

Generalization: θ -method

$$\vec{u}_{j+1} = \vec{u}_j + \theta \cdot \lambda \Delta \vec{u}_j + (1-\theta) \lambda \Delta \vec{u}_{j+1} + \vec{f}_j$$

$$\left[1 - (1-\theta)\lambda \Delta \right] \vec{u}_{j+1} = \left[1 + \theta\lambda \Delta \right] \vec{u}_j + \vec{f}_j$$

explicit when $\theta = 1$. Backward Euler, $\theta = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} z & \left[-(1-\theta)\lambda e^{-\tau r h} - (1-\theta)\lambda e^{\tau r h} \left[1 + 2(1-\theta)\lambda \right] \right] e^{\tau r x_i} \\ & = \left[\theta \lambda (e^{-\tau r h} + e^{\tau r h}) + [1 - 2\theta \lambda] \right] e^{\tau r x_i} \end{aligned}$$

$$z = \frac{1 - 4\theta \lambda \sin^2\left(\frac{r h}{2}\right)}{1 + 4(1-\theta)\lambda \sin^2\left(\frac{r h}{2}\right)}$$

Want $-1 \leq z \leq 1$ for stability

But $q \leq 1$ always (top ≤ 1 , bottom ≥ 1)

$$-1 \leq \frac{1 - 4\theta \lambda \sinh^2(rh/2)}{1 + 4(1-\theta)\lambda \sinh^2(rh/2)}$$

$$-1 - 4(1-\theta)\lambda \sinh^2(rh/2) \leq 1 - 4\theta \lambda \sinh^2(rh/2)$$

$$4\lambda \sinh^2\left(\frac{rh}{2}\right) [\theta - (1-\theta)] \leq 2$$

↑
crank up to 1

$$\lambda [2\theta - 1] \leq \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

If $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{1}{2}$ $\lambda [2\theta - 1] \leq 0$, so
always satisfied.

Exercise: All these methods are $O(k) + O(h^2)$.

But in fact for $\theta = \frac{1}{2}$ is $O(k^2) + O(h^2)$

↳ Crank Nicholson

Explicit: If $\frac{k}{h^2} \geq \frac{1}{2}$, no guarantee

$$\theta > 1$$

If $\frac{k}{h^2} \leq \frac{1}{2}$, error is $O(k) + O(h^2)$

$\theta < \frac{1}{2}$ Error is $O(k) + O(h^2)$

Still require $k \sim h^2$ to keep

error from time discretization dominating that from space. constant for \sim depends on θ , improves as $\theta \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$.

$\theta = \frac{1}{2}$ Error is $O(k^2) + O(h^2)$

Now need $k \sim h$

to keep time discretization from dominating.

Convergence of θ methods (first pass)

Based on maximum principle ($u_{0,j} = 0, u_{N+1,j} = 0$)

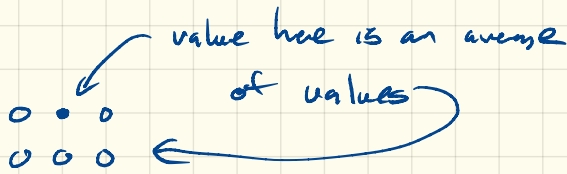
$$(1 + 2\lambda(1-\theta)) u_{i,j} = \lambda(1-\theta) [u_{i-1,j+1} + u_{i+1,j+1}] \\ + \lambda\theta [u_{i-1,j} + u_{i+1,j}] \\ + [1 - 2\lambda\theta] u_{i,j}$$

We will assume $1 - 2\lambda\theta \geq 0$ \leftarrow different from $\theta \leq \frac{1}{2}$!
 $\lambda\theta \leq \frac{1}{2}$ ($\theta \geq 0$, always)

Coefficients on RHS are all ≥ 0 , add to

$$2\lambda(1-\theta) + 2\lambda\theta + 1 - 2\lambda\theta \\ = 2\lambda - 2\lambda\theta + 2\lambda\theta + 1 - 2\lambda\theta \\ = 1 + 2\lambda - 2\lambda\theta \\ = 1 + 2\lambda(1-\theta)$$

which is the coeff on the left.



So value at an interior point can't beat its neighbors.

So max/min occur on 

Now: Supposing $\lambda\theta < \frac{1}{2}$ we prove convergence.

$E_{i,j} = U_{i,j} - u(x_i, t_j)$ as in convergence proof for forward Euler.

$$\begin{aligned} [1 + 2\lambda(1-\theta)] E_{i,j+1} &= \lambda(1-\theta) [E_{i-1,j+1} + E_{i+1,j+1}] \\ &\quad + \lambda\theta [E_{i-1,j} + E_{i+1,j}] \\ &\quad + [1 - 2\lambda\theta] E_{i,j} - k\tau_{i,j} \end{aligned}$$

$$E_j = \max_i |E_{i,j}|$$

$$(1 + 2\lambda(1-\theta)) E_{j+1} \leq 2\lambda(1-\theta) E_{j+1}$$

$$+ 2\lambda\theta E_j + (1 - 2\lambda\theta) E_j + k|\tau|$$

So

$$E_{j+1} \leq E_j + k |\tau|$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_j &\leq E_0 + Mk |\tau| \\ &= E_0 + T |\tau| \end{aligned}$$

So, so long as $|\tau| \rightarrow 0$

$\max_j E_j \rightarrow 0$ also and we have

convergence.

$$x_j^{(n)}, t_j^{(n)} \rightarrow (x, t)$$

$$U_{i,j}^{(n)} \rightarrow u(x, t)$$

$$\max_{i,j} |U_{i,j} - u(x_i, t_j)| \rightarrow 0$$

(kind of ϵ - δ convergence)

This gives convergence in case

$$\lambda\theta \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{k}{h^2} \theta \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

↑ progressively weaker condition as $\theta \rightarrow 0$.

(Arbitrary step size for $\theta = 0$!)

If you let me choose how I measure error I can get convergence in case $\theta \leq 1/2$.

$$[I - (1-\theta)\lambda D] \vec{u}_{j+1} = [I + \theta\lambda D] \vec{u}_j + \vec{f}_j$$

$$B \vec{u}_{j+1} = A \vec{u}_j + \vec{f}$$

Eigenvalues of D are negative, so those of

$$-(1-\theta)\lambda D \quad \text{are } \geq 0.$$

So those of $\underbrace{I - (1-\theta)\lambda D}_B$ are > 0 .

So no kernel!