

Wave Project - Finite difference simulation of 2D waves

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Discretization

We are give the equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} + b \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(q(x, y) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(q(x, y) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) + f(x, y, t) \quad (1)$$

with the boundary condition

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = 0$$

on the domain $\Omega = [0, L_x] \times [0, L_y]$, with initial conditions

$$u(x, y, 0) = I(x, y) \quad (2)$$

$$u_t(x, y, 0) = V(x, y) \quad (3)$$

We want to discretize equation (1) in order to simulate it on the computer. By letting $u(x_i, y_j, t_n) = u_{i,j}^n$ we can rewrite each term as

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{u_{i,j}^{n+1} - 2u_{i,j}^n + u_{i,j}^{n-1}}{\Delta t^2}$$

$$b \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = b \frac{u_{i,j}^{n+1} - u_{i,j}^{n-1}}{2\Delta t}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(q(x, y) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\frac{1}{2}(q_{i,j} + q_{i+1,j})(u_{i+1,j}^n - u_{i,j}^n) - \frac{1}{2}(q_{i,j} + q_{i-1,j})(u_{i,j}^n - u_{i-1,j}^n)}{\Delta x^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(q(x, y) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\frac{1}{2}(q_{i,j} + q_{i,j+1})(u_{i,j+1}^n - u_{i,j}^n) - \frac{1}{2}(q_{i,j} + q_{i,j-1})(u_{i,j}^n - u_{i,j-1}^n)}{\Delta y^2}$$

$$f(x, y, t) = f(x_i, y_j, t_n)$$

Inserting this into (1) gives us

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{u_{i,j}^{n+1} - 2u_{i,j}^n + u_{i,j}^{n-1}}{\Delta t^2} + b \frac{u_{i,j}^{n+1} - u_{i,j}^{n-1}}{2\Delta t} &= \frac{\frac{1}{2}(q_{i,j} + q_{i+1,j})(u_{i+1,j}^n - u_{i,j}^n) - \frac{1}{2}(q_{i,j} + q_{i-1,j})(u_{i,j}^n - u_{i-1,j}^n)}{\Delta x^2} \\ &+ \frac{\frac{1}{2}(q_{i,j} + q_{i,j+1})(u_{i,j+1}^n - u_{i,j}^n) - \frac{1}{2}(q_{i,j} + q_{i,j-1})(u_{i,j}^n - u_{i,j-1}^n)}{\Delta y^2} \\ &+ f(x_i, y_j, t_n) \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Now we solve for $u_{i,j}^{n+1}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
u_{i,j}^{n+1} = & \left(\frac{\Delta t^2}{1 + \frac{\Delta tb}{2}} \right) \left(\frac{\frac{1}{2}(q_{i,j} + q_{i+1,j})(u_{i+1,j}^n - u_{i,j}^n) - \frac{1}{2}(q_{i,j} + q_{i-1,j})(u_{i,j}^n - u_{i-1,j}^n)}{\Delta x^2} \right) \\
& + \left(\frac{\Delta t^2}{1 + \frac{\Delta tb}{2}} \right) \left(\frac{\frac{1}{2}(q_{i,j} + q_{i,j+1})(u_{i,j+1}^n - u_{i,j}^n) - \frac{1}{2}(q_{i,j} + q_{i,j-1})(u_{i,j}^n - u_{i,j-1}^n)}{\Delta y^2} \right) \\
& + \left(\frac{1}{1 + \frac{\Delta tb}{2}} \right) \left(\Delta t^2 f(x_i, y_j, t_n) + 2u_{i,j}^n + u_{i,j}^{n-1} \left(\frac{\Delta tb}{2} - 1 \right) \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

In order for us to use this equation, we have to know the first time step. To get u^1 we use the initial conditions (2) and (3). From (2) we get that $u^0 = I(x, y)$ and by discretizing (3) we get that

$$\frac{u^1 - u^{-1}}{2\Delta t} = V \implies u^{-1} = u^1 - 2V\Delta t$$

We set $n = 0$ and set in for u^{-1} and solve for u^1 . This gives us

Verification

We now assume that $u(x, y, t) = C$ where C is a constant. We want to show that the constant solution is a solution of the discrete equation also.

$$\frac{u_{i,j}^{n+1} - 2u_{i,j}^n + u_{i,j}^{n-1}}{\Delta t^2} = \frac{C - 2C + C}{\Delta t^2} = 0$$

$$b \frac{u_{i,j}^{n+1} - u_{i,j}^{n-1}}{2\Delta t} = b \frac{C - C}{2\Delta t} = 0$$

$$\frac{q_{1+\frac{1}{2}}(u_{i+1,j}^n - u_{i,j}^n) - q_{1-\frac{1}{2}}(u_{i,j}^n - u_{i-1,j}^n)}{\Delta x^2} = \frac{q_{1+\frac{1}{2}}(C - C) - q_{1-\frac{1}{2}}(C - C)}{\Delta x^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{q_{1+\frac{1}{2}}(u_{i+1,j}^n - u_{i,j}^n) - q_{1-\frac{1}{2}}(u_{i,j}^n - u_{i-1,j}^n)}{\Delta y^2} = \frac{q_{1+\frac{1}{2}}(C - C) - q_{1-\frac{1}{2}}(C - C)}{\Delta y^2} = 0$$

So the constant solution is a solution for the discrete equations when $f(x, y, t) = 0$ and the initial conditions are $u(x, y, 0) = C$ and $u_t(x, y, t) = 0$.

5 possible bugs

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