

# AM783 Applied Markov Processes | From ODEs to SDEs

Hugo Touchette

Last updated: 10 October 2020

Python 3

```
In [2]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from scipy.integrate import odeint
```

```
In [3]: # Magic command for vectorised figures
%config InlineBackend.figure_format = 'svg'
```

## Solving ODEs in Python

Let us solve Newton's equations for the pendulum:

$$m\ddot{\theta} + \frac{mg}{\ell} \sin \theta = 0.$$

As seen in class, we can transform this 2nd-order ODE into a system of two coupled 1st-order ODEs:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\theta} &= \varphi \\ \dot{\varphi} &= \ddot{\theta} = -\omega^2 \sin \theta,\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{g}{\ell}}$$

is the natural frequency of the pendulum.

The first task, for simulating this system in Python, is to define as a Python function the force appearing on the right-hand side of the coupled ODEs. We have two such forces, so the function will return a vector (array):

```
In [4]: def f(x, t):
    # x is our vector; we choose x[0]=theta and x[1]=phi
    g = 9.8 # Gravitational constant
    l = 1.0 # Pendulum length
    w = np.sqrt(g/l)

    dx0dt = x[1]
    dx1dt = -w**2 * np.sin(x[0])

    return [dx0dt, dx1dt])
```

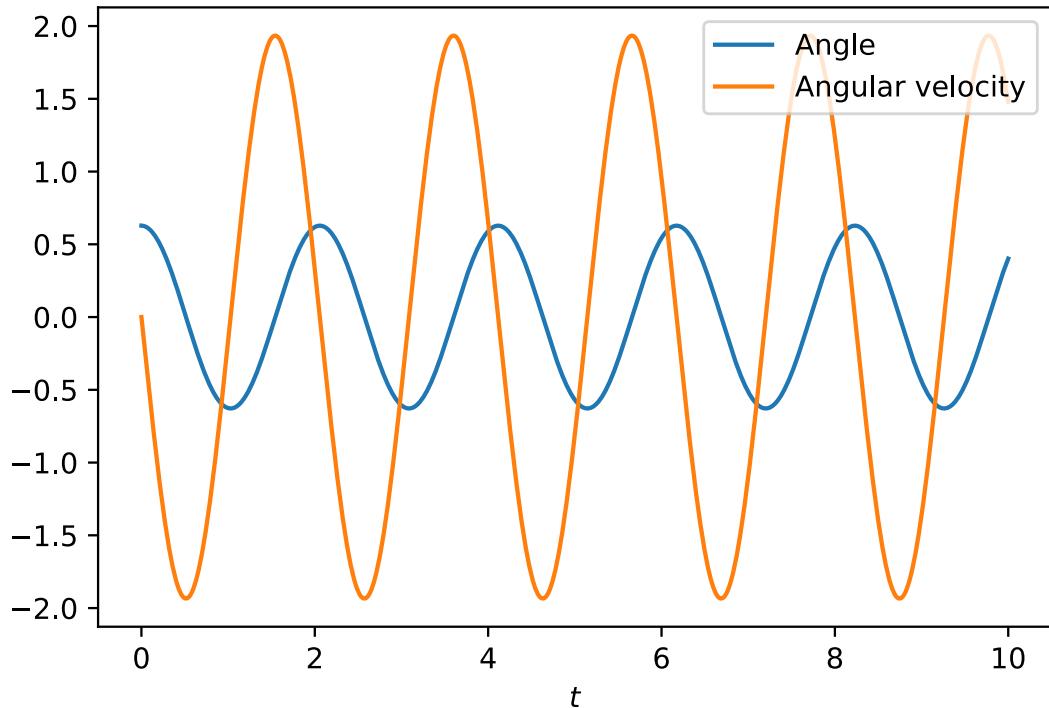
Calling odeint, we can then do the simulation:

```
In [5]: tfinal = 10.0
dt = 0.01
n = int(tfinal/dt)
tspan = np.linspace(0, tfinal, n)

x0 = [np.pi/5, 0] # Initial angle of pi/5; initial 0 velocity

x = odeint(f, x0, tspan) # Solution

plt.plot(tspan, x[:,0], label='Angle')
plt.plot(tspan, x[:,1], label='Angular velocity')
plt.xlabel(r'$t$')
plt.legend(loc='upper right')
plt.show()
```



## Solving SDEs with the Euler-Maruyama scheme

We solve now the linear ODE

$$\dot{x}(t) = -\gamma x(t)$$

by adding Gaussian white noise. This means that the SDE to solve is

$$dX_t = -\gamma X_t dt + \sigma dW_t.$$

Here  $\gamma > 0$  is the linear restitution constant, while  $\sigma > 0$  is the noise amplitude.

The Euler-Maruyama scheme for this SDE is direct:

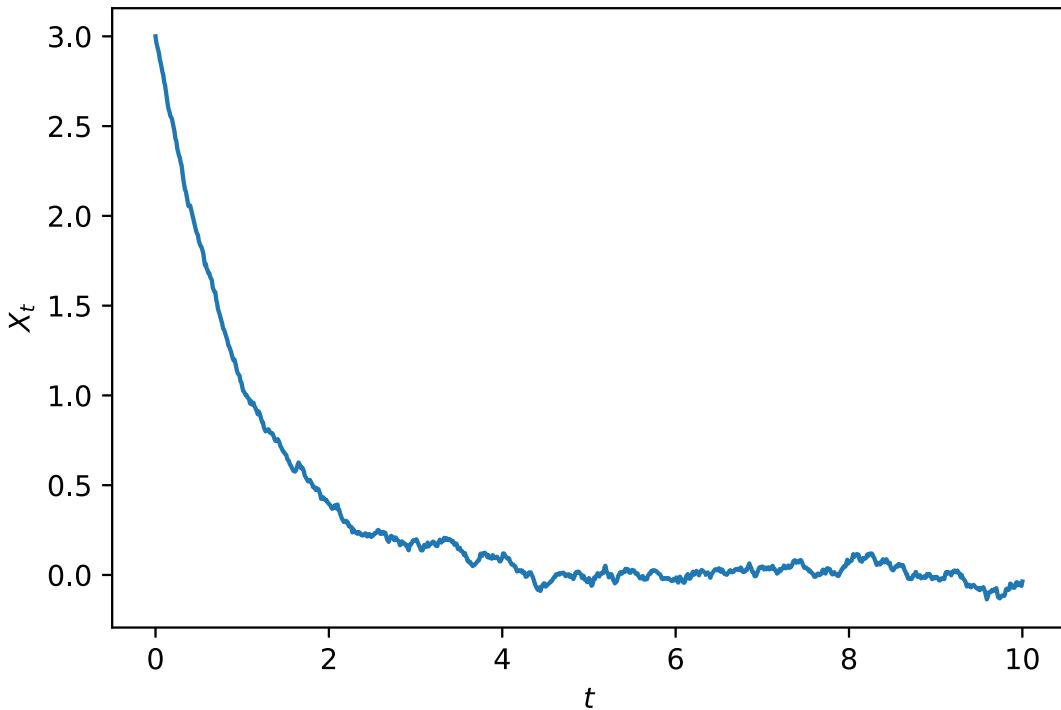
```
In [20]: tfinal = 10.0
dt = 0.01
sqrt_dt = np.sqrt(dt)
gamma = 1.0
sigma = 0.1

n = int(tfinal/dt)
x = np.zeros(n+1)

x[0] = 3.0 # Initial value

for i in range(n):
    x[i+1] = x[i] - gamma*x[i]*dt + sigma*sqrt_dt*np.random.normal()

tspan = np.linspace(0, tfinal, n+1)
plt.plot(tspan, x)
plt.xlabel(r'$t$')
plt.ylabel(r'$x_t$')
plt.show()
```



Compare with the deterministic trajectory obtained with the Euler scheme (one could also use `odeint`):

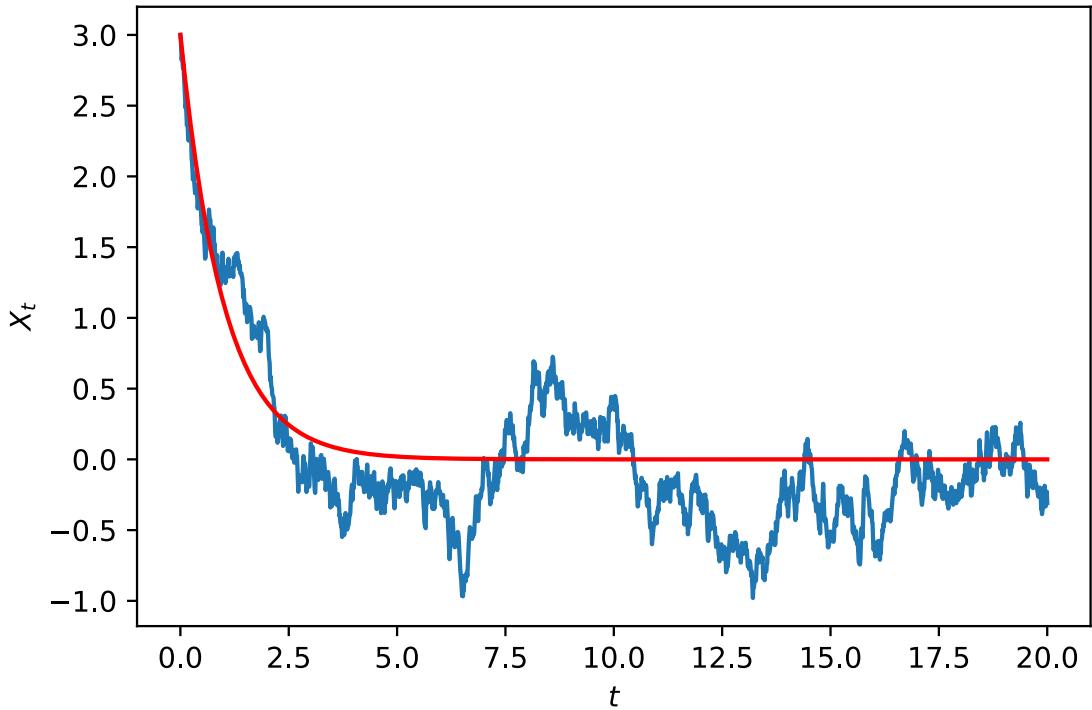
```
In [21]: tfinal = 20.0
dt = 0.01
sqrt_dt = np.sqrt(dt)
gamma = 1.0
sigma = 0.5

n = int(tfinal/dt)
x = np.zeros(n+1)
xdet = np.zeros(n+1)

x[0] = 3.0 # Initial value
xdet[0] = x[0]

for i in range(n):
    x[i+1] = x[i] - gamma*x[i]*dt + sigma*sqrt_dt*np.random.normal()
    xdet[i+1] = xdet[i] - gamma*xdet[i]*dt

tspan = np.linspace(0, tfinal, n+1)
plt.plot(tspan, x)
plt.plot(tspan, xdet, 'r-')
plt.xlabel(r'$t$')
plt.ylabel(r'$x_t$')
plt.show()
```



Change the noise parameter  $\sigma$  to see the effect of the noise.