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Integral Form

The ordinary differential equation (ODE)

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can be equivalently be written in its integral form

$$\forall t \in [0, T], \quad x(t) = x_0 + \int_0^t f(x(s)) \, ds .$$

Lipschitz continuity

Recall:

- A function $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is called (globally) Lipschitz continuous, if there exist a constant $L < \infty$ with

$$\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \|f(x) - f(y)\| \leq L\|x - y\| .$$

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Gronwall's Lemma

Let f be globally Lipschitz continuous and

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$$\dot{z}(t) = f(z(t)) \quad z(0) = z_0 . \quad (2)$$

Then we have

$$\|x(t) - z(t)\| \leq \|x_0 - z_0\| e^{Lt} .$$

Proof of Gronwall's Lemma

Main idea: start the Picard iteration

$$y_{i+1}(t) = z_0 + \int_0^t f(y_i(s)) \, ds \quad \text{at} \quad y_1(t) = x(t) .$$

The first iteration is given by

$$y_2(t) = z_0 + \int_0^t f(x(s)) \, ds = x(t) + [z_0 - x_0] = x(t) + e_1(t)$$

with

$$e_1(t) = y_2(t) - x(t) \quad \text{and} \quad \|e_1(t)\| \leq \|x_0 - z_0\|$$

Proof of Gronwall's Lemma

1. Use the first iteration as induction start (previous slide).
2. The induction assumption is that

$$y_{k+1}(t) = x(t) + e_k(t)$$

$$\text{and } \|e_k(t)\| \leq \|x_0 - z_0\| \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{L^i t^i}{i!}$$

3. Induction step: set $e_{k+1}(t) = y_{k+2}(t) - x(t)$ and work out

$$\begin{aligned} \|e_{k+1}(t)\| &= \left\| z_0 + \int_0^t f(x(s) + e_k(s)) \, ds - x(t) \right\| \\ &\leq \|x_0 - z_0\| + \left\| \int_0^t f(x(s) + e_k(s)) - f(x(s)) \, ds \right\| \\ &\leq \|x_0 - z_0\| \left[1 + \int_0^t \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} L \frac{L^i s^i}{i!} \, ds \right] = \|x_0 - z_0\| \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{L^i t^i}{i!}. \end{aligned}$$

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Summary:

- We know that the Picard iteration

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converges and the limit is given by

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} y_k(t) = z(t)$$

- The corresponding error is bounded by

$$\begin{aligned} \|z(t) - x(t)\| &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|y_k(t) - x(t)\| = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|e_{k-1}(t)\| \\ &\leq \|x_0 - z_0\| \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{L^i t^i}{i!} = \|x_0 - z_0\| e^{Lt} . \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Conditioning of Differential Equations

- The factor e^{Lt} can be interpreted as a **global** upper bound on the condition number of a differential equation
- In general, for large t , predictions are impossible: “butterfly effect”.
- BUT: Gronwall's lemma has no information about the stability properties of the differential equation
- For some differential equations, a **local** analysis yields better bounds and potentially indicates *local stability*

First Order Variational Analysis

- Consider the differential equations

$$\dot{x}(t) = f(x(t)) \quad \text{with} \quad x(0) = x_0$$

$$\dot{z}(t) = f(z(t)) \quad \text{with} \quad z(0) = z_0$$

for a continuously differentiable right-hand f .

- The linear matrix differential equation

$$\dot{X}(t) = \frac{\partial f(x(t))}{\partial x} X(t) \quad \text{with} \quad X(0) = I$$

is called the first order variational differential equation.

- It yields the first order Taylor approximation

$$z(t) = x(t) + X(t)(z_0 - x_0) + \mathbf{o}(\|z_0 - x_0\|)$$

Unfortunately: in general only valid for finite $t \leq T < \infty$!

Details

Introduce the shorthands

$$e(t) = z(t) - x(t) - X(t)(z_0 - x_0) \quad \text{and} \quad A(t) = \frac{\partial f(x(t))}{\partial x}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{e}(t) &= f(z(t)) - f(x(t)) - \dot{X}(t)(z_0 - x_0) \\ &= A(t)e(t) + o(\|e(t)\|) + o(\|X(t)\|\|x_0 - z_0\|)\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{with } e(0) = 0.$$

We can use a Picard iteration (or variant of Gronwall's lemma) to show that $\|e(t)\| = o(\|x_0 - z_0\|)$ for all $t \leq T < \infty$. (Exercise!)

Steady-States

A point $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is called a steady-state (or critical point) of f if

$$f(x_0) = 0 .$$

If f is continuously differentiable, the ODE

$$\dot{z}(t) = f(z(t)) \quad \text{with} \quad z(0) = z_0$$

can be analyzed in a local neighborhood of x_0 . We have

$$A = \frac{\partial f(x_0)}{\partial x_0} \quad \text{and} \quad X(t) = e^{At} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i!} (tA)^i .$$

Local Stability Analysis

- If the eigenvalues of A have all strictly negative real parts, then

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{At} = 0 .$$

- In this case, we have

$$\forall t \in [0, \infty), \quad z(t) = e^{At} z_0 + o(\|z_0\|) \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} z(t) = 0$$

for sufficiently small $\|z_0\|$. This implies *local asymptotic stability*.

- A similar local stability analysis via first order variational analysis is possible in the neighborhood of periodic orbits (Floquet theory).

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Output:

- Time grid $[t_1, t_2, \dots, t_N]$ and state trajectory $y_0, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_N$.

Consistency conditions

Main idea:

- Choose the coefficients $\alpha_{r,j}$, β_r , and γ_r such that

$$\forall r \in \{1, \dots, q\}, \quad \left. \frac{\partial^r y_{i+1}}{\partial h^r} \right|_{h=0} = \Phi_r(y_i) .$$

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- A very elegant method of order 4 is given by the scheme

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This method is called the classical Runge Kutta method.

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Main idea

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Example: Fehlberg's Method

The Runge-Kutta-Fehlberg method is given by the tableau

0			
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	$\frac{1}{512}$	$\frac{255}{256}$	$\frac{1}{512}$
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The two steps have consistency orders 1 and 2, respectively.

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Linear Test Problem

An important test problem for numerical integration schemes is given by the linear ODE

$$\dot{x}(t) = f(x(t)) \quad \text{with} \quad f(x) = \lambda x$$

for a parameter $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$, $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda) < 0$.

- Write the ODE integrator step in the form $y_{k+1} = I(f, h, y_k)$
- If the integrator satisfies

$$\forall h > 0, \quad \|I(f, h, y)\|_2 \leq \|y\|_2$$

for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ with $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda) < 0$, then the integrator is called A-stable.

Stability of Runge-Kutta Integrators

The integrator step of a Runge-Kutta scheme is given by

$$\begin{aligned}k &= \lambda(y \cdot \mathbf{1} + hAk) \\ I(f, h, y) &= y + hb^T k\end{aligned}$$

It can be written in the form

$$\begin{aligned}I(f, h, y) &= R(h\lambda)y \\ \text{with } R(\alpha) &= 1 + \alpha b^T(I - \alpha A)^{-1}\mathbf{1}\end{aligned}$$

The method is A-stable if $|R(\alpha)| \leq 1$ for all $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ with $\operatorname{Re}(\alpha) \leq 0$.

Notice: there is no A-stable explicit Runge-Kutta integrator!

Examples

- The explicit Euler method, $y_{k+1} = y_k + hf(y_k)$, satisfies

$$R(\alpha) = 1 + \alpha .$$

This method is clearly not A-stable.

- The implicit Euler method, $y_{k+1} = y_k + hf(y_{k+1})$, satisfies

$$R(\alpha) = 1 + \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha} = \frac{1}{1 - \alpha} .$$

This is an example for an A-stable method.

Examples

- The trapezoidal scheme (order 2) is given by

$$\begin{aligned}k_1 &= f(y_k) \\k_2 &= f\left(y_k + \frac{1}{2}hk_1 + \frac{1}{2}hk_2\right) \\y_{k+1} &= y_k + \frac{h}{2}k_1 + \frac{h}{2}k_2\end{aligned}$$

- The method is A-stable, because we have

$$\begin{aligned}R(\alpha) &= 1 + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{\alpha}{2} & 1 - \frac{\alpha}{2} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\&= \frac{2 + \alpha}{2 - \alpha}\end{aligned}$$

L-Stability

- Notice that A -stable methods do not always perform well for very “stiff” test differential equations; that is, for $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda) \ll -1$.
- A method is called L-stable if
 1. it is A -stable and
 2. we additionally have $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow -\infty} R(\alpha) = 0$.

Examples

- The implicit Euler method, $R(\alpha) = \frac{1}{1-\alpha}$, is L-stable.
- The trapezoidal rule, $R(\alpha) = \frac{2+\alpha}{2-\alpha}$, is A -stable but not L-stable.

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Multi-Step Methods

- Taylor model based integration and Runge-Kutta methods construct y_k in dependence on y_{k-1} .
- This is in contrast to multi-step methods, where y_k may depend on $y_{k-1}, y_{k-2}, \dots, y_{k-m}$.
- Of special interest are the so-called linear multi-step methods, which have the form

$$\sum_{i=0}^m \alpha_{m-i} y_{k-i} = h \sum_{i=0}^m \beta_{m-i} f(y_{k-i}) \quad \text{with} \quad a_R = 1$$

- The method is explicit if $\beta_m = 0$. Otherwise, it is implicit.

Multi-Step Methods

- Linear Multi-Step Methods (LMMs) can be constructed by starting with a numerical integration formula,

$$y_{k-s} + \int_{t-sh}^t f(x(\tau)) \, d\tau = y_{k-s} + h \sum_{i=0}^m \beta_{m-i} f(x(t - ih)) + O(h^{q+1}).$$

Thus, if $y_{k-i} \approx x(t - ih)$, we have

$$y_k = y_{k-s} + h \sum_{i=0}^m \beta_{m-i} f(y_{k-i}) \quad \implies \quad y_k \approx x(t) .$$

The consistency order q of this approximation depends merely on the accuracy of the numerical integration formula.

Examples

- Adams-Bashforth formulas (explicit)

$$s = 1, m = 1 : \quad y_k = y_{k-1} + hf(y_{k-1})$$

$$s = 1, m = 2 : \quad y_k = y_{k-1} + h \left(\frac{3}{2}f(y_{k-1}) - \frac{1}{2}f(y_{k-2}) \right)$$

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- Adams-Moulton formulas (implicit)

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More Examples

- Nyström's method ($s = 2$)

$$y_k = y_{k-2} + 2hf(y_{k-1})$$

- Milne-Simpson method ($s = 2$)

$$y_k = y_{k-2} + h \left(\frac{1}{3}f(y_k) + \frac{4}{3}f(y_{k-1}) + \frac{1}{3}f(y_{k-2}) \right)$$

- It's easy to come up with more methods: any numerical integration formula yields yet another LMM.

Backward Differencing Formulas (BDF)

- Instead of numerical integration, we can also use numerical differentiation to derive LMMs. This yields BDF methods.
- Examples:

$$\begin{aligned}y_k - y_{k-1} &= hf(y_k) \\y_k - \frac{4}{3}y_{k-1} + \frac{1}{3}y_{k-2} &= \frac{2}{3}hf(y_k) \\y_k - \frac{18}{11}y_{k-1} + \frac{9}{11}y_{k-2} - \frac{2}{11}y_{k-3} &= \frac{6}{11}hf(y_k) \\&\vdots\end{aligned}$$

- Exercise: combine numerical differentiation and integration to derive even more LMMs...

Dahlquist's Theorem

Theorem. Let f be globally Lipschitz. The iterates of the LMM

$$\sum_{i=0}^m \alpha_{m-i} y_{k-m} = h \sum_{i=0}^m \beta_{m-i} f(y_{k-i}) \quad \text{with} \quad a_R = 1$$

converge to the solution of the ODE, $\dot{x}(t) = f(x(t))$ for $h \rightarrow 0$, if

1. the initial iterates y_0, y_1, \dots, y_{m-1} converge,
2. the method is consistent (= has at least consistency order 1),

$$\sum_{i=0}^m \alpha_i = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{i=0}^m i \alpha_i + \sum_{i=0}^m \beta_i = 0, \quad \text{and}$$

3. the roots $\lambda_j \in \mathbb{C}$ of the first characteristic polynomial

$$\rho(\lambda) = \sum_{i=0}^m \alpha_i \lambda^i$$

satisfy $|\lambda_j| \leq 1$ and all multiple roots satisfy $|\lambda_j| < 1$.