

2.3.7. Rigorous Stability Analysis for more general Problems

- So far, stability was only studied for

$$(37) \quad u'(t) = \lambda u(t),$$

but motivated by Remark 2.17 (T20-21):

- Extension to linear systems $u'(t) = Ju(t) + \dots$:

- Consider

$$(53) \quad u'(t) = Ju(t) \quad \text{with } J \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

System (53) is dissipative iff

$$(54) \quad (Jv, v) \leq 0 \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

- RKF applied to (53) gives

$$(55) \quad u_{j+1} = R(\tau J) u_j$$

RKF (55) is contractive iff

$$(56) \quad \|w_{j+1} - v_{j+1}\| = \|R(\tau J)(w_j - v_j)\| \leq \|w_j - v_j\|$$

i.e. iff

$$(56) \quad \|R(\tau J)\| \leq 1$$

- The case that J is normal, i.e. $J^*J = JJ^*$:

- Lemma 2.26:

For normal matrices J , the system (53) $u' = Ju$ is dissipative iff

$$(57) \quad \operatorname{Re} \lambda \leq 0 \quad \forall \lambda \in \sigma(J).$$

Proof:

$$\bullet (\cdot, \cdot)_{\mathbb{R}^n} \mapsto (\cdot, \cdot)_{\mathbb{C}^n}$$

$$\forall z = x + iy, \quad z' = x' + iy' \in \mathbb{C}:$$

$$(z, z') = (z, z')_{\mathbb{C}} := (x, x') + (y, y') + i[(x', y) - (x, y')] \in \mathbb{C}$$