Exercise Sheet 5

1. We introduce for some fixed $n \in \mathbb{N}$ the discrete Fourier transform matrix

$$F_n = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \mathrm{e}^{-\frac{2\pi \mathrm{i}}{n}jk}\right)_{j,k=0}^{n-1}$$

- (a) Prove that the matrix F_n is unitary.
- (b) Show that the discrete Fourier transform diagonalises the discrete second derivative of a periodic function, i.e. show that the $n \times n$ matrix

$$F_n^* \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} F_n$$

is diagonal and calculate its entries.

(c) Find the eigenvalues of the $n \times n$ matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix},$$

which corresponds to the discrete second derivative of a function which vanishes at the boundary.

2. (a) Show that the stability function ${\cal R}$ of every isometry preserving Runge-Kutta method fulfils

$$\lim_{|\zeta| \to \infty} |R(\zeta)| = 1.$$

(b) Prove that if the s-stage Runge-Kutta method (A, b, c) fulfils that $A \in GL(s, \mathbb{R})$ and that $a_{sj} = b_j$ for all $j = 1, \ldots, s$, then

$$\lim_{|\zeta|\to\infty}R(\zeta)=0$$

(An A-stable Runge-Kutta method with this property is called L-stable.)

3. We consider the initial value problem

$$y'(t) = -\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 & \lambda_2 - \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 - \lambda_1 & \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} y(t), \quad t > 0,$$

$$y(0) = y_0$$

for the function $y \in C^1([0,\infty); \mathbb{R}^2)$ for some $y_0 \in \mathbb{R}^2$ and $\lambda_2 > \lambda_1 > 0$.

(a) Calculate the explicit solution y of this initial value problem and show that in the limit $\lambda_2 \to \infty$, we have (for fixed $\lambda_1 > 0$) the behaviour

$$y(t) = \frac{y_{0,1} - y_{0,2}}{2} e^{-\lambda_1 t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + O(e^{-\lambda_2 t}).$$

(b) Show that if $(y_j)_{j=0}^{\infty}$ is the solution obtain with an arbitrary explicit Runge-Kutta method and an arbitrary fixed step size h > 0 for this initial value problem, then the same limit always leads to

$$y_j = \frac{y_{0,1} + y_{0,2}}{2} c^j \lambda_2^{js} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1\\1 \end{pmatrix} + O\left(\frac{1}{\lambda_2}\right) \right)$$

for some constants $c \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ and $s \in \mathbb{N}, j \in \mathbb{N}$.

4. The Padé approximant of order $(m, n), m, n \in \mathbb{N}$, is defined as the rational function

$$R: \mathbb{C} \to \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}, \quad R(z) = \frac{P(z)}{Q(z)},$$

with polynomials P of degree m and Q of degree n with Q(0) = 1, whose Taylor polynomial of degree m + n is equal to the Taylor polynomial of the exponential function:

$$R(z) - e^z = O(z^{m+n+1}) \quad (z \to 0).$$

- (a) Verify that the Padé approximant of every order exists and is unique.
- (b) Prove that the stability function of an s-stage Runge-Kutta-Gauß method is a Padé approximant of order (s, s).
- 5. (a) Write a program that calculates the coefficients (A, b, c) of an *s*-stage Runge-Kutta-Gauß method for arbitrary $s \in \mathbb{N}$.
 - (b) Use this program to get the Padé approximants of order (n, n) and compare them for some values $n \in \mathbb{N}$ with the Taylor polynomial of degree 2n.