



# Numerical stability of Grünwald-Letnikov method for fractional delay differential equations

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# Test equation for ODEs: $y'(t) = \lambda y$ , $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ .

- Stability and stability region:

$$\begin{aligned} S_* &= \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid y(t) \rightarrow 0\} \text{ as } t \rightarrow +\infty \\ &= \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid \operatorname{Re}(\lambda) < 0\}. \end{aligned}$$

Exponential stable: If  $\lambda \in S_*$ , then  $|y(t)| \leq Ce^{Re(\lambda)t}$ .

- Numerical stability and stability region: <sup>1</sup>

$$S_*^h = \{z = \lambda h \in \mathbb{C} \mid y_n \rightarrow 0\} \text{ as } t_n \rightarrow +\infty$$

Exponential stable: If  $z = \lambda \in S_*^h$ , then  $|y_n| \leq Ce^{Re(\lambda)t_n}$ .

- A-stable: If  $S_*^h \supseteq S_* = \mathbb{C}^-$

<sup>1</sup>Numerical solutions  $y_n$  approximate  $y(t_n)$  at  $t_n = nh$ . Linear multistep methods or Runge-Kutta methods. Back ward Euler:  $y_n = y_{n-1} + \lambda h y_n$

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# Mittag-Leffler stability

## Definition

The trivial solution of F-ODEs  $D_t^\alpha y(t) = f(t, y)$  is said to be Mittag-Leffler stable if there exist positive constants  $\beta, \delta$  and  $M$  independent of  $t$  such that

$$\sup_{t \geq 0} t^\beta \|y(t)\| \leq M \text{ for any } \|y_0\| \leq \delta. \quad (1)$$

- **Remark:** The inequality (1) can be replaced by

$$\|y(t)\| \leq V(y_0) E_\alpha(-Lt^\alpha), \quad t > 0,$$

where  $L > 0$  and the function  $V(y)$  is locally Lipschitz continuous and satisfies that  $V(0) = 0$  and  $V(y) \geq 0$ .

# F-ODEs with or without small perturbation

Consider the F-ODEs

$$\mathcal{D}_t^\alpha y(t) = Ay + f(t, y), \quad t > 0 \quad (2)$$

for  $y \in \mathbb{R}^d$  satisfying the initial value  $y(0) = y_0$ , where  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ ,  $f : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  is continuous.

**Lemma (Matignon, 1996)**

Consider the F-ODEs (2) with  $f \equiv 0$ . Then it holds that

(i) The solution to (2) is asymptotically stable if and only if that

$$\lambda_A \in \Lambda_\alpha^s := \left\{ z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\} : |\arg(z)| > \frac{\alpha\pi}{2} \right\}. \quad (3)$$

(ii) If all eigenvalues  $\lambda_A \in \Lambda_\alpha^s$ , the solution to (2) is Mittag-Leffler stable, i.e.,  $\|y(t)\| = O(t^{-\alpha})$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

# F-ODEs with or without small perturbation

Lemma (Cong et.al., 2018, 2019)

Assume that  $\lambda_A \in \Lambda_\alpha^S$ . (a) Assume  $f(t, y)$  satisfies that

$$f(t, 0) = 0, \quad \|f(t, x) - f(t, y)\| \leq L(t)\|x - y\|, \quad (4)$$

where  $L(t) : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  is a continuous Lipschitz function and satisfies one of the three conditions:

$$(i) \quad q_1 := \sup_{t \geq 0} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1} \|E_{\alpha, \alpha}((t-s)^\alpha A)\| L(s) ds < 1,$$

$$(ii) \quad \sup_{t \geq 0} L(t) < q_2 := \frac{1}{2 \int_0^t t^{\alpha-1} \|E_{\alpha, \alpha}(t^\alpha A)\| dt}, \quad (5)$$

$$(iii) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} L(t) = 0.$$

Then the trivial solutions to F-ODEs (2) is asymptotical stable.



# Nonlinear F-ODEs

Lemma (Vergara and Zacher, 2015.)

Let  $y(t) \in H_{1,loc}^1(\mathbb{R}^+)$  be the solution of F-ODE:

$$\mathcal{D}_t^\alpha y(t) = -\lambda y(t)^\gamma \quad \text{for } t > 0, \quad \text{with } y(0) = y_0 > 0,$$

where  $\lambda$  and  $\gamma$  are positive parameters. Then there exist positive constants  $C_1, C_2$ , which are independent of  $t$ , such that

$$\frac{C_1}{1 + t^{\alpha/\gamma}} \leq y(t) \leq \frac{C_2}{1 + t^{\alpha/\gamma}} \quad \text{for } t \geq 0.$$

# Convolution quadrature (CQ): C. Lubich, 1980s.

Numerical approximating of RL fractional integral

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{J}_t^\alpha y(t) &= \int_0^t k_\alpha(s) y(t-s) ds = \int_0^t \left( \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C e^{s\lambda} K_\alpha(\lambda) \right) y(t-s) d\lambda ds \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \left( \int_0^t e^{s\lambda} y(t-s) \right) K_\alpha(\lambda) ds d\lambda, \end{aligned}$$

where  $K_\alpha(\lambda) = \lambda^{-\alpha}$  is the Laplace transform of kernel  $k_\alpha(t)$ .

- **Key Observation:**

$u(t) := \int_0^t e^{s\lambda} y(t-s) ds$  solves the ODE

$$u'(t) = \lambda u(t) + y(t), t > 0$$

with the initial value  $u(0) = 0$ .

# Convolution quadrature (CQ): C. Lubich, 1980s.

Applying  $k$ -step LMMs  $\rho(z) = \sum_{j=0}^k \alpha_j z^j$  and  $\sigma(z) = \sum_{j=0}^k \beta_j z^j$  and putting  $F_u(z) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} u_j z^j$  and  $F_y(z) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} y_j z^j$ ,

$$u_n = \left[ \left( \frac{\delta(z)}{h} - \lambda \right)^{-1} F_y(z) \right]_n,$$

$$\delta(z) = \frac{z^k \rho(z^{-1})}{z^k \sigma(z^{-1})} = \frac{\alpha_0 z^k + \cdots + \alpha_{k-1} z + \alpha_k}{\beta_0 z^k + \cdots + \beta_{k-1} z + \beta_k}.$$

## Convolution quadrature (CQ): C. Lubich, 1980s.

Applying the Cauchy integral formula, we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{J}_{t_n}^\alpha y(t_n) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \left( \int_0^{t_n} e^{t_n \lambda} y(t_n - s) ds \right) K_\alpha(\lambda) d\lambda \\
 &\approx \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \left[ \left( \frac{\delta(z)}{h} - \lambda \right)^{-1} F_y(z) \right]_n K_\alpha(\lambda) d\lambda \\
 &= \left[ K_\alpha \left( \frac{\delta(z)}{h} \right) F_y(z) \right]_n = \left[ \left( \frac{\delta(z)}{h} \right)^{-\alpha} F_y(z) \right]_n := h^\alpha \sum_{j=0}^n \omega_{n-j} y_j
 \end{aligned}$$

for  $n \geq 1$ , where we have written

$$F_\omega(z) := (\delta(z))^{-\alpha} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \omega_j z^j. \quad (6)$$

## Convolution quadrature (CQ): C. Lubich, 1980s.

Through a small correction, we obtain the F-LMMs for F-ODEs:

$$y_n = y_0 + h^\alpha \sum_{j=1}^n \omega_{n-j} (Ay_j + f(t_j, y_j)), \quad n \geq 1, \quad (7)$$

where  $\omega_j$  are still given by (6).

- **Remark:**

The numerical method is now also consistent at  $n = 0$  by noting the sum is zero when the upper index is smaller than the lower index, and also fully consistent with the scheme derived by the convolution inverse.

# Linear stability analysis, C.Lubich, 1985.

## Definition

Strong  $A(\beta)$ -stability of a LMM defined by a generating polynomial  $F_{\bar{\omega}}(z) = F_{\bar{\omega}(\rho, \sigma)}(z) = \delta(z)^{-1}$  for the classical ODE, with order  $p \geq 1$ :

$\delta(z)$  is analytic, with no zeros in a neighborhood of the unit disk

$|z| \leq 1$  except  $z = 1$ ;

$|\arg \delta(z)| \leq \pi - \beta$  for  $|z| < 1$ ;

$\frac{1}{h} \delta(e^{-h}) = 1 + O(h^p)$ , with  $p \geq 1$ .

# Linear stability analysis and stability region, C.Lubich, 1985.

Applying F-LMMs to the fractional test equation  $\mathcal{D}_t^\alpha y(t) = \lambda y$  gives

$$y_n = y_0 + \lambda h^\alpha [\omega * (y - y_0 \delta_d)]_n, \quad n \geq 0,$$

## Lemma (Lubich, 1985)

Consider a classical LMM defined by a generating polynomial  $F_{\bar{\omega}}(z) = \delta(z)^{-1}$  satisfies the stability conditions. Let  $\mathcal{S}_h$  and  $\mathcal{S}_h^\alpha$  be the stability regions of the standard LMM and its corresponding F-LMM defined by  $F_\omega(z) = (F_{\bar{\omega}}(z))^\alpha = \delta(z)^{-\alpha}$  respectively. Then it holds that

(i)  $\mathcal{S}_h^\alpha = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{1/F_\omega(z) : |z| \leq 1\}$ ;

(ii)  $(\mathbb{C} \setminus \mathcal{S}_h^\alpha) = (\mathbb{C} \setminus \mathcal{S}_h)^\alpha$ ;

(iii) **LMM is A-stable if and only if the F-LMM is A-stable;**

(iv) with  $\pi - \varphi = \alpha(\pi - \psi)$ , LMM is  $A(\varphi)$ -stable if and only if the F-LMM is  $A(\psi)$ -stable.

# Mittag-Leffler stability without perturbation

## Theorem (W and Zou, 2021)

*Consider the homogenous linear F-ODE  $\mathcal{D}_t^\alpha y(t) = Ay$  (i.e.,  $f \equiv 0$ ) and assume that all the eigenvalues of  $A$  satisfy that  $\lambda_A \in \Lambda_\alpha^S$ . Then the numerical solutions obtained from the strong  $A$ -stable F-LMMs or  $\mathcal{L}1$  scheme are Mittag-Leffler stable, i.e.,*

$$\|y_n\| = O(t_n^{-\alpha}) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$



# Mittag-Leffler stability with perturbation

## Theorem (W and Zou, 2021)

For the F-ODEs model (2), we assume  $\lambda_A \in \Lambda_\alpha^S$ , and that  $f$  is continuous,  $f(t, 0) = 0$ , and further satisfies

$$\|f(t, x(t)) - f(t, y(t))\| \leq L(t)\|x(t) - y(t)\|, \quad \forall t \geq 0, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d,$$

where  $L : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  is a continuous Lipschitz function. Letting  $\mathcal{L}_0 = \sup_{t \geq 0} L(t)$  then there exists constant  $h_0 > 0$  such that for any  $0 < h < h_0$ , the trivial solutions are numerically Mittag-Leffler stable, i.e.,  $\|y_n\| = O(t_n^{-\alpha})$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , provided that

$$1 - \|D_0\|\mathcal{L}_0 > 0, \quad \frac{1}{1 - \|D_0\|\mathcal{L}_0} \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \|D_{n-k}\|L(t_k) \right) \leq \rho_0 < 1.$$

# Fractional comparison principle

**Lemma (Discrete fractional comparison principle, Li and W, 2019.)**

Let  $\mathcal{D}_h^\alpha$  be the  $\mathcal{CM}$ -preserving discrete operator. Let  $f(\cdot)$  be nondecreasing. Suppose that the sequences  $\{u_j\}_{j=0}^\infty$ ,  $\{y_j\}_{j=0}^\infty$ ,  $\{v_j\}_{j=0}^\infty$  satisfy  $u_0 \leq y_0 \leq v_0$  and

$$\mathcal{D}_h^\alpha(u_n) + f(u_n) \leq 0, \quad \mathcal{D}_h^\alpha(y_n) + f(y_n) = 0, \quad 0 \leq \mathcal{D}_h^\alpha(v_n) + f(v_n) \text{ for } n \geq 1.$$

Then  $u_n \leq y_n \leq v_n$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

In this Lemma, we say that  $\{u_n\}$  is a *discrete subsolution* for  $\{y_n\}$  and  $\{v_n\}$  is a *discrete supersolution* for  $\{y_n\}$ .

- Remark:**

Typical examples of  $\mathcal{CM}$ -preserving schemes: Grünwald-Letnikov method and L1 scheme.

# Nonlinear F-ODEs

Theorem (W and Stynes, 2022.)

For the model equation, consider the numerical scheme

$$\mathcal{D}_h^\alpha(y_n) = \frac{1}{h^\alpha} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \omega_{n-k} y_k + \delta_n y_0 \right) = -\lambda y_n^\gamma \text{ for } n \geq 1, \text{ with } y_0 > 0.$$

where  $\lambda, \gamma > 0$  and  $\mathcal{D}_h^\alpha$  is  $\mathcal{CM}$ -preserving. Then there exists  $h_0 > 0$  such that  $0 < h \leq h_0$ , the solution  $\{y_n\}$  satisfies

$$\frac{C_5}{1 + t_n^{\alpha/\gamma}} \leq y_n \leq \frac{C_6}{1 + t_n^{\alpha/\gamma}} \text{ for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

where the positive constants  $C_5, C_6$  are independent of  $n$  and  $h$ .

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# F-DDEs

$$\begin{aligned} D_c^\alpha y(t) &= ay(t) + by(t - \tau), \quad t > 0, \\ y(t) &= \varphi(t), \quad -\tau \leq t \leq 0, \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , the delay  $\tau > 0$  is a fixed constant. We first observe that if we redefine

$$\tilde{a} = a\tau^\alpha, \quad \tilde{b} = b\tau^\alpha, \quad \tilde{t} = t/\tau, \quad \tilde{y}(\tilde{t}) = y(t), \quad \tilde{\varphi}(\tilde{t}) = \varphi(t), \quad (9)$$

then the form of (8) stays unchanged with  $\tau = 1$ . Hence, dropping the tildes, we will study the test model (8) with  $\tau = 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} D_c^\alpha y(t) &= ay(t) + by(t - 1), \quad t > 0, \\ y(t) &= \varphi(t), \quad -1 \leq t \leq 0. \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

# F-DDEs

## Definition

Let  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  and consider parameters  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- ① The asymptotic stability region in the  $(a, b)$ -plane is defined by  $\mathcal{S}_* = \{(a, b) : |y(t)| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow +\infty\}$  for all the initial functions  $\phi$ .
- ② The solution is called Mittag-Leffler stable if  $|y(t)| \leq C_\alpha t^{-\alpha}$  as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$ , where the constant  $C_\alpha > 0$  is independent of  $t$ .

# F-DDEs

Lemma (J. Cermak et.al., 2016, 2017.)

Let  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , and  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . The zero solution of (10) is asymptotically stable if and only if  $(a, b)$  is an interior point of the region  $S_*$ , bounded by the line  $a + b = 0$  from above and by the following parametric curve  $\Gamma$  from below

$$\Gamma : a = a(\theta) := \frac{\theta^\alpha \sin\left(\theta + \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}\right)}{\sin(\theta)}, b = b(\theta) := -\frac{\theta^\alpha \sin\left(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}\right)}{\sin(\theta)}, \quad (11)$$

where  $\theta \in ((1 - \alpha)\pi, \pi)$ .

In the asymptotic stability region, the solution is also *Mittag-Leffler stable* i.e.,  $|y(t)| \leq C_\alpha t^{-\alpha}$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

# F-DDEs

The stability region  $\mathcal{S}_*$  has a vertex  $P = P(a, b)$ , where  $a = -b = \frac{[(1-\alpha)\pi]^\alpha \sin(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2})}{\sin(\alpha\pi)} > 0$  and  $\mathcal{S}_* = \mathcal{R}_1 \cup \mathcal{R}_2$ , where

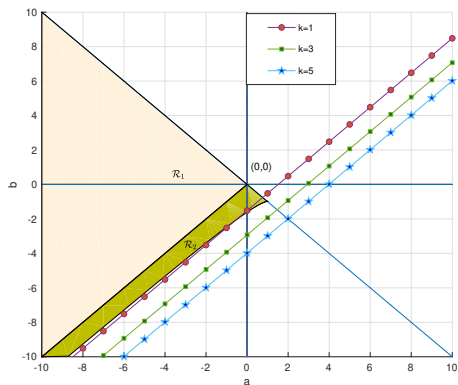
$$(1) \quad \mathcal{R}_1 := \{(a, b) : a \leq b < -a, a \leq 0\},$$

$$(2) \quad \mathcal{R}_2 := (a, b) : |a| + b < 0$$

$$\text{and } 1 < \frac{(1-\alpha)\pi/2 + \arccos[(-a/b) \sin(\alpha\pi/2)]}{\left[ a \cos(\alpha\pi/2) + \sqrt{b^2 - a^2 \sin^2(\alpha\pi/2)} \right]^{1/\alpha}}. \quad (12)$$



# Stable region



**Figure:** Position relationship between the lines  $a - b = (2k)^\alpha$  with  $k = 1, 3, 5$  and stability region  $S_*$  for  $\tau = 1$  and  $\alpha = 0.6$ .

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# GL scheme for F-DDEs: $(1 - z)^\alpha = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \omega_j z^j$

Let  $h = 1/k$  for  $k \in \mathbb{N}^+$ . The numerical scheme:

$$\mathcal{D}_h^\alpha y_n := \frac{1}{h^\alpha} \sum_{j=0}^n \omega_{n-j} (y_j - y_0) = ay_n + by_{n-k}, \quad n \geq 1. \quad (13)$$

## Definition

- ① For any  $k \geq 1$ , the numerical stability region  $\mathcal{S}_k$  is the set of pairs  $(a, b)$  such that  $|y_n| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for all initial functions  $\varphi$ .
- ② The  $\tau(0)$ -stability region for F-DDEs is defined by

$$\mathcal{S}_{\tau(0)} = \bigcap_{k \geq 1} \mathcal{S}_k. \quad (14)$$

The numerical method is called  $\tau(0)$ -stable if  $\mathcal{S}_* \subset \mathcal{S}_{\tau(0)}$ .

- ③ If  $|y_n| \leq C_\alpha t_n^{-\alpha}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , it is Mittag-Leffler stable.

# Discrete Laplace transform

## Definition

Consider the sequence  $f = (f_0, f_1, f_2, \dots)$  defined on  $t_n$ . Discrete Laplace transform:

$$\mathcal{L}_h\{f\}(s) := h \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} f_j (1 - hs)^j, \quad s \in \mathbb{C}, \quad (15)$$

where the complex number  $s$  is taken such that the series is convergent. If the series converges at some  $s_* \neq h^{-1}$ , then it will also be convergent on the disk  $D(h^{-1}, r) := \{s \in \mathbb{C} : |s - h^{-1}| < r\}$  where  $r = |s_* - h^{-1}|$ .

# Discrete Laplace transform

## Lemma

Define the weighted discrete convolution  $(\cdot * \cdot)_h$  as

$$[(f * g)_h]_n := h \sum_{j=0}^n f_j g_{n-j}.$$

Let the functions  $f$  and  $g$  such that  $\mathcal{L}_h\{f\}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_h\{g\}$  converge on  $D(h^{-1}, r_f)$  and  $D(h^{-1}, r_g)$ , respectively. Then one has that

- (i)  $\mathcal{L}_h\{(f * g)_h\}(s) = \mathcal{L}_h\{f\}(s) \cdot \mathcal{L}_h\{g\}(s)$  on  $D(h^{-1}, r)$ , where  $r = \min\{r_f, r_g\}$ .
- (ii)  $\mathcal{L}_h\{\nabla_h f\}(s) = s\mathcal{L}_h\{f\}(s) - f_0$  on  $D(h^{-1}, r)$ .
- (iii)  $\mathcal{L}_h\{\mathcal{D}_h^\alpha f\}(s) = s^\alpha \mathcal{L}_h\{f\}(s) - s^{\alpha-1} f_0$ .
- (iv)  $\mathcal{L}_h\{f_{d_k}\}(z) = (1 - hs)^k \mathcal{L}_h\{f\}(s) + h \sum_{j=1}^k f_{-j} (1 - hs)^{k-j}$ , where the  $k$ -step delay function given by  $(f_{d_k})_n = f_{n-k}$  for  $n \geq 0$ .

# Generating function

## Definition

The generating function of a sequence  $f = (f_0, f_1, \dots)$  defined by

$$\mathcal{F}_f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n z^n, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}. \quad (16)$$

The discrete Laplace transform is related to the generating function by

$$\mathcal{L}_h\{f\}(s) = h\mathcal{F}_f(1 - hs). \quad (17)$$

If  $f$  and  $g$  are two scalar sequences with  $f_n, g_n \in \mathbb{C}$ , we define the discrete convolution  $f * g = w$ ,  $w_n = \sum_{j=0}^n f_{n-j}g_j$ . It is straightforward to verify that  $\mathcal{F}_{f*g}(z) = \mathcal{F}_f(z) \cdot \mathcal{F}_g(z)$ .

# Expression formula of numerical solution

- **By discrete Laplace transform:**

$$\mathcal{L}_h\{y\}(s) = \left( s^\alpha - a - b(1 - hs)^k \right)^{-1} \cdot \left( s^{\alpha-1} y_0 - ahy_0 + bh \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} y_{-j} (1 - hs)^{k-j} \right). \quad (18)$$

Introduce

$$Q(s) := s^\alpha - a - b(1 - hs)^k \quad (19)$$

with  $h > 0$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}^+$ , which is defined to be the characteristic polynomial.

# Expression formula of numerical solution

- **By generating function:**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_y(z) &= \left(1 - h^\alpha (a + bz^k) \mathcal{F}_\mu(z)\right)^{-1} \left(y_0(1-z)^{-1} + h^\alpha (bg(z) - ay_0) \mathcal{F}_\mu(z)\right) \\ &= \left((1-z)^\alpha - h^\alpha (a + bz^k)\right)^{-1} \left(y_0(1-z)^{\alpha-1} + h^\alpha (bg(z) - ay_0)\right), \end{aligned}$$

where  $F_\mu(z) = (1-z)^{-\alpha}$  for the GL scheme and  $g(z) = \sum_{\ell=1}^{k-1} y_{\ell-k} z^\ell$ .

Introduce

$$P(z) = (1-z)^\alpha - h^\alpha (a + bz^k).$$

We easily see that

$$P(1 - hs) = h^\alpha Q(s). \quad (20)$$



# Boundary locus of the numerical stability region

- **Basic idea:**

We investigate the boundary locus of the numerical stability region  $\mathcal{S}_k$  by finding the parameters  $(a, b)$  such that  $Q(s)$  has a root on the circle  $\partial D(h^{-1}, h^{-1})$ .

## Lemma

Let  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\tau > 0$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}^+$ .

- ❶ If  $a + b \geq 0$ , then the equation  $Q(z) = 0$  has at least one nonnegative real root on the disc  $D(h^{-1}, h^{-1})$ .
- ❷ If  $z$  is a root of  $Q(z)$ , then its complex conjugate  $\bar{z}$  is also a root of  $Q(z)$ , i.e.,  $Q(\bar{z}) = 0$ .

# Boundary locus of the numerical stability region

- **Basic idea:**

Take  $s \in \partial D(h^{-1}, h^{-1})$ , which can be parameterized as  $s = 2h^{-1} \cos(\phi) e^{i\phi} = h^{-1}(1 + e^{i2\phi})$ , where  $\phi \in [-\pi/2, \pi/2]$ . Then,

$$Q(s) = \tilde{Q}(\phi) = 2^\alpha h^{-\alpha} \cos^\alpha(\phi) (\cos(\alpha\phi) + i \sin(\alpha\phi)) - a - b(-1)^k (\cos(2k\phi) + i \sin(2k\phi)).$$

By the above Lemma (ii),  $\tilde{Q}(\phi)$  is an even function. Hence, we need to find parameters  $(a, b)$  such that for some  $\phi \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ .

$$\begin{cases} 2^\alpha h^{-\alpha} \cos^\alpha(\phi) \cos(\alpha\phi) = a + b(-1)^k \cos(2k\phi), \\ 2^\alpha h^{-\alpha} \cos^\alpha(\phi) \sin(\alpha\phi) = b(-1)^k \sin(2k\phi). \end{cases} \quad (21)$$

# Boundary locus of the numerical stability region

- **Basic idea:**

Let's discuss the system of equations (21) in three different cases.

**Case (I):** If  $\phi = 0$ , then  $a + (-1)^k b = (2/h)^\alpha$ .

**Case (II):** If  $\phi = \pi/2$ , we get the curve  $a + b = 0$ .

**Case (III):** Otherwise,  $\sin(2k\phi)$  can never be zero. By solving the equation (21) and setting  $\theta = k\pi - 2k\phi \in [0, k\pi]$ , one has

$$\begin{aligned}
 a &= \frac{2^\alpha h^{-\alpha} \sin^\alpha\left(\frac{\theta}{2k}\right) \sin(\theta + \alpha(\pi/2 - \theta/2k))}{\sin(\theta)}, \\
 b &= -2^\alpha h^{-\alpha} \sin^\alpha\left(\frac{\theta}{2k}\right) \frac{\sin(\alpha\pi/2 - \alpha\theta/(2k))}{\sin(\theta)}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

These curves obtained are essentially the boundary locus!

# Boundary locus of the numerical stability region

## Theorem

Fix  $k$  to be a positive integer. When  $k = 1$ , the numerical stability region  $S_k$  in the  $(a, b)$ -plane lies in the region between  $a + b = 0$  and  $a - b = 2^\alpha$ . When  $k \geq 2$ , the numerical stability region  $S_k$  in the  $(a, b)$ -plane lies between  $a + b = 0$  and the curve  $\Gamma_0$ :

$$\Gamma_0 : \begin{cases} a = a_k(\theta) = 2^\alpha k^\alpha \sin^\alpha \left( \frac{\theta}{2k} \right) \frac{\sin(\theta + \alpha(\pi/2 - \theta/2k))}{\sin(\theta)}, \\ b = b_k(\theta) = -2^\alpha k^\alpha \sin^\alpha \left( \frac{\theta}{2k} \right) \frac{\sin(\alpha\pi/2 - \alpha\theta/(2k))}{\sin(\theta)}, \end{cases} \quad (23)$$

where  $\theta \in \left( \frac{1-\alpha}{1-\alpha/k} \pi, \pi \right)$ .

## No $\tau(0)$ -stability

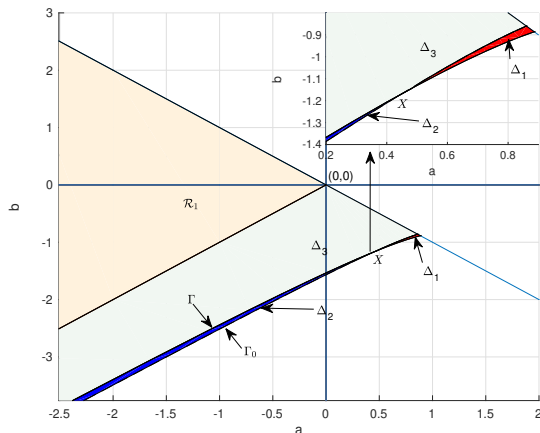
We define the lower part of the numerically stable region as  $\mathcal{R}_2^h$  with lower boundary curve as  $\Gamma_0$ , that is, the original lower boundary curve  $\Gamma$  is replaced by  $\Gamma_0$ .

### Theorem

*Assume that  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ ,  $\tau = 1$  and  $h = 1/k$ . For any  $k \geq 1$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_1$  always stays in the numerical stability region and **there is a portion of  $\mathcal{R}_2$  that is outside the numerical stability region  $\mathcal{R}_2^h$ .***

*Consequently, the numerical method is never absolutely stable for  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ .*

# No $\tau(0)$ -stability



**Figure:** Comparison of numerical stability region  $\mathcal{S}_h$  and continuous stability region  $\mathcal{S}_*$  for  $\tau = 1$ ,  $h = 0.2$ ,  $k = 5$  and  $\alpha = 0.5$ .

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# Mittag-Leffler numerical stability

## Theorem

Let  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}^+$  such that  $h = 1/k$ . Then the numerical solutions for the scheme based on the GL method is Mittag-Leffler stable if  $(a, b) \in \mathcal{S}_k$ . More specifically, when  $(a, b) \in \mathcal{S}_k$ , the numerical solution has the following polynomial decay rate asymptotically

$$y_n \sim -\frac{y_0}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)(a+b)} t_n^{-\alpha} = O(t_n^{-\alpha}) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$



# Linear F-ODE

In the simulation, we take the initial functions  $\phi_1(t) = 0.4$ ,  $\phi_2(t) = -0.1t - 0.2$  and  $\phi_3(t) = 0.3 \sin(6t)$ , respectively.

$$p_\alpha(t_n) = -\frac{\ln(\|y_n\|/\|y_{n-1}\|)}{\ln(t_n/t_{n-1})}, \quad t_n > 1. \quad (24)$$

**Table:** Observed  $p_\alpha$  with  $\tau = 1$ ,  $h = 0.1$  and  $a = -3$ ,  $b = 1$  for initial function  $\phi_1(t)$

| $t_n$ | $\alpha = 0.1$ | $\alpha = 0.3$ | $\alpha = 0.5$ | $\alpha = 0.7$ | $\alpha = 0.9$ |
|-------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 100   | 0.0896         | 0.2918         | 0.5014         | 0.7069         | 0.9080         |
| 200   | 0.0902         | 0.2931         | 0.5007         | 0.7040         | 0.9041         |
| 300   | 0.0905         | 0.2938         | 0.5005         | 0.7029         | 0.9028         |
| 400   | 0.0907         | 0.2943         | 0.5003         | 0.7023         | 0.9022         |
| 500   | 0.0909         | 0.2946         | 0.5003         | 0.7019         | 0.9017         |

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