

## Chap 21. Numerics for ODEs

### 21.1 Methods for First-Order ODEs

#### Initial Value Problem

$$y' = f(x, y), \quad y(x_0) = y_0$$

We compute approximate numeric values of  $y(x)$  at

$$x_1 = x_0 + h, \quad x_2 = x_0 + 2h, \quad x_3 = x_0 + 3h, \quad \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} y(x+h) &= y(x) + h y'(x) + \frac{1}{2} h^2 y''(x) + \dots \\ &\approx y(x) + h y'(x) = y(x) + h \cdot f(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

⇒

$$y_1 = y_0 + h f(x_0, y_0), \quad y_2 = y_1 + h f(x_1, y_1), \quad \dots$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h f(x_n, y_n), \quad (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$$

↳ The Euler Method or the Euler-Cauchy Method

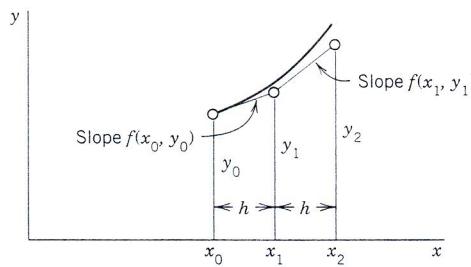


Fig. 448. Euler method

$$y(x+h) = y(x) + h y'(x) + \frac{1}{2} h^2 y''(x), \quad (x \leq x \leq x+h)$$

⇒ Local truncation error is  $\Theta(h^2)$

⇒ Global error is proportional to  $h^2(\frac{1}{h}) = h$   
since the number of steps is proportional to  $\frac{1}{h}$ .

## Improved Euler Method (Heun's Method)

$$y_{n+1}^* = y_n + h \cdot f(x_n, y_n)$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{1}{2}h [f(x_n, y_n) + f(x_{n+1}, y_{n+1}^*)]$$

### Local Error

The local error of the Improved Euler Method is  $O(h^3)$

<proof>

$$\textcircled{a} \quad y(x_{n+h}) - y(x_n) = h \cdot \hat{f}_n + \frac{1}{2}h^2 \hat{f}'_n + \frac{1}{6}h^3 \hat{f}''_n + \dots$$

where  $\hat{f}_n = f(x_n, y(x_n))$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{b} \quad y_{n+1} - y_n &\approx \frac{1}{2}h \cdot [\hat{f}_n + \hat{f}_{n+1}] \\ &= \frac{1}{2}h \left[ \hat{f}_n + (\hat{f}_n + h \cdot \hat{f}'_n + \frac{1}{2}h^2 \hat{f}''_n + \dots) \right] \\ &= h \cdot \hat{f}_n + \frac{1}{2}h^2 \hat{f}'_n + \frac{1}{4}h^3 \hat{f}''_n + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\textcircled{b} - \textcircled{a}$  is  $\frac{h^3}{12} \hat{f}'''_n + \dots$ , which is  $O(h^3)$

### Ex 1 (Euler Method)

$$y' = f(x, y) = x + y, \quad y(0) = 0, \quad h = 0.2$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x_n, y_n) = x_n + y_n$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + 0.2(x_n + y_n)$$

### Ex 3 (Improved Euler Method)

$$y' = f(x, y) = x + y, \quad y(0) = 0, \quad h = 0.2$$

$$\Rightarrow k_1 = 0.2(x_n + y_n)$$

$$k_2 = 0.2 f(x_{n+1}, y_{n+1}^*) = 0.2 (x_{n+1} + y_{n+1}^*)$$

$$= 0.2 (x_n + 0.2 + y_n + 0.2(x_n + y_n))$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{0.2}{2} (2.2x_n + 2.2y_n + 0.2)$$

$$= y_n + 0.22(x_n + y_n) + 0.02$$

## Runge-Kutta Methods (RK Methods)

### Classical Runge-Kutta Method of Fourth Order

$$k_1 = h f(x_n, y_n)$$

$$k_2 = h f(x_n + \frac{1}{2}h, y_n + \frac{1}{2}k_1)$$

$$k_3 = h f(x_n + \frac{1}{2}h, y_n + \frac{1}{2}k_2)$$

$$k_4 = h f(x_n + h, y_n + k_3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_{n+1} = x_n + h \\ y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4) \end{cases}$$

### Ex 3 (Classical Runge-Kutta Method)

$$y' = f(x, y) = x + y, \quad h = 0.2$$

$$\Rightarrow k_1 = 0.2(x_n + y_n)$$

$$k_2 = 0.2(x_n + 0.1 + y_n + 0.5k_1) = 0.22(x_n + y_n) + 0.02$$

$$k_3 = 0.2(x_n + 0.1 + y_n + 0.5k_2) = 0.222(x_n + y_n) + 0.022$$

$$k_4 = 0.2(x_n + 0.2 + y_n + k_3) = 0.2444(x_n + y_n) + 0.0444$$

$$\Rightarrow y_{n+1} = y_n + 0.2214(x_n + y_n) + 0.0214$$

### Fehlberg's fifth-order RK Method

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{16}{135}k_1 + \frac{6656}{12825}k_3 + \frac{28561}{56430}k_4 - \frac{9}{50}k_5 + \frac{2}{55}k_6$$

### Fehlberg's fourth-order RK Method

$$y_{n+1}^* = y_n + \frac{25}{216}k_1 + \frac{1408}{2565}k_3 + \frac{2197}{4104}k_4 - \frac{1}{5}k_5$$

$$\text{where } k_1 = h f(x_n, y_n), \quad k_2 = h f(x_n + \frac{1}{4}h, y_n + \frac{1}{4}k_1)$$

$$k_3 = h f(x_n + \frac{3}{8}h, y_n + \frac{3}{32}k_1 + \frac{9}{32}k_2),$$

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## 21.3 Methods for Systems and Higher Order ODEs

### Euler Method

$$y'' + 2y' + 0.75y = 0, \quad y(0) = 3, \quad y'(0) = -2.5, \quad h = 0.2$$

$$\Rightarrow y_{n+1} = y_n + h \cdot f(x_n, y_n)$$

$$\begin{cases} y_{1,n+1} = y_{1,n} + h f_1(x_n, y_{1,n}, y_{2,n}) \\ y_{2,n+1} = y_{2,n} + h f_2(x_n, y_{1,n}, y_{2,n}) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} f_1(x, y_1, y_2) \\ f_2(x, y_1, y_2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y'_1 \\ y'_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_2 \\ -2y_2 - 0.75y_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} y_{1,n+1} = y_{1,n} + 0.2 y_{2,n} \\ y_{2,n+1} = y_{2,n} + 0.2 (-2y_{2,n} - 0.75y_{1,n}) \end{cases}$$

See Table 21.10

The results are not accurate enough for practical purposes.

### Runge-Kutta Methods

$$y(x_0) = y_0$$

$$IK_1 = h f(x_n, y_n)$$

$$IK_2 = h f\left(x_n + \frac{1}{2}h, y_n + \frac{1}{2}IK_1\right)$$

$$IK_3 = h f\left(x_n + \frac{1}{2}h, y_n + \frac{1}{2}IK_2\right)$$

$$IK_4 = h f(x_n + h, y_n + IK_3)$$

$$\Rightarrow y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{1}{6} (IK_1 + 2IK_2 + 2IK_3 + IK_4)$$

## 21.4 Methods for Elliptic PDEs

Quasilinear:  $aU_{xx} + 2bU_{xy} + cU_{yy} = f(x, y, u, u_x, u_y)$

Elliptic:  $ac - b^2 > 0$  (Ex: Laplace Eq.)

Parabolic:  $ac - b^2 = 0$  (Ex: Heat Eq.)

Hyperbolic:  $ac - b^2 < 0$  (Ex: Wave Eq.)

Laplace Eq:  $\nabla^2 u = u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$

Poisson Eq:  $\nabla^2 u = u_{xx} + u_{yy} = f(x, y)$

$$\begin{cases} u_x(x, y) \approx \frac{1}{2h} [u(x+h, y) - u(x-h, y)] \\ u_y(x, y) \approx \frac{1}{2k} [u(x, y+k) - u(x, y-k)] \end{cases}$$

$$u_{xx}(x, y) \approx \frac{1}{h^2} [u(x+h, y) - 2u(x, y) + u(x-h, y)]$$

$$u_{yy}(x, y) \approx \frac{1}{k^2} [u(x, y+k) - 2u(x, y) + u(x, y-k)]$$

$$u_{xy}(x, y) \approx \frac{1}{4hk} [u(x+h, y+k) - u(x-h, y+k)]$$

$$-u(x+h, y-k) + u(x-h, y-k)]$$

Let  $h = k$  and

substitute into Poisson and Laplace Eqs

$\Rightarrow$  Difference Equation for the Poisson Eq.

$$u(x+h, y) + u(x, y+h) + u(x-h, y) + u(x, y-h) - 4u(x, y) = h^2 f(x, y)$$

$$\text{or } u(E) + u(N) + u(W) + u(S) - 4u(x, y) = h^2 f(x, y)$$

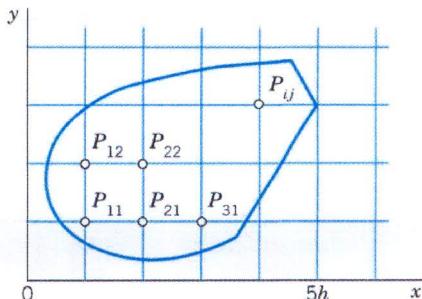
Difference Equation for the Laplace Eq.

$$u(x+h, y) + u(x, y+h) + u(x-h, y) + u(x, y-h) - 4u(x, y) = 0$$

## Dirichlet Problem

( $u$  is prescribed on the boundary curve  $C$  of a region  $R$ )

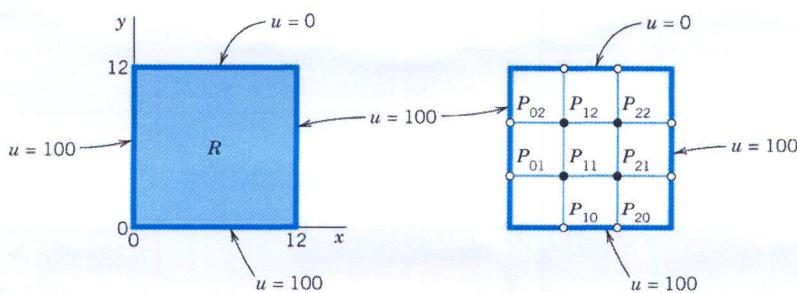
Let  $P_{ij} = (ih, jh)$   $\Rightarrow u_{\bar{i}\bar{j}} + u_{\bar{i}j} + u_{i\bar{j}} + u_{\bar{i}\bar{j}} - 4u_{ij} = 0$   
 $u_{ij} = u(ih, jh)$



Ex 1:

$$u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} -4u_{11} + u_{21} + u_{12} &= -200 \\ u_{11} - 4u_{21} + u_{22} &= -200 \\ u_{11} - 4u_{12} + u_{22} &= -100 \\ u_{21} + u_{12} - 4u_{22} &= -100 \end{cases}$$



(a) Given problem

(b) Grid and mesh points

$$\begin{cases} u_{11} = & 0.25u_{21} + 0.25u_{12} & + 50 \\ u_{21} = & 0.25u_{11} & + 0.25u_{22} + 50 \\ u_{12} = & 0.25u_{11} & + 0.25u_{22} + 25 \\ u_{22} = & 0.25u_{21} + 0.25u_{12} & + 25 \end{cases}$$

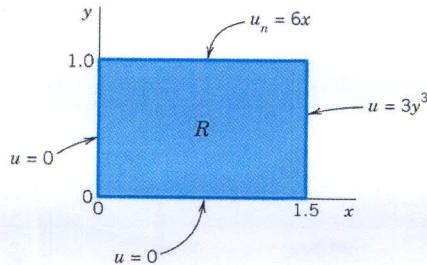
$\Rightarrow$  Apply the Gauss-Seidel Iteration

## 21.5 Neumann and Mixed Problems

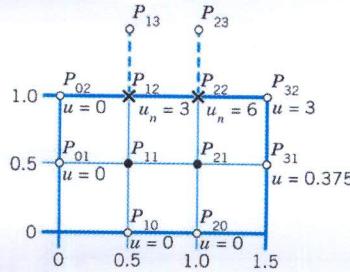
Neumann Problem:  $u_n = \frac{\partial u}{\partial n}$  is prescribed on the boundary  $C$

Mixed Problem:  $u$  is prescribed on a part of  $C$

$u_n = 0$  — on the remaining part



(a) Region  $R$  and boundary values



(b) Grid ( $h = 0.5$ )

Ex 1:

$$\nabla^2 u = u_{xx} + u_{yy} = f(x, y) = 12xy, \quad h = 0.5,$$

$$h^2 f(x, y) = 3x(y)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -4u_{11} + u_{21} + u_{12} & = 12(0.5)(0.5) \cdot \frac{1}{4} - 0 = 0.75 \\ u_{11} - 4u_{21} + u_{22} & = 12(1)(0.5) \cdot \frac{1}{4} - 0.375 = 1.125 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & -4u_{12} + u_{22} + u_{13} = 12(0.5)(1) \cdot \frac{1}{4} - 0 = 1.5 \\ u_{21} + u_{12} - 4u_{22} + u_{23} & = 12(1)(1) \cdot \frac{1}{4} - 3 = 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_{13} &= u_{11} + 3 \quad (\because 3 = \frac{\partial u_{12}}{\partial y} \approx \frac{u_{13} - u_{11}}{2h} = u_{13} - u_{11}) \\ u_{23} &= u_{21} + 6 \quad (\because 6 = \frac{\partial u_{22}}{\partial y} \approx \frac{u_{23} - u_{21}}{2h} = u_{23} - u_{21}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2u_{11} - 4u_{12} + u_{22} & = 1.5 - 3 = -1.5 \\ 2u_{21} + u_{12} - 4u_{22} & = 0 - 6 = -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -4 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} \\ u_{21} \\ u_{12} \\ u_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.75 \\ 1.125 \\ -1.5 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

## 21.6 Methods for Parabolic PDEs

### Heat Equation

$$\begin{cases} u_t = u_{xx}, & 0 \leq x \leq 1, t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) = f(x) \\ u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0 \end{cases}$$

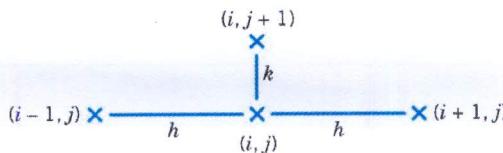
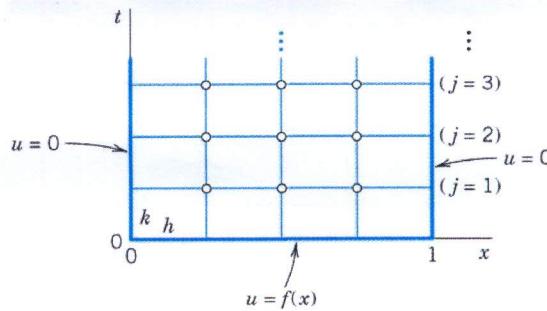
$$(4) \frac{1}{k} (u_{i,j+1} - u_{i,j}) = \frac{1}{h^2} (u_{i+1,j} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i-1,j})$$

$$(5) u_{i,j+1} = (1-2r) u_{i,j} + r (u_{i+1,j} + u_{i-1,j}), \quad r = \frac{k}{h^2}$$

Crucial to the convergence is the condition

$$r = \frac{k}{h^2} \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

Intuitively, this means that we should not move too fast in the  $t$ -direction

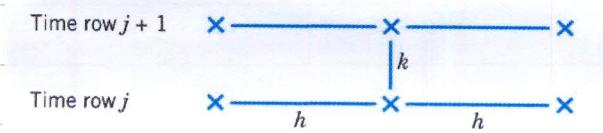


## Crank-Nicolson Method

$$(7) \frac{1}{k} (u_{i,j+1} - u_{ij}) = \frac{1}{2h^2} (u_{i+1,j} - 2u_{ij} + u_{i-1,j}) \\ + \frac{1}{2h^2} (u_{i+1,j+1} - 2u_{i,j+1} + u_{i-1,j+1})$$

Let  $r = \frac{k}{h^2}$ , then we have

$$(8) (2+2r) u_{i,j+1} - r(u_{i+1,j+1} + u_{i-1,j+1}) \\ = (2-2r) u_{ij} + r(u_{i+1,j} + u_{i-1,j})$$



when we choose  $r=1$ ,

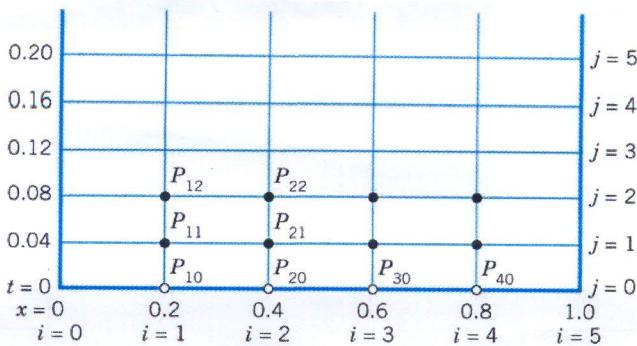
$$4u_{i,j+1} - u_{i+1,j+1} - u_{i-1,j+1} = u_{i+1,j} + u_{i-1,j}$$

Ex1:

$$\begin{cases} u_t = u_{xx}, & 0 \leq x \leq 1, t \geq 0 \\ u(x,0) = f(x) = \sin \pi x \\ u(0,t) = u(1,t) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Let  $h=0.2$  and  $r=1$ , find  $u(x,t)$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 0.2$   
 $\Rightarrow r = \frac{k}{h^2} = 1, h = 0.04, \frac{0.2}{0.04} = 5$  steps

$$\begin{cases} u_{10} = \sin 0.2\pi = 0.587785 \\ u_{20} = \sin 0.4\pi = 0.951059 \\ u_{30} = u_{20} \\ u_{40} = u_{10} \end{cases} \left( \text{as } f(x) = \sin \pi x \text{ is symmetric w.r.t } x=0.5 \right)$$



$$u_{10} = \sin 0.2\pi = 0.587785, \quad u_{20} = \sin 0.4\pi = 0.951057.$$

$$(9) \quad 4u_{i,j+1} - u_{i-1,j+1} - u_{i+1,j+1} = u_{i+1,j} + u_{i,j}$$

For  $j=0$ ,

$$(i=1): \quad 4u_{11} - u_{01} - u_{21} = u_{20} + u_{00} = 0.951057$$

$$(i=2): \quad -u_{11} + 4u_{21} - u_{31} = u_{20} + u_{10} = 1.538842$$

$$\Rightarrow u_{11} = 0.399274, \quad u_{21} = 0.646039$$

For  $j=1$ ,

$$(i=1): \quad 4u_{12} - u_{22} = u_{01} + u_{21} = 0.646039$$

$$(i=2): \quad -u_{12} + 3u_{22} = u_{11} + u_{21} = 1.045313$$

$$\Rightarrow u_{12} = 0.271221, \quad u_{22} = 0.438844$$

$t$	$x = 0$	$x = 0.2$	$x = 0.4$	$x = 0.6$	$x = 0.8$	$x = 1$
0.00	0	0.588	0.951	0.951	0.588	0
0.04	0	0.399	0.646	0.646	0.399	0
0.08	0	0.271	0.439	0.439	0.271	0
0.12	0	0.184	0.298	0.298	0.184	0
0.16	0	0.125	0.202	0.202	0.125	0
0.20	0	0.085	0.138	0.138	0.085	0

## 21.7 Methods for Hyperbolic PDEs

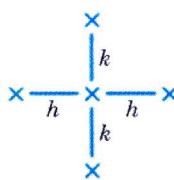
### Wave Equation

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = u_{xx} \\ u(x, 0) = f(x) \\ u_t(x, 0) = g(x) \\ u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0 \end{cases}$$

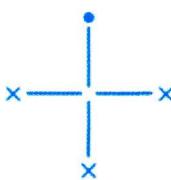
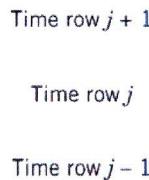
$$(5) \quad \frac{1}{k^2} (u_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}+1} - 2u_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}} + u_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}-1}) = \frac{1}{h^2} (u_{\bar{i}h, \bar{j}} - 2u_{\bar{i}h, \bar{j}} + u_{\bar{i}h, \bar{j}-1})$$

When we choose  $r^* = \frac{k^2}{h^2} = 1$ , we have

$$(6) \quad u_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}+1} = u_{\bar{i}h, \bar{j}} + u_{\bar{i}h, \bar{j}-1} - u_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}-1}$$



(a) Formula (5)



(b) Formula (6)

From  $u_t(x, 0) = g(x)$ ,

$$\frac{1}{2k} (u_{\bar{i}, 1} - u_{\bar{i}, -1}) = g_{\bar{i}} \Rightarrow u_{\bar{i}, -1} = u_{\bar{i}, 1} - 2k \cdot g_{\bar{i}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_{\bar{i}, 1} &= u_{\bar{i}h, 0} + u_{\bar{i}h, 0} - u_{\bar{i}, -1} \\ &= u_{\bar{i}h, 0} + u_{\bar{i}h, 0} - u_{\bar{i}, 1} + 2k \cdot g_{\bar{i}} \\ \therefore u_{\bar{i}, 1} &= \frac{1}{2} (u_{\bar{i}h, 0} + u_{\bar{i}h, 0}) + k \cdot g_{\bar{i}} \end{aligned}$$

Ex1:

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = u_{xx}, & 0 \leq x \leq 1, t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) = f(x) = \sin \pi x \\ u_t(x, 0) = g(x) = 0 \\ u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0, & h = k = 0.2 \end{cases}$$

$$u_{00} = u_{50} = 0$$

$$u_{10} = u_{40} = \sin 0.2\pi = 0.587785$$

$$u_{20} = u_{30} = \sin 0.4\pi = 0.951057$$

$$\underline{u_{\bar{\epsilon},1} = \frac{1}{2}(u_{\bar{\epsilon},0} + u_{\bar{\epsilon}+1,0})}$$

$$(t=1): u_{11} = \frac{1}{2}(u_{00} + u_{20}) = 0.475528$$

$$(t=2): u_{21} = \frac{1}{2}(u_{10} + u_{30}) = 0.769421$$

$$u_{31} = u_{21}, \quad u_{41} = u_{11} \text{ by symmetry}$$

$$(6) \quad \underline{u_{\bar{\epsilon},j+1} = u_{\bar{\epsilon},j} + u_{\bar{\epsilon}+1,j} - u_{\bar{\epsilon},j-1}} \text{ with } j=1$$

$$(t=1): u_{12} = \underline{u_{01}^0} + u_{21} - u_{10} = 0.181636$$

$$(t=2): u_{22} = u_{11} + u_{31} - u_{20} = 0.293892$$

$$u_{32} = u_{22}, \quad u_{42} = u_{12} \text{ by symmetry}$$

$t$	$x = 0$	$x = 0.2$	$x = 0.4$	$x = 0.6$	$x = 0.8$	$x = 1$
0.0	0	0.588	0.951	0.951	0.588	0
0.2	0	0.476	0.769	0.769	0.476	0
0.4	0	0.182	0.294	0.294	0.182	0
0.6	0	-0.182	-0.294	-0.294	-0.182	0
0.8	0	-0.476	-0.769	-0.769	-0.476	0
1.0	0	-0.588	-0.951	-0.951	-0.588	0

These values are exact, the exact solution being  
 $u(x, t) = \sin \pi x \cos \pi t$