

The eqn.  $\textcircled{x} y' = -20(y - \sin t) + \cos t, y(0) = 1$

For this, we need to use  $h = \Delta t \leq 0.1$

to make the numerical result stable

### stiffness of ODE-IVP

Def. An ODE IVP in some intervals  $[a, b]$  is called stiff if for typical explicit method requires a much smaller time step to be stable than is needed to represent the solution accurately

Q: how to analyse a method to see the stability constraint?

A: stability analysis on the test eqn  $\leftarrow$

$$y'(t) = \lambda y(t), y(0) = y_0$$

where  $\lambda$  is a (complex) number so

the solution is just  $y(t) = y_0 e^{\lambda t}$  ( $\lambda = a + bi$ )

note  $y(t) = y_0 e^{at} (\cos(bt) + i \sin(bt))$

•  $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda) = a < 0$ ,

while  $t \rightarrow \infty, e^{at} \rightarrow 0$

so  $y(t) \rightarrow 0$  w/  $t \rightarrow \infty$

$$e^{a+bi} = e^a e^{bi}$$

$$= e^a (\cos \beta + i \sin \beta)$$

$$\lambda = a + bi$$



•  $\text{Re}(\lambda) = a > 0$ , then  $y(t) \nearrow \infty$

$$\text{Re}(\lambda) = a$$

$$\text{Im}(\lambda) = b$$

Note a good numerical method for the test eqn should have the property,

when  $\text{Re}(\lambda) \leq 0$ ,  $\phi_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

Now let's look at Euler's method:  $\phi_{n+1} = \phi_n + h f(t_n, \phi_n)$

on the test eqn  $y' = \lambda y$ ,  $y(0) = y_0$  follows

$$\phi_{n+1} = \phi_n + h \lambda \phi_n = (1 + h\lambda) \phi_n, \text{ then it leads to}$$

$$\phi_1 = (1 + h\lambda) \phi_0$$

$$\phi_2 = (1 + h\lambda) \phi_1$$

$$\phi_n = (1 + h\lambda) \phi_{n-1} = (1 + h\lambda)^n \phi_0 \leftarrow y_0$$

$$\text{So now } (1 + h\lambda)^n \rightarrow 0$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\text{Condition } (\text{Re}(\lambda) < 0)$$

then we need  $|1 + h\lambda| < 1$ , and this defines a region in the complex plane

let  $z = h\lambda = \alpha + i\beta$  complex number, then

$$|1 + h\lambda| = |1 + z| = |1 + \alpha + i\beta| < 1$$

$$|1 + \alpha + i\beta| = 1 \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{(1 + \alpha)^2 + \beta^2} = 1$$

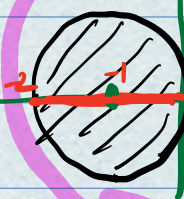
$$(1 + \alpha)^2 + \beta^2 \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow \text{disk of radius 1}$$

centered at  $(-1, 0)$

$$\beta = \text{Im}(z)$$

stability interval

$$\alpha = \text{Re}(z)$$





So we need to have  $z = [h\lambda]$  & we need to

check — of the region  $|h\lambda| < 2 \Rightarrow 1 \leq \frac{2}{|h\lambda|}$

Also if  $h > \frac{2}{|\lambda|}$ , then  $\phi_n$  will grow exponentially

① For Euler method, the stability region is

$R = \{z \text{ complex} \mid |1+z| < 1\}$ , which is the disk centered at  $(-1, 0)$  and radius 1

② the interval of the region  $R$  intersect w/ the real axis is called the stability interval

For the backward Euler method to test eqn  $y' = \lambda y$

$$\phi_{n+1} = \phi_n + h f(t_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Condition } \operatorname{Re}(\lambda) < 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\phi_{n+1} = \phi_n + h\lambda\phi_{n+1} \Rightarrow \phi_{n+1} = \frac{\phi_n}{1-h\lambda}$$

$$\phi_n = \left( \frac{1}{(1-h\lambda)^n} \right) \phi_0, \quad \text{so we need to have}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |1-h\lambda| > 1 \quad \text{let } z = h\lambda = \alpha + i\beta$$

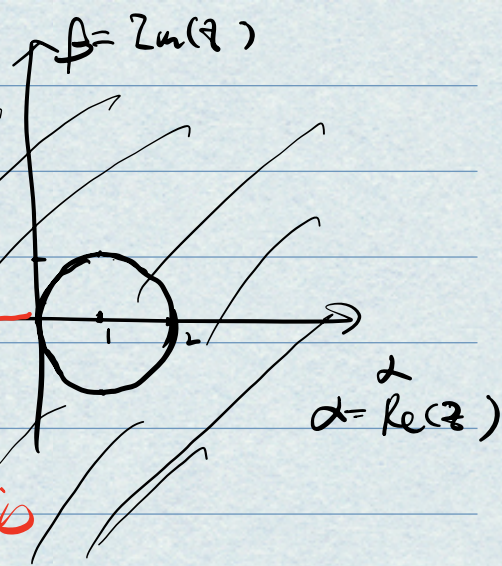
$$|1-\alpha-i\beta| > 1 \Rightarrow \sqrt{(1-\alpha)^2 + \beta^2} \geq 1$$

Let's check  $\underbrace{(1-\alpha)^2 + \beta^2 = 1}$  circle w/ center @  $(1, 0)$  and radius 1



So  $R$  of the backward Euler method on test eqn is the outside of the circle, if  $\text{Re}(\lambda) < 0$

and the stability interval includes the whole negative part of real axis



So you can choose any  $h$

Def: A method for which the stability region  $R$  contains all of  $\{ \text{Re}(z) < 0 \}$  is called A-stable and there is no stability condition required for a stiff eqn for those A-stable methods

- Not all implicit methods are A-stable
- all explicit methods have finite intervals of absolute stability, so we need to choose carefully the  $h$



general can  $f_i = f(t_n + c_i h, \phi_n + h \sum_{j=1}^s a_{ij} f_j)$   
 $i = 1, 2, \dots, s,$


ODEs: Initial Value Problems

# 1 More topics on ODE IVPs methods

## 1.1 Review of the Runge-Kutta methods

The Runge-Kutta methods are a class of numerical methods for solving ordinary differential equations. The general form of the Runge-Kutta method is

$y' = f(t, y)$   $\hat{s}$ -stage

$$\phi_{n+1} = \phi_n + h \sum_{i=1}^s b_i f_i,$$


where  $h$  is the step size,  $y_n$  is the numerical solution at time  $t_n$ ,  $y_{n+1}$  is the numerical solution at time  $t_{n+1} = t_n + h$ ,  $b_i$  are the weights, and  $f_i$  are the slopes. The slopes  $f_i$  are defined as

$$f_1 = f(t_n, \phi_n), f_2 = f(t_n + c_2 h, \phi_n + h(a_{21} f_1)), \dots, f_s = f(t_n + c_s h, \phi_n + h \sum_{j=1}^{s-1} a_{sj} f_j),$$

explicit RK

where  $f(t, y)$  is the right-hand side of the ODE,  $a_{ij}$  are the coefficients of the method, and  $c_i$  are the nodes of the method. We have the constraint

$\sum_{i=1}^s b_i = 1$  for the weights, and  $\sum_{j=1}^s a_{ij} = c_i$  for the coefficients. If  $a_{ij} = 0, i \leq j$ , the RK method will be explicit. And if  $a_{ii} \neq 0, a_{ij} = 0, i < j$ , we have diagonally implicit RK method (DIRK). We can use the Butcher

$\Rightarrow y(t) = t + c_1 \Rightarrow y(t) = y_n + t$

For  $y'(t) = 1, y(t_n) = y_n$   $y(t_{n+1}) - y(t_n) = \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} y'(t) dt$



exact sol:  $y(t_n + \tau) = y_n + \tau$

For this case  $y' = f \equiv 1$ , then apply R.K.

we have  $h \sum_{j=1}^s a_{ij} f_j = h \sum_{j=1}^s a_{ij} = C_i h$

s.  $\sum_{j=1}^s a_{ij} = C_i$

this ensure the  
internal stages are at  
the right time



For  $a_{ij} \neq 0$   $a_{ij} = 0$  if  $i < j$

tableau to describe the coefficients of the Runge-Kutta method:

$c_1$	$\times$				
$c_2$	$\times$	$\times$			
$\vdots$					
$c_s$				$\times$	$\times$
	$b_1$	$b_2$	$\dots$	$b_{s-1}$	$b_s$

$c_1$	$a_{11}$	$a_{12}$	$\dots$	$a_{1s-1}$	$a_{1s}$
$c_2$	$a_{21}$	$a_{22}$	$\dots$	$a_{2s-1}$	$a_{2s}$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\ddots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$c_s$	$a_{s1}$	$a_{s2}$	$\dots$	$a_{ss-1}$	$a_{ss}$
	$b_1$	$b_2$	$\dots$	$b_{s-1}$	$b_s$

$c_1$	0				
$\vdots$	$\times$	0			
$\vdots$	$\times$	$\times$	$\ddots$		
$c_s$	$\times$	$\times$	$\dots$	$\times$	0
	$b_1$	$\dots$	$b_{s-1}$	$b_s$	

DIRK IRK

We also note, the RK methods can be written as

$$\frac{\phi_{n+1} - \phi_n}{h} = \sum_{i=1}^s b_i f_i = \sum_{i=1}^s b_i f(t_n + c_i h, \phi_n + h \sum_{j=1}^s a_{ij} f(t_n + c_j h, \phi_n)).$$

So this is the approximation of the equation:

$$\frac{y_{n+1} - y_n}{h} = b_1 f_1 + b_2 f_2 + \dots + b_s f_s + \mathcal{O}(h^p),$$

For the order of a  $s$  stage Runge-Kutta method, we have 1) for  $s \leq 4$ , the best possible order is  $s$ , and 2) for  $s \geq 5$ , the best possible order is  $s - 1$ .  
The order of the method is determined by the number of stages  $s$  and the coefficients of the method.

- You can get the LAS for RK method on test eqn  $y' = \lambda y$
- minimal requirement of stability is to maintain stable for  $y' = a$

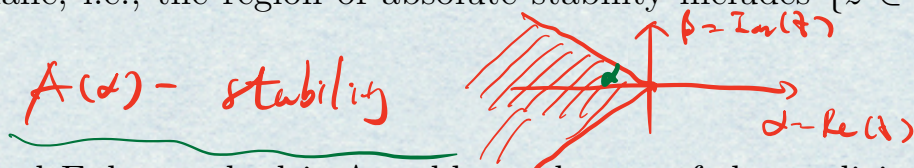


## 1.2 Review of stability

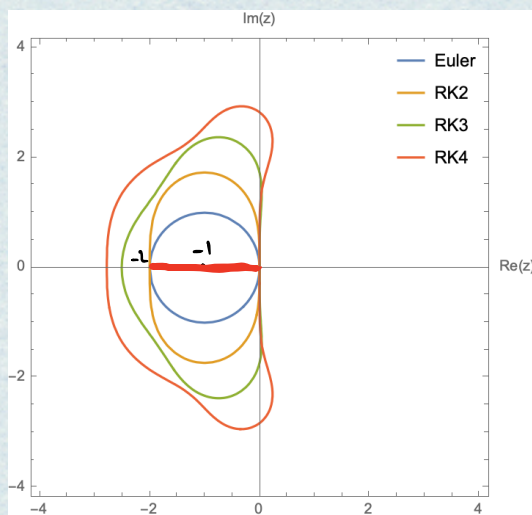
A stiff problem usually means there are multiple scales in the solutions to an ODE IVP.

**Region of absolute stability:** The region of absolute stability of a method is the set of points  $z = h\lambda$  in the complex plane for which the numerical solution of the test equation  $y' = \lambda y$  ( $h$  is the step size of the numerical method and  $\lambda$  is a complex number)  $\phi_n, n = 0, 1, \dots$  satisfies  $\phi_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**A-Stability:** A method is A-stable if its region of absolute stability contains the entire left half-plane, i.e., the region of absolute stability includes  $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : \Re(z) \leq 0\}$ .



We note that backward Euler method is A-stable, and none of the explicit Runge-Kutta methods are A-stable.



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