

Invariant preserving integrators :  
An algebraic approach

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## Qualitative properties of $\dot{y} = f(y)$

There are many situations where the differential system has structural properties that owed to be preserved :

1. First integral :  $\frac{d}{dt}I(y) = 0$ .

2. Symplectic structure (Hamiltonian systems :  
 $f(y) = J^{-1}\nabla H(y)$  ).

3. Symmetry :  $\rho(f(y)) = -f(\rho(y))$ .

## Trajectories of 2-D Kepler with various methods

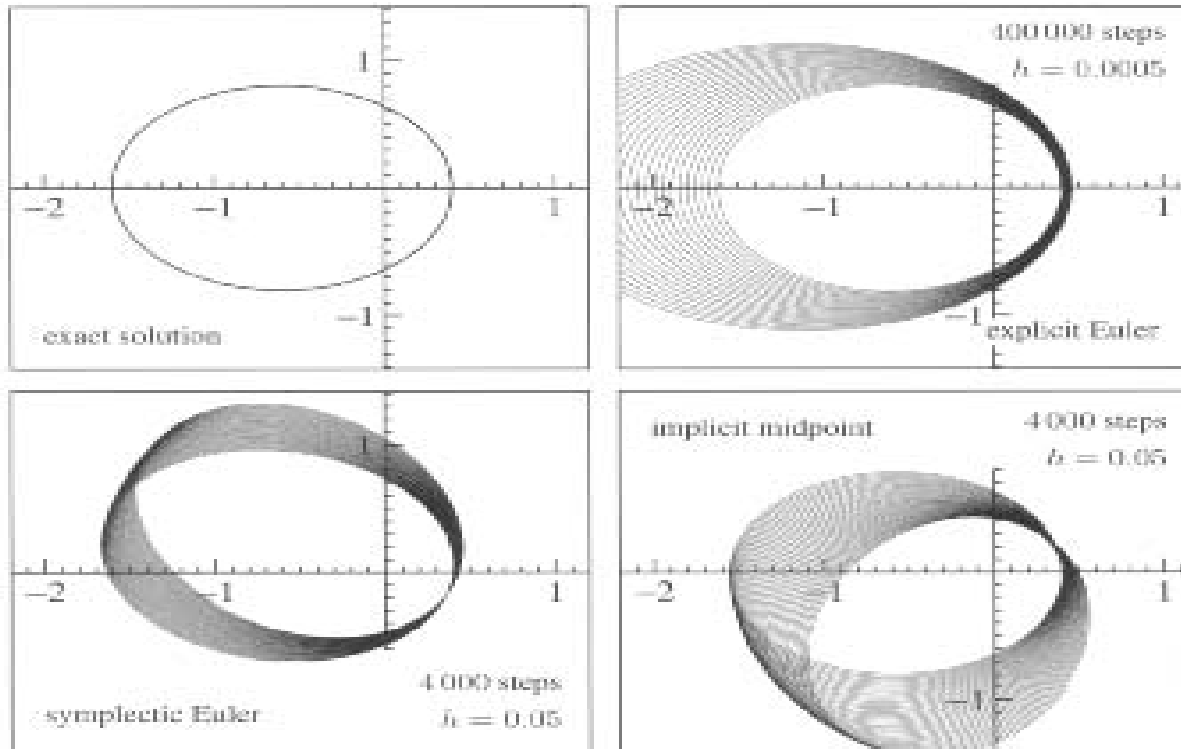


FIG. 1 – E. Hairer, Geometric Integration, pp. 5

## Energy conservation - Global Error

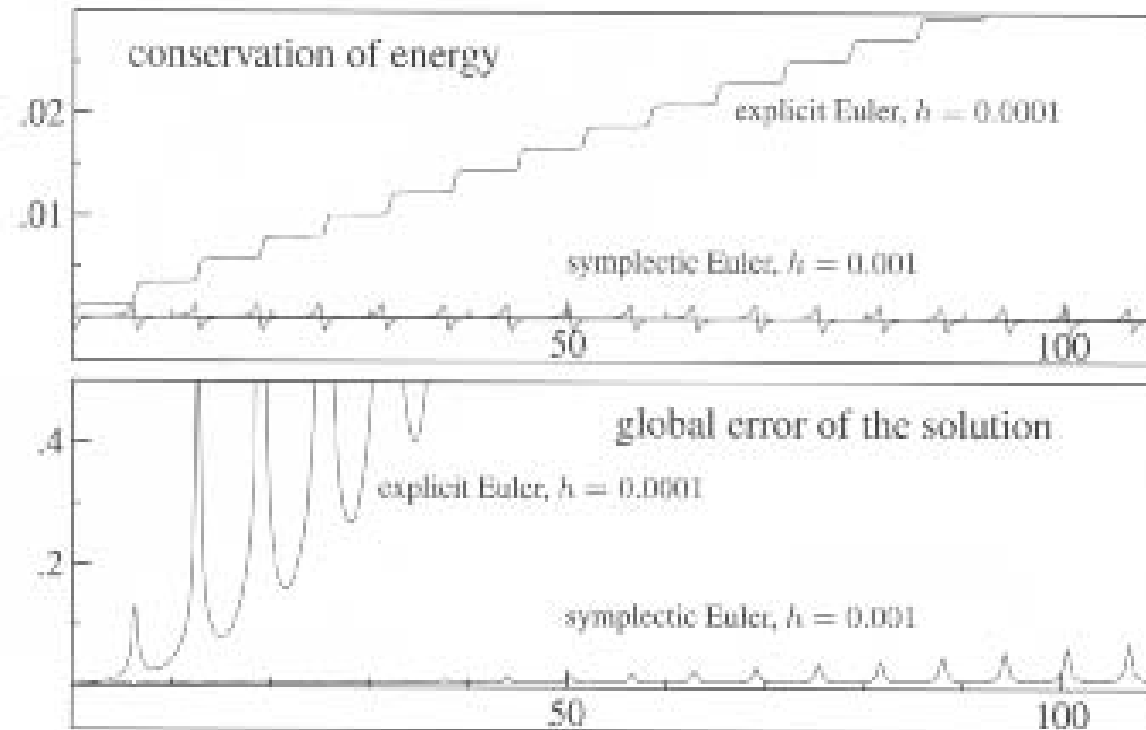


FIG. 2 – E. Hairer, Geometric Integration, pp. 6

## Geometric numerical integration

The main objective of GNI is to study existing numerical integrators and design new ones that **preserve** some or all of these properties, with applications to

- celestial mechanics,
- robotics,
- **molecular simulation**....,

where obtaining an accurate approximation over **long integration intervals** is out of reach.

The main idea of GNI is to re-interpret the numerical method as the **exact solution** of a **modified** equation whose qualitative features can be described.

## Modified equations

modified problem

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\hat{y}} = \hat{f}(\hat{y}) \\ \hat{y}(0) = y_0 \end{cases}$$

↘ exact solution :  $\hat{y}(nh) = y_n$

$$y_{n+1} = \Phi_h^f(y_n)$$

initial problem

$$\begin{cases} \dot{y} = f(y) \\ y(0) = y_0 \end{cases}$$

↗ numerical solution :  $y_n \approx y(nh)$

Strictly speaking, this diagram holds true only **formally** : its validity can be justified by a rigorous study of error terms (optimal truncature of the series involved leads to exponentially small errors).

## Taylor expansions or the urgent necessity of trees

In trying to get the Taylor expansion of the implicit Euler solution

$$y_1 = y_0 + hf(y_1)$$

one gets successively (where we have omitted the argument  $y_0$  in  $f, f', \dots$ )

$$y_1 = y_0 + h \underbrace{f}_{=y'} + \mathcal{O}(h^2),$$

$$y_1 = y_0 + h \underbrace{f}_{=y'} + h^2 \underbrace{f'f}_{=y''} + \mathcal{O}(h^3),$$

$$y_1 = y_0 + h \underbrace{f}_{=y'} + h^2 \underbrace{f'f}_{=y''} + h^3 \underbrace{\left( f'f'f + \frac{1}{2}f''(f, f) \right)}_{\neq y^{(3)} = f'f'f + f''(f, f)} + \mathcal{O}(h^4),$$

$$= y_0 + hF(\bullet) + h^2F(\overset{\cdot}{/}) + h^3\left(F(\overset{\cdot}{/}) + \frac{1}{2}F(\overset{\cdot}{\vee})\right) + \dots$$

# PART I : formal numerical integrators



## Rooted trees









**Definition 1 (Rooted trees)** *The set of rooted trees is recursively defined by :*

1.  $\bullet \in \mathcal{T}$

2.  $(t_1, \dots, t_n) \in \mathcal{T}^n \Rightarrow t = [t_1, \dots, t_n] \in \mathcal{T}$

*The order of a tree  $|t|$  is its number of vertices.*

## Examples of rooted trees

Arbre $t$								
Ordre $ t $	1	2	3	3	4	4	4	4
Symétrie $\sigma(t)$	1	1	2	1	6	1	2	1

TAB. 1 – Rooted trees of orders 1 to 4


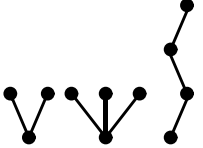
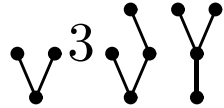
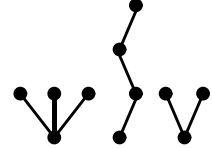
## Forests (monomials of rooted trees)

**Definition 2 (Forest)** *A forest  $u$  is an unordered  $k$ -uplet of trees. If  $u = t_1 \dots t_1 t_2 \dots t_2 \dots t_n \dots t_n$  where the trees  $t_i$ 's are all distinct where each  $t_i$  is repeated  $r_i$  times, then the order and the symmetry of  $u$  are recursively defined by :*

1.  $|u| = \sum_{i=1}^n r_i |t_i|,$
2.  $\sigma(u) = \prod_{i=1}^n r_i! \sigma(t_i)^{r_i}.$

*We denote by  $e$  the empty forest and by  $\mathcal{F}$  the set forests.*

## Examples of forests

Forest $u$				
Order $ u $	4	11	17	11
Symmetry $\sigma(u)$	$2!$	$2! 3! 1!$	$3!(2!)^3 2!$	$3! 1! 2!$

TAB. 2 – A few forests

## The algebra of forests

The set  $\mathcal{F}$  can be naturally endowed with an algebra structure  $\mathcal{H}$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  :

- $\forall (u, v) \in \mathcal{F}^2, \forall (\lambda, \mu) \in \mathbb{R}^2, \lambda u + \mu v \in \mathcal{H}$ ,
- $\forall (u, v) \in \mathcal{F}^2, uv \in \mathcal{H}$ , where  $uv$  denotes the commutative product of the forests  $u$  and  $v$ ,
- $\forall u \in \mathcal{F}, ue = eu = u$ , where  $e$  is the empty forest.

Example of calculus in  $\mathcal{H}$  :

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2 \cdot \text{diag}_1 + 3 \cdot \text{diag}_2) (\text{diag}_3 - \text{diag}_4 \cdot + 8 \cdot) &= 2 \cdot \text{diag}_5 - 2 \cdot \text{diag}_6 \cdot + 16 \cdot \text{diag}_7 \cdot \\
 &+ 3 \cdot \text{diag}_8 - 3 \cdot \text{diag}_9 \cdot + 24 \cdot \text{diag}_{10} \cdot
 \end{aligned}$$

## The tensor product of $\mathcal{H}$ by itself

**Definition 3** The tensor product of  $\mathcal{H}$  with itself is the set of elements of the form

$u \otimes v$  with  $u$  and  $v$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ , such that :

- $\forall (u, v, w) \in \mathcal{H}^3, (u + v) \otimes w = u \otimes w + v \otimes w,$
- $\forall (u, v, w) \in \mathcal{H}^3, u \otimes (v + w) = u \otimes v + u \otimes w,$
- $\forall (u, v) \in \mathcal{H}^2, \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}, \lambda \cdot u \otimes v = (\lambda \cdot u) \otimes v = u \otimes (\lambda \cdot v).$

The product on  $\mathcal{H}$  can be viewed as a mapping  $m$  from  $\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}$  into  $\mathcal{H}$  :

$$\forall (u, v) \in \mathcal{H}^2, uv = m(u \otimes v).$$

Example :  $m(\cdot \text{---} \cdot \otimes \cdot \text{---} \cdot) = \cdot^2 \text{---} \cdot \text{---} \cdot$

## The co-product

We define the operators  $B^+$  and  $B^-$  by :

$$\begin{array}{l}
 B^+ : \mathcal{H} \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathcal{T} \qquad B^- : \mathcal{T} \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathcal{H} \\
 u = t_1 \dots t_n \quad \mapsto \quad [t_1, \dots, t_n] \quad t = [t_1, \dots, t_n] \quad \mapsto \quad t_1 \dots t_n
 \end{array}$$

Examples :  $B^+(\bullet \dots \bullet) = [\bullet \dots \bullet] = \text{V-shape}$  et  $B^-(\text{V-shape}) = \bullet \dots \bullet$

**Definition 4 (Co-product)** *The co-product  $\Delta$  is a morphism from  $\mathcal{H}$  to  $\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}$  defined recursively by :*

1.  $\Delta(e) = e \otimes e,$
2.  $\forall t \in \mathcal{T}, \Delta(t) = t \otimes e + (id_{\mathcal{H}} \otimes B^+) \circ \Delta \circ B^-(t),$
3.  $\forall u = t_1 \dots t_n \in \mathcal{F}, \Delta(u) = \Delta(t_1) \dots \Delta(t_n).$

## Examples of co-products

$$\Delta(\bullet) = \bullet \otimes e + e \otimes \bullet,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(\mathcal{I}) &= \mathcal{I} \otimes e + (id_{\mathcal{H}} \otimes B^+) \circ \Delta(\bullet) \\ &= \mathcal{I} \otimes e + (id_{\mathcal{H}} \otimes B^+)(\bullet \otimes e + e \otimes \bullet) \\ &= \mathcal{I} \otimes e + e \otimes \mathcal{I} + \bullet \otimes \bullet, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(\bullet\bullet) &= \Delta(\bullet)\Delta(\bullet) = (e \otimes \bullet + \bullet \otimes e)(e \otimes \bullet + \bullet \otimes e), \\ &= e \otimes \bullet\bullet + 2\bullet \otimes \bullet + \bullet\bullet \otimes e, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(\mathcal{V}) &= \mathcal{V} \otimes e + (id_{\mathcal{H}} \otimes B^+) \circ \Delta(\bullet\bullet) \\ &= \mathcal{V} \otimes e + (id_{\mathcal{H}} \otimes B^+)(e \otimes \bullet\bullet + 2\bullet \otimes \bullet + \bullet\bullet \otimes e) \\ &= \mathcal{V} \otimes e + \bullet\bullet \otimes \bullet + 2\bullet \otimes \mathcal{I} + e \otimes \mathcal{V}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta(3\bullet + 5\mathcal{I}) = 3e \otimes \bullet + 3\bullet \otimes e + 5e \otimes \mathcal{I} + 5\bullet \otimes \bullet + 5\mathcal{I} \otimes e.$$



## A formula for the co-product

The co-product of a tree can also be computed by the formula (A. Connes & D. Kreimer 98) :

$$\Delta(t) = t \otimes e + e \otimes t + \sum_C P^C(t) \otimes R^C(t)$$

where  $C$  is the set of «admissibles» cut of the tree  $t$ , i.e. such that there is no more than one cut between any vertex of  $t$  and its root. A similar formula holds for forests (Murua 2003).

## Elementary differentials

**Definition 5** For each  $t \in \mathcal{T}$ , the elementary differential  $F(t)$  associated with  $t$  is the mapping from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , defined recursively by :

1.  $F(\bullet)(y) = f(y)$ ,
2.  $F([t_1, \dots, t_n])(y) = f^{(n)}(y) \left( F(t_1)(y), \dots, F(t_n)(y) \right)$ .

Examples :

$$F(\text{hook})(y) = f'(y)f(y),$$

$$F(\text{hook}^2)(y) = f'(y)f'(y)f(y),$$

$$F(\text{trivalent})(y) = f^{(3)}(y) \left( f(y), f(y), f(y) \right).$$

## B-series

**Definition 6 (B-Series)** Let  $a$  be a mapping from  $\mathcal{T}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ . We define  $B(a, y)$ , the B-series associated with  $a$ , as the formal series :

$$B(a, y) = y + \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}} \frac{h^{|t|}}{\sigma(t)} a(t) F(t) = y + ha(\bullet) f(y) + h^2 a(\bullet \bullet) (f' f)(y) + \dots$$

The exact solution of  $\dot{y} = f(y)$  has a B-series expansion

$$\begin{aligned} B(1/\gamma, y) &= y + \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}} \frac{h^{|t|}}{\gamma(t)\sigma(t)} F(t)(y) \\ &= y + hf(y) + \frac{h^2}{2.1} (f' f)(y) \\ &\quad + \frac{h^3}{3.2} (f''(f, f))(y) + \frac{h^3}{6.1} (f' f' f)(y) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

## Most numerical methods have a formal B-series expansion

### Examples :

1. Explicit Euler :  $y + hf(y) = B(a, y)$  with  $a(\bullet) = 1$  and  $a(t \neq \bullet) = 0$ .
2. Implicit Euler :  $Y = y + hf(Y)$  and  $y + hf(Y) = B(a, y)$  with  $a(t) = 1$ .

### Classes of methods with a B-series expansion

1. Runge-Kutta methods
2. Composition methods
3. Multistep methods have an **underlying** B-series expansion

### Classes of methods with a P-series expansion (decorated trees)

1. Splitting methods
2. Partitioned methods

## Elementary differential operators

**Definition 7** Let  $u = t_1 \dots t_k$  be a forest of  $\mathcal{F}$ . The differential operator  $X(u)$  associated with  $u$  is defined on  $\mathcal{D} = C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R}^m)$  by :

$$\begin{aligned} X(u) : \mathcal{D} &\rightarrow \mathcal{D} \\ g &\mapsto X(u)[g] = g^{(k)}(F(t_1), \dots, F(t_k)) \end{aligned}$$

Examples :

$$\begin{aligned} X(e)[g] &= g, \\ X(\bullet)[g] &= g' f, \\ X(\jmath)[g] &= g' f' f, \\ X(\jmath \bullet \bullet)[g] &= g^{(3)}(f' f, f, f). \end{aligned}$$

## S-series

**Definition 8 (Series of differential operators)** Let  $\alpha$  be a mapping from  $\mathcal{F}$  into  $\mathbb{R}$ . We define  $S(\alpha)$ , the series of differential operators associated with  $\alpha$ , as the formal series

$$S(\alpha)[g] = \sum_{u \in \mathcal{F}} \frac{h^{|u|}}{\sigma(u)} \alpha(u) X(u)[g]$$

For all  $g \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R}^m)$  :

$$S(\alpha)[g] = \alpha(e)g + h\alpha(\bullet)g'f + \frac{h^2}{2}\alpha(\bullet\bullet)g''(f, f) + h^2\alpha(\bullet\bullet)g'f'f + \dots$$

## Composition of B-series and co-product in $\mathcal{H}$

**Theorem 1 (Composition of B-series)** *Let  $a$  and  $b$  be two mappings from  $\mathcal{T}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ . The composition of the two B-series  $B(a, y)$  and  $B(b, y)$ , i.e.*

$$B(a, B(b, y))$$

*is again a B-series, with coefficients  $ab$  defined on  $\mathcal{T}$  by the composition law :*

$$\forall t \in \mathcal{T}, \quad (ab)(t) = (a \otimes b)\Delta(t).$$

Example :

$$\begin{aligned} (ab)(\mathcal{V}) &= (a \otimes b)\Delta(\mathcal{V}) \\ &= (a \otimes b)\left(\mathcal{V} \otimes e + (id_{\mathcal{H}} \otimes B^+) \circ \Delta(\cdot \cdot)\right) \\ &= a(\mathcal{V})b(e) + a(\cdot)a(\cdot)b(\cdot) + 2a(\cdot)b(\mathcal{I}) + a(e)b(\mathcal{V}) \end{aligned}$$

## Composition of S-series and co-product on $\mathcal{H}$

**Theorem 2 (Composition of S-series)** Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be two mappings from  $\mathcal{F}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ . The composition of the two S-series  $S(\alpha)$  and  $S(\beta)$ , i.e.

$$S(\alpha)[S(\beta)[.]]$$

is again a S-series, with coefficients  $\alpha\beta$  defined on  $\mathcal{F}$  by the composition law :

$$\forall u \in \mathcal{F}, \quad (\alpha\beta)(u) = (\alpha \otimes \beta)\Delta(u).$$

Example :

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha\beta)(\bullet\bullet\bullet) &= (\alpha \otimes \beta)\Delta(\bullet^3) \\ &= (\alpha \otimes \beta)\left(\bullet \otimes e + e \otimes \bullet\right)^3 \\ &= \alpha(\bullet^3)\beta(e) + 3\alpha(\bullet^2)\beta(\bullet) + 3\alpha(\bullet)\beta(\bullet^2) + \alpha(e)\beta(\bullet^3) \end{aligned}$$



## Remarks and preliminary computations

- A B-series is a S-series :

$$B(a, y) = S(\alpha)[id_{\mathbb{R}^n}](y)$$

avec  $\alpha|_{\mathcal{T}} \equiv a$ .

- A S-series can be viewed as a Lie derivative operator (or a field) :

$$S(\alpha)[g](y) = L_{B(\alpha, y)}[g](y)$$

iff  $\forall u \in \mathcal{F}/\mathcal{T}, \alpha(u) = 0$ .

- The action of a fonction  $g$  on a B-series can be viewed as S-series :

$$g(B(a, y)) = \sum_{u \in \mathcal{F}} \frac{h^{|u|}}{\sigma(u)} \alpha(u) X(u)[g] = S(\alpha)[g],$$

iff  $\alpha \in Alg(\mathcal{H}, \mathbb{R})$  et  $\alpha|_{\mathcal{T}} \equiv a$ .

## Numerical methods preserving invariants

Let  $I$  be a first integral of  $\dot{y} = f(y)$ , i.e.

$$\forall y \in \mathbb{R}^n, \left( \nabla I(y) \right)^T f(y) = 0.$$

The numerical method associated with the B-series  $B(a, y)$  **preserves**  $I$  iff

$$\forall y \in \mathbb{R}^n, I\left(B(a, y)\right) = I(y),$$

i.e.

$$S(\alpha)[I] = I,$$

where  $\alpha$  is the unique algebra-morphism extending  $a$  onto  $\mathcal{H}$ .

## The annihilating left ideal $\mathcal{I}[I]$ of $I$ (part I)

In algebraic terms, saying that  $I$  is an invariant can be written

$$X(\bullet)[I] = 0.$$

If  $S(\omega)$  acts on  $X(\bullet)[I]$  from the left, one gets :

$$S(\omega)[hX(\bullet)[I]] = S(\omega')[I] = 0,$$

with

$$\forall u = t_1 \dots t_m \in \mathcal{F}, \quad \omega'(u) = \sum_{i=1}^m \omega\left(B^-(t_i) \prod_{j \neq i} t_j\right).$$

Example :

$$\omega'(\text{diagram}) = \omega(\text{diagram}) + \omega(\text{diagram}) + \omega(\text{diagram})$$

The diagram on the left is a tree with root  $\bullet$  and three children. The middle diagram is a tree with root  $\bullet$  and two children, where the right child has two children of its own. The right diagram is a tree with root  $\bullet$  and two children, where the left child has two children of its own.

## The annihilating left ideal $\mathcal{I}[I]$ of $I$ (part II)

**Lemma 1** Consider  $\delta \in \mathcal{H}^*$ . Then,  $\delta \in \mathcal{I}[I]$  if and only if  $\delta(e) = 0$  and for all trees  $t_1, \dots, t_m$  de  $\mathcal{T}$ , one has :

$$\delta(t_1 \dots t_m) = \sum_{j=1}^m \delta\left(t_j \circ \prod_{i \neq j} t_i\right).$$

Notation :

$$s \circ (t_1 t_2 \dots t_m) = B^+ \left( B^-(s) t_1 t_2 \dots t_m \right).$$

Examples :

– Pour  $m = 2$  :  $\delta(\bullet \curvearrowright) = \delta(\curvearrowright) + \delta(\vee)$ .

– Pour  $m = 3$  :  $\delta(\curvearrowright \bullet \bullet) = 2\delta(\vee) + \delta(\vee\vee)$

## Integrators preserving general invariants

**Theorem 3** *Let  $\alpha \in \text{Alg}(\mathcal{H}, \mathbb{R})$ . Then  $\alpha$  satisfies  $S(\alpha)[I] = I$  that for all couples  $(f, I)$  of a vector field  $f$  and a first integral  $I$ , if and only if  $\alpha(e) = 1$  and  $\alpha$  satisfies the condition*

$$\alpha(t_1) \cdots \alpha(t_m) = \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha(t_j \circ \prod_{i \neq j} t_i)$$

*for all  $m \geq 2$  and all  $t_i$ 's in  $\mathcal{T}$ .*

**Theorem 4** *A B-series integrator that preserves all cubic polynomial invariants does in fact preserve polynomial invariants of any degree, and thus is the B-series corresponding to the (scaled) exact flow.*

Consequence : There remains hope only for **quadratic** invariants.

## Integrators preserving quadratic invariants

**Theorem 5** Let  $\alpha \in \text{Alg}(\mathcal{H}, \mathbb{R})$ . Then  $\alpha$  satisfies  $S(\alpha)[I] = I$  that for all couples  $(f, I)$  of a vector field  $f$  and a **quadratic** first integral  $I$ , if and only if  $\alpha(e) = 1$  and  $\alpha$  satisfies the condition

$$\alpha(t_1)\alpha(t_2) = \alpha(t_1 \circ t_2) + \alpha(t_2 \circ t_1)$$

for all pairs  $(t_1, t_2) \in \mathcal{T}^2$ .

Example : A B-series integrator  $B(a, y)$  preserve **quadratic** invariants ( $m = 2$ ) if and only if, for all pairs of trees  $(t_1, t_2) \in \mathcal{T}^2$ , the following relation holds :

$$a(t_1 \circ t_2) + a(t_2 \circ t_1) = a(t_1)a(t_2).$$

This condition is also the condition for  $B(a, y)$  to be **symplectic**.

## Integrators preserving Hamiltonian invariants

We now turn our attention to systems of the form  $\dot{y} = f(y)$  with

$$f(y) = J^{-1}\nabla H(y),$$

and we explore the conditions under which a B-series integrator  $B(a, y)$  preserves exactly the Hamiltonian function, i.e.

$$S(\alpha)[H] = H$$

where  $\alpha$  is the only algebra morphism such that  $\alpha|_{\mathcal{T}} \equiv a$ .

## Elementary Hamiltonians

We define the *elementary Hamiltonian*  $H(t)$  as the mapping from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  obtained recursively by :

$$\begin{aligned} H(\bullet)(y) &= H(y), \\ H([s_1, \dots, s_n, t]) &= H^{(n+1)}\left(F(s_1), \dots, F(s_n), F(t)\right), \\ &= \left(F(t)\right)^T J \left(J^{-1} \nabla H\right)^{(n)}\left(F(s_1), \dots, F(s_n)\right) \\ &= \left(F(t)\right)^T JF(s) = H(s \circ t) \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2** *Let  $s$  and  $t$  be two trees of  $\mathcal{T}$ . We have the relation :*

$$H(s \circ t) = -H(t \circ s).$$



## The annihilating ideal $\mathcal{I}[H]$ of $H$ (part I)

Since  $X(u)[H] = H(B^+(u)) = H([u])$ , a lot of forests  $u \in \mathcal{F}$  give rise to the **same** elementary differential.

Examples :

$$\begin{aligned} X(\dot{\jmath})[H] &= H(\dot{\jmath}) = H(\bullet \circ \dot{\jmath}) = -H(\dot{\jmath} \circ \bullet) = -H(\vee) \\ &= -X(\bullet \bullet)[H], \end{aligned}$$

$$X(\dot{\jmath} \bullet)[H] = H(\dot{\jmath} \vee) = H(\dot{\jmath} \circ \dot{\jmath}) = 0$$

Auxiliary consequence :

One has  $\frac{1}{h} B(b, y) = J^{-1} \nabla H_h(y)$  with  $H_h(y) = S(\alpha)[H]$  iff

$$\forall (t_1, t_2) \in \mathcal{T}^2, \quad b(t_1 \circ t_2) + b(t_2 \circ t_1) = 0.$$

## The set $\mathcal{HS}$ of non-superfluous free trees

We define an **equivalence class**  $\hat{t}$  as being the set of trees that can be obtained from  $t$  by changing the position of the root.

Examples : For  $t = \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \end{array}$ ,  $\hat{t} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ | \\ \bullet \end{array} \right\}$ . For  $t = \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \end{array}$ ,  $\hat{t} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ | \\ \bullet \end{array} \right\}$ .

Given a total order  $\geq$  on  $\mathcal{T}$ , compatible with  $|\cdot|$ , the set  $\mathcal{HS}$  is defined by

$$t \in \mathcal{HS} \text{ iff } t = \bullet \text{ or } \exists (s_1, s_2) \in \mathcal{T}^2, s_1 > s_2, t = s_1 \circ s_2.$$

The set  $\mathcal{HS}$  is the set of representatives of equivalence classes whose elementary differential does not vanish. The first of these are :

$$\begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ | \\ \bullet \end{array} \notin \mathcal{HS}, \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \diagup \\ \bullet \end{array} \notin \mathcal{HS}, \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \end{array} \in \mathcal{HS}, \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \end{array} \notin \mathcal{HS}, \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ | \\ \bullet \end{array} \notin \mathcal{HS}, \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \end{array} \in \mathcal{HS}, \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \end{array} \notin \mathcal{HS}.$$

## An algebraic condition for the preservation of Hamiltonians

Writing the S-series in terms of elementary Hamiltonians :

$$\begin{aligned}
 S(\alpha)[H] - H &= \sum_{u \in \mathcal{F}} \frac{h^{|u|}}{\sigma(u)} \alpha(u) X(u)[H] - H \\
 &= \sum_{t \in \mathcal{HS} \setminus \{\bullet\}} h^{|t|-1} H(t) \sum_{u \in \mathcal{F}, [u] \in \hat{t}} \frac{(-1)^{\pi([u])}}{\sigma(u)} \alpha(u).
 \end{aligned}$$

$\pi([u])$  is the «distance» between the root of  $[u]$  and the root of  $t$ . Since the elementary Hamiltonians  $H(t), t \in \mathcal{HS} \setminus \{\bullet\}$  are independent :

**Theorem 6** *Let  $\alpha \in \text{Alg}(\mathcal{H}, \mathbb{R})$ . One has  $S(\alpha)[H] = H$  for all Hamiltonian systems, if and only if  $\alpha(e) = 1$  and*

$$\forall t \in \mathcal{HS}, \sum_{u \in \mathcal{F}, [u] \in \hat{t}} (-1)^{\pi([u])} \frac{\alpha(u)}{\sigma(u)} = 0.$$

Example : the fifth-order condition for  $t_{II} =$  

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{t}_{II} &= \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Tree diagram: root to 3 children, left child to 3 leaves} \\ B^- \downarrow \\ \dots / \\ (-1)^\pi / \sigma \downarrow \\ \frac{1}{3!} \dots / \\ \alpha \downarrow \end{array} \right\}, \quad \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Tree diagram: root to 3 children, left child to 2 children} \\ B^- \downarrow \\ \text{Tree diagram: root to 3 children, left child to 2 children} \\ (-1)^\pi / \sigma \downarrow \\ -\frac{1}{2!} \text{Tree diagram: root to 3 children, left child to 2 children} \\ \alpha \downarrow \end{array} \right], \quad \left[ \cdot, \begin{array}{c} \text{Tree diagram: root to 3 children, left child to 2 children} \\ B^- \downarrow \\ \cdot \text{Tree diagram: root to 3 children, left child to 2 children} \\ (-1)^\pi / \sigma \downarrow \\ -\frac{1}{3!} \cdot \text{Tree diagram: root to 3 children, left child to 2 children} \\ \alpha \downarrow \end{array} \right], \quad \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Tree diagram: root to 3 children, left child to 2 children} \\ B^- \downarrow \\ \text{Tree diagram: root to 3 children, left child to 2 children} \\ (-1)^\pi / \sigma \downarrow \\ \frac{1}{3!} \text{Tree diagram: root to 3 children, left child to 2 children} \\ \alpha \downarrow \end{array} \right] \} \\
 0 &= \frac{1}{3!} \alpha(\cdot)^3 \alpha(/) - \frac{1}{2!} \alpha(\text{Tree diagram: root to 3 children, left child to 2 children}) - \frac{1}{3!} \alpha(\cdot) \alpha(\text{Tree diagram: root to 3 children, left child to 2 children}) + \frac{1}{3!} \alpha(\text{Tree diagram: root to 3 children, left child to 2 children})
 \end{aligned}$$

## The non-existence of symplectic Hamiltonian preserving integrators

**Theorem 7** *Suppose a B-series integrator  $B(\alpha, y)$  satisfies both conditions*

$$\forall (t_1, t_2) \in \mathcal{T}^2, \quad \alpha(t_1)\alpha(t_2) = \alpha(t_1 \circ t_2) + \alpha(t_2 \circ t_1)$$

$$\forall t \in \mathcal{HS}, \quad \sum_{u \in \mathcal{F}, [u] \in \hat{t}} (-1)^{\pi([u])} \frac{\alpha(u)}{\sigma(u)} = 0.$$

*for the preservation of quadratic invariants and for the preservation of exact Hamiltonians. Then it is the B-series of the scaled exact flow.*

**There exists no symplectic numerical method that preserves the Hamiltonian exactly**

## Symplectic methods are formally conjugate to a method that preserve the Hamiltonian exactly

**Theorem 8** Consider a symplectic integrator  $B(\alpha, y)$ . Then, there exists  $\tilde{\gamma} \in \text{Alg}(\mathcal{H}, \mathbb{R})$  such that the integrator associated with  $\tilde{\alpha} = \tilde{\gamma}^{-1}\alpha\tilde{\gamma}$  exactly preserves the Hamiltonians.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \tilde{y}_0 & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\alpha}} & \tilde{y}_1 & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\alpha}} & \dots & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\alpha}} & \tilde{y}_n \\
 \downarrow \tilde{\gamma} & & \downarrow \tilde{\gamma} & & \downarrow \tilde{\gamma} & & \downarrow \tilde{\gamma} \\
 y_0 & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & y_1 & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & \dots & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & y_n
 \end{array}$$

## PART II : modified equations

## Backward error analysis

The fundamental idea of backward error analysis consists in interpreting the numerical solution  $y_1 = \Phi_h^f(y_0)$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{y} &= f(y), \\ y(0) &= y_0,\end{aligned}$$

as the exact solution of a modified differential equation

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\hat{y}} &= \hat{f}(\hat{y}), \\ \hat{y}(0) &= y_0.\end{aligned}$$



## Partitions and skeletons

**Definition 9 (Partitions of a tree)** *The partition  $p^\tau$  of a tree  $\tau \in \mathcal{T}$  is the tree obtained from  $\tau$  by replacing some of its edges by dashed ones. We denote  $P(p^\tau) = \{s_1, \dots, s_k\}$  the list of subtrees  $s_i \in \mathcal{T}$  obtained from  $p^\tau$  by removing dashed edges. The set of all partitions  $p^\tau$  of  $\tau$  is denoted  $\mathcal{P}(\tau)$ .*

**Definition 10** *The skeleton  $\chi(p^\tau) \in \mathcal{T}$  of a partition  $p^\tau \in \mathcal{P}(\tau)$  of a tree  $\tau \in \mathcal{T}$  is the tree obtained by replacing in  $p^\tau$  each tree of  $P(p^\tau)$  by a single vertex and then dashed edges by solid ones. We can notice that  $|\chi(p^\tau)| = \#p^\tau$ .*

Example : The 8 partitions of tree  $\tau = [[\bullet, \bullet]]$  with corresponding skeletons and lists

$p^\tau \in \mathcal{P}(\tau)$									
$\#p^\tau$	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	
$\chi(p^\tau)$									
$P(p^\tau)$									

## A substitution law

**Theorem 9** Let  $a, b$  be two mappings from  $\mathcal{T} \cup \{e\}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  with  $b(e) = 0$  and consider the ( $h$ -dependent) field

$$hg_h(y) = B_f(b, y).$$

Then, there exists a mapping  $a \star b$  from  $\mathcal{T} \cup \{e\}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  satisfying

$$B_{g_h}(a, y) = B_f(a \star b, y).$$

and  $a \star b$  is defined by  $a \star b(e) = a(e)$  and for all  $\tau$  in  $\mathcal{T}$  :

$$a \star b(\tau) = \sum_{p^\tau \in \mathcal{P}(\tau)} a(\chi(p^\tau)) \prod_{\delta \in P(p^\tau)} b(\delta).$$

## A few terms of the substitution law

$$a \star b(\bullet) = a(\bullet)b(\bullet),$$

$$a \star b(\int) = a(\bullet)b(\int) + a(\int)b(\bullet)^2,$$

$$a \star b(\vee) = a(\bullet)b(\vee) + 2a(\int)b(\bullet)b(\int) + a(\vee)b(\bullet)^3,$$

$$\begin{aligned} a \star b(\Upsilon) &= a(\bullet)b(\Upsilon) + a(\int)b(\bullet)b(\vee) + 2a(\int)b(\bullet)b(\int) \\ &\quad + a(\vee)b(\bullet)^2b(\int) + 2a(\int)b(\bullet)^2b(\int) + a(\Upsilon)b(\bullet)^4, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a \star b(\int) &= a(\bullet)b(\int) + 2a(\int)b(\bullet)b(\int) + a(\int)b(\int)^2 \\ &\quad + 3a(\int)b(\bullet)^2b(\int) + a(\int)b(\bullet)^4. \end{aligned}$$

## Main result

**Theorem 10** *There exists a modified field  $\hat{f}_h(y) = \frac{1}{h}B(\hat{b}, y)$  such that*

$$\Phi_h^f(y_0) = \hat{y}(h),$$

where  $\hat{y}(t)$  denotes the exact solution of

$$\hat{y}(0) = y_0, \quad \dot{\hat{y}} = \hat{f}_h(\hat{y}).$$

The coefficients  $\hat{b}$  are given by

$$\hat{b} = \omega \star (a - \delta_e),$$

where  $\frac{1}{h}B(\omega, y)$  can be interpreted as the B-series expansion of the modified field for the Euler explicit method.

## Main consequence

**Theorem 11** Consider a B-series with coefficients  $a$  satisfying the condition :

$$\forall m, 2 \leq m \leq n, \quad \forall (u_1, \dots, u_m) \in \mathcal{T}^m, \quad \sum_{i=1}^m a(u_i \circ \prod_{j \neq i} u_j) = \prod_{i=1}^m a(u_i).$$

Then the coefficients  $\hat{b}$  of its modified equation satisfy :

$$\forall m, 2 \leq m \leq n, \quad \forall (u_1, \dots, u_m) \in \mathcal{T}^m, \quad \sum_{i=1}^m b(u_i \circ \prod_{j \neq i} u_j) = 0.$$

The converse is also true.