

**Stability, Convergence and consistency:**

After presented, how to approximate the derivatives that including in P.D.E. to generate the finite difference schemes for its numerical solution? Should be discussing the follow;

- Verity that these schemes are good approximation to the P.D.E. (consistent).
- Verify that the schemes are stable or no.
- Show that the numerical solution converges to the solution of P.D.E.

Let us to define

$$F_{h,k}(U) = b \dots\dots\dots(43)$$

Is a finite scheme and,

$$F u = b \dots\dots\dots(45)$$

is a partial differential equation. Now we need to light up some definition related to the property of finite difference schemes, as follows;

**Definition:** we say that a finite difference scheme (43) is consistent with P.D.E.(45) of order  $(k, h)$  , if for any smooth function

$$Fu - F_{k,h}U = O(k^r, h^s) \dots\dots\dots(46)$$

To verify consistency expand  $u$  in Taylor series and make sure equation (46) holds.

**Example:** If  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + cu$  approximate by explicit finite difference method, then

(1) show that the finite difference equation given as

$$u_i^{n+1} = (1 + crh^2 + r^2 \delta_x^2)u_i^n$$

, where  $r = \frac{k}{h^2}$ , in which  $k = \Delta t$  and  $h = \Delta x$

(2) Show that difference equation and P.D.E. are consistent with the truncation error

$$TE = \frac{k}{2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - \frac{h^2}{12} \frac{\partial^4 u}{\partial x^4} + \dots\dots\dots = O(k, h^2)$$

**Solution:** using forward finite difference approximation (15) for the first order time derivative, and central finite difference approximation(18)for the second order spatial derivative, finite difference equation so obtained is

$$\frac{u_{i+1}^{n+1} - u_i^n}{\Delta t} = \frac{u_{i+1}^n - 2u_i^n + u_{i-1}^n}{(\Delta x)^2} + cu_i^n \dots\dots\dots(43)$$

Rearrangement this equation, we have

$$u_i^{n+1} = u_i^n + \frac{\Delta t}{(\Delta x)^2} (u_{i+1}^n - 2u_i^n + u_{i-1}^n) + \Delta t c u_i^n \dots\dots\dots(44)$$

If we put  $r = \frac{\Delta t}{(\Delta x)^2}$  and using the definition of the central difference operator, then the finite difference equation becomes

$$u_i^{n+1} = (1 + cr(\Delta x)^2 + r^2 \delta_x^2) u_i^n$$

Expand each term in equation(44), we obtain

$$u_i^n + \frac{\Delta t}{1!} \frac{\partial u_i^n}{\partial t} + \frac{(\Delta t)^2}{2!} \frac{\partial^2 u_i^n}{\partial t^2} + \frac{(\Delta t)^3}{3!} \frac{\partial^3 u_i^n}{\partial t^3} + \dots\dots\dots =$$

$$u_i^n + r(u_i^n + \frac{\Delta x}{1!} \frac{\partial u_i^n}{\partial x} + \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{2!} \frac{\partial^2 u_i^n}{\partial x^2} + \frac{(\Delta x)^3}{3!} \frac{\partial^3 u_i^n}{\partial x^3} + \dots\dots\dots$$

$$- 2u_i^n + u_i^n - \frac{\Delta x}{1!} \frac{\partial u_i^n}{\partial x} + \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{2!} \frac{\partial^2 u_i^n}{\partial x^2} - \frac{(\Delta x)^3}{3!} \frac{\partial^3 u_i^n}{\partial x^3} + \dots\dots\dots) + cr(\Delta x)^2 u_i^n$$

Rearrangement this equation to obtain

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - cu + \frac{(\Delta t)}{2} \frac{\partial^2 u_i^n}{\partial t^2} - \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{12} \frac{\partial^4 u_i^n}{\partial x^4} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - cu + TE = 0 \quad , \text{where} \quad TE = \frac{(\Delta t)}{2!} \frac{\partial^2 u_i^n}{\partial t^2} - \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{12} \frac{\partial^4 u_i^n}{\partial x^4} + \dots\dots\dots$$

This equation of order  $O(k, h^2)$ .

**Exercise 7:** Approximation P.D.E. in above example by implicit finite difference method, then find its order of error

**Definition:** For a function  $v = (\dots\dots\dots, v_{-2}, v_{-1}, v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots\dots\dots)$  on the grid with step size  $\Delta x$ :

$$\text{norm } v = \|v\| = \left[ \Delta x \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} |v_m|^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

And for a function  $f$  on the real time

$$\text{norm } f = \|f\| = \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |f(x)|^2 dx \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

**Definition:** a finite one-step difference scheme (43) for a first order P.D.E. is stable if there exist number  $k_0 > 0$  and  $h_0 > 0$  such that for any for any  $T > 0$  there exist a constant  $C_T$  such that

$$\|v^n\| \leq C_T \|v^0\| \quad , \text{For} \quad 0 < nk \leq T, 0 < h \leq h_0, 0 < k \leq k_0$$

**Definition:** The initial value problem for the first order P.D.E. is well-posed, if for any time  $T \geq 0$ , there exist  $C_T$  such that any solution  $u(x, t)$  satisfies

$$\|u(x, t)\| \leq C_T \|u(x, 0)\| \quad \text{for} \quad 0 \leq t \leq T$$

**Definition:** A one-step finite difference scheme approximating a P.D.E. is

convergent if for any solution to the P.D.E.,  $u(x,t)$  is approach to numerical solution  $u(nh, mk)$  as  $h, k \rightarrow 0$

**Note:** A consistent finite difference scheme for a P.D.E. for which the initial value problem well posed is convergent if it is stable.

**Definition:** Fourier transformation and inversion formula for  $u$  defined in region  $\mathfrak{R}$  given as;

$$\hat{u}(p) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ipx} u(x) dx ;$$

$$u(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ipx} \hat{u}(p) dp$$

For a grid function  $v = (\dots, v_{-2}, v_{-1}, v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots)$  with grid spacing  $\Delta x$

$$\hat{u}(\xi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-imh\xi} u_m \Delta x ;$$

$$u_m = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\pi/h}^{\pi/h} e^{-ipx} \hat{u}(\xi) d\xi$$

From the Parseval condition

$$\begin{aligned} \|u(x)\| &= \|\hat{u}(p)\|, & \text{where } \|\hat{u}(\xi)\|^2 &= \int_{-\pi/h}^{\pi/h} |\hat{u}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \\ \|\hat{u}(\xi)\| &= \|u_m\| \end{aligned}$$

**Convergent:**

The system of algebraic equations that is resulting from recurrence relation of finite difference schemes, written as

$$\bar{u}^{n+1} = M\bar{u}^n + \bar{c} \dots \dots \dots (45)$$

Let  $\hat{u}^n$  be the solution of the finite difference system (45) with a perturbed initial conditions;

$$\hat{u}^{n+1} = M\hat{u}^n + \bar{c} \dots \dots \dots (46)$$

Let  $\varepsilon = \bar{u}^n - \hat{u}^n$

From (45) and(46) ,we have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{u}^{(n+1)} - \hat{u}^{(n+1)} &= M(\bar{u}^{(n)} - \hat{u}^{(n)}) \\ \Rightarrow \bar{\varepsilon}^{(n+1)} &= M\bar{\varepsilon}^{(n)} \Rightarrow \bar{\varepsilon}^{(n)} = M^{(n)}\bar{\varepsilon}^{(0)} \dots \dots \dots (47) \end{aligned}$$

If  $M^n \rightarrow 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $\bar{\varepsilon}^{(n)} \rightarrow 0$  (i.e. the system is convergent).

**Definition:** if  $M^n \rightarrow 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $M$  is convergent.

**Definition:** Spectrum radius  $\rho(M) = \max_i |\lambda_i|$ , where  $\lambda_i$  are the eigenvalues of the matrix  $M$ .

**Theorem:** If  $M$  is the matrix coefficients and  $\rho(M)$  is spectrum radius, then  $\|M\| \geq \rho(M)$ .

Proof : Suppose  $\rho(M) = \max_i |\lambda_i| = \lambda_1$ , then

$$M\bar{u} = \lambda_1\bar{u} \Rightarrow \|M\bar{u}\| = \|\lambda_1\bar{u}\|, \quad \|\bar{u}\| \neq 0$$

$$\|M\bar{u}\| = |\lambda_1| \|\bar{u}\| \dots\dots\dots(48)$$

Also,  $\|M\bar{u}\| \leq \|M\| \|\bar{u}\| \dots\dots\dots(49)$

From equations (48)&(49), we get:

$$\|M\| \|\bar{u}\| \geq |\lambda_1| \|\bar{u}\|$$

Since  $\|\bar{u}\| \neq 0 \Rightarrow \|\bar{u}\| > 0$ , this implies that

$$\|M\| \geq |\lambda_1| = \rho(M) \quad \blacksquare$$

**Theorem:** If  $\|M\| < 1$ , then  $M$  is convergent.

Proof:

$$\|M^{(n)}\| = \|MM^{(n-1)}\|$$

$$\|MM^{(n-1)}\| \leq \|M\| \|M^{(n-1)}\|, \quad \text{Prove that!}$$

From these relations, we get

$$\|M^{(n)}\| \leq \|M\| \|M^{(n-1)}\|$$

If  $\|M\| < 1$ , then  $\|M\|^{(n)} \rightarrow 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , this implies that

$M \rightarrow 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , from the previous definition, we have  
 $M$  is convergent ■

**Corollary:** If  $\|M\| < 1$  for any norm then the iterative process for  
 $\hat{u}^{n+1} = M\hat{u}^n$  will converge for every  $u^{(0)}$ .

**Note:** it is possible that for some norm that  $\|M\| > 1$ , but  $M$  is still convergent.

**Theorem:** If  $\rho(M) \geq 1$ , then  $M$  is not convergent.

Proof:

Suppose  $\rho(M) = \max_i |\lambda_i| = \lambda_1$ , then

$$M\bar{u} = \lambda_1 \bar{u}, \text{ where } \lambda_1 \geq 0, \bar{u} \neq 0$$

From(47\*\*\*), we have

$$\bar{\varepsilon}^{(n)} = M^{(n)} \bar{\varepsilon}^{(0)}$$

Let  $\bar{u} = \bar{\varepsilon}^{(0)}$ , then

$$\bar{\varepsilon}^{(1)} = M\bar{\varepsilon}^{(0)} = M\bar{u} = \lambda_1 \bar{u}$$

$$\bar{\varepsilon}^{(n)} = M^{(n)} \bar{u} = \lambda_1^{(n)} \bar{u}$$

Since  $\lambda_1 \geq 0, \bar{u} \neq 0$ , then

$$\|\bar{\varepsilon}^{(n)}\| = |\lambda_1|^{(n)} \|\bar{u}\|, \text{ dose not approach to zero, as } n \rightarrow \infty, \text{ thus}$$

$M$  is not convergent ■

**Theorem:** Necessary and sufficient condition for  $M \neq 0$  be convergent iff  
 $\rho(M) < 1$ .