
HOMEWORK 2

EXERCISE

Let us consider the following wave propagation problem in $\Omega = (-\delta L, L + \delta L) \times (0, T]$:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}(x, t) - c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}(x, t) + \sigma(x) \left(\tilde{c} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right) = g(x, t) & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T], \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x) & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) = v_0(x) & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u(-\delta L, t) = 0 & t \in (0, T], \\ u(L + \delta L, t) = 0 & t \in (0, T], \end{array} \right. \quad (1)$$

where g, u_0, v_0 are given regular functions, c is a positive constant, σ is given by

$$\sigma(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \in (0, L), \\ \alpha > 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

and \tilde{c} is defined as

$$\tilde{c} = \begin{cases} c & x \in (L, L + \delta L), \\ -c & x \in (-\delta L, 0). \end{cases}$$

- Write the weak formulation for problem (1). State precisely the functional spaces where the problem is formulated.
- Write the Galerkin formulation of the problem at the previous point. Consider a spectral element space discretization.
- Show that the proposed discretization leads to the following system of ordinary differential equations

$$M\ddot{\mathbf{u}}(t) + D_\sigma \dot{\mathbf{u}}(t) + (A + C_\sigma)\mathbf{u}(t) = \mathbf{F}(t), \quad (2)$$

for $t > 0$. Define precisely the entries of the matrices M, A, C_σ and D_σ and of the right hand side \mathbf{F} .

- Propose a time integration scheme for (2) and implement it in Matlab. Consider the following data: $L = 2, c = 1, f = 0, v_0 = 0, u_0(x) = e^{-5(x-1)^2}$ and $T = 3$. Check the behaviour of the solution for different choices of δL and α by computing the norm $\|u_h\|_{L^2(0,L)}$ at the final observation time.
- Compute the solution of problem (1) by using spectral elements coupled with the leap-frog scheme. Consider $\Omega = (0, L)$, $\sigma = 0$ and first order absorbing boundary conditions for $x = 0$ and $x = L$. Comment on the results and compare them with those obtained at the previous point.