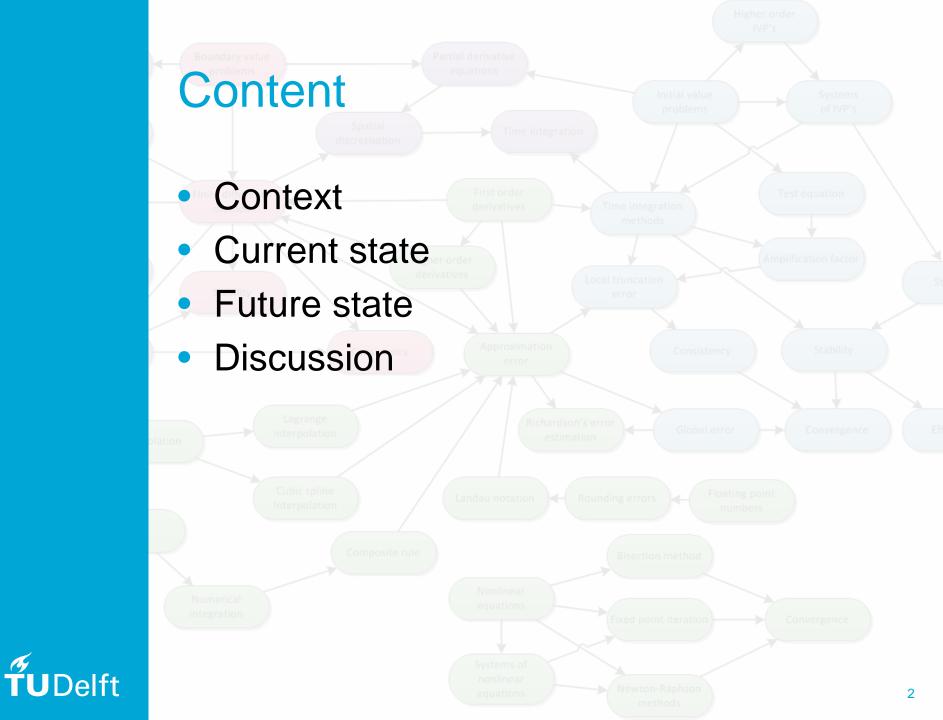
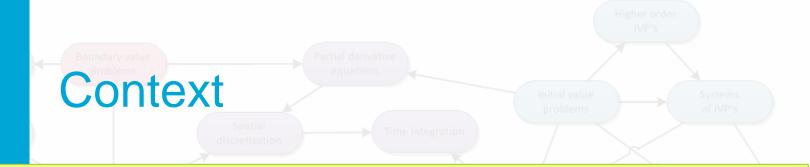


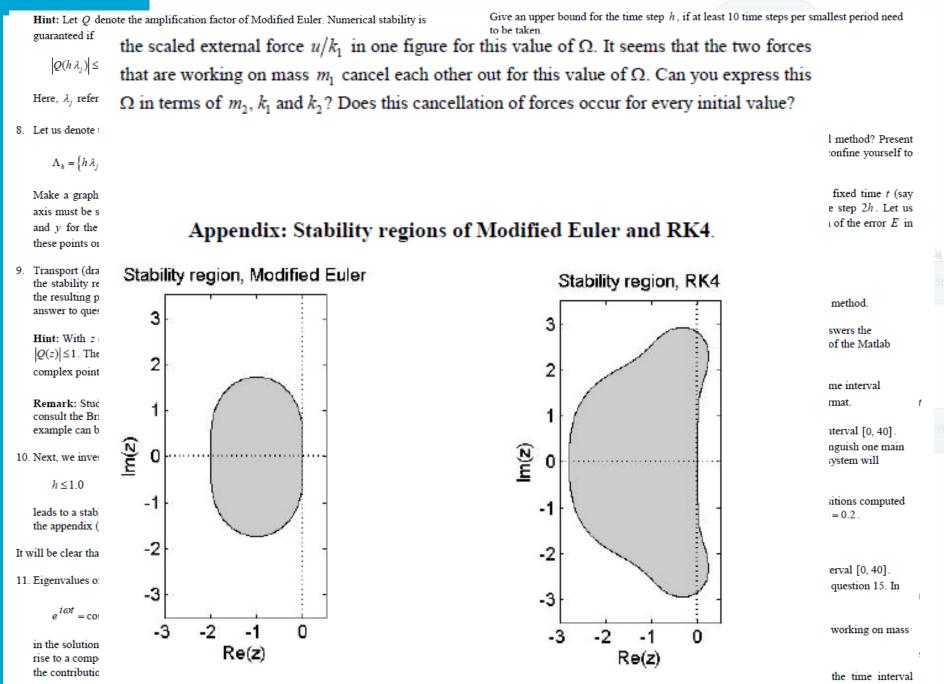
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term will introduce a period  $T = 2\pi/\Omega$  in the problem, with  $\Omega$  in the range presented in (3).

[0, 40]. For which value of  $\Omega$  is the maximum almost equal to zero? Plot the positions and

## Problem description

A spring-mass system consists of two masses,  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ , which can only move horizontally (see the picture below). The masses are connected by means of a spring with spring constant  $k_1$ . The left mass is also connected to the wall by means of a spring with spring constant  $k_2$ . A periodic force u is working on the right mass with amplitude 3 Newton and frequency  $\Omega$ . The positions (deviations from rest) of the masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  will be denoted by  $m_2$  and  $m_2$  respectively. The influence of gravity will be perfected. We are

## <sup>1</sup> Assignment 3

<sup>1</sup> To have an accurate estimate for  $\Omega$ , the errors in your solutions should not be too large. To determine an <sup>y</sup> appropriate time step  $\Delta t$ , answer the following questions:

- Find a formula based on Richardsons extrapolation which estimates the error in the numerical solution at t = 1 using only numerical solutions.
- Use this formula to find a value for the time step Δt such that the absolute errors in x<sub>1</sub> and x<sub>2</sub> are less than 10<sup>-5</sup>. Use Ω = 5 in your calculations<sup>¶</sup>. Make sure <sup>1</sup>/Δt is an integer.

## Assignment 4

Using the value for  $\Delta t$  you found in the previous assignments, answer the research question. That is, find the answer to the question:

What is the lowest value of  $\Omega > 0$  such that  $|x_1(t)|$  for  $t \in [0, 40]$  is as low as possible?

Hint: To be able to choose an a equations to a system of first-order differential equations.

To be able to perform this practical assignment, knowledge and understanding of Chapters 3 and 6 of the book are required. After performing the assignments, you must write a report.



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