

Problem Sheet 1

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Question 1

- We take the scalar product with $\vec{u}(t)$ and obtain $\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|\vec{u}(t)\|^2 + \vec{u}(t)^T A \vec{u}(t) = \vec{u}(t)^T \vec{f}(t)$. We have $\vec{u}^T(t) A \vec{u}(t) \geq \lambda_{\min} \|\vec{u}(t)\|^2$. Using Cauchy-Schwarz and Young inequality ($ab \leq \frac{\lambda}{2} a^2 + \frac{1}{2\lambda} b^2$) we find

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|\vec{u}(t)\|^2 + \lambda_{\min} \|\vec{u}(t)\|^2 \leq \frac{\lambda_{\min}}{2} \|\vec{u}(t)\|^2 + \frac{1}{2\lambda_{\min}} \|\vec{f}(t)\|^2,$$

which yields the result integrating from $t = 0$ to $t = T$.

- From Taylor expansion we find $\vec{u}(t_n) = \vec{u}(t_{n+1}) - h\vec{u}'(t_{n+1}) + \frac{h^2}{2}\vec{u}''(s_n)$, with $t_n < s_n < t_{n+1}$. This yields

$$\frac{\vec{u}(t_{n+1}) - \vec{u}(t_n)}{h} + A\vec{u}(t_{n+1}) = \vec{f}(t_{n+1}) - \frac{h}{2}\vec{u}''(s_n),$$

hence $\vec{r}^{n+1} = -\frac{h}{2}\vec{u}''(s_n)$ and $\|\vec{r}^{n+1}\| \leq \frac{1}{2}h \max_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|\vec{u}''(t)\|$.

- Subtracting (2) and (3) and taking the scalar product with $\vec{e}^{n+1}$ we find $\frac{1}{h} (\vec{e}^{n+1} - \vec{e}^n)^T \vec{e}^{n+1} + (\vec{e}^{n+1})^T A \vec{e}^{n+1} = (\vec{e}^{n+1})^T \vec{r}^{n+1}$. Thus, $\frac{1}{2h} (\|\vec{e}^{n+1}\|^2 - \|\vec{e}^n\|^2 + \|\vec{e}^{n+1} - \vec{e}^n\|^2) + \lambda_{\min} \|\vec{e}^{n+1}\|^2 \leq \frac{\lambda_{\min}}{2} \|\vec{e}^{n+1}\|^2 + \frac{1}{2\lambda_{\min}} \|\vec{r}^{n+1}\|^2$, which yields the result.
- Summing from $n = 0$ to $N - 1$ and since $\vec{e}^0 = 0$ we find

$$\frac{1}{h} \|\vec{e}^N\|^2 + \lambda_{\min} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \|\vec{e}^{n+1}\|^2 \leq \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \frac{1}{\lambda_{\min}} \|\vec{r}^{n+1}\|^2 \leq \frac{NC^2 h^2}{\lambda_{\min}}.$$

From $h = \frac{T}{N}$ we obtain our result.

Question 2

- (a) We have $\vec{u}(t_{n+1}) = \vec{u}(t_n) + h\vec{u}'(t_n) + \frac{1}{2}h^2\vec{u}''(s_n)$, $t_n < s_n < t_{n+1}$. Thus

$$\frac{\vec{u}(t_{n+1}) - \vec{u}(t_n)}{h} + A\vec{u}(t_n) = \vec{f}(t_n) + \vec{r}^n,$$

with $\vec{r}^n = \frac{1}{2}h\vec{u}''(s_n)$ and $\|\vec{r}^n\| \leq \frac{1}{2}h \max_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|\vec{u}''(t)\|$. Defining $\vec{e}^n = \vec{u}(t_n) - \vec{u}^n$, we have

$$\frac{\vec{e}^{n+1} - \vec{e}^n}{h} + A\vec{e}^n = \vec{r}^n.$$

Multiplying the result by $\vec{e}^{n+1}$ it yields

$$\frac{1}{h} (\vec{e}^{n+1} - \vec{e}^n)^T \vec{e}^{n+1} + (\vec{e}^{n+1})^T A \vec{e}^n = (\vec{e}^{n+1})^T \vec{r}^n,$$

which yields the result, using $a = (a - b) + b$ and $(a - b)a = \frac{1}{2}(a^2 - b^2 + (a - b)^2)$.

- (b) Defining the scalar product $\langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle_A = \vec{u}^T A \vec{v}$, we use the Cauchy-Schwarz and Young inequality to find $\langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle_A \leq \|\vec{u}\|_A \|\vec{v}\|_A \leq \frac{1}{2} \|\vec{u}\|_A^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|\vec{v}\|_A^2$. This yields the result choosing $\vec{u} = \vec{e}^{n+1}$ and $\vec{v} = \vec{e}^{n+1} - \vec{e}^n$.

(c) From (a) and (b), we have

$$\frac{1}{2h} \left(\|\bar{e}^{n+1}\|^2 - \|\bar{e}^n\|^2 + \|\bar{e}^{n+1} - \bar{e}^n\|^2 \right) + \frac{1}{2} (\bar{e}^{n+1})^T A \bar{e}^{n+1} \leq (\bar{e}^{n+1})^T \bar{r}^n + \frac{1}{2} (\bar{e}^{n+1} - \bar{e}^n)^T A (\bar{e}^{n+1} - \bar{e}^n).$$

The result is obtained since $\lambda_{\min} \|\bar{v}\|^2 \leq \bar{v}^T A \bar{v} \leq \lambda_{\max} \|\bar{v}\|^2$, $\forall \bar{v} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ (from decomposition into orthonormal basis of eigenvectors of A).

(d) We have

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{1}{2h} + \frac{\lambda_{\min}}{2} \right) \|\bar{e}^{n+1}\|^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2h} - \frac{\lambda_{\max}}{2} \right) \|\bar{e}^{n+1} - \bar{e}^n\|^2 &\leq \frac{1}{2h} \|\bar{e}^n\|^2 + \|\bar{e}^{n+1}\| \|\bar{r}^n\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2h} \|\bar{e}^n\|^2 + \frac{\lambda_{\min}}{2} \|\bar{e}^{n+1}\|^2 + \frac{1}{2\lambda_{\min}} \|\bar{r}^n\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

If $\frac{1}{2h} - \frac{\lambda_{\max}}{2} \geq 0$, this yields $\|\bar{e}^{n+1}\|^2 \leq \|\bar{e}^n\|^2 + \frac{h}{\lambda_{\min}} \|\bar{r}^n\|^2 \leq \|\bar{e}^n\|^2 + \frac{C^2 h^3}{\lambda_{\min}}$. Summing from $n = 0$ to $n = N - 1$ and using $T = Nh$ yields the result.

Question 3

We have from (4) :

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|\bar{x}'(t)\|^2 = \bar{x}''(t)^T \bar{x}'(t) = \frac{-\bar{x}(t)^T \bar{x}''}{\|\bar{x}(t)\|^3} = \frac{d}{dt} \frac{1}{\|\bar{x}(t)\|}.$$

Now let $\bar{x}'(t) = \bar{v}(t)$, (1) is equivalent to $\bar{u}'(t) = f(\bar{u}(t))$, with $\bar{u}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{x}(t) \\ \bar{v}(t) \end{pmatrix}$ and $f(\bar{x}, \bar{v}) = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{v} \\ \frac{-\bar{x}}{\|\bar{x}\|^3} \end{pmatrix}$. Let N be a positive integer, $h = \frac{T}{N}$, $t_n = nh$, $n = 0, 1, \dots, N$. We compute $\bar{u}^{n+1} \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $n = 0, 1, \dots, N - 1$, with the Euler explicit scheme :

$$\frac{\bar{u}^{n+1} - \bar{u}^n}{h} = \bar{f}(\bar{u}^n).$$

Let $\bar{e}$ be the error at final time, the following results are obtained :

h	$\ \bar{e}\ $ explicit
0.0002	0.330
0.0001	0.169
0.00005	0.085
0.000025	0.042

which shows that the error is $O(h)$.

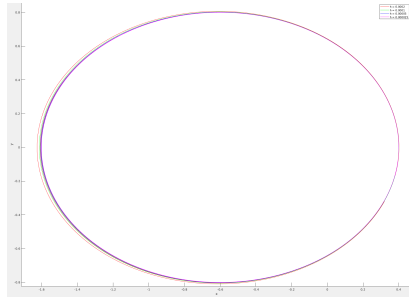


FIGURE 1 – Numerical solution with the Forward Euler method for the different h s.

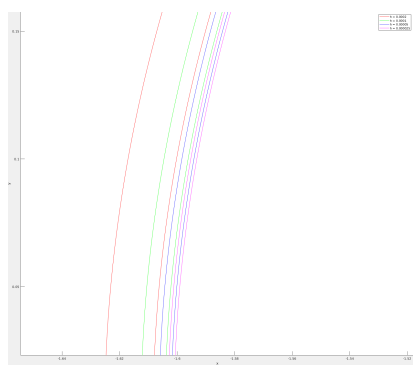


FIGURE 2 – Zoom of the left side of the previous plot.