

Homework 2

Due: Sept 28, 2018

Write python functions to implement the FTCS (forward in time, centered in space) method for solving a 1D scalar advection equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0$$

where u is a scalar and v is constant, applied to a Gaussian Wave. We showed in lecture tat the basic approach

$$u_j^{n+1} = u_j^n - \frac{\Delta t}{2\Delta x} v (u_{j+1}^n - u_{j-1}^n)$$

is unconditionally *unstable*. Show the instabilities growing over time in your Gaussian Wave. Compare this to the corrected, and unconditionally *stable* Lax-Friedrich Method.

Write a L^AT_EX report discussing your results. It should include a short explanation of the algorithms and implementation with all relevant formula and a discussion of the following:

- Plots showing growing instabilities in the Gaussian Wave for the FTCS scheme.
- Similar plots for the stable wave from the Lax-Friedrich method.

Include the .pdf version of te report and all Python files in your homework repo.