

# 10.34: Numerical Methods Applied to Chemical Engineering

Lecture 19:  
Differential Algebraic Equations

# Recap

- Differential algebraic equations
  - Semi-explicit
  - Fully implicit
- Simulation via backward difference formulas

# Recap

- How suitable are such approaches?
- Consider stirred tank example I:

$$\frac{dc_2}{dt} = \frac{Q}{V} (c_1(t) - c_2(t))$$

$$c_1(t) = \gamma(t)$$

Apply backward Euler method:

$$\left. \frac{dx}{dt} \right|_{t_k} = \frac{x(t_k) - x(t_{k-1})}{t_k - t_{k-1}} + O(t_k - t_{k-1})$$

$$c_1(t_k) = \gamma(t_k)$$

$$c_2(t_k) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{Q}{V}(t_k - t_{k-1})} \left( c_2(t_{k-1}) + \frac{Q}{V}(t_k - t_{k-1})c_1(t_k) \right) + O((t_k - t_{k-1})^2)$$

# Recap

- How suitable are such approaches?
- Consider stirred tank example 2:

$$\frac{dc_2}{dt} = \frac{Q}{V} (c_1(t) - c_2(t))$$
$$c_2(t) = \gamma(t)$$

Apply backward Euler method:

$$c_2(t_k) = \gamma(t_k)$$

$$c_1(t_k) = c_2(t_k) + \frac{V}{Q} \left( \frac{c_2(t_k) - c_2(t_{k-1})}{t_k - t_{k-1}} \right) + O(t_k - t_{k-1})$$

# Recap

- How suitable are such approaches?
- Consider the system of DAEs:

$$\dot{c}_2 = c_1(t)$$

$$\dot{c}_3 = c_2(t)$$

$$0 = c_3(t) - \gamma(t)$$

Apply backward Euler method:

$$c_3(t_k) = \gamma(t_k)$$

$$c_2(t_k) = \frac{c_3(t_k) - c_3(t_{k-1})}{t_k - t_{k-1}} + O(t_k - t_{k-1})$$

$$c_1(t_k) = \frac{c_2(t_k) - c_2(t_{k-1})}{t_k - t_{k-1}} + O(1)!$$

# Recap

- Solution via backward Euler:
  - Stirred-tank example 1:
    - local truncation error:  $O(\Delta t^2)$
  - Stirred-tank example 2:
    - local truncation error:  $O(\Delta t)$
  - DAE example 3:
    - local truncation error:  $O(1)$

# Recap

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$$\dot{c}_1 = c_1(t) + c_2(t) + c_3(t)$$

$$\dot{c}_2 = -c_1(t) - c_2(t) + c_3(t)$$

$$0 = c_1(t) + c_2(t)$$

Apply backward Euler method:

# Differential Index

- Consider stirred tank example I:

$$\frac{dc_2}{dt} = \frac{Q}{V} (c_1(t) - c_2(t)) \quad (1)$$

$$c_1(t) = \gamma(t) \quad (2)$$

- How many time derivatives are needed to convert to a system of independent ODEs having differentials of all the unknowns?

**derivative of (2)**

$$\frac{dc_1}{dt} = \dot{\gamma}(t) \quad (3)$$

Called an index-I DAE.

# Differential Index

- Consider stirred tank example 2:

$$\frac{dc_2}{dt} = \frac{Q}{V} (c_1(t) - c_2(t)) \quad (1)$$

$$c_2(t) = \gamma(t) \quad (2)$$

- How many time derivatives are needed to convert to a system of ODEs?

$$\frac{dc_2}{dt} = \dot{\gamma} \quad \rightarrow \quad c_1(t) = c_2(t) + \frac{V}{Q} \dot{\gamma} \quad (3)$$

**derivative of (2)**

**substitute (1)**

**derivative of (3)**

$$\frac{dc_1}{dt} - \frac{dc_2}{dt} = \frac{V}{Q} \ddot{\gamma}$$

**substitute (1)**

$$\frac{dc_1}{dt} = \frac{V}{Q} \ddot{\gamma} + \frac{Q}{V} (c_1(t) - c_2(t)) \quad (4)$$

Called an index-2 DAE.

# Differential Index

- Consider DAE example 3:

$$\dot{c}_2 = c_1(t) \quad (1)$$

$$\dot{c}_3 = c_2(t) \quad (2)$$

$$0 = c_3(t) - \gamma(t) \quad (3)$$

- How many time derivatives are needed to convert to a system of ODEs?

**derivative of (3)**

$$\dot{c}_3 = \dot{\gamma} \quad \rightarrow \quad c_2(t) = \dot{\gamma} \quad (4)$$



**derivative of (4)**  $\dot{c}_2 = \ddot{\gamma} \quad \rightarrow \quad c_1(t) = \ddot{\gamma} \quad (5)$



**derivative of (5)**  $\dot{c}_1 = \dddot{\gamma} \quad (6)$

Called an index-3 DAE.

# Differential Index

- The differential index of a semi-explicit DAE system is defined as the minimum number of differentiations required to convert the DAE to a system of independent ODEs.

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, t)$$

$$0 = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, t)$$

$$0 = \frac{d\mathbf{g}}{dt} = \mathbf{g}^{(1)}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \dot{\mathbf{y}}, t)$$

$$0 = \frac{d^2\mathbf{g}}{dt^2} = \mathbf{g}^{(2)}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \dot{\mathbf{y}}, t)$$

⋮

solve for:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{y}}{dt} = \mathbf{s}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, t)$$

# Differential Index

- Consider another example:

$$\dot{c}_1 = c_1(t) + c_2(t) + c_3(t)$$

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- How many time derivatives are needed to convert to a system of ODEs?

# Differential Index

- The differential index of a semi-explicit DAE system is defined as the minimum number of differentiations required to convert the DAE to a system of ODEs.

- Index-1 example: 
$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, t) \quad (1)$$
- $$0 = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, t) \quad (2)$$

**derivative of (2)**

**rearrange and substitute (1)**

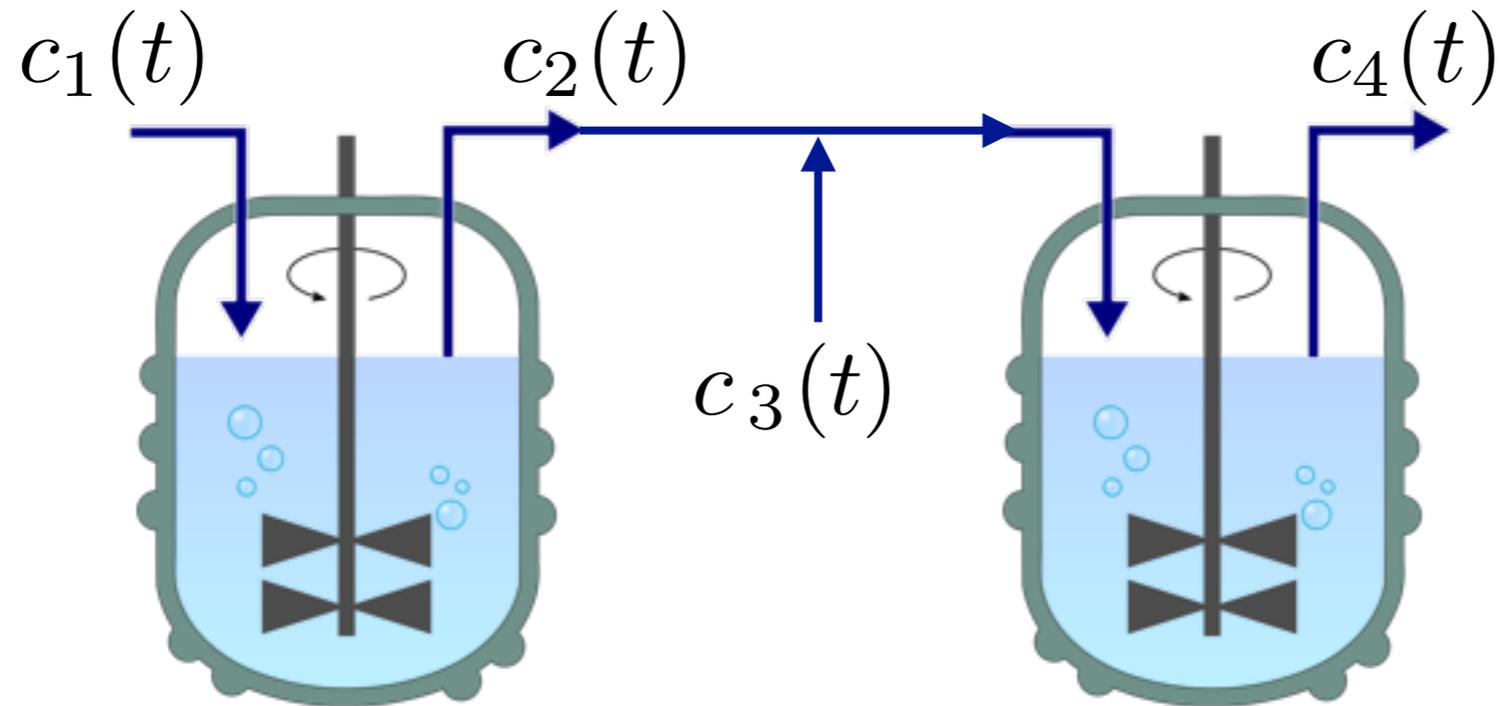
$$0 = \frac{d\mathbf{g}}{dt} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{g}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{g}}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \frac{d\mathbf{y}}{dt} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{g}}{\partial t} \rightarrow \frac{\partial \mathbf{g}}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \frac{d\mathbf{y}}{dt} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{g}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, t) - \frac{\partial \mathbf{g}}{\partial t}$$

If  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{g}}{\partial \mathbf{y}}$  is full rank then the DAE is index-1:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{y}}{dt} = - \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{g}}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{g}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, t) + \frac{\partial \mathbf{g}}{\partial t} \right)$$

# Differential Index

- Example, determine the differential index:



$$\frac{dc_2}{dt} = \frac{Q_1}{V_1} (c_1(t) - c_2(t))$$

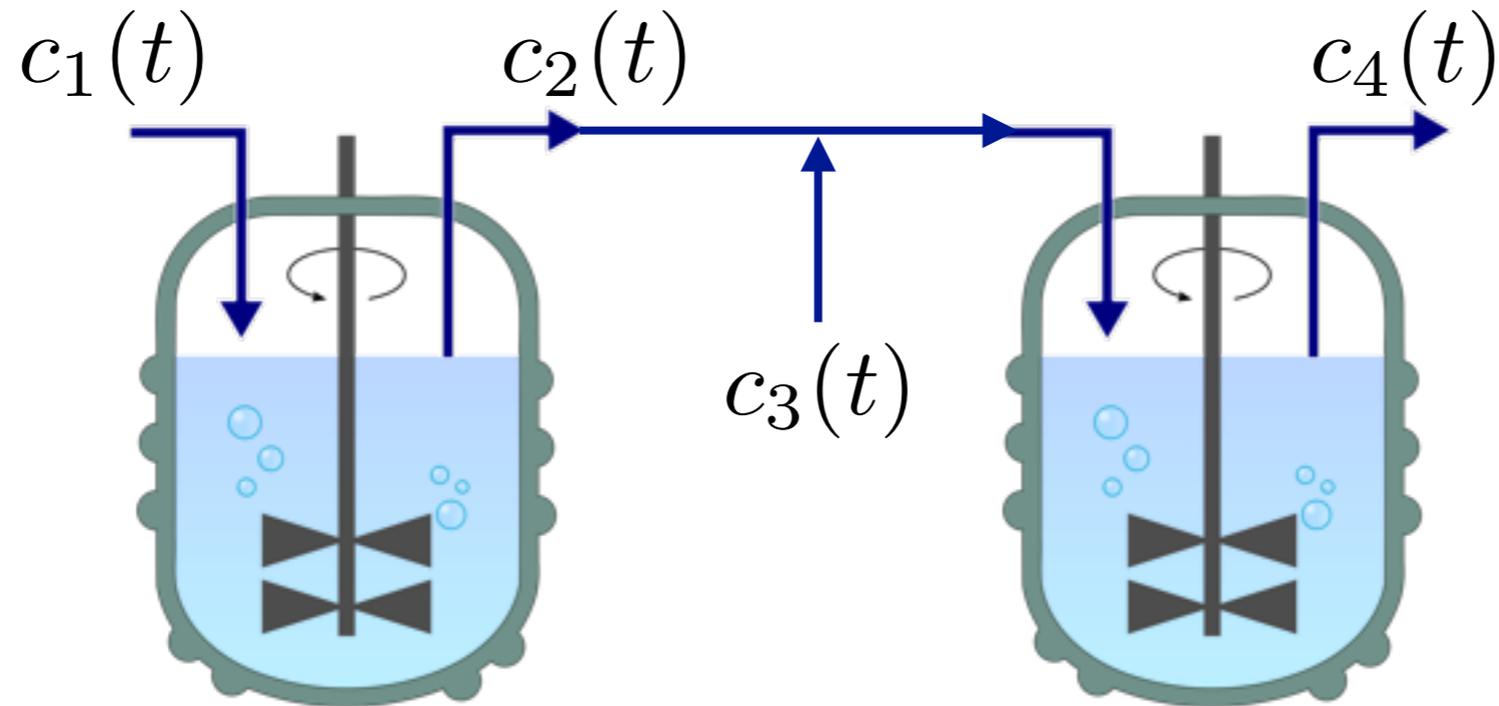
$$\frac{dc_4}{dt} = \frac{Q_1}{V_2} c_2(t) + \frac{Q_2}{V_2} c_3(t) - \frac{Q_1 + Q_2}{V_2} c_4(t)$$

$$c_1(t) = \gamma_1(t)$$

$$c_3(t) = \gamma_2(t)$$

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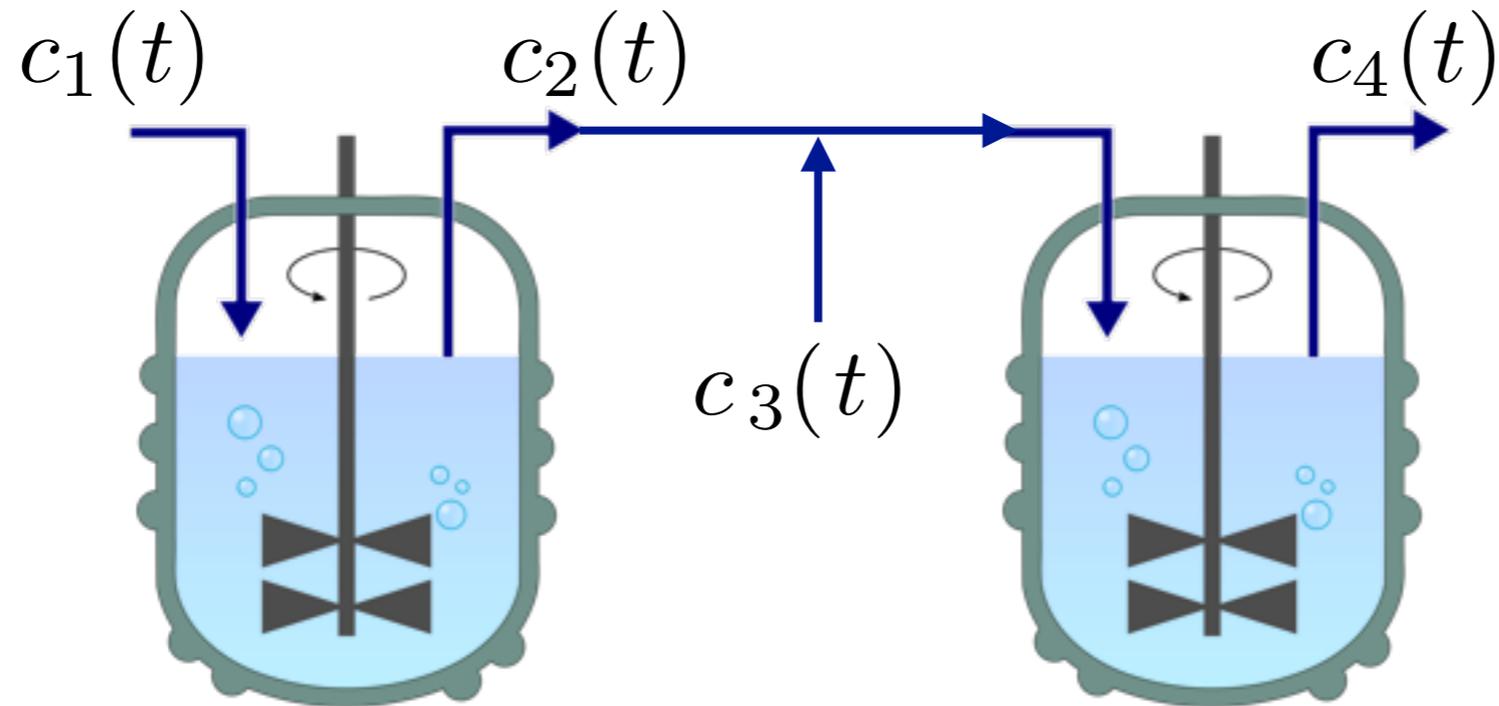
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$$c_1(t) = \gamma_1(t)$$

$$c_2(t) = \gamma_2(t)$$

# Dynamics of DAE Systems

- Solution of stirred tank example 1:

$$c_2(t) = c_2(0)e^{-(Q/V)t}$$

**index 1**  $c_1(t) = \gamma(t)$

$$+ \frac{Q}{V} \int_0^t \gamma(t') e^{-(Q/V)(t-t')} dt'$$

- Solution of stirred tank example 2:

**index 2**  $c_1(t) = \gamma(t) + \frac{V}{Q} \dot{\gamma}$        $c_2(t) = \gamma(t)$

- Solution of DAE example 3:

**index 3**  $c_1(t) = \ddot{\gamma}$        $c_2(t) = \dot{\gamma}$        $c_3(t) = \gamma$

- Higher index indicates greater sensitivity to changes in forcing function.

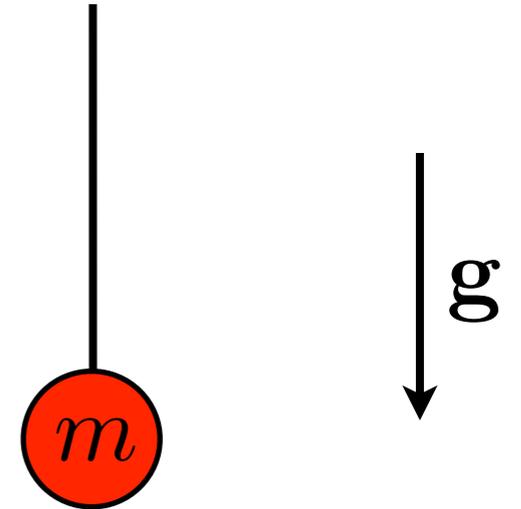
# Dynamics of DAE Systems

- Physical example: pendulum

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{v}(t)$$

$$m\dot{\mathbf{v}} = -k(t)\mathbf{x}(t) + m\mathbf{g}$$

$$\|\mathbf{x}(t)\|_2^2 = L^2$$



- position, velocity, stiffness:  $\mathbf{x}(t)$   $\mathbf{v}(t)$   $k(t)$
- Identify differential and algebraic variables.  
 $\mathbf{x}(t)$   $\mathbf{v}(t)$   $k(t)$
- Identify index of the DAE system.

$$(1) \frac{d}{dt} \|\mathbf{x}(t)\|_2^2 = 2\mathbf{v}(t) \cdot \mathbf{x}(t) = 0$$

$$(2) \frac{d}{dt} (\mathbf{v}(t) \cdot \mathbf{x}(t)) = \frac{1}{m} (-k(t)\mathbf{x}(t) + m\mathbf{g}) \cdot \mathbf{x}(t) + \|\mathbf{v}(t)\|_2^2 = 0$$

$$(3) \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{m} (-k(t)\mathbf{x}(t) + m\mathbf{g}) \cdot \mathbf{x}(t) + \|\mathbf{v}(t)\|_2^2 \right)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{m} \frac{dk}{dt} \|\mathbf{x}(t)\|_2^2 - 2\frac{1}{m} k(t)\mathbf{v}(t) \cdot \mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{g} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \frac{2}{m} (-k(t)\mathbf{x}(t) + m\mathbf{g}) \cdot \mathbf{v}(t) = 0 \quad 18$$

# Simulation of DAE Systems

- Consider DAE example 3:

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \dot{c}_2 = c_1(t) & & \dot{c}_1 = \ddot{\gamma} \\ \dot{c}_3 = c_2(t) & \rightarrow & \dot{c}_2 = \dot{\gamma} \\ 0 = c_3(t) - \gamma(t) & & \dot{c}_3 = \dot{\gamma} \end{array}$$

- Can't I just solve the set of ODEs found when determining that the DAE system is index-3?

# Simulation of DAE Systems

- In general, index-1 semi-explicit DAEs can be safely handled by certain stiff integrators in MATLAB (ode15s, ode23t)
- For generic DAEs, specific DAE solvers are usually needed (SUNDIALS, DAEPACK)
- Initial conditions for such equations must be prescribed consistently, or numerical errors can occur.
- Consider the pendulum:
  - Can its initial position be specified arbitrarily?
  - Can its initial velocity be specified arbitrarily?
  - Can the initial stiffness be specified arbitrarily?

# Simulation of DAE Systems

- Consistent initialization of initial value problems:  $\{\dot{\mathbf{x}}(0), \mathbf{x}(0)\}$
- index-0 DAE (ODE-IVP):  $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t)$ 
  - 1.  $\mathbf{x}(0) \rightarrow \dot{\mathbf{x}}(0) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}(0), 0)$
  - 2.  $\dot{\mathbf{x}}(0)$  solve  $\dot{\mathbf{x}}(0) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}(0), 0)$
  - 3.  $\mathbf{c}(\mathbf{x}(0), \dot{\mathbf{x}}(0)) = 0$  solve with  $\dot{\mathbf{x}}(0) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}(0), 0)$
- fully implicit DAE:  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}}, t) = 0$ 
  - $2N$  unknowns for  $N$  equations
  - apparently  $N$  degrees of freedom to specify
  - hidden constraints reduce these degrees
- with differential states  $\mathbf{x}$  and algebraic states  $\mathbf{y}$ ,  
 $\mathbf{f}(\dot{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, t) = 0 \quad \{\dot{\mathbf{x}}(0), \mathbf{x}(0), \mathbf{y}(0)\}$

# Simulation of DAE Systems

- Consistent initialization, example stirred tank I:

$$\frac{dc_2}{dt} = \frac{Q}{V} (c_1(t) - c_2(t)) \quad (1)$$

$$c_1(t) = \gamma(t) \quad (2)$$

Convert to system of ODEs

$$\frac{dc_1}{dt} = \dot{\gamma}(t)$$

$$\frac{dc_2}{dt} = \frac{Q}{V} (c_1(t) - c_2(t)) \quad (3)$$

Consistent initial conditions:

constrained by

differential equation (3)

unconstrained

constrained by  
algebraic equation (2)

$$c_1(0) = \gamma(0)$$

$$\dot{c}_2(0) = \frac{Q}{V} (c_1(0) - c_2(0))$$

$$c_2(0) = c_0$$

# Simulation of DAE Systems

- Consistent initialization, example stirred tank 2:

$$\frac{dc_2}{dt} = \frac{Q}{V} (c_1(t) - c_2(t)) \quad (1)$$

$$c_2(t) = \gamma(t) \quad (2)$$

Convert to system of ODEs

$$\frac{dc_2}{dt} = \dot{\gamma} \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{dc_1}{dt} = \frac{V}{Q} \ddot{\gamma} + \frac{Q}{V} (c_1(t) - c_2(t))$$

Consistent initial conditions:

constrained by

differential equation (1)

$$c_1(0) = c_2(0) + \frac{V}{Q} \dot{c}_2(0)$$

constrained by

differential equation (3)

$$\dot{c}_2(0) = \dot{\gamma}(0)$$

constrained by  
algebraic equation (2)

$$c_2(0) = \gamma(0)$$

# Simulation of DAE Systems

- Consider another example:

$$\dot{c}_1 = c_1(t) + c_2(t) + c_3(t)$$

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$$0 = c_1(t) + c_2(t)$$

- Derive consistent initial conditions:

# Simulation of DAE Systems

- Consider another example:

$$\dot{c}_1 = c_1(t) + c_2(t) + c_3(t)$$

$$\dot{c}_2 = -c_1(t) - c_2(t) + c_3(t)$$

$$0 = c_1(t) + c_2(t) + 2c_3(t)$$

- Derive consistent initial conditions:

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