

Problem Sheet 14

Problem 14.1 ODEs for Matrix-Valued Functions

Let the matrix-valued function $\mathbf{Y} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ be a solution of the (matrix) differential equation

$$\dot{\mathbf{Y}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{Y} \quad \text{with} \quad \mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}. \quad (14.1.1)$$

(14.1a) Assume $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{H} = -\mathbf{H}\mathbf{A}$. Show that $\mathbf{Y}(t)^\top \mathbf{H}\mathbf{Y}(t) = \mathbf{H}$ for all $t > 0$ provided $\mathbf{Y}(0)^\top \mathbf{H}\mathbf{Y}(0) = \mathbf{H}$.

HINT: You might want to compute $\frac{d}{dt}$ of $\mathbf{Y}^\top \mathbf{H}\mathbf{Y}$.

(14.1b) Implement the following functions in MATLAB

- (i) function `Y = ExplEulStep(A, Y0, h)`,
- (ii) function `Y = ImplEulStep(A, Y0, h)`,
- (iii) function `Y = ImplMidpStep(A, Y0, h)`,

which, for a given initial value $\mathbf{Y}(t_0) = \mathbf{Y}_0$ and for a given step size h , compute approximations to $\mathbf{Y}(t_0 + h)$ for the solution of (14.1.1) using a (*single*) step of

- (i) the explicit Euler method,
- (ii) the implicit Euler method,
- (iii) the implicit mid-point method.

(14.1c) Take now $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -6 \\ 6 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathbf{Y}(0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$, and $\mathbf{H} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$. Complete the template `CompareNorms.m` where, using the functions from subproblem (14.1b), you should compute discrete approximations \mathbf{Y}_k of $\mathbf{Y}(kh)$, for $k = 1, \dots, 20$ with $h = 1/20$. Compare the norms $\|\mathbf{Y}_k^\top \mathbf{H}\mathbf{Y}_k - \mathbf{H}\|_F$, for $k = 1, \dots, 20$ and all three methods, and comment on your observations with regards to the invariant from subproblem (14.1a).

HINT: The Frobenius norm $\|\cdot\|_F$ of a matrix can be computed using the command `norm(A, 'fro')`.

(14.1d) Show that the solution \mathbf{Y}_k computed via the implicit mid-point rule satisfies:

$$\text{if } \mathbf{Y}_0^\top \mathbf{H}\mathbf{Y}_0 = \mathbf{H} \quad \text{then} \quad \mathbf{Y}_k^\top \mathbf{H}\mathbf{Y}_k = \mathbf{H} \quad \text{for all } k \geq 1.$$

HINT: You might find the identity $\mathbf{Y}_1 - \mathbf{Y}_0 = \frac{h}{2}\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{Y}_0 + \mathbf{Y}_1)$ useful.

Problem 14.2 Projection Method for Hamiltonian equations

When an ODE is defined on a manifold it is important that the approximate solution is also contained in the manifold. A natural ansatz consists in projecting the approximate solution to this manifold. In the present exercise we will apply this ansatz to Hamilton's equations in such a way that important first integrals are preserved. We will also investigate how many such projections are necessary in order to obtain a qualitatively correct solution.

As our example we consider the perturbed Kepler problem whose Hamiltonian is given by

$$H(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) = \frac{1}{2}(p_1^2 + p_2^2) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{q_1^2 + q_2^2}} - \frac{0.005}{2\sqrt{(q_1^2 + q_2^2)^3}}. \quad (14.2.1)$$

(14.2a) Derive the Hamilton's equations for (14.2.1).

(14.2b) Write down a first integral for the ODE derived in subproblem (14.2a) and show that the angular momentum

$$L(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) = q_1 p_2 - q_2 p_1 \quad (14.2.2)$$

defines an additional first integral.

(14.2c) Fill in the template `proHam1.m` which solves the ODE 14.2.1 using the explicit Euler method, the Störmer–Verlet method and the symplectic Euler method and plots the trajectory of the position coordinate $\begin{pmatrix} q_1(t) \\ q_2(t) \end{pmatrix}$ for each of the three aforementioned methods.

HINT: The symplectic Euler method is a Lie–Trotter splitting method, see [NUMODE, Eq. (2.5.11)].

(14.2d) subproblem (14.2c) makes clear the fact that the explicit Euler method yields a qualitatively wrong solution. To obtain a better approximation, we project the numerical solution to the submanifold

$$\mathcal{M} := \left\{ \mathbf{z} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{y} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid H(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = H(\mathbf{p}(0), \mathbf{q}(0)) \right\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^4$$

after each time step. Let $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^4$ (e.g. \mathbf{z} might represent the approximation computed using the explicit Euler method). A projection $\tilde{\mathbf{z}}$ of \mathbf{z} onto the manifold \mathcal{M} can be defined to be a solution of the following system

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathbf{z}} &= \mathbf{z} + s \operatorname{grad}(H(\mathbf{z})), \\ 0 &= H(\tilde{\mathbf{z}}) - H(\mathbf{p}(0), \mathbf{q}(0)), \end{aligned} \quad (14.2.3)$$

where $s \in \mathbb{R}$. Carry out one step of the Newton method for (14.2.3) and determine an approximation of the projection $\tilde{\mathbf{z}}$. Choose $s^{(0)} = 0$ as the initial value for the parameter s .

HINT: Solve (14.2.3) for s as the only unknown. Then determine an approximation for s via the Newton method and construct the projection $\tilde{\mathbf{z}}$.

(14.2e) Complete the template `proHam2.m`, which solves the ODE (14.2.1) using the method derived in subproblem (14.2d), and plots the trajectory of the position coordinates $\begin{pmatrix} p_1(t) \\ p_2(t) \end{pmatrix}$ as well as the evolution of the energy.

(14.2f) From the subproblem (14.2e) we can infer that the projection to the manifold \mathcal{M} is not sufficient to obtain a qualitatively correct solution. Let us try to improve this method by projecting onto a smaller submanifold of \mathbb{R}^4 , given by

$$\mathcal{L} := \left\{ \mathbf{z} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{y} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid H(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = H(\mathbf{p}(0), \mathbf{q}(0)), L(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = L(\mathbf{p}(0), \mathbf{q}(0)) \right\}.$$

The projection $\tilde{\mathbf{z}}$ of \mathbf{z} to the manifold \mathcal{L} can be defined as the solution to the following system

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathbf{z}} &= \mathbf{z} + s \mathbf{grad}(H(\mathbf{z})) + r \mathbf{grad}(L(\mathbf{z})), \\ 0 &= H(\tilde{\mathbf{z}}) - H(\mathbf{p}(0), \mathbf{q}(0)), \\ 0 &= L(\tilde{\mathbf{z}}) - L(\mathbf{p}(0), \mathbf{q}(0)), \end{aligned} \tag{14.2.4}$$

where s and r are real parameters. Carry out one step of the Newton method for (14.2.4) and compute an approximation of the projection $\tilde{\mathbf{z}}$. Choose $s^{(0)} = 0$ and $r^{(0)} = 0$ as starting values for s and r .

HINT: Solve (14.2.3) for s and r as the only unknowns. Then determine an approximation for s and r via the Newton method and construct the projection $\tilde{\mathbf{z}}$.

(14.2g) Complete the template `proHam3.m` which solves the ODE (14.2.1), using the method described in subproblem (14.2f), and plots the trajectory of the position coordinates $\begin{pmatrix} p_1(t) \\ p_2(t) \end{pmatrix}$ as well as the evolution of the energy and the angular momentum.

Problem 14.3 Instability of the Störmer-Verlet Method

We consider the Hamiltonian of a harmonic oscillator, with a frequency parameter $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$, defined as

$$H(p, q) = \frac{1}{2}\omega(p^2 + q^2), \quad p, q \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(14.3a) Formulate the corresponding Hamilton's equations.

(14.3b) Formulate the Störmer-Verlet method for the ODE from subproblem (14.3a).

(14.3c) The analytic solution $\mathbf{y}(t) := (p(t), q(t))^T$ of the ODE from subproblem (14.3a) is

$$\mathbf{y}(t) = \mathbf{W}(t\omega)\mathbf{y}_0,$$

with

$$\mathbf{W}(t\omega) := \exp\left(t \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\omega \\ \omega & 0 \end{pmatrix}\right).$$

Plot the eigenvalue loci of $\mathbf{W}(t\omega)$, with respect to $t\omega$.

(14.3d) Transform the Störmer-Verlet method obtained in subproblem (14.3b) into the form

$$\mathbf{y}_1 = \mathbf{S}(h\omega)\mathbf{y}_0.$$

Plot the eigenvalue loci, with respect to $h\omega$. What can you observe by comparing this curve with the curve obtained in subproblem (14.3c)?

(14.3e) What do you observe for $h\omega \rightarrow \infty$? What are the consequences on the numerical method?

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There's no submission deadline for this assignment, but at least having a look at all assignments before final exam might be a good suggestion.

References

[NODE] [Lecture Notes](#) for the course “Numerical Methods for Ordinary Differential Equations”.

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