

Problem Sheet 10

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Question 1

Consider the heat equation

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, t) - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}(x, t) = 0, & 0 < x < 1, t > 0, c_0 > 0, \\ u(0, t) = 0, & t > 0, \\ u(1, t) = 0, & t > 0, \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x), & 0 < x < 1, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

and the Crank-Nicholson scheme :

$$\frac{\bar{u}^{n+1} - \bar{u}^n}{\tau} + A \frac{\bar{u}^{n+1} + \bar{u}^n}{2} = 0.$$

(a) Prove that if $\tau \leq h^2$, then $\|\bar{u}^{n+1}\|_\infty \leq \|\bar{u}^n\|_\infty$.

(b) Prove that, for every $\tau > 0$, $\|\bar{u}^{n+1}\|_2 \leq \|\bar{u}^n\|_2$.

Question 2

Let $T > 0$, $f : [0, 1] \times [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $u_0 : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $f : [0, 1] \times [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, t) - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}(x, t) = f(x, t), & 0 < x < 1, 0 < t \leq T; \\ u(0, t) = 0, & 0 < t \leq T; \\ u(1, t) = 0, & 0 < t \leq T; \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x), & 0 < x < 1. \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Prove that if $f(x, t) \geq 0 \forall (x, t) \in [0, 1] \times [0, T]$ and $u_0(x) \geq 0 \forall x \in [0, 1]$, then $u(x, t) \geq 0 \forall (x, t) \in [0, 1] \times [0, T]$.

Indication : Write u as $u = u_+ - u_-$, where $u_+ := \max\{u, 0\}$ and $u_- := \max\{-u, 0\}$.

Question 3

Implement the upwind and Lax-Wendroff schemes for the transport equation :

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, t) + c_0 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x, t) = 0, & 0 < x < 1, \quad 0 < t < 0.48, \quad c_0 = \sqrt{2}; \\ u(0, t) = 0, & t > 0; \\ u(x, 0) = e^{-1000(x-0.2)^2}, & 0 < x < 1. \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

Compare both schemes at time 0.48 when $h = 0.01$, $\Delta t = 0.006$ and check convergence.

Question 4

Graded Exercise for Group 3

Consider the Lax-Wendroff scheme for the transport equation :

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, t) + c_0 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x, t) = 0, & x \in \mathbb{R}, t > 0, c_0 > 0; \\ u(x, 0) = e^{imx} & x \in \mathbb{R}, m \in \mathbb{N}^*. \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

(a) Check that $u_j^n = u_j^0 \gamma^n$, with $\gamma = 1 - \alpha^2(1 - \cos(mh)) - i\alpha \sin(mh)$, $\alpha = \frac{c_0 \tau}{h}$.

(b) Check that $|\gamma|^2 = 1 + \alpha^2(\alpha^2 - 1)(1 - \cos(mh))^2$, so that $|\gamma| \leq 1$ when $\alpha \leq 1$.