

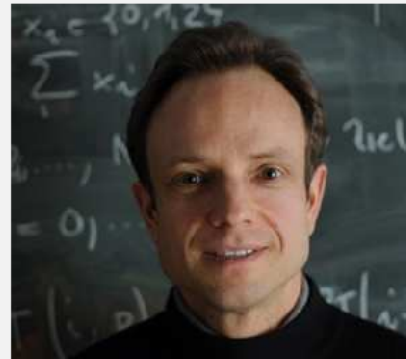
Course Video

Section 6.4: Explicit Runge-Kutta Single-Step Methods (RKSSMs)

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Prerequisites.

- Numerical quadrature in 1D

Dependencies. [Lecture → Section 6.3], [Lecture → Section 3.3.5]

Duration: minutes



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VI. Numerical Integration –
Single-Step Methods6.4. Explicit Runge-Kutta
Single-Step Methods

$$\text{IVP: } \begin{aligned} \dot{\gamma}(t) &= \underline{f}(t, \gamma) \quad , \quad \underline{f} : I \times \mathcal{D} \longrightarrow \mathcal{D} \subset \mathbb{R}^N \\ \gamma(t_0) &= \gamma_0 \in \mathcal{D} \end{aligned}$$

SSM: [autonomous case]

$$\gamma_{k+1} = \underline{\Psi}^{t_{k+1}, t_k} \gamma_k$$

[general case]

$$\gamma_{k+1} = \underline{\Psi}^{t_{k+1}, t_k} \gamma_k$$

goal: Construction of high-order SSMs

② § 6.4.0.1 (Rationale for high-order)

Order $\longleftrightarrow$ rate of asymptotic algebraic conv.

Order of algebraic convergence of single-step methods

Consider an IVP (6.1.3.2) with solution $t \mapsto \mathbf{y}(t)$ and a single step method defined by the discrete evolution Ψ ($\rightarrow$ Def. 6.3.1.4). If the one-step error along the solution trajectory satisfies (Φ is the evolution map associated with the ODE, see Def. 6.1.4.3)

$$\|\Psi^h \mathbf{y}(t) - \Phi^h \mathbf{y}(t)\| \leq Ch^{p+1} \quad \forall h \text{ sufficiently small, } t \in [0, T], \quad (6.3.2.22)$$

for some $p \in \mathbb{N}$ and $C > 0$, then, usually,

$$\varepsilon(h) := \max_k \|\mathbf{y}_k - \mathbf{y}(t_k)\| \leq \bar{C} h_{\mathcal{M}}^p,$$

with $\bar{C} > 0$ independent of the temporal mesh $\mathcal{M}$: The (pointwise) discretization error converges algebraically with order/rate p .

$\rightarrow$ value unknown

[Same considerations as in the context of convergence theory for FEMs for BVPs : Sect. 3.3.5]

Question we can answer :

How much additional effort do we have to invest for a desired gain (in accuracy)

Order- p SSM :

Assume sharpness : $\varepsilon(h) \approx Ch^p$ (*)

Effort : $\# \{f\text{-eval.}\} \sim \# \{\text{steps}\} \sim h^{-1}$

Gain : error reduction by factor $S > 1$

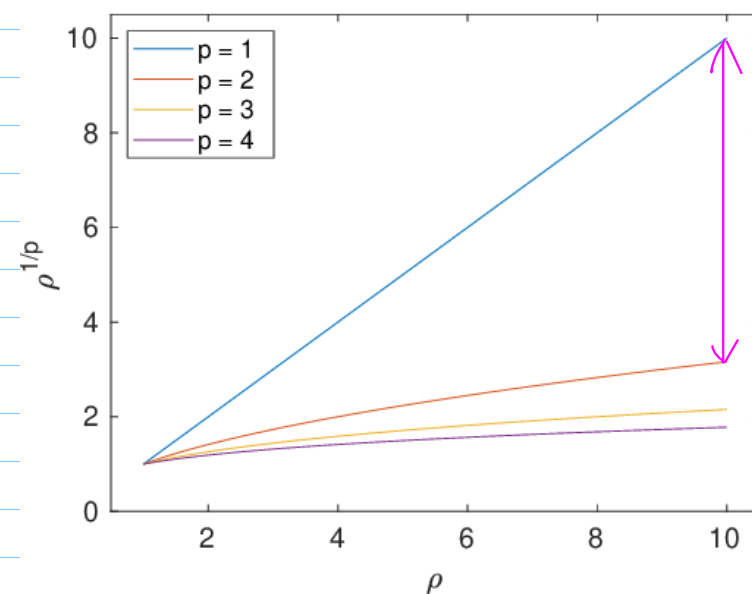
$$\frac{\cancel{Ch_{\text{old}}^p}}{\cancel{Ch_{\text{new}}^p}} \stackrel{(*)}{\approx} \frac{\varepsilon(h_{\text{old}})}{\varepsilon(h_{\text{new}})} \stackrel{!}{=} S$$

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

increase effort by factor $\rho^{1/p}$

reduce error by factor $\rho > 1$

$\uparrow$ the smaller the larger p



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§ 6.4.0.2. (Bootstrap construction of explicit SSMs)

IVP: $\dot{y}(t) = f(t, y(t))$, $y(t_0) = y_0 \Rightarrow y(t_1) = y_0 + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} f(\tau, y(\tau)) d\tau$

$\Leftrightarrow y(t_1) = y_0 + h \int_0^1 f(t_0 + \xi h, y(t_0 + \xi h)) d\xi$
 $[h := t_1 - t_0]$

Idea: Apply s -point **quadrature rule** on $[0, 1]$, weights w_j , nodes c_j

$\Rightarrow y_1 = y_0 + h \sum_{j=1}^s w_j f(t_0 + c_j h, y(t_0 + c_j h))$

Idea: $y(t_0 + c_j h)$ by "bootstrapping":
 $\hookrightarrow$ by simpler (cheaper) lower-order SSM

▽ Error of simpler method multiplied with h

Ex. 6.4.0.4 (Simple Runge-Kutta methods by bootstrapping)

• Quadrature formula: 1D trapezoidal rule

$s = 2, \quad c_1 = 0, \quad c_2 = 1, \quad w_1 = w_2 = 1/2$

• Simple SSM: Explicit Euler

$y_1 = y_0 + h \sum_{j=1}^s w_j f(t_0 + c_j h, y(t_0 + c_j h))$
 $\rightarrow y_0 + c_j h f(t_0, y_0)$

$\triangleright y_1 = y_0 + h \cdot 1/2 \cdot (f(t_0, y_0) + f(t_0 + h, y_0 + h f(t_0, y_0))) \leftarrow$

$\hat{=}$ **explicit trapezoidal method**

II Why explicit?

Rewritten:

$\underline{k}_1 = f(t_0, y_0)$

$\underline{k}_2 = f(t_0 + h, y_0 + h \underline{k}_1)$

$y_1 = y_0 + h (\frac{1}{2} \underline{k}_1 + \frac{1}{2} \underline{k}_2) \leftarrow$

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- Quadrature formula: 1D midpoint rule
 $S = 1$, $c_1 = \frac{1}{2}$, $w_1 = 1$

- Simple SSM: explicit Euler

$$y(t_i) \approx y_0 + h \sum_{j=1}^S w_j f(t_0 + c_j h, y(t_0 + c_j h))$$

$\rightarrow y_0 + c_j h f(t_0, y_0)$

$$\triangleright y_1 = y_0 + h f(t_0 + \frac{1}{2}h, y_0 + \frac{1}{2}h f(y_0)) \leftarrow$$

$\hat{=}$ explicit midpoint method

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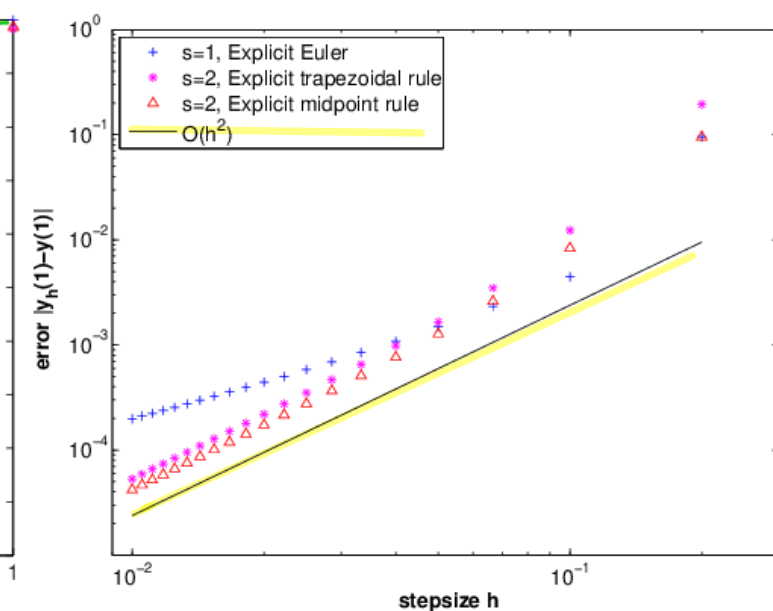
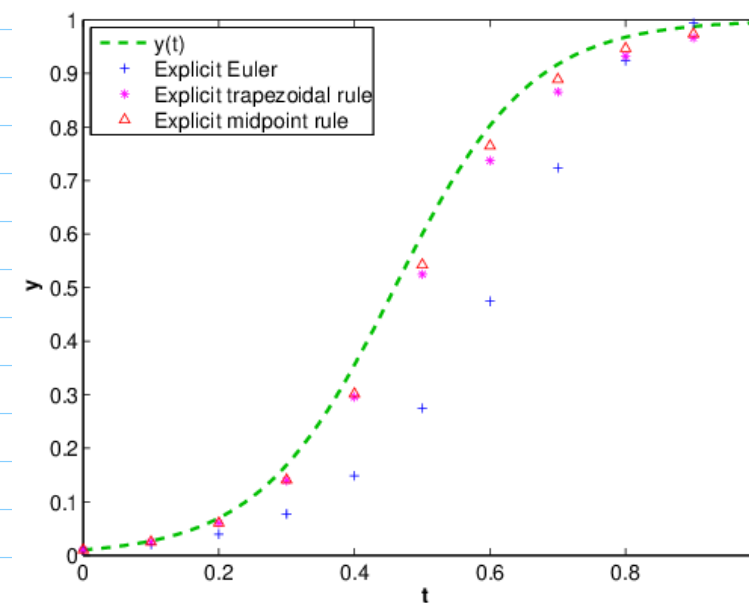
$$\underline{k}_1 = f(t_0, y_0)$$

$$\underline{k}_2 = f(t_0 + \frac{1}{2}h, y_0 + \frac{1}{2}h \underline{k}_1)$$

$$y_1 = y_0 + h \underline{k}_2 \leftarrow$$

Ex 6.4.0.8 (Convergence of simple RK-SSMs)

- IVP: $\dot{y} = 10y(1-y)$ (scalar logistic ODE (6.1.2.2)), initial value $y(0) = 0.01$, final time $T = 1$,
- Explicit single step methods, uniform timestep h .



$y_h(j/10)$, $j = 1, \dots, 10$ for explicit RK-methods

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

$\downarrow$
 EMM/ETM $\rightarrow$ emp. alg.
 conv. rate = 2

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Suggests general formula

→ f-eval. enough

Definition 6.4.0.9. 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 $\dot{y} = f(t, y)$, $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$, is defined by ($y_0 \in D$)

$$k_i := f(t_0 + c_i h, y_0 + h \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_{ij} k_j), \quad i = 1, \dots, s, \quad y_1 := y_0 + h \sum_{i=1}^s b_i k_i = \Psi^h y_0$$

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

→ Compute $k_1 \rightarrow k_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow k_s$

Notation

Butcher scheme notation for explicit RK-SSM

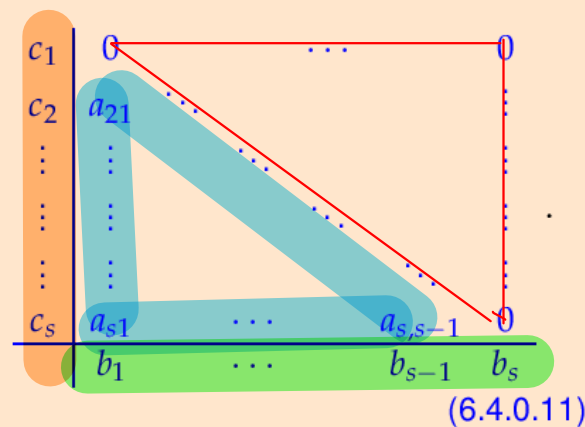
Shorthand notation for (explicit) Runge-Kutta methods

Butcher scheme

(Note that $\mathcal{A}$ is a strictly lower triangular $s \times s$ -matrix)

Butcher matrix

$$\begin{array}{c|c} c & \mathcal{A} \\ \hline & b^T \end{array} :=$$



Discrete evolution for s-stage RK-SSM for autonomous ODE $\dot{y} = f(y)$?

$$\Psi^h y = y + h \sum_{i=1}^s b_i k_i$$

Consistency of RK-SSMs

Consistent discrete evolution [for autonomous ODE]

The discrete evolution Ψ defining a single step method according to Def. 6.3.1.4 and (6.3.1.5) for the autonomous ODE $\dot{y} = f(y)$ must be of the form

$$\Psi^h y = y + h \psi(h, y) \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{array}{l} \psi: I \times D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N \text{ continuous,} \\ \psi(0, y) = f(y). \end{array} \quad (6.3.1.10)$$

$$\text{For } h = 0: \quad k_i = f(y) \\ \psi(0, y) = \sum_{i=1}^s b_i f(y) \stackrel{!}{=} f(y)$$

Corollary 6.4.0.13. Consistent Runge-Kutta single step methods

A Runge-Kutta single step method according to Def. 6.4.0.9 is **consistent** (→ Def. 6.3.1.11) with the ODE $\dot{y} = f(t, y)$, if and only if

$$\sum_{i=1}^s b_i = 1.$$

⑥ Ex. 6.4.0.15 (Butcher schemes for some explicit RK-SSMs)

Explicit Euler method (6.2.1.4):

$$\begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 0 \\ \hline & 1 \end{array}$$

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order = 1

explicit trapezoidal method (6.4.0.6):

$$\begin{array}{c|cc} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{array}$$

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order = 2

explicit midpoint method (6.4.0.7):

$$\begin{array}{c|cc} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ \hline & 0 & 1 \end{array}$$

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order = 2

Classical 4th-order RK-SSM:

$$s = 4$$

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{2}{6} & \frac{2}{6} & \frac{1}{6} \end{array}$$

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order = 4

Kutta's 3/8-method:

$$s = 4$$

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{3}{8} & \frac{3}{8} & \frac{1}{8} \end{array}$$

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order = 4

Please answer review questions

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review questions 6.4.0.18

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Practical derivation by *order conditions* for coefficients c_j, b_i, a_{ij}

