

Robust time integration methods - Emil Constantinescu

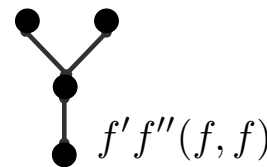
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- Algorithms to solve ODEs, DAEs, PDEs: $y'(t) = f(t, y(t))$, $t_0 \leq t \leq T$, $y(t_0) = y_0$
- Time stepping algorithms: Runge-Kutta, linear multistep, general linear schemes
- Partitioned methods for particular systems: Implicit-Explicit (IMEX or semi-implicit), multirate (resolve multiple scales)
- No one-method-fits-all, need to consider problem characteristics (stiffness, conservation, smoothness, geometry), computational architecture
- Optimize methods: stability and accuracy
- Augment schemes with error estimators, step controllers, predictors, preconditioners
- Implementation in PETSc library

Accuracy:

- Problem: $y'(t) = f(t, y(t))$
- E.g., Runge-Kutta: $y_{n+1} = y_n + \Delta t \sum_{i=1}^s b_i f(Y_i)$
 $\Psi(\Upsilon) = R(a, b) \quad Y_i = y_n + \Delta t \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_{ij} f(Y_j)$
- Order conditions: $\sum_i b_i = 1, \sum_{ij} b_i a_{ij} = \frac{1}{2}, \dots$

- Order conditions “form” a noncommutative algebraic group:



- High order methods are typically more robust
- Perturbed asymptotic expansions may be needed

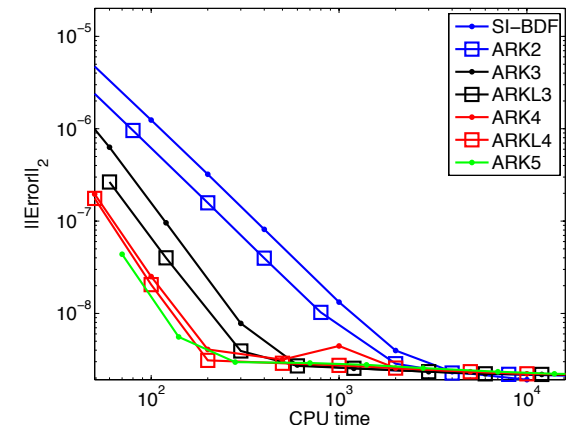
elementary derivatives:

$$y' = f$$

$$y'' = f' f$$

$$y^{(3)} = f''(f, f) + f' f' f$$

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Hopf algebras, Feynman graphs, and renormalization: Brouder C. (2000) Runge–Kutta methods and renormalization. *Eur. Phys. J. C.*, 12, 521–534



Symplecticity:

$$\begin{array}{c|c} c & A \\ \hline & b^T \end{array}$$

- Condition: $b_i a_{ij} + b_j a_{ji} = b_i b_j$

Problem: $\ddot{q} = f(q)$

Störmer-Verlet:

$$p_{n+1/2} = p_n + \frac{\Delta t}{2} f(q_n)$$

$$q_{n+1} = q_n + \Delta t p_{n+1/2}$$

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Störmer-Verlet as Runge-Kutta

0	0	0	1/2	1/2	0
1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	0
			1/2	1/2	1/2

$$\{q, p\}_{[n+1]} = e^{\frac{1}{2}\Delta t f(\cdot)} e^{\Delta t p} e^{\frac{1}{2}\Delta t f(\cdot)} \{q, p\}_{[n]}$$

Stability:

- Consider the IVP:

$$y'(t) = F(t, y(t)), t_0 \leq t \leq T, y(t_0) = y_0$$

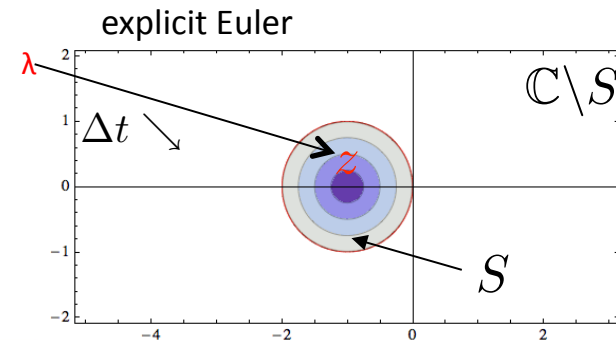
- Linear stability analysis:

$$\lambda = \text{eig} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$y' = \lambda y, \quad y_{n+1} = R(\lambda \Delta t) y_n, \quad S = \{z \in \mathbb{C}; |R(z)| \leq 1\}$$

- E.g., forward Euler:

$$y_{n+1} = \underbrace{(1 + \lambda \Delta t)}_{R(z)=1+z} y_n$$



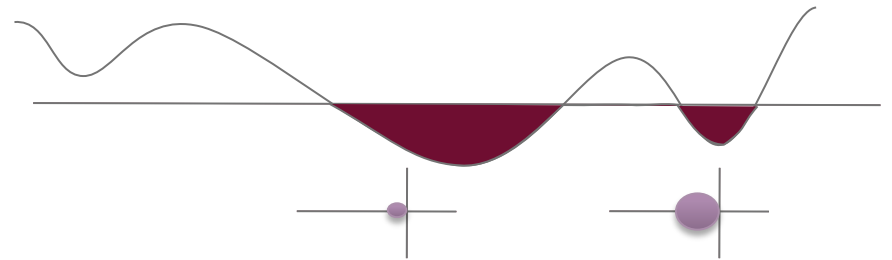
Optimal methods

- Formulate the method design as a mathematical programming problem: search for the **global optimum** set of coefficients that define the search criteria: nonlinear multiobjective optimization problem:

$$\min_{a,b,c,\dots} \underbrace{\Lambda \left(1 - \gamma(\mathcal{T}_e) \sum b_i \Psi(\mathcal{T}_e) \right)}_{\text{Error}} + \underbrace{\|\beta_s(\lambda, \mu)\|}_{\text{Stability}}, \quad r(\mathcal{T}_e) = p + 1$$

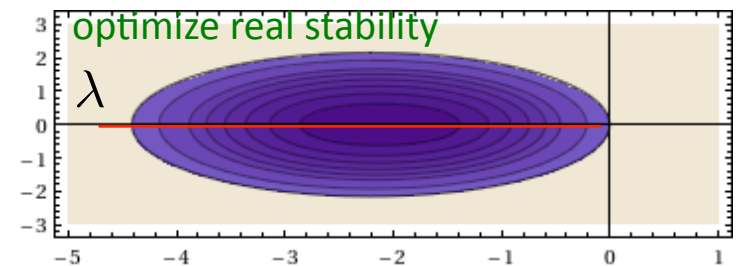
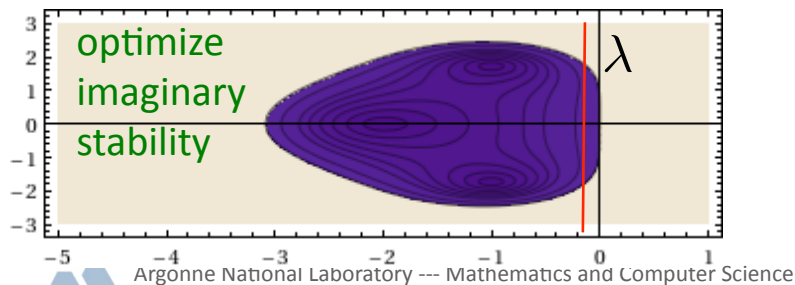
subject to $\sum b_j \Psi(\mathcal{T}_p) = 1/\gamma(\mathcal{T}_p)$
 $|R(\alpha_E \lambda \Delta t)| \leq 1, \lambda \in [-\beta_S, 0]$

- Global optimization [BARON] allows construction of families of methods – Pareto surface



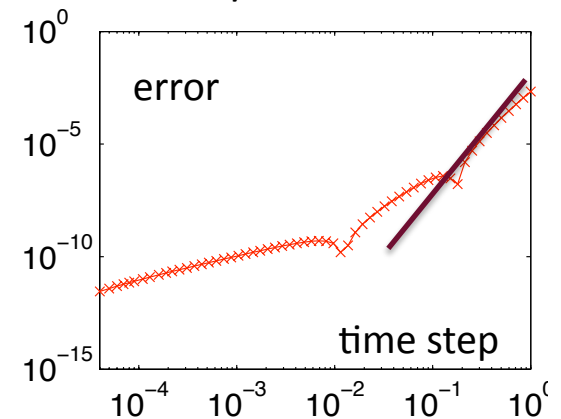
- Stability region (SR) leads to a **semi-infinite program**:

$$\max_{\beta} \quad |R(\gamma \lambda, \epsilon)| \leq 1, \forall \gamma \in [0, \beta]$$



Final remarks

1. Perform stability analysis to obtain algebraic constraints – how large the time step can be, augmented criterion that includes the acceptance rate and force calculation costs == [Balint et al.] limits have been identified, more d.o.f. may provide relief.
2. Analyze stiffness effects by perturbed expansion analyses – estimate/eliminate large error constants and stability issues



3. Develop time adaptivity by using reversible step size controllers – reduce computational cost. Controller/error estimators are inexpensive == experiments exhibited a loss of symplectic properties. Identify and solve the problem.
4. Use all this machinery to develop new optimal methods via global optimization algorithms and implement in Chroma/PETSc.