

Exponential methods for solving hyperbolic problems with application to kinetic equations

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Vlasov-Poisson equations 1D×1D

Our model: a non-linear transport in $(x, v) \in \Omega \times \mathbb{R}$ of an electron density distribution $f = f(t, x, v)$:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t f + v \partial_x f + E \partial_v f = 0 \\ \partial_x E = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f \, dv - 1 \end{cases}$$

Motivation:

- We want high order methods in (x, v)
- We want high order methods in time t :
 - Splitting methods: could have a lot of steps
 - Runge-Kutta methods: stability constraints (CFL condition)
 - The most restrictive CFL condition is associated with the linear part ($\partial_t f + v \partial_x f = 0$)

→ We want to propose a compromise: exponential integrators.

Vlasov-Poisson equations 1D×1D

Fourier transform in x direction of Vlasov, amenable to exponential integrators:

$$\partial_t \hat{f} + ikv\hat{f} + \widehat{E\partial_v f} = 0$$

Vlasov is of the form:

$$\dot{u} = iau + F(u)$$

Variation of constant: $\partial_t(e^{-iat}u) = e^{-iat}F(u)$. No more CFL in x of the form $\Delta t \leq \sigma \frac{\Delta x}{v_{\max}}$ with $[-v_{\max}, v_{\max}] \equiv \mathbb{R}$.

Time integration:

$$u(t_n + \Delta t) = \exp(ia\Delta t)u(t_n) + \int_0^{\Delta t} \exp(ia(\Delta t - s))F(u(t_n + s)) ds$$

with $\Delta t > 0$, $t_n = n\Delta t$ with $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Linear part is exact! ✓

Idea of exponential integrators

2 classes of methods:

exponential Runge-Kutta: solve exactly what we can, and interpolate the rest. For example first order exponential Euler method:

$$u(t_n + \Delta t) \approx u^{n+1} = e^{-ia\Delta t} u^n + \Delta t \varphi_1(ia\Delta t) F(u^n)$$

$$\text{where } \varphi_1(z) = \frac{e^z - 1}{z}$$



Hochbruck and Ostermann (2010)

Lawson: Change of variable: $v(t) = e^{-iat} u(t)$, we solve with a RK method: $\dot{v} = \tilde{F}(t, v) = e^{-iat} F(e^{iat} v(t))$

For example, Lawson Euler method:

$$v(t_n + \Delta t) \approx v^{n+1} = v^n + \Delta t e^{-iat_n} F(e^{iat_n} v^n)$$

or as an expression of u :

$$u^{n+1} = e^{-ia\Delta t} u^n + \Delta t e^{ia\Delta t} F(u^n)$$



Isherwood, Grant, and Gottlieb (2018)

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Reminder of stability tools

If we want to study stability of:

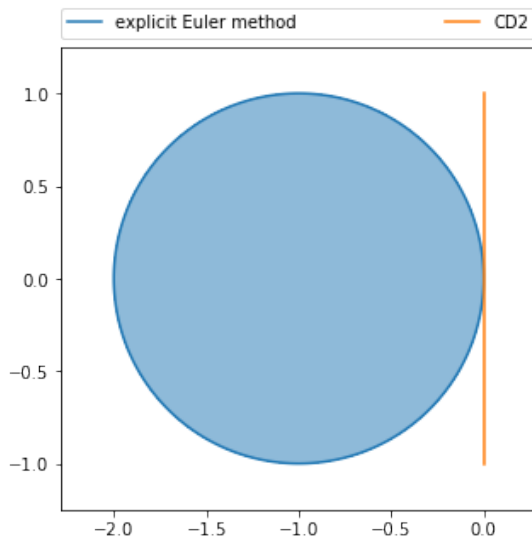
$$\partial_t u + \partial_x u = 0$$

with centered scheme (CD2) $(\partial_x u)_j \approx \frac{1}{2\Delta x}(u_{j+1} - u_{j-1})$. After a Fourier transform (*von Neumann analysis*):

$$\dot{u} + i \frac{\sin(k\Delta x)}{\Delta x} u = 0$$

Explicit Euler method in time: we have to stretch **eigenvalues** (or **Fourier symbol**) of CD2 into explicit Euler **stability domain**.

Reminder of stability tools



From linear Vlasov equation to toy model

Linear Vlasov equation:

$$\partial_t f + a \partial_x f + b \partial_v f = 0$$

Fourier transform in x , CD2 in v plus a Fourier transform in v , formally:

$$\frac{df}{dt} + iakf + b \frac{i \sin(\varphi)}{\Delta v} f = 0$$

Toy model:

$$\dot{u} + iau + \lambda u = 0$$

with $a \in \mathbb{R}$, $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ (diffusive scheme for example).

λ is the Fourier symbol (or eigenvalues) of FD method to approximate $\partial_v f$.

Phase discretization

In v direction we use a FD method:

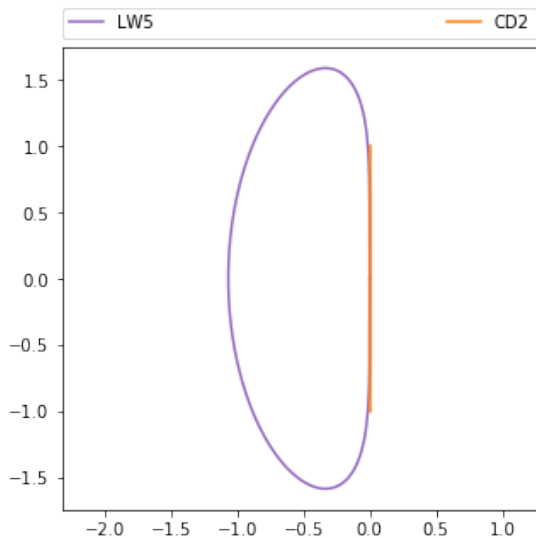
- CD2 (centered difference of order 2): $(\partial_v f)(v_j) \approx \frac{f_{j+1} - f_{j-1}}{2\Delta v}$
- WENO5 (weighted essentially non-oscillatory of order 5):
 - WENO5: non linear scheme: ~~Von Neumann analysis~~
 - LW5 (linearized WENO5): linear scheme (this is Lagrange interpolation of order 5)

$$(\partial_v f)(v_j) \approx \frac{1}{\Delta v} \left(-\frac{1}{30}f_{j-3} + \frac{1}{4}f_{j-2} - f_{j-1} + \frac{1}{3}f_j + \frac{1}{2}f_{j+1} - \frac{1}{20}f_{j+2} \right)$$

 Wang and Spiteri (2007)

 Motamed, Macdonald, and Ruuth (2010)

Fourier symbols



Lawson methods stability domain

For our toy model:

$$\dot{u} = iau + \lambda(u)$$

Change of variable: $v(t) = e^{-iat}u(t)$

$$\dot{v} = e^{-iat}\lambda e^{iat}v$$

Apply a Runge-Kutta method to compute stability function of Lawson method:

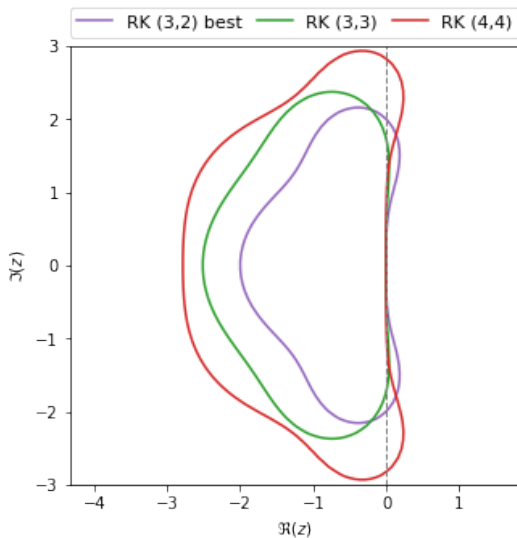
$$v^{n+1} = \underbrace{p(\lambda\Delta t)}_{\text{stability function of RK}} v^n$$

i.e.:

$$u^{n+1} = \underbrace{p(\lambda\Delta t)e^{-ia\Delta t}}_{\text{stability function of Lawson}} u^n$$

Stability domain: $\mathcal{D} = \{z \in \mathbb{C}, |p(z)| \leq 1\}$ of Lawson method is **the same** as the underlying Runge-Kutta method **because** $ia \in i\mathbb{R}$

Considered $Lawson(RK(s, p))$ methods



For stability between a Lawson method and CD2, we solve:

$$|p(iy)| = 1, \quad y \in \mathbb{R}$$

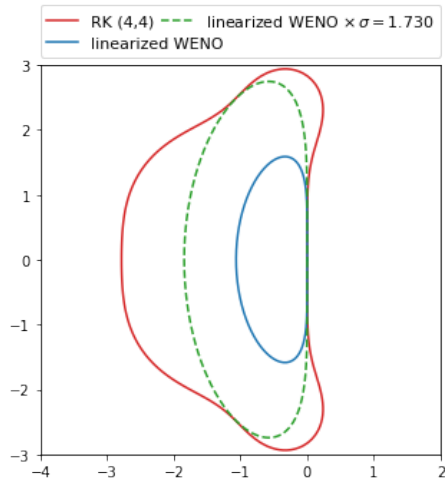
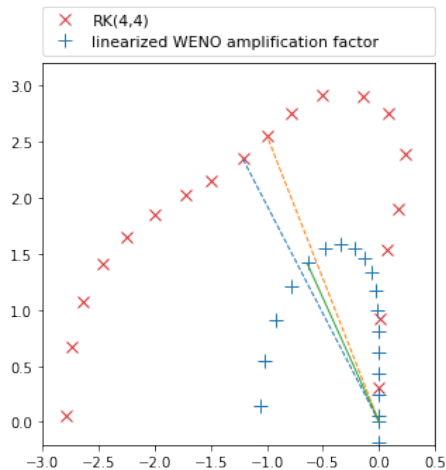
Methods	Lawson($RK(3, 2)$ best)	Lawson($RK(3, 3)$)	Lawson($RK(4, 4)$)
y_{\max}	2	$\sqrt{3}$	$2\sqrt{2}$

Table: CFL number for some Lawson schemes



Baldauf (2008)

Lawson methods – LW5



Methods	Lawson($RK(3, 2)$ <i>best</i>)	Lawson($RK(3, 3)$)	Lawson($RK(4, 4)$)
σ	1.344	1.433	1.73

Table: CFL number for some Lawson schemes.

 Motamed, Macdonald, and Ruuth (2010)

 Lunet et al. (2017)

Exponential Runge-Kutta methods

$$\dot{u} = iau + F(u)$$

Example on ExpRK(2,2):

$$\begin{aligned}u^{(1)} &= e^{-ia\Delta t}u^n - \Delta t\varphi_1 F(u^n) \\u^{n+1} &= e^{-ia\Delta t}u^n - \Delta t \left[(\varphi_1 - \varphi_2)F(u^n) + \varphi_2 F(u^{(1)}) \right]\end{aligned}$$

Stability function becomes:

$$p_{\text{ExpRK}(2,2)}(z) = \frac{1}{2}\varphi_1\varphi_{1,2}z^2 + \left(\varphi_1 + i\frac{\varphi_1\varphi_{1,2}}{2}a\right)z + 1 + i\varphi_1a$$

Stability domain depends of $a\Delta t \dots$ 

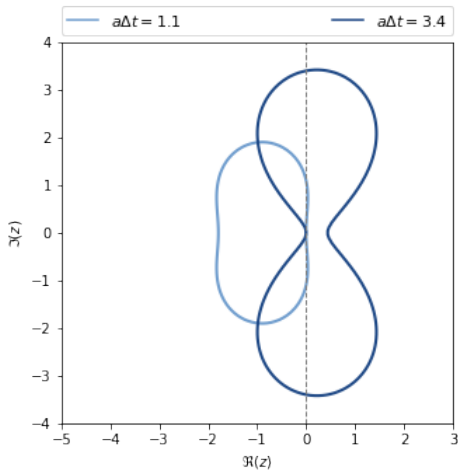


Figure: Stability domain of $\text{ExpRK}(2,2)$ for $a\Delta t \in \{1.1, 3.4\}$

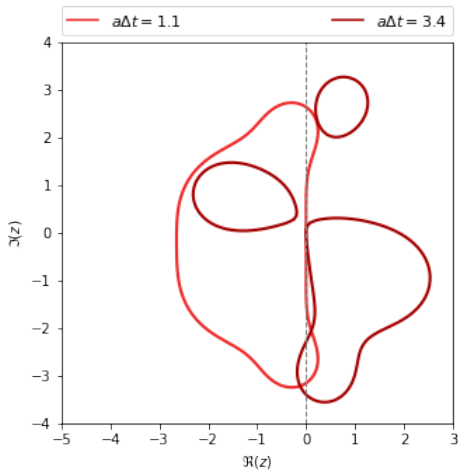


Figure: Stability domain of Cox-Matthews for $a\Delta t \in \{1.1, 3.4\}$

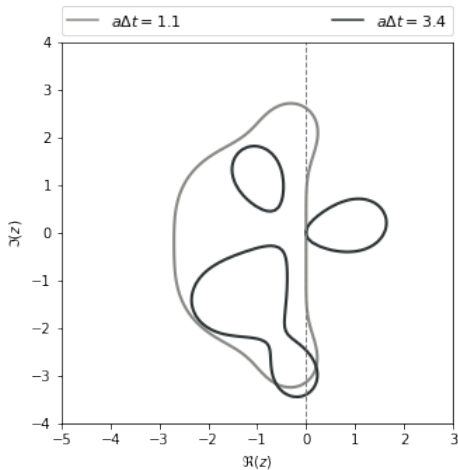


Figure: Stability domain of Krogstad for $a\Delta t \in \{1.1, 3.4\}$

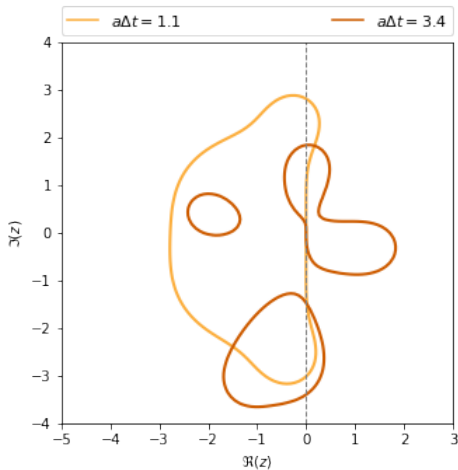
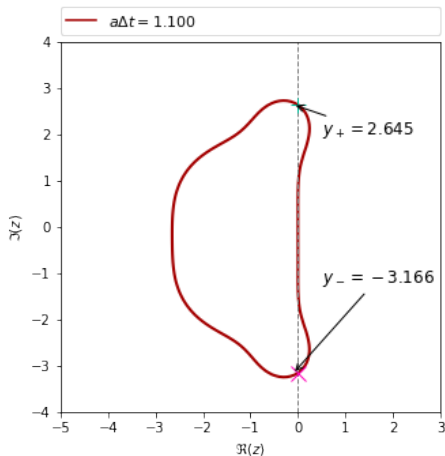


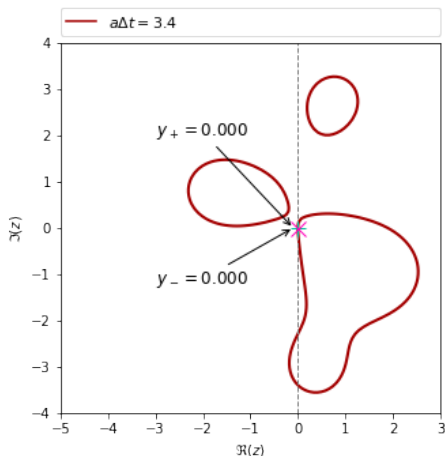
Figure: Stability domain of Hochbruck–Ostermann for $a\Delta t \in \{1.1, 3.4\}$

Fourier symbol must fit in the stability domain of ExpRK method **for all** values of $a\Delta t \in \mathbb{R}$.

- ✗ Impossible with WENO5 (LW5 Fourier symbol)
 - Numerical test: unstable in very short time
- ✓ Singleton $\{0\}$ is always in stability domain of ExpRK method for each values of $a\Delta t$
 - We can try to stabilize CD2
 - ✗ SPOILER: CFL is equal to zero

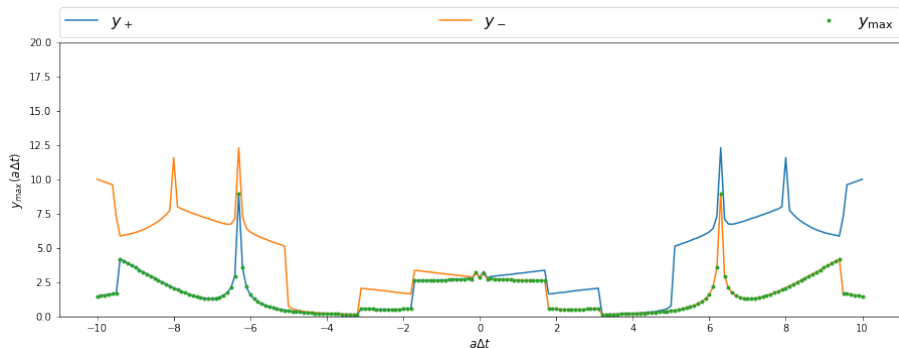


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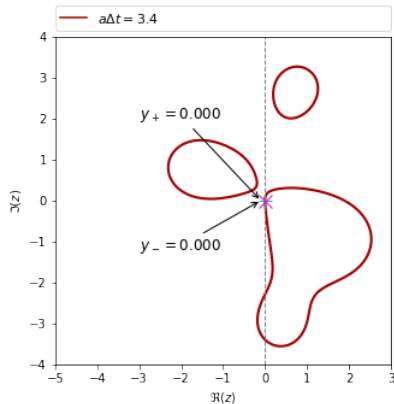
ExpRK – CD2: CFL number



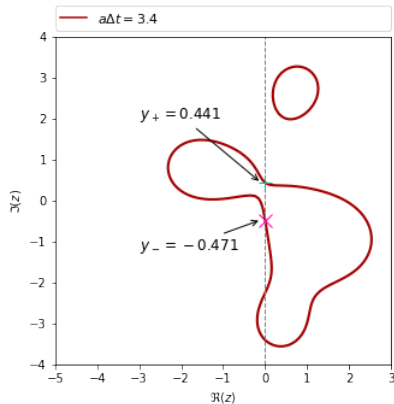
CFL $y_{\max} = \min_{a\Delta t} y_{\max}^{\text{exp}}$ is still 0...

ExpRK – CD2: Relaxed CFL condition

$$\mathcal{D}_\varepsilon = \{z \in \mathbb{C}, |p(z)| \leq 1 + \varepsilon\}$$

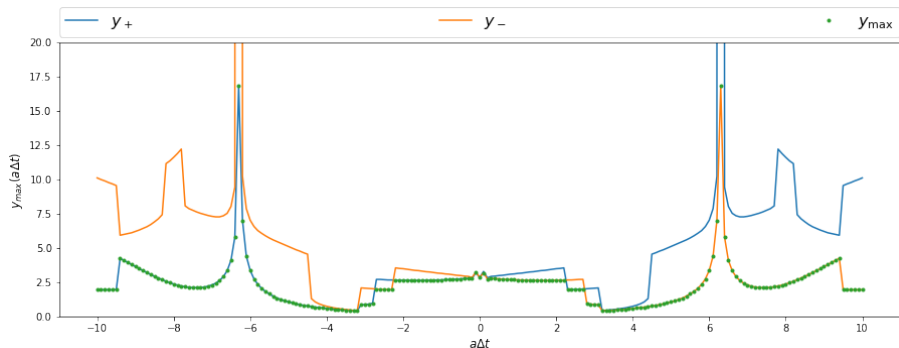


Cox-Matthews stability domain,
relaxation $\varepsilon = 0$



Cox-Matthews stability domain,
relaxation $\varepsilon = 10^{-2}$

ExpRK – CD2: Relaxed CFL condition



Relaxed CFL $y_{\max}(\varepsilon = 10^{-2}) \approx 0.450 \neq 0$! (but unstable in theory)

Methods	ExpRK22	Krogstad	Cox–Matthews	Hochbruck –Ostermann
$y_{\max}(\varepsilon = 10^{-3})$	0.300	0.100	0.150	0.250
$y_{\max}(\varepsilon = 10^{-2})$	0.551	0.200	0.450	0.501
$y_{\max}(\varepsilon = 10^{-1})$	1.001	0.601	1.351	1.702

Table: CFL number, assuming the relaxed stability constraint, for some exponential integrators.

It's unstable in theory, in practice, number of iterations is finished, so amplification is controlled.

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Numerical tools:

- FFT in x direction
- CD2 or WENO5 in v direction
- *Lawson*(*RK*(s, p)) or ExpRK method in time t

CFL: $\Delta t_n \leq \frac{C \Delta v}{\|E^n\|_\infty} \leq \frac{C \Delta v}{\max_n \|E^n\|_\infty}$ where $C = y_{\max}$ or σ from the linear theory.

We can choose: $\Delta t = \min \left(0.1, \frac{C \Delta v}{\max_n \|E^n\|_\infty} \right)$

$$f(t=0, x, v) = f_0(x, v) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{v^2}{2}} (1 + 0.001 \cos(0.5x))$$

$$x \in [0, 4\pi], v \in [-8, 8], N_x = 81, N_v = 128$$

Because of damping:

$$\max_n \|E^n\|_\infty = \|E^0\|_\infty$$

So, we choose $\Delta t = 0.1$ (with $\Delta t = 100$ it is still stable!)

Landau damping: numerical results

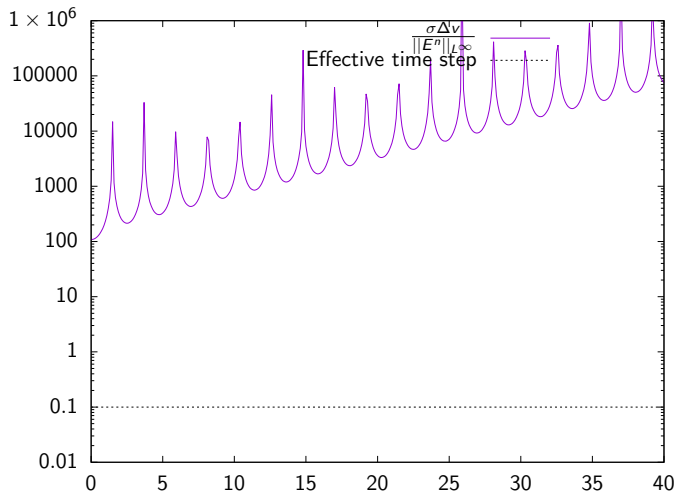


Figure: Landau damping test: time history of the CFL condition (semi-log scale).

Landau damping: numerical results

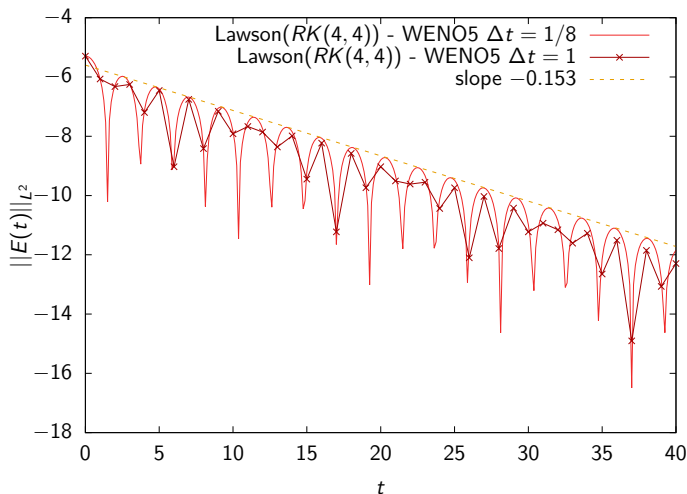


Figure: Landau damping test: time history of $\|E(t)\|_{L^2}$ (semi-log scale) obtained with Lawson($RK(4,4)$) and WENO5 with $\Delta t = 1/8$ and $\Delta t = 1$.

Bump on Tail (BoT)

$$f(t=0, x, v) = \left[\frac{0.9}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{v^2}{2}} + \frac{0.2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-2(v-4.5)^2} \right] (1 + 0.001 \cos(0.5x))$$

$x \in [0, 20\pi]$, $v \in [-8, 8]$, $N_x = 135$, $N_v = 256$

Numerical estimation of $\max_n \|E^n\|_\infty \approx 0.6$, we choose $\Delta t = \frac{C\Delta v}{0.6}$

BoT: numerical results

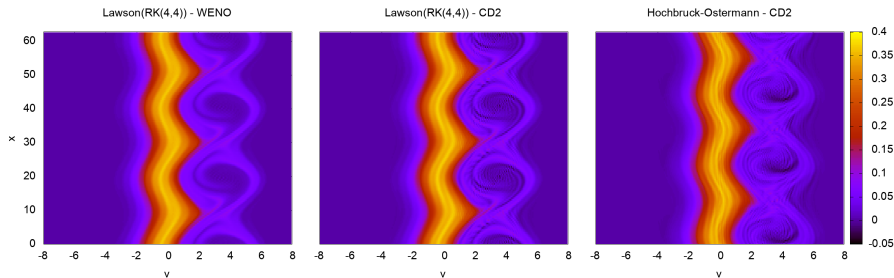


Figure: Distribution function at time $t = 40$ as a function of x and v for Lawson($RK(4,4)$) + WENO5 (left), Lawson($RK(4,4)$) + centered scheme (center), Hochbruck–Ostermann + centered scheme (right).

BoT: numerical results

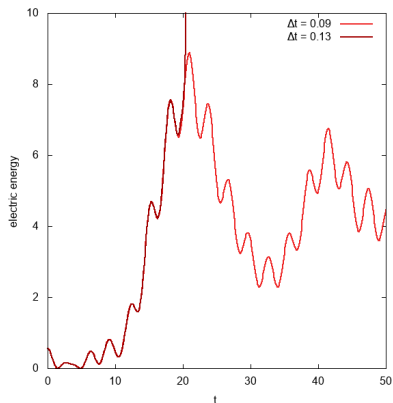


Figure: Illustration of the accuracy of the CFL estimate obtained from the linear theory. History of electric energy with Lawson($RK(4,4)$) + WENO5

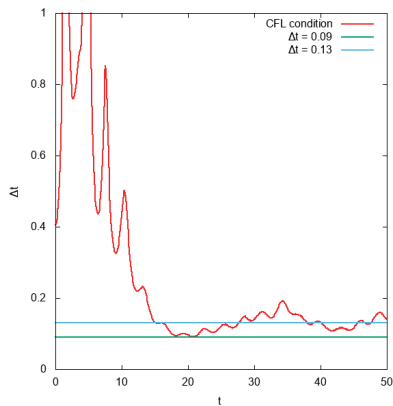
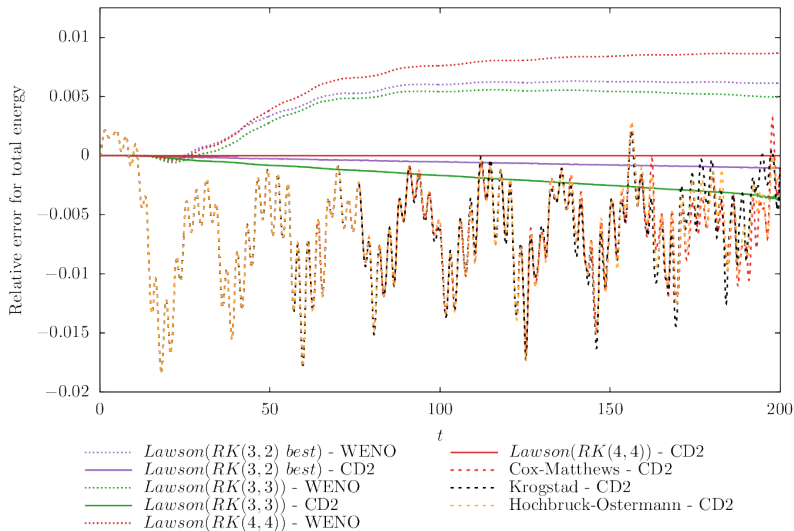


Figure: History of CFL condition for Lawson($RK(4,4)$) + WENO5 case

BoT: numerical results



Adaptive time step size

$\max_n \|E^n\|_\infty$ is not accessible in practice.

To capture correctly the phenomena involved in the bump on tail test, we take the following time step size:

$$\Delta t_n = \min \left(0.1, \frac{C \Delta v}{\|E^n\|_\infty} \right)$$

with $C = y_{\max}$ or σ from the linear theory.

→ Good estimate in practice for Lawson methods.

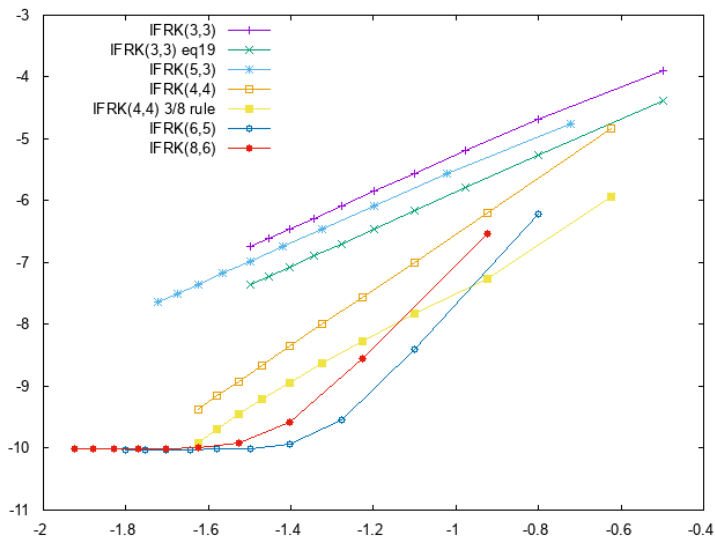
We are interested in the numerical cost $\frac{\Delta t}{s}$ of $\text{RK}(s, n)$. To compare each time integrator, we compute total energy in Vlasov-Poisson system:

$$H(t) = \int_{\Omega} \int_{\mathbb{R}} v^2 f \, dx dv + \int_{\Omega} E^2 \, dx$$

which is preserved in time. We propose to select the best method by considering:

$$h_{s,n} : \frac{\Delta t}{s} \mapsto \left\| \frac{H(t) - H(0)}{H(0)} \right\|_{\infty}$$

More Lawson methods



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Drift-Kinetic equations

$$f = f(t, r, \theta, z, v)$$

$$\left\{ \underbrace{\partial_t f + v \partial_z f}_{\text{linear part}} \underbrace{- \frac{\partial_\theta \phi}{r} \partial_r f + \frac{\partial_r \phi}{r} \partial_\theta f - \partial_z \phi \partial_v f}_{\text{non linear part}} = 0 \right. \\ \left. - \left[\partial_r^2 \phi + \left(\frac{1}{r} + \frac{\partial_r n_0(r)}{n_0(r)} \right) \partial_r \phi + \frac{1}{r^2} \partial_\theta^2 \phi \right] + \frac{1}{T_e(r)} (\phi - \langle \phi \rangle) = \frac{1}{n_0(r)} \int_{\mathbb{R}} f \, dv - 1 \right.$$

$$(r, \theta, z, v) \in [0.1, 14.5] \times [0, 2\pi] \times [0, L] \times \mathbb{R}$$

After a Fourier transform in z , formally, the equation is still of the form of:

$$\partial_t f + ikvf + F(f) = 0$$

Compatible with all previous time integrators.

This is more complicated to use linear stability analysis, we use an other adaptive time step method.

Adaptive time step size (error estimate)

For adaptive time step size with any time integrator φ :

$$f^{n+1} = \varphi_{\Delta t_n}(f^n) \quad ; \quad \tilde{f}^{n+1} = \varphi_{\Delta t_n/2} \circ \varphi_{\Delta t_n/2}(f^n)$$

Richardson extrapolated numerical solution of the method of order p :

$$f_R^{n+1} = \frac{2^{p+1}\tilde{f}^{n+1} - f^{n+1}}{2^{p+1} - 1}$$

estimate of the local error:

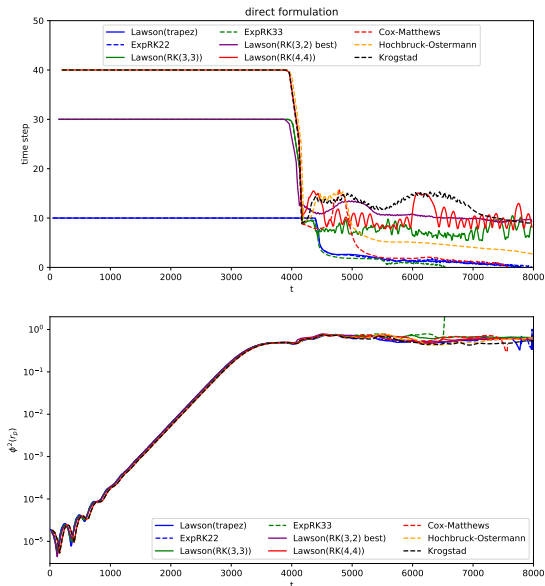
$$e_{n+1} = \|f_R^{n+1} - f^{n+1}\|_{L^\infty} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t_n^{p+2})$$

If $e_{n+1} > \text{tol}$: we reject the step and start again from time t_n . Else we determine the new time step size:

$$\Delta t_{\text{new}} = s \Delta t_n \left(\frac{\text{tol}}{e_{n+1}} \right)^{1/(p+1)}$$

$s = 0.8$ is safety factor.

Ion temperature gradient instability: numerical results



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Summary

- Better understanding on stability of Lawson or ExpRK methods in transport equations
- Python script with `sympy` to compute estimates of CFL of Lawson – CD2, Lawson – WENO (5 or 3) or ExpRK – CD2 (with relaxing CFL)
- An adaptive time step size which works with any time integrators

Future works

- We can improve method with an embedded Runge-Kutta method (Dormand-Prince method, used in `ode45` of Matlab)
- Compare performance between exponential integrators and splitting methods (same stages/step, same order?)
- Use semi-Lagrangian method to remove dependency on periodic space (Fourier transform)

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We linearized around an equilibrium and we suppose:

$$f(t=0, x, v) = \underbrace{f_c(v)}_{(1-\alpha)\delta_0(v)} + \underbrace{f_h(x, v)}_{\mathcal{M}_{[\alpha/2, u, 1]} + \mathcal{M}_{[\alpha/2, -u, 1]}}$$

and add Ampère equation to obtain:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u_c = E \\ \partial_t E = -\rho_c u_c - \int v f_h \, dv \\ \partial_t \hat{f}_h = -ikv \hat{f}_h - \widehat{E \partial_v f_h} \end{cases}$$

3 possibilities to build a scheme:

- Full-kinetic model with

$$f_0(x, v) = \mathcal{M}_{[(1-\alpha), 0, T_c]} + \mathcal{M}_{[\alpha/2, u, 1]} + \mathcal{M}_{[\alpha/2, -u, 1]} \text{ with } T_c \ll 1.$$

- Hybrid version with splitting method.
- Hybrid version with Lawson method.

Hybrid splitting

$\varphi_{\Delta t}^{[a]}:$

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t f_h + v \partial_x f_h = 0 \\ \partial_t u_c = 0 \\ \partial_t E = - \int v f_h \, dv \end{cases}$$

$\varphi_{\Delta t}^{[b]}:$

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t f_h + E \partial_v f_h = 0 \\ \partial_t u_c = E \\ \partial_t E = 0 \end{cases}$$

$\varphi_{\Delta t}^{[c]}:$

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t f_h = 0 \\ \partial_t u_c = 0 \\ \partial_t E = -\rho_c u_c \end{cases}$$

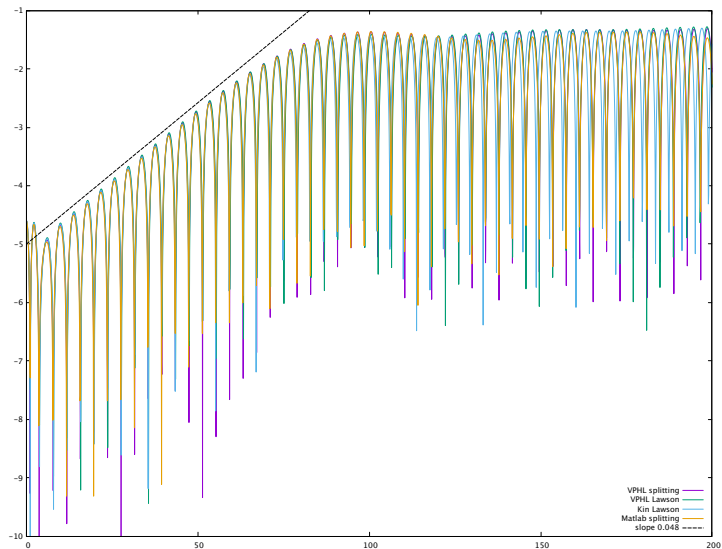
$$U^{n+1} = \varphi_{\Delta t}^{[a]} \circ \varphi_{\Delta t}^{[b]} \circ \varphi_{\Delta t}^{[c]}(U^n)$$

$$\partial_t U = AU + N(U)$$

with:

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} u_c \\ E \\ \hat{f}_h \end{pmatrix} \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\rho_c & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -ikv \end{pmatrix} \quad N(U) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\int v f_h dv \\ -\widehat{E \partial_v f_h} \end{pmatrix}$$

Numerical result



Conclusion of future works

- A Python script to compute slope of dispersion relation of *any* input distribution.
- Kinetic, and hybrid simulation converge.
- Two hybrid simulations to compare (it's the future works to do!)

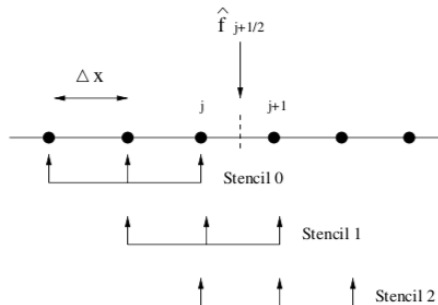
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For more questions, I will be at the sauna

Backup

WENO5 method

Weighted **E**ssentially **N**on-**O**scillatory method of order 5: 3 estimates on 3 different stencils weighted with nonlinear weights.



3 steps:

- ① Indicator of smoothness
- ② Weights
- ③ Flux

Indicator of smoothness β_i^\pm

To approximate $\partial_x f(u)$:

Split f as:

$$f(u) = f^+(u) + f^-(u) \quad , \quad \frac{df^+}{du} \geq 0 \text{ et } \frac{df^-}{du} \leq 0$$

Indicators of smoothness:

$$\beta_i^\pm \leftarrow (f_{\llbracket j-2, j+3 \rrbracket}^\pm) \quad , \quad i = 0, 1, 2$$

Approximations of derivatives of order 1 and 2 on 3 stencils.

$$\beta_0^+ = \frac{13}{12} \left(f_{j-2}^+ - 2f_{j-1}^+ + f_j^+ \right)^2 + \frac{1}{4} \left(f_{j-2}^+ - 4f_{j-1}^+ + 3f_j^+ \right)^2$$

$$\beta_1^+ = \frac{13}{12} \left(f_{j-1}^+ - 2f_j^+ + f_{j+1}^+ \right)^2 + \frac{1}{4} \left(f_{j-1}^+ - f_{j+1}^+ \right)^2$$

$$\beta_2^+ = \frac{13}{12} \left(f_j^+ - 2f_{j+1}^+ + f_{j+2}^+ \right)^2 + \frac{1}{4} \left(3f_j^+ - 4f_{j+1}^+ + f_{j+2}^+ \right)^2$$

$$\beta_0^- = \frac{13}{12} \left(f_{j+1}^- - 2f_{j+2}^- + f_{j+3}^- \right)^2 + \frac{1}{4} \left(3f_{j+1}^- - 4f_{j+2}^- + f_{j+3}^- \right)^2$$

$$\beta_1^- = \frac{13}{12} \left(f_j^- - 2f_{j+1}^- + f_{j+2}^- \right)^2 + \frac{1}{4} \left(f_j^- - f_{j+2}^- \right)^2$$

$$\beta_2^- = \frac{13}{12} \left(f_{j-1}^- - 2f_j^- + f_{j+1}^- \right)^2 + \frac{1}{4} \left(f_{j-1}^- - 4f_j^- + 3f_{j+1}^- \right)^2$$

Weights w_i^\pm

Unnormalized weights:

$$\alpha_i^\pm \leftarrow \frac{\gamma_i}{(\epsilon + \beta_i^\pm)^2}, \quad \gamma_i \in \mathbb{R}_+^* : \sum_k \gamma_k = 1$$

where $\gamma_0 = \frac{1}{10}, \gamma_1 = \frac{6}{10}, \gamma_2 = \frac{3}{10}$. Parameter $\epsilon = 10^{-6}$

Linearized weights (LW5): $\alpha_i^\pm = \gamma_i + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^2)$

Normalized weights:

$$w_i^\pm \leftarrow \frac{\alpha_i^\pm}{\sum_k \alpha_k^\pm}$$

Flux $f_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{\pm}$

$$f_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^+ \leftarrow w_0^+ \left(\frac{2}{6} f_{j-2}^+ - \frac{7}{6} f_{j-1}^+ + \frac{11}{6} f_j^+ \right) + w_1^+ \left(-\frac{1}{6} f_{j-1}^+ + \frac{5}{6} f_j^+ + \frac{2}{6} f_{j+1}^+ \right) \\ + w_2^+ \left(\frac{2}{6} f_j^+ + \frac{5}{6} f_{j+1}^+ - \frac{1}{6} f_{j+2}^+ \right)$$

$$f_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^- \leftarrow w_2^- \left(-\frac{1}{6} f_{j-1}^- + \frac{5}{6} f_j^- + \frac{2}{6} f_{j+1}^- \right) + w_1^- \left(\frac{2}{6} f_j^- + \frac{5}{6} f_{j+1}^- - \frac{1}{6} f_{j+2}^- \right) \\ + w_0^- \left(\frac{11}{6} f_{j+1}^- - \frac{7}{6} f_{j+2}^- + \frac{2}{6} f_{j+3}^- \right)$$

$$\left[(\partial_x f(u))_j \approx \frac{1}{\Delta x} \left[(f_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^+ - f_{j-\frac{1}{2}}^+) + (f_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^- - f_{j-\frac{1}{2}}^-) \right] \right]$$