

Problem 1 - Use linear/quadratic functions for verification

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a

We are given the equation and boundary conditions

$$u'' + \omega^2 u = f(t), \quad u(0) = 0, \quad u'(0) = V, \quad t \in [0, T] \quad (1)$$

To find u^1 we use the numerical representation of the double derivative.

$$u'' \sim \frac{u^{n+1} - 2u^n + u^{n-1}}{(\Delta t)^2}$$

Putting in this in the original equation gives us

$$\frac{u^{n+1} - 2u^n + u^{n-1}}{(\Delta t)^2} + \omega^2 u = f^n$$

Solving this for u^{n+1} gives us

$$u^{n+1} = f^n(\Delta t)^2 - \omega^2 u^n(\Delta t)^2 + 2u^n - u^{n-1} \quad (2)$$

This equation however requires us to know u^{-1} which we do not. What we do then is use the initial condition $u'(0) = V$ and approximate the derivative. We then get

$$u' \sim \frac{u^{n+1} - u^{n-1}}{2\Delta t}$$

Setting in the condition $t = 0$ we get that

$$u'(0) = \frac{u^1 - u^{-1}}{2\Delta t} = V$$

We then again solve this for u^{-1} and get

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

If we set $n = 0$, our expression for u^{-1} and u^0 into equation (2), we get an expression for u^1

$$\begin{aligned} u^1 &= f^0(\Delta t)^2 - \omega^2 u^0(\Delta t)^2 + 2u^0 - u^{-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}f^0(\Delta t)^2 - \frac{1}{2}\omega^2 I(\Delta t)^2 + I + V\Delta t \end{aligned}$$

b

We are given the exact solution

$$u_e(x, t) = ct + d$$

From our boundary conditions we get that $u_e(x, 0) = I$ which gives us that $d = I$ and we have that $u'_e(0) = V$ which gives us that $c = V$. So now our exact equation looks like

$$u_e(x, t) = Vt + I \tag{3}$$

From definition of the derivative we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
[D_t D_t t]^n &= \frac{[D_t t]^{n+\frac{1}{2}} - [D_t t]^{n-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Delta t} \\
&= \frac{\frac{t^{n+\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{2}} - t^{n-\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{2}}}{\Delta t} - \frac{t^{n-\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{2}} - t^{n-\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Delta t}}{\Delta t} \\
&= \frac{t^{n+1} - t^n - t^n + t^{n-1}}{(\Delta t)^2} \\
&= \frac{t^{n+1} - 2t^n + t^{n-1}}{(\Delta t)^2} \\
&= \frac{t + \Delta t - 2t + t - \Delta t}{(\Delta t)^2} \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

where I have used that $t^{n+1} = (n+1)\Delta t = t + \Delta t$.

Now using that $D_t D_t$ is a linear operator, that is,

$$\begin{aligned}
[D_t D_t (ct + d)]^n &= c[D_t D_t t]^n + [D_t D_t d]^n \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

we want to show that our exact solution is a perfect solution of the discrete equations.

We can easily see that inserted $t = 0$ into the exact solution (3) and its derivative, we get the boudary conditions. Inserting the exact solution into (1) gives us an expression for $f(t)$

$$\omega^2(Vt + I) = f(t)$$

Now we insert the exact solution into the discrete equation. We have already shown that $D_t D - t(Vt + I) = 0$ so we are left with

$$\begin{aligned}
[\omega^2 u_e(x, t) = f(t)]^n \\
[\omega^2(Vt + I) = f(t)]^n
\end{aligned}$$

which was what we found for (1) as well.