

FMAT3888 Tutorial Week 4

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Abstract

This tutorial goes over some of the main difference methods for numerically evaluating ODEs.

Q1. a)

Centred difference around $u''(t)$ and forward difference around $u'(t)$.

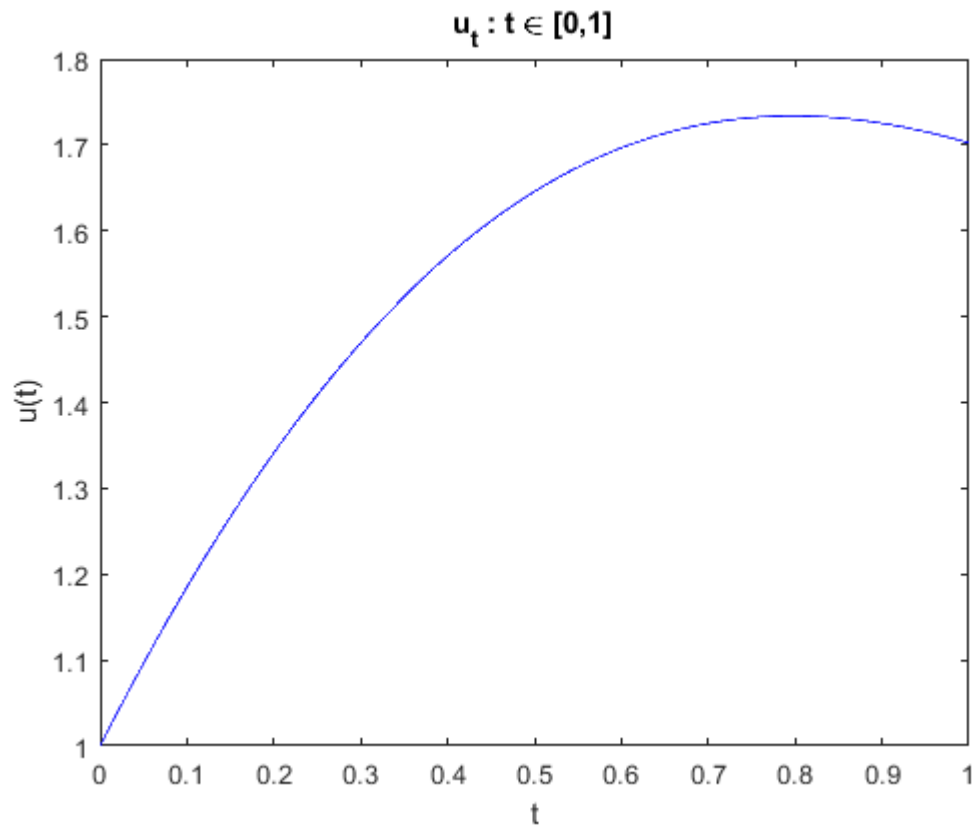
$$u''(t) + (1 + t^2)u'(t) + u(t) = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{u(t + \Delta t) - 2\Delta t + u(t - \Delta t)}{(\Delta t)^2} + (1 + t^2)\frac{u(t + \Delta t) - u(t)}{t} + u(t) = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$u(t + \Delta t) = \frac{2u(t) + (1 + t^2)\Delta t u(t) - (\Delta t)^2 u(t)}{1 + \Delta t(1 + t^2)} - \frac{u(t - \Delta t)}{1 + \Delta t(1 + t^2)} \quad (3)$$

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1 T=1;
2 dt=2^(-10);
3 t=(0:dt:1);
4 M=T/dt;
5 u0=1;
6 up0=2; % "up" means 'u-prime', the first time-derivative of u
7
8 % Sparse matrix to be updated
9 u=zeros(1,M+1);
10
11 % IVP conditions
12 u(1)=u0
13 u(2)=u0+up0*dt % we need to add the element u(2) since forward
    differencing updates at 3, i.e. i(3) -> i(2) - i(1)
14
15 % Loop through grid
16 for i=3:(M+1)
17     u(i) = (2+(1+(i-2)^2*dt^2)*dt-dt^2)/(1+(i-2)^2*dt^2)*dt)*u(i-1)-u(
        i-2)/(1+(1+(i-2)^2*dt^2)*dt);
18 end
19
20 % Create a display table to find the value of u(1)
21 T=table([u(1)],[u(end)], 'VariableNames', {'t=0', 't=1'}, 'RowName', {'u(t)
    '});
22 display(T)
23
24 % Plot u(t)
25 plot(t,u, '-b');
26 title('u_t : t \in [0,1]')
27 xlabel('t')
28 ylabel('u(t)')
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t	t=0	t=1
u(t)	1	1.7024



Q1. b)

Centred difference around $u''(t)$ and backward difference around $u'(t)$.

$$u''(t) + (1 + t^2)u'(t) + u(t) = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{u(t + \Delta t) - 2\Delta t + u(t - \Delta t)}{(\Delta t)^2} + (1 + t^2)\frac{u(t) - u(t - \Delta t)}{\Delta t} + u(t) = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$u(t + \Delta t) = 2u(t) - (1 + t^2)\Delta t u(t) - (\Delta t)^2 u(t) - u(t - \Delta t)(\Delta t(1 + t^2) - 1) \quad (6)$$

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1 T=1;
2 dt=2^(-10);
3 t=(0:dt:1);
4 M=T/dt;
5 u0=1;
6 up0=2; % "up" means 'u-prime', the first time-derivative of u
7
8 % Sparse matrix to be updated
9 u=zeros(1,M+1);
10
11 % IVP conditions
12 u(1)=u0
13 u(2)=u0+up0*dt % we need to add the element u(2) since forward
    differencing updates at 3, i.e. i(3) -> i(2) - i(1)
14
15 % Loop through grid

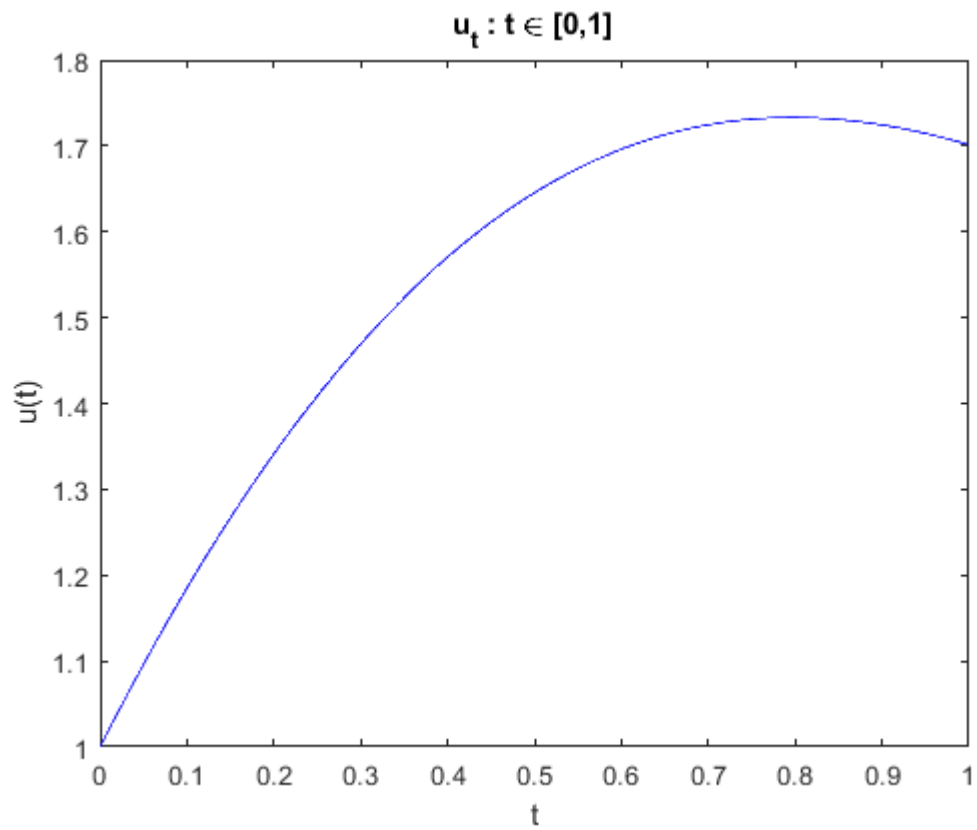
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16 for i=3:(M+1)
17     u(i) = (2-(1+(i-2)^2*dt^2)*dt-dt^2)*u(i-1)+((1+(i-2)^2*dt^2)*dt-1)
        *u(i-2);
18 end
19
20 % Create a display table to find the value of u(1)
21 T=table([u(1)],[u(end)],'VariableNames',{'t=0','t=1'},'RowName',{'u(t)
        '});
22 display(T)
23
24 % Plot u(t)
25 plot(t,u,'-b');
26 title('u_t : t \in [0,1]')
27 xlabel('t')
28 ylabel('u(t)')

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t	t=0	t=1
u(t)	1	1.7014



Q1. c)

Centred difference around $u''(t)$ and centred difference around $u'(t)$.

$$u''(t) + (1 + t^2)u'(t) + u(t) = 0 \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{u(t + \Delta t) - 2\Delta t + u(t - \Delta t)}{(\Delta t)^2} + (1 + t^2)\frac{u(t + \Delta t) - u(t - \Delta t)}{2\Delta t} + u(t) = 0 \quad (8)$$

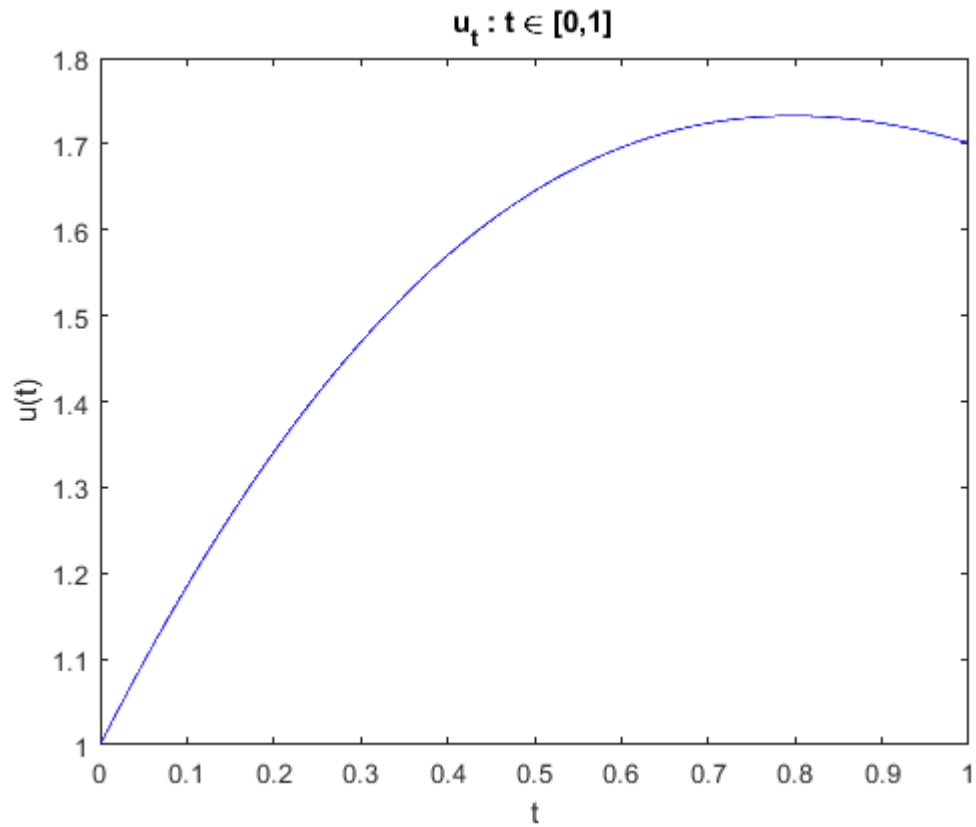
$$u(t + \Delta t) = \frac{2u(t) - (\Delta t)^2 u(t)}{\Delta t \left(\frac{1+t^2}{2}\right) + 1} - u(t - \Delta t) \frac{1 - \Delta t \left(\frac{1+t^2}{2}\right)}{1 + \Delta t \left(\frac{1+t^2}{2}\right)} \quad (9)$$

Initial condition for centred difference:

$$u''(0) = -3 \quad (10)$$

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1 T=1;
2 dt=2^(-10);
3 t=(0:dt:1);
4 M=T/dt;
5 u0=1;
6 up0=2; % "up" means 'u-prime', the first time-derivative of u
7 upp0=-3;
8
9 % Sparse matrix to be updated
10 u=zeros(1,M+1);
11
12 % IVP conditions
13 u(1)=u0;
14 u(2)=u0 + up0*dt + upp0*dt^2/2; % we need to add the element u(2)
    since forward differencing updates at 3, i.e. i(3) -> i(2) - i(1)
15
16 % Loop through grid
17 for i=3:(M+1)
18     u(i) = (2-dt^2)/(1+(1+(i-2)^2*dt^2)*dt/2)*u(i-1) - (1-(1+(i-2)^2*dt
        ^2)*dt/2)/(1+(1+(i-2)^2*dt^2)*dt/2)*u(i-2);
19 end
20
21 % Create a display table to find the value of u(1)
22 T = table([u(1)],[u(end)], 'VariableNames', {'t=0', 't=1'}, 'RowName', {'u(
    t)'});
23 display(T)
24
25 % Plot u(t)
26 plot(t,u,'-b');
27 title('u_t : t \in [0,1]')
28 xlabel('t')
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t	t=0	t=1
u(t)	1	1.7012



Q1. d)

$$\varepsilon(\Delta t) = c\Delta t^\alpha - c(2\Delta t)^\alpha \quad (11)$$

$$-\ln|\varepsilon(\Delta t)| = -\alpha \ln(\Delta t) + \ln|c(2^\alpha - 1)| \quad (12)$$

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1 T=1;
2 u0=1;
3 up0=2;
4 upp0=-3;
5 Nmax=16;
6 udt=zeros(1,Nmax);
7
8 for N=1:Nmax
9     dt=2^(-1*N);
10    M=T/dt;
11    u=zeros(1,M+1);
12    u(1)=u0;
13    u(2)=u0+up0*dt;
14
15    for i=3:(M+1)
16        u(i) = (2+(1+(i-2)^2*dt^2)*dt-dt^2)/(1+(1+(i-2)^2*dt^2)*dt)*u(
17            i-1)-u(i-2)/(1+(1+(i-2)^2*dt^2)*dt);
18    end
19    udt(N)=u(M+1);
20 end
21 X=zeros(1,Nmax-1);

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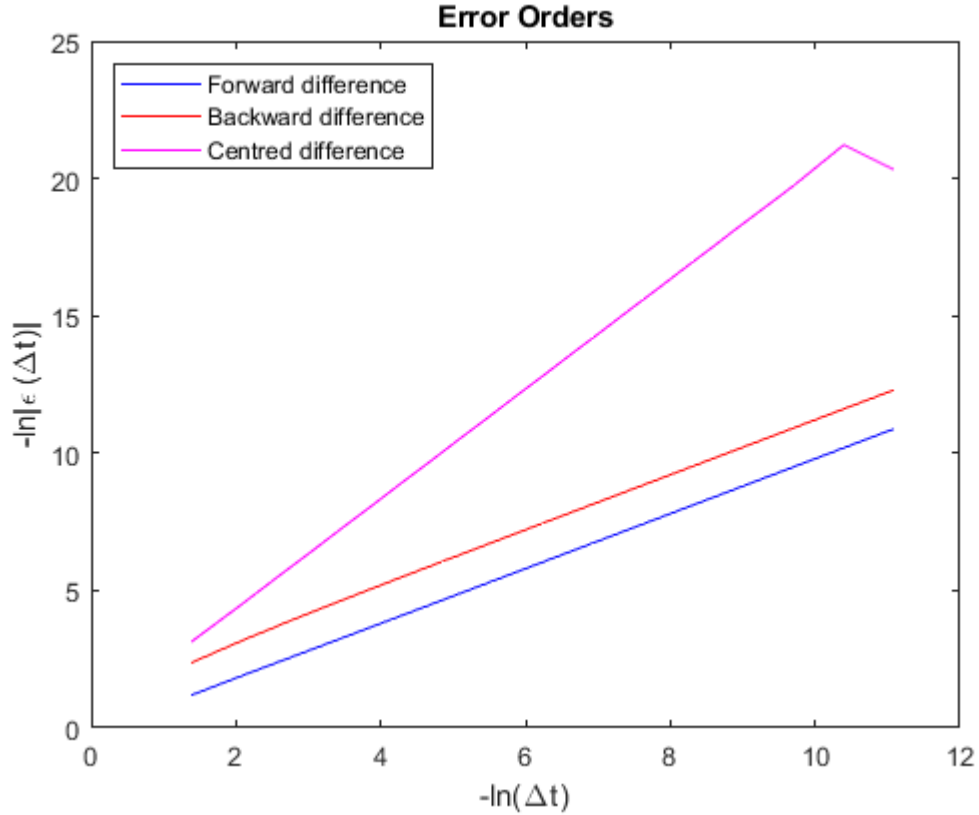
21 Y=zeros(1,Nmax-1);
22 for N=1:(Nmax-1)
23     X(N)=log(2^(N+1));
24     Y(N)=-log(abs(udt(N+1)-udt(N)));
25 end
26 plot(X,Y,'blue')
27 xlabel('-ln(\Delta{t})')
28 ylabel('-ln|\epsilon (\Delta{t})|')
29 hold on;
30
31
32 for N=1:Nmax
33     dt=2^(-1*N);
34     M=T/dt;
35     u=zeros(1,M+1);
36     u(1)=u0;
37     u(2)=u0+up0*dt;
38
39     for i=3:(M+1)
40         u(i) = (2-(1+(i-2)^2*dt^2)*dt-dt^2)*u(i-1)+((1+(i-2)^2*dt^2)*
41 dt-1)*u(i-2);
42     end
43     udt(N)=u(M+1);
44 end
45 X=zeros(1,Nmax-1);
46 Y=zeros(1,Nmax-1);
47 for N=1:(Nmax-1)
48     X(N)=log(2^(N+1));
49     Y(N)=-log(abs(udt(N+1)-udt(N)));
50 end
51 plot(X,Y,'red')
52 xlabel('-ln(\Delta{t})')
53 ylabel('-ln|\epsilon (\Delta{t})|')
54 hold on;
55
56 for N=1:Nmax
57     dt=2^(-1*N);
58     M=T/dt;
59     u=zeros(1,M+1);
60     u(1)=u0;
61     u(2)=u0+up0*dt+upp0*dt^2/2;
62
63     for i=3:(M+1)
64         u(i) = (2-dt^2)/(1+(1+(i-2)^2*dt^2)*dt/2)*u(i-1)-(1-(1+(i-2)
65 ^2*dt^2)*dt/2)/(1+(1+(i-2)^2*dt^2)*dt/2)*u(i-2);
66     end
67     udt(N)=u(M+1);
68 end
69 X=zeros(1,Nmax-1);
70 Y=zeros(1,Nmax-1);
71 for N=1:(Nmax-1)
72     X(N)=log(2^(N+1));
73     Y(N)=-log(abs(udt(N+1)-udt(N)));
74 end
75 plot(X,Y,'magenta')
76 xlabel('-ln(\Delta{t})')

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75 ylabel('-ln|\epsilon (\Delta t)|')
76 hold on;
77
78 title('Error Orders')
79 legend({'Forward difference', 'Backward difference', 'Centred difference'
        }, 'Location', 'northwest')

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It's clear from the above graph that the error for the centred difference follows the slope $\alpha \approx 2$ while those of the forward and backward differences follow $\alpha \approx 1$. Therefore, we conclude that the error orders for each method are as follows,

- i. Centred difference truncation error $\sim \mathcal{O}(h^2)$
- ii. Forward difference truncation error $\sim \mathcal{O}(h)$
- iii. Backward difference truncation error $\sim \mathcal{O}(h)$

Out of these three methods, the centred difference gives us the smallest truncation error.

Q2. a)

Let $\lambda = \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x^2}$,

$$u(t + \Delta t, x) = \lambda u(t, x + \Delta x) + (1 - 2\lambda)u(t, x - \Delta x) \quad (13)$$

$$\frac{u(t + \Delta t, x) - u(t, x)}{\Delta t} - \frac{u(t, x + \Delta x) - 2u(t, x) + u(t, x - \Delta x)}{\Delta x^2} = 0 \quad (14)$$

This two-dimensional differential equation has the following boundary conditions,

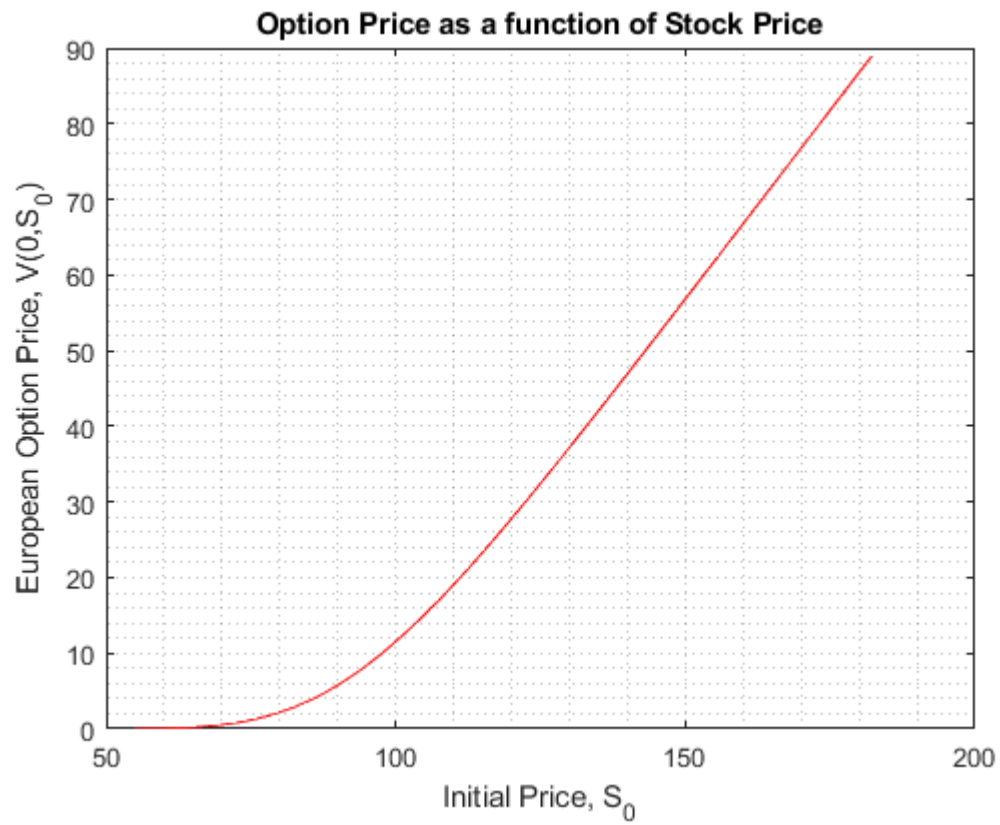
$$u(t, x_{min}) = 0 \quad (15)$$

$$u(t, x_{max}) = e^{\left(\frac{q+1}{2}x_{max} + \frac{(q+1)^2}{4}t\right)} - e^{\left(\frac{q-1}{2}x_{max} + \frac{(q-1)^2}{4}t\right)} \quad (16)$$

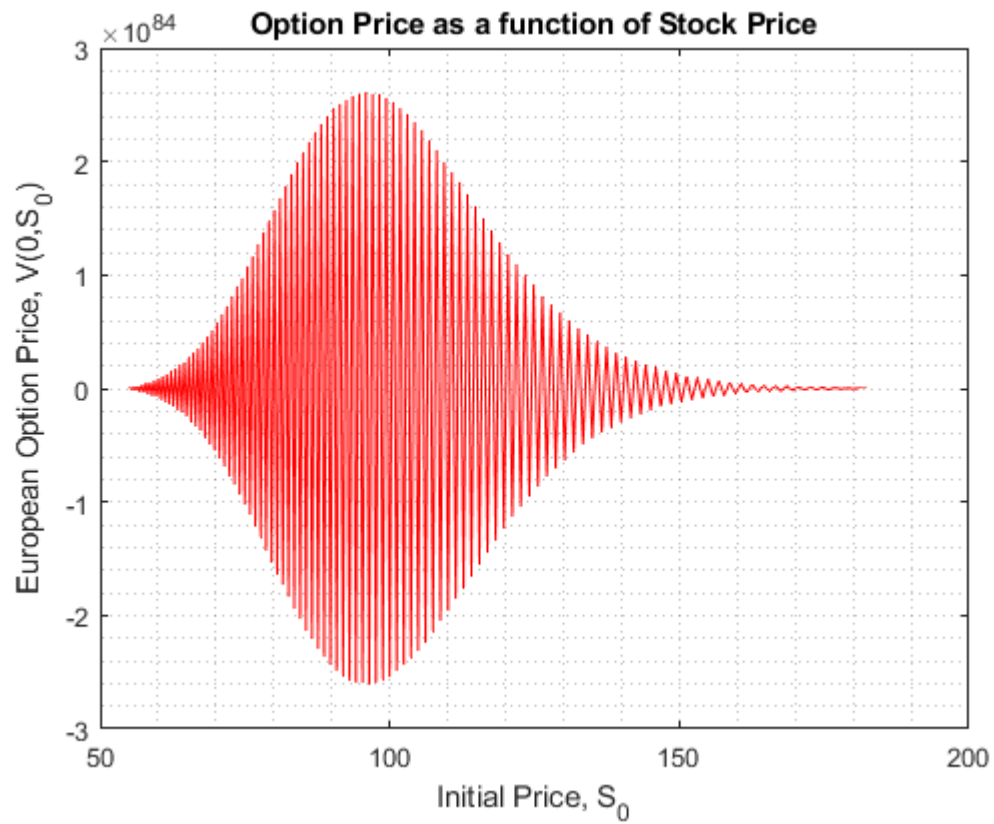
We know for European options that $S_0 = Ke^x$, and so the pricing model for $t = 0$ is,

$$V(0, Ke^x) = u\left(\frac{\sigma^2 T}{2}, x\right) Ke^{\left(-\frac{q-1}{2}x - \frac{(q+1)^2}{4}\frac{\sigma^2 T}{2}\right)} \quad (17)$$

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1 T=1;
2 sigma=0.2;
3 r=0.07;
4 K=100;
5 q=2*r/sigma^2;
6 M=1000;
7 N=100;
8 dt=sigma^2*T/(2*M);
9 dx=6*sigma*sqrt(T)/N;
10 lambda=dt/dx^2;
11 x=zeros(1,N+1);
12 for n=1:N+1
13     x(n)=-3*sigma*sqrt(T)+(n-1)*dx;
14 end
15 %u(n) is dependant on x(n), we need two new loops
16 u=zeros(1,N+1);
17 for n=1:N+1
18     u(n)=max(exp((q+1)/2*x(n))-exp((q-1)/2*x(n)),0);
19 end
20 %update u(t + delta t)
21 for m=2:M+1
22     v=zeros(1,N+1);%
23     v(1)=0;
24     v(N+1)=exp((q+1)*x(N+1)/2+(q+1)^2*(m-1)*dt/4)-exp((q-1)*x(N+1)/2+(q-1)^2*(m-1)*dt/4);
25     for n=2:N
26         v(n)=lambda*u(n-1)+(1-2*lambda)*u(n)+lambda*u(n+1);
27     end
28     u=v;
29 end
30 S=zeros(1,N+1);
31 V=zeros(1,N+1);
32 for n=1:N+1
33     S(n)=K*exp(x(n));
34     V(n)=u(n)*K*exp(-(q-1)/2*x(n)-(q+1)^2/4*sigma^2*T/2);
35 end
36 plot(S,V,'red','LineWidth',1,'Color','red');
37 title('Option Price as a function of Stock Price')
38 xlabel('Initial Price, S_0')
39 ylabel('European Option Price, V(0,S_0)')
40 grid minor
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1 ... N=200; ...



Now we want to compute the option prices for each element in $S_0 = (60, 100, 150)$, for $N = 100$,

S_0	60	100	150
$V(\mathbf{0}, S_0)$	0.0692	11.5393	56.8311

Repeating this for $N = 200$,

S_0	60	100	150
$V(\mathbf{0}, S_0)$	6.3867e+82	-2.5346e+84	-1.4197e+82

The price of the option when taken as a function of stock price is a positively increasing function, this can be shown clearly when we have $M=1000$ and $N=100$ grid points. The price of the European option as a function of stock price when we increase the resolution of the grid to $M=1000$ and $N=200$ is aperiodic and unstable.

We can get to the bottom of this by examining λ , since this is the only part of the algorithm where N shows up.

$$\lambda = \frac{\sigma^2 T}{2M} \frac{N}{6\sigma\sqrt{T}} \quad (18)$$

$$\lambda \propto N \quad (19)$$

We require a stability condition to restrict the value of λ so that the algorithm stays stable. This is not at all obvious, but we know that this condition must be [1],

$$\lambda < \frac{1}{2} \quad (20)$$

References

[1] LeVeque, Randall (2002). Finite Volume Methods for Hyperbolic Problems. Cambridge University Press. [FTCS Wikipedia](#)