

$$a_p \frac{d^p u}{dt^p} + a_{p-1} \frac{d^{p-1} u}{dt^{p-1}} + \dots + a_1 \frac{du}{dt} + a_0 u(t) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad u(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{\bar{p}} P_i(t) e^{\lambda_i t} \quad (368)$$

Numerical solution of systems as equation (368)

### 5.3.2.2 Absolute stability

- Consider the first order ODE,

$$\dot{x} - \lambda x = 0 \quad (373)$$

How can we solve (and also analyze) the stability of a p-th order ODE with the solution and analysis of first order ODE (373):

$$\ddot{x} + 2\zeta\omega \dot{x} + \omega^2 x = f(t)$$

$$d = \dot{x} \quad \dot{d} + 2\zeta\omega v + \omega^2 d = f(t)$$

$$v = \dot{d} \quad \dot{d} - v = 0$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \dot{d} \\ v \end{bmatrix}}_q + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ \omega^2 & 2\zeta\omega \end{bmatrix}}_\Lambda \begin{bmatrix} d \\ v \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ f(t) \end{bmatrix}}_F$$

$$\dot{q} + \Lambda q = F(t)$$

example

generalized alpha

you can solve this  
with any first order  
ODE solver such as  
R1P, generalized alpha, etc.

$$\dot{q}^{n+\alpha} + \Lambda q^{n+\alpha} = F(t)_{n+\alpha}$$

$$q^{n+\alpha} = \frac{q^{n+1} - q^n}{\Delta t} \quad q^{n+\alpha} = [(1-\alpha)q_n + \alpha q_{n+1}]$$

$$[I_{2 \times 2} + (1-\alpha)\Lambda] q_{n+1} = [I_{2 \times 2} - \alpha \Lambda] q_n + \Delta t F(t)_{n+\alpha}$$

$$\ddot{x} + 2\zeta\omega \dot{x} + \omega^2 x = 0$$

$$e^{\lambda t} \quad \lambda^2 + 2\zeta\omega\lambda + \omega^2 = 0$$

$$\lambda_{1,2} = -\zeta\omega \pm \sqrt{\zeta^2\omega^2 - \omega^2}$$

$$e^{\lambda_1 t} \quad e^{\lambda_2 t}$$

$$\text{if } \zeta = 0$$

$$\lambda_{1,2} = \pm i\omega$$

$$u = Ae^{i\omega t} + Be^{-i\omega t} \\ = A\cos\omega t + B\sin\omega t$$

$$\ddot{x} + \omega^2 x = 0$$

$$\zeta < 1$$

$$\lambda_{1,2} = \underbrace{-\zeta\omega}_{\lambda_1} \pm i\omega\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}$$

$$\lambda_1 \quad \lambda_2$$

$$\zeta < 1 \quad \boxed{\lambda_{1,2} = \underbrace{-\zeta\omega}_{\lambda_R} \pm i\omega\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}_{\lambda_I}$$

$$u(t) = A_1 e^{(\lambda_R^1 + i\lambda_I^1)t} + A_2 e^{(\lambda_R^2 + i\lambda_I^2)t}$$

$$u(t) = A_1 e^{\underbrace{\lambda_R^1}_{\leq 0} t} e^{i\lambda_I^1 t} + A_2 e^{\underbrace{\lambda_R^2}_{\leq 0} t} e^{i\lambda_I^2 t}$$

if  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 : \zeta = 1 \quad \lambda_{1,2} = -\omega$

$$u(t) = A_1 e^{-\omega t} + A_2 t e^{-\omega t}$$

Why the stability analysis of

$$a_p \frac{d^p u}{dt^p} + a_{p-1} \frac{d^{p-1} u}{dt^{p-1}} + \dots + a_1 \frac{du}{dt} + a_0 u(t) = 0 \quad (\text{A})$$

we only consider ODE's where

reduces to stability analysis of

all  $\lambda_i^R < 0$

$\lambda_i$  is a root of (A)

Real solution

$$u = P_i(t) e^{\lambda_i t}$$

$$\text{real } u = P_i(t) e^{i k x}$$

$\downarrow$   
 this is the solution  
 to  $\dot{u} - \lambda u = 0$

we are interested in evaluating if a numerical method can stably solve

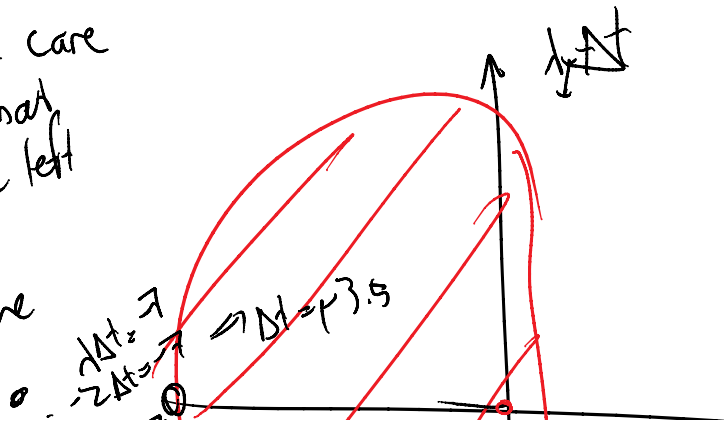
$$\dot{u} - \lambda u = 0$$

for  $\lambda = \lambda_R + i \lambda_I \quad \lambda_R < 0$

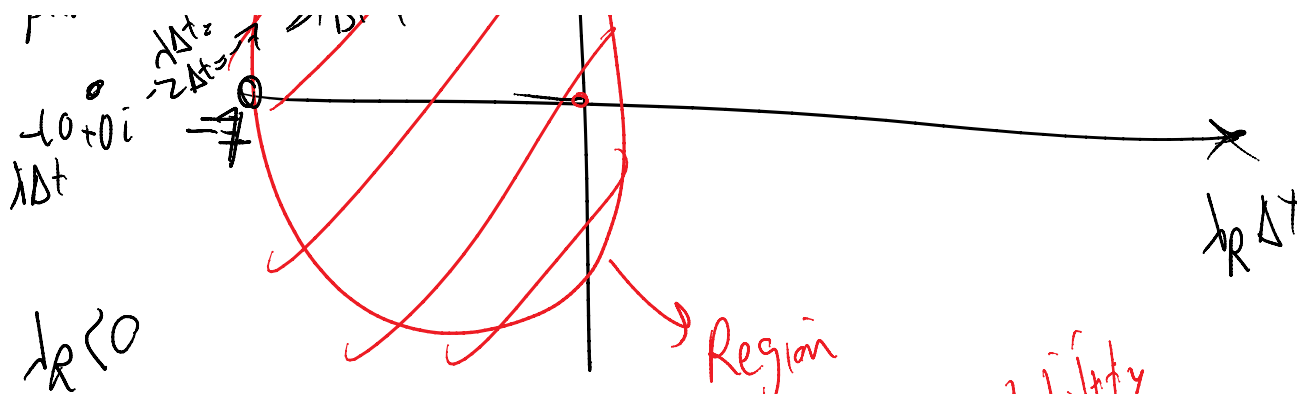
problems where physical solution is diminishing

time marching scheme has a  $\Delta t$

we care about the left half plane



$$e^{\lambda \Delta t} e^{i k \Delta t}$$



$$\dot{u} + 2u = 0$$

$$\lambda = -2 + 0i$$

$$\Delta t = 5$$

$$\lambda \Delta t = -10 + 0i$$

Region of absolute stability of a time march method is where the solution to

$u' - \lambda u = 0$  is stable & tending to zero as  $t \rightarrow \infty$

for time step  $\Delta t$

Example Generalized Alpha  
Real

$$u' - \lambda u = 0 \quad \lambda \text{ real}$$

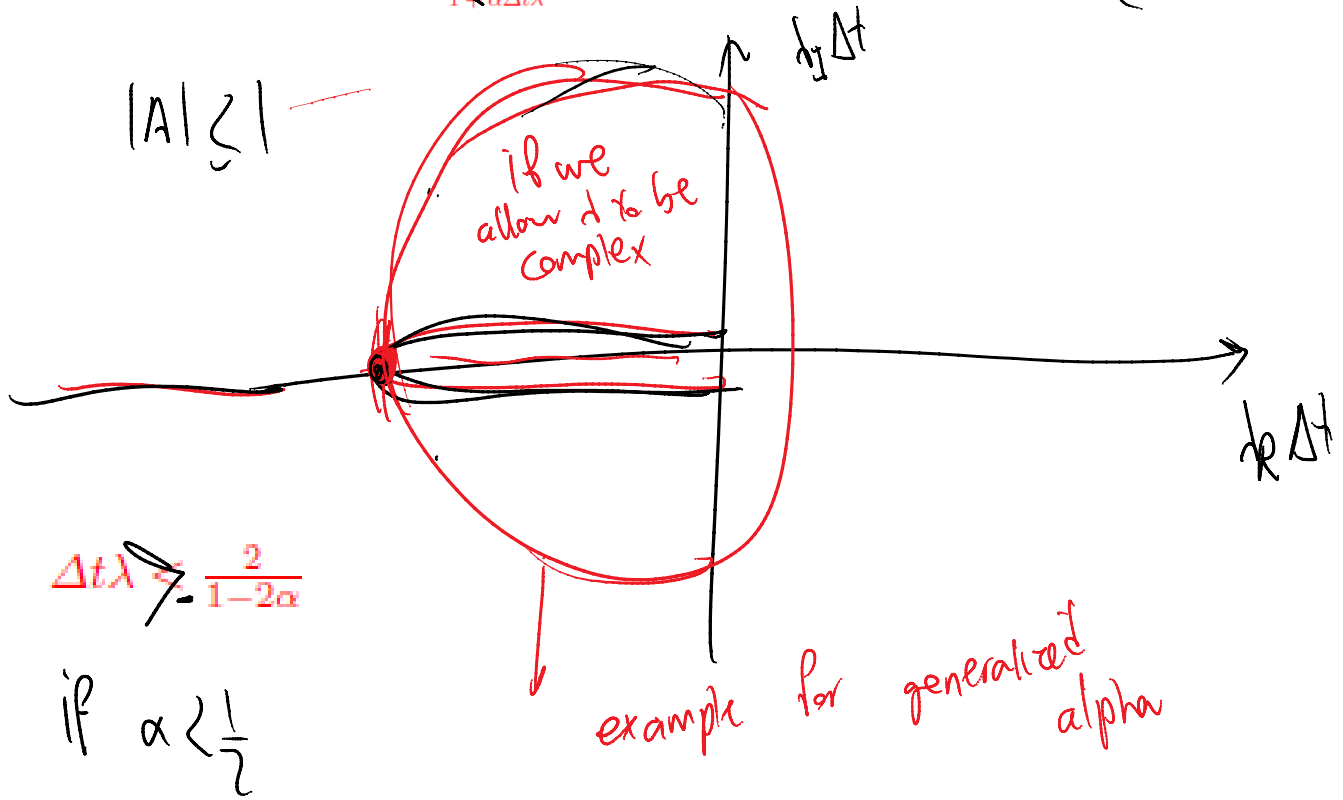
$$(1 - \alpha \Delta t \lambda^n) d_{n+1} = (1 + (1 - \alpha) \Delta t \lambda^n) d_n$$

$$d_{n+1} = A d_n, \quad \text{where } A = \frac{1 + (1 - \alpha) \Delta t \lambda^n}{1 - \alpha \Delta t \lambda^n} \quad \text{Amplification factor}$$

$$\sim \Delta t \Delta t$$

$$\alpha < \frac{1}{2}$$

$d_{n+1} = Ad_n$ , where  $A = \frac{1 - \alpha \Delta t \lambda}{1 + \alpha \Delta t \lambda}$  Amplification factor



A - stable method

Absolutely stable method

It's a numerical method

that the region of absolute stability covers the entire negative real half plane

This numerical method provides stable solutions for any  $\Delta t$  when

stable solution for any  $\Delta t$  when  
 the underlying physical solution is



$$iI - \lambda u = 0$$

$$\lambda = \lambda_R + i\lambda_I$$

$$\lambda_R < 0$$

numerical method

is stable for Any  $\Delta t$

The difference between the concepts of A-stability and unconditional stability



$$\dot{x} - \lambda_0 x = 0, \quad (\lambda_0^I = 0, \lambda_0^R < 0) \quad \star$$

fixed

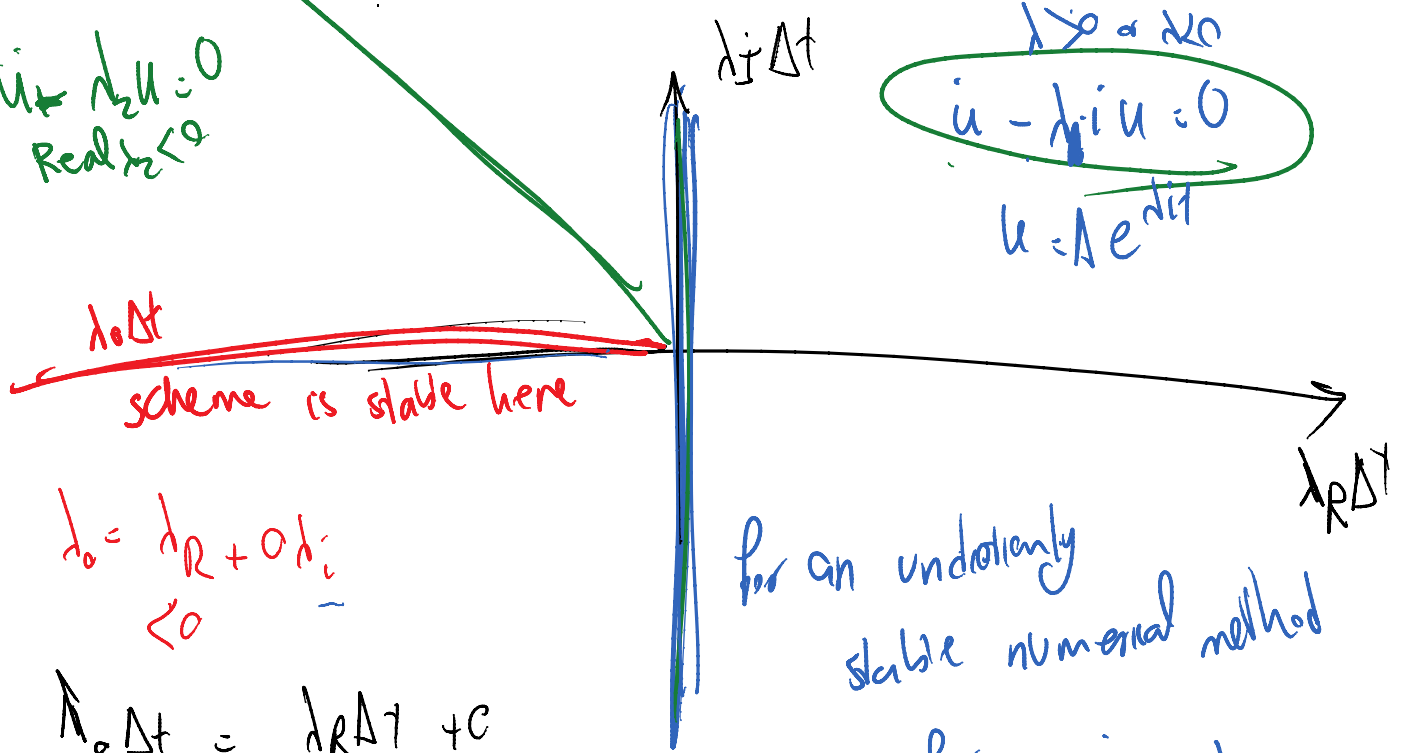
Assume  $\lambda_0$  is real & negative

$$x = A e^{\lambda_0 t}$$

A numerical method for  $\star$  is unconditionally stable if we can take arbitrary time step while still the numerical method is stable

$$u_i - \lambda_i u = 0$$

Real  $\lambda_i < 0$



$$u_i - \lambda_i u = 0$$

$$u = A e^{\lambda_i t}$$

$$\lambda_0 = \lambda_R + 0i$$

$\lambda_0 < 0$

$$\lambda_0 \Delta t = \lambda_R \Delta t + 0i$$

let  $\Delta t$  go from 0 to  $\infty$

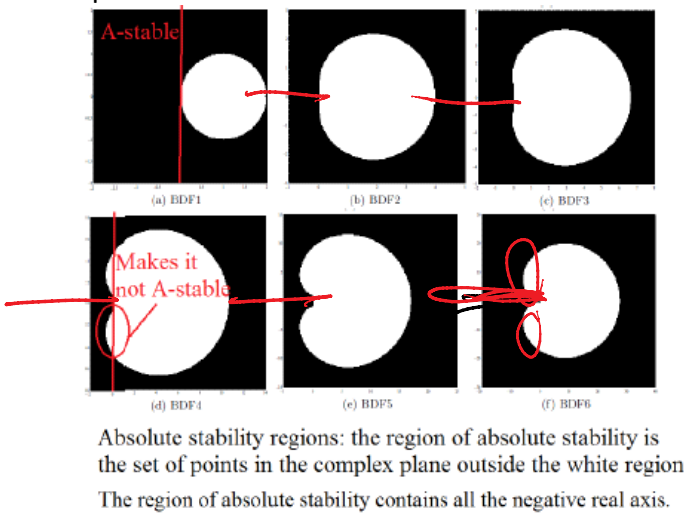
for an unconditionally stable numerical method for  $u_i - \lambda_i u = 0$   $\lambda_i$  is fixed

... ..



Can we get "well-behaved" numerical methods  
 that are higher order than 2  
 with some compromise on A-stability

Compromise of BDF methods

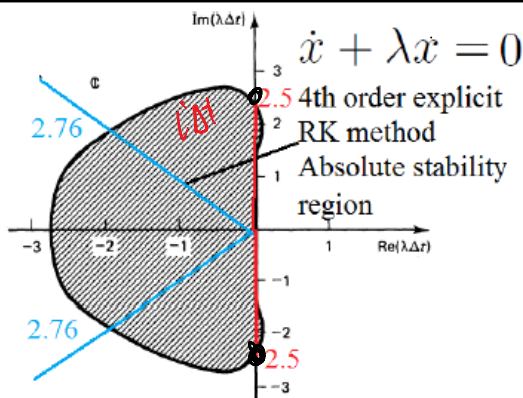


these methods are  
 conditionally stable  
 for solving

$$u' = -\lambda u = 0$$

$$\lambda = \underbrace{\lambda_r}_{< 0} + i \underbrace{\lambda_i}_{\neq 0}$$

Use in practice



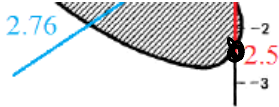
$$\ddot{x} + x = 0$$

$$x = e^{it}$$

$$\lambda^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$\lambda = \pm i$$

$$x = A_1 e^{it} + A_2 e^{-it}$$



$$x = A_1 e^{i t} + A_2 e^{-i t}$$

$$\lambda_{1,2} = \pm i$$

$$\lambda_1 \Delta t = \frac{i \Delta t}{\Delta t}$$

$$\lambda_2 \Delta t = \frac{-i \Delta t}{\Delta t}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} |i \Delta t| < 2.5 \\ |-i \Delta t| < 2.5 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \Delta t < 2.5$$

why  $\ddot{u} + \dots = 0$  corresponds to hyperbolic

PDE  $\ddot{u} - c^2 u_{xx} = 0 \Rightarrow M \ddot{U} + K U = 0$   
MDOF

Modal analysis  
 $\Rightarrow$

$$\ddot{x}_i + \omega_i^2 x_i = 0$$

$$\ddot{x} + 2\dot{x} + 2x = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 2 = 0$$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{2\zeta\omega} \quad \underbrace{\quad}_{\omega^2}$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = -1 \pm i \quad \Rightarrow x = a_1 e^{(i-1)t} + a_2 e^{(-i-1)t}$$

$$M \ddot{U} + C \dot{U} + K U = 0$$

assuming we can get to SDef  
 $\Rightarrow$   
 eig  $C = \alpha M + \beta K$

$$\ddot{x} + 2\zeta\omega \dot{x} + \omega^2 x = 0$$

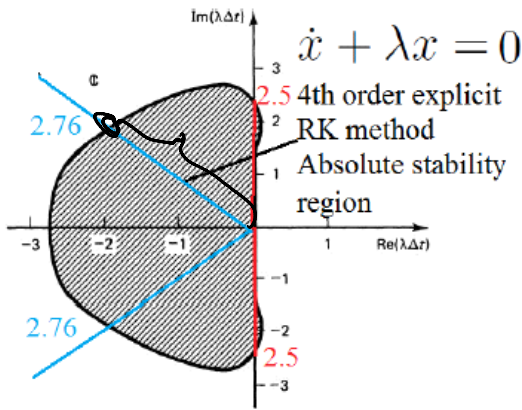
$$\lambda = \underbrace{(-1)}_{\lambda_1} \pm \underbrace{i}_{\lambda_2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = a_1 e^{(i-1)t} + a_2 e^{(-i-1)t}$$

$$\lambda = -1 \pm i \Rightarrow x = a_1 e^{(i-1)t} + a_1 e^{(-i-1)t}$$

oscillatory  
diminishing  
 $\text{Re} \leq 0$  great  
physical solution diminishing

$$\lambda = -1 \pm i \quad |\lambda| = \sqrt{2}$$



$$2.76 = |\lambda| \Delta t = \sqrt{2} \Delta t$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta t \leq 1.94$$

#### 5.4.1 Control of high frequency numerical noise

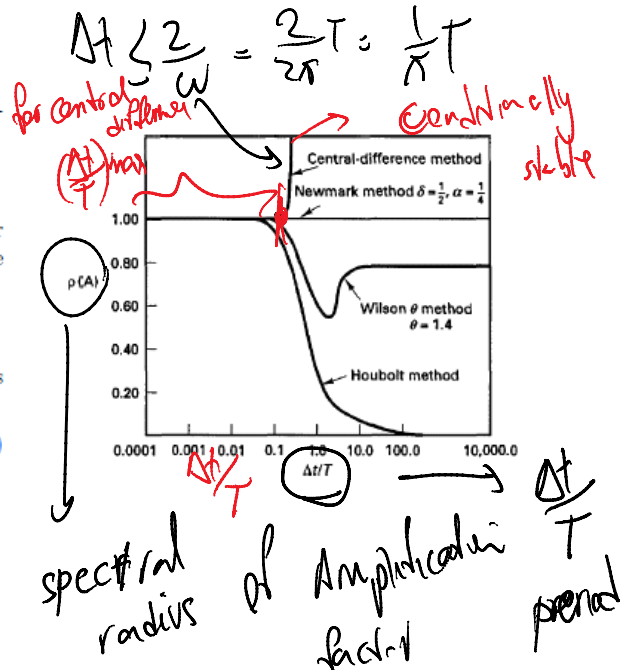
- In the figure observe **spectral radius** of different time marching methods versus normalized element size.
- $T = \frac{\omega}{2\pi}$  is the period of a given SDOF.
- Clearly, as expected central-difference method becomes unstable for  $\Delta t/T > \frac{1}{\pi}$ : As we observed in (357) (also (358)) central difference method is stable if  $\Delta t \omega \leq 2$ ,  $T = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} \Rightarrow \Delta t/T \leq \frac{1}{\pi}$
- Other methods in the figure are unconditionally stable.
- One very important aspect of a time marching method in these plots is,

$$\rho_\infty = \lim_{\Delta t/T \rightarrow \infty} \rho(A(\frac{\Delta t}{T})) \quad (387)$$

for example for Wilson- $\theta$  method  $\rho_\infty \approx 0.8$

$$u^{n+1} = A u^n$$

$\rho(A)$



spectral radius

$T_{period} =$

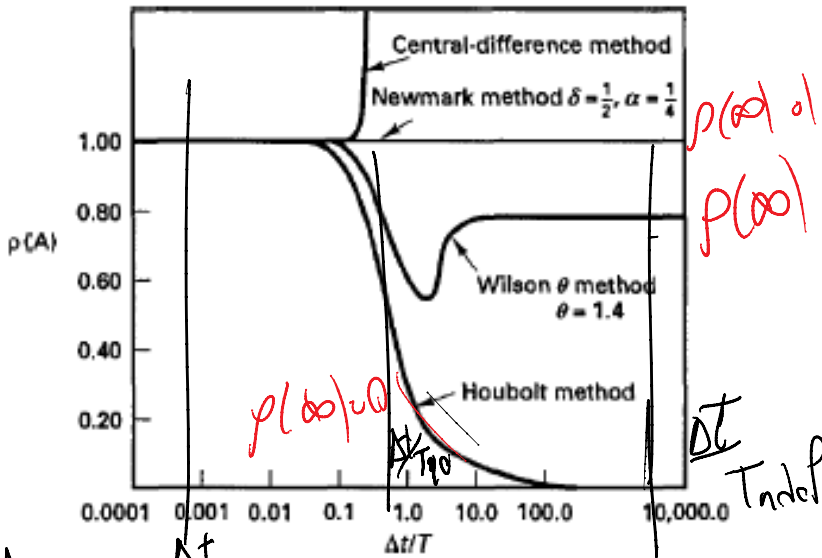
ODE of consideration

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$$

$\omega$

$$\ddot{x} + \omega^2 x = 0$$

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$$



$\Delta t$

$$\ddot{x} + \omega^2 x = 0$$

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

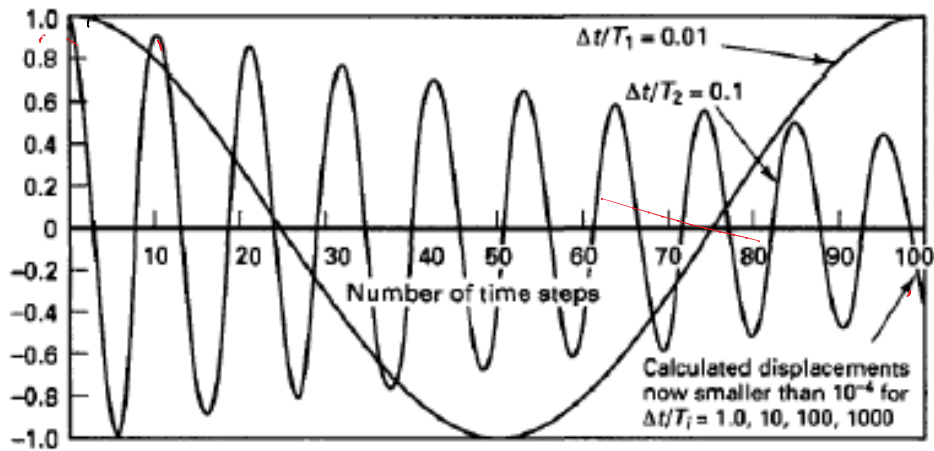
MDOF

$$M\ddot{U} + KU = 0$$

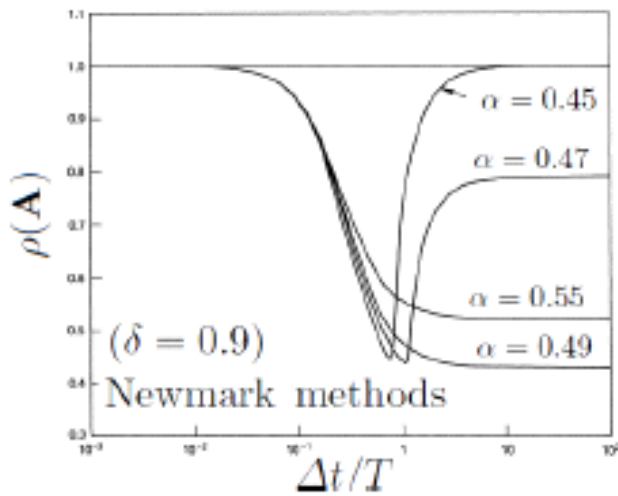
$$\ddot{x}_i + \omega_i^2 x_i = 0$$

$$\omega_1 < \omega_2 < \dots \quad (\omega_{ndof})$$

large very



**Figure 9.7** Displacement response predicted with increasing  $\Delta t/T$  ratio; ~~Wilson~~  $\theta$  method,  $\theta = 1.4$  [Bathe, 2006]



$$\alpha \approx \frac{(\delta + \frac{1}{2})^2}{4}$$

best

for Newmark method