

Homework 3

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1 Problem 1

We will analyze ‘multi-level’ finite difference schemes. We are given ‘leapfrog’ method

$$\frac{u_{k,l+1} - u_{k,l-1}}{2h_t} + a \frac{u_{k+1,l} - u_{k-1,l}}{2h_x} = 0.$$

(a) We start from the expression above

$$\begin{aligned} u_{k,l+1} - u_{k,l-1} + \lambda(u_{k+1,l} - u_{k-1,l}) &= 0. \\ u_{k,l+1} - u_{k,l-1} &= \lambda(u_{k+1,l} - u_{k-1,l}). \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Now we apply Fourier inversion formula for u_l

$$u_{k,l} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\pi/h}^{\pi/h} e^{ikh\phi} \hat{u}_l(\phi) d\phi.$$

And substitute into (1)

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\pi/h}^{\pi/h} e^{ikh\phi} \hat{u}_{l+1}(\phi) d\phi - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\pi/h}^{\pi/h} e^{ikh\phi} \hat{u}_{l-1}(\phi) d\phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\pi/h}^{\pi/h} \lambda e^{ikh\phi} (e^{ih\phi} - e^{-ih\phi}) \hat{u}_l(\phi) d\phi$$

If we combine all those expressions

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\pi/h}^{\pi/h} e^{ikh\phi} (\hat{u}_{l+1}(\phi) + 2i\lambda \sin(\phi) \hat{u}_l(\phi) - \hat{u}_{l-1}(\phi)) d\phi = 0$$

by noting that $(e^{ih\phi} - e^{-ih\phi}) = 2i\sin(\phi)$. By uniqueness of Fourier transform we say that the integrand must be equal to zero for each l . So we obtain

$$\hat{u}_{l+1}(\phi) + 2i\lambda \sin(\phi) \hat{u}_l(\phi) - \hat{u}_{l-1}(\phi) = 0. \quad (2)$$

(b)

$$\hat{u}_0(\phi) \hat{g}(\phi)^{l+1} + 2i\lambda \sin(\phi) \hat{u}_0(\phi) \hat{g}(\phi)^l - \hat{u}_0(\phi) \hat{g}(\phi)^{l-1} = 0$$

If we divide by $\hat{g}(\phi)^{l-1}$ we get

$$\hat{g}^2 + 2i\lambda \sin(\phi) \hat{g} - 1 = 0. \quad (3)$$

In the non-degenerate case we can solve this quadratic equation to get two values of propagator \hat{g} .

$$\hat{g}_{\pm} = -i\lambda \sin(\phi) \pm \sqrt{1 - \lambda^2 \sin^2(\phi)} \quad (4)$$

We can find \hat{a} and \hat{b} by considering $l = 0$ and $l = 1$ in this equation

$$\hat{u}_l(\phi) = \hat{a}(\phi)\hat{g}_+(\phi)^l + \hat{b}(\phi) \left[\frac{\hat{g}_-(\phi)^l - \hat{g}_+(\phi)^l}{\hat{g}_-(\phi) - \hat{g}_+(\phi)} \right]. \quad (5)$$

$$\hat{u}_0(\phi) = \hat{a}(\phi)\hat{g}_+(\phi)^0 + \hat{b}(\phi) \left[\frac{\hat{g}_-(\phi)^0 - \hat{g}_+(\phi)^0}{\hat{g}_-(\phi) - \hat{g}_+(\phi)} \right] = \hat{a}(\phi),$$

$$\hat{u}_1(\phi) = \hat{a}(\phi)\hat{g}_+(\phi)^1 + \hat{b}(\phi) \left[\frac{\hat{g}_-(\phi)^1 - \hat{g}_+(\phi)^1}{\hat{g}_-(\phi) - \hat{g}_+(\phi)} \right] = \hat{u}_0(\phi)\hat{g}_+(\phi) + \hat{b}(\phi).$$

Hence we have

$$\hat{a}(\phi) = \hat{u}_0(\phi),$$

$$\hat{b}(\phi) = \hat{u}_1(\phi) - \hat{u}_0(\phi)\hat{g}_+(\phi)$$

for $\hat{a}(\phi)$ and $\hat{b}(\phi)$. Now we get

$$\hat{u}_l(\phi) = \hat{u}_0(\phi)\hat{g}_+(\phi)^l + (\hat{u}_1(\phi) - \hat{u}_0(\phi)\hat{g}_+(\phi)) \left[\frac{\hat{g}_-(\phi)^l - \hat{g}_+(\phi)^l}{\hat{g}_-(\phi) - \hat{g}_+(\phi)} \right].$$

We see that it satisfies our main equation (2)

$$\begin{aligned} & \hat{u}_0(\phi)\hat{g}_+(\phi)^{l+1} + (\hat{u}_1(\phi) - \hat{u}_0(\phi)\hat{g}_+(\phi)) \left[\frac{\hat{g}_-(\phi)^{l+1} - \hat{g}_+(\phi)^{l+1}}{\hat{g}_-(\phi) - \hat{g}_+(\phi)} \right] + \\ & + 2i\lambda \sin(\phi) (\hat{u}_0(\phi)\hat{g}_+(\phi)^l + (\hat{u}_1(\phi) - \hat{u}_0(\phi)\hat{g}_+(\phi)) \left[\frac{\hat{g}_-(\phi)^l - \hat{g}_+(\phi)^l}{\hat{g}_-(\phi) - \hat{g}_+(\phi)} \right]) - \\ & - \hat{u}_0(\phi)\hat{g}_+(\phi)^{l-1} - (\hat{u}_1(\phi) - \hat{u}_0(\phi)\hat{g}_+(\phi)) \left[\frac{\hat{g}_-(\phi)^{l-1} - \hat{g}_+(\phi)^{l-1}}{\hat{g}_-(\phi) - \hat{g}_+(\phi)} \right] = 0, \end{aligned}$$

since if we divide by $\hat{g}(\phi)^{l-1}$ we will get the same quadratic equation (3) in each term. For degenerate case

$$\hat{u}_l(\phi) = \hat{a}(\phi)\hat{g}_+(\phi)^l + \hat{b}(\phi)l\hat{g}_+(\phi)^{l-1} = \hat{u}_0(\phi)\hat{g}_+(\phi)^l + (\hat{u}_1(\phi) - \hat{u}_0(\phi)\hat{g}_+(\phi))l\hat{g}_+(\phi)^{l-1}$$

We see that the general solution for degenerate case also satisfies initial condition and Leapfrog equation (2).

$$\hat{u}_0(\phi) = \hat{a}(\phi)\hat{g}_+(\phi)^0 + \hat{b}(\phi)0\hat{g}_+(\phi)^{-1} = \hat{a}(\phi),$$

$$\hat{u}_1(\phi) = \hat{a}(\phi)\hat{g}_+(\phi)^1 + \hat{b}(\phi)\hat{g}_+(\phi)^0 = \hat{u}_0(\phi)\hat{g}_+(\phi) + \hat{b}(\phi),$$

since we can represent it as a limit of

$$\hat{u}_l(\phi) = \hat{u}_0(\phi)\hat{g}_+(\phi)^l + (\hat{u}_1(\phi) - \hat{u}_0(\phi)\hat{g}_+(\phi)) \left[\frac{\hat{g}_-(\phi)^l - \hat{g}_+(\phi)^l}{\hat{g}_-(\phi) - \hat{g}_+(\phi)} \right].$$

Particularly by L'Hopital rule with $\hat{g}_+ = \hat{g}_-$

$$\lim \left[\frac{\hat{g}_-(\phi)^l - \hat{g}_+(\phi)^l}{\hat{g}_-(\phi) - \hat{g}_+(\phi)} \right] \stackrel{\text{L-H}}{=} l \hat{g}_+(\phi)^{l-1}.$$

Hence, we can conclude that the general solution for degenerate case also satisfies Leapfrog equation, as the general solution for non-degenerate case does.

- (c) We will now show L^2 -stability of the scheme. First consider non-degenerate case and observe that

$$|\hat{g}_\pm(\phi)| \leq 1,$$

if λ is constant. From (4) with $|\lambda| \leq 1$ we have

$$|\hat{g}_+|^2 = |\hat{g}_-|^2 = 1 - (\lambda)^2 \sin^2(\phi) + (\lambda \sin(\phi))^2 = 1$$

If $|\lambda| > 1$ then $\phi = \pi/2$, we have (4) from

$$|\hat{g}_-(\pi/2)| = |\lambda| + \sqrt{(\lambda)^2 - 1} > 1$$

It means that this is unstable. Hence we consider $\lambda \leq 1$.

By using the bounds above L^2 -norm of the solution will be

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_l\|_2 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \|\hat{u}_l\|_2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(\|\hat{a}(\phi) \hat{g}_+(\phi)^l + \hat{b}(\phi) \left[\frac{\hat{g}_-(\phi)^l - \hat{g}_+(\phi)^l}{\hat{g}_-(\phi) - \hat{g}_+(\phi)} \right]\|_2 \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(\|\hat{a}(\phi)\| \|\hat{g}_+(\phi)^l\|_\infty + \|\hat{b}(\phi)\| \left\| \frac{\hat{g}_-(\phi)^l - \hat{g}_+(\phi)^l}{\hat{g}_-(\phi) - \hat{g}_+(\phi)} \right\|_\infty \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(\|\hat{a}(\phi)\| \|\hat{g}_+(\phi)^l\|_\infty + \|\hat{b}(\phi)\| \left\| \frac{1}{\hat{g}_-(\phi) - \hat{g}_+(\phi)} \right\|_\infty \|\hat{g}_-(\phi)^l - \hat{g}_+(\phi)^l\|_\infty \right) \\ &\leq C \end{aligned}$$

In degenerate case $\hat{g}_+(\phi)$ (and $\phi = \pm \frac{\pi}{2}$ equals to $\hat{g}_-(\phi)$ if only $|\lambda \sin(\phi)| = 1$ but we already know that $|\lambda| \leq 1$ from the first case.

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_l\|_2 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \|\hat{u}_l\|_2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(\|\hat{a}(\phi) \hat{g}_+(\phi)^l + \hat{b}(\phi) l \hat{g}_+(\phi)^{l-1}\|_2 \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(\|\hat{a}(\phi)\| \|\hat{g}_+(\phi)^l\|_\infty + \|\hat{b}(\phi)\| \|l \hat{g}_+(\phi)^{l-1}\|_\infty \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(\|\hat{a}(\phi)\| \|\hat{g}_+(\phi)^l\|_\infty + \|\hat{b}(\phi)\| \|l\| \|\hat{g}_+(\phi)^{l-1}\|_\infty \right) \end{aligned}$$

We can see that for the $\phi = \pm \frac{\pi}{2}$ the solution has the norm that grows linearly in l , and we cannot say that it is bounded for $|\lambda| = 1$. Therefore, the conclusion is that the scheme is unstable for $\lambda = 1$, hence only stable for $\lambda < 1$.

(d) We will compute the phase speed. First note that

$$\hat{g}_+(kh_x) = -i\lambda \sin(kh_x) + \sqrt{1 - \lambda^2 \sin^2(kh_x)} = e^{-i\omega(kh_x)h_t}$$

and

$$\hat{g}_+(kh_x) = |\hat{g}_+(kh_x)|e^{i\phi(kh_x)} = e^{\log|\hat{g}_+(kh_x)| + i\phi(kh_x)}\omega(kh_x).$$

The phase speed is given by

$$v_{ph}(kh_x) = -\frac{\phi(kh_x)}{kh_t}.$$

Where $\phi(kh_x) = \arctan(-\frac{\lambda \sin(kh_x)}{\sqrt{1 - \lambda^2 \sin^2(kh_x)}})$ is an argument of propagator $\hat{g}_+(\phi)$ and assume that $h_t = a\lambda h_x$ with $a = 1$. Hence

$$v_{ph}(kh_x) = -\frac{\arctan(-\frac{\lambda \sin(kh_x)}{\sqrt{1 - \lambda^2 \sin^2(kh_x)}})}{kh_x \lambda}.$$

The plot of the phase speed for $\lambda \in [0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 0.9]$ is as follows.

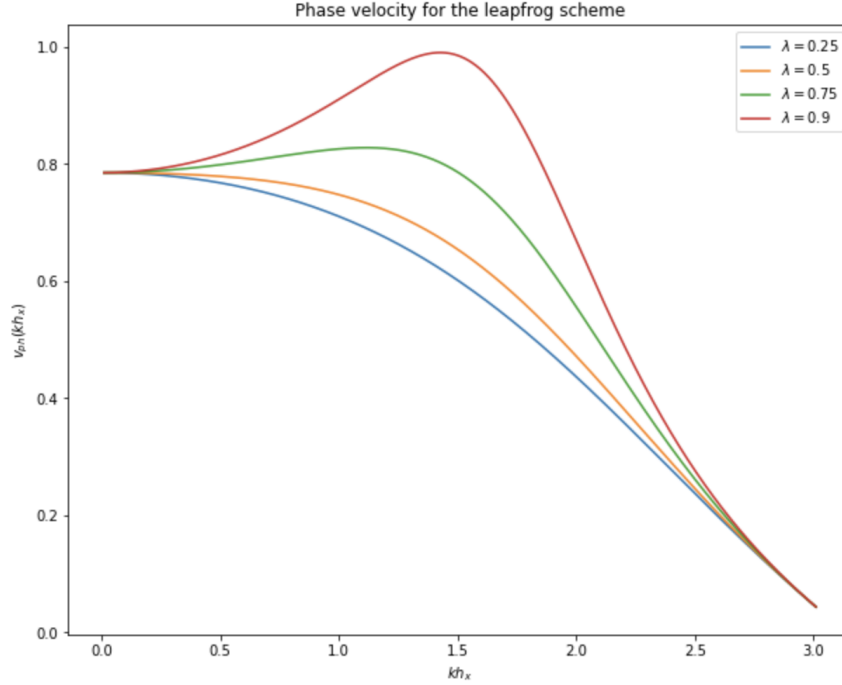


Figure 1: Phase speed for the leapfrog scheme