Applied Analysis Report Gronwall's Inequality

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1. Prove the discrete Gronwall Inequality

Theorem 1. Discrete Gronwall Inequality

Let $\{x^n\}_{n\geq 0}$, $\{y^n\}_{n\geq 1}$, $\{z^n\}_{n\geq 1}$, a>0, $\triangle t$: small $(\triangle t\leq \frac{1}{2a})$ be non-negative sequences, T>0, $N_T\subseteq \left[\frac{T}{\triangle t}\right]$

$$\frac{x^n - x^{n-1}}{\Delta t} + y^n \le ax^n + z^n; \quad n \ge 1$$
 (1)

 $\Rightarrow \exists c > 0 \text{ independent of } \triangle t \text{ s.t.}$

$$\max_{n=0,\dots,N_T} x^n + \Delta t \sum_{n=1}^{N_T} y^n \le c \left(x^0 + \Delta t \sum_{n=1}^{N_T} z^n \right)$$
 (2)

Answer:

Proof. We multiplied (1) by $\triangle t$ we get:

$$x^{n} - x^{n-1} + \triangle t y^{n} \le a \triangle t x^{n} + \triangle t z^{n} \tag{3}$$

take summation over N_T for (3) as follows

$$\sum_{n=1}^{N_T} x^n - \sum_{n=1}^{N_T} x^{n-1} + \triangle t \sum_{n=1}^{N_T} y^n \le a \triangle t \sum_{n=1}^{N_T} x^n + \triangle t \sum_{n=1}^{N_T} z^n$$
(4)

from (4) we know that x^n and x^{n-1} in the left hand side cancelled out one and each other except for the first and last part, so (4) becomes

$$x^{N_T} - x^0 + \triangle t \sum_{n=1}^{N_T} y^n \le a \triangle t \sum_{n=1}^{N_T} x^n + \triangle t \sum_{n=1}^{N_T} z^n$$
$$x^{N_T} + \triangle t \sum_{n=1}^{N_T} y^n \le x^0 + a \triangle t \sum_{n=1}^{N_T} x^n + \triangle t \sum_{n=1}^{N_T} z^n$$
$$x^{N_T} - a \triangle t \sum_{n=1}^{N_T} x^n + \triangle t \sum_{n=1}^{N_T} y^n \le x^0 + \triangle t \sum_{n=1}^{N_T} z^n$$

because x^n is a non-negative sequence,

$$\max_{n=0,\cdots,N_T} x^n < \sum_{n=1}^{N_T} x^n$$

then, for $a > 0, \Delta t$: small $(\Delta t \leq \frac{1}{2a}), T > 0, N_T \leq \left[\frac{T}{\Delta t}\right]$ exist c > 0 so that: