

Giovedì 23 giugno alle 12.00 nella Sala Riunioni del dipartimento

il professor Milo Viviani della Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa terrà Il seminario dal titolo:

On the geometric aspects of some symplectic integrators for isospectral flows

Abstract: Isospectral flows are abundant in mathematical physics; the rigid body, the Toda lattice, the Brockett flow, the Heisenberg spin chain, and point vortex dynamics, to mention but a few. Their connection on the one hand with integrable systems and, on the other, with Lie-Poisson systems motivates the research for optimal numerical schemes to solve them. Several works about numerical methods to integrate isospectral flows have produced a large varieties of solutions to this problem. However, many of these algorithms are not intrinsically defined in the space where the equations take place and/or rely on computationally heavy transformations. In the literature, only few examples of numerical methods avoiding these issues are known, for instance, the spherical midpoint method on so(3).

In this talk we present a new minimal-variable, second order, numerical integrator for isospectral flows intrinsically defined on quadratic Lie algebras and symmetric matrices. The algorithm is isospectral for general isospectral flows and Lie-Poisson preserving when the isospectral flow is Hamiltonian. The simplicity of the scheme, together with its structure-preserving properties, makes it a competitive alternative to those already present in literature.

On the other hand, unlikely to the already mentioned spherical midpoint method, the numerical scheme presented in this talk still lacks of a description in terms of Riemannian geometry. Understanding the metric structure of our method might allow to remove the calculations of the auxiliary internal stage, resulting in a overall lower computational cost.

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