

## Problem Sheet 8

### Problem 8.1 Autonomisation and Strang-Splitting

The differential equation

$$\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{A}(t)\mathbf{y}, \quad \mathbf{y}(t_0) = \mathbf{y}_0, \quad \mathbf{A}(t) = t\mathbf{A}_0, \quad \mathbf{A}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (8.1.1)$$

can be autonomised by introducing a variable  $\mathbf{z} := \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y} \\ t \end{bmatrix}$ , which yields the ODE

$$\dot{\mathbf{z}} = F(\mathbf{z}) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}(t)\mathbf{y} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (8.1.2)$$

**(8.1a)** Formulate the discrete evolution of a Strang splitting method for (8.1.2) corresponding to the decomposition

$$F(\mathbf{z}) = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{=:f(\mathbf{z})} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}(t)\mathbf{y} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{=:g(\mathbf{z})}$$

based on the exact evolutions for  $\mathbf{f}$  and  $\mathbf{g}$ .

HINT: Use the representation of the exact solution of an IVP for a homogeneous linear differential equation .

**(8.1b)** Implement the resulting method by completing the MATLAB template

$$[t, \mathbf{y}] = \text{strangaut}(\mathbf{y}_0, t_0, T, h)$$

HINT: The matrix exponential function can be computed using `expm`.

**(8.1c)** Plot the numerical solution obtained by applying the splitting method to the IVP (8.1.1) where  $\mathbf{y}_0 = [1, 0]^\top$ ,  $t_0 = 0$ ,  $T = 10$ ,  $h = 0.01$ . To do so, complete the template `strangautplot.m`. Use time  $t$  as your  $z$ -coordinate.

HINT: You might find the function `plot3` to be of use.

### Problem 8.2 Strang-Splitting

For continuous differentiable function  $\mathbf{g} : D \subset \mathbb{R}^d \mapsto \mathbb{R}^d$  consider the autonomous differential equation

$$\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}) \quad \text{with} \quad \mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u} \\ \mathbf{v} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{f} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u} \\ \mathbf{v} \end{pmatrix} := \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{v}) \\ \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{u}) \end{pmatrix}. \quad (8.2.1)$$

**(8.2a)** Give the method equations of the Strang-splitting 1-step method [NUMODE, Eq. (2.5.3)] for (8.2.1) which is based on the decomposition

$$\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{f}_2(\mathbf{y}) + \mathbf{f}_1(\mathbf{y}) := \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{u}) \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{v}) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (8.2.2)$$

**(8.2b)** Is the 1-step method from subproblem (8.2a) an explicit or an implicit method?

**(8.2c)** What is the minimal order of this method in the general case?

**(8.2d)** Implement a MATLAB-function

$$u = \text{sped}(g, u_0, T, N),$$

that realizes  $N$  equidistant iterations of the Strang-splitting 1-step method for (8.2.1) with initial value  $(u_0)$  on the time interval  $[0, T]$  using a *minimal number of  $\mathbf{g}(\cdot)$  evaluations*. The function argument  $g$  is a handle @ (u) . . . . The return value is a  $d \times (N + 1)$  matrix of the values of the  $\mathbf{u}$ -component of the approximation  $\mathbf{y}_k, k = 0, \dots, N$ .

**(8.2e)** Write a MATLAB-function `spedcirc.m` that numerically solves the equation of motion for circular motion

$$\dot{x} = -y, \quad \dot{y} = x$$

for  $x(0) = 1, y(0) = 0$  using the method `sped` from subproblem (8.2d) with  $T = 60, N = 200$ . It should also plot the solution.

**(8.2f)** Investigate numerically if the approximations  $\mathbf{u}_k$  from `sped` in subproblem (8.2e) are on a circle.

### Problem 8.3 Stability of a Decomposed Method

For the autonomous ODE  $\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{y})$  we will consider the following decomposition of the right hand side  $\mathbf{f}$ , which we assume to be sufficiently smooth:

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{y}) = \underbrace{\mathbf{DF}(\mathbf{y}^*)(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}^*)}_{=: \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y})} + \underbrace{\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{y}) - \mathbf{DF}(\mathbf{y}^*)(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}^*)}_{=: \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{y})}. \quad (8.3.1)$$

Taking  $\mathbf{y}^* = \mathbf{y}_0$  we define the discrete evolution  $\mathbf{y}_1 = \Psi^h \mathbf{y}_0$  of a single-step method as follows:

- Compute  $\tilde{\mathbf{y}}$  by performing one step of the explicit trapezoid rule with step-size  $\frac{h}{2}$  applied to the initial value problem

$$\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{y}), \quad \mathbf{y}(0) = \mathbf{y}_0.$$

- Compute  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  as the exact solution of the initial value problem

$$\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}), \quad \mathbf{y}(0) = \tilde{\mathbf{y}}$$

at the point  $t = h$ .

- Compute  $\mathbf{y}_1$  by applying the explicit trapezoid rule with step-size  $\frac{h}{2}$  to the initial value problem

$$\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{y}), \quad \mathbf{y}(0) = \hat{\mathbf{y}}.$$

**(8.3a)** Determine the stability function of the method described above.

HINT: To check your results, use the MATLAB function `S=stabfn(z)` (it is given as a pcode). It evaluates the stability function at a given point  $z$ .

**(8.3b)** Complete the MATLAB template `plotstabdom` which plots the boundary of the stability domain. Save the resulting plot as `stabdom.eps`.

HINT: Use the MATLAB function `contour` to draw the boundary. Take  $-5$  and  $5$  as bounds for both axes.

**(8.3c)** Show that the method described above has a convergence rate of at least 2.

HINT: Notice that the previously described method can be written as a well known (and well studied) method. A theorem from the lectures will then yield the statement.

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## References

[NUMODE] [Lecture Slides](#) for the course “Numerical Methods for Ordinary Differential Equations”, SVN revision # 63606.

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