

Lecture 7

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Numerical Methods for PDEs

Outline of Lecture 7

- ⌚ Exact finite differences
- ⌚ Nonstandard finite differences
- ⌚ Splitting methods (optional)
- ⌚ Implicit-explicit methods (optional)
- ⌚ Exponential integrators (optional)

Nonstandard FDs [1]

First, exact FD's:
$$\begin{cases} \dot{u} = f(u, \lambda) \\ u(t_0) = u^0 \end{cases}$$
↖ parameter in model

has an exact FD-scheme:
$$u^{n+1} = \Phi(\lambda, u^n, t^n, t^{n+1})$$

with Φ such that $u(t) = \Phi(\lambda, u^0, t^0, t)$

is the exact solution of the ODE (and: $u^0 = \Phi(\lambda, u^0, t^0, t^0)$)

Example 1)

$$\begin{cases} \frac{du}{dt} = -\lambda u \\ u(t_0) = u^0 \end{cases}$$

solve $u(t) = u^0 e^{-\lambda(t-t_0)}$

exact scheme: $u^{n+1} = u^n e^{-\lambda \Delta t}$

re-arrange
$$\frac{u^{n+1} - u^n}{\frac{1 - e^{-\lambda \Delta t}}{\lambda}} = -\lambda u^n$$

compare with EF:

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

replace $\Delta t \rightarrow \frac{1 - e^{-\lambda \Delta t}}{\lambda}$
 $= \frac{1 - (1 - \lambda \Delta t + \lambda^2 (\Delta t)^2 / 2 - \dots)}{\lambda}$
 $= \Delta t + O(\Delta t^2)$

Nonstandard FDs [4]

Example 4 first order nonlinear PDE: $\begin{cases} u_t + u_x = u(1-u) \\ u(x,0) = f(x) \end{cases}$

↙ exact solution (via Method of Characteristics)

$$u(x,t) = \frac{f(x-t)}{e^t + (1-e^t)f(x-t)}$$

exact finite differences:

$$\frac{u_i^{n+1} - u_i^n}{\phi(\Delta t)} + \frac{u_i^n - u_{i-1}^n}{\phi(\Delta x)} = u_{i-1}^n (1 - u_i^{n+1})$$

Solve for u_i^{n+1} , $h = \Delta t = \Delta x$

$$u_i^{n+1} = \frac{u_{i-1}^n}{1 + (e^h - 1)u_{i-1}^n}$$

explicit scheme!

with $\phi(z) = e^z - 1$

$$= 1 + z + \frac{1}{2}z^2 + \frac{1}{6}z^3 \dots - 1 = z + O(z^2)$$

Nonstandard FDs [7]

Another way of writing:

replace EF $\frac{du}{dt} \rightarrow \frac{u^{n+1} - u^n}{\Delta t}$ by $\frac{u^{n+1} - (1 + O(\Delta t))u^n}{\Delta t + O(\Delta t)^2}$

$$= \frac{u^{n+1} - \psi \cdot u^n}{\phi}$$

The functions ϕ and ψ vary from one equation to another
(not clear how to choose in general)

ϕ is called denominator function

ψ is usually, not always, set $\equiv 1$

determined by the requirement
of having the correct
stability properties

Nonstandard FDs [8]

A "justification": consider the scalar ODE $\frac{du}{dt} = f(u)$

set $\psi \equiv 1$: $\frac{u^{n+1} - u^n}{\phi} = f(u^n)$ with $\phi(\Delta t, R^*) = \frac{1 - e^{-R^* \Delta t}}{R^*} = \Delta t + O((\Delta t)^2)$
(see before with $\lambda = R^*$)

"parameter" R^* is determined as follows:

- 1) calculate fixed (stationary) points of ODE, i.e., find \bar{u} such that $f(\bar{u}) = 0$
- 2) suppose there are M real solutions: $\bar{u}^{(1)}, \bar{u}^{(2)}, \dots, \bar{u}^{(M)}$
- 3) define $R_i = \left. \frac{df}{du} \right|_{u=\bar{u}^{(i)}}$, $i=1, \dots, M$ (determines also the character of the fixed points
stable, unstable, --)

4) define $R^* = \max_{i=1, \dots, M} |R_i|$

5) note: $\phi \stackrel{d}{=} \frac{1 - e^{-R^* \Delta t}}{R^*} = \Delta t + O((\Delta t)^2)$; $t \sim \text{seconds} \rightarrow [R_i] \sim \frac{1}{\text{seconds}}$

time scales in ODE: $T_i = \frac{1}{R_i}$ (seconds), $i=1, \dots, M$

$T^* = \frac{1}{R^*}$ is smallest time scale \leftrightarrow of importance for numerical stability ("stiffness" of ODE)

Nonstandard FDs [9]

- 6) ϕ can be interpreted as a "rescaled" time step size!
 (it is never larger than the smallest time scale of the system
 Note: $0 < \phi(\Delta t, R^*) < T^*$

Remark from exact FD: $u^2 \not\rightarrow (u^n)^2$ but: $u^{n+1} u^n$ "nonlocal form"

example 2

and in example 4: $u(1-u) = u - u^2 \not\rightarrow u_i^n - (u_i^n)^2$

but: $u_{i-1}^n u_i^{n+1}$ "nonlocal form"

$$\lim_{\substack{\Delta t \rightarrow 0 \\ n \rightarrow \infty \\ n \Delta t = t \text{ (fixed)}}} u^{n+1} u^n = \lim_{\substack{\Delta t \rightarrow 0 \\ n \rightarrow \infty \\ n \Delta t = t \text{ (fixed)}}} (u^n)^2 = (u(t))^2 \quad \text{ODE case}$$

$$\lim_{\substack{\Delta x \rightarrow 0 \\ \Delta t \rightarrow 0 \\ n \rightarrow \infty \\ i \rightarrow \infty \\ i \Delta x = x \text{ (fixed)} \\ n \Delta t = t \text{ (fixed)}}} u_i^n u_i^{n+1} = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} (u_i^n)^2 = (u(x,t))^2 \quad \text{PDE case}$$

BUT $u^{n+1} u^n \neq (u^n)^2$
 and $u_{i-1}^n u_i^{n+1} \neq (u_i^n)^2$
 for finite values
 of i and n
 (of course)

Nonstandard FDs [10]

general "rules" for nonstandard schemes:

- * non-trivial denominator function ϕ
- * non-local discrete formula for nonlinear terms
- * special conditions for DE must hold as well (for example $u \geq 0$)

nonstandard FD's \neq exact FD's (but, in some sense, are related)

they are constructed in such a way that elementary numerical instabilities can be prevented.

Example:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{du}{dt} = u^2(1-u) = u^2 - u^3 \\ u(0) = u^0 > 0 \end{cases}$$

There are three fixed points $\bar{u}^{(1)} = \bar{u}^{(2)} = 0$ and $\bar{u}^{(3)} = 1$ (all solutions go monotonically to $\bar{u}^{(3)} = 1$)

We have: $R_1 = R_2 = 0, R_3 = 1 \Rightarrow R^* = 1$ ($T^* = 1$)

and $\phi(\Delta t) = 1 - e^{-\Delta t}$ (note: $0 < \phi(\Delta t) < 1$)

$\stackrel{||}{T^*}$

Nonstandard FDs [11]

$$\Rightarrow \frac{du}{dt} \rightarrow \frac{u^{n+1} - u^n}{1 - e^{-\Delta t}} \quad (\text{instead of } \frac{u^{n+1} - u^n}{\Delta t})$$

note that: $u(t) > 0$ (for example, a chemical concentration, or a population density)

therefore, the discrete values must satisfy: $u^n \geq 0 \Rightarrow u^{n+1} \geq 0$

this can be enforced by taking: $\begin{cases} u^2 \rightarrow 2(u^n)^2 - u^{n+1}u^n \\ u^3 \rightarrow u^{n+1}(u^n)^2 \end{cases}$

← substitute and solve

$$u^{n+1} = \frac{(1 + 2\phi \cdot u^n)u^n}{1 + \phi \cdot (u^n + (u^n)^2)} \quad \text{an explicit scheme!}$$

It can be shown for the discrete scheme/values: $\forall \Delta t > 0$

- 1) it also has three fixed points $\bar{u}^{(1)} = \bar{u}^{(2)} = 0$
 $\bar{u}^{(3)} = 1$
- 2) first two are unstable
third \bar{u} stable (as in ODE itself)
- 3) $u^0 > 0 \Rightarrow u^n \rightarrow \bar{u}^{(3)} = 1$
monotonically
 $0 \leq u^0 \leq u^1 \leq u^2 \leq \dots$

Nonstandard FDs [13]

for positivity of the discrete solution values we need $R = \frac{\Delta t}{(\Delta x)^2} \leq \frac{1}{2}$

Boundedness with this non-standard FD-scheme:

($= \frac{1}{2}$ ok, see previous page)

suppose $0 \leq u_i^n \leq 1$ $\forall i$, certain n "induction"

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(u_{i+1}^n + u_{i-1}^n) \leq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad 2 \Delta t \bar{u}_i^n = \Delta t \bar{u}_i^n + \Delta t \bar{u}_i^n \leq \Delta t + \Delta t \bar{u}_i^n$$

Adding these two: $\frac{1}{2}(u_{i+1}^n + u_{i-1}^n) + 2 \Delta t \bar{u}_i^n \leq 1 + \Delta t + \Delta t \bar{u}_i^n$

Divide by $1 + \Delta t + \Delta t \bar{u}_i^n$: $\frac{\frac{1}{2}(u_{i+1}^n + u_{i-1}^n) + 2 \Delta t \bar{u}_i^n}{1 + \Delta t + \Delta t \bar{u}_i^n} \leq 1$

$$= u_i^{n+1} \Rightarrow \text{it holds for } n+1 \quad \text{S}$$

By induction: $0 \leq u_i^0 \leq 1 \Rightarrow 0 \leq u_i^n \leq 1$ for all $n \geq 1$, for all i



(many other examples can be found in the extra files)

*Splitting methods [1]

First order splitting:

Consider the linear homogeneous ODE system:

$$\begin{cases} \vec{w}'(t) = A \vec{w}(t), & t > 0 \\ \vec{w}(0) = \vec{w}_0 \end{cases}$$

"Lie-Trotter splitting"

(or "sequential splitting")

(for example, after semi-discretization of a linear PDE)

Assume: $A = A_1 + A_2$

The exact solution on $t^n < t < t^{n+1}$ satisfies: $\vec{w}(t^{n+1}) = e^{\tau A} \vec{w}(t^n)$
with $\tau \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Delta t$ (the time step)

Approximation: not applying A , but A_1 and A_2 separately:

$$\vec{w}^{n+1} = e^{\tau A_2} e^{\tau A_1} \vec{w}^n$$

with $\vec{w}^n \approx \vec{w}(t^n)$

Solve two subproblems: first $\begin{cases} \frac{d\vec{w}^*}{dt}(t) = A_1 \vec{w}^*(t) \\ \vec{w}^*(t^n) = \vec{w}^n \end{cases}$ on $t^n < t < t^{n+1}$

and then $\begin{cases} \frac{d\vec{w}^{**}}{dt}(t) = A_2 \vec{w}^{**}(t) \\ \vec{w}^{**}(t^n) = \vec{w}^*(t^{n+1}) \end{cases}$ and finally set: $\vec{w}^{n+1} = \vec{w}^{**}(t^{n+1})$

*Splitting methods [4]

Baker-Campbell-Hausdorff formula: (solution z of equation $e^X e^Y = e^z$)

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z(X, Y) &= \log(\exp X \exp Y) \\
 &= X + Y + \frac{1}{2} [X, Y] + \frac{1}{12} ([X, [X, Y]] + [Y, [Y, X]]) \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{24} [Y, [X, [X, Y]]] \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{720} ([Y, [Y, [Y, [Y, X]]]] + [X, [X, [X, [X, Y]]]]) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{360} ([X, [Y, [Y, [Y, X]]]] + [Y, [X, [X, [X, Y]]]]) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{120} ([Y, [X, [Y, [X, Y]]]] + [X, [Y, [X, [Y, X]]]]) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{240} ([X, [Y, [X, [Y, [X, Y]]]]) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{720} ([X, [Y, [X, [X, [X, Y]]]] - [X, [X, [Y, [Y, [X, Y]]]]) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{1440} ([X, [Y, [Y, [Y, [X, Y]]]] - [X, [X, [Y, [X, [X, Y]]]]) + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

*Splitting methods [5]

The first, second, third, and fourth order terms are:

$$z_1 = X + Y$$

$$z_2 = \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{(XY - YX)}_{= [X, Y]}$$

$$z_3 = \frac{1}{12} \underbrace{(X^2Y + XY^2 - 2XYX + Y^2X + YX^2 - 2YXY)}_{= [X, [X, Y]] + [Y, [Y, X]]}$$

$$z_4 = \frac{1}{24} \underbrace{(X^2Y^2 - 2XYXY - Y^2X^2 + 2YXYX)}_{= -[Y, [X, [X, Y]]]}$$

et cetera!

*Splitting methods [8]; nonlinear case

$$W^{**}(t_n) = W(t_{n+1})$$

$$W_{\text{nth}} = W^{**}(t_{n+1}) \approx W(t_{n+1})$$

"exact" for $w_n = W(t_n) \Rightarrow \mathcal{P} = 1 + \tau \left(\frac{\partial F_1}{\partial W} F_2 - \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial W} F_1 \right) (t_n, w(t_n)) + O(\tau^2)$

consistency order of 1

It can be derived from Taylor expansions of $w^*(t_{n+1})$ and $w^{**}(t_{n+1})$ around $t = t_n$.

if $\frac{\partial F_1}{\partial W} F_2 = \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial W} F_1$, then $\text{LTE} = O(\tau^2)$

*Splitting methods [10]; nonlinear case

Assume two-term splitting: $f(u) = f_1(u) + f_2(u)$

and $\begin{cases} u_t = f_1(u) \leftrightarrow S_{1,\tau} & \text{(solution operator of 1st part)} \\ u_t = f_2(u) \leftrightarrow S_{2,\tau} & \text{(solution operator of 2nd part)} \end{cases}$

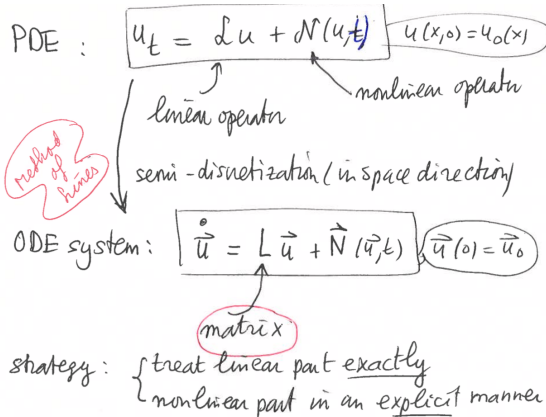
basic splitting method " $W_{n+1} = e^{\tau A_2} e^{\tau A_1} W_n$ "

is now formulated as:

$$u_{n+1} = S_{2,\tau} (S_{1,\tau} (u_n))$$

with $u_n \approx u(t_n)$

*Exponential integration [1]



*Exponential integration [5]

Lemma: the exact solution of

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\vec{u}}(t) = L\vec{u}(t) + \vec{N}(\vec{u}(t)) \\ \vec{u}(0) = \vec{u}_0 \end{cases}$$

has the expansion $\vec{u}(t) = e^{tL}\vec{u}_0 + \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} t^l \varphi_l(tL) \vec{N}^{(l-1)}(\vec{u}_0)$

where $\varphi_l(z) = \frac{1}{(l-1)!} \int_0^1 e^{(1-\theta)z} \theta^{l-1} d\theta$ (*)

(alternative?)

Lawson-Eula scheme: $\vec{u}_{n+1} = e^{\tau L} \vec{u}_n + \tau e^{\tau L} \vec{N}(\vec{u}_n, t_n)$
 (1967) "the integrator factor method"

Outlook

- ⤴ Exercises 7
- ⤴ Check computer exercise C1B!!
- ☹ C2A (April) and C2B (May \Leftrightarrow guest lecture)
- ⚡ Next lecture: fractional PDEs and boundary-value methods