

## (2) Linear Multi-step Methods (LMM)

Def An  $r$ -step LMM has the form of

$$\sum_{j=0}^r \alpha_j U^{n+j} = \Delta t \sum_{j=0}^r \beta_j f(t^{n+j}, U^{n+j})$$

Note In this linear method, we note that at each  $t = t^j$ ,  $\exists$  only one evalution of  $f$ .

Computationally, it's much more efficient to store  $f(U^j)$  for each  $t = t^j$ , and reuse them in the rest of calculations.

Rank  $\begin{cases} \text{explicit if } \beta_r = 0 \\ \text{implicit if } \beta_r \neq 0. \end{cases}$

Rank It is conventional to assume  $\alpha_r = 1$ .

Ex. The Adams methods have the form

$$U^{n+r} = U^{n+r-1} + \Delta t \sum_{j=0}^r \beta_j f(U^{n+j})$$

Note  
(i)  $\alpha_j = \begin{cases} 1, & j=r \\ -1, & j=r-1 \\ 0, & j < r-1 \end{cases}$

(ii)  $\beta_j$  are chosen to provide the order of accuracy to be  $r$  by examining Taylor series expansion as seen in  $\Sigma^n$  calculation.

- Two types of the Adams methods
  - (i) r-step Adams - Bashforth (explicit)
  - (ii) r-step Adams - Moulton (implicit)
- The Adams methods are the most widely used multi-step methods.
- they are used to produce predictor-corrector algorithms in which one
  - (i) first uses r-step explicit for prediction,
  - (ii) later uses r-step implicit for correction.

We'll discuss more on predictor-corrector algorithms later.

## Derivations of LMM

→ We can derive a given LMM using a couple of different approaches as we saw in one-step methods.

Ex. For example, we consider deriving the Adams methods using a quadrature rule:

→ We first write:

$$\begin{aligned} u(t^{n+r}) - u(t^{n+r-1}) &= \int_{t^{n+r-1}}^{t^{n+r}} u'(t) dt \\ &= \int_{t^{n+r-1}}^{t^{n+r}} f(u(t)) dt \quad \dots (1) \end{aligned}$$

→ Applying a quadrature rule to (1):

$$\int_{t^{n+r-1}}^{t^{n+r}} f(u(t)) dt \approx \Delta t \sum_{j=0}^r \beta_j f(u(t^{n+j})) \quad \dots (2)$$

→ The final form becomes

$$U^{n+r} - U^{n+r-1} = \Delta t \sum_{j=0}^r \beta_j f(U^{n+j}).$$

→ Note that the Adams methods seek for a poly  $p(t)$  that has properties of

(i)  $r-1$  degree,

(ii)  $p(t)$  interpolates  $f(u(t))$  at  $t^n, \dots, t^{n+r-1}$

(i.e.,  $p(t^j) = f(u(t^j))$ ,  $j=0, \dots, n+r-1$ )

(iii) integrate  $p(t)$  to approximate (1)  
→ obtain (2).

Ex. We now list few cases of the Adams-Basforth (AB) methods (explicit)

$$\boxed{1\text{ step AB}} \quad U^{n+1} = U^n + \Delta t f(U^n) \quad (\therefore 1\text{ step AB} = \text{Forward Euler})$$

$$\boxed{2\text{ step AB}} \quad U^{n+2} = U^{n+1} + \frac{\Delta t}{2} [-f(U^n) + 3f(U^{n+1})]$$

$$\boxed{3\text{ step AB}} \quad U^{n+3} = U^{n+2} + \frac{\Delta t}{12} [5f(U^n) - 16f(U^{n+1}) + 23f(U^{n+2})]$$

$$\boxed{4\text{ step AB}} \quad U^{n+4} = U^{n+3} + \frac{\Delta t}{24} [-9f(U^n) + 37f(U^{n+1}) - 59f(U^{n+2}) + 55f(U^{n+3})]$$

Ex. few of the Adams-Moulton (AM) methods (Implicit)

$$\boxed{1\text{ step AM}} \quad U^{n+1} = U^n + \frac{\Delta t}{2} [f(U^n) + f(U^{n+1})] \quad (\therefore 1\text{ step AM} = \text{trapezoidal})$$

$$\boxed{2\text{ step AM}} \quad U^{n+2} = U^{n+1} + \frac{\Delta t}{12} [-f(U^n) + 8f(U^{n+1}) + 5f(U^{n+2})]$$

$$\boxed{3\text{ step AM}} \quad U^{n+3} = U^{n+2} + \frac{\Delta t}{24} [f(U^n) - 5f(U^{n+1}) + 19f(U^{n+2}) + 9f(U^{n+3})]$$

$$\boxed{4\text{ step AM}} \quad U^{n+4} = U^{n+3} + \frac{\Delta t}{720} [-19f(U^n) + 106f(U^{n+1}) - 264f(U^{n+2}) + 146f(U^{n+3}) \\ + 251f(U^{n+4})]$$

Several more properties on LMM

(1) LMM is not self-starting

(i) one strategy is to use a one-step method to generate first few step solns at enough  $t^0, t^1, \dots$ , points to begin with a LMM.

(ii) Another option is to use a low-order method initially, and gradually increase the order as additional solns become available.

(2) Predictor - corrector method

- Implicit methods are, in general, usually more stable (and also more accurate) than explicit multi-step methods
- But implicit methods require an initial guess to begin nonlinear iterative processes.
- A good initial guess is supplied by an explicit method

⇒ This approach of combining a pair of

- (i) explicit as a predictor, &
- (ii) implicit as a corrector

is called "predictor - corrector" method.

$\Rightarrow$  In this predictor - corrector pair, we use

(i) an explicit method :

$U^n \rightarrow \hat{U}^{n+1}$ ,  $\hat{U}^{n+1}$  is a temporary prediction value which is to be corrected

(ii) an implicit method :

$\hat{U}^{n+1} \rightarrow U^{n+1}$ ,  $U^{n+1}$  is a correction from  $\hat{U}^{n+1}$  by applying any necessary extra correction step with implicit schemes that reduces the local errors in a controlled way.

Ex, 1st step AB (or forward Euler) + 1st step AM (or trapezoidal)

$$\hat{U}^{n+1} = U^n + \Delta t f(U^n) \leftarrow AB$$

$$U^{n+1} = U^n + \frac{\Delta t}{2} [f(U^n) + f(\hat{U}^{n+1})] \leftarrow AM$$

$\Rightarrow$  2<sup>nd</sup> order accurate, like the trapezoidal method.

Pmk One may use the corrector repeatedly until some convergence tolerance is met, but it is not worth the expense.

In practice, a fixed number of corrector steps, often only once, may be used instead.

Def characteristic polynomials  $f$  &  $\sigma$  of LMM:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad f(\zeta) = \sum_{j=0}^r \alpha_j \zeta^j$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \sigma(\zeta) = \sum_{j=0}^r \beta_j \zeta^j$$

are characteristic polynomials of  
of an  $r$ -step LMM:

$$\sum_{j=0}^r \alpha_j U^{n+j} = \Delta t \sum_{j=0}^r \beta_j f(t^{n+j}, U^{n+j})$$

Ex. The two-step AM method:

$$U^{n+2} = U^n + \frac{\Delta t}{12} [-f(U^n) + 8f(U^{n+1}) + 5f(U^{n+2})]$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} f(\zeta) = \zeta^2 - \zeta \\ \delta(\zeta) = \frac{1}{12}(5\zeta^2 + 8\zeta - 1) \end{cases} \quad \leftarrow (\text{set } n=0\right)$$

Ex. The 3-step AB method:

$$U^{n+3} = U^n + \frac{\Delta t}{12} [5f(U^n) - 16f(U^{n+1}) + 23f(U^{n+2})]$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} f(\zeta) = \zeta^3 - \zeta^2 \\ \delta(\zeta) = \frac{1}{12}(23\zeta^2 - 16\zeta + 5) \end{cases}$$

Then The LMM method is consistent if

$$\begin{cases} f(1) = 0 \\ f'(1) = \delta(1) \end{cases}$$

proof.

We need to show  $\sum_{j=0}^{n+1} \alpha_j u^{n+j} \rightarrow u(t^{n+1})$  as  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ .

To see this, we notice that  $u'(t^{n+j})$

$$\sum_{j=0}^{n+1} \alpha_j u^{n+j} - \Delta t \sum_{j=0}^r \beta_j f(u^{n+j})$$

$$= \frac{1}{\Delta t} \sum_{j=0}^r \alpha_j \left\{ u(t^n) + (j\Delta t) u'(t^n) + \frac{(j\Delta t)^2}{2} u''(t^n) + O(\Delta t^3) \right\}$$

$$- \sum_{j=0}^r \beta_j \left\{ u'(t^n) + (j\Delta t) u''(t^n) + \frac{(j\Delta t)^2}{2} u'''(t^n) + O(\Delta t^3) \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\Delta t} \left[ \sum_{j=0}^r \alpha_j u(t^n) \right] - \dots (*)$$

$$+ \left[ \sum_{j=0}^r (j\alpha_j - \beta_j) u'(t^n) \right] - \dots (**)$$

$$+ \Delta t \left[ \sum_{j=0}^r \left( \frac{j^2}{2} \alpha_j - \beta_j \right) u''(t^n) \right]$$

+ ...

$$+ \Delta t^{q-1} \left[ \sum_{j=0}^r \left( \frac{1}{q!} j^q \alpha_j - \frac{1}{(q-1)!} j^{q-1} \beta_j \right) u^{(q)}(t^n) \right]$$

$$+ O(\Delta t^q)$$

In order to get  $\sum_{j=0}^{n+1} \alpha_j u^{n+j} \rightarrow u(t^{n+1})$  as  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ ,

(\*) & (\*\*) should vanish.

$$\Rightarrow \textcircled{1} \quad \sum_{j=0}^r \alpha_j = 0 \quad (\Leftrightarrow f(1) = 0)$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \sum_{j=0}^r (j\alpha_j - \beta_j) = 0 \quad (\Leftrightarrow \sum_{j=0}^r j\alpha_j = \sum_{j=0}^r \beta_j)$$

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 $f'(1) = \delta(1)$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{cases} f(1) = 0 \\ f'(1) = \delta(1), \end{cases}$$

then the  $r$ -step LMM method is consistent.