

Splitting Methods — Exercise Sheet 4

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We consider an ODE

$$\dot{y} = Ay + By, \quad y(0) = y^0 \quad (1)$$

with matrices $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and the corresponding subproblems

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{w} &= Aw, & w(0) &= w^0 \\ \dot{z} &= Bz, & z(0) &= z^0 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 8: (Order of Convergence of the Strang splitting method)

In exercise 5 on exercise sheet 2 we have shown that the *local* error of the Strang splitting method

$$\Phi_S^h(y^0) = e^{Ah/2} e^{Bh} e^{Ah/2} y^0$$

satisfies

$$\left\| \varphi_{A+B}^h(y^0) - \Phi_S^h(y^0) \right\| = \left\| e^{(A+B)h} y^0 - e^{Ah/2} e^{Bh} e^{Ah/2} y^0 \right\| \leq Ch^3 \|y^0\| \left(\| [B, [B, A]] \| + \| [A, [A, B]] \| \right),$$

where $[A, B] := AB - BA$ is called the *commutator* of A and B .

Furthermore we assume *stability*, i.e. there exist constants $M_A, M_B, M_L \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\|e^{tA}\| \leq e^{tM_A}, \quad \|e^{tB}\| \leq e^{tM_B}, \quad \|e^{t(A+B)}\| \leq e^{tM_L}, \quad \forall t \geq 0. \quad (2)$$

- Formulate a theorem on the order of convergence, i.e. on the *global* error of the Strang splitting method.
- Prove the theorem of a).

Hint: Proceed as in the proof of the theorem for the order of convergence of the Lie splitting method.

- Why don't we compute an "approximation" to $\varphi_{A+B}^{t_n}(y^0)$ just by $\Phi_S^{t_n}(y^0)$?

Now we want to prove some auxiliary results which we need to prove the *Baker-Campbell-Hausdorff* (BCH) formula. We define for $H, \Omega \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

$$\left(\frac{d}{d\Omega}\Omega^k\right)_H := \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\Omega + hH)^k - \Omega^k}{h} = H\Omega^{k-1} + \Omega H\Omega^{k-2} + \dots + \Omega^{k-1}H$$

$$ad_\Omega^0(H) := id(H) = H, \quad ad_\Omega^{i+1}(H) = [\Omega, ad_\Omega^i(H)]$$

Exercise 9: ♣ (Proof of Lemma 3.3)

Show that

$$\left(\frac{d}{d\Omega}\Omega^k\right)_H = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \binom{k}{i+1} (ad_\Omega^i(H)) \Omega^{k-i-1}, \quad \binom{l}{m} = \frac{l!}{(l-m)!m!}, \quad l, m \in \mathbb{N}, l \geq m.$$

Hint: Induction, show that $\left(\frac{d}{d\Omega}\Omega \cdot \Omega^k\right)_H = \Omega \left(\frac{d}{d\Omega}\Omega^k\right)_H + \left(\frac{d}{d\Omega}\Omega\right)_H \Omega^k$.

Exercise 10: (Proof of Lemma 3.6)

Let by lemma 3.4

$$d \exp_\Omega(H) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(k+1)!} ad_\Omega^k(H). \quad (3)$$

Show that

a) if the eigenvalues of $ad_\Omega \neq 2l\pi i$, $l \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$, then $d \exp_\Omega$ is invertible.

Hint: Compute the eigenvalues of $d \exp_\Omega$.

b) ♣ for $\|\Omega\| < \pi$ its inverse is given by

$$d \exp_\Omega^{-1}(H) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_k}{k!} ad_\Omega^k(H),$$

where the *Bernoulli numbers* B_k are defined by

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_k}{k!} x^k = \frac{x}{e^x - 1}.$$

Discussion in the problem class wednesday 3:45 pm, in room 1C-03 in building Allianzgebäude 5.20.

♣ : Please try to do exercises marked with ♣ at home.