$\boxed{\text{Accuracy}}$

1) $x(t+\Delta t) = x(t) + \Delta t \, f(x(t))$

2) $\dfrac{dx}{dt} = f(x)$

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt} = \frac{df}{dx}\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{df}{dx} f$$

$$x(t+\Delta t) = x(t) + f(x)\Delta t + \frac{1}{2} f'(x) f(x) \Delta t^2 + \ldots$$

$$f\left(x + \tfrac{1}{2} f \Delta t\right) = f(x) + \tfrac{1}{2} f'(x) f(x) \Delta t$$

so $\quad x(t+\Delta t) = x(t) + k_2$

$$k_1 = f(x)\Delta t$$

$$k_2 = f\left(x + \tfrac{1}{2} k_1\right)\Delta t$$

3)

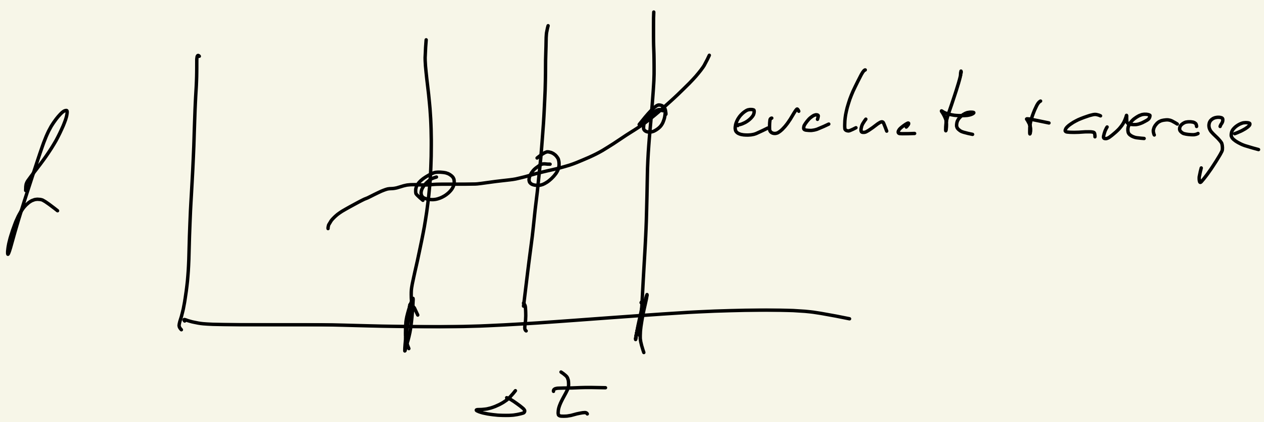
$$x(t+\Delta t) = x(t) + \frac{1}{6}\left(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4\right)$$

$$k_1 = \Delta t\, f(x)$$

$$k_2 = \Delta t\, f\left(x + \tfrac{1}{2}k_1\right)$$

$$k_3 = \Delta t\, f\left(x + \tfrac{1}{2}k_2\right)$$

$$k_4 = \Delta t\, f\left(x + k_3\right)$$



4)

$$\tau \frac{dx}{dt} = a - x$$

$$x(t+\Delta t) = a + \left(x(t) - a\right)e^{-\Delta t/\tau}$$

$$a + \left(x(t) - a\right)\left(1 - \frac{\Delta t}{\tau} + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\Delta t^2}{\tau^2}\right)$$

$$= x(t) + (a - x(t))\frac{\Delta t}{\tau} - \frac{1}{2}(a - x(t))\frac{\Delta t^2}{\tau^2}$$

$$f = \frac{a-x}{\tau} \qquad f' = -1/\tau$$

so $\quad x(t) + f(x)\,\Delta t + \frac{1}{2} f(x) f'(x)\,\Delta t^2$

5) $\boxed{\text{Stability}}$

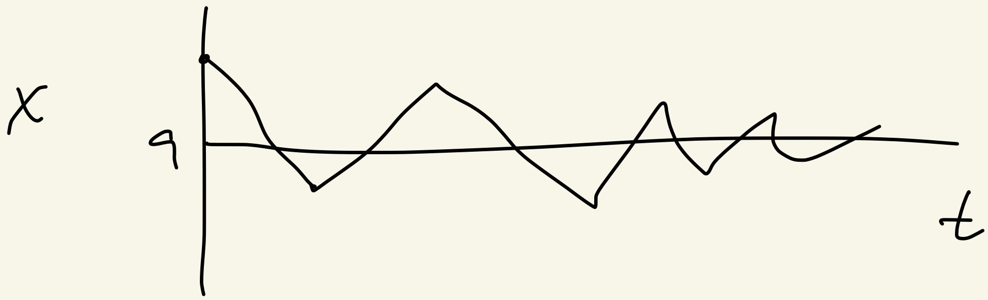
$$\tau \frac{dx}{dt} = -x \qquad \frac{dx}{dt} = -\frac{x}{\tau}$$

$$x(t+\Delta t) = x(t)\left(1 - \frac{\Delta t}{\tau}\right)$$

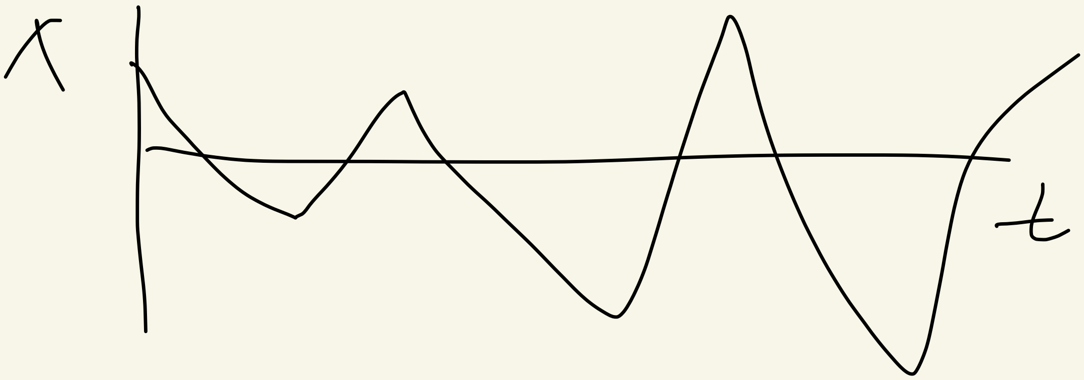
What if $\dfrac{\Delta t}{\tau} > 1$

$$x(t+\Delta t) \longrightarrow 0$$

but instead



or even worse



How to prevent

a) $x(t+\Delta t) = x(t)e^{-\Delta t/\tau}$

$\frac{\Delta t}{\tau} \to \infty \qquad x(t+\Delta t) \to 0$

b) $x(t+\Delta t) = x(t) - x(t)\Delta t$ Euler

$\to x(t+\Delta t) = x(t) - x(t+\Delta t)\Delta t/\tau$

Reverse Euler

so $\quad x(t+\Delta t)\left(1+\frac{\Delta t}{\tau}\right) = x(t)$

$$x(t+\Delta t) = \frac{x(t)}{1+\Delta t/\tau}$$

$$\Delta t/\tau \to \infty \qquad x(t+\Delta t) \to 0$$

but

$$\frac{1}{1+\frac{\Delta t}{\tau}} = 1 - \frac{\Delta t}{\tau} + \dots$$

so

$$x(t+\Delta t) = x(t)\left(1 - \Delta t/\tau\right)$$

first-order accurate

General method is like 2^{nd} order R-K

$$k_1 = f(x)\Delta t$$

$$x(t+\Delta t) = x(t) + f(x+k_1)\Delta t$$

not $\frac{k_1}{2}$!

Important for Hodgkin-Huxley