

# COMPOSITION MAGNUS INTEGRATORS

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## The Goal

To consider the Magnus series expansion for numerically solving the non-linear ODE

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t), \quad \mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{x}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

The Magnus expansion and other geometric numerical integrators have been successfully used to solve the following eqs. separately

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = A(t)\mathbf{x}$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$$

Different versions of the ME have proved highly efficient in a number of problems:

- Quantum Mechanics
- Highly oscillatory problems
- Eigenvalue problems
- etc.

Is it possible to use Magnus for the non-autonomous non-linear problem? (Zanna)

Is it possible to combine both of them for numerically solving the problem?

**Standard Procedure:** to consider  $t = x_t$  on the vector-field and to solve the autonomous equation

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{y}) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \frac{d}{dt} \begin{Bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ x_t \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, x_t) \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix}$$

using an standard algorithm

### Problems:

(i) In general, many evaluations of  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t)$  at different times,  $t_1, \dots, t_s$ . The algorithm can be expensive.

(ii) If the  $t$ -dependent functions in  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t)$  and the  $\mathbf{x}$ -dependent functions in  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t)$  evolve at different time-scales  $\Rightarrow$  it seems convenient to treat them differently.

(iii) Some times, the **structure** of the vector-field  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t)$  is simpler than the structure of  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{y})$ , allowing to use more efficient algorithms

**Solution?** To use explicit or implicit RK methods with Gaussian or Lobatto quadrature points. This solves (i) but not (ii) and (iii)

## Expected Advantages on using Magnus

(i) Efficient treatment of the explicit **time-dependent** functions on the vector-field  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t)$  in the following cases:

$$* \text{cost}(\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t_1) + \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t_2)) \gg \text{cost}(\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_1, t) + \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_2, t))$$

$$\text{i.e. } \dot{\mathbf{x}} = f_0(t) + f_1(t)\mathbf{x} + f_2(t)\mathbf{x}^2 + f_3(t)\mathbf{x}^3$$

Given  $t_1, \dots, t_s$  with  $t_i = t_0 + c_i h$ , and  $c_i$  the quadrature points at order  $n \Rightarrow$  with  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t_1), \dots, \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t_s)$  allows methods of order  $n$

(ii) The  $t$ -dependent functions in  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t)$  and the  $\mathbf{x}$ -dependent functions in  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t)$  are treated separately.

(iii) It is of particular interest for those problems where efficient integrators for the autonomous vector-field  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \tau)$  are known (with  $\tau$  a constant).

(iv) The geometric properties are preserved.

## Magnus expansion for linear systems

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = A(t)\mathbf{x} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{x}(h) = e^{\Omega(h)}\mathbf{x}_0,$$

where  $\Omega = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \Omega_k$  with

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_1 &= \int_0^h A(t) dt \\ \Omega_2 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^h dt_1 \int_0^{t_1} dt_2 [A_{t_1}, A_{t_2}] \\ \Omega_3 &= \frac{1}{6} \int_0^h dt_1 \int_0^{t_1} dt_2 \int_0^{t_2} dt_3 \left\{ [A_{t_1}, A_{t_2}, A_{t_3}] + [A_{t_3}, A_{t_2}, A_{t_1}] \right\} \\ \Omega_4 &= \frac{1}{12} \int_0^h dt_1 \int_0^{t_1} dt_2 \int_0^{t_2} dt_3 \int_0^{t_3} dt_4 \left\{ [A_{t_1}, A_{t_4}, A_{t_3}, A_{t_2}] \right. \\ &\quad \left. + [A_{t_2}, A_{t_3}, A_{t_4}, A_{t_1}] + [A_{t_1}, A_{t_2}, A_{t_3}, A_{t_4}] - [A_{t_4}, A_{t_3}, A_{t_2}, A_{t_1}] \right\} \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

where  $A_{t_i} \equiv A(t_i)$ ,  $[A_1, A_2, A_3] \equiv [A_1, [A_2, A_3]]$ , etc.

This expansion is of great interest. However, for building efficient integrators it is convenient to write the truncated Magnus series in a more appropriate way

To take profit of the time-symmetry, let us consider the Taylor expansion of  $A(t)$  around  $t_{1/2} = t_0 + h/2$ ,

$$A(t) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i (t - t_{1/2})^i, \quad a_i = \frac{1}{i!} \left. \frac{d^i A(t)}{dt^i} \right|_{t=t_{1/2}}$$

then, taking  $b_i \equiv a_{i-1} h^i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$

$$\Omega = b_1 - \frac{1}{12} [b_1, b_2] + \mathcal{O}(h^5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega = & b_1 + \frac{1}{12} b_3 - \frac{1}{12} [b_1, b_2] + \frac{1}{240} [b_2, b_3] \\ & + \frac{1}{360} [b_1, [b_1, b_3]] - \frac{1}{240} [b_2, [b_1, b_2]] \\ & + \frac{1}{720} [b_1, [b_1, [b_1, b_2]]] + \mathcal{O}(h^7) \end{aligned}$$

$\{b_1, b_2, b_3\}$  generators of a graded free Lie algebra with grades 1, 2, 3 (Munthe-Kaas & Owren).  
 $[b_i, b_j, b_k] \equiv [b_i, [b_j, b_k]]$ , of order  $\mathcal{O}(h^{i+j+k})$ .

It is easier to work with.

The time-symmetry is clear

In practice, it seems convenient to consider

$$A_1 = A(t_1), \dots, A_s = A(t_s)$$

at some quadrature points with

$$A^{(0)} = \sum_{j=1}^s \beta_j A_j = \int_0^h A(t) dt + \mathcal{O}(h^{n+1}),$$

Then  $\exists$  constants  $\beta_j^{(i)}$  such that

$$A^{(i)} = \sum_{j=1}^s \beta_j^{(i)} A_j = \frac{1}{h^i} \int_0^h \left(t - \frac{h}{2}\right)^i A(t) dt + \mathcal{O}(h^{n+1}),$$

$i = 0, 1, 2$  (Iserles & Nørsett; B, Casas & Ros )

Up to order 6:  $e^{\Omega^{[n]}} = e^{\Omega} + \mathcal{O}(h^{n+1})$

$$\Omega^{[2]} = A^{(0)}$$

$$\Omega^{[4]} = A^{(0)} + [A^{(1)}, A^{(0)}]$$

$$Q = [A^{(1)}, \frac{3}{2}A^{(0)} - 6A^{(2)}]$$

$$\Omega^{[6]} = A^{(0)} + Q + [A^{(0)}, [A^{(0)}, \frac{1}{2}A^{(2)} - \frac{1}{60}Q]] + \frac{3}{5}[A^{(1)}, Q]$$

This is valid for any  $n$ -th order quadrature. We can also use different quadrature formulas for each component,  $A_{i,j}(t)$ .

### Examples: Gaussian Quadratures

**Fourth order** Consider  $A_i = A(c_i h)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  with  $c_{1,2} = \frac{1}{2} \mp \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}$ . Then

$$A^{(0)} = \frac{h}{2} (A_1 + A_2) \approx \int_0^h \mathbf{A}(t) dt$$

$$A^{(1)} = \frac{\sqrt{3}h}{12} (A_2 - A_1) \approx \frac{1}{h} \int_0^h \left( t - \frac{h}{2} \right) \mathbf{A}(t) dt$$

**Sixth order** Consider  $A_i = A(c_i h)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$  with  $c_{1,3} = \frac{1}{2} \mp \frac{\sqrt{3}}{20}$ ,  $c_2 = 1/2$ . Then

$$A^{(0)} = \frac{h}{18} (5A_1 + 8A_2 + 5A_3) \approx \int_0^h \mathbf{A}(t) dt$$

$$A^{(1)} = \frac{\sqrt{15}h}{36} (A_3 - A_1) \approx \frac{1}{h} \int_0^h \left( t - \frac{h}{2} \right) \mathbf{A}(t) dt$$

$$A^{(2)} = \frac{h}{24} (A_1 + A_3) \approx \frac{1}{h} \int_0^h \left( t - \frac{h}{2} \right)^2 \mathbf{A}(t) dt$$



This is equivalent to:

1. Consider the equation:  $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t) = A(t)\mathbf{x}$
2. Frozen the  $\mathbf{x}$  coordinates of the vector-field,  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t)$
3. Take the Magnus time-average  $\Rightarrow$   
 $\mathbf{f}^\Omega(\mathbf{x}) = \Omega(h)\mathbf{x}$  (autonomous vector-field)
4. Consider the equation:  $\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{f}^\Omega(\mathbf{y}) = \Omega(h)\mathbf{y}$
5. Evaluate the 1-flow:  $\mathbf{y}(1) = e^\Omega \simeq \mathbf{x}(h)$

**Question:** Is it possible to follow these steps in a simple way for the non-linear problem?

**Answer:** YES, but only for the steps 1 to 4. In general, due to the complexity of  $\mathbf{f}^\Omega$ , step 5 requires the evaluation of a very complicated map

**Solution:** To approximate the complicated map by a composition of simpler maps

$\Rightarrow$  **Composition Magnus Integrators**

## Non-linear autonomous system

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) \quad (1)$$

with solution  $\mathbf{x}(t) = \Phi_{\mathbf{f}}^t(\mathbf{x}_0)$ . Let us consider the Lie operator

$$L_{\mathbf{f}} = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}.$$

Eq. (1) can be written as

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = L_{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})}\mathbf{x} \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt}\Phi_{\mathbf{f}}^t(\mathbf{x}_0) = L_{\mathbf{f}}\Phi_{\mathbf{f}}^t(\mathbf{x}_0)$$

and in terms of the evolution operator

$$\frac{d}{dt}\Phi_{\mathbf{f}}^t = \Phi_{\mathbf{f}}^t L_{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_0)}$$

We have rewritten eq. (1) as a (infinite dimensional) linear eq. with formal solution:  
 $\Phi_{\mathbf{f}}^t = \exp(tL_{\mathbf{f}})$

Sol. dif. eq.  $\equiv$  Lie Transformation

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}(t) = \exp(tL_{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y})})(\mathbf{y}) \Big|_{\mathbf{y}=\mathbf{x}_0}$$

## Non-autonomous System

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

with solution  $\mathbf{x}(t) = \Phi_{\mathbf{f}}^t(\mathbf{x}_0)$ . The evolution operator satisfy the eq.

$$\frac{d}{dt}\Phi_{\mathbf{f}}^t = \Phi_{\mathbf{f}}^t L_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{x}_0, t)$$

It is possible to make use of the **Magnus expansion** and to write the solution as

$$\Phi_{\mathbf{f}}^t = \exp(L_{\mathbf{f}}\Omega(\mathbf{x}_0, t)), \quad \text{with} \quad \mathbf{f}^{\Omega} = \sum_i \mathbf{f}_i^{\Omega}$$

where

$$\mathbf{f}_1^{\Omega}(\mathbf{x}_0, t) = \int_0^t \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_0, s) ds$$

$$\mathbf{f}_2^{\Omega}(\mathbf{x}_0, t) = -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^t ds_1 \int_0^{s_1} ds_2 (\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_0, s_1), \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_0, s_2))$$

being  $\mathbf{h} = (\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g})$  the **Lie bracket**

$$h_i = (\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g})_i = L_{\mathbf{f}}g_i - L_{\mathbf{g}}f_i = \sum_{j=1}^n \left( f_j \frac{\partial g_i}{\partial x_j} - g_j \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j} \right)$$

The formal solution at  $t = h$  is given by

$$\mathbf{x}(h) = \exp(L_{\mathbf{f}\Omega(\mathbf{y},h)})(\mathbf{y}) \Big|_{\mathbf{y}=\mathbf{x}_0},$$

the 1-flow solution of the autonomous DE

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}^\Omega(\mathbf{x}, h), \quad \mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{x}_0$$

$$\mathbf{f}^{(i)} = \sum_{j=1}^s \beta_j^{(i)} \mathbf{f}_j = \frac{1}{h^i} \int_0^h \left(t - \frac{h}{2}\right)^i \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t) dt + \mathcal{O}(h^{n+1}),$$

$$i = 0, 1, 2$$

Up to order 6:  $\exp(L_{\mathbf{f}\Omega[n]}) = \exp(L_{\mathbf{f}\Omega}) + \mathcal{O}(h^{n+1})$

$$\mathbf{f}^{\Omega[2]} = \mathbf{f}^{(0)}$$

$$\mathbf{f}^{\Omega[4]} = \mathbf{f}^{(0)} - (\mathbf{f}^{(1)}, \mathbf{f}^{(0)})$$

$$Q = -(\mathbf{f}^{(1)}, \frac{3}{2}\mathbf{f}^{(0)} - 6\mathbf{f}^{(2)})$$

$$\mathbf{f}^{\Omega[6]} = \mathbf{f}^{(0)} + Q + (\mathbf{f}^{(0)}, (\mathbf{f}^{(0)}, \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{f}^{(2)} - \frac{1}{60}Q)) + \frac{3}{5}(\mathbf{f}^{(1)}, Q)$$

The vector-field containing Lie brackets are, in general, very complicate and their maps are computationally expensive.

**Solution:** To approximate this map by a **composition** of simpler maps

This is closely related to the commutator-free methods (Celledoni & Owren)

Which simpler maps can be used?

A map is the 1-flow solution of a differential equation.

Which differential equations can be exactly or efficiently computed?

This dependes on the particular problem.

Given the quadrature points,  $t_1, \dots, t_s$ , we consider the following cases:

(i) Suppose the autonomous equation can be efficiently solved up to  $t = h$

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \alpha_1 \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t_1) + \dots + \alpha_s \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t_s)$$

i.e. suppose it is easy to approximate the map

$$\mathbf{x}(h) = \exp \left( h\alpha_1 L_{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t_1)} + \dots + h\alpha_s L_{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t_s)} \right) (\mathbf{x}_0)$$

(ii) Given  $\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{f}_A + \mathbf{f}_B$ , suppose we can solve

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \alpha_1 \mathbf{f}_A(\mathbf{x}, t_1) + \dots + \alpha_s \mathbf{f}_A(\mathbf{x}, t_s)$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \beta_1 \mathbf{f}_B(\mathbf{x}, t_1) + \dots + \beta_s \mathbf{f}_B(\mathbf{x}, t_s)$$

i.e. suppose we can approximate the maps

$$\mathbf{x}(h) = \exp \left( h\alpha_1 L_{\mathbf{f}_A(\mathbf{x}, t_1)} + \dots + h\alpha_s L_{\mathbf{f}_A(\mathbf{x}, t_s)} \right) (\mathbf{x}_0)$$

$$\mathbf{x}(h) = \exp \left( h\beta_1 L_{\mathbf{f}_B(\mathbf{x}, t_1)} + \dots + h\beta_s L_{\mathbf{f}_B(\mathbf{x}, t_s)} \right) (\mathbf{x}_0)$$

## Problem to solve

$$\begin{aligned}\exp(\Omega) &= \exp\left(b_1 - \frac{1}{12}[b_1, b_2]\right) + \mathcal{O}(h^5) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^m \exp(\alpha_{i,1}b_1 + \alpha_{i,2}b_2) + \mathcal{O}(h^5) \\ \exp(\Omega) &= \exp\left(b_1 + \frac{1}{12}b_3 - \frac{1}{12}[b_1, b_2] + \frac{1}{240}[b_2, b_3] \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{360}[b_1, [b_1, b_3]] - \frac{1}{240}[b_2, [b_1, b_2]] \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{720}[b_1, [b_1, [b_1, b_2]]]\right) + \mathcal{O}(h^7) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^m \exp(\alpha_{i,1}b_1 + \alpha_{i,2}b_2 + \alpha_{i,3}b_3) + \mathcal{O}(h^7)\end{aligned}$$

The coefficients  $\alpha_{i,j}$  have to solve a system of non-linear equations.

**Time-symmetry.** It can be preserved with

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_{m+1-i,1} &= \alpha_{i,1} \\ \alpha_{m+1-i,2} &= -\alpha_{i,2} \\ \alpha_{m+1-i,3} &= \alpha_{i,3}\end{aligned}$$

## Order Conditions

Given the time-symmetric composition

$$e^{\alpha_{1,1}b_1 + \alpha_{1,2}b_2 + \alpha_{1,3}b_3} e^{\alpha_{2,1}b_1 + \alpha_{2,2}b_2 + \alpha_{2,3}b_3} \dots$$

$$\dots e^{\alpha_{2,1}b_1 - \alpha_{2,2}b_2 + \alpha_{2,3}b_3} e^{\alpha_{1,1}b_1 - \alpha_{1,2}b_2 + \alpha_{1,3}b_3}$$

and a general (time-symmetric) element

$$C(\beta^{(k)}) = \beta_1^{(k)} b_1 + \beta_2^{(k)} b_3 + \beta_3^{(k)} [1, 2] + \beta_4^{(k)} [2, 3]$$

$$+ \beta_5^{(k)} [1, 1, 3] + \beta_6^{(k)} [2, 1, 2] + \beta_7^{(k)} [1, 1, 1, 2]$$

the order conditions can be easily obtained from the recursive relation

$$e^{xb_1 + yb_2 + zb_3} e^{C(\beta^{(k)})} e^{xb_1 - yb_2 + zb_3} = e^{C(\beta^{(k+1)}(x,y,z))}$$

Next, we must solve the equations

$$(\beta_1^{(m)}, \beta_2^{(m)}, \beta_3^{(m)}, \beta_4^{(m)}, \beta_5^{(m)}, \beta_6^{(m)}, \beta_7^{(m)})$$

$$= \left( 1, \frac{1}{12}, -\frac{1}{12}, \frac{1}{240}, \frac{1}{360}, -\frac{1}{240}, \frac{1}{720} \right)$$

Finally, we write the solution in terms of  $A^{(0)}, A^{(1)}, A^{(2)}$



**Example:** Fourth-order composition methods  
(B & Moan)

Linear problem

$$\begin{aligned} e^{\Omega} &\simeq \exp\left(b_1 + \frac{1}{12}[b_2, b_1]\right) \\ &\simeq \exp\left(A^{(0)} + [A^{(1)}, A^{(0)}]\right) \\ &\simeq \exp\left(\frac{1}{2}A^{(0)} + 2A^{(1)}\right) \exp\left(\frac{1}{2}A^{(0)} - 2A^{(1)}\right) \\ &\simeq \exp\left(A^{(1)}\right) \exp\left(A^{(0)}\right) \exp\left(-A^{(1)}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Non-linear problem

$$\begin{aligned} \exp(L_{\mathbf{f}}\Omega) &\simeq \exp\left(L_{\mathbf{f}^{(0)} - (\mathbf{f}^{(1)}, \mathbf{f}^{(0)})}\right) \\ &\simeq \exp\left(L_{\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{f}^{(0)} - 2\mathbf{f}^{(1)}}\right) \exp\left(L_{\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{f}^{(0)} + 2\mathbf{f}^{(1)}}\right) \\ &\simeq \exp\left(-L_{\mathbf{f}^{(1)}}\right) \exp\left(L_{\mathbf{f}^{(0)}}\right) \exp\left(L_{\mathbf{f}^{(1)}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_2(1) = \exp\left(L_{\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{f}^{(0)} - 2\mathbf{f}^{(1)}}\right) \exp\left(L_{\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{f}^{(0)} + 2\mathbf{f}^{(1)}}\right) (\mathbf{x}_0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\mathbf{x}}_1 &= \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{f}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}_1) - 2\mathbf{f}^{(1)}(\mathbf{x}_1), & \mathbf{x}_1(0) &= \mathbf{x}_0, \\ \dot{\mathbf{x}}_2 &= \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{f}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}_2) + 2\mathbf{f}^{(1)}(\mathbf{x}_2), & \mathbf{x}_2(0) &= \mathbf{x}_1(1) \\ & & \mathbf{x}_2(1) &= \mathbf{x}(h) + O(h^5) \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{x}_3(1) = \exp\left(-L_{\mathbf{f}^{(1)}}\right) \exp\left(L_{\mathbf{f}^{(0)}}\right) \exp\left(L_{\mathbf{f}^{(1)}}\right) (\mathbf{x}_0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\mathbf{x}}_1 &= -\mathbf{f}^{(1)}(\mathbf{x}_1), & \mathbf{x}_1(0) &= \mathbf{x}_0, \\ \dot{\mathbf{x}}_2 &= \mathbf{f}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}_2), & \mathbf{x}_2(0) &= \mathbf{x}_1(1), \\ \dot{\mathbf{x}}_3 &= \mathbf{f}^{(1)}(\mathbf{x}_3), & \mathbf{x}_3(0) &= \mathbf{x}_2(1) \\ & & \mathbf{x}_3(1) &= \mathbf{x}(h) + O(h^5) \end{aligned}$$

## Illustrative Example:

$$\dot{x} = f_0(t) + f_1(t)x + f_2(t)x^2 + f_3(t)x^3$$

Evaluate the constants

$$f_i^{(0)} \simeq \int_0^h f_i(t) dt, \quad f_i^{(1)} \simeq \frac{1}{h} \int_0^h \left(t - \frac{h}{2}\right) f_i(t) dt,$$

$i = 0, \dots, 3$  (using a fourth-order quadrature)

$$a_i = \frac{1}{2} f_i^{(0)} - 2 f_i^{(1)}, \quad b_i = \frac{1}{2} f_i^{(0)} + 2 f_i^{(1)}$$

Finally, we must solve the autonomous eqs.

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= a_0 + a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_1^2 + a_3 x_1^3, & x_1(0) &= x_0 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= b_0 + b_1 x_2 + b_2 x_2^2 + b_3 x_2^3, & x_2(0) &= x_1(1) \end{aligned}$$

Solution from the method

$$x_2(1) = x(h) + O(h^5)$$

## Optimization

It is possible to improve the accuracy following different procedures

Suppose the constant part of the vector-field,  $b_1$ , is the dominant term, then

$$\Omega = b_1 - \frac{1}{12}[b_1, b_2] + \cdots + c_j \overbrace{[b_1, \dots, b_1, b_2]}^{j \text{ } b_1 \text{'s}} + \cdots \\ + \frac{1}{12}b_3 - \frac{1}{80}[b_1, b_4] + \frac{1}{240}[b_2, b_3] + \cdots$$

where the coefficients  $c_k$  are given by

$$\sum_{k \geq 0} c_k x^k = \frac{1 - \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x}{e^x - 1}}{x} = g(x).$$

The dominating error term is then

$$E_1^j = c_j [b_1, \dots, b_1, b_2] + c_{j+1} [b_1, \dots, b_1, b_1, b_2] + \cdots$$

We can use additional exponentials to cancel the lowest order terms of  $E_1^j$  or to remove its first singularities

## Separable Problem:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = C(t)\mathbf{x} + D(t)\mathbf{x}$$

with  $[C(t), D(t)] = 0$ . Then, we can consider the graded free Lie algebra generated by

$\{c_1, d_1, c_2, d_2, c_3, d_3\}$  with  $b_i = c_i + d_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$  and  $[c_i, c_j] = [d_i, d_j] = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega = & c_1 + d_1 + \frac{1}{12}c_3 + \frac{1}{12}d_3 - \frac{1}{12}[c_1, d_2] - \frac{1}{12}[d_1, c_2] \\ & + \frac{1}{240}[c_2, d_3] + \frac{1}{240}[d_2, c_3] \\ & + \frac{1}{360}([c_1, c_1, d_3] + [c_1, d_1, c_3] + [d_1, c_1, d_3] + [d_1, d_1, c_3]) \\ & - \frac{1}{240}([c_2, c_1, d_2] + [c_2, d_1, c_2] + [d_2, c_1, d_2] + [d_2, d_1, c_2]) \\ & + \frac{1}{720}([c_1, c_1, c_1, d_2] + [c_1, c_1, d_1, c_2] + [c_1, d_1, c_1, d_2] \\ & \quad + [c_1, d_1, d_1, c_2] + [d_1, c_1, c_1, d_2] + [d_1, c_1, d_1, c_2] \\ & \quad + [d_1, d_1, c_1, d_2] + [d_1, d_1, d_1, c_2]) + \mathcal{O}(h^7). \end{aligned}$$

$\exp(\Omega)$  can be approximated by

$$\prod_{i=1}^m \exp(\alpha_{i,1}c_1 + \alpha_{i,2}c_2 + \alpha_{i,3}c_3) \exp(\beta_{i,1}d_1 + \beta_{i,2}d_2 + \beta_{i,3}d_3)$$

Fourth-order: easy

Sixth-order: very complicate

For the particular case

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = C\mathbf{x} + D(t)\mathbf{x}$$

the problem simplifies

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega = & c_1 + d_1 + \frac{1}{12}d_3 - \frac{1}{12}[c_1, d_2] + \frac{1}{360}([c_1, c_1, d_3] + [d_1, c_1, d_3]) \\ & - \frac{1}{240}([d_2, c_1, d_2]) + \frac{1}{720}([c_1, c_1, c_1, d_2] + [c_1, d_1, c_1, d_2] \\ & + [d_1, c_1, c_1, d_2] + [d_1, d_1, c_1, d_2]) + \mathcal{O}(h^7). \end{aligned}$$

and sixth-order methods can be obtained. Other cases can also be considered.

On the other hand, for the autonomous case

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = C\mathbf{x} + D\mathbf{x}$$

many efficient splitting methods are known

$$e^{C+D} = \prod_{i=1}^m e^{\alpha_i C} e^{\beta_i D}$$

Then, for our composition

$$\prod_{i=1}^m \exp(\alpha_{i,1}c_1 + \alpha_{i,2}c_2 + \alpha_{i,3}c_3) \exp(\beta_{i,1}d_1 + \beta_{i,2}d_2 + \beta_{i,3}d_3)$$

we can take  $\alpha_{i,1} = \alpha_i$ ,  $\beta_{i,1} = \beta_i$  which solve many (the most complicate) order conditions

## Hamiltonian Systems

This is just a particular, but very important, case. Let us consider  $H(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}, t) : \mathbb{R}^{2l} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , where  $\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^l$ , the Hamilton eqs. are

$$\frac{d\mathbf{q}}{dt} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{p}}; \quad \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{q}}$$

or, equivalently

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{Bmatrix} \mathbf{q} \\ \mathbf{p} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I \\ -I & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \\ \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \end{Bmatrix}$$

If we denote  $\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p})$ , it corresponds to the particular case  $\mathbf{f} = -J \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$

Lie bracket  $\Rightarrow$  Poisson bracket

The Hamiltonian

$$H = T(\mathbf{p}, t) + V(\mathbf{q}, t)$$

appears in many problem: is **time**-dependent  
+ **separable**

The Poisson brackets destroy the separability  
 $\Rightarrow$  Use of composition Magnus integrators

## NUMERICAL EXAMPLES: HAMILTONIAN SYSTEMS

### Perturbed oscillator by a plane wave

$$H = \frac{1}{2}(p^2 + q^2) + \varepsilon (\cos(q)g_1(t) + \sin(q)g_2(t))$$

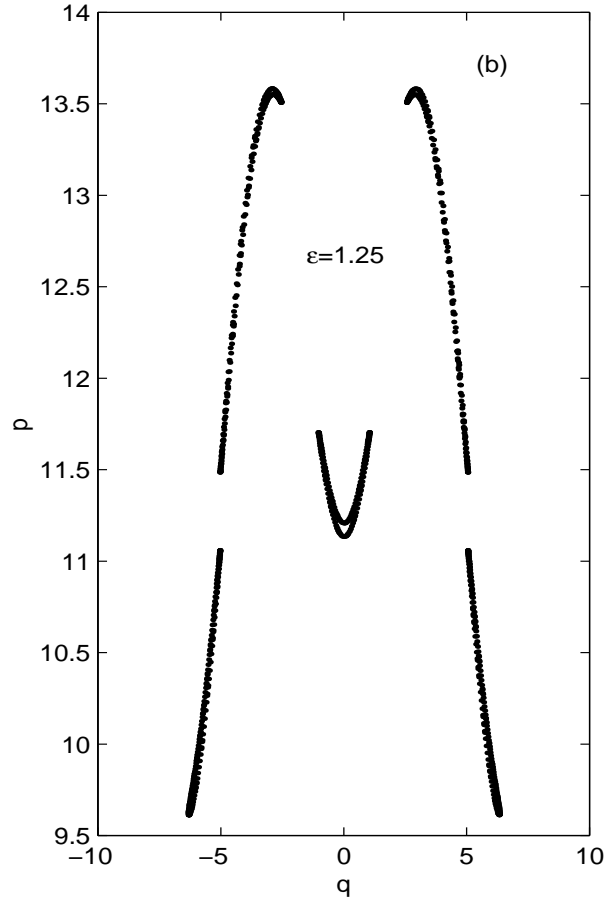
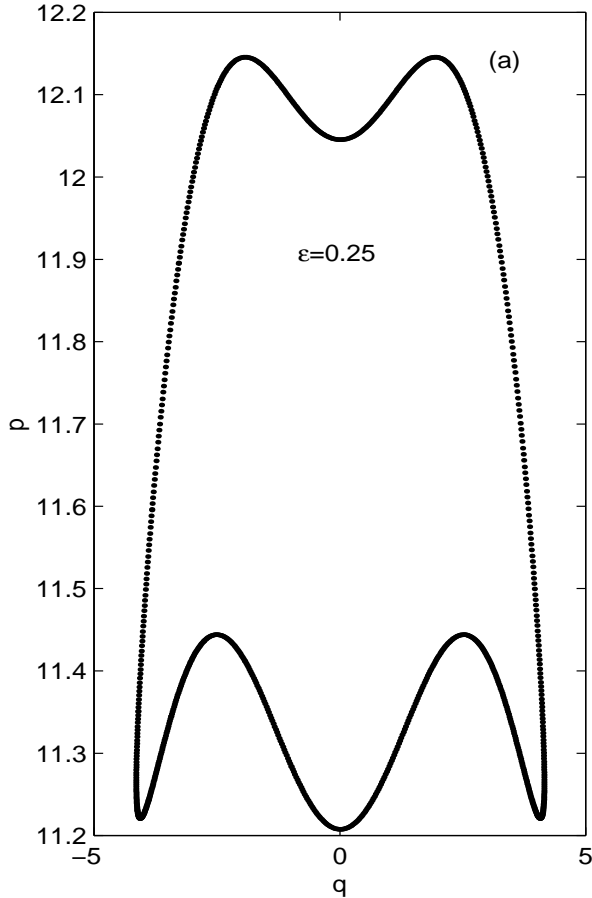
with

$$g_1(t) = \sum_{i=1}^k \cos(w_i t), \quad g_2(t) = \sum_{i=1}^k \sin(w_i t)$$

$$\begin{cases} q_0 = 0 & p_0 = 11,2075 \\ \omega_i = i\omega_0 & \omega_0 = 1/10 \\ k = 10 & \varepsilon = 0,25 - 1,25 \end{cases}$$

We are interested in the Poincaré section and consider different methods. We start with a large time-step,  $h$  and repeat the computations reducing  $h$  until we get the correct picture. For this time-step we measure the computational cost





	$\varepsilon = 0,25$		$\varepsilon = 1,25$	
	CPU	$N$	CPU	$N$
2EXq	4.00	38	7.70	74
3EXq	4.90	58	10.6	121
$S^*$	8.50	38	15.6	71
$S_{RKN}$	10.7	48	14.8	68
RK4	12.0	152	26.5	331

Given the time step  $h = 2\pi/N$  we show the minimum value of  $N$  such that  $\delta < 10^{-3}$ . For these values we calculated the CPU time in seconds.

## The Duffing Problem

$$\ddot{\mathbf{q}} = A(t)\dot{\mathbf{q}} - \nabla_{\mathbf{q}}V(\mathbf{q}, t)$$

or, equivalently

$$\dot{M} = A(t)M$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{Bmatrix} \mathbf{q} \\ \mathbf{p} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & M \\ -M^{-1} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \nabla_{\mathbf{q}}V(\mathbf{q}, t) \\ \mathbf{p} \end{Bmatrix}$$

The one-dimensional equation

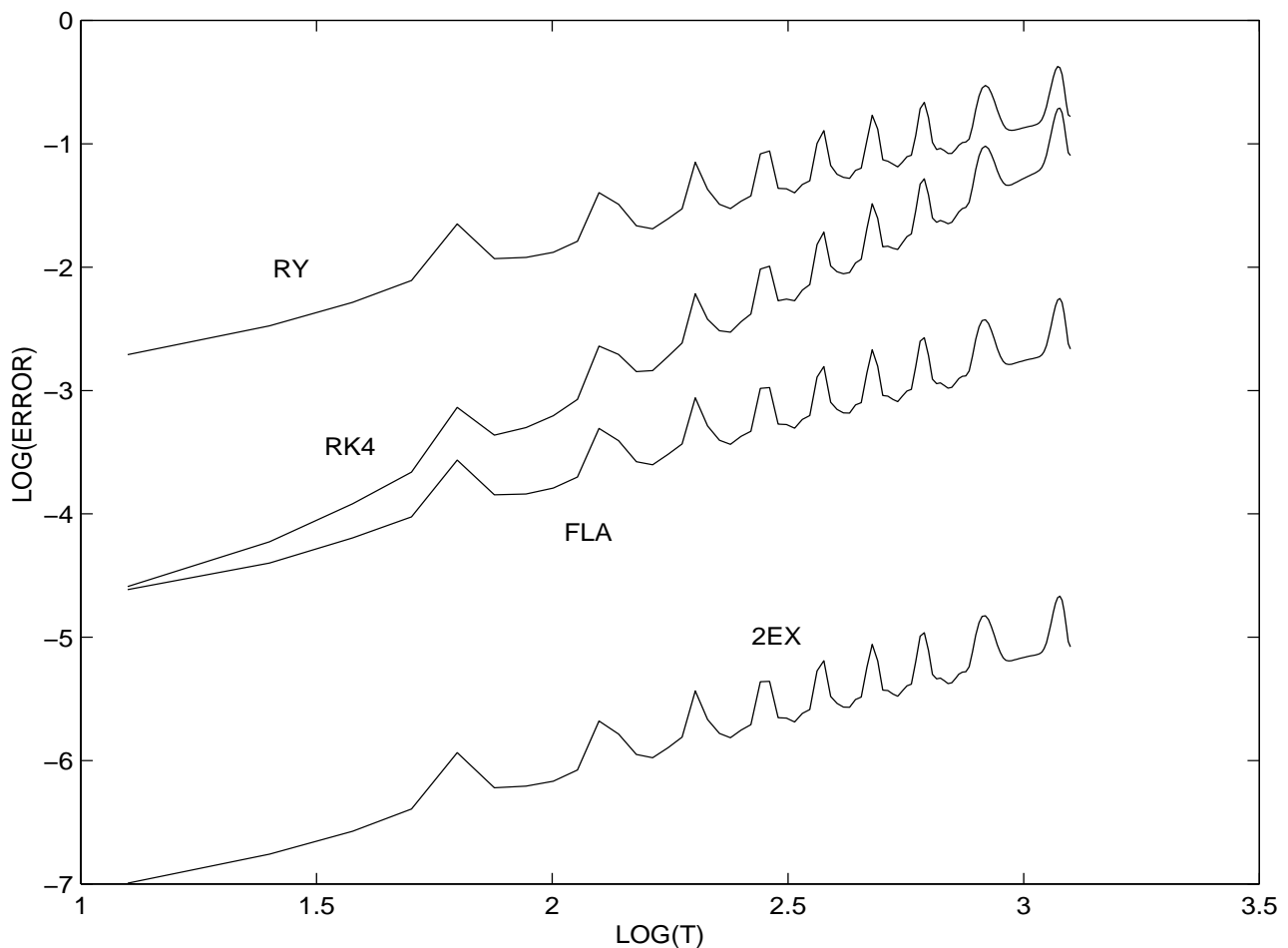
$$\ddot{q} = \epsilon\dot{q} + q - q^3 + \delta \cos(\omega t)$$

can be obtained from the Hamiltonian

$$H = e^{-\epsilon t} \frac{p^2}{2} + e^{\epsilon t} \left( \frac{q^4}{4} - \frac{q^2}{2} - \delta \cos(\omega t) q \right)$$

which is separable in two time-dependent parts, being both of them solvable. The evaluation of the time-dependent functions is the most computational costly part

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} q_0 = 1,75 \\ \epsilon = \frac{1}{10000} \\ \omega = \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} p_0 = 0 \\ \delta = \frac{1}{1000} \end{array}$$



Errors in positions for different splitting methods and the two-exponential CMI. Time step chosen such that all methods require the same computational cost.

## The Schrödinger Equation

$$i\frac{\partial}{\partial t}u(x,t) = \left(-\frac{1}{2\mu}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + V(x,t)\right)u(x,t)$$

Spatial semidiscretisation

$$u(x,t) \longrightarrow \mathbf{u}(t) = \begin{Bmatrix} u(x_0,t) \\ u(x_1,t) \\ \vdots \\ u(x_N,t) \end{Bmatrix}.$$

Then, we have to solve

$$i\mathbf{u}_t = \mathbf{H}(t)\mathbf{u}$$

with  $\mathbf{H} \in \mathcal{C}^{N \times N}$  hermitic (usually real and symmetric). If we consider

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{q} + i\mathbf{p}$$

then

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{Bmatrix} \mathbf{q} \\ \mathbf{p} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathbf{H}(t) \\ -\mathbf{H}(t) & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \mathbf{q} \\ \mathbf{p} \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$V(x,t) = D(1 - e^{-\alpha x})^2 + x f(t)$$

i)  $f(t) = G \cos(\omega t)$

Laser field

ii)  $f(t) = \frac{G\omega}{\cosh^2(F\sqrt{\omega t})}$

Collision with an atom

## Conclusions

- The **time** and the **coordinates** in the vector-field  $f(\mathbf{x}, t)$  play different roles on the evolution of the system for many problems  $\Rightarrow$  it is convenient to treat them differently
- We have generalized the **Magnus integrators** for linear systems to be used in **non-linear problems**
- Composition Magnus integrators can be used in tandem with other geometric integrators (of different order). An important case being the splitting methods for separable systems. The final methods are still **Geometric Integrators**
- Additional stages can be considered for optimization purposes

## Work in Progress

- To analyze the efficiency of fourth-order methods optimized following different criteria
- To build different sixth-order composition Magnus integrators and to analyze their performances
- To consider particular cases, like the separable problem, and to build efficient composition methods for them
- To look for interesting problems where these methods can be of interest (polynomial vector-fields, linear non-homogeneous systems, Riccati equation, separable Hamiltonian systems, some oscillatory problems, etc.)