

# Finite difference schemes for linear PDE

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We consider

$$Pu = u_t + au_x = 0, \quad -\infty < x < \infty, t > 0, \quad u = u(x, t)$$

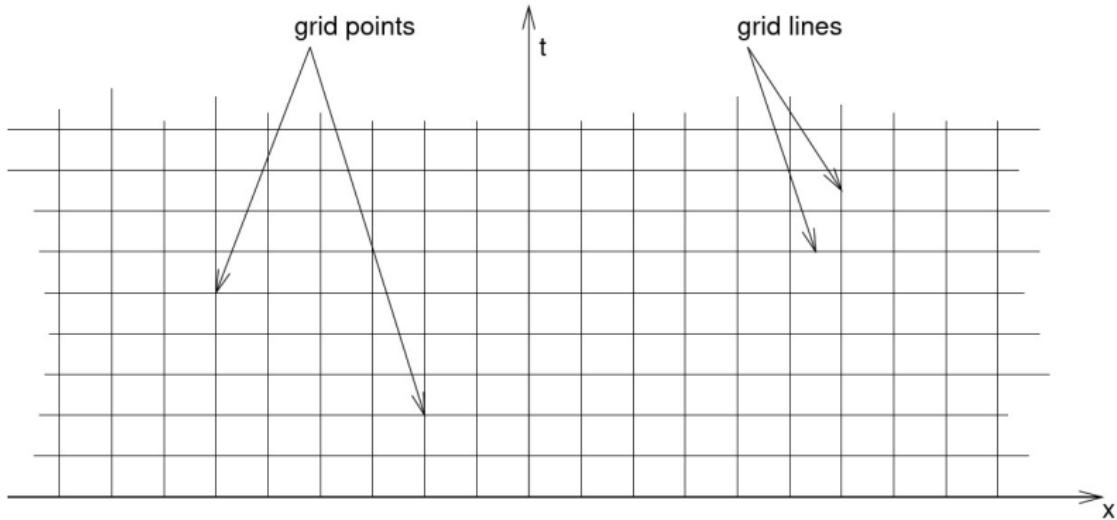
with initial condition

$$u(x, 0) = u_0(x)$$

First we define the grid points in the  $(x, t)$  plane by drawing vertical and horizontal lines through the points  $(x_i, t_n)$

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx.$$

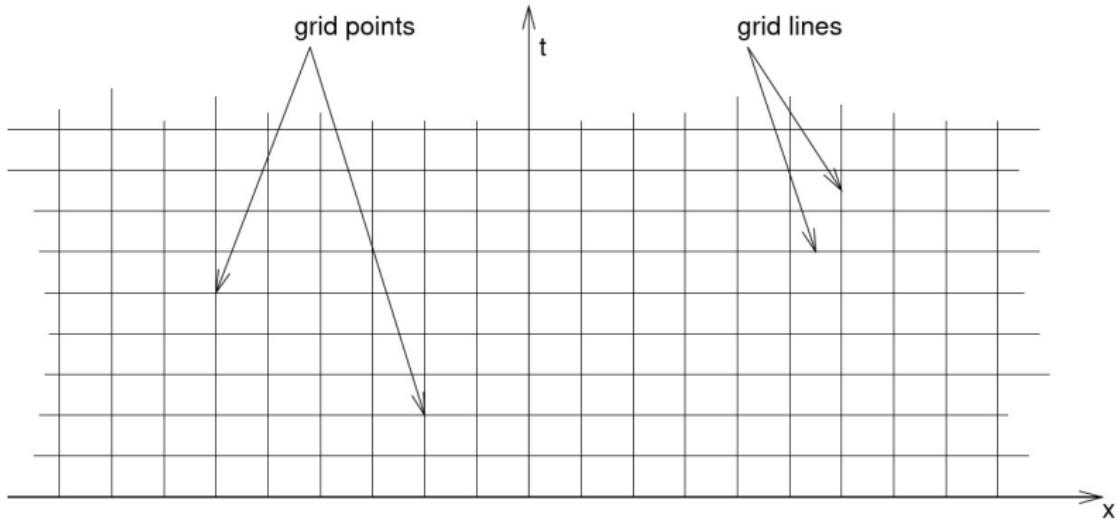




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The basic idea of **finite difference method** is to replace derivatives by **finite differences**. This can be done in many ways;



By replacing the derivatives by finite differences and neglecting the error terms we have list of difference equations. For example

$$P_{\Delta t, h} v = \frac{v_j^{n+1} - v_j^n}{\Delta t} + a \frac{(v_{j+1}^n - v_j^n)}{h} = 0 \text{ (forward time - forward space)}$$

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$$P_{\Delta t, h} v = \frac{v_j^{n+1} - v_j^n}{\Delta t} + a \frac{(v_{j+1}^n - v_{j-1}^n)}{2h} = 0 \text{ (forward time - central space)}$$

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## Cosistency, Stability and convergence



## Solution need not converge always!

$$u_t + u_x = 0$$
$$u(x, 0) = u_0(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ 2x^3 - 3x^2 + 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$u(x, t) = u_0(x - t) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \leq t \\ 2(x - t)^3 - 3(x - t)^2 + 1 & 0 \leq x - t \leq 1 \\ 0 & x \geq t + 1 \end{cases}$$

$$v_i^{n+1} = v_j^n - \frac{\Delta t}{h} (v_{j+1}^n - v_j^n) \quad (\text{forward time} - \text{forward space}).$$



## Definition

$$\|u\|_2 = \left( h \sum_j |u(x_j)|^2 \right)^{1/2} = \left( h \sum_j |u_j|^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\|u\|_\infty = \sup_j |u(x_j)| = \sup_j |u_j|.$$

**Definition** : Given a partial differential equation  $Pu = 0$  and a finite difference scheme  $P_{\Delta t, h}v = 0$  we say that the finite difference scheme is **consistent** with the partial differential equation in norm  $\|\cdot\|$ , if for the actual solution  $u$  of  $Pu = 0$ ,

$$\|P_{\Delta t, h}u\| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } \Delta t, h \rightarrow 0.$$

**Definition :** The finite difference method is accurate of order  $(p, q)$  in  $\|\cdot\|$  if for the actual solution  $u$  of  $Pu = 0$ ,

$$\|P_{\Delta t, h} u\| = O(h^p) + O(\Delta t^q).$$



We can write

$$v_j^{n+1} = \sum_{l=-k}^k \alpha_l v_{j+l}^n = \alpha_{-k} v_{j-k}^n + \dots + \alpha_0 v_j^n + \dots + \alpha_k v_{j+k}^n.$$

Shift operator:  $S_+$  and  $S_-$        $S_+ v_j = v_{j+1}, \quad S_- v_j = v_{j-1}$

$$v_j^{n+1} = \alpha_{-k} S_-^k v_j^n + \dots + \alpha_{-1} S_- v_j^n + \alpha_0 v_j^n + \alpha_1 S_+ v_j^n + \dots + \alpha_k S_+^k v_j^n$$

**Definition :** The finite difference method is called **stable** in  $\|\cdot\|$ , if there exist constants  $K$  and  $\beta$  such that

$$\|v^n\| \leq K e^{\beta t} \|v^0\|$$

where  $t = n\Delta t$ ,  $K$  and  $\beta$  are independent of  $h$  and  $\Delta t$ .

**Definition :** The finite difference method is called **strongly stable** in  $\|\cdot\|$ , if  $\|v^n\| \leq \|v^{n-1}\|$ .

**Definition:** A finite difference method is **unconditionally stable** if it is stable for any time step  $\Delta t$  and space step  $h$ .

**Example:**  $v_j^{n+1} = v_j^n - a \frac{\Delta t}{h} (v_j^n - v_{j-1}^n)$  (**FTBS**)      for  $u_t + au_x = 0$

$$v_j^{n+1} = v_j^n(1 - a\lambda) + a\lambda v_{j-1}^n, \quad \lambda = \frac{\Delta t}{h}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|v^{n+1}\|_\infty &= \sup_j |v_j^{n+1}| = \sup_j |v_j^n(1 - a\lambda) + a\lambda v_{j-1}^n| \\ &\leq \sup_j \{|1 - a\lambda| |v_j^n| + a\lambda |v_{j-1}^n|\} \leq |1 - a\lambda| \|v^n\|_\infty + |a\lambda| \|v^n\|_\infty \end{aligned}$$

If  $0 < a\lambda \leq 1$ , then  $\|v^{n+1}\|_\infty \leq \|v^n\|_\infty \leq \dots \leq \|v^0\|_\infty$ . Therefore this scheme is  $l_\infty$ -stable if  $a\lambda \leq 1$  (conditionally stable).

Solution of  $u_t + u_x = 0$ ,  $u(x, 0) = \sin(2\pi x)$

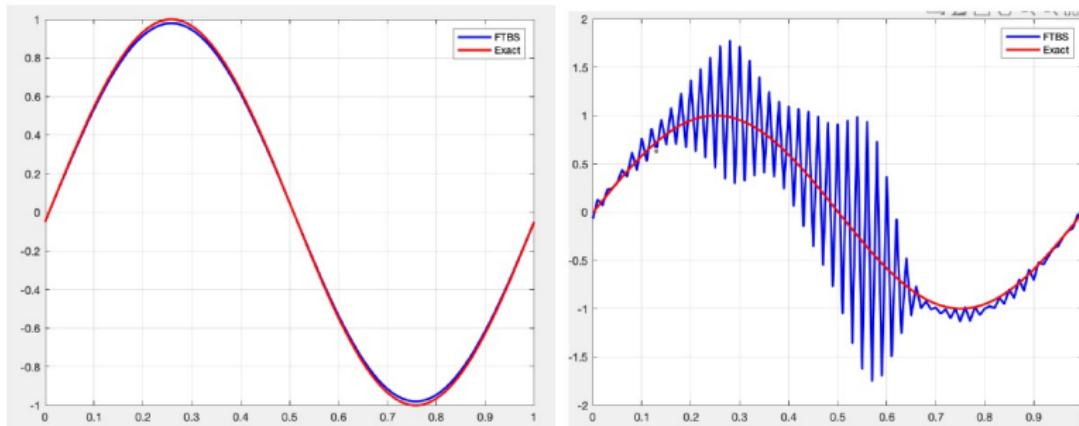


Figure: (Left) solution at  $t = 1$  with  $\Delta t = 0.9h$ . (Right) solution at  $t = 1$  with  $\Delta t = 1.3h$ .

**Example:**  $v_j^n = v_j^{n-1} - \lambda(v_j^n - v_{j-1}^n)$   $n \geq 1$  (**BTBS**)

$$-\lambda v_{j-1}^n + v_j^n(1 + \lambda) = v_j^{n-1}$$

This can be written in the matrix form,  $Av^n = v^{n-1}$  where  $A = (a_{ij})$  with  $a_{ii} = (1 + \lambda)$  and  $a_{ii-1} = -\lambda$  and  $a_{ij} = 0$  if  $j \neq i, i - 1$ .

**Definition:** A difference scheme  $\mathbf{v}^{n+1} = Q\mathbf{v}^n$  approximating the PDE  $Pu = 0$  is a convergent scheme at time  $t$  in  $\|\cdot\|$  if, as  $(n + 1)\Delta t$  converges to  $t$

$$\|\mathbf{u}^{n+1} - \mathbf{v}^{n+1}\| \rightarrow 0$$

as  $h$  and  $\Delta t$  converges to 0.

**Definition:** A difference scheme  $\mathbf{v}^{n+1} = Q\mathbf{v}^n$  approximating the PDE  $Pu = 0$  is a convergent scheme of order  $(p, q)$  in  $\|\cdot\|$  if for any time  $t$ , as  $(n + 1)\Delta t$  converges to  $t$

$$\|\mathbf{u}^{n+1} - \mathbf{v}^{n+1}\| = \mathcal{O}(h^p) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^q)$$

as  $h$  and  $\Delta t$  converges to 0.

**Definition :** A finite difference method is said to be **linear** if it is of the form

$$v_j^{n+1} = \sum_{l=-m_1}^{m_2} c_l v_{l+j}^n \text{ where } c_l \text{'s are constants}$$

$m_1, m_2$  are non-negative integers.

**Theorem (Lax):** If a finite difference method is linear, stable and accurate of order  $(p, q)$  in  $\|\cdot\|$ , then it is convergent of order  $(p, q)$  in  $\|\cdot\|$ .

**Proof:**

$$u_0(x)$$

$$u(x,t) = u_0(x-at)$$

## Von-Neumann Analysis

Define the discrete Fourier transform of  $v = (v_j)_{j=-\infty}^{\infty}$  be a sequence by

$$\widehat{v}(\xi) = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} v_j e^{ij\xi}$$

$$i = \sqrt{-1}, \quad \xi \in [0, 2\pi].$$

$$\|\widehat{v}\|_2 \leq K e^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \|v\|_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\cdot}: l_2 &\longrightarrow L_2[0, 2\pi] \\ v &\mapsto \widehat{v} \\ v &\mapsto \widehat{v} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{S_+ v} &= \sum_j (S_+ v_j) e^{ij\xi} = \sum_j \underline{v_{j+1}} e^{ij\xi} \\ &= \sum_j \underline{v_j} e^{i(j-1)\xi} = e^{-i\xi} \sum_j v_j e^{ij\xi} = e^{-i\xi} \widehat{v}(\xi). \end{aligned}$$

$$\widehat{(S_+ v)}(\xi) =$$

$$\text{Similarly } \widehat{S_- v} = e^{i\xi} \widehat{v}(\xi).$$

$$\widehat{S_+ v}(\xi) = e^{-i\xi} \widehat{v}(\xi)$$

$$\widehat{S_- v}(\xi) = e^{i\xi} \widehat{v}(\xi)$$

## Example: ( FTBS )

$$u_t + u_x = 0$$

$$v_j^{n+1} = v_j^n - \frac{\Delta t}{h} (v_j^n - v_{j-1}^n) \quad \checkmark$$

$$= (1 - \lambda)v_j^n + \lambda v_{j-1}^n, \quad \lambda = \frac{\Delta t}{h}$$

$$= (1 - \lambda)v_j^n + \lambda S_- v_j^n \quad \checkmark$$

$$= ((1 - \lambda)I + \lambda S_-)v_j^n \quad \checkmark$$

$$|\lambda| \leq$$

$$\lambda \leq 1$$

$$\Delta t \leq h$$

$$\Rightarrow v^{n+1} = Q(S_+, S_-)v^n, \quad Q(S_+, S_-) = (1 - \lambda)I + \lambda S_- \quad \checkmark$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \hat{v}_{(\xi)}^{n+1} &= (1 - \lambda)\hat{v}^n + \lambda \widehat{S_- v}^n \\ &= (1 - \lambda + \lambda e^{i\xi})\hat{v}_{(\xi)}^n \end{aligned}$$

In general  $\hat{v}_{(\xi)}^{n+1} = \rho(\xi) \hat{v}_{(\xi)}^n$

$$\hat{v}^{n+1} = Q(e^{-i\xi}, e^{i\xi})\hat{v}^n \quad \checkmark$$

$\rho(\xi) = Q(e^{-i\xi}, e^{i\xi})$  is called **amplification factor**

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{v}^{n+1} &= ((-1)^{n+1} I + \lambda S_-) \hat{v}^n \\ &= ((-1)^{n+1} \hat{v}_{(\xi)}^n + \lambda S_- \hat{v}_{(\xi)}^n) \\ &= ((-1)^{n+1} \hat{v}_{(\xi)}^n + \lambda e^{i\xi} \hat{v}_{(\xi)}^n) \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{v}^{n+1} = \theta \hat{v}^n \Rightarrow \hat{v}_{(\xi)}^{n+1} = \rho(\xi) \hat{v}_{(\xi)}^n$$

$$|\varphi^{n+1}(\xi)| = |\rho(\xi)| |\varphi^n(\xi)|$$

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$$u_t = a^2 u_{xx} + b u$$

$$\leq (1 + c_0 t)^{n+1} |\varphi^0(\xi)|$$

$$\leq e^{c_0 t (n+1)} |\varphi^0(\xi)| = e^{c_0 t} ||\varphi^0||$$

$$\begin{aligned} ||\varphi^m|| \\ \leq k e^{c_0 t} ||\varphi^0|| \end{aligned}$$

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$$\leq e^{c_0 t (n+1)} |\varphi^0(\xi)| = e^{ct} \|\varphi^0\|$$

**Definition:** A symbol  $\rho(\xi)$  is said to satisfy the Von Neumann condition if there exists a constant  $C > 0$  (independent of  $\Delta t, h, n$  and  $\xi$ ) such that

$$|\rho(\xi)| \leq 1 + C\Delta t \quad \text{for } \xi \in [0, 2\pi] \quad \checkmark$$

## Necessary and sufficient condition for stability

**Theorem :** A finite difference method  $v^{n+1} = Qv^n$  is stable in the  ~~$\|\cdot\|_2$~~  norm iff the Von-Neumann condition is satisfied.

**Proof:**

$$|P(\xi)| \leq 1 + c\alpha t, \quad c > 0$$

Von-Neumann  $\Rightarrow$  Stability

$$\sum (\hat{v}_j^{n+1})^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |\hat{v}_{\xi(s)}^{n+1}|^2 d\xi$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |P(\xi)| |\hat{v}_{\xi(s)}^n|^2 d\xi$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} ((1 + c\alpha t)^2) |\hat{v}_{\xi(s)}^n|^2 d\xi$$

$$\left( \|\hat{v}^{n+1}\|_2 \leq k e^{\beta t} \|\hat{v}^n\|_2 \right)$$

$$P \in L_2$$

$$\|P\|_{L_2} = \|\hat{P}\|_{L_2}$$

Parsen's relation.

$$\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} (1 + c\Delta t)^{2(n+1)} \|u^0\|^2 d\zeta$$

$$= (1 + c\Delta t)^{2(n+1)} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} (\|u^0\|^2) d\zeta$$

$$h \sum_j (u_j^{n+1})^2 \leq (1 + c\Delta t)^{2(n+1)} h \sum_j (u_j^0)^2$$

$$\|u^{n+1}\|_2^2 \leq (1 + c\Delta t)^{2(n+1)} \|u^0\|_2^2$$

$$\|u^{n+1}\|_2 \leq (1 + c\Delta t)^{(n+1)} \|u^0\|_2$$

$$\leq R^{ct} \|u^0\|_2$$

$k = 1$

$\beta = C$

Von-Neumann is not satisfied  $\Rightarrow$  the scheme is not stable.

$$|\rho(\xi)| \leq 1 + c\Delta t \quad \forall \xi \in [0, 2\pi]$$

$$\forall c_k > 0 \quad \exists \xi_k \in [0, 2\pi] \Rightarrow |\rho(\xi_k)| > 1 + c_k \Delta t$$

We get a sequence  $c_k \rightarrow \infty$

$$\{\xi_k\} \rightarrow \rho(\xi_k) \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\hat{u}^{n+1}(\xi_k) = \rho(\xi_k) \hat{u}^n(\xi_k)$$







**Examples:**  $(u_t + au_x = 0)$

### 1. Godunov Scheme : (Upwind Scheme)

$$\begin{aligned} v_j^{n+1} &= v_j^n - \lambda \frac{(1 + \operatorname{sgn} a)}{2} a(v_j^n - v_{j-1}^n) - \lambda \frac{(1 - \operatorname{sgn} a)}{2} a(v_{j+1}^n - v_j^n) \\ &= \max(0, -a\lambda)v_{j+1}^n + (1 - |\lambda a|)v_j^n + \max(0, a\lambda)v_{j-1}^n \end{aligned}$$

$$\|\boldsymbol{v}^{n+1}\|_\infty \leq (|\alpha\gamma| + |1 - |\alpha\gamma||) \|\boldsymbol{v}^n\|_\infty$$

$$\operatorname{sgn} a = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a > 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } a \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$|\alpha\gamma| \leq 1$$

$$\leq \|\boldsymbol{v}^n\|_\infty$$

$$\boldsymbol{v}^{n+1} = (\max(0, -a\gamma) S_+ + (1 - |\alpha\gamma|) + \max(0, a\gamma) S_-) \boldsymbol{v}^n$$

$$\boldsymbol{v}^{n+1} = \theta(S_+, S_-) \hat{\boldsymbol{v}}$$

$$(P(s) = \left[ \max(0, -a\gamma) e^{-is} + (1 - |\alpha\gamma|) + \max(0, a\gamma) e^{is} \right] / \left[ \max(0, a\gamma) e^{is} \right])$$

$$|\rho(\zeta)| \leq |1 - \bar{a}z| + |a\bar{z}| \leq \frac{1}{16} \quad |za| \leq 1$$

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$$\text{man}(0, a) = \frac{|a| - a}{2}$$

$$\text{man}(0, \bar{a}) = \frac{|a| + a}{2}$$

## 2. FTCS

$$\begin{aligned}v_j^{n+1} &= v_j^n - \frac{a\Delta t}{2h}(v_{j+1}^n - v_{j-1}^n) \\v^{n+1} &= (1 - a\frac{\lambda}{2}S_+ + a\frac{\lambda}{2}S_-)v^n \\ \rho(\xi) &= 1 - a\frac{\lambda}{2}(e^{-i\xi} - e^{i\xi}) = 1 + ia\lambda \sin \xi \\ |\rho(\xi)|^2 &= 1 + a^2\lambda^2 \sin^2 \xi > 1 \text{ if } \xi \neq 0, \pi\end{aligned}$$

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$$|\rho(\xi)| \leq 1 + c\alpha h$$

$$|O(h)| \leq \frac{h^2}{a^2}$$

$$h = \frac{1}{50}$$

This scheme is stable in  $\|\cdot\|_2$  with restriction  $\Delta t \leq \frac{h^2}{a^2}$  (which is more restrictive than CFL)

## 2. Lax-Friedrichs Scheme :

$$v_j^{n+1} = \frac{v_{j+1}^n + v_{j-1}^n}{2} - \frac{\Delta t a}{2h} (v_{j+1}^n - v_{j-1}^n)$$

$$v^{n+1} = \left( \frac{1}{2}(1 - a\lambda)S_+ + \frac{1}{2}(1 + a\lambda)S_- \right) v^n$$

$$\rho(\xi) = \frac{1}{2}(1 - a\lambda)e^{-i\xi} + \frac{1}{2}(1 + a\lambda)e^{i\xi}$$

$$|\rho(\xi)| \leq \frac{1}{2}|1 - a\lambda| + \frac{1}{2}|1 + a\lambda| \leq 1 \quad \text{if } |a\lambda| \leq 1$$

The **LF** scheme is  $\|\cdot\|_2$  if  $|a\lambda| \leq 1$ .

**Note:**

The **LF** scheme is convergent in  $\|\cdot\|_2$  and  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$  if  $|a\lambda| \leq 1$

The **LF** Scheme is first order accurate i.e.  $p = 1, q = 1$

### 3. Lax-Wendroff scheme

$$u_t = -au_x$$

$$u(x, t + \Delta t) = u(x, t) + \Delta t u_t(x, t) + \frac{(\Delta t)^2}{2} u_{tt}(x, t) + O(\Delta t^3)$$

$$= u(x, t) - \Delta t a u_x + \frac{(\Delta t)^2}{2} a^2 u_{xx} + O(\Delta t)^3 \quad \checkmark$$

$$v_j^{n+1} = v_j^n - \frac{\Delta t a}{2h} (v_{j+1}^n - v_{j-1}^n) + \frac{a^2 (\Delta t)^2}{2h^2} (v_{j+1}^n - 2v_j^n + v_{j-1}^n) \quad \checkmark$$

This scheme is second order accurate i.e,  $p = q = 2$

$$v^{n+1} = \theta v^n$$

$$|\rho(\xi)|^2 = 1 - 4\alpha^2 \lambda^2 (1 - \alpha^2 \lambda^2) \sin^4 \xi / \lambda \quad \xi \in [0, \pi]$$

$$\leq 1 \quad \text{if} \quad |\alpha \lambda| \leq 1$$

$\parallel \cdot \parallel_{\infty}$  not stable.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \rho(\xi) &= 1 + \frac{\lambda a}{2}(e^{i\xi} - e^{-i\xi}) + \frac{a^2\lambda^2}{2}(e^{i\xi} + e^{-i\xi} - 2) \\
 &= 1 - a^2\lambda^2(1 - \cos \xi) + i\lambda a \sin \xi \\
 &= 1 - 2a^2\lambda^2 \sin^2 \frac{\xi}{2} + i\lambda a \sin \xi \quad (\text{because } 1 - \cos \xi = 2 \sin^2 \frac{\xi}{2})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$|\rho(\xi)|^2 = 1 - 4a^2\lambda^2(1 - a^2\lambda^2) \sin^4 \frac{\xi}{2}$$

$$|\rho(\xi)| \leq 1 \quad \text{if} \quad |a\lambda| \leq 1$$

Scheme is  $\|\cdot\|_2$  stable. Hence converges in  $\|\cdot\|_2$  norm

#### 4. Crank-Nicolson Scheme

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{u(x, t + \Delta t) - u(x, t)}{\Delta t} &= \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_t^{t + \Delta t} u_t(x, \xi) d\xi \\
 &= \frac{u_t(x, t + \Delta t) + u_t(x, t)}{2} + O(\Delta t^2) \quad \checkmark \\
 &= -a \frac{u_x(x, t + \Delta t) + u_x(x, t)}{2} + O(\Delta t^2) \quad \checkmark \\
 &= -\frac{a}{2} \frac{(u(x + h, t + \Delta t) - u(x - h, t + \Delta t))}{2h} \\
 &\quad - \frac{a}{2} \frac{(u(x + h, t) - u(x - h, t))}{2h} + \underline{O(\Delta t^2) + O(h^2)} \quad \checkmark
 \end{aligned}$$

The CN scheme is given by

$$\frac{v_i^{n+1} - v_i^n}{\Delta t} = -\frac{a}{2} \frac{(v_{i+1}^{n+1} - v_{i-1}^{n+1})}{2h} - \frac{a}{2} \frac{(v_{i+1}^n - v_{i-1}^n)}{2h} \quad \checkmark$$

$$P_h u = P_h u + O(\Delta t^2 + h^2)$$

$$P_h u = O(\Delta t^2) + O(h^2)$$

This scheme is second order accurate i.e.,  $p = q = 2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\frac{a\lambda}{4}v_{j-1}^{n+1} + v_j^{n+1} + \frac{a\lambda}{4}v_{j+1}^{n+1} = v_j^n - \frac{a\lambda}{4}(v_{j+1}^n - v_{j-1}^n) \\
 & \left( \frac{-a\lambda}{4}S_- + I + \frac{a\lambda}{4}S_+ \right) v^{n+1} = \left( I - \frac{a\lambda}{4}(S_+ - S_-) \right) v^n \\
 & \left( -\frac{a\lambda}{4}e^{i\xi} + 1 + \frac{a\lambda}{4}e^{-i\xi} \right) \hat{v}^{n+1} = \left( 1 - \frac{a\lambda}{4}(e^{-i\xi} - e^{i\xi}) \right) \hat{v}^n \\
 & \hat{v}^{n+1} = \left( \frac{1 + \frac{a\lambda}{2}i \sin \xi}{1 - \frac{a\lambda}{2}i \sin \xi} \right) \hat{v}^n \\
 & \rho(\xi) = \frac{1 + \frac{a\lambda}{2}i \sin \xi}{1 - \frac{a\lambda}{2}i \sin \xi} = \frac{z}{\bar{z}} \quad \checkmark \\
 & |\rho(\xi)| = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

The CN scheme is unconditionally stable in  $\|\cdot\|_2$  and hence converges in the same norm.

Scheme	Stable	Strongly stable	CFL
FTCS	Yes	No	$\Delta t \leq \frac{h^2}{a^2}$ *
BTBS* ( $a > 0$ )	Yes	Yes	-
Upwind	Yes	Yes	$ a \lambda \leq 1$
Lax-Friedrichs	Yes	Yes	$ a \lambda \leq 1$
Lax-Wendroff	Yes	Yes	$ a \lambda \leq 1$

## Parabolic equation

$$u_t = bu_{xx}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \quad t > 0, \quad b > 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = u_0(x)$$

$$u_t = \frac{u(x, t + \Delta t) - u(x, t)}{\Delta t} + O(\Delta t)$$

$$u_{xx} = \frac{u(x + h, t) - 2u(x, t) + u(x - h, t)}{h^2} + O(h^2)$$

$$\frac{v_i^{n+1} - v_i^n}{\Delta t} = \frac{b}{h^2} (v_{i+1}^n - 2v_i^n + v_{i-1}^n) \text{ is of order } (p, q) = (2, 1)$$

$$v_i^{n+1} = v_i^n (1 - 2\lambda b) + \lambda b v_{i+1}^n + \lambda b v_{i-1}^n$$

## Crank-Nicolson scheme

$$v_i^{n+1} = v^n + \frac{b\Delta t}{2h^2}(v_{i+1}^{n+1} - 2v_i^{n+1} + v_{i-1}^{n+1}) + \frac{b\Delta t}{2h^2}(v_{i+1}^n - 2v_i^n + v_{i-1}^n)$$

This scheme is second order accurate i.e.  $p = q = 2$

$$= \int_{t}^{t+\Delta t} u(x_i) dx$$

$\theta$  -**Scheme:** ( $0 \leq \theta \leq 1$ )

$$v_i^{n+1} = v_i^n + \theta b \lambda (\underbrace{v_{i+1}^{n+1} - 2v_i^{n+1} + v_{i-1}^{n+1}}_{(1-\theta)b(v_{i+1}^n - 2v_i^n + v_{i-1}^n)}) + (1 - \theta) \lambda b (\underbrace{v_{i+1}^n - 2v_i^n + v_{i-1}^n}_{(1-\theta)b(v_{i+1}^{n+1} - 2v_i^{n+1} + v_{i-1}^{n+1})})$$

- If  $\theta = 1/2$ ,  $\theta$  - scheme is nothing but Crank-Nicolson Scheme.
- The order of accuracy is  $(p, q) = (2, 1)$  if  $\theta \neq 1/2$ .

## $l_2$ stability: $\theta$ -Scheme

$$-\theta b\lambda v_{i+1}^{n+1} + (1 + 2\theta b\lambda)v_i^{n+1} - \theta b\lambda v_{i-1}^{n+1} = (1 - \theta)\lambda bv_{i-1}^n + (1 - 2(1 - \theta)\lambda b)v_i^n \\ + (1 - \theta)\lambda bv_{i+1}^n.$$

$$(-\theta b\lambda e^{-i\xi} + (1 + 2\theta b\lambda) - \theta b\lambda e^{i\xi})\hat{v}^{n+1} = ((1 - \theta)\lambda b e^{i\xi} + (1 - 2(1 - \theta)\lambda b) \\ + (1 - \theta)\lambda b e^{-i\xi})\hat{v}^n$$

$$\rho(\xi) = \frac{1 - 4(1 - \theta)\lambda b \sin^2 \frac{\xi}{2}}{1 + 4\theta b\lambda \sin^2 \frac{\xi}{2}}$$

$$|\rho(\xi)| \leq 1 \quad \text{if} \quad (1 - 2\theta)w \leq 2, \quad w = 4\lambda b \sin^2 \frac{\xi}{2}$$

- Unconditionally stable in  $\|\cdot\|_2$  if  $\theta \geq 1/2$
- Conditionally stable  $\|\cdot\|_2$  if  $\theta < 1/2$ ,  $\lambda b \leq \frac{1}{2(1-2\theta)}$

$l_\infty$  stability:  $\theta$  -Scheme

$$Av^{n+1} = Bv^n$$

$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 + 2\theta\lambda b & \text{if } j = i \\ -\theta\lambda b & \text{if } j = i - 1 \\ & \text{or } j = i + 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad b_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 - 2(1 - \theta)b\lambda & \text{if } j = i \\ (1 - \theta)\lambda b & \text{if } j = i - 1 \\ & \text{or } j = i + 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$





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