

# Numerical Methods for Computational Science and Engineering

Prof. R. Hiptmair, SAM, ETH Zurich

(with contributions from Prof. P. Arbenz and Dr. V. Gradinaru)

Autumn Term 2016

(C) Seminar für Angewandte Mathematik, ETH Zürich

URL: <http://www.sam.math.ethz.ch/~hiptmair/tmp/NumCSE/NumCSE16.pdf>

XI. Numerical Integration  
 - Single-Step Methods -

↓

Numerical solution of  
ODEs

## 11.1. Initial Value Problems for ODEs

↓ "time variable"

$$\text{ODE : } \left[ \frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{y} = \right] \dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{y}(t))$$

↑  
 right-hand-side function  $\mathbf{f}: \mathcal{D} \subset \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$   
 (continuous)

solution :  $C$ -function  $t \mapsto \mathbf{y}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^d$  that satisfies  
 the ODE pointwise  $\forall t \in I \subset \mathbb{R}$

$\mathcal{D} \subset \mathbb{R}^d \stackrel{!}{=} \text{state space}$

For  $d > 1$   $\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{y})$  can be viewed as a system of ordinary differential equations:

$$\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{y}) \iff \begin{bmatrix} \dot{y}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{y}_d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(t, y_1, \dots, y_d) \\ \vdots \\ f_d(t, y_1, \dots, y_d) \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\mathbf{f} \in \mathbb{C}^m \Rightarrow \text{solution } \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{C}^{m+1}$$

②

## 11.1.1. Model with ODEs

Discrete mechanics      transient circuit models      reaction kinetics

$$\ddot{y} = f(y)$$

Example (population dynamics) : Predator-prey model

$$d = 2 : \begin{cases} u = u(t) : \text{prey} \\ v = v(t) : \text{predator} \end{cases}$$

ODE-based model: autonomous Lotka-Volterra ODE:  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta > 0)$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{u} = (\alpha - \beta v)u \\ \dot{v} = (\delta u - \gamma v)v \end{cases} \leftrightarrow \dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}) \text{ with } \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}) = \begin{bmatrix} (\alpha - \beta v)u \\ (\delta u - \gamma v)v \end{bmatrix}, \quad (11.1.10)$$

$$v=0 : \dot{u} = \alpha u \Rightarrow u(t) = u(0) e^{\alpha t}$$

$$u=0 : \dot{v} = -\gamma v \Rightarrow \text{exponential decay}$$

### Definition 11.1.8. Autonomous ODE

An ODE of the form  $\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y})$ , that is, with a right hand side function that does not depend on time, but only on state, is called **autonomous**.

$\rightarrow$  model time-invariant models

(periodic solution)

Solution :

Initial values

Needed to fix a unique solution of an ODE

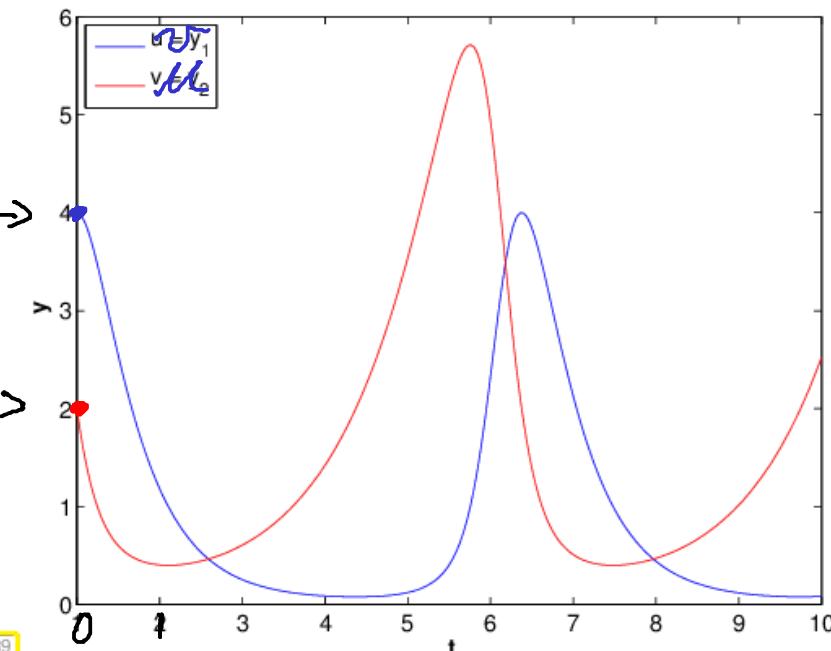


Fig. 389

$$\text{Solution } \begin{bmatrix} u(t) \\ v(t) \end{bmatrix} \text{ for } \mathbf{y}_0 := \begin{bmatrix} u(0) \\ v(0) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\rightarrow$  In numerical integration we solve initial value problem (IVP) = ODE + initial values

$$\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{y}), \quad \mathbf{y}(t_0) = \mathbf{y}_0$$

$\uparrow$  initial time

$\rightarrow$  For autonomous ODEs :

If  $t \mapsto \mathbf{y}(t)$  solution  $\Rightarrow t \mapsto \mathbf{y}(t - \tau)$  is a solution

$\Rightarrow$  Free choice of  $t_0$  :  $t_0 := 0$

(5)

Solution of IVP  $\rightarrow$  function of time  
 $t \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$   
curve in state space:

predator

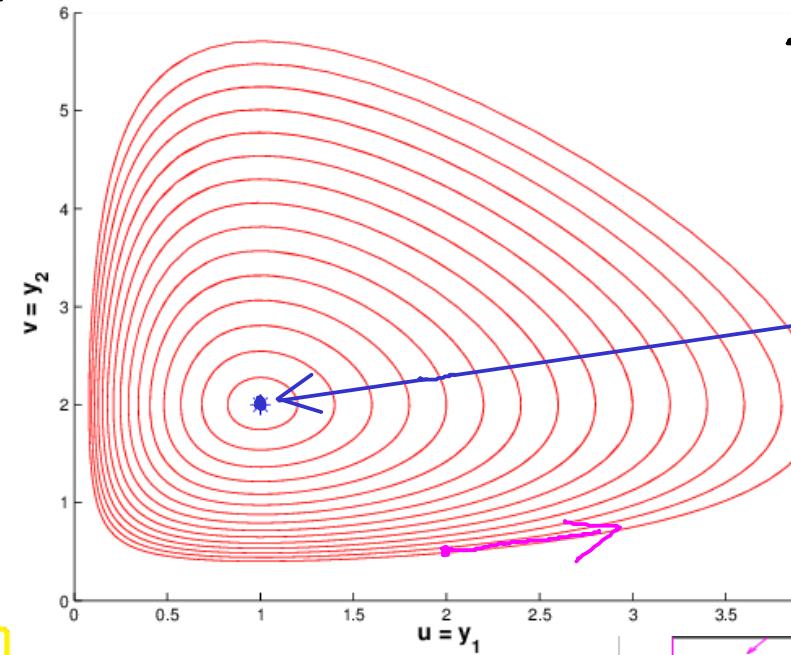


Fig. 390

Solution curves for (11.1.10)

$$\dot{\underline{y}} \stackrel{?}{=} f([\underline{y}])$$

ODE  $\stackrel{?}{=}$  movement of particles in velocity field described by  $f$

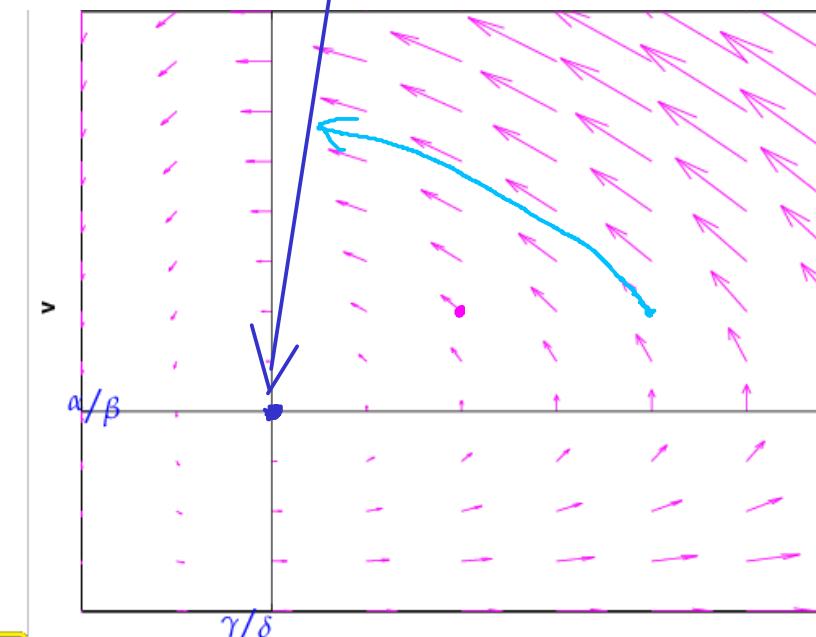


Fig. 388

## 11.1.2. Theory of IVP

Remark: Autonomization

$$\dot{\underline{y}} = f(t, \underline{y}) : \quad \underline{z}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{y}(t) \\ t \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$$

$$\dot{\underline{z}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\underline{y}}(t) \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} f(\underline{z}_{dt}, t), \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\underline{z}}_{dt} \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}}_{1} \quad =: g(\underline{z})$$

$$\dot{\underline{z}} = g(\underline{z})$$

autonomous ODE

Remark: Conversion to 1st-order ODE

$$\ddot{\underline{y}} = f(\underline{y}) \quad [2\text{nd-order ODE}]$$

$$\underline{z}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{y}(t) \\ \dot{\underline{y}}(t) \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{2d} \Rightarrow \dot{\underline{z}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\underline{y}} \\ \ddot{\underline{y}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\underline{y}} \\ f([\underline{z}_{2d}]) \end{bmatrix} \quad =: g(\underline{z})$$

④

Remark : Intrinsic Domain of definition of solutions of IVP

Example :  $\dot{y} = y^2$ ,  $y(0) = y_0$

We find the solutions

$$y(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{y_0^{-1}-t}, & \text{if } y_0 \neq 0, \\ 0, & \text{if } y_0 = 0, \end{cases} \quad (11.1.37)$$

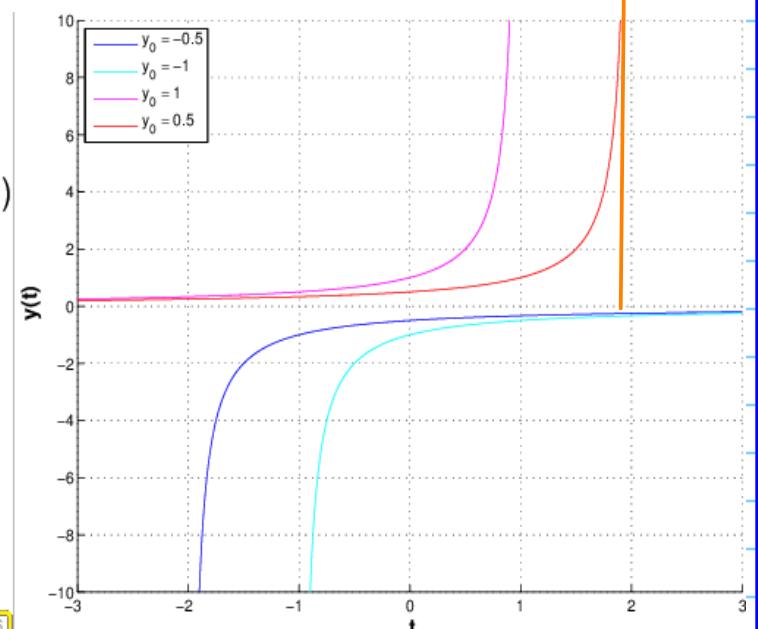
with domains of definition

$$J(y_0) = \begin{cases} ]-\infty, y_0^{-1}[, & \text{if } y_0 > 0, \\ \mathbb{R}, & \text{if } y_0 = 0, \\ ]y_0^{-1}, \infty[, & \text{if } y_0 < 0. \end{cases}$$

Blow-up after finite time

Fig. 396

"built into the solution"



### 11.1.3. Evolution operator [for $\dot{y} = f(y)$ ]

[ Assume : Existence  $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\forall y_0 \in D$  ]

$$y_0 \in D \Rightarrow \text{Unique solution } \begin{cases} \dot{y}(t) = f(y(t)) \\ y(0) = y_0 \end{cases}$$

$\hookrightarrow \cong$  curve in state space

$t = t^*$  fixed :  $y_0 \rightarrow y(t^*)$

#### Definition 11.1.39. Evolution operator/mapping

Under Ass. 11.1.38 the mapping

$$\Phi : \begin{cases} \mathbb{R} \times D \mapsto D \\ (t, y_0) \mapsto \Phi^t y_0 := y(t) \end{cases}$$

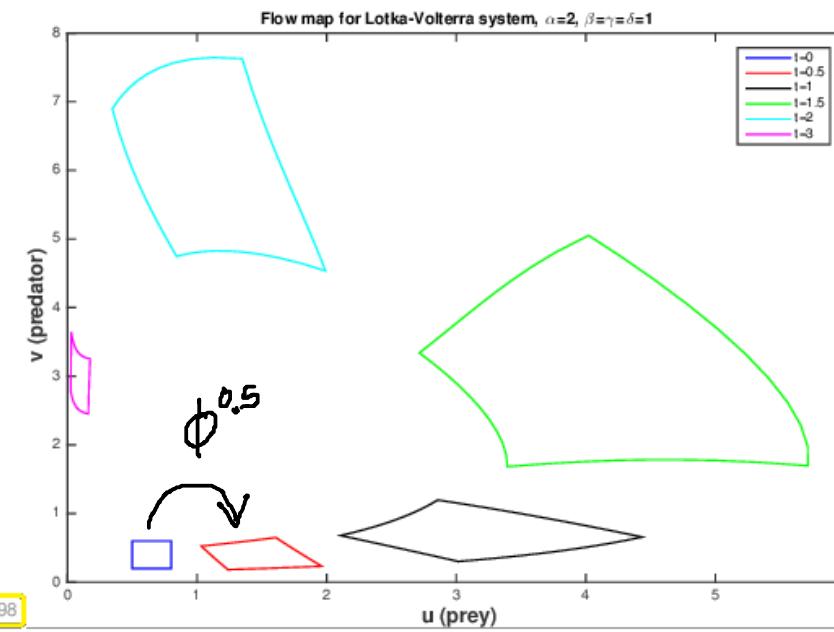
where  $t \mapsto y(t) \in C^1(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^d)$  is the unique (global) solution of the IVP  $\dot{y} = f(y)$ ,  $y(0) = y_0$ , is the evolution operator/mapping for the autonomous ODE  $\dot{y} = f(y)$ .

$t \rightarrow \Phi^t y_0 \cong$  trajectory :  $\frac{d}{dt} \Phi^t y = f(\Phi^t y)$

$y \rightarrow \Phi^t y \cong$  mapping of state space

$\Phi$  encodes the complete set of solutions of the ODE

(5)



state mapping  $y \mapsto \Phi^t y$

## 11.2. Polygonal Approximation Methods

$$\text{ODE : } \dot{y} = f(y)$$

Goal : Approximate model for evolution operator  $\Phi$

Focus on discrete set of times (temporal mesh)

$$\mathcal{M} = \{0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_N = T\}$$

↑  
final time

### 11.2.1 Explicit\* Euler method

Difference quotient on  $\mathcal{M}$

$$\frac{\dot{y}_k - y_k}{h_k} = f(y_k)$$

$h_k := t_{k+1} - t_k$

+ set  $y_0 = y(0)$  [initial value]

⇒ sequence:  $\{y_0, y_1, \dots, y_N\}$   
with  $y_k \approx y(t_k)$

\* created by  
f-eval above

⑥

Geometry:  
polygonal  
approximation  
of trajectories

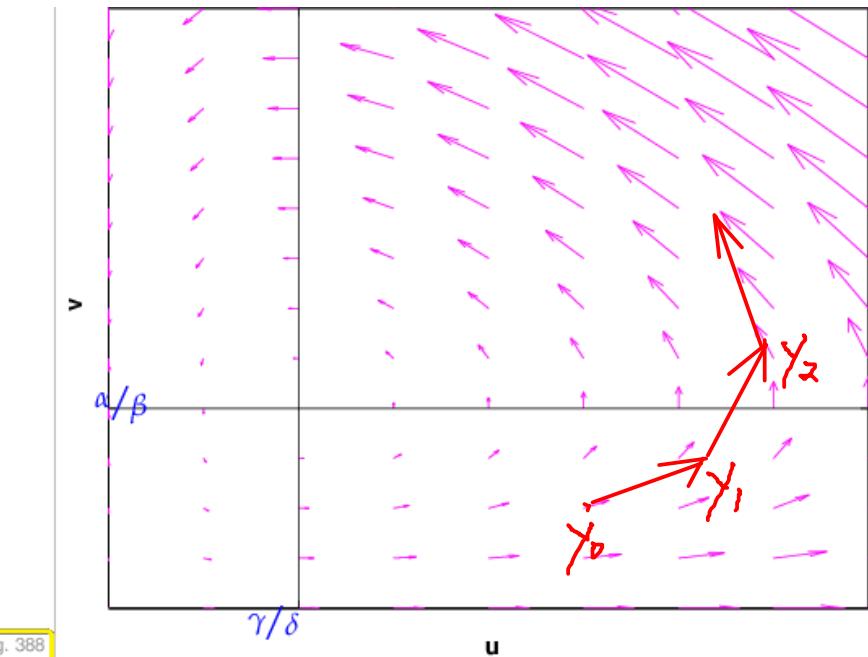


Fig. 388

## 11.2.2. Implicit Euler method

$$\dot{y} = f(y) \Rightarrow \frac{y_{k+1} - y_k}{h_k} = f(y_{k+1}) \quad [1]$$

"backward difference quotient"

$\downarrow$  given initial value

to build sequence  $(y_0, y_1, \dots, y_N)$

$\rightarrow$  solve system of d equ. in each step for d unknowns

## 11.2.3. Implicit midpoint method

$$\dot{y} = f(y) \Rightarrow \frac{y_{k+1} - y_k}{h_k} = f\left(y\left(\frac{t_k + t_{k+1}}{2}\right)\right) \quad [1]$$

↑  
d.q.

not available

polygona approx:  $y\left(\frac{t_k + t_{k+1}}{2}\right) \approx \frac{1}{2}y_k + \frac{1}{2}y_{k+1}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{y_{k+1} - y_k}{h_k} = f\left(\frac{1}{2}(y_k + y_{k+1})\right) \quad [2]$

Remark: implicit methods  $\Rightarrow$  for small  $h_k$  [1], [2] can be solved for  $y_{k+1}$ ,

7

### III. 3. General Single-Step Methods

Expl. Euler:  $\hat{y}_{k+1} = \hat{y}_k + h_x f(\hat{y}_k)$

Impl. Euler:  $\hat{y}_{k+1} = \hat{y}_k + h_x f(\hat{y}_{k+1})$

$$y_{k+1} = \psi(h_x, y_k) =: \psi^h y_k$$

$$x(t_1) = \phi^{h_1} x_0 \iff y_1 = \psi^{h_1} y_0$$

$$\psi : I \times D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d \approx \phi : I \times D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$$

$\uparrow$   
must approximate the evolution operator

**Definition 11.3.5. Single step method (for autonomous ODE)** → [?, Def. 11.2]

Given a discrete evolution  $\Psi : \Omega \subset \mathbb{R} \times D \mapsto \mathbb{R}^d$ , an initial state  $y_0$ , and a temporal mesh  $M := \{0 =: t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_N := T\}$  the recursion

$$y_{k+1} := \Psi(t_{k+1} - t_k, y_k), \quad k = 0, \dots, N-1, \quad (11.3.6)$$

defines a **single step method (SSM)** for the autonomous IVP  $\dot{y} = f(y)$ ,  $y(0) = y_0$  on the interval  $[0, T]$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &\rightarrow \psi^h y = y + h f(y) \\ &\rightarrow " \psi^h y := z : z = y + h f(z)" \end{aligned}$$

What makes a good  $\psi$ ?

At least the direction of  $h \rightarrow \psi^h y$  in  $h=0$  should be  $f(y)$ :

Consistent discrete evolution → **Minimal requirement**

The discrete evolution  $\Psi$  defining a single step method according to Def. 11.3.5 and (11.3.6) for the autonomous ODE  $\dot{y} = f(y)$  invariably is of the form

$$\Psi^h y = y + h \psi(h, y) \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{array}{l} \psi : I \times D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d \text{ continuous,} \\ \psi(0, y) = f(y). \end{array} \quad (11.3.9)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dh} \psi^h \Big|_{h=0} &= 0 + \psi(0, y) + 0 \cdot \cancel{\psi'(h, y)} \\ &= f(y) \end{aligned}$$

## 11.3.2. Asymptotic Convergence of SSM

IVP + SSM :

$$\text{study } \max_k \|y_k - y(t_k)\| \quad [ \|y_N - y(T)\| ]$$

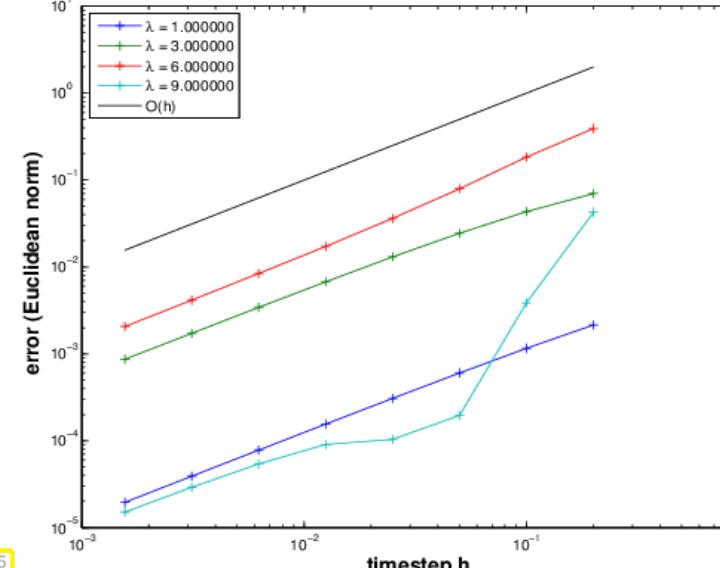
for family of meshes  $(M_l)$  [e.g. equid. meshes]

$$h_e := \max_k |t_{k+1}^l - t_k^l| \rightarrow 0 \text{ for } l \rightarrow \infty$$

Example:  $\dot{y} = \lambda(1-y)y$  [Logistic ODE]

$y_0 \in [0, 1] \Rightarrow$  solution exists on  $\mathbb{R}$

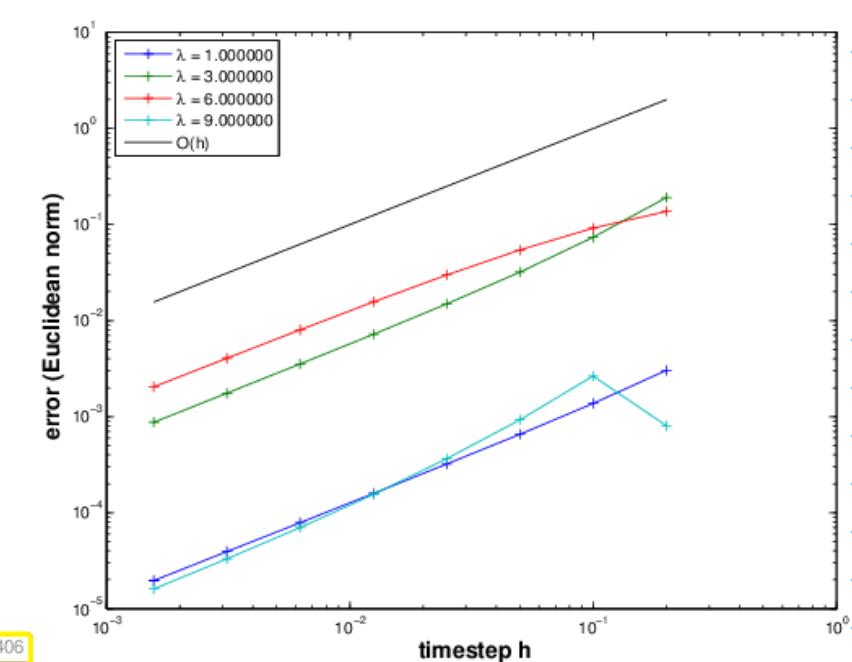
Error at final time  $T=1$ , equid. meshes



explicit Euler method

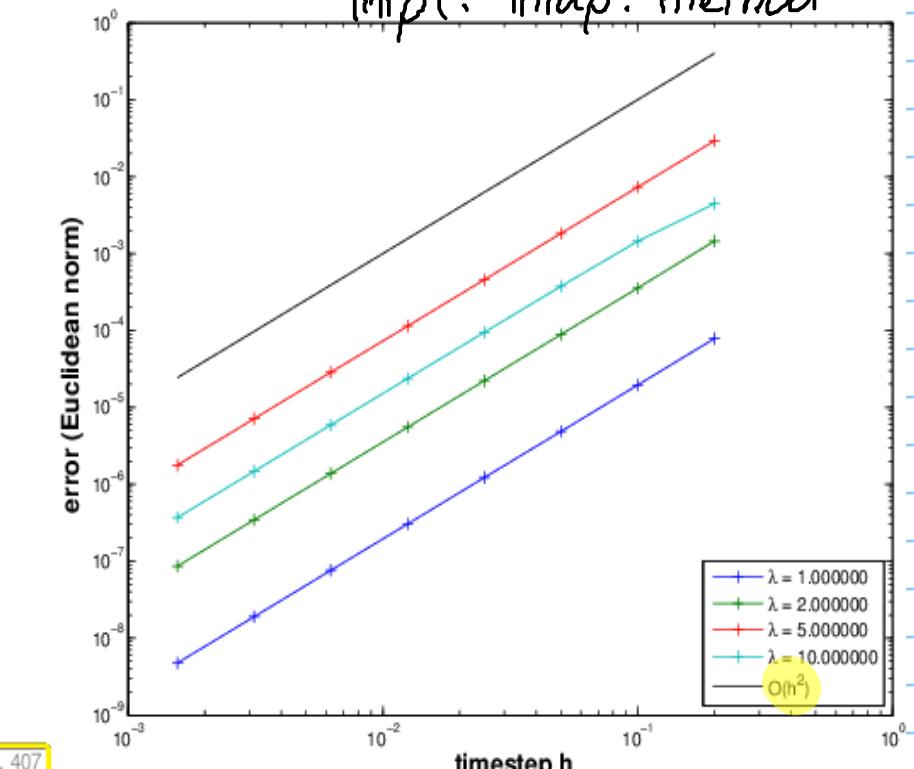
△ Alg. conv.  
err =  $O(h^\alpha)$

$$\alpha = 1$$



implicit Euler method

impl. midp. method



△ Alg. conv.  
order = 2

9

All SSM converge algebraically in meshwidth  $h$  with some order  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ :  $\text{err} = O(h^p)$   
an important characteristic of the method

Repetition:

$$\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}), \quad \mathbf{f}: \mathbb{D} \subset \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$$

Evolution operator  $\phi: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$

Numerical integrators  $\Rightarrow$  Discrete evolution  $\psi: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$

Single-step method on temporal mesh  $M = \{0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n = T\}$

$$\hookrightarrow \mathbf{y}_{k+1} = \psi^{h_{k+1}} \mathbf{y}_k, \quad h_{k+1} := t_{k+1} - t_k$$

Goal:  $\mathbf{y}_k \approx \mathbf{y}(t_k)$ , where  $t \mapsto \mathbf{y}(t)$  solves

$$\text{IVP: } \dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}), \mathbf{y}(0) = \mathbf{y}_0$$

How to get a function  $\mathbf{y}_h: [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  from  $(\mathbf{y}_k)_k$ ?

$\rightarrow$  by interpolation: Euler method  $\rightarrow$  p.w. linear interpolation

better: piece cubic interpolation based on  $\mathbf{y}_k, \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}_k) \approx \dot{\mathbf{y}}(t_k)$

## 11.4. Explicit Runge-Kutta-Methods

$$\text{IVP: } \begin{aligned} \dot{\mathbf{y}}(t) &= \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{y}(t)), \\ \mathbf{y}(t_0) &= \mathbf{y}_0 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \mathbf{y}(t_1) = \mathbf{y}_0 + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \mathbf{f}(\tau, \mathbf{y}(\tau)) d\tau$$

Apply num. quad!



Idea: approximate the integral by means of  $s$ -point quadrature formula ( $\rightarrow$  Section 7.1, defined on the reference interval  $[0, 1]$ ) with nodes  $c_1, \dots, c_s$ , weights  $b_1, \dots, b_s$ .

$$\mathbf{y}(t_1) \approx \mathbf{y}_1 = \mathbf{y}_0 + \sum_{i=1}^s b_i \mathbf{f}(t_0 + c_i h, \boxed{\mathbf{y}(t_0 + c_i h)}), \quad h := t_1 - t_0. \quad (11.4.3)$$

Obtain these values by bootstrapping  
approximate by some other  
"lower-order" discrete evolution

Quadrature formula = trapezoidal rule (7.2.5):

$$Q(f) = \frac{1}{2}(f(0) + f(1)) \leftrightarrow s = 2: \quad c_1 = 0, c_2 = 1, \quad b_1 = b_2 = \frac{1}{2}, \quad (11.4.5)$$

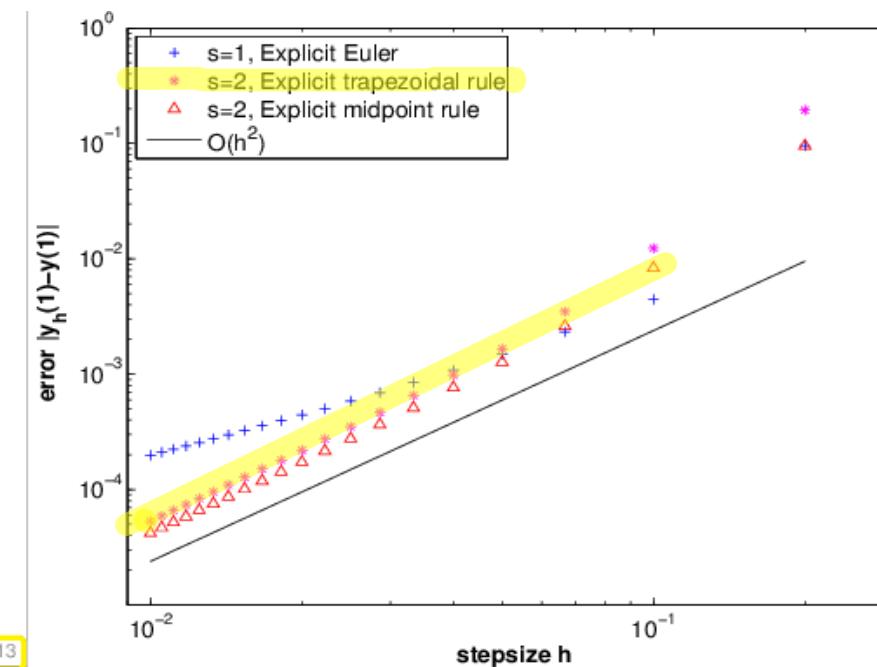
and  $\mathbf{y}(t_1)$  approximated by explicit Euler step (11.2.7)

$$\mathbf{k}_1 = \mathbf{f}(t_0, \mathbf{y}_0), \quad \mathbf{k}_2 = \mathbf{f}(t_0 + h, \mathbf{y}_0 + h\mathbf{k}_1), \quad \mathbf{y}_1 = \mathbf{y}_0 + \frac{h}{2}(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2). \quad (11.4.6)$$

(11.4.6) = explicit trapezoidal method (for numerical integration of ODEs).

$$\mathbf{y}_1 = \mathbf{y}_0 + h \left[ \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}_0) + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}_1) \right] = \mathbf{y}_0 + \frac{1}{2} h (\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}_0) + \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}_0 + h\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}_0)))$$

(1D)



(Logistic ODE)

Alg. ord.  
order = 2

Errors at final time  $y_h(1) - y(1)$

→ f-eval enough to compute  $\Psi^h$ !

### Definition 11.4.9. Explicit Runge-Kutta method

For  $b_i, a_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $c_i := \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_{ij}$ ,  $i, j = 1, \dots, s$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ , an  $s$ -stage explicit Runge-Kutta single step method (RK-SSM) for the ODE  $\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{y})$ ,  $\mathbf{f} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ , is defined by ( $\mathbf{y}_0 \in D$ )

$$\mathbf{k}_i := \mathbf{f}\left(t_0 + c_i h, \mathbf{y}_0 + h \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_{ij} \mathbf{k}_j\right), \quad i = 1, \dots, s, \quad \mathbf{y}_1 := \mathbf{y}_0 + h \sum_{i=1}^s b_i \mathbf{k}_i.$$

The vectors  $\mathbf{k}_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, s$ , are called **increments**,  $h > 0$  is the size of the timestep.

↑ coefficient impl.:  $\mathbf{k}_i = \mathbf{f}(t_0 + c_i h, \mathbf{y}_0)$   
 $\Rightarrow \mathbf{k}_2 \rightarrow \mathbf{k}_3 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \mathbf{k}_s$

Notation: Butcher scheme

### Butcher scheme notation for explicit RK-SSM

Shorthand notation for (explicit) Runge-Kutta methods [?, (11.75)]

Butcher scheme

(Note:  $\mathfrak{A}$  is strictly lower triangular  $s \times s$ -matrix)

$$\begin{array}{c|ccccc} c & 0 & & & \cdots & 0 \\ \hline & a_{21} & \ddots & & & \vdots \\ & \vdots & & \ddots & & \vdots \\ c_s & a_{s1} & \cdots & a_{s,s-1} & 0 & \\ \hline & b_1 & \cdots & b_{s-1} & b_s & \end{array} := \quad (11.4.11)$$

$$\mathbf{y}(t) \approx \sum_{i=1}^s w_i(t) \mathbf{k}_i, \quad \text{"dense output"}$$

RK-SSM consistent?

### Consistent discrete evolution

The discrete evolution  $\Psi$  defining a single step method according to Def. 11.3.5 and (11.3.6) for the autonomous ODE  $\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y})$  invariably is of the form

$$\Psi^h \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y} + h \psi(h, \mathbf{y}) \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{aligned} \psi : I \times D &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d \text{ continuous,} \\ \psi(0, \mathbf{y}) &= \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}). \end{aligned} \quad (11.3.9)$$

Discr. Evol.:  $\Psi^h \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y} + h \sum_{i=1}^s b_i \mathbf{k}_i(\mathbf{y})$

for  $h=0$ :  $\mathbf{k}_i = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}_0)$

$\underbrace{\psi(h, \mathbf{y})}_{\Psi(h, \mathbf{y})}$

$$\Rightarrow \psi(0, y) = \sum_{i=1}^s b_i f(y) \stackrel{!}{=} f(y) \Leftrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^s b_i = 1$$

an order condition      Consistency conditions for Rk-SSM

Examples :

Explicit Euler method (11.2.7):

$$s = 1$$

$$\begin{array}{c|cc} 0 & 0 \\ \hline & 1 \end{array} \Rightarrow \text{order} = 1$$

explicit trapezoidal rule (11.4.6):

$$s = 2$$

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \Rightarrow \text{order} = 2$$

Classical 4th-order RK-SSM:

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{2}{6} & \frac{2}{6} & \frac{1}{6} \end{array} \Rightarrow \text{order} = 4$$

Goal : High order few stages

order $p$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	$\geq 9$
minimal no. $s$ of stages	1	2	3	4	6	7	9	11	$\geq p+3$

Why is high order desirable ?  $s = \text{no. of stages}$

→ For the sake of efficiency !

Order - p method : assume  $\text{err}(h) \propto Ch^p$

Cost:  $W \propto \frac{s}{h} \approx \text{no. of equidistant timeskip}$

To achieve error reduction by factor  $S > 1$

$$\frac{\mathcal{E} h_{\text{old}}^p}{\mathcal{E} h_{\text{new}}^p} = S$$

$$h_{\text{new}} = S^{-\frac{1}{p}} \cdot h_{\text{old}}$$

$$W_{\text{new}} = S^{\frac{1}{p}} \cdot W_{\text{old}}$$

The larger  $p$ , the less effort is needed for prescribed error reduction.

→  $\sim \# f\text{-evaluations}$

## 12 Convergence analysis: explicit Euler (equid. timestep)

Assume:

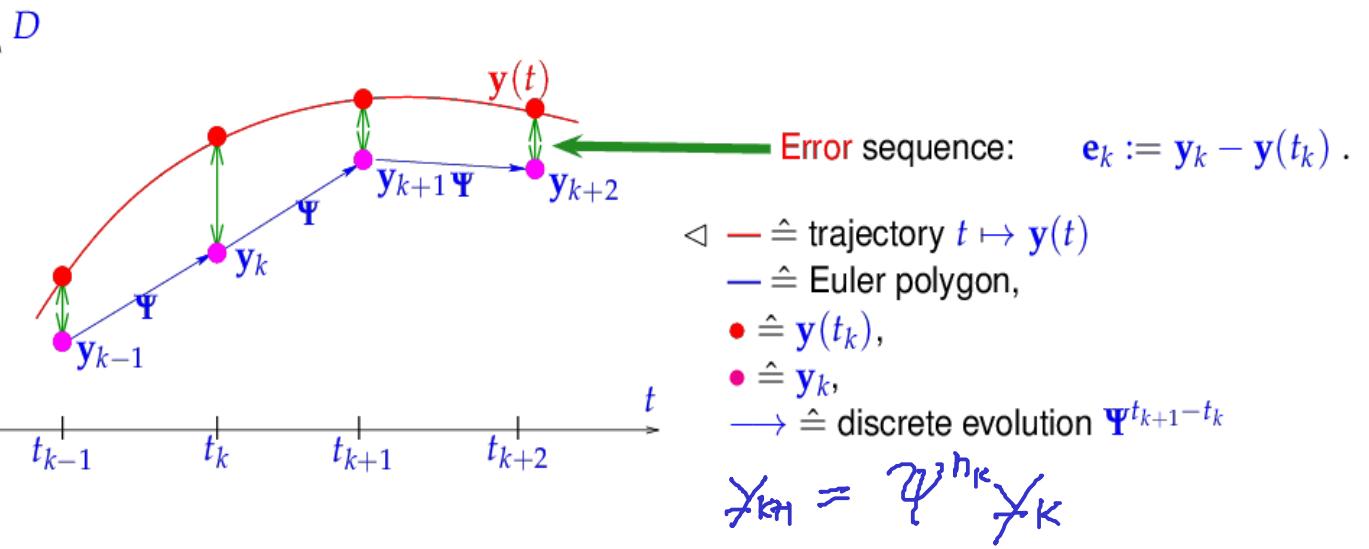
- $f$  smooth

$$\|f(\bar{y}) - f(\underline{z})\| \leq L \|y - z\| \quad (*)$$

Error:  $e_k := y_k - \bar{y}(t_k) \Rightarrow \Psi^h y = \bar{y} + h f(y)$

$$y_{k+1} = y_k + h f(y_k), \quad k = 1, \dots, N-1.$$

(11.2.7)

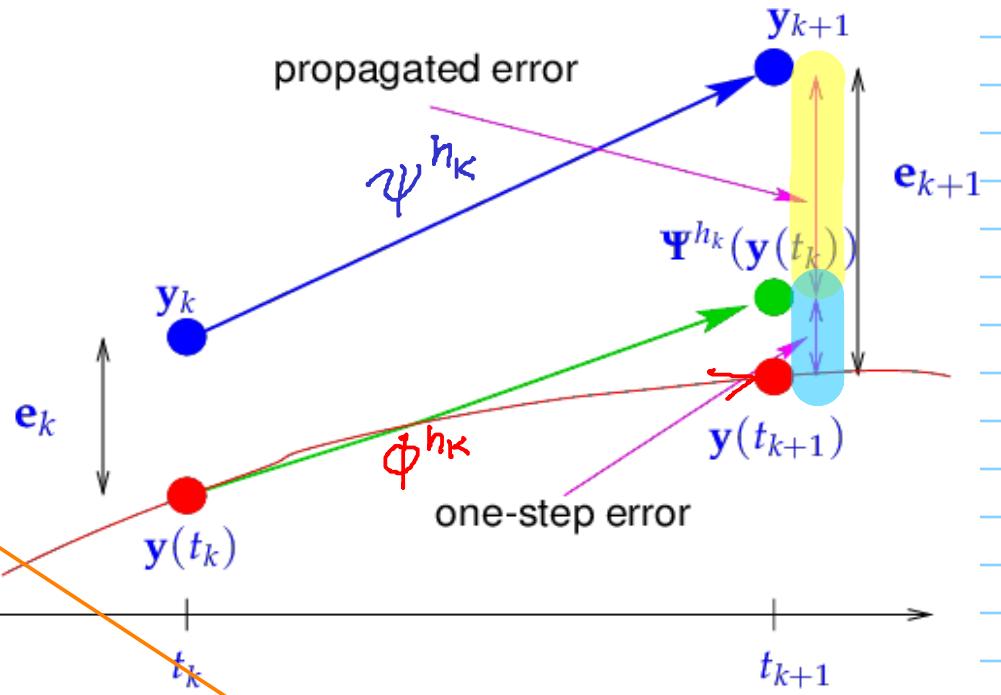


### Fundamental error splitting

$$\begin{aligned} e_{k+1} &= \Psi^{h_k} y_k - \Phi^{h_k} y(t_k) \\ &= \underbrace{\Psi^{h_k} y_k - \Psi^{h_k} y(t_k)}_{\text{propagated error}} \\ &\quad + \underbrace{\Psi^{h_k} y(t_k) - \Phi^{h_k} y(t_k)}_{\text{one-step error}}. \end{aligned} \quad (11.3.25)$$

$$\bar{y}(t_{k+1}) = \Phi^{h_k} \bar{y}(t_k)$$

exact solution



Propagated error:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Psi^h y_k - \Psi^h y(t_k)\| &= \|y_k + h f(y_k) - y(t_k) - h f(y(t_k))\| \\ &= \|e_k + h (f(y_k) - f(y(t_k)))\| \\ &\stackrel{(*)}{\leq} (1+hL) \|e_k\| \end{aligned}$$

One step error:

$$\Psi^h y(t_k) - \bar{y}(t_k + h) = \bar{y}(t_k) + h \dot{y}(t_k) - \bar{y}(t_k + h)$$

Use ODE:  $\bar{y}(t_k) + h \dot{y}(t_k) - \bar{y}(t_k + h)$

Taylor  $= \frac{1}{2} h^2 \ddot{y}(\tau), \quad t_k \leq \tau \leq t_{k+1}$

③ Obtain *recursion* for error norms  $\epsilon_k := \|\mathbf{e}_k\|$  by  $\triangle$ -inequality:

$$\epsilon_{k+1} \leq (1 + h_k L) \epsilon_k + \rho_k, \quad \rho_k := \frac{1}{2} h_k^2 \max_{t_k \leq \tau \leq t_{k+1}} \|\ddot{\mathbf{y}}(\tau)\|. \quad (11.30)$$

$\downarrow$   
bound for one-step error

Taking into account  $\epsilon_0 = 0$ , this leads to

$$\epsilon_k \leq \sum_{l=1}^k \prod_{j=1}^{l-1} (1 + Lh_j) \rho_l, \quad k = 1, \dots, N. \quad (11.31)$$

Use the elementary estimate  $(1 + Lh_j) \leq \exp(Lh_j)$  (by convexity of exponential function):

$$(11.31) \Rightarrow \epsilon_k \leq \sum_{l=1}^k \prod_{j=1}^{l-1} \exp(Lh_j) \cdot \rho_l = \sum_{l=1}^k \exp(L \sum_{j=1}^{l-1} h_j) \rho_l.$$

Note:  $\sum_{j=1}^{l-1} h_j \leq T$  for final time  $T$  and conclude

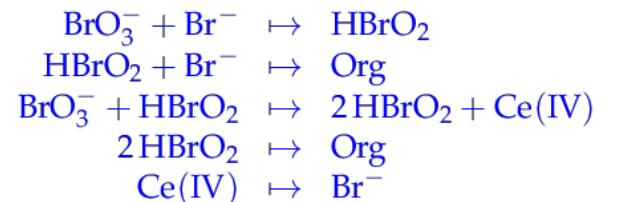
$$\epsilon_k \leq \exp(LT) \sum_{l=1}^k \rho_l \leq \exp(LT) \max_k \frac{\rho_k}{h_k} \sum_{l=1}^k h_l \leq T \exp(LT) \max_{l=1, \dots, k} h_l \cdot \max_{t_0 \leq \tau \leq t_k} \|\ddot{\mathbf{y}}(\tau)\|. \\ \blacktriangleright \quad \|y_k - \mathbf{y}(t_k)\| \leq T \exp(LT) \max_{l=1, \dots, k} h_l \cdot \max_{t_0 \leq \tau \leq t_k} \|\ddot{\mathbf{y}}(\tau)\|. \quad (11.32)$$

$\epsilon_k$   
↑  
1st-order alg. cog.  $O(h)$

## 11.5. Adaptive Stepsize Control

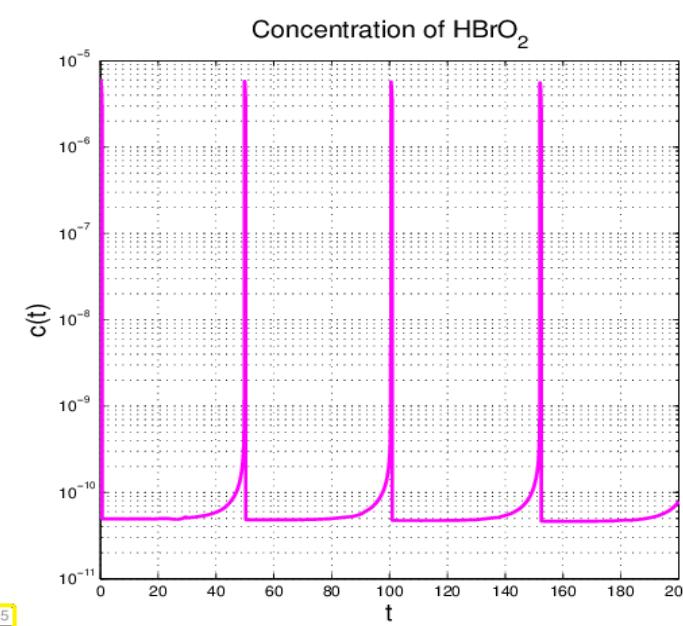
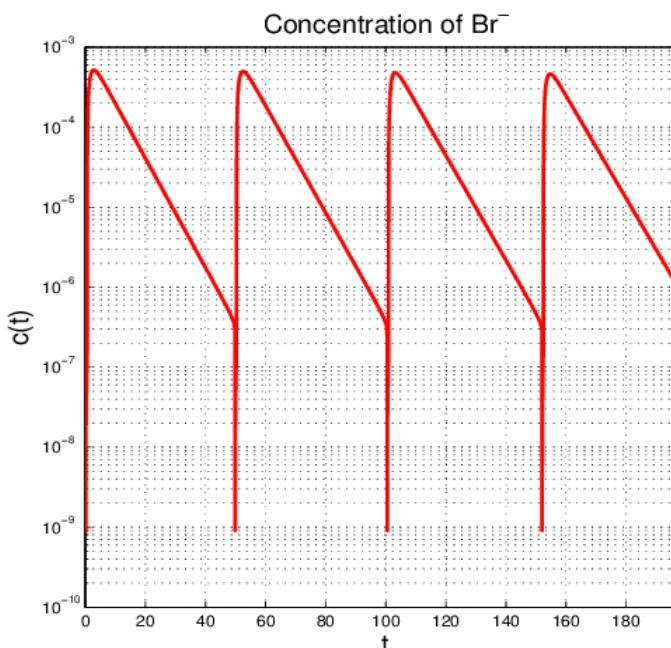
Example:

This is a special case of an "oscillating" Zhabotinski-Belousov reaction [?]:



ODE

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 := c(\text{BrO}_3^-): \quad \dot{y}_1 &= -k_1 y_1 y_2 - k_3 y_1 y_3, \\ y_2 := c(\text{Br}^-): \quad \dot{y}_2 &= -k_1 y_1 y_2 - k_2 y_2 y_3 + k_5 y_5, \\ y_3 := c(\text{HBrO}_2): \quad \dot{y}_3 &= k_1 y_1 y_2 - k_2 y_2 y_3 + k_3 y_1 y_3 - 2k_4 y_3^2, \\ y_4 := c(\text{Org}): \quad \dot{y}_4 &= k_2 y_2 y_3 + k_4 y_3^2, \\ y_5 := c(\text{Ce(IV)}): \quad \dot{y}_5 &= k_3 y_1 y_3 - k_5 y_5, \end{aligned} \quad (11.5.3)$$



$y(t) = \text{highly non-uniform in time}$

14

→ suggest use of highly non-uniform temporal meshes

Example: Blow-up

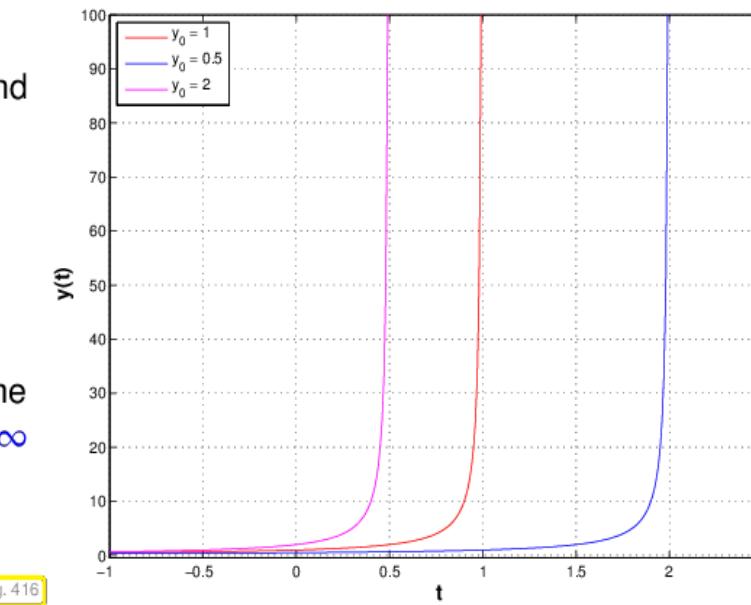
We return to the "explosion ODE" of Ex. 11.1.35 and consider the scalar autonomous IVP:

$$\dot{y} = y^2, \quad y(0) = y_0 > 0.$$

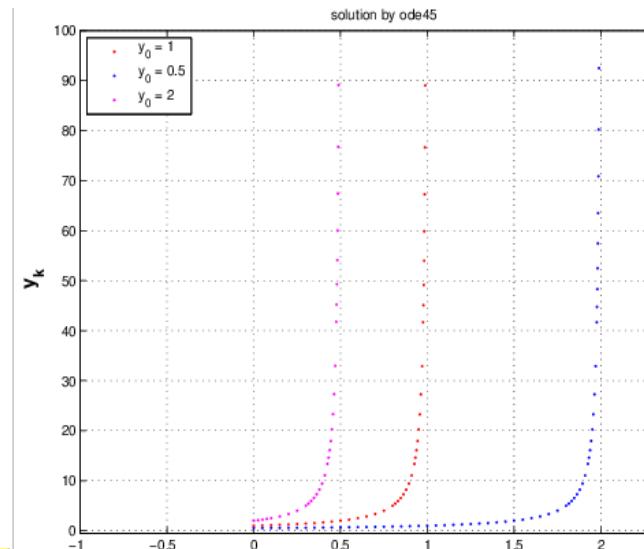
$$\Rightarrow y(t) = \frac{y_0}{1 - y_0 t}, \quad t < 1/y_0.$$

As we have seen a solution exists only for finite time and then suffers a **Blow-up**, that is,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1/y_0} y(t) = \infty$

$$J(y_0) = ]-\infty, 1/y_0[$$



Expl. Euler & uniform timestep → no "numerical blow-up"



Simulation with MATLAB's ode45:

**MATLAB-code 11.5.5:**

```

1 fun = @(t,y) y.^2;
2 [t1,y1] = ode45(fun, [0 2], 1);
3 [t2,y2] = ode45(fun, [0
2], 0.5);
4 [t3,y3] = ode45(fun, [0 2], 2);

```

## Adaptive step size selection

### Stepsize adaptation for single step methods

Objective:  $N$  as small as possible &  $\max_{k=1,\dots,N} \|y(t_k) - y_k\| < \text{TOL}$  or  $\|y(T) - y_N\| < \text{TOL}$ ,  $\text{TOL} = \text{tolerance}$

Policy: Try to curb/balance one-step error by

- ◆ adjusting current stepsize  $h_k$ ,
- ◆ predicting suitable next timestep  $h_{k+1}$

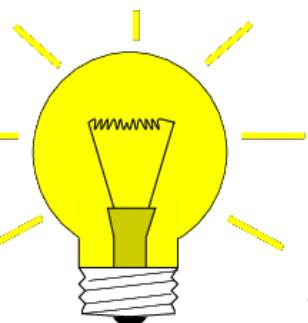
Tool: Local-in-time one-step error estimator (a posteriori, based on  $y_k, h_{k-1}$ )

local-in-time  
stepsize control

use merely  $y_k$  &  $h_k$   
↳ cheap

(I)

by comparing two SSM of  
different order



Idea:

Estimation of one-step error

Compare results for two discrete evolutions  $\Psi^h, \tilde{\Psi}^h$  of different order over current timestep  $h$ :

If  $\text{Order}(\tilde{\Psi}) > \text{Order}(\Psi)$ , then we expect

$$= y(t_{k+1})$$

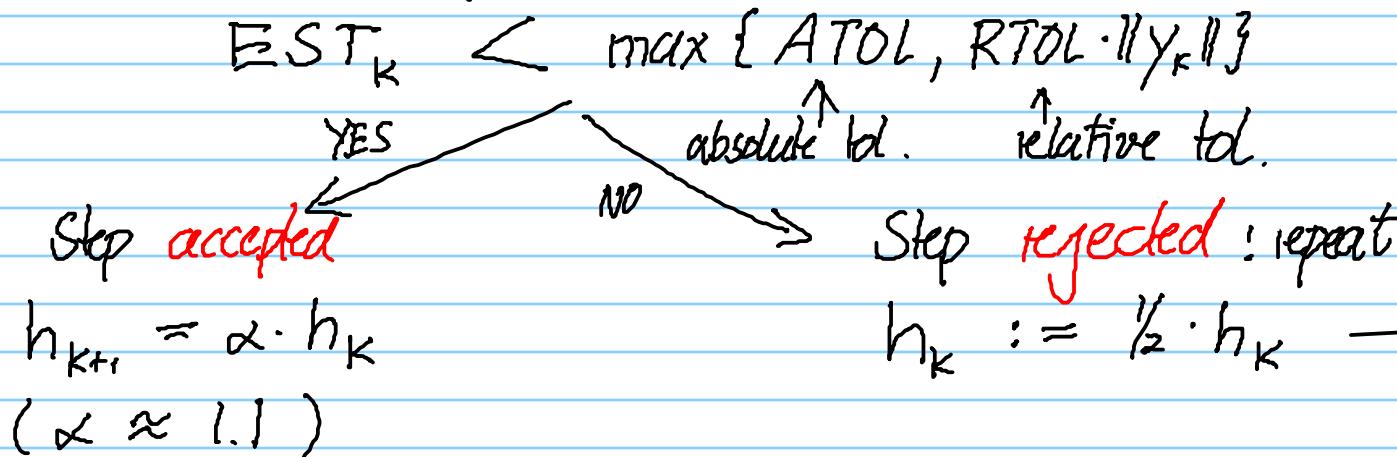
$$\underbrace{\Phi^h y(t_k) - \Psi^h y(t_k)}_{\text{one-step error}} \approx \text{EST}_k := \underbrace{\tilde{\Psi}^h y(t_k) - \Psi^h y(t_k)}_{\text{Heuristics for concrete } h}.$$

replaces exact solution

↳ computable

(11.5.8)

Heuristics for concrete  $h$

(II) Stepsize adaptation based on  $\text{EST}_k$ 

↓  
next step

Algorithm: Embedded RK - SSM

$\psi, \tilde{\psi} \leftrightarrow$  same increments

0				
$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$			
$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$		
$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$		
$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	0	$\frac{3}{8}$	
1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$-\frac{3}{2}$	2
$y_1$	$\frac{1}{6}$	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{1}{6}$
$\hat{y}_1$	$\frac{1}{10}$	0	$\frac{3}{10}$	$\frac{2}{5}$

$\rightarrow \tilde{\psi}$  (order 5)

$\rightarrow \psi$  (order 4)

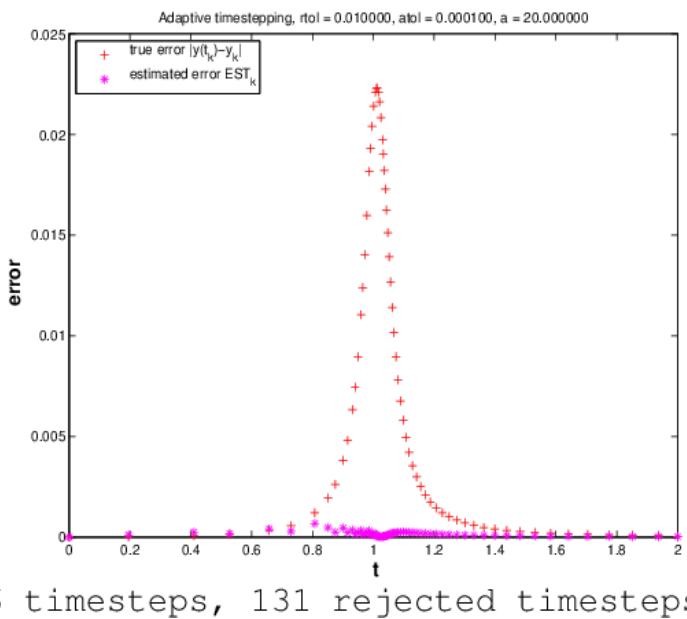
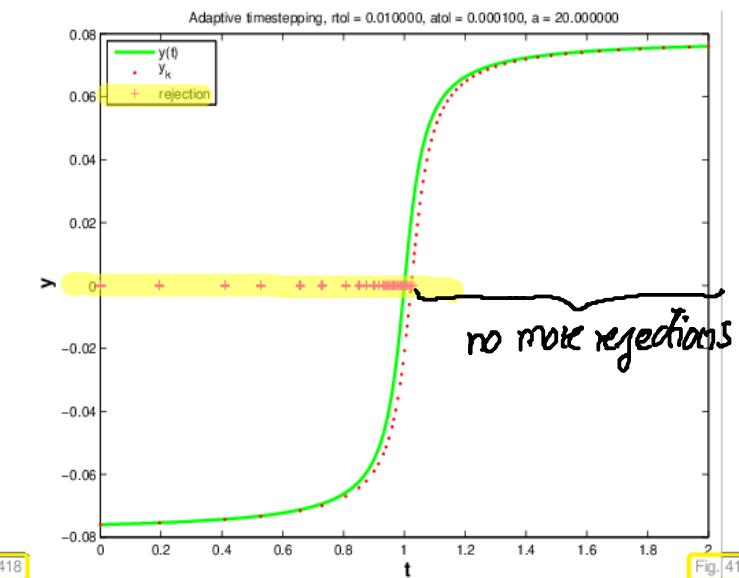
(I)

Remark :

$$y_{k+1} = \tilde{\psi}^{h_k} y_k$$

→ Estimate error of  $\psi$   
but use  $\tilde{\psi}$  for timeskipping } works!

Example :  $\dot{y} = \cos(\alpha y) \rightarrow$  a certain solution



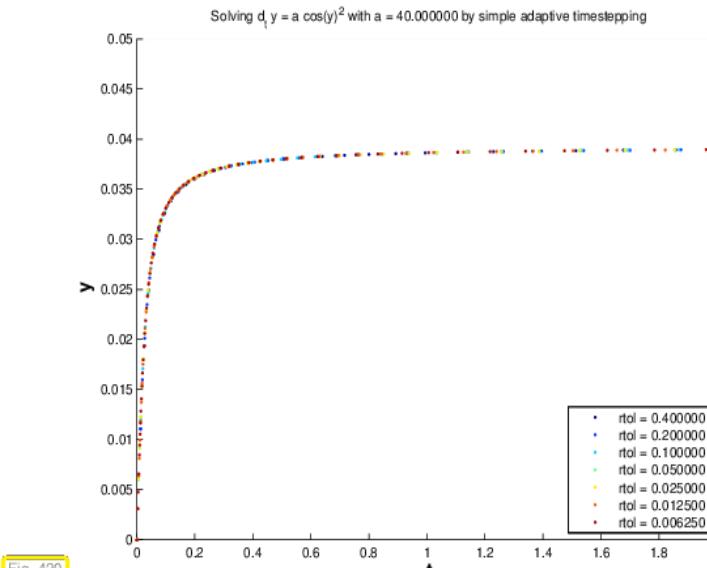
$\text{EST}_k$  are not related to total error!

### C++11 code 11.5.11: Simple local stepsize control for single step methods

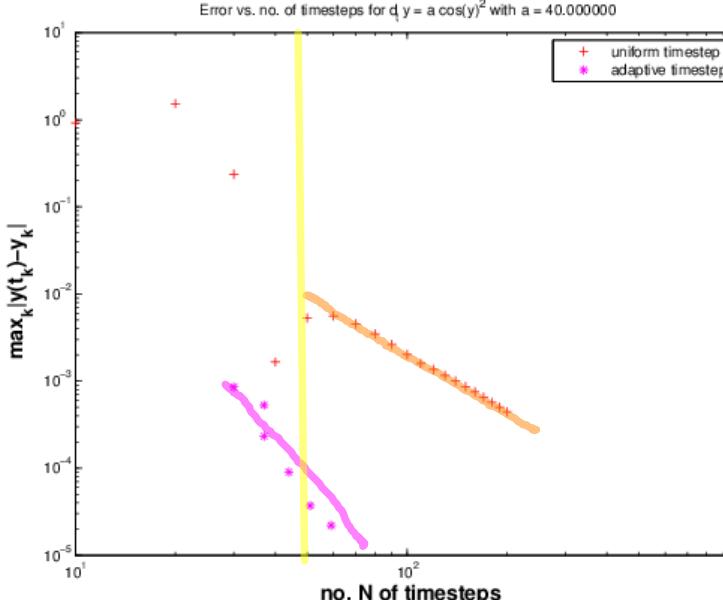
```

2 // Auxiliary function: default norm for an EIGEN vector type
3 template <class State>
4 double _norm(const State &y) { return y.norm(); }
5
6 template <class DiscEvolOp, class State, class NormFunc =
7     decltype(_norm<State>)>
8 std::vector<std::pair<double, State>>
9 odeintadapt(DiscEvolOp &Psihigh, DiscEvolOp &Psihigh,
10             State& y0, double T, double h0,
11             double reltol, double abstol, double hmin,
12             NormFunc &norm = _norm<State>)
13 {
14     double t = 0; // initial time
15     State y = y0; // initial state
16     double h = h0; // timestep to start with
17     std::vector<std::pair<double, State>> states; // for output
18     states.push_back({t, y});
19
20     while ((states.back().first < T) && (h >= hmin)) { //
21         State yh = Psihigh(h, y0); // high order discrete evolution  $\Psi^h$ 
22         State yH = Psilow(h, y0); // low order discrete evolution  $\Psi^h$ 
23         double est = norm(yH-yh); // local error estimate  $EST_k$ 
24         if (est < max(reltol*norm(y0), abstol)) { // step accepted
25             y0 = yh; // use high order approximation
26             t = t+min(T-t, h); // next time  $t_k$ 
27             states.push_back({t, y0}); //
28             h = 1.1*h; // try with increased stepsize
29         }
30         else // step rejected
31             h = h/2; // try with half the stepsize
32     }
33     // Numerical integration has ground to a halt !
34     if (h < hmin) {
35         cerr << "Warning: Failure at t=" << states.back().first
36         << ". Unable to meet integration tolerances without reducing
37         the step "
38         << "size below the smallest value allowed (" << hmin << ")"
39         " at time t." << endl;
40     }
41     return states;
42 }
```

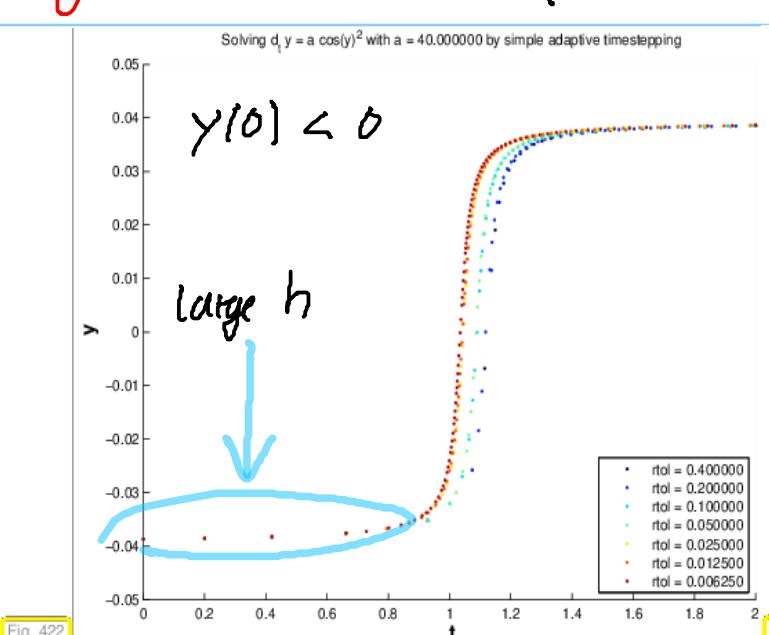
$$y(0) = 0$$



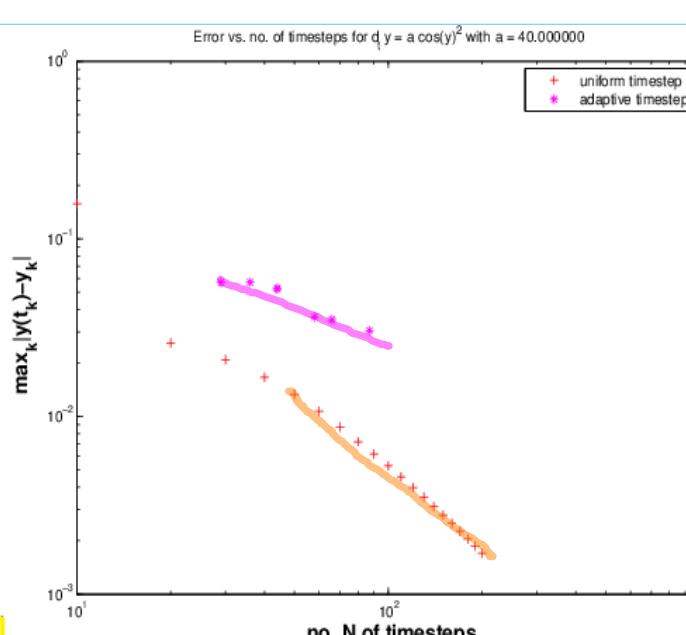
Solutions  $(y_k)_k$  for different values of rtol



Error vs. computational effort



Solutions  $(y_k)_k$  for different values of rtol



Error vs. computational effort

$\checkmark$  atol, rtol  $\times$  true size of error

O

17

Here: Position of step has sensitive dependence  
on  $y(t)$

“Wrong result” is still acceptable!

[ $\rightarrow$  Backward error analysis]

Stepsize prediction:

More ambitious goal!

When  $EST_k > TOL$ : stepsize adjustment better  $h_k = ?$

When  $EST_k < TOL$ : stepsize prediction good  $h_{k+1} = ?$

$$\Psi \stackrel{\approx}{=} \text{order } p \quad \tilde{\Psi} \stackrel{\approx}{=} \text{order } p+1$$

$$EST_k := \tilde{\Psi}^h y_k - \Psi^h y_k$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi^{h_k} y(t_k) - \Phi^{h_k} y(t_k) &\stackrel{\approx}{=} ch_k^{p+1} + O(h_k^{p+2}), \\ \tilde{\Psi}^{h_k} y(t_k) - \Phi^{h_k} y(t_k) &\stackrel{\approx}{=} O(h_k^{p+2}). \end{aligned} \Rightarrow EST_k \stackrel{\approx}{=} ch_k^{p+1}. \quad (11.5.18)$$

Efficient timestep  $h^*$ :

$$c = \left( \frac{h_k^{p+1}}{EST_k} \right)^{-1} \Rightarrow c(h^*)^{p+1} = TOL$$

$$EST_k^* = TOL \quad (\text{Goal})$$

“Optimal timestep”:  
(stepsize prediction)

$$h_* = h_k^{p+1} \sqrt{\frac{TOL}{EST_k}}. \quad (11.5.21)$$

C++11 code 11.5.22: Refined local stepsize control for single step methods

```

2 // Auxiliary function: default norm for an EIGEN vector type
3 template <class State>
4 double _norm(const State &y) { return y.norm(); }
5
6 template <class DiscEvolOp, class State, class NormFunc =
7 decltype(_norm<State>)>
8 std::vector<std::pair<double, State>>
9 odeintssctrl(DiscEvolOp &Psilow, unsigned int p, DiscEvolOp &Psihigh,
10 State& y0, double T, double h0,
11 double reltol, double abstol, double hmin,
12 NormFunc &norm = _norm<State>()) {
13 double t = 0; // initial time
14 State y = y0; // initial state
15 double h = h0; // timestep to start with
16 std::vector<std::pair<double, State>> states; // for output
17 states.push_back({t, y});
18
19 // Main timestepping loop
20 while ((states.back().first < T) && (h >= hmin)) { //
21 State yh = Psihigh(h, y0); // high order discrete evolution  $\tilde{\Psi}^h$ 
22 State yH = Psilow(h, y0); // low order discrete evolution  $\Psi^h$ 
23 double est = norm(yH - yh); //  $\leftrightarrow EST_k$ 
24 double tol = max(reltol * norm(y0), abstol); // effective tolerance
25
26 // Optimal stepsize according to (11.5.21)
27 h = h * max(0.5, min(2., pow(tol / est, 1. / (p + 1)))); //
28 if (est < tol) // step accepted
29     states.push_back({t = t + min(T - t, h), y0 = yh}); // store next
30     // approximate state
31 } if (h < hmin) {
32     cerr << "Warning: Failure at t="
33     << states.back().first
34     << ". Unable to meet integration tolerances without reducing
35     the step"
36     << " size below the smallest value allowed ("<< hmin <<") at
37     time t." << endl;
38 }
39 return states;
40 }
```

