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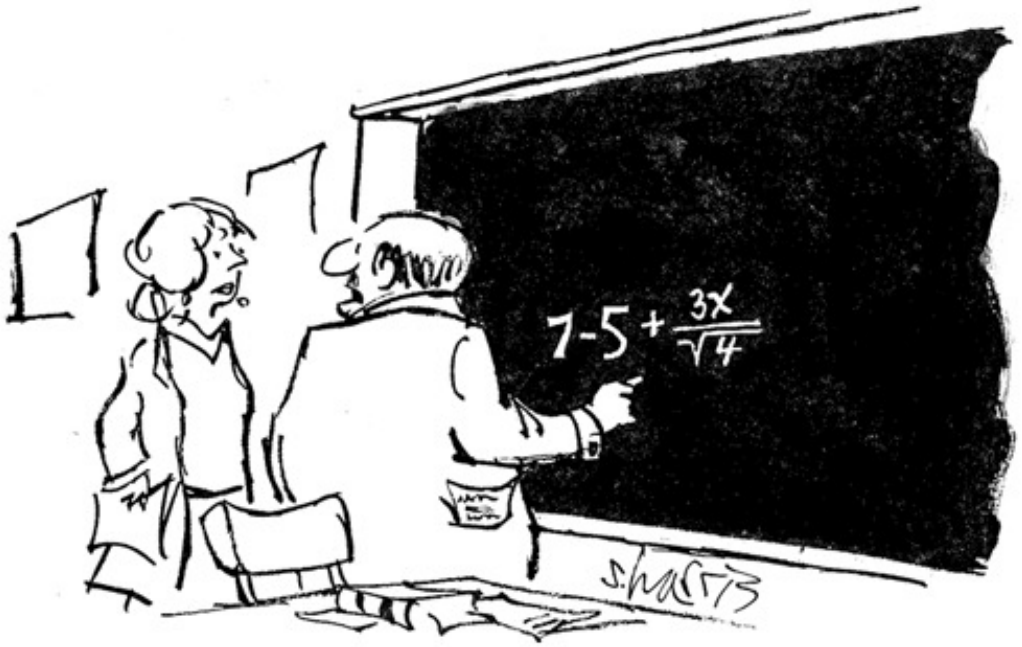

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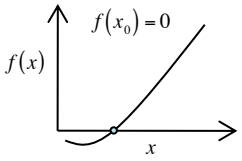

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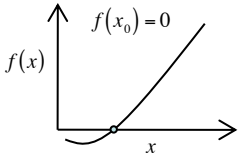

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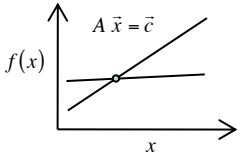

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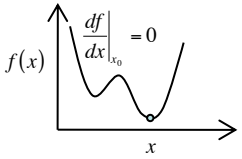

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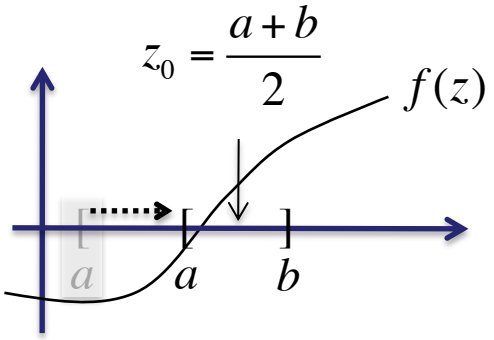

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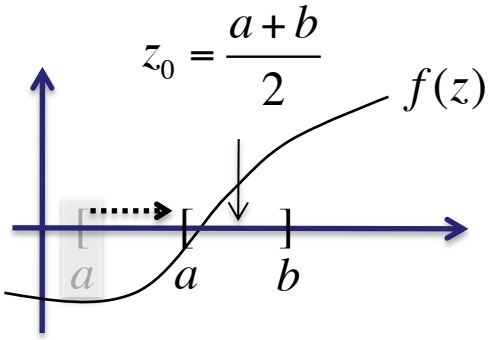


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while(abs(b-a)>eps) {
    z0 = (a+b)/2;
    if(f(a)*f(z0) > 0)
        a = z0;
    else
        b = z0;
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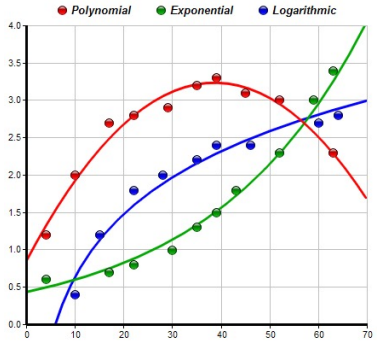

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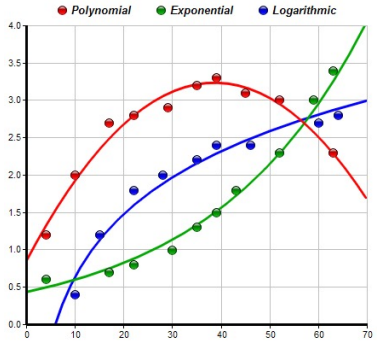

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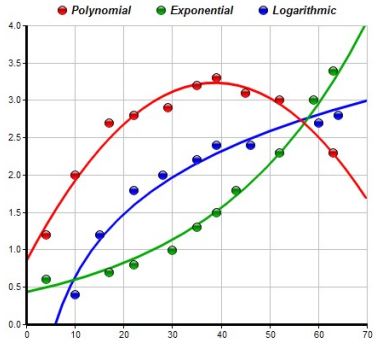

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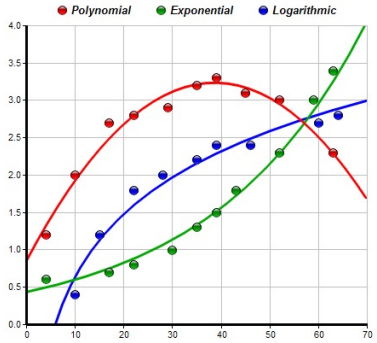

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which is a linear system for $a_1,a_2,a_3,...$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ ... \\ a_{N_{param}} \end{pmatrix} = \left(X^T X\right)^{-1} X^T \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ ... \\ y_N \end{pmatrix}$$

$$X_{ij} = \frac{\partial f(x_i,\vec{a})}{\partial a_j} = \phi_j(x_i) \Rightarrow X = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1(x_1) & ... & \phi_{Nparam}(x_1) \\ ... & ... & ... \\ \phi_1(x_N) & ... & \phi_{Nparam}(x_N) \end{pmatrix}$$

i: line index
j: column index

$(x_1,y_1),...,(x_N,y_N)$ are your data points

- **Note:** the $\phi_j(x)$ can be arbitrary (non-linear!) functions of x

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- no difference to solving for the anti-derivative, i.e. let $b = x$...

$$F(x) = \int_{x_0}^{x} f(x)dx$$

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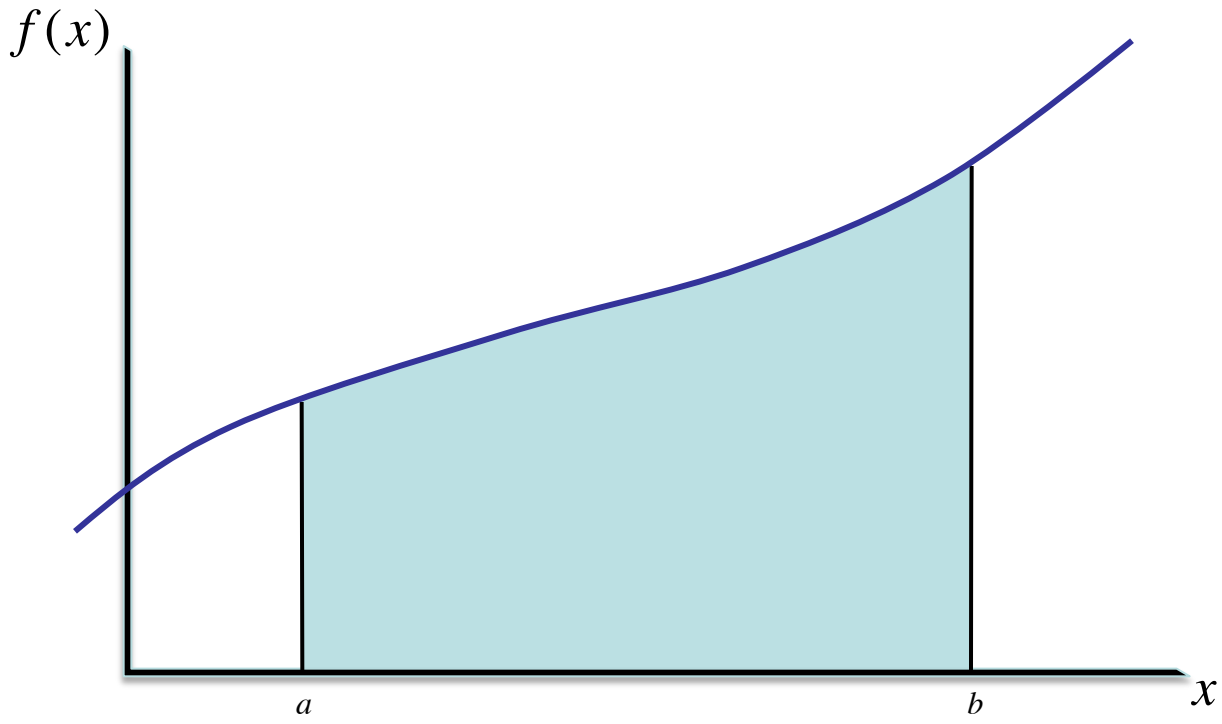

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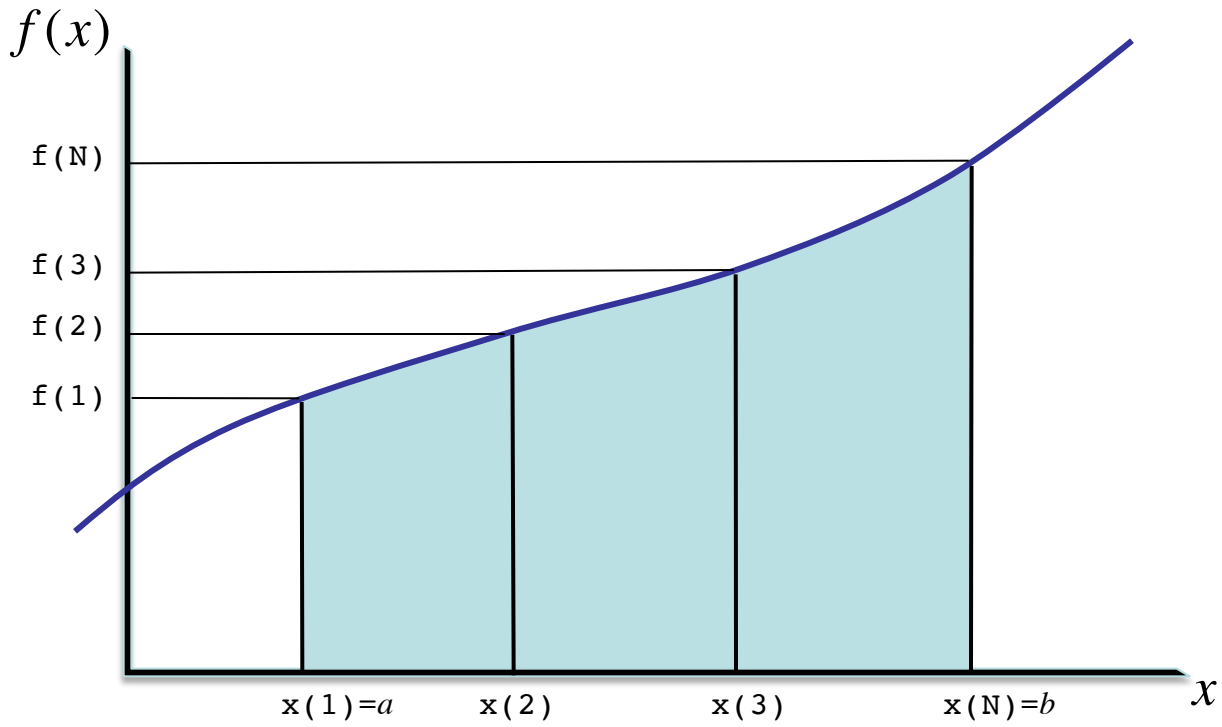

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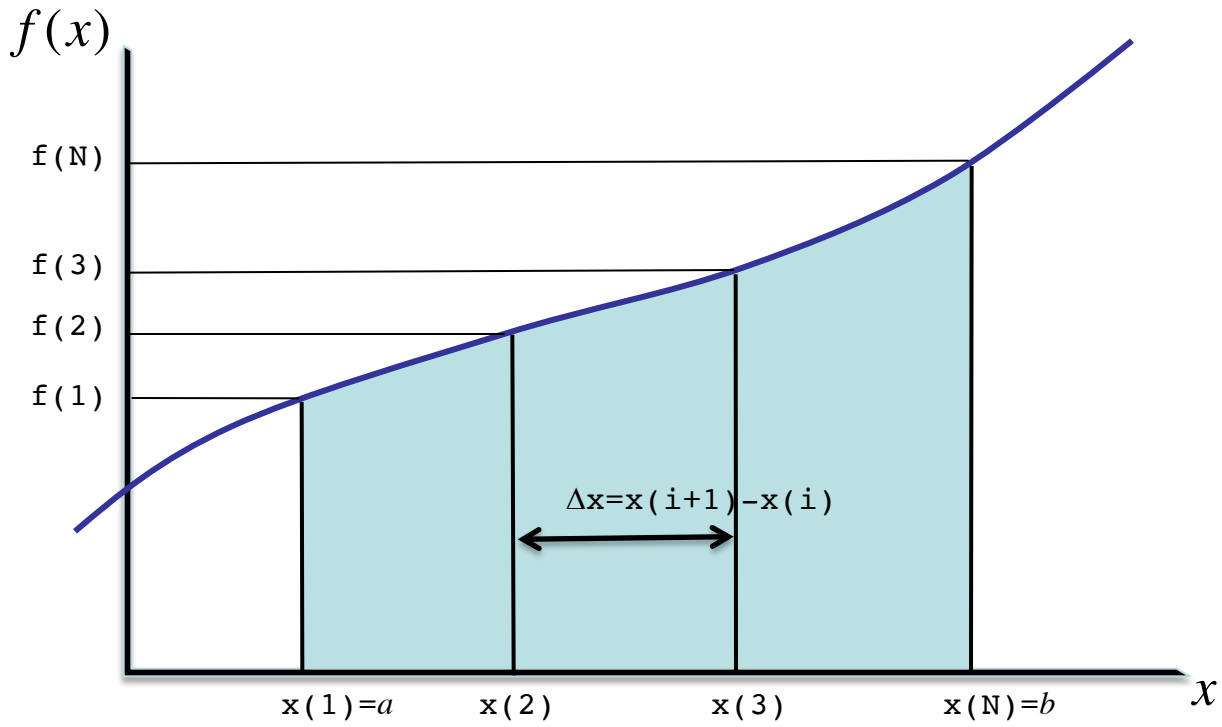

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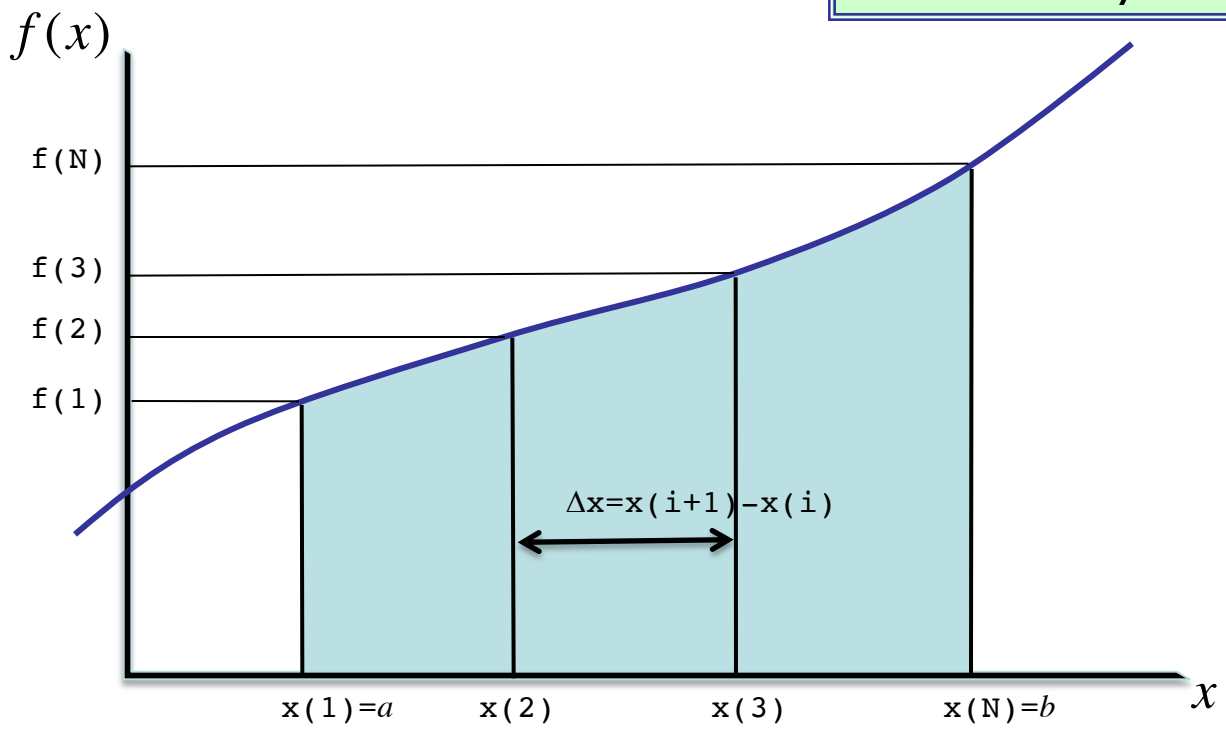

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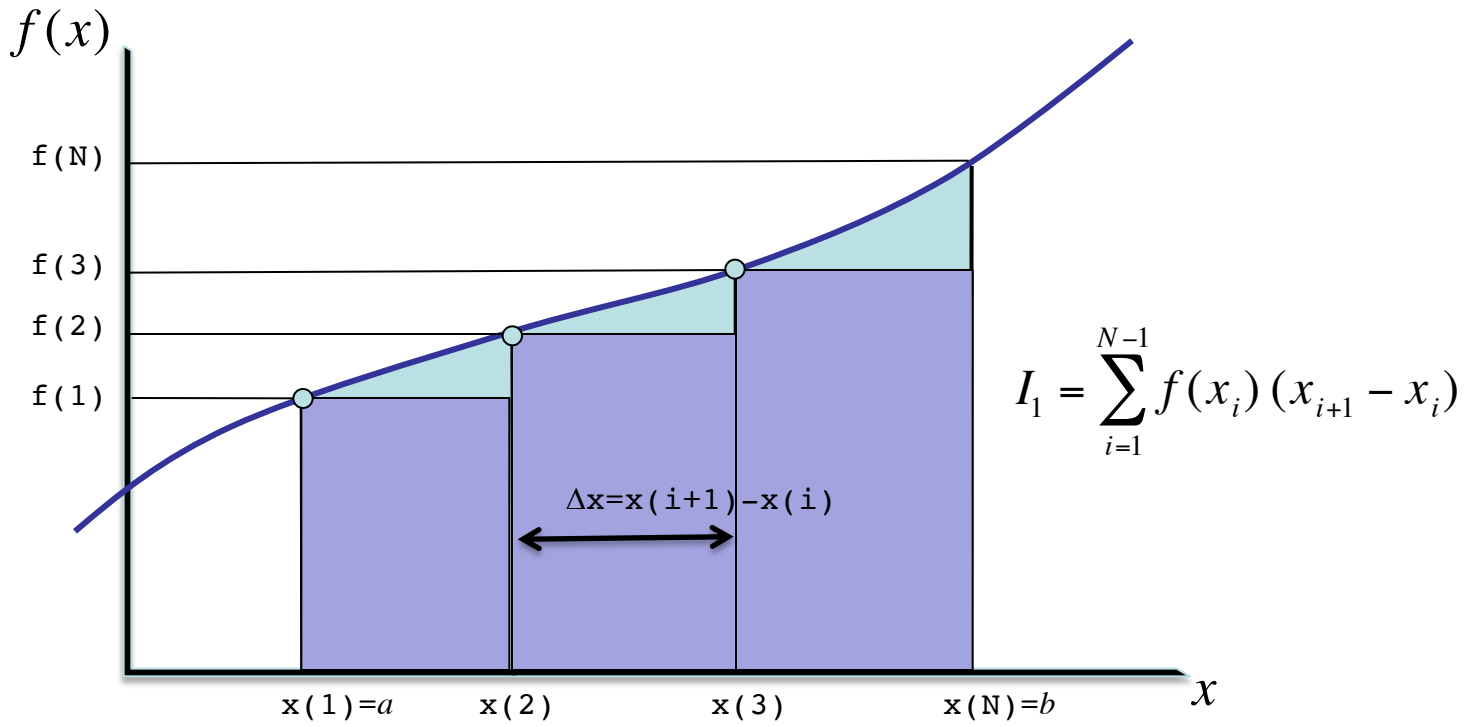

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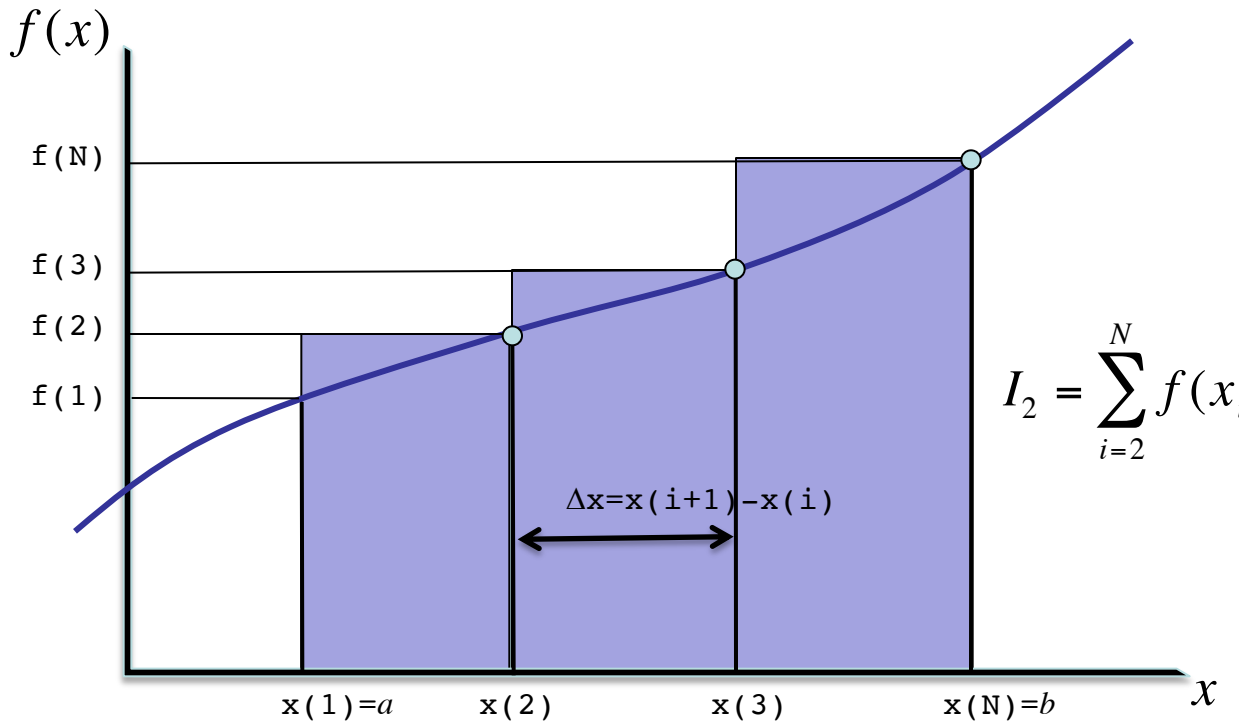

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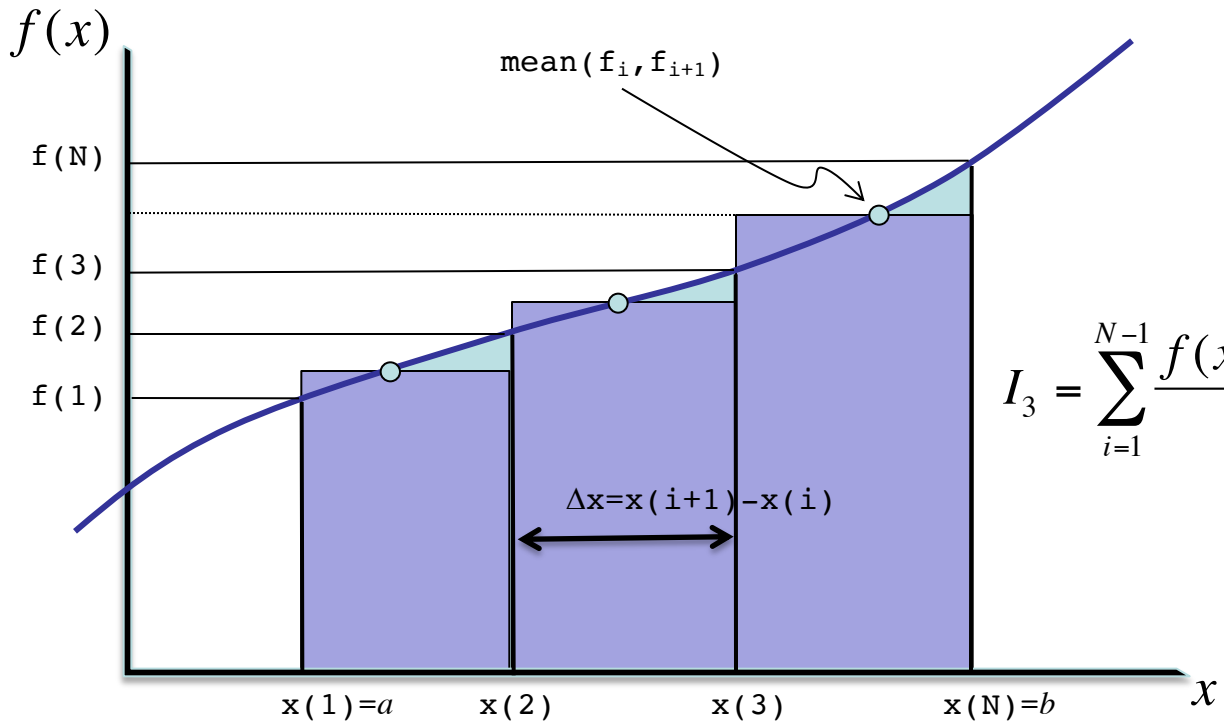

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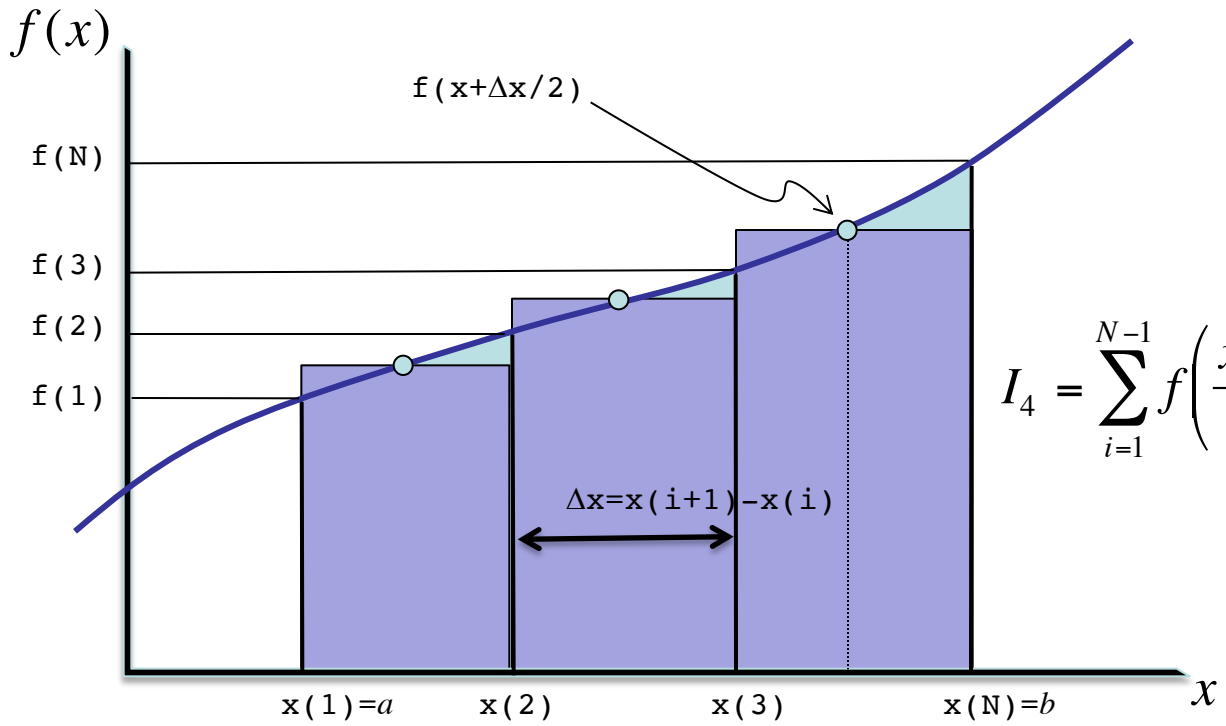

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- 1st order ordinary differential equation

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`f()` and `t()` are given in two arrays, i.e. f and t are **not** continuous

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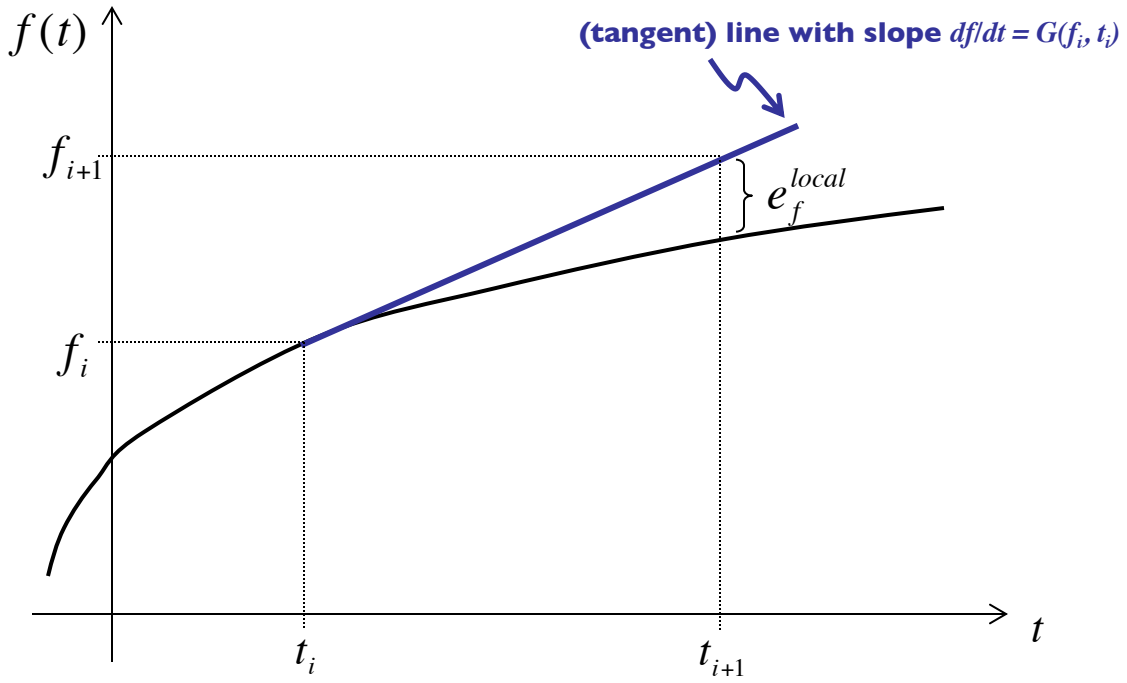

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increase accuracy by including higher derivates…

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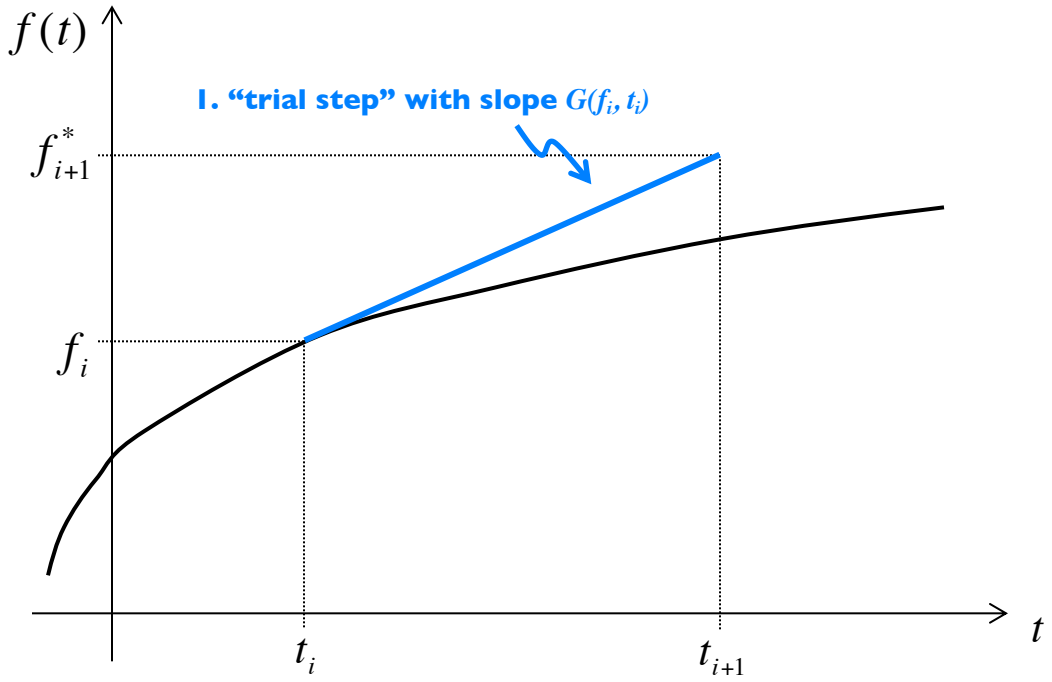

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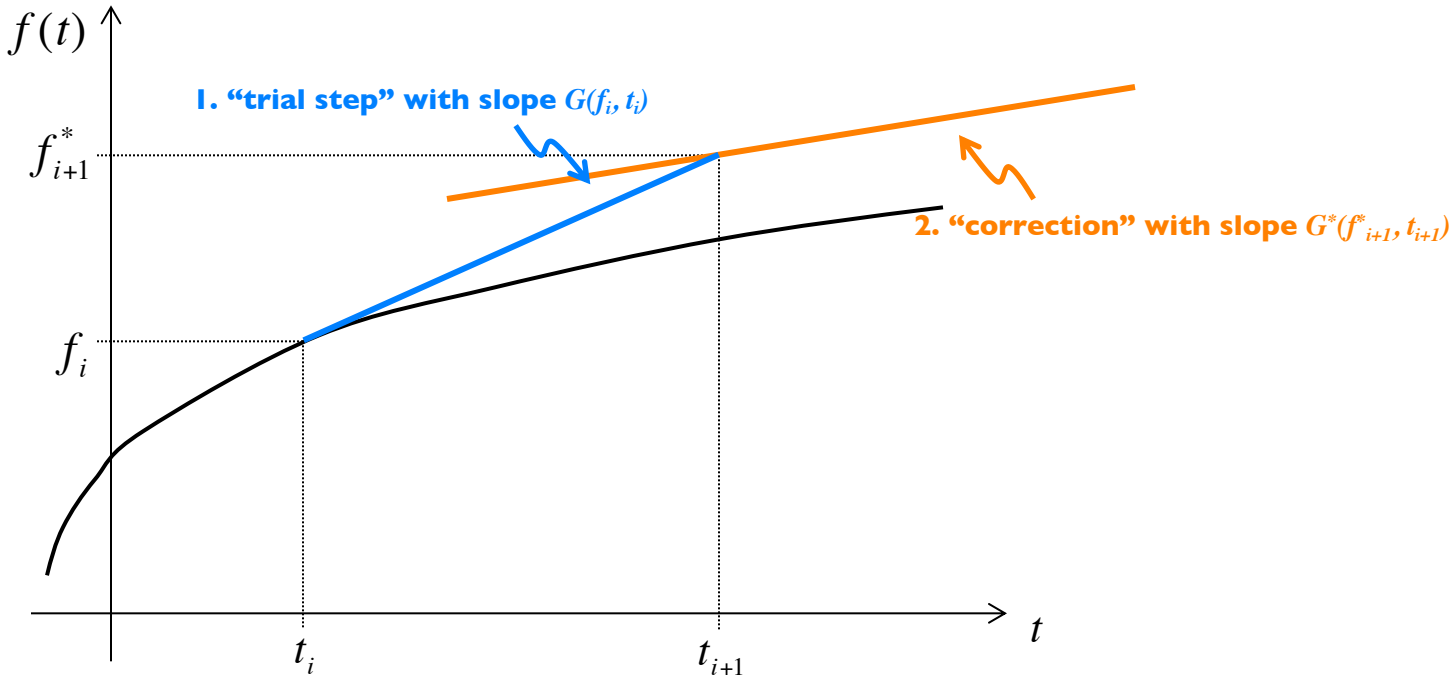

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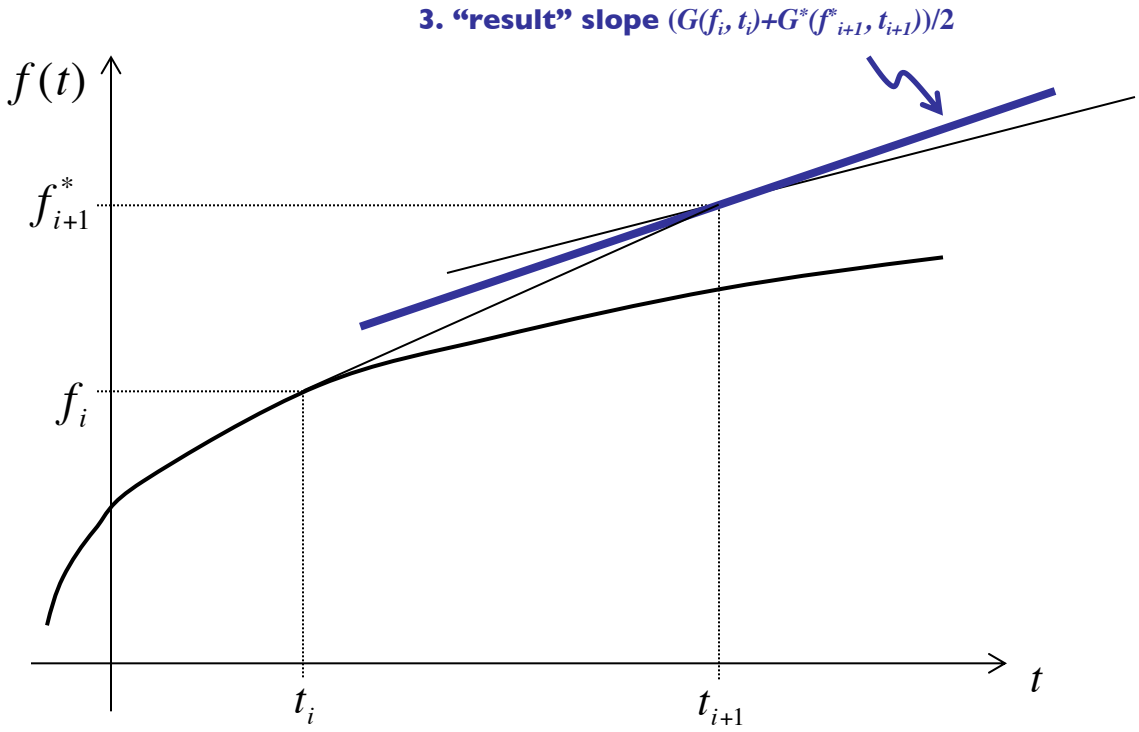

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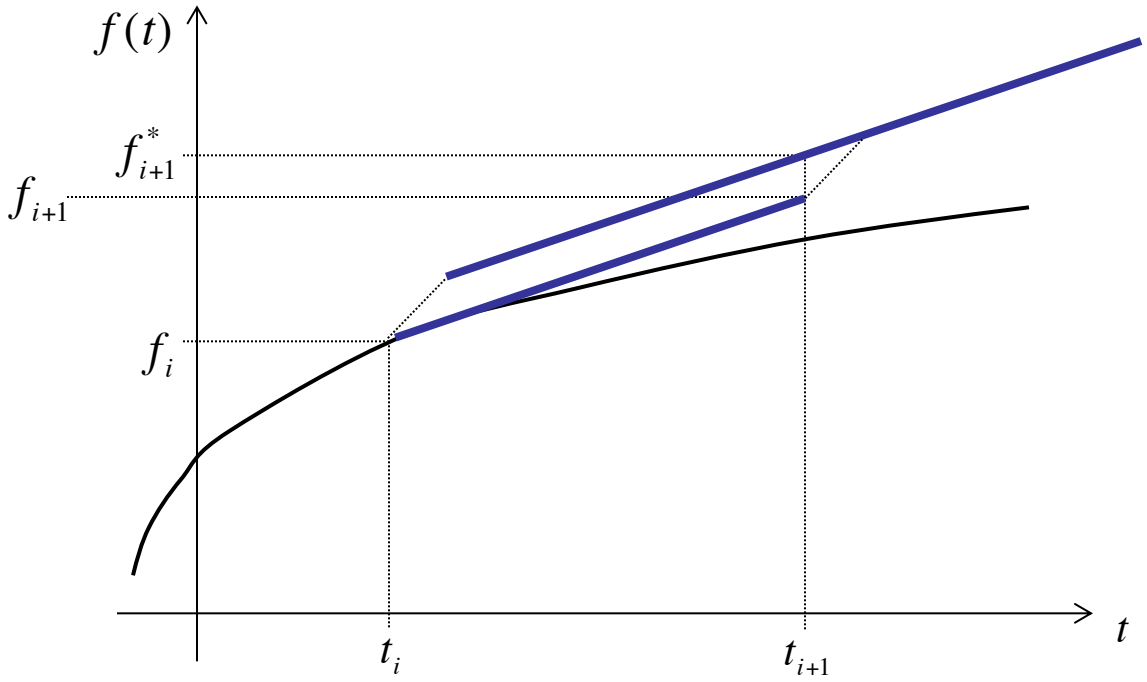

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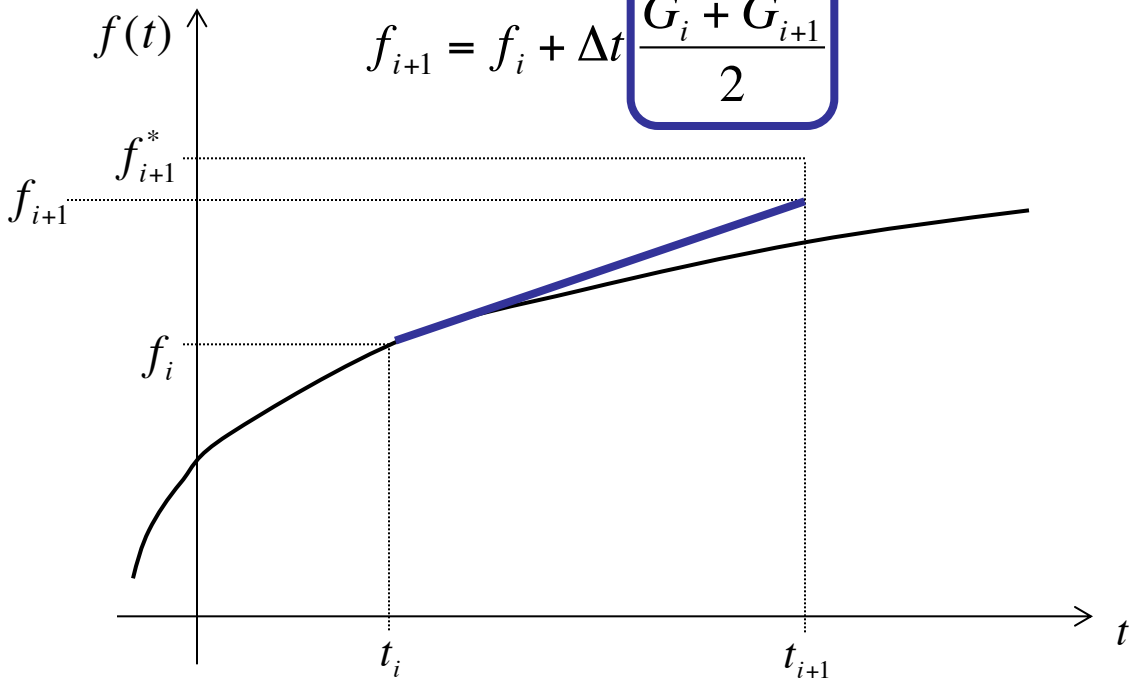

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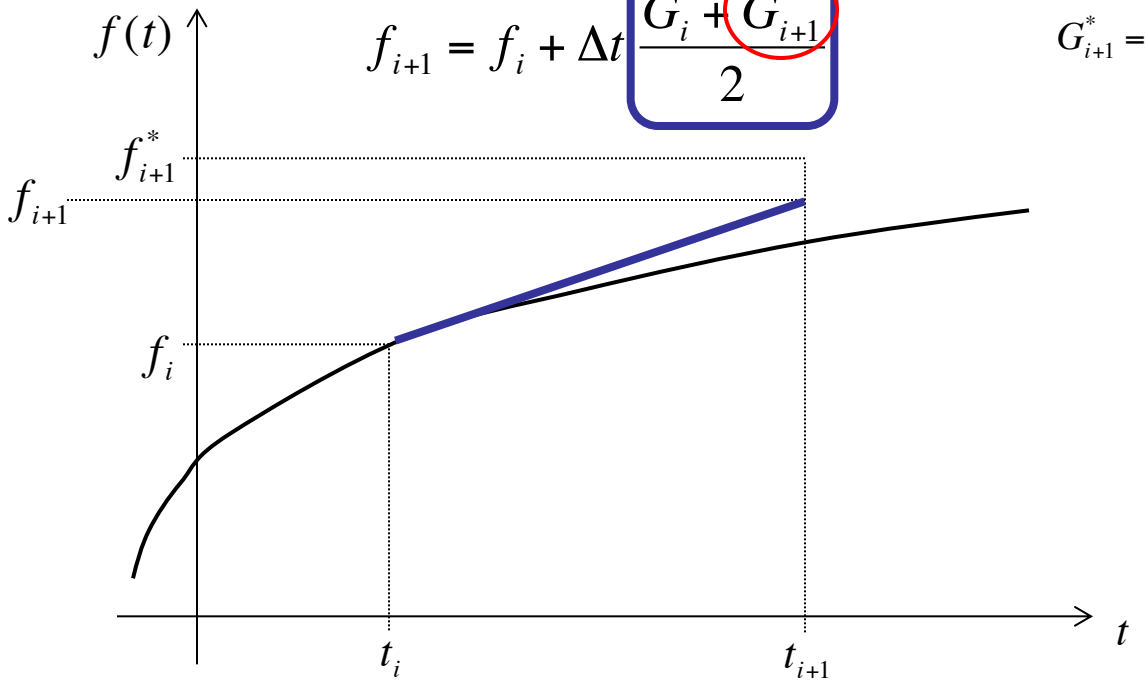

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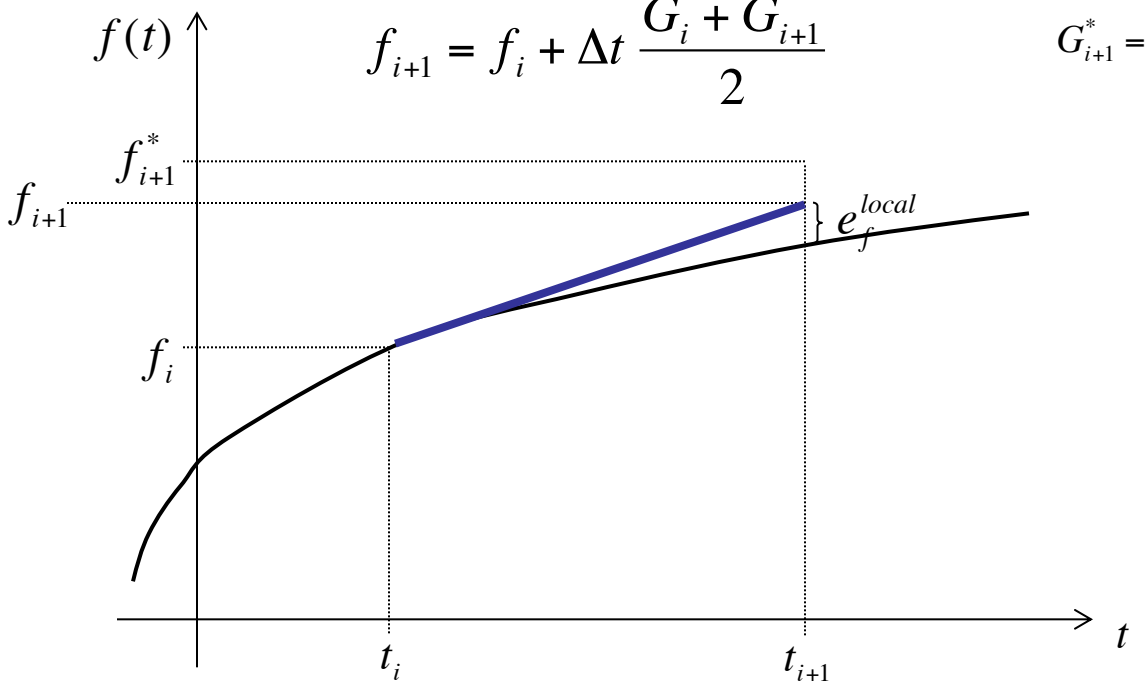

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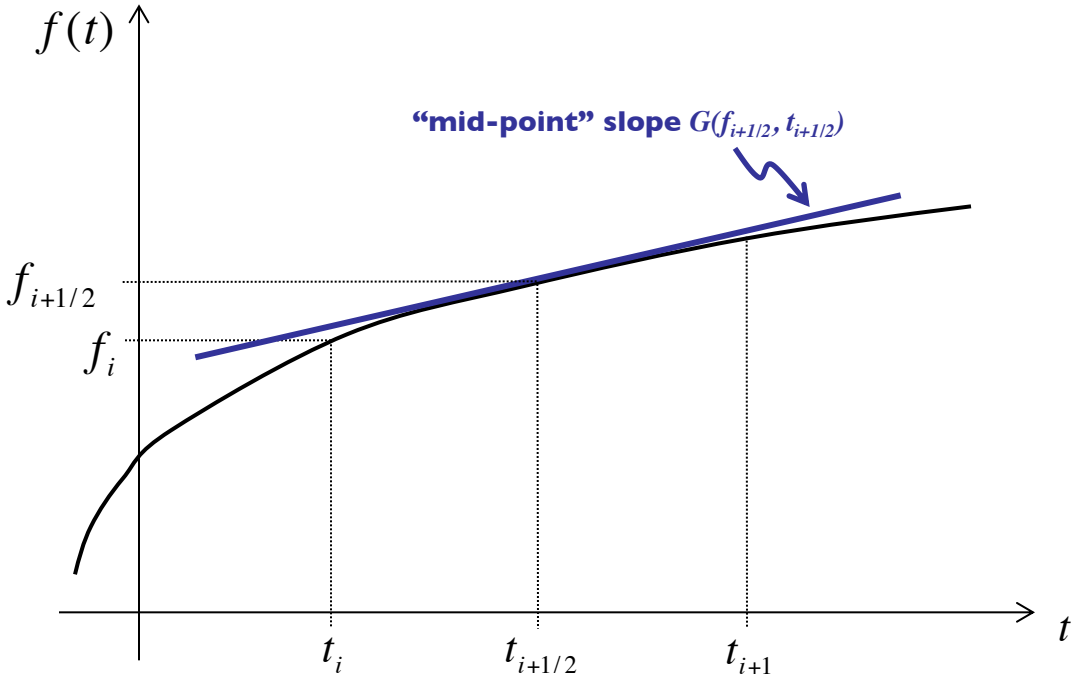

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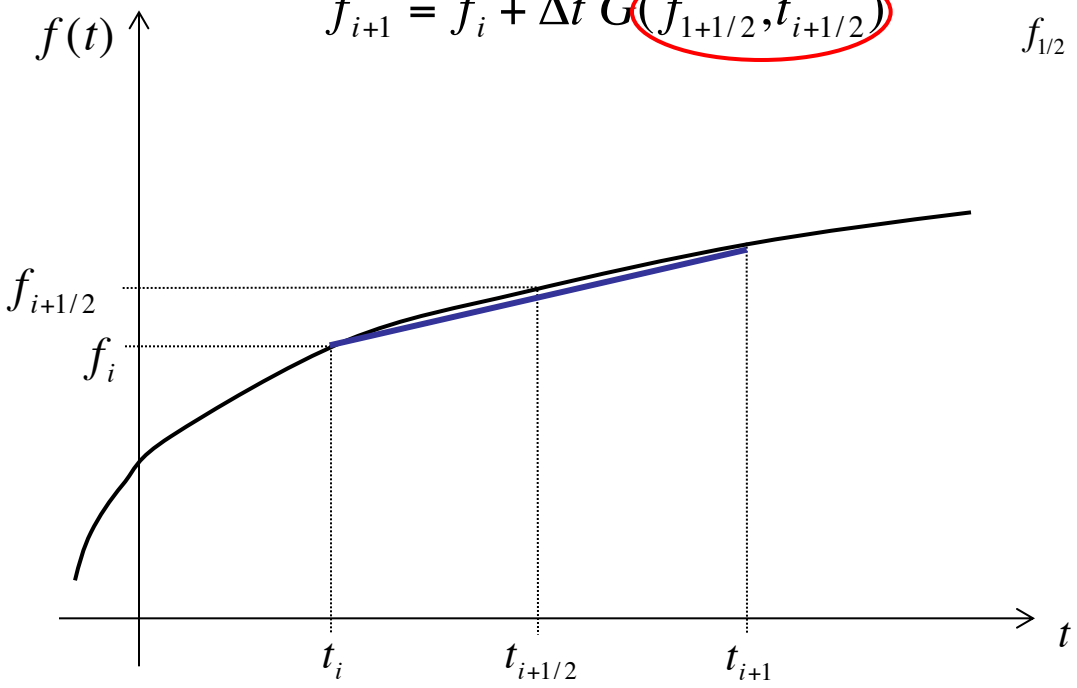

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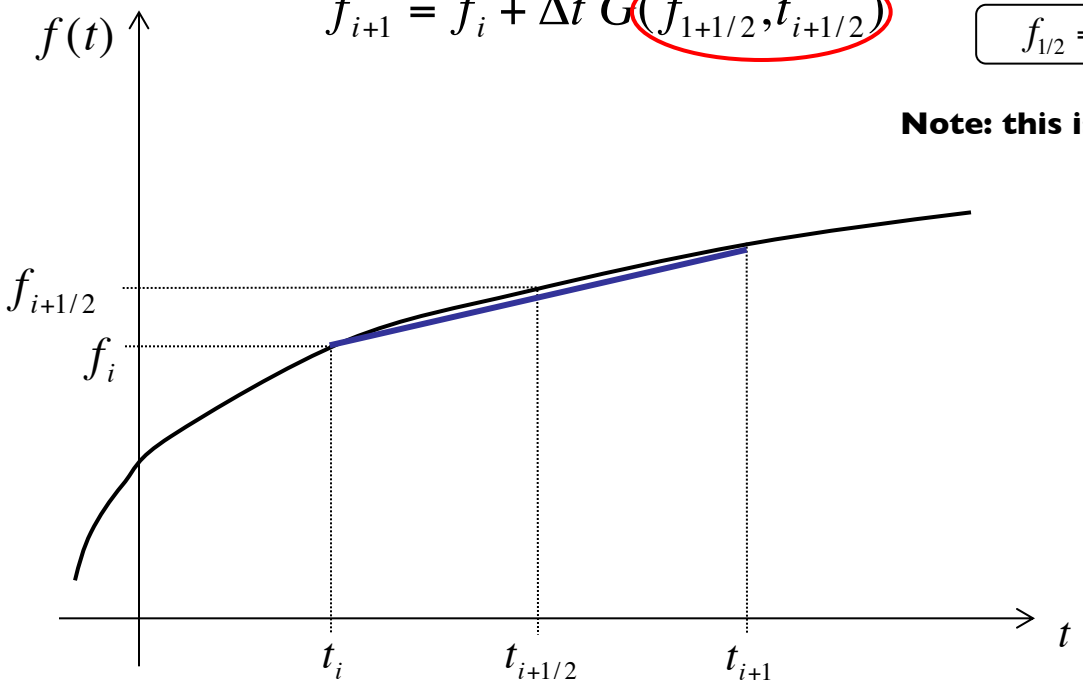

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modified Euler & 2nd order Runge-Kutta agree to 1st order (cf. I_3 and I_4 in Numerical Integration)

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(at the expanse of more calculations)

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"fourth order accurate"

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Review of Numerical Methods

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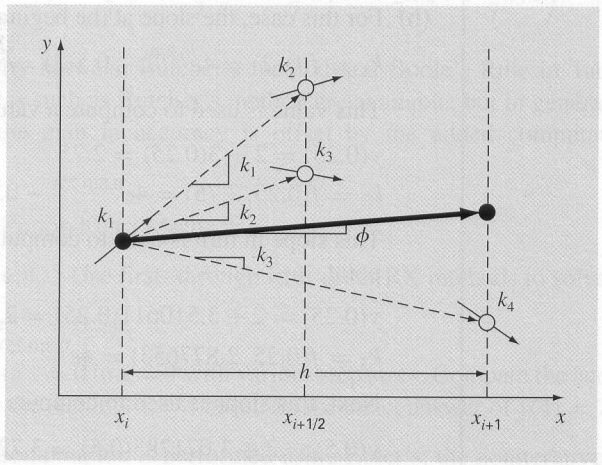
Graphical depiction of the slope estimates comprising the fourth-order RK method.



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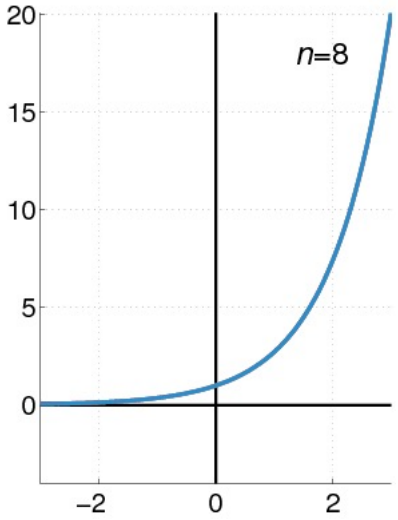

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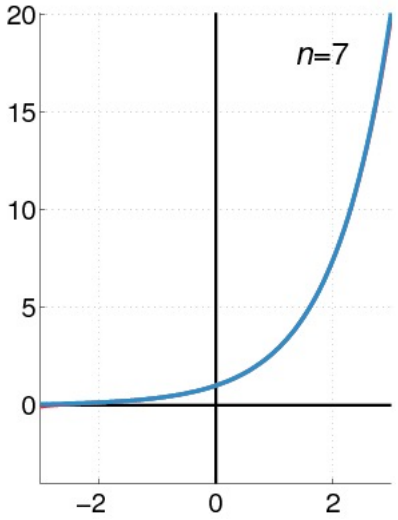

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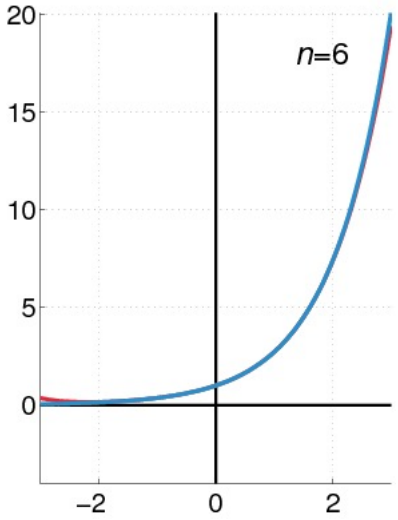

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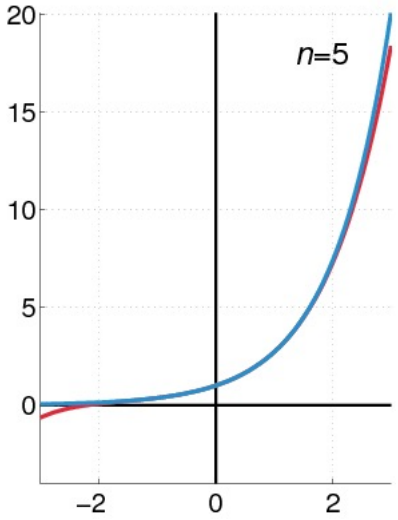

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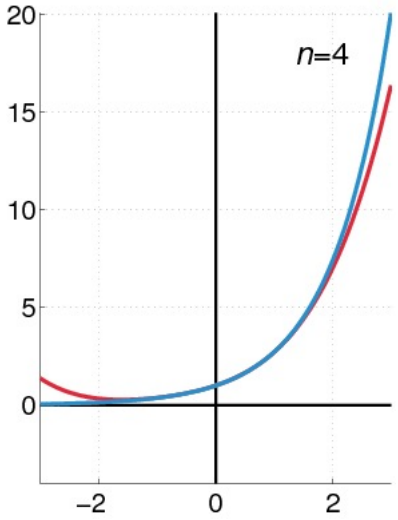

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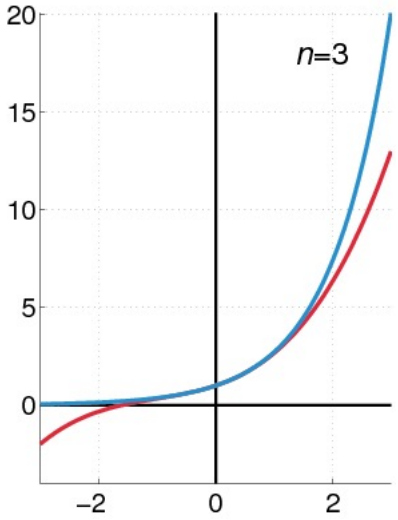

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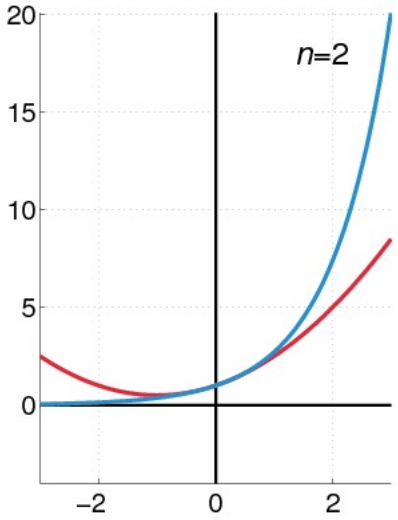

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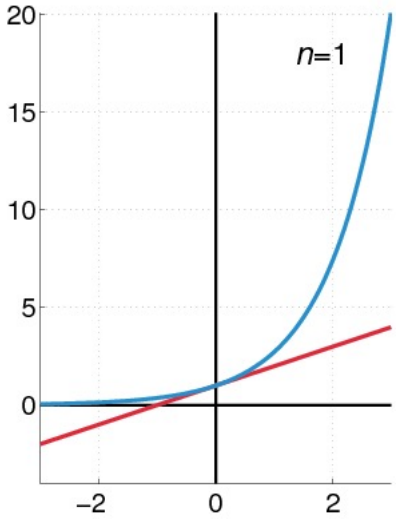

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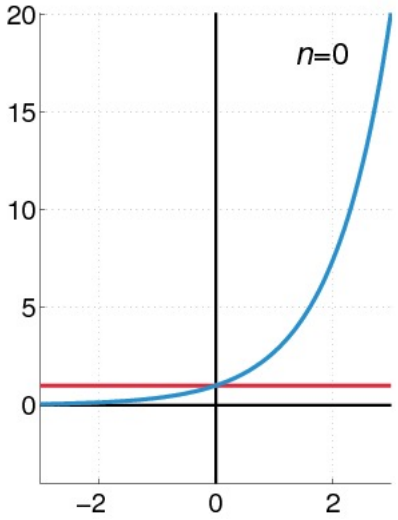

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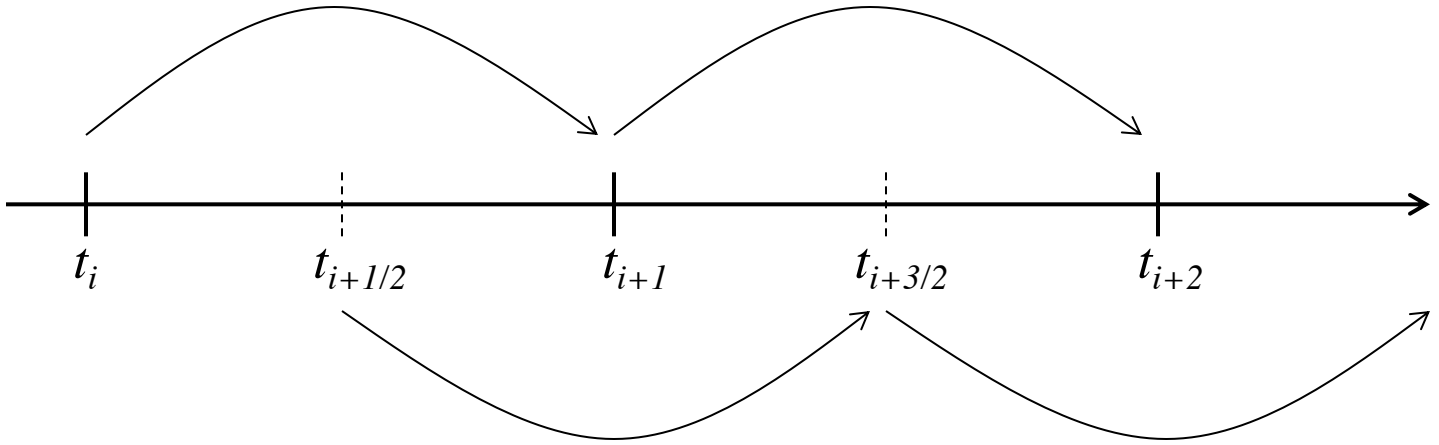

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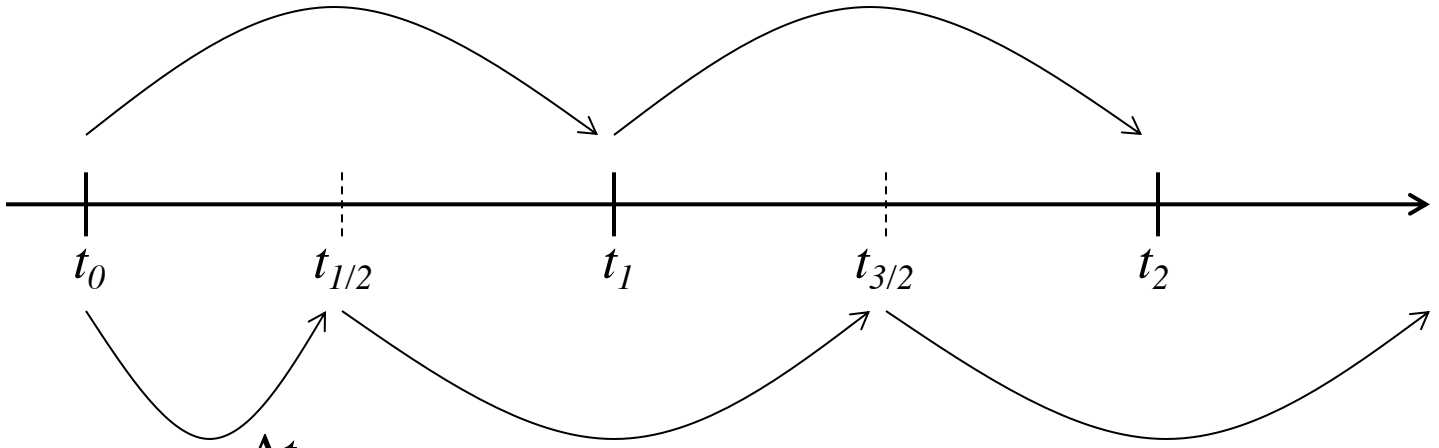

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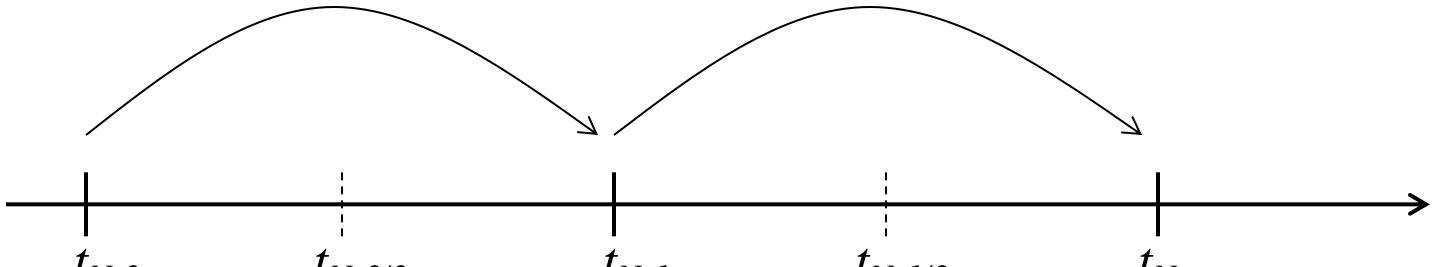

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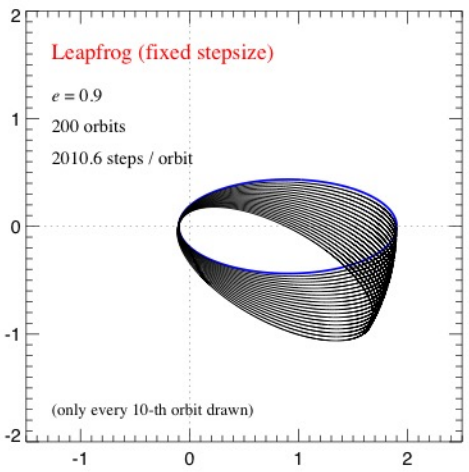

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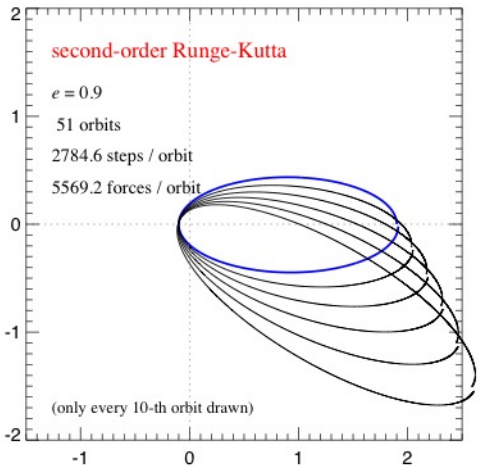

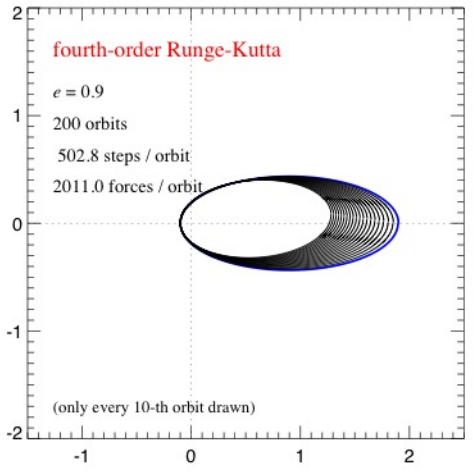

non-symplectic integrators,
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taken from Volker Springel's GADGET-2 paper (astro-ph/0505010)

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the (numerical) evolution of the system (i.e. x and p) from t_0 to t_n

$$\begin{matrix} \vec{x}_0 \\ \vec{p}_0 \end{matrix} \longrightarrow \begin{matrix} \vec{x}_n \\ \vec{p}_n \end{matrix}$$

is a canonical coordinate transformation

"symplectic" says nothing about the accuracy of the integrator,
but rather preserves the geometric structure of the original Hamiltonian flow!

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$$e^A e^B \neq e^{A+B}$$

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because the Hamiltonian can be split into two independent parts*,
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*i.e. kinetic energy T and potential energy V

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we rather approximate the true Hamiltonian
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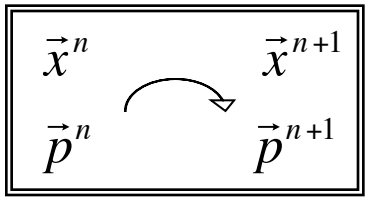

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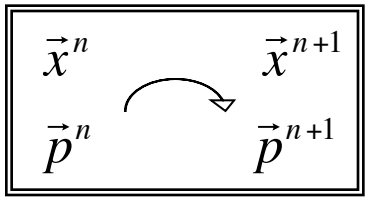

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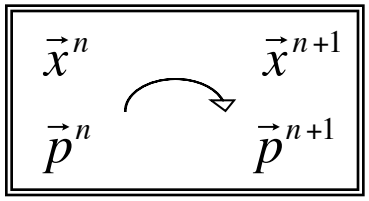

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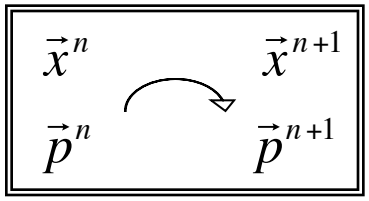

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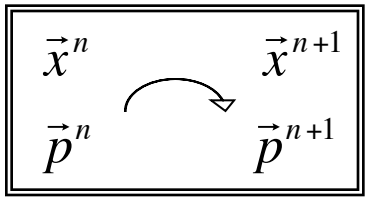

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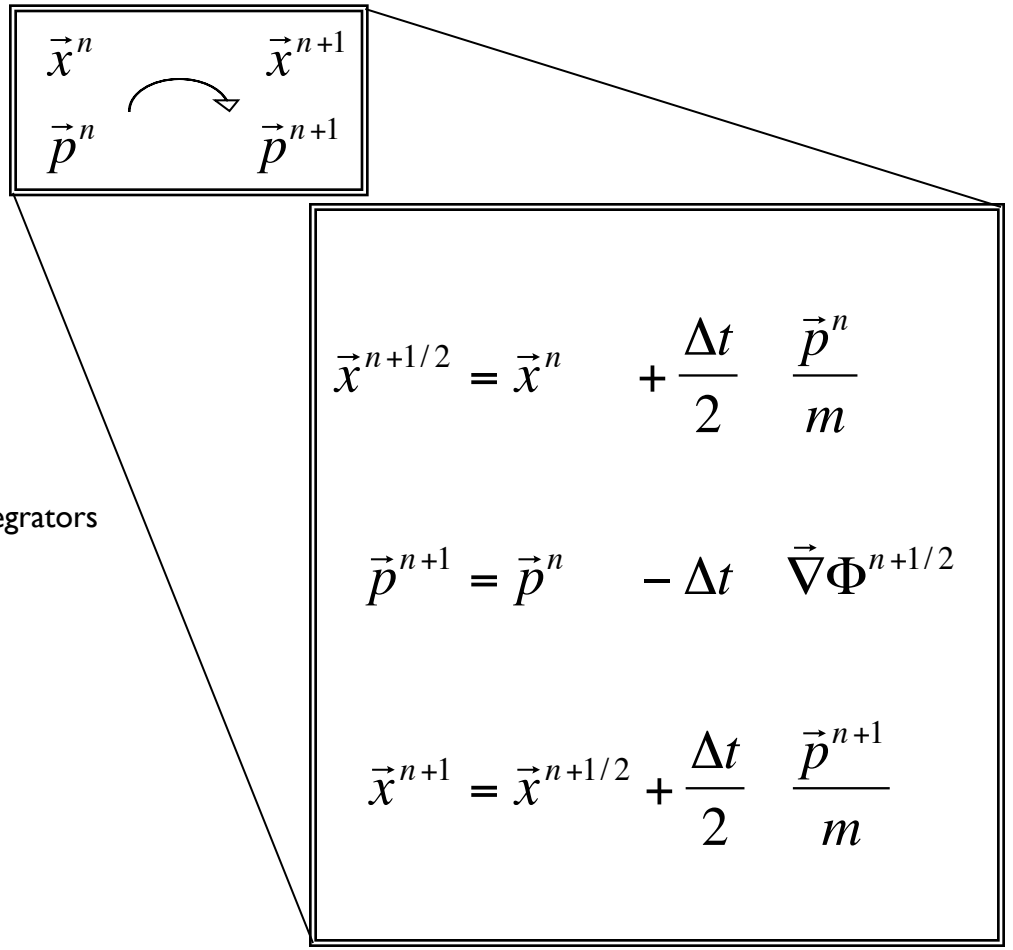

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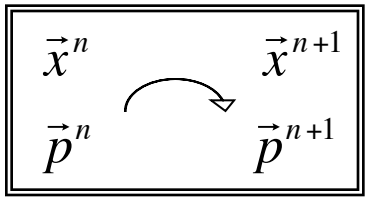

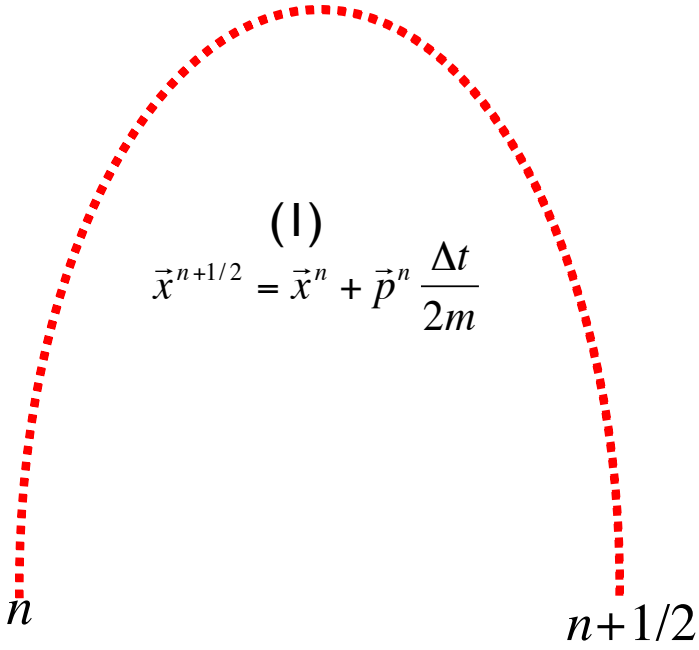

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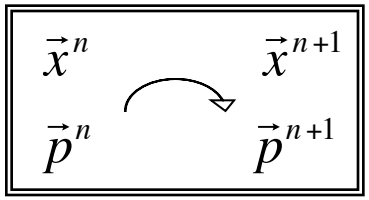

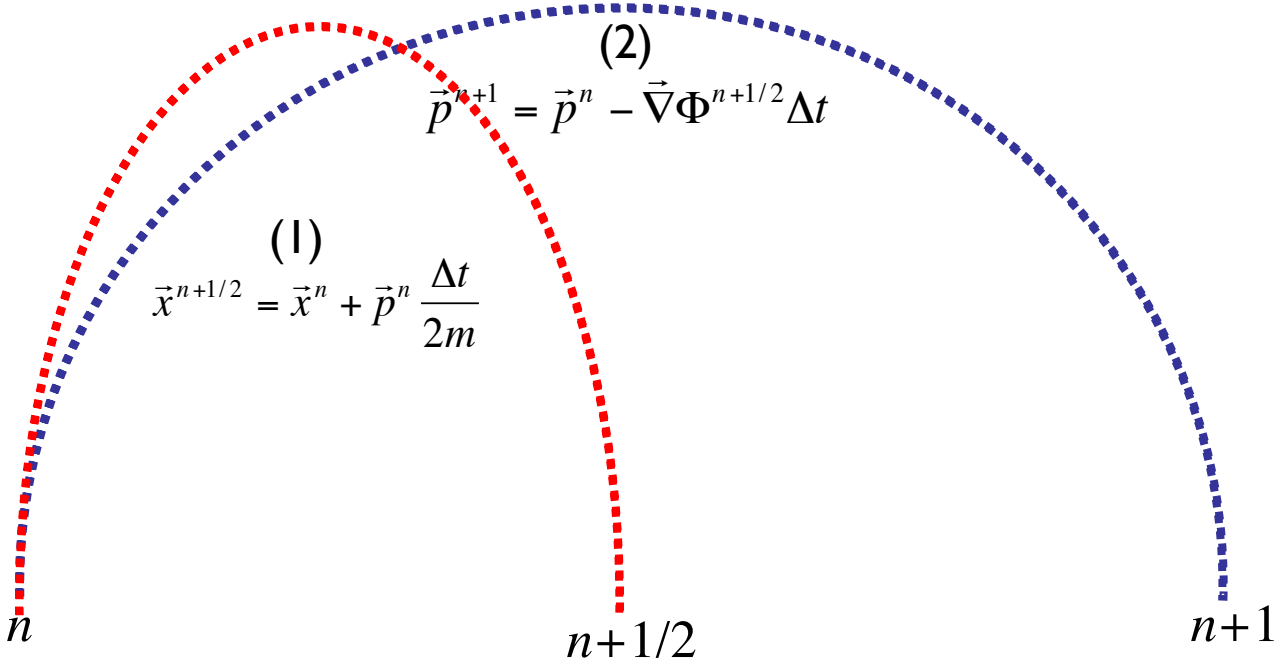

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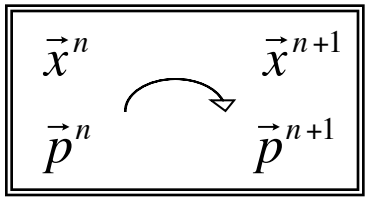

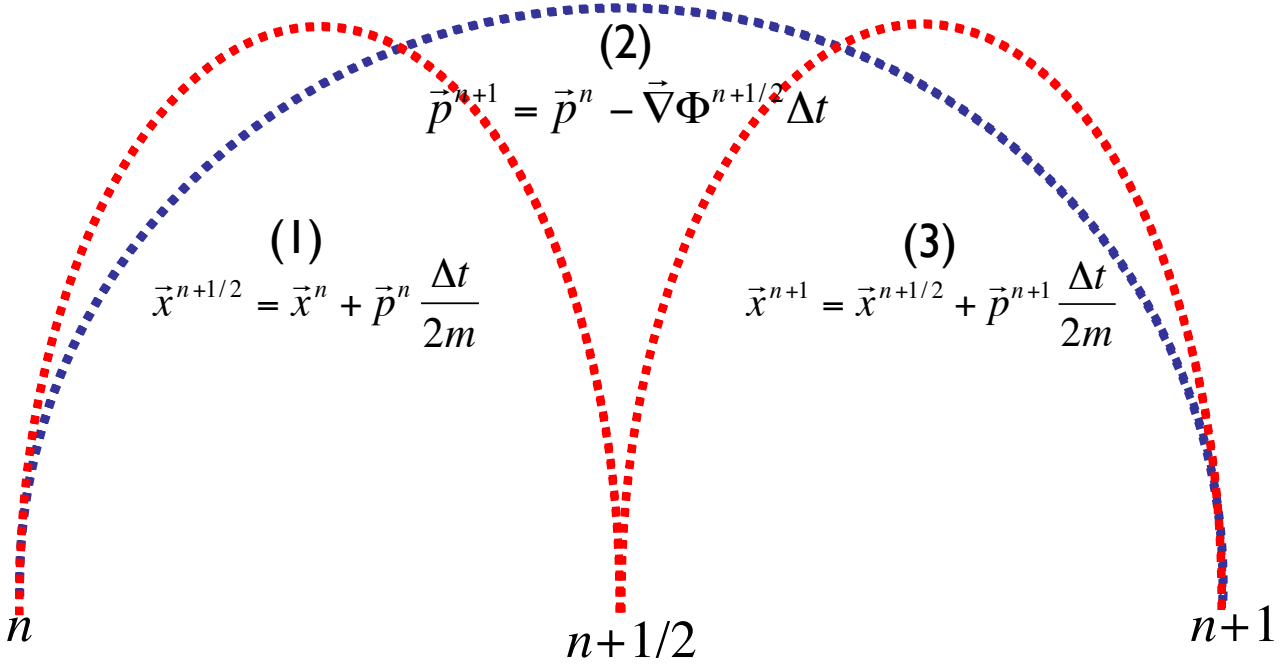

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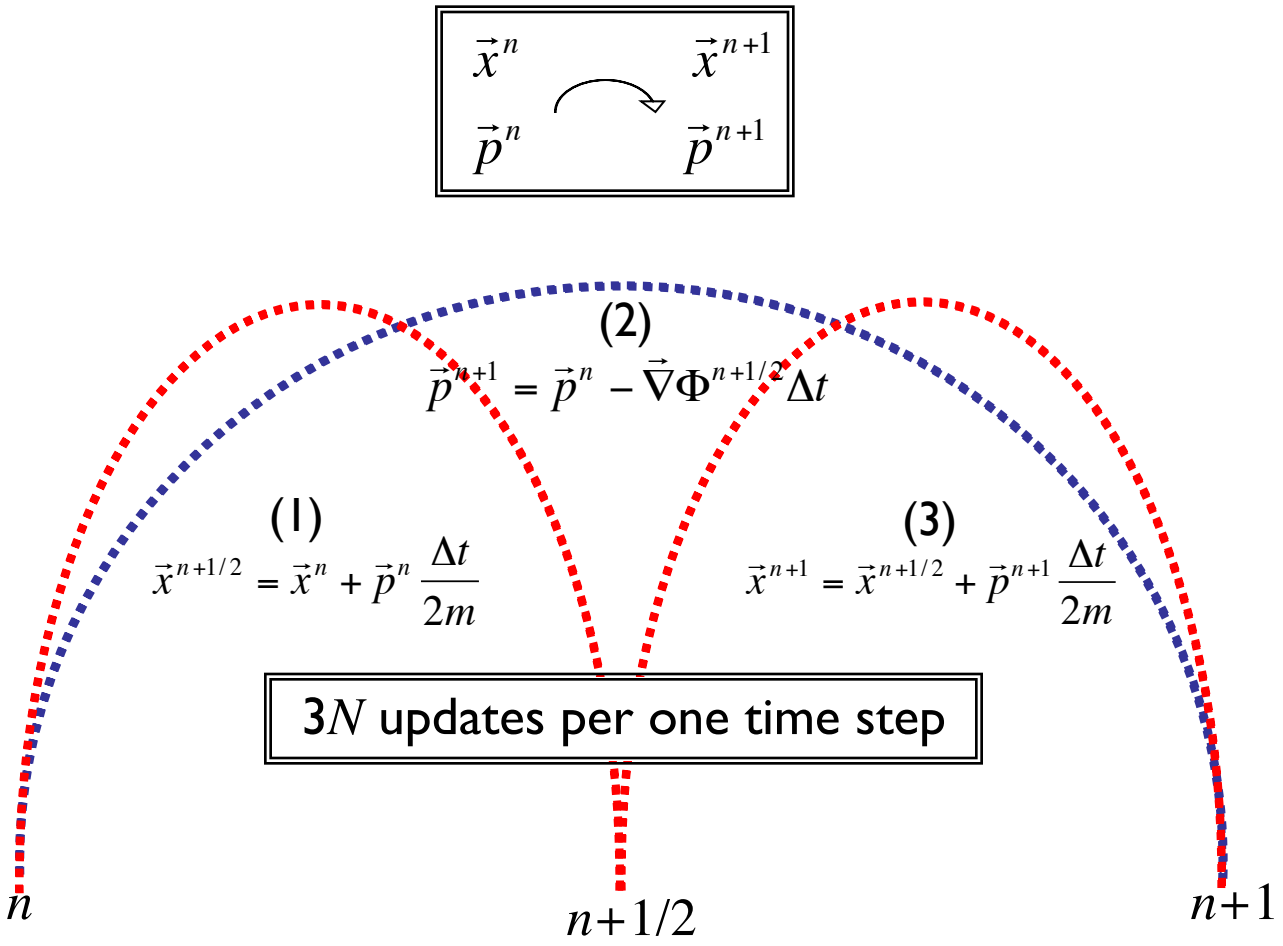

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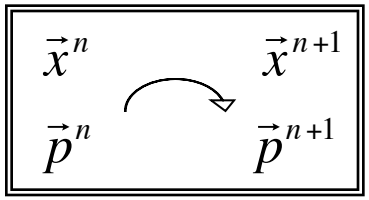

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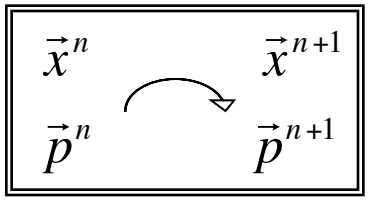

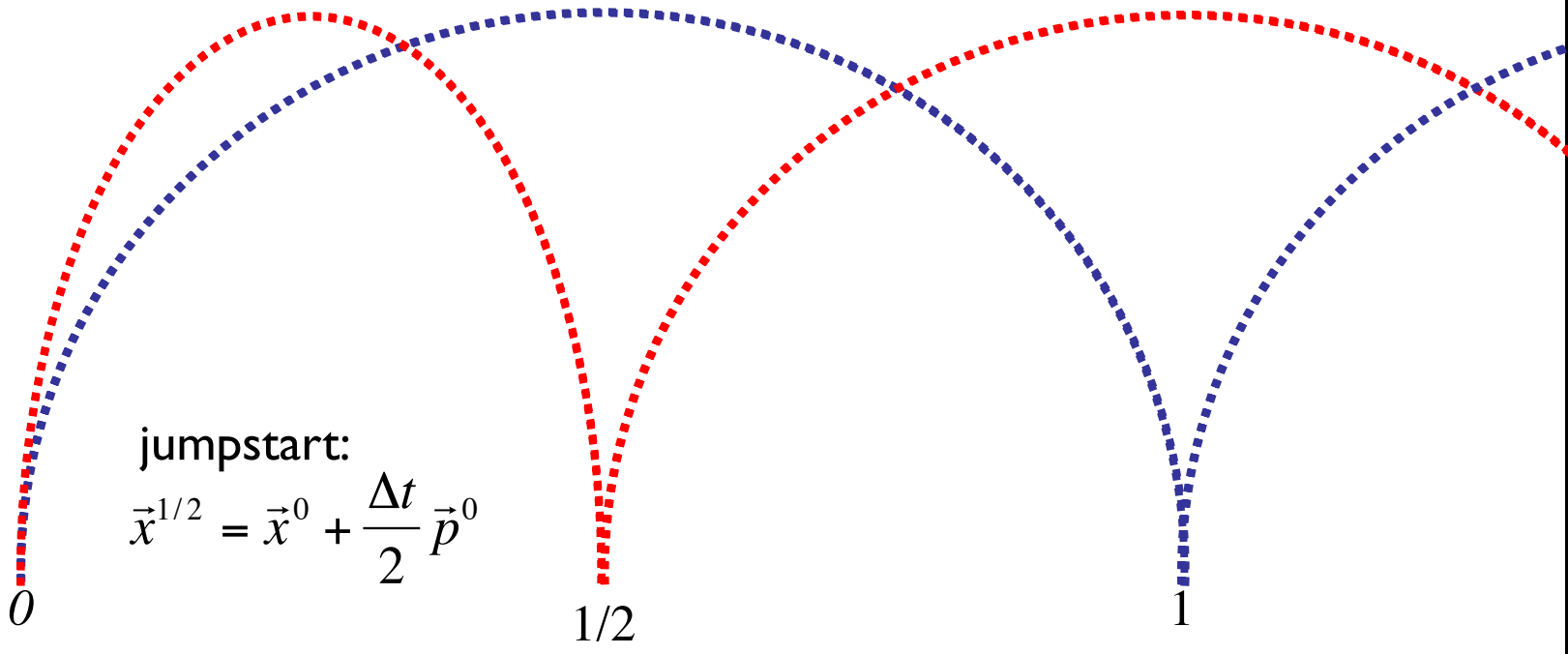

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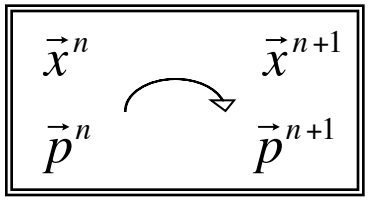

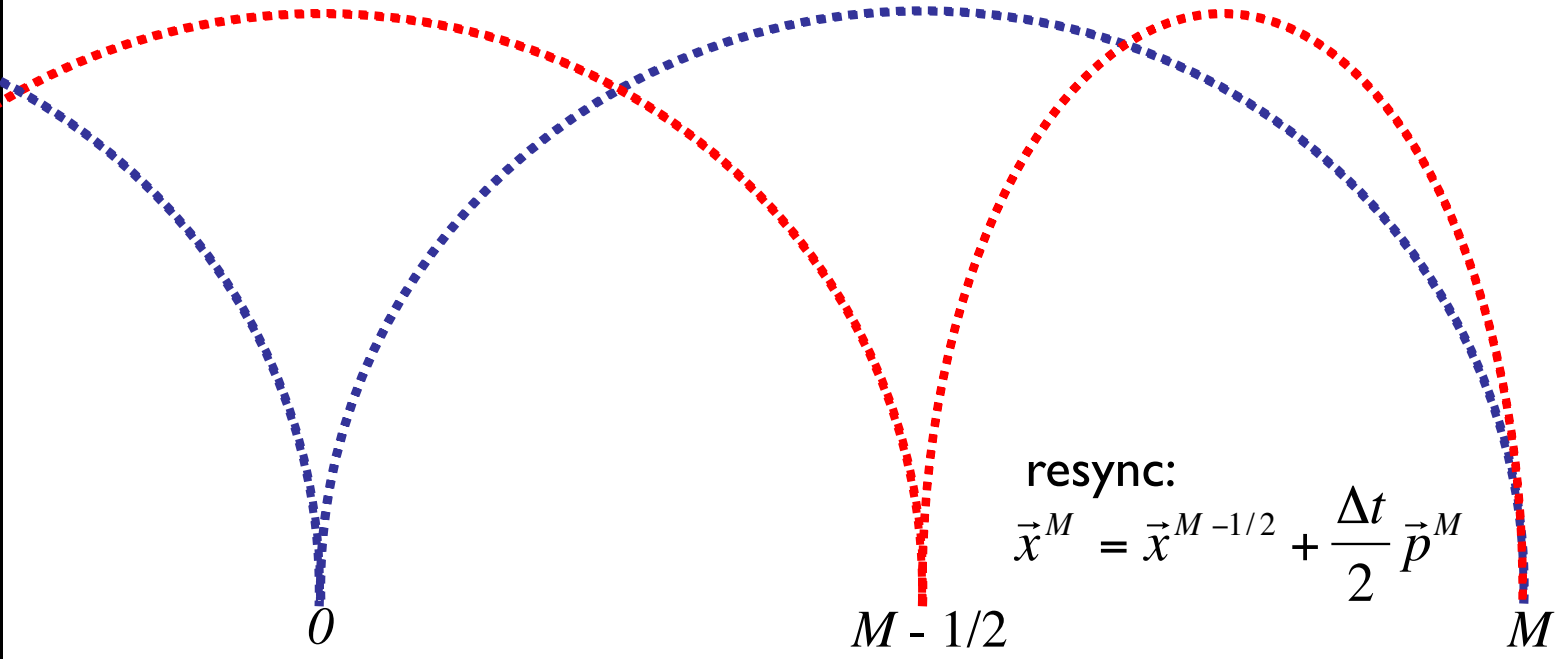

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- solving differential equations
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- **accuracy checks**

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- second order accurate leap-frog – test in practice:
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$$\Delta t,\ 2\Delta t, \text{ and } 4\Delta t$$

  - calculate

$$\frac{\vec{x}_{\Delta t} - \vec{x}_{2\Delta t}}{\vec{x}_{2\Delta t} - \vec{x}_{4\Delta t}} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{1}{4}$$

  - repeat exercise for $(2\Delta t, 4\Delta t, \text{ and } 8\Delta t)$, $(4\Delta t, 8\Delta t, \text{ and } 16\Delta t)$, …

- time step criteria

  - system criterion

$$\Delta t \leq t_{dyn}$$

the time step should be smaller than the dynamical time of your system

  - acceleration/velocity criterion

$$\Delta t \leq \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon}{a_{\max}}} \qquad \Delta t \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{v_{\max}}$$

"objects" in your system should not move farther than some preselected threshold ε

ε of order the force resolution

- momentum conservation

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^{N} \vec{F}_i \right| = 0$$

=> development of net momentum during simulation?

- practical test:

$$\frac{\left| \sum_{i=1}^{N} \vec{F}_i \right|}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} \left| \vec{F}_i \right|} \approx 10^{-4}$$

- energy conservation

  - Hamiltonian (= total energy)

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