

Symplectic Integrators for Differential Riccati Equations

Let $A, S, X_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times b}$ be. Moreover assume that S, X_0 are symmetric positive semidefinite.

We consider

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{X}(t) &= A^T X(t) + X(t) A - X(t) S X(t) + C^T C, \\ X(0) &= X_0. \end{aligned}$$

It is well known that the solution X can be obtained from the Hamiltonian system

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{U}(t) \\ \dot{V}(t) \end{bmatrix} &= \\ -H \begin{bmatrix} U(t) \\ V(t) \end{bmatrix} &= \\ = \\ -\begin{bmatrix} A & -S \\ -C^T C & -A^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U(t) \\ V(t) \end{bmatrix}, \\ \begin{bmatrix} U(0) \\ V(0) \end{bmatrix} &= \\ \begin{bmatrix} I_n \\ X_0 \end{bmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

by the formula $X(t) = V(t)U(t)^{-1}$.

The solution of the Hamiltonian system can be expressed in terms of the matrix exponential of the Hamiltonian $-H$, which is symplectic.

This motivates to approximate the flow by numerical schemes, which uses symplectic transformations.

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