

## Remark on Dissipative ODEs

A dissipative system of ODEs has the form

$$\frac{du}{dt} = f - au$$

with  $a > 0$ . More generally  $u \in \mathbb{C}^n$  and

$$\frac{du}{dt} = f - Au$$

↕ The dissipative term  $au$  (or  $Au$ ) may render the ODE stiff and preclude the use of explicit Runge-Kutta.

example: The Navier-Stokes equation:

$$\frac{\partial u_a}{\partial t} + u_b \partial_b u_a = -\partial_a p + \nu \nabla^2 u_a + f_a$$

$\partial_a u_a = 0 \leftarrow$  incompressibility condition.

In Fourier space, the dissipative term  $\nu \nabla^2 u_a$  gives  $-\nu k^2 \hat{u}_a(k)$  with  $k^2$  ranging over 6 or more orders of magnitude!  $\leftrightarrow$  leads to stiffness.

↕ The integrating factor method: substitute  $v = u \exp(at)$ .

Note that

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dv}{dt} &= \frac{d}{dt} (ue^{at}) = \frac{du}{dt} e^{at} + uae^{at} = \\ &= (f - au)e^{at} + aue^{at} = fe^{at}\end{aligned}$$

Do an explicit Runge-Kutta step on the  $v$  equation:

$$v_{n+1} = v_n + \Delta t R[f_n e^{at_n}]$$

and note that  $R[\ ]$  is linear

$$R[\lambda f] = \lambda R[f], \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$$

and  $v_n = u_n \exp(at_n)$   
 $t_n = n\Delta t$ .

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}u_{n+1} &= v_{n+1} e^{-at_{n+1}} \\ &= \exp(-at_{n+1}) [v_n + \Delta t R[f_n e^{at_n}]] \\ &= \exp(-at_{n+1}) [u_n \exp(at_n) + \exp(at_n) \Delta t R[f_n]] \\ &= \exp(-a\Delta t) [u_n + \Delta t R[f_n]].\end{aligned}$$

Consequently we have the scheme:

$$\begin{aligned} u^* &= u_n + \Delta t R[f_n] \\ u_{n+1} &= \exp(-a \Delta t) u^* \end{aligned}$$

For a system of ODEs, the scheme generalizes to

$$\begin{aligned} u^* &= u_n + \Delta t R[f_n] \\ u_{n+1} &= \exp(-\Delta t A) u^* \end{aligned}$$

using the "matrix exponential"

## Solution of nonlinear equations for Implicit Runge-Kutta

Implicit Runge-Kutta methods require solving the equation

$$k_a = \Delta t f\left(c_a t + c_a \Delta t, y + \sum_{b=1}^s A_{ab} k_b\right),$$

$$\forall a \in \{1, 2, \dots, s\}.$$

In more general form:

$$\boxed{x = \varphi(x)} \quad \text{with } x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

### ① Fixed-point iteration

► Start from a guess  $x_0$  and iterate

$$\boxed{x_{n+1} = \varphi(x_n)}.$$

► A solution exists if there is a region  $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  such that

- a)  $\varphi$  continuous at  $I$
- b)  $\forall x \in I : \varphi(x) \in I$

► The fixed-point iteration converges  
iff

$$\exists l \in [0, 1) : \forall x_1, x_2 \in I : \| \varphi(x_1) - \varphi(x_2) \|_{\infty} \leq l \| x_1 - x_2 \|_{\infty}$$

► Application to Implicit RK

Consider the ODE

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f(t, y)$$

and assume that

$$\exists L \in [0, +\infty) : \forall y_1, y_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n : \forall t \in [0, \tau] : \| f(t, y_1) - f(t, y_2) \|_{\infty} \leq L \| y_1 - y_2 \|_{\infty}$$

► Solving the implicit RK method with fixed-point iteration requires

$$\boxed{|\Delta t| \leq \frac{1}{L \|A\|_{\infty}}} \leftarrow \text{Impractical.}$$

Proof

$$\text{Let } \varphi_a(t, y) = \Delta t f(t + c_a \Delta t, y + \sum_{b=1}^s A_{ab} k_b)$$

and assume that  $t, y$  are fixed.

For any  $K, \bar{K} \in I \subseteq \mathbb{R}^s$  define

$$Y_a = y + \sum_{b=1}^s A_{ab} k_b$$

$$\bar{Y}_a = y + \sum_{b=1}^s A_{ab} \bar{k}_b$$

Then

$$\|\varphi(K) - \varphi(\bar{K})\|_{\infty} = \max_{a=1}^s \|[f(t+c_a \Delta t, Y_a) - f(t+c_a \Delta t, \bar{Y}_a)] \Delta t\|_{\infty}$$

$$\leq \max_{a=1}^s \|\Delta t L (Y_a - \bar{Y}_a)\|_{\infty} =$$

$$= \max_{a=1}^s \|\Delta t L \sum_{b=1}^s A_{ab} (k_b - \bar{k}_b)\|$$

$$\leq |\Delta t| L \sum_{b=1}^s |A_{ab}| \max_{a=1}^s \|k_b - \bar{k}_b\|$$

$$\leq |\Delta t| L \|A\|_{\infty} \max_{a=1}^s \|k_b - \bar{k}_b\|$$

$$\leq |\Delta t| L \|A\|_{\infty} \|K - \bar{K}\|_{\infty}$$

Thus the ~~contract~~ fixed-point iteration will solve  $K = \varphi(K)$  when

$$|\Delta t| L \|A\|_{\infty} < 1 \quad !! \quad \square$$

## ② Newton Iteration

▶ Less efficient but circumvents the need for small  $\Delta t$  required by fixedpoint iteration.

▶ One nonlinear equation  $\rightarrow$   $f(x) = 0$

Given an initial guess  $x_0 \in [a, b]$ , the iteration

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$$

converges to the solution of  $f(x) = 0$  if the following conditions are satisfied:

a)  $f(a)f(b) < 0$

b)  $f \in C^2[a, b]$

c)  $\forall x \in [a, b] : f'(x) \neq 0$

d)  $[\forall x \in [a, b] : f''(x) \geq 0] \vee [\forall x \in [a, b] : f''(x) \leq 0]$

e) For  $c \in \{a, b\}$  such that

$$|f'(c)| \leq |f'(a)| \text{ and } |f'(c)| \leq |f'(b)|$$

we have

$$\left| \frac{f(c)}{f'(c)} \right| \leq b - a$$

► Nonlinear system of equations  $\Leftrightarrow f_a(\vec{x}) = 0$

Calculate the Jacobian matrix:

$$f'(x) = [\partial f_a(x) / \partial x_b]$$

and do the iteration

$$\boxed{f'(x_n) [x_{n+1} - x_n] = -f(x_n)}$$

Requires an LU or QR decomposition per iteration.  
The simplified Newton iteration is

$$\boxed{f'(x_0) [x_{n+1} - x_n] = -f(x_n)}$$

Requires only one decomposition, but may require more iterations to converge.

► Application to the equation  $\Leftrightarrow x_a = \varphi_a(x)$

$$\text{For } f_a(x) = x_a - \varphi_a(x) \Rightarrow f'_{ab}(x) = \delta_{ab} - \varphi'_{ab}(x)$$

thus the Newton iteration is



$$[I - \varphi'(x_n)] [x_{n+1} - x_n] = -[x_n - \varphi(x_n)]$$

The simplified Newton iteration is

$$[I - \varphi'(x_0)] [x_{n+1} - x_n] = -[x_n - \varphi(x_n)]$$

► Application to implicit Runge-Kutta

Specialize from previous case by substituting

$$\varphi_a(k) = \Delta t f\left(t + c_a \Delta t, y + \sum_{b=1}^s A_{ab} k_b\right)$$

$$\varphi'_{ab}(k) = \frac{\partial \varphi_a(k)}{\partial k_b}$$

$$= \Delta t \sum_{\gamma=1}^N \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_{\gamma}}$$