

1) Stability of PDE methods

2) Convolutions \Leftrightarrow finite differencing

Stability: similar to ODE

Eg. Advection equation: $\partial_t f(x,t) + c \partial_x f(x,t) = 0$

suppose $f(x,t) = f^{\text{true}}(x,t) + E(x,t)$

Von-Neumann
Stability Analysis

$$f(x, t+\Delta t) = f(x,t) + \Delta t c \frac{f(x+\Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x} \quad \star$$

$$\underbrace{f^{\text{true}}(x, t+\Delta t)}_{\text{cancel}} + \underbrace{E(x, t+\Delta t)} = \underbrace{f^{\text{true}}(x,t)} + \underbrace{E(x,t)} + c \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \left[\underbrace{f^{\text{true}}(x+\Delta x, t)} + \underbrace{E(x+\Delta x, t)} - \underbrace{f^{\text{true}}(x,t)} - \underbrace{E(x,t)} \right]$$

assume f^{true} always \star up to $\Delta x, \Delta t$ error

Blue terms

$$E(x, t+\Delta t) = E(x,t) + c \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} [E(x+\Delta x, t) - E(x,t)]$$

$$E(x,t) = \int \frac{dk}{2\pi} e^{ikx} \tilde{E}(k,t) \rightarrow \text{assume } E(x,t) = \underline{E(t)} e^{ikx} \sim \text{(single) Fourier mode}$$

$$E(t+\Delta t) e^{ikx} = E(t) e^{ikx} + c \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} [e^{ik\Delta x} - 1] E(t) e^{ikx}$$

$$\underline{E(t+\Delta t)} = \underline{E(t)} \left[1 + c \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} (e^{ik\Delta x} - 1) \right]$$

want $|| \leq 1$

is this true for some $\Delta x, \Delta t$?

$$\left| 1 + c \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} (e^{i k \Delta x} - 1) \right| \leq 1$$

$$\uparrow e^{i k \Delta x} = \pm 1$$

$$+1: \left| 1 + \frac{c \Delta t}{\Delta x} \cdot 0 \right| = 1 \leq 1$$

$$-1: \left| 1 - 2c \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \right| \leq 1$$

$$\text{choose } \Delta x, \Delta t: \left| c \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \right| \leq 1$$

Finite differencing \leftrightarrow Convolutions

a_i  Array

w_i 

Window function, Kernel

c_i 

final, convolved function

$$c_n = \sum_{j=i+n} a_j w_i$$