

# Exponential Integrators - History and Recent Developments

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A new interest in exponential integrators for semilinear problems

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where  $u : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $L \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ ,  $N : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $d$  is a discretization parameter equal to the number of spatial grid points.

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where  $v_0 = e^{-t_0L}u_0$ .

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**ETD Adams–Bashforth** (**Nørsett'69**,..., **Cox–Matthews'02**).

# An alternative approach

An alternative approach for deriving **exponential Adams** methods, both explicit and implicit, is to use the following result (**Beylkin et al.'98**)

**Lemma 1.** *The exact solution of the initial value problem*

$$u' = Lu + N(u, t), \quad u(t_{n-1}) = u_{n-1},$$

*can be expressed in the form*

$$u(t_{n-1} + h) = e^{hL}u_{n-1} + \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} h^{i+1} \phi^{[i+1]}(hL) N_{n-1}^{(i)},$$

where  $N_{n-1}^{(i)} = \left. \frac{d^i}{dt^i} \right|_{t=t_{n-1}} N(u(t), t)$ , and  $\phi^{[i]}(z)$  are recursively defined as

$$\phi^{[0]}(z) = e^z, \quad \phi^{[i+1]}(z) = \frac{\phi^{[i]}(z) - \frac{1}{i!}}{z}, \quad \text{for } i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

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Its numerical approximation

$$u_n = e^{hL}u_{n-1} + h \sum_{l=0}^k \beta_l N_{n-l},$$

where  $\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_k$  are coefficients which have to be computed by expanding in Taylor series the nonlinear terms.

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It is not possible to construct ETD BDF methods !



# Exponential Runge–Kuta methods

## IF Runge–Kuta methods (Lawson'69)

For simplicity, we represent the initial value problem (1) in autonomous form

$$u' = Lu + N(u(t)), \quad u(t_0) = u_0.$$

Similarly to the the multistep case, the idea now is to apply an arbitrary  $s$ -stage Runge–Kutta method to the transformed equation

$$v'(t) = e^{-tL} N(e^{tL} v(t)) = g(v), \quad v(t_0) = v_0,$$

and then to transform back the result into the original variable. If  $\mathcal{A} = (\alpha_{ij})$ ,  $b = (\beta_i)$  and  $c = (c_i)$  are the coefficients of the underlying multistage method then in terms of the original variable the computations performed are

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- Uniformly distributed  $c$  vector provides cheapest methods.
- This structure requires only classical order conditions.
- IF RK methods perform poorly for stiff problems.

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## Pure exponential Runge–Kuta methods

- Hochbruck and Lubich'97
  - Rosenbrock-like exponential integrators, which use the first ETD function  $\phi^{[1]}$
- Munthe-Kaas'99
  - Runge–Kutta Munthe-Kaas (RKMK) methods with affine action
- Celledoni Marthinsen and Owren'03
  - Commutator Free (CF) Lie group methods
- Krogstad'03
  - Generalized IF methods, connection with CF
- Hochbruck and Osterman'04
  - Exponential collocation methods, convergence analyze for parabolic PDEs

# General format of Exp. RK methods

Aims:

- Construct a class of exponential integrators which overcome the stiffness by using a set of precomputed functions  $\phi^{[l]}$  along with evaluations of the nonlinear part of the differential equation.
- Include all exponential integrators of Runge–Kutta type in one framework.
- Derive the nonstiff order theory for this class of method



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Other choices are also possible (approximations with trigonometric polynomials in vcf).

**The exact structure of  $\phi^{[l]}$ , which leads to methods is still unclear!**

# Formulation of the methods

The computations performed are

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Interpreted in a Runge–Kutta type tableau

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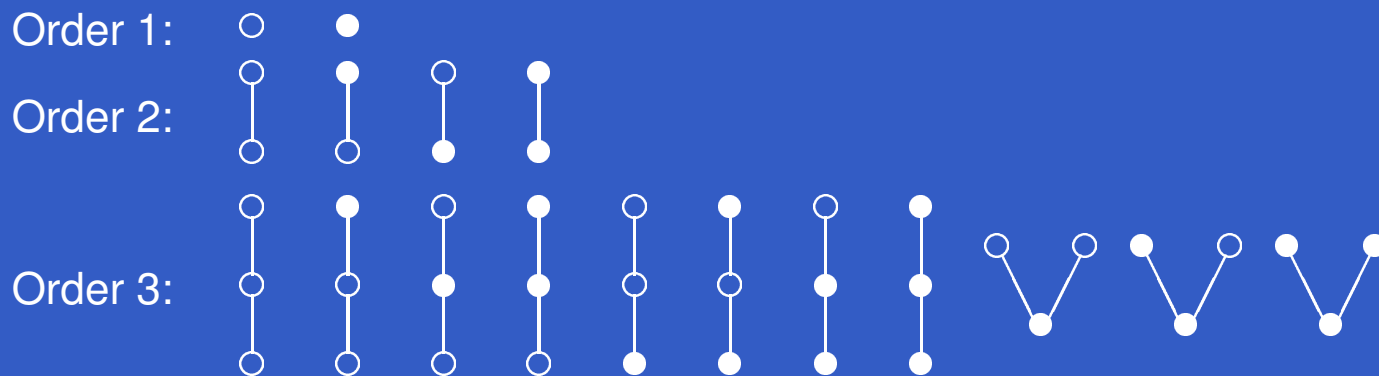
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$\theta_n$	2	4	11	34	117	421	1589	6162	24507	99268
$\Theta = \sum_i^n \theta_n$	2	6	17	51	168	589	2178	8340	32847	132115

The number of rooted trees in  $2T^*$  for all orders up to ten.

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The elementary weight function for the exact solution is

$$a(\tau) = \frac{1}{\gamma(\tau)},$$

where  $\gamma$  is the density of single coloured tree

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# The lemmas

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# General rule

The rule for computing the elementary weight is:

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where  $i$  is the number of closed (white) nodes below the corresponding node and

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$\tau$	$\gamma(\tau)$	$F(\tau)(u)$	$\alpha(\tau)$
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	2	$N'N$	$b^{[0]T} A^{[0]} e$
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Relations between elementary differentials and elementary weights

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# General linear methods

Consider  $u' = f(u(t))$ ,  $u(t_0) = u_0$ ,  $f(u(t)) : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ .  
Assume that at the beginning of step number  $n$ ,  $r$  quantities

$$u_1^{[n-1]}, u_2^{[n-1]}, \dots, u_r^{[n-1]},$$

are available from approximations computed in the previous steps. If

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are the internal stage approximations to the solution at points near the current time step, then the quantities imported into and evaluated in step number  $n$  are related by the equations

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Introducing the vector notations

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \\ \vdots \\ U_s \end{bmatrix}, \quad f(U) = \begin{bmatrix} f(U_1) \\ f(U_2) \\ \vdots \\ f(U_s) \end{bmatrix}, \quad u^{[n-1]} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1^{[n-1]} \\ u_2^{[n-1]} \\ \vdots \\ u_r^{[n-1]} \end{bmatrix}, \quad u^{[n]} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1^{[n]} \\ u_2^{[n]} \\ \vdots \\ u_r^{[n]} \end{bmatrix},$$

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allows us to rewrite the above method in the following more compact form

$$\begin{bmatrix} U \\ u^{[n]} \end{bmatrix} = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} A \otimes I_d & D \otimes I_d \\ \hline B \otimes I_d & V \otimes I_d \end{array} \right] \begin{bmatrix} h f(U) \\ u^{[n-1]} \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $\otimes$  is the Kronecker product and  $I_d$  is the  $d \times d$  identity matrix.

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# Practical GLMs

Introduce initial assumptions

- Stage order equal to the overall order of the method
- Quantities passed from step to step to be approximations of the Nordsieck vector
- Stability regions identical to those corresponding to RK methods (IRKS)

Wright'02

Butcher, Wright'03

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Similarly, to the traditional GLMs, we can represent the method in the following matrix form

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where each of the coefficient matrices  $A(\phi), B(\phi), D(\phi), V(\phi)$  has entries which are linear combinations of the  $\phi^{[l]}$  functions.

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The corresponding differential equation for the  $v$  variable is

$$v'(t) = \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial v} \right)^{-1} \left( f(u, t_n + t) - \hat{F}(u, t) \right), \quad v(0) = u_n.$$

Use numerical method on the transformed equation and then transform back.

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- Applying a multistep method to the transformed equation leads to a class of methods which includes as a special cases all exponential multistep methods considered so far.
- Applying a multistage method to the transformed equation leads to a new class of methods known as GIF/RK methods (Krogstad'03).

# GIF/RK methods

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Similarly, if  $\widehat{F}(u, t) = Lu + T_k(N, t)$ , where

$$T_k(N, t) = b + \sum_{\alpha=1}^k (c_{\alpha} \sin(\alpha t) + d_{\alpha} \cos(\alpha t)); \quad k \in \mathbb{N}, \quad c_{\alpha}, d_{\alpha} \in,$$

it is possible to construct new GIF methods.

This approach leads to the following  $\phi^{[l]}$  functions

$$\phi_{\sin}^{[\alpha]}(hL) = \frac{e^{hL} \alpha - L \sin(\alpha h) - \alpha \cos(\alpha h) I}{\alpha^2 I + L^2},$$

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# Exp. Int. and Schrödinger equation

- Symmetric exponential integrators of first, second and third order - convergence analysis ([Hochbruck, Lubich'99](#)).
- Higher order Exp. RK methods for the nonlinear Schrödinger equation are studied by [Berland, Skaflestad, Owren'04](#).

IF RK methods seems to be the best for this problem.



# Exp. Int. for oscillatory problems

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Approximating  $g(u(t))$  by a suitable constant  $g_n$  we obtain the following numerical scheme

$$u_{n+1} - 2u_n + u_{n-1} = h^2 \sigma(-h^2 L)(Lu + g_n)$$
$$u_1 = \cos(h\Omega)u_0 + \Omega^{-1} \sin(h\Omega)u'_0 + \frac{1}{2}h^2 \sigma(-h^2 L)g_0,$$

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## Numerical techniques

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- Cauchy integral approach
- Krylov subspace approximations

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Two conflicting tasks:

- Make  $B$  close to diagonal so that  $\phi^{[i]}(B)$  is easy to compute.
- Make  $S$  well conditioned so that errors are not magnified.

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- Based on the Cauchy integral formula

$$\phi^{[i]}(A) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma_A} \phi^{[i]}(\lambda)(\lambda I - A)^{-1} d\lambda,$$

where  $\Gamma_A$  is a contour in the complex plane that encloses the eigenvalue of  $A$ , and it is also well separated from 0.



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- Using the trapezoid rule, we obtain the following approximation

$$\phi^{[i]}(A) \approx \frac{1}{k} \sum_{j=1}^k \lambda_j \phi^{[i]}(\lambda_j)(\lambda_j I - A)^{-1},$$

where  $k$  is the number of the equally spaced points  $\lambda_j$  along the contour  $\Gamma_A$ .

# Krylov subspace approximations

Approximately project the action of  $\phi^{[i]}(A)$  on a state vector  $v \in \mathbb{C}^d$ , to a small Krylov subspace

$$K_m \equiv \text{span}\{v, Av, \dots, A^{m-1}v\}.$$

Construct a orthogonal basis  $V_m = [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m]$  of  $K_m$  (Arnoldi, Lanczos)

If  $H_m$  is the  $m \times m$  upper Hessenberg matrix generated by the process then

$$V_m^T A V_m = H_m.$$

Therefore,  $H_m$  is the orthogonal projection of  $A$  to the subspace  $K_m$  and

$$\begin{aligned}\phi^{[i]}(A)v &= V_m V_m^T \phi^{[i]}(A)v = \beta V_m V_m^T \phi^{[i]}(A)V_m e_1 \\ &\approx \beta V_m \phi^{[i]}(H_m)e_1,\end{aligned}$$

where  $e_1$  is the first unit vector in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\beta \equiv \|v\|_2$ .

# Krylov subspace approximations

- Superlinear convergence ([Hochbruck, Lubich'98](#))
- Preconditioning the Lanczos process ([Hochbruck, Van der Eshof'04](#))
- At every step we need to construct several Krylov bases
- Multiple Arnoldi methods ([Schmitt, Weiner'95](#))

# Conclusions

- The exponential integrators have a long history
- A general framework for analyzing the non-stiff order based on GLMs can help
- IF, ETD, GIF, CF, EC are special cases
- Exp. integrators with Krylov approximation techniques are very promising

# Open problems

- Need to understand the role of the  $\phi^{[i]}$  functions.
- Effective algorithms for their computation.
- Are these methods competitive with variable stepsize.
- Extensive numerical experiments.
- Stability analysis - generalize the concept of IRKS
- Exponential integrators for oscillatory problems.

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