

Discrete Solutions of Hyperbolic Equations (Wave eqⁿ)

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \left(\quad \right) u(x,t) = 0$$

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write as two eqⁿs: (1)

(2)

Note: If $u(x, t=0) =$

and $\left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right|_{t=0} =$, taking eqⁿ (2) at $t=0$

gives $z_0(x) =$

Eqⁿ (1) is independent of u

This yields

Eqⁿ (1) is similar to continuity eqⁿ (L16) and is called the

Try simple algorithm:

Euler for time

and

centred diff for space

$$\text{get } \frac{z_j^{n+1} - z_j^n}{\Delta t} + c \left(\frac{z_{j+1}^n - z_{j-1}^n}{2\Delta x} \right) = 0$$

$$z_j^{n+1} =$$

However, this method is

(We shall a little later examine .)

Lax Method - slight modification of the above

Replace first term on RHS of algorithm, with a

$$z_j^n \rightarrow \quad \text{to get}$$

$$z_j^{n+1} =$$

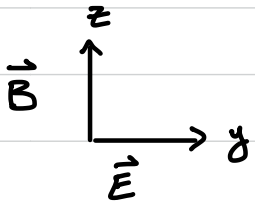
Analysis shows that this approach is stable for all wavelengths if

Example Maxwell's Equations

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} =$$

in free space
- no currents

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} =$$



Let $\vec{E} =$

$\rightarrow \nabla \times \vec{E} =$

, $\vec{B} =$

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Other discretization schemes for hyperbolic eq^s include

- Lax-Wendroff methods
 - Leap-frog
 - Lelequier
- } Numerical Recipes

Two-step Lax-Wendroff



half-steps are first calculated with

$$z_{j+1/2}^{n+1/2} =$$

$$z_{j-1/2}^{n+1/2} =$$

then find $z_j^{n+1} =$

More generally these steps can be written for

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} =$$

$$u_{j+1/2}^{n+1/2} =$$

$$u_j^{n+1} =$$

F is a function of

Wave eqⁿ

can be written in this form too

via

$$\frac{\partial r}{\partial t} =$$

$$\text{and } \frac{\partial s}{\partial t} =$$

where $r \equiv$

and $s \equiv$

Calling $\vec{v} = \vec{F}(\vec{v}) = \left(\quad \right) \cdot \vec{v} =$

Wave eqⁿ becomes

note:

Once s is obtained, original fⁿ u can be determined via

$$u_j^{n+1} =$$

Discrete Parabolic Equations: Diffusion

1-D

simple approach: Euler for t :
Centred diff. for x :

$$u_j^{n+1} =$$

stability condition is Δt

Drawback: If we need to improve accuracy by
then we must use
 \rightarrow # of computations

Dufort - Frankel Method

Trick: Replace

and take

$$u_j^{n+1} =$$

call $\alpha =$ and solve for

$$u_j^{n+1} =$$

This algorithm is

While accuracy demands sufficiently small ,
there is no longer a relation between them that must
be satisfied

Since u_j^{n+1} appears on the right-hand side, the Dufort-Frankel method is an example of an explicit method, which are often used for parabolic PDEs.

Recall trapezoid rule for integration

$$\int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} f(t) dt = \frac{\Delta t}{2} (f_i + f_{i+1})$$

For an ODE $y' = g(y)$, this translates to

$$\text{or } y_{i+1} = y_i + \frac{\Delta t}{2} (g(y_i) + g(y_{i+1}))$$

for decay and oscillation, $|g| < 1$, $|g|^2 < 1$

for growth, call error $\delta y_i = \epsilon$, ϵ is

and we want $\delta y_{i+1} < \delta y_i$ (absolute error grows since $|g| > 1$)

[unstable: solution becomes large when $|g| > 1$]

$$\delta y_{i+1} = g \delta y_i$$

$$y_{i+1} \epsilon_{i+1} = y_i \epsilon_i$$

→ stable also for growth (relative error is stable)

for Diffusion-like equations

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} =$$

other implicit methods include

Backwards Euler and Crank-Nicolson

need to solve algebraic equations for

E.g. Backward Euler for

$$\frac{u_i^{n+1} - u_i^n}{\Delta t} =$$

or

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$$A \vec{u}^{n+1} = \vec{b} =$$

- matrix eqⁿ can be solved efficiently