Homework 8

In this homework you will implement a new fully-implicit timestepper, and solve two different sets of equations using fully-implicit timestepping.

• Crank-Nicolson: You will make a fully-implicit version of the Crank-Nicolson timestepping scheme. The linear Crank-Nicolson discretizes the equation $M \cdot \partial_t X + L \cdot X = 0$ as

$$M \cdot X^{n+1} + \frac{\Delta t}{2} L \cdot X^{n+1} = M \cdot X^n - \frac{\Delta t}{2} L \cdot X^n. \tag{1}$$

You will implement this as the CrankNicolsonFI class in timesteppers.py. Similar to BackwardEulerFI, you only need to implement as _step method, which will be passed a timestep, dt and an optional initial guess. If no initial guess is provided, use the state vector at the current time, X^n . Although all the tests will converge starting from X^n , it may be useful for testing to break the iteration loop after, e.g., 20 iterations.

• Burgers' Equation: You will solve the equation

$$\partial_t u - \nu \partial_x^2 u = -u \partial_x u \tag{2}$$

will a fully-implicit timestepper. You will implement this equation as the class BurgersFI in equations.py. The equation set will be initialized with an array containing u, as well as the viscosity ν , the desired convergence of the spatial derivatives, and the grid. We will solve the equations on a periodic domain. You will also need to define a self.J function which returns the Jacobian of the nonlinear term given a statevector. When solving this equation with a fully-implicit timestepper, you should be able to take timesteps greater than the CFL limit.

• Reaction-Diffusion Equation with Two Species: You will solve the equations

$$\partial_t c_1 - D\partial_x^2 c_1 = c_1 (1 - c_1 - c_2), \tag{3}$$

$$\partial_t c_2 - D\partial_x^2 c_2 = rc_2(c_1 - c_2). \tag{4}$$

These are reaction-diffusion equations for two species, c_1 and c_2 . The first species c_1 will tend to $c_1 = 1 - c_2$ on the timescale of 1, while the second species c_2 will tend to c_1 on the timescale of 1/r. You will solve this equation using a fully-implicit timestepper, which will allow you to take timesteps of order unity, even when $r \gg 1$.

You will implement this equation set in the ReactionTwoSpeciesDiffusion class in equations.py. The class is instantiated with X, a StateVector containing the two fields c_1 and c_2 (in that order). It is also given the values of D,

r, the desired convergence order of the spatial derivatives, and the <code>grid</code>. You will also need to define a <code>self.J</code> function which returns the Jacobian of the nonlinear term given a statevector. The class will be used as such:

X = timesteppers.StateVector([c1, c2])
rd = equations.ReactionTwoSpeciesDiffusion(X, D, r, 4, grid)