

Splitting methods for autonomous and non-autonomous perturbed systems

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- **Symplectic Integrators**
- Lie group methods
- Volume-preserving methods
- Variational integrators
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The numerical Solution of particular problems

The development of computers allowed to researchers in physics, chemistry, engineering, etc. to study more challenging problems from the **computational point of view**.

Most of these problems can not be solved by the computer just by using brute force or buying expensive computers. The actual economical situation invites us to develop **tailored methods** for different classes of problems.

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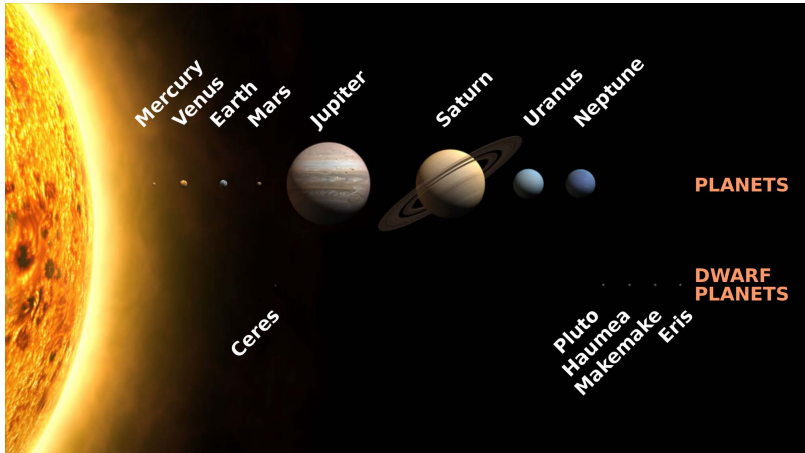
Question: How to develop new methods with better performance than the existing ones for this particular problem?

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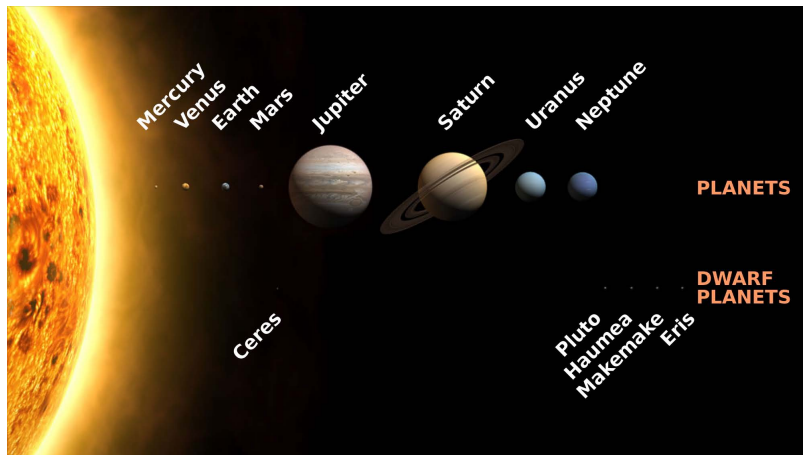
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Back to the problem: The autonomous case

$$x' = f^{[a]}(x) + \varepsilon f^{[b]}(x)$$

where $|\varepsilon| \ll 1$ and each part is exactly solvable

$$x' = f^{[a]}(x) \quad \longrightarrow \quad x(h) = \varphi_h^{[a]}(x_0)$$

$$x' = \varepsilon f^{[b]}(x) \quad \longrightarrow \quad x(h) = \varphi_h^{[b]}(x_0)$$

with h being the time step.

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$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{Bmatrix} q \\ p \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} q \\ p \end{Bmatrix} + \varepsilon \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} q \\ p \end{Bmatrix}$$

i.e. $x' = Ax + \varepsilon Bx$, whose solution is

$$\begin{Bmatrix} q(t) \\ p(t) \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta_\varepsilon t) & \chi_\varepsilon^{-1} \sin(\theta_\varepsilon t) \\ -\chi_\varepsilon \sin(\theta_\varepsilon t) & \cos(\theta_\varepsilon t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} q_0 \\ p_0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

with

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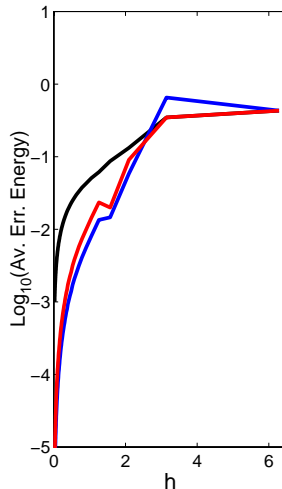
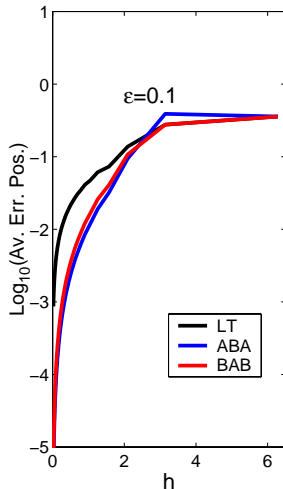
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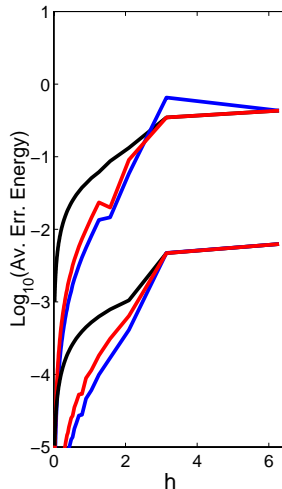
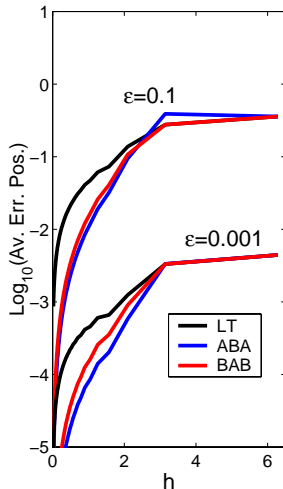
where $\theta_a = \theta_b = \theta_c$!! All methods are conjugate to each other.

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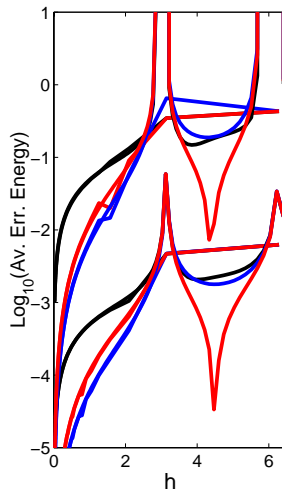
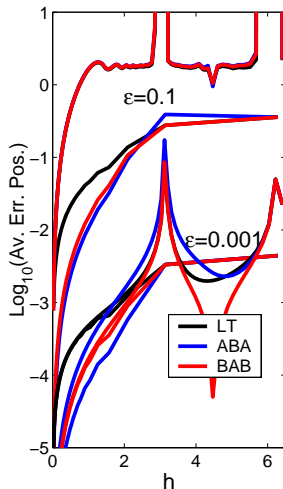
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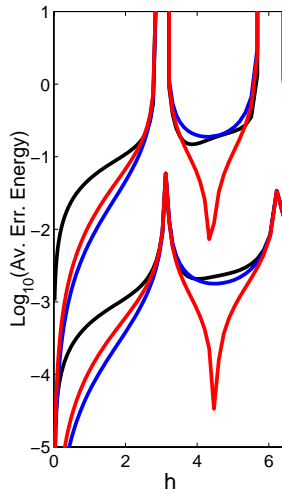
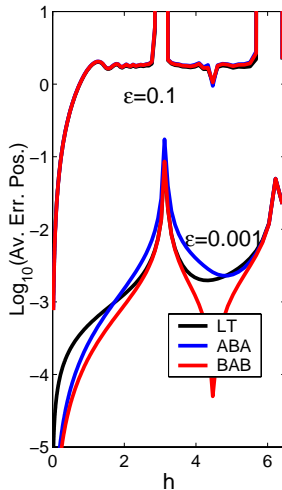
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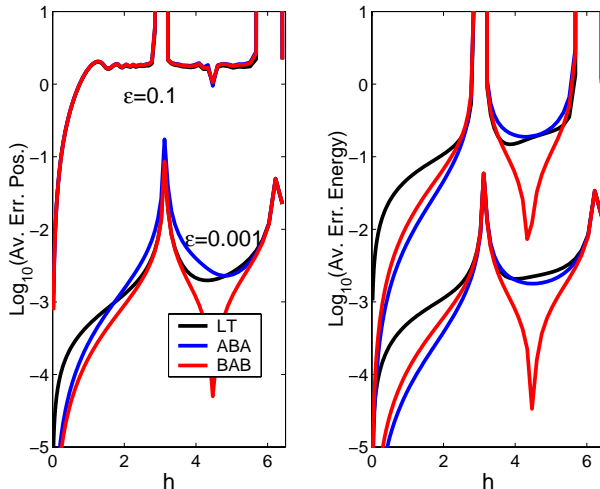
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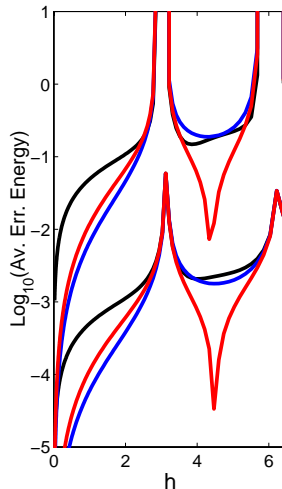
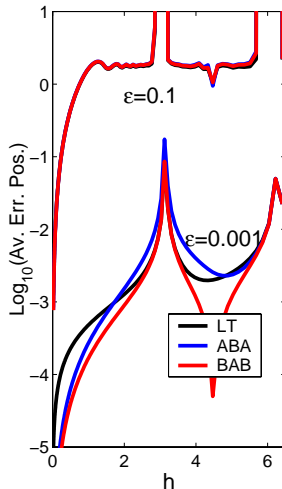
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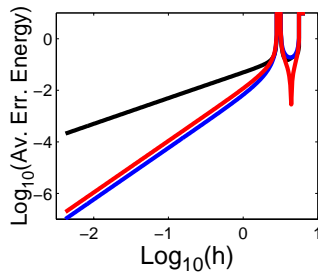
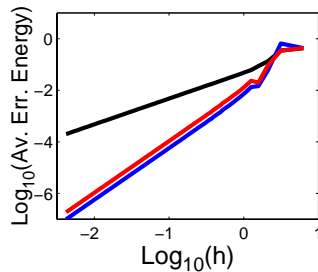
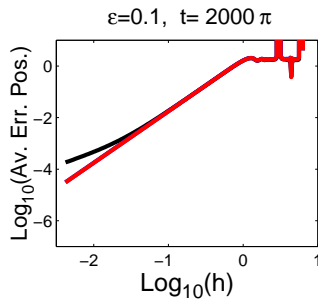
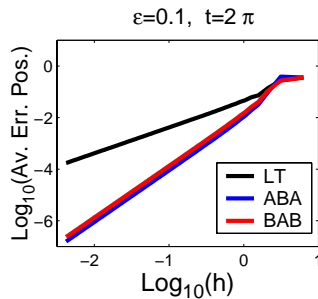
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Unstable $\forall \varepsilon$.

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Applications to perturbed systems

- Classical Hamiltonian systems (Solar system)
- Quantum Mechanics
 - Linear and non-linear Schrödinger equation★
 - The eigenvalue problem
- Hybrid Monte Carlo
- Optimal control problems★
- Scaling-Splitting-Squaring to compute $e^{A+\varepsilon B}$
- Parabolic linear and non-linear PDEs★

★ With possible explicit **time-dependent dominant part**.

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($\sigma_{i_1 \dots i_k}$ are given constants) for each $k = 1, \dots, m$ and each multi-index (j_1, \dots, j_k) such that $j_1 + \dots + j_k \leq r_k$.

Lyndon multi-indices allow to find a set of independent order conditions (Murua)

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List of methods

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New methods optimised for given problems:

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 - Jacobi coordinates: $(10, 4)_7, (8, 6, 4)_7, (10, 6, 4)_8$
 - Helioc. coord. ($\sum_i b_i^3 = 0$): $(8, 4)_6, (8, 6, 4)_8, (10, 6, 4)_9$
- Parabolic problems
 - Quantum Mech.: Schrödinger eq. in the imaginary time
 $(6, 4)_4, (8, 4)_5, (8, 6, 4)_7, (8, 6)_9$ with $a_i, b_i \in \mathbb{C}$
- Scaling-Splitting-Squaring to: $e^{A+\varepsilon B}$ with $a_i \in \mathbb{C}, b_i \in \mathbb{R}$
- Hybrid Monte Carlo: work in progress
- Other families of methods
 - Methods using derivatives (gradient) of the perturbation.
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Bader & **B**, Phys. Rev. E (2011)

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One can use methods such that $a_i \in \mathbb{R}^+$, $b_i \in \mathbb{C}^+$. (B & Seydaoğlu (2013) Submitted)

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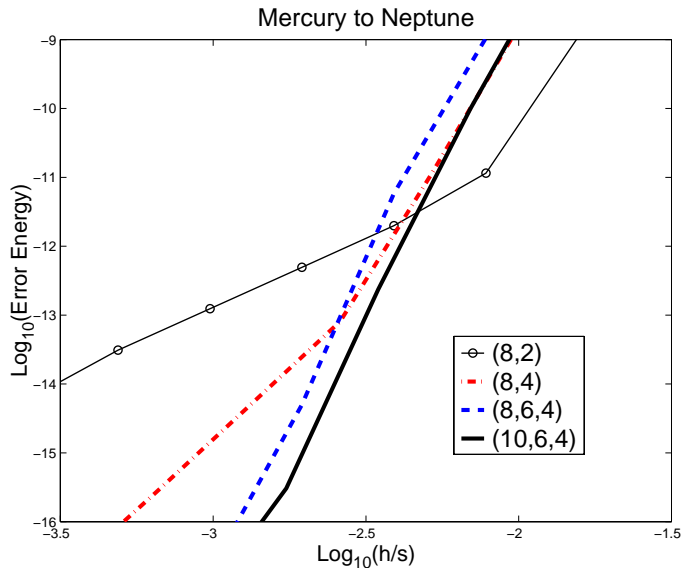
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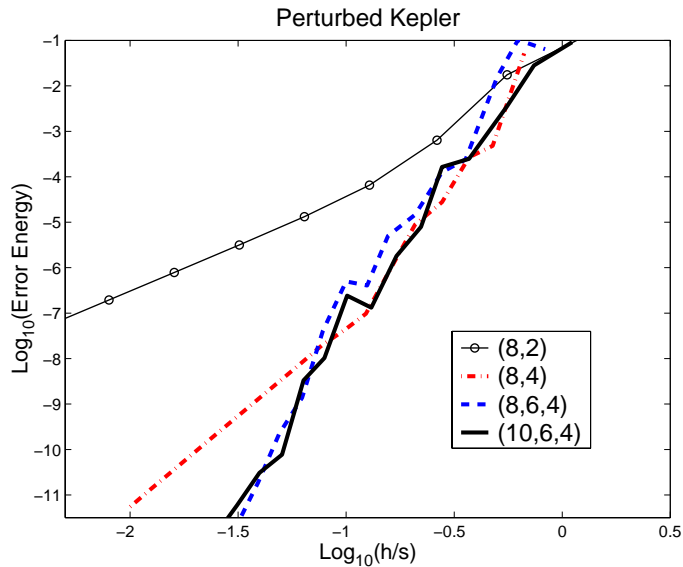
Perturbed oscillator ($(q, p) = (1, 1)$, $\varepsilon = 10^{-3}$)

$$H = \frac{1}{2} (p^2 + q^2) + \varepsilon \left(\frac{1}{2} p^2 + \frac{1}{4} q^4 \right)$$

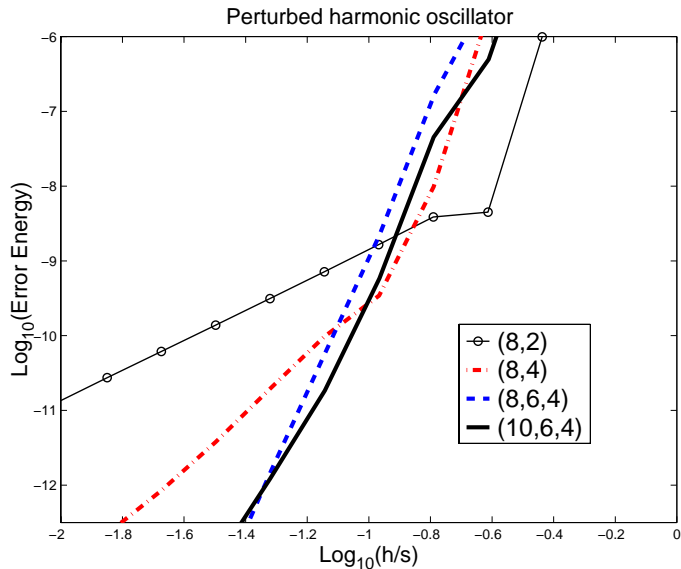
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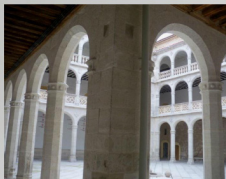
- 1 To split a perturbed system into its dominant part and the perturbation is usually convenient even for not necessarily very small perturbations
- 2 The best splitting method very much depend on the problem to be solves (**error in energy or in position**, **high or low accuracy**, **short or long time integrations**, **real or complex coefficients**, etc.)
- 3 We have provided a set of methods tailored for different purposes and implemented in very simple problems to test of their performances as well as their applications on more realistic problems.

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