

§2.7 Stability: Fourier Analysis

IBVP:

$$\begin{cases} u_t = u_{xx} \\ u(0,t) = u(1,t) = 0 \\ u(x,0) = u^0(x) \end{cases}$$

Linear, Const Coef

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Fourier Series

Exact Solution:

$$\begin{cases} u(x,t) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_m e^{-(m\pi)^2 t} \sin(m\pi x) \\ a_m = 2 \int_0^1 u^0(x) \sin(m\pi x) dx \end{cases}$$

at mesh points

$$u(x_j, t_n) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_m e^{-(m\pi)^2 n \Delta t} \sin(m\pi j \Delta x)$$

$$\frac{u_j^{n+1} - u_j^n}{\Delta t} = \frac{u_{j+1}^n - 2u_j^n + u_{j-1}^n}{\Delta x^2}$$

ansatz:

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$$u_j^n = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} b_m (\lambda_m)^n \sin(m\pi j \Delta x)$$

$$\underline{ICs} \Rightarrow u_j^0 = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} b_m \sin(m\pi j \Delta x) = u^0(j \Delta x)$$

$$\Rightarrow b_m = * \quad m=1, \dots, \infty$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\Delta t} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} b_m (\lambda_m - 1) (\lambda_m)^n \sin(m\pi j \Delta x) \\ = \frac{1}{\Delta x^2} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} b_m (\lambda_m)^n \left[\sin(m\pi(j+1)\Delta x) - 2 \sin(m\pi j \Delta x) + \sin(m\pi(j-1)\Delta x) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\Delta t} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} b_m (\lambda_m - 1) (\lambda_m)^n \sin(m\pi j \Delta x) \\ = \frac{1}{\Delta x^2} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} b_m (\lambda_m)^n (2 \cos(m\pi \Delta x) - 2) \sin(m\pi j \Delta x) \end{aligned}$$

Orthogonality:

$$\sum_{j=0}^J \sin(m\pi j \Delta x) \sin(m'\pi j \Delta x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } m \neq m' \\ * & \text{if } m = m' \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\Delta t} b_m (\lambda_m - 1) (\lambda_m)^n = \frac{1}{\Delta x^2} b_m (\lambda_m)^n (2 \cos(m\pi \Delta x) - 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\lambda_m - 1}{\Delta t} = \frac{2}{\Delta x^2} (\cos(m\pi \Delta x) - 1)}$$

m any integer
 $\Delta x, \Delta t$

Simple Way

$$\Lambda_j^n = \lambda^n e^{im\pi j \Delta x} \quad (m \text{ any integer})$$

Amplification λ_m or λ

$$|\lambda_m| \leq 1$$

$$\lambda = 1 + \frac{2\Delta t}{\Delta x^2} [\cos(m\pi \Delta x) - 1]$$

$$= 1 - \frac{4\Delta t}{\Delta x^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{m\pi \Delta x}{2}\right)$$

$$|\lambda| \leq 1 \Rightarrow -1 \leq \lambda \leq 1$$

$$-1 \leq 1 - \frac{4\Delta t}{\Delta x^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{m\pi \Delta x}{2}\right) \leq 1$$

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$$\Rightarrow \frac{4\Delta t}{\Delta x^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{m\pi\Delta x}{2}\right) \leq 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x^2} \leq \frac{1}{2} \quad (\text{CFL Condition})$$

(Courant-Friedrichs-Lewy)

Conclusion If $\frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x^2} \leq \frac{1}{2}$, the solution of the numerical scheme will remain bounded as $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ and $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$, i.e.

$$|U_j^n| \leq \text{Const. for } 0 \leq j \leq J$$

as $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$, $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$ and $N \cdot \Delta t \leq t_f$