

# CFD FALL 2018, A. Donev

## EXPONENTIAL INTEGRATORS

This is a "brief interlude before Nick Trefethen's lecture, not a complete lecture on the topic.

Many (O/P)DEs have the form

$$u'(t) = \underbrace{A u(t)}_{\text{Stiff Linear part}} + \underbrace{B(u(t))}_{\text{Non-Stiff Nonlinear part}}$$

(e.g. diffusion,  $u_{xxx}$ )

MOL discretization of PDE

The matrix  $A$  could be constant or it can change with time / n  
 e.g.  $A(n) \Leftarrow \partial_x(d(n) u_x)$   
 $A \ n \Leftarrow \partial_x(d(u^n) u_x)$

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$\uparrow$   
 value at  $n^{\text{th}}$   
 time step.

Or, for  $u' = f(u)$   
 $A \Leftarrow \underbrace{f'(u^n)}_{\text{Jacobian}}$   
 or approximate Jacobian

The key is that  $A$  captures the stiff part of dynamics

Duhamel's principle gives

$$u^{n+1} = e^{A^n \Delta t} u^n + \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} e^{A^n(t^{n+1}-\tau)} B^n(u(\tau)) d\tau$$

Linear

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Questions:

① HARDEST: How to compute the action  
of  $\exp(A^n \Delta t)$ ?

② Answer: Krylov methods  
How to approximate the NONLINEAR  
INTEGRAL

NOTE: If  $A$  diagonal  $\Rightarrow \exp(A \Delta t) = \text{Diag}(\exp(A_{ii} \Delta t))$   
(FFT)

Approximate

$$B_n^n(u(\bar{t})) \approx B^n(u^n) \quad (4)$$

$$\int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} \exp(A^n(t_{n+1} - \tau)) d\tau = A_n^{-1} (e^{A_n \Delta t} - I)$$

Elliptic solve if

$A_n$  is diffusion  
(harder than implicit-explicit)

$$u^{n+1} = e^{A^n \Delta t} u^n + A_n^{-1} (e^{A_n \Delta t} - I) B_n(u^n)$$

$$u^{n+1} = u^n + (A^n)^{-1} (e^{A^n \Delta t} - I) \underbrace{f(u^n)}_{\text{RHS}}$$

# Truncation error analysis

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$$\begin{aligned}\delta^n &= \left( \frac{u(t_{n+1}) - u(t_n)}{\Delta t} \right) - \frac{1}{\Delta t} (A^n)^{-1} (e^{A^n \Delta t} - I) u'(t_n) \\ &= \frac{\Delta t}{2} \underbrace{\left( f'(u(t_n)) - A_n \right) u'(t_n)}_{\text{If } A_n \text{ is Jacobian}} \\ &\quad \text{then this is zero!} \\ &\quad (\text{but must be invertible})\end{aligned}$$

So first-order accurate if  $A_n \neq f'(u_n)$   
second-order if  $A_n = f'(u_n)$

Cox and Matthews also derive a set of ETD methods based on Runge–Kutta time-stepping, which they call ETDRK schemes. In this report we consider only the fourth-order scheme of this type, known as ETDRK4. According to Cox and Matthews, the derivation of this scheme is not at all obvious and requires a symbolic manipulation system. The Cox and Matthews ETDRK4 formulae are:

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$$a_n = e^{\mathbf{L}h/2}u_n + \mathbf{L}^{-1}(e^{\mathbf{L}h/2} - \mathbf{I})\mathbf{N}(u_n, t_n),$$

$$b_n = e^{\mathbf{L}h/2}u_n + \mathbf{L}^{-1}(e^{\mathbf{L}h/2} - \mathbf{I})\mathbf{N}(a_n, t_n + h/2),$$

$$c_n = e^{\mathbf{L}h/2}a_n + \mathbf{L}^{-1}(e^{\mathbf{L}h/2} - \mathbf{I})(2\mathbf{N}(b_n, t_n + h/2) - \mathbf{N}(u_n, t_n)),$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_{n+1} = & e^{\mathbf{L}h}u_n + h^{-2}\mathbf{L}^{-3}\{[-4 - \mathbf{L}h + e^{\mathbf{L}h}(4 - 3\mathbf{L}h + (\mathbf{L}h)^2)]\mathbf{N}(u_n, t_n) \\ & + 2[2 + \mathbf{L}h + e^{\mathbf{L}h}(-2 + \mathbf{L}h)](\mathbf{N}(a_n, t_n + h/2) + \mathbf{N}(b_n, t_n + h/2)) \\ & + [-4 - 3\mathbf{L}h - (\mathbf{L}h)^2 + e^{\mathbf{L}h}(4 - \mathbf{L}h)]\mathbf{N}(c_n, t_n + h)\}. \end{aligned}$$

From paper by KASSAM & TREFETHEN  
(linked on course webpage)

PROBLEM: Roundoff in  $\frac{e^z - 1}{z}$  (use complex contour integration)  
 $|z| \ll 1$