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All our source code can be found at our GitHub repository for this project:
<https://github.com/NathalieB/Project4/>

1 Introduction

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2 Theory and Technicalities

2.1 Closed form solution

We substitute

$$v(x, t) = u(x, t) - u_s(x) = u(x, t) + x - 1$$

where $u_s(x) = 1 - x$ is the steady state solution that satisfies our boundary and initial conditions. We then set up the diffusion equation for $v(x, t)$:

$$\frac{\partial^2 v(x, t)}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial v(x, t)}{\partial t}$$

with known boundary conditions

$$v(0, t) = v(1, t) = 0 \quad t \geq 0.$$

The initial condition $u(x, 0) = 0$ then becomes

$$v(x, 0) = u(x, 0) - u_s(x) = 0 - (1 - x) = x - 1 \quad 0 < x < 1.$$

The solution of this equation is known from pp. 313-314 in the lecture notes, using $L = 1$:

$$v(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin(n\pi x) e^{-n^2 \pi^2 t}.$$

We now find the Fourier series coefficients

$$\begin{aligned} A_n &= 2 \int_0^1 v(x, 0) \sin(n\pi x) dx = 2 \int_0^1 (x - 1) \sin(n\pi x) dx \\ &= 2 \left(\left[-(x - 1) \frac{1}{n\pi} \cos(n\pi x) \right]_0^1 - \int_0^1 -\frac{1}{n\pi} \cos(n\pi x) dx \right) \\ &= \frac{2}{n\pi} \left([(1 - x) \cos(n\pi x)]_0^1 + \left[\frac{1}{n\pi} \sin(n\pi x) \right]_0^1 \right) \\ &= \frac{2}{n\pi} (1 + 0) = \frac{2}{n\pi} \end{aligned}$$

and finally, by substitution, our closed form solution is

$$u(x, t) = v(x, t) + u_s(x) = 1 - x + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n\pi} \sin(n\pi x) e^{-n^2 \pi^2 t}.$$

2.2 Algorithms

2.2.1 Explicit scheme

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2.2.2 Implicit scheme

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2.2.3 Crank-Nicholson scheme

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2.3 Tridiagonal form of the implicit schemes

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2.4 Truncation errors and stability

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3 Results and analysis

3.1 Explicit scheme

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3.2 Implicit scheme

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3.3 Cranck-Nicholson scheme

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4 Conclusion

What we learned.

4.1 Critique

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