

Problem Sheet 12

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Question 1

Graded Exercise for Group 2 and Group 3

Consider the implicit schema for solving the wave equation in $[0, 1] \times [0, T]$

$$\frac{\bar{u}^{n-1} - 2\bar{u}^n + \bar{u}^{n+1}}{\tau^2} + A \frac{\bar{u}^{n-1} + 2\bar{u}^n + \bar{u}^{n+1}}{4} = \bar{f}^n$$

where u_i^n is an approximation of $u(x_i, t_n)$, the exact solution of the wave equation, $x_i = ih$, $i = 1, \dots, N$, $h = \frac{1}{N+1}$, $t_n = n\tau$, $n = 1, \dots, M$ and $\tau = \frac{T}{M}$.

- (a) Prove that $y^M \leq y^1 + \tau \sum_{n=0}^{M-1} C^n$ where

$$y^M = \left(\left\| \frac{\vec{u}^M - \vec{u}^{M-1}}{\tau} \right\|^2 + \left(\frac{\vec{u}^M + \vec{u}^{M-1}}{2} \right)^T A \left(\frac{\vec{u}^M + \vec{u}^{M-1}}{2} \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

and $C^n = \|\vec{f}^n\|$.

- (b) Let $\vec{U}^n$ be the vector of components $u(x_i, t_n)$, prove that, if $\vec{u} \in C^4([0, 1] \times [0, T])$

$$\frac{\vec{U}^{n-1} - 2\vec{U}^n + \vec{U}^{n+1}}{\tau^2} + A \frac{\vec{U}^{n-1} + 2\vec{U}^n + \vec{U}^{n+1}}{4} = \vec{f}^n + \vec{r}^n$$

with $|r_i^n| \leq C(h^2 + \tau^2)$ and C independent of h and τ .

- (c) Let $\vec{E}^n = \vec{U}^n - \vec{u}^n$ prove that : $z^M \leq z^0 + \frac{CT}{\sqrt{h}}(h^2 + \tau^2)$, where

$$z^M = \left(\left\| \frac{\vec{E}^M - \vec{E}^{M-1}}{\tau} \right\|^2 + \left(\frac{\vec{E}^M + \vec{E}^{M-1}}{2} \right)^T A \left(\frac{\vec{E}^M + \vec{E}^{M-1}}{2} \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Question 2

Consider the wave equation with $f = 0$, $v_0 = 0$, $c = 1$ and $T = 1$.

- (a) Implement the explicit scheme ($h = \frac{1}{N+1}$, $\tau = \frac{T}{M}$).
- (b) When $u_0(x) = \sin(\pi x)$, check that $\max_{1 \leq i \leq N} |u_i^M - u(x_i, t_M)| = \mathcal{O}(h^2)$ when $\tau = h$.
- (c) When $u_0(x) = e^{-1000(x-0.5)^2}$, run the scheme with $N = 99$, $M = 100$, then $N = 199$, $M = 200$. What happens when $N = 199$, $M = 199$?