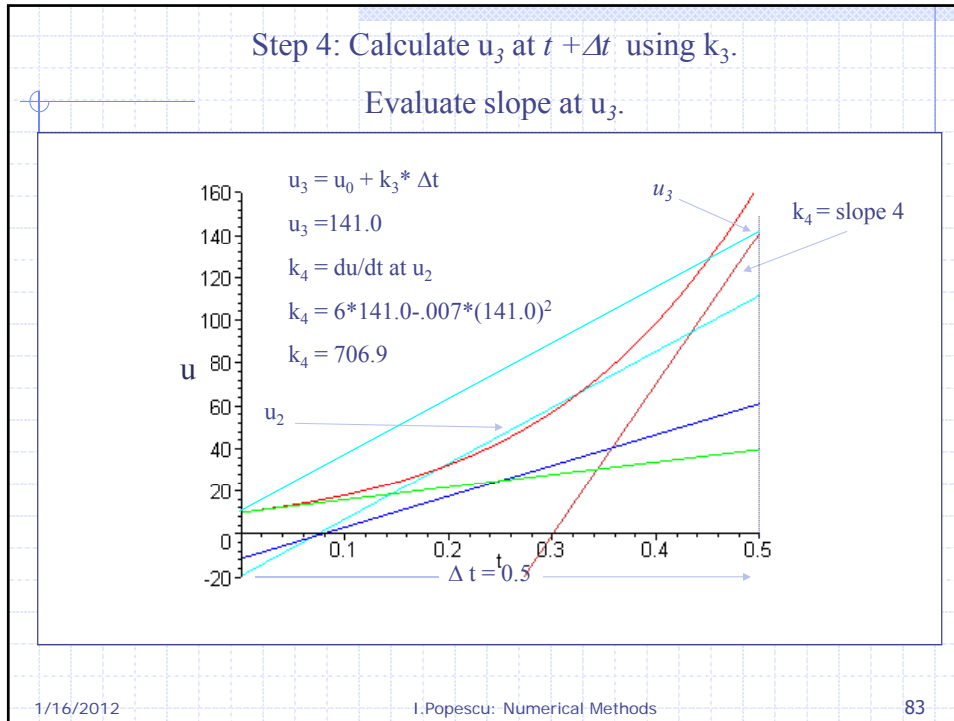
point to estimate

$\Delta t = 0.5$

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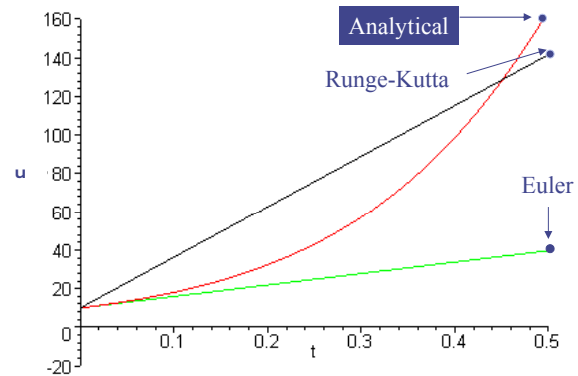






Conclusions

- ❑ 4th order Runge-Kutta offers substantial improvement over Eulers.
- ❑ Both techniques provide estimates, not "true" values.
- ❑ The accuracy of the estimate depends on the size of the step used in the algorithm.



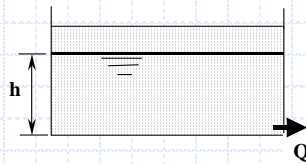
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Numerical schemes for ODE - Example

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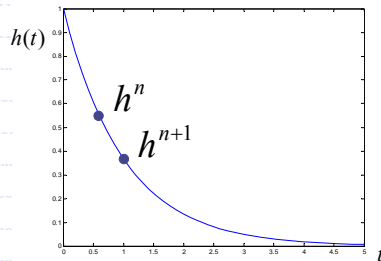
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Numerical schemes for ODE - Example

Solution methods :1. Explicit(Euler)

The right hand side is determined at current time
(h^n)



$$\frac{h^{n+1} - h^n}{\Delta t} = -\alpha h^n$$

$$h^{n+1} = h^n (1 - \alpha \Delta t)$$



$$\frac{h^{n+1}}{h^n} = (1 - \alpha \Delta t)$$

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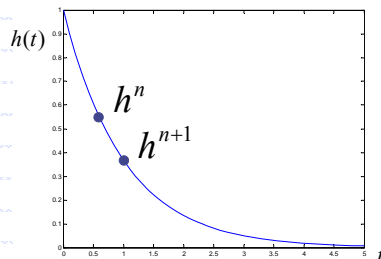
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Solution methods :2. Implicit

The right hand side is determined at future time
(h^{n+1})



$$\frac{h^{n+1} - h^n}{\Delta t} = -\alpha h^{n+1}$$



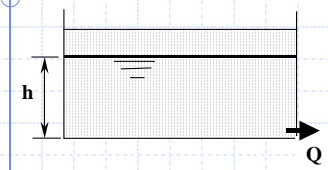
$$\frac{h^{n+1}}{h^n} = \frac{1}{1 + \alpha \Delta t}$$

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Numerical schemes for ODE - Example



$\frac{dh}{dt} = -\alpha h$

Analytic solution $\rightarrow h = h_0 e^{-\alpha t}$

Euler scheme $\rightarrow h^{n+1} = (1 - \alpha \Delta t) h^n$

Implicit scheme $\rightarrow h^{n+1} = \frac{h^n}{1 + \alpha \Delta t}$

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The BIG question

$\approx \neq =$

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The **BIG** question

□ If equations are approximation then it should:

- behave in the same way as the function to which it is an approximation, and
- become a better approximation as the time-step is reduced.

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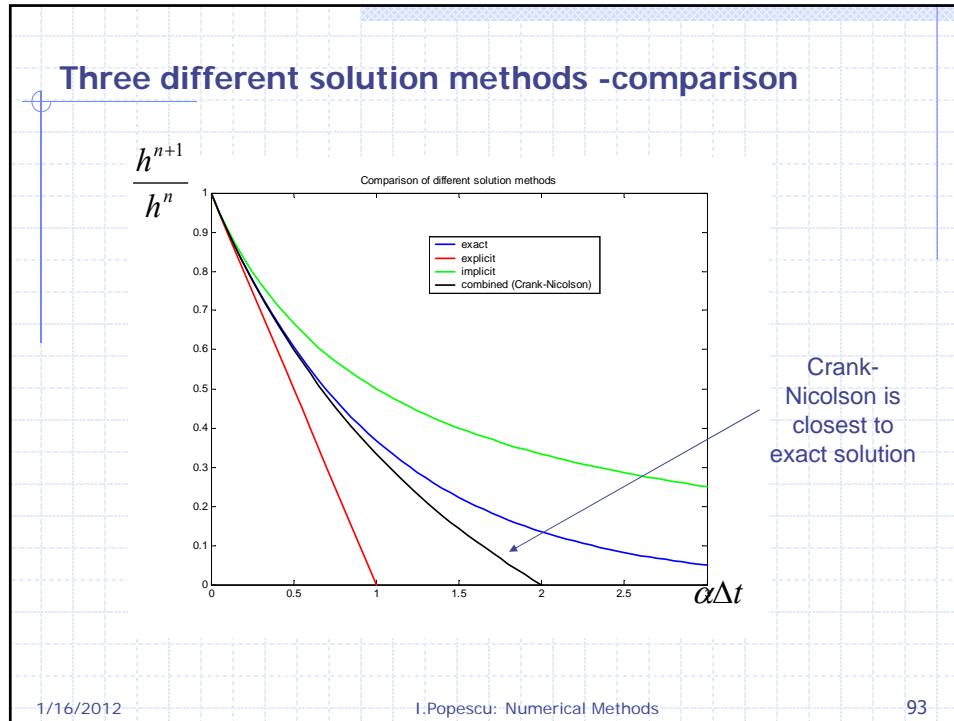
Explicit vs Implicit

Exact solution $\frac{h^{n+1}}{h^n} = \frac{\exp(-\alpha(n+1)\Delta t)}{\exp(-\alpha n\Delta t)} = \exp(-\alpha\Delta t)$

Comparison of different solution methods

Exact solution lies between explicit and implicit solutions

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Stability, Consistency, Convergence

Lax Theorem:
 Consistency + stability \Leftrightarrow convergence
This is why you can trust your models !

Consistency : The scheme approximates the ODE more correctly as the discretisation is refined.

Stability: Any initial perturbation remains bounded.

Convergence: The numerical solution becomes closer to the real one as the discretisation is refined

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Stability, Consistency, **Convergence**

Convergence - Explicit method

$$h^n \rightsquigarrow h^0 e^{-\alpha t}$$

$$h^1 = h^0 (1 - \alpha \Delta t)$$

$$h^2 = h^1 (1 - \alpha \Delta t) = h^0 (1 - \alpha \Delta t)^2$$

...

$$h^n = h^0 (1 - \alpha \Delta t)^n$$

$$h^n = \left[1 + \left(-\frac{\alpha t}{n} \right) \right]^n h^0$$

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Convergence - Explicit method (cont)

$$h^n = h^0 \left[1^n + 1^{n-1} \left(-\frac{\alpha \cdot t}{n} \right) \binom{n}{1} + 1^{n-2} \left(-\frac{\alpha \cdot t}{n} \right)^2 \binom{n}{2} + \dots \right]$$

where

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \binom{n}{r} &= \frac{n!}{(n-r)!r!} \\ \frac{n!}{(n-r)!r!} &= n(n-1)\dots(n-r) \rightarrow n^r \end{aligned} \right\} \binom{n}{r} = \frac{n^r}{r!}$$

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Convergence - Explicit method (cont)

Back to the equation

$$h^n \rightarrow h^0 \left[1^n + \left(-\frac{\alpha \cdot t}{n} \right) \frac{n}{1!} + \left(-\frac{\alpha \cdot t}{n} \right)^2 \frac{n^2}{2!} + \dots \right]$$

$$\rightarrow h^0 \left[1^n + \left(-\frac{\alpha \cdot t}{1} \right) + \left(-\frac{\alpha \cdot t}{1} \right)^2 \frac{1}{2!} + \dots \right] \rightarrow h^0 e^{-\alpha t}$$

Taylor series for $e^{-\alpha t}$

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Stability, Consistency, Convergence

Stability condition

$$\left| \frac{h^{n+1}}{h^n} \right| \leq 1 \implies -1 \leq \frac{h^{n+1}}{h^n} \leq 1$$

Stability - Explicit schemes

$$-1 \leq 1 - \alpha \Delta t \leq 1 \implies \begin{cases} -\alpha \Delta t \leq 0 \\ \alpha \Delta t \leq 2 \end{cases} \implies \Delta t_{\max} = \frac{2}{\alpha}$$

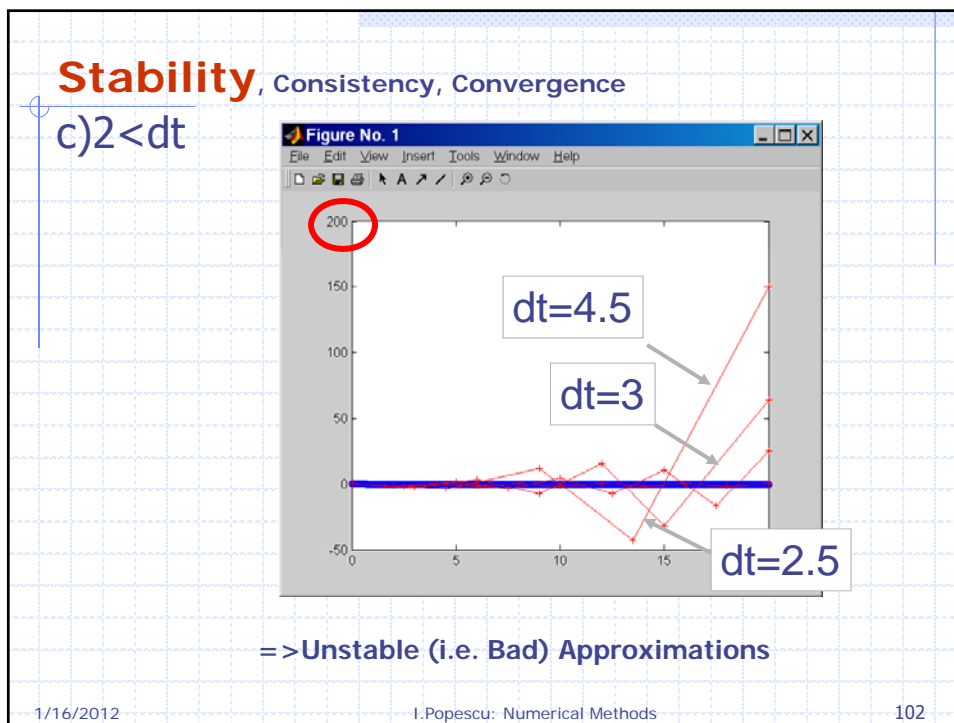
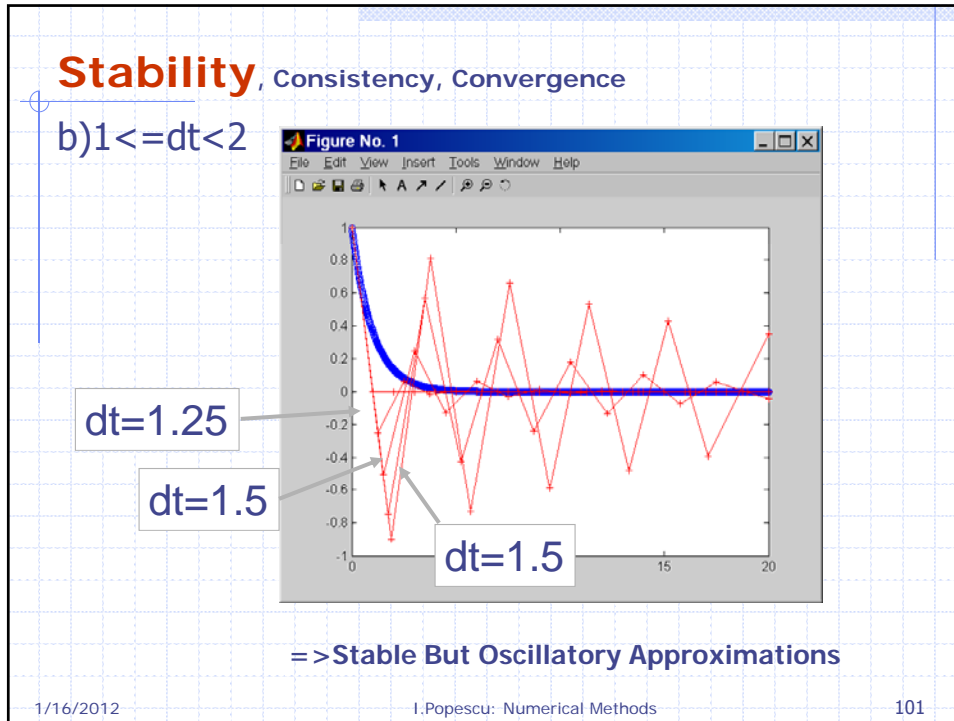
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Stability, Consistency, Convergence

Example Take $\alpha = 1 \implies \Delta t_{\max} = \frac{2}{\alpha} = 2$
and $h^0 = 1$

a) $0 < dt < 1$

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Stability, Consistency, Convergence

Stability - Explicit schemes

$0 \leq 1 - \alpha \Delta t \leq 1$ or $0 \leq \Delta t \leq \frac{1}{\alpha}$

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Stability, Consistency, Convergence

Stability - Explicit schemes

stable oscillatory unstable

0 $1/\alpha$ $2/\alpha$ Δt

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Stability, **Consistency**, Convergence

Consistency - explicit schemes

$$\frac{dh}{dt} + \alpha h = - \underbrace{\frac{\Delta t}{2} \frac{d^2 h}{dt^2}}_{O(\Delta t^2)}$$

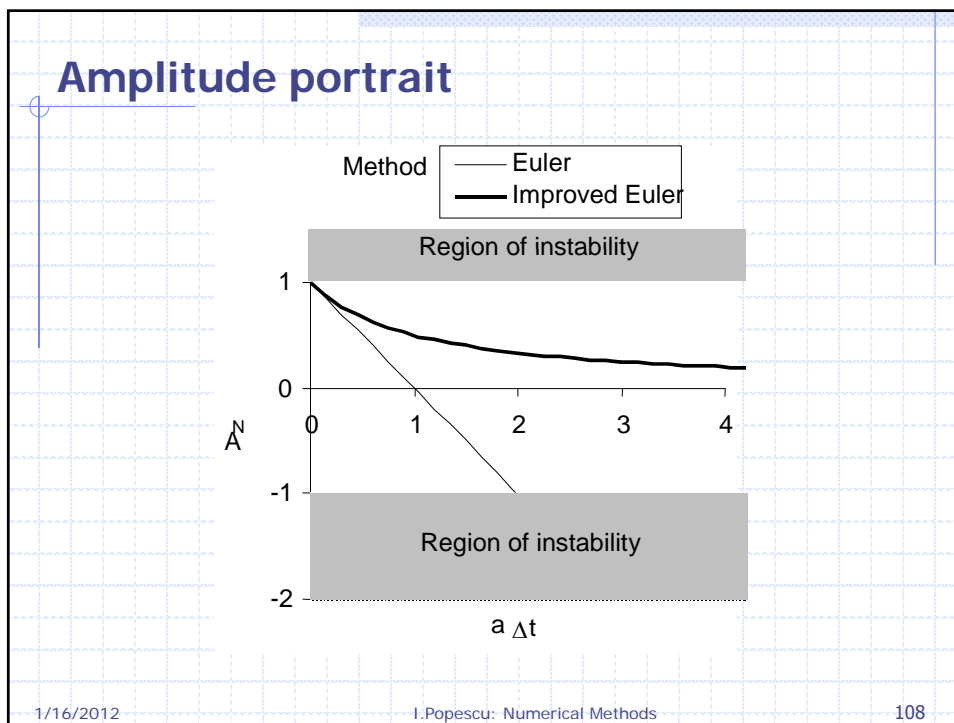
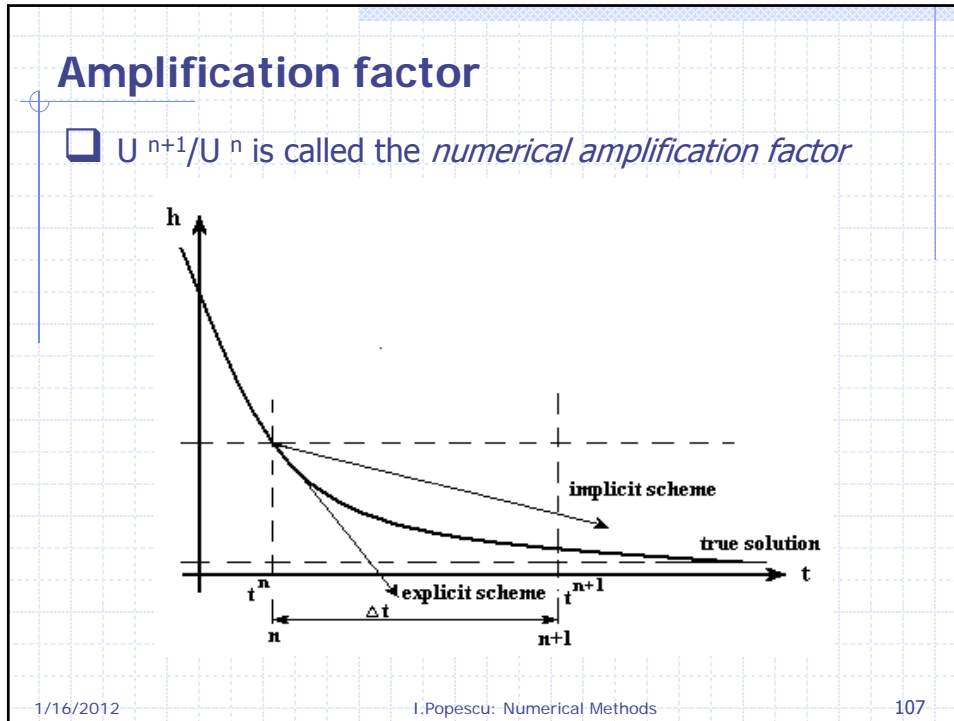
Truncation error - first order accurate

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Stability, Consistency, Convergence

- Implicit schemes
 - convergence - FOR YOU TO TEST
 - stability - unconditionally stable
- Mixed schemes
 - unconditionally stable

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4-Finite difference methods for ODE

Quick summary

What you should remember

- ODEs can be solved numerically by replacing the d/dt operator by a difference of the considered function at two time levels.
- When the derivative is estimated using the values of the function at time step level n , the scheme is said to be explicit. When the derivative is estimated using the values at time $n+1$, the scheme is said to be implicit.
- The discretized ODE is consistent to the real one if it comes closer to the real ODE as dt (or dx) comes closer to zero.

What you should remember

- ❑ The difference between the discretised ODE and the real one is called the truncation error. It is obtained by substituting Taylor series expansions into the discretisation.
- ❑ The solution is said to be stable if initial perturbations in the numerical solution remain bounded.
- ❑ The stability of the solution is investigated by calculating the value of the amplification factor. If $|A^N|$ is smaller than unity, the solution is stable.

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What you should remember

- ❑ In general, explicit schemes are not stable for all values of Δt (or Δx).
- ❑ Implicit schemes are always stable.
- ❑ The numerical solution is said to converge to the real one if it comes closer to it as Δt (or Δx) comes closer to 0.
- ❑ Consistency and stability of a scheme are necessary and sufficient conditions to the convergence of the solution

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