

# 1. Implicit and explicit analogues of common methods [20 points]

There are two classes of methods for the problem  $du/dt = a(u(t))$  that were not discussed much in class; implicit Runge-Kutta methods and explicit analogs of Backward Differentiation formulas.

(a) Consider the two-stage implicit Runge-Kutta method given by

$$\begin{aligned} u^{n+1} &= u^n + \Delta t \left( \frac{1}{2} k_1 + \frac{1}{2} k_2 \right) \\ k_1 &= a \left( u^n + \frac{\Delta t}{4} k_1 + \Delta t \left( \frac{1}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} \right) k_2 \right) \\ k_2 &= a \left( u^n + \Delta t \left( \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} \right) k_1 + \frac{\Delta t}{4} k_2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Determine and plot the linear stability diagram of this scheme. Given this stability, why would this fourth-order scheme not be used in practice?

(b) Explicit analogues of the Backward Differentiation Formulas have the general form

$$u^{n+1} + \sum_{i=0}^S \alpha_i u^{n-i} = \beta f(u^n).$$

Derive the second-order and third-order methods of this form and determine and plot their linear stability characteristics. What is the second-order method? Would you ever want to use these methods in practice? (Hint: Be very careful with your stability diagrams.)

(a)  $\frac{du}{dt} = a(u) = A(u, t)$  for linear stability analysis

$$k_1 = A u^n + \frac{\Delta t}{4} A k_1 + \Delta t \left( \frac{1}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} \right) A k_2$$

$$k_2 = A u^n + \Delta t \left( \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} \right) A k_1 + \frac{\Delta t}{4} A k_2$$

$$\left( 1 - \frac{\Delta t}{4} A \right) k_1 - \Delta t \left( \frac{1}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} \right) A k_2 = A u^n$$

$$-\Delta t \left( \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} \right) A k_1 + \left( 1 - \frac{\Delta t}{4} A \right) k_2 = A u^n$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{\Delta t}{4} A & -\Delta t \left( \frac{1}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} \right) A \\ -\Delta t \left( \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} \right) A & 1 - \frac{\Delta t}{4} A \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A u^n \\ A u^n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{\Delta t}{4} A & -\Delta t \left( \frac{1}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} \right) A \\ -\Delta t \left( \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} \right) A & 1 - \frac{\Delta t}{4} A \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} A u^n \\ A u^n \end{pmatrix}$$

Assume that the system is 1-D for convenience, then  $A \rightarrow a$

$$\begin{pmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{(-\frac{1}{4}\Delta t a)^2 - \Delta t^2 \cdot (\frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{12})a^2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{1}{4}\Delta t a & \Delta t (\frac{1}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8})a \\ \Delta t (\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8})a & 1 - \frac{1}{4}\Delta t a \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a q^n \\ a q^n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}\Delta t a + \frac{1}{12}\Delta t^2 a^2} \begin{pmatrix} a q^n - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8} a^2 \Delta t q^n \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8} a^2 \Delta t q^n - a q^n + a q^n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$q^{n+1} = q^n + \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}\Delta t a + \frac{1}{12}\Delta t^2 a^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}\Delta t \cdot 2a q^n$$

$$= q^n + \frac{a \Delta t q^n}{1 - \frac{1}{2}\Delta t a + \frac{1}{12}\Delta t^2 a^2}$$

$$= \left( \frac{1 + \frac{1}{2}\Delta t a + \frac{1}{12}\Delta t^2 a^2}{1 - \frac{1}{2}\Delta t a + \frac{1}{12}\Delta t^2 a^2} \right) q^n$$

$$\left| \frac{1 + \frac{1}{2}\Delta t a + \frac{1}{12}\Delta t^2 a^2}{1 - \frac{1}{2}\Delta t a + \frac{1}{12}\Delta t^2 a^2} \right| < 1 \quad \text{is required for linear stability}$$

Let  $a \Delta t := z$  where  $z = a \Delta t \in \mathbb{C}$  then

$$\left| \frac{1 + \frac{1}{2}z + \frac{1}{12}z^2}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z + \frac{1}{12}z^2} \right| < 1 \quad \text{corresponds to linear stability regime.}$$

(b)

$$u^{n+1} + \sum_{i=0}^s \alpha_i u^{n-i} = \beta f(u^n)$$

(i) for second order.

$$u^{n+1} + \alpha_0 u^n + \alpha_1 u^{n-1} = \beta f(u^n)$$

(ii) for third order.

$$u^{n+1} + \alpha_0 u^n + \alpha_1 u^{n-1} + \alpha_2 u^{n-2} = \beta f(u^n)$$

$$(i) \quad \frac{du}{dt} \approx \frac{u^{n+1} - 4u^n + u^{n-1}}{2\Delta t} = f(u^n)$$

$$\Rightarrow u^{n+1} - 4u^n + u^{n-1} = 2\Delta t f(u^n)$$

$$\alpha_0 = -4 \quad \alpha_1 = 1 \quad \beta = 2\Delta t$$

Let  $f(u^n) = a u^n$  then

$$u^{n+1} = (4 + 2a\Delta t)u^n - u^{n-1}$$

$$\text{Let } \frac{u^{n+1}}{u^n} = \rho \quad \text{then} \quad \frac{u^n}{u^{n-1}} = \rho$$

$$\rho = (4 + 2a\Delta t) - \frac{1}{\rho}, \quad \rho^2 - (4 + 2a\Delta t)\rho + 1 = 0$$

$$\rho = (2 + a\Delta t) \pm \sqrt{(a\Delta t)^2 - 1}, \quad \text{let } a\Delta t := z$$

$$\rho = (2+z) \pm \sqrt{(2+z)^2 - 1}$$

linear stability residue :  $|\rho| \leq 1$ ,  $|2+z \pm \sqrt{(2+z)^2 - 1}| \leq 1$

$$(f) \quad \frac{du}{dt} = \frac{11u^{11} - 18u^9 + 9u^{11} - 2u^{11-2}}{6\Delta t} = f(u^n)$$

$$11u^{11} - 18u^9 + 9u^{11} - 2u^{11-2} = 6\Delta t f(u^n)$$

$$u^{11} = \left(\frac{18}{11} + 6\Delta t a\right)u^9 - \frac{9}{11}u^{11} + \frac{2}{11}u^{11-2}$$

$$\text{let } \rho := \frac{u^{11}}{u^9}, \quad \rho = \left(\frac{18}{11} + 6\Delta t a\right) - \frac{9}{11}\rho + \frac{2}{11}\rho^2$$

$$\rho^3 - \left(\frac{18}{11} + 6\Delta t a\right)\rho^2 + \frac{9}{11}\rho - \frac{2}{11} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho = \rho(z)$$

### 3. Conserved energy for the Verlet scheme [15 points]

The undamped oscillator *without* forcing is given by the dynamical system

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \omega^2 x = 0, \quad (*)$$

with initial position  $x(0) = x_0$  and velocity  $v(0) = \dot{x}(0) = v_0$ . In Lecture 16: Symplectic Integrators, the second-order Verlet scheme was presented. One may discover that the determinant of the Jacobian of the scheme for (\*) is trivially equal to one—which implies a conserved quantity. Observe the modified energy<sup>2</sup>

$$\hat{H} = \frac{1}{2}v^2 + \frac{1}{2}\omega^2 x^2 \left(1 - \frac{\omega^2(\Delta t)^2}{4}\right).$$

Show that  $\hat{H}$  is conserved in the second-order Verlet scheme for the simple harmonic oscillator (\*).

The Verlet algorithm

$$v^{n+1/2} = v^n - \omega^2 x^n \cdot \frac{\Delta t}{2}$$

$$x^{n+1} = x^n + v^{n+1/2} \cdot \Delta t$$

$$v^{n+1} = v^{n+1/2} - \omega^2 x^{n+1} \cdot \frac{\Delta t}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{n+1} = x^n + (v^n - \omega^2 x^n \cdot \frac{\Delta t}{2}) \cdot \Delta t$$

$$v^{n+1} = v^n - \omega^2 x^n \cdot \frac{\Delta t}{2} - \omega^2 (x^n + \int v^n - \omega^2 x^n \cdot \frac{\Delta t}{2}) \cdot \Delta t \cdot \frac{\Delta t}{2}$$

$$x^{n+1} = x^n \cdot (1 - \frac{1}{2}\omega^2 \cdot \Delta t^2) + v^n \cdot \Delta t$$

$$v^{n+1} = v^n \cdot (1 - \frac{1}{2}\omega^2 \cdot \Delta t^2) - x^n \cdot (\omega^2 \Delta t - \frac{\omega^4}{4} \Delta t^3)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x^{n+1} \\ v^{n+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{1}{2}\omega^2 \Delta t^2 & \Delta t \\ -\omega^2 \Delta t + \frac{1}{4}\omega^4 \Delta t^3 & 1 - \frac{1}{2}\omega^2 \Delta t^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x^n \\ v^n \end{pmatrix}$$

A

$$H = \frac{1}{2}\omega^2 x^2 + \frac{1}{2}v^2 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial H}{\partial v} = v \quad \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = -\dot{v} = \omega x$$

$$\det A = (1 - \frac{1}{2}\omega^2 \Delta t^2)^2 - \Delta t (-\omega^2 \Delta t + \frac{1}{4}\omega^4 \Delta t^3) = 1$$

$$\hat{H} = \frac{1}{2} [x, v] \begin{pmatrix} \omega^2 (1 - \frac{1}{4}\omega^2 \Delta t^2) & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ v \end{pmatrix}$$

M

$$\hat{A}(x_{nr}, v_{nr}) = \frac{1}{2} (x_{nr}, v_{nr}) M \begin{pmatrix} x_{nr} \\ v_{nr} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} (x_n, v_n) A^T M A \begin{pmatrix} x_n \\ v_n \end{pmatrix}$$

If  $A^T M A = M$  then  $\hat{A}(x_{nr}, v_{nr}) = \hat{A}(x_n, v_n)$  thus conserved

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{1}{2} u^2 \Delta t^2 & \Delta t \\ -u^2 \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} u^4 \Delta t^3 & 1 - \frac{1}{2} u^2 \Delta t^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{1}{2} u^2 \Delta t^2 & \Delta t \\ -u^2 \Delta t (1 - \frac{1}{2} u^2 \Delta t^2) & 1 - \frac{1}{2} u^2 \Delta t^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^T M A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{1}{2} u^2 \Delta t^2 & -u^2 \Delta t (1 - \frac{1}{2} u^2 \Delta t^2) \\ \Delta t & 1 - \frac{1}{2} u^2 \Delta t^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u^2 (1 - \frac{1}{2} u^2 \Delta t^2) & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} A$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} (1 - \frac{1}{2} u^2 \Delta t^2) (1 - \frac{1}{2} u^2 \Delta t^2) u^2 & -u^2 \Delta t (1 - \frac{1}{2} u^2 \Delta t^2) \\ u^2 \Delta t (1 - \frac{1}{2} u^2 \Delta t^2) & 1 - \frac{1}{2} u^2 \Delta t^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{1}{2} u^2 \Delta t^2 & \Delta t \\ -u^2 \Delta t (1 - \frac{1}{2} u^2 \Delta t^2) & 1 - \frac{1}{2} u^2 \Delta t^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} (1 - \frac{1}{2} u^2 \Delta t^2)^2 (1 - \frac{1}{2} u^2 \Delta t^2) u^2 + u^2 \Delta t^2 (1 - \frac{1}{2} u^2 \Delta t^2)^2 & 0 \\ 0 & (1 - \frac{1}{2} u^2 \Delta t^2)^2 + u^2 \Delta t^2 (1 - \frac{1}{2} u^2 \Delta t^2) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} u^2 (1 - \frac{1}{2} u^2 \Delta t^2) \{ (1 - \frac{1}{2} u^2 \Delta t^2)^2 + u^2 \Delta t^2 (1 - \frac{1}{2} u^2 \Delta t^2) \} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} u^2 (1 - \frac{1}{2} u^2 \Delta t^2) & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = A$$

Therefore  $\hat{A}(x_{nr}, v_{nr}) = \hat{A}(x_n, v_n)$  so it is conserved.