

We want to solve the following linear second order differential equation: find  $y(t)$  such that

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + 4y = 0 \quad y(0) = 0, \quad \frac{dy}{dt}(0) = 1$$

(a) Show that this problem can be rewritten as a system of first order differential equations, and find the associated initial conditions.

→ We have 2<sup>nd</sup> order ODE, so we substitute a new variable,  $v$ , for the 1<sup>st</sup> derivative,  $\frac{dy}{dt}$

$$v = \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{dy}{dt} \right) = \frac{dv}{dt}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dt} + 4y = 0 \quad \downarrow \text{using the differential equation}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} y \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v \\ -4y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y \\ v \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} y(0) = 0 \\ v(0) = 1 \end{matrix}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \underline{w} = \underline{A} \underline{w} \quad \underline{w}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \underline{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -4 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b) Take a step size of  $h = 0.1$ , and compute the first two steps of the implicit (Backward) Euler method as to approximate  $y(0.2)$ . Give a reason why the implicit Euler method may be preferable to the forward Euler method when solving the problem.

~~(i) Explicit:~~

$$\underline{w}' = \underline{f}(t, \underline{w}) \quad \text{Explicit, } \underline{w}_{j+1} = \underline{w}_j + h \underline{f}(t_j, \underline{w}_j)$$

$$\parallel \quad \frac{d\underline{w}}{dt} \quad \text{Implicit, } \underline{w}_{j+1} = \underline{w}_j + h \underline{f}(t_{j+1}, \underline{w}_{j+1})$$

In our case,  $\underline{f}(t, \underline{w}) = \underline{A}(t) \underline{w} = \underline{A} \underline{w}$

Our matrix  $A$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -4 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$   
and does not depend on  $t$ !

Explicit :  $\underline{w}_{j+1} = \underline{w}_j + h \underline{A} \underline{w}_j$   
 $= (\underline{I} + h \underline{A}) \underline{w}_j$

$$\underline{w}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \underline{w}_1 = \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + 0.1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \underline{w}_0$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.1 \\ -0.4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{w}_2 = \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + 0.1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \underline{w}_1$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.1 \\ -0.4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0.1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.2 \\ 0.96 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$y(0.2) = 0.2$$

Implicit :  $\underline{w}_{j+1} = \underline{w}_j + h \underline{A} \underline{w}_{j+1}$

$$\Rightarrow (\underline{I} - h \underline{A}) \underline{w}_{j+1} = \underline{w}_j$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{w}_{j+1} = (\underline{I} - h \underline{A})^{-1} \underline{w}_j$$

$$\underline{w}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \underline{w}_1 = \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - 0.1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right)^{-1} \underline{w}_0$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -0.1 \\ 0.4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\downarrow \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix} / \det$$

$$= \frac{1}{1+0.04} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.1 \\ -0.4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{w}_2 = \frac{1}{1.04^2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.1 \\ -0.4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.1 \\ -0.4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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## Non-Examinable: Stiff Systems

### Example 4 (Returned)

→ Let  $m=1, d=1001, k=1000$  i.e.  $\ddot{x} + 1001\dot{x} + 1000x = 0$   
with  $x(0)=1, \dot{x}(0)=1$

Solution,  $x(t) = \frac{-1}{999} e^{-1000t} + \frac{1000}{999} e^{-t}$

Solution Ansatz,  $x = e^{\lambda t} \Rightarrow \lambda^2 + 1001\lambda + 1000 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \lambda = -1000$  or  $-1$   
 $\Rightarrow$  By linear independence  
 $x = a e^{-1000t} + b e^{-t}$  where  $a, b$  are real constants  
 $\Rightarrow$  Using initial condition ( $x(0)=\dot{x}(0)=1$ , to find  $a, b$ )

→ The solution has 2 decaying modes:  $e^{-1000t}$  FAST  
 $e^{-t}$  SLOW

→ This system is an example of a stiff system, where there are modes which occur on different time scales.

(More generally,  $\dot{y} = Ay$  where compute eigenvalues of  $A$ , and assume here eigenvalues are real and all negative)  
 $\lambda_n \leq \lambda_{n-1} \leq \dots \leq \lambda_1 < 0$   
iii) Stiffness ratio :=  $|\lambda_n|/|\lambda_1|$

~~We have  $v = \dot{x}$~~

→ Let  $v = \dot{x} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} \ddot{v} + 1000v + 1000x = 0 \\ \dot{x} = v \end{matrix}$

$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1000 & -1001 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ v \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{"} \underline{w}' = A \underline{w} \text{"}$

and  $A$  has eigenvalues  $\lambda_2 = -1000$  and  $\lambda_1 = -1$

→ For explicit Euler method to be stable we ~~have~~ require step size  $h < \frac{2}{\text{stiffness ratio}}$ , similarly to scalar case, and this means very small time steps required with explicit Euler to ensure stability. Implicit Euler method is stable for such a system.

→ This has important applications in chemical reaction when there are multiple reactions co-occurring with very slow and very fast reactions occurring.