

Solution references for project 2

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We should have

$$\begin{aligned}u'(t) &= \frac{1}{h^2}Au(t), \quad t \in J, \\u(0) &= u_0,\end{aligned}$$

where

$$A = \text{diag}\{1, -2, 1\}, \quad u_0 = \begin{bmatrix} \sin(\pi h) \\ \sin(2\pi h) \\ \vdots \\ \sin((N-2)\pi h) \\ \sin((N-1)\pi h) \end{bmatrix}.$$

A backward Euler gives

$$\left(I - \frac{\tau}{h^2}A\right)u_{i+1} = Mu_{i+1} = u_i, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, N,$$

where $0 < \tau \ll 1$ is the temporal mesh step.

We use the backslash operation in Matlab.

1. Case with the CFL = 0.25.

In the situation

$$\tau = 0.25 \times h^2 = 0.25 \times (0.1)^2 = 0.0025.$$

Thus $N = 1/\tau = 400$.

2. Case with the CFL = 0.50.

In the situation

$$\tau = 0.5 \times h^2 = 0.5 \times (0.1)^2 = 0.005.$$

Thus $N = 1/\tau = 200$.

3. Case with the CFL = 1.00.

In the situation

$$\tau = 1 \times h^2 = (0.1)^2 = 0.01.$$

Thus $N = 1/\tau = 100$.

See sample MATLAB program.