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## 1 General Framework

- *Domain of dependence*: physical/numerical.
- $u_t = \mathcal{L}u$  with IC and periodic BC on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ .  $\mathcal{L}: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ .
- Discretized to  $N$ -dimensional space  $\mathcal{B}_N$ , with projection operator  $\mathcal{P}_N$ .
- *Numerical solution*:  $u_N \in \mathcal{B}_N$  solves

$$\frac{\partial u_N}{\partial t} = \mathcal{P}_N \mathcal{L} u_N, \quad u_N(0) = \mathcal{P}_N u_0.$$

- *Convergence*:

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \|u_N(t) - \mathcal{P}_N u(t)\| = 0 \quad (0 \leq t \leq T).$$

- *Accuracy*:

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \|\mathcal{P}_N \mathcal{L}(\text{Id} - \mathcal{P}_N)u(t)\| = 0 \quad (0 \leq t \leq T).$$

- *Stability*:

$$\|\exp(\mathcal{P}_N \mathcal{L} \mathcal{P}_N t)\| \leq K \quad (0 \leq t \leq T).$$

- *Lax Equivalence Theorem (semidiscrete)*: If the above IVP is well-posed and the scheme is stable and accurate, then it converges.

Look at evolution of the error:  $e_N = u_N - \mathcal{P}_N u$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} e_N = \mathcal{P}_N \mathcal{L} \mathcal{P}_N e_N - \mathcal{P}_N \mathcal{L}(\text{Id} - \mathcal{P}_N)u$$

Integrate as ODE, estimates using accuracy and stability.

- *Order of convergence*: Equal to order of accuracy.

## 2 Well-Posedness

- *Solution operator*  $S(t, t_0)$ :
  - Semigroup property,
  - $S(t_0, t_0) = \text{Id}$ ,
  - $\|S(t, t_0)\| \leq K e^{\alpha(t-t_0)}$ .
- *Evolution Equation*:

$$u_t = \mathcal{P} \left( x, t, \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) u(x, t), \quad u(x, 0) = u_0(x)$$

with  $\mathcal{P}$  a polynomial of degree  $r$ . (use multi-indices in  $n$ -d)

- *Autonomous* if  $\mathcal{P}$  does not depend on  $t$ . Then  $S(t, t_0) = S(t - t_0)$ .
- *Well-posed*: The above IVP is weakly well-posed (of order  $p$ , with  $p \leq r$ ) if for every  $f \in C_0^r$  and all  $T_0 > 0$  there is a unique solution  $u(x, t)$  satisfying

$$\|u(t)\| \leq C e^{\alpha t} \|f\|_p, \quad (0 \leq t \leq T_0).$$

If  $p=0$ , then *well-posed*.  $\|\cdot\|_p$  is the Sobolev norm

$$\|u\|_p := \sum_{|\alpha| \leq p} \|\partial^\alpha u\|_{L^2} \sim \int (1 + |\omega|^p)^2 |\hat{f}(\omega)|^2 d\omega.$$

- Well-posedness allows *defining* solutions by approximation.
- *Proving well-posedness:*
  - *Constant coefficients:*
    - Diagonalize systems, treat each equation separately if possible.
    - Fourier on Jordan block: try to turn into single derivative (multiply by  $e^{\pm i\omega t}$ ?)  
True Jordan blocks become weakly well-posed.
    - Unbounded eigenvalues of symbol  $\Rightarrow$  not well-posed.
    - Small perturbations of a weakly well-posed symbol can make that PDE not well-posed
  - *Several  $t$ -derivatives:* make it a system.
  - *Non-constant coefficients:*
    - Get an energy estimate: Multiply the equation by  $u$ , consider  $d/dt E(t)$ , use equation, integrate by parts to put derivatives *only* on coefficient.

## 2.1 Lower Order Perturbations

- *Duhamel Principle:*  $u_t = \mathcal{P}(x, t, \partial_x)u + F(x, t)$  also has a solution, namely

$$u(x, t) = S(t, 0)u_0(x) + \int_0^t S(t, \tau)F(x, \tau)d\tau.$$

Proof: Differentiate solution.

- *Perturbed problems are well-posed:*  $v_t = \mathcal{P}(x, t, \partial_x)v$  strongly well-posed.

$$u_t = \mathcal{P}(x, t, \partial_x)u + \mathcal{B}(x, t)u, \quad u(x, 0) = f(x)$$

has solution for  $f \in C^\infty$ .  $\sup_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \|\mathcal{B}(x, \tau)u(\tau)\| \leq b_0\|u(t)\| \Rightarrow$  strongly well-posedness.

(Proof: examine  $y := e^{-\beta t}u(x, t)$  for  $\beta \geq 0$ , write down evolution, Duhamel that)

## 3 Convergence, Stability and Accuracy

Assume  $\Delta x = h_i(\Delta t)$ .  $\|\cdot\|_N$  is discrete  $L^2$ .

- *Abstract FD scheme:*  $V^n$  a vector of point evaluations,  $E_k$  is the shift operator in the  $k$ th dimension.

$$B_0(E_1, \dots, E_s)V_\alpha^{n+1} = B_1(E_1, \dots, E_s)V_\alpha^n.$$

*Explicit* iff  $B_0 = \text{Id}$ .

- $V^{n+1} = C(\Delta t, \Delta x, \bar{x}, t)V^n$ .
- $Q_{\Delta x}$  projection onto the point evaluation space.
- If, like in Leapfrog, we have dependency on two previous time steps: Interpret  $V$  as a vector of  $(V^n, V^{n-1})^T$ .
- *Accuracy:* Schme  $C(\Delta t)$  is accurate of degree  $q_1$  in space and  $q_2$  in time:  $\Leftrightarrow$

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{\Delta t} \| [C(\Delta t)Q_{\Delta x} - Q_{\Delta x}S(\Delta t)]u(x, t) \|_N}_{\text{truncation error}} \leq K(t)(|\Delta x|^{q_1} + \Delta t^{q_2}).$$

- *Convergence:* For arbitrary  $t$  and  $n\Delta t = t$ ,

$$\lim_{\Delta t \downarrow 0, \Delta x \downarrow 0} \| \{ C^n(\Delta t)Q_{\Delta x} - Q_{\Delta x}S^n(\Delta t) \} f(x) \|_N = 0.$$

- *Stability:* For all  $n, \Delta t$ ,

$$|C(\Delta t)^n| \leq K e^{\alpha n \Delta t}.$$

- The difference between accuracy and convergence (which is stability) is a promise about what happens if I shrink the timestep a lot.
- *Proving accuracy:* Plug true solution into the above.
- *Lax Equivalence Theorem:*  $\exists$  classical solution, scheme stable  $\Rightarrow$  order of convergence = order of accuracy, in both space and time.  
Proof: Write error evolution  $\varepsilon^{n+1} = C(\Delta t)\varepsilon^n + \delta_n$ , write  $\varepsilon^n = \sum_k C(\Delta t)^{n-k-1} \delta_k$ , estimate that using stability and accuracy.  
Can be generalized even if the IC is only in  $L^2$  by approximation.
- *Kreiss Perturbation Theorem:*  $V^{n+1} = C(\Delta t)V^n$  stable,  $|D(\Delta t)|$  bounded  $\Rightarrow$  perturbed scheme  $V^{n+1} = \{C(\Delta t) + \Delta t D(\Delta t)\}V^n$  stable.  
Proof:  $W^n = e^{-n\Delta t \beta} V^n$ , write down evolution for it, Duhamel that.

## 4 Constant Coefficient Problems

- Depend neither on  $x$  nor  $t$ .

$$\begin{aligned} u_t &= \mathcal{P}(\partial_x)u & u(x, 0) &= f(x), \\ \hat{u}_t &= \mathbb{P}(i\omega)\hat{u} & \hat{u}(\omega, 0) &= \hat{f}(\omega). \end{aligned}$$

$\mathbb{P}(i\omega)$  is called the *symbol* of the PDE.

- *Well-posedness:* Weakly (strongly for  $p=0$ ) w-p  $\Leftrightarrow \exists K, \alpha, p$  independent of  $\omega$ :

$$|e^{\mathbb{P}(i\omega)t}| \leq K(1 + \|\omega\|^p)e^{\alpha t}.$$

Proof: Use Fourier description of Sobolev norm:  $\|(\|\omega\|^p + 1)^2 |\hat{f}(\omega)|^2\|$ .

- $A \leq B$  for two matrices  $A, B$ :  $\Leftrightarrow A - B$  negative definite.
- *Sufficient condition for well-posedness:*

$$\exists \alpha: \mathbb{P}(i\omega) + \mathbb{P}(i\omega)^* \leq \alpha I.$$

Proof:  $\partial/\partial t(\hat{u}, \hat{u}) < \alpha(\hat{u}, \hat{u})$ . (Adjoint-stuff)

- *Sharp criterion for well-posedness:*  $\exists H(\omega)$  hermitian with  $|H(\omega)|, |H^{-1}(\omega)| \leq K$

$$H(\omega)\mathbb{P}(i\omega) + \mathbb{P}(i\omega)^*H(\omega) \leq H(\omega).$$

Proof:  $\partial/\partial t(\hat{u}, H(\omega)\hat{u}) < \alpha(\hat{u}, \hat{u})$ . (Adjoint-stuff)

Remark:  $H^{1/2}$  is a change of variables recovering the sufficient condition.

- *Well-posedness for normal matrices:* If  $\mathbb{P}(i\omega)$  normal, then the IVP is well-posed iff

$$\operatorname{Re} \lambda_j(\omega) \leq \alpha.$$

Proof: Norm coincides with the spectral radius.

- *Last criterion without normality:* You only get equivalence to weak well-posedness.

### 4.1 Hyperbolic Equations

- General form:

$$\begin{aligned} u_t &= \sum_{j=1}^s A_j \partial_{x_j} u, & u(x, 0) &= u_0(x). \\ \mathbb{P}(i\omega) &= \sum_{j=1}^s i A_j \omega_j. \end{aligned}$$

- *Weakly hyperbolic*: purely imaginary eigenvalues.
- *Strongly hyperbolic*:
  - $\exists T(\omega): |T(\omega)|, |T^{-1}(\omega)| \leq K$ ,  $T$  diagonalizes  $\mathbb{P}(i\omega)$
  - purely imaginary eigenvalues.
- *Strictly hyperbolic*: weakly hyperbolic with pairwise distinct eigenvalues.
- *Symmetric hyperbolic*:  $\exists S: S^{-1}A_j S$  symmetric (!)
- strictly  $\Rightarrow$  strongly.
- symmetric  $\Rightarrow$  strongly.
- weakly/strongly hyperbolic  $\Rightarrow$  weakly/strongly well-posed  
Proof: non-normal criterion for weakly, otherwise  $H = T^{-H}T^{-1}$ .
- *Time reversal*: You may invert the sign on the  $A_j$  without affecting strong/weak hyperbolicity.
- *Calculating a symmetrizer*: Grab a diagonalizer for  $A_1$ , multiply by a well-chosen diagonal matrix.

## 5 Stability of Constant Coefficient Schemes

- *Obtaining a stability estimate*: Use Fourier ansatz

$$V_j^n = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{V}^n(k) e^{ik \cdot (j\Delta x)}$$

in the scheme.

- *Parseval's identity, discrete*:

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} |V_j^n|^2 = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{V}^n(k)|^2.$$

- *Amplification matrix*:  $\mathcal{G}(\Delta t, k)$  in

$$\hat{V}^{n+1} = \mathcal{G}(\Delta t, k) \hat{V}^n(k).$$

- *Stability condition*:

$$|\{\mathcal{G}(\Delta t, k)\}^n| \leq K e^{\alpha n \Delta t}.$$

- *Von-Neumann condition*: Scheme stable  $\Rightarrow$

$$\rho[\mathcal{G}(\Delta t, k)] \leq e^{\gamma \Delta t} = 1 + O(\Delta t)$$

VNC is sufficient if

- $\mathcal{G}$  is normal ( $\rho(\cdot) = \|\cdot\|$ )
- or diagonalizable by a bounded and inverse-bounded diagonalizer.

### 5.1 Kreiss Matrix Theorem

- *Stable family of matrices*:  $\exists K \forall G \in \mathcal{F} \forall n \geq 0: |G^n| \leq k$ .
- *Kreiss Matrix Theorem*: Equivalent:
  - $\mathcal{F}$  stable family
  - *Resolvent condition*:  $\exists C \forall \text{complex } |z| > 1$

$$|(A - z \text{Id})^{-1}| \leq \frac{C}{|z| - 1}.$$

- $\forall A \in \mathcal{F} \exists S \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$  bounded, inverse-bounded s.t.  $B = SAS^{-1}$  upper triangular

$$|b_{i,j}| \leq K_S \min \{1 - |b_{i,i}|, 1 - |b_{j,j}|\}$$

- *Energy Condition*:  $\forall A \in \mathcal{F} \exists H \geq 0$  hermitian, bounded, inverse-bounded,

$$A^*HA \leq H.$$

Proof: Neumannsche Reihe,  $H^{1/2}$  is a change of variables for energy condition.

## 5.2 Lax-Wendroff Condition

- *Numerical range* of a matrix  $G$ :

$$\tau(G) = \max_{V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \setminus \{0\}} \frac{\|V^H G V\|}{\|V^2\|}.$$

- $G$  normal  $\Rightarrow \tau(G) = \rho(G)$ .
- *Lax-Wendroff-Theorem*:  $\tau(G) \leq 1 \Rightarrow \exists K: \|G^n\| \leq K$ .  
Proof:  $\|G^n\| \leq \|G^n + (G^H)^n\| + \|G^n - (G^H)^n\|$ .

## 5.3 Dissipative Schemes

- *Scheme dissipative* of order  $2r$ :  $\Leftrightarrow$

$$\rho[\mathcal{G}(\Delta t, k)] \leq 1 - \delta |k \Delta x|^{2r}.$$

# 6 Examples

## 6.1 Transport

- $u_t = a u_x$  ( $a > 0$ ) Analytic solution:  $u(x, t) = f(x + at)$ .  
(Left shift  $\rightarrow$  Wind from right)
  - preserves energy  $\int u^2$
  - preserves “mass”  $\int |u|$  (chop up integral at sign changes)
- *CFL number*: (Courant, Friedrichs, Lewy)

$$\lambda = a \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x}.$$

- *Scheme 1*:

$$V_j^{n+1} = V_j^n + \frac{\lambda}{2}(V_{j+1}^n - V_{j-1}^n)$$

- (2,1)-accurate (Taylor)
- unstable (Fourier; lin. combination of upwind and downwind scheme)

- *Lax-Friedrichs*:

$$V_j^{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}(V_{j+1}^n + V_{j-1}^n) + \frac{\lambda}{2}(V_{j+1}^n - V_{j-1}^n)$$

- (1,1)-accurate ( $g_k - e^{iakt} = O(\Delta t) + O(\Delta x)$ )
- stable if  $|\lambda| \leq 1$
- $L^2$  error at a given point  $\rightarrow 0$  as  $\Delta t, \Delta x \rightarrow 0$ . (Fourier, Parseval, split tail off Fourier series)
- Dissipates energy:  $E(n+1) \leq E(n)$  (rewrite as  $(1+\lambda)V_{j+1} + (1-\lambda)V_{j-1}$ ).
- Dissipates mass (again, rewrite as  $(1+\lambda)V_{j+1} + (1-\lambda)V_{j-1}$ )

- Dissipative of order 2.

- *Upwind Scheme:*

$$V_j^{n+1} = V_j^n + \lambda(V_{j+1}^n - V_j^n)$$

- (1,1)-accurate
- stable for  $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$   
(Fourier,  $\sin(\xi) = \eta\sqrt{1-\eta^2}$ ,  $\cos(\xi) = 1 - 2\eta^2$ , where  $\eta = \sin(\xi/2)$ )

- *Leap frog scheme:*

$$\frac{V_j^{n+1} - V_j^{n-1}}{2\Delta t} = \frac{V_{j+1}^n - V_{j-1}^n}{2\Delta x}.$$

- (2,2)-accurate.
- Stable for  $\lambda^2 < 1$ .
- Not dissipative. (conserves energy)
- *Lax-Wendroff:* Plug PDE into Taylor expansion of  $u(t + \Delta t)$  until all time derivatives are gone. Use centered differences for spatial part.

$$V_j^{n+1} = V_j^n + \frac{\Delta t}{2\Delta x}(V_{j+1}^n - V_{j-1}^n) + \frac{(\Delta t)^2}{2(\Delta x)^2}(V_{j+1}^n - 2V_j^n + V_{j-1}^n)$$

- (2,2)-accurate.
- Dissipative of order 4.
- *Crank-Nicholson:*

$$V_j^{n+1} = V_j^n + \frac{\Delta t}{2\Delta x}(V_{j+1}^{n+1} - V_{j-1}^{n+1} + V_{j+1}^n - V_{j-1}^n)$$

- (2,2)-accurate.

## 6.2 Heat

- $u_t = u_{xx}$ .
- $\lambda = \Delta t / \Delta x^2 \leq 1/2$  for standard centered difference stuff.

## 6.3 Schrödinger

- $u_t = i u_{xx}$ .
- $\mathbb{P}(i\omega) + \mathbb{P}(i\omega)^* = 0 \Rightarrow$  Energy conservation.
- centered differences are unstable.