

Von Neumann stability analysis for `cubicUpwindCPCFit` advection scheme

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Start with the flux form equation, discretised in space, continuous in time:

$$\frac{\partial \phi_j}{\partial t} = -u \frac{\phi_R - \phi_L}{\Delta x} \quad (1)$$

$$\phi_L = \alpha_u \phi_{j-1} + \alpha_d \phi_j \quad (2)$$

$$\phi_R = \beta_u \phi_j + \beta_d \phi_{j+1} \quad (3)$$

Von Neumann stability analysis with perfect time discretisation

$$\phi_j^n = A^n e^{ijk\Delta x} \quad (4)$$

$$t = n\Delta t \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi_j}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (A^{t/\Delta t}) e^{ijk\Delta x} \quad (6)$$

$$= \frac{\ln A}{\Delta t} A^n e^{ijk\Delta x} \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{\ln A}{\Delta t} = -\frac{u}{\Delta x} (\beta_u + \beta_d e^{ik\Delta x} - \alpha_u e^{-ik\Delta x} - \alpha_d) \quad (8)$$

$$\ln A = -c (\beta_u - \alpha_d + \beta_d e^{ik\Delta x} - \alpha_u e^{-ik\Delta x}) \quad (9)$$

$$= -c (\beta_u - \alpha_d + \beta_d \cos k\Delta x + i\beta_d \sin k\Delta x - \alpha_u \cos k\Delta x + i\alpha_u \sin k\Delta x) \quad (10)$$

let $\Re = \beta_u - \alpha_d + \beta_d \cos k\Delta x - \alpha_u \cos k\Delta x$ and $\Im = \beta_d \sin k\Delta x + \alpha_u \sin k\Delta x$, then

$$\ln A = -c (\Re + i\Im) \quad (11)$$

$$A = e^{-c\Re} e^{-ic\Im} \quad (12)$$

$$|A| = e^{-c\Re} = \exp(-c(\beta_u - \alpha_d + (\beta_d - \alpha_u) \cos k\Delta x)) \quad (13)$$

$$\arg(A) = -c\Im = -c(\beta_d + \alpha_u) \sin k\Delta x \quad (14)$$

For stability we need $|A| \leq 1$ and $\arg(A) < 0$ for $c > 0$, so

$$\beta_u - \alpha_d + (\beta_d - \alpha_u) \cos k\Delta x \geq 0 \quad \forall k\Delta x \quad \text{and} \quad (15)$$

$$\beta_d + \alpha_u > 0 \quad (16)$$

TODO: not sure what to make of these inequalities, Hilary got a little further but I didn't follow all of it. But no matter, let's continue...

Imposing the additional constraints that $\alpha_u = \beta_u$ and $\alpha_d = \beta_d$:

$$|A| = \exp(-c(\alpha_u - \alpha_d)(1 - \cos k\Delta x)) \quad (17)$$

and given $1 - \cos k\Delta x \geq 0$ for well-resolved waves

$$\alpha_u - \alpha_d \geq 0 \quad (18)$$

$$\alpha_u \geq \alpha_d \quad (19)$$

and from eqn (16)

$$\alpha_d + \alpha_u > 0 \quad (20)$$

$$\alpha_u > -\alpha_d \quad \text{hence} \quad (21)$$

$$\alpha_u > |\alpha_d| \quad (22)$$

Additionally, we do not want more damping than an upwind scheme (where $\alpha_u = \beta_u = 1$, $\alpha_d = \beta_d = 0$), having an amplification factor, A_{up} :

$$|A_{\text{up}}| = \exp(-c(1 - \cos k\Delta x)) \quad (23)$$

So we need $|A| \geq |A_{\text{up}}|$:

$$-c(\alpha_u - \alpha_d)(1 - \cos k\Delta x) \geq -c(1 - \cos k\Delta x) \quad (24)$$

$$\alpha_u - \alpha_d \leq 1 \quad (25)$$

$$\alpha_u \leq 1 + \alpha_d \quad (26)$$

which provides an upper bound on α_u . Combining with eqn (22) we can bound α_u on both sides:

$$|\alpha_d| < \alpha_u \leq 1 + \alpha_d \quad (27)$$

Now, assume that $\alpha_u + \alpha_d = 1$ (or $\alpha_d = 1 - \alpha_u$), then

$$1 - \alpha_u < \alpha_u \leq 1 + (1 - \alpha_u) \quad (28)$$

$$0.5 < \alpha_u \leq 1 \quad (29)$$

we use only the lower bound **TODO: why?** to obtain

$$|\alpha_d| < \alpha_u \leq 1 + \alpha_d \quad \text{and} \quad 0.5 < \alpha_u \quad (30)$$