

Stability Theory For Multivalue Methods

We assume m (EC) steps:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{y}_n^{(10)} &= B \cdot \vec{y}_{n-1} \\ \vec{y}_n^{(11)} &= \vec{y}_n^{(10)} + G(\vec{y}_n^{(10)}) \cdot \vec{c} \\ &\vdots \\ \vec{y}_n^{(1m)} &= \vec{y}_n^{(1m-1)} + G(\vec{y}_n^{(1m-1)}) \cdot \vec{c}\end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{c} P \\ (EC)^m \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\left(\vec{y}_n^{(1m+1)} = \vec{y}_n^{(1m)} + G(\vec{y}_n^{(1m)}) \cdot \vec{c}_2 \right) \text{ optional final E}$$
$$\vec{y}_n = \vec{y}_n^{(1m)} \text{ or } \vec{y}_n^{(1m+1)}$$

To keep the notation simpler, ignore optional final E for now.

Def: \vec{y}_n = numerical solution at x_n
 $\vec{y}(x_n)$ = true solution at x_n
 \tilde{y}_n = numerical method applied to $\vec{y}(x_{n-1})$ instead of \vec{y}_{n-1} .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{local error } \vec{d}_n &= \tilde{y}_n - \vec{y}(x_n) \\ \text{global error } \vec{e}_n &= \vec{y}_n - \vec{y}(x_n) \\ \text{intermediate steps } \vec{e}_n(k) &= \vec{y}_n(k) - \tilde{y}_n(k)\end{aligned}$$

Note: This is different from what we used to analyze the error in RK methods. The global error is the same, but

before: local error = true ODE applied to previous numerical result
now: local error = numerical method applied to previous true value

By definition

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{e}_n &= \vec{y}_n - \vec{y}(x_n) \\ &= \underbrace{(\vec{y}_n - \tilde{y}_n)}_{\vec{e}_n^{(m)}} + \underbrace{(\tilde{y}_n - \vec{y}(x_n))}_{\vec{d}_n \text{ new local error}} \\ &\quad \nearrow \\ &\quad \text{magnification of previous error}\end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{e}_n^{(10)} = \vec{y}_n^{(10)} - \tilde{y}_n^{(10)} = B \cdot \vec{y}_{n-1} - B \cdot \vec{y}(x_{n-1}) = B(\vec{y}_{n-1} - \vec{y}(x_{n-1})) = B \cdot \vec{e}_{n-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{e}_n^{(k+1)} &= \vec{y}_n^{(k+1)} - \tilde{y}_n^{(k+1)} \\ &= (\vec{y}_n^{(k)} + G(\vec{y}_n^{(k)}) \cdot \vec{c}) - (\tilde{y}_n^{(k)} + G(\tilde{y}_n^{(k)}) \cdot \vec{c}) \\ &= (\vec{y}_n^{(k)} - \tilde{y}_n^{(k)}) + [G(\vec{y}_n^{(k)}) - G(\tilde{y}_n^{(k)})] \cdot \vec{c} \\ &\approx (\vec{y}_n^{(k)} - \tilde{y}_n^{(k)}) + [DG(\tilde{y}_n^{(k)}) \cdot (\vec{y}_n^{(k)} - \tilde{y}_n^{(k)})] \cdot \vec{c} \\ &= [\mathbf{I} + \vec{c} \cdot DG(\tilde{y}_n^{(k)})] \cdot \vec{e}_n^{(k)}\end{aligned}$$

now $G(\vec{y}_n) = G(y_n, hf_n, \dots) = h[f(x_n, y_n) - f_n]$

$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial y_n} = h \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = h\lambda \text{ for test problem } y' = \lambda y$$

$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial(hf_n)} = -1 \quad \text{rest are 0.}$$

in general we assume $DG(\tilde{y}_n^{(k)}) \approx \text{constant}$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Then } \vec{e}_n &= \vec{e}_n^{(m)} + \vec{d}_n \\ &\approx \underbrace{(\mathbf{I} + \vec{c} \cdot DG)^m}_{S_n} B \vec{e}_{n-1} + \vec{d}_n\end{aligned}$$

Stability depends on S_n . If all eigenvalues of S_n are ≤ 1 for all n , the method is stable.

For test problem, $DG = (h\lambda, -1, 0, \dots, 0)$

$$S = (I + \vec{c} \cdot DG)^m B \quad (\text{independent of } n)$$

$$\text{or } S = (I + \vec{c}_2 \cdot DG)(I + \vec{c} \cdot DG)^m B$$

Example: AB 2-step predictor, AM 1-step corrector

$$\vec{y}_n = \begin{pmatrix} y_n \\ hf_n \\ hf_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{it does not matter which representation of } \vec{y}_n \text{ you choose; a basis change does not affect eigenvalues})$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{c} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{c}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{c} \cdot DG = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot (h\lambda, -1, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} h\lambda/2 & -1/2 & 0 \\ h\lambda & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{PEC: } S = [I + \vec{c} \cdot DG] B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \frac{h\lambda}{2} & \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{4}h\lambda & -\frac{1}{4}h\lambda \\ h\lambda & \frac{3}{2}h\lambda & -\frac{1}{2}h\lambda \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

to check zero stability, set $h\lambda = 0$:

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{eigenvalues } 1, 0, 0$$

stable

For $h\lambda = -\frac{1}{2}$, eigenvalues are $-1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$
can check numerically stable on $[-\frac{1}{2}, 0]$

$$\underline{P(EC)^2}: \quad S = (I + \vec{c} \cdot DG)^2 B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \frac{h\lambda}{2} + \frac{(h\lambda)^2}{4} & \frac{1}{2} + \frac{h\lambda}{4} + \frac{3}{8}(h\lambda)^2 & -\frac{1}{8}(h\lambda)^2 \\ h\lambda + \frac{1}{2}(h\lambda)^2 & \frac{1}{2}h\lambda + \frac{3}{4}(h\lambda)^2 & -\frac{1}{4}(h\lambda)^2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

same result for $h\lambda = 0$: zero stable

region of stability for real $\lambda \approx [-1.45, 0]$

$$\underline{P(EC)^3}: \quad \approx [-1.15, 0]$$

$$\underline{P(EC)E}: \quad S = (I + \vec{c}_2 \cdot DG)(I + \vec{c} \cdot DG) B \\ = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \frac{h\lambda}{2} & \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{4}h\lambda & -\frac{1}{4}h\lambda \\ h\lambda + \frac{1}{2}(h\lambda)^2 & \frac{1}{2}h\lambda + \frac{3}{4}(h\lambda)^2 & -\frac{1}{4}(h\lambda)^2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

region $\approx [-2, 0]$

Question: The region of stability of AM 1-step includes the entire negative real axis. Why is the region for multistep methods so small?

Answer: see homework

Note: Results for AB-3, AM-2 and Gear's method are similar.