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# Modified differential equations

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# Program of the talk

Extending and combining the ideas of two well-established theories

- backward error analysis (modified equations),
- Hamilton–Jacobi theory (generating functions),

we derive new, efficient integrators

- preprocessed vector field integrators

for rigid body simulations.

# 1. Backward error analysis

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such that for  $t_n = nh$ ,

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# Origin and references

Numerical linear algebra

Wilkinson 1960, Turing award 1970

Numerical ordinary differential equations

formal considerations

Ruth 1983, Gladman, Duncan & Candy 1991,

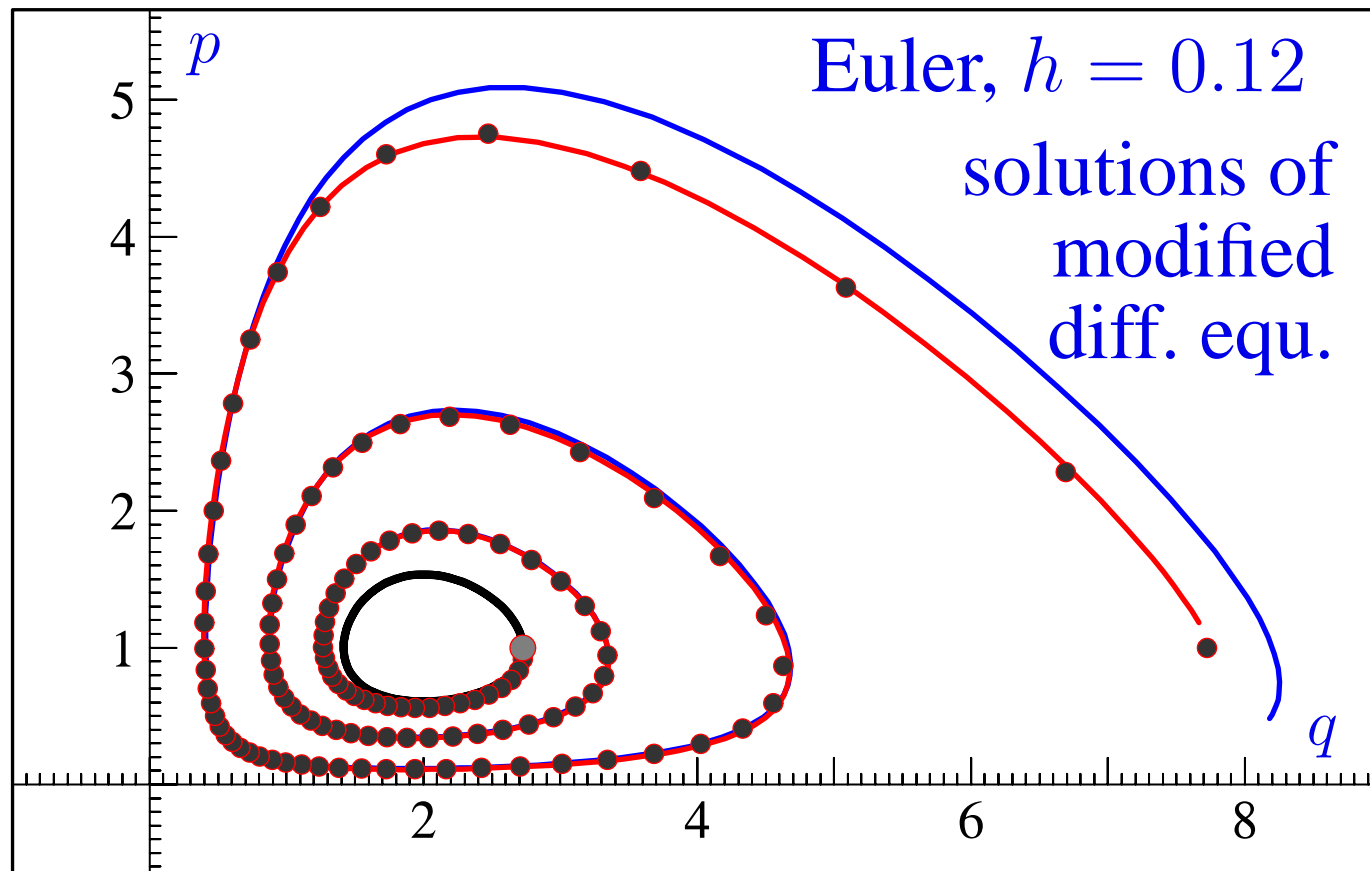
systematic study

Griffiths & Sanz-Serna 1986, Feng 1991,  
Sanz-Serna 1991, Yoshida 1993, Eirola 1993,  
Fiedler & Scheurle 1996

rigorous analysis

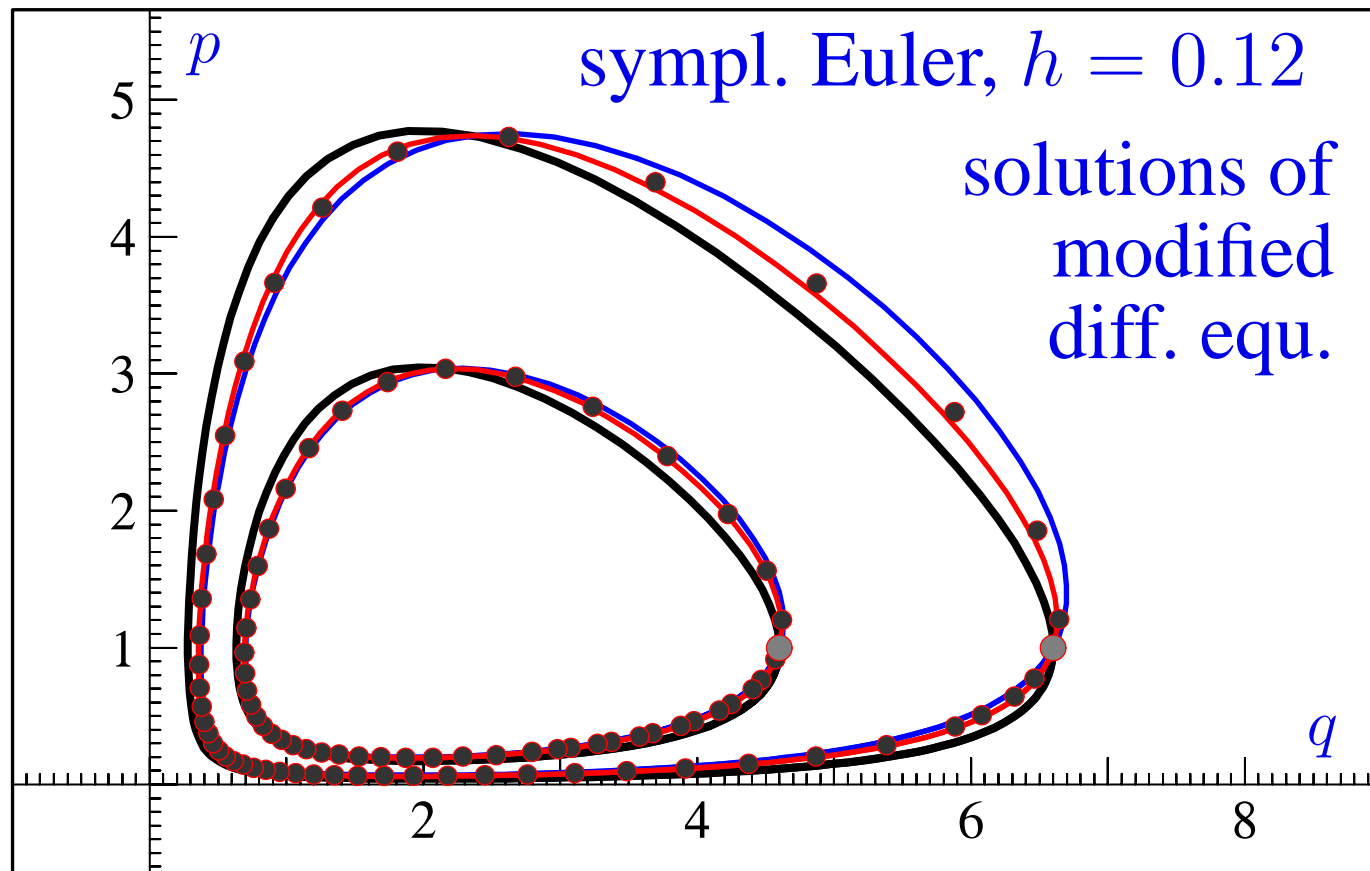
Benettin & Giorgilli 1994, H. & Lubich 1997,  
Reich 1999

# Example 1: Lotka–Volterra and explicit Euler



$$\begin{aligned}\dot{q} &= q(p - 1), & q_{n+1} &= q_n + h q_n(p_n - 1) \\ \dot{p} &= p(2 - q), & p_{n+1} &= p_n + h p_n(2 - q_n)\end{aligned}$$

## Example 2: Lotka–Volterra and symplectic Euler



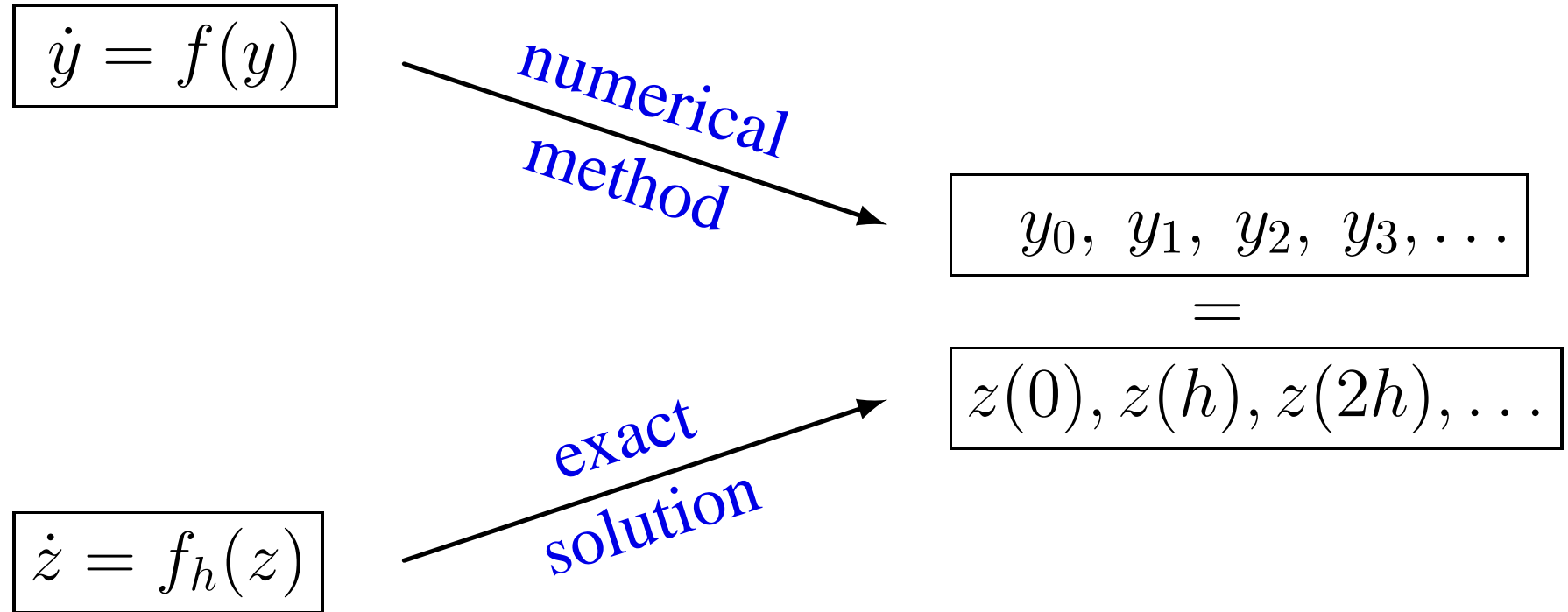
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# Summary of backward error analysis



modified differential equation

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## 2. Hamilton–Jacobi theory

*“... Professor Hamilton hat ... das merkwürdige Resultat gefunden, dass ... sich die Integralgleichungen der Bewegung ... sämtlich durch die partiellen Differentialquotienten einer einzigen Function darstellen lassen.*  
(C.G.J. Jacobi, 1837)

For a Hamiltonian system

$$\dot{p} = -\nabla_q H(p, q), \quad \dot{q} = \nabla_p H(p, q)$$

the flow  $(p, q) \mapsto (P, Q)$  is symplectic:  $P dQ - p dq = dS$ ,  
and can be expressed as

$$P = \nabla_Q S(q, Q, t), \quad p = -\nabla_q S(q, Q, t)$$

where (Hamilton–Jacobi differential equation)

$$\frac{\partial S(q, Q, t)}{\partial t} + H\left(\nabla_Q S(q, Q, t), Q\right) = 0$$



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$$S^1(P, q, h) = h H(P, q) + h^2 H_2(P, q) + h^3 H_3(P, q) + \dots$$

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*References.* Feng Kang (1986), Feng, Wu, Qin & Wang (1989)  
Channel & Scovel (1990), Miesbach & Pesch (1992)

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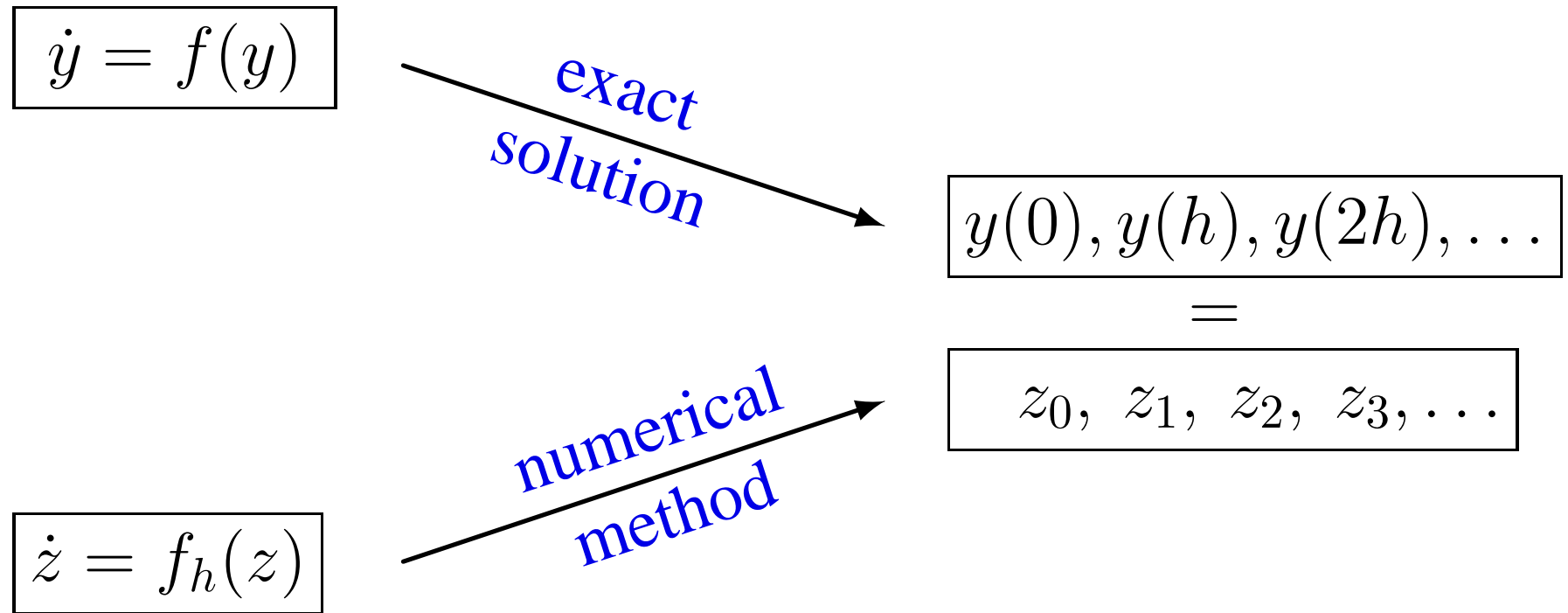
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Modified differential equation for the preprocessed method:

$$\dot{z} = f(z) + h^2 f_3(z) + h^4 f_5(z) + \dots$$

where

$$f_3 = \frac{1}{12} \left( -f' f' f + \frac{1}{2} f''(f, f) \right)$$

$$f_5 = \frac{1}{120} \left( f' f' f' f' f - f''(f, f' f' f) + \frac{1}{2} f''(f' f, f' f) \right)$$

$$- \frac{1}{240} \left( \frac{1}{2} f' f' f''(f, f) - f' f''(f, f' f) - \frac{1}{2} f''(f, f''(f, f)) \right)$$

## Rigid body

$$\dot{y} = \widehat{y} I^{-1} y, \quad \dot{Q} = Q \widehat{I}^{-1} y, \quad \widehat{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -a_3 & a_2 \\ a_3 & 0 & -a_1 \\ -a_2 & a_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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We consider  $D = \text{diag}(d_1, d_2, d_3)$  where

$$d_1 + d_2 = I_3, \quad d_2 + d_3 = I_1, \quad d_3 + d_1 = I_2,$$

**Discrete Moser–Velselov (DMV) algorithm (Rattle):**

For given  $(y_n, Q_n)$ , compute an orthogonal  $\Omega_n$  matrix from

$$\Omega_n^T D - D \Omega_n = h \widehat{y}_n.$$

The numerical solution after one step is then given by

$$\widehat{y}_{n+1} = \Omega_n \widehat{y}_n \Omega_n^T, \quad Q_{n+1} = Q_n \Omega_n^T,$$

# Preprocessed DMV algorithm

Apply the DMV algorithm with  $I_j$  replaced by  $\tilde{I}_j$  where

$$\frac{1}{\tilde{I}_j} = \frac{1}{I_j} \left( 1 + h^2 s_3(y_n) + \dots + h^{2r-2} s_{2r-1}(y_n) \right) \\ + h^2 d_3(y_n) + \dots + h^{2r-2} d_{2r-1}(y_n).$$

to get an integrator of order  $2r$ .

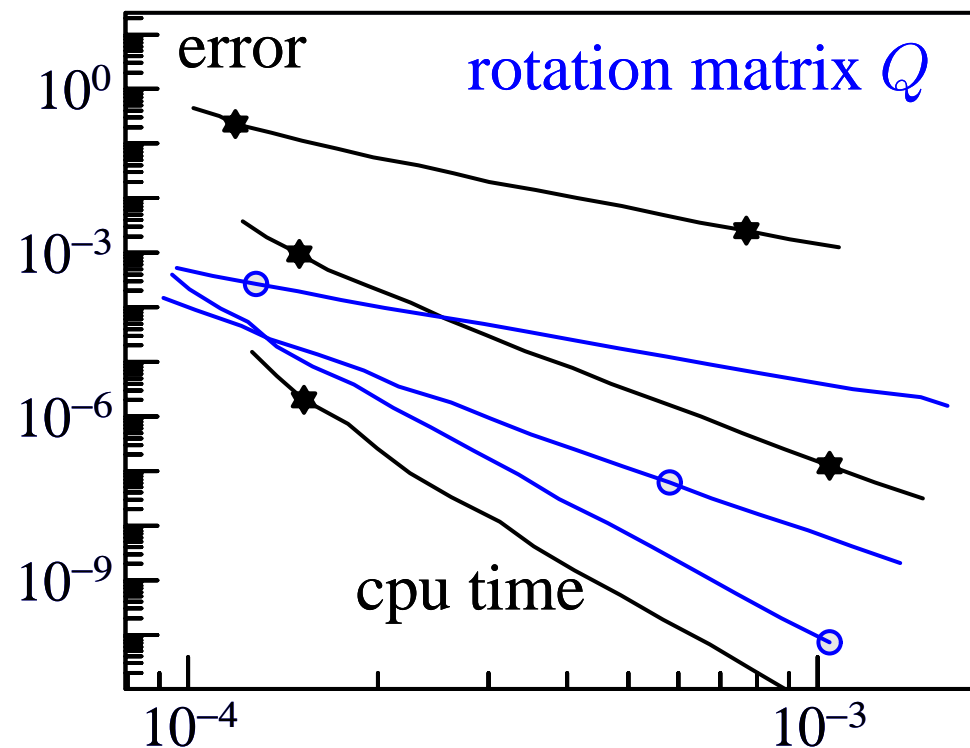
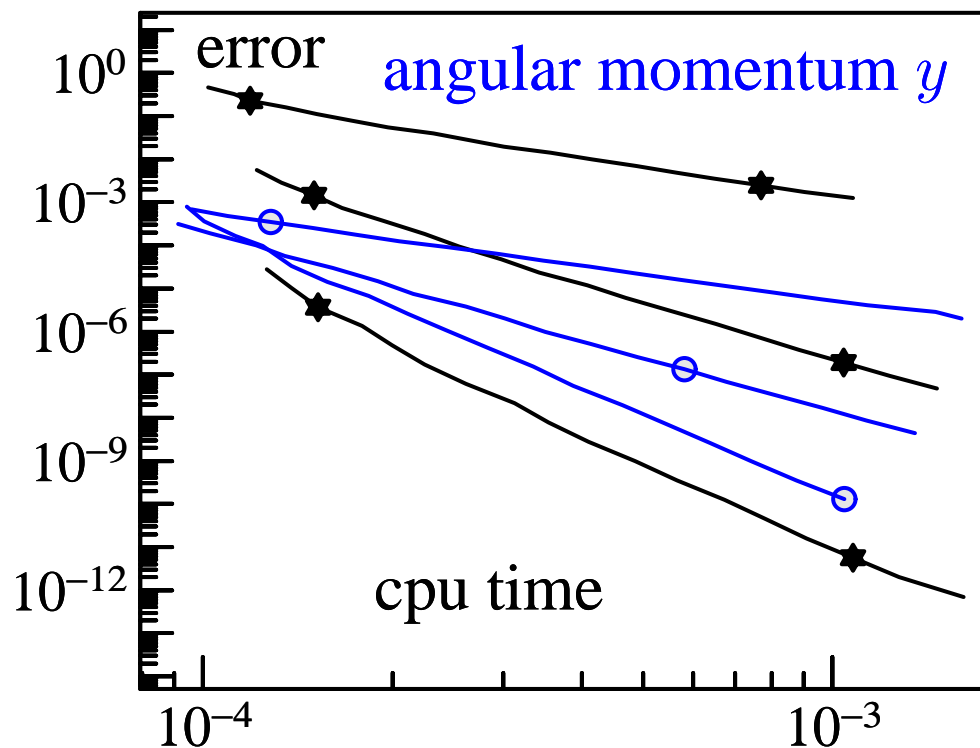
$$s_3(y_n) = -\frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{1}{I_1} + \frac{1}{I_2} + \frac{1}{I_3} \right) H(y_n) + \frac{I_1 + I_2 + I_3}{6 I_1 I_2 I_3} C(y_n),$$

$$d_3(y_n) = \frac{I_1 + I_2 + I_3}{6 I_1 I_2 I_3} H(y_n) - \frac{1}{3 I_1 I_2 I_3} C(y_n).$$



# Numerical experiment 1: asymmetric rigid body

$$I_1 = 0.6, \quad I_2 = 0.8, \quad I_3 = 1.0$$

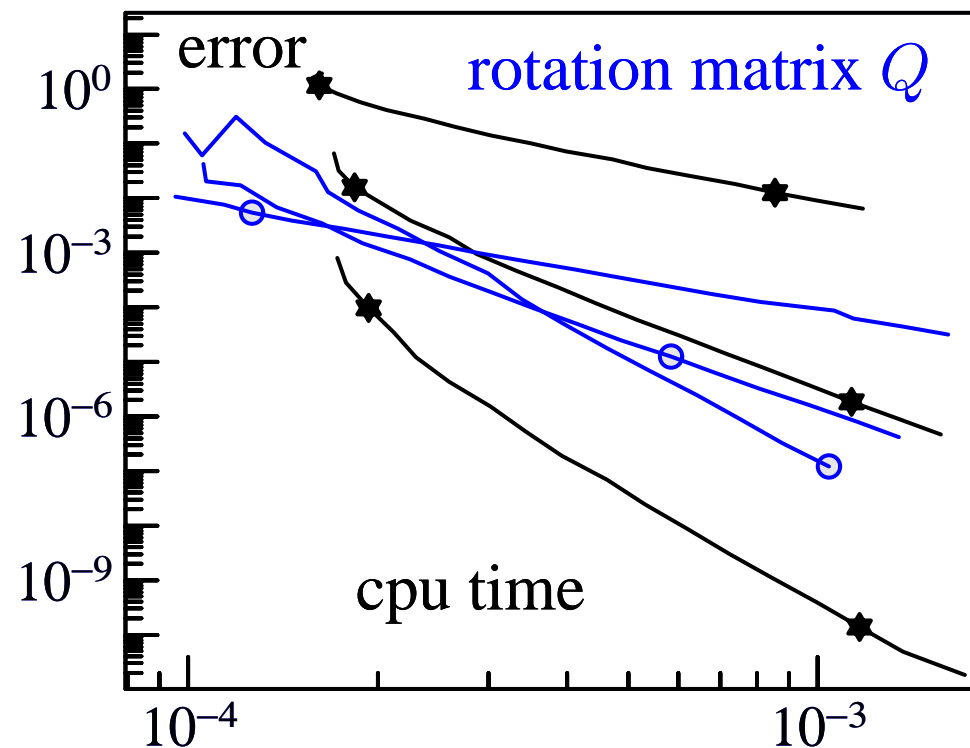
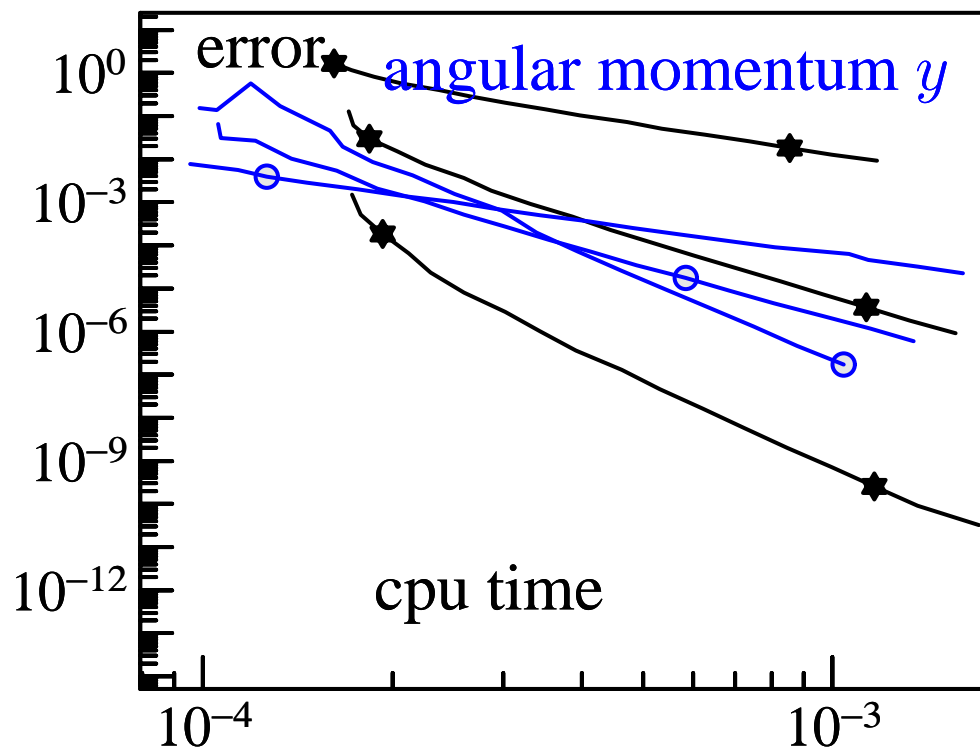


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# Numerical experiment 2: flat rigid body

$$I_1 = 0.345, \quad I_2 = 0.653, \quad I_3 = 1.0$$



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