



## PROBLEM SET 4

- 1 The Butcher tableau for the Bogacki–Shampine pair is

0				
1/2	1/2			
3/4	0	3/4		
1	2/9	1/3	4/9	
	2/9	1/3	4/9	0
	7/24	1/4	1/3	1/8

Find the stability functions of the two methods, and plot the stability regions with MATLAB, writing something similar as:

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1 % Plot the stability domain for a given stability function.
2 % Domain: [-a, a, -b, b]
3 a = 4; b = 4;
4 [x, y] = meshgrid(linspace(-a, a), linspace(-b, b));
5 z = x + i*y;
6
7 % Stability function.
8 R = abs(1 + z + z.^2/2);
9
10 % Make the plot.
11 contourf(x, y, R, [1 1], 'k')
12 axis equal, axis([-a a -b b]), grid on
13 hold on
14 plot([-a, a], [0, 0], 'k', 'LineWidth', 1);
15 plot([0, 0], [-a, a], 'k', 'LineWidth', 1);
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- 2 a) Find the eigenvalues of the matrix

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} -10 & -10 \\ 40 & -10 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- b) Assume that you are to solve the differential equation

$$y' = My, \quad y(0) = y_0$$

using the improved Euler method. What is the largest stepsize  $h_{\max}$  you can use?

c) Solve the equation

$$y' = My + g, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 10$$

with

$$g(t) = [\sin t, \cos t]^\top \quad \text{and} \quad y(0) = \left[ \frac{5210}{249401}, \frac{20259}{249401} \right]^\top$$

with help of the `erk.m`-function from Problem Set 2. Choose stepsize a little smaller than and a little larger than  $h_{\max}$ . What do you observe?

d) Solve the equation in c) by the backward Euler method. Use different stepsize, e.g. 0.1 and 0.5. Do you observe any stepsize restrictions due to stability in this case?

3 A method is *A*-stable if  $|R(z)| \leq 1$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}^-$ . The stability function  $R$  is always a rational function, that is,  $R(z) = P(z)/Q(z)$  where  $P$  and  $Q$  are polynomials in  $z$ . By using the maximum modulus principle it is possible to show that a method is *A*-stable if and only if

- \*  $R(z)$  does not have poles in  $\mathbb{C}^-$  (poles are zeros of  $Q(z)$ ),
- \*  $|R(yi)|^2 \leq 1$  for all  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

a) Use this to show that the 3rd-order implicit Runge–Kutta method

1/3	5/12	-1/12
1	3/4	1/4
	3/4	1/4

is *A*-stable. Plot the stability region.

b) Find the system of nonlinear equations that must be solved when taking a step with this method applied to the van der Pol equation

$$y'' - \mu(1 - y^2)y' + y = 0,$$

where  $\mu > 0$  is a known constant.

*Help:* Write the equation as a first-order system.

(Later, we will discuss how to solve such systems of nonlinear equations.)

4 Which of the following linear multistep methods is/are convergent? State the order  $p$  and the error constant  $C_{p+1}$  for each method.

- a)  $y_{m+2} + y_{m+1} - 2y_m = \frac{h}{4} [f(x_{m+2}, y_{m+2}) + 8f(x_{m+1}, y_{m+1}) + 3f(x_m, y_m)]$ .
- b)  $y_{m+3} + \frac{1}{4}y_{m+2} - \frac{1}{2}y_{m+1} - \frac{3}{4}y_m = \frac{h}{8} [19f(x_{m+2}, y_{m+2}) + 5f(x_m, y_m)]$ .
- c)  $y_{m+2} - y_{m+1} = \frac{h}{3} [3f(x_{m+1}, y_{m+1}) - 2f(x_m, y_m)]$ .