

Multilevel schemes

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Adams-Bashforth schemes

$N^{\text{th}}$  order Adams-Bashforth

$$\delta_t^N \phi^n = \frac{\phi^{n+1} - \phi^n}{\Delta t} = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} c_j F(\phi^{n-j}) \quad (N^{\text{th}} \text{ order accurate})$$

$$\phi' + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \phi'' + \frac{(\Delta t)^2}{3!} \phi''' \dots = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} c_j \left\{ F + j \Delta t F' + \frac{(j \Delta t)^2}{2!} F'' \dots \right\}$$

Note  $\phi' = F, \phi'' = F', \dots$ , so we use the first  $N$  of the constraints

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} c_j \\ -\frac{1}{2} &= \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} j c_j \\ \frac{1}{3} &= \frac{2!}{3!} = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} j^2 c_j \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

to find  $c_0, \dots, c_{N-1}$ .

2<sup>nd</sup> order AB

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= c_0 + c_1 \\ -\frac{1}{2} &= c_0 + 2c_1 \quad \Rightarrow c_1 = -\frac{1}{2}, c_0 = \frac{3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\phi^{n+1} - \phi^n}{\Delta t} = \frac{3}{2} F(\phi^n) - \frac{1}{2} F(\phi^{n-1})$$

3<sup>rd</sup> order AB

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= c_0 + c_1 + c_2 \\ -\frac{1}{2} &= c_0 + 2c_1 + 3c_2 \\ \frac{1}{3} &= c_0 + 4c_1 + 9c_2 \\ \Rightarrow c_0 &= \frac{23}{12}, c_1 = -\frac{16}{12}, c_2 = \frac{5}{12} \end{aligned}$$

Stability analysis of 2<sup>nd</sup> order AB

$$F(\phi) = \sigma \phi$$

$$\frac{\phi^{n+1} - \phi^n}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{2} \sigma (3\phi^n - \phi^{n-1})$$

$\phi^n = a_1 a_1^n + a_2 a_2^n$ ,  $a_{1,2}$  are roots of

$$a - 1 = \frac{1}{2} \sigma \Delta t (3a - a^{-1})$$

$$f(a) = a^2 - a(1 + \frac{3}{2} \sigma \Delta t) + \frac{1}{2} \sigma \Delta t = 0$$

Note that one root has  $a_1 \rightarrow 1$ , the other has  $a_2 \rightarrow 0$ , as  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$  (the "physical" and "computational" modes). In general, if  $\sigma$  is real and  $< 0$ ,

$a_1 \downarrow$  as  $\sigma \downarrow$ , but remains  $> \frac{1}{3}$   
 $a_2 \downarrow$  as  $\sigma \downarrow$

When  $a_2 < -1$ , we have an instability;  
 this occurs where  $f(-1) < 0$ ,

$$1 + 1 + \frac{3}{2}\sigma\Delta t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma\Delta t < 0, \quad \sigma\Delta t < -1$$

For  $\sigma = i\omega$ ,

$$a^2 - a(1 + \frac{3}{2}i\omega\Delta t) + \frac{1}{2}i\omega\Delta t = 0$$

The 2<sup>nd</sup> order AB is weakly unstable

$$|a_1| = 1 + \frac{1}{4}(\omega\Delta t)^4$$

and accelerating  $R_1 = 1 + \frac{5}{12}(\omega\Delta t)^2$  on the physical mode.

Normally, method is initialized by a forward difference to get  $\phi^1$  from  $\phi^0$ ; therefore the AB scheme is used.

3<sup>rd</sup> order AB:  $|a_1| = 1 - \frac{3}{8}(\omega\Delta t)^4$

Phase error:  $R_1 = 1 + \frac{289}{720}(\omega\Delta t)^4 \Rightarrow$  weakly damping.

Stable for  $\omega\Delta t < 0.72$

... is very good for oscillation eqns.

Note: AB requires only one function eval. per timestep (cons advantage compared to RK)

Leapfrog

$$\delta_{2t}\phi^n = \frac{\phi^{n+1} - \phi^{n-1}}{2\Delta t} = F(\phi^n) \quad \dots \text{2<sup>nd</sup> order accurate}$$

Stab. analysis for  $F(\phi) = \sigma\phi$  with  $\phi^n \propto a^n$ ,

$$\frac{a^{n+1} - a^{n-1}}{2\Delta t} = \sigma a^n, \quad a^2 - 2\sigma\Delta t a + 1 = 0.$$

Again, there is a computational mode.

$$a_1 = \sigma\Delta t + (\sigma^2\Delta t^2 + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$a_2 = \sigma\Delta t - (\sigma^2\Delta t^2 + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Now if  $\sigma < 0$ ,  $a_2 < -1$  so the computational mode is always unstable  $\Rightarrow$  can't use for ~~damped~~ decaying solutions. Note for  $\sigma = 0$ , odd/even decapt

For oscillations,  $\sigma = i\omega$ ,  $a_1 = e^{i\theta}$ ,  $\theta = \sin^{-1}\omega\Delta t$ ,  $a_2 = -e^{-i\theta}$

$\Rightarrow |a_1| = 1$  no amplitude error  
 $|a_2| = 1$  computational mode not damped

$$R_1 = \frac{\sin^{-1}\omega\Delta t}{\omega\Delta t} = 1 + \frac{(\omega\Delta t)^2}{6} \dots, \text{accelerating.}$$

