

# An intrinsically adaptive formulation of multistep methods

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To approximate the solution of an IVP

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(t, x), \quad x(t_0) = x_0, \quad t \in [t_0, t_f]$$

a *k-step* method uses  $k$  previous approximations

$$x_{n-i} \approx x(t_{n-i}), \quad i = 1 : k,$$

$$x_n = \alpha_{k-1}x_{n-1} + \cdots + \alpha_0x_{n-k} + h_n(\beta_k f_n + \cdots + \beta_0 f_{n-k})$$

$$h_i = t_i - t_{i-1}, \quad f_i = f(t_i, x_i)$$

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Lower order methods  $\rightarrow$  larger stability regions

Higher order methods  $\rightarrow$  allow larger step-sizes

# Polynomial of a method with $k$ steps and order $q$

To advance a step of an order  $q$  method we construct a *method polynomial*  $P_n \in \mathcal{P}_q$  using previously calculated values and define

$$x_n = P_n(t_n)$$

The polynomial of a  $k$ -step method will depend on the last  $k$  approximated solutions and their derivatives.

# Maximal order multistep methods

Three types of high order  $k$ -step methods (Dahlquist 1st barrier):

type	max order
implicit	$k + 1$
explicit	$k$

For **Nonstiff** problems:

- ▶  $E_k$ : *Explicit  $k$ -step*, order  $q = k$ , e.g. Adams–Bashforth
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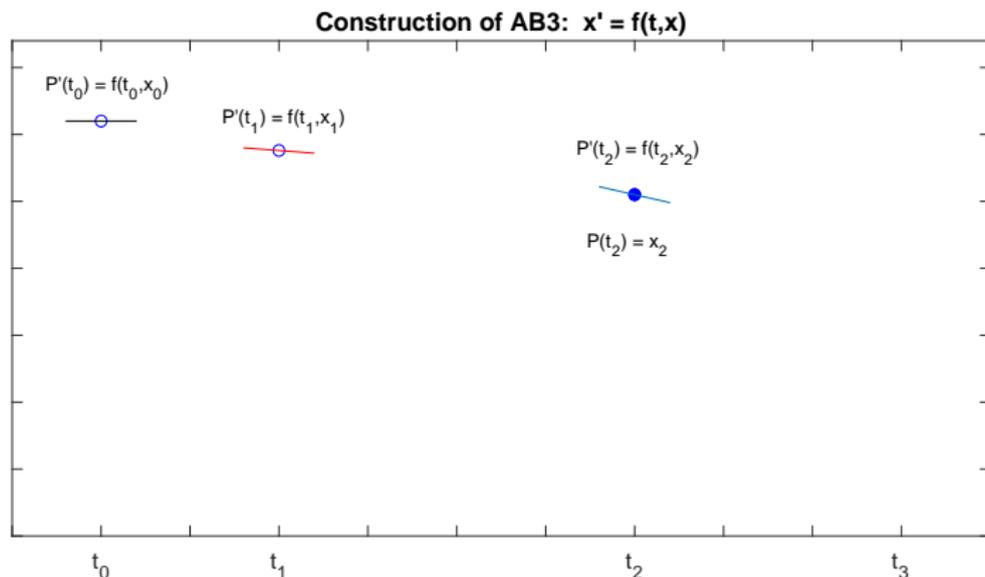
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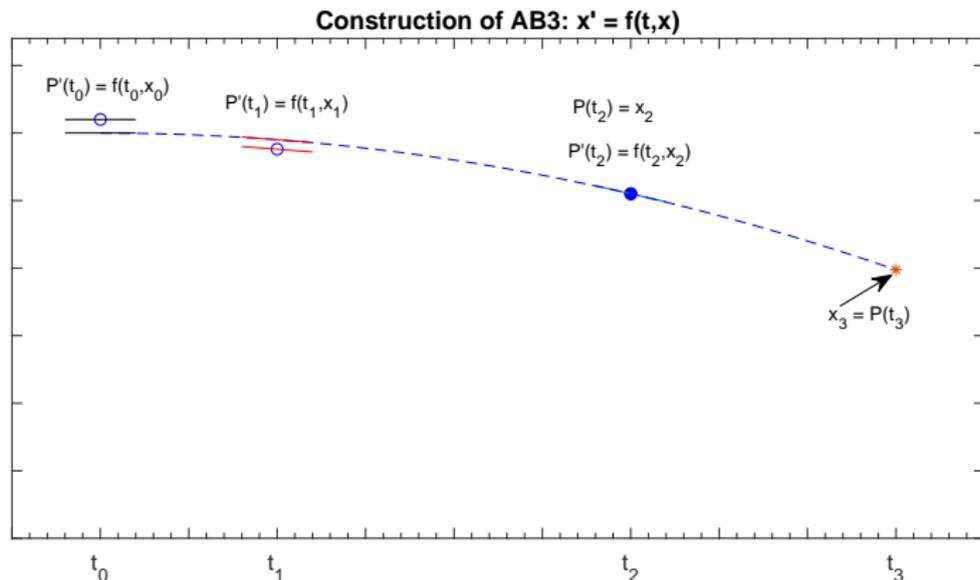
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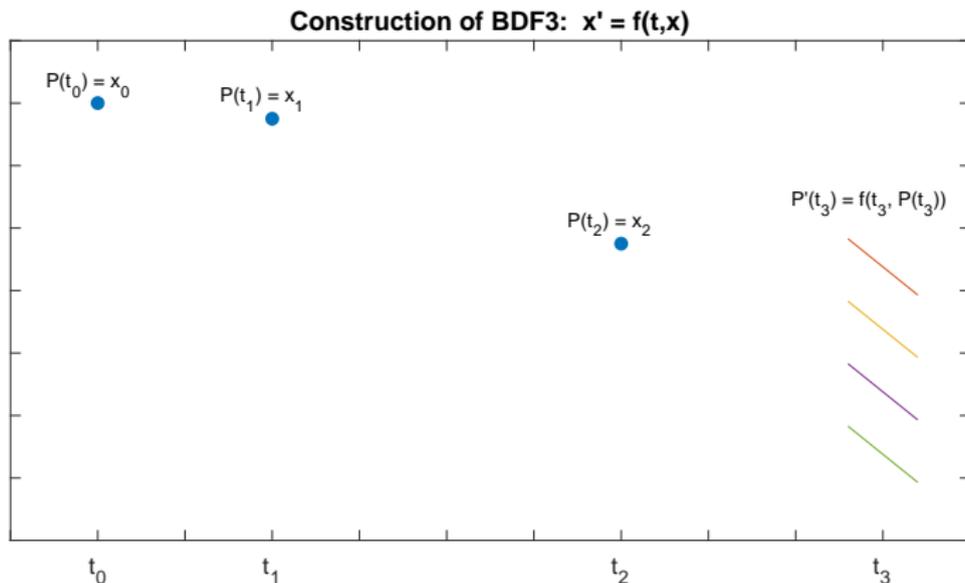


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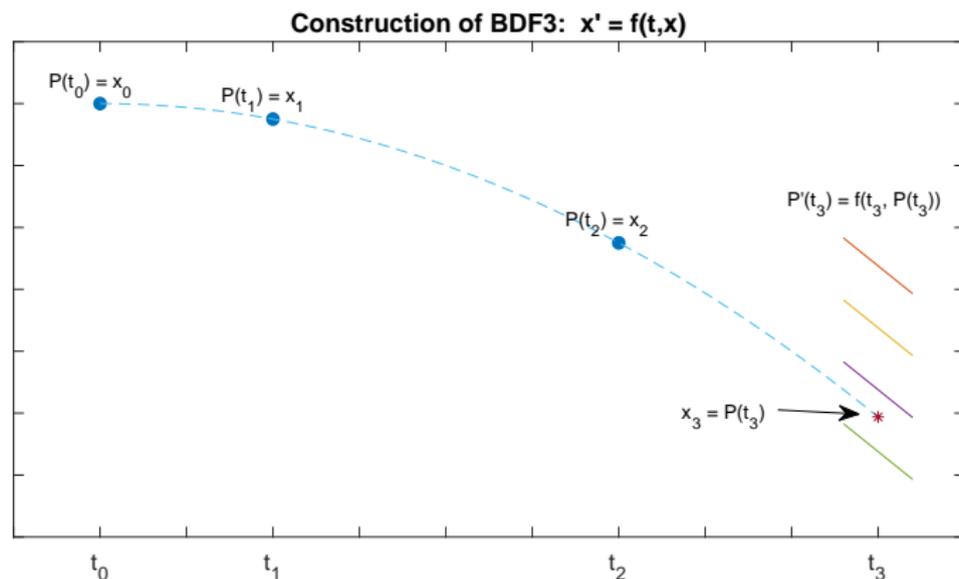
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But there are infinitely many explicit  $k$ -step, order  $k$  methods!

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simplified to

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Each method type is characterized by its **structural conditions**

$$\mathbf{E}_k \quad \begin{cases} s_{n-1} = 0 & \text{(interpolation condition)} \\ s'_{n-1} = 0 & \text{(explicit collocation condition)} \end{cases}$$

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The parameter set  $\{\theta_i\}$  is *grid independent*.

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The solver (**MODES**) includes every possible multistep method of maximal order, stiff and non-stiff, implicit and explicit.

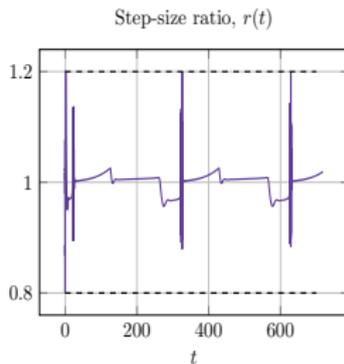
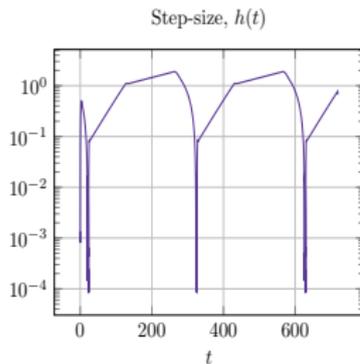
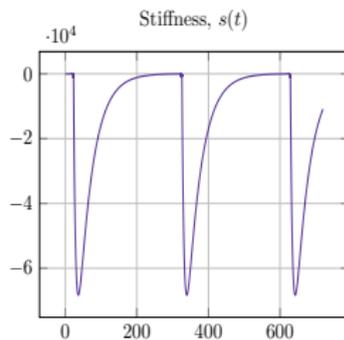
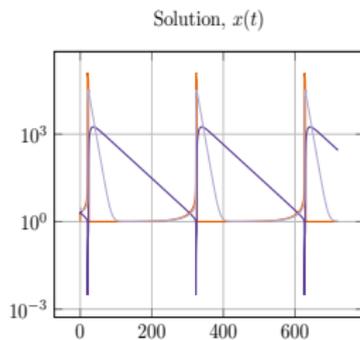
# Parametric formulation of 0-stable multistep methods

Method	Order	$I_k$ method parameters $\tan(\theta_j)$ , $j = 0 : k - 1$
BDF $k$	$k \leq 6$	$\{0\}_{0:k-1}$
Kregel	3	154/543      -11/78      0
Rockswold	3	73/350      71/200 $\infty$
Method	Order	$I_k^+$ method parameters $\cot(\theta_j)$ , $j = 1 : k - 1$
AM $k$	$k + 1$	$\{0\}_{1:k-1}$
dcBDF $k$	$k + 1$	$\{(k+1)/(j+1)\}_{1:k-1}$
Milne2	4	3
Milne4	5	15/4      0      0
IDC23	4	6/7      0
IDC24	5	15/26      0      0
IDC34	5	5/4      20/33      0
IDC45	6	45/28      10/11      15/32      0
IDC56	7	84/43      7/6      21/29      21/55      0
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AB $k$	$k$	$\{0\}_{1:k-1}$
EDF $k$	$k$	$\{1/(j+1)\}_{1:k-1}$
Explicit Euler	1	$\infty$
Midpoint	2	$\infty$
Nyström3	3	-3/2      0
Nyström4	4	-3/5      0      0
Nyström5	5	-45/133      0      0      0
EDC22	3	3/14      0
EDC23	4	6/49      0      0
EDC33	4	2/7      4/39      0
EDC24	5	90/1121      0      0      0
EDC34	5	10/53      10/219      0      0
EDC45	6	45/193      10/121      15/692      0      0

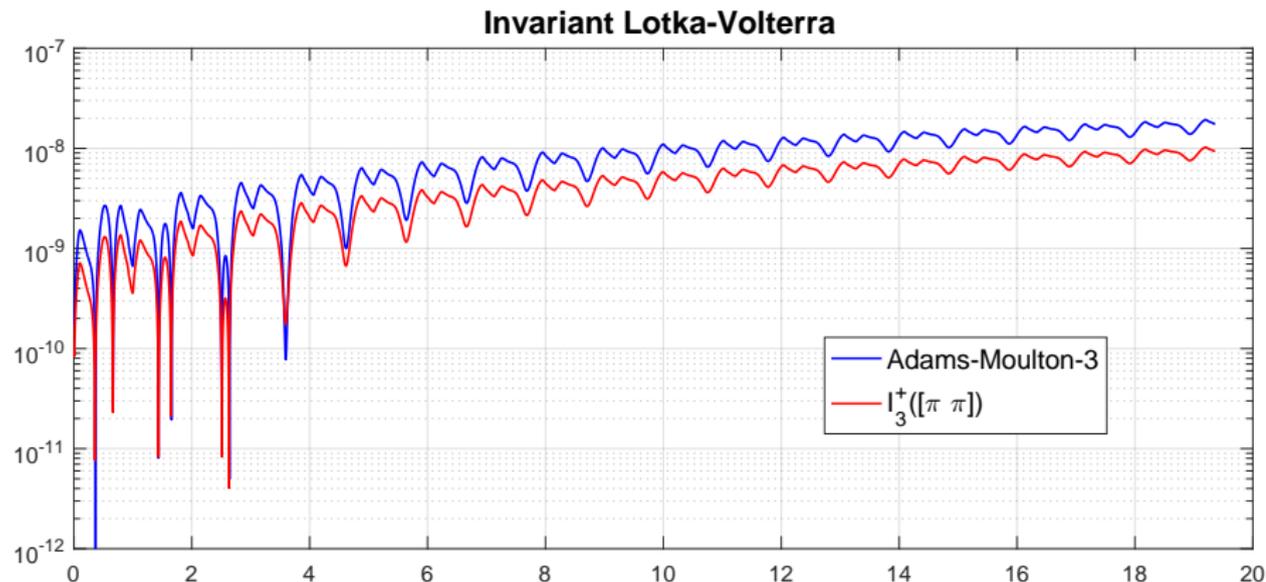
Experimental software platform, **MODES** offers:

- ▶ Any multistep method of type  $E_k$ ,  $I_k$  or  $I_k^+$
- ▶ Constant or variable step-sizes
- ▶ Constant or variable order
- ▶ Initial step-size and starters (classical Gear, Runge-Kutta)
- ▶ Error per step or error per unit step
- ▶ Step-size controllers (several PI and low pass digital filters)
- ▶ Upper and lower bounds for step-size ratios

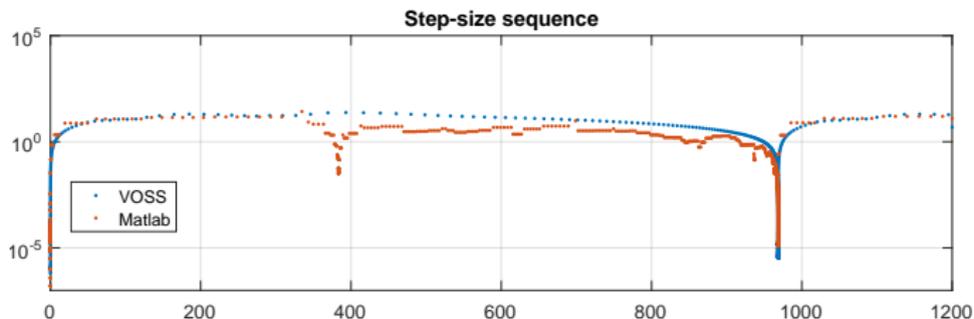
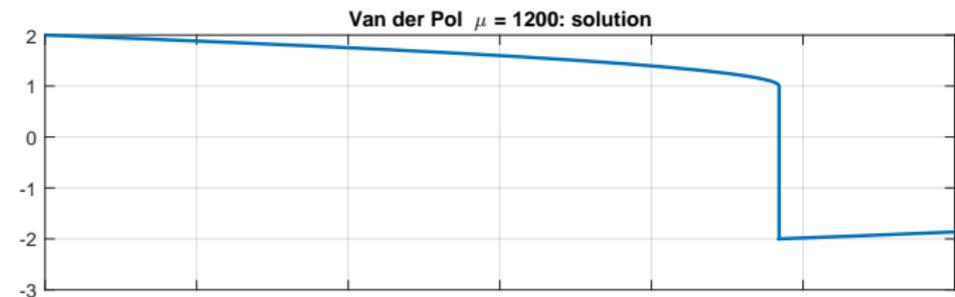
# Results for the Oregonator problem solved with MODES-BDF5



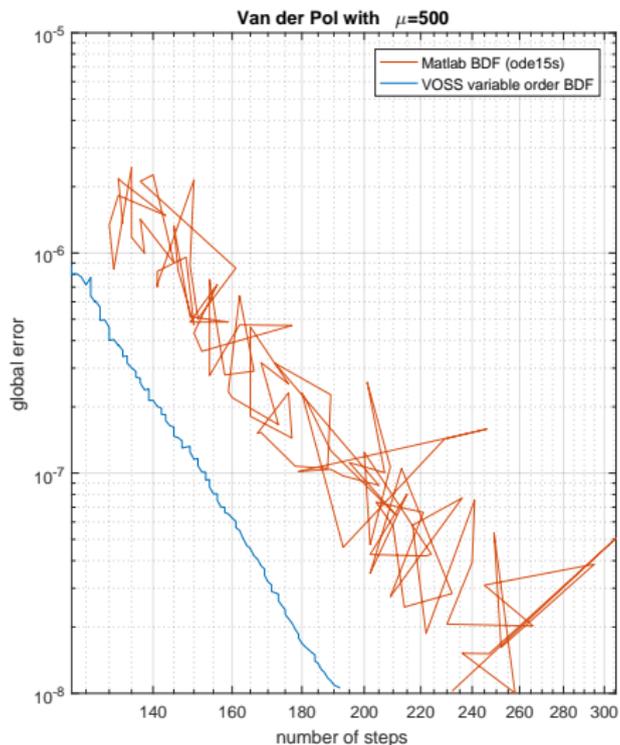
Compare different methods under exact same conditions: AM3 vs. another  $I_3^+$  method. The second method is twice as accurate.



# State-of-the-art error control: **Matlab** BDF1-5 vs. **MODES** BDF1-5 implementation

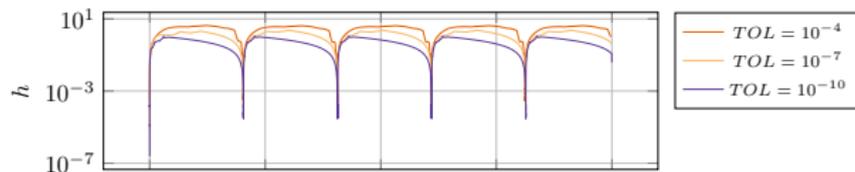


# Accuracy/Work proportionality for **MODES** and **Matlab's ode15s**.

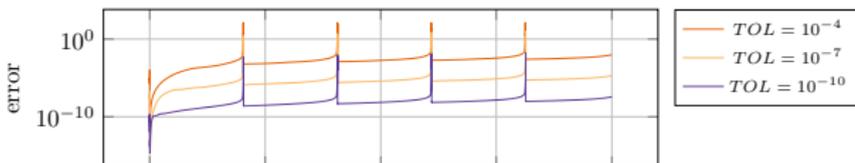


# Van der Pol with variable order BDF

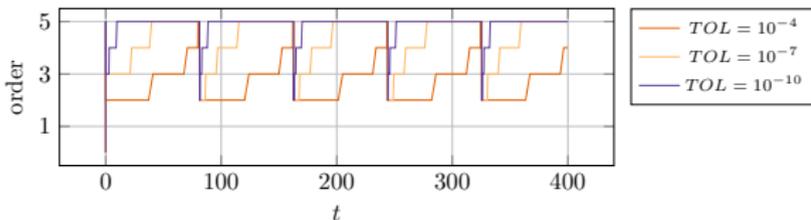
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Absolute errors (measured by  $\|\cdot\|$ )

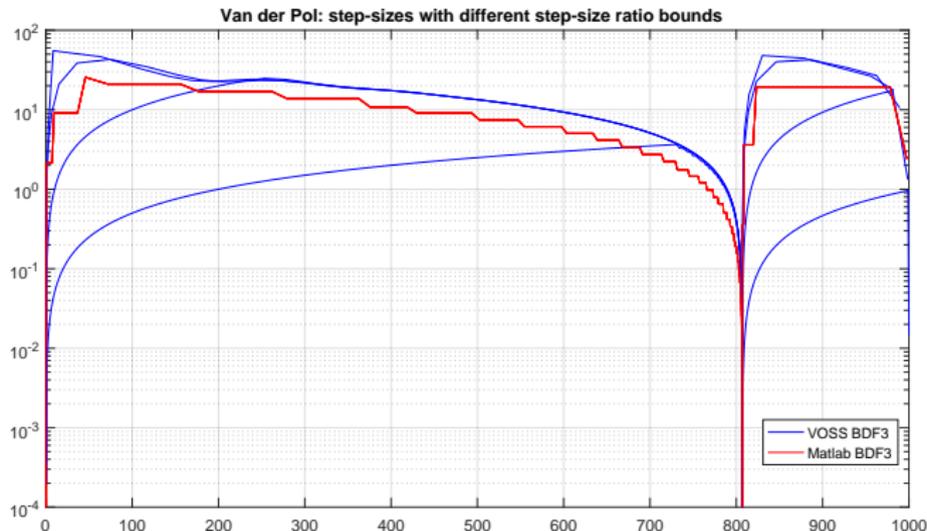


Orders



Various step-size ratio bounds: none, 160%, 10% and 0.05%.

The controller in **MODES** keeps the step-size ratios in check to maintain stability.



# An application to SSP multistep methods

Strong stability preserving methods avoid instabilities when solving ODEs arising from the semi-discretization of hyperbolic PDEs.

$$\dot{y} = F(y), \quad y(t_0) = y_0, \quad t \in [t_0, t_f]$$

with the property

$$\|y + hF(y)\| \leq \|y\| \quad \text{for all } y \text{ and } h \leq h^*$$

solved by explicit multistep method

$$y_n = \sum_{i=1}^k (\alpha_i y_{n-i} + h\beta_i F(y_{n-i})), \quad \text{with } \alpha_i, \beta_i \geq 0$$

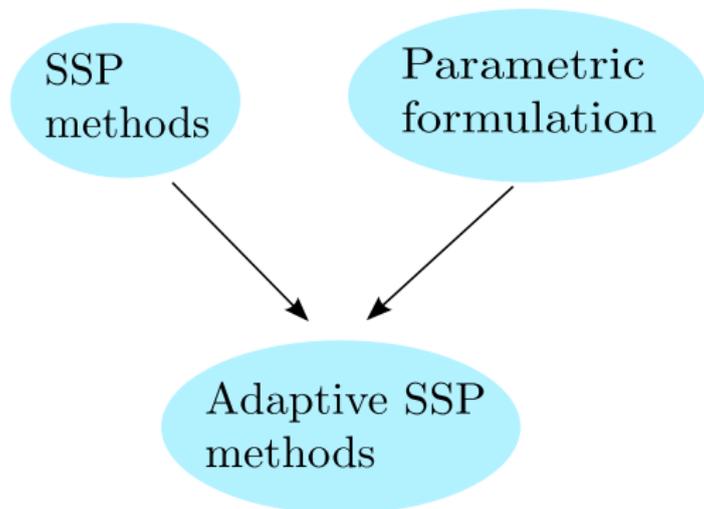
SSP if  $\|y_n\| \leq \max\{\|y_{n-1}\|, \dots, \|y_{n-k}\|\}$  for  $0 < h \leq Ch^*$

# Explicit SSP multistep methods

- ▶  $\alpha_i, \beta_i \geq 0$
- ▶  $0 < h \leq Ch^*$
- ▶ SSP constant:  $C = \min_i \{\alpha_i / \beta_i\}$
- ▶  $q < k$
- ▶ Zero coefficients of fixed step-size formula should be preserved by variable step-size extension

Adaptive explicit SSP multistep methods: formulation for **lower order** methods that preserves pattern of zero coefficients

Hadjimichael et al. (2016): first variable step-size optimal SSP methods of orders 2 and 3



# Formulation of optimal SSP methods

## Procedure to construct optimal SSP( $k, q$ ) method

- ▶ Take  $s_{n-1} = 0$  and  $s'_{n-1} = 0$
- ▶ Take  $s_{n-i} + h_{n-i} \frac{\beta_i}{\alpha_i} s'_{n-i} = 0$  whenever  $\alpha_i \neq 0$ ,  $1 < i < k$
- ▶ Take  $s_{n-k} = 0$
- ▶ If  $q$  is odd, also add  $s'_{n-k} = 0$

The method parameters are  $\tau_i = \beta_i/\alpha_i$

# Example of optimal explicit 8-step SSP method of order 5

Its nonzero coefficients:

$$\alpha_1 = \frac{1360}{4363}, \quad \alpha_4 = \frac{233}{2112}, \quad \alpha_5 = \frac{2323}{10831}, \quad \alpha_8 = \frac{896}{2465}$$

$$\beta_1 = \frac{275}{128}, \quad \beta_4 = \frac{1044}{1373}, \quad \beta_5 = \frac{6661}{4506}, \quad \beta_8 = \frac{1781}{5144}$$

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$$\tau_4 = \beta_4/\alpha_4, \quad \tau_5 = \beta_5/\alpha_5$$

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The *index* characterizes the difficulty of a DAE.

Index 2 Euler-Lagrange DAE in multibody dynamics:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= f(x) - G(x)^T \lambda \\ 0 &= g(x)\end{aligned}$$

with  $G(x) = \partial g / \partial x$ ,  $G(x)G(x)^T$  invertible

## Generating polynomials of a multistep method: $\rho, \sigma$

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Solution:  $\beta$ -blocking

- ▶ Modify  $\sigma$  to move roots into unit circle
- ▶ New operator  $\sigma + \tau$ , with roots inside unit circle, should only affect algebraic variables
- ▶  $\tau$  should disturb order as little as possible

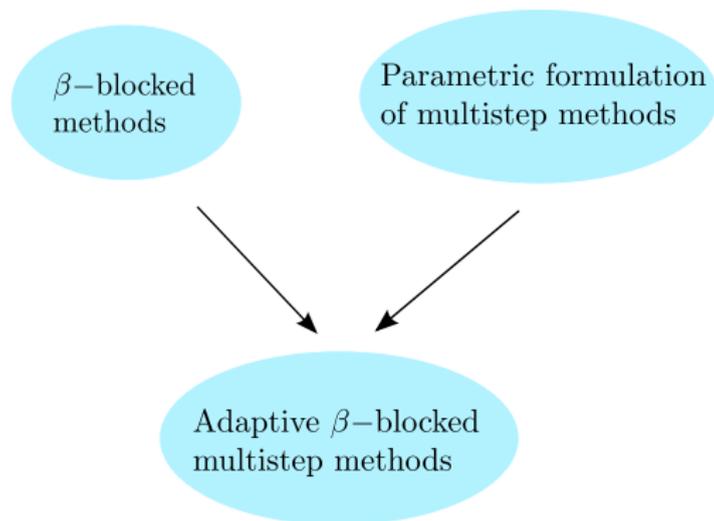
# Construction of $\beta$ -blocker operator

- ▶ Reduce order as little as possible by taking  $\tau = c\nabla^k$
- ▶ Keep  $\sigma$  for differential variables
- ▶  $\sigma + \tau$  for algebraic variables

Order:

$k + 1$  for differential variable,  $k$  for algebraic variable

$\beta$ -blocking published 1997–2000 as fixed step-size technique



# Standard formulation of index-2 Euler-Lagrange DAE

$$P_n \in \mathcal{P}_{k+1}$$

$$P'_n(t_n) = f(P_n(t_n)) - G(P_n(t_n))^T \lambda_n$$

$$P_n(t_{n-1}) = x_{n-1}$$

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$$Q_n(t_{n-j}) = \lambda_{n-j}$$

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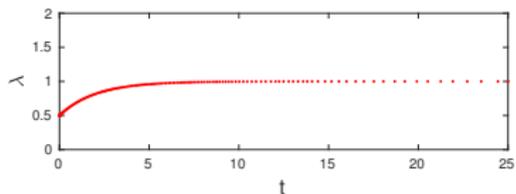
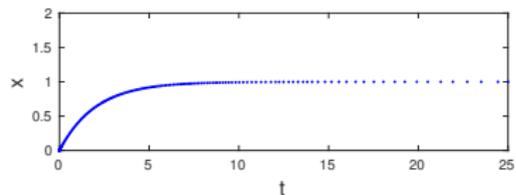
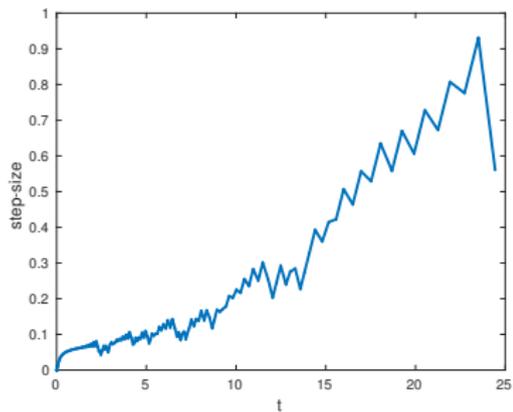
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$$\text{for } j = 2 : k, \quad \hat{c} = c \beta_k^{-1}.$$

$$\text{Set } x_n := P_n(t_n) \text{ and } \lambda_n := Q_n(t_n).$$

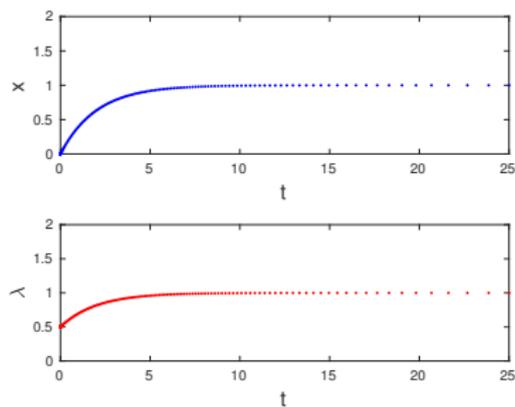
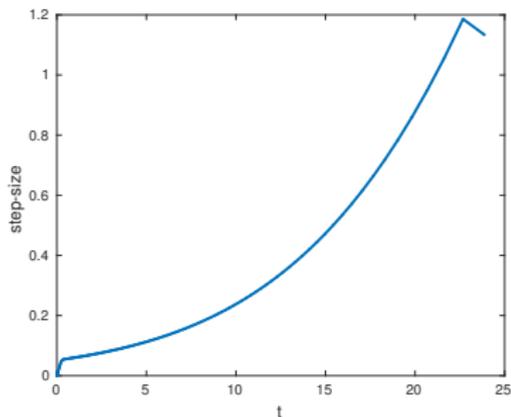
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## Effect of standard PI controller



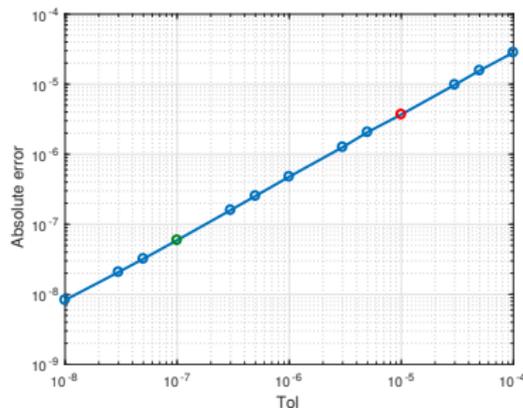
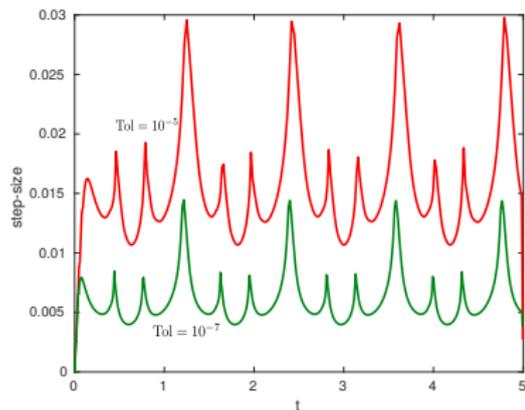
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## Effect of low-pass digital filter controller



# 4-step $\beta$ -blocked Adams-Moulton for nonlinear pendulum

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