

Un intégrateur variationnel symplectique du 6e ordre

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introduction aux intégrateurs variationnels

système dynamique non linéaire d'ordre deux :

$$m \frac{d^2 q}{dt^2} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial q}(q(t)) = 0$$

schéma du second ordre implicite de Nathan Newmark (1959) :

$$\left(\frac{dq}{dt}\right)_{j+1} = \left(\frac{dq}{dt}\right)_j + \frac{h}{2} \left[\left(\frac{d^2 q}{dt^2}\right)_j + \left(\frac{d^2 q}{dt^2}\right)_{j+1} \right] + O(h^2)$$

$$q_{j+1} = q_j + h \left(\frac{dq}{dt}\right)_j + \frac{h^2}{4} \left[\left(\frac{d^2 q}{dt^2}\right)_j + \left(\frac{d^2 q}{dt^2}\right)_{j+1} \right] + O(h^3)$$

introduire l'impulsion $p \equiv m \frac{dq}{dt}$; alors $\frac{dp}{dt} + V'(q(t)) = 0$

$$p_{j+1} = p_j - \frac{h}{2} (V'_j + V'_{j+1})$$

$$\begin{aligned} m(q_{j+1} - q_j) &= h p_j - \frac{h^2}{4} (V'_j + V'_{j+1}) \\ &= h p_j + \frac{h}{2} (p_{j+1} - p_j) = \frac{h}{2} (p_{j+1} + p_j) \end{aligned}$$

schéma de Newmark pour un oscillateur harmonique non linéaire :

$$\frac{p_{j+1} - p_j}{h} + \frac{1}{2} (V'_j + V'_{j+1}) = 0$$

$$m \frac{q_{j+1} - q_j}{h} - \frac{1}{2} (p_{j+1} + p_j) = 0$$

le schéma de Newmark **non linéaire** est-il symplectique ? 3

réflexion initiée par Anthony Gravouil (novembre 2024)

schéma de Newmark

$$\frac{p_{j+1}-p_j}{h} + \frac{1}{2} (V'_{j+1} + V'_j) = 0, \quad m \frac{q_{j+1}-q_j}{h} - \frac{1}{2} (p_{j+1} + p_j) = 0$$

système non linéaire à résoudre

$$p_{j+1} + \frac{h}{2} V'_{j+1} = p_j - \frac{h}{2} V'_j$$

$$m q_{j+1} - \frac{h}{2} p_{j+1} = m q_j + \frac{h}{2} p_j$$

différentier pour obtenir l'équation aux perturbations

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{h}{2} V''_{j+1} \\ -\frac{h}{2} & m \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta p_{j+1} \\ \delta q_{j+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{h}{2} V''_j \\ \frac{h}{2} & m \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta p_j \\ \delta q_j \end{pmatrix}$$

les deux matrices ont-elles le **même déterminant** (cas scalaire !) ?

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{h}{2} V''_{j+1} \\ -\frac{h}{2} & m \end{pmatrix} = m + \frac{h^2}{4} V''_{j+1}$$

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{h}{2} V''_j \\ \frac{h}{2} & m \end{pmatrix} = m + \frac{h^2}{4} V''_j$$

égalité dans le cas **linéaire**

intégrateur variationnel de point milieu

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Lagrangian “continu” $L = E_c - V$

énergie cinétique $E_c = \frac{1}{2} m \left(\frac{dq}{dt} \right)^2$

énergie potentielle $V = V(q)$

$V(q) = \frac{1}{2} k q^2$ pour l'oscillateur harmonique (cas linéaire)

Lagrangien discret avec quadrature de **point milieu**

$$L_d \equiv L_d(q_\ell, q_r) = \int_{j h}^{(j+1) h} (E_c - V) dt$$

$$L_d(q_\ell, q_r) = \frac{h}{2} m \left(\frac{q_r - q_\ell}{h} \right)^2 - h V\left(\frac{q_\ell + q_r}{2}\right)$$

action discrète

$$S_N = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} L_d(q_j, q_{j+1})$$

intégrateur variationnel

trouver des états discrets q_j, q_{j+1} pour $0 \leq j \leq N-1$

de sorte que **l'action discrète S_N est minimisée**

intégrateur variationnel de point milieu (ii)

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Lagrangien discret : $L_d = \frac{h}{2} m \left(\frac{q_r - q_\ell}{h} \right)^2 - h V \left(\frac{q_\ell + q_r}{2} \right)$

impulsion discrète

$$p_r = \frac{\partial}{\partial q_r} L_d(q_\ell, q_r) = m \frac{q_r - q_\ell}{h} - \frac{h}{2} V' \left(\frac{q_\ell + q_r}{2} \right)$$

$$p_{j+1} = \frac{\partial}{\partial q_r} L_d(q_j, q_{j+1}) = m \frac{q_{j+1} - q_j}{h} - \frac{h}{2} V' \left(\frac{q_j + q_{j+1}}{2} \right)$$

équations d'Euler-Lagrange

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial q_r} L_d(q_{j-1}, q_j) + \frac{\partial}{\partial q_\ell} L_d(q_j, q_{j+1}) = 0$$

donc
$$p_j = -\frac{\partial}{\partial q_\ell} L_d(q_j, q_{j+1}) = m \frac{q_{j+1} - q_j}{h} + \frac{h}{2} V' \left(\frac{q_j + q_{j+1}}{2} \right)$$

équations de Hamilton discrètes

[Newmark]

$$\frac{p_{j+1} - p_j}{h} + V' \left(\frac{q_j + q_{j+1}}{2} \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{p_{j+1} - p_j}{h} + \frac{1}{2} (V'_j + V'_{j+1}) = 0$$

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$$m \frac{q_{j+1} - q_j}{h} - \frac{1}{2} (p_{j+1} + p_j) = 0$$

ce schéma est symplectique

$$dp_{j+1} \wedge dq_{j+1} = dp_j \wedge dq_j$$

intégrateur variationnel de degré un (Juan Simo)

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Lagrangian “continu” $L = E_c - V$ énergie cinétique $E_c = \frac{1}{2} m \left(\frac{dq}{dt} \right)^2$ énergie potentielle $V = V(q)$ interpolation interne de **degré 1**

$$q(\theta) = q_\ell (1 - \theta) + q_r \theta, \quad \text{avec } t = j h + \theta h$$

calcul approché des intégrales avec la **formule des trapèzes**

$$\int_0^1 f(\theta) d\theta \approx \frac{1}{2} (f(0) + f(1))$$

Lagrangien discret

$$L_d \equiv L_d(q_\ell, q_r) = \frac{h}{2} m \left(\frac{q_r - q_\ell}{h} \right)^2 - \frac{h}{2} (V(q_\ell) + V(q_r))$$

action discrète $S_N = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} L_d(q_j, q_{j+1})$ intégrateur variationnel : minimiser l'action discrète S_N

intégrateur variationnel de degré un (ii)

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Lagrangien discret

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impulsion discrète

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équations de Hamilton discrètes

[point milieu]

$$\frac{p_{j+1} - p_j}{h} + \frac{1}{2} (V'_j + V'_{j+1}) = 0$$

$$\frac{p_{j+1} - p_j}{h} + V' \left(\frac{q_j + q_{j+1}}{2} \right) = 0$$

$$m \frac{q_{j+1} - q_j}{h} - \frac{p_j + p_{j+1}}{2} - \frac{h}{4} (V'_{j+1} - V'_j) = 0$$

$$m \frac{q_{j+1} - q_j}{h} - \frac{p_j + p_{j+1}}{2} = 0$$

l'intégrateur variationnel de degré un est symplectique 8

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les deux matrices ont-elles le même déterminant ?

oui ! (il vaut m)

le schéma est symplectique : $d p_{j+1} \wedge d q_{j+1} = d p_j \wedge d q_j$

numérique du principe de moindre action

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introduction aux intégrateurs variationnels

polynomial interpolation

Lobatto's numerical integration of degree 3

dynamics

harmonic oscillator

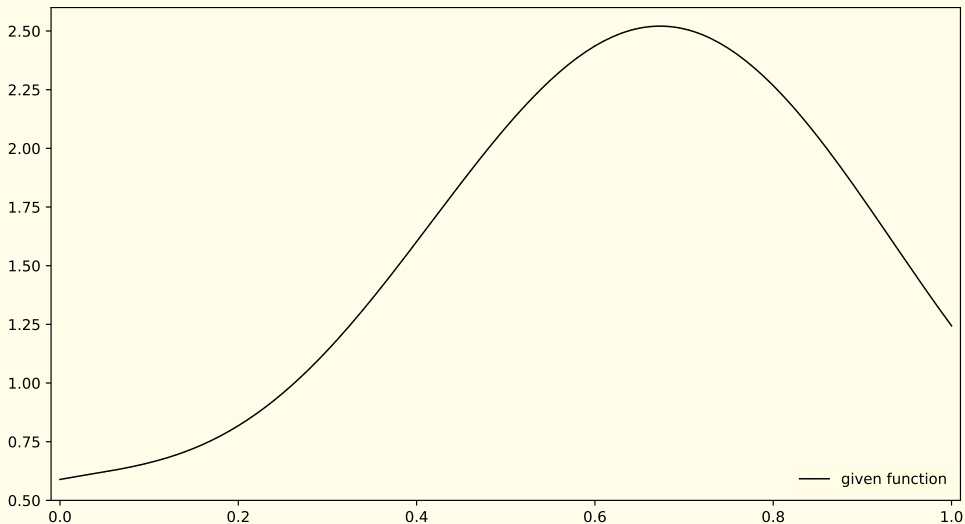
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nonlinear pendulum

conclusion

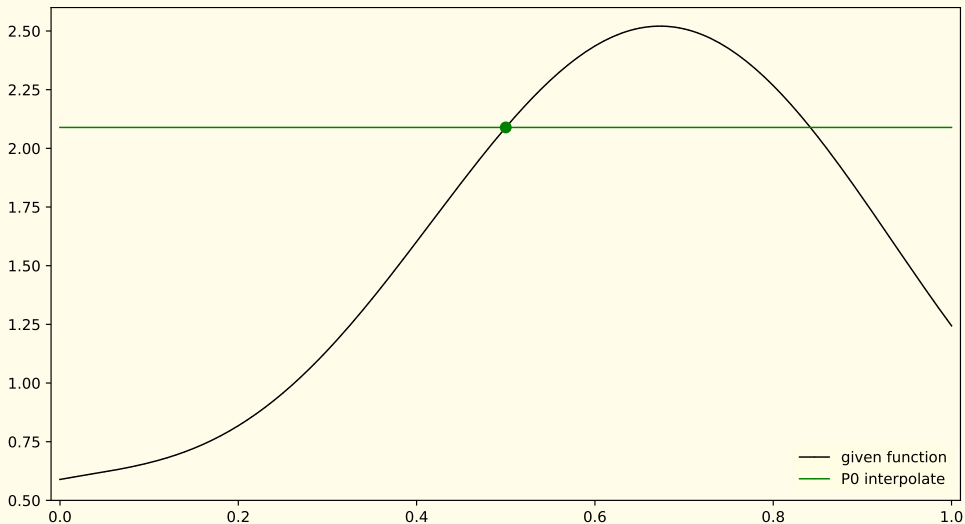
polynomial interpolation: initial function

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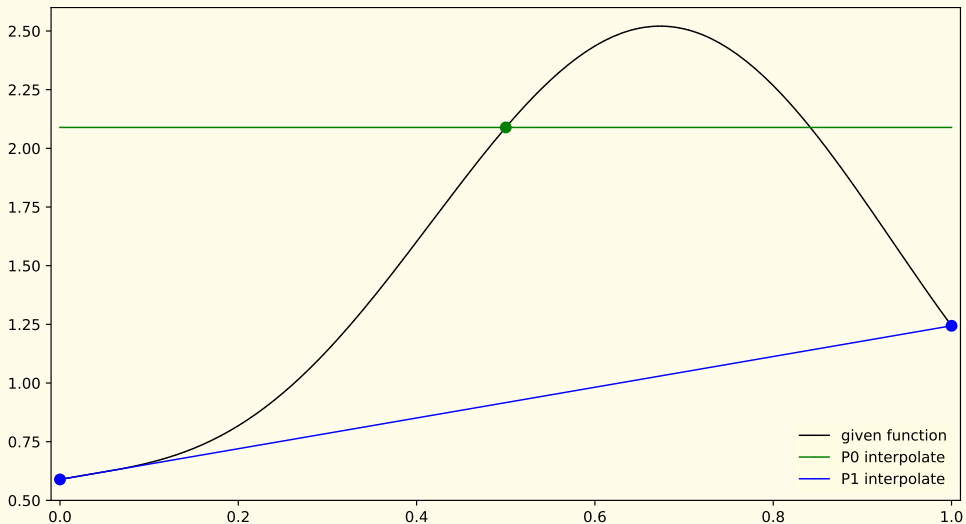
polynomial interpolation: degree zero

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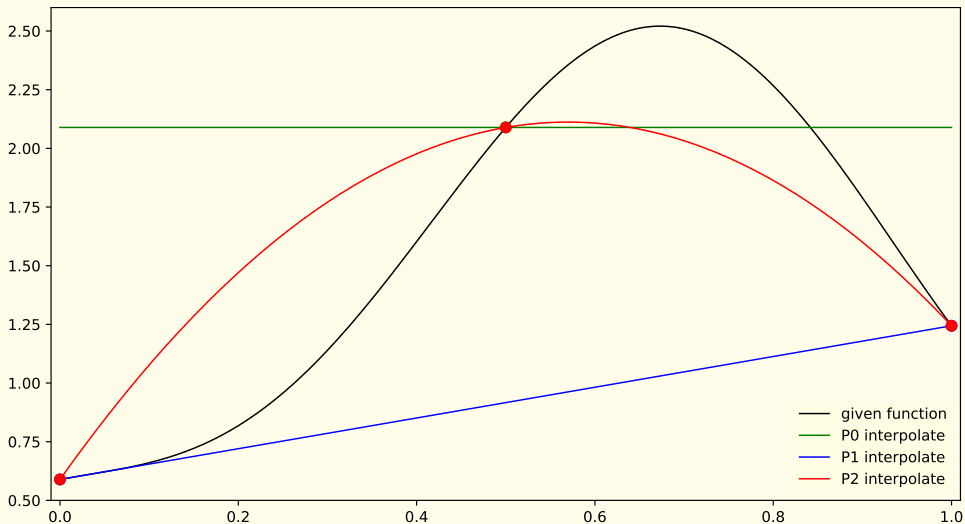
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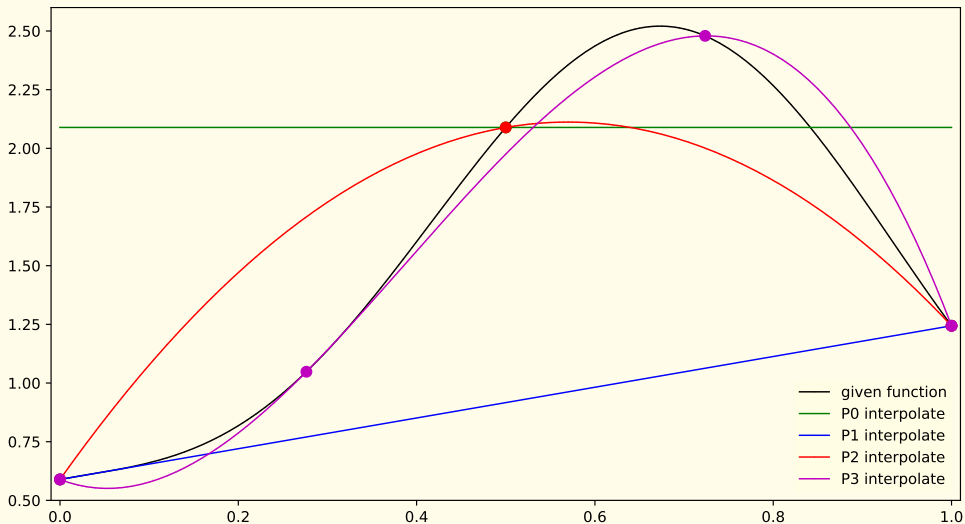
polynomial interpolation: degree two

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polynomial interpolation: degree three

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basis functions for degree 3 interpolation

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$$f_3(\theta) = f_\ell \varphi_0(\theta) + f_\xi \varphi_\xi(\theta) + f_{1-\xi} \varphi_{1-\xi}(\theta) + f_r \varphi_1(\theta)$$

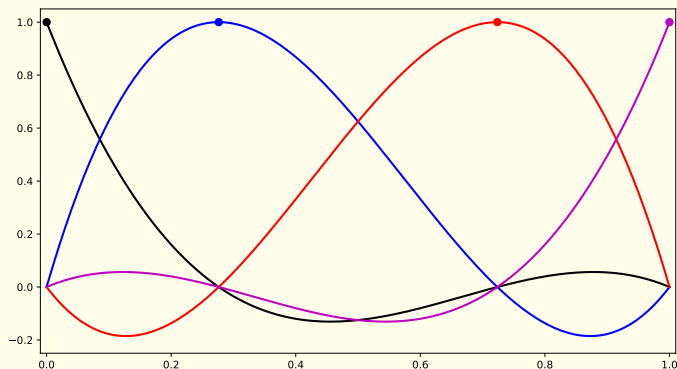
$$\varphi_0(\theta) = 5(\theta - \xi)(\theta - (1 - \xi))(1 - \theta)$$

$$\varphi_\xi(\theta) = -5\sqrt{5}\theta(1 - \theta)(\theta - (1 - \xi))$$

$$\varphi_{1-\xi}(\theta) = 5\sqrt{5}\theta(1 - \theta)(\theta - \xi)$$

$$\varphi_1(\theta) = 5\theta(\theta - \xi)(\theta - (1 - \xi))$$

$$\xi = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{5}}{10}$$



Lobatto's numerical integration of degree 3

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interpolate a function from the 4 values f_ℓ , f_ξ , $f_{1-\xi}$, f_r

polynomial of degree 3

$$f \approx f_3(\theta) = f_\ell \varphi_0(\theta) + f_\xi \varphi_\xi(\theta) + f_{1-\xi} \varphi_{1-\xi}(\theta) + f_r \varphi_1(\theta)$$

evaluate the integral of the function on the interval $[0, 1]$

$$\int_0^1 f(\theta) \, d\theta \approx \int_0^1 f_3(\theta) \, d\theta$$

the computation of the integral is exact for the function f_3

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 f_3(\theta) \, d\theta &= f_\ell \int_0^1 \varphi_0(\theta) \, d\theta + f_\xi \int_0^1 \varphi_\xi(\theta) \, d\theta \\ &\quad + f_{1-\xi} \int_0^1 \varphi_{1-\xi}(\theta) \, d\theta + f_r \int_0^1 \varphi_1(\theta) \, d\theta \end{aligned}$$

Lobatto's quadrature formula

$$\int_0^1 f(\theta) \, d\theta \approx \frac{1}{12} (f_\ell + f_r) + \frac{5}{12} (f_\xi + f_{1-\xi})$$

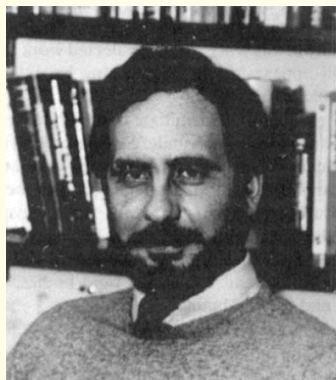
this relation is **exact** if f is a polynomial function of degree ≤ 5

numerical integration for variational schemes

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degree of internal interpolation

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Juan Simo
(1952-1994)

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Thomas Simpson
(1710-1761)

3



Rehuel Labatto
(1797-1866)

3rd degree dynamic data interpolation

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time step $h = \frac{T}{N}$

inside the interval $[j h, (j + 1) h]$, $t = j h + \theta h$ with $0 \leq \theta \leq 1$

interpolate an unknown state function:

$$q(t) \approx q_l \varphi_0(\theta) + q_\xi \varphi_\xi(\theta) + q_{1-\xi} \varphi_{1-\xi}(\theta) + q_r \varphi_1(\theta)$$

differentiate relative to time:

$$\frac{dq}{dt}(t) \approx \frac{1}{h} \left[q_l \varphi'_0(\theta) + q_\xi \varphi'_\xi(\theta) + q_{1-\xi} \varphi'_{1-\xi}(\theta) + q_r \varphi'_r(\theta) \right]$$

discrete gradients at nodal points

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dq}{dt}(j h) &\approx g_l, \quad \frac{dq}{dt}((j + \xi) h) \approx g_\xi, \quad \frac{dq}{dt}((j + 1 - \xi) h) \approx g_{1-\xi}, \\ &\quad \frac{dq}{dt}((j + 1) h) \approx g_r \end{aligned}$$

$$g_l = \frac{1}{h} \left[q_l \varphi'_0(0) + q_\xi \varphi'_\xi(0) + q_{1-\xi} \varphi'_{1-\xi}(0) + q_r \varphi'_r(0) \right]$$

$$g_\xi = \frac{1}{h} \left[q_l \varphi'_0(\xi) + q_\xi \varphi'_\xi(\xi) + q_{1-\xi} \varphi'_{1-\xi}(\xi) + q_r \varphi'_r(\xi) \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} g_{1-\xi} = \frac{1}{h} \left[q_l \varphi'_0(1 - \xi) + q_\xi \varphi'_\xi(1 - \xi) + q_{1-\xi} \varphi'_{1-\xi}(1 - \xi) \right. \\ \left. + q_r \varphi'_r(1 - \xi) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$g_r = \frac{1}{h} \left[q_l \varphi'_0(1) + q_\xi \varphi'_\xi(1) + q_{1-\xi} \varphi'_{1-\xi}(1) + q_r \varphi'_r(1) \right]$$

discrete Lagrangian

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continuous Lagrangian $L = E_c - V$

kinetic energy $E_c = \frac{1}{2} m \left(\frac{dq}{dt} \right)^2$

potential energy $V = V(q)$

$V(q) = \frac{1}{2} k q^2$ in the linear case of an harmonic oscillator

discrete Lagrangian

$$L_d \equiv L_d(q_\ell, q_\xi, q_{1-\xi}, q_r) = \int_{j h}^{(j+1) h} (E_c - V) dt$$

$$L_d = \frac{h}{2} m \left[\frac{1}{12} (g_\ell^2 + g_r^2) + \frac{5}{12} (g_\xi^2 + g_{1-\xi}^2) \right] \\ - h \left[\frac{1}{12} (V(q_\ell) + V(q_r)) + \frac{5}{12} (V(q_\xi) + V(q_{1-\xi})) \right]$$

discrete action

$$S_N = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} L_d(q_j, q_{j+\xi}, q_{j+1-\xi}, q_{j+1})$$

variational integrator

find a discrete state set by $q_j, q_{j+\xi}, q_{j+1-\xi}, q_{j+1}$ for $0 \leq j \leq N-1$
such that the discrete action S_N is minimized

local elimination of degrees of freedom

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discrete action $S_N = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} L_d(q_j, q_{j+\xi}, q_{j+1-\xi}, q_{j+1})$

discrete state set by $q_j, q_{j+\xi}, q_{j+1-\xi}, q_{j+1}$ for $0 \leq j \leq N-1$
such that the discrete action S_N is minimized

the internal degrees of freedom $q_{j+\xi}$ and $q_{j+1-\xi}$
are **internal** to the interval $[j h, (j+1) h]$

reduced Lagrangian

$$L_r(q_\ell, q_r) = \min_{q_\xi, q_{1-\xi}} L_d(q_\ell, q_\xi, q_{1-\xi}, q_r)$$

explicit expressions for the harmonic oscillator with $V(q) = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 q^2$

determinant $\delta = (h^2 \omega^2 - 30)(h^2 \omega^2 - 10)$

$\delta > 0$ for $0 < h \omega < \sqrt{10}$: natural **stability condition**

$$q_\xi = \frac{1}{\delta} \left[-5 (h^2 \omega^2 - 30) (q_r + q_\ell) + 3\sqrt{5} (h^2 \omega^2 - 10) (q_r - q_\ell) \right]$$

$$q_{1-\xi} = \frac{1}{\delta} \left[-5 (h^2 \omega^2 - 30) (q_r + q_\ell) - 3\sqrt{5} (h^2 \omega^2 - 10) (q_r - q_\ell) \right]$$

harmonic oscillator: sixth order accuracy

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Euler-Lagrange equations

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial q_r} L_r(q_{j-1}, q_j) + \frac{\partial}{\partial q_\ell} L_r(q_j, q_{j+1}) = 0$$

harmonic oscillator: $V(q) = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 q^2$

$$(*) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{h^2} (q_{j-1} - 2q_j + q_{j+1}) + \frac{\omega^2}{30} (q_{j-1} + 28q_j + q_{j+1}) \\ \quad + \frac{\omega^4 h^2}{1800} (q_{j-1} - 92q_j + q_{j+1}) + \frac{\omega^6 h^4}{1800} q_j = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\frac{d^2 q}{dt^2} + \omega^2 q = O(h^2) \quad ?$$

truncation error

replace the discrete variables q_{j+1} , q_j and q_{j-1}

by the solution of the differential equation $\frac{d^2 q}{dt^2} + \omega^2 q = 0$

$$q_{j+1} = q_j + h \frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{h^2}{2} \frac{d^2 q}{dt^2} + \frac{h^3}{6} \frac{d^3 q}{dt^3} + \frac{h^4}{24} \frac{d^4 q}{dt^4} + \frac{h^5}{120} \frac{d^5 q}{dt^5} + \frac{h^6}{720} \frac{d^6 q}{dt^6} + O(h^7)$$

$$q_{j-1} = q_j - h \frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{h^2}{2} \frac{d^2 q}{dt^2} - \frac{h^3}{6} \frac{d^3 q}{dt^3} + \frac{h^4}{24} \frac{d^4 q}{dt^4} - \frac{h^5}{120} \frac{d^5 q}{dt^5} + \frac{h^6}{720} \frac{d^6 q}{dt^6} + O(h^7)$$

the left-hand side of equation (*) does not vanish

but defines the truncation error $\mathcal{T}_h(q_j)$

$$\text{we have } \mathcal{T}_h(q_j) = -\frac{1}{21600} \omega^8 h^6 q_j + O(h^8).$$

harmonic oscillator: stability condition

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Euler-Lagrange equations

$$(*) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{1}{h^2} (q_{j-1} - 2q_j + q_{j+1}) + \frac{\omega^2}{30} (q_{j-1} + 28q_j + q_{j+1}) \\ \quad + \frac{\omega^4 h^2}{1800} (q_{j-1} - 92q_j + q_{j+1}) + \frac{\omega^6 h^4}{1800} q_j = 0 \end{cases}$$

characteristic polynomial for equation (*)

$$\frac{1}{h^2} (1 - 2r + r^2) + \frac{\omega^2}{30} (1 + 28r + r^2) + \frac{\omega^4 h^2}{1800} (1 - 92r + r^2) + \frac{\omega^6 h^4}{1800} r = 0$$

corresponding discriminant

$$\Delta = \frac{\omega^2}{h^2} (h^2 \omega^2 - 10) (h^2 \omega^2 - 30) (h^2 \omega^2 - 60) (h^4 \omega^4 - 84 h^2 \omega^2 + 720)$$

polynomial $(h^4 \omega^4 - 84 h^2 \omega^2 + 720)$ has two real roots

$$\Delta < 0 \quad \text{when} \quad 0 < h\omega < \sqrt{6(7 - \sqrt{29})} \approx \sqrt{9.689} \approx 3.11$$

stability condition $0 < h\omega < 3.11$

a little more than two points per period of oscillation

harmonic oscillator: symplectic structure

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quadratic potential $V(q) = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 q^2$

right-hand generalized moment $p_r = \frac{\partial L_r}{\partial q_r}(q_\ell, q_r) = p_{j+1}$

determinant $\delta = (h^2 \omega^2 - 30)(h^2 \omega^2 - 10)$

$$p_r = m \frac{q_r - q_\ell}{h} + \frac{m}{6\delta} \left[-300 h \omega^2 (q_\ell + 2 q_r) + 5 h^3 \omega^4 (q_\ell + 8 q_r) - \frac{1}{2} h^5 \omega^6 q_r \right]$$

Euler-Lagrange equation $p_j = -\frac{\partial L_r}{\partial q_\ell}(q_j, q_{j+1})$

discrete Hamilton equations

$$\frac{p_{j+1} - p_j}{h} + m \omega^2 \frac{(60 - h^2 \omega^2)}{6(10 - h^2 \omega^2)} \left(\frac{q_j + q_{j+1}}{2} \right) = 0$$

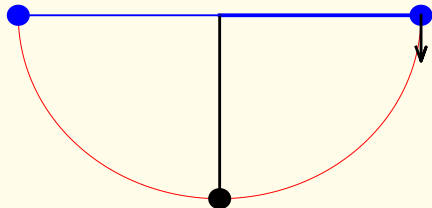
$$m \frac{q_{j+1} - q_j}{h} - 24 \frac{30 - h^2 \omega^2}{h^4 \omega^4 - 84 h^2 \omega^2 + 720} \left(\frac{p_j + p_{j+1}}{2} \right) = 0$$

symplectic scheme $\begin{pmatrix} p_{j+1} \\ q_{j+1} \end{pmatrix} = \Phi \begin{pmatrix} p_j \\ q_j \end{pmatrix}$ with $\det \Phi = 1$

preservation of a discrete energy $H_d \approx \frac{1}{2m} p^2 + m \frac{\omega^2}{2} q^2$

first numerical experiments

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harmonic oscillator or nonlinear pendulum

initial conditions: $q(0) = \frac{\pi}{2}$; $p(0) = 0$

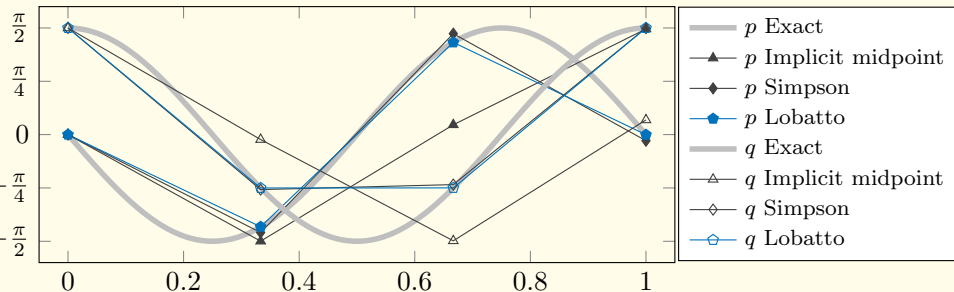
analytical references:

- trigonometric functions

- Jacobi elliptic functions (see e.g. A. Chenciner (2000))

harmonic oscillator: numerical experiments

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one period, $N = 3$ mesh points

[momentum data have been rescaled]

harmonic oscillator: mesh convergence

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errors for the discrete maximum norm

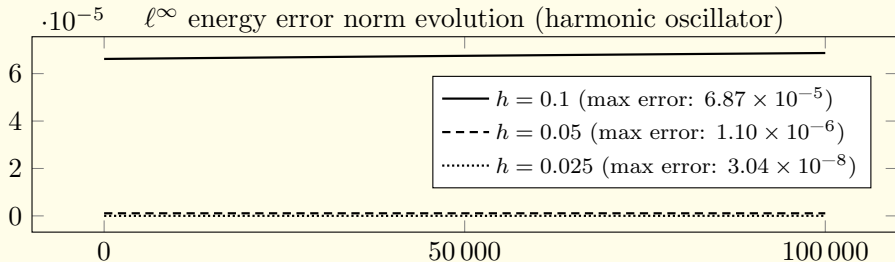
number of meshes	10	20	40	order
momentum p	$8.952 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$1.393 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$2.170 \cdot 10^{-9}$	6
state q	$7.640 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$1.194 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$1.876 \cdot 10^{-10}$	6
energy $H(p, q)$	$6.619 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$1.098 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$1.699 \cdot 10^{-8}$	6
discrete energy $H_d(p, q)$	$2.665 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$1.332 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$2.220 \cdot 10^{-15}$	exact

integration time: 5 periods



harmonic oscillator: long time integration

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integration time: 10^5 periods

the error for the total energy remains **bounded**

it tends to zero at 6th order for the Lobatto scheme ?

very basic ideas!

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work unknown to our team until April 2025

Sina Ober-Blöbaum and Nils Saake

“Construction and analysis of higher order
Galerkin variational integrators”

Advances in Computational Mathematics, 2015

very similar ideas presented in a completely different way

numerical convergence for a harmonic oscillator

with [symplectic schemes of accuracy up to order 10](#)

choosing a nonlinear pendulum

so as not to merely reproduce already known results

nonlinear pendulum: numerical scheme

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discrete Lagrangian

$$L_d = \frac{h}{2} m \left[\frac{1}{12} (g_\ell^2 + g_r^2) + \frac{5}{12} (g_\xi^2 + g_{1-\xi}^2) \right] - \frac{h}{12} [V_\ell + V_r + 5(V_\xi + V_{1-\xi})]$$

$$\text{with } V_\ell = V(q_\ell), V_\xi = V(q_\xi), V_{1-\xi} = V(q_{1-\xi}), V_r = V(q_r)$$

$$L_d = \frac{m}{12h} \left[26 (q_\ell^2 + q_r^2) - 2 q_\ell q_r + 50 (q_\xi^2 - q_\xi q_{1-\xi} + q_{1-\xi}^2) \right. \\ \left. - 25 (q_\ell + q_r)(q_\xi + q_{1-\xi}) - 15\sqrt{5}(q_\ell - q_r)(q_\xi - q_{1-\xi}) \right] \\ - \frac{h}{12} [V_\ell + 5(V_\xi + V_{1-\xi}) + V_r]$$

discrete equations for the internal variables: $\frac{\partial L_d}{\partial q_\xi} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial L_d}{\partial q_{1-\xi}} = 0$

$$q_\xi - \frac{h^2}{30m} (V'_{1-\xi} + 2V'_\xi) = \frac{5+\sqrt{5}}{10} q_\ell + \frac{5-\sqrt{5}}{10} q_r$$

$$q_{1-\xi} - \frac{h^2}{30m} (2V'_{1-\xi} + V'_\xi) = \frac{5-\sqrt{5}}{10} q_\ell + \frac{5+\sqrt{5}}{10} q_r$$

$$\text{with } V'_x \equiv \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial q} \right)(q_x)$$

the evaluation of $L_r(q_\ell, q_r)$ needs the [implicit function theorem](#)

nonlinear pendulum: numerical scheme (ii)

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Euler-Lagrange equations

$$\frac{\partial L_d}{\partial q_r}(q_{j-1}, q_{j-1+\xi}, q_{j-\xi}, q_j) + \frac{\partial L_d}{\partial q_\ell}(q_j, q_{j+\xi}, q_{j+1-\xi}, q_{j+1}) = 0$$

or equivalently
$$\frac{\partial L_r}{\partial q_r}(q_{j-1}, q_j) + \frac{\partial L_r}{\partial q_\ell}(q_j, q_{j+1}) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{h^2} (q_{j-1} - 2q_j + q_{j+1}) + \frac{1}{24m} [(5 - \sqrt{5}) V'_{j-1+\xi} + (5 + \sqrt{5}) V'_{j-\xi} \\ + 4V'_j + (5 + \sqrt{5}) V'_{j+\xi} + (5 - \sqrt{5}) V'_{j+1-\xi}] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

right-hand generalized moment

$$p_r = \frac{\partial L_r}{\partial q_r}(q_\ell, q_r) = \frac{\partial L_d}{\partial q_r}(q_\ell, q_\xi, q_{1-\xi}, q_r) = p_{j+1}$$

then
$$p_j = -\frac{\partial L_d}{\partial q_\ell}(q_j, q_{j+\xi}, q_{j+1-\xi}, q_{j+1})$$

discrete Hamiltonian dynamics

$$\frac{1}{h} (p_{j+1} - p_j) + \frac{1}{12} [V'_j + 5(V'_{j+\xi} + V'_{j+1-\xi}) + V'_{j+1}] = 0$$

$$m(q_{j+1} - q_j) - \frac{h}{2} (p_j + p_{j+1}) = \frac{h^2}{24} [V'_{j+1} + \sqrt{5}(V'_{j+1-\xi} - V'_{j+\xi}) - V'_j]$$

nonlinear pendulum: numerical scheme (iii)

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internal degrees of freedom

$$q_{j+\xi} - \frac{h^2}{30m} (V'_{j+1-\xi} + 2V'_{j+\xi}) = \frac{5+\sqrt{5}}{10} q_j + \frac{5-\sqrt{5}}{10} q_{j+1}$$

$$q_{j+1-\xi} - \frac{h^2}{30m} (2V'_{j+1-\xi} + V'_{j+\xi}) = \frac{5-\sqrt{5}}{10} q_j + \frac{5+\sqrt{5}}{10} q_{j+1}$$

discrete Hamiltonian dynamics

$$p_{j+1} - p_j + \frac{h}{12} [V'_j + 5(V'_{j+\xi} + V'_{j+1-\xi}) + V'_{j+1}] = 0$$

$$q_{j+1} - q_j - \frac{h^2}{24m} [V'_{j+1} + \sqrt{5}(V'_{j+1-\xi} - V'_{j+\xi}) - V'_j] - \frac{h}{2m}(p_{j+1} + p_j) = 0$$

nonlinear system of 4 equations with 4 unknowns

$$F_L(q_{j+\xi}, q_{j+1-\xi}, p_{j+1}, q_{j+1}) = 0$$

Newton iterations with

$$dF_L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{h^2}{15m} V''_{\xi} & -\frac{h^2}{30m} V''_{1-\xi} & 0 & \frac{-5+\sqrt{5}}{10} \\ -\frac{h^2}{30m} V''_{1-\xi} & 1 - \frac{h^2}{15m} V''_{1-\xi} & 0 & -\frac{5+\sqrt{5}}{10} \\ \frac{5h}{12} V''_{\xi} & \frac{5h}{12} V''_{1-\xi} & 1 & \frac{h}{12} V''(q) \\ \frac{\sqrt{5}h^2}{24m} V''_{\xi} & -\frac{\sqrt{5}h^2}{24m} V''_{1-\xi} & -\frac{h}{2m} & 1 - \frac{h^2}{24m} V''(q) \end{pmatrix}$$

nonlinear pendulum: symplectic structure

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differentiate the equations for the **internal degrees of freedom**

$$\begin{aligned}\delta q_{j+\xi} &= \frac{1}{\Delta} \left[30 m^2 ((5 + \sqrt{5}) \delta q_j - (-5 + \sqrt{5}) \delta q_{j+1}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - m h^2 V''_{j+1-\xi} ((5 + 3\sqrt{5}) \delta q_j + (5 - 3\sqrt{5}) \delta q_{j+1}) \right] \\ \delta q_{j+1-\xi} &= \frac{1}{\Delta} \left[-30 m^2 ((-5 + \sqrt{5}) \delta q_j - (5 + \sqrt{5}) \delta q_{j+1}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - m h^2 V''_{j+\xi} ((5 - 3\sqrt{5}) \delta q_j + (5 + 3\sqrt{5}) \delta q_{j+1}) \right] \\ \Delta &= 300 m^2 - 20 m h^2 (V''_{j+\xi} + V''_{j+1-\xi}) + h^4 V''_{j+\xi} V''_{j+1-\xi}\end{aligned}$$

differentiate the **discrete Hamilton** equations

replace $\delta q_{j+\xi}$ and $\delta q_{j+1-\xi}$ by their values

$$\text{then } A \begin{pmatrix} \delta p \\ \delta q \end{pmatrix}_{j+1} = B \begin{pmatrix} \delta p \\ \delta q \end{pmatrix}_j$$

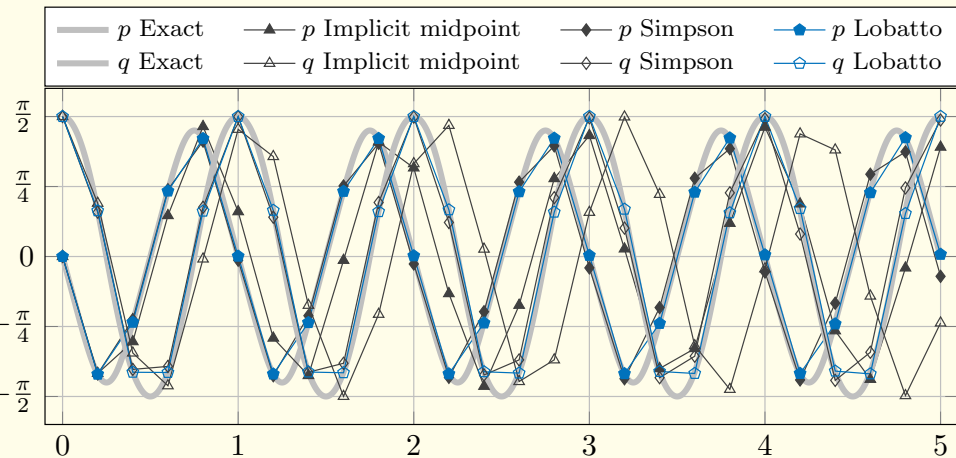
$$\det A = \det B = \frac{1}{6\Delta} [1800 m^2 + 30 m h^2 (V''_{j+\xi} + V''_{j+1-\xi}) + h^4 V''_{j+\xi} V''_{j+1-\xi}]$$

the relation $\frac{\partial p_{j+1}}{\partial p_j} \frac{\partial q_{j+1}}{\partial q_j} - \frac{\partial p_{j+1}}{\partial q_j} \frac{\partial q_{j+1}}{\partial p_j} = 1$ is established

the Lobatto scheme defined page 25 is **symplectic**

nonlinear pendulum: momentum and state evolutions

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5 periods, $N = 5$ mesh points per period

nonlinear pendulum: mesh convergence

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errors for the discrete maximum norm

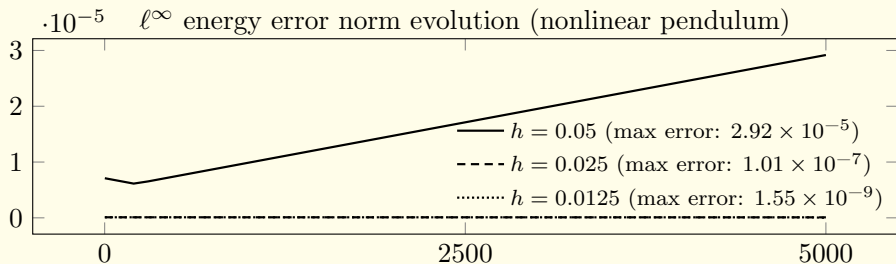
number of meshes	50	100	200	order
momentum p	$2.832 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$4.567 \cdot 10^{-11}$	$7.070 \cdot 10^{-13}$	6
state q	$4.218 \cdot 10^{-10}$	$6.692 \cdot 10^{-12}$	$1.057 \cdot 10^{-13}$	6
energy $H(p, q)$	$6.234 \cdot 10^{-10}$	$1.028 \cdot 10^{-11}$	$1.589 \cdot 10^{-13}$	6

integration time: 5 periods



nonlinear pendulum: long time integration

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integration time: 10^5 periods ℓ^∞ energy error growth rate $4.77 \cdot 10^{-9}$ when $h = 0.05$ $2.36 \cdot 10^{-12}$ when $h = 0.025$ $1.02 \cdot 10^{-17}$ when $h = 0.0125$.

sixth-order variational integrator

Lobatto's quadrature (cubic Lagrange polynomials)

least action principle

harmonic oscillator

nonlinear integrator tested on the nonlinear pendulum

symplectic and conditionally stable method

future work: [top](#), [multi-degrees of freedom](#)

“A variational symplectic scheme based on Lobatto’s quadrature”

7th international conference on Geometric Science of
Information, Saint-Malo, 29 - 31 october 2025

Lecture Notes in Computer Science, volume 16034, pages 332-342.

“Simpson’s variational integrator for systems with quadratic
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Axioms, volume 12, article 255, 2024.

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Finite Volumes for Complex Applications X

Strasbourg, 30 october - 03 november 2023.

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volume 433, pages 83-92, 2023.

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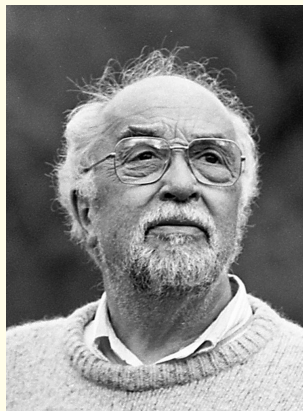
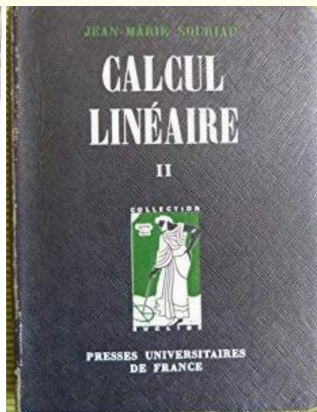
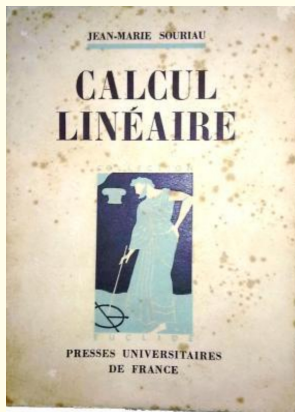
Juan Rojas au Souriau Colloquium, Bastia, mai 2024

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Jean-Marie Souriau et la géométrie symplectique

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cours à l'École Spéciale des Travaux Aéronautiques

“École des Meuniers”

“Méthodes nouvelles de la Physique mathématique” (≈ 1948)

ingénieur à l'ONERA

“Sur la stabilité des avions”, Thèse d'État (1952)

merci de votre attention !

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bonus : symplecticité discrète

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Proposition 1

[Sanz-Serna (1992)]

regular transformation $P = P(p, q)$, $Q = Q(p, q)$ symplectic transformation: $dP \wedge dQ = dp \wedge dq$

$$\text{Jacobian matrix } \alpha \equiv \frac{\partial(P, Q)}{\partial(p, q)} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\text{"imaginary" matrix } J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I \\ -I & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

classical symplecticity condition: $\alpha^t J \alpha = J$

that can be written

(i) $a^t c$ and $b^t d$ are symmetric: $a^t c = c^t a$, $b^t d = d^t b$ (ii) $a^t d - b^t c$ is the identity matrix: $a^t d - c^t b = I$.

Proposition 2 [Lewis & Simo (1995), Wendlandt & Marsden (1997)]

A numerical scheme obtained with a discrete set of Euler-Lagrange equations is symplectic.

discrete symplecticity (ii)

Proof of Proposition 1

$$\begin{aligned}
 dP_i &= a_i^j dp_j + b_{ij} dq^j, & dQ^i &= c^{i\ell} dp_\ell + d_\ell^i dq^\ell \\
 dP \wedge dQ &= (a_i^j dp_j + b_{ij} dq^j) \wedge (c^{i\ell} dp_\ell + d_\ell^i dq^\ell) \\
 &= a_i^j c^{i\ell} dp_j \wedge dp_\ell + b_{ij} d_\ell^i dq^j \wedge dq^\ell + a_i^j d_\ell^i dp_j \wedge dq^\ell + b_{ij} c^{i\ell} dq^j \wedge dp_\ell \\
 &= (a^t c)^{j\ell} dp_j \wedge dp_\ell + (b^t d)_{j\ell} dq^j \wedge dq^\ell + [(a^t d)_\ell^j - (c^t b)_\ell^j] dp_j \wedge dq^\ell \\
 &\equiv dp_j \wedge dq^j \quad \text{if and only if}
 \end{aligned}$$

(i) $a^t c$ and $b^t d$ are symmetric: $a^t c = c^t a$, $b^t d = d^t b$

(ii) $a^t d - b^t c$ is the identity matrix: $a^t d - c^t b = I$

then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \alpha^t J \alpha &= \begin{pmatrix} a^t & c^t \\ b^t & d^t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I \\ -I & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a^t & c^t \\ b^t & d^t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c & d \\ -a & -b \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} a^t c - c^t a & a^t d - c^t b \\ b^t c - d^t a & b^t d - d^t b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I \\ -I & 0 \end{pmatrix} = J \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

discrete symplecticity (iii)

Proposition 2 [Lewis & Simo (1995), Wendlandt & Marsden (1997)]

A numerical scheme obtained with a discrete set of Euler-Lagrange equations is symplectic.

discrete action $S_d = \dots + L_d(q_{j-1}, q_j) + L_d(q_j, q_{j+1}) + \dots$

discrete Euler-Lagrange equations: $\frac{\partial L_d}{\partial q_r}(q_{j-1}, q_j) + \frac{\partial L_d}{\partial q_\ell}(q_j, q_{j+1}) = 0$

right momentum $p_r = \frac{\partial L_d}{\partial q_r}(q_\ell, q_r)$ or $p_j = \frac{\partial L_d}{\partial q_r}(q_{j-1}, q_j)$

discrete Euler-Lagrange equations: $p_j + \frac{\partial L_d}{\partial q_\ell}(q_j, q_{j+1}) = 0$

discrete Hamiltonian $H_d = p_r q_r - L_d(q_\ell, q_r)$

then $dH_d = dp_r q_r + p_r dq_r - \frac{\partial L_d}{\partial q_\ell} dq_\ell - p_r dq_r = -\frac{\partial L_d}{\partial q_\ell} dq_\ell + dp_r q_r$

$H_d = H_d(q_\ell, p_r)$, $\frac{\partial H_d}{\partial q_\ell}(q_\ell, p_r) = -\frac{\partial L_d}{\partial q_\ell}(q_\ell, q_r)$, $\frac{\partial H_d}{\partial p_r}(q_\ell, p_r) = q_r$

discrete Euler-Lagrange becomes discrete (implicit) Hamilton

$$p_j - \frac{\partial H_d}{\partial q_\ell}(q_j, p_{j+1}) = 0, \quad q_{j+1} = \frac{\partial H_d}{\partial p_r}(q_j, p_{j+1})$$

$$\text{Jacobian matrix } \alpha = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial p_{j+1}}{\partial p_j} & \frac{\partial p_{j+1}}{\partial q_j} \\ \frac{\partial q_{j+1}}{\partial p_j} & \frac{\partial q_{j+1}}{\partial q_j} \end{pmatrix}; \quad \alpha^t J \alpha = J ?$$

discrete symplecticity (iv)

differentiate the discrete Hamilton equations

$$dp_j - \frac{\partial^2 H_d}{\partial q_\ell^2} dq_j - \frac{\partial^2 H_d}{\partial q_\ell \partial p_\ell} dp_{j+1} = 0$$

$$dq_{j+1} = \frac{\partial^2 H_d}{\partial p_r \partial q_\ell} dq_j + \frac{\partial^2 H_d}{\partial p_r^2} dp_{j+1}$$

the Hessian matrix is symmetric

$$H''_q \equiv \frac{\partial^2 H_d}{\partial q_\ell^2}, \quad H''_p \equiv \frac{\partial^2 H_d}{\partial p_r^2}, \quad \gamma \equiv \frac{\partial^2 H_d}{\partial q_\ell \partial p_\ell} \text{ are symmetric matrices}$$

hypothesis: the matrix γ is invertible. Then

$$dp_{j+1} = \gamma^{-1} dp_j - \gamma^{-1} H''_q dq_j$$

$$-H''_p dp_{j+1} + dq_{j+1} = \gamma dq_j$$

$$\text{id est} \quad \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ -H''_p & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} dp_{j+1} \\ dq_{j+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma^{-1} & -\gamma^{-1} H''_q \\ 0 & \gamma \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} dp_j \\ dq_j \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{with} \quad \begin{pmatrix} dp_{j+1} \\ dq_{j+1} \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} dp_j \\ dq_j \end{pmatrix} \equiv \alpha \begin{pmatrix} dp_j \\ dq_j \end{pmatrix}, \text{ we have}$$

$$\text{we have} \quad \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ -H''_p & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma^{-1} & -\gamma^{-1} H''_q \\ 0 & \gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

discrete symplecticity (v)

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$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & 0 \\ -H_p'' & \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma^{-1} & -\gamma^{-1} H_q'' \\ 0 & \gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

4 relations

$$\begin{aligned} a &= \gamma^{-1} \\ -H_p'' a + c &= 0 \\ b &= -\gamma^{-1} H_q'' \\ -H_p'' b + d &= \gamma \end{aligned}$$

3 conditions to satisfy $a^t c = c^t a$, $b^t d = d^t b$, $a^t d - c^t b = \mathbf{I}$

(i) $c = H_p'' a$ then $a^t c = a^t H_p'' a$ is symmetric

(ii) $d = \gamma + H_p'' b$
 $d^t = \gamma + b^t H_p''$ because γ and H_p'' are symmetric
 $d^t b = \gamma b + b^t H_p'' b = -H_q'' + b^t H_p'' b$ symmetric

(iii) $a^t d - c^t b = a^t (\gamma + H_p'' b) - a^t H_p'' b$
 $= a^t \gamma = \mathbf{I}$ because $a = \gamma^{-1}$.

□

