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Lagrangian point of view

Hamiltonian point of view

$$\mathbf{q}(t) = \{q_i(t)\}_{i=1}^N$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{q}}(t) = \{\dot{q}_i(t)\}_{i=1}^N$$

generalized variables

$$\mathbf{q}(t) = \{q_i(t)\}_{i=1}^N$$

$$\mathbf{p}(t) = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{q}}}(t)$$

$$L(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}, t)$$

characteristic quantity

$$H(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}, t) = \mathbf{p} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{q}} - L(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}, t)$$

Hamilton's principle

$$\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{q}) = \int_a^b L(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}, t) dt \quad \delta \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{q}) = 0 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{q}(a) = \mathbf{q}_1 \\ \mathbf{q}(b) = \mathbf{q}_2 \end{array} \right\} \text{fixed}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{q}}} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{q}} = 0$$

equations of motion

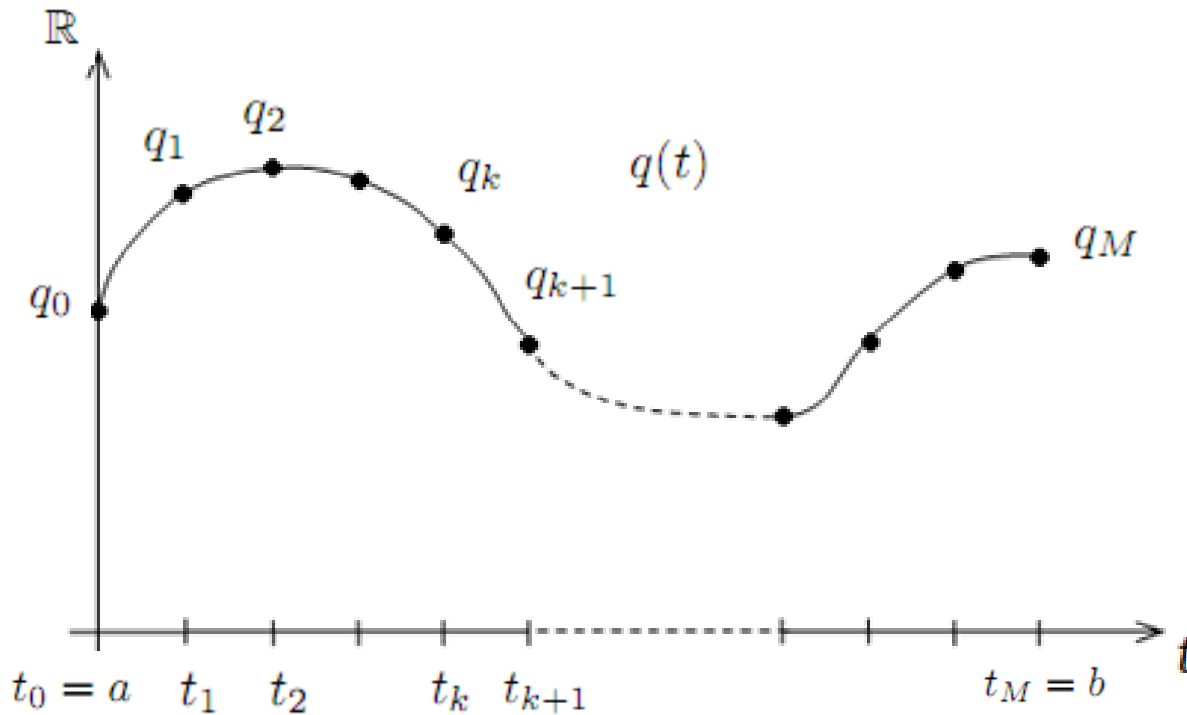
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dot{\mathbf{q}} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \\ \dot{\mathbf{p}} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \end{array} \right. \quad \text{1st order}$$

2nd order



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$$\{t_k = kh\}_{k=0}^M$$





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Lagrangian point of view

Hamiltonian point of view

$$\mathbf{q}_d = \{\mathbf{q}_k\}_{k=0}^M$$

generalized variables

$$\mathbf{p}_k^- = -D_1 L_d(\mathbf{q}_k, \mathbf{q}_{k+1})$$

$$\mathbf{p}_k^+ = D_2 L_d(\mathbf{q}_k, \mathbf{q}_{k+1})$$

characteristic quantity

$$L_d(\mathbf{q}_k, \mathbf{q}_{k+1}) \approx \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} L(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}; t) dt$$

$$H_d(\mathbf{p}_k^-, \mathbf{p}_k^+) = \mathbf{p}_k^+ \mathbf{q}_{k+1} - \mathbf{p}_k^- \mathbf{q}_k - L_d(\mathbf{q}_k, \mathbf{q}_{k+1})$$

Hamilton's principle

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_d(\{\mathbf{q}_k\}_{k=0}^M) &= \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} L_d(\mathbf{q}_k, \mathbf{q}_{k+1}) & \delta \mathcal{S}_d(\{\mathbf{q}_k\}_{k=0}^M) &= 0 & \left. \begin{aligned} \mathbf{q}(a) &= \mathbf{q}_1 \\ \mathbf{q}(b) &= \mathbf{q}_2 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{fixed} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

equations of motion

$$D_2 L_d(\mathbf{q}_{k-1}, \mathbf{q}_k) + D_1 L_d(\mathbf{q}_k, \mathbf{q}_{k+1}) = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{p}_k = -D_1 L_d(\mathbf{q}_k, \mathbf{q}_{k+1}) \\ \mathbf{p}_{k+1} = D_2 L_d(\mathbf{q}_k, \mathbf{q}_{k+1}) \end{cases}$$

2 steps

1 step

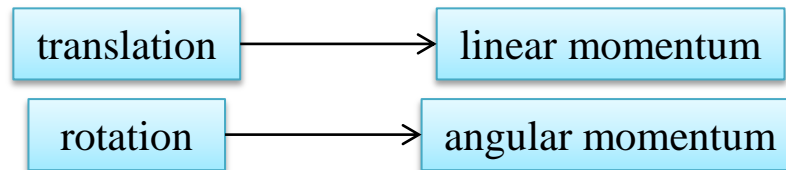


Discrete Liouville's Theorem

The Hamiltonian map $(\mathbf{q}_k, \mathbf{p}_k) \mapsto (\mathbf{q}_{k+1}, \mathbf{p}_{k+1})$ defined by discrete Hamilton's equations preserves volume in discrete phase space (simplecticity).

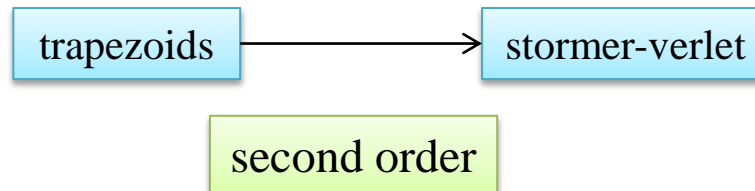
Discrete Noether's Theorem

If the discrete Lagrangian is invariant under the action of a group G , then the corresponding discrete Lagrangian momentum map is a conserved quantity.



Variational error analysis

If L_d is a discrete Lagrangian of order p then the Hamiltonian map has the same order.





VARIATIONAL INTEGRATORS

Variational integrators differ from each other for the quadrature rule used to approximate the action.

the order of the method is equal to the quadrature order

1) Symplectic Euler

$$L_d(\mathbf{q}_k, \mathbf{q}_{k+1}) = hL\left(\mathbf{q}_k, \frac{\mathbf{q}_{k+1} - \mathbf{q}_k}{h}\right)$$

2) Midpoint Rule

$$L_d(\mathbf{q}_k, \mathbf{q}_{k+1}, h) = hL\left(\frac{\mathbf{q}_k + \mathbf{q}_{k+1}}{2}, \frac{\mathbf{q}_{k+1} - \mathbf{q}_k}{h}\right)$$

3) Stormer-Verlet

$$L_d(\mathbf{q}_k, \mathbf{q}_{k+1}) = \frac{1}{2}hL\left(\mathbf{q}_k, \frac{\mathbf{q}_{k+1} - \mathbf{q}_k}{h}\right) + \frac{1}{2}hL\left(\mathbf{q}_{k+1}, \frac{\mathbf{q}_{k+1} - \mathbf{q}_k}{h}\right)$$

4) Spectral Variational Integrators

For simplicity let $q(t) \in \mathbb{R}$ with $t \in [t_k, t_{k+1}]$, $t_{k+1} - t_k = h$.

Rescaled problem: $q = q(z(t))$ $z(t) = \frac{2}{h}t - 1$ $z \in [-1, 1]$

Spatial discretization $q_n(z(t)) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q_k^i l_i(z(t))$ $\dot{q}_n(z(t)) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q_k^i \dot{l}_i(z(t)) \frac{dz}{dt}$

Gauss quadrature rule

$$\int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} L(q(t), \dot{q}(t)) dt = \int_{-1}^1 L(q(z(t)), \dot{q}(z(t))) \frac{h}{2} dz \approx \frac{h}{2} \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \omega_j L(q(t_j), \dot{q}(t_j))$$

Hamilton's principle

$$\text{ext}_{q_n \in V([t_k, t_{k+1}]; \mathbb{R})} \frac{h}{2} \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \omega_j L \left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q_k^i l_i(t_j), \frac{2}{h} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q_k^i \dot{l}_i(t_j) \right)$$

with constraints:

$$q_k = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q_k^i l_i(-1) \quad q_{k+1} = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q_k^i l_i(1)$$

impose constraints with Lagrangian multipliers

$$L_d^\lambda(q_k^0, \dots, q_k^{n-1}, \lambda^0, \lambda^h) = \frac{h}{2} \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \omega_j L \left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q_k^i l_i(t_j), \frac{2}{h} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q_k^i \dot{l}_i(t_j) \right) + \dots$$

$$\dots + \lambda^0 \left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q_k^i l_i(-1) - q_k \right) + \lambda^h \left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q_k^i l_i(1) - q_{k+1} \right)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0 = \frac{\partial L_d^\lambda}{\partial q_k^s} \\ 0 = \frac{\partial L_d^\lambda}{\partial \lambda^0} \\ 0 = \frac{\partial L_d^\lambda}{\partial \lambda^h} \end{array} \right.$$



$$\dot{q} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p}(q, p) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \left(\sum_i q_k^i l_i(t_j), p_j \right) = \frac{2}{h} \sum_i q_k^i \dot{l}_i(t_j)$$

finally we obtain the following nonlinear system:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \omega_j \left[p_j \dot{l}_s(t_j) - \frac{h}{2} \dot{l}_s(t_j) \frac{\partial H}{\partial q} \left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q_k^i l_i(t_j), p_j \right) \right] + l_s(-1)p_k - l_s(1)p_{k+1} = 0 \quad \forall s = 0, \dots, n-1 \\ \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q_k^i l_i(t_j), p_j \right) - \frac{2}{h} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q_k^i \dot{l}_i(t_j) = 0 \quad \forall j = 0, \dots, m-1 \\ \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q_k^i l_i(-1) - q_k = 0 \\ \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q_k^i l_i(1) - q_{k+1} = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$n+m+2$ unknowns

Existence, uniqueness and convergence : see Melvin Leok or Marsden and West

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equation

$$M\ddot{q}(t) + \omega^2 q(t) = 0$$

exact solution

$$q(t) = \cos\left(\frac{\omega}{\sqrt{M}}t + \phi\right)$$

Hamiltonian

$$H(q, p) = \frac{1}{2M}(p(t))^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\omega q(t))^2$$

1) STORMER-VERLET

$$\begin{cases} p_k = M \frac{q_{k+1} - q_k}{h} + \frac{1}{2}h\omega^2 q_k \\ p_{k+1} = M \frac{q_{k+1} - q_k}{h} - \frac{1}{2}h^2\omega^2 q_{k+1} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} q_{k+1} \\ p_{k+1} \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} (1 - \frac{\omega^2 h^2}{2M}) & \frac{h}{M} \\ h\omega^2 \left(\frac{h^2 \omega^2}{4M} - 1\right) & (1 - \frac{h^2 \omega^2}{2M}) \end{bmatrix}}_{\Omega} \begin{bmatrix} q_k \\ p_k \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(\Omega) = 1$$

$$\text{tr}(\Omega) = 2 - \frac{\omega^2 h^2}{M}$$

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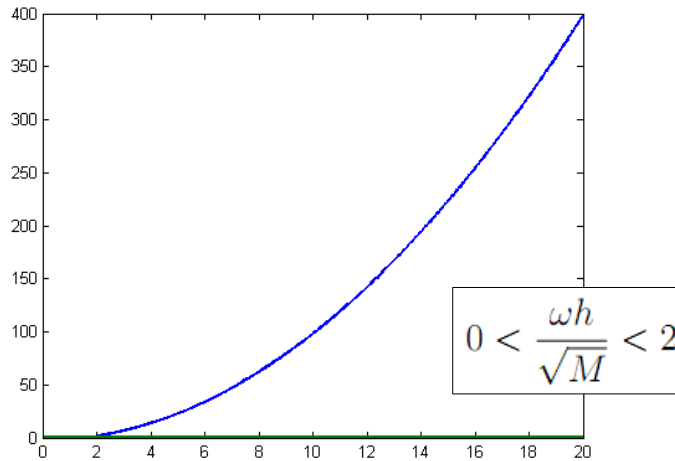
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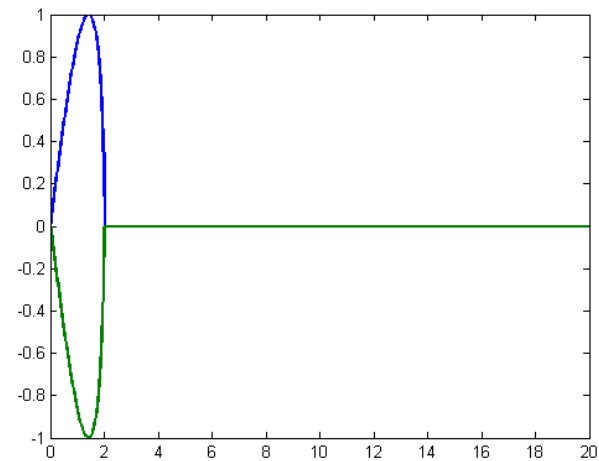
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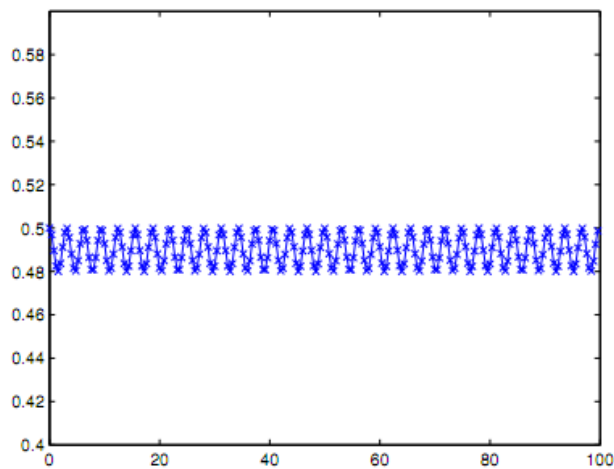
eigenvalues moduli



eigenvalues imaginary parts



energy



h	$\ \mathbf{e}\ _{l^\infty}$	order
0.8	$0.22 \cdot 10^0$	
0.4	$0.54 \cdot 10^{-1}$	2.05
0.2	$0.13 \cdot 10^{-1}$	2.01
0.1	$0.33 \cdot 10^{-2}$	2.00
0.05	$0.82 \cdot 10^{-3}$	2.00
0.025	$0.21 \cdot 10^{-3}$	2.00

2) SPECTRAL VARIATIONAL INTEGRATORS

$$\mathcal{S}_d^\lambda(\{q_k^i\}_{i=0}^{n-1}) = \sum_{j=1}^m \left[\frac{M\alpha_j}{h} \left(\sum_i q_k^i l_i(z_j) \right)^2 - \frac{h\omega^2\alpha_j}{4} \left(\sum_i q_k^i l_i(z_j) \right)^2 \right] + \dots$$

$$\dots + \lambda^0 \left(q_k - \sum_i q_k^i l_i(-1) \right) + \lambda^h \left(q_{k+1} - \sum_i q_k^i l_i(1) \right)$$

$$\mathbf{q} = [q_k^0, \dots, q_k^{n-1}]^T$$

$$\boldsymbol{\lambda} = [\lambda^0, \lambda^h]^T$$

$$\mathbf{g} = \begin{bmatrix} q_k \\ q_{k+1} \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ B^T & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q} \\ \boldsymbol{\lambda} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ -\mathbf{g} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_{ij} = \sum_{s=1}^m \left[\frac{2M\alpha_s}{h} l_i(z_s) l_j(z_s) - \frac{h\omega^2\alpha_s}{2} l_i(z_s) l_j(z_s) \right]$$

$$B_{i1} = -l_i(-1) \quad B_{i2} = -l_i(1)$$



$$C = (B^T A^{-1} B)^{-1}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} q_{k+1} \\ p_{k+1} \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{-\frac{1}{C_{12}} \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & 1 \\ \det(C) & C_{22} \end{bmatrix}}_{\Omega} \begin{bmatrix} q_k \\ p_k \end{bmatrix}$$

n = maximum degree of basis polynomials
 m = number of quadrature nodes

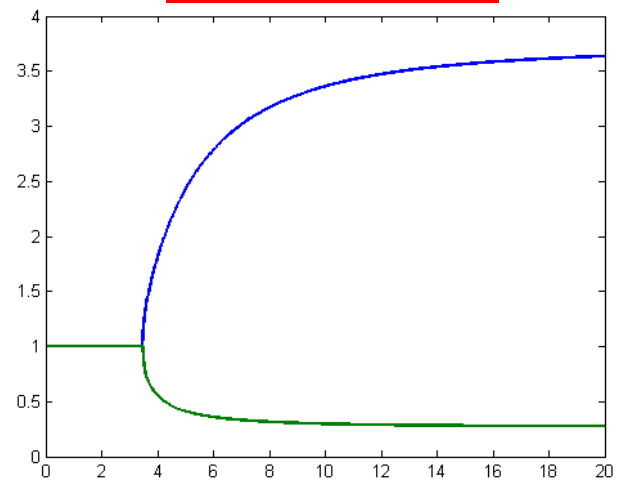


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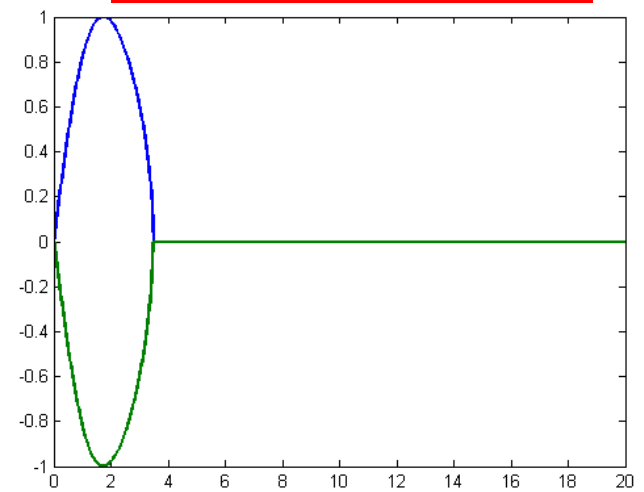
In case of $n=1, m=2$: $0 < \frac{h\omega}{\sqrt{M}} < 2\sqrt{3}$.

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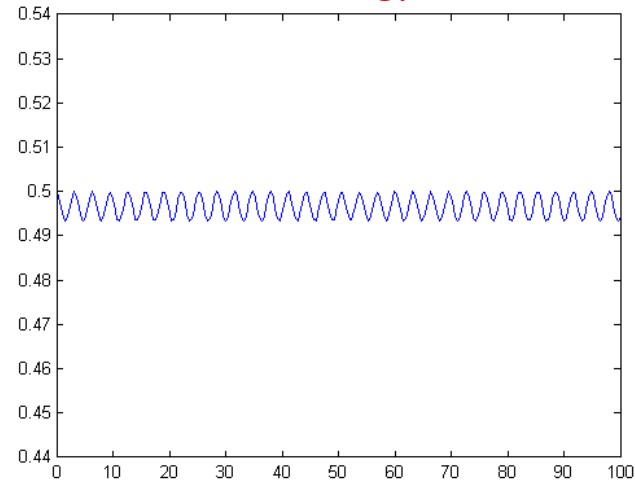
eigenvalues moduli



eigenvalues imaginary parts

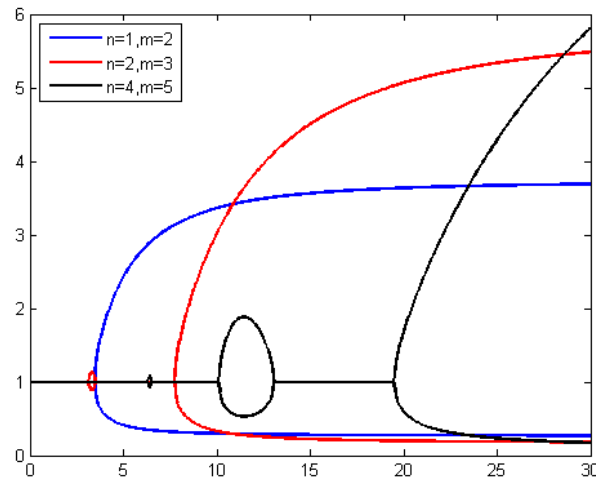


energy

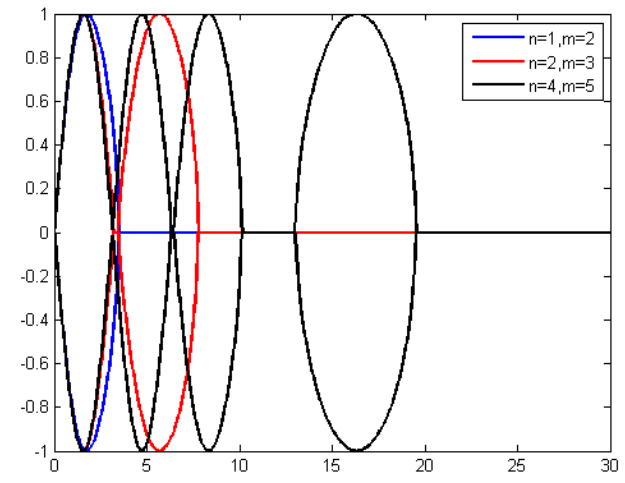


Comparison between $(n=1, m=2)$, $(n=2, m=3)$, $(n=4, m=5)$:

eigenvalues moduli



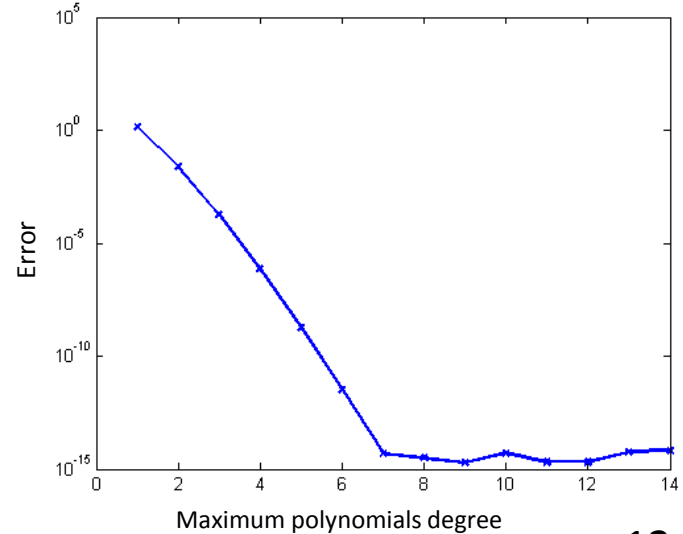
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convergence orders

Degree:1 Nodes:2			Degree:2 Nodes:3			Degree:4 Nodes:5		
h	error	order	h	error	order	h	error	order
0.8	$0.43 \cdot 10^0$		1.6	$0.20 \cdot 10^{-1}$		3.2	$0.13 \cdot 10^{-4}$	
0.4	$0.12 \cdot 10^0$	1.90	0.8	$0.15 \cdot 10^{-2}$	3.70	1.6	$0.54 \cdot 10^{-7}$	7.93
0.2	$0.30 \cdot 10^{-1}$	1.94	0.4	$0.97 \cdot 10^{-4}$	3.98	0.8	$0.23 \cdot 10^{-9}$	7.86
0.1	$0.72 \cdot 10^{-2}$	2.06	0.2	$0.62 \cdot 10^{-5}$	3.95	0.4	$0.95 \cdot 10^{-12}$	7.96

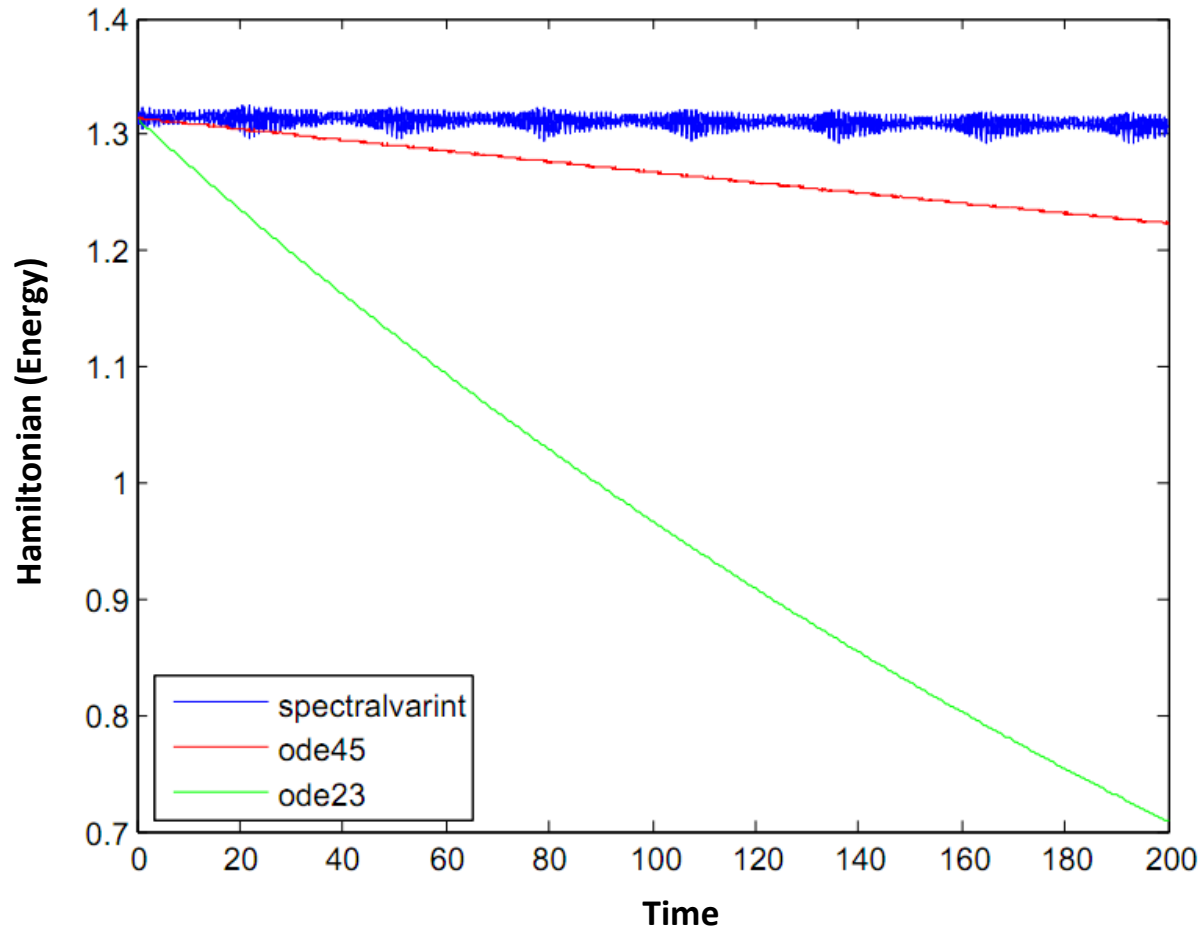
n-convergence





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Spectral Variational Integrators do not artificially dissipate energy





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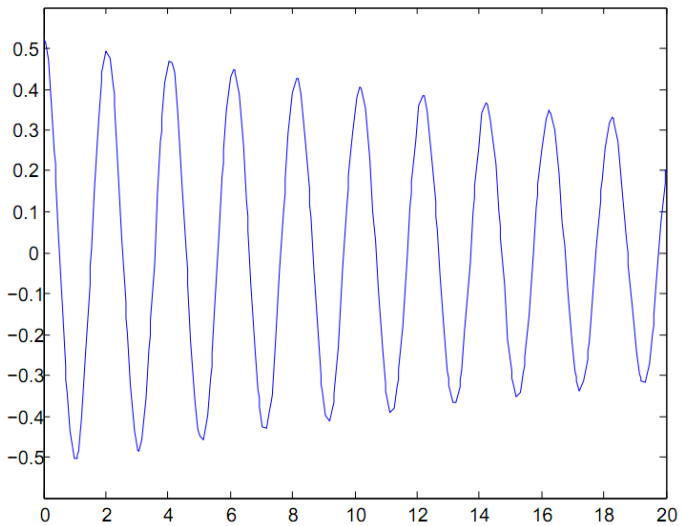
Hamiltonian point of view

Lagrange-d'Alembert principle

$$\delta \int_0^T L(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}) dt + \int_0^T f_L(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}) \cdot \delta \mathbf{q}(t) dt = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{q}}(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}) - \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{q}}}(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}) \right) + f_L(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}) = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\mathbf{q}} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{p}}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}) \\ \dot{\mathbf{p}} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{q}}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}) + f_H(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}) \end{cases}$$



Example
Simple pendulum damped with friction-type forcing.

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function signature recalls the same style of ode45 function

Integrates the system with Hamilton's equations given by *odefun* from time *tspan(1)* to *tspan(end)*, with initial condition *y0*. To obtain solutions at specific times use *tspan* = [*t*₀, *t*₁, ..., *t*_f].

**default
parameters**

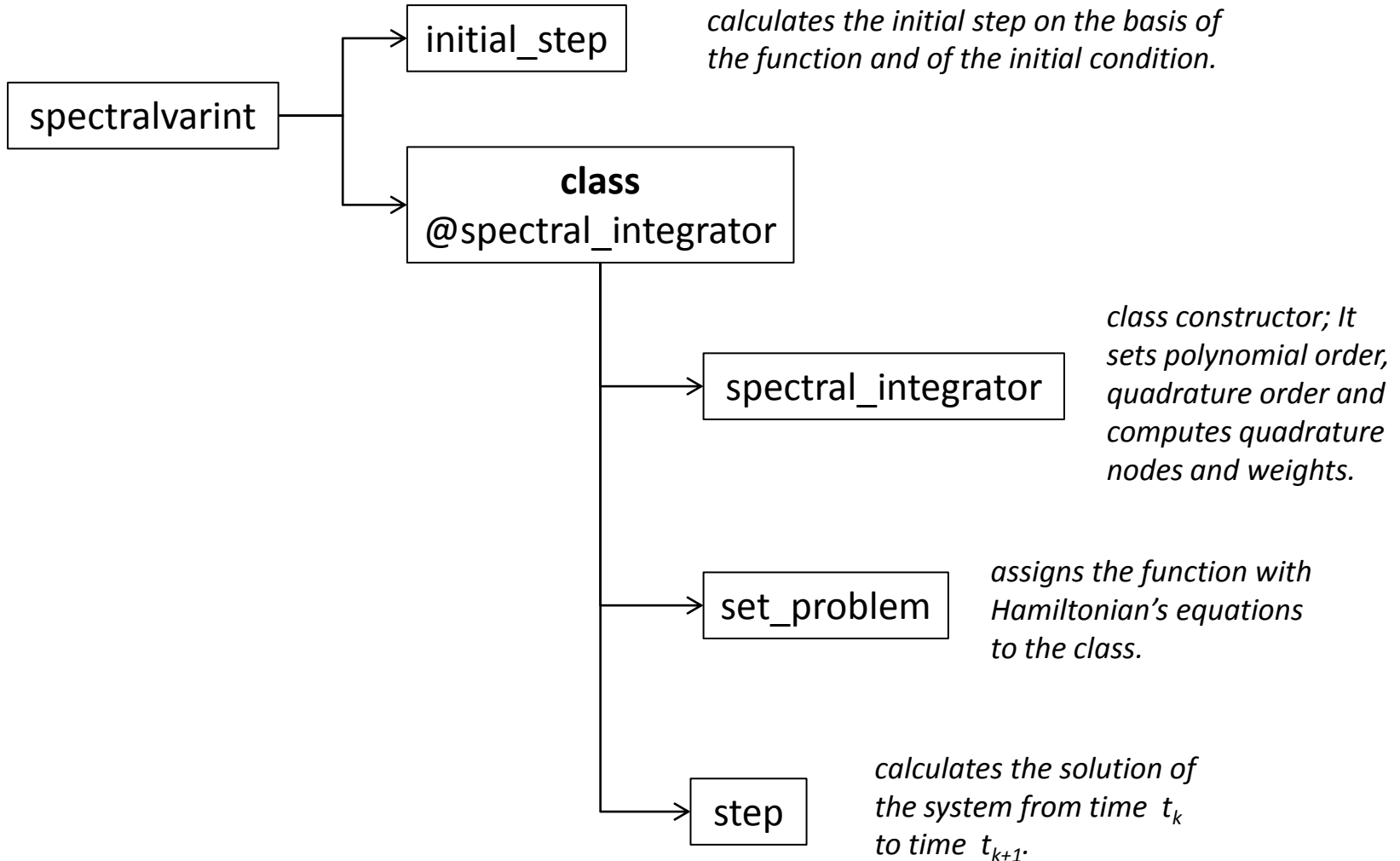
[T, Y] = spectralvarint (odefun, tspan, y0, options, options_B)

- polynomial degree
- quadrature order
- nonlinear solutor parameters



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MAIN PROGRAM

object oriented programming

→ few rows in main program

```
% solving on h=2*dt into two steps with h=dt
[X1,t1,Y1] = step(mysolver,time,time+dt,y0);
[X2,t1,Y1] = step(mysolver,time+dt,time+2*dt,X1);

% solving on h=2*dt into one step
[W,t1,Y1] = step(mysolver,time,time+2*dt,y0);

% calculus of h_optimal
hopt = dt*(2.0*(2^order+1.0)*toll/norm(W-X2))^(1/(order+1));
dt = hopt;

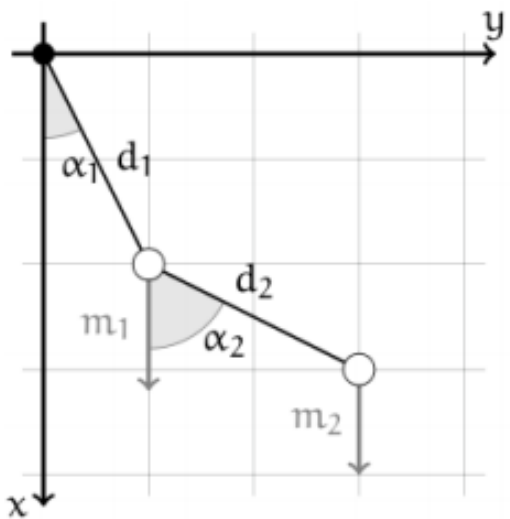
dt_extra = (time+hopt)-tspan(iter);
if(dt_extra > 0)
    % adjusting hopt for this exception
    hopt = tspan(iter)-time;
end

% solving with h = h_optimal
[y0,tt,yy] = step(mysolver,time,time+hopt,y0);
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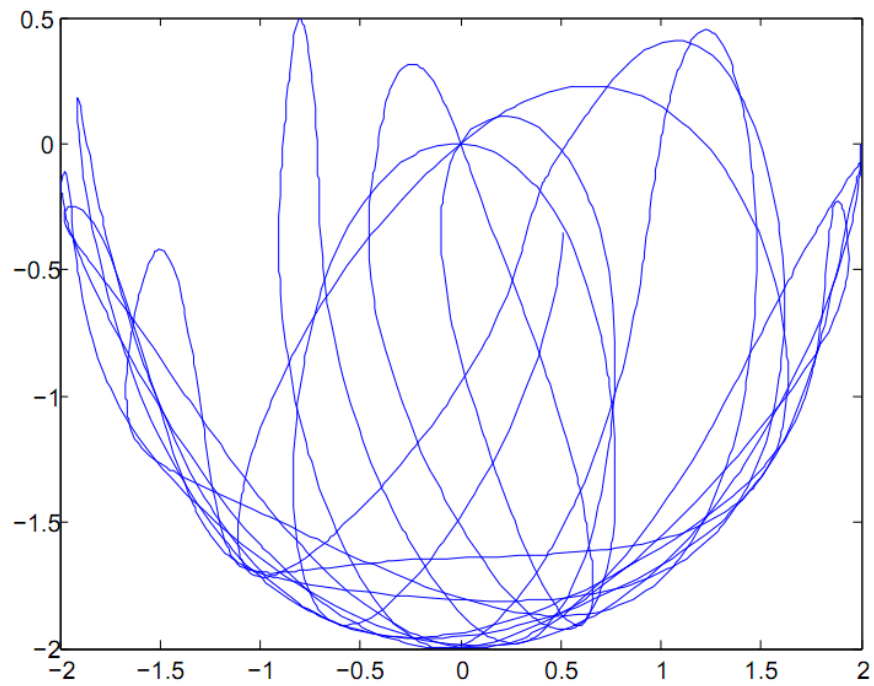
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DOUBLE PENDULUM



$$\begin{cases} T = \frac{m_1 + m_2}{2} d_1^2 \dot{\alpha}_1^2 + \frac{m_2}{2} d_2^2 \dot{\alpha}_2^2 + m_2 d_1 d_2 \dot{\alpha}_1 \dot{\alpha}_2 \cos(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2) \\ U = -(m_1 + m_2) g d_1 \cos(\alpha_1) - m_2 g d_2 \cos(\alpha_2) \end{cases}$$





TODO

- Add the possibility to have a quadrature nodes number independent from maximum polynomials degree;
- Add the possibility to use the Jacobian in the solution of the nonlinear system;
- Add the possibility to do polynomials degree adaptivity;
- Optimize the code; especially It would be very interesting to implement in C++ the expensive parts of the code (now is all implemented in Octave).



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