

First slides

- Accurately calculating sensitivities of a time dependent system with regard to its initial conditions, in a computationally efficient way, requires a symplectic integrator (in our case a Runge-Kutta (RK) integrator) to find the gradient of the forward model with respect to its initial conditions.
- Bonus: If automatic differentiation is used to compute this gradient then symplectic integration is implicitly supplied

Set up

System of ODEs:

$$\dot{u} = f(u, t)$$

maybe they model some physical phenomena directly or maybe they come from a spatial discretization of a PDE: L is a differential operator:

$$L(u) = 0 \Rightarrow \dot{u} = f(u, t)$$

FEM,
FD,
etc.

Goal:

- Integrate forward in time
- Find sensitivities of solutions with respect to initial conditions $u(t_0) = \mathcal{U}$

with this as the goal we now examine 3 different topics and connect them into our original statement:

- RK methods
- Symplectic integrators
- Adjoint methods

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RK 2nd order accuracy conditions

Take the Taylor expansion (TE) of $U(t+h)$:

$$U(t+h) = U(t) + h f + \frac{h^2}{2} [f_t + f_y f] + O(h^3)$$

Take the TE of the numerical method plugged into the solution.

Assume derivative evaluation for RK scheme is:

$$F(U, t, a, b, c) = b_1 f + b_2 f(a_2 h, U, t + c_2 h)$$

then:

$$\bar{U}(t+h) = U(t) + (b_1 + b_2) h f + b_2 h^2 [c_2 f_t + a_{21} f_y f] + O(h^3)$$

- Subtract the two:

$$U(t+h) - \bar{U}(t+h) = h(1 - b_1 - b_2) + h^2 \left[\left(\frac{1}{2} - c_2 b_2 \right) f_t + \left(\frac{1}{2} - a_{21} b_2 \right) f_y f \right] + O(h^3)$$

zeroing out as much as we can in truncation error:

$$1 - b_1 - b_2 = 0 \Rightarrow b_1 + b_2 = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{2} - c_2 b_2 = 0 \Rightarrow c_2 b_2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} - a_{21} b_2 = 0 \Rightarrow a_{21} b_2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

Under determined non-linear system. This is important because...

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How to find $Q(u)$, called the first integral:

From the slides the point is Q is invariant in time so, in the 2D case, now x and y are the solution:

$$\dot{Q}(x, y) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} \underbrace{\dot{x}}_{\text{known}} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} \underbrace{\dot{y}}_{\text{known}} = 0$$

non-linear PDE, this is hard...

3 important examples:

1. Linear 2D orbitals

There are only 6 qualitatively different phase portraits for 2D linear systems and only 1 is conservative, when

$$\dot{x} = A x \quad \text{where } a_{ij} = -a_{ji} \text{ (skew-symmetric)}$$

if A isn't skew symmetric it could be converted to a skew-symmetric matrix with the transformation:

$$x = S y$$

so that the system is:

$$\dot{y} = S^{-1} A S y \quad \text{where } \tilde{A} = S^{-1} A S \text{ is skew symmetric.}$$

Now to show conservation:

$$\begin{aligned} (y^T y)' &= \dot{y}^T y + y^T \dot{y} = y^T (\tilde{A}^T y) + y^T (\tilde{A} y) = \\ &= -y^T A y + y^T A y = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Since } x = S y \text{ then } (y^T y) = (S^{-1} x)^T (S^{-1} x) = x^T S^{-1} S^{-1} x = C = Q(x)$$

2. Non-linear example? (Purely constructed for example)

$$\dot{x} = -y(1-x^2-y^2)$$

$$\dot{y} = x(1-x^2-y^2)$$

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NL PDE for this:

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} (-y(1-x^2-y^2)) + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} (x(1-x^2-y^2)) = 0$$

looks like harmonic oscillator so guess an invariant that looks like kinetic plus potential energy:

$$Q(x, y) = ax^2 + by^2 + cxy$$

Plugging into PDE we get:

$$2[ax^2(1-x^2-y^2)] - [c]y^2(1-x^2-y^2) = 2[b]xy(1-x^2-y^2) + [c]x^2(1-x^2-y^2)$$

so $a=b$ and $c=0$ and $Q(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$

3. predator prey model (Lotka-volterra)

$$\dot{x} = x(1-y)$$

$$\dot{y} = y(x-1)$$

separation of variables:

look at variation of x in terms of y :

$$\frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{x(1-y)}{y(x-1)} \Rightarrow \frac{(x-1)}{x} dx = \frac{(1-y)}{y} dy \Rightarrow \int \frac{x-1}{x} dx = \int \frac{(1-y)}{y} dy \Rightarrow$$

$$x - \log x + c_1 = \log(y) - y + c_2 \Rightarrow Q(x, y) = x - \log x - \log y + y = C$$

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This is not quadratic and is non-linear

now understand Conservation, back to symplecticness:
Symplectic integrators conserve quadratic invariants.

Example - Forward-Euler isn't symplectic:

$$u_{n+1} = u_n + h f(u_n, t_n)$$

a, b, c coefficients are, $b_1 = 1$

So "see slides": $-1(0) + -1(0) - 1 \neq 0$

Additionally we can check that it doesn't conserve
 $Q(x, y)$ for the harmonic oscillator: Euler for HO:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + h y_n$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h x_n$$

Compute the difference of Q between timesteps:

$$Q(x_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) - Q(x_n, y_n) =$$

$$(x_n + h y_n)^2 + (y_n + h x_n)^2 - (x_n^2 + y_n^2) = h^2 (x_n^2 + y_n^2)$$

So energy grows with h^2 .

is symplectic - leapfrog method:

$$c_1 = \frac{1}{2}, a_{11} = \frac{1}{2}, b_2 = 1$$

Part 3: Adjoint methods

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Goal: Find sensitivities of u^\uparrow with respect to \mathcal{R}

Method 1: sensitivity equations: where $\dot{u} = f(u, t)$

let:

$\bar{u}(t_0) = u + \mathcal{R}$ be the perturbed initial condition

$\bar{u}(t) \approx u(t) + \delta(t)$ be the perturbed solution

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linear perturbation

linearize the ode's and solve for the perturbation with:

$$\dot{\delta} = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \bigg|_{u=u(t)} \right) \delta = J(u(t)) \delta$$

$$\delta(t_0) = \mathcal{R}$$

solve this system along with $\dot{u} = f(u, t)$ and look at $w^T \delta(t_0 + \tau)$ for different \mathcal{R} . Needs new integration each time.

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Method 2: Adjoint equations

without motivation define: Hold on with me, this is one of those math tricks...

$$\dot{\lambda} = -\left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial u} \Big|_{u=u(t)}\right)^T \lambda = -J(u(t))^T \lambda$$

We define λ this way specifically because

$$(\lambda^T \delta)_t = \dot{\lambda}^T \delta + \lambda^T \dot{\delta} = (-J^T \lambda)^T \delta + \lambda^T J \delta = -\lambda^T J \delta + \lambda^T J \delta = 0$$

so $\lambda^T \delta$ is conserved in time that is:

$$\lambda(t_0 + T)^T \delta(t_0 + T) = \lambda(t_0)^T \delta(t_0)$$

Now here is the trick to evaluate $\omega^T \delta(t_0 + T)$:

set $\lambda(t_0 + T) = \omega$ as a final condition, because of the conservation property we can also evaluate this

as:

$$\omega^T \delta(t_0 + T) = \lambda(t_0 + T)^T \delta(t_0 + T) = \lambda(t_0)^T \delta(t_0) = \lambda(t_0)^T \eta$$

This means we want to solve the adjoint equation with final condition $\lambda(t_0 + T) = \omega$ backwards in time to eval $\lambda(t_0)^T \eta$.

Now consider all together:

$$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ \delta \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix}_t = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{L}(u, t) \\ J \delta \\ -J^T \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

Since $(\lambda^T \delta)_T = 0$ this is a quadratic invariant and should be integrated with a SRK.