

STABILITY ANALYSIS USING MATRIX METHOD

BTCES

Consider PDE $u_t = u_{xx}$ and BTCS
discretized form.

$$u_i^{n+1} - u_i^n = d(u_{i+1}^{n+1} - 2u_i^{n+1} + u_{i-1}^{n+1}), \quad d = \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x^2}$$

$$\text{ie } -d u_{i-1}^{n+1} + (1+2d) u_i^{n+1} - d u_{i+1}^{n+1} = u_i^n$$

for $i = 1, \text{ to } N-1$

$$-d u_0^{n+1} + (1+2d) u_1^{n+1} - d u_2^{n+1} = u_1^n \quad i=1$$

⋮

$$-d u_{N-2}^{n+1} + (1+2d) u_{N-1}^{n+1} - d u_N^{n+1} = u_{N-1}^n \quad i=N-1$$

Using the boundary condition we get-

$$A U^{n+1} = B U^n + b^{n+1}, \quad \text{where } b^{n+1} = (d u_0^{n+1}, \dots, d u_N^{n+1})^T$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1+2d & -d & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ -d & 1+2d & -d & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & -d & 1+2d & -d & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & -d & 1+2d \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & 1 & & & \\ & & 0 & & \\ & & & 1 & \\ & 0 & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 2I. \quad U = (u_1, \dots, u_{n+1})^T$$

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$$\begin{aligned} U^{n+1} &= \bar{A}^{-1} B (\bar{A}^{-1} B U^{n-1} + \tilde{A}^n) + \tilde{A}^{n+1} \\ &= (\bar{A}^{-1} B)^2 U^{n-1} + (\bar{A}^{-1} B) \tilde{A}^n + \tilde{A}^{n+1}, \quad \bar{A}^{-1} B = Q \\ &= Q^2 U^{n-1} + Q \tilde{A}^n + \tilde{A}^{n+1} \\ &= Q^2 (Q U^{n-2} + \tilde{A}^{n-1}) + Q \tilde{A}^n + \tilde{A}^{n+1} \\ &= Q^3 U^{n-2} + Q^2 \tilde{A}^{n-1} + Q \tilde{A}^n + \tilde{A}^{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

$$= Q^{n+1} U^0 + Q^1 \tilde{A}^0 + Q^{\sim n-1} \tilde{A}^2 \dots + Q \tilde{A}^{\sim n-1} + \tilde{A}^{\sim n+1}$$

$$\therefore U^{n+1} = Q^{n+1} U^0 + Q^2 \tilde{A} + Q^{\sim n-1} \tilde{A}^2 + \dots + Q \tilde{A}^{\sim n-1} + \tilde{A}^{\sim n+1} \quad (1)$$

$$\therefore \|U^{n+1}\| \leq \|Q^{n+1} U^0\| + \|Q^2 \tilde{A}\| + \|Q^{\sim n-1} \tilde{A}^2\| + \dots + \|\tilde{A}^{\sim n+1}\|$$

$$\text{i.e. } \|U^{n+1}\| \leq \|Q^{n+1}\| \|U^0\| + \|Q^2\| \|\tilde{A}\| + \dots + \|\tilde{A}^{\sim n+1}\|.$$

Therefore for the solution to remain bounded

we need $\|Q\| \leq 1$, and hence the

stability condition reduces to $\|Q\| \leq 1$; or

we say the method is stable if $\|Q\| \leq 1$.

\therefore For BTCS scheme we have

$$Q = \bar{A}' B = \bar{A}' \quad \text{as } B = I, \text{ the identity}$$

matrix.

Note the fact that \bar{A}' exist as A is strictly diagonally dominant matrix.

Now we consider the $\| \cdot \|_2$ norm stability

$$\|Q\|_2 = \|\bar{A}'\|, \quad \text{it is easy to prove that-}$$

$$\text{the spectral radius } \rho(\bar{A}') = \frac{1}{\rho(A)}$$

$$\text{Since } A = \text{diag}(-d, 1+2d, -d)$$

$$\text{Eigenvalues of } A, \lambda_i = 1+2d-2d \cos \theta_i, \quad \theta_i = \frac{i\pi}{N}$$

$$\therefore \rho(A) = \max_i |1+2d+2d \cos \theta_i|$$

$$\|Q\|_2 = \rho(\bar{A}') = \frac{1}{\rho(A)} = \frac{1}{\max_{1 \leq i \leq N-1} |1+2d-2d \cos \theta_i|} \leq 1$$

for any $d > 0$

\therefore BTCS is unconditionally stable in $\| \cdot \|_2$ norm.

Round-off error stability.

Let us say the initial datum U^0 is perturbed as U_*^0 , and the corresponding solution U_*^{n+1} is

$$U_*^{n+1} = A^{n+1} U_*^0 + Q \tilde{A}_*^1 + \dots + Q \tilde{A}_*^n + \tilde{A}_*^{n+1} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

For simplicity if we take the zero boundary condition, ① - ② gives

$$U^{n+1} - U_*^{n+1} = A^{n+1} (U^0 - U_*^0)$$

$e^{n+1} = u_{*}^{n+1} - u^{n+1}$, is the corresponding round-off error

now $\|e^{n+1}\| \leq \|A^{n+1}\| \|u_{*}^0 - u^0\|$

$\|e^{n+1}\|$ remain bounded when $\|A^n\| \leq 1$

ie iff $\|A\|^n \leq 1$, ie iff $\|A\| \leq 1$.

* We consider the stability with respect to the natural norms $\|\cdot\|_2$ & $\|\cdot\|_\infty$.

FTCS

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$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1-2d & d & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ d & 1-2d & d & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & d & 1-2d & d & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & d & 1-2d \end{pmatrix}$$

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ie $A = \text{diag}(d, 1-2d, d)$.

$$A = I_{N-1 \times N-1} + dT_{N-1}$$

$$T_{N-1,2} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 & & \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ & & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ & & & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}_{(N-1) \times (N-1)}$$

As we see A is a Hermitian matrix, $\bar{A}^T = A$

$$\therefore \|A\|_2 = \rho(A) = \max |\lambda_i|.$$

now, eigenvalues of T_{N-1} are $\alpha_i = -2 + 2 \cos \frac{i\pi}{N}$
 $= -2(1 - \cos \frac{i\pi}{N})$

and hence eigenvalues of A are

$$\lambda_i = 1 + d\alpha_i \quad \therefore \quad \lambda_i = 1 - 2d(1 - \cos \frac{i\pi}{N})$$

$$\therefore \max_i |\lambda_i| = \max_i |1 - 2d(1 - \cos \frac{i\pi}{N})|$$

the scheme is stable if $\|A\|_2 \leq 1$

ie if

$$-1 \leq 1 - 2d(1 - \cos \frac{i\pi}{N}) \leq 1 \quad \forall i=1 \text{ to } N-1$$

ie $-2 \leq -2d(1 - \cos \frac{i\pi}{N}) \leq 0$

upper bound is always satisfied as $d > 0$

now, $\|A\|_2 \leq 1$ if $d(1 - \cos \frac{i\pi}{N}) \leq 1$

$$\therefore \text{if } d \leq \frac{1}{2} \quad d(1 - \cos \frac{i\pi}{N}) \leq \frac{(1 - \cos \frac{i\pi}{N})}{2} \leq \frac{2-1}{2}$$

\therefore the stability condition is $\frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x^2} \leq \frac{1}{2}$.

Alternative approach,

\therefore when $0 < d \leq \frac{1}{2}$

$$0 < 2d \leq 1$$

$$1 - 2d \geq 0 \quad \therefore \|A\|_\infty = 1 - 2d + 2d = 1.$$

wh $d > \frac{1}{2} \quad 2d - 1 > 0$

$$\therefore \|A\|_\infty = 2d - 1 + 2d = 4d - 1 > 1$$

\therefore stable iff $0 < d \leq \frac{1}{2}$ ie if $\frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x^2} \leq \frac{1}{2}$.

Exercise: Using matrix method show that the Crank-Nicolson scheme is unconditionally stable.

Hint: Here $Q = \bar{A}^T B$,

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \text{diag}(-\lambda, 2+2\lambda, -\lambda)$$

$$B = \frac{1}{2} \text{diag}(\lambda, 2-2\lambda, \lambda)$$

$$\|Q\|_2 = \sqrt{\rho(Q^T Q)}.$$