

Structure-Preserving Discretizations of Initial-Value Problems

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Initial Value Problems

- Given $\mathbf{f} : \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, suppose $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ evolves according to

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t),$$

with the initial condition $\mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{x}_0$.

- If $n = 2k$ and $\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p})$ where $\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^k$ satisfy

$$\frac{d\mathbf{q}}{dt} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{p}},$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{q}},$$

for some function $H(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}, t) : \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, we say that Eq. () is **Hamiltonian**.

- Often, the **Hamiltonian H** has **no explicit dependence on t** .

Structure-Preserving Discretizations

- **Symplectic integration:** conserves phase space structure of Hamilton's equations; the time step map is a canonical transformation. [Ruth 1983], [Channell & Scovel 1990], [Sanz-Serna & Calvo 1994]
- **Conservative integration:** conserves first integrals. [Bowman *et al.* 1997], [Shadwick *et al.* 1999], [Kotovych & Bowman 2002]
- **Positivity:** preserves positive semi-definiteness of covariance matrices. [Bowman & Krommes 1997]
- **Unitary integration:** conserves trace of probability density matrix. [Shadwick & Buell 1997]
- **Exponential integrators:** Operator splitting yields exact evolution on linear time scale.

Symplectic vs. Conservative Integration

Theorem 1 (Ge and Marsden 1988) A C^1 symplectic map M *with no explicit time-dependence* will conserve a C^1 time-independent Hamiltonian $H : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \iff M$ is identical to the exact evolution, up to a reparametrization of time.

Proof:

- A C^1 symplectic scheme is a canonical map M corresponding to some approximate C^1 Hamiltonian $\tilde{H}_\tau(\mathbf{x}, t) : \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, where the label τ denotes the time step.
- If the mapping M does not depend explicitly on time, it can be generated by the approximate Hamiltonian $K(\mathbf{x}) = \tilde{H}_\tau(\mathbf{x}, 0)$.

- Suppose the symplectic map conserves the true Hamiltonian H

$$0 = \frac{dH}{dt} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial q_i} \frac{dq_i}{dt} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i} \frac{dp_i}{dt} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial t} = [H, K],$$

where

$$[H, K] = \frac{\partial H}{\partial q_i} \frac{\partial K}{\partial p_i} - \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i} \frac{\partial K}{\partial q_i}.$$

- Implicit function theorem: in a neighbourhood of $\mathbf{x}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$
 \exists a C^1 function $\phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \ni$

$$H(\mathbf{x}) = \phi(K(\mathbf{x})) \quad \text{or} \quad K(\mathbf{x}) = \phi(H(\mathbf{x})) \iff [H, K] = 0.$$

- Consequently, the trajectories in \mathbb{R}^n generated by the Hamiltonians H and K coincide.

Q.E.D.

Conservative Integration

- Traditional numerical discretizations of nonlinear initial value problems are based on **polynomial functions of the time step**.
- They typically yield spurious secular drifts of nonlinear first integrals of motion (e.g. total energy).

⇒ the numerical solution will *not* remain on the energy surface defined by the initial conditions!
- There exists a class of nontraditional **explicit** algorithms that **exactly conserve** nonlinear invariants to *all orders* in the time step (to machine precision).

Three-Wave Problem

- Truncated Fourier-transformed Euler equations for an inviscid 2D fluid:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx_1}{dt} &= f_1 = M_1 x_2 x_3, \\ \frac{dx_2}{dt} &= f_2 = M_2 x_3 x_1, \\ \frac{dx_3}{dt} &= f_3 = M_3 x_1 x_2,\end{aligned}$$

where $M_1 + M_2 + M_3 = 0$.

- Then

$$\sum_k f_k x_k = 0 \Rightarrow \text{energy } E \doteq \frac{1}{2} \sum_k x_k^2 \text{ is conserved.}$$

Secular Energy Growth

- Energy is not conserved by conventional discretizations.
- The Euler method,

$$x_k(t + \tau) = x_k(t) + \tau f_k,$$

yields a monotonically increasing new energy:

$$\begin{aligned} E(t + \tau) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_k [x_k^2 + 2\tau f_k x_k + \tau^2 S_k^2] \\ &= E(t) + \frac{1}{2} \tau^2 \sum_k S_k^2. \end{aligned}$$

Conservative Euler Algorithm

- Determine a modification of the original equations of motion leading to *exact* energy conservation:

$$\frac{dx_k}{dt} = f_k + g_k.$$

- Euler's method predicts the new energy

$$\begin{aligned} E(t + \tau) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_k [x_k + \tau(f_k + g_k)]^2 \\ &= E(t) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_k \underbrace{[2\tau g_k x_k + \tau^2 (f_k + g_k)^2]}_{\text{set to 0}}. \end{aligned}$$

- Solving for g_k yields the **C–Euler** discretization:

$$x_k(t + \tau) = \operatorname{sgn} x_k(t + \tau) \sqrt{x_k^2 + 2\tau f_k x_k}.$$

- Reduces to Euler's method as $\tau \rightarrow 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} x_k(t + \tau) &= x_k \sqrt{1 + 2\tau \frac{f_k}{x_k}} \\ &= x_k + \tau f_k + \mathcal{O}(\tau^2). \end{aligned}$$

- C–Euler is just the usual Euler algorithm applied to

$$\frac{dx_k^2}{dt} = 2f_k x_k.$$

Lemma 1 Let \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{c} be vectors in \mathbb{R}^n . If $\mathbf{f} : \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ has values *orthogonal* to \mathbf{c} , so that $I = \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{x}$ is a linear invariant of

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t),$$

then *each stage* of the explicit *m-stage* discretization

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{x}_0 + \tau \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} a_{ij} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_j, t + a_i \tau), \quad i = 1, \dots, m,$$

also conserves I , where τ is the time step and $a_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}$.

Higher-Order Conservative Integration

- Find a **transformation** $\mathbf{T} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ such that the nonlinear invariants are linear functions of $\boldsymbol{\xi} = \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{x})$.

- The new value of \mathbf{x} is then obtained by inverse transformation:

$$\mathbf{x}(t + \tau) = \mathbf{T}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\xi}(t + \tau)).$$

- **Problem:** \mathbf{T} may not be invertible!
 - **Solution 1:** Reduce the time step.
 - **Solution 2:** Use a traditional integrator for that time step.
 - **Solution 3:** Use an implicit backwards step [Shadwick & Bowman SIAM J. Appl. Math. **59**, 1112 (1999), Appendix A].
- Only the **final corrector stage** needs to be computed in the transformed space.

Error Analysis: 1D Autonomous Case

- Exact solution (everything on RHS evaluated at x_0):

$$x(t + \tau) = x_0 + \tau f + \frac{\tau^2}{2} f' f + \frac{\tau^3}{6} (f'' f^2 + f'^2 f) + \mathcal{O}(\tau^4);$$

- When $T'(x_0) \neq 0$, C-PC yields the solution

$$x(t + \tau) = x_0 + \tau f + \frac{\tau^2}{2} f' f + \frac{\tau^3}{4} \left(f'' f^2 + \frac{T'''}{3T'} f^3 \right) + \mathcal{O}(\tau^4),$$

where all of the derivatives are evaluated at x_0 .

- On setting $T(x) = x$, the C-PC solution reduces to the conventional PC.
- C-PC and PC are both accurate to second order in τ ; for $T(x) = x^2$, they agree through third order in τ .

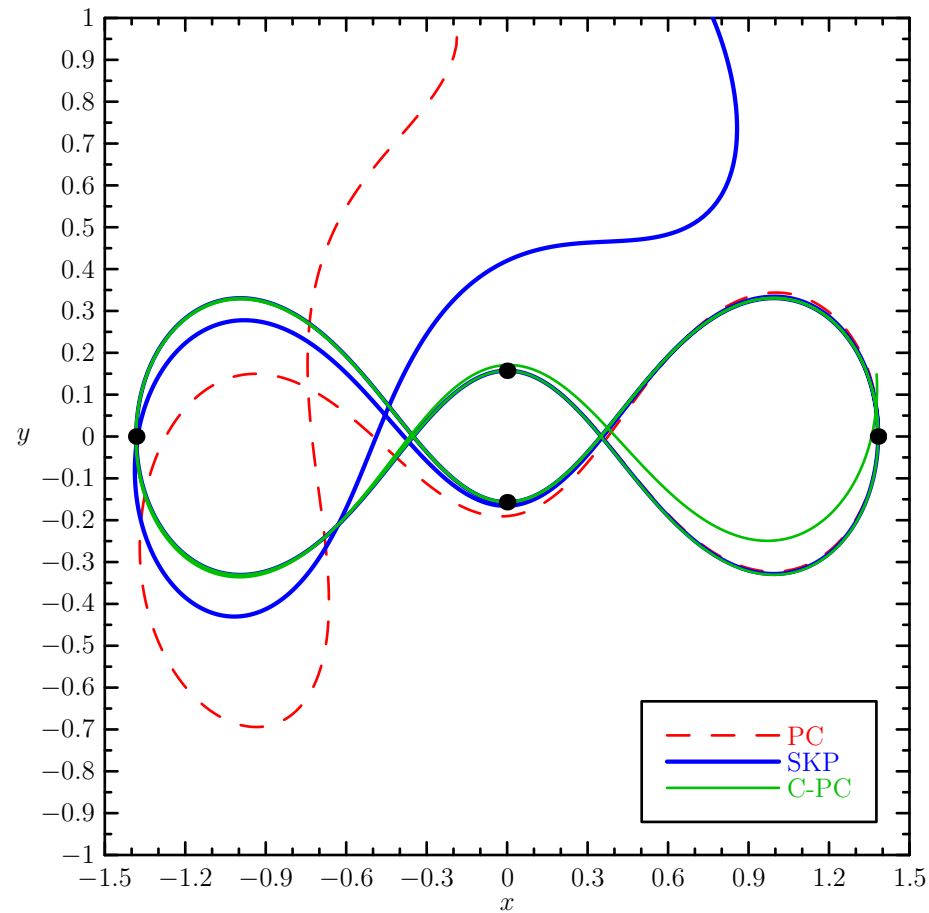
Singular Case

- When $T'(x_0) = 0$, the conservative corrector reduces to

$$x(t + \tau) = T^{-1}\left(T(x_0) + \frac{\tau}{2}T'(\tilde{x})f(\tilde{x})\right),$$

- If T and f are analytic, the existence of a solution is guaranteed as $\tau \rightarrow 0^+$ if the points at which T' vanishes are isolated.

Four-Body Choreography



PC, symplectic SKP, and C-PC solutions

Conservative Symplectic Integrators

- Conservative variational symplectic integrators based on **explicitly time-dependent** symplectic maps have been proposed for certain mechanics problems. [Kane, Marsden, and Ortiz 1999]
- These integrators circumvent the conditions of the Ge–Marsden theorem!

Exponential Integrators

- Typical stiff nonlinear initial value problem:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + \eta y = f(t, y), \quad y(0) = y_0.$$

- **Stiff:** Nonlinearity f varies slowly in t compared with the value of the linear coefficient η :

$$\left| \frac{1}{f} \frac{df}{dt} \right| \ll |\eta|$$

- Goal: Solve on the linear time scale exactly; avoid the linear time-step restriction $\eta\tau \ll 1$.
- **In the presence of nonlinearity,** straightforward integrating factor methods (cf. Lawson 1967) do not remove the explicit restriction on the linear time step τ .

- Instead, discretize the perturbed problem with a scheme that is exact on the time scale of the solvable part.

Exponential Euler Algorithm

- Express exact evolution of y in terms of $P(t) = e^{\eta t}$:

$$y(t) = P^{-1}(t) \left(y_0 + \int_0^t f P d\bar{t} \right).$$

- Change variables: $P d\bar{t} = \eta^{-1} dP \Rightarrow$

$$y(t) = P^{-1}(t) \left(y_0 + \eta^{-1} \int_1^{P(t)} f dP \right).$$

- Rectangular approximation of integral \Rightarrow **Exponential Euler:**

$$y_{i+1} = P^{-1} \left(y_i + \frac{P - 1}{\eta} f_i \right),$$

where $P = e^{\eta\tau}$ and τ is the time step.

- The discretization is now with respect to P instead of t .

Exponential Euler Algorithm (E-Euler)

$$y_{i+1} = e^{-\eta\tau} y_i + \frac{1 - e^{-\eta\tau}}{\eta} f(y_i),$$

- Also called **Exponentially Fitted Euler**, **ETD Euler**, **filtered Euler**, **Lie–Euler**.
- As $\tau \rightarrow 0$ the Euler method is recovered:

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \tau f(y_i).$$

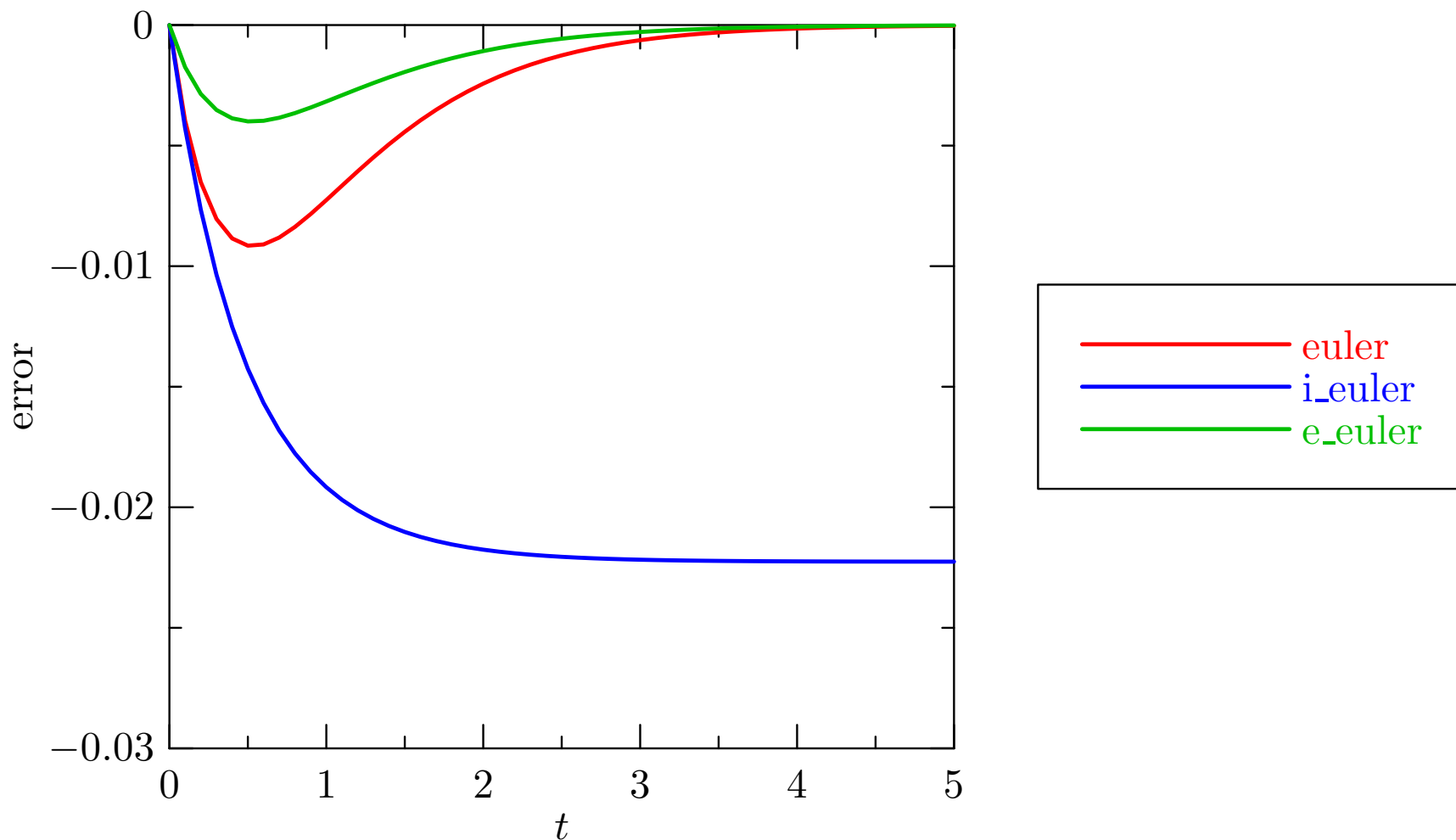
- If E-Euler has a fixed point, it must satisfy $y = \frac{f(y)}{\eta}$; this is then a fixed point of the ODE.
- In contrast, the popular **Integrating Factor** method (I-Euler).

$$y_{i+1} = e^{-\eta\tau} (y_i + \tau f_i)$$

can at best have an incorrect fixed point: $y = \frac{\tau f(y)}{e^{\eta\tau} - 1}$.

Comparison of Euler Integrators

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + y = \cos y, \quad y(0) = 1.$$



History

- Certaine [1960]: Exponential Adams-Moulton
- Nørsett [1969]: Exponential Adams-Bashforth
- Verwer [1977] and van der Houwen [1977]: Exponential linear multistep method
- Friedli [1978]: Exponential Runge-Kutta
- Hochbruck *et al.* [1998]: Exponential integrators up to order 4
- Beylkin *et al.* [1998]: Exact Linear Part (ELP)
- Cox & Matthews [2002]: ETDRK3, ETDRK4; worst case: stiff order 2
- Lu [2003]: Efficient Matrix Exponential

- Hochbruck & Ostermann [2005a],
Hochbruck & Ostermann [2005b]:
Runge-Kutta; stiff order conditions.

Explicit

Exponential

Generalization

- Let \mathcal{L} be a linear operator with a stationary Green's function $G(t, t') = G(t - t')$:

$$\frac{\partial G(t, t')}{\partial t} + \mathcal{L}G(t, t') = \delta(t - t').$$

- Let f be a continuous function of y . Then the ODE

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + \mathcal{L}y = f(y), \quad y(0) = y_0,$$

has the formal solution

$$y(t) = e^{-\int_0^t \mathcal{L} dt'} y_0 + \int_0^t G(t - t') f(y(t')) dt'.$$

- Letting $s = t - t'$:

$$y(t) = e^{-\int_0^t \mathcal{L} dt'} y_0 + \int_0^t G(s) f(y(t-s)) ds.$$

- Change integration variable to $h = H(s) = \int_0^s G(\bar{s}) d\bar{s}$:

$$y(t) = e^{-\int_0^t \mathcal{L} dt'} y_0 + \int_1^{H(t)} f(y(t - H^{-1}(h))) dh.$$

- Rectangular rule \Rightarrow **Predictor (Euler)**:

$$\tilde{y}(t) \approx e^{-\int_0^t \mathcal{L} dt'} y_0 + f(y(0))H(t).$$

- Trapezoidal rule \Rightarrow **Corrector**:

$$y(t) \approx e^{-\int_0^t \mathcal{L} dt'} y_0 + \frac{f(y(0)) + f(\tilde{y}(t))}{2} H(t).$$

Other Generalizations

- Higher-order exponential integrators: Hochbruck *et al.* [1998], Cox & Matthews [2002], Hochbruck & Ostermann [2005a], Bowman *et al.* [2006].
- **Vector case** (matrix exponential $\mathbf{P} = e^{\eta t}$).
- Exponential versions of Conservative Integrators [Bowman *et al.* 1997], [Shadwick *et al.* 1999], [Kotovych & Bowman 2002].
- Lagrangian discretizations of **advection equations** are also exponential integrators:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial}{\partial x} u = f(x, t, u), \quad u(x, 0) = u_0(x).$$

- η now represents the linear operator $v \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$

$\mathcal{P}^{-1}u = e^{-tv \frac{\partial}{\partial x}} u$ corresponds to the Taylor series of $u(x - vt)$.

Higher-Order Integrators

- General s -stage Runge–Kutta scheme:

$$y_i = y_0 + \tau \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} a_{ij} f(y_j, t + b_j \tau), \quad (i = 1, \dots, s).$$

- Butcher Tableau ($s=4$):

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} b_0 & a_{10} & & & \\ b_1 & a_{20} & a_{21} & & \\ b_2 & a_{30} & a_{31} & a_{32} & \\ b_3 & a_{40} & a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} \end{array}$$

Higher-Order Exponential Integrators

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + \eta y = f(t, y), \quad y(0) = y_0.$$

- Let $x = e^{\eta t}$, $u = xy$. Then $dx/dt = \eta x$, so that

$$\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{d(xy)}{dx} = y + x \frac{dt}{dx} \frac{dy}{dt} = y + \frac{1}{\eta} (f - \eta y) = \frac{f}{\eta}$$

- Apply conventional integrator to

$$\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{f}{\eta}.$$

- When y is evolved from $t = 0$ to $t = \tau$, the new independent variable goes from $x = 1$ to $x = e^{\eta\tau}$.

Vector Case

- When \mathbf{y} is a vector, $\boldsymbol{\nu}$ is typically a matrix:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{y}}{dt} + \boldsymbol{\nu}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}).$$

- Let $\mathbf{z} = -\boldsymbol{\nu}\tau$. Discretization involves

$$\varphi_1(\mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{z}^{-1}(e^{\mathbf{z}} - \mathbf{1}).$$

- Higher-order exponential integrators require

$$\varphi_j(\mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{z}^{-j} \left(e^{\mathbf{z}} - \sum_{k=0}^{j-1} \frac{\mathbf{z}^k}{k!} \right).$$

- Exercise care when \mathbf{z} has an eigenvalue near zero!
- Although a variable time step requires re-evaluation of the matrix exponential, this is not an issue for problems where the evaluation of the nonlinear term dominates the computation.
- Pseudospectral turbulence codes: **diagonal** matrix exponential.

Charged Particle in Electromagnetic Fields

- Lorentz force:

$$\frac{m d\mathbf{v}}{q dt} = \frac{1}{c} \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{E}.$$

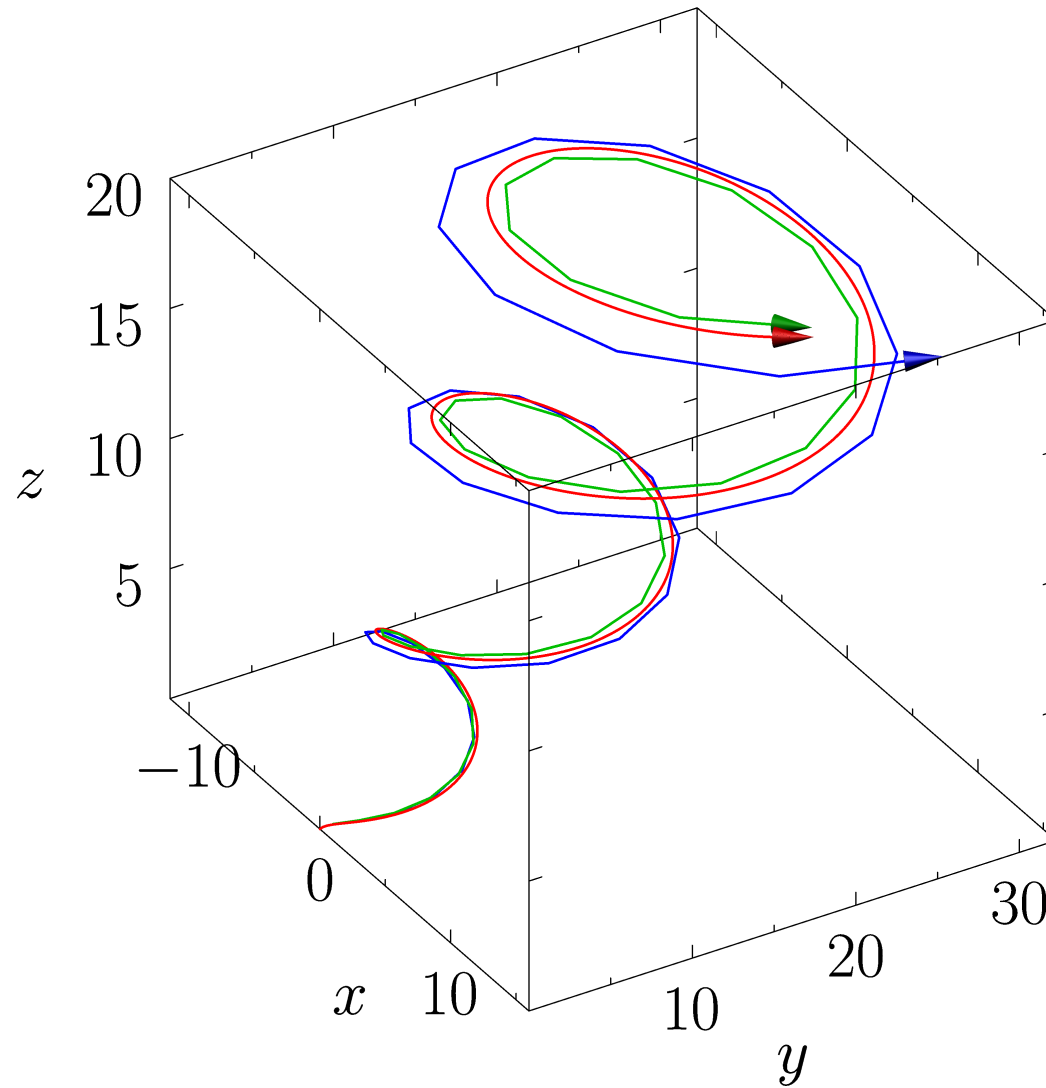
- Efficiently compute the **matrix exponential** $\exp(\mathbf{\Omega})$, where

$$\mathbf{\Omega} = -\frac{q}{mc} \tau \begin{pmatrix} 0 & B_z & -B_y \\ -B_z & 0 & B_x \\ B_y & -B_x & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- Requires 2 trigonometric functions, 1 division, 1 square root, and 35 additions or multiplications.
- The other necessary matrix factor, $\mathbf{\Omega}^{-1}[\exp(\mathbf{\Omega}) - \mathbf{1}]$ requires care, since $\mathbf{\Omega}$ is singular. Evaluate it as

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} [(\mathbf{\Omega} + \lambda \mathbf{1})^{-1} (e^{\mathbf{\Omega}} - \mathbf{1})].$$

Motion Under Lorentz Force



Exact, PC, E-PC trajectories of a particle under Lorentz force.

Bogacki–Shampine (3,2) Pair

- Embedded 4-stage pair [Bogacki & Shampine 1989]:

0	$\frac{1}{2}$				
$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{3}{4}$			
$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{2}{9}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{4}{9}$	←	3rd order
1	$\frac{7}{24}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	← 2nd order

- Since $f(y_3)$ is just f at the initial y_0 for the next time step, **no additional source evaluation** is required to compute y_4 [FSAL].

An Embedded 4-Stage (3,2) Exponential Pair

- Letting $\mathbf{z} = -\boldsymbol{\nu}\tau$ and $b_4 = 1$:

$$\mathbf{y}_i = e^{-b_i\boldsymbol{\nu}\tau} \mathbf{y}_0 + \tau \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} \mathbf{a}_{ij} f(\mathbf{y}_j, t + b_j\tau), \quad (i = 1, \dots, s).$$

$$\mathbf{a}_{10} = \frac{1}{2} \varphi_1 \left(\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{z} \right),$$

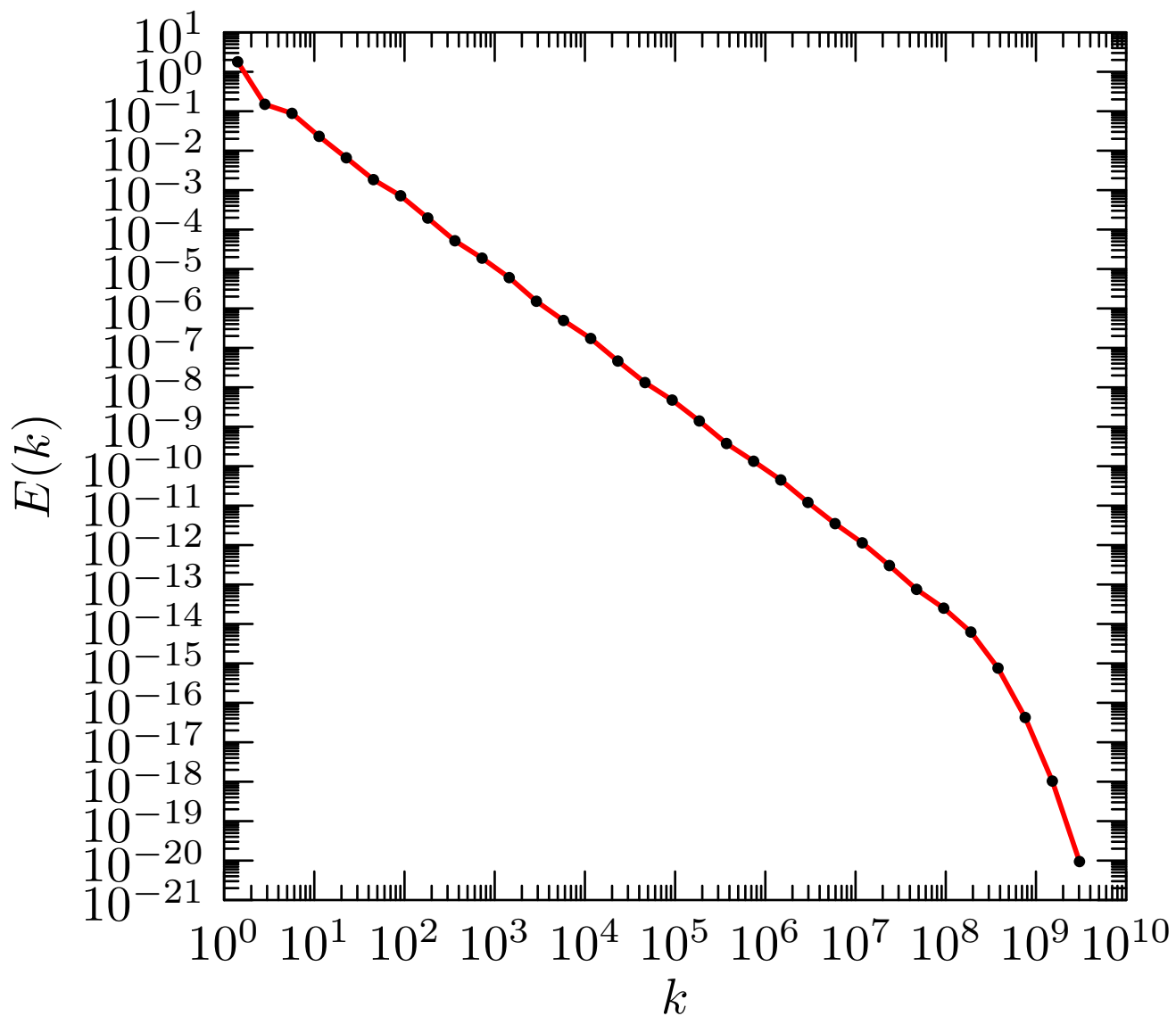
$$\mathbf{a}_{20} = \frac{3}{4} \varphi_1 \left(\frac{3}{4} \mathbf{z} \right) - \mathbf{a}_{21}, \quad \mathbf{a}_{21} = \frac{9}{8} \varphi_2 \left(\frac{3}{4} \mathbf{z} \right) + \frac{3}{8} \varphi_2 \left(\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{z} \right),$$

$$\mathbf{a}_{30} = \varphi_1(\mathbf{z}) - \mathbf{a}_{31} - \mathbf{a}_{32}, \quad \mathbf{a}_{31} = \frac{1}{3} \varphi_1(\mathbf{z}), \quad \mathbf{a}_{32} = \frac{4}{3} \varphi_2(\mathbf{z}) - \frac{2}{9} \varphi_1(\mathbf{z}),$$

$$\mathbf{a}_{40} = \varphi_1(\mathbf{z}) - \frac{17}{12} \varphi_2(\mathbf{z}), \quad \mathbf{a}_{41} = \frac{1}{2} \varphi_2(\mathbf{z}), \quad \mathbf{a}_{42} = \frac{2}{3} \varphi_2(\mathbf{z}), \quad \mathbf{a}_{43} = \frac{1}{4} \varphi_2(\mathbf{z}).$$

- \mathbf{y}_3 has **stiff order 3** [Hochbruck and Ostermann 2005] (order is preserved even when $\boldsymbol{\nu}$ is a general unbounded linear operator).
- \mathbf{y}_4 provides a second-order estimate for adjusting the time step.
- $\boldsymbol{\nu} \rightarrow \mathbf{0}$: reduces to [3,2] Bogacki–Shampine Runge–Kutta pair.

Application to GOY Turbulence Shell Model



Conclusions

- Numerical discretizations that preserve physically relevant structure or known analytic properties are desirable.
- Traditional numerical discretizations of conservative systems generically yield **artificial secular drifts** of **nonlinear invariants**.
- New **exactly conservative** but **explicit** integration algorithms have been developed.
- The transformation technique is relevant to **integrable** and **nonintegrable** Hamiltonian systems and even to non-Hamiltonian systems such as force-dissipative turbulence.
- Exponential integrators are explicit schemes for ODEs with a stiff linearity.
- When the nonlinear source is constant, the time-stepping algorithm is precisely the analytical solution to the corresponding first-order linear ODE.

- Unlike integrating factor methods, exponential integrators have the correct fixed point behaviour.
- We present an efficient adaptive embedded 4-stage (3,2) exponential pair.
- Work is under way to develop an embedded 6-stage (5,4) exponential pair.
- Care must be exercised when evaluating φ_j near 0. Accurate optimized double precision routines for evaluating these functions are available at
`www.math.ualberta.ca/~bowman/phi.h`

Asymptote: 2D & 3D Vector Graphics Language



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Asymptote Lifts T_EX to 3D

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-\alpha x^2} dx = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}}$$

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