

# Implicit - Explicit (IMEX)

temporal integrators

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Here are some standard 2<sup>nd</sup> order  
IMEX schemes for solving  
ODEs of the form:

$$u'(t) = \underbrace{f(u, t)}_{\substack{\text{not stiff} \\ \text{(explicit)} \\ \text{advection}}} + \underbrace{g(u, t)}_{\substack{\text{stiff} \\ \text{(implicit)} \\ \text{diffusion}}}$$

Often  $g(u, t) = Lu$  is  
linear to avoid non-linear  
equations in implicit solve

Multistep AB2 + CN

Adams - Bashforth + Crank - Nicolson  
(implicit midpoint)

$$U^{n+1} = U^n + \frac{\tau}{2} \left( 3f(U^n, t^n) - f(U^{n-1}, t^{n-1}) \right)$$

not  
L-stable

$$+ \frac{\tau}{2} \left( g(U^n, t^n) + g(U^{n+1}, t^{n+1}) \right)$$

↑  
implicit

Backwards Differentiation

Semi-implicit BDF = SBDF2

$$U^{n+1} = \frac{4}{3} U^n - \frac{1}{3} U^{n-1} + \frac{2}{3} \tau g(U^{n+1}, t^{n+1})$$
$$+ \frac{2}{3} \tau \left[ f(U^n, t^n) - f(U^{n-1}, t^{n-1}) \right]$$

BDF2 is L-stable (8.3.2 in LeVeque) (good for diffusion) ②

Runge-Kutta IMEX L-stable

$$U^{n+1/2,*} = U^n + \bar{\tau} \left( \left(1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) g(U^{n+1/2,*}, t^n + \frac{\bar{\tau}}{2}) - \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{2}}{2}\right) g(U^n, t^n) \right) + \frac{\bar{\tau}}{2} f(U^n, t^n)$$

(Predictor to midpoint)

$$U^{n+1} = U^n + \left( \left(1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) g(U^{n+1}, t^{n+1}) - (1 + \sqrt{2}) g(U^{n+1/2,*}, t^n + \frac{\bar{\tau}}{2}) + \left(1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) g(U^n, t^n) \right) + \bar{\tau} f(U^{n+1/2,*}, t^n + \frac{\bar{\tau}}{2}) \quad (3)$$

explicit

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