

# Nonlinear Time Integration

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## Theory

We are looking to approximate second order differential equations of the form

$$\mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{u}} + \mathbf{C}\dot{\mathbf{u}} + \mathbf{p}(\mathbf{u}, \dot{\mathbf{u}}) = \mathbf{f}$$

## Newmark Equations

The Newmark- $\beta$  scheme is defined by the following equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{v}_{n+1} &= \mathbf{v}_n + (1 - \gamma)\Delta t \mathbf{a}_n + \gamma\Delta t \mathbf{a}_{n+1} \\ \mathbf{d}_{n+1} &= \mathbf{d}_n + \Delta t \mathbf{v}_n + \frac{1}{2}\Delta t^2 ((1 - 2\beta) \mathbf{a}_n + 2\beta \mathbf{a}_{n+1})\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

for scalar parameters  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  and the following notation is used:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{d}_n &\approx \mathbf{u}(t_n) \\ \mathbf{v}_n &\approx \dot{\mathbf{u}}(t_n) \\ \mathbf{a}_n &\approx \ddot{\mathbf{u}}(t_n)\end{aligned}$$

## Remarks

- The Newmark- $\beta$  follows from Taylor's theorem with explicit remainder which states that the first time derivative can be expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{u}}_{n+1} &= \dot{\mathbf{u}}_n + \Delta t \ddot{\mathbf{u}}_\gamma \\ \mathbf{u}_{n+1} &= \mathbf{u}_n + \Delta t \dot{\mathbf{u}}_n + \frac{1}{2}\Delta t^2 \ddot{\mathbf{u}}_\beta.\end{aligned}$$

for some  $\ddot{\mathbf{u}}_\gamma$  and  $\ddot{\mathbf{u}}_\beta$  with the form:

$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{\mathbf{u}}_\gamma &= (1 - \gamma)\ddot{\mathbf{u}}_n + \gamma\ddot{\mathbf{u}}_{n+1} & 0 \leq \gamma \leq 1 \\ \ddot{\mathbf{u}}_\beta &= (1 - 2\beta)\ddot{\mathbf{u}}_n + 2\beta\ddot{\mathbf{u}}_{n+1} & 0 \leq 2\beta \leq 1\end{aligned}$$

- **Explicit central difference scheme** is obtained by setting  $\gamma = 0.5$  and  $\beta = 0$

- **Average constant acceleration (Middle point rule)** is obtained by setting  $\gamma = 0.5$  and  $\beta = 0.25$

$$\frac{1}{\Delta t} (v_{n+1} - v_n) = (1 - \gamma)a_n + \gamma a_{n+1}$$

## Generalized $\alpha$ Scheme

The generalized  $\alpha$  scheme imposes equilibrium with the following form:

$$\mathbf{M} \mathbf{a}_{\alpha_m} + \mathbf{p}(\mathbf{d}_{\alpha_f}, \mathbf{v}_{\alpha_f}) = \mathbf{f}(t_{\alpha_f})$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} t_{\alpha_f} &\triangleq (1 - \alpha_f) t_{n+1} + \alpha_f t_n \\ \mathbf{d}_{\alpha_f} &\triangleq (1 - \alpha_f) \mathbf{d}_{n+1} + \alpha_f \mathbf{d}_n \\ \mathbf{v}_{\alpha_f} &\triangleq (1 - \alpha_f) \mathbf{v}_{n+1} + \alpha_f \mathbf{v}_n \\ \mathbf{a}_{\alpha_m} &\triangleq (1 - \alpha_m) \mathbf{a}_{n+1} + \alpha_m \mathbf{a}_n \end{aligned}$$

## Implementation

The Newmark equations allow one to express all three unknowns (i.e.,  $a_{n+1}$ ,  $v_{n+1}$  or  $d_{n+1}$ ) in terms of one of these.

The most straight-forward way to implement the Newmark scheme, is to form a single equation in terms of unknown accelerations,  $\mathbf{a}_{n+1}$ :

$$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{a}_{n+1} = \mathbf{b}$$

for some known matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  and vector  $\mathbf{b}$ . This is obtained by plugging the Newmark equations into the discrete equilibrium statement at  $t_{n+1}$ . However before deriving this, it is useful rewrite Equation (1) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{d}_{n+1} &= \tilde{\mathbf{d}} + c_{da} \mathbf{a}_{n+1} \\ \mathbf{v}_{n+1} &= \tilde{\mathbf{v}} + c_{va} \mathbf{a}_{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

where the tilde variables allow us to collect everything that is known at the start of a time step. Expanding and plugging into the discretized equilibrium equation furnishes the Newmark scheme in “a-form”:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathbf{d}} &= \mathbf{d}_n + \Delta t \mathbf{v}_n + \frac{1}{2} \Delta t^2 (1 - 2\beta) \mathbf{a}_n \\ \tilde{\mathbf{v}} &= \mathbf{v}_n + \Delta t (1 - \gamma) \mathbf{a}_n \\ (\mathbf{M} + \gamma \Delta t \mathbf{C} + \beta \Delta t^2 \mathbf{K}) \mathbf{a}_{n+1} &= \mathbf{f}_{n+1} - \mathbf{C} \tilde{\mathbf{v}} - \mathbf{K} \tilde{\mathbf{d}} \\ \mathbf{d}_{n+1} &= \tilde{\mathbf{d}} + \beta \Delta t^2 \mathbf{a}_{n+1} \\ \mathbf{v}_{n+1} &= \tilde{\mathbf{v}} + \gamma \Delta t \mathbf{a}_{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

### Generalized Unknowns

Alternatively, the Newmark equations can be manipulated to produce a problem in terms of velocity or displacement.

If  $\mathbf{x}_{n+1}$  denotes our chosen unknown we can write the equations in the following form:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{d}_\alpha &= \tilde{\mathbf{d}}_x + c_{dx} \mathbf{x}_{n+1} \\ \mathbf{v}_\alpha &= \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_x + c_{vx} \mathbf{x}_{n+1} \\ \mathbf{a}_\alpha &= \tilde{\mathbf{a}}_x + c_{ax} \mathbf{x}_{n+1}\end{aligned}$$

This generalizes as follows :

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\mathbf{d}} &= \sum_i b_{di} \mathbf{y}_i \\ \tilde{\mathbf{v}} &= \sum_i b_{vi} \mathbf{y}_i \\ \tilde{\mathbf{a}} &= \sum_i b_{ai} \mathbf{y}_i \\ (c_a \mathbf{M} + c_v \mathbf{C} + c_d \mathbf{K}) \mathbf{x}_{n+1} &= \mathbf{f}_{n+1} - (\mathbf{M} \tilde{\mathbf{a}} + \mathbf{C} \tilde{\mathbf{v}} + \mathbf{K} \tilde{\mathbf{d}}) \\ \mathbf{d}_{n+1} &= \tilde{\mathbf{d}} + c_d \mathbf{x}_{n+1} \\ \mathbf{v}_{n+1} &= \tilde{\mathbf{v}} + c_v \mathbf{x}_{n+1} \\ \mathbf{a}_{n+1} &= \tilde{\mathbf{a}} + c_a \mathbf{x}_{n+1}\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{y}_i = (\mathbf{d}_n, \mathbf{v}_n, \mathbf{a}_n)$  coefficients  $c_{yx}$  and  $b_{ij}$  given below, and where  $(\tilde{\cdot})_x$  variables encapsulate the information that is known at the start of the time step.

### Nonlinear Generalized - $\alpha$

Applying this to a nonlinear problem yields:

$$r(\mathbf{x}_{n+1}) = \mathbf{M} [\tilde{\mathbf{a}} + c_{ax} \mathbf{x}_{n+1}] + \mathbf{C} [\tilde{\mathbf{v}} + c_{vx} \mathbf{x}_{n+1}] + \mathbf{p} (\tilde{\mathbf{d}} + c_{dx} \mathbf{x}_{n+1}, \tilde{\mathbf{v}} + c_{vx} \mathbf{x}_{n+1}) - \mathbf{f}(t_{n+1})$$

Linearizing for  $r_\eta = r(\mathbf{x}_{n+1}^i + \eta d\mathbf{x})$  yields

$$\mathcal{L} r_\eta = r(\mathbf{x}_{n+1}^i) + \mathbf{A} d\mathbf{x}$$

where

$$\mathbf{A} d\mathbf{x} = \left. \frac{d}{d\eta} r_\eta \right|_{\eta=0} = (c_d \mathbf{K} (\tilde{\mathbf{d}} + c_d \mathbf{x}_{n+1}) + c_v \mathbf{C} + c_a \mathbf{M}) d\mathbf{x}$$

For a chosen unknown  $\mathbf{x}$ , we can collect coefficients into a “predictor matrix”  $\mathbf{B}_x$ , and corrector array  $c_{yx}$  so that any of the other unknowns,  $\mathbf{y} \in (\mathbf{d}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{a})$  can be expressed as:

$$\mathbf{y}_{n+1} = \mathbf{B}_x \mathbf{y}_n + c_{yx} \mathbf{x}_{n+1}$$

From the Newmark equations, the coefficients  $c_{xy}$  follow as:

$$c_{xy} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{\gamma}{\beta\Delta t} & \frac{1}{\beta\Delta t^2} \\ \frac{\Delta t\beta}{\gamma} & 1 & \frac{1}{\gamma\Delta t} \\ \beta\Delta t^2 & \gamma\Delta t & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  is given for the acceleration formulation ( $\mathbf{x} \triangleq \mathbf{a}$ ) by:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{d}} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{v}} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{a}} \end{pmatrix}_a = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \Delta t & \Delta t^2 \left( \frac{1}{2} - \beta \right) \\ & 1 & \Delta t (1 - \gamma) \\ & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{d}_n \\ \mathbf{v}_n \\ \mathbf{a}_n \end{pmatrix}$$

In the velocity formulation ( $\mathbf{x} \triangleq \mathbf{v}$ ):

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{d}} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{v}} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{a}} \end{pmatrix}_v = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\Delta t \frac{\beta}{\gamma} \left( 1 - \frac{\gamma}{\beta} \right) & \Delta t^2 \frac{\beta}{\gamma} \left( \frac{\gamma}{2\beta} - 1 \right) \\ & 0 & \\ & \frac{-1}{\gamma\Delta t} & 1 - \frac{1}{\gamma} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{d}_n \\ \mathbf{v}_n \\ \mathbf{a}_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Finally, for the displacement formulation ( $\mathbf{x} \triangleq \mathbf{d}$ ):

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{d}} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{v}} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{a}} \end{pmatrix}_d = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & \\ -\frac{\gamma}{\beta\Delta t} & 1 - \frac{\gamma}{\beta} & \Delta t \left( 1 - \frac{\gamma}{2\beta} \right) \\ \frac{1}{\beta\Delta t^2} & \frac{-1}{\beta\Delta t} & \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2\beta} \right) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{d}_n \\ \mathbf{v}_n \\ \mathbf{a}_n \end{pmatrix}$$

## References

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## Source Code

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int sdof_integrate_plastic(struct sdof_alpha* conf,
    double M, double C, double K, double scale, int n, double *p, double dt,
    double *response)
{
    const double gamma = conf->gamma;
    const double beta = conf->beta;
    const double alpha_m = conf->alpha_m;
    const double alpha_f = conf->alpha_f;

    const double c1 = 1.0;
    const double c2 = gamma/(beta*dt);
    const double c3 = 1.0/(beta*dt*dt);

    const double b1 = (1.0 - gamma/beta);
    const double b2 = dt*(1.0 - 0.5*gamma/beta);
    const double b3 = -1.0/(beta*dt);
    const double b4 = 1.0 - 0.5/beta;

    const double k0 = alpha_f*c2*C + alpha_m*c3*M;

    double pa = 0.0, // TODO: Find pa for initial u0
        *u = &response[0], // Initialize pointers to user-supplied memory
        *v = &response[1], //
        *a = &response[2]; //

    const int past = -3, // Pointer offsets
        pres = 0; //

    // Plasticity parameters
    const int max_iter = 10;
    double up = 0.0,
        tol = 1e-12,
        Fy = 7.5,
        alpha = 0.00,
        Hkin = K*alpha/(1.0 - alpha);

    int i = 0; // Time index
    double Kt = K; // Tangent stiffness
    a[pres] = (p[i] - C*v[pres] - pa)/M; // Initial acceleration

    // Time loop
    for (i = 1; i < n; i++) {
        u += 3; v += 3; a += 3; // Move current state pointers forward

        // PREDICTOR
        u[pres] = u[past];
        v[pres] = b1*v[past] + b2*a[past];
        a[pres] = b4*a[past] + b3*v[past];
        // values at alpha time
        double ua = (1.0 - alpha_f)*u[past] + alpha_f*u[pres];
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double va = (1.0 - alpha_f)*v[past] + alpha_f*v[pres];
double aa = (1.0 - alpha_m)*a[past] + alpha_m*a[pres];

double R = scale*p[i] - (M*aa + C*va + pa);
double R0 = 1.0; //R;
if (R0 == 0.0) R0 = 1.0;

double du = 0.0;
for (int iter = 0; iter <= max_iter; iter++) {

    ua += alpha_f*c1*du; // Update values at alpha time
    va += alpha_f*c2*du; //
    aa += alpha_m*c3*du; //

    // State determination for pa, Kt
    pa = K*(ua - up);
    double ftrial = fabs(pa - Hkin*up) - Fy;

    if (ftrial <= 0) {
        Kt = K;
    } else {
        double dg = ftrial/(K + Hkin);

        if (pa < 0) {
            pa += dg*K;
            up -= dg;
        } else {
            pa -= dg*K;
            up += dg;
        }

        Kt = K*Hkin/(K + Hkin);
    }

    // SOLVE
    R = scale*p[i] - (M*aa + C*va + pa);
    du = R/(alpha_f*c1*Kt + k0);

    // UPDATE
    u[pres] += c1*du;
    v[pres] += c2*du;
    a[pres] += c3*du;

    // Check convergence
    if (fabs(R/R0) < tol)
        break;
}
}
return 1;
}
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