

# Midterm: Report

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## Question 1: BVP using Shooting Method and RK4

- a) The system can be solved analytically by simply integrating 4 times and then solving for the boundary conditions.

$$EI \int \int \int \int \frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} dx^4 = \int \int \int \int x^2 dx^4$$
$$EI y(x) = \frac{x^6}{360} + c_1 x^3 + c_2 x^2 + c_3 x + c_4$$

We can see very clearly from the boundary conditions at  $x = 0$  that  $c_4 = c_3 = 0$ . We finish solving for  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ .

$$0 = \frac{1}{360} + c_1 + c_2, \quad 0 = \frac{1}{60} + 3c_1 + 2c_2$$
$$c_1 = -\frac{1}{90}, \quad c_2 = \frac{1}{120}$$

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{EI} \left( \frac{x^6}{360} - \frac{x^3}{90} + \frac{x^2}{120} \right)$$

- b) Determine the Numerical Solution using the shooting method. The numerical solution obtained by the shooting method takes the following form,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = z, \quad y(0) = 0$$
$$\frac{dz}{dx} = 2x, \quad z(0) = v$$

Thus we proceed by integrating this ODE with a standard numerical method and at each iteration adjust  $v$  so that we get closer and closer to the boundary condition at  $x = 1$ . For this method, I will employ the secant method, which I like to call "The Poor Man's Newton Method" because it uses  $\frac{\Delta E}{\Delta v}$  as an approximation for  $E'$

- c) Plot the numerical solution obtained with the shooting method
- d) Plot the error

## Question 2: Convergence and Absolute Stability for an Implicit RK3 Method

- a) Prove convergence for Implicit RK3.

*Proof.* Showing convergence is a matter of showing zero-stability and consistency. This is a one-step method, so we have the first characteristic polynomial,  $\rho(z) = z - 1$ . This of course satisfies the root condition and therefore is zero-stable. Showing consistency  $\square$

b) Plot Region of Absolute Stability (See Fig. 1)

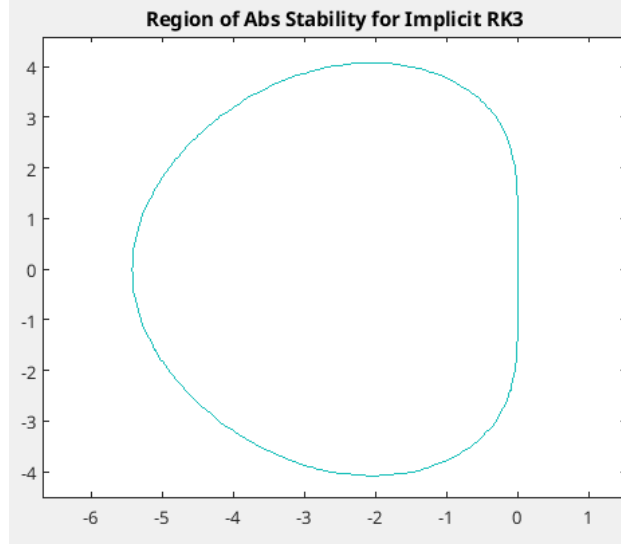


Figure 1: Region of Absolute Stability for 2.b.

- c) This problem is solved by plotting the region of absolute stability and finding the eigenvalues of the matrix  $B$ . We notice that since  $B$  is an upper triangular matrix that its eigenvalues are found on its diagonal. So we have that  $B$  has all real eigenvalues,  $\lambda = \{-1, -2, -4, -16\}$ . Next we compare to see which eigenvalue is furthest from the region of absolute stability. It is evidently the eigenvalue,  $\lambda = -16$ . So we look at the closest point in our region of absolute stability. From the plot we can see that the closest point is  $\lambda\Delta t = -5.4199 + 0i$ . Therefore we have that the largest  $\Delta t$  must be,  $\Delta t \approx 0.338746 \dots$
- d) Show that this is validated numerically.

### Question 3: Convergence and Absolute Stability for an LMM

$$\mathbf{u}_{k+3} - \frac{1}{3}(\mathbf{u}_{k+2} + \mathbf{u}_{k+1} + \mathbf{u}_k) = \frac{\Delta t}{12} [23\mathbf{f}_{k+2} - 2\mathbf{f}_{k+1} + 3\mathbf{f}_k] \quad (1)$$

a) *Proof.* (Zero-Stability)

We begin this proof first by showing that this LMM is zero-stable.

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(z) &= z^3 - \frac{1}{3}z^2 - \frac{1}{3}z - \frac{1}{3} \\ \rho(z) &= (z - 1) \left( z^2 + \frac{2}{3}z + \frac{1}{3} \right) \\ \rho(z) &= (z - 1) \left( z - \frac{-\frac{2}{3} \pm \sqrt{\frac{4}{9} - \frac{4}{3}}}{2} \right) \\ \rho(z) &= (z - 1) \left( z + \frac{1 \pm i\sqrt{2}}{3} \right) \end{aligned}$$

These are the three complex roots of the characteristic polynomial. We now simply must check if all three are within or on the boundary of the unit disk.

$$|1| = 1 \leq 1, \quad \left| \frac{1 \pm i\sqrt{2}}{3} \right| = \frac{1}{9} + \frac{2}{9} = \frac{1}{3} \leq 1$$

As I have just shown, in fact all three roots of the first characteristic polynomial fall within the unit disk or on the boundary, thus we have that this LMM is zero-stable.

(Consistency)

We will look at the consistency of this LMM. We look at the definition of truncation error in our system.

$$\mathbf{y}_{k+3} - \frac{1}{3}(\mathbf{y}_{k+2} + \mathbf{y}_{k+1} + \mathbf{y}_k) = \frac{\Delta t}{12}[\dot{\mathbf{y}}_{k+2} - 2\dot{\mathbf{y}}_{k+1} + 3\dot{\mathbf{y}}_k] + \Delta t\tau_{k+3}$$

We look at the Taylor expansions for several points in the LMM.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y}_k &= \mathbf{y}_{k+3} - 3\Delta t\dot{\mathbf{y}}_k - \frac{9}{2}\Delta t^2\ddot{\mathbf{y}}_k - \frac{27}{6}\Delta t^3\dddot{\mathbf{y}}_k - \frac{81}{24}\Delta t^4\ddot{\mathbf{y}}_k + h.o.t. \\ \mathbf{y}_{k+1} &= \mathbf{y}_{k+3} - 2\Delta t\dot{\mathbf{y}}_{k+1} - \frac{4}{2}\Delta t^2\ddot{\mathbf{y}}_{k+1} - \frac{8}{6}\Delta t^3\ddot{\mathbf{y}}_{k+1} - \frac{16}{24}\Delta t^4\ddot{\mathbf{y}}_{k+1} + h.o.t. \\ \mathbf{y}_{k+2} &= \mathbf{y}_{k+3} - \Delta t\dot{\mathbf{y}}_{k+2} - \frac{1}{2}\Delta t^2\ddot{\mathbf{y}}_{k+2} - \frac{1}{6}\Delta t^3\ddot{\mathbf{y}}_{k+2} - \frac{1}{24}\Delta t^4\ddot{\mathbf{y}}_{k+2} + h.o.t. \\ \tau_{k+3} &= \frac{\mathbf{y}_{k+3} - \frac{1}{3}(\mathbf{y}_{k+2} + \mathbf{y}_{k+1} + \mathbf{y}_k)}{\Delta t} - \frac{1}{12}[\dot{\mathbf{y}}_{k+2} - 2\dot{\mathbf{y}}_{k+1} + 3\dot{\mathbf{y}}_k] \\ \tau_{k+3} &= -\frac{\mathbf{y}_{k+3} - 3\Delta t\dot{\mathbf{y}}_k - \frac{9}{2}\Delta t^2\ddot{\mathbf{y}}_k - \frac{27}{6}\Delta t^3\ddot{\mathbf{y}}_k - \frac{81}{24}\Delta t^4\ddot{\mathbf{y}}_k + h.o.t.}{3\Delta t} \\ &\quad - \frac{\mathbf{y}_{k+3} - 2\Delta t\dot{\mathbf{y}}_{k+1} - \frac{4}{2}\Delta t^2\ddot{\mathbf{y}}_{k+1} - \frac{8}{6}\Delta t^3\ddot{\mathbf{y}}_{k+1} - \frac{16}{24}\Delta t^4\ddot{\mathbf{y}}_{k+1} + h.o.t.}{3\Delta t} \\ &\quad - \frac{\mathbf{y}_{k+3} - \Delta t\dot{\mathbf{y}}_{k+2} - \frac{1}{2}\Delta t^2\ddot{\mathbf{y}}_{k+2} - \frac{1}{6}\Delta t^3\ddot{\mathbf{y}}_{k+2} - \frac{1}{24}\Delta t^4\ddot{\mathbf{y}}_{k+2} + h.o.t.}{3\Delta t} \\ &\quad + \frac{\mathbf{y}_{k+3}}{\Delta t} - \frac{1}{12}[23\dot{\mathbf{y}}_{k+2} - 2\dot{\mathbf{y}}_{k+1} + 3\dot{\mathbf{y}}_k] \\ \tau_{k+3} &= \frac{9\dot{\mathbf{y}}_k + 10\dot{\mathbf{y}}_{k+1} - 19\dot{\mathbf{y}}_{k+2}}{12} + h.o.t \end{aligned}$$

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#### b) Absolute Stability and A-Stability

We can plot the region of absolute stability for this LMM. We have the first and second characteristic polynomials are the following.

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(z) &= z^3 - \frac{1}{3}(z^2 + z + 1), \quad \sigma(z) = \frac{1}{12}(23z^2 - 2z + 3) \\ \frac{\rho(z)}{\sigma(z)} &= \lambda\Delta t \end{aligned}$$

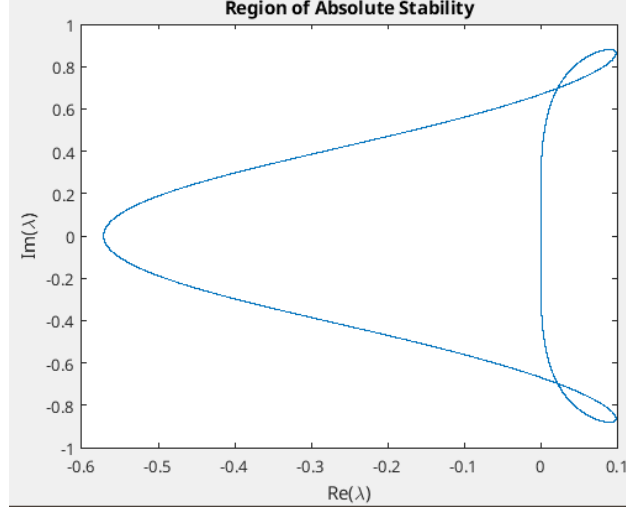


Figure 2: Region of Absolute Stability for 3.b

We can then plot this by evaluating  $\frac{\rho(z)}{\sigma(z)}$  with  $z = e^{i\theta}$  and plotting in the complex plane. We can see from this plot that this LMM is certainly not A-Stable. The reason being that the region of absolute stability is only conditionally absolutely stable. This is seen in the plot which clearly illustrates the region of absolute stability including only a small subset of  $\mathbb{C}^-$ .