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GitHub: <https://github.com/dzikel/dzikel-714>

(Aa) Suppose that v is in the span of w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n — i.e., that $v = c_1 w_1 + c_2 w_2 + \dots + c_n w_n$ for $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n \in \mathbf{R}$. Then, for any w_i , $w_i \cdot v = c_1(w_i \cdot w_1) + \dots + c_i(w_i \cdot w_i) + \dots + c_n(w_i \cdot w_n) = 0 + \dots + c_i|w_i|^2 + \dots + 0 = c_i|w_i|^2$. Dividing by $|w_i|^2$ yields simply c_i , so the w_i component of v is simply $\frac{w_i \cdot v}{|w_i|^2} w_i$. Summing for $i = 1 \dots n$ gives the formula shown for v .

(Ab) i. If, for example, the solution lies directly on the 1st, 2nd, etc. gradient line, then the algorithm will converge early. In general, if step $n^* - 1$ does not change the estimate, then the algorithm will converge with less than N iterations. ii. Note that, if $n = 1$ (so $j = 0$), $\langle p_n, p_j \rangle_A = \langle p_0, r_1 \rangle_A - \frac{\langle p_0, p_0 \rangle_A}{\langle p_0, p_0 \rangle_A} \langle p_0, r_1 \rangle_A = 0$. Suppose that, for $n = 1, \dots, k$ we have that $\langle p_n, p_j \rangle_A = 0$ for $j < n$. Then, for $j < n + 1$, $\langle p_{n+1}, p_j \rangle_A = \langle p_j, r_{n+1} \rangle_A - 0 - 0 - \dots - \frac{\langle p_j, p_j \rangle_A}{\langle p_j, p_j \rangle_A} \langle p_j, r_{n+1} \rangle_A - \dots - 0 = 0$. As such, $\langle p_j p_n \rangle_A = 0$ for all $0 \leq j < n \leq n^* - 1$.

(Ac) i. We see from the proof of (Aa) that the component of v in the direction of ϕ_n is $x_n = \frac{v \cdot \phi_n}{1} \phi_n = (v \cdot \phi_n) \phi_n$, and $Ax_n \cdot w = \lambda_n(v \cdot \phi_n)(\phi_n \cdot w)$. Since both multiplication by A and the dot product are linear, we can find $Av \cdot w$ by summing $Ax_n \cdot w$ for n from 1 to N , which is the formula shown. ii. Suppose that one of the eigenvalues $\lambda_n \leq 0$. Then this eigenvalue must be associated with a nonzero eigenvector ϕ_n , such that $\langle \phi_n, \phi_n \rangle_A = \phi_n \cdot \lambda \phi_n < 0$ — but, as A is positive definite, this is a contradiction. iii. Decomposing v as $c_1 \phi_1 + \dots + c_N \phi_N$, we see that $\lambda_1 |v|^2 = \lambda_1 c_1^2 + \dots + \lambda_1 c_N^2$, $\lambda_N |v|^2 = \lambda_N c_1^2 + \dots + \lambda_N c_N^2$, and, by (Aci), $Av \cdot v = \lambda_1 c_1^2 + \lambda_2 c_2^2 + \dots + \lambda_N c_N^2$. Since each c_n^2 is nonnegative and the λ_n are nondecreasing, we have that $\lambda_1 |v|^2$ is a lower bound and $\lambda_N |v|^2$ is an upper bound for $Av \cdot v$. iv. Since both sides are nonnegative (the right side by (Aci)), the equation remains unchanged when both sides are squared: $|Av|^2 \leq \lambda_N^2 |v|^2$. Again decomposing v as $c_1 \phi_1 + \dots + c_N \phi_N$, we see that $Av = \lambda_1 c_1 \phi_1 + \dots + \lambda_N c_N \phi_N$, so $|Av|^2 = \lambda_1^2 c_1^2 + \dots + \lambda_N^2 c_N^2$. Since the λ_n are nondecreasing, this is bounded from above by $\lambda_N^2 c_1^2 + \dots + \lambda_N^2 c_N^2 = \lambda_N^2 |v|^2$.

(Ad) $p_{n+1} = r_{n+1} + \beta_n p_n = r_n - \alpha_n w_n + \beta_n p_n = r_n - \alpha_n A p_n + \beta_n p_n = p_n - \beta_{n-1} p_{n-1} - \alpha_n A p_n + \beta_n p_n = (1 + \beta_n) p_n - \alpha_n A p_n - \beta_{n-1} p_{n-1}$.

(Ae) If A has characteristic equation $\lambda^N + c_{N-1} \lambda^{N-1} + \dots + c_0$, then, by the Cayley-Hamilton theorem, $A^N + c_{N-1} A^{N-1} + \dots + c_0 I = 0$, so subtracting all of the left side but the A^N term from both sides shows that $A^N = -c_{N-1} A^{N-1} - \dots - c_0 I$, a linear combination of the desired form.

(Af) i. If $u_n = u + e_n$, then $u_{n+1} = u_n + \alpha(f - Au_n) = u + e_n + \alpha(f - Au - Ae_n) = u + (I - \alpha A)e_n$. ii. Note that the eigenvalues of $I - \alpha A$ are $1 - \lambda_1, \dots, 1 - \lambda_N$. By a proof similar to that for (Aciv), but using the magnitudes of the new eigenvalues as they are no longer guaranteed to be positive, we see that $|e_{n+1}| \leq |1 - \alpha\lambda_j||e_n|$ for j making these bounds least strict. iii. The smallest ρ is found when $1 - \alpha\lambda_1 = -1 + \alpha\lambda_N$ — for α higher, $|1 - \alpha\lambda_N|$ will be larger, and for α lower $|1 - \alpha\lambda_1|$ will be larger. As such, we set $2 - \alpha(\lambda_1 + \lambda_N) = 0$, so $\alpha = \frac{2}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_N}$, and $\rho = \frac{\lambda_N - \lambda_1}{\lambda_N + \lambda_1} < 1$. iv. Since c and C bound the λ s, we see that $\frac{c-C}{C+c} \leq \frac{C+c-2\lambda_j}{C+c} \leq \frac{C-c}{C+c}$ for any j , so the absolute value of $\frac{C+c-2\lambda_j}{C+c}$ is less than or equal to $\frac{C-c}{C+c}$. This holds for all j , so it must hold for the value of j maximizing the bounds.

(Ag) i. $r_1 = r_0 - \alpha_0 w_0$, w_0 is defined as Ap_0 , and $r_0 = p_0$, so $r_1 = r_0 - \alpha_0 Ar_0$. ii. $r_{n+1} = r_n - \alpha_n w_n = r_n - \alpha_n Ap_n = r_n - \alpha_n A(r_n + \beta_{n-1} p_{n-1}) = r_n - \alpha_n Ar_n + \alpha_n \beta_{n-1} (-w_{n-1}) = r_n - \alpha_n Ar_n + \frac{\alpha_n \beta_{n-1}}{\alpha_{n-1}} (r_n - r_{n-1})$. iii. $q_1 = \frac{r_1}{|r_1|} = \frac{r_1/|r_0|}{|r_1|/|r_0|} = \frac{r_1/|r_0|}{\sqrt{\beta_0}}$, so $Aq_0 = \frac{Ar_0}{|r_0|} = \frac{r_0 - r_1}{\alpha_0 |r_0|} = \gamma_0 q_0 - \delta_0 q_1$. For $n \geq 1$, $q_{n+1} = \frac{r_{n+1}/|r_n|}{\sqrt{\beta_n}}$ and $q_{n-1} = \sqrt{\beta_{n-1}} r_{n-1}/|r_n|$, so $Aq_n = \frac{Ar_n}{|r_n|} = \frac{1}{\alpha_n |r_n|} (r_n - r_{n+1} + \frac{\alpha_n \beta_{n-1}}{\alpha_{n-1}} (r_n - r_{n-1})) = \frac{1}{\alpha_n |r_n|} ((1 + \frac{\alpha_n \beta_{n-1}}{\alpha_{n-1}}) r_n - r_{n+1} - \frac{\alpha_n \beta_{n-1}}{\alpha_{n-1}} r_{n-1}) = \gamma_n q_n - \delta_n q_{n+1} - \delta_{n-1} q_{n-1}$. iv. Converting the equations from (Agiii) into matrix form (provided the matrix will be on the right) yields the coefficients of T_n , with the notable exception of the $-\delta_{n-1} q_n$ term from the equation for Aq_{n-1} . Manually subtracting this term yields the formula $AQ_n = Q_n T_n - \delta_{n-1} q_n e_n^T$, as printed. v. $Q_n^T A Q_n = Q_n^T Q_n T_n - Q_n^T \delta_{n-1} q_n e_n^T$, which, as the q_j are orthonormal, is $T_n - 0\delta_{n-1} e_n^T = T_n$.

(B) Dividing $[0, 1]$ into N subintervals — i.e., taking $N + 1$ samples — and performing brute-force calculations on a very fine grid (1000000 times finer than the value of N tested) shows that the uniform error appears to shrink to less than 0.01 at $N = 1716$.

(Ca) Estimating the function's second derivatives using the standard 3- and 5-point stencils and treating its value as 0 outside of the boundaries, in addition to initializing the function to 0 at time 0 and to $f(x)f(y)\Delta t$ after the first step, results in a solver found on GitHub (Python 3). Unfortunately, due to the large quantity of variables considered, I ran out of memory before being able to compute many high-quality numerical solutions. A log-log plot is found in the GitHub repository, with the admittedly low Δt of 0.05, showing a slope of roughly 4 — quadratic in the total number of grid points, and even more efficient in terms of the grid spacing.

(Cb) We see that $\frac{1}{\Delta t^2}(y_{i+1} - 2y_i + y_{i-1}) = \lambda y_i$, so $y_{i+1} = (2 + \lambda \Delta t^2)y_i - y_{i-1}$. Setting $z = \lambda \Delta t^2$, we see that the two generating solutions to this equation are consecutive powers of $\frac{1}{2}(2 + z + \sqrt{4z + z^2})$ and its reciprocal. The system is stable, then, when the absolute value of this root is 1 — that is, when $z \in (-4, 0)$. A graph of this (simple) region is in the GitHub.

(Cc) The one-dimensional Laplacian with grid spacing Δx has eigenvalues ranging from 0 to $\frac{-4}{\Delta x^2}$ and the two-dimensional case has double this range (by HW1's (Cd)), so our criterion for stability is $\frac{-8\Delta t^2}{\Delta x^2} \in (0, 4)$ (i.e. $\frac{\Delta t^2}{\Delta x^2} \in (0, 0.5)$).

(Cd) Performing the discrete Laplacian on a plane wave $e^{i\Delta x(xj+yk)}$ for j, k wave parameters results in $\nabla^2 y = \frac{2}{\Delta x^2}(\cos j\Delta x + \cos k\Delta x - 2)y$, which lies between 0 and $\frac{-8y}{\Delta x^2}$. The resulting quadratic equation for the scaling factor in time is $g^2 - (2 - \frac{8\Delta t^2}{\Delta x^2})g + 1 = 0$, which results in the same range $\frac{\Delta t^2}{\Delta x^2} \in (0, 0.5)$ found in (Cc).

(Ce) A simple analysis of the component second-derivative formulas for this method yields the modified equation $v_{xx} + v_{yy} + \frac{\Delta x^2}{12}(v_{xxxx} + v_{yyyy}) = v_{tt} + \frac{\Delta t^2}{12}v_{tttt}$. For comparison, the normal heat equation implies the PDE $v_{xx} + v_{yy} + \frac{\Delta t^2}{12}(v_{xxxx} + v_{yyyy} + 2v_{xxyy}) = v_{tt} + \frac{\Delta t^2}{12}v_{tttt}$, so we see that if $\Delta x = \Delta t$ then v only solves the heat equation when $v_{xxyy} = 0$. Looking at the behavior of plane waves $v(x, y, t) = e^{i(a_x x + a_y y + a_t t)}$ gives us the criterion that $\frac{\Delta x^2}{12}(a_x^4 + a_y^4) - a_x^2 - a_y^2 = \frac{\Delta t^2}{12}a_t^4 - a_t^2$, resulting in different solution waves from the normal heat equation ($a_x^2 + a_y^2 = a_t^2$). The extra terms are fourth-order and therefore dissipative.

(D) I have not completed this problem, but I would imagine an approach could be taken which considers roots of polynomials akin to the roots required to be ≤ 1 for the stability of second-order equations. This notion of stability likely applies to second-order equations much like Lax-Richtmyer stability does for first-order ones, similarly to how eigenvalues for new equations created by the method of lines can be checked for in preexisting stability regions.