Homework 6

In this homework you will solve two different sets of equations in two spatial dimensions.

• 2D Reaction-Diffusion equation: You will solve the equation

$$\partial_t c - D(\partial_x^2 c + \partial_y^2 c) = c(1 - c). \tag{1}$$

To do this, you will write a class ReactionDiffusion2D in equations.py. This class will be passed an array c containing the field c, a diffusivity D, and the second derivative operators in the x and y directions, dx2 and dy2, respectively.

The class will have a **step** method which will take a timestep of size dt. You should use operator splitting so the diffusion terms are treated implicitly. Your timestepping method should be second order accurate. For the diffusion terms, use the CrankNicolson scheme, and for the reaction term use the RK22 scheme.

In addition to taking a timestep, the ReactionDiffusion2D class should also store self.t and self.iter attributes which update every timestep. This will be used to decide when the simulation is over.

• 2D Viscous Burgers equation: You will solve the equations

$$\partial_t u + u \partial_x u + v \partial_y u - \nu (\partial_x^2 + \partial_y^2) u = 0, \tag{2}$$

$$\partial_t v + u \partial_x v + v \partial_y v - \nu (\partial_x^2 + \partial_y^2) v = 0.$$
 (3)

As in the Reaction-Diffusion problem, you will be writing a class ViscousBurgers2D in equations.py. This class will be passed u and v, arrays containing the two variables, the viscosity ν , desired the convergence order of the spatial derivatives, and the domain that the system will be solved on. In this problem, you will need to make the appropriate spatial derivative operators that you need to solve the equation. As above, your algorithm should use Crank-Nicolson for the diffusion terms and the RK22 scheme for the advection terms. Your algorithm should be second order accurate in time. You will also need to update and store self.t and self.iter in the class.