

## Mod 3.7 exercises

### Computational Methods

1. Consider the one-dimensional heat equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}; \quad t > 0, \quad 0 < x < L \quad (1.1)$$

where the unknown function  $u = u(x, t)$ ;  $c^2$  is a constant. To discretize the equation, take  $N$  and  $M$  steps for  $x$  and  $t$  respectively, so

$$\begin{aligned} x &= n\delta x & 0 \leq n \leq N \\ t &= m\delta t & 0 \leq m \leq M, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\delta x = \frac{L}{N}$ ;  $\delta t = \frac{T}{M}$ .

By using the following approximations

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(n\delta x, m\delta t) &\sim \frac{u_n^{m+1} - u_n^m}{\delta t}, \\ \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}(n\delta x, m\delta t) &\sim \frac{u_{n-1}^m - 2u_n^m + u_{n+1}^m}{\delta x^2} \end{aligned}$$

and writing  $r = c^2 \frac{\delta t}{\delta x^2}$ , derive the following **forward marching scheme** for (1.1)

$$u_n^{m+1} = Au_{n-1}^m + Bu_n^m + Cu_{n+1}^m, \quad (1.2)$$

where  $A, B, C$  should be stated.

Assume an initial disturbance  $E_n^m$  given by

$$E_n^m = \bar{a}^m e^{in\omega}, \quad (1.3)$$

which is oscillatory of amplitude  $\bar{a}$  and frequency  $\omega$ ;  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ . By substituting (1.3) into (1.2), show that

$$\bar{a} = 1 + 2r \left( 1 - 2 \sin^2 \frac{\omega}{2} \right).$$

2. Consider the following linear system

$$\begin{aligned} 3x + 4y &= 1 \\ -5x + 2y &= 2 \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

Solve this using LU decomposition where  $L$  has a unit diagonal, to show that the solution is given by

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3/13 \\ 11/26 \end{pmatrix}.$$

How can system (2.1) be modified to allow the Gauss-Seidel Method to be used?

Given  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)} = (0, 0)^T$ , calculate two iterations  $\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$  and  $\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$ ; and use these to evaluate

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{x}^{(2)} - \mathbf{x}^{(1)}\|_{\infty}}{\|\mathbf{x}^{(1)}\|_{\infty}}.$$