

Oblig 2 - INF5620

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1 Introducing the problem

The mathematical problem to be solved is the two-dimensional wave equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} + b \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(q(x, y) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(q(x, y) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) + f(x, y, t) \quad (1)$$

2 Deriving the discrete equations

Inserting finite differences for the derivatives:

$$[D_t D_t u + b D_{2t} u = D_x q D_x u + D_y q D_y u + f]_{i,j}^n \quad (2)$$

We write this out to prepare it for implementation:

$$\frac{u_{i,j}^{n+1} - 2u_{i,j}^n + u_{i,j}^{n-1}}{\Delta t^2} + b \frac{u_{i,j}^{n+1} - u_{i,j}^{n-1}}{2\Delta t} = \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{q_{i+\frac{1}{2},j}^n (u_{i+1,j}^n - u_{i,j}^n) - q_{i-\frac{1}{2},j}^n (u_{i,j}^n - u_{i-1,j}^n)}{\Delta x^2} \quad (4)$$

$$+ \frac{q_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}^n (u_{i,j+1}^n - u_{i,j}^n) - q_{i,j-\frac{1}{2}}^n (u_{i,j}^n - u_{i,j-1}^n)}{\Delta y^2} + f_{i,j}^n \quad (5)$$

Where the $q_{\frac{1}{2}}$'s will be evaluated with an arithmetic mean. We assume that $\Delta x = \Delta y$ for a simpler scheme.

Now, we write out the arithmetic means for $q_{\frac{1}{2}}$ and isolate $u_{i,j}^n$. (With sympy)

$$\begin{aligned} u_{i,j}^{n+1} &= \frac{\Delta t^2}{\Delta x^2 (\Delta t b + 2)} (q_{i+1,j}^n (u_{i+1,j}^n - u_{i,j}^n) + q_{i,j+1}^n (u_{i,j+1}^n - u_{i,j}^n) + q_{i,j-1}^n (u_{i,j-1}^n - u_{i,j}^n) \\ &+ q_{i,j}^n (u_{i+1,j}^n + u_{i,j+1}^n + u_{i,j-1}^n - 4u_{i,j}^n + u_{i-1,j}^n) \\ &+ q_{i-1,j}^n (-u_{i,j}^n + u_{i-1,j}^n) + \frac{\Delta x^2}{\Delta t^2} [\Delta t b u_{i,j}^{n-1} - 2u_{i,j}^{n-1} + 4u_{i,j}^n]) \end{aligned}$$

3 Domain and boundary condition

The partial differential equation is to be solved on a domain $\Omega = [0, L_x] \times [0, L_y]$, which will be discretized by a mesh (i, j) where $i \in (0, N_x)$ and $j \in (0, N_y)$. The

boundary condition is $\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = 0$ where $n \in \{x, y\}$. The numerical scheme as it is formulated now, will require to evaluate points outside the mesh in order to calculate the solution on the boundary. However, with a symmetric nearest neighbor finite difference, the boundary condition requires $u_{i,j}^n = u_{i+1,j}$ for the boundary at $x = L_x$, similarly for the other boundaries. In the implementation, these points outside the mesh are implemented as ghost cells, and they are updated after all other calculations in that timestep.