

Lemma:

A RK method is A-stable if and only if its stability function satisfies:

(i)  $|R(iy)| \leq 1 \quad \forall y \in \mathbb{R}$

(ii)  $R(z)$  analytic in  $\mathbb{C}^-$ .

Proof:

Assume

A-stability.

$\Rightarrow$ :

(i) follows by definition

(ii) follows since

$|R(z)| \leq 1$  on  $\mathbb{C}^-$  and  $R$  is rational

$\Rightarrow R$  has no poles on  $\mathbb{C}^-$

$\Rightarrow R$  is analytic on  $\mathbb{C}^-$ .

⊆: Assume (i) and (ii)

Recall: If  $f$  analytic and  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}$  open set  
then either max of  $|f|$  on the boundary of  $\Omega$   
or  $f$  constant.

maximum  
principle

Now, setting  $\Omega = \mathbb{C}^-$ ,  $R$  analytic by assumption and not constant

$\Rightarrow$  max on imaginary axis (boundary of  $\mathbb{C}^-$ )

Let  $y^* \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $|R(iy^*)|$  max of  $|R|$ .

By assumption  $|R(iy)| \leq 1 \quad \forall y \in \mathbb{R}$ , and thus,

$$|R(z)| \leq |R(iy^*)| \leq 1 \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{C}^-$$

$\Rightarrow$  method A-stable.

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Defn.: (L-stable)

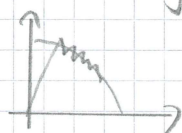
A RK method is L-stable if it is A-stable  
and if additionally

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow -\infty} R(z) = 0,$$

where  $R$  is its stability function.

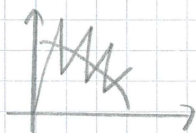
Rem.: ① L-stability is associated with "damping" of oscillations.

Curtis-  
Hirshfelder  
problem



Implicit Euler

L-stable



Implicit midpoint rule

not L-stable

Gauss methods are not appropriate for stiff problems in general,  
Radau methods are.

② If  $S = \mathbb{C}^- \Rightarrow$  method is not L-stable. (but A-stable)

Indeed, in this case  $|R(iy)| = 1$  for  $y \in \mathbb{R}$  and for rational

fct:  $\lim_{z \rightarrow -\infty} R(z) = \lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} R(iy) = 1 \Rightarrow$  not L-stable.

## 4. Stability functions of collocation methods

Consider  $0 \leq c_1 < c_2 < \dots < c_s \leq 1$  collocation points and consider

$$T(t) = \frac{1}{s!} \prod_{i=1}^s (t - c_i)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1) \quad T(c_i) = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, s$$

$$2) \quad \frac{d^s T(t)}{dt^s} = 1.$$

Theorem: The stability function of a collocation method based on  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_s$  is given by

$$R(z) = \frac{T^{(c_s)}(1) + z T^{(c_{s-1})}(1) + \dots + z^{s-1} T'(1) + z^s T(1)}{T^{(c_s)}(0) + z T^{(c_{s-1})}(0) + \dots + z^{s-1} T'(0) + z^s T(0)}.$$

Proof: Apply the collocation method to  $y' = \lambda y$ , and WLOG set  $t_0 = 0, h = 1$  ( $z = \lambda$ )

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} u(0) = y_0 \\ u'(c_i) = z u(c_i) \quad (= f(u(c_i))) \\ y_1 = u(1) \end{cases}$$

It follows that  $R(z) = \frac{u(1)}{u(0)}$ . ( $= \frac{y_1}{y_0}$ , since  $R(z)y_0 = y_1$ )

Consider the mismatch function  $u'(t) - z u(t)$ , which is zero on  $c_i$ :  $u'(c_i) - z u(c_i) = 0$  (see above)

$$\Rightarrow u'(t) - z u(t) = \overset{\substack{\uparrow \text{ indep. of } t}}{K} T(t) \quad (*)$$

Differentiate  $(*)$   $u' = z u + K T$   $\nwarrow$  both polynomials of degree  $s$  with the same zeros

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow u'' &= z u' + K T' \\ &= z^2 u + z K T + K T' \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow u''' = z^2 u' + zKT' + KT''$$

$$= z^3 u + K(z^2 T + zT' + T'')$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\Rightarrow u^{(s+1)} = z^{s+1} u + K(z^s T + z^{s-1} T' + \dots + T^{(s)})$$

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0  
(since  $u$  poly. of degree  $s$ )

$$\Rightarrow u = -\frac{K}{z^{s+1}} (z^s T + z^{s-1} T' + \dots + T^{(s)})$$

Since  $R(z) = \frac{u'(z)}{u(z)}$ , the result follows.

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We have  $R(z) \approx e^z$ , but how close?

Lemma 1: Let  $M(t)$  be any polynomial of degree  $s$   
s.t.  $M^{(s)}(t) = 1$ . (normalising)

Define

$$R(z) = \frac{M^{(s)}(1) + M^{(s-1)}(1)z + \dots + M'(1)z^{s-1} + M(1)z^s}{M^{(s)}(0) + M^{(s-1)}(0)z + \dots + M'(0)z^{s-1} + M(0)z^s}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^z - R(z) = O(z^{s+1}) \quad \text{for } z \rightarrow 0.$$

Proof: (formal)

Define  $v(t) = M^{(s)}(t) + \dots + z^s M(t)$

Then

$$v'(t) = z M^{(s)}(t) + \dots + z^s M'(t)$$

$$= z v(t) - z^{s+1} M(t)$$

solving the ODE

$$\Rightarrow v(t) = e^{zt} v(0) - z^{s+1} \int_0^t e^{z(t-r)} M(r) dr$$

evaluating  
 $t=1$   
 $\Rightarrow$

$$e^z - \underbrace{\frac{v(1)}{v(0)}}_{= R(z)} = \frac{z^{s+1}}{v(0)} \int_0^1 e^{z(1-r)} M(r) dr$$

For  $z \rightarrow 0$ , it holds

- $e^{z(1-r)} = 1 + z(1-r) + \dots = 1 + O(z)$
- $V(0) = 1 + z M^{(s-1)}(0) + \dots = 1 + O(z)$   
 $\uparrow M^{(s)}(t) = 1$  (assumption)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\int_0^1 e^{z(1-r)} M(r) dr}{V(0)} = O(1+z)$$

$$\Rightarrow e^z - R(z) = z^{s+1} \int_0^1 \overset{\text{polynomial, bounded on } [0,1]}{M(r)} dr + O(z^{s+2})$$

$$= O(z^{s+1})$$

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Rem: This implies that for a collocation method

$$R(z) - e^z = O(z^{s+1})$$

Lemma 2: Let  $R(z) = \frac{P(z)}{Q(z)}$ ,  $P, Q$  polynomials of degree  $\leq s$ .

Assume  $Q(0) = 1$  and that  $e^z - R(z) = O(z^{s+1})$ .

Then there exists a polynomial  $M(t)$  s.t.  $M^{(s)}(t) = 1$  and  $\deg(M) = s$  s.t.

$$R(z) = \frac{M^{(s)}(1) + z M^{(s-1)}(1) + \dots + M(1) z^s}{M^{(s)}(0) + z M^{(s-1)}(0) + \dots + M(0) z^s}$$

Proof: Consider  $Q(z) = 1 + q_1 z + q_2 z^2 + \dots + q_s z^s$  and define

$$M(t) = q_s + q_{s-1} t + q_{s-2} \frac{t^2}{2!} + \dots + q_1 \frac{t^{s-1}}{(s-1)!} + \frac{t^s}{s!}$$

$$\Rightarrow M^{(k)}(0) = q_{s-k}$$

$$\Rightarrow Q(z) = M^{(s)}(0) + z M^{(s-1)}(0) + \dots + z^s M(0).$$

$\Rightarrow$  denominator okay. (by construction)

Next, let

$$\tilde{P}(z) = M^{(s)}(1) + M^{(s-1)}(1)z + \dots + M(1)z^s.$$

By lemma 1,  $e^z - \frac{\tilde{P}(z)}{Q(z)} = O(z^{s+1})$

By assumption,  $e^z - \frac{P(z)}{Q(z)} = O(z^{s+1})$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\tilde{P}(z)}{Q(z)} - \frac{P(z)}{Q(z)} = O(z^{s+1})$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{P}(z) - P(z) = O(z^{s+1}), \text{ since } Q(z) = 1 + O(z)$$

but  $\deg(\tilde{P}) \leq s$ ,  $\deg(P) \leq s$

$$\Rightarrow P = \tilde{P}.$$

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### Padé approximations of $e^z$

Goal:

fixed  $k, j$  find  $R(z) = \frac{P(z)}{Q(z)}$

with  $\deg(P) = k$ ,  $\deg(Q) = j$  and s.t.  $R(z) \approx e^z$   
as good as possible.

Theorem: let  $k, j \in \mathbb{N}$  be given. There exists an unique rational function

$$R_{kj}(z) = \frac{P_{kj}(z)}{Q_{kj}(z)} \text{ s.t. } \deg(P_{kj}) = k, \deg(Q_{kj}) = j$$

and s.t.  $e^z - R_{kj}(z) = O(z^{j+k+1})$ ,

i.e.  $R_{kj}$  is an approximation of the exp. of order  $s = j+k$ .

In particular,

$$P_{kj}(z) = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{k!}{(k-i)!} \frac{(j+k-1)!}{(j+k)!} \frac{z^i}{i!}$$

$$Q_{kj}(z) = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^j (-1)^i \frac{j!}{(j-i)!} \frac{(j+k-1)!}{(j+k)!} \frac{z^i}{i!} = P_{jk}(-z)$$

Proof: Consider  $M(t)$  polynomial of degree  $s = j+k$   
 s.t.  $M^{(s)}(t) = 1$ , and

$$R(z) = \frac{M^{(s)}(1) + z M^{(s-1)}(1) + \dots + z^s M(1)}{M^{(s)}(0) + z M^{(s-1)}(0) + \dots + z^s M(0)} = \frac{P(z)}{Q(z)}$$

By lemma 1:  $R(z) - e^z = O(z^{s+1})$

We want  $\deg(P) = k$ ,  $\deg(Q) = j$ , so

$$(*) \begin{cases} M(1) = M'(1) = \dots = \overset{= j-1}{M^{(s-k-1)}}(1) = 0 \Rightarrow \deg(P) = k \\ M(0) = M'(0) = \dots = \overset{= k-1}{M^{(s-j-1)}}(0) = 0 \Rightarrow \deg(Q) = j \end{cases}$$

If we choose  $M(t) = C t^k (t-1)^j$ ,

then the conditions above are satisfied, and since  $M^{(s)}(1) = 1$ ,

then 
$$M(t) = \frac{t^k (t-1)^j}{(k+j)!}$$

This proves existence.

For uniqueness, assume  $\tilde{R}(z) = \frac{\tilde{P}(z)}{\tilde{Q}(z)}$ ,  $\deg(\tilde{P}) = k$ ,  $\deg(\tilde{Q}) = j$

and  $\tilde{R}(z) - e^z = O(z^{j+k+1})$

lemma 2  $\Rightarrow \exists \tilde{M}(t)$  of degree  $j+k$  s.t.  $\tilde{M}^{(s)}(t) = 1$

and s.t.

$$\tilde{R}(z) = \frac{\tilde{M}^{(s)}(1) + z \tilde{M}^{(s-1)}(1) + \dots + z^s \tilde{M}(1)}{\tilde{M}^{(s)}(0) + z \tilde{M}^{(s-1)}(0) + \dots + z^s \tilde{M}(0)}$$

As  $\deg(\tilde{P}) = k$ ,  $\deg(\tilde{Q}) = j$ , so  $\tilde{M}$  has to satisfy the conditions (\*)

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{M}(t) = \frac{t^k (t-1)^j}{(j+k)!}$$

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Corollary: Stability function of

Gauss is  $R_{s,s}(z)$   
 Radon is  $R_{s-n,s}(z)$   
 Lobatto is  $R_{s-1,s-n}(z)$ .

Proof: Exercises.

Examples Padé rational approximations of the exponential for  $k, j = 0, 1, 2$

|       | $k=0$                          | $k=1$                                                  | $k=2$                                                                   |
|-------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $j=0$ | 1                              | $1+z$                                                  | $1+z+\frac{1}{2}z^2$                                                    |
| $j=1$ | $\frac{1}{1-z}$                | $\frac{1+\frac{1}{2}z}{1-\frac{1}{2}z}$                | $\frac{1+\frac{2}{3}z+\frac{1}{6}z^2}{1-\frac{1}{3}z}$                  |
| $j=2$ | $\frac{1}{1-z+\frac{1}{2}z^2}$ | $\frac{1+\frac{1}{3}z}{1-\frac{2}{3}z+\frac{1}{6}z^2}$ | $\frac{1+\frac{1}{2}z+\frac{1}{12}z^2}{1-\frac{1}{2}z+\frac{1}{12}z^2}$ |

Rem: (i) Stability function of Gauss and Lobatto IIIA on the diagonal of the table.

(ii) Stability function of Radon on the lower diagonal.

(see also exercises).

## Order stars

Given  $R_{k,j}(z)$ , we want to find the corresponding stability domain

$$S = \{ |R_{k,j}(z)| \leq 1 \}.$$

In 1978, Wanner and Hairer and Nørsett found that it is easier to consider the order star

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \{ z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |R(z)| > |e^z| \} \\ &= \{ z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |q(z)| > 1 \} \quad \text{with } q = \frac{R}{e^z}. \end{aligned}$$

This is mostly relevant from a theoretical point of view

(For details, see Wanner, Hairer & Nørsett, 1978, Order stars and stability theorems).