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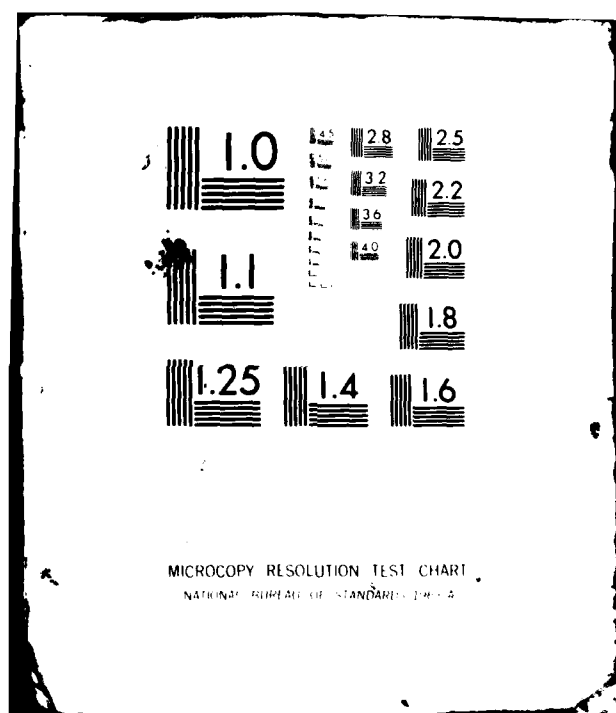
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1. RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

- I. Derive reliable and efficient variable-step methods for solving variable coefficient and nonlinear differential equations.
- II. Use analytical and numerical methods for determining the responses of interferometers and other devices involving Josephson junctions.

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2. STATUS OF RESEARCH EFFORT

I. Stiff Equations

a. Background

On a non-uniform grid $\{t_n\}$, $t_n = \sum_{\nu=1}^n h_\nu$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$, $h_n = t_n - t_{n-1}$, the linear multistep formulas written in operator form are

$$\rho_n x_n - h_n \sigma_n \dot{x}_n = 0, \quad (1)$$

where $\rho_n x_n := \sum_{j=0}^k \alpha_{j,n} x_{n-k+j}$, $\sigma_n \dot{x}_n := \sum_{j=0}^k \beta_{j,n} \dot{x}_{n-k+j}$. For uniform steps, $\rho x_n = E^{-k} \rho(E) x_n$ and $\sigma \dot{x}_n = E^{-k} \sigma(E) \dot{x}_n$, where $E x_n := x_{n+1}$ and $\rho(\zeta) = \sum \alpha_j \zeta^j$, $\sigma(\zeta) = \sum \beta_j \zeta^j$ are the familiar polynomials. The formula (1) is normalized by

$$\sigma_n 1 = \sum_{j=0}^k \beta_{j,n} = 1. \quad (2)$$

In order to solve the non-linear system $\dot{x} = f(t, x)$, the formula (1) can be implemented either as a linear multistep (MS) method.

$$\rho_n x_n - h_n \sigma_n f(t_n, x_n) = 0, \quad (3)$$

or as a one-leg (OL) method

$$\rho_n x_n - h_n f(\sigma_n t_n, \sigma_n x_n) = 0. \quad (4)$$

The familiar MS-method (3) is converted into its OL-"twin" (4) by a permutation of f and σ .

The uniform step (variable step) version of (1) is said to be stable with respect (w.r.) to $\dot{x} = \lambda x$ ($\dot{x} = \lambda(t)x$) at $q = h\lambda$ ($q_n = h_n \lambda(t_n)$) if the characteristic polynomial $\rho(\zeta) - q\sigma(\zeta)$ ($\rho_n(\zeta) - q_n \sigma_n(\zeta)$) satisfies the "root condition". For uniform steps, this is equivalent to boundedness of all solutions $\{x_n\}$ of the difference equation; for nonuniform grids it is a formal algebraic constraint. The set S of all q 's at which the formula is stable is the stability

region. The formula (1) is said to be contractive *[8] at $q(q_n)$ w.r. to a given norm $\|\cdot\|$ if $\|X_n\| \leq \|X_{n-1}\|$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$, where $X_n = (x_{n-k+1}, x_{n-k+2}, \dots, x_n)$. The contractivity region $K_{\|\cdot\|}$ is the set of all q 's at which the formula is contractive w.r. to $\|\cdot\|$. The formula is said to be A -stable (A -contractive) if $\bar{C}_- \subset S(\bar{C}_- \subset K_{\|\cdot\|})$; here $\bar{C}_-$ denotes the closed left half of the q -plane. The formula is said to be A_0 -stable (A_0 -contractive) if $R_- \subset S(R_- \subset K_{\|\cdot\|})$, where R_- denotes the closed negative real axis of the q -plane.

b. A_0 -contractivity results.

We derived the two-parameter class of all two-step ($k = 2$) second-order ($p = 2$) formulas which are A_0 -contractive w.r. to the maximum norm $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ for arbitrary step ratios $r = r_n = h_n/h_{n-1}$ [11]. This generalizes the corresponding results for uniform steps given in [8]. For the test problem $\dot{x} = \lambda(t)x$ with arbitrary $\lambda(t) \leq 0$, the OL-implementation of any variable-step A_0 -contractive formula provides an A_0 -stable method for arbitrary step sequences $\{h_n\}$.

c. A -contractivity results.

We also derived the one-leg parameter class of all $p = k - 2$ -formulas which are A -contractive w.r. to $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ for arbitrary step ratios [11]. They are defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{0,n} &= -\frac{r^2}{1+r}(1-v), & \beta_{0,n} &= \frac{r}{1+r} + \frac{r(r-2)}{2(1+r)}v - \frac{r^2}{2(1+r)}v^2, \\ \alpha_{1,n} &= -[1-r(1-v)], & \beta_{1,n} &= \frac{1-r}{2}v + \frac{r}{2}v^2, \\ \alpha_{2,n} &= 1 - \frac{r}{1+r}(1-v), & \beta_{2,n} &= \frac{1}{1+r} + \frac{2r-1}{2(1+r)}v - \frac{r}{2(1+r)}v^2, \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where the parameter v satisfies

$$\frac{r-1}{r} \leq v \leq 1. \quad (6)$$

*Numbers in brackets refer to the cumulative list of publications, Section 3 of this report.

For $\dot{x} = \lambda(t)x$ with arbitrary $\lambda(t)$, $\operatorname{Re} \lambda(t) \leq 0$, the OL-implementation of any variable-step A -contractive formula provides an A -stable method for arbitrary step sequences $\{h_n\}$. We proved [11] that any formula with $p = k = 2$ is A -contractive w.r. to $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ iff it is G -stable, i.e. A -contractive w.r. to some G -norm (a norm associated with a positive definite quadratic vector form). For any given A -contractive $p = k = 2$ formula with $r = 1$ (uniform steps), specified by a parameter value $v = v_1$, $0 \leq v_1 \leq 1$, A -contractive extensions to non-uniform steps ($r \neq 1$) can be defined in such a way as to keep the G -norm fixed w.r. to n [11]. If this is done then, for an arbitrary step sequence $\{h_n\}$, G -stability is assured for any dissipative (monotone negative) nonlinear system.

d. Optimal A -contractive method.

An "optimally accurate" A_0 -contractive $p = k = 2$ formula for uniform steps was obtained in [9] by minimizing a bound of the global OL-error. By minimizing the same objective function over the class of all A -contractive $p = k = 2$ -formulas with $r = 1$, we found [8] the "optimal" A -contractive formula

$$-\frac{1}{6}x_{n-2} - \frac{4}{6}x_{n-1} + \frac{5}{6}x_n - h\left(\frac{2}{9}\dot{x}_{n-2} + \frac{2}{9}\dot{x}_{n-1} + \frac{5}{9}\dot{x}_n\right) = 0 \quad (7)$$

which is associated with $v = v_1 = \frac{2}{3}$. This formula was generalized [11] by extending its minimality property to the variable step case. It is defined by $v = 2r/(2r + 1)$ and has coefficients

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_0 &= -\frac{r^2}{(1+r)(1+2r)}, & \beta_0 &= \frac{r(1+r)}{(1+2r)^2} \\ \alpha_1 &= -\frac{1+r}{1+2r}, & \beta_1 &= \beta_0 \\ \alpha_2 &= \frac{1+2r+2r^2}{(1+r)(1+2r)}, & \beta_2 &= \frac{1+2r+2r^2}{(1+2r)^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

e. *A*-stability for variable steps.

Given any $p = k = 2$ -formula which is *A*-stable for $r = 1$, we studied whether *A*-stability will be preserved under any perturbation of r around $r = 1$? We proved [1] that for $r = 1 + \epsilon$ the *A*-stability constraints remain satisfied to first order in $|\epsilon|$ iff the formula is *A*-contractive. Any other *A*-stable formula can be destabilized for certain $\lambda(t)$, either with increasing steps ($\epsilon > 0$) (as is the case for the familiar two-step second-order backward differentiation formula used in many of the popular software packages) or decreasing steps ($\epsilon < 0$). A realization of this result using geometric step sequences $h_n = h_1 r^{n-1}$ and $\lambda(\sigma t_n) = \lambda_1 r^{1-n}$ is given in [11]. In this case, the OL-difference equation has constant coefficients and its solutions remain bounded for $n \rightarrow \infty$ iff the algebraic *A*-stability constraints are satisfied.

II. Josephson Interferometer Equations

a. Background

A Josephson junction consists of two superconductors separated by an extremely thin dielectric barrier. The order parameter ϕ (phase difference between the wave functions of the two superconductors) satisfies the well-known Josephson relations. In one space dimension, these relations, when combined with Maxwell's equations, lead to the equation

$$\Delta \phi \equiv \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} - \sigma \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = k \sin \phi. \quad (9)$$

For the purpose of describing the Josephson *ac*-effect, one is seeking running solutions of (9) i.e., solutions ϕ such that $\partial \phi / \partial t$ is periodic of a certain period ($2\pi/\omega$). In a "voltage-driven" junction, the frequency ω - which is proportional to the voltage - is prescribed and the current is given by the difference in $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}$ at the two boundaries of the junction. In a "current-driven" junction, one has to find ϕ as well as its associated voltage (frequency) ω . In point junctions, the term $\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2}$ in (9) is negligible. We have been interested in studying properties of interferometers which consist of a number of point junctions connected in various manners and loaded by currents.

b. Interferometer results

We studied the symmetric, two-junction current driven interferometer, whose equations are

$$\begin{aligned} \beta \ddot{\phi}_1 + \alpha \dot{\phi}_1 + \sin \phi_1 + \lambda^{-1}(\phi_1 - \phi_2) &= I/2 + I_c \\ \beta \ddot{\phi}_2 + \alpha \dot{\phi}_2 + \sin \phi_2 + \lambda^{-1}(\phi_2 - \phi_1) &= I/2 + I_c; \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

here λ is proportional to the inductance, I_c is a control-current and $\phi = \omega t +$ periodic of period $2\pi/\omega$, where ω is proportional to the voltage. The following results were obtained:

- i) There are subharmonic resonances in the $I-V$ curve, occurring around one-third of the resonant frequency for small λ , and around one-half of resonance for $\lambda \sim 1$. These subharmonics were previously undetected, but there is now experimental evidence of their presence.
- ii) Near resonance, the periodic parts of the two phase functions are approximately sinusoidal and are of opposite signs. However, they have an almost saw-tooth shape for small voltages.
- iii) The correct dependence of the resonant current on the two intrinsic parameters λ and $\Gamma \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\sqrt{\beta} \lambda}{\alpha}$ was found. Previously, only the approximate dependence on Γ was known.

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