# 10.34: Numerical Methods Applied to Chemical Engineering

Lecture 16: ODE-IVP and Numerical Integration

#### Quiz I Results

- Mean: 70.6
- Standard deviation: 11.0



• Implicit methods for ODE-IVPs

#### • Example:

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Give a closed form formula for the numerical solution

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• Let:  

$$x_{k} = x(k\Delta t)$$

$$x_{k+1} = x_{k} + \Delta t\lambda x_{k+1}$$

$$x_{k+1} = \frac{1}{1 - \Delta t\lambda} x_{k}$$

$$\Delta t\lambda$$

$$x_{k} = \left(\frac{1}{1 - \Delta t\lambda}\right)^{k} x_{0}$$
• Stability:

$$|1 - \Delta t\lambda| \ge 1 \Rightarrow (1 - \Delta t \operatorname{Re}\lambda)^2 + (\Delta t \operatorname{Im}\lambda)^2 \ge 1$$

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• Numerical solution:

$$x_k = \left(\frac{1}{1 - \Delta t\lambda}\right)^k x_0$$

• Exact solution:

$$x_k = x_0 e^{k\lambda\Delta t}$$

• Stability and accuracy do not correlate!



- Multistep methods utilize information over multiple time steps to approximate the solution of an ODE.
- These can be designed for higher accuracy, larger stability bounds or both.
- Example: Leapfrog method

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

• Approximate derivative with central difference:

$$\frac{1}{2\Delta t} \left( \mathbf{x}(t + \Delta t) - \mathbf{x}(t - \Delta t) \right) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}(t), t)$$
$$\mathbf{x}(t_{k+1}) = \mathbf{x}(t_{k-1}) + 2\Delta t \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}(t_k), t_k)$$
$$\frac{k - 1}{k + 1}$$

• Local accuracy of the leap frog method:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \frac{1}{2\Delta t} \left( \mathbf{x}(t_{k+1}) - \mathbf{x}(t_{k-1}) \right) + O\left((\Delta t)^2\right) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}(t_k), t_k)$$
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Stability of the leap frog method:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \lambda x$$

$$x_{k+1} = x_{k-1} + 2\Delta t \lambda x_k$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_{k+1} \\ x_k \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2\Delta t\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_k \\ x_{k-1} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} x_{k+1} \\ x_k \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{C}^k \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 2\Delta t\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

What are the eigenvalues of this matrix?

• Local accuracy of the leap frog method:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} &= \frac{1}{2\Delta t} \left( \mathbf{x}(t_{k+1}) - \mathbf{x}(t_{k-1}) \right) + O((\Delta t)^2) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}(t_k), t_k) \\ \mathbf{x}(t_{k+1}) &= \mathbf{x}(t_{k-1}) + 2\Delta t \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}(t_k), t_k) + O((\Delta t)^3) \end{aligned}$$

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• Stability of the leap frog method:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \lambda x$$

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Both eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{C}$  must be bounded:  $\bullet$ 

$$\begin{split} |\Delta t\lambda \pm \sqrt{(\Delta t\lambda)^2 + 1}| &\leq 1 \\ \text{consider when } |\Delta t\lambda| \ll 1: \\ |\Delta t\lambda \pm 1| &\leq 1 \end{split} \qquad \overbrace{-i}^{j_0}$$

- Exercise:
  - Should I use the leap frog method to integrate the equations of motion for a mass-spring system?

$$m\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -kx$$

- If so, what time steps should I limit myself to?
- If not, what other integrator could I use?

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- Transform to system of first order ODEs:  $\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} v \\ x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -k/m \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v \\ x \end{pmatrix}$
- Eigenvalues of matrix:  $\lambda = \pm i \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$
- Since eigenvalues are imaginary, leap frog is stable when:

$$\Delta t < \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$$

- Multistep methods can be implicit as well such as the backward differentiation formulas or Adams-Moulton integrators.
- Example: Backwards differentiation

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \frac{4}{3}\mathbf{x}_k - \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{x}_{k-1} + \frac{2}{3}\Delta t \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_{k+1}, t_{k+1})$$

- Second order accurate.
- How would you identify the stability bounds?

• Consider the definite integral:

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_f} \mathbf{f}(\tau) d\tau$$

• We can define a variable:

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \int_{t_0}^t \mathbf{f}(\tau) d\tau$$

- which, if  $\mathbf{f}(t)$  is continuous, satisfies the differential equation:  $\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{f}(\tau), \quad \mathbf{x}(t_0) = 0$
- Thus, a definite integral of a known, continuous function can be determined using methods for ODE-IVPs to compute:

$$\mathbf{x}(t_f)$$

• Consider the definite integral:

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_f} \mathbf{f}(\tau) d\tau$$

- If the discontinuities in  $\mathbf{f}(t)$  are known, then ODE-IVP solvers can be used in the domain between the discontinuities too!
- If the discontinuities in  $\mathbf{f}(t)$  are unknown, then Monte-Carlo methods (discussed later are a better option).
- This approach is efficient with adaptive time stepping methods because an appropriate spacing between points can be chosen when t changes more or less rapidly with  ${\bf f}(t)$
- For multi-dimensional integrals, this approach is not as straightforward, however.

• One alternative is integration by polynomial interpolation:

$$\begin{split} \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \mathbf{f}(\tau) d\tau &= \sum_{k=1}^N \int_{t_{k-1}}^{t_k} \mathbf{f}(\tau) d\tau \approx \sum_{k=1}^N \int_{t_{k-1}}^{t_k} \mathbf{P}_k(\tau) d\tau \\ \bullet \text{ where } \mathbf{P}_k(\tau) \text{ is a polynomial approximation of } \mathbf{f}(\tau) \text{ in the domain} \\ \tau \in [t_{k-1}, t_k] \end{split}$$

- If the size of the domains of integration and the order of the polynomial interpolant can be used to control the accuracy of the integration.
- Example: quadratic interpolation Simpson's rule:

$$\mathbf{P}_{k}(\tau) = \mathbf{f}(t_{k-1}) + \frac{1}{t_{k} - t_{k-1}} \left( \mathbf{f}(t_{k}) - \mathbf{f}(t_{k-1}) \right) \left( \tau - t_{k-1} \right)$$
$$\int_{t_{k-1}}^{t_{k}} \mathbf{P}_{k}(\tau) d\tau = \frac{1}{2} \left( \mathbf{f}(t_{k}) + \mathbf{f}(t_{k-1}) \right) \left( t_{k} - t_{k-1} \right)$$

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$$\int_{t_{k-1}}^{t_k} \mathbf{P}_k(\tau) d\tau = \frac{1}{6} \left( \mathbf{f}(t_k) + 4\mathbf{f}((t_k + t_{k-1})/2) + \mathbf{f}(t_{k-1}) \right) \left( t_k - t_{k-1} \right)$$

• Multidimensional integration:

• Of the sort: 
$$\int_{y_L}^{y_U} \int_{z_L}^{z_U} \mathbf{f}(y,z) dy dz$$

- For any number of dimensions larger than 3, this is best handled with Monte Carlo methods
- For dimensions less than 3, this integration can be done with polynomial interpolation.
  - Fit the function to a polynomial of a prescribed degree within small regions of the domain of integration.
  - Sum integrals over the polynomial fits in each fit region.
  - This fails with higher dimensions because the number of fit regions grows exponentially with dimension.
    - Example:





• Improper integrals:

• Of the sort: 
$$\int_{t_0}^{\infty} \mathbf{f}(\tau) d\tau$$

• Can be split into two domains of integration

$$\int_{t_0}^{\infty} \mathbf{f}(\tau) d\tau = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \mathbf{f}(\tau) d\tau + \int_{t_f}^{\infty} \mathbf{f}(\tau) d\tau$$

- The first integral can be handled with ODE-IVP methods or polynomial interpolation
- The second must be handled separately through either:
  - transformation onto a finite domain
  - or substitution of an asymptotic approximation
- This same idea applies to integrable singularities as well.

- Improper integrals:
  - Example:



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