

Next week: Lister L+T Centre

Past weeks:  $-\Delta u = f$  in  $\Omega$ .  
and more general

This week: Time dependent problems  
 $\partial_t u = \Delta u + f(u) = F(u)$  (\*)  $\partial_t y = f(t, y)$

Basic fact: (\*) admits a solution provided  $f$  is

continuous (Peano)

• Solution is unique provided in addition  $y \mapsto f(t, y)$

is Lipschitz (L) (Picard-Lindelöf)

Idea of proof (Peano):

$y'(t) = \frac{y(dt) - y(0)}{dt} = f(0, y(0)) \Rightarrow$  solve for  $y(dt)$ :  
 $y(dt) \approx y(0) + dt \cdot f(0, y(0))$

Repeat:  $y(kdt) \approx y((k-1)dt) + dt f((k-1)dt, y((k-1)dt))$

Show: this converges for  $dt \rightarrow 0^+$

Explicit Euler method

Basic problems: • Convergence  
• Stability

Three similar methods:

- Explicit Euler:  $y^{k+1} = y^k + dt f(kdt, y^k)$
- Implicit Euler:  $\frac{y^k - y^{k-1}}{dt} \approx y(kdt) = f(kdt, y^k)$

↑ need to solve equation for  $y^k$

$\Rightarrow y^k - dt f(kdt, y^k) = y^{k-1}$   
this will not blow-up

forward difference quotient  
 $y'(t) \approx \frac{y(t+dt) - y(t)}{dt}$

$y'(t) \approx \frac{y(t) - y(t-dt)}{dt}$

• Average of explicit + implicit  
(central difference quotient)

$$y'(t) \approx \frac{y(t+dt) - y(t-dt)}{2dt}$$



Crank-Nicolson method:  $\frac{y^{k+1} - y^k}{dt} = f\left(\left(k+\frac{1}{2}\right)dt, y^{k+\frac{1}{2}}\right)$

more accurate  
faster convergence

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( f(kdt, y^k) + f\left(\left(k+\frac{1}{2}\right)dt, y^{k+\frac{1}{2}}\right) \right)$$

All of the above are 1-step methods

$y^{k+1}$  only depends on  $y^k$ , but not on earlier  $y$ 's.

m-step method:  $y^k, y^{k-1}, \dots, y^{k-m+1}$

Convergence: A method is of order  $p$  if the exact solution  $y(t)$  satisfies the defining equations up to an error of size  $(dt)^{p+1}$ .

More formally the previous methods (or any 1-step method) are of the form

$$y^{k+1} - y^k + \phi(y^{k+1}, y^k, f, t_k, dt) = 0$$

order  $p$ :  $|y((k+1)dt) + \phi(y((k+1)dt), y(kdt), f, kdt, dt)| \leq C(dt)^{p+1}$

A method is consistent if this actually goes to 0 faster than  $dt$ .

Order  $p, p > 0 \Rightarrow$  consistent

Examples:

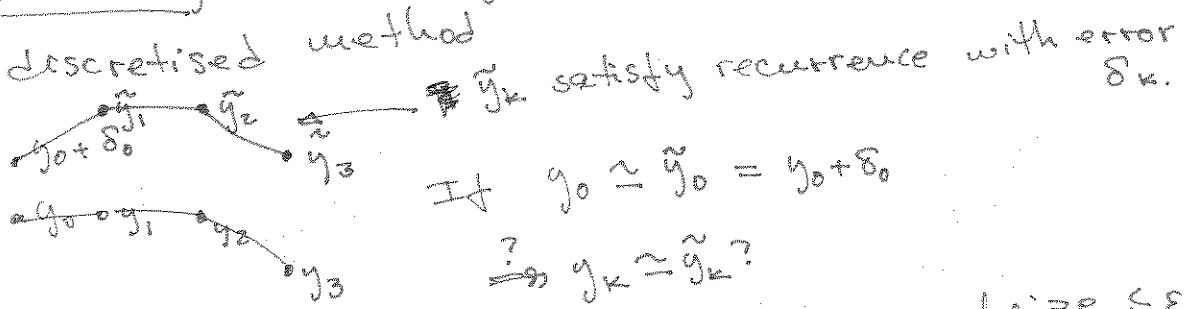
• Explicit Euler:  $\left| \underbrace{y((k+1)dt) - y(kdt)}_{= y'(kdt)dt + \frac{1}{2}y''(kdt)dt^2 + \dots} - dt f(kdt, y(kdt)) \right|$

$y$  satisfies  $y = f(t, y) \rightarrow$   
 $= f(kdt, y(kdt))dt + \frac{1}{2}y''(kdt)dt^2$   
 $\leq C(dt)^2$ : Order = 1 (2)

• Implicit Euler: Order 1.

• Crank-Nicolson: Order 2

Zero-stability: stability around  $y^*$  phrased for the discretised method



$\tilde{y}$ : initial condition + recurrence have error of size  $\leq \epsilon$

$y$ : exact initial cond + exact recurrence

Zero stability:  $\forall dt$  small  $|\tilde{y} - y| \leq C\epsilon$

Thm: •  $y = f(t, y)$  • Explicit method  $y_{k+1} = y_k + dt \Phi(kdt, y_k, f(kdt), dt)$   
 $y(0) = y_0$

• Assume  $\Phi$  is Lipschitz continuous w.r.t.  $y_k$

$$|\Phi(\cdot, y_k, \cdot, \cdot) - \Phi(\cdot, \tilde{y}_k, \cdot, \cdot)| \leq L |y_k - \tilde{y}_k|$$

$\rightarrow$  Method is zero-stable:

Proof: Start from eqns satisfied by  $\tilde{y}$  and  $y$

$$\underbrace{\tilde{y}_{n+1} - y_{n+1}}_{= W_{n+1}} = \underbrace{\tilde{y}_n - y_n}_{= W_n} + dt \left[ \underbrace{\Phi(\dots, \tilde{y}_n, \dots)}_{\approx \Phi(\dots, y_n, \dots)} + \delta_{n+1} - \underbrace{\Phi(\dots, y_n, \dots)}_{\approx \Phi(\dots, y_n, \dots)} \right]$$

$$\leq L |\tilde{y}_n - y_n| = L |W_n|$$

Iterate:  $|W_{n+1}| \leq |W_n| + dt \Delta |W_{n-1}| + dt \delta_n$

$$+ dt \Delta |W_{n-1}| + dt \Delta^2 |W_{n-2}| + dt \Delta^2 \delta_n + dt \delta_{n+1}$$

$$w_{n+1} = w_n + dt \left( \phi(\dots \tilde{y}_n \dots) - \phi(\dots y_n \dots) + \delta_{n+1} \right)$$

$$= w_{n-1} + dt \left( \phi(\dots \tilde{y}_{n-1} \dots) - \phi(\dots y_{n-1} \dots) + \delta_n \right)$$

$$\dots$$

$$= w_0 + \sum_{i=0}^n dt \delta_{i+1} + dt \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \phi(\dots \tilde{y}_i \dots) - \phi(\dots y_i \dots) \right)$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{|w_{n+1}| \leq |w_0| + \sum_{i=0}^n dt |\delta_{i+1}| + \Lambda dt \sum_{i=1}^n |w_i|}$$

Need upper bound for  $w_{n+1}$  from  $\Sigma \dots$

Answer: Gronwall's lemma (in a discrete version)

$$\Sigma \dots \Rightarrow |w_{n+1}| \leq (1 + dt(n+1)) e^{(n+1)dt\Lambda} \epsilon, \quad \epsilon = \max |\delta_i|$$

Thm: Under the same assumptions as in the previous theorem the error is

$$|y(ndt) - y^n| \leq \left( |y(0) - y^0| + n(dt)^{p+1} \right) e^{ndt\Lambda}$$

↑ exact sol. at time  $ndt$ 
↑ numerical sol.

where  $p$  is the order of the method

Proof:  $y_{k+1} = y_k + dt \phi(kdt, y_k, f(kdt), dt)$

exact sol. of order  $p$ :

$$y((k+1)dt) = y(kdt) + dt \phi(kdt, y(kdt), f, dt)$$

$$w_{k+1} = y_{k+1} - y((k+1)dt) = y_k - \underbrace{y(kdt)}_{w_k} + dt \left( \phi(\dots y_k \dots) - \phi(\dots y(kdt) \dots) \right)$$

$$w_{k+1} = w_0 + dt \sum_{i=1}^k \left( \phi(y_i) - \phi(y_i dt) \right)$$

$$\leq \Lambda |y_i - y_i dt| = \Lambda |w_i|$$

Discrete Gronwall  $\Rightarrow$  assertion □