

Introduction Scientific Computing

Assignment 2b ("heat equation")

Consider the following differential equation (DE), which represents the stationary heat equation in one space dimension with constant source term:

$$\begin{cases} -u''(x) = 1, & x \in (0, 1), \\ u(0) = 0, & u(1) = 0. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

(a) Determine the analytic solution of DE (1).

(b) We approximate the solution of DE (1) by the following linear system:

$$-D_2 \vec{u} = \vec{b}, \quad (2)$$

where $D_2 = \dots$, $\vec{u} = \dots$, $\vec{b} = \dots$ (\Rightarrow this will be discussed in Lecture 2!).

(c) Choose Δx and approximate the solutions of the linear system (2) by applying the Jacobi method. Check numerically, the dependence on Δx (accuracy, convergence?). Does the convergence depend on the choice of Δx ? How does Δx influence the total number of iterations? (calculate, with the help of Matlab, the eigenvalues of the D_2 -matrix and check how this effects the convergence criterion)

(d) The time-dependent version of the heat equation reads:

$$\begin{cases} u_t = u_{xx} + 1, & x \in (0, 1), \\ u(0, t) = 0, & u(1, t) = 0, & u(x, 0) = \sin(\pi x), \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

with $u(x, t)$ and $t \in [0, T]$. T is the final time (not specified here).

We re-write the partial differential equation as a system of ordinary DEs (check Lecture 2 for more details):

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\vec{u}}(t) = D_2 \vec{u}(t) + \vec{f}, & t \in [0, T], \\ \vec{u}(0) = \vec{u}_0, \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

Apply the Backward-Euler method to DE-system (4). Next work out the linear system that should be solved to obtain a solution on time-level t_{n+1} , given the solution on time-level t_n . Specify the matrix and the righthand-side vector in this linear system (you do not need to implement this in Matlab).