

One-dimensional convection-diffusion equation

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$$\begin{aligned} -\varepsilon u''(x) + u'(x) &= 1 & x \in (0, 1) \\ u(0) &= 0, \quad u(1) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

The exact solution to this problem is

$$u(x) = x + \frac{1 - e^{x/\varepsilon}}{e^{1/\varepsilon} - 1}.$$

It is clear that $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} u(x) = u$ for $x \in (0, 1)$.

Discretize equations by means of the finite difference method. Take an equidistant mesh on the interval $(0, 1)$ with the mesh size h and with nodes $x_i = ih$, $i = 0, 1, \dots, N$. The approximate solution in node x_i we denote by U_i .

The difference scheme for approximation of the first derivation:

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad u'(x_i) &= \frac{u(x_i) - u(x_{i-1}))}{h} + O(h), & i = 1, \dots, N-1 & \quad \text{backward} \\ (2) \quad u'(x_i) &= \frac{u(x_{i+1}) - u(x_i)}{h} + O(h), & i = 1, \dots, N-1 & \quad \text{forward} \\ (3) \quad u'(x_i) &= \frac{u(x_{i+1}) - u(x_{i-1}))}{2h} + O(h^2), & i = 1, \dots, N-1 & \quad \text{central} \\ (4) \quad u'(x_i) &= \begin{cases} \frac{u(x_{i+1}) - u(x_{i-1}))}{2h} + O(h^2), & i = 1 \\ \frac{3u(x_i) - 4u(x_{i-1}) + u(x_{i-2}))}{2h} + O(h^2) & i = 2, \dots, N-1 \end{cases} & \quad \text{upwind} \\ (5) \quad u'(x_i) &= \begin{cases} \frac{-2u(x_{i-1}) - 3u(x_i) + 6u(x_{i+1}) - u(x_{i+2}))}{6h} + O(h^3), & i = 1 \\ \frac{u(x_{i-2}) - 6u(x_{i-1}) + 3u(x_i) + 2u(x_{i+1}))}{6h} + O(h^3), & i = 2 \\ \frac{-2u(x_{i-3}) + 9u(x_{i-2}) - 18u(x_{i-1}) + 11u(x_i)}{6h} + O(h^3), & i = 3, \dots, N-1 \end{cases} & \quad \text{upwind} \end{aligned}$$

The difference scheme for approximation of the second derivation:

$$(6) \quad u''(x_i) = \frac{u(x_{i-1}) - 2u(x_i) + u(x_{i+1}))}{h^2} + O(h^2), \quad i = 1, \dots, N-1$$

$$(7) u''(x_i) = \begin{cases} \frac{11u(x_{i-1}) - 20u(x_i) + 6u(x_{i+1}) + 4u(x_{i+2}) - u(x_{i+3})}{12h^2} + O(h^3), & i = 1 \\ \frac{-u(x_{i-2}) + 16u(x_{i-1}) - 30u(x_i) + 16u(x_{i+1}) - u(x_{i+2})}{12h^2} + O(h^4), & i = 2, \dots, N-2 \\ \frac{-u(x_{i-3}) + 4u(x_{i-2}) + 6u(x_{i-1}) - 20u(x_i) + 11u(x_{i+1})}{12h^2} + O(h^3), & i = N-1 \end{cases}$$

Try these combinations of schemes:

1. (1)+(6), order 1, h without restrictions
2. (2)+(6), order 1, $h < \varepsilon$
3. (3)+(6), order 2, $h < 2\varepsilon$
4. (4)+(6), order 2, h without restrictions
5. (5)+(7), order 3, h without restrictions

Test that the order of given method is p . You have two possibilities:

a) $e_k \equiv \|U_k - \mathbf{u}_k\|_\infty \doteq Ch_k^p$, where

$U_k = (U_0^{(k)}, U_1^{(k)}, \dots, U_{N_k}^{(k)})^T$ is approximate solution on equidistant mesh with the mesh size $h_k = 1/N_k$ and

$\mathbf{u}_k = (u(0), u(h_k), \dots, u(N_k h_k))^T$ is exact solution on the same mesh. The number $\{N_k\}_{k=1}^n$ we choose

$$N_k = a + bk, \quad k = 1, \dots, n$$

for some constants a, b and n . For example $a = 50, b = 25, n = 10$.

b) testing of numerical order of method:

$$\ln(e_k) = \ln(C) + p \ln(h_k), \quad k = 1, \dots, n \text{ and then } \frac{e_{k+1}}{e_k} \doteq \left(\frac{h_{k+1}}{h_k} \right)^p$$

we use logarithm on this equation and we get sequence

$$q_k = \frac{\ln(e_{k+1}/e_k)}{\ln(h_{k+1}/h_k)}, \quad k = 1, \dots, n-1,$$

which has to converge to order p .