Hamiltonian dynamics on Poisson manifolds

Generalities on Poisson structures

Hamiltonian systems

A first approach to the numerical analysis on Poisson manifolds

Symplectic groupoids

Basic notions on groupoids

Basics on symplectic groupoids

Lagrangian bisections
Birealisations

Hamilton-Jacobi equation

Hamiltonian Poisson integrators

Butcher series

Explicit construction through birealisations

Numerical tests around a singularity: a Lotka-Volterra system Numerical tests of symmetry preservation: the rigid body

Perspectives

Poisson integrators in solid mechanics (with L. Le Marrec and V. Carlier)

Deformation theory of symplectic groupoids and plasma physics

Rooted trees

Definition

Let T be the set of non-planar trees defined as follows. A non-planar Butcher tree is a rooted tree defined recursively by

$$\bullet \in T$$
, $(\tau_n, \ldots, \tau_1)_{\bullet} \in T$, $\tau_1, \ldots, \tau_n \in T$,

where the root is graphically represented at the bottom. $(\tau_n, \ldots, \tau_1)_{\bullet}$ denotes the tree with the root $_{\bullet}$ and the n trees τ_n, \ldots, τ_1 plugged to the root.

Remark

By non-planar, we mean that the order of the branches does not matter: for instance, $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}$.

Grafting

The grafting of trees \curvearrowright is defined as a product on T returning the sum of all possibilities (counted with multiplicity) of grafting the root of one tree on the nodes of another tree.

Example

$$\mathbf{I} \curvearrowright \mathbf{I} = \mathbf{V} + \mathbf{I}, \quad \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{V} + 2\mathbf{V}, \quad \mathbf{V} \curvearrowright \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{V}.$$

By extending \curvearrowright linearly on $\mathcal{T} = \mathsf{Span}_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathcal{T})$, this defines the pre-Lie algebra $(\mathcal{T}, \curvearrowright)$ of Butcher trees.

Remark

A natural grading on \mathcal{T} is given by the number of nodes: $|\mathbf{\hat{Y}}| = 3$.

$$\forall \tau_1, \tau_2 \in T, \quad |\tau_1 \curvearrowright \tau_2| = |\tau_1| + |\tau_2|.$$

The elementary differential map

 $\begin{array}{ccc} \mathfrak{p} & : \mathbb{G} \twoheadrightarrow M \text{ the cotangent projection} \\ 0 & : M \to \mathbb{G} \text{ the zero section of } \mathbb{G} \end{array}$ Let $H \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(M)$.

Definition (Elementary differential map)

The elementary differential map $\mathbb{F}^H \colon \mathcal{T} \to \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(M)$ associated to H is defined by

$$\mathbb{F}^H(\bullet) = H$$
 and

$$\mathbb{F}^{H}\Big((\tau_{n},\ldots,\tau_{1})_{\bullet}\Big)=0^{*}\{\{\ldots\{\alpha^{*}H,\mathfrak{p}^{*}\mathbb{F}^{H}(\tau_{1})\}_{\omega},\ldots\}_{\omega},\mathfrak{p}^{*}\mathbb{F}^{H}(\tau_{n})\}_{\omega}.$$

Example

$$\mathbb{F}^{H}(\mathbf{1}) = 0^* \{\alpha^* H, \mathfrak{p}^* H\}_{\omega}.$$

Idea

Compute the terms of the Taylor series of the Hamilton-Jacobi equation by grafting trees and apply \mathbb{F}^H .

Butcher series

Definition (Butcher series)

The B-series associated to $H \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(M)$ is the following formal series indexed by a coefficient map $a \in \mathcal{T}^*$:

$$B^{H} \colon \begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{T}^{*} & \to & \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(M)[[t]] \\ a & \mapsto & \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{T}} \frac{a(\tau)}{\sigma(\tau)} \mathbb{F}^{tH}(\tau) \end{array}$$

where $\sigma(\tau)$ is the number of graph automorphisms of τ , also called the symmetry coefficient.²

Remark

For any
$$\tau \in \mathcal{T}$$
, $\mathbb{F}^{tH}(\tau) \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(M)[t]$. Actually, $deg(\mathbb{F}^{tH}(\tau)) = |\tau|$.

²See Geometric Numerical Integration, Hairer et al., 2006, sec. III.1, for an explicit formula of the symmetry coefficient.

Formal solution of HJ equation

Lemma

For any $(S_t)_{t\in I} \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(M \times I)$ and any $(f_t)_{t\in I} \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(T^*M \times I)$,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left((dS_t)^* f_t \right) = (dS_t)^* \left(\{ f_t, \mathfrak{p}^* \frac{\partial S_t}{\partial t} \}_{\omega} + \frac{\partial f_t}{\partial t} \right). \tag{4}$$

Theorem (Busnot Laurent, O.C., 2025)

Let $(S_t)_{t\in I} \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(M \times I)$ be the solution of the Hamilton-Jacobi equation (2), then its Taylor expansion is given by

$$B^{H}(e) \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(M)[[t]],$$
 (5)

where $e \in \mathcal{T}^*$ is given by

$$e(\bullet) = 1, \quad e(\tau) = \frac{1}{|\tau|} e(\tau_1) \dots e(\tau_n), \quad \tau = (\tau_n, \dots, \tau_1)_{\bullet}.$$

Explicit construction through birealisations

Let π a Poisson structure on \mathbb{R}^d . Assume that a birealisation (α,β) is constructed for π . Let $H\in\mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $k\in\mathbb{N}$ and $\Delta t>0$ a time-step.

- 1. Solve the Hamilton-Jacobi equation up to order k using Butcher series of Equation (5). Obtain $S_{\Delta t}^k \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(M)$.
- 2. Let $x_n \in \mathbb{R}^d$. Solve the nonlinear equation

$$\alpha(\overline{x}_n, \nabla_{\overline{x}_n} S_{\Delta t}^k) = x_n$$

by a fixed point method, e.g., Newton descent.

3. One step of the obtained Hamiltonian Poisson integrator of order k and time-step Δt is then given by

$$x_{n+1} = \beta(\bar{x}_n, \nabla_{\bar{x}_n} S_{\Delta t}^k).$$

Expected numerical behaviour

stay on a leaf because the numerical methods are induced by bisections

stability near a singularity because these bisections are Lagrangian

 oscillate around first integrals as symplectic numerical methods do

Poisson structure and foliation of a cluster Poisson structure on \mathbb{R}^3

the Poisson bracket

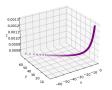
$$\{f,g\}(x) = (\nabla_x f)^T \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_1 x_2 & x_1 x_3 \\ -x_1 x_2 & 0 & x_2 x_3 \\ -x_1 x_3 & -x_2 x_3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \nabla_x g$$

a symplectic leaf



A Hamiltonian vector field with an exploding trajectory

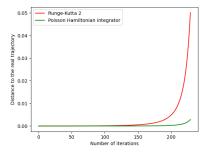
$$H(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{3} x_i \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \dot{x_1} = x_1(x_2 + x_3) \\ \dot{x_2} = x_2(-x_1 + x_3) \\ \dot{x_3} = -x_3(x_1 + x_2) \end{cases}$$



Exploding for
$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1(0) \\ x_2(0) \\ x_3(0) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 5 \\ 10^{-3} \end{pmatrix}$$
 (Vanhaecke et al. 2016)

$$\begin{cases} \lim_{t \to \infty} x_1(t) = -\infty \\ \lim_{t \to \infty} x_2(t) = \infty \\ \lim_{t \to \infty} x_3(t) = 0 \end{cases}.$$

Numerical simulation: comparison of numerical errors



Error with respect to the analytical solution

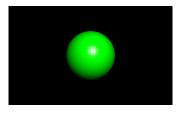
with initial point
$$\begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 5 \\ 10^{-3} \end{pmatrix}$$
 and $\Delta t = 10^{-3}$.

Poisson structure and foliation of $so(3)^*$

► the Poisson bracket

$$\{f,g\}(x) = (\nabla_x f)^T \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -x_3 & x_2 \\ x_3 & 0 & -x_1 \\ -x_2 & x_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \nabla_x g$$

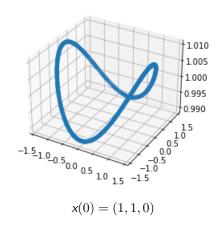
- ▶ a bi-realisation $\mathbb{R}^3 \simeq so(3)$ $\begin{cases} \alpha \colon (x,p) \mapsto (I + \frac{p}{2}).x.(I \frac{p}{2}) \\ \beta \colon (x,p) \mapsto \alpha(x,-p) \end{cases}$
- a symplectic leaf



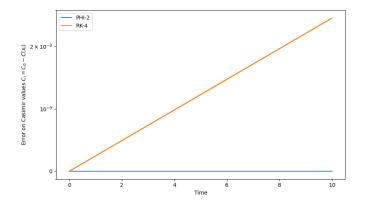
The Hamiltonian vector field of angular velocity of a rigid body in $\ensuremath{\mathbb{R}}^3$

$$H(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left(i_1 (x_2^2 + x_3^2) + i_2 (x_1^2 + x_3^2) + i_3 (x_1^2 + x_2^2) \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{x} = -x \wedge I.x$$

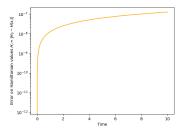


Preservation of Casimir levels

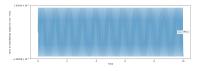


Error on Casimir values for HPI-2 and RK-4

Controlled oscillations around Hamiltonian levels



Errors on Hamiltonian values for RK-4



Errors on Hamiltonian values for HPI-2

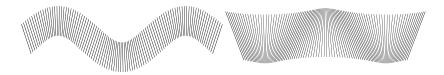
Exercises

- 1. Use the lemma of Equation (4) to compute the terms of order 1 and 2 of the solution of the Hamilton-Jacobi equation (2).
- 2. Verify that the Butcher series of the equation (5) solves the Hamilton-Jacobi equation at order 2.

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Poisson integrators for the Timoshenko model (w. L. Le Marrec, V. Carlier)



Two beam configurations

fig: Le Marrec

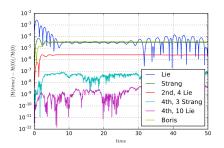
Hamiltonian structure of Timoshenko model³

- compute a birealisation
- construct Hamiltonian Poisson integrators
- expect these numerical methods to track periodic orbits efficiently, detect instabilities...

³ Timoshenko beam under finite and dynamic transformations: Lagrangian coordinates and Hamiltonian structures, O.C. & Le Marrec, 2025

Construction of birealisations by perturbative techniques

- Construct birealisations by studying deformation theory of symplectic groupoids
 - \rightarrow several ongoing discussions with D. Calaque, A. Busnot Laurent, V. Dotsenko
- ▶ Poisson integrators in plasma physics with É. Sonnendrucker



Landau damping: energy error⁴

⁴GEMPIC, Sonnendrucker et al., 2017