

# Simulation Tools

## Project 3

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### 1 The second-order problem

For this project we are considering linear ordinary differential equations of the second order of the type

$$M\ddot{\mathbf{u}} + C\dot{\mathbf{u}} + K\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f}(t), \quad (1)$$

where  $\mathbf{u}$  is the vector of solutions,  $M, C, K$  are square matrices with constant coefficients and  $\mathbf{f}(t)$  is a vector function of only time. If  $\mathbf{u}$  is large it may be costly to transform this into a first-order problem since it doubles the system size. Instead we can use a single-step scheme that deals with the second-order system directly. In particular we will use the Newmark method.

### 2 Implementing the problem class

The problem class is intended to have the matrices  $M, C, K$  and the function  $f(t)$  as parameters instead of the usual right-hand-side function `rhs` to define the problem. It also naturally needs the initial conditions  $u(0)$  and  $\dot{u}(0)$ . In order to be compatible with built-in solvers that expect an `rhs` function this was implemented as well. The `rhs` function transforms the problem into a first-order problem the usual way. (See appendix for full code)

### 3 Implementing the solver classes

The structure of a solver class requires initializing correctly and implementing the `integrate` function. Inspiration was drawn from the BDF-solvers from project 1. In initialization we set up the matrix  $A$  as

$$A = \frac{M}{\beta h^2} + \frac{\gamma C}{\beta h} + K. \quad (2)$$

The solver takes implicit or explicit steps depending on if the conditions allow for it. The HHT- $\alpha$  solver was set up in a similar way according to the mathematical formulas.

#### 3.1 Simulating a test problem

For the Newmark and HHT- $\alpha$  simulations a step-size of  $h = 10^{-3}$  was used with  $\beta = \frac{1}{4}$  and  $\gamma = \frac{1}{2}$ .

The first problem considered was taken from [1] (section 5.11.2) in order to compare solutions. The matrices were

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 20 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 30 \end{bmatrix}, \quad K = 10^3 \begin{bmatrix} 45 & -20 & -15 \\ -20 & 45 & -25 \\ -15 & -25 & 40 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = 3 \cdot 10^{-2} K, \quad (3)$$

and

$$\mathbf{f}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ g(t) \end{bmatrix}, \quad g(t) = \begin{cases} 50 \sin \frac{\pi}{0.3} t, & t < 0.3 \\ 0, & t \geq 0.3 \end{cases}, \quad (4)$$

and all initial conditions set to 0. The implemented Newmark solver seems to handle it well as seen in Figure 1. The HHT- $\alpha$  solver showed no noticeable differences either.

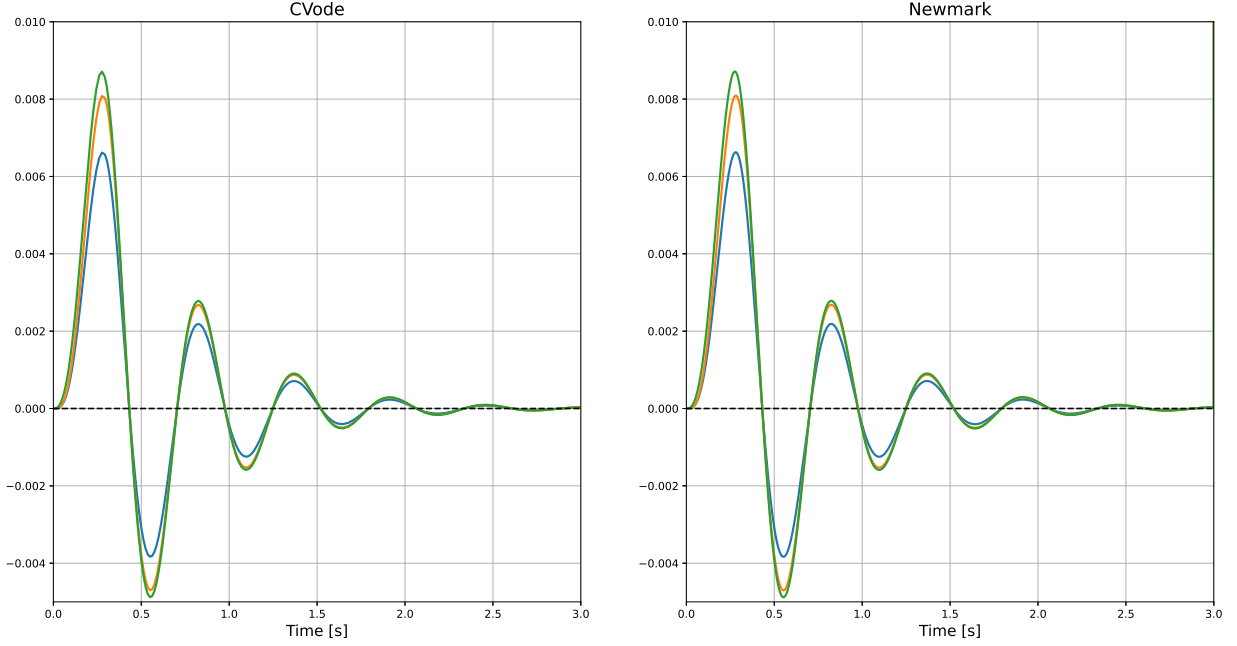


Figure 1

Trying with smaller step-sizes makes it go unstable however. Which is strange since the condition for unconditional stability appears to be met.

## 4 The elastic pendulum

The elastic pendulum is not a linear equation system so the explicit Newmark method needs to be modified. The equation system can be written in second-order form as

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{x} + x\lambda(x, y) &= 0 \\ \ddot{y} + y\lambda(x, y) &= -1 \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where  $\lambda(x, y) = k \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - 1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$  for some spring constant  $k$ . This corresponds to  $M = I, C = \mathbf{0}$ . The modified scheme must reflect the non-linearity present as we can not simply multiply with some constant matrix  $K$ . For  $\mathbf{u} = [x, y]$ , the modified scheme is written

$$\mathbf{u}_{n+1} = \mathbf{u}_n + \dot{\mathbf{u}}_n h + \ddot{\mathbf{u}}_n \frac{h^2}{2} \quad (6)$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{u}}_{n+1} = \dot{\mathbf{u}}_n + \ddot{\mathbf{u}}_n \frac{h}{2} + \ddot{\mathbf{u}}_{n+1} \frac{h}{2} \quad (7)$$

$$\ddot{\mathbf{u}}_{n+1} = (\mathbf{f}_{n+1} - \lambda(x_{n+1}, y_{n+1})\mathbf{u}_{n+1}) \quad (8)$$

where  $\mathbf{f}_n = [0, -1]$ . Note that  $M = M^{-1} = I$  and that this is the special case of  $\gamma = \frac{1}{2}$ . This also means we cannot use the newly written Newmark class and have to do a custom implementation.

Simulations were done for 5 seconds with the pendulum stretched out slightly to the side. In Figure 2a and Figure 2b we can see simulations for two different step-sizes.

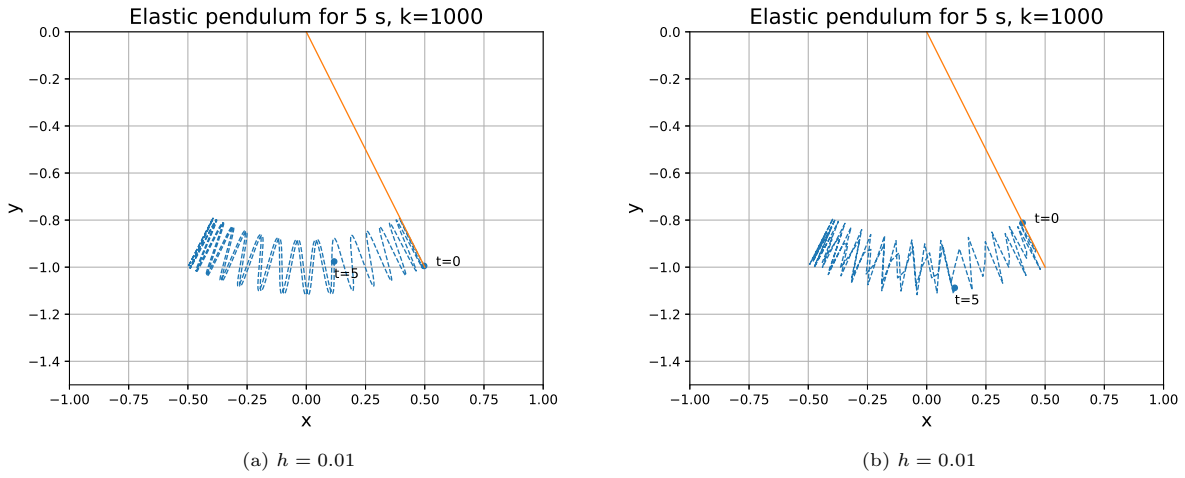


Figure 2: Simulation of elastic pendulum with two different step-sizes  $h$ .

With the spring constant at  $k = 1000$  it seems as if any step-size  $h > 0.06$  makes the solution go wildly unstable. Keeping the step-size at  $h = 0.01$  the Newmark method can handle even higher spring constants, see Figure 3

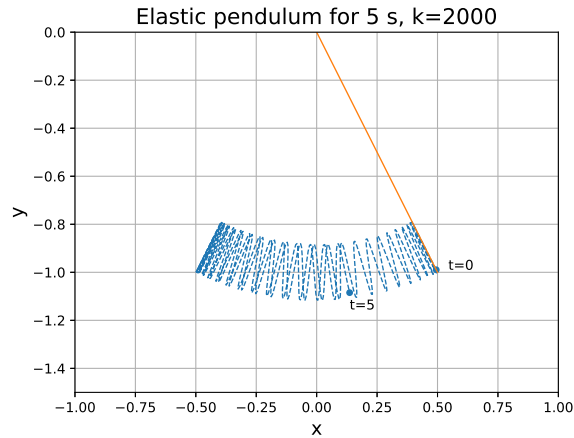


Figure 3: Simulation of elastic pendulum.

## 5 Simulating the elastodynamic beam problem

By extracting the matrices as in the instructions we can compare built-in methods with the second-order methods. Testing first with both  $\eta_M = \eta_K = 0$ , giving  $C = \mathbf{0}$ , i.e., no damping.

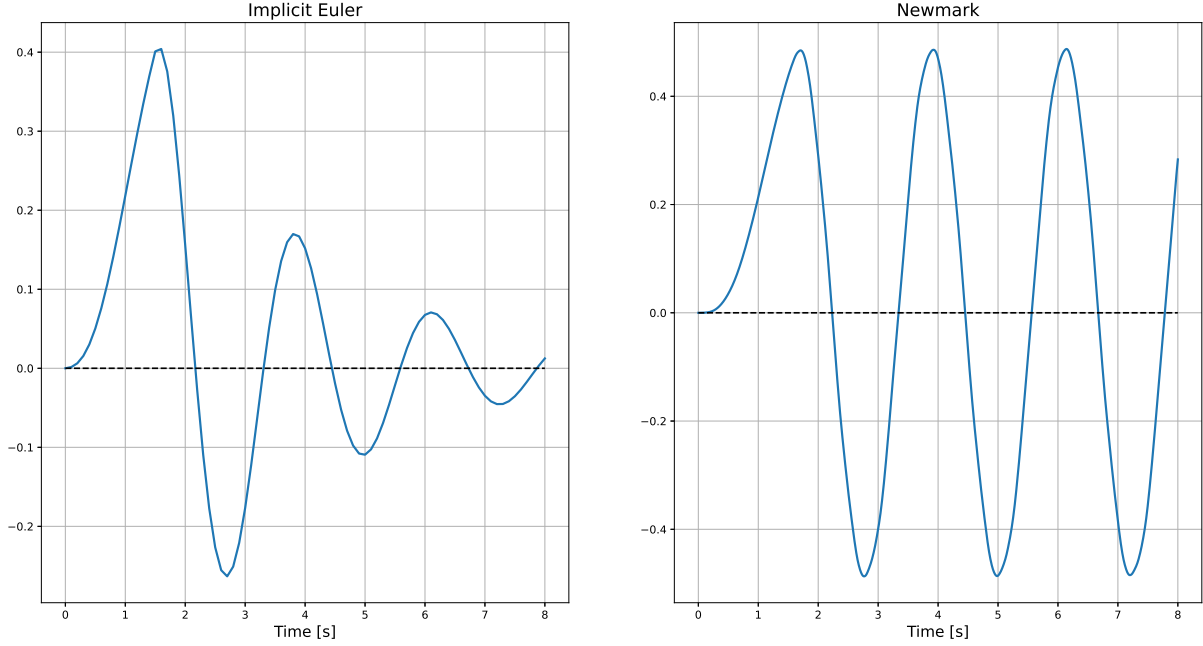


Figure 4: The tip of the elastodynamic beam with no damping.

Once again the Newmark solver used a step-size of  $h = 10^{-3}$  with  $\beta = \frac{1}{4}$  and  $\gamma = \frac{1}{2}$ . These are the conditions needed for unconditional stability. In Figure 4 we can see the strong numerical damping that the implicit Euler method introduces, whereas the Newmark method appears to correctly give an undamped oscillation. Notice especially the vertical axis ranges in Figure 4. The step-size for the `ImplicitEuler` solver was set to  $h = 0.1$ . Testing with other built-in solvers such as `CVode`, `ExplicitEuler`, `RungeKutta34` was less successful. They simply take way too long to find a solution. For `RungeKutta34` it reported that the final time could not be reached within the maximum number of steps after several minutes of execution time. The `ExplicitEuler` solver can find a solution but it is clearly unstable.

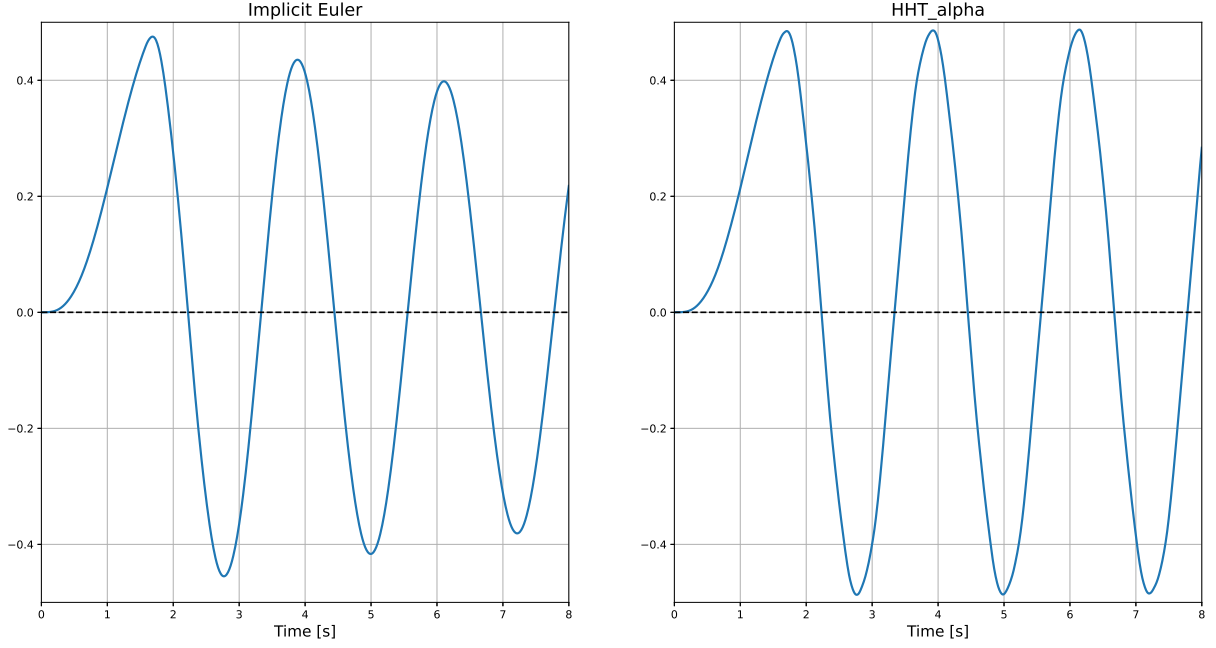


Figure 5: The tip of the elastodynamic beam with no damping.

The implicit Euler solver now used a smaller step-size of  $h = 0.01$ . The  $\text{HHT}_\alpha$  method used a step-size of  $h = 10^{-3}$  with  $\alpha = -\frac{1}{3}$ . With a lower step-size the implicit Euler solution comes much closer to the Newmark and  $\text{HHT}_\alpha$  solutions. The cost however, is a much longer execution time. Perhaps unsurprisingly, the execution time increased nearly tenfold when the step-size was reduced by a factor of 10.

### 5.1 Introducing damping to the system

Damping was introduced to the system equations by setting  $\eta_M = \eta_K = 0.1$ . Solver settings were kept the same for Newmark and  $\text{HHT}-\alpha$ .

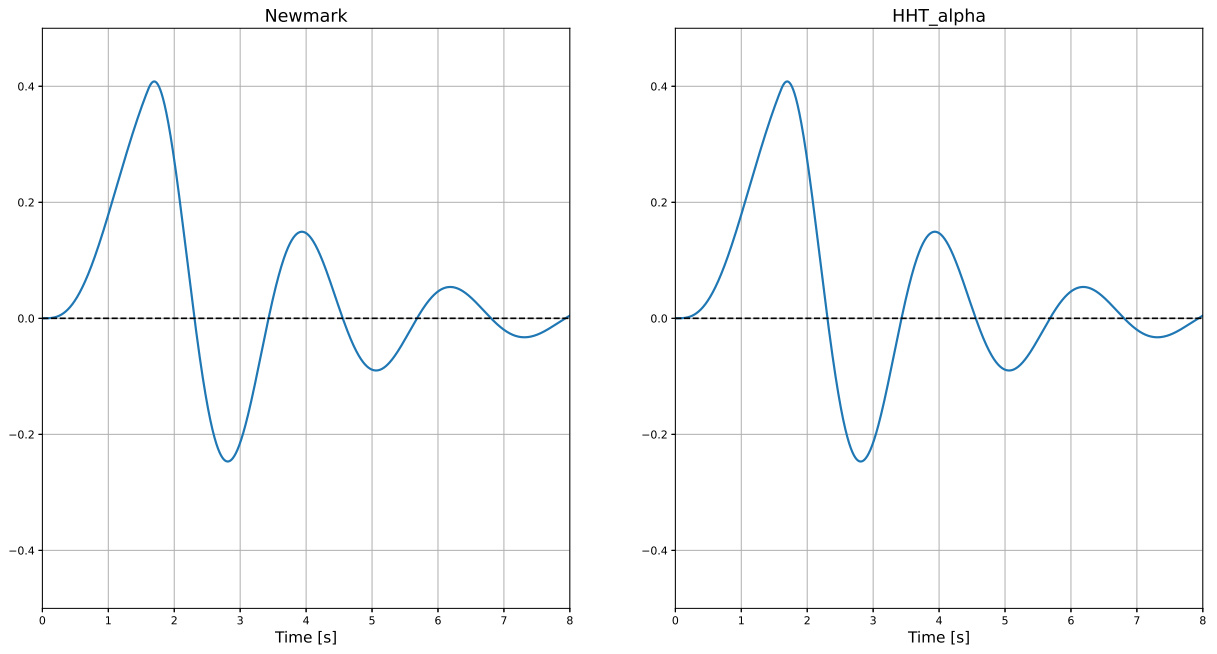


Figure 6: The tip of the elastodynamic beam with damping.

The same conditions were simulated with implicit Euler, step-size once again at  $h = 0.01$ .

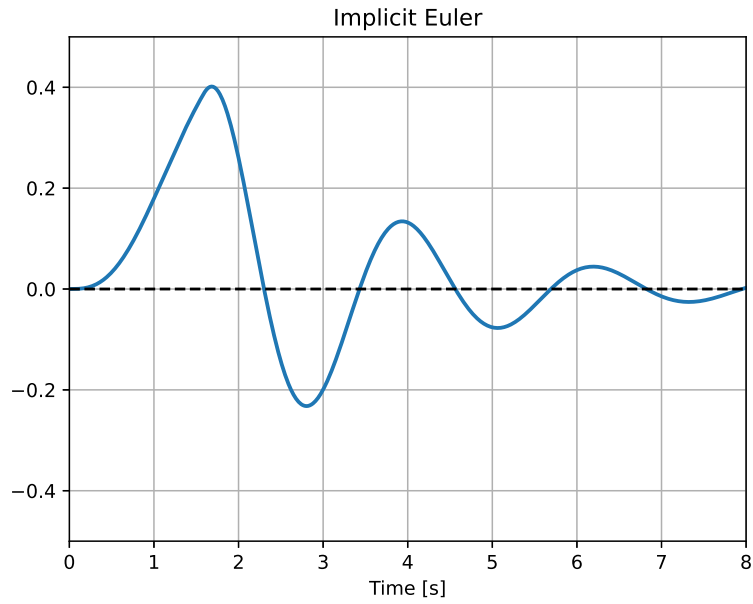


Figure 7: The tip of the elastodynamic beam with damping.

## References

- [1] George Lindfield and John Penny. “Chapter 5 - Solution of Differential Equations”. In: *Numerical Methods (Fourth Edition)*. Ed. by George Lindfield and John Penny. Fourth Edition. Academic Press, 2019, pp. 239–299. ISBN: 978-0-12-812256-3. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-12-812256-3.00014-2>. URL: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/B9780128122563000142>.

## Code

The code was divided into one file `classes.py`, which contained the written solvers, and other files for the specific tasks. Some of the code is omitted, for example plot commands.

### `classes.py`

```
1  from assimulo.explicit_ode import Explicit_ODE
2  from assimulo.problem import Explicit_Problem
3  from assimulo.ode import *
4  from numpy import hstack
5  from scipy.linalg import solve
6
7  import matplotlib.pyplot as mpl
8
9  class Explicit_Problem_2nd(Explicit_Problem):
10     def __init__(self, M, C, K, f, u0, up0, t0):
11         self.u0 = u0
12         self.up0 = up0
13         self.t0 = t0
14
15         self.M = M
16         self.C = C
17         self.K = K
18         self.f = f
19         Explicit_Problem.__init__(self, self.rhs, hstack((self.u0, self.up0)), t0)
20
21     def rhs(self, t, y):
22         u = y[0:len(y)//2]
23         up = y[len(y)//2:len(y)]
24
25         y1dot = up
26         y2dot = solve(self.M, -self.K@u - self.C@up + self.f(t))
27
28         return hstack((y1dot, y2dot))
29
30 class Explicit_ODE_2nd(Explicit_ODE):
31     def __init__(self, problem):
32         Explicit_ODE.__init__(self, problem)
33         self.M = problem.M
34         self.C = problem.C
35         self.K = problem.K
36         self.f = problem.f
37         self.u0 = problem.u0
38         self.up0 = problem.up0
39         self.t0 = problem.t0
40
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41 class Newmark(Explicit_ODE_2nd):
42     gamma = 1/2
43     Beta = 1/4
44     h = 1e-3
45
46     def __init__(self, problem):
47         Explicit_ODE_2nd.__init__(self, problem)
48         self.up = self.up0
49
50         self.A = self.M / (self.Beta*self.h**2) + self.gamma*self.C / (self.Beta*self.h) + self.K
51
52     def integrate(self, t0, u0, up0, tf, opts):
53         h = min(self.h, abs(tf-t0))
54         upp0 = solve(self.M, self.f(0) - self.K@u0)
55         if self.C.any() != 0 and self.Beta != 0:
56             upp0 -= solve(self.M, self.C@up0)
57
58         tres = []
59         ures = []
60
61         t, u, up, upp = t0, u0, up0, upp0
62
63         while t < tf:
64             if self.C.all() == 0 and self.Beta == 0:
65                 t, u, up, upp = self.explicit_step(t, u, up, upp, h)
66             else:
67                 t, u, up, upp = self.implicit_step(t, u, up, upp, h)
68
69             tres.append(t)
70             ures.append(u.copy())
71
72             h = min(self.h, abs(tf-t))
73
74         return ID_PY_OK, tres, ures
75
76     def simulate(self, tf):
77         flag, t, u = self.integrate(self.t0, self.u0, self.up0, tf, opts=None)
78         return t, u
79
80     def explicit_step(self, t, u, up, upp, h):
81         u_next = u + up*h + upp*h**2/2
82         upp_next = solve(self.M, self.f(t) - self.K@u)
83         up_next = up + upp*h*(1-self.gamma) + self.gamma*upp_next*h
84
85         return t+h, u_next, up_next, upp_next
86
87     def implicit_step(self, t, u, up, upp, h):
88         bh = self.Beta*h
89         bh2 = self.Beta*h**2
90         inv2bmo = 1/(2*self.Beta) - 1
91         omgb = 1 - self.gamma/self.Beta
92         omg2b = 1 - self.gamma/(2*self.Beta)
93
94         t_next = t+h
95
96         Bn = self.f(t_next) + self.M @ (u/bh2 + up/bh + upp*inv2bmo) + self.C @ (self.gamma*u/bh - up*omgb - h*upp*omg2

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97
98         u_next = solve(self.A, Bn)
99         up_next = self.gamma*(u_next - u)/bh + up*omgb + h*upp*omg2b
100        upp_next = (u_next - u)/bh2 - up/bh - upp*inv2bmo
101
102        return t_next, u_next, up_next, upp_next
103
104    class HHT_alpha(Explicit_ODE_2nd):
105        alpha = -1/3
106        Beta = (1-alpha)**2/4
107        gamma = 1/2 - alpha
108        h = 1e-3
109
110        def __init__(self, problem):
111            Explicit_ODE_2nd.__init__(self, problem)
112
113            self.up = self.up0
114
115            self.A = self.M / (self.Beta*self.h**2) + self.gamma*self.C / (self.Beta*self.h) + (1+self.alpha)*self.K
116
117        def step(self, t, u, up, upp, h):
118            bh = self.Beta*h
119            bh2 = self.Beta*h**2
120            inv2bmo = 1/(2*self.Beta) - 1
121            omgb = 1 - self.gamma/self.Beta
122            omg2b = 1 - self.gamma/(2*self.Beta)
123
124            t_next = t+h
125
126            Bn = self.f(t_next) + self.M @ (u/bh2 + up/bh + upp*inv2bmo) + self.C @ (self.gamma*u/bh - up*omgb - h*upp*omg2b)
127
128            u_next = solve(self.A, Bn)
129            up_next = self.gamma*(u_next - u)/bh + up*omgb + h*upp*omg2b
130            upp_next = (u_next - u)/bh2 - up/bh - upp*inv2bmo
131
132            return t_next, u_next, up_next, upp_next
133
134        def integrate(self, t, u, up, tf, opts):
135            h = min(self.h, abs(tf-t))
136            upp = solve(self.M, self.f(0) - self.K@u - self.C@up)
137
138            tres = []
139            ures = []
140
141            while t < tf:
142                t, u, up, upp = self.step(t, u, up, upp, h)
143
144                tres.append(t)
145                ures.append(u.copy())
146
147                h = min(self.h, abs(tf-t))
148
149            return ID_PY_OK, tres, ures
150
151        def simulate(self, tf):
152            flag, t, u = self.integrate(self.t0, self.u0, self.up0, tf, opts=None)

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153         return t, u
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## Task23.py

```
1  from classes import Explicit_Problem_2nd, Explicit_ODE_2nd, Newmark, HHT_alpha
2  from assimulo.solvers import CVode, RungeKutta4, Dopri5
3  import numpy as np
4  import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
5
6  omega = np.pi / .3
7
8  def f1(t):
9      return np.zeros(2,)
10
11 def f2(t):
12     return np.array([0, 0, 50*np.sin(omega*t)]) if t < np.pi / omega else np.zeros(3,)
13
14 # simple 2x2 system for testing
15 M1 = np.diag([1, 1])
16 K1 = np.array([[1, 1], [2, -3]])
17 C1 = np.array([[2, 0], [-1, 0]])
18
19 # 3x3 system from the source
20 M2 = np.diag([10, 20, 30])
21 K2 = 1e3 * np.array([[45, -20, -15], [-20, 45, -25], [-15, -25, 40]])
22 C2 = 3e-2 * K2
23
24 # initial conditions, change as you like
25 u0 = np.zeros(3,)
26 up0 = np.zeros(3,)
27
28 t0 = 0
29 tf = 3
30
31 model = Explicit_Problem_2nd(M2, C2, K2, f2, u0, up0, t0)
32 ccode = CVode(model)
33 sim = Newmark(model) # can be Newmark or HHT_alpha
34 sim.h = 1e-3
35
36 t1, u_all = ccode.simulate(tf)
37 t2, u2 = sim.simulate(tf)
38 u1 = [states[0:len(states)//2] for states in u_all]
39
40 # plot commands
41 ...
```

## Task4.py

```
1  from assimulo.explicit_ode import Explicit_ODE
2  from assimulo.problem import Explicit_Problem
3  from assimulo.ode import *
```

```

4  import numpy as np
5
6  import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
7
8  # spring constant and step-size, change as you like
9  k = 1000
10 h = 6e-2
11
12 def lambdafunc(x, y):
13     hyp = np.hypot(x, y)
14     return k*(hyp-1)/hyp
15
16 def step(t, u, up, upp, h):
17     u_next = u + up * h + upp * h**2/2
18     upp_next = np.array([0, -1]) - lambdafunc(u_next[0], u_next[1]) * u_next
19     up_next = up + (upp + upp_next)*h/2
20
21     return t+h, u_next, up_next, upp_next
22
23 t0 = 0
24 tf = 5
25
26 # initial conditions
27 u0 = np.array([.5, -1])
28 up0 = np.zeros(2,)
29
30 upp0 = np.array([0, -1]) - lambdafunc(u0[0], u0[1]) * u0
31
32 # setting up the arrays
33 tres = []
34 ures = []
35
36 t, u, up, upp = t0, u0, up0, upp0
37
38 while t < tf:
39     t, u, up, upp = step(t, u, up, upp, h)
40
41     tres.append(t)
42     ures.append(u.copy())
43
44     h = min(h, abs(tf-t))
45
46 x = [states[0] for states in ures]
47 y = [states[1] for states in ures]
48
49 # plot commands
50 ...

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