

Homework 5. Due March 12

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1. (16 pts)

- (a) The Stoermer-Verlet method for integration of Hamiltonian systems of the form

$$\frac{dp}{dt} = -\nabla_q H(p, q), \quad \frac{dq}{dt} = \nabla_p H(p, q) \quad \text{or, equivalently,} \quad \frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \end{bmatrix} = J^{-1} \nabla H(p, q)$$

is given by

$$p_{n+1/2} = p_n - \frac{h}{2} \nabla_q H(p_{n+1/2}, q_n), \quad (1)$$

$$q_{n+1} = q_n + \frac{h}{2} (\nabla_p H(p_{n+1/2}, q_n) + \nabla_p H(p_{n+1/2}, q_{n+1})), \quad (2)$$

$$p_{n+1} = p_{n+1/2} - \frac{h}{2} \nabla_q H(p_{n+1/2}, q_{n+1}). \quad (3)$$

Rewrite this scheme for the case of a separable Hamiltonian, i.e., a Hamiltonian of the form $H(p, q) = T(p) + U(q)$. Show that it is an explicit scheme in this case. This scheme is also known as *velocity Verlet*. Apply the obtained scheme to the simple harmonic oscillator in 1D with the Hamiltonian

$$H(p, q) = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{m\omega^2 q^2}{2}. \quad (4)$$

Rewrite the resulting equations in the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} p_{n+1} \\ q_{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} p_n \\ q_n \end{bmatrix},$$

where A is a 2×2 matrix that you need to find.

- (b) Show that the linear map given by the found matrix A is symplectic, i.e., $A^\top J A = J$.
- (c) The velocity Verlet scheme does not conserve the Hamiltonian given by Eq. (4). Prove that it conserves the so called *shadow Hamiltonian* given by

$$H^* = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 q^2 \left(1 - \left(\frac{\omega h}{2} \right)^2 \right). \quad (5)$$

- (d) Consider the motion in the gravitational field with the Hamiltonian

$$H(u, v, x, y) = \frac{1}{2} u^2 + \frac{1}{2} v^2 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}, \quad (6)$$

where x, y are the coordinates and u, v are the momenta in the reduced units. Write the Hamiltonian equations of motion. Set the initial conditions to $u(0) =$

0, $v(0) = \frac{1}{2}$, $x(0) = 2$, $y(0) = 0$. Check that the total energy is negative, hence the motion will follow an elliptic trajectory.

The exact motion according to these Hamiltonian equations with the initial conditions $u(0) = 0$, $v(0) = \frac{1}{2}$, $x(0) = 2$, $y(0) = 0$ occurs by the elliptical orbit with one focus at the origin, the major semiaxis $a = 4/3$, eccentricity $e = 1/2$, and the exact period of revolution $T = 2\pi a^{3/2} = 9.673596609249161$. Hence, for the exact orbit, $x_{\max} = a(1 + e) = 2$, and $x_{\min} = -a(1 - e) = -2/3$.

Integrate the system for 10 revolutions using the Stoermer-Verlet method. Use time step size $0.01T$. Plot x and y components of your numerical solutions on the same xy -plane. Plot the Hamiltonian versus time for your numerical solution.

2. **(6 pts)** Consider the matrix A arising in the finite difference discretization of the Poisson equation in the square domain $\Omega = [0, 1]^2$ with mesh step $h = 1/J$ and homogeneous Dirichlet boundary conditions. This matrix is of size $(J-1)^2 \times (J-1)^2$ and has a block form with $(J-1) \times (J-1)$ blocks:

$$A = \frac{1}{h^2} \begin{bmatrix} T & I & & \\ I & T & I & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ & & I & T \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{where} \quad T = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 1 & & \\ 1 & -4 & 1 & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ & & 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (7)$$

and I is the $(J-1) \times (J-1)$ identity matrix.

- (a) Check that a mesh function of the form

$$v_{k_x, k_y}(x, y) = \sin(k_x x) \sin(k_y y), \quad \text{where} \quad k_x, k_y \in \{\pi, 2\pi, \dots, (J-1)\pi\}, \quad (8)$$

is an eigenvector of A with the corresponding eigenvalue

$$\lambda_{k_x, k_y} = \frac{2}{h^2} (\cos(k_x h) + \cos(k_y h) - 2) = -\frac{4}{h^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{k_x h}{2}\right) \sin^2\left(\frac{k_y h}{2}\right), \quad (9)$$

i.e., $Av_{k_x, k_y} = \lambda_{k_x, k_y} v_{k_x, k_y}$. *Hint: Plug $v_{k_x, k_y}(x, y)$ into the scheme*

$$\frac{1}{h^2} (U_N + U_S + U_W + U_E - 4U_P) \quad (10)$$

and obtain $[\lambda_{k_x, k_y} v_{k_x, k_y}]_P$.

- (b) What are the smallest and the largest eigenvalues, and what are the corresponding eigenvectors? Plot eigenvectors for $J = 10$ corresponding to corresponding to $k_x = k_y = \pi$, $k_x = \pi$, $k_y = 2\pi$, and $k_x = k_y = (J-1)\pi$.