

# Lecture 6a: Solution Strategies for Lumped Parameter Models

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# Overview

- ❖ Types of problems encountered
- ❖ Dealing with higher order equations
- ❖ Types of numerical methods
- ❖ Error and stability of solution
- ❖ Key techniques for ODEs
  - Runge-Kutta (single step methods)
  - Linear multistep methods
- ❖ Solution of DAE systems

# Types of Problems

- ❖ Ordinary differential equations (ODEs)
- ❖ Differential-algebraic equations (DAEs)
- ❖ Algebraic equations (AEs)

# Example Problems (exercise with MoT)

## ❖ Ordinary differential equations (ODEs)

Chemical reaction

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{y}_1 &= k_1 y_1 + k_2 y_2 y_3 & y_1(0) &= 1 \\ \dot{y}_2 &= k_1 y_1 - k_2 y_2 y_3 - k_3 y_2^2 & y_2(0) &= 0 \\ \dot{y}_3 &= k_3 y_2^2 & y_3(0) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

## ❖ Differential - algebraic equations (DAEs)

Tank dynamics

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{z} &= (F_1 - F_2) / A \\ F_1 &= C_v \sqrt{(P_1 - P_2)} \\ F_2 &= C_v \sqrt{(P_2 - P_3)} \\ P_2 &= P_0 + \rho g z \end{aligned}$$

## ❖ Algebraic equations (AEs)

Chemical reaction  
steady state

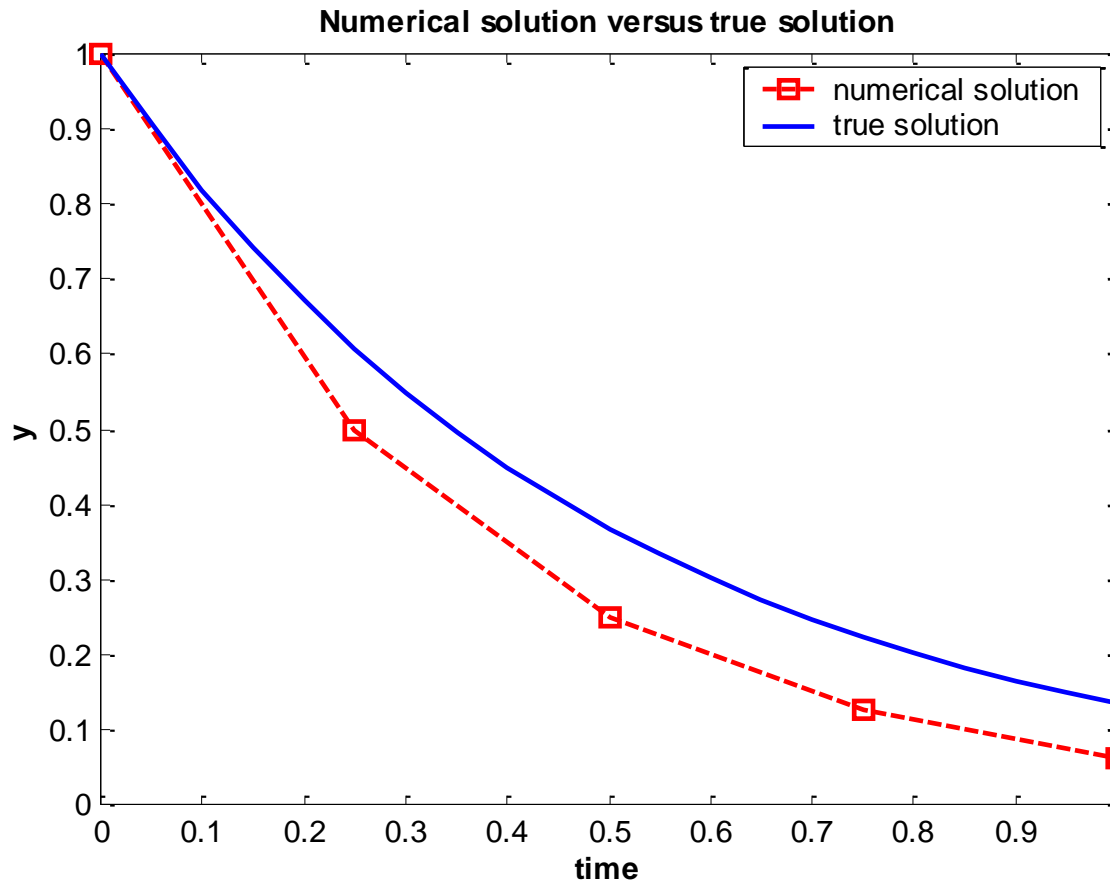
$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= k_1 y_1 + k_2 y_2 y_3 \\ 0 &= k_1 y_1 - k_2 y_2 y_3 - k_3 y_2^2 \\ 0 &= k_3 y_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

# Numerical methods - basics

- ❖ Method which produces *discrete* solutions for a continuous model
- ❖ Essentially involves solving sets of difference equations at each step
- ❖ Methods have limited accuracy
- ❖ Methods have different characteristics
  - Order (accuracy)
  - Form
  - Stability

# Numerical solution – discrete character

ODE  $y' = -2y$   $y(0) = 1$



# Higher-order equations

- ❖ Need to convert to first order system
- ❖ Done using simple transformation

For  $y^{[n]} + f(y^{[n-1]}, \dots, y^{[2]}, y, t) = 0$

Let  $y_i = y^{[i-1]} = \frac{d^{i-1}y}{dt^{i-1}}$

Then we obtain :

$$\frac{dy_1}{dt} = y_2$$

$$\frac{dy_2}{dt} = y_3$$

...

$$\frac{dy_n}{dt} = f(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n, t)$$

# Example of transformation

Second order function

$$\tau^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + 2\xi\tau \frac{dy}{dt} + y = GI$$

$$y(0) = 0; \quad \frac{dy(0)}{dt} = 0$$

Make the transformations

$$y_1 = y \quad \Rightarrow \quad \dot{y}_1 = \frac{dy}{dt} = \dot{y}_2$$

$$y_2 = \frac{dy}{dt} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \dot{y}_2 = \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2}$$

Substitute and rearrange

$$\tau^2 \dot{y}_2 + 2\xi\tau y_2 + y_1 = GI$$

$$y_1(0) = 0; \quad y_2(0) = 0$$

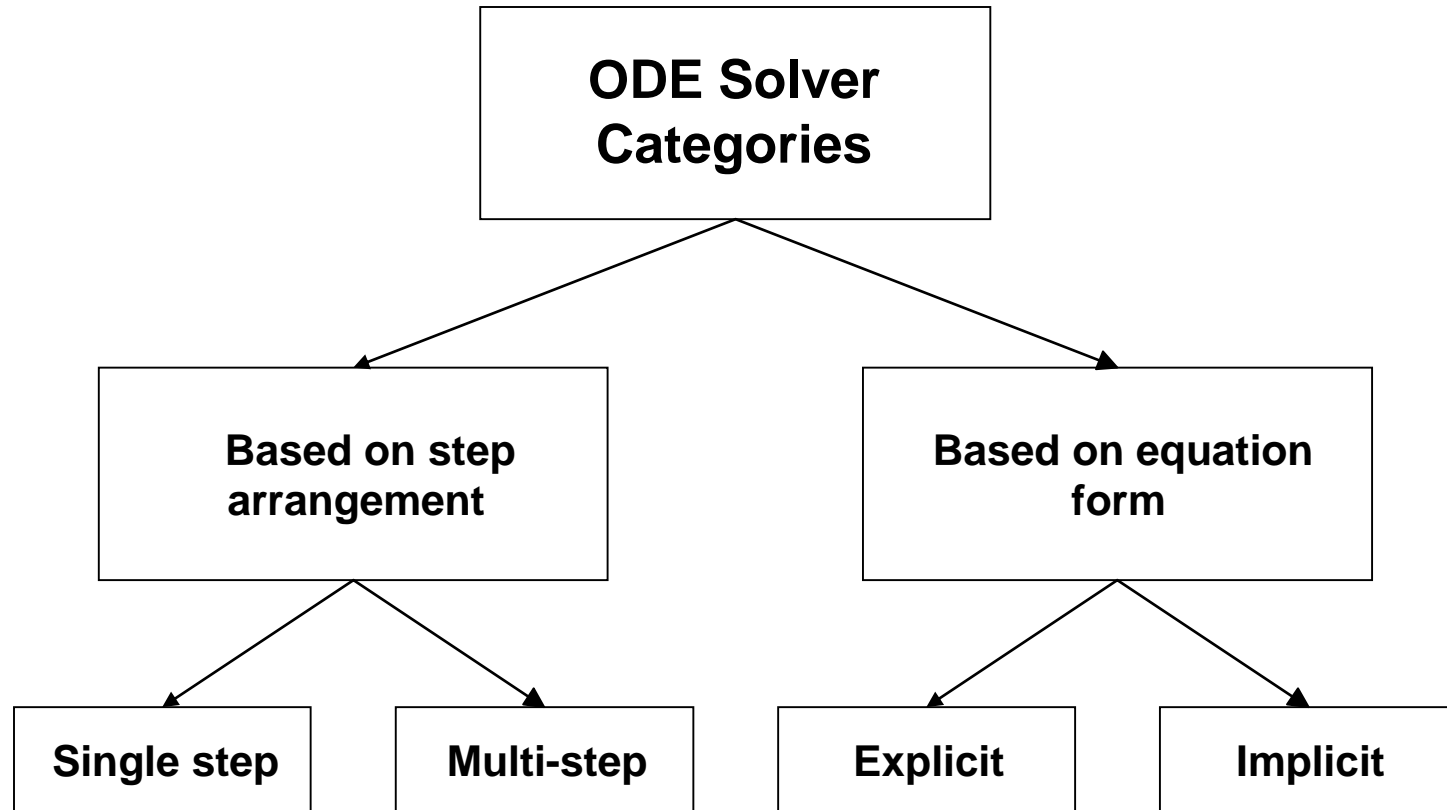
then

$$\dot{y}_1 = y_2; \quad y_1(0) = 0$$

$$\dot{y}_2 = (GI - y_1)/\tau^2 - 2\xi y_2/\tau; \quad y_2(0) = 0$$



# Categories of methods



# Single step methods

## ❖ Single step methods

- Euler's method (1768)

$$y_n = y_{n-1} + h_n f(y_{n-1}, t_{n-1})$$

- Runge-Kutta

$$y_n = y_{n-1} + h_n \sum_{i=1}^s b_i k_i$$

$$k_i = f(t_{n-1} + c_i h_n, y_{n-1} + \sum_{j=1}^s a_{ij} k_j)$$

**Note: a, b & c  
are constants  
of the method**

# Multistep Methods

## ❖ Linear multi-step methods

$$\sum_{j=0}^k \alpha_j y_{n+j} = h \sum_{j=0}^k \beta_j f_{n+j}$$

for  $k = 2$  &  $\alpha_2 = 1$

$$y_{n+2} = -(\alpha_0 y_n + \alpha_1 y_{n+1}) + h(\beta_0 f_n + \beta_1 f_{n+1} + \beta_2 f_{n+2})$$

**Euler explicit:  $\alpha_0 = 0; \alpha_1 = 1; \alpha_2 = 1; \beta_0 = 0; \beta_1 = 1; \beta_2 = 0$**

**Euler implicit:  $\alpha_0 = 0; \alpha_1 = 1; \alpha_2 = 1; \beta_0 = 0; \beta_1 = 0; \beta_2 = 1$**



# Explicit - implicit methods

## ❖ Euler's method (explicit)

$$y_n = y_{n-1} + h_n f(y_{n-1}, t_{n-1})$$

## ❖ Backward Euler method (implicit)

$$y_n = y_{n-1} + h_n f(y_n, t_n)$$

**Newton-Rahpson  
solution scheme**

$$F = y_n - h_n f(y_n, t_n) - y_{n-1} = 0$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{J}} = \mathbf{dF/dy}$$

## Explicit Method

Given:  $h_n$ ;  $y_{n-1}$  at  $t_{n-1}$

1. Calculate  $f(y_{n-1}, t_{n-1})$
2. Calcualte  $y_n$

## Implicit Method

Given:  $h_n$ ;  $y_{n-1}$  at  $t_{n-1}$

1. Predict  $y_n$  (k)
2. Correct  $y_n$  through N-R scheme

$$\left( 1 - h\gamma \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) \Delta y^{k+1} = -F(y^k)$$

$$\Delta y^{k+1} = y^{k+1} - y^k \quad k = 0, 1, \dots$$

# Characteristics of numerical methods

- ❖ All methods represent the Taylor series to some order

$$y(t+h) = y(t) + h \frac{dy}{dt} + h^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + h^3 \frac{d^3 y}{dt^3} + \Lambda + h^n \frac{d^n y}{dt^n} + O(h^{n+1})$$

- ❖ All methods have a particular accuracy

Euler:  $y_n = y_{n-1} + h_n f(y_{n-1}, t_{n-1})$       Order 1 accurate

**Cause of error**

- ❖ All methods introduce a truncation error

Euler:  $l_n = h_n^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + \Lambda$       Order 2 error

**Measure of the size of error**

# Error and stability of solution

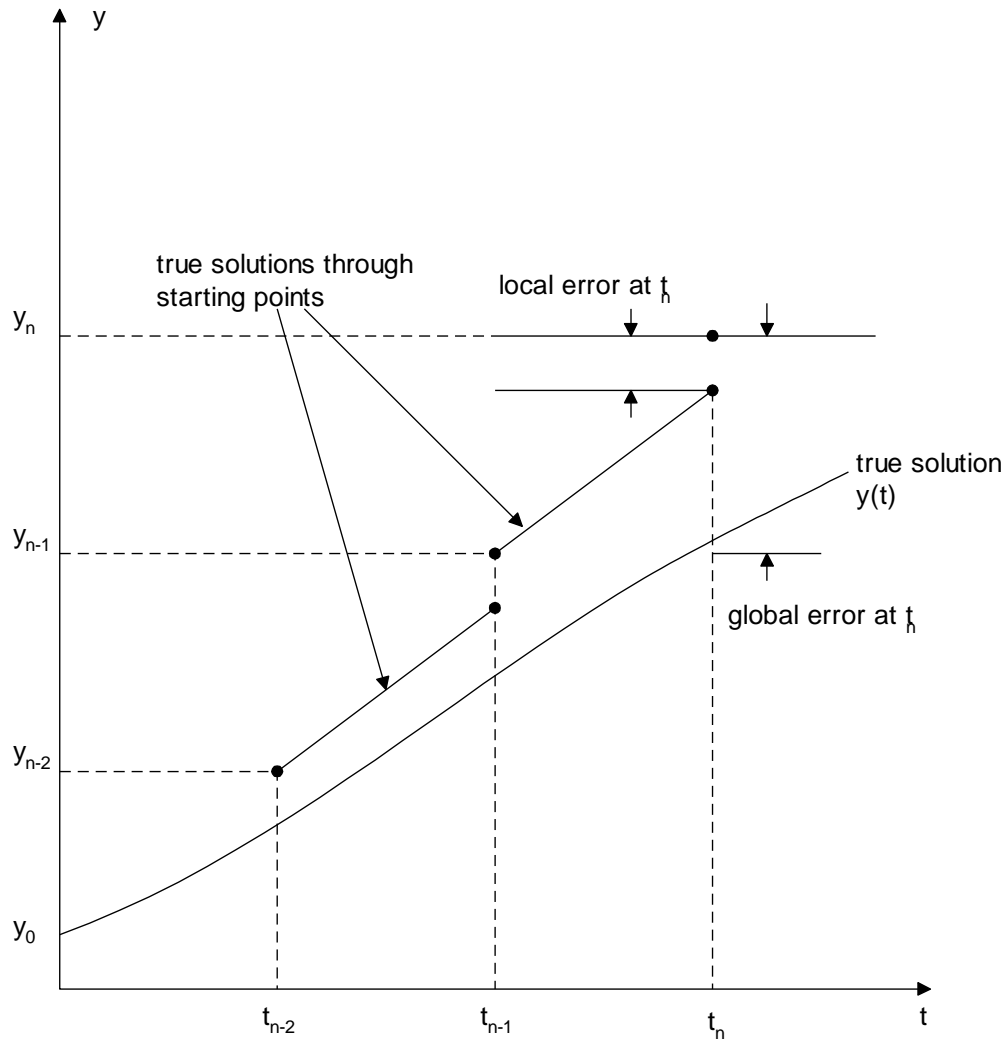
## ❖ Causes of error

- accuracy of the method
- size of step
- type of method (explicit, implicit)
- character of the problem

## ❖ Stability

- Control of error each step

# Local and global error



❖ Local error is the error introduced per step

❖ Global error is the accumulated error

(measures the difference between the numerical solution and the true solution)

# True versus numerical solution

❖ Use a simple problem

$$y' = -Ay \quad y(0) = y_0$$

❖ True solution

$$y(t_n) = e^{-Ah} y(t_{n-1}) = S(Ah) y(t_{n-1})$$

❖ Numerical solution (e.g. Euler's method)

$$y_n = y_{n-1} + h(-Ay_{n-1}) = (1 - Ah) y_{n-1} = K(Ah) y_{n-1}$$

**Difference  
between them is  
the error**



# How global error occurs

❖ Global error

$$\varepsilon_n = y(t_n) - y_n$$

❖ In terms of key operators  $S(z)$ ,  $K(z)$

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_n &= S(Ah)y(t_{n-1}) - K(Ah)y_{n-1} \\ &= S(Ah)y(t_{n-1}) - K(Ah)y(t_{n-1}) - K(Ah)y_{n-1} + K(Ah)y(t_{n-1}) \\ &= K\varepsilon_{n-1} + (S - K)y(t_{n-1}) \\ \varepsilon_n &= K\varepsilon_{n-1} + Ty(t_{n-1}) \end{aligned}$$



**T** depends on the method accuracy

**K** depends on the **problem** AND the **method** used

# Controlling error

❖ Need to ensure  $\|K\| \leq 1$

❖ Also control the truncation error  $\|Ty\| = O(h^{p+1})\|y\|$

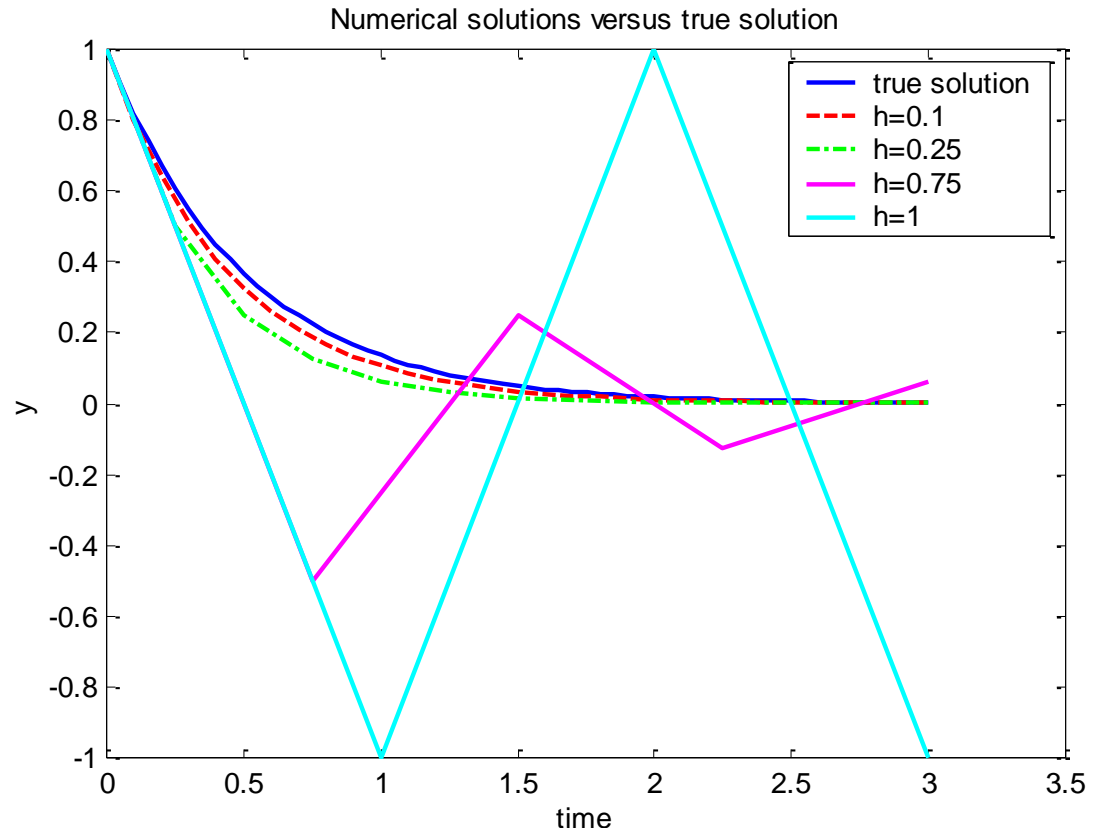
Euler's method for:

$$y' = -2y \quad y(0) = 1$$

$$y(t_n) = e^{-2h} y(t_{n-1})$$

$$y(t_n) = (1 - 2h) y(t_{n-1})$$

**abs(K) = 0.5 at  
h = 0.25**



# Stability Regions for Numerical ODE Solvers

- ❖ Each method has a region where error propagation is stable (A-stability region)
- ❖ The region is where  $|K| < 1$
- ❖ K depends on the steplength h, method and problem
  - Euler method gives:  $K = (1+Ah)$
  - Backward Euler gives:  $K = 1/(1-Ah)$
- ❖ The key factor of the problem is the eigen-values  $\lambda_i$
- ❖ The region can be plotted on the complex plane
- ❖ The region can be defined by a simple test problem

# Defining the A-stable region – Euler method

Test problem

$$y' = \lambda y$$

Euler (explicit) method

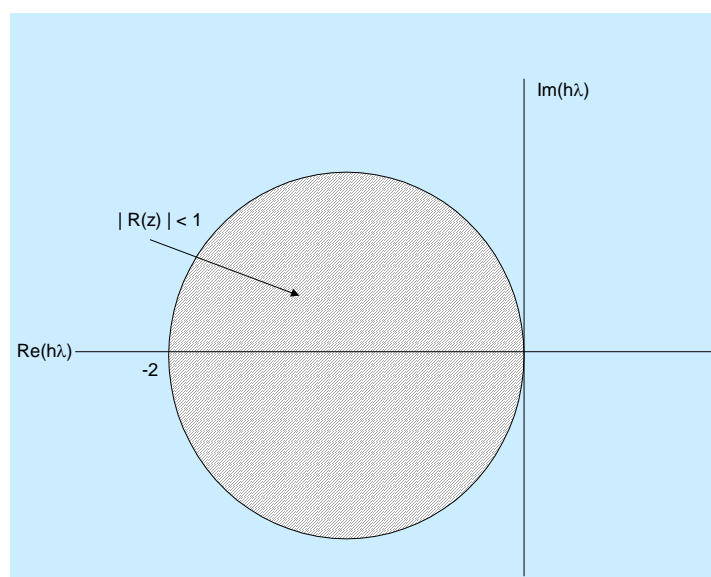
$$y_n = y_{n-1} + h_n f(y_{n-1}, t_{n-1})$$

gives

$$y_n = y_{n-1} + h\lambda y_{n-1} = (1 + h\lambda)y_{n-1} = K(h\lambda)y_{n-1}$$

$$K = (1 + \lambda h)$$

$$|K| < 1$$



# A-stable region – Backward Euler method

Test problem

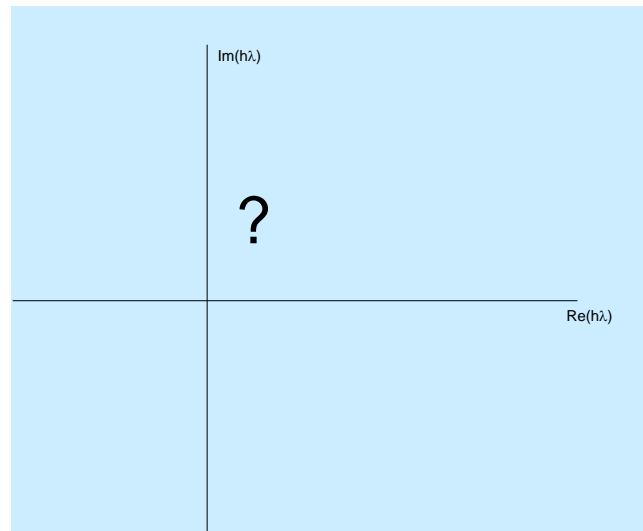
$$\dot{y} = \lambda y$$

Euler method

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gives

$$y_n = y_{n-1} + h\lambda y_n = ??$$



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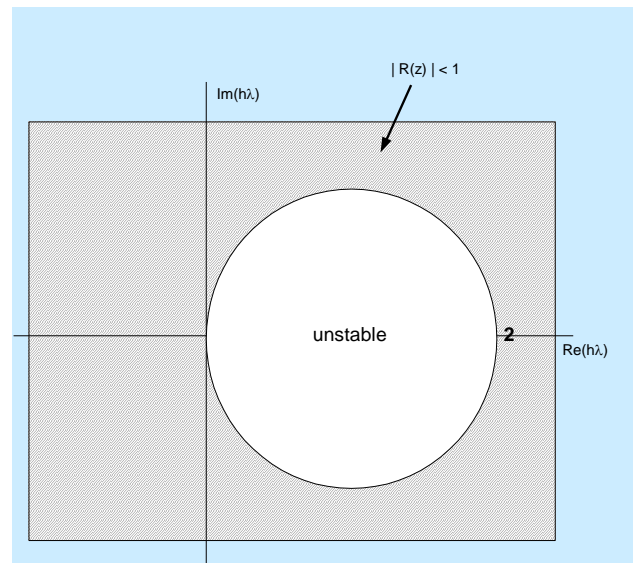
gives

$$y_n = y_{n-1} + h\lambda y_n \longrightarrow$$

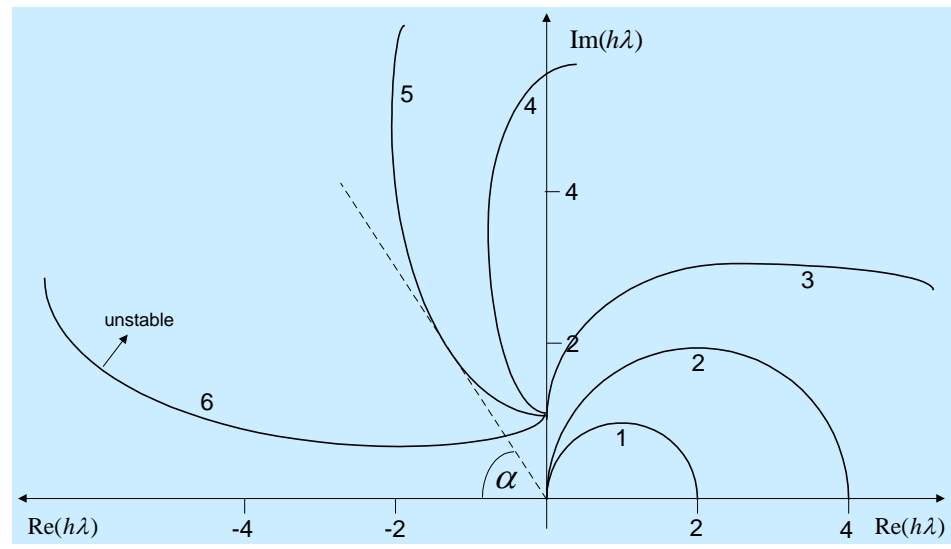
$$y_n = \frac{1}{(1-h\lambda)} y_{n-1}$$

$$K = 1/(1-Ah)$$

$$|K| < 1$$

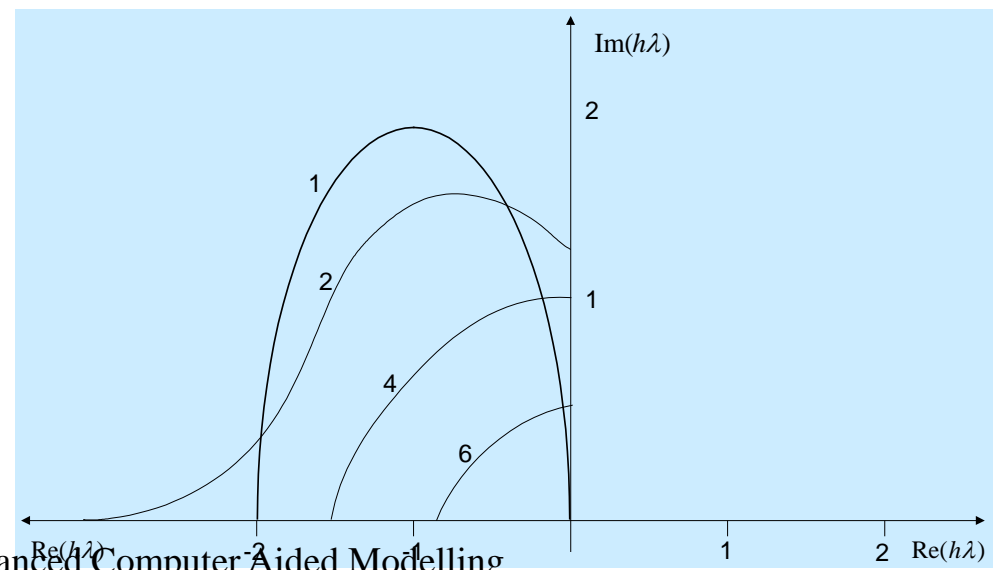


# Stability regions for Linear-Multistep methods



BDF methods  
(backward  
differentiation  
formula)

Adams methods  
(similar to implicit  
Euler method)



# Stability summary

- ❖ Every problem has an eigen-value spectrum
  - ◆ Non-stiff problems have a narrow spectrum
  - ◆ Stiff problems have a wide spectrum
- ❖ The largest eigen-value determines stability for a numerical method
- ❖ The largest step-length depends on the numerical method and the maximum eigen-value of the problem being solved
- ❖ Explicit methods always have limited stability regions
- ❖ Implicit methods can have very large stability regions



# Key numerical methods

## ❖ Solvers for AEs

### ❖ Euler's method

- MATLAB code easy to write (**or MoT**)
- Terrible for stiff problems
- Low accuracy

### ❖ Runge-Kutta methods

- MATLAB codes ODE23, ODE45 (**see MoT options**)
- Good for non-stiff problems
- High accuracy

## ❖ Linear multi-step methods

- Adams methods for non-stiff problems
- Backward differentiation formulae (BDF) for stiff problems
- High accuracy
- Poor on highly oscillatory problems

# Solving differential-algebraic systems

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f(y, z, t)$$
$$0 = g(y, z, t)$$

- ❖ Algebraic substitution
- ❖ Explicit ODE solvers
- ❖ Fully implicit solvers
- ❖ Structuring

# Method 1: Algebraic substitution

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = (F_1 - F_2) / A$$

$$F_1 = C_{v_1} \sqrt{P_1 - P_2}$$

$$F_2 = C_{v_2} \sqrt{P_2 - P_3}$$

$$P_2 = P_0 + \rho gh$$

Substitute algebraic relations to get

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = \frac{1}{A} \left[ C_{v_1} (P_1 - P_0 - \rho gh)^{\frac{1}{2}} - C_{v_2} (P_0 + \rho gh - P_3)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]$$

# Method 2: Explicit ODE solver

$$y' = f(y, z, t)$$

$$0 = g(y, z, t)$$

- ❖ Know  $y_n$  at  $t_n$
- ❖ Solve  $0 = g(y_n, z_n, t_n)$  for  $z_n$
- ❖ Evaluate ODEs (using ODE45 etc.)
- ❖ Advance step:  $y_n$  to  $y_{n+1}$
- ❖ Return to step 1 or terminate at  $t_f$

# Method 3: Implicit DAE solvers

Backward Euler and other implicit methods, solve:

$$y = h\gamma f(y) + \psi$$

$h$  = current steplength

$\psi$  = known information (eg.  $y_n$ )

$f(y)$  = right handside function

Solution of Backward Euler and other implicit methods

$$\left(1 - h\gamma \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right) \Delta y^{k+1} = -F(y^k)$$

$$\Delta y^{k+1} = y^{k+1} - y^k \quad k = 0, 1, \dots$$

# Implicit DAE solvers Part (2)

Now extend to DAE set by adding the algebraic system.

$$\begin{bmatrix} I - h\gamma \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} & -h\gamma \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \\ -h\gamma \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} & -h\gamma \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta y^{k+1} \\ \Delta z^{k+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -F(y^k, z^k, t) \\ h\gamma g(y^k, z^k, t) \end{bmatrix}$$

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# Method 4: Exploiting structure

## Basis:

We analyze the algebraic equation set to try and obtain a sequential calculation of the algebraic variables.

$$z_1 = q_1(y)$$

$$z_2 = q_2(z_1, y)$$

...

$$z_n = q_n(z_1, \dots, z_{n-1}, y)$$

*then*

$$y' = f(y, z, t)$$



# Partitioning and precedence order

Steps:

- ❖ Establish an output assignment for the algebraic equations
- ❖ Generate partition(s) and precedence order

How?

- ❖ Use the incidence matrix
- ❖ Carry out a digraph analysis

# Output assignment

Goal:

Assign to each equation an “output” variable which is calculated knowing all other variables in the equation.

Steps

- ❖ Generate an incidence matrix  $J_{ij}$
- ❖ Permute rows of  $J$  to get a matrix  $B$  with diagonal with non-zero elements

$$B = R J$$

# Output assignment example

$$g_1 = F_1 - C_{v_1} \sqrt{P_1 - P_2}$$

$$g_2 = F_2 - C_{v_2} \sqrt{P_2 - P_3}$$

$$g_3 = P_2 - P_0 - \rho gh$$

Unknowns are  $P_2, F_1, F_2$

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = RJ$$

Every row and every column can have only one element with 1 and all other elements must be 0. Only one R-matrix when multiplied with the J-matrix will give the lower-tridiagonal B-matrix. Check the following R-matrix

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

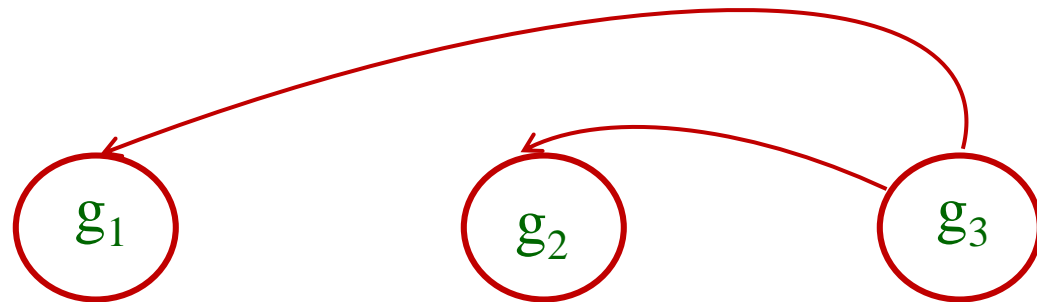
# Digraph representation

- ❖ Let there be  $n$  nodes corresponding to each equation
- ❖ If the output variable of node  $i$  is used in node  $j$ , draw a directed arc between  $i$  and  $j$ .

$$g_1 = F_1 - C_{V_1} \sqrt{P_1 - P_2}$$

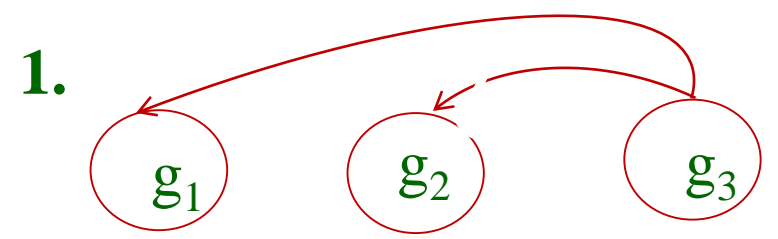
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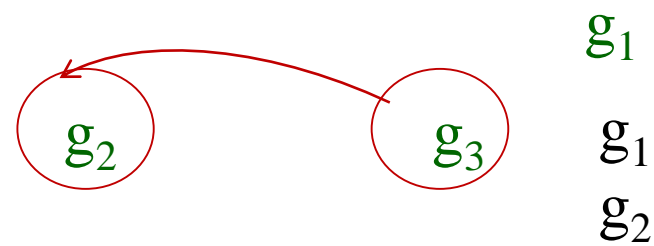


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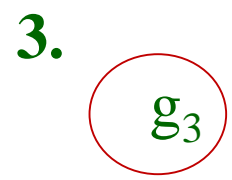
- ❖ Start at any node
- ❖ Trace outputs until:
  - no node with output
    - delete node and add to a list
    - or
  - a former node is revisited (loop made)
    - merge all loop nodes
    - rearrange digraph and continue
- ❖ Stop when all nodes on list
  - list contains partitions and precedence order



$g_3$  to  $g_1$ , no output      List



$g_3$  to  $g_2$ , no output



$g_3$  no output

$$g_1 = F_1 - C_{V_1} \sqrt{P_1 - P_2}$$

$$g_2 = F_2 - C_{V_2} \sqrt{P_2 - P_3}$$

$$g_3 = P_2 - P_0 - \rho gh$$

$g_1$   
 $g_2$   
 $g_3$

Hence: 3 partitions & precedence order is  $g_3, g_2, g_1$



# Example: Numerical solution

## ❖ Solution of the DAE involves:

◆ solve for  $P_2$  using  $g_3$

◆ solve for  $F_2$  using  $g_2$

◆ solve for  $F_1$  using  $g_1$

◆ evaluate right hand side of the ODE

◆ advance the solution 1 step-length

## ❖ All this can be programmed into a simple Matlab.m function file or in ICAS-MoT

$$g_3 = P_2 - P_0 - \rho g z = 0$$

$$g_2 = F_2 - C_{v_2} \sqrt{P_2 - P_3} = 0$$

$$g_1 = F_1 - C_{v_1} \sqrt{P_1 - P_2} = 0$$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = (F_1 - F_2) / A$$

$$P_0 = 2; P_1 = 3; P_3 = 2; z(0) = 0; A = 1; \rho g = 2$$



## Modelling exercise 5a-1: Numerical solution

- ❖ Solve the reactor model (example 9.8 from book of Fogler)
  - ◆ model equations will be supplied in class
- ❖ Solve mixer model (from exercise-1)
- ❖ Solve ice-cube model (from exercise 2)
- ❖ Solve generated models from exercise 3
  - ◆ In each case check the eigen-values for ODE/DAE systems

## Modelling exercise 5a-2: Numerical solution

- ❖ Solve the Williams-Otto plant simulation and optimization problem
  - ◆ Use the supplied MoT-file
  - ◆ Solve the simulation problem and then the optimization problem