

AM 255: Final Exam

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Problem 1

Part 1: Consider the following initial value problems for the heat equation $u_t = u_{xx}$.

$$\begin{aligned} u_t &= u_{xx}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \quad 0 \leq t \\ u(x, 0) &= u_0(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } |x| \leq 1/2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_t &= u_{xx}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \quad 0 \leq t \\ u(x, 0) &= u_0(x) = \cos(\pi x), \quad -\infty < x < \infty \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

In both cases we will examine periodic solutions on the interval $[-1, 1]$, evaluated at time $t = 1$. Begin by deriving exact solutions to these initial value problems.

We begin by observing that the initial conditions are periodic on the interval $[-1, 1]$, rather than the canonical interval $[-2\pi, 2\pi]$. Recall from [3] that the Fourier series of a periodic function $f(x)$ on $[-L/2, L/2]$ is given by the following pair of expressions.

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \sum_{\omega=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i(2\pi\omega x/L)} \hat{f}(\omega) \\ \hat{f}(\omega) &= \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} e^{-i(2\pi\omega x/L)} f(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

For this problem we can substitute $L = 2$ into the previous expressions to obtain the appropriate Fourier series representation.

$$f(x) = \sum_{\omega=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\pi\omega x} \hat{f}(\omega) \quad (3)$$

$$\hat{f}(\omega) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 e^{-i\pi\omega x} f(x) dx \quad (4)$$

At this point we can proceed in the manner outlined on page 61 in [1] and assume a solution to the heat equation consisting of a single Fourier component.

$$u(x, t) = e^{i\pi\omega x} \hat{u}(\omega, t)$$

Substituting this expression into $u_t = u_{xx}$ yields the following ordinary differential equation

$$\hat{u}_t(\omega, t) = -(\pi\omega)^2 \hat{u}(\omega, t), \quad \hat{u}(\omega, 0) = \hat{u}_0(\omega),$$

which has the general solution

$$\hat{u}(\omega, t) = e^{-(\pi\omega)^2 t} \hat{u}_0(\omega) \quad \Rightarrow \quad u(x, t) = \sum_{\omega=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\pi\omega x} e^{-(\pi\omega)^2 t} \hat{u}_0(\omega). \quad (5)$$

Substituting into Equation 4, the Fourier coefficients of the initial condition in Equation 1 are given by

$$\hat{u}_0(\omega) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} e^{-i\pi\omega x} dx = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin(\frac{\pi\omega}{2})}{\pi\omega} & \text{if } \omega \neq 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } \omega = 0, \end{cases}$$

since $u_0(x)$ is non-zero only on the interval $[-1/2, 1/2]$. Applying this result to Equation 5 gives the exact solution for Equation 1 as an infinite series.

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &= \sum_{\omega=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\pi\omega x} e^{-(\pi\omega)^2 t} \hat{u}_0(\omega) = \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{\omega=1}^{\infty} e^{-(\pi\omega)^2 t} \left(\frac{\sin(\frac{\pi\omega}{2})}{\frac{\pi\omega}{2}} \right) \left(\frac{e^{i\pi\omega x} + e^{-i\pi\omega x}}{2} \right) \\ &\Rightarrow \boxed{u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{\omega=1}^{\infty} e^{-(\pi\omega)^2 t} \left(\frac{\sin(\frac{\pi\omega}{2})}{\frac{\pi\omega}{2}} \right) \cos(\pi\omega x)} \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Similarly, the Fourier coefficients of the initial condition in Equation 2 can be obtained by direct inspection.

$$\begin{aligned} u_0(x) = \cos(\pi x) &= \frac{e^{i\pi x} + e^{-i\pi x}}{2} = \sum_{\omega=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\pi\omega x} \hat{f}(\omega) \\ &\Rightarrow \hat{u}_0(\omega) = \begin{cases} 1/2 & \text{if } \omega \in \{-1, 1\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Substituting these coefficients into Equation 5 gives the exact solution for Equation 2.

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &= \sum_{\omega=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\pi\omega x} e^{-(\pi\omega)^2 t} \hat{u}_0(\omega) = e^{-\pi^2 t} \left(\frac{e^{i\pi x} + e^{-i\pi x}}{2} \right) \\ &\Rightarrow \boxed{u(x, t) = e^{-\pi^2 t} \cos(\pi x)} \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

This completes the derivation of the exact solutions. Note that Equations 6 and 7 will be used in the following parts to estimate the numerical order of accuracy of various finite difference schemes for the heat equation.

Part 2: Evaluate the following discrete difference approximation to Equations 1 and 2

$$v_j^{n+1} = v_j^n + \frac{k}{h^2} (v_{j+1}^n - 2v_j^n + v_{j-1}^n), \quad (8)$$

consisting of a second-order central difference in space and an explicit forward Euler scheme in time. Consider grid spacings given by $h = \{\frac{2}{21}, \frac{2}{41}, \frac{2}{81}, \frac{2}{161}, \frac{2}{321}\}$ and time steps given by $\mu = \frac{k}{h^2} = 0.4$. Report L_2 -errors and the numerical order of accuracy for all parameter sets.

Recall from page 63 in [1] that the scheme in Equation 8 is called the *Euler method*; in terms of the discrete difference operators, we can express this approximation in the following form.

$$v_j^{n+1} = (I + kD_+D_-)v_j^n \quad (9)$$

My implementation of this discrete difference approximation was completed using *Matlab* and is included as `EulerMethod.m`. Before presenting the results of my program, I will briefly outline the architecture of the source code. On lines 13-65 I select the initial condition, the values of $\{N, h, k\}$, and determine the resulting grid points $\{x, t\}$. (Note that on lines 55-57 I ensure that the last time is given by $t = 1$.) Lines 71-83 implement Equation 9. Note that I have implemented the D_+D_- operator as a stand-alone program `DpDm.m`. Lines 89-172 create the tables and plots shown in this write-up. Finally, note that the truncated infinite series approximating the exact solution to Equation 1 is defined on lines 175-182.

The approximation results for $k = 0.4h^2$ are tabulated below; Table 1.1 shows the results for the “boxcar” initial condition in Equation 1, whereas Table 1.2 shows the results for the cosine initial condition in Equation 2. Corresponding plots are shown in Figures 1 and 2.

h	N	L_2 -error	order
2/21	20	3.275e-6	NA
2/41	40	8.822e-7	1.89
2/81	80	2.276e-7	1.95
2/161	160	5.771e-8	1.98
2/321	320	1.452e-8	1.99

Table 1.1: Results for Equation 1

h	N	L_2 -error	order
2/21	20	5.145e-6	NA
2/41	40	1.386e-6	1.89
2/81	80	3.575e-7	1.95
2/161	160	9.065e-8	1.98
2/321	320	2.282e-8	1.99

Table 1.2: Results for Equation 2

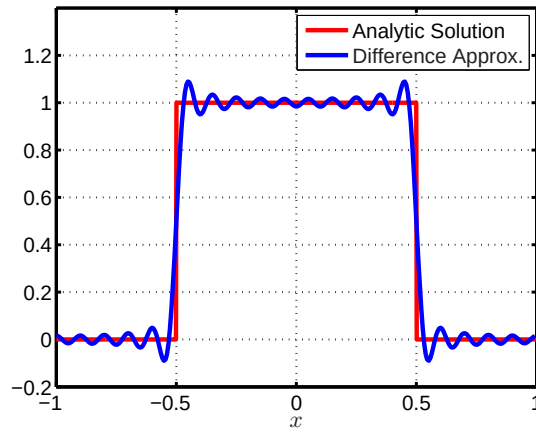
Note that the standard definition of the discrete L_2 -norm was used to evaluate the total error as

$$L_2\text{-error}(N) \triangleq \sqrt{\sum_{j=0}^N |u(x_j, t^n) - v_j^n|^2 h}.$$

In addition, recall that the following definition of order of approximation was given in class.

$$\text{order} \triangleq \log_2 \left(\frac{L_2\text{-error}(N)}{L_2\text{-error}(2N)} \right)$$

From these results, we find that the Euler method for the heat equation (as defined in Equation 9) is stable and has second-order numerical accuracy for both initial conditions. Recall from page 63 in [1] that the Euler method is stable for $k/h^2 \leq 1/2$. Since we used $k = 0.4h^2$, we find that these results are consistent with theoretical predictions. (Note that a discussion of special considerations for “boxcar” initial conditions is delayed until Part 3.)



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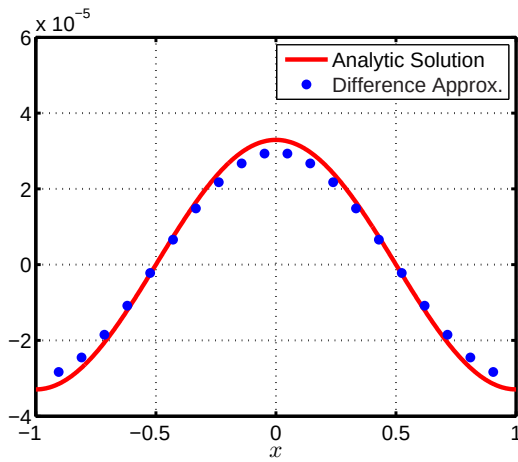
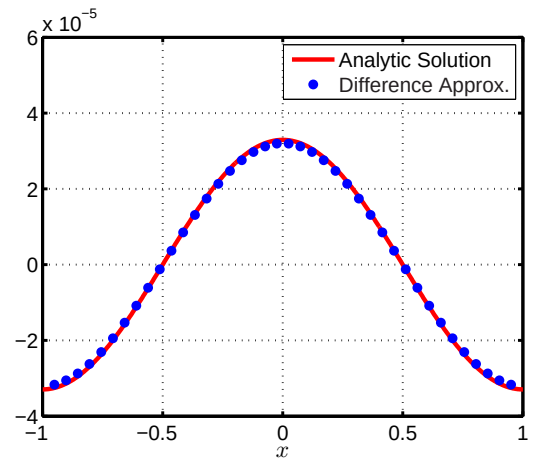
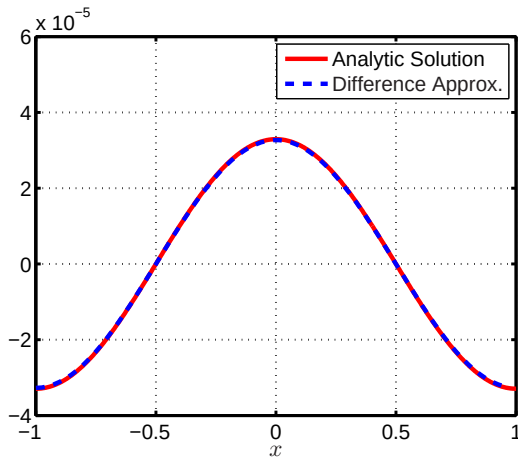
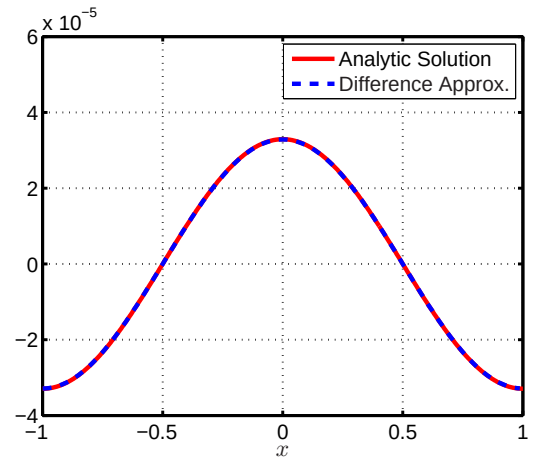
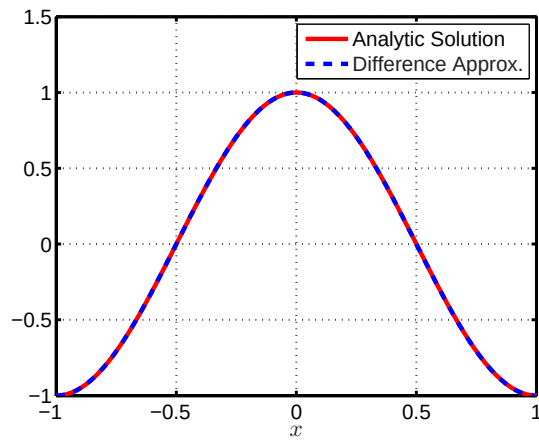
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Figure 1: Approximation results corresponding to Table 1.1. (a) Comparison between exact initial condition and Fourier series approximation using 21 terms. (b)-(e) Comparison between Euler method and the analytic solution of Equation 1 at $t = 1$, for $h = \{\frac{2}{21}, \frac{2}{41}, \frac{2}{81}, \frac{2}{161}\}$ and $k = 0.4h^2$. (Plots (b)-(e) show residuals after subtracting $1/2$ from each solution.)



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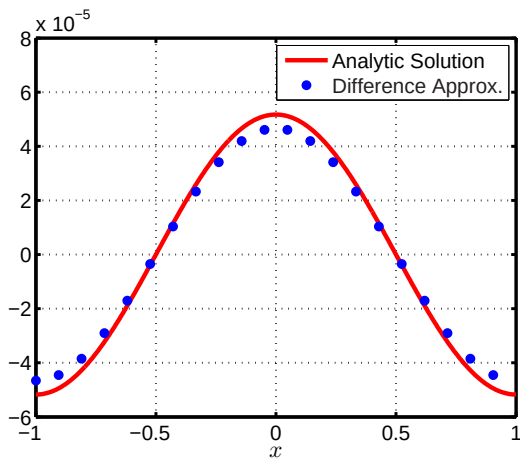
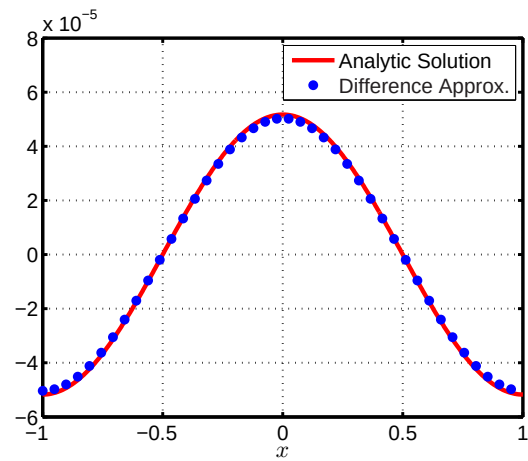
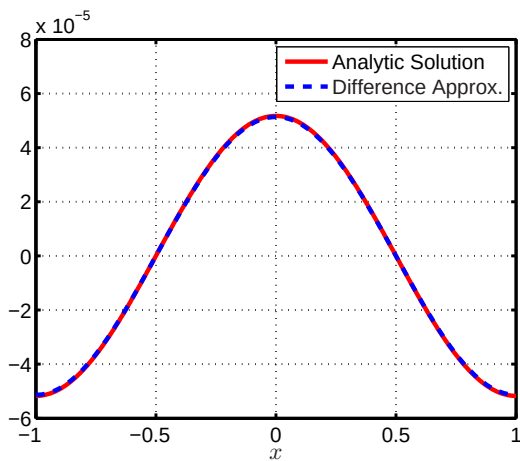
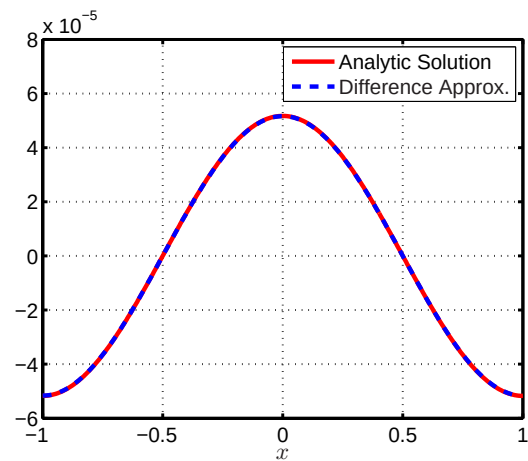
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Figure 2: Approximation results corresponding to Table 1.2. (a) Plot of exact initial condition. (b)-(e) Comparison between the Euler method and the analytic solution of Equation 2 at time $t = 1$, for $h = \{\frac{2}{21}, \frac{2}{41}, \frac{2}{81}, \frac{2}{161}\}$ and $k = 0.4h^2$.

Part 3: Evaluate the second-order Crank-Nicholson approximation to Equations 1 and 2

$$v_j^{n+1} = v_j^n + \frac{k}{2h^2} (v_{j+1}^{n+1} - 2v_j^{n+1} + v_{j-1}^{n+1} + v_{j+1}^n - 2v_j^n + v_{j-1}^n). \quad (10)$$

Consider grid spacings given by $h = \{\frac{2}{21}, \frac{2}{41}, \frac{2}{81}, \frac{2}{161}, \frac{2}{321}\}$ and time steps given by $\mu = \frac{k}{h^2} = 10$ and $\lambda = \frac{k}{h} = 1$. Report L_2 -errors and the numerical order of accuracy for all parameter sets.

Recall, from page 68 in [1], that the Crank-Nicholson scheme in Equation 10 can be written using the discrete difference operators as follows.

$$\left(I - \frac{k}{2}D_+D_-\right)v_j^{n+1} = \left(I + \frac{k}{2}D_+D_-\right)v_j^n \quad (11)$$

My implementation of this discrete difference approximation was completed using *Matlab* and is included as `CrankNicholson.m`. Before presenting the results of my program, I will briefly outline the architecture of the source code. On lines 13-70 I select the initial condition, the values of $\{N, h, k\}$, and determine the resulting grid points $\{x, t\}$. (Note that on lines 60-62 I ensure that the last time is given by $t = 1$.) Lines 73-103 implement Equation 11. Note that I have implemented the D_+D_- operator, in matrix form, on lines 79-87. Lines 106-192 create the tables and plots shown in this write-up. Finally, note that the truncated infinite series approximating the exact solution to Equation 1 is defined on lines 195-202.

The approximation results for $k = 10h^2$ are tabulated below; Table 1.3 shows the results for the “boxcar” initial condition in Equation 1, whereas Table 1.4 shows the results for the cosine initial condition in Equation 2. Corresponding plots are shown in Figures 3 and 4.

h	N	L_2 -error	order
2/21	20	1.437e-2	NA
2/41	40	1.627e-6	13.11
2/81	80	6.504e-8	4.64
2/161	160	3.498e-8	0.89
2/321	320	9.980e-9	1.81
2/641	640	2.577e-9	1.95

Table 1.3: Equation 1 with $k = 10h^2$

h	N	L_2 -error	order
2/21	20	2.495e-5	NA
2/41	40	1.335e-6	4.22
2/81	80	1.022e-7	3.71
2/161	160	5.495e-8	0.89
2/321	320	1.568e-8	1.81
2/641	640	4.048e-9	1.95

Table 1.4: Equation 2 with $k = 10h^2$

The approximation results for $k = h$ are tabulated below; Table 1.5 shows the results for the “boxcar” initial condition in Equation 1, whereas Table 1.6 shows the results for the cosine initial condition in Equation 2. Corresponding plots are shown in Figures 5 and 6.

h	N	L_2 -error	order
2/21	20	3.088e-2	NA
2/41	40	5.185e-3	2.57
2/81	80	9.719e-6	9.06
2/161	160	3.627e-7	4.74
2/321	320	9.171e-8	1.98
2/641	640	2.305e-8	1.99

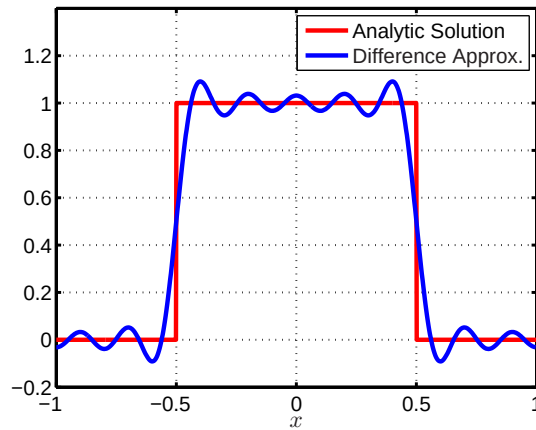
Table 1.5: Equation 1 with $k = h$

h	N	L_2 -error	order
2/21	20	2.647e-5	NA
2/41	40	8.236e-6	1.68
2/81	80	2.217e-6	1.89
2/161	160	5.697e-7	1.96
2/321	320	1.441e-7	1.98
2/641	640	3.620e-8	1.99

Table 1.6: Equation 2 with $k = h$

From these results, we find that the Crank-Nicholson approximation for the heat equation (as defined in Equation 11) is stable and has second-order numerical accuracy for both initial conditions. Recall from pages 68 and 69 in [1] that the Crank-Nicholson scheme is unconditionally stable. As a result, the experimental results confirm the theoretical stability analysis. Also recall that the Crank-Nicholson scheme was proven to be accurate to $\mathcal{O}(h^2+k^2)$ in Problem 3 of Problem Set 3. Once again, the numerical results confirm the theoretical prediction of second-order accuracy.

To conclude my analysis I would like to mention a particular detail of my implementation which was required to obtain second-order accuracy for the “boxcar” initial condition in Equation 1. Specifically, I found that this initial condition could not be represented directly as a discontinuous “boxcar” function. Instead, I used a truncated Fourier series to synthesize the initial condition (as shown in Figures 1(a), 3(a) and 1(d)). Experimentally, I found that allowing between 11 to 21 terms in the Fourier series expansion led to second-order accuracy in Parts 2 and 3. As discussed on page 62 in [1], the heat equation is a parabolic equation and, as a result, each Fourier component is damped with time; this damping is particularly strong for high frequencies. As a result, the higher-order terms in the Fourier series do not significantly affect the solution at time $t = 1$ and can be removed from the initial condition. As I found experimentally, this improved the stability of the solution and also led to second-order accuracy. While outside the scope of this course, I believe that this effect can be explained by the Nyquist-Shannon sampling theorem [2]. Specifically, unless we truncate the higher-order terms, the “boxcar” function will be undersampled for small grid-spacings (e.g., for $N < 320$ in Tables 1.3-1.6). In conclusion, we find that the Crank-Nicholson scheme has second-order numerical accuracy if the initial conditions are handled with care; otherwise, we only find first-order accuracy experimentally.



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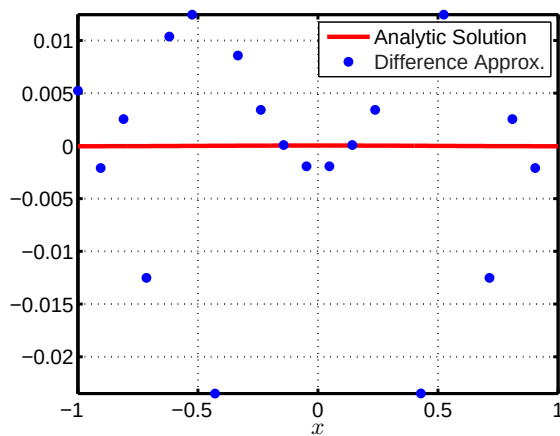
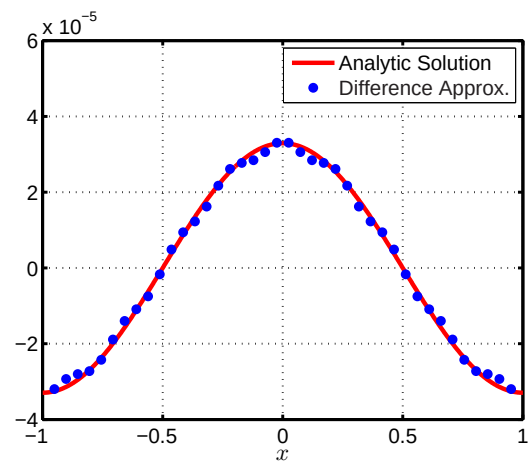
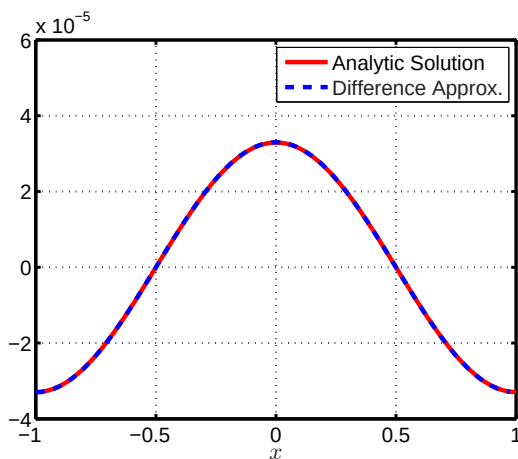
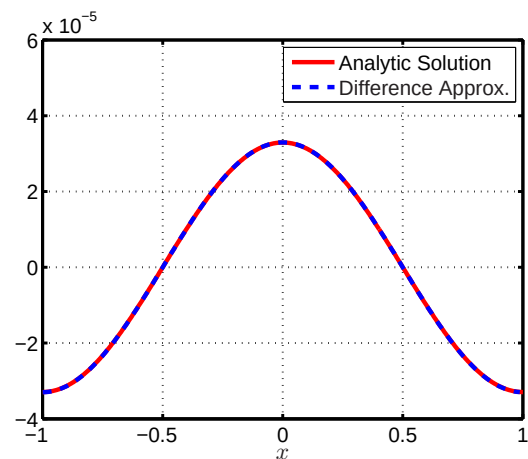
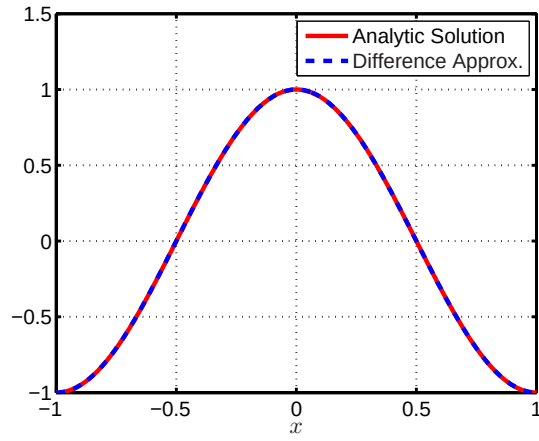
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Figure 3: Approximation results corresponding to Table 1.3. (a) Comparison between exact initial condition and the Fourier series approximation using 11 terms. (b)-(e) Comparison between the Crank-Nicholson approximation and the analytic solution of Equation 1 at time $t = 1$, for $h = \{\frac{2}{21}, \frac{2}{41}, \frac{2}{81}, \frac{2}{161}\}$ and $k = 10h^2$. (Note that plots (b)-(e) show residuals after subtracting the mean value of $1/2$ from the solutions.)



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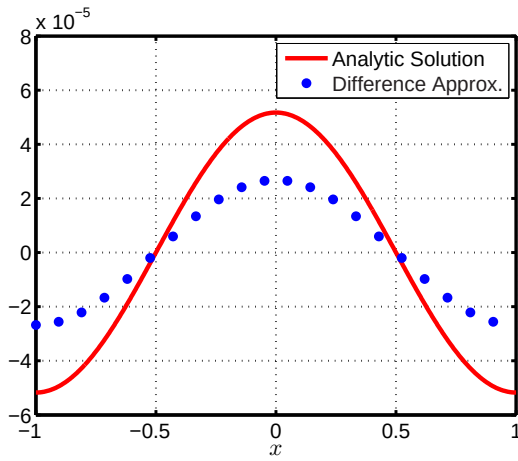
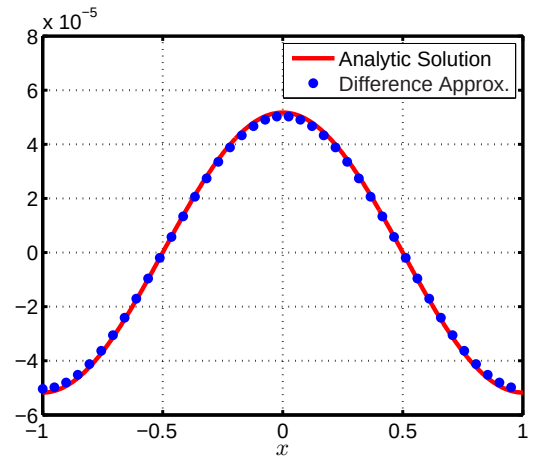
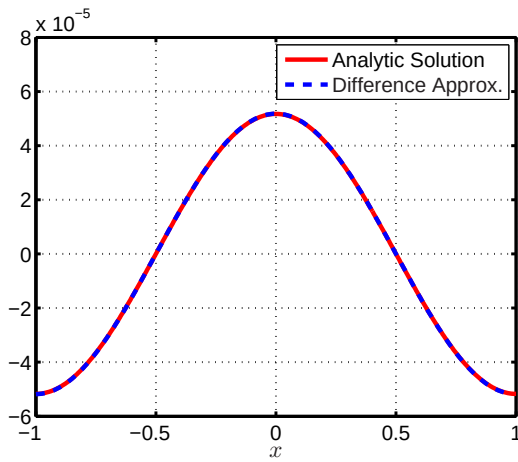
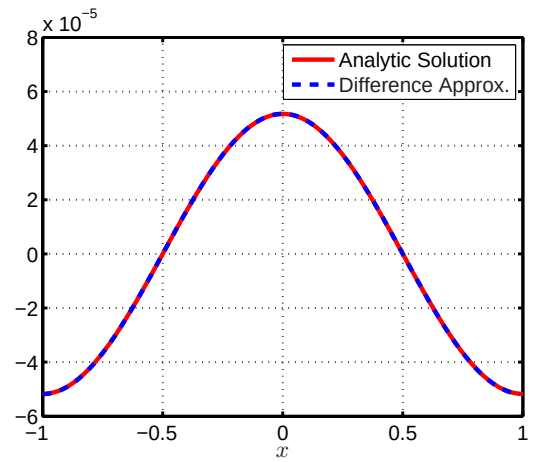
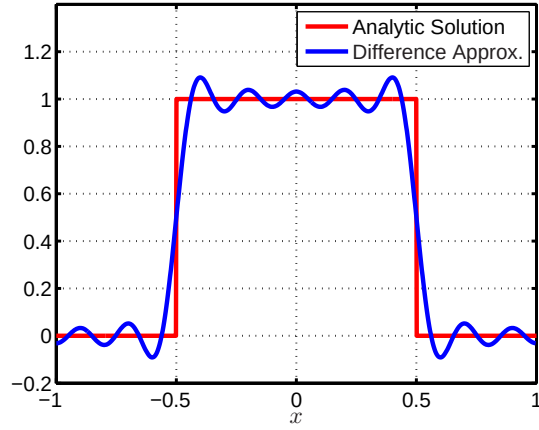
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Figure 4: Approximation results corresponding to Table 1.4. (a) Plot of exact initial condition. (b)-(e) Comparison between Crank-Nicholson and the analytic solution of Equation 2 at time $t = 1$, for $h = \{\frac{2}{21}, \frac{2}{41}, \frac{2}{81}, \frac{2}{161}\}$ and $k = 10h^2$.



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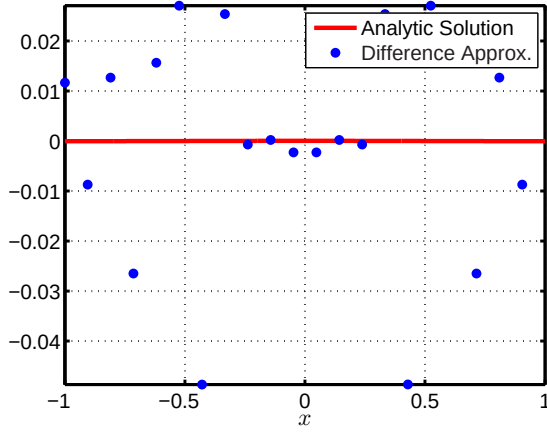
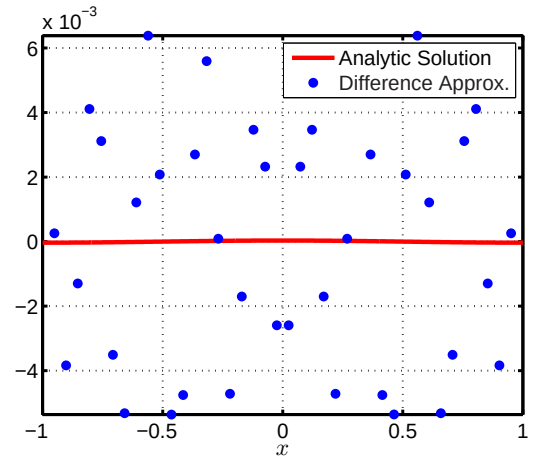
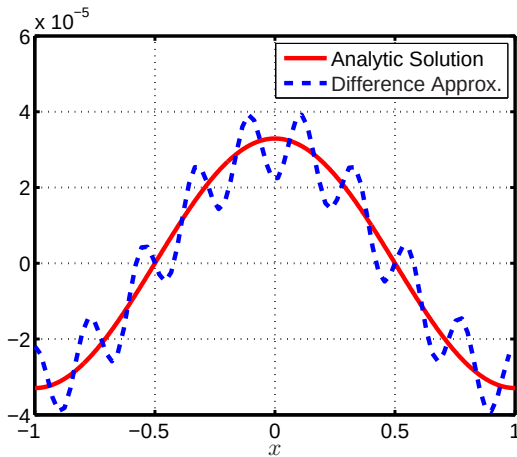
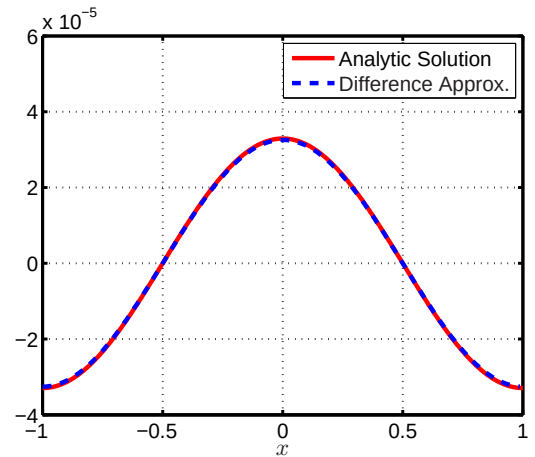
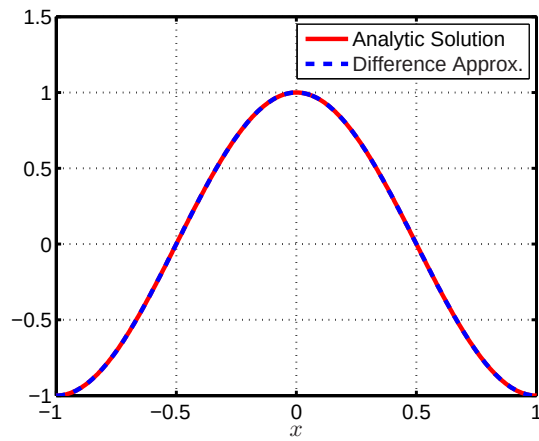
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Figure 5: Approximation results corresponding to Table 1.5. (a) Comparison between exact initial condition and the Fourier series approximation using 11 terms. (b)-(e) Comparison between the Crank-Nicholson approximation and the analytic solution of Equation 1 at time $t = 1$, for $h = \{\frac{2}{21}, \frac{2}{41}, \frac{2}{81}, \frac{2}{161}\}$ and $k = h$. (Note that plots (b)-(e) show residuals after subtracting the mean value of $1/2$ from the solutions.)



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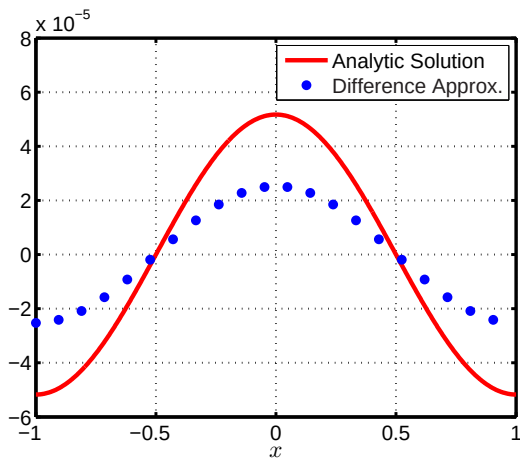
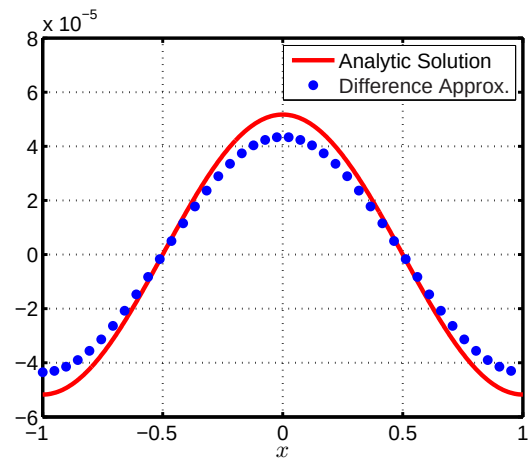
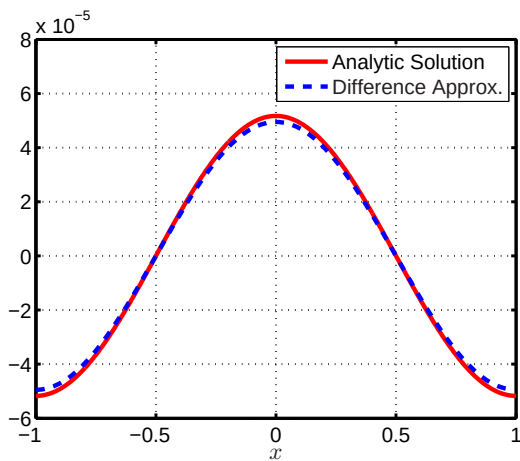
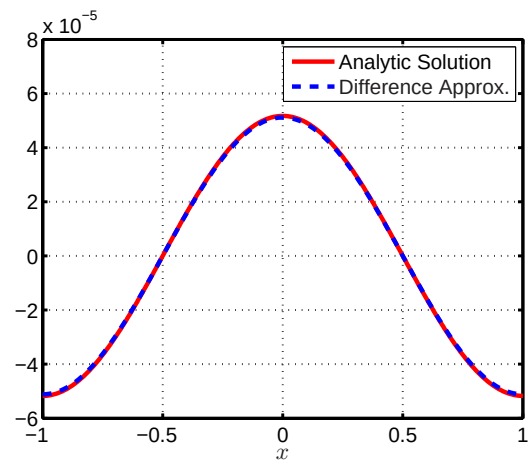
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Figure 6: Approximation results corresponding to Table 1.6. (a) Plot of exact initial condition. (b)-(e) Comparison between Crank-Nicholson and the analytic solution of Equation 2 at time $t = 1$, for $h = \{\frac{2}{21}, \frac{2}{41}, \frac{2}{81}, \frac{2}{161}\}$ and $k = h$.

Problem 2

Find the constants $\{a, b, c, d\}$ (which may depend on $\lambda = k/h$) in the explicit scheme

$$v_j^{n+1} = av_{j-1}^n + bv_j^n + cv_{j+1}^n + dv_{j+2}^n \quad (12)$$

to obtain a third-order accurate method for approximating the first-order hyperbolic wave equation $u_t = u_x$. Analyze the stability and dissipativity of your scheme.

Let's begin our analysis by converting Equation 12 to the following “normalized” form (by subtracting v_j^n from both sides and dividing by k).

$$\frac{v_j^{n+1} - v_j^n}{k} = \left(\frac{a}{k}\right) v_{j-1}^n + \left(\frac{b-1}{k}\right) v_j^n + \left(\frac{c}{k}\right) v_{j+1}^n + \left(\frac{d}{k}\right) v_{j+2}^n \quad (13)$$

In order to derive a third-order accurate method for the first-order hyperbolic wave equation, we will assume that u is a smooth function. From pages 59 and 60 in [1], recall the following Taylor series expansion for the left-hand side of Equation 13 (where we have applied the PDE to relate temporal to spatial derivatives).

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{u(x, t+k) - u(x, t)}{k} &= u_t(x, t) + \frac{k}{2} u_{tt}(x, t) + \frac{k^2}{6} u_{ttt}(x, t) + \mathcal{O}(k^3) \\ &= u_x(x, t) + \frac{k}{2} u_{xx}(x, t) + \frac{k^2}{6} u_{xxx}(x, t) + \mathcal{O}(k^3) \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

In addition, we recall the following Taylor series expansions for the right-hand terms.

$$u(x-h, t) = u(x, t) - hu_x(x, t) + \frac{h^2}{2} u_{xx}(x, t) - \frac{h^3}{6} u_{xxx}(x, t) + \mathcal{O}(h^4) \quad (15)$$

$$u(x+h, t) = u(x, t) + hu_x(x, t) + \frac{h^2}{2} u_{xx}(x, t) + \frac{h^3}{6} u_{xxx}(x, t) + \mathcal{O}(h^4) \quad (16)$$

$$u(x+2h, t) = u(x, t) + 2hu_x(x, t) + 2h^2 u_{xx}(x, t) + \frac{4h^3}{3} u_{xxx}(x, t) + \mathcal{O}(h^4) \quad (17)$$

In order to obtain a third-order accurate scheme we observe that the terms in u_x , u_{xx} , and u_{xxx} must cancel between the left-hand and right-hand sides. Substituting Equations 24-17 into Equation 13 gives the following constraints on the coefficients $\{a, b, c, d\}$ (by equating these terms across sides).

$$a + b + c + d = 1$$

$$-a + c + 2d = \lambda$$

$$a + c + 4d = \lambda^2$$

$$-a + c + 8d = \lambda^3$$

These constraints define a linear system of equations which can be solved to obtain $\{a, b, c, d\}$. Expressed as a matrix-vector product, the constraints have the following form.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \lambda \\ \lambda^2 \\ \lambda^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Inverting this expression yields the following solution for the third-order accurate “upwind” method for approximating the first-order hyperbolic wave equation $u_t = u_x$. (Note that, by construction, the truncation error is given by $\tau_j^n = \mathcal{O}(h^3 + k^3)$ and the resulting scheme is accurate to order (3,3).)

$$\begin{aligned} v_j^{n+1} &= av_{j-1}^n + bv_j^n + cv_{j+1}^n + dv_{j+2}^n \\ a &= -\frac{1}{3}\lambda + \frac{1}{2}\lambda^2 - \frac{1}{6}\lambda^3 \\ b &= 1 - \frac{1}{2}\lambda - \lambda^2 + \frac{1}{2}\lambda^3 \\ c &= \lambda + \frac{1}{2}\lambda^2 - \frac{1}{2}\lambda^3 \\ d &= -\frac{1}{6}\lambda + \frac{1}{6}\lambda^3 \end{aligned}$$

In order to find the necessary conditions for stability, we begin by making the ansatz

$$v_j^n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{i\omega x_j} \hat{v}^n(\omega),$$

where the solution is composed of a single Fourier component and $x_j = jh$. Substituting this expression into Equation 12 and canceling common terms on both sides, we obtain the following form for the amplification factor $\hat{Q}$.

$$\hat{v}^{n+1}(\omega) = \hat{Q}\hat{v}^n(\omega), \quad \hat{Q} = ae^{-i\omega h} + b + ce^{i\omega h} + de^{2i\omega h} \quad (18)$$

Recall from page 44 in [1] that we consider a method *stable* if

$$\sup_{0 \leq t_n \leq T, \omega, k, h} |\hat{Q}^n| \leq K(T),$$

as $h, k \rightarrow 0$. As was done in the textbook, we can choose k and h such that

$$|\hat{Q}| \leq 1 \Rightarrow |\hat{Q}|^2 \leq 1.$$

Substituting for the symbol $\hat{Q}$ from Equation 18, we derive the following expression (where $\xi = \omega h$).

$$\begin{aligned} |\hat{Q}|^2 &= (ae^{-i\omega h} + b + ce^{i\omega h} + de^{2i\omega h})(ae^{i\omega h} + b + ce^{-i\omega h} + de^{-2i\omega h}) \\ &= (a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2) + 2(ab + bc + cd)\cos(\xi) + 2(ac + bd)\cos(2\xi) + 2ad\cos(3\xi) \end{aligned}$$

At this point we recall the following trigonometric identities from [4].

$$\sin^2\left(\frac{\xi}{2}\right) = \frac{1 - \cos(\xi)}{2} \quad \cos(3\xi) = 4\cos^3(\xi) - 3\cos(\xi)$$

Applying these identities allows us to simplify the previous expression for $|\hat{Q}|^2$. (For a full explanation, please see that attached *Mathematica* notebook. In addition, note that we have also substituted $a + b + c + d = 1$ to obtain the first term in the expression.)

$$|\hat{Q}|^2 = 1 - 4(ac + bd)\sin^2(\xi) - 4(ab + bc + cd + ad)\sin^2\left(\frac{\xi}{2}\right) - 8ad\cos(\xi)\sin^2\left(\frac{\xi}{2}\right)$$

At this point we can substitute for $\{a, b, c, d\}$ to obtain a closed-form expression for $|\hat{Q}|^2$ in terms of λ . Once again, this involves a fair amount of algebraic manipulation; we quote the final expression here (although a complete derivation is presented in the attached *Mathematica* notebook).

$$|\hat{Q}|^2 = 1 - \alpha(\lambda) \sin^4\left(\frac{\xi}{2}\right) - \beta(\lambda) \cos(\xi) \sin^4\left(\frac{\xi}{2}\right) \quad (19)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(\lambda) &\triangleq \frac{8\lambda}{3} + \frac{4\lambda^2}{9} - \frac{16\lambda^3}{3} + \frac{4\lambda^4}{9} + \frac{8\lambda^5}{3} - \frac{8\lambda^6}{9} \\ \beta(\lambda) &\triangleq \frac{-16\lambda^2}{9} + \frac{8\lambda^3}{3} + \frac{8\lambda^4}{9} - \frac{8\lambda^5}{3} + \frac{8\lambda^6}{9} \end{aligned}$$

To derive the stability criterion, we note that the following inequality must hold in order for $|\hat{Q}|^2 \leq 1$.

$$\alpha(\lambda) \sin^4\left(\frac{\xi}{2}\right) + \beta(\lambda) \cos(\xi) \sin^4\left(\frac{\xi}{2}\right) > 0$$

Dividing by the common term in $\sin^4\left(\frac{\xi}{2}\right)$ gives the following inequality.

$$\alpha(\lambda) + \beta(\lambda) \cos(\xi) > 0$$

Since $-1 \leq \cos(\xi) \leq 1$, we note that $\alpha(\lambda) \pm \beta(\lambda) > 0$. This provides the following two stability constraints on λ .

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(\lambda) + \beta(\lambda) &= \frac{8\lambda}{3} - \frac{4\lambda^2}{3} - \frac{8\lambda^3}{3} + \frac{4\lambda^4}{3} > 0 \\ \alpha(\lambda) - \beta(\lambda) &= \frac{8\lambda}{3} + \frac{20\lambda^2}{9} - 8\lambda^3 - \frac{4\lambda^4}{9} + \frac{16\lambda^5}{3} - \frac{16\lambda^6}{9} > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Solving these inequalities for λ gives the following stable region for the proposed scheme. (Once again, see the attached *Mathematica* notebook for a complete derivation of the polynomial roots and stability region.)

$$\boxed{0 < \lambda < 1} \quad (20)$$

We conclude our analysis by analyzing the dissipativity of the proposed scheme. Recall from Definition 5.2.1 on page 179 in [1] that an approximation scheme (with symbol $\hat{Q}$) is dissipative of order $2r$ if all the eigenvalues z_ν of $\hat{Q}$ satisfy

$$|z_\nu| \leq (1 - \delta|\xi|^{2r})e^{\alpha s k}, \quad |\xi| \leq \pi,$$

where $\delta > 0$ is a positive constant independent of ξ or h . First, we observe that the scheme satisfies the fourth-order dissipativity condition near $\xi = 0$. For small ξ we recall that $|\sin(\xi)| \approx |\xi|$ and $|\cos(\xi)| \approx 1$. As a result, Equation 19 gives the following result.

$$|\hat{Q}|^2 = |z|^2 \approx 1 - \left(\frac{\alpha(\lambda) + \beta(\lambda)}{16}\right) |\xi|^4, \text{ for } |\xi| \text{ near } 0$$

Note that, by the stability condition, $\alpha(\lambda) + \beta(\lambda) > 0$. As a result, Definition 5.2.1 is satisfied and **we conclude that the proposed scheme is dissipative of order 4** for $0 < \lambda < 1$.

Problem 3

Part 1: Discuss the accuracy and stability of the Lax-Wendroff scheme for $u_t = Au_x$, assuming 2π periodicity, for

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Recall from pages 227 and 228 in [1] that the Lax-Wendroff scheme is based on the following Taylor series expansion.

$$u(t_{n+1}) = u(t_n) + ku_t(t_n) + \frac{k^2}{2}u_{tt}(t_n) + \mathcal{O}(k^3)$$

Note that the PDE can be applied to convert temporal derivatives to spatial derivatives as follows.

$$u_{tt} = A(u_x)_t = A(u_t)_x = A(Au_x)_x = A^2u_{xx}$$

Apply this result to the previous Taylor series gives the following expression.

$$u(t_{n+1}) = u(t_n) + kAu_x(t_n) + \frac{k^2}{2}A^2u_{xx}(t_n) + \mathcal{O}(k^3)$$

Using finite differences to approximate terms up to second-order in k yields the following general form for the Lax-Wendroff scheme for $u_t = Au_x$. (Note that this expression is identical to that derived in Problem 1 of Problem Set 8, as well as in class on 12/5/06.)

$$v_j^{n+1} = \left(I + kAD_0 + \frac{k^2}{2}A^2D_+D_- \right) v_j^n \quad (21)$$

At this point we can substitute for A and A^2 to obtain the explicit form of the Lax-Wendroff scheme for this part.

$$v_j^{n+1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} v_j^n + k \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} D_0 v_j^n + \frac{k^2}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} D_+ D_- v_j^n \quad (22)$$

Before proceeding to analyze the accuracy of this scheme, we briefly observe that this problem is ill-posed. By Theorem 4.3.1 on page 116 in [1], the initial value problem for $u_t = Au_x$ will be well-posed if, and only if, the eigenvalues of A are real and distinct and there is a complete system of eigenvectors. By inspection, the eigenvalues of A are $\lambda = \{-i, i\}$ and the associated eigenvectors are $\{(i \ 1)^T, (-i \ 1)^T\}$. Regardless, we can continue to apply the standard accuracy and stability analysis procedures to the approximation scheme in Equation 22.

To analyze the accuracy of the proposed scheme, we begin by writing Equation 21 in the “normalized” form.

$$\frac{v_j^{n+1} - v_j^n}{k} = AD_0 v_j^n + \frac{k}{2}A^2D_+D_-v_j^n$$

Next, we assume that u is a smooth function and substitute into the previous expression to obtain the truncation error τ_j^n evaluated at (x_j, t_n) .

$$\tau_j^n = \frac{u_j^{n+1} - u_j^n}{k} - AD_0 u_j^n - \frac{k}{2}A^2D_+D_-u_j^n \quad (23)$$

At this point we recognize that the first term has the following Taylor series expansion (where we have applied the PDE to relate temporal to spatial derivatives).

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{u(x, t+k) - u(x, t)}{k} &= u_t(x, t) + \frac{k}{2}u_{tt}(x, t) + \frac{k^2}{6}u_{ttt}(x, t) + \mathcal{O}(k^3) \\ &= Au_x(x, t) + \frac{kA^2}{2}u_{xx}(x, t) + \frac{k^2A^3}{6}u_{xxx}(x, t) + \mathcal{O}(k^3)\end{aligned}\quad (24)$$

In addition, we recall the following Taylor series expansions for the remaining terms (from page 59 in [1]).

$$D_0u(x, t) = u_x(x, t) + \frac{h^2}{3!}u_{xxx}(x, t) + \frac{h^4}{5!}u_{xxxxx}(x, t) + \mathcal{O}(h^6) \quad (25)$$

$$D_+D_-u(x, t) = u_{xx}(x, t) + \frac{2h^2}{4!}u_{xxxx}(x, t) + \frac{2h^4}{6!}u_{xxxxxx}(x, t) + \mathcal{O}(h^6) \quad (26)$$

Substituting Equations 24-26 into Equation 23 gives the following expression for the truncation error. (Note that this result was verified using the attached *Mathematica* notebook.)

$$\begin{aligned}\tau_j^n &= \left\{ Au_x(x, t) + \frac{kA^2}{2}u_{xx}(x, t) + \frac{k^2A^3}{6}u_{xxx}(x, t) + \mathcal{O}(k^3) \right\} - \\ &\quad A \left\{ u_x(x, t) + \frac{h^2}{3!}u_{xxx}(x, t) + \frac{h^4}{5!}u_{xxxxx}(x, t) + \mathcal{O}(h^6) \right\} - \\ &\quad \frac{k}{2}A^2 \left\{ u_{xx}(x, t) + \frac{2h^2}{4!}u_{xxxx}(x, t) + \frac{2h^4}{6!}u_{xxxxxx}(x, t) + \mathcal{O}(h^6) \right\}\end{aligned}$$

Since the terms in u_x and u_{xx} cancel, we are left with the following expression for the truncation error. (Also note that, since $A \neq A^3$, no higher-order accuracy can be obtained by optimizing the choice of k and h .)

$$\tau_j^n = \mathcal{O}(h^2 + k^2)$$

Recall from page 165 in [1] that we generally assume a relationship between k and h , where $k = \lambda h^p$ (with p the order of the differential operator in space and a positive constant λ). Since this is a first-order PDE, we assume $k = \lambda h$. As a result, we conclude that the proposed scheme is **accurate to order (2,2)** according to the expression for the truncation error. (In general, however, one must be careful when defining the initial condition since the system is ill-posed. Theoretically, this remains a second-order scheme based on the truncation error.)

At this point we need to obtain the amplification factor $\hat{Q}$ by substituting the typical ansatz

$$v_j^n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{i\omega x_j} \hat{v}^n(\omega)$$

into Equation 21. Recall the following Fourier transforms were derived in Problems 1 and 5 in Problem Set 4.

$$\begin{aligned}D_0e^{i\omega x_j} &= \frac{i}{h} \sin(\xi) e^{i\omega x_j} \\ D_+D_-e^{i\omega x_j} &= -\frac{4}{h^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{\xi}{2}\right) e^{i\omega x_j}\end{aligned}$$

Substituting these identities and following our derivation from Problem 1 in Problem Set 8, we obtain the following form for the symbol $\hat{Q}$.

$$\hat{Q} = I + i\lambda A \sin(\xi) - 2\lambda^2 A^2 \sin^2\left(\frac{\xi}{2}\right) \quad (27)$$

Substituting for A obtains the following expression for the amplification factor.

$$\hat{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + 2\lambda^2 \sin^2\left(\frac{\xi}{2}\right) & i\lambda \sin(\xi) \\ -i\lambda \sin(\xi) & 1 + 2\lambda^2 \sin^2\left(\frac{\xi}{2}\right) \end{pmatrix}$$

We note that there are two eigenvalues z_ν of $\hat{Q}$ given by the following expressions.

$$z_1 = 1 - \lambda \sin(\xi) + 2\lambda^2 \sin^2\left(\frac{\xi}{2}\right) \quad z_2 = 1 + \lambda \sin(\xi) + 2\lambda^2 \sin^2\left(\frac{\xi}{2}\right)$$

Recall that Theorem 5.2.2 on page 173 in [1] defines the von Neumann stability condition for approximations with constant coefficients; specifically, a necessary condition for stability is that the eigenvalues z_ν of $\hat{Q}$ satisfy

$$|z_\nu| \leq e^{\alpha_S k}, \quad |\xi| \leq \pi,$$

for all $h \leq h_0$. For $|\xi| \leq \pi$, we note that $\sin(\xi) \leq 1$ and $\sin^2\left(\frac{\xi}{2}\right) \leq 1$. As a result, the eigenvalues are bounded from above by $|z_\nu| \leq 1 + \lambda + 2\lambda^2$, for $\lambda > 0$, and the von Neumann condition is not satisfied for all λ . Furthermore, we recall from Corollary 5.2.1 on page 175 in [1] that the von Neumann condition is sufficient if $\hat{Q}$ is Hermitian. Since $\hat{Q}$ is Hermitian, **we conclude that the proposed Lax-Wendroff scheme is unconditionally unstable.**

Part 2: Discuss the accuracy and stability of the Lax-Wendroff scheme for $u_t = Au_x$, assuming 2π periodicity, for

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Before proceeding to analyze the accuracy and stability of this scheme, we briefly observe that this problem is also ill-posed. By Theorem 4.3.1 on page 116 in [1], the initial value problem for $u_t = Au_x$ will be well-posed if, and only if, the eigenvalues of A are real and distinct and there is a complete system of eigenvectors. By inspection, the eigenvalues of A are $\lambda = \{0, 0\}$ and the associated eigenvectors are $\{(1 \ 0)^T, (0 \ 0)^T\}$. (Note that by Definition 4.3.1 on page 119 in [1] this problem is weakly-hyperbolic, since the eigenvalues are real but not distinct.) Regardless, we can continue to apply the standard accuracy and stability analysis procedures to the approximation scheme in Equation 21.

To begin our analysis, we note that all the powers of A are zero for $n \geq 2$.

$$A^n = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ for } n \geq 2$$

Substituting for A and A^2 in Equation 21 gives the following explicit form of the Lax-Wendroff scheme for this part.

$$v_j^{n+1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} v_j^n + k \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} D_0 v_j^n \quad (28)$$

Note that, since all higher powers of A are zero, the Lax-Wendroff scheme reduces to the forward Euler scheme. (Also recall from page 167 of [1] that the one-dimensional forward Euler scheme is only first-order accurate and unconditionally unstable. As we proceed we'll look for similar results to manifest themselves in this example.) As before, we can write Equation 21 in the “normalized” form (with $A^2 = 0$).

$$\frac{v_j^{n+1} - v_j^n}{k} = AD_0 v_j^n$$

Next, we assume that u is a smooth function and substitute into the previous expression to obtain the truncation error τ_j^n evaluated at (x_j, t_n) .

$$\tau_j^n = \frac{u_j^{n+1} - u_j^n}{k} - AD_0 u_j^n \quad (29)$$

Substituting Equations 24 and 25 into Equation 29 gives the following expression for the truncation error. (Note that this result was verified using the attached *Mathematica* notebook. Also note that the terms in A^n have been eliminated for $n \geq 2$.)

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_j^n &= Au_x(x, t) - A \left\{ u_x(x, t) + \frac{h^2}{3!} u_{xxx}(x, t) + \frac{h^4}{5!} u_{xxxx}(x, t) + \mathcal{O}(h^6) \right\} \\ &= -\frac{h^2}{3!} Au_{xxx}(x, t) - \frac{h^4}{5!} Au_{xxxx}(x, t) + \mathcal{O}(h^6) \end{aligned}$$

Since the term in u_x cancels, we are left with the following expression for the truncation error.

$$\tau_j^n = \mathcal{O}(h^2)$$

Note that, since all terms in k have been eliminated, the truncation error is independent of k . In conclusion, we report that the proposed scheme is **second-order accurate** according to the expression for the truncation error. (As before, one must be careful when defining the initial condition since the system is ill-posed. Theoretically, this remains a second-order scheme based on the truncation error.)

To assess the stability of this scheme we proceed as in the previous part. First, we substitute for A in Equation 27 to obtain the following expression for the symbol $\hat{Q}$.

$$\hat{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i\lambda \sin(\xi) \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

We note that there is a single repeated eigenvalue z of $\hat{Q}$ given by $z = 1$ (since $\hat{Q}$ is upper triangular). As a result, the von Neumann condition is satisfied; note, however, that this condition is not necessarily sufficient since $\hat{Q}$ is not a normal matrix. Recall from Theorem 5.2.1 on page 173 in [1] that the approximation scheme is stable if, and only if,

$$|\hat{Q}^n(\xi)| \leq K_S e^{\alpha_S t_n},$$

for all $h = 2\pi/(N+1) \leq h_0$ and all $|\omega| \leq N/2$. In this case, the powers of $\hat{Q}^n$ can be obtained directly.

$$\hat{Q}^n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & in\lambda \sin(\xi) \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Note that the norm of $\hat{Q}^n(\xi)$ is of order n , which cannot be bounded by $K_S e^{\alpha_S t_n}$. We conclude that, by Theorem 5.2.1, **the proposed Lax-Wendroff scheme is unconditionally unstable** for this problem.

Problem 4

Consider the following scheme for the hyperbolic system $u_t + Au_x = 0$.

$$v_j^* = v_j^n - \frac{kA}{6h} (-v_{j+2}^n + 8v_{j+1}^n - 7v_j^n) \quad (30)$$

$$v_j^{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \left(v_j^n + v_j^* - \frac{kA}{6h} (7v_j^* - 8v_{j-1}^* + v_{j-2}^*) \right) \quad (31)$$

What is the accuracy of this scheme?

In order to estimate the truncation error, we begin by substituting Equation 30 for the first instance of v_j^* in Equation 31.

$$v_j^{n+1} = v_j^n - \frac{kA}{12h} (-v_{j+2}^n + 8v_{j+1}^n - 7v_j^n) - \frac{kA}{12h} (7v_j^* - 8v_{j-1}^* + v_{j-2}^*)$$

Next, we “normalize” this expression by subtracting v_j^n from both sides and dividing by k .

$$\frac{v_j^{n+1} - v_j^n}{k} = -\frac{A}{12h} (-v_{j+2}^n + 8v_{j+1}^n - 7v_j^n) - \frac{A}{12h} (7v_j^* - 8v_{j-1}^* + v_{j-2}^*) \quad (32)$$

Note that the left-hand side is the forward difference approximation to u_t , whereas the right-hand side approximates $-Au_x$. To proceed, we recognize the following expressions for v_{j-1}^* and v_{j-2}^* .

$$v_{j-1}^* = v_{j-1}^n - \frac{kA}{6h} (-v_{j+1}^n + 8v_j^n - 7v_{j-1}^n) \quad (33)$$

$$v_{j-2}^* = v_{j-2}^n - \frac{kA}{6h} (-v_j^n + 8v_{j-1}^n - 7v_{j-2}^n) \quad (34)$$

Substituting Equations 30, 33 and 34 into Equation 32 gives the following form for the difference scheme.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{v_j^{n+1} - v_j^n}{k} = & \left(-\frac{A}{12h} - \frac{7kA^2}{72h^2} \right) v_{j-2}^n + \left(\frac{2A}{3h} + \frac{8kA^2}{9h^2} \right) v_{j-1}^n + \left(-\frac{19kA^2}{12h^2} \right) v_j^n + \\ & \left(-\frac{2A}{3h} + \frac{8kA^2}{9h^2} \right) v_{j+1}^n + \left(\frac{A}{12h} - \frac{7kA^2}{72h^2} \right) v_{j+2}^n \end{aligned}$$

Following the approach on pages 59 and 60 in [1], the truncation error τ_j^n evaluated at (x_j, t_n) is obtained by assuming u is a smooth function and substituting into the previous expression.

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_j^n = & \frac{u_j^{n+1} - u_j^n}{k} - \left(-\frac{A}{12h} - \frac{7kA^2}{72h^2} \right) u_{j-2}^n - \left(\frac{2A}{3h} + \frac{8kA^2}{9h^2} \right) u_{j-1}^n - \\ & \left(-\frac{19kA^2}{12h^2} \right) u_j^n - \left(-\frac{2A}{3h} + \frac{8kA^2}{9h^2} \right) u_{j+1}^n - \left(\frac{A}{12h} - \frac{7kA^2}{72h^2} \right) u_{j+2}^n \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

At this point we recognize that the first term has the following Taylor series expansion (where we have applied the PDE to relate temporal to spatial derivatives).

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{u(x, t+k) - u(x, t)}{k} &= u_t(x, t) + \frac{k}{2} u_{tt}(x, t) + \frac{k^2}{6} u_{ttt}(x, t) + \mathcal{O}(k^3) \\ &= -Au_x(x, t) + \frac{kA^2}{2} u_{xx}(x, t) - \frac{k^2 A^3}{6} u_{xxx}(x, t) + \mathcal{O}(k^3) \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

In addition, we recall the following Taylor series expansions for the remaining terms.

$$u(x - 2h, t) = u(x, t) - 2hu_x(x, t) + 2h^2u_{xx}(x, t) - \frac{4h^3}{3}u_{xxx}(x, t) + \mathcal{O}(h^4) \quad (37)$$

$$u(x - h, t) = u(x, t) - hu_x(x, t) + \frac{h^2}{2}u_{xx}(x, t) - \frac{h^3}{6}u_{xxx}(x, t) + \mathcal{O}(h^4) \quad (38)$$

$$u(x + h, t) = u(x, t) + hu_x(x, t) + \frac{h^2}{2}u_{xx}(x, t) + \frac{h^3}{6}u_{xxx}(x, t) + \mathcal{O}(h^4) \quad (39)$$

$$u(x + 2h, t) = u(x, t) + 2hu_x(x, t) + 2h^2u_{xx}(x, t) + \frac{4h^3}{3}u_{xxx}(x, t) + \mathcal{O}(h^4) \quad (40)$$

Substituting Equations 36-40 into Equation 35 gives the following expression for the truncation error. (Note that this result was verified using the attached *Mathematica* notebook.)

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_j^n = & \left\{ -Au_x(x_j, t_n) + \frac{kA^2}{2}u_{xx}(x_j, t_n) - \frac{k^2A^3}{6}u_{xxx}(x_j, t_n) + \mathcal{O}(k^3) \right\} - \\ & \left\{ -Au_x(x_j, t_n) + \frac{kA^2}{2}u_{xx}(x_j, t_n) - \frac{kh^2A^2}{18}u_{xxxx}(x_j, t_n) + \frac{h^4A}{30}u_{xxxxx}(x_j, t_n) + \mathcal{O}(kh^4) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Since the terms in u_x and u_{xx} cancel, we are left with the following expression for the truncation error.

$$\tau_j^n = \mathcal{O}(h^4 + kh^2 + k^2)$$

Recall from page 165 in [1] that we generally assume a relationship between k and h , where $k = \lambda h^p$ (with p the order of the differential operator in space and a positive constant λ). Since this is a first-order PDE, we assume $k = \lambda h$. As a result, we conclude that the proposed scheme is **second-order accurate** according to the expression for the truncation error (with $k = \lambda h$).

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```
1 function EulerMethod
2
3 % AM 255, Final Exam, Problem 1: Part 2
4 %   Solves heat equation initial value problems using
5 %   the Euler method. Results are displayed graphically
6 %   and tabulated for inclusion in the write-up.
7 %
8 % Douglas Lanman, Brown University, Dec. 2006
9
10 % Reset Matlab environment.
11 clear; clc;
12
13 % Set Euler method parameters.
14 initialCondition = 2; % (1 = "boxcar", 2 = cosine)
15
16
17 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
18 % Part I: Specify discrete grid parameters.
19
20 % Specify the initial condition and exact solution.
21 switch initialCondition
22     % Case 1: First initial condition (i.e., "boxcar").
23     % Note: Must take care when approximating "boxcar".
24     %     See write-up for explanation.
25     case 1
26         IC = @(x) u(x,0,20); % use 10 terms to approximate initial condition
27         ES = @(x,t) u(x,t,100); % use 100 terms to approximate exact solution
28     % Case 2: Second initial condition (i.e., cosine).
29     otherwise
30         IC = @(x) cos(pi*x);
31         ES = @(x,t) exp(-pi^2*t)*cos(pi*x);
32 end
33
34 % Define space grid interval(s) for evaluation.
35 h = 2./[21 41 81 161 321]; % space steps
36 N = (2./h)-1; % #gridpoints s.t. N+2 on [-1,1]
37
38 % Select the final time for evaluation.
39 % Note: Initial time is assumed to be zero.
40 tf = 1.0;
41
42 % Select time step.
43 k = 0.4*(h.^2);
44
45 % Set discrete positions/time-steps for evaluation.
46 % Note: All time steps will be equal, except the
47 %     last; it will be adjusted so that the final
48 %     time will be exactly 'tf'.
49 x = cell(1,length(N));
50 t = cell(1,length(N));
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51 for i = 1:length(N)
52     x{i} = -1:h(i):1;
53     x{i} = x{i}(1:end-1);
54     t{i} = (0:k(i):tf);
55     if t{i}(end) ~= tf
56         t{i}(end+1) = tf;
57     end
58 end
59
60 % Initialize the numerical solution(s).
61 v = cell(1,length(N));
62 for i = 1:length(N)
63     v{i} = zeros(length(t{i}),N(i)+1);
64     v{i}(1,:) = IC(x{i}); % boundary values
65 end
66
67
68 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
69 % Part II: Solve IVP using the Euler method.
70
71 % Update solution sequentially (beginning with I.C.).
72 % Note: DpDm.m implements the second-order difference operator.
73 %     Modify amplification factor for the last time step.
74 for i = 1:length(N)
75     for n = 1:(length(t{i})-1)
76         if n ~= (length(t{i})-1)
77             v{i}(n+1,:) = v{i}(n,:) + k(i)*DpDm(v{i}(n,:),h(i));
78         else
79             kf = diff(t{i}(end-1:end));
80             v{i}(n+1,:) = v{i}(n,:) + kf*DpDm(v{i}(n,:),h(i));
81         end
82     end
83 end
84
85
86 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
87 % Part III: Plot/tabulate modeling results.
88
89 % Evaluate the exact solution.
90 xe = linspace(-1,1,1000);
91 fe = ES(xe,tf);
92
93 % Determine the L2-error and the approximation order.
94 L2_error = zeros(1,length(N));
95 order = zeros(1,length(N));
96 for i = 1:length(N)
97     L2_error(i) = sqrt(sum((abs(ES(x{i},t{i}(end))-v{i}(end,:)).^2)*h(i)));
98     if i > 1
99         order(i) = log2(L2_error(i-1)/L2_error(i));
100     end
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101 end
102
103 % Tabulate results.
104 disp(' N      L2-error      order');
105 disp('-----');
106 for i = 1:length(N)
107     if i > 1
108         fprintf('%3d   %.5g   %+2.2f\n',N(i),L2_error(i),order(i));
109     else
110         fprintf('%3d   %.5g\n',N(i),L2_error(i));
111     end
112 end
113
114 % Compare approximation to exact solution.
115 for i = 1:length(N)
116     figure(i); clf;
117     if initialCondition ~= 1
118         plot(xe,fe,'r-','LineWidth',3);
119     else
120         plot(xe,fe-0.5,'r-','LineWidth',3);
121     end
122     hold on;
123     if i > 2
124         if initialCondition ~= 1
125             plot(x{i},v{i}(end,:), '--','LineWidth',3);
126         else
127             plot(x{i},v{i}(end,:)-0.5, '--','LineWidth',3);
128         end
129     else
130         if initialCondition ~= 1
131             plot(x{i},v{i}(end,:), '.', 'MarkerSize',20);
132         else
133             plot(x{i},v{i}(end,:)-0.5, '.', 'MarkerSize',20);
134         end
135     end
136     hold off;
137     set(gca, 'LineWidth',2, 'FontSize',14, 'FontWeight', 'normal');
138     xlabel('$x$', 'FontName', 'Times', 'Interpreter', 'Latex', 'FontSize',16);
139     %title('Difference Approximation vs. Analytic Solution');
140     legend('Analytic Solution','Difference Approx. ');
141     grid on; xlim([-1 1]);
142     if initialCondition ~= 1
143         ylim([-6e-5 8e-5]);
144     else
145         ylim([-4e-5 6e-5]);
146     end
147 end
148
149 % Compare initial condition to truncated Fourier series.
150 figure(length(N)+1); clf;
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151 if initialCondition == 1
152     plot(xe,abs(xe)<=.5,'r-','LineWidth',3);
153 else
154     plot(xe,ES(xe,0),'r-','LineWidth',3);
155 end
156 hold on;
157     if initialCondition == 1
158         plot(x{end},v{end}(1,:), '-','LineWidth',3);
159     else
160         plot(x{end},v{end}(1,:), '--','LineWidth',3);
161     end
162 hold off;
163 set(gca,'LineWidth',2,'FontSize',14,'FontWeight','normal');
164 xlabel('$x$','FontName','Times','Interpreter','Latex','FontSize',16);
165 %title('Difference Approximation vs. Analytic Solution');
166 legend('Analytic Solution','Difference Approx. ');
167 grid on; xlim([-1 1]);
168 if initialCondition == 1
169     ylim([-0.2 1.4]);
170 else
171     ylim([-1 1.5]);
172 end
173
174
175 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
176 % Define exact solution to "boxcar" initial condition.
177 % Note: K defines number of terms in series approximation.
178 function f = u(x,t,k)
179 f = (1/2)*ones(size(x));
180 for w = 1:k
181     f = f + exp(-(pi*w)^2*t)*(sin(pi*w/2)/(pi*w/2))*cos(pi*w*x);
182 end
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1 function b = DpDm(a,h)
2
3 % DpDm Sequential backward/forward difference operator.
4 %   DpDm(A,H) evaluates the sequential backward/forward
5 %   difference of the array A with grid-spacing H, as
6 %   defined in:
7 %
8 %   "Time Dependent Problems and Difference Methods",
9 %   B. Gustafsson, H.-O. Kreiss, and J. Olinger, 1995.
10 %
11 % Douglas Lanman, Brown University, Dec. 2006
12
13 % Determine the length of the input array.
14 N = length(a);
15
16 % Shift array indices (modulo the array length).
17 fj = mod((1:N)-2,N)+1; % shift forward
18 bj = mod((1:N),N)+1;   % shift backward
19
20 % Evaluate the sequential backward/forward difference.
21 b = (a(bj)-2*a+a(fj))/(h^2);
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```
1 function CrankNicholson
2
3 % AM 255, Final Exam, Problem 1: Part 2
4 %   Solves heat equation initial value problems using
5 %   the Crank-Nicholson method. Results are displayed
6 %   graphically and tabulated for the write-up.
7 %
8 % Douglas Lanman, Brown University, Dec. 2006
9
10 % Reset Matlab environment.
11 clear; clc;
12
13 % Set Euler method parameters.
14 initialCondition = 1; % (1 = "boxcar", 2 = cosine)
15 kMode           = 2; % (1 = {k = 10*h^2}, 2 = {k = h})
16
17
18 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
19 % Part I: Specify discrete grid parameters.
20
21 % Specify the initial condition and exact solution.
22 switch initialCondition
23     % Case 1: First initial condition (i.e., "boxcar").
24     % Note: Must take care when approximating "boxcar".
25     %       See write-up for explanation.
26     case 1
27         IC = @(x) u(x,0,10); % use 2 terms to approximate initial condition
28         ES = @(x,t) u(x,t,100); % use 100 terms to approximate exact solution
29     % Case 2: Second initial condition (i.e., cosine).
30     otherwise
31         IC = @(x) cos(pi*x);
32         ES = @(x,t) exp(-pi^2*t)*cos(pi*x);
33 end
34
35 % Define space grid interval(s) for evaluation.
36 h = 2./[21 41 81 161 321 641]; % space steps
37 N = (2./h)-1; % #gridpoints s.t. N+2 on [-1,1]
38
39 % Select the final time for evaluation.
40 % Note: Initial time is assumed to be zero.
41 tf = 1.0;
42
43 % Select time step.
44 if kMode == 1
45     k = 10*(h.^2);
46 else
47     k = h;
48 end
49
50 % Set discrete positions/time-steps for evaluation.
```

```
51 % Note: All time steps will be equal, except the
52 %      last; it will be adjusted so that the final
53 %      time will be exactly 'tf'.
54 x = cell(1,length(N));
55 t = cell(1,length(N));
56 for i = 1:length(N)
57     x{i} = -1:h(i):1;
58     x{i} = x{i}(1:end-1);
59     t{i} = (0:k(i):tf);
60     if t{i}(end) ~= tf
61         t{i}(end+1) = tf;
62     end
63 end
64
65 % Initialize the numerical solution(s).
66 v = cell(1,length(N));
67 for i = 1:length(N)
68     v{i} = zeros(length(t{i}),N(i)+1);
69     v{i}(1,:) = IC(x{i}); % boundary values
70 end
71
72
73 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
74 % Part II: Solve IVP using Crank-Nicholson.
75
76 % Update solution sequentially (beginning with I.C.).
77 for i = 1:length(N)
78
79     % Store forward/backward difference operators.
80     I = eye(N(i)+1);
81     Dp = (1/h(i))*(circshift(I,[0 1])-I);
82     Dm = (1/h(i))*(I-circshift(I,[0 -1]));
83
84     % Evaluate amplification factor.
85     A = I - (k(i)/2)*Dp*Dm;
86     B = I + (k(i)/2)*Dp*Dm;
87     Q = B/A;
88
89     % Calculate Crank-Nicholson solution.
90     % Note: Modify amplification factor for the last time step.
91     for n = 1:(length(t{i})-1)
92         if n ~= (length(t{i})-1)
93             v{i}(n+1,:) = (Q*v{i}(n,:))';
94         else
95             kf = diff(t{i}(end-1:end));
96             A = I - (kf/2)*Dp*Dm;
97             B = I + (kf/2)*Dp*Dm;
98             Q = B/A;
99             v{i}(n+1,:) = (Q*v{i}(n,:))';
100     end
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101     end
102
103 end % End of Crank-Nicholson solution.
104
105
106 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
107 % Part III: Plot/tabulate modeling results.
108
109 % Evaluate the exact solution.
110 xe = linspace(-1,1,1000);
111 fe = ES(xe,tf);
112
113 % Determine the L2-error and the approximation order.
114 L2_error = zeros(1,length(N));
115 order     = zeros(1,length(N));
116 for i = 1:length(N)
117     L2_error(i) = sqrt(sum((abs(ES(x{i},t{i})(end))-v{i}(end,:)).^2)*h(i));
118     if i > 1
119         order(i) = log2(L2_error(i-1)/L2_error(i));
120     end
121 end
122
123 % Tabulate results.
124 disp(' N      L2-error      order');
125 disp('-----');
126 for i = 1:length(N)
127     if i > 1
128         fprintf('%3d   %.5g   %+2.2f\n',N(i),L2_error(i),order(i));
129     else
130         fprintf('%3d   %.5g\n',N(i),L2_error(i));
131     end
132 end
133
134 % Compare approximation to exact solution.
135 for i = 1:length(N)
136     figure(i); clf;
137     if initialCondition ~= 1
138         plot(xe,fe,'r-','LineWidth',3);
139     else
140         plot(xe,fe-0.5,'r-','LineWidth',3);
141     end
142     hold on;
143     if i > 2
144         if initialCondition ~= 1
145             plot(x{i},v{i}(end,:), '--','LineWidth',3);
146         else
147             plot(x{i},v{i}(end,:)-0.5, '--','LineWidth',3);
148         end
149     else
150         if initialCondition ~= 1
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151         plot(x{i},v{i}(end,:),'.','MarkerSize',20);
152     else
153         plot(x{i},v{i}(end,:)-0.5,'.','MarkerSize',20);
154     end
155 end
156 hold off;
157 set(gca,'LineWidth',2,'FontSize',14,'FontWeight','normal');
158 xlabel('$x$', 'FontName','Times','Interpreter','Latex','FontSize',16);
159 %title('Difference Approximation vs. Analytic Solution');
160 legend('Analytic Solution','Difference Approx. ');
161 grid on; xlim([-1 1]);
162 if initialCondition ~= 1
163     ylim([-6e-5 8e-5]);
164 else
165     ylim([-4e-5 6e-5]);
166 end
167 end
168
169 % Compare initial condition to truncated Fourier series.
170 figure(length(N)+1); clf;
171 if initialCondition == 1
172     plot(xe,abs(xe)<=.5,'r-','LineWidth',3);
173 else
174     plot(xe,ES(xe,0),'r-','LineWidth',3);
175 end
176 hold on;
177 if initialCondition == 1
178     plot(x{end},v{end}(1,:),'-','LineWidth',3);
179 else
180     plot(x{end},v{end}(1,:), '--','LineWidth',3);
181 end
182 hold off;
183 set(gca,'LineWidth',2,'FontSize',14,'FontWeight','normal');
184 xlabel('$x$', 'FontName','Times','Interpreter','Latex','FontSize',16);
185 %title('Difference Approximation vs. Analytic Solution');
186 legend('Analytic Solution','Difference Approx. ');
187 grid on; xlim([-1 1]);
188 if initialCondition == 1
189     ylim([-0.2 1.4]);
190 else
191     ylim([-1 1.5]);
192 end
193
194
195 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
196 % Define exact solution to "boxcar" initial condition.
197 % Note: K defines number of terms in series approximation.
198 function f = u(x,t,k)
199 f = (1/2)*ones(size(x));
200 for w = 1:k
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201    f = f + exp(-(pi*w)^2*t)*(sin(pi*w/2)/(pi*w/2))*cos(pi*w*x);  
202 end
```

```
1 function upwind
2
3 % AM 255, Final Exam, Problem 2
4 %   Solves the first-order hyperbolic wave equation using
5 %   the third-order upwind method. Results are displayed
6 %   graphically and tabulated for inclusion in the write-up.
7 %
8 % Douglas Lanman, Brown University, Dec. 2006
9
10 % Reset Matlab environment.
11 clear; clc;
12
13
14 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
15 % Part I: Specify discrete grid parameters.
16
17 % Specify the initial condition and exact solution.
18 IC = @(x) sin(x);
19 ES = @(x,t) sin(x+t);
20
21 % Define space/time grid interval(s) for evaluation.
22 N = [10 20 40 80 160 320 640]; % #gridpoints s.t. N+2 on [0,2*pi]
23 h = 2*pi./(N+1);               % resulting space steps
24
25 % Select time step.
26 %k = 0.5*h;
27 k = 1.9*h;
28
29 % Select the final time for evaluation.
30 % Note: Initial time is assumed to be zero.
31 tf = 4*pi;
32
33 % Set discrete positions/time-steps for evaluation.
34 % Note: All time steps will be equal, except the
35 %       last; it will be adjusted so that the final
36 %       time will be exactly 'tf'.
37 x = cell(1,length(N));
38 t = cell(1,length(N));
39 for i = 1:length(N)
40     x{i} = h(i)*(0:N(i));
41     t{i} = (0:k(i):tf);
42     if t{i}(end) ~= tf
43         t{i}(end+1) = tf;
44     end
45 end
46
47 % Initialize the numerical solution(s).
48 v = cell(1,length(N));
49 for i = 1:length(N)
50     v{i} = zeros(length(t{i}),N(i)+1);
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51     v{i}(1,:) = IC(x{i}); % boundary values
52 end
53
54
55 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
56 % Part II: Solve IVP using the upwind method.
57
58 % Evaluate upwind coefficients.
59 lambda = k./h;
60 a = -(1/3)*lambda + (1/2)*lambda.^2 - (1/6)*lambda.^3;
61 b = 1 - (1/2)*lambda - lambda.^2 + (1/2)*lambda.^3;
62 c = lambda + (1/2)*lambda.^2 - (1/2)*lambda.^3;
63 d = -(1/6)*lambda + (1/6)*lambda.^3;
64
65 % Update solution sequentially (beginning with I.C.).
66 % Note: Modify amplification factor for the last time step.
67 for i = 1:length(N)
68     for n = 1:(length(t{i})-1)
69         if n ~= (length(t{i})-1)
70             v{i}(n+1,:) = a(i)*circshift(v{i}(n,:),[1 1]) + ...
71                             b(i)*circshift(v{i}(n,:),[1 0]) + ...
72                             c(i)*circshift(v{i}(n,:),[1 -1]) + ...
73                             d(i)*circshift(v{i}(n,:),[1 -2]);
74         else
75             kf = diff(t{i}(end-1:end));
76             lf = kf/h(i);
77             af = -(1/3)*lf + (1/2)*lf.^2 - (1/6)*lf.^3;
78             bf = 1 - (1/2)*lf - lf.^2 + (1/2)*lf.^3;
79             cf = lf + (1/2)*lf.^2 - (1/2)*lf.^3;
80             df = -(1/6)*lf + (1/6)*lf.^3;
81             v{i}(n+1,:) = af*circshift(v{i}(n,:),[1 1]) + ...
82                             bf*circshift(v{i}(n,:),[1 0]) + ...
83                             cf*circshift(v{i}(n,:),[1 -1]) + ...
84                             df*circshift(v{i}(n,:),[1 -2]);
85         end
86     end
87 end
88
89
90 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
91 % Part III: Plot/tabulate modeling results.
92
93 % Evaluate the exact solution.
94 xe = linspace(0,2*pi,1000);
95 fe = ES(xe,tf);
96
97 % Determine the L2-error and the approximation order.
98 L2_error = zeros(1,length(N));
99 order    = zeros(1,length(N));
100 for i = 1:length(N)

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101     L2_error(i) = sqrt(sum((abs(ES(x{i},t{i}(end))-v{i}(end,:)).^2)*h(i)));
102     if i > 1
103         order(i) = log2(L2_error(i-1)/L2_error(i));
104     end
105 end
106
107 % Tabulate results.
108 disp(' N      L2-error      order');
109 disp('-----');
110 for i = 1:length(N)
111     if i > 1
112         fprintf('%3d   %.5g   %+2.2f\n',N(i),L2_error(i),order(i));
113     else
114         fprintf('%3d   %.5g\n',N(i),L2_error(i));
115     end
116 end
117
118 % Compare approximation to exact solution.
119 for i = 1:length(N)
120     figure(i); clf;
121     plot(xe,fe,'r-','LineWidth',3);
122     hold on;
123     if i > 2
124         plot(x{i},v{i}(end,:), '--','LineWidth',3);
125     else
126         plot(x{i},v{i}(end,:), '.', 'MarkerSize',20);
127     end
128     hold off;
129     set(gca,'LineWidth',2,'FontSize',14,'FontWeight','normal');
130     xlabel('$x$', 'FontName','Times','Interpreter','Latex','FontSize',16);
131     %title('Difference Approximation vs. Analytic Solution');
132     legend('Analytic Solution','Difference Approx. ');
133     grid on; xlim([0 2*pi]);
134 end
```