



**Exercise sheet 1 (May 6, 2019)**

**Maxwell's equations on a periodic 1D grid of  $[0, L]$**

Consider the periodic 1D interval  $[0, L]$ . The primal grid consists of the nodes of a uniform grid of  $N$  cells and the dual grid consists of the midpoints of the cells.

1. Implement and test splitting methods of order 2 (Strang), 4 (triple jump) and 6 for a system of two ordinary differential equations. The splitting coefficients will be provided for the higher order methods.

- Test 1: Check the order of convergence of the methods on the system

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= y, \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= -x,\end{aligned}$$

for which an exact solution should be computed

- Propose another test and implement it.

2. Consider the homogeneous 1D Maxwell equations on our periodic domain

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial E}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial B}{\partial x} &= 0, \\ \frac{\partial B}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial E}{\partial x} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

with initial conditions  $E_0(x)$ ,  $B_0(x)$ .

- Find an exact solution based on the form  $\cos(\omega t + kx)$ ,  $\sin(\omega t + kx)$  and write a test based on solutions of this form.
- Check that the fully discrete scheme (2.18)-(2.19) corresponds to the second order semi-discrete scheme with a time discretisation based on the Strang splitting.
- Implement and test the order of convergence of this second order scheme.
- Implement and test in the same way the semi-discrete numerical schemes of order 4 and 6 given in the lecture, with different splitting methods and check the order in each case.