

# 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:

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

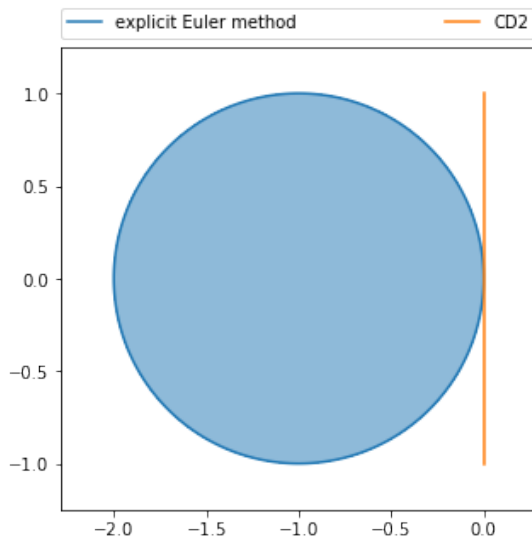
with centered scheme (CD2)  $(\partial_x u)_j \approx \frac{1}{2\Delta x}(u_{j+1} - u_{j-1})$ . After a Fourier transform (*von Neumann analysis*):

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

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:

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

**Toy model:**

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

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

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

# Phase discretization

In  $v$  direction we use a FD method:

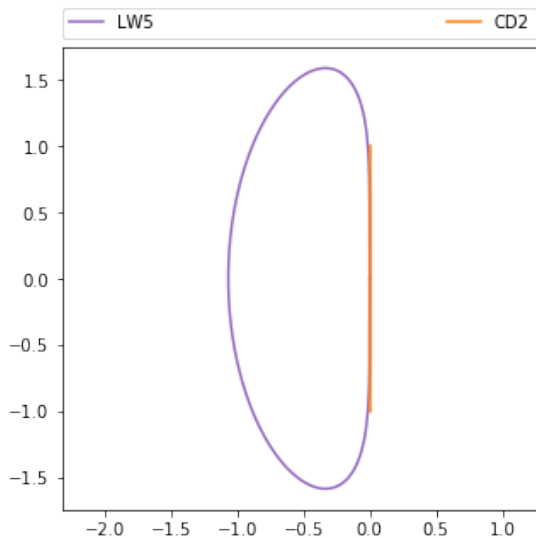
- CD2 (centered difference of order 2):  $(\partial_v f)(v_j) \approx \frac{f_{j+1} - f_{j-1}}{2\Delta v}$
- WENO5 (weighted essentially non-oscillatory of order 5):
  - WENO5: non linear scheme: ~~Von Neumann analysis~~
  - LW5 (linearized WENO5): linear scheme (this is Lagrange interpolation of order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

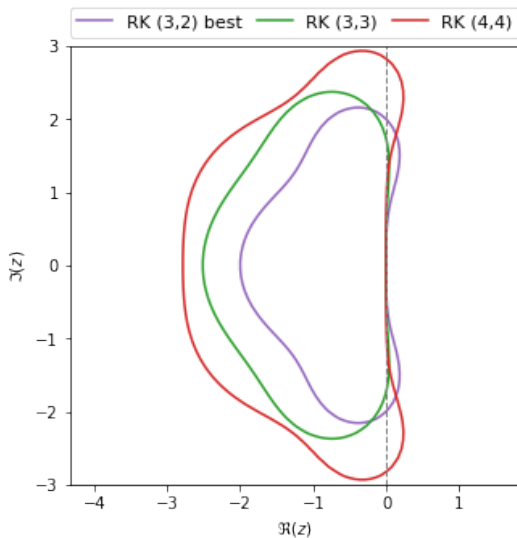
$$v^{n+1} = \underbrace{p(\lambda\Delta t)}_{\text{stability function of RK}} v^n$$

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:

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

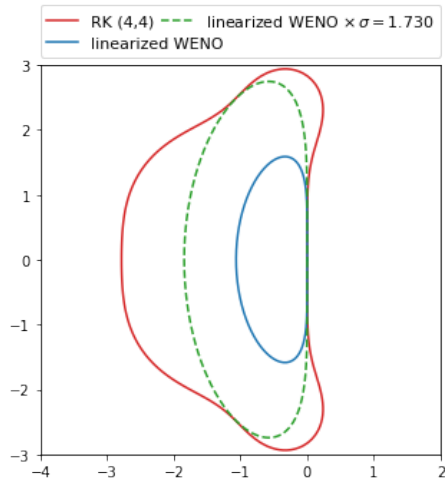
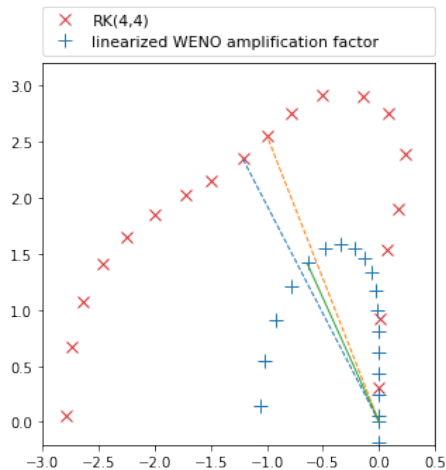
Methods	Lawson( $RK(3, 2)$ best)	Lawson( $RK(3, 3)$ )	Lawson( $RK(4, 4)$ )
$y_{\max}$	2	$\sqrt{3}$	$2\sqrt{2}$

Table: CFL number for some Lawson schemes



Baldauf (2008)

# Lawson methods – LW5





# Lawson methods – LW5: CFL estimates

Methods	Lawson( $RK(3, 2)$ <i>best</i> )	Lawson( $RK(3, 3)$ )	Lawson( $RK(4, 4)$ )
$\sigma$	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  $a\Delta t \dots$  

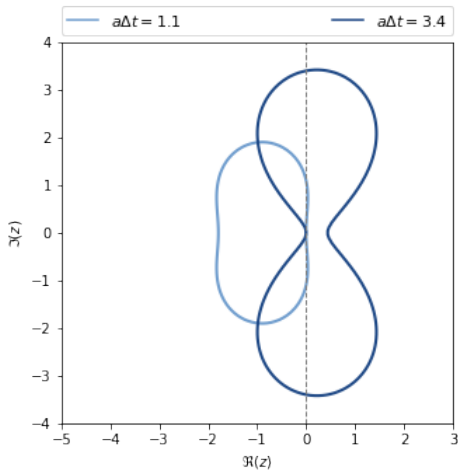


Figure: Stability domain of  $\text{ExpRK}(2,2)$  for  $a\Delta t \in \{1.1, 3.4\}$

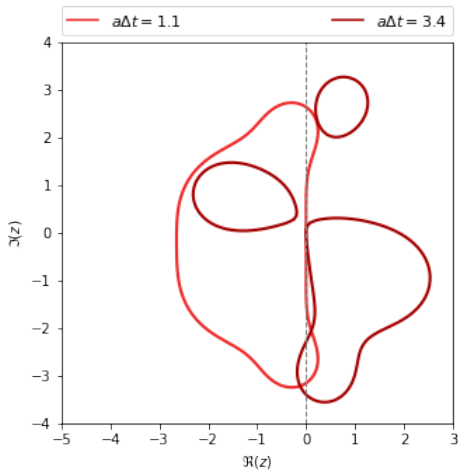


Figure: Stability domain of Cox-Matthews for  $a\Delta t \in \{1.1, 3.4\}$

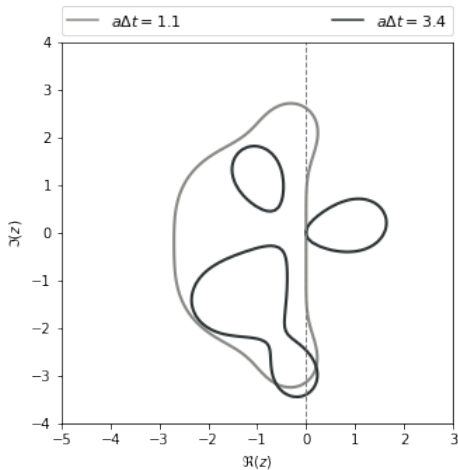


Figure: Stability domain of Krogstad for  $a\Delta t \in \{1.1, 3.4\}$

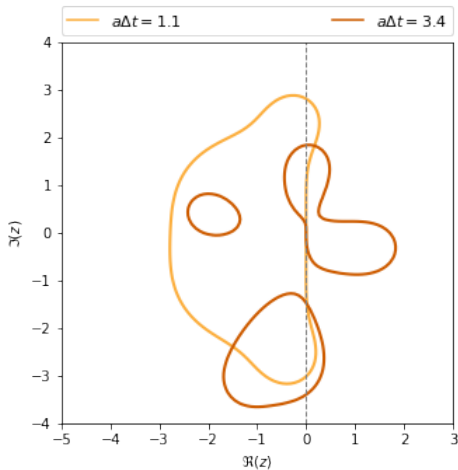


Figure: Stability domain of Hochbruck–Ostermann for  $a\Delta t \in \{1.1, 3.4\}$

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

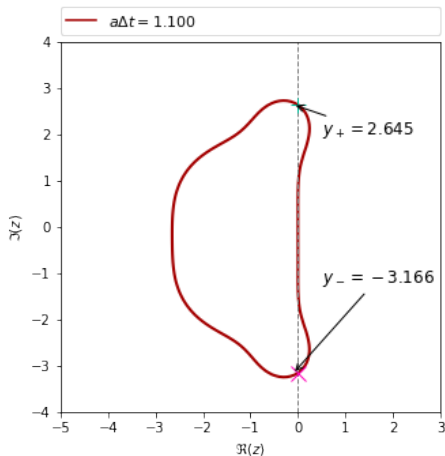
- ✗ Impossible with WENO5 (LW5 Fourier symbol)

  - Numerical test: unstable in very short time

- ✓ Singleton  $\{0\}$  is always in stability domain of ExpRK method for each values of  $a\Delta t$

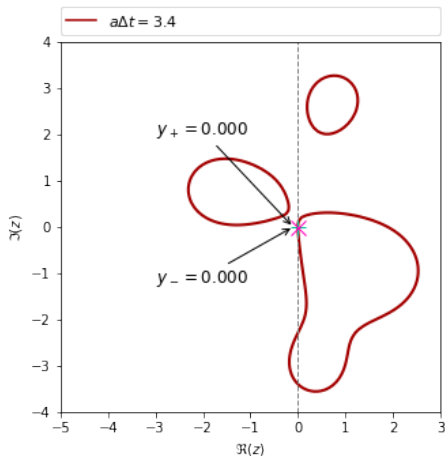
  - We can try to stabilize CD2

  - ✗ SPOILER: CFL is equal to zero



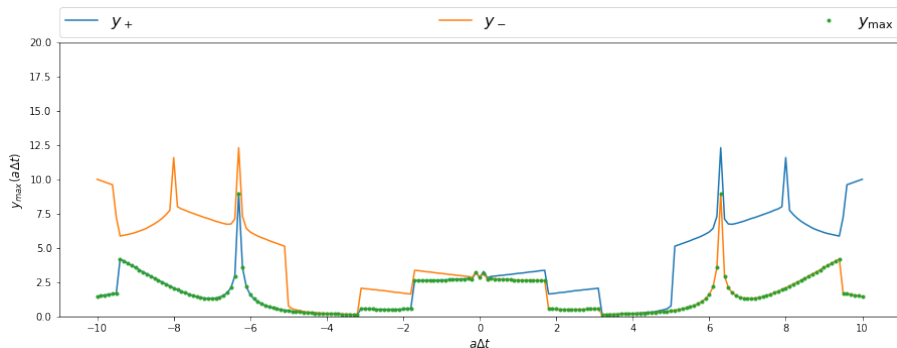
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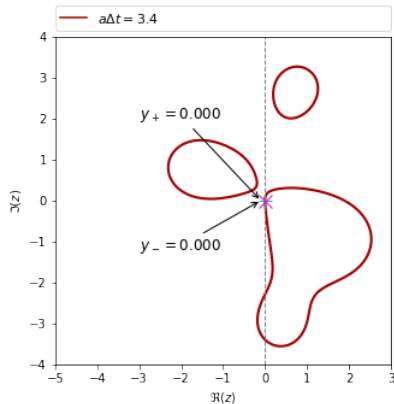
# ExpRK – CD2: CFL number



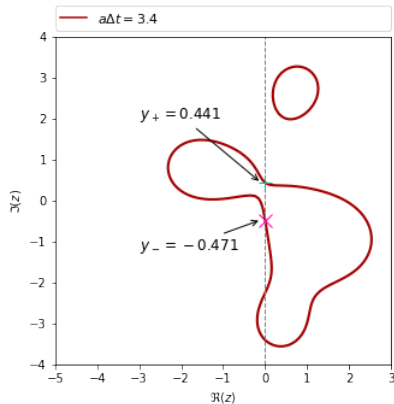
CFL  $y_{\max} = \min_{a\Delta t} y_{\max}^{\text{exp}}$  is still 0...

# ExpRK – CD2: Relaxed CFL condition

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

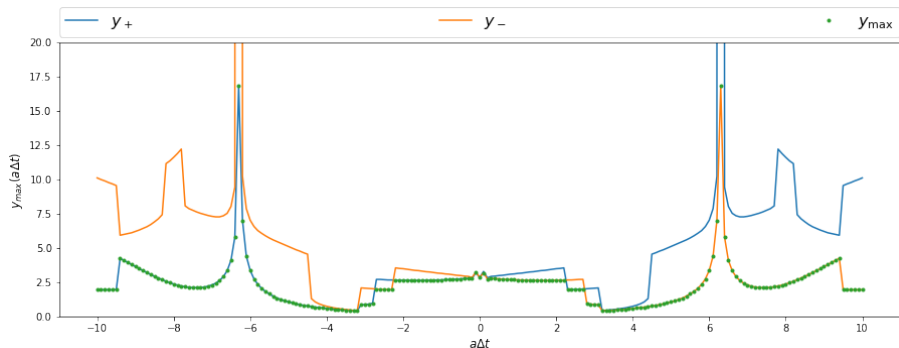


Cox-Matthews stability domain,  
relaxation  $\varepsilon = 0$



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)

## ExpRK – CD2: Relaxed CFL estimates

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  $\sigma$  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

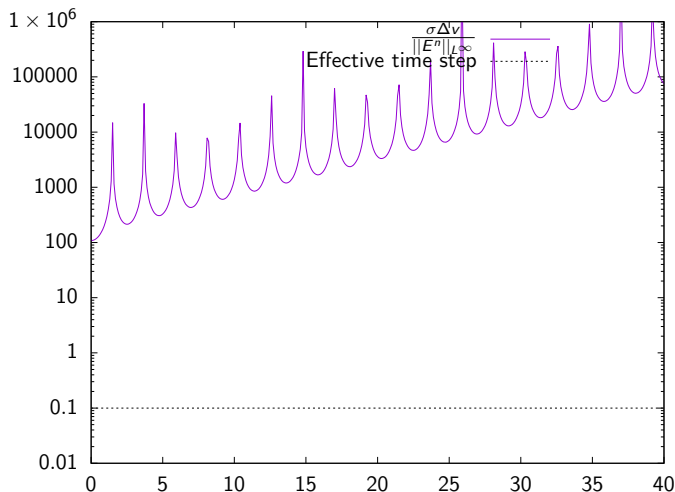
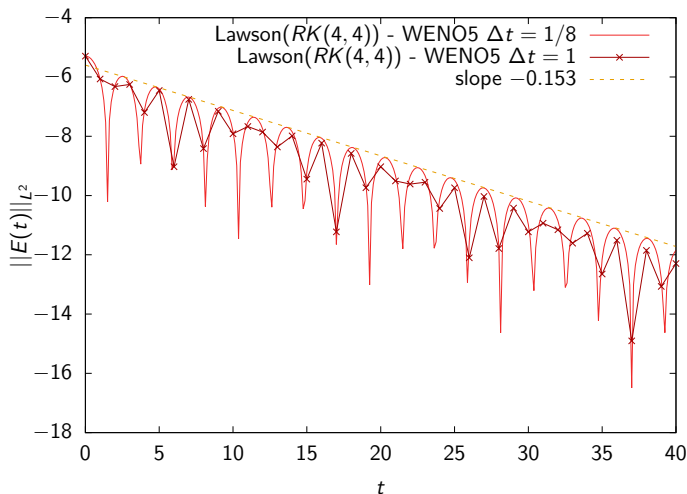


Figure: Landau damping test: time history of the CFL condition (semi-log scale).

# 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  $\Delta t = 1$ .

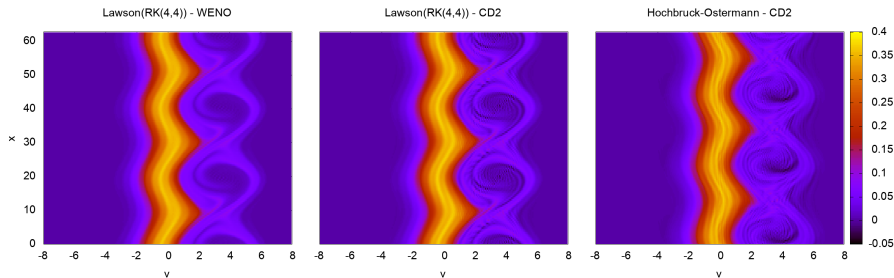
# Bump on Tail (BoT)

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

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

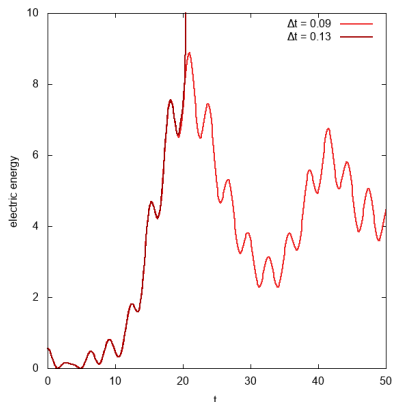
Numerical estimation of  $\max_n \|E^n\|_\infty \approx 0.6$ , we choose  $\Delta t = \frac{C\Delta v}{0.6}$

# BoT: numerical results

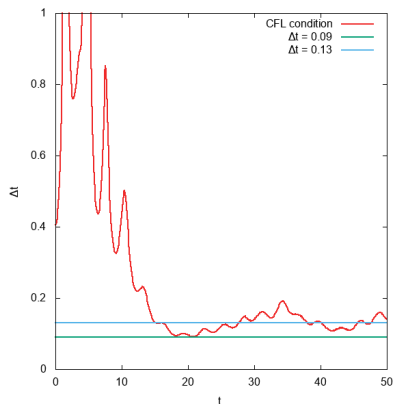


**Figure:** Distribution function at time  $t = 40$  as a function of  $x$  and  $v$  for Lawson( $RK(4,4)$ ) + WENO5 (left), Lawson( $RK(4,4)$ ) + centered scheme (center), Hochbruck–Ostermann + centered scheme (right).

# BoT: numerical results

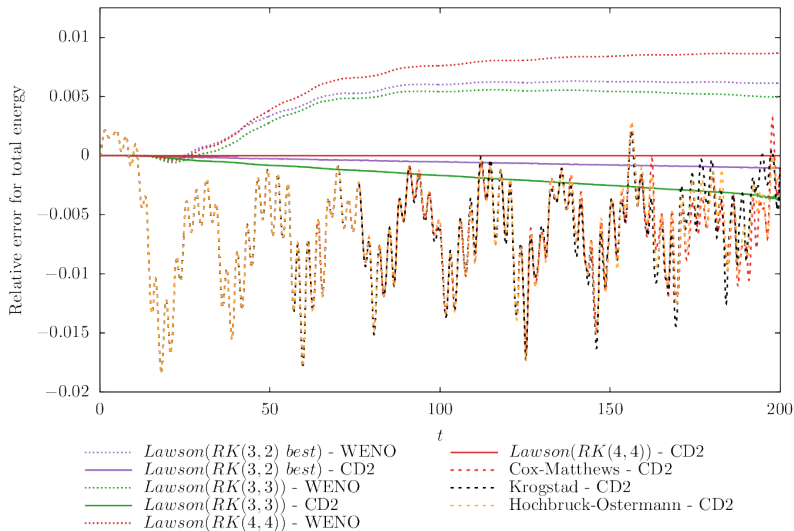


**Figure:** Illustration of the accuracy of the CFL estimate obtained from the linear theory. History of electric energy with Lawson( $RK(4,4)$ ) + WENO5



**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  $\sigma$  from the linear theory.

→ Good estimate in practice for 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  $\varphi$ :

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

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:

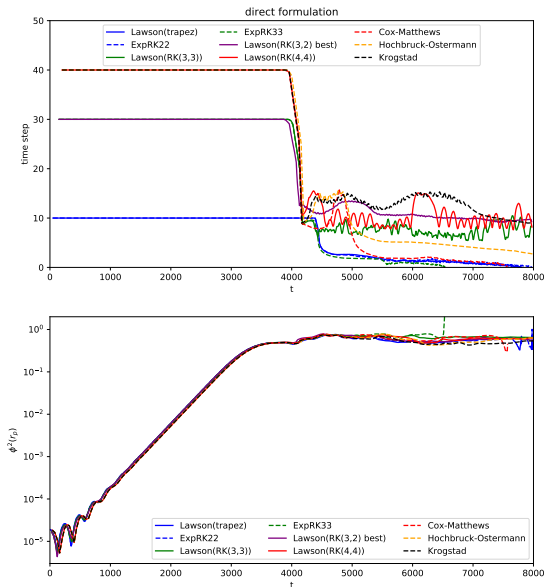
$$e_{n+1} = \|f_R^{n+1} - f^{n+1}\|_{L^\infty} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t_n^{p+2})$$

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

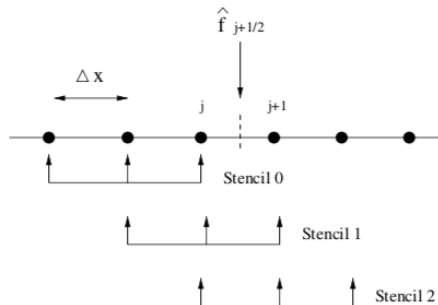
- We can improve method with an embedded Runge-Kutta method (Dormand-Prince method, used in `ode45` of Matlab)
- Compare performance between exponential integrators and splitting methods (same stages/step, same order?)
- Use semi-Lagrangian method to remove dependency on periodic space (Fourier transform)

Thank you for your attention

Backup

# WENO5 method

**W**eighted **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 $\beta_i^\pm$

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

