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## **FDM: Practical Assignment 3**

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## Problem

For  $f \in L^2([0, 1] \times [0, T])$  and we consider heat equation:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + f(x, t) \quad \forall (x, t) \in [0, 1] \times [0, T]. \quad (1)$$

Along with this equation we need initial conditions at time 0

$$u(x, 0) = u_0(x). \quad (2)$$

and also boundary conditions if we are working on a bounded domain, e.g., the Dirichlet conditions

$$\begin{aligned} u(t, 0) &= 0 \\ u(t, 1) &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

1. Find the discrete solution using finite difference scheme with three methods (Forward, Backward Euler and Crank-Nicolson) and consider them when

$$\begin{aligned} u_{ex}(x, t) &= x(1-x)^2 e^{-2t}, \\ f(x, t) &= (2 - 8x + 4x^2 - 2x^3) e^{-2t}. \end{aligned}$$

2. Compute the error for three methods on space with discrete  $H_0^2$  and  $L^2$  norms when  $k = 0.01$ ,  $k = 0.005$ ,  $k = 0.0001$  and  $k = h^2$ . Do you consider about these errors.

## Solution

1. Let us consider a uniform partion with  $N_x + 1$  points  $x_i$  for all  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N_x$ , we have space step is  $h = \frac{1}{N_x}$ . We divide the interval  $[0, T]$  into  $N_t - 1$  sub-intervals of constant length  $k = \frac{T}{N_t}$ . Then

$$x_i = ih \text{ and } t_n = nk.$$

We have the natural discretization of (1)

$$\frac{U_i^{n+1} - U_i^n}{k} = \frac{U_{i-1}^n - 2U_i^n + U_{i+1}^n}{h^2} + f_i^n$$

where  $U_i^n = u(x_i, t_n)$  and  $f_i^n = f(x_i, t_n)$ .

Apply “ $\theta$  method”, we have

$$\frac{U_i^{n+1} - U_i^n}{k} = [(1 - \theta) D_2 U_i^n + \theta D_2 U_i^{n+1}] + f_i^n \quad (4)$$

where  $D_2 U_i^n = \frac{U_{i-1}^n - 2U_i^n + U_{i+1}^n}{h^2}$  and  $D_2 U_i^{n+1} = \frac{U_{i-1}^{n+1} - 2U_i^{n+1} + U_{i+1}^{n+1}}{h^2} \forall i = \overline{1, N_x - 1}$ .

We can rewrite that:

$$\begin{aligned} -r\theta U_{i-1}^{n+1} + (1 + 2r\theta) U_i^{n+1} - r\theta U_{i+1}^{n+1} &= r(1 - \theta) U_{i-1}^n \\ &+ [1 - 2r(1 - \theta)] U_i^n + r(1 - \theta) U_{i+1}^n + kf_i^n \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where  $r = \frac{k}{h^2}$

We put

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -2r & r & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ r & -2r & r & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & r & -2r & r & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & r & -2r & r \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & r & -2r \end{bmatrix} \quad F = \begin{bmatrix} kf_1^n \\ kf_2^n \\ \vdots \\ kf_{N_x-2}^n \\ kf_{N_x-1}^n \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, (5) can rewrite that:

$$(I - \theta A) U^{n+1} = [I + (1 - \theta) A] U^n + F \quad (6)$$

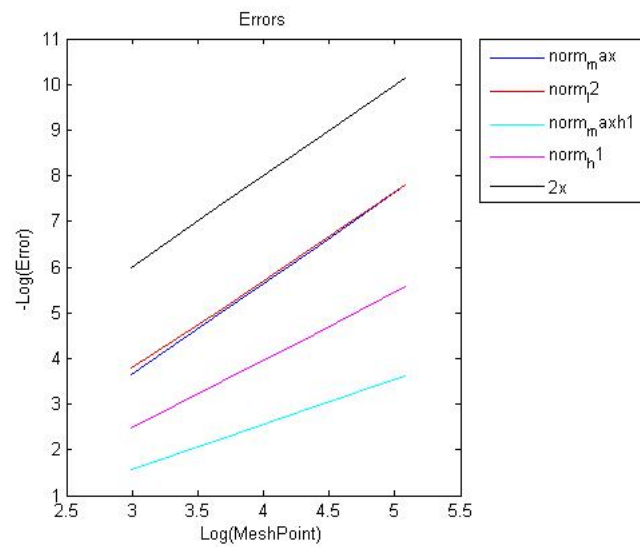
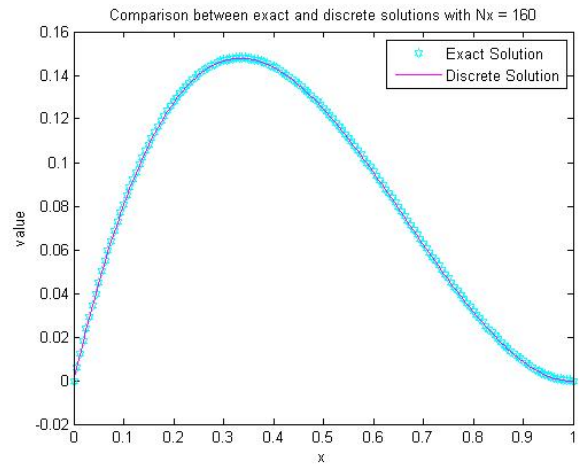
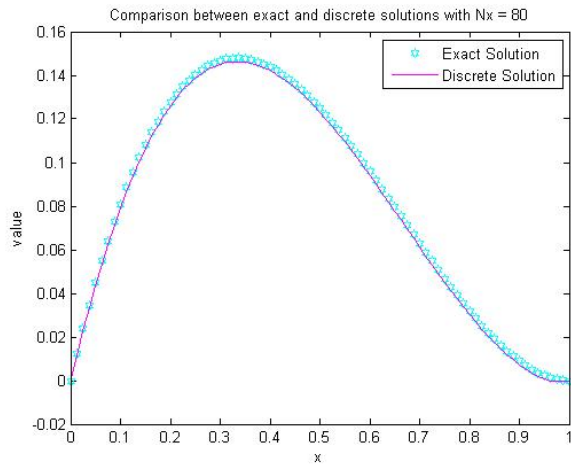
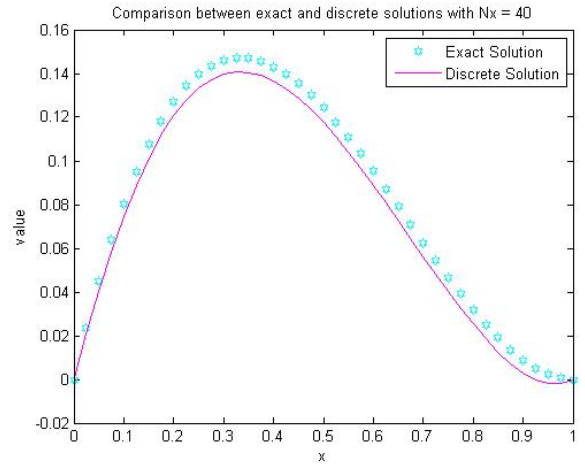
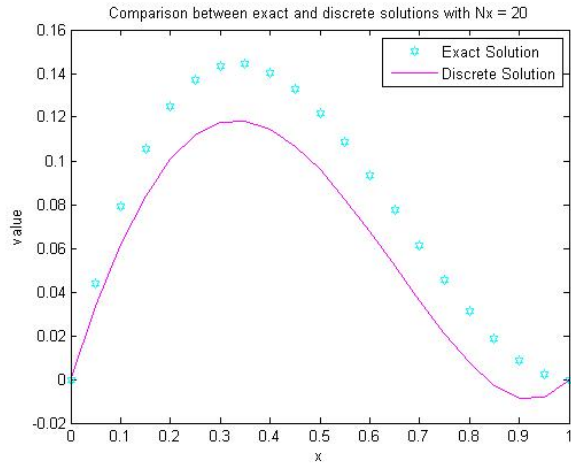
- Forward Euler method

Let  $\theta = 0$ , we have (6) rewrite that:

$$U^{n+1} = (I + A) U^n + F \quad (7)$$

We set up with the following exact solution  $u$  and function  $f$ :

$$\begin{cases} u_{ex}(x, t) &= x(1 - x)^2 e^{-2t}, \\ f(x, t) &= (2 - 8x + 4x^2 - 2x^3) e^{-2t} \end{cases}$$



- Backward Euler method

Let  $\theta = 1$ , we have (6) rewrite that:

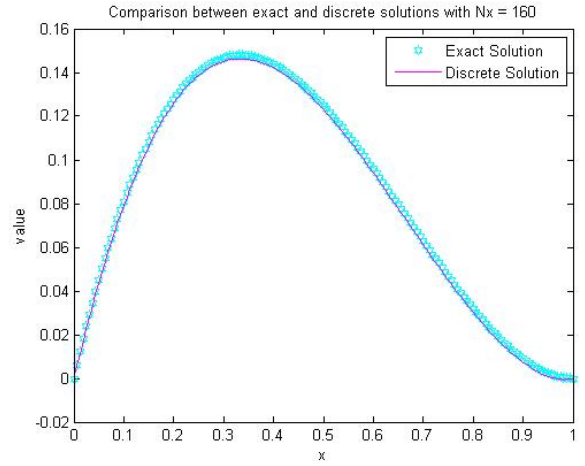
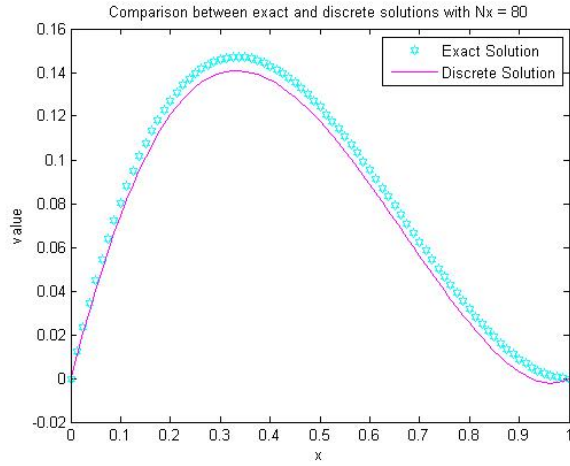
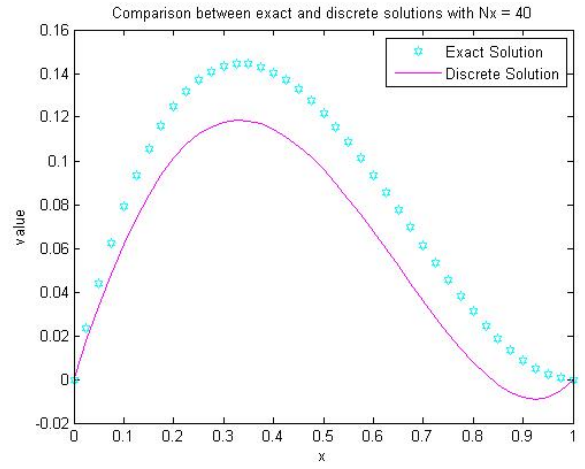
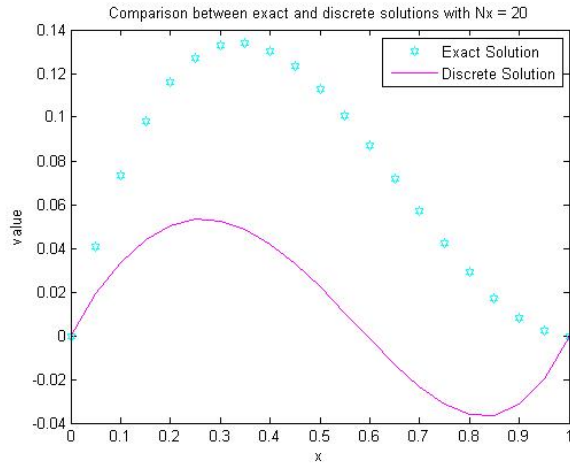
$$(I - A) U^{n+1} = U^n + F \quad (8)$$

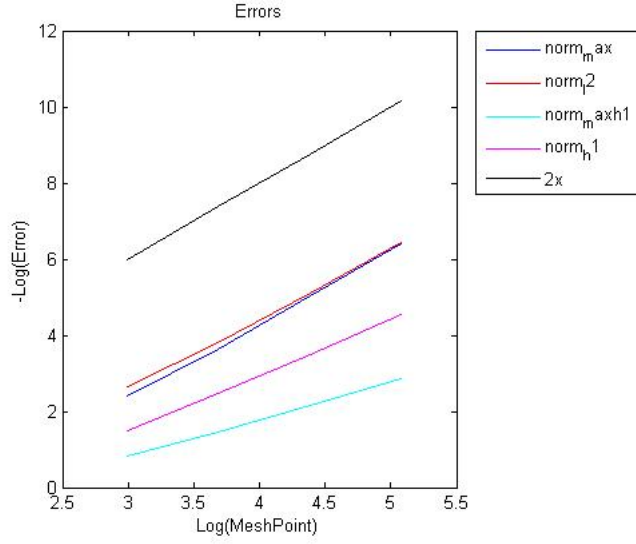
Thus,

$$U^{n+1} = (I - A)^{-1} (U^n + F) \quad (9)$$

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- Crank-Nicolson

Let  $\theta = \frac{1}{2}$ , we have (6) rewrite that:

$$\left(I - \frac{1}{2}A\right) U^{n+1} = \left(I + \frac{1}{2}A\right) U^n + F \quad (10)$$

Thus,

$$U^{n+1} = \left(I - \frac{1}{2}A\right)^{-1} \left[\left(I + \frac{1}{2}A\right) U^n + F\right] \quad (11)$$

We set up with the following exact solution  $u$  and function  $f$ :

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