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Stiff ODEs

Definition

A stiff equation is a differential equation for which certain numerical methods for solving the equation are numerically unstable, unless the step size is taken to be extremely small. It has proven difficult to formulate a precise definition of stiffness, but the main idea is that the equation includes some terms that can lead to rapid variation in the solution.



Choose an ODE Solver

Some ODE problems exhibit *stiffiness*, or difficulty in evaluation. For example, if an ODE has two solution components that vary on drastically different time scales, then the equation might be stiff. You can identify a problem as stiff if nonstiff solvers (such as ode45) are unable to solve the problem or are extremly slow. If you observe that a nonstiff solver is very slow, try using a stiff solver such as ode15s instead. When using a stiff solver, you can improve reliability and efficiency by supplying the Jacobian matrix or its sparsity pattern.



Nonstiff ODEs Solvers - ode45, ode23, and ode113



ode45: Solve non-stiff ODEs, medium order method

- [TOUT, YOUT] = ode45 (ODEFUN, TSPAN, YO) with TSPAN = [TO TFINAL] integrates the system of differential equations y' = f(t,y) from time TO to TFINAL with initial conditions YO. ODEFUN is a function handle. To obtain solutions at specific times TO, T1,..., TFINAL (all increasing or all decreasing), use TSPAN = [TO T1 ... TFINAL].
- [TOUT, YOUT] = ode45(ODEFUN, TSPAN, YO, OPTS) solves as above with default integration properties replaced by values in OPTS, an argument created with the odeset function.
- SOL = ode45(ODEFUN, [TO TFINAL], YO...) returns a structure that can be used with deval to evaluate the solution or its first derivative at any point between TO and TFINAL. The steps chosen by ode45 are returned in a row vector SOL.x. For each I, the column SOL.y(:,I) contains the solution at SOL.x(I).



ode23: Solve non-stiff ODEs, low order method

- [TOUT, YOUT] = ode23(ODEFUN, TSPAN, YO) with TSPAN = [TO TFINAL] integrates the system of differential equations y' = f(t,y) from time TO to TFINAL with initial conditions YO. ODEFUN is a function handle. To obtain solutions at specific times TO, T1, ..., TFINAL (all increasing or all decreasing), use TSPAN = [TO T1 ... TFINAL].
- [TOUT, YOUT] = ode23(ODEFUN, TSPAN, YO, OPTS) solves as above with default integration properties replaced by values in OPTS, an argument created with the odeset function.
- SOL = ode23(ODEFUN, [TO TFINAL], YO...) returns a structure that can be used with deval to evaluate the solution or its first derivative at any point between TO and TFINAL. The steps chosen by ode23 are returned in a row vector SOL.x. For each I, the column SOL.y(:,I) contains the solution at SOL.x(I).



ode113: Solve non-stiff ODEs, variable order method

- [TOUT, YOUT] = ode113(ODEFUN, TSPAN, YO) with TSPAN = [TO TFINAL] integrates the system of differential equations y' = f(t,y) from time TO to TFINAL with initial conditions YO. ODEFUN is a function handle. To obtain solutions at specific times TO, T1,..., TFINAL (all increasing or all decreasing), use TSPAN = [TO T1 ... TFINAL].
- [TOUT, YOUT] = ode113(ODEFUN, TSPAN, YO, OPTS) solves as above with default integration properties replaced by values in OPTS, an argument created with the odeset function.
- SOL = ode113(ODEFUN, [TO TFINAL], YO...) returns a structure that can be used with deval to evaluate the solution or its first derivative at any point between TO and TFINAL. The steps chosen by ode113 are returned in a row vector SOL.x.
 For each I, the column SOL.y(:,I) contains the solution at SOL.x(I).



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