

Chapter 4

$$\vec{y}' = \Lambda \vec{y}, \quad \vec{y}(0) = \vec{y}_0, \quad \Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} -100 & 1 \\ 0 & -1/10 \end{bmatrix}$$

Euler:

$$\vec{y}_1 = \vec{y}_0 + h\Lambda \vec{y}_0 = (\mathbf{I} + h\Lambda) \vec{y}_0$$

$$\vec{y}_2 = \vec{y}_1 + h\Lambda \vec{y}_1 = (\mathbf{I} + h\Lambda) \vec{y}_1 = (\mathbf{I} + h\Lambda)^2 \vec{y}_0$$

$$\vec{y}_n = (\mathbf{I} + h\Lambda)^n \vec{y}_0$$

Eigenvalues and eigenvectors of Λ :

$$\lambda_1 = -100 \quad \vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2 = -1/10 \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 999/10 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

We can write $\Lambda = VDV^{-1}$ where

$$V = [\vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 999/10 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -100 & 0 \\ 0 & -1/10 \end{bmatrix}$$

The exact solution is $\vec{y}(t) = \exp(\Lambda t) \vec{y}_0$. By definition,

$$\exp(\Lambda t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} t^k \Lambda^k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} t^k \underbrace{(VDV^{-1})^k}_{VD^kV^{-1}} = V \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} t^k D^k \right) V^{-1} = V \exp(Dt) V^{-1}$$

Thus $\vec{y}(t) = V \exp(Dt) V^{-1} \vec{y}_0$. Note

$$(\mathbf{I} + hVDV^{-1})^2 = \mathbf{I} + 2hVDV^{-1} + h^2 VD^2V^{-1} = V(\mathbf{I} + hD)^2 V^{-1}$$

and so induction can show

$$(\mathbf{I} + hVDV^{-1})^n = V(\mathbf{I} + hD)^n V^{-1}$$

So $\vec{y}_n = (\mathbf{I} + hVDV^{-1})^n \vec{y}_0 = V(\mathbf{I} + hD)^n V^{-1} \vec{y}_0$.

Exact: $\vec{y}(t) = V \exp(Dt) V^{-1} \vec{y}_0$

Numerical: $\vec{y}_n = V(\mathbf{I} + hD)^n V^{-1} \vec{y}_0$

$$\exp(Dt) = \begin{bmatrix} \exp(-100t) & 0 \\ 0 & \exp(t/10) \end{bmatrix}, \quad (\mathbf{I} + hD)^n = \begin{bmatrix} (1 - 100h)^n & 0 \\ 0 & (1 - h/10)^n \end{bmatrix}$$

Let $\underline{x} = V^{-1} \vec{y}_0$. Then

$$V \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ \vdots \\ d_n \end{bmatrix} V^{-1} \vec{y}_0 = V \begin{bmatrix} d_1 x_1 \\ \vdots \\ d_n x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n v_{1i} d_i x_i \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{i=1}^n v_{ni} d_i x_i \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^n d_i \begin{bmatrix} v_{1i} x_i \\ \vdots \\ v_{ni} x_i \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^n d_i \vec{z}_i$$

So

$$\vec{y}(t) = \exp(-100t) \vec{z}_1 + \exp(-t/10) \vec{z}_2$$

$$\vec{y}_n = (1 - 100h)^n \vec{z}_1 + (1 - h/10)^n \vec{z}_2$$

Exact: $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \vec{y}(t) = 0$

Numerical: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} ((1-100h)^n \vec{x}_1 + (1-\frac{1}{10}h)^n \vec{x}_2) = 0$ if and only if $|1-100h| < 1$ and $|1-\frac{1}{10}h| < 1$, that is, $h < \frac{1}{50}$.

So for Euler's method we need $h < \frac{1}{50}$ for stability.

What about trapezoidal rule?

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{y}_{n+1} &= \vec{y}_n + \frac{1}{2}h\Lambda(\vec{y}_n + \vec{y}_{n+1}) \\ (I - \frac{1}{2}h\Lambda)\vec{y}_{n+1} &= (I + \frac{1}{2}h\Lambda)\vec{y}_n \\ (I - \frac{1}{2}hVDV^{-1})\vec{y}_{n+1} &= (I + \frac{1}{2}hVDV^{-1})\vec{y}_n \\ V(I - \frac{1}{2}hD)V^{-1}\vec{y}_{n+1} &= V(I + \frac{1}{2}hD)V^{-1}\vec{y}_n \\ \vec{y}_{n+1} &= V(I - \frac{1}{2}hD)^{-1}(I + \frac{1}{2}hD)V^{-1}\vec{y}_n \end{aligned}$$

By induction

$$\vec{y}_n = V \underbrace{(I - \frac{1}{2}hD)^{-1}(I + \frac{1}{2}hD)^n}_{\begin{bmatrix} \left(\frac{1+\frac{1}{2}h\lambda_1}{1-\frac{1}{2}h\lambda_1}\right)^n & 0 \\ 0 & \left(\frac{1+\frac{1}{2}h\lambda_2}{1-\frac{1}{2}h\lambda_2}\right)^n \end{bmatrix}} V^{-1}\vec{y}_0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{y}_n &= \left(\frac{1+\frac{1}{2}h\lambda_1}{1-\frac{1}{2}h\lambda_1}\right)^n \vec{x}_1 + \left(\frac{1+\frac{1}{2}h\lambda_2}{1-\frac{1}{2}h\lambda_2}\right)^n \vec{x}_2 \\ &= \underbrace{\left(\frac{1-50h}{1+50h}\right)^n}_{| \cdot | < 1} \vec{x}_1 + \underbrace{\left(\frac{1-\frac{1}{20}h}{1+\frac{1}{20}h}\right)^n}_{| \cdot | < 1} \vec{x}_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{y}' = \begin{bmatrix} -100 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{10} \end{bmatrix}$$

is a stiff ODE: there is a numerical method where $h \ll 1$ to be stable.

$$\text{stiffness ratio} = \frac{|\lambda_{\max}|}{|\lambda_{\min}|} = \frac{1-100}{1-\frac{1}{10}} = 1000$$

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§4.2 - Linear stability domain and A-stability

Linear scalar equation

$$y' = \lambda y, t \geq 0, y(0) = 1$$

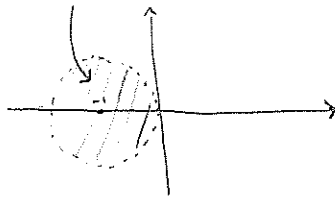
Exact solution: $y(t) = \exp(\lambda t)$. We have $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) = 0$ if and only if $\text{Re}(\lambda) < 0$.

Def) The linear stability domain D of a numerical method is the set of all $h\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = 0$.

Euler's method for $y' = \lambda y$, $y(0) = 1$:

So $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = 0$ if and only if $|1 + h\lambda| < 1$. The linear stability Domain of Euler's method is

$$D = \{z \in \mathbb{C}; |1+z| < 1\}$$



General linear ODE:

$$\vec{y}' = \Lambda \vec{y}, \quad \vec{y}(0) = \vec{y}_0, \quad \Lambda \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$$

Assume that $\Lambda = VDV^{-1}$ where $D = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_d)$ and $V = [\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_d]$.

We can write Euler's method using spectral factorization as

$$\vec{y}_n = \sum_{k=1}^d (1 + h\lambda_k)^n \vec{x}_k, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

where $\vec{x}_k \in \mathbb{C}^d$. For the scheme to be stable, we need $|1 + h\lambda_k| < 1 \quad \forall k$.

For the rest of this chapter we look only at the linear scalar ODE $y' = \lambda y$.

Euler: $D = \{z \in \mathbb{C}; |1+z| < 1\}$

Trapezoidal rule:

$$\begin{aligned} y_n &= y_{n-1} + \frac{1}{2} h \lambda y_{n-1} + \frac{1}{2} h \lambda y_n \\ \Rightarrow (1 - \frac{1}{2} h \lambda) y_n &= (1 + \frac{1}{2} h \lambda) y_{n-1} \\ \Rightarrow y_n &= \left(\frac{1 + \frac{1}{2} h \lambda}{1 - \frac{1}{2} h \lambda} \right) y_{n-1} = \left(\frac{1 + \frac{1}{2} h \lambda}{1 - \frac{1}{2} h \lambda} \right)^n \end{aligned}$$

For the trapezoidal rule to be stable:

$$\left| \frac{1 + \frac{1}{2} h \lambda}{1 - \frac{1}{2} h \lambda} \right| < 1.$$

Linear stability domain:

$$D = \left\{ z \in \mathbb{C}; \left| \frac{1 + \frac{1}{2} z}{1 - \frac{1}{2} z} \right| < 1 \right\}$$

We can simplify this:

$$\left| \frac{1 + \frac{1}{2}z}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z} \right| < 1 \quad \text{if and only if } |1 + \frac{1}{2}z| < |1 - \frac{1}{2}z|$$

Switch to polar coordinates: $z = \rho \exp(i\theta)$, $\rho > 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} |1 + \frac{1}{2}\rho \exp(i\theta)|^2 &< |1 - \frac{1}{2}\rho \exp(i\theta)|^2 \\ |1 + \frac{1}{2}\rho \cos(\theta) + \frac{1}{2}\rho i \sin(\theta)|^2 &< |1 - \frac{1}{2}\rho \cos(\theta) - \frac{1}{2}\rho i \sin(\theta)|^2 \\ (1 + \frac{1}{2}\rho \cos(\theta))^2 + (\frac{1}{2}\rho \sin(\theta))^2 &< (1 - \frac{1}{2}\rho \cos(\theta))^2 + (\frac{1}{2}\rho \sin(\theta))^2 \\ 1 + \rho \cos(\theta) + \frac{1}{4}\rho^2 \cos^2(\theta) &< 1 - \rho \cos(\theta) + \frac{1}{4}\rho^2 \cos^2(\theta) \\ \cos(\theta) &< -\cos(\theta) \\ \Rightarrow \theta \in (-\frac{3\pi}{2}, -\frac{\pi}{2}) \\ \Rightarrow \operatorname{Re}(z) &< 0 \end{aligned}$$

So

$$D = \{z \in \mathbb{C}; \operatorname{Re}(z) < 0\}$$

So given that $\lambda < 0$, we can choose any $h > 0$.

Def | A method is A-stable if

$$C^- = \{z \in \mathbb{C}; \operatorname{Re}(z) < 0\} \subseteq D.$$

§4.3 - A-stability of Runge-Kutta methods

Problem:

$$y' = \lambda y, \quad t \geq 0, \quad y(0) = 1$$

RK method:

$$k_j = y_n + h \sum_{i=1}^v a_{ji} \lambda k_i, \quad j=1, \dots, v$$

$$\vec{k} = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \\ \vdots \\ k_v \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1v} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{v1} & \dots & a_{vv} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{k} = \vec{1} y_n + h \lambda A \vec{k}$$

$$(\mathbf{I} - h \lambda A) \vec{k} = \vec{1} y_n$$

$$\vec{k} = (\mathbf{I} - h \lambda A)^{-1} \vec{1} y_n$$

$\mathbf{I} \in \mathbb{R}^{v \times v}$ identity matrix

and

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h \sum_{j=1}^v b_j \lambda k_j$$

$$\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_v \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= y_n + h \lambda \vec{b}^T \vec{k}$$

$$= y_n + h \lambda \vec{b}^T (\mathbf{I} - h \lambda A)^{-1} \vec{1} y_n$$

$$= (1 + h \lambda \vec{b}^T (\mathbf{I} - h \lambda A)^{-1} \vec{1}) y_n$$

Notation: $\mathbb{P}_{v/w}$ is the set of all rational functions \hat{p}/\hat{q} where $\hat{p} \in \mathbb{P}_v$ and $\hat{q} \in \mathbb{P}_w$.

Lemma 4.1: For every Runge-Kutta method there is an $r \in \mathbb{P}_{v/w}$ such that $y_n = (r(h\lambda))^n$, $n = 0, 1, \dots$ and if the RK method is explicit, then $r \in \mathbb{P}_v$.

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Proof: Recall

$$y_{n+1} = (1 + h\lambda E^T (I - h\lambda A)^{-1} \mathbf{1}) y_n$$

By induction, since $y_0 = 1$, we obtain

$$y_n = (r(h\lambda))^n$$

where

$$r(z) = 1 + z \mathbf{b}^T (I - zA)^{-1} \mathbf{1}, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}.$$

We need to show $r(z) \in \mathbb{P}_{v/w}$. We need tools from linear algebra:

- C is a square matrix
- the cofactor matrix of C is the matrix C^{co} where the (ij) entry is (ij) cofactor of C
- example:

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} & c_{13} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} & c_{23} \\ c_{31} & c_{32} & c_{33} \end{bmatrix} \quad C^{co} = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} c_{22} & c_{23} \\ c_{32} & c_{33} \end{vmatrix} & -\begin{vmatrix} c_{21} & c_{23} \\ c_{31} & c_{33} \end{vmatrix} & \dots \\ -\begin{vmatrix} c_{12} & c_{13} \\ c_{32} & c_{33} \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} c_{11} & c_{13} \\ c_{31} & c_{33} \end{vmatrix} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

- the adjugate of C is the transpose of C^{co} , $\text{adj}(C) = (C^{co})^T$
- $C \text{adj}(C) = \det(C) I$, ie $C^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(C)} \text{adj}(C)$.

Now,

$$(I - zA)^{-1} = \frac{\text{adj}(I - zA)}{\det(I - zA)}$$

Each entry of $I - zA$ is linear in z , and each entry of $\text{adj}(I - zA)$ is the determinant of a $(v-1) \times (v-1)$ matrix, so each entry is in \mathbb{P}_{v-1} . Also note $\det(I - zA) \in \mathbb{P}_v$. So

$$z \mathbf{b}^T (I - zA)^{-1} \mathbf{1} = \frac{z \mathbf{b}^T \text{adj}(I - zA) \mathbf{1}}{\det(I - zA)} \leftarrow \in \mathbb{P}_v \in \mathbb{P}_{v/w}$$

Now suppose we have an explicit RK method. We show $r \in \mathbb{P}_v$. Then

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & & 0 \\ a_{21} & & & \\ \vdots & \ddots & & \\ a_{v1} & & a_{vv} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence $I - zA$ has ones on the diagonal. Thus $\det(I - zA) = 1$. Therefore $\frac{z \vec{b}^T \text{adj}(I - zA) \vec{1}}{\det(I - zA)} \in \mathbb{P}_v$. \blacksquare

Lemma 4.2: If the numerical method can be written as

$$y_n = (r(h\lambda))^n$$

with r an arbitrary function, then the linear stability domain is

$$D = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |r(z)| < 1\}.$$

Proof: Immediate by definition of linear stability domain. \blacksquare

Corollary: No explicit RK method can be A-stable.

Proof: By lemma 4.1, we know $r \in \mathbb{P}_v$, and

$$r(z) = 1 + z \vec{b}^T (I - zA)^{-1} \vec{1}.$$

So $r(0) = 1$. Hence

$$r(z) = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^v r_i z^i.$$

By lemma 4.2, to be A-stable we need $|r(z)| < 1 \forall z \in \mathbb{C}^-$. This is not possible. \blacksquare

Example: implicit RK method.

$$\begin{array}{c|cc} 0 & \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{5}{12} \\ \hline \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{3}{4} \end{array}$$

$$r(z) = 1 + z \vec{b}^T (I - zA)^{-1} \vec{1}$$

$$Iz - A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \frac{1}{4}z & \frac{1}{4}z \\ -\frac{1}{4}z & 1 - \frac{5}{12}z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(Iz - A)^{-1} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{2}{3}z + \frac{1}{6}z^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \frac{5}{12}z & -\frac{1}{4}z \\ \frac{1}{4}z & 1 - \frac{1}{4}z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{b}^T (Iz - A)^{-1} \vec{1} = \frac{1 - \frac{1}{6}z}{1 - \frac{2}{3}z + \frac{1}{6}z^2}, \quad r(z) = \frac{1 + \frac{1}{3}z}{1 - \frac{2}{3}z + \frac{1}{6}z^2}.$$

We have A-stability if $|r(z)| < 1 \forall z \in \mathbb{C}^-$. Use polar coordinates: $z = \rho \exp(i\theta)$, $\rho > 0$, $|\theta + \pi| < \pi/2$. Check:

$$\left| 1 + \frac{1}{3}\rho \exp(i\theta) \right|^2 < \left| 1 - \frac{2}{3}\rho \exp(i\theta) + \frac{1}{6}\rho^2 \exp(2i\theta) \right|^2$$

Expanding and using $\exp(i\theta) = \cos(\theta) + i\sin(\theta)$, we get

$$2\rho \left(1 + \frac{1}{9}\rho^2 \right) \cos(\theta) < \frac{2}{3}\rho^2 \cos^2(\theta) + \frac{1}{36}\rho^4$$

which is true as the right is positive and $\cos(\theta) < 0$ by $|\theta - \pi| < \pi/2$.

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Lemma 4.3: Let r be an arbitrary rational function that is not constant then $|r(z)| < 1$ for all $z \in \mathbb{C}^-$ if and only if

- (i) all the poles of r have positive real part and
- (ii) $|r(it)| \leq 1 \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof: (\Rightarrow) If $|r(z)| < 1 \forall z \in \mathbb{C}^-$ then $|r(z)| \leq 1 \forall z \in \overline{\mathbb{C}^-}$. This means there can be no poles in $\overline{\mathbb{C}^-}$. Therefore all poles have to have positive real part. Furthermore, if $\operatorname{Re}(z) = 0$ then

$$|r(z)| = |r(i\operatorname{Im}(z))| = |r(it)| \leq 1 \forall t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(\Leftarrow): If all the poles of $r(z)$ are such that they have positive real part then $r(z)$ is analytic (holomorphic) $\forall z \in \overline{\mathbb{C}^-}$. Holomorphic functions don't have local maxima so $r(z)$ has its maximum on the boundary of \mathbb{C}^- , which is $\{it; t \in \mathbb{R}\}$. So $|r(it)| \leq 1 \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$ implies that $|r(z)| < 1 \forall z \in \mathbb{C}^-$. \square

Example

$$\begin{array}{c|cc} 0 & \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{5}{12} \\ \hline & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{3}{4} \end{array} \longrightarrow r(z) = \frac{1 + \frac{1}{2}z}{1 - \frac{2}{3}z + \frac{1}{6}z^2}$$

The poles of $r(z)$ are the roots of $1 - \frac{2}{3}z + \frac{1}{6}z^2$, which are $z = 2 \pm \sqrt{2} = 2 \pm i\sqrt{2}$. These have positive real part. To check:

$$\begin{aligned} |r(it)| \leq 1 \forall t \in \mathbb{R} &\Leftrightarrow \left| 1 + \frac{1}{2}it \right|^2 \leq \left| 1 - \frac{2}{3}it + \frac{1}{6}(it)^2 \right|^2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow 1 + \frac{1}{4}t^2 \leq 1 + \frac{1}{9}t^2 + \frac{1}{36}t^4 \end{aligned}$$

which is true $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}$. By lemma 4.3, $|r(z)| < 1 \forall z \in \mathbb{C}^-$. By lemma 4.2, $D = \{z \in \mathbb{C}; |r(z)| < 1\}$. Thus $\mathbb{C}^- \subseteq D$ so we have A-stability.

We prove next that all Gauss-Legendre IRK methods are A-stable.

Lemma 4.4: Consider $y' = \lambda y$, $t \geq 0$, $y(0) = 1$. Assume a p^{th} order method is applied to the ODE and can be written as $y_n = (r(h\lambda))^n$. Then $r(z) = \exp(z) + \mathcal{O}(z^{p+1})$, $z \rightarrow 0$.

Proof: Note that $y_{n+1} = r(h\lambda)y_n$, $y(t_{n+1}) = \exp(h\lambda)y_n$ (exact solution to $y' = \lambda y$, $y(t_n) = y_n$). The method is of p^{th} order means $y(t_{n+1}) - y_{n+1} = \exp(h\lambda)y_n - r(h\lambda)y_n = \mathcal{O}(h^{p+1})$.
 $\Rightarrow r(z) = \exp(z) + \mathcal{O}(z^{p+1})$. ■

Def | A function that obeys $r(z) = \exp(z) + \mathcal{O}(z^{p+1})$ is said to be of order p .

Taylor series of \exp :

$$\exp(x) = 1 + x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \dots$$

There is also the Padé approximation:

Theorem 4.5: Given any two integers $\alpha, \beta \geq 0$, there exists a unique function $\hat{r}_{\alpha/\beta} \in \mathbb{P}_{\alpha/\beta}$ such that

$$\hat{r}_{\alpha/\beta} = \frac{\hat{p}_{\alpha/\beta}}{\hat{q}_{\alpha/\beta}}, \quad \hat{q}_{\alpha/\beta}(0) = 1$$

and $\hat{r}_{\alpha/\beta}$ is of order $\alpha + \beta$.

$$\hat{p}_{\alpha/\beta}(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\alpha} \binom{\alpha}{k} \frac{(\alpha + \beta - k)!}{(\alpha + \beta)!} z^k$$

$$\hat{q}_{\alpha/\beta}(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\beta} \binom{\beta}{k} \frac{(\alpha + \beta - k)!}{(\alpha + \beta)!} (-z)^k = \hat{p}_{\beta/\alpha}(-z)$$

Furthermore, $\hat{r}_{\alpha/\beta}$ is the only member of $\mathbb{P}_{\alpha/\beta}$ of order $\alpha + \beta$.

Examples

$$\hat{r}_{1/0}(z) = 1 + z \quad (\text{Euler})$$

$$\hat{r}_{1/1}(z) = \frac{1 + \frac{1}{2}z}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z} \quad (\text{Trapezoidal rule})$$

$$\hat{r}_{1/2}(z) = \frac{1 + \frac{2}{3}z}{1 - \frac{2}{3}z + \frac{1}{6}z^2} \quad (\text{IRK method from previous example})$$

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Theorem 4.6: The Padé approximation $\hat{r}_{\alpha/\beta}$ results in A-stable methods if $\alpha \leq \beta \leq \alpha + 2$.

All Gauss-Legendre IRK methods are A-stable $\forall v \geq 1$:

- A v -stage GL method is of order $2v$ (§3.4)
- Lemma 4.1: $\exists r \in \mathbb{P}_{2v}$ such that $y_n = (r(h\lambda))^n$
- Lemma 4.4: $r(z) = \exp(z) + O(z^{2v+1}) \Rightarrow r$ is of order $2v$.
- Theorem 4.5: $r = \hat{r}_{v/v}$
- Theorem 4.6: $v \leq v \leq v + 2 \Rightarrow$ A-stable