

① We have $e_k = x_{k+1} - x(t_{k+1}|k)$. Taylor expanding $x(t_{k+1}|k)$:

$$x(t_{k+1}|k) = x_k + \Delta t f(x_k, u_k) + \frac{\Delta t^2}{2} \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \cdot f(x_k, u_k) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^3) \quad (1)$$

ERK2 for x_{k+1} gives

$$\begin{aligned} x_{k+1} &= x_k + \Delta t \sum_{i=1}^2 b_i k_i \\ &= x_k + \Delta t b_1 \cdot k_1 + \Delta t b_2 k_2 \\ &= x_k + \Delta t b_1 f(x_k, u_k) + \Delta t b_2 f(x_k + a \Delta t f(x_k, u_k), u_k) \end{aligned}$$

Taylor expanding the last term gives:

$$\Delta t b_2 f(x_k + a \Delta t f(x_k, u_k), u_k) = \Delta t b_2 \left(f(x_k, u_k) + a \Delta t \cdot f(x_k, u_k) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2) \right) \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \Delta t b_2 \cdot f(x_k, u_k) \\ &\quad + a b_2 \Delta t^2 f(x_k, u_k) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \\ &\quad + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^3) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Inserting (3) into (2) and taking the

● difference with (1) gives

$$e_k = x_k + \Delta t f(x_k, u_k) + \frac{\Delta t^2}{2} \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} f(x_k, u_k) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^3)$$

$$- [x_k + \Delta t b_1 f(x_k, u_k) + \Delta t b_2 f(x_k, u_k) + a b_2 \Delta t^2 f(x_k, u_k) \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^3)]$$

$$= \Delta t f(x_k, u_k) \cdot (1 - b_1 - b_2) + \Delta t^2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} f(x_k, u_k) \left(\frac{1}{2} - a b_2 \right) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^3)$$

For the error to be $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^3)$, the two first terms must be 0.

● \Rightarrow

$$1 - b_1 - b_2 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{2} - a b_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b_1 + b_2 = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad a b_2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

As long as $0 < c < 1$, it can be whatever as u_k is constant.

b) The global or total error is the sum of errors over all steps, so

$$e = \|x_N - x(T)\| = N \cdot \|x_{k+1} - x(t_{k+1})\| \quad N = \frac{T}{\Delta t}$$

$$\text{so } e = \frac{T}{\Delta t} \|x_{k+1} - x(t_{k+1})\| \leq \frac{T}{\Delta t} \cdot \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^3) = \underline{\underline{\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2)}}$$

[2]

a) ERK1 and ERK2 ~~has~~ ^{have} approximately the same accuracy, but are on the lower or upper side of the true trajectory. ERK4 is the most accurate.

b) See added plots. RK1: order 1: global error $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t)$
 RK2: order 2: global error $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2)$
 (RK3: order 3: global error $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^3)$)
 RK4: order 4: global error $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^4)$

c) RK1 becomes unstable at ~~about~~

RK4 $\approx \Delta t = 2.5$. (more like $\approx \Delta t = 2.12$) with $\lambda = -2$
 $\approx \Delta t = 1.2 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 \Delta t = -1.2, \lambda_2 \Delta t = -2.4$
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