

# Splitting with Exponential Time Differencing Schemes For Reaction-Diffusion Systems

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# Nonlinear Reaction-Diffusion Systems

- Nonlinear parabolic initial-boundary value problem:

$$\begin{aligned}u_t + Au &= f(t, u) && \text{in } \Omega, && t \in (0, T), \\u(\cdot, 0) &= u_0\end{aligned}$$

- $\Omega$  : bounded domain in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ;  
 $A = -D\Delta$ ,  $D$  is diagonal & positive definite;  
Boundary conditions are homogeneous Dirichlet, homogeneous Neumann, or periodic;  
 $f$  : nonlinear reaction.

Exact dynamics:

$$u(t) = E(t)u_0 + \int_0^t E(t-s) f(s, u(s)) ds$$

$$0 < k \leq k_0, t_n = nk, 0 \leq n \leq N.$$

Normalize over one time step  $t_n$  to  $t_{n+1}$  & use  $E(t) = e^{-tA}$ :

Capture the single step exact dynamics

$$u(t_{n+1}) = e^{-kA}u(t_n) + k \int_0^1 e^{-kA(1-\tau)} f(t_n + \tau k, u(t_n + \tau k)) d\tau$$

Options: Approximate the whole integrand (quadrature) or approximate  $f$  & integrate exactly.

## Single Step Exact Dynamics Exploited

For  $e^{-kA}$  we have choices: Rational approximation (Padé or other type), Krylov subspace methods...None appears easy due to  $e^{-kA(1-\tau)}$  inside the integral. However, we have found a way to deal with the problem.

Two interesting rational approximations are:

- **(1,1) - Padé Scheme (Crank-Nicolson):**

$$R_{1,1}(-kA) = (I + \frac{1}{2}kA)^{-1}(I - \frac{1}{2}kA)$$

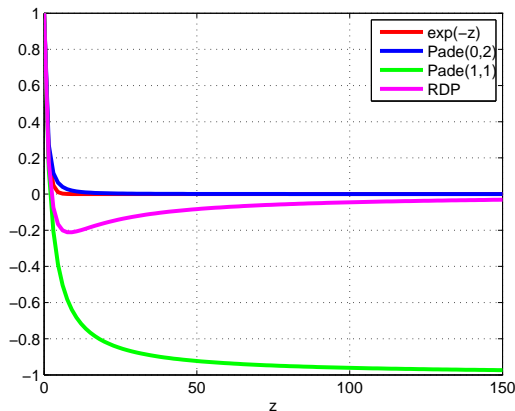
- **Real-Distinct Poles (RDP) Scheme (L-stable, Khaliq-Voss):**

$$r(-kA) = \left(I - \frac{5}{12}Ak\right) \left(I + \frac{1}{4}Ak\right)^{-1} \left(I + \frac{1}{3}Ak\right)^{-1}$$

$$\text{Equivalent:} \quad = 9(I + \frac{1}{3}kA)^{-1} - 8(I + \frac{1}{4}kA)^{-1}$$

$R(z) \approx e^{-z}$  is A-acceptable if  $|R(z)| < 1$  whenever  $\operatorname{Re}(z) > 0$  and L-acceptable if also  $|R(z)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $\operatorname{Re}(z) \rightarrow \infty$ .

RDP is L-acceptable & has a simple form:  $9(1+\frac{1}{3}z)^{-1} - 8(1+\frac{1}{4}z)^{-1} \approx e^{-z}$



# Semi-discrete ETD using RDP

Linear approximation for  $f$ , integrate exactly:

$$\begin{aligned} u(t_{n+1}) &= e^{-Ak} u(t_n) + A^{-1}(I - e^{-Ak})f(t_n, u(t_n)) \\ &+ k^{-1}A^{-2}(e^{-kA} - I + kA)(f(t_n, u(t_{n+1})) - f(t_n, u(t_n))) \end{aligned}$$

& use —

$$e^{-kA} \approx \left(I - \frac{5}{12}kA\right) \left(I + \frac{1}{4}kA\right)^{-1} \left(I + \frac{1}{3}kA\right)^{-1}$$

Semi-discrete  $\Rightarrow$  fully discrete

Intermediate form —

$$\begin{aligned}
 U_{n+1} = & \left( I - \frac{5}{12}Ak \right) \left( I + \frac{1}{4}Ak \right)^{-1} \left( I + \frac{1}{3}Ak \right)^{-1} U_n \\
 & + \frac{k}{2} \left( I + \frac{Ak}{4} \right)^{-1} \left( I + \frac{Ak}{3} \right)^{-1} f(t_n, U_n) \\
 & + \frac{k}{2} \left( I + \frac{1}{6}kA \right) \left( I + \frac{1}{4}kA \right)^{-1} \left( I + \frac{1}{3}kA \right)^{-1} f(t_{n+1}, U_{n+1}^*)
 \end{aligned}$$



## Partial fraction forms simplify the computation

$$\left(I - \frac{5}{12}Ak\right) \left(I + \frac{1}{4}Ak\right)^{-1} \left(I + \frac{1}{3}Ak\right)^{-1} = 9 \left(I + \frac{1}{3}Ak\right)^{-1} - 8 \left(I + \frac{1}{4}Ak\right)^{-1}$$

$$\left(I + \frac{Ak}{4}\right)^{-1} \left(I + \frac{Ak}{3}\right)^{-1} = 4 \left(I + \frac{1}{3}Ak\right) - 3 \left(I + \frac{1}{4}Ak\right)^{-1}$$

$$\left(I + \frac{Ak}{6}\right) \left(I + \frac{Ak}{4}\right)^{-1} \left(I + \frac{Ak}{3}\right)^{-1} = 2 \left(I + \frac{1}{3}Ak\right)^{-1} - \left(I + \frac{1}{4}Ak\right)^{-1}$$

RE Efficiency with linear algebra solvers

# ETD-RDP: Efficient implementation

- 1 Solve for the estimator  $U^*$

$$(I + Ak)U^* = U_n + kf(U_n)$$

- 2 Solve for  $U_{n+1}$  (serial or parallel)

$$\left(I + \frac{1}{3}Ak\right) U_a = 9U_n + 2kf(U_n) + kf(U^*)$$

$$\left(I + \frac{1}{4}Ak\right) U_b = -8U_n - \frac{3}{2}kf(U_n) - \frac{k}{2}f(U^*)$$

$$U_{n+1} = U_a + U_b$$

**Suggests parallel implementation & splitting.**  
**Allows highly efficient linear solvers.**

## 2D Splitting Integrating Factor & ETD-RDP Scheme

$$u_t + Au = f(u).$$

$$v = e^{Bt}u, \quad v_t = e^{Bt}f(u) - e^{Bt}Au + Be^{Bt}u.$$

If  $A$  &  $B$  commute,  $v_t + (A - B)v = e^{Bt}f(e^{-Bt}v).$

Now take  $B = A_1$  &  $\tilde{f}(v) = e^{A_1 t}f(e^{-A_1 t}v)$

Apply ETD-RDP to this PDE:

$$v_t + A_2 v = \tilde{f}(v), \quad v(0) = u_0.$$

## 2D Efficient ETD-RDP-IF Algorithm

$$(I + A_2 k) u^* = (u_n + k f(u_n))$$

$$(I + A_1 k) u^* = u^*$$

$$(I + \frac{1}{3} A_1 k) a_1 = u_n \quad \& \quad (I + \frac{1}{4} A_1 k) b_1 = u_n$$

$$(I + \frac{1}{3} A_1 k) a_2 = f(u_n)$$

$$(I + \frac{1}{4} A_1 k) b_2 = f(u_n)$$

$$c_1 = 9a_1 - 8b_1 \quad c_2 = 9a_2 - 8b_2$$

$$(I + \frac{1}{3} A_2 k) d_1 = 9c_1 + 2kc_2 + k f(u^*)$$

$$(I + \frac{1}{4} A_2 k) d_2 = -8c_1 - \frac{3}{2} k c_2 - \frac{1}{2} k f(u^*)$$

$$U_{n+1} = d_1 + d_2.$$

**Example 1.** *The one-dimensional approximation of the  $-\Delta \mathbf{u}$  is given by*

$$\mathbf{B}_n = -\frac{1}{h^2} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 & & & \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ & & & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \quad h = \frac{1}{n+1},$$

$$\mathbf{B}_n = -\frac{1}{h^2} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 2 & & & \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ & & & 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \quad h = \frac{1}{n-1},$$

$$\mathbf{B}_n = -\frac{1}{h^2} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 & & & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & & & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \quad h = \frac{1}{n},$$

*for homogeneous Dirichlet, homogeneous Neumann, and periodic boundary conditions,*

**Example 2.** In two dimensions,  $\mathbf{A}$  in (3) is given by  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}_1 + \mathbf{A}_2$  with

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A}_1 &= \mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{B}_n \otimes \mathbf{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{(s \cdot n^2) \times (s \cdot n^2)}, \\ \mathbf{A}_2 &= \mathbf{B}_n \otimes \mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{(s \cdot n^2) \times (s \cdot n^2)},\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{I}_n$  denotes the identity matrix of size  $n$  (see also pp. 1345–1346 in [8] for the Dirichlet and Neumann case). The extension to three dimensions reads  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}_1 + \mathbf{A}_2 + \mathbf{A}_3$  with

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A}_1 &= \mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{B}_n \otimes \mathbf{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{(s \cdot n^3) \times (s \cdot n^3)}, \\ \mathbf{A}_2 &= \mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{B}_n \otimes \mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{(s \cdot n^3) \times (s \cdot n^3)}, \\ \mathbf{A}_3 &= \mathbf{B}_n \otimes \mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{(s \cdot n^3) \times (s \cdot n^3)}.\end{aligned}\tag{4}$$

Note that the extension to four dimensions or even higher follows an obvious pattern. Precisely, we have  $\mathbf{A} = \sum_{i=1}^d \mathbf{A}_i$  with

$$\mathbf{A}_i = \underbrace{\mathbf{I}_n \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbf{I}_n}_{(d-i)\text{ times}} \otimes \underbrace{\mathbf{B}_n}_{\text{pos } d-i+1} \otimes \underbrace{\mathbf{I}_n \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbf{I}_n}_{(i-1)\text{ times}} \otimes \mathbf{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{(s \cdot n^d) \times (s \cdot n^d)}.\tag{5}$$

## Example of proof of commutativity

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A}_1\mathbf{A}_2 &= (\mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{B}_n \otimes \mathbf{D})(\mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{B}_n \otimes \mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{D}) \\ &= \mathbf{I}_n\mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{I}_n\mathbf{B}_n \otimes \mathbf{B}_n\mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{D}^2 \\ &= \mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{B}_n \otimes \mathbf{B}_n \otimes \mathbf{D}^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A}_2\mathbf{A}_1 &= (\mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{B}_n \otimes \mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{D})(\mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{B}_n \otimes \mathbf{D}) \\ &= \mathbf{I}_n\mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{I}_n\mathbf{B}_n \otimes \mathbf{B}_n\mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{D}^2 \\ &= \mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{B}_n \otimes \mathbf{B}_n \otimes \mathbf{D}^2.\end{aligned}$$

# Unwinding to a fully discrete scheme

## ETD-RDP-IF scheme in three dimensions

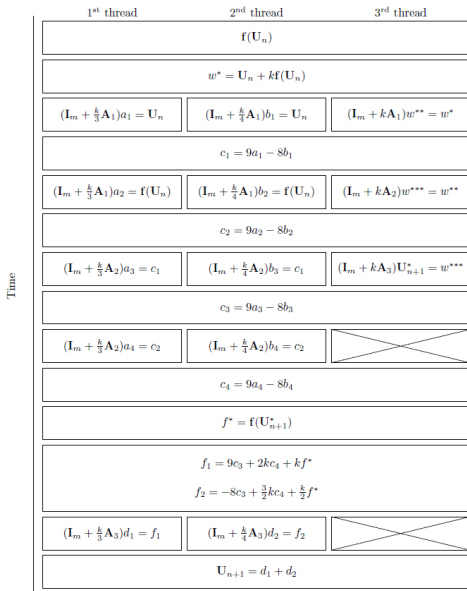
For  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, T/k - 1$  compute

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{U}_{n+1} &= \left( \mathbf{I}_m + \frac{k}{3} \mathbf{A}_3 \right)^{-1} \left[ \left\{ 9 \left( \mathbf{I}_m + \frac{k}{3} \mathbf{A}_2 \right)^{-1} - 8 \left( \mathbf{I}_m + \frac{k}{4} \mathbf{A}_2 \right)^{-1} \right\} \right. \\
 &\quad \bullet \left. \left\{ 9 \left( \mathbf{I}_m + \frac{k}{3} \mathbf{A}_1 \right)^{-1} - 8 \left( \mathbf{I}_m + \frac{k}{4} \mathbf{A}_1 \right)^{-1} \right\} \{ 9 \mathbf{U}_n + 2k \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{U}_n) \} + k \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{U}_{n+1}^*) \right] \\
 &\quad - \left( \mathbf{I}_m + \frac{k}{4} \mathbf{A}_3 \right)^{-1} \left[ \left\{ 9 \left( \mathbf{I}_m + \frac{k}{3} \mathbf{A}_2 \right)^{-1} - 8 \left( \mathbf{I}_m + \frac{k}{4} \mathbf{A}_2 \right)^{-1} \right\} \right. \\
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 \mathbf{U}_{n+1}^* &= (\mathbf{I}_m + k \mathbf{A}_3)^{-1} (\mathbf{I}_m + k \mathbf{A}_2)^{-1} (\mathbf{I}_m + k \mathbf{A}_1)^{-1} (\mathbf{U}_n + k \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{U}_n))
 \end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

with  $\mathbf{U}_0 = \mathbf{U}(0)$ .



# Schematic: 3D, parallel, multi-threaded PC



# Enzyme Kinetics

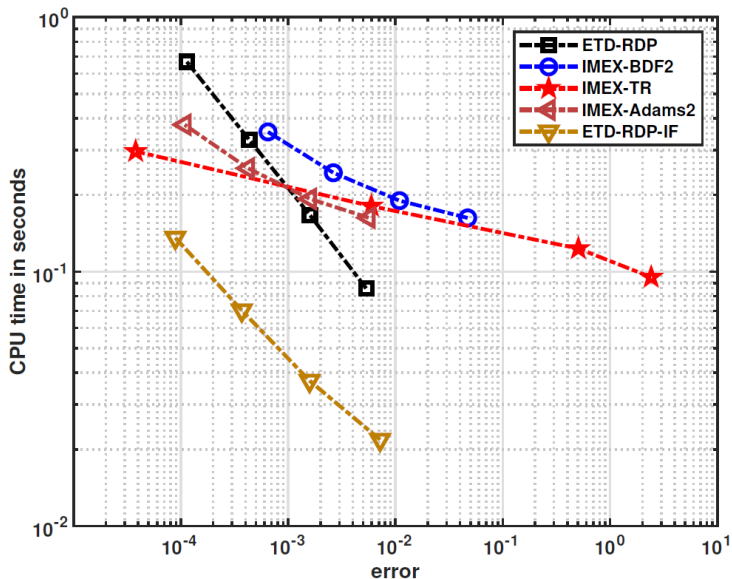
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \gamma \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right) - \frac{u}{(1+u)} \quad 0 < x, y < 1, t > 0$$

with homogeneous Dirichlet boundary conditions and initial condition

$$u(x, y, 0) = 1 \quad 0 \leq x, y \leq 1.$$

Incompatible IC-BC, gives difficulties with many schemes, but ETD-RDP damps out spurious oscillations.

# Snapshot of convergence



# Multi-thread machine parallel performance

$k = h$	Matlab	Fortran (1 thread)	Fortran (3 threads)
1/100	0.16	0.14	0.06
1/200	1.20	1.19	0.48
1/400	9.76	9.87	4.54
1/800	83.26	73.80	35.81

Figure: Efficiency, ETD-RDP-IF factor of 2.0-2.5 speedup.

## 2D Brusselator

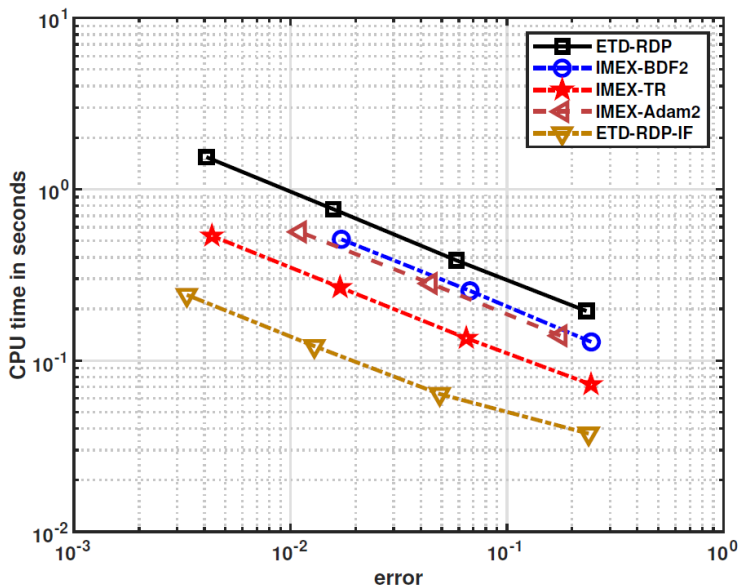
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u_1}{\partial t} &= \epsilon_1 \Delta u_1 + u_1^2 u_2 - (A + 1)u_1 + B \\ \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial t} &= \epsilon_2 \Delta u_2 - u_1^2 u_2 + Au_1\end{aligned}$$

$$\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_2 = 2 \cdot 10^{-3}, A = 1.0, B = 3.4.$$

At the boundary of the domain homogeneous Neumann conditions are imposed. Initial conditions:

$$u(x, y, 0) = \frac{1}{2} + y, \quad v(x, y, 0) = 1 + 5x$$

# Snapshot of convergence



# Multi-thread machine parallel performance

$k = h$	Matlab	Fortran (1 thread)	Fortran (3 threads)
1/100	0.51	0.36	0.16
1/200	3.87	3.32	1.60
1/400	34.05	28.99	13.92
1/800	286.06	190.75	114.19

Figure: Efficiency, ETD-RDP-IF factor of 1.7-2.5 speedup.

## 3D

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = u + (1 + i\alpha)\Delta u - (1 + i\beta)u|u|^2$$

$$\alpha = 0 \text{ \& } \beta = 1.3$$

At the boundary of the domain periodic conditions are imposed. Initial conditions: Normal random field (mean 0, st Dev 1).

$$\Omega = [0, 200]^3, \quad t \in (0, 150).$$



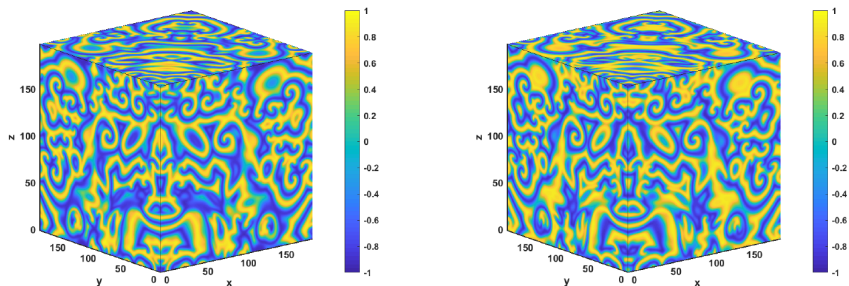


Figure 9: Real (left image) and imaginary part (right image) of the solution of the complex Ginzburg-Landau equation on the periodic domain  $\Omega = [0, 200]^3$  for time  $T = 150$  with the parameters  $\alpha = 0$ ,  $\beta = 1.3$ ,  $N = 256$ , and  $k = 1/2$  using a series of Gaussian pulses field as initial condition.

$N$	$h$	Matlab	Fortran (1 thread)	Fortran (3 threads)
64	25/8	43.07	32.33	20.85
128	25/16	391.52	319.63	208.58
256	25/32	4010.79	2820.82	1872.22

Figure: Efficiency, ETD-RDP-IF factor of 1.5-2.0