

# Initial value problem (ODE)

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= f(t, x) & (\text{IVP}) \\x(t_0) &= x_0\end{aligned}$$

where  $f: J \times D \subset \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$   
 $(t_0, x_0) \in J \times D$  initial condition

Autonomous ODE:  $f(t, x) = f(x) \quad \forall (t, x) \in J \times D$ ;  
i.e.  $f$  independent of  $t$ .

Local Lipschitz continuous:  $f: J \times D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  &  $f \in C(J \times D, \mathbb{R}^n)$

For each  $(t_0, x_0) \in J \times D$   $\exists$  open neighbourhood  
 $\tilde{J} \times \tilde{D}$  of  $(t_0, x_0)$  s.t.  $f: \tilde{J} \times \tilde{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  Lipschitz  
continuous:  $\exists L > 0$  s.t.

$$\|f(t, x) - f(t, y)\| \leq L \|x - y\| \quad \forall t \in \tilde{J}, x, y \in \tilde{D}.$$

Solution:  $\exists$  open interval  $I \subset J$  containing  $t_0$ ,  
 $\gamma: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, u \in C^1(I, \mathbb{R}^n)$  s.t.  $u'(t) = f(t, u(t))$   
and  $u(t_0) = x_0$

Flow of vector field  $\phi: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ :

$$t \in \gamma(t_0, x_0) \quad (t_0, x_0) \in J \times D \rightarrow \phi(t, t_0, x_0) = u(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

where  $\gamma(t_0, x_0) = (t^-(t_0, x_0), t^+(t_0, x_0))$  interval  
where maximal solution  $u(t)$  exists (natural extension)

Second order ODE: - can be written as system of first order:

$$y'' = f(t, y) + g(t, y') \equiv \begin{cases} x_1' = x_2 \\ x_2' = f(t, x_2) + g(t, x_1) \end{cases}$$

## One-step methods

• Estimate  $u(t) = \phi(t, t_0, x_0)$  on finite closed interval  
 $t \in [t_0, T], t_0 < T < t^+(t_0, x_0)$ .

• Discrete flow of vector field:

• locally Lipschitz continuous on  $J \times D$

•  $\psi: J \times D \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

$t, x, \tau \geq 0 \rightarrow \psi(t+\tau, t, x) \in \mathbb{R}^n$

st.  $\psi'(t, x) = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\psi(t+\tau, t, x) - x}{\tau} = f(t, x)$

• Partition interval  $[t_0, T]$  into  $N$  subintervals:

$\{t_j\}_{j=0}^N, t_{j+1} > t_j, t_N = T.$

Approximate  $\{u_j\}_{j=0}^N$  by  $u_j \mapsto u_{j+1} = \psi(t_{j+1}, t_j, u_j) \in \mathbb{R}^n$   
one-step method

where  $u_j \approx u(t_j)$

## Local Discretization Error

f locally Lipschitz cont. on  $J \times D$ ;  $\phi$  flow of  $f$   
 $(t, x) \in J \times D, \tau > 0$ . Consider

$t, x, \tau \mapsto \psi(t+\tau, t, x) \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Define  $d(t+\tau, t, x) = \|\phi(t+\tau, t, x) - \psi(t+\tau, t, x)\|$

as **local discretization error**

If  $\exists p > 0$  (integer) st  $d(t+\tau, t, x) = O(\tau^{p+1})$  for  $\tau \rightarrow 0^+$   
then method is of **order  $p$**  at  $(t, x)$ .

Method	Im / Ex	Order
Euler: $k_1 = f(t, x)$ $\psi = x + \tau k_1$	Explizit	1
Runge: $k_1 = f(t, x)$ $k_2 = f(t + \frac{\tau}{2}, x + \frac{\tau}{2} k_1)$ $\psi = x + \tau k_2$	Explizit	2
Heun $k_1 = f(t, x)$ $k_2 = f(t + \tau, x + \tau k_1)$ $\psi = x + \frac{\tau}{2}(k_1 + k_2)$	Explizit	2
Runge-Kutta: $k_1 = f(t, x)$ $k_2 = f(t + \frac{\tau}{2}, x + \frac{\tau}{2} k_1)$ $k_3 = f(t + \frac{\tau}{2}, x + \frac{\tau}{2} k_2)$ $k_4 = f(t + \tau, x + \tau k_3)$ $\psi = x + \tau(\frac{1}{6}k_1 + \frac{2}{3}k_2 + \frac{2}{3}k_3 + \frac{1}{6}k_4)$	Explizit	4
Imp. Euler $k_1 = f(t + \tau, x + \tau k_1)$ $\psi = x + \tau k_1$	Implizit	1
Crank-Nicholson $k_1 = f(t, x)$ $k_2 = f(t + \tau, x + \frac{\tau}{2} k_1 + \frac{\tau}{2} k_2)$ $\psi = x + \frac{\tau}{2}(k_1 + k_2)$	Implizit	2

- Implizit methods require non-linear solver  
(fixed point, Newton, ...).

Consistency function:  $\Phi(t, x, \tau) \equiv \frac{\psi(t + \tau, t, x) - x}{\tau} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Assumption:  $\exists \Delta > 0$  s.t.  $\|\Phi(t, x, \tau) - \Phi(t, y, \tau)\| \leq \Delta \|x - y\|$   
 $\forall t \in [t_0, T], x, y \in D, \tau \geq 0$

## Theorem 2.23 (Global Error Estimate)

$\exists C > 0, \tau_1 > 0$  sufficiently small s.t.  
 $d(t+\tau, t, u(t)) \leq C\tau^{p+1} \quad \tau \leq \tau_1, t \in [t_0, T]$

Consider equidistant partition  $\{t_j\}_{j=0}^N$  and approximation  $\{u_j\}_{j=0}^N$ ; then

$$\|u(t_j) - u_j\| \leq \frac{e^{\Delta(t_j - t_0)} - 1}{\Delta} C\tau^{p+1}_{j=0, \dots, N}$$

## Adaptive timestepping

Consider "low order method" of order  $p$ :

$$t, x, \tau \mapsto \psi(t+\tau, t, x) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

and "high order method" order  $p+1$

$$t, x, \tau \mapsto \bar{\psi}(t+\tau, t, x) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\Delta(\tau) \equiv \bar{\psi}(t+\tau, t, x) - \psi(t+\tau, t, x)$$

$$\|\Delta(\tau)\| \approx k_0 \tau^{p+1}$$

Can compute optimal time step size:  $\tau_{\text{opt}}$  such that

$$\|\Delta(\tau_{\text{opt}})\| = k_0 \tau_{\text{opt}}^{p+1} \approx \text{tol}$$

$$\tau_{\text{opt}} = \tau \left( \frac{\text{tol}}{4\|\Delta(\tau)\|} \right)^{\frac{1}{p+1}}$$

$\hookrightarrow$  gives Algorithm 2.1 for computing optimal step size.

## Runge-Kutta methods

Butcher tableau:  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{s \times s}$ ,  $b, c \in \mathbb{R}^s$ ,  $s \geq 1$

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc} c_1 & a_{11} & \dots & a_{1s} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_s & a_{s1} & \dots & a_{ss} \\ \hline & b_1 & \dots & b_s \end{array} = \frac{c}{A} \Bigg| b^T$$

$$k_i = f(t + \tau c_i, x + \tau \sum_{j=1}^s a_{ij} k_j) \quad i=1, \dots, s$$

$$\psi(t + \tau, t, x) \equiv x + \tau \sum_{i=1}^s b_i k_i$$

Aim to derive highest order RK method:

Lemma 2.31 (autonomous ODE, order  $p=3$ ):

$f(t, x) = f(x)$ ,  $f \in C^3(D, \mathbb{R}^n)$ ; then, if

$$\sum_{i=1}^s b_i = 1, \quad 2 \sum_{i,j=1}^s b_i a_{ij} = 1, \quad 3 \sum_{i,j,k=1}^s b_j a_{ij} a_{ik} = 1, \quad 6 \sum_{i,j,k=1}^s b_i a_{ij} a_{jk} = 1$$

$\Rightarrow$  RK method of order  $p=3$  at  $x \in D$ .

Lemma 2.32 (Invariance w.r.t "autonomization"):

RK invariant w.r.t autonomization if and only if

$$c_i = \sum_{j=1}^s a_{ij} \quad i=1, \dots, s$$

Corollary 2.33 (RK order  $p=3$ ):  $f \in C^3(D, \mathbb{R}^n)$

Let 2.32 be satisfied then,

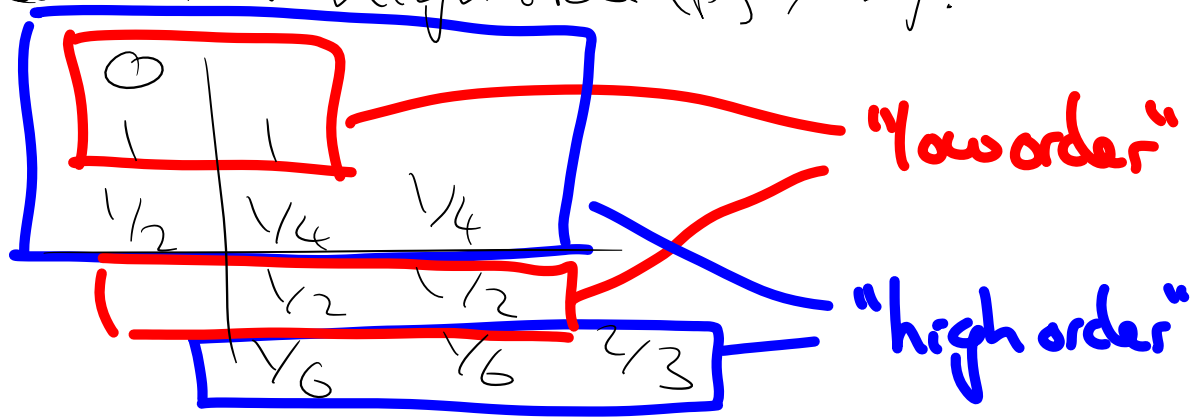
$$\sum_{i=1}^s b_i = 1, \quad 2 \sum_{i=1}^s b_i c_i = 1, \quad 3 \sum_{i=1}^s b_i c_i^2 = 1, \quad 6 \sum_{i,j=1}^s b_i a_{ij} c_j = 1$$

$\Rightarrow$  RK method of order  $p=3$  at  $x \in D$

Explicit RK:  $a_{ij} = 0 \quad i \leq j$  (A strictly lower triangular):

$c_1$			
$c_2$	$a_{21}$	$\dots$	$\dots$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\ddots$	$\vdots$
$c_s$	$a_{s1}$	$\dots$	$a_{s,s-1}$
	$b_1$	$\dots$	$b_s$

Embedded RK  $p(p-1)$ : low order  $(p-1)$  RK embedded within high order  $(p)$ ; e.g.



## Multistep Methods

$m$ -step method,  $m \geq 1$ , given by real coefficients

$$\{a_i\}_{i=0}^m, \{b_i\}_{i=0}^m, a_m = 1$$

such that  $|a_0| + |b_0| \neq 0$ , initialised with first

$m$  values,  $\{u_i\}_{i=0}^{m-1}, u_0 = x_0$ ; then

$$\sum_{i=0}^m a_i u_{j+i} = \tau \sum_{i=0}^m b_i f(t_{j+i}, u_{j+i}), \quad j=0, \dots, N-m$$

Usually use one-step for initialisation.

$m$ -step methods are

- explicit if  $b_m = 0$
- implicit if  $b_m \neq 0$

Local discretisation error:  $f \in C^1(J \times D, \mathbb{R}^n)$

$$\text{Then } D(t+\tau, t, x) = \sum_{i=0}^m a_i u(t+i\tau) - \tau \sum_{i=0}^m b_i u'(t+i\tau)$$

if  $\exists p \geq 1$  (positive integer) such that

$$\|D(t+\tau, t, x)\| = O(\tau^{p+1})$$

then method is of order  $p$  at  $(t, x) \in J \times D$

if at least order 1 then consistent.

Theorem 3.2 Assume  $f \in C^p(\mathbb{J} \times \mathbb{D}, \mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $p \geq 1$ ,

and let  $\sum_{i=0}^m a_i = 0$ ,  $\sum_{i=0}^m i^l a_i = l \sum_{i=0}^m i^{l-1} b_i$ ,  $l=1, \dots, p$   
( $0^0 = 1$ )

Then,  $m$ -step method is at least order  $p+1$  at  $(t, x) \in \mathbb{J} \times \mathbb{D}$ .

Characteristic polynomials  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ :

first:  $\rho(z) = \sum_{i=0}^m a_i z^i$ ; second:  $\sigma(z) = \sum_{i=0}^m b_i z^i$

D-stability Method D-stable provided every root  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  of first characteristic polynomial  $\rho(z) = 0$  satisfies either

- $|z| < 1$  or
- $|z| = 1$ ,  $\rho'(z) \neq 0$  (i.e. algebraic multiplicity = 1)

Theorem 3.7 (Global error estimate)

Assume  $f \in C^p(\mathbb{J} \times \mathbb{D}, \mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $p \geq 1$ , Consider D-stable,  $m$ -step method of order  $p \geq 1$  on equidistant partition; then,  $\exists C > 0$  s.t. for sufficiently large  $N$

$$\|u(t_j) - u_j\| \leq C(\varepsilon_0 + \tau^p), \quad j=0, \dots, N, \quad \tau = \frac{T-t_0}{N}$$

where  $\varepsilon_0 = \max_{l=0, \dots, m-1} \|u(t_l) - u_{l+1}\|$  is initialisation error.

Remark One-step method of order  $k$ ,  $k \geq p$ , should be chosen for initialisation as then  $\varepsilon_0 = O(\tau^k)$ .

Dahlquist Barrier D-stable  $m$ -step method of order  $p \geq 1$

then, necessary that

$$p \leq \begin{cases} m+2 & \text{if } m \text{ is even} \\ m+1 & \text{if } m \text{ is odd} \\ m & \text{if } \frac{b_m}{a_m} \leq 0 \quad (\text{e.g., explicit } b_m \neq 0) \end{cases}$$

## M-step methods

Adams:  $a_m = 1, a_{m-1} = -1, a_{m-2} = \dots = a_0 = 0$   
 $b_m, \dots, b_0$  selected to obtain highest order possible via Theorem 3.2

→ explicit (Adams-Bashford),  $b_m = 0, p = m, D$ -stable

→ implicit (Adams-Moulton),  $b_m \neq 0, p = m+1, D$ -stable

BDF:  $b_0 = \dots = b_{m-1} = 0, b_m \neq 0, a_m = 1$

$a_{m-1}, \dots, a_0$  selected such that highest order possible

→ implicit,  $b_m \neq 0, p = m, D$ -stable for  $p \leq 6$  only.

## Dynamical Systems

Autonomous ODE:  $x' = f(x), x(0) = x_0$

Orbit:  $\gamma(x_0) = \bigcup_{t \in (t^-(x_0), t^+(x_0))} \phi(t, x_0)$

$\gamma^+(x_0) = \bigcup_{t \in (0, t^+(x_0))} \phi(t, x_0)$  - positive

$\gamma^-(x_0) = \bigcup_{t \in (t^-(x_0), 0)} \phi(t, x_0)$  - negative

$\omega$ -limit:  $x_0 \in D: \omega(x_0) = \bigcap_{\tau \geq 0} \overline{\gamma^+(\phi(\tau, x_0))}$

Steady state  $x^* \in D$ . Steady state when  $f(x^*) = 0$ :

i.e.  $\phi(t, x^*) = x^* \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

•  $x^* \in D, f(x^*) = 0, \forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0$  s.t. if  $x \in B_\delta(x^*)$

it holds that  $\|\phi(t, x) - x^*\| < \varepsilon \quad \forall t \geq 0$

$\Rightarrow x^*$  stable steady state

• additionally if  $\exists r > 0$  s.t.  $\forall x \in B_r(x^*)$  it holds

$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \phi(t, x) = x^* \Rightarrow x^*$  A-stable steady state



otherwise unstable

Theorem 4.14  $f \in C^1(D, \mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $x^* \in D$ ,  $f(x^*) = 0$

$$A = \left( \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j}(x^*) \right)_{i,j=1}^n \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

denote Jacobian of  $f$  at  $x^*$ .

If  $\max_{\lambda \in \sigma(A)} \operatorname{Re}(\lambda) < 0 \Rightarrow x^*$  A-stable steady state

If  $\exists \lambda \in \sigma(A); \operatorname{Re}(\lambda) > 0 \Rightarrow x^*$  unstable

Linearisation of ODE:

$$x' = Ax \quad x(0) = x_0 \quad \textcircled{1}$$

Theorem 4.15 steady state  $x^* = 0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  of  $\textcircled{1}$   
A-stable if and only if  $\max_{\lambda \in \sigma(A)} \operatorname{Re}(\lambda) < 0$ .

Discrete time dynamical system:  $t, x, \tau \mapsto \psi(t+\tau, x) \in \mathbb{R}^n$

for autonomous ODE  $t, \tau \mapsto \psi(\tau, x) \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Iteration:  $j \in \mathbb{N}_0 \mapsto t_j = \tau^j, u_j = \psi^j(\tau, x)$

where  $\psi^j(\tau, x) = \psi(\tau, \psi^{j-1}(\tau, x)), \psi^1 = \psi$

gives discrete sequence  $\{t_j\}_{j=0}^{+\infty}, \{u_j\}_{j=0}^{+\infty}$

Fixed point of mapping  $x \mapsto \psi(\tau, x)$  is  $x^* \in D$   
such that  $x^* = \psi(\tau, x^*)$ .

Proposition 4.23  $x^* \in D, \tau > 0$ , if  $f(x^*) = 0$  (i.e. steady state) then  $x^* = \psi(\tau, x^*)$ ; i.e. fixed point of  $x \mapsto \psi(\tau, x)$ .

A-stability of F.P.  $x^* = \psi(\tau, x^*) \in D$  be f.p. of

$x \in D \mapsto \psi(\tau, x) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  for  $\tau > 0$ :

- stable f.p.:  $\forall \varepsilon > 0. \exists \delta > 0$  s.t. if  $x \in B_\delta$  it holds  $\|\psi^j(\tau, x) - x^*\| < \varepsilon \forall j \in \mathbb{N}_0$
- A-stable f.p. - stable f.p. and  $\exists r > 0$  s.t.  $\forall x \in B_r$  it holds  $\psi^j(\tau, x) \rightarrow x^*$  for  $j \rightarrow \infty$
- unstable f.p. - if not stable

## Domain of stability

Autonomous ODE:  $x' = f(x), x(0) = x_0$   
with steady state  $x^* \in D, f(x^*) = 0$

Jacobian at  $x^*$ :  $A = \left( \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j}(x^*) \right)_{i,j=1,\dots,n} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

Assume  $\max_{\lambda \in \sigma(A)} \operatorname{Re}(\lambda) < 0 \Rightarrow A^*$  A-stable.

↳ steady state is fixed point. Is it A-stable?

Consider linearization:  $x' = Ax, x(0) = x_0$

- steady state  $x^* = 0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  (A-stab.).

↳ Is fixed point A-stable for numerical method?

What value of  $\tau$  is required?

↳ domain of stability:  $S \subset \mathbb{C}$

F.P. A-stable if  $\tau \lambda \in S \forall \lambda \in \sigma(A)$

## Domain of stability (explicit RK):

$S=1$  (Euler):  $S = \{\mu \in \mathbb{C} : |1 + \mu| < 1\}$

$S=2$  (Runge/Kutta):  $S = \{\mu \in \mathbb{C} : |1 + \mu + \frac{1}{2}\mu^2| < 1\}$

$S=3$   $S = \{\mu \in \mathbb{C} : |1 + \mu + \frac{1}{2}\mu^2 + \frac{1}{6}\mu^3| < 1\}$

$S=4$  (d. RK)  $S = \{\mu \in \mathbb{C} : |1 + \mu + \frac{1}{2}\mu^2 + \frac{1}{6}\mu^3 + \frac{1}{24}\mu^4| < 1\}$

## Domain of stability (implicit one-step)

$$\text{Implicit Euler: } S = \left\{ \mu \in \mathbb{C} : \frac{1}{1-\mu} < 1 \right\}$$

$$\text{Crank-Nicholson: } S = \left\{ \mu \in \mathbb{C} : \frac{|1+\frac{\mu}{2}|}{|1-\frac{\mu}{2}|} < 1 \right\}$$

## Domain of stability (m-step)

$$S = \left\{ \mu \in \mathbb{C} : \forall z \in \mathbb{C} : p(z) - \tau \lambda_0(z) = 0 \in \mathbb{C} \Rightarrow |z| < 1 \right\}$$

## A-stable RK/m-step methods

S domain of stability; then method A-stable if

$$\left\{ \mu \in \mathbb{C} : \text{Re}(\mu) < 0 \right\} \subset S$$

(left half-plane of complex domain subset of domain)

i.e. fixed point A-stable regardless of  $\tau > 0$  or  $\lambda_0$

## A-stable RK/m-step methods

- Implicit Euler, Crank-Nicholson, Gauss & Radau are A-stable
- No explicit RK are A-stable.
- Adams-Moulton 1, BDF1 and BDF2.

## Stiff Problems

Consider linear system  $x' = Ax$ , with  $\max_{\lambda \in \sigma(A)} \text{Re}(\lambda) < 0$   
 $\Rightarrow x^* = 0$  A-stable steady state

$$\text{Stiffness Ratio } L = \frac{\max_{\lambda \in \sigma(A)} |\text{Re}(\lambda)|}{\min_{\lambda \in \sigma(A)} |\text{Re}(\lambda)|}$$

$\hookrightarrow$  stiffness ratio large if  $L \gg 1$ .

$\hookrightarrow$  stiff problems require a stiff (e.g. implicit) method.