

Exercise 4 for the lecture
NUMERICS II
WS 2014/15

Due: till Tuesday, 18. November

Problem 1

a) Show that the stability function for the Runge-Kutta-4 method is given by

$$R(z) = 1 + z + \frac{z^2}{2} + \frac{z^3}{6} + \frac{z^4}{24}.$$

b) Show that the stability function for the implicit trapezoidal rule is given by

$$R(z) = \frac{1 + \frac{z}{2}}{1 - \frac{z}{2}}.$$

Problem 2

Show that if Ψ^τ is consistent with Φ^t with order p , then

$$\Psi^\tau = R(z) = \exp(z) + \mathcal{O}(z^{p+1}) \quad \text{for } z \rightarrow 0.$$

Problem 3

Consider the linear system

$$x'(t) = Ax(t). \tag{1}$$

Let $\Psi^\tau = R(\tau A)$ the discrete flow operator given by the rational function R of the matrix τA . Show that for all $\tau > 0$, Ψ^τ inherits (asymptotic) stability from (1) if R satisfies the condition

$$C_- \subset S = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |R(z)| \leq 1\}.$$

Problem 4

- a) Compute the time step restriction for the Runge-Kutta-4 method applied to the linear system

$$x'(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} x(t). \quad (2)$$

- b) Sketch the stability domain for the method of Runge and visualize the time step restriction for (2).