

## Review Practical Programming

### Review of Common Issues

#### Can you find the problem in this code?

4.

While loop:

```
> x=0.3
> i=seq(55)
> h = 0

> while(x > h)
+   {h <- 1+(sum(h+x^i))}
> h #display sum of function
[1] 1.428571
```

```
> x=6.6
> i=seq(8)
> h = 0

> while(x > h)
+   {h <- sum(h+x^i)}
> h #display sum of function
[1] 4243335
```

It generates the correct answer,  
for the wrong reason

Mixing a loop and  
a vectorized solution

## Function vs. Script

```
> x=seq(1:100)
> domeig=c(mean(x),var(x))
> domeig
[1] 50.5000 841.6667
```



```
> domeig <- function(x){
+   m <- mean(x)
+   v <- var(x)
+   y=list(mean=m,variance=v)
+   return(y)
+ }
```

Given this function, we can now use it.

```
> x <- rnorm(8)
> domeig(x)

$mean
[1] -0.1757752

$variance
[1] 1.104
```

## Lab 3 Exponential Growth

## Exponential Population Growth

### Discrete Time – Update Rule

$$X(t + \Delta t) = X(t) + X\Delta t - Y\Delta t$$

$$X(t + \Delta t) - X(t) = (X - Y)\Delta t$$

$$\frac{X(t + \Delta t) - X(t)}{\Delta t} = X - Y$$

Can use this equation to predict future population size

### Continuous Time – Differential Equation

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = rN$$

Rate of Change

How do we use this to predict future population growth?

## Two Approaches

### Analytical Solution – Exact

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = rN \xrightarrow{\text{Integrate}} N_t = N_0 e^{rt}$$

**Problem:** many functions cannot be integrated.

**Solution**

### Numerical Approximation Algorithms

- Euler
- Revised Euler
- Runge-Kutta 2, 4
- Isoda

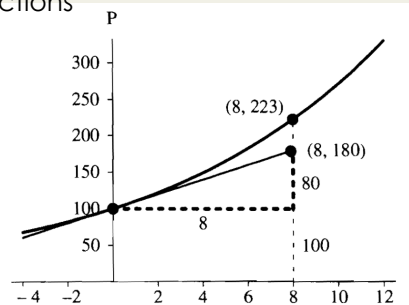
Reading from Shiflet and Shiflet

## Numerical Approximation: Euler Algorithm

Finite difference method

```
growth_rate = 0.10
population(0) = 100
growth(t) = growth_rate * population(t - Δt)
population(t) = population(t - Δt) + growth(t) * Δt
```

Projections



Explicit time step

Generates Error  
Dependent on time  
step and rate of  
change

Figure 5.2.1 Actual point, (8, 223), and point obtained by Euler's Method, (8, 180)

## Estimating Error

If we know the exact solution ( $N_a$ ), we can compare the numerical approximation ( $N_p$ ) to it.

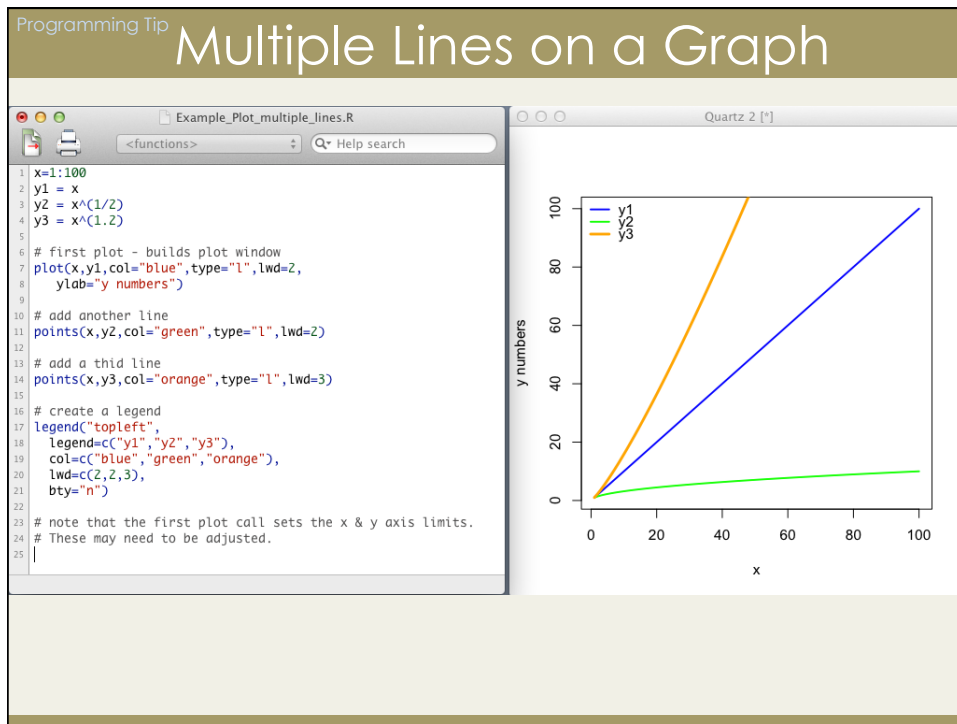
$$RMSEP = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (N_{p_i} - N_{a_i})^2}$$

## Numerical Approximation: lsoda

- Industrial strength solver
- Uses a look forward and look backward approach
- Variable time step

## Tasks

- 3.1 Discrete time model projections
- 3.2 Forrester type diagram of continuous time model
- 3.3 Continuous time population projections
  - use exact solution
- 3.4 Numerical approximation: compare accuracy of two techniques
  - Euler
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## Laboratory Report Format

- 1 paragraph introduction restating the laboratory objectives.
- For each task
  - Describe the task
  - Describe the action you take (methods)
  - Results: present evidence of task completion (usually plots)
  - Describe an ecological explanation or interpretation of your results. Answer any questions.
- Place a copy of R code in an appendix.
  - Please practice neat coding – formatting & comments

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