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1 Two-way chemical reactions

The two-way chemical reaction simulation is taken as example to see the behaviour of the fully implicit Δ -formulation for reaction terms only. This is particularly of interest for the water quality computations with lots of processes. Example taken from [Hundsdoerfer and Verwer \(2003\)](#).

The ODE system reads:

$$\frac{\partial u_1}{\partial t} = -k_1 u_1 + k_2 u_2, \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial u_2}{\partial t} = k_1 u_1 - k_2 u_2 \quad (2)$$

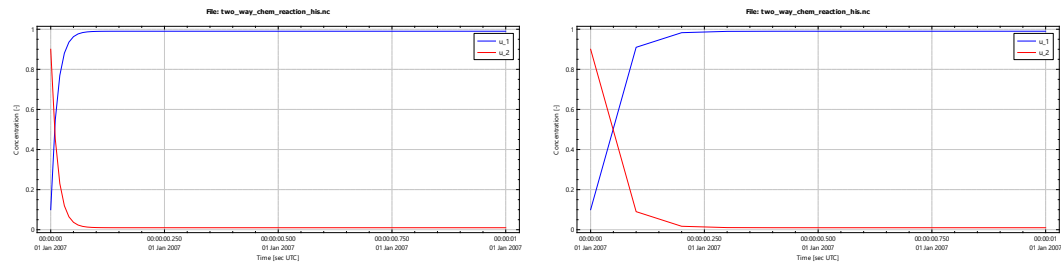
with $k_1, k_2 > 0$ and initial values $u_1(0) = 0.1$ and $u_2(0) = 0.9$. The exact solution reads:

$$u_1(t) = \frac{k_2}{k_1 + k_2} (u_1(0) + u_2(0)) + \frac{\exp(-(k_1 + k_2)t)}{k_1 + k_2} (k_1 u_1(0) - k_2 u_2(0)), \quad (3)$$

$$u_2(t) = \frac{k_1}{k_1 + k_2} (u_1(0) + u_2(0)) - \frac{\exp(-(k_1 + k_2)t)}{k_1 + k_2} (k_1 u_1(0) - k_2 u_2(0)). \quad (4)$$

after a short time the term $\exp(-(k_1 + k_2)t)$ is negligible.

Some results are:



(a) Fully Implicit: $\Delta t = 0.01$, $k_1 = 1$, $k_2 = 100$ **(b)** Fully Implicit: $\Delta t = 0.1$, $k_1 = 1$, $k_2 = 100$

Figure 1: Result plots for constant value of $k_1 = 1$ and $k_2 = 100$, computed with a fully implicit (Δ -formulation) time integration method for different time steps $\Delta t = 0.01, 0.1[s]$.

2 Numerics

Discretized

$$\frac{1}{\Delta t} \Delta u_1^{n+1,p+1} = -\frac{1}{\Delta t} (u_1^{n+1,p} - u_1^n) - k_1(u_1^{n+\theta,p+1}) + k_2(u_2^{n+\theta,p+1}) \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{1}{\Delta t} \Delta u_2^{n+1,p+1} = -\frac{1}{\Delta t} (u_2^{n+1,p} - u_2^n) + k_1(u_1^{n+\theta,p+1}) - k_2(u_2^{n+\theta,p+1}) \quad (6)$$

Linearization of $u^{n+\theta,p+1}$:

$$\frac{1}{\Delta t} \Delta u_1^{n+1,p+1} = -\frac{1}{\Delta t} (u_1^{n+1,p} - u_1^n) + \quad (7)$$

$$-k_1(u_1^{n+\theta,p} + \theta \Delta u_1^{n+1,p+1}) + k_2(u_2^{n+\theta,p} + \theta \Delta u_2^{n+1,p+1}) \quad (8)$$

$$\frac{1}{\Delta t} \Delta u_2^{n+1,p+1} = -\frac{1}{\Delta t} (u_2^{n+1,p} - u_2^n) + \quad (9)$$

$$+k_1(u_1^{n+\theta,p} + \theta \Delta u_1^{n+1,p+1}) - k_2(u_2^{n+\theta,p} + \theta \Delta u_2^{n+1,p+1}) \quad (10)$$

Rearrange to $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$

$$\frac{1}{\Delta t} \Delta u_1^{n+1,p+1} + k_1 \theta \Delta u_1^{n+1,p+1} - k_2 \theta \Delta u_2^{n+1,p+1} = \quad (11)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\Delta t} (u_1^{n+1,p} - u_1^n) - k_1 u_1^{n+\theta,p} + k_2 u_2^{n+\theta,p} \quad (12)$$

$$\frac{1}{\Delta t} \Delta u_2^{n+1,p+1} - k_1 \theta \Delta u_1^{n+1,p+1} + k_2 \theta \Delta u_2^{n+1,p+1} = \quad (13)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\Delta t} (u_2^{n+1,p} - u_2^n) + k_1 u_1^{n+\theta,p} - k_2 u_2^{n+\theta,p} \quad (14)$$

3 Numerical experiment

Data used from the values mentioned in the previous sections.

Table 1: Stability of different time integrators for the Two-way chemical reaction.

	Time step [s]	Runge-Kutta 4	Fully Implicit Δ -formulation
1	0.01	✓	✓
2	0.1	unstable	✓

References

Hundsdofer, W. and J. G. Verwer (2003). *Numerical solution of Time-Dependent Advection-Diffusion-Reaction Equations*. Springer.