

Lecture 12; Part II

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Recall: the equidistribution principle [1]

The *equidistribution principle* in 1D is:

$$(\omega x_\xi)_\xi = 0, \quad x(0) = x_l, \quad x(1) = x_r$$

An explicit formula for the *inverse* transformation can be derived:

$$1 = \xi(x_r) - \xi(x_l) = \int_{x_l}^{x_r} \xi_x d\bar{x} = c \int_{x_l}^{x_r} \omega d\bar{x} \Rightarrow \xi_x = \frac{\omega(x)}{\int_{x_l}^{x_r} \omega d\bar{x}}$$

and integrating once more gives

$$\xi(x) = \frac{\int_{x_l}^x \omega(\bar{x}) d\bar{x}}{\int_{x_l}^{x_r} \omega(\bar{x}) d\bar{x}}$$

Recall: equidistribution principle [2]

Discrete formulation:

$$\Delta x_i \omega_i = \text{constant} \Rightarrow \Delta x_i > 0 \quad \forall i \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{J} := x_\xi > 0$$

(1D transformation is non-singular, if $\omega > 0$)

The monitor function ω is *equally distributed* over all subintervals

$$\int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} \omega \, d\bar{x} = \frac{1}{N} \int_{\Omega_p} \omega \, d\bar{x}$$

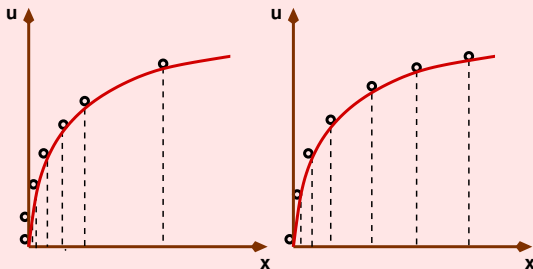
Recall: the equidistribution principle [3]

$$1) \omega = u_x \rightsquigarrow u_\xi = \text{constant}$$

$$(u_x \downarrow 0 : \Delta x_i \rightarrow \infty)$$

$$2) \omega = \sqrt{1 + u_x^2}; \quad ds^2 = dx^2 + du^2 = (1 + u_x^2)dx^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega = s_x \rightsquigarrow s_\xi = \text{constant} \quad (u_x \downarrow 0 : \Delta x_i \rightarrow \frac{1}{N})$$

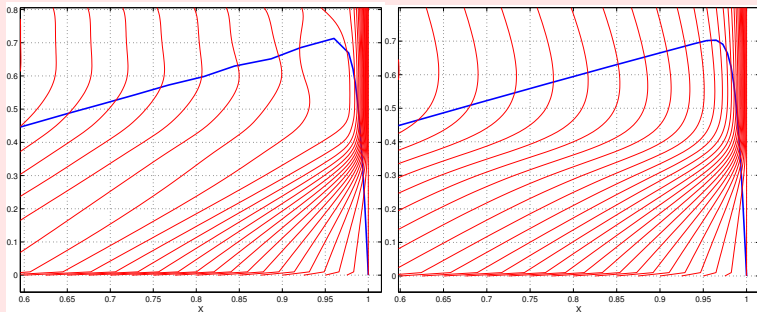


unsmooth vs. smooth grid

Burgers' equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0.005 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad x \in [0, 1]$$

with $u(x, 0) = \sin(\pi x)$, $u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0$

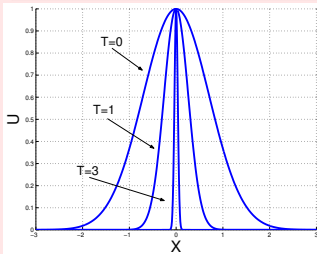


A linear hyperbolic PDE [1]; *smoothed* equidistribution

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0, \quad x \in [-3, 3]$$

with exact solution

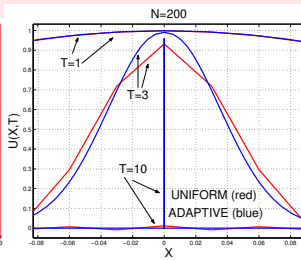
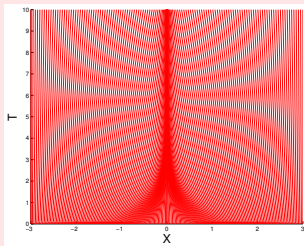
$$u(x, t) = e^{-(e^t x)^2}$$



method of characteristics: $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = -x \\ \dot{u} = 0 \end{cases}$

A linear hyperbolic PDE [2]; *smoothed* equidistribution

N	$\ e\ _\infty$: Un. $t = 5$	Ad. $t = 5$	Un. $t = 10$	Ad. $t = 10$
100	0.669504	0.050343	0.993392	0.144466
200	0.506568	0.018615	0.988101	0.040614
400	0.322038	0.008071	0.978686	0.017416
800	0.161977	0.003626	0.962241	0.008049
1600	0.060010	0.001640	0.934068	0.003819



Another PDE example [1]; *smooth* vs. *unsmooth* grid

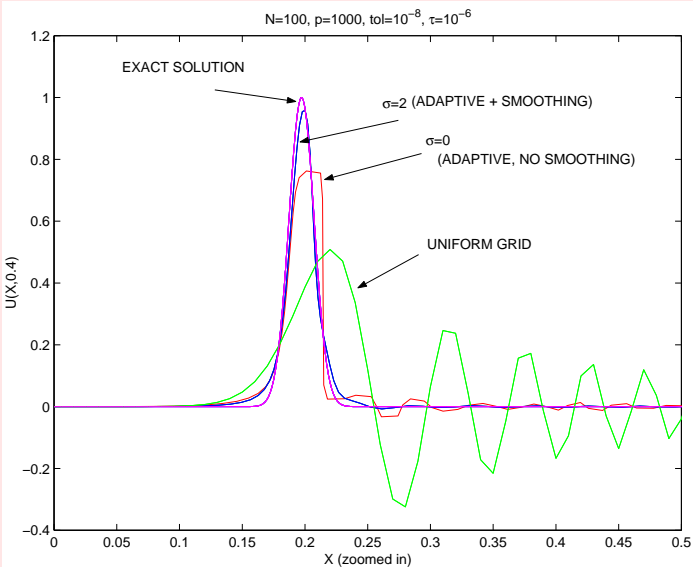
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + 4 \cos(4\pi t) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0$$

★ An exact solution of this hyperbolic PDE is

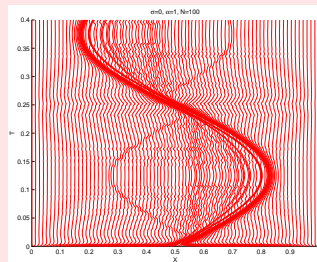
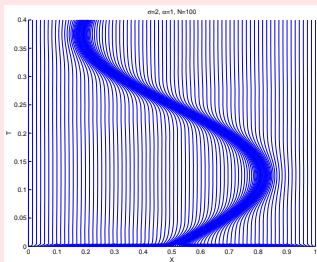
$$u^*(x, t) = \sin^{1000}\left(\pi\left(x - \frac{1}{\pi} \sin(4\pi t)\right)\right)$$

★ It describes an *extremely sharp* pulse that *moves periodically* in the time direction, from left to right and backwards again through the spatial domain

Another PDE example [2]; *smooth* vs. *unsmooth* grid



Another PDE example [3]; *smooth* vs. *unsmooth* grid



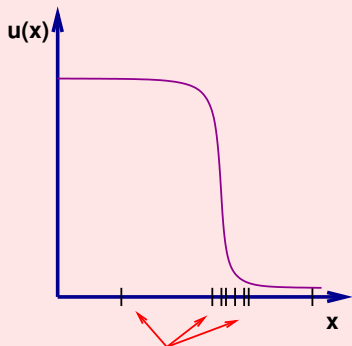
Another PDE example [4]; *smooth* vs. *unsmooth* grid

The maximum error at $t = 0.4$:

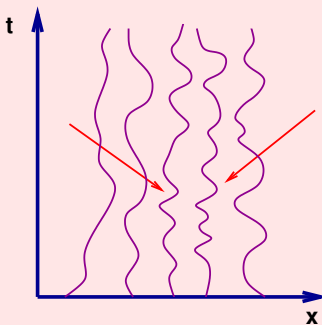
N	<i>uniform</i>	<i>unsmooth equid.</i>	<i>smooth equid.</i>
50	0.721312	0.624699	0.387192
100	0.577044	0.432729	0.116723
200	0.509914	0.274196	0.033135
400	0.327693	0.142711	0.025296
800	0.109807	0.072737	0.017410
1600	0.027250	*****	0.011549

So, what can still go wrong (*without* smoothing)???

big jumps in grid distribution...



'instabilities' in time-direction...!



Can we quantify these two aspects?

Yes, in terms of

- *local truncation errors* on non-uniform grids

and

- *unsmoothness of a time-dependent grid* based on *pure* equidistribution.

The grid size ratio and the truncation error [1]

Define the 'grid size ratio' ('local stretching factor'):

$$r := \frac{x_i - x_{i-1}}{x_{i+1} - x_i} := \frac{\Delta x_{i-1}}{\Delta x_i} := \frac{q}{p}$$

The truncation error T for the central finite difference approximation $u_{x,i} \approx \frac{u_{i+1} - u_{i-1}}{p+q}$ is then given by

$$\begin{aligned} &= -\frac{p^2 - q^2}{2(p+q)} u_{xx,i} - \frac{p^3 + q^3}{6(p+q)} u_{xxx,i} + \dots \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} u_{xx,i} (1-r) \Delta x_i - \frac{1}{6} u_{xxx,i} (1-r+r^2) \Delta x_i^2 + \dots \\ &= \frac{\Delta \xi^2}{6} (3x_{\xi\xi,i} u_{xx,i} + x_{\xi}^2 u_{xxx,i}) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta \xi^4) \\ &= \Delta x_i^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{x_{\xi\xi,i}}{x_{\xi,i}} u_{xx,i} + \frac{1}{6} u_{xxx,i} \right) + \mathcal{H.O.T.} \end{aligned}$$

The grid size ratio and the truncation error [2]

We see that for $r = 1$ (a uniform grid) we have a *second-order* approximation:

$$T = -\frac{\Delta\xi^2}{6} u_{xxx,i} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta\xi^4)$$

For the non-uniform grid, $r \neq 1$, the approximation is of *second order*, if $r = 1 + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x_i)$.

Since

$$r = \frac{x_{\xi,i}\Delta\xi - \frac{1}{2}\Delta\xi^2 x_{\xi\xi,i}}{x_{\xi,i}\Delta\xi + \frac{1}{2}\Delta\xi^2 x_{\xi\xi,i}} + \mathcal{H.O.T.} = 1 - \Delta x_i \frac{x_{\xi\xi,i}}{x_{\xi,i}^2} + \mathcal{H.O.T.}$$

we can conclude that $\frac{x_{\xi\xi,i}}{x_{\xi,i}^2} = \mathcal{O}(1) \Leftrightarrow r = 1 + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x_i)$.

The grid size ratio and the truncation error [3]

If the ratio $\frac{x_{\xi\xi,i}^2}{x_{\xi,i}}$ is too big, then $r \neq \mathcal{O}(1)$ and this influences the order of the truncation error.

Grids with $r = 1 + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x_i)$ are called 'quasi-uniform'.

Such grids (in terms of the transformation: $\frac{x_{\xi\xi,i}^2}{x_{\xi,i}} = \mathcal{O}(1)$) are 'smooth' enough and will not change greatly between adjacent intervals.

How to adjust the equidistribution principle to guarantee this, we will see further on.

Equidistribution and instabilities in time [1]

If we differentiate the equidistribution relation

$$\int_{x_L}^{x_i(t)} \omega dx = \frac{i}{N} \int_{x_L}^{x_R} \omega dx := \frac{i}{N} \omega(t), \quad i = 1, \dots, N$$

with respect to time t we obtain

$$\omega(x_i, t) \dot{x}_i + \int_{x_L}^{x_i} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial t}(x, t) dx = \frac{i}{N} \dot{\omega}(t), \quad i = 1, \dots, N.$$

Introducing small perturbations δx_i on the grid points x_i and using Taylor expansions for $\omega(x_i + \delta x_i, t)$ and $\int_{x_L}^{x_i + \delta x_i} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial t} dx$ we get

$$\omega(x_i, t) \dot{x}_i + \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x} \delta x_i \dot{x}_i + \omega(x_i, t) \delta \dot{x}_i + \int_{x_L}^{x_i} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial t} dx + \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial t} \delta x_i + \mathcal{H.O.T.} = \frac{i}{N} \dot{\omega}(t)$$

Equidistribution and instabilities in time [2]

After linearization follows

$$\omega(x_i, t)\delta\dot{x}_i + \frac{\partial\omega}{\partial x}\delta x_i\dot{x}_i + \frac{\partial\omega}{\partial t}\delta x_i = 0.$$

This is equivalent with $\frac{d}{dt}[\omega(x_i(t), t)\delta x_i] = 0$ and integrating once gives

$$\omega(x_i(t), t)\delta x_i(t) = \text{CONSTANT} = \omega(x_i(0), 0)\delta x_i(0)$$

and therefore $\delta x_i(t) = \frac{\omega(x_i(0), 0)}{\omega(x_i(t), t)}\delta x_i(0)$. From this expression we see that, if $\frac{\omega(x_i(0), 0)}{\omega(x_i(t), t)}$ becomes > 1 , the adaptive grid in equidistribution may become *unstable*. This may be prevented by adding a small 'delay'-term to the equidistribution principle.

Smoothed equidistribution in space and time [1]

An important inequality is therefore

$$\frac{1}{K} \leq r \leq K, \quad K = \mathcal{O}(1)$$

Re-write the EP $\Delta x_i \omega_i = c(t)$ in terms of ‘point concentrations’

$$n_i := \frac{1}{\Delta x_i}:$$

$$n_i = \bar{c}(t) \omega_i, \quad \forall i$$

Define

$$\check{\omega}_i = \sum_{j=0}^N \omega_j \left(\frac{\sigma}{\sigma + 1} \right)^{|i-j|}, \quad \sigma > 0, \quad \omega > 0$$

and *replace* the EP by

$$n_i = \bar{c}(t) \check{\omega}_i, \quad \forall i$$

Smoothed equidistribution in space and time [2]

Lemma: From $n_i = \bar{c}(t)\check{\omega}_i$, $\forall i$, it follows $\Rightarrow \frac{\sigma}{\sigma+1} \leq \frac{n_i}{n_{i-1}} \leq \frac{\sigma+1}{\sigma}$, $\forall i$
 [the magnitude of ω does not play a role at all! Note that, if $\sigma = \mathcal{O}(1)$ then $r = \frac{n_i}{n_{i-1}} = \mathcal{O}(1)$].

Define $\tilde{n}_i := n_i - \sigma(\sigma+1)(n_{i+1} - 2n_i + n_{i-1}) = \tilde{c}(t)\omega_i$, $\forall i$ with $n_0 = n_1$, $n_{N-1} = n_N$.

Then the solution of this system of equations is given by

$$n_i = \tilde{c} C_+ \left(\frac{\sigma+1}{\sigma}\right)^i + \tilde{c} C_- \left(\frac{\sigma}{\sigma+1}\right)^i + \tilde{c} \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \left(\frac{\sigma}{\sigma+1}\right)^{|i-j|}$$

for some constants C_+ and C_- that depend on the boundary values.

Smoothed equidistribution in space and time [3]

Lemma: This solution n_i has the property

$$\frac{\sigma}{\sigma+1} \leq \frac{n_i}{n_{i-1}} \leq \frac{\sigma+1}{\sigma}, \quad \forall i$$

.

Instead of $n_i = \bar{c}(t)\check{\omega}_i$ which is equivalent with $\tilde{n}_i = \tilde{c}(t)\omega_i$ we set

$$\tilde{n}_i(t) + \tau_s \frac{d}{dt} \tilde{n}_i(t) = \tilde{c}(t)\omega_i, \quad \forall i$$

with boundary conditions $n_0 = n_1, \quad n_{N-1} = n_N, \quad \forall t.$

Note that the solution of this *ODE – system* can be obtained in terms of an *integral equation*:

$$\tilde{n}_i(t) = \exp(-t/\tau_s) [\tilde{n}_i(0) + \int_0^t \tau_s^{-1} \exp(s/\tau_s) c(s) \omega_i(s) ds], \quad t \geq 0, \quad \forall i.$$

Smoothed equidistribution in space and time [4]

If we apply, for instance, Euler-Backward to the ODE-system we can make the following observations with respect to τ_s :

$\tau_s \rightarrow 0$: $\tilde{n}_i^{(n+1)} \approx c^{(n+1)} \omega_i^{(n+1)} \forall i$ no time smoothing

$\tau_s \gg \Delta t$: $\tilde{n}_i^{(n+1)} \approx \tilde{n}_i^{(n)} \forall i$ too much smoothing \Rightarrow
no grid adaptation

$\tau_s = \mathcal{O}(\Delta t)$: $\tilde{n}_i^{(n+1)} \approx \frac{1}{2} \tilde{n}_i^{(n)} + \frac{1}{2} c^{(n+1)} \omega_i^{(n+1)} \forall i$ (use old values as well to adapt grid)

Lemma: For $\sigma = \tau_s = 0$, i.e., no smoothing at all: $n_i = \bar{c}(t) \omega_i$
and $\omega > 0 \Rightarrow n_i > 0, \forall i$.

Smoothed equidistribution in space and time [5]

The case $\tau_s = 0$, $\sigma \neq 0$:

We have seen that $\tilde{n}_i = \tilde{c}\omega_i \Leftrightarrow n_i = \tilde{c}\check{\omega}_i \forall i$ ($\check{\omega}_i > 0$). From the previous Lemma follows $n_i > 0$, $\forall i$ (simply replace ω_i by $\check{\omega}_i$).

Lemma: If n_i is the solution given by

$$n_i = \tilde{c} C_+ \left(\frac{\sigma+1}{\sigma}\right)^i + \tilde{c} C_- \left(\frac{\sigma}{\sigma+1}\right)^i + \tilde{c} \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \left(\frac{\sigma}{\sigma+1}\right)^{|i-j|}$$

then, because $n_i > 0 \Rightarrow \tilde{n}_i > 0 \forall i$.

The case $\tau_s \neq 0$, $\sigma = 0$: $n_i + \tau_s \frac{d}{dt} n_i = \hat{c}(t)\omega_i$.

Lemma: $n_i(0) > 0$, $\forall i \Rightarrow n_i(t) > 0 \forall i \forall t \geq 0$.

Smoothed equidistribution in space and time [6]

The case $\tau_s \neq 0$, $\sigma \neq 0$:

We then use:

$$\tilde{n}_i(t) + \tau_s \frac{d}{dt} \tilde{n}_i(t) = \tilde{c}(t) \omega_i, \quad \forall i$$

Lemma: The solution n_i (in terms of \tilde{n}_i) is a linear combination of \tilde{n}_i -values with only positive coefficients (i.e. $\tilde{n}_i > 0 \Rightarrow n_i > 0$).

Theorem:

I) $\Delta x_i(0) > 0 \quad \forall i \Rightarrow \Delta x_i(t) > 0 \quad \forall i, \quad \forall t \geq 0.$

II) $\frac{\sigma}{\sigma+1} \leq \frac{\Delta x_{i+1}(t)}{\Delta x_i(t)} \leq \frac{\sigma+1}{\sigma}, \quad \forall i, \quad \forall t \geq 0.$

An adaptive grid PDE [1]

Consider time-dependent PDE:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \beta \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + s(u, x, t)$$

Apply transformation:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= x(\xi, \theta) \\ t &= t(\xi, \theta) = \theta \\ \mathcal{J} &:= x_\xi \end{aligned}$$

$$\implies U_\theta - \frac{1}{\mathcal{J}} x_\theta U_\xi = \frac{\epsilon}{\mathcal{J}} \left[\frac{1}{\mathcal{J}} U_\xi \right]_\xi - \frac{\beta}{\mathcal{J}} U_\xi + s(x, U, \theta)$$

Semi-discretization (uniform in ξ):

$$\dot{U}_i - \frac{U_{i+1} - U_{i-1}}{x_{i+1} - x_{i-1}} (\dot{x}_i - \beta) = \epsilon \frac{\frac{U_{i+1} - U_i}{x_{i+1} - x_i} - \frac{U_i - U_{i-1}}{x_i - x_{i-1}}}{\frac{1}{2}(x_{i+1} - x_{i-1})} + s_i$$

An adaptive grid PDE [2]

Let the transformation be the solution of:

$$[(\mathcal{S}(x_\xi) + \tau_s x_{\xi\theta})\omega]_\xi = 0$$

$\tau_s \Rightarrow$ temporal smoothing parameter

weight function: $\omega = \sqrt{1 + \sum_k \alpha_k (U_{x,k})^2}$

$\alpha_k \Rightarrow$ adaptivity parameters

The smoothing operator \mathcal{S} is defined by:

$$\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{I} - \sigma(\sigma + 1)(\Delta\xi)^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial\xi^2}$$

$\sigma \Rightarrow$ spatial smoothing parameter

An adaptive grid PDE [3]

Some properties of the grid:

i)

$$\mathcal{J} = x_\xi > 0 \quad \forall \theta \in [0, T]$$

In discretized form ($\Delta\xi$ is constant):

$$\Delta x_i(\theta) > 0 \quad \forall \theta \in [0, T]$$

⇒ No 'node-crossing' possible!

ii)

$$\left| \frac{x_{\xi\xi}}{x_\xi} \right| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma(\sigma+1)\Delta\xi}}$$

In discretized form:

$$\frac{\sigma}{\sigma+1} \leq \frac{\Delta x_{i+1}(\theta)}{\Delta x_i(\theta)} \leq \frac{\sigma+1}{\sigma} \quad \forall \theta \in [0, T]$$

⇒ 'Local quasi-uniformity'!

An adaptive grid PDE [4]

iii)

$$\tau_s = \sigma = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x_\xi \omega = \text{constant} \quad \forall \theta \in [0, T]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad \xi(x, t) = \frac{\int_{x_L}^x \omega \, d\bar{x}}{\int_{x_L}^{x_R} \omega \, d\bar{x}}$$

In discretized form:

$$\Delta x_j \cdot \omega_j = \text{constant} \quad \forall \theta \in [0, T]$$

\Rightarrow Equidistribution of arc-length monitor

iv)

$$0 < \tau_s \leq 10^{-3} \times \text{timescale in PDE model}$$

$$\sigma = \mathcal{O}(1) \quad (\sigma = 2 \text{ suffices in general})$$

$$\alpha_k = \mathcal{O}(1) \quad \text{depends on } x \text{ and } U_k \text{ scales}$$

An adaptive grid PDE [5]

Semi-discretization of the adaptive grid PDE:

$$[\tilde{\Delta}x_{i+1} + \tau_s \frac{d\Delta x_{i+1}}{d\theta}] \omega_{i+1} - [\tilde{\Delta}x_i + \tau_s \frac{d\Delta x_i}{d\theta}] \omega_i = 0$$

where $\tilde{\Delta}x_i = \Delta x_i - \sigma(\sigma + 1)(\Delta x_{i+1} - 2\Delta x_i + \Delta x_{i-1})$

⇒ adaptive-grid ODE system:

$$\tau_s \mathcal{B}(\vec{X}, \vec{U}, \sigma, \alpha_k) \dot{\vec{X}} = \vec{\mathcal{H}}(\vec{X}, \vec{U}, \sigma, \alpha_k)$$

Coupled on semi-discretized PDE system ⇒ large, stiff, banded, nonlinear ODE system [BDF-methods (order ≤ 5): DASSL]

Application: the Gray-Scott-model [1]

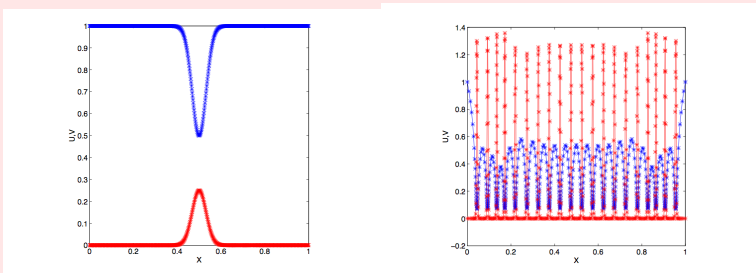
Pattern formation in ferrocyanide-iodate-sulphite reactions:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} &= \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - uv^2 + A(1 - u) \\
 \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} &= 0.01 \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + uv^2 - Bv
 \end{aligned}$$

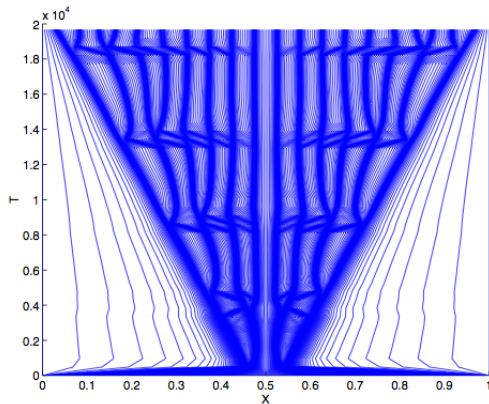
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A. Doelman, T. J. Kaper and P. A. Zegeling
Pattern formation in the 1-D Gray-Scott model
 Nonlinearity, V10, pp. 523-563, 1997

Application: the Gray-Scott-model [2]



Application: the Gray-Scott-model [3]



Application: Golden-Gate-bridge-model [1]

$$u_{tt} + u_{xxxx} + u^+ - 1 = 0 \quad \text{with } u^+ = \begin{cases} u, & u > 0 \\ 0, & u < 0 \end{cases}$$

The solution $u(x, t)$ represents the displacement of a beam from the unloaded state.

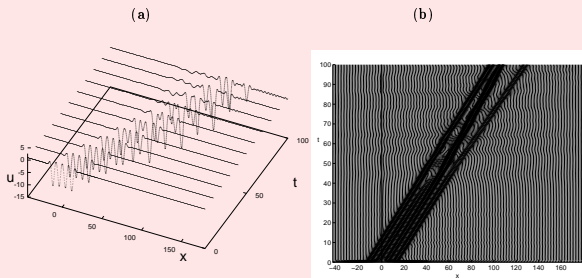
'Historical accounts of travelling wave behaviour in the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco motivated us to study this PDE'.

It can be re-written as $\tilde{u}_t = \mathcal{A}\tilde{u}_{xx} + \mathcal{B}\tilde{u} + \mathcal{F}$

where $\tilde{u} := (u, v, w)^T$, $v = u_t$, $w = u_{xx}$, $\mathcal{F} = (0, u^+ - 1, 0)^T$ and

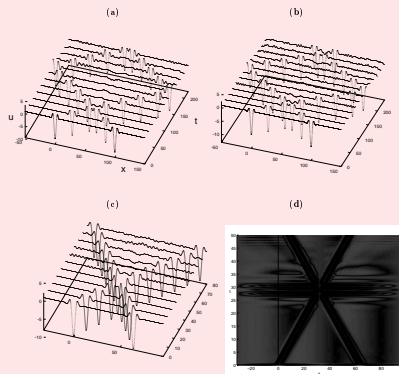
$$\mathcal{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Application: Golden-Gate-bridge-model [2]



(a) Solution and (b) the moving mesh method for the $4(2, 2, 2)$ wave using the same initial data as in Figure 4. The data presented is for a run with 1501 grid points, a more accurate run with 2001 produced qualitatively the same a non-trivial task.

Application: Golden-Gate-bridge-model [3]



(a) Solution to (1) with the piecewise-linear term (2) using the fixed grid method showing the interaction of two primary waves with initial wave speeds $c = 1.1$ and -1.1 . (b) The equivalent run for the exponential nonlinearity (4). (c) The same run as (b) using the moving grid method with 2001 grid points; and (d) motion of the grid (from a qualitatively identical run with 1001 grid points)

Application: a tumour angiogenesis model [1]

Angiogenesis: blood vessel development

$$b_t + \left(\left[\frac{3}{4}c_x\right]b\right)_x = 10^{-3}b_{xx} - 4b + 10^2b(1-b)\max(0, c - 0.2)$$

$$c_t = \delta c_{xx} - c - 10\frac{bc}{1+c}, \quad x \in [0, 1]$$

b : density of endothelial cells (blood)

c : tumour angiogenesis factor (TAF)

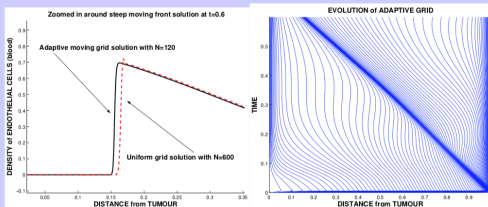
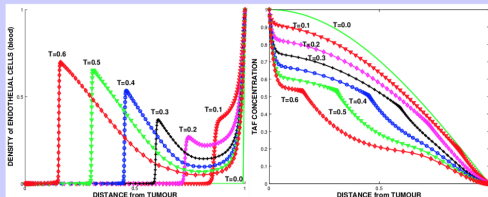
$$c(x, 0) = \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}\pi x\right), \quad b(x, 0) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 1, & \text{if } x = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$b(0, t) = 0, \quad b(1, t) = 1, \quad c(0, t) = 1, \quad c(1, t) = 0$$

(numerical experiments with $\delta = 1$ and $\delta = 10^{-3}$)

from Chaplain & Stuart, 1993

Application: a tumour angiogenesis model [2]



Application: brine transport in a porous medium [1]

$$\begin{aligned} (n\rho)_t + (\rho q)_x &= 0, & q &= -\frac{k}{\mu}(p_x + \rho g) \\ (n\rho\omega)_t + (\rho\omega q + \rho J)_x &= 0, & J &= -\lambda|q|\omega_x \end{aligned}$$

ω : salt concentration

the fluid density ρ satisfies the equation of state

$$\rho = \rho_0 e^{\beta(p-p_0) + \gamma\omega}$$

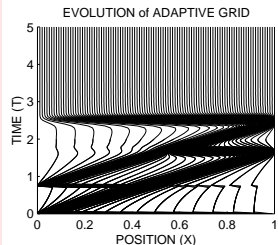
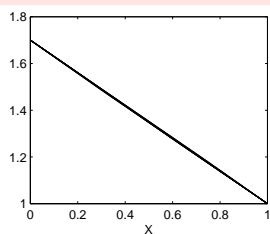
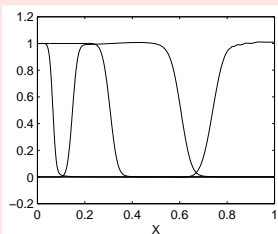
ICs and BCs:

$$\omega(x, 0) = 0, \quad \omega(0, t) = \omega_0 > 0, \quad \omega_x(1, t) = 0, \quad x \in [0, L]$$

$$p(x, 0) = p_0 \left[\left(1 - \frac{x}{L}\right) p_{left} + \frac{x}{L} p_{right} \right]$$

$$p(0, t) = p_0 p_{left}, \quad p(1, t) = p_0 p_{right}$$

Application: brine transport in a porous medium [3]



Application: an MHD-model in 1.75D [1]

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial m_1}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\bar{B}_1 = \text{constant}$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \frac{\mathbf{m}}{\rho}$$

$$\mathbf{B} = (\bar{B}_1, B_2, B_3)^T$$

$$\frac{\partial m_1}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{m_1^2}{\rho} - \bar{B}_1^2 + (\gamma - 1) \frac{\mathbf{m}^2}{2\rho} + (2 - \gamma) \frac{\mathbf{B}^2}{2} \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial m_2}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (m_1 v - \bar{B}_1 B_2) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial m_3}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (m_1 w - B_1 B_3) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial B_2}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (B_2 u - \bar{B}_1 v) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial B_3}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (B_3 u - \bar{B}_1 w) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial e}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[u(\gamma e - (\gamma - 1) \frac{\mathbf{m}^2}{2\rho} + (2 - \gamma) \frac{\mathbf{B}^2}{2}) - \bar{B}_1 \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{u} \right] = 0$$

$$e = \frac{p}{\gamma - 1} + \rho \frac{\mathbf{u}^2}{2} + \frac{\mathbf{B}^2}{2}$$

from A. van Dam & P.A. Zegeling 2005

Application: an MHD-model in 1.75D [2]

$$\gamma = \frac{5}{3}, \quad \bar{B}_1 \equiv 1, \quad \Omega = [0, 1000], \quad t \in [0, 80]$$

$$\rho|_{t=0} = \begin{cases} 0.5 & \text{for } x \in [0, 350] \\ 0.1 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}, \quad m_1|_{t=0} = 0$$

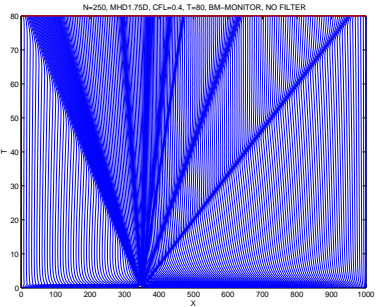
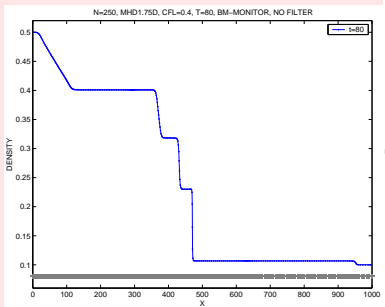
$$(m_2, m_3)|_{t=0} = \begin{cases} (0.5, 0.05) & \text{for } x \in [0, 350] \\ (0, 0) & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

$$B_2|_{t=0} = \begin{cases} 2.5 & \text{for } x \in [0, 350] \\ 2 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}, \quad B_3|_{t=0} = 0$$

$$p|_{t=0} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } x \in [0, 350] \\ 0.1 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Homogeneous Neumann BCs

Application: an MHD-model in 1.75D [3]



Application: heat flow of harmonic maps from surfaces [1]

Harmonic heat flow between the 2-disc D and the 2-sphere S :

$$u_t = \Delta u + |\nabla u|^2 u, \quad u(\mathbf{x}, 0) = \phi(\mathbf{x}), \quad u|_{\partial D} = \phi|_{\partial D}$$

Requiring spherical symmetry $\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \left[\frac{x}{|\mathbf{x}|} \sin(\psi(|\mathbf{x}|)), \cos(\psi(|\mathbf{x}|)) \right]$, it can be shown that the solution must satisfy

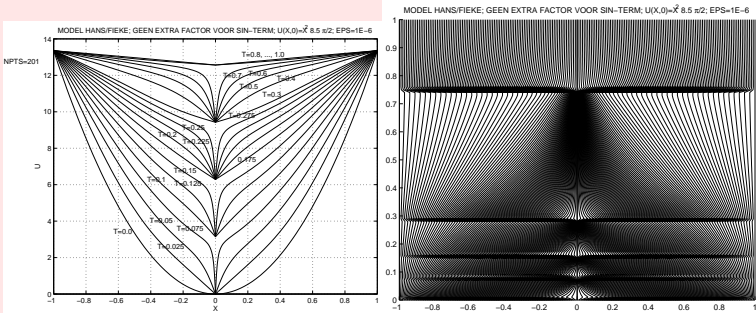
$$u(\mathbf{x}, t) = \left[\frac{x}{|\mathbf{x}|} \sin(h(|\mathbf{x}|)), \cos(h(|\mathbf{x}|)) \right]$$

Substitution into PDE model gives (using spherical coordinates for the 2-sphere S)

$$h_t = h_{rr} + \frac{1}{r} h_r - n^2 \frac{\sin(2h)}{2r^2}$$

$$h(r, 0) = \psi(r), \quad h(0, t) = 0, \quad h(1, t) = \psi(1)$$

Application: a model from harmonic maps [2]



Intermezzo: the heat equation

The solution of the PDE

$$u_t = \alpha u_{xx}$$

with

$$u(x, 0) = \sin(\pi x), \quad u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0, \quad x \in [0, 1]$$

and parameter α is given by

$$u(x, t) = e^{\alpha\pi^2 t} \sin(\pi x)$$

For $\alpha < 0$ we have *UNSTABLE* solutions, whereas for $\alpha \geq 0$ all solutions are *STABLE*.

In general, for more complicated nonlinear PDE models (with physical parameters), it is often unknown whether the solutions remain stable...

Application: the extended Fisher-Kolmogorov equation [1]

Propagation of domain walls in liquid crystals:

$$u_t + 10^{-8} u_{xxxx} = 10^{-4} \gamma u_{xx} + u - u^3, \quad x \in [0, 1]$$

(parameter γ)

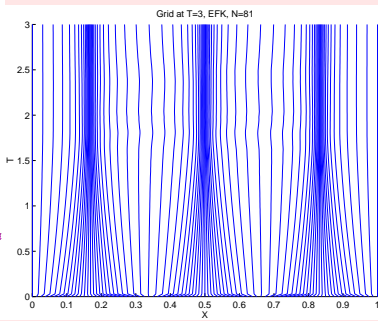
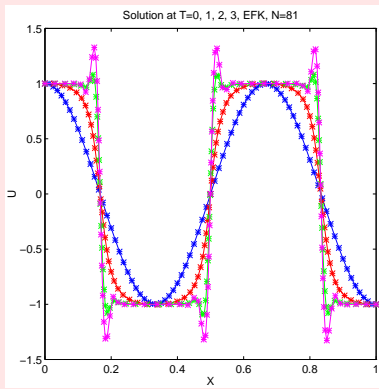
$$u(x, 0) = \cos(p\pi x)$$

$$u(0, t) = 1, \quad u(1, t) = -1, \quad u_x(0, t) = u_x(1, t) = 0$$

For $\gamma = -3 < \gamma_* = -\sqrt{8}$ theory predicts multi-bump solutions

from Peletier & Troy, SIAM J. Math. Anal. 1997

Application: the extended Fisher-Kolmogorov equation [2]



Application: the extended Korteweg-deVries equation [1]

Nonlinear water waves in the presence of surface tension:

$$u_t + \frac{2}{15} u_{xxxxx} + (\mu u - b) u_{xxx} + (3u + 2\mu u_{xx}) u_x = 0$$

(parameter b ; we set $\mu = 1$)

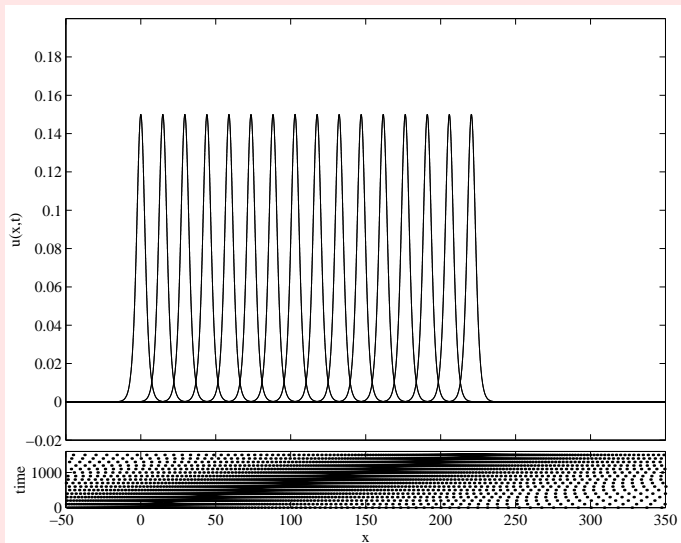
Explicit solutions exist:

$$u(x, t) = 3 \left(b + \frac{1}{2} \right) \operatorname{sech}^2 \left(\sqrt{\frac{3(2b+1)}{4}} (x + at) \right)$$

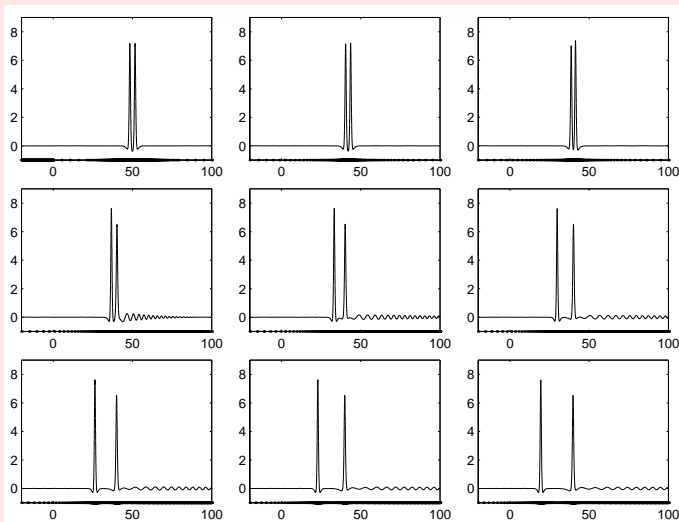
with $a = \frac{3}{5}(2b+1)(b-2)$, $b \geq -1/2$. Note that $-a$ is the *velocity* of the wave.

(study stability of different types of waves for this PDE)

Application: the extended Korteweg-deVries equation [2]



Application: the extended Korteweg-deVries equation [3]



Application: the extended Korteweg-deVries equation [4]

