

An Analytic Toy Problem for Computing Global Error

Here's a very simple DAE

$$F(\dot{x}, x, p, t) = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} y' + p \cdot a(t)y(t) \\ t/200 - a(t) \end{array} \right\} = 0$$

The analytic solution for y is

$$Y(t) = \frac{y_0}{\exp\left(\frac{pt^2}{200}\right)}$$

Now say our metric is $g(p) = y(t_f)$. Then

$$\frac{dg}{dp} = \frac{dy(t_f)}{dp} = \frac{-y_0 t_f^2}{200 \exp\left(\frac{pt^2}{200}\right)}$$

The global error is

$$e(t) = Y(t) - y(t).$$

The adjoint equation is

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^d \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}' &= \begin{pmatrix} (F_{x^d}^d)^T & (F_{x^d}^a)^T \\ (F_{x^a}^d)^T & (F_{x^a}^a)^T \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^T \\ \lambda^a \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} p \cdot a(t) & 0 \\ p \cdot y & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^T \\ \lambda^a \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Running the matlab code

You will need the subdirectory *builtIns* as it contains the hacked ODE solvers that I created for extracting truncation error. The driver code file is

$$[\text{forSol}, \text{backSol}] = \text{testAnalyticDAE}(\text{doPlot})$$

where $\text{doPlot}==1$ will produce a couple of plots and $\text{doPlot}==0$ will suppress the plots. The code has some comments which should help you see what I am doing. As far as how I am extracting/estimating the truncation error, I think I'd rather explain and show in person.

Here is an example code output:

True Global Error: -1.4057e-05
Est. Global Error: 3.9762e-07 (Rel Error = -1.028e+00)
True dgdp: -1.0394e-01
Est. dpdp: -1.0394e-01 (Rel Error = 1.683e-05)

Feel free to send me questions.