

Computer Assignment 1

(100 marks)

- Consider a linear advection equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + a \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0$$

with four different Initial Conditions (i.e. solution at time $t=0$) as described below. Take the value of wave speed $a = 1.0$ m/s.

1. Discontinuous initial solution as described in Figure 1

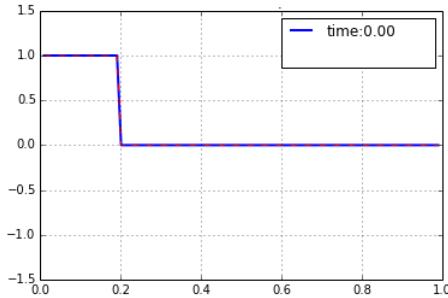


Figure 1: Initial condition 1

$$u(x, 0) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0.2 \leq x \\ 0 & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

2. Initial solution having two periods as described in Figure 2

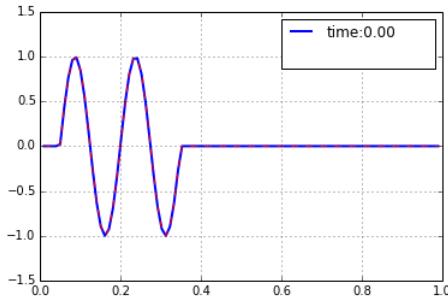


Figure 2: Initial condition 2

$$u(x, 0) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } 0 \leq x < 0.05 \\ \sin(4\pi(\frac{x-0.05}{0.3})) & \text{for } 0.05 \leq x < 0.35 \\ 0 & \text{for } 0.35 \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

3. Initial solution having four periods as described in Figure 3

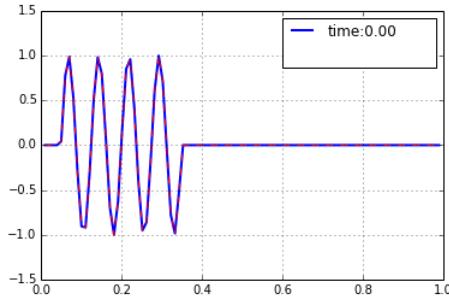


Figure 3: Initial condition 3

$$u(x, 0) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } 0 \leq x < 0.05 \\ \sin(8\pi(\frac{x-0.05}{0.3})) & \text{for } 0.05 \leq x < 0.35 \\ 0 & \text{for } 0.35 \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

4. Initial solution having six periods as described in Figure 4

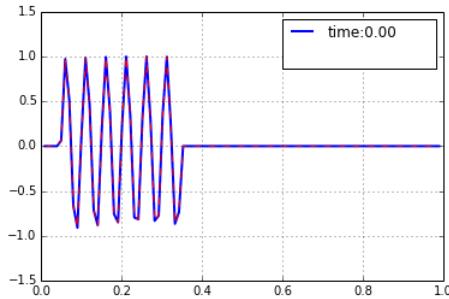


Figure 4: Initial condition 4

$$u(x, 0) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } 0 \leq x < 0.05 \\ \sin(12\pi(\frac{x-0.05}{0.3})) & \text{for } 0.05 \leq x < 0.35 \\ 0 & \text{for } 0.35 \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

- Consider 101 grid points for discretizing the computational space $0 \leq x \leq 1$ for all the above four initial conditions described above.
- Apply the following Finite Difference Schemes (derivations of which will be explained in future) to obtain solutions of the linear advection equations at time $t > 0$ as described below. At present, you need not know the background details of these schemes.

1. Forward Time Forward Space (FTFS) scheme

$$u_i^{n+1} = u_i^n - \nu(u_{i+1}^n - u_i^n)$$

2. Forward Time Central Space (FTCS) scheme

$$u_i^{n+1} = u_i^n - \frac{\nu}{2}(u_{i+1}^n - u_{i-1}^n)$$

3. Forward Time Backward Space (FTBS) scheme

$$u_i^{n+1} = u_i^n - \nu(u_i^n - u_{i-1}^n)$$

4. Lax-Wendroff (LW) scheme

$$u_i^{n+1} = u_i^n - \frac{\nu}{2}(u_{i+1}^n - u_{i-1}^n) + \frac{\nu^2}{2}(u_{i+1}^n - 2u_i^n + u_{i-1}^n)$$

5. Beam-Warming (BW) scheme

$$u_i^{n+1} = u_i^n - \frac{\nu}{2}(3u_i^n - 4u_{i-1}^n + u_{i-2}^n) + \frac{\nu^2}{2}(u_i^n - 2u_{i-1}^n + u_{i-2}^n)$$

6. Fromm (FR) scheme

$$(u_i^{n+1})_{FR} = \frac{1}{2} [(u_i^{n+1})_{LW} + (u_i^{n+1})_{BW}]$$

where ν is Courant Friedrichs Lewy and it is given by $\nu = \frac{a\Delta t}{\Delta x}$, where Δt is the time step by which solution is advanced.

- While computing solutions, consider three values of ν for each scheme; namely $\nu = 0.5$, $\nu = 1.0$, $\nu = 1.5$.
- Compute at least upto 100 time steps and document your observations as to how the solutions are varying with time and how solutions of different schemes differ from each other.

- Write your “critical observations” in a tabular form for ease of comparison between schemes.
- Plot the solution after 40 time steps for all the schemes considering all the initial conditions and all the prescribed values of ν .
- Use the plotting range for x-axis as $0 \leq x \leq 1$ and that for y-axis as $-1.5 \leq u \leq 1.5$ (as shown in the Figures 1-4 for initial conditions) uniformly.

General Instructions

• Checklist for submission:

- The code (written in C only) with proper inline documentation for each function. (Use meaningful variable names).
- A “README.txt” file which contains the proper description on how to run the code and get the plots.
- The plots submitted by you must be reproducible independently by the TA’s from your code.

• Instruction for submission:

- Rename your program file as your roll number (example: 184010006.c).
- Zip the folder (*.zip) which contain the code and plots (See the checklist) and name it as your roll number (example: 194010006.zip).

• Notes:

- Marks will be given only if the program is working and showing correct result. No step marks will be given.
- Assignment will not be evaluated if “instruction for submission” are not followed properly.

• Copying program from each other will lead to severe penalty.

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