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Computational Fluid Dynamics

Numerical Methods for Model Equations

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Model Equations

- Here, we will study various methods for solving the followings:

- **First order linear wave equation:** $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + a \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (a > 0)$

- **Transient Diffusion:** $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \alpha \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 0 \quad (\alpha > 0)$

- **Laplace Equation:** $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$

- **Burger's Inviscid Equation:** $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0$

- **Burger's Viscous Equation:** $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \mu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$

Linear Wave Equation

- We will study the following methods:
 - Euler explicit method
 - First order upwind method
 - Lax method
 - Euler implicit method
 - Leap frog method
 - Lax-Wendroff method (single step and 2-step)
 - Mac-Cormack method
 - 2nd order upwind method (Warming-Beam)
 - Trapezoidal method
 - Runge-Kutta method

Diffusion Equation

- We will study the following methods:
 - Simple explicit method
 - Simple implicit method
 - Crank-Nicholson method
 - Dufort-Frankel method
 - θ -methods
 - Keller-Box method
 - ADI method

Inviscid Burger Equation

- We will study the following methods:
 - Lax method
 - Lax-Wendroff method
 - Mac-Cormack method
 - Warming-Kutler-Lomax method
 - Beam-Warming method

Linear Wave Equation

Euler Explicit Method

- The method is ($c > 0$)

$\frac{u_i^{n+1} - u_i^n}{\Delta t} + c \frac{u_{i+1}^n - u_i^n}{\Delta x} = 0$	1st order in t and x
$\frac{u_i^{n+1} - u_i^n}{\Delta t} + c \frac{u_{i+1}^n - u_{i-1}^n}{2\Delta x} = 0$	1st order in t and 2nd order in x

- It is unconditionally unstable.

First Order Upwind Method

- The method is

$$\frac{u_i^{n+1} - u_i^n}{\Delta t} + c \frac{u_i^n - u_{i-1}^n}{\Delta x} = 0 \quad c > 0$$
$$\frac{u_i^{n+1} - u_i^n}{\Delta t} + c \frac{u_i^n - u_{i+1}^n}{\Delta x} = 0 \quad c < 0$$

- Or in general,

$$u_i^{n+1} = u_i^n - \overbrace{\frac{c \Delta t}{2 \Delta x} (u_{i+1}^n - u_{i-1}^n)}^{\text{central difference}} + \overbrace{\frac{|c| \Delta t}{2 \Delta x} (u_{i+1}^n - 2u_i^n + u_{i-1}^n)}^{\text{Artificial viscosity}}$$

- The method is stable provided that

$$0 \leq \nu = \frac{c \Delta t}{\Delta x} \leq 1$$

- Remember that its modified equation is

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + c \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{c \Delta x}{2} (1 - \nu) u_{xx} - \frac{c \Delta x^2}{6} (2\nu^2 - 3\nu + 1) u_{xxx} + O[\Delta x^3, \Delta x^2 \Delta t, \Delta x \Delta t^2, \Delta t^3]$$

First Order Upwind Method...

- The amplification factor and phase angle are:

$$G = (1 - \nu - \nu \cos \beta) - i(\nu \sin \beta) = |G| \exp(i\phi)$$
$$\phi = \tan^{-1} \frac{\text{Im}(G)}{\text{Re}(G)} = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{-\nu \sin \beta}{1 - \nu - \nu \cos \beta} \right)$$

- The exact solution for the problem is $u = \exp[i\kappa_m(x - ct)]$, thus

$$G \equiv \frac{u(t + \Delta t)}{u(t)} = \frac{\exp\{i\kappa_m[x - c(t + \Delta t)]\}}{\exp\{i\kappa_m[x - ct]\}} = \exp(-i\kappa_m c \Delta t) \equiv \exp(i\phi_e)$$
$$|G_e| = 1 \quad \phi_e = -\kappa_m c \Delta t = -\beta\nu$$

- This means that

- If the initial wave amplitude is A_0 , then after N steps the total dissipation error is given by $(1 - |G|^N)A_0$
- The total dispersion (phase) error is given by $N(\phi_e - \phi)$
- Note that after one step, the relative shift error is

$$\frac{\phi}{\phi_e} = \frac{-1}{\beta\nu} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{-\nu \sin \beta}{1 - \nu + \nu \cos \beta} \right)$$

First Order Upwind Method...

- For small wave numbers (small β) we can write

$$\frac{\phi}{\phi_e} \approx 1 - \frac{1}{6}(2\nu^2 - 3\nu + 1)\beta^2$$

- Note that

$$\begin{array}{ll} \frac{\phi}{\phi_e} > 1 & \text{leading phase error} \\ \frac{\phi}{\phi_e} < 1 & \text{lagging phase error} \end{array}$$

- For the upwind method, we get

$$\begin{array}{ll} 0 < \nu < 0.5 & \text{leading phase error} \\ 0.5 < \nu & \text{lagging phase error} \end{array}$$

Lax Method

- The method reads

$$\frac{1}{\Delta t} \left(u_i^{n+1} - \frac{u_{i+1}^n - u_{i-1}^n}{2} \right) + \frac{c}{2\Delta x} (u_{i+1}^n - u_{i-1}^n) = 0$$

- Where

$$G = \cos \beta - i \nu \sin \beta$$
$$\frac{\phi}{\phi_e} = \frac{\tan^{-1}(-\nu \tan \beta)}{-\nu \beta}$$

Euler Implicit Method

- The method reads

$$\frac{1}{\Delta t} (u_i^{n+1} - u_i^n) + \frac{c}{2\Delta x} (u_{i+1}^{n+1} - u_{i-1}^{n+1}) = 0$$

- The method is second order in space and first order in time.
- It is unconditionally stable.
- The modified equation is

$$u_t + cu_x = \left(\frac{c^2 \Delta t}{2} \right) u_{xx} - \left(\frac{c \Delta x^2}{6} + \frac{c^3 \Delta t}{3} \right) u_{xxx} + \dots$$

- The amplification factor and phase error are

$$G = \frac{1 - i\nu \sin \beta}{1 + i\nu^2 \sin^2 \beta}$$
$$\frac{\phi}{\phi_e} = \frac{\tan^{-1}(-\nu \sin \beta)}{-\nu \beta}$$

Leap-Frog Method

- This 2nd order method is

$$\frac{1}{2\Delta t}(u_i^{n+1} - u_i^{n-1}) + \frac{c}{2\Delta x}(u_{i+1}^n - u_{i-1}^n) = 0$$

- It is neutrally stable for $|v| \leq 1$.
- The modified equation shows a predominantly dispersive behavior.

$$u_t + cu_x = \left(\frac{c\Delta x^2}{6}\right)(v^2 - 1)u_{xxx} - \left(\frac{c\Delta x^4}{120}\right)(9v^4 - 10v^2 + 1)u_{xxxx} + \dots$$

- The amplification factor and phase error are

$$G = \pm\sqrt{1 - v^2 \sin^2 \beta} - iv \sin \beta$$
$$\frac{\phi}{\phi_e} = \frac{\tan^{-1}(\mp v \sin \beta / \sqrt{1 - v^2 \sin^2 \beta})}{-v\beta}$$

Lax-Wendroff Method

- The method (2nd order in time and space) is derived from the Taylor expansion in time:

$$u_i^{n+1} = u_i^n - \overbrace{\frac{c \Delta t}{2\Delta x} (u_{i+1}^n - u_{i-1}^n)}^{\text{central difference}} + \overbrace{\frac{c^2 \Delta t^2}{2\Delta x^2} (u_{i+1}^n - 2u_i^n + u_{i-1}^n)}^{\text{Artificial viscosity}}$$

- It is stable for $|v| \leq 1$.
- The modified equation is

$$u_t + cu_x = \left(\frac{c \Delta x^2}{6} \right) (v^2 - 1) u_{xxx} - \left(\frac{c \Delta x^3}{8} \right) v (-v^2 + 1) u_{xxxx} + \dots$$

- The amplification and phase errors are:

$$G = [1 - v^2 (1 - \cos \beta)] - i (v \sin \beta)$$

$$\frac{\phi}{\phi_e} = \frac{\tan^{-1} \left\{ -v \sin \beta / [1 - v^2 (1 - \cos \beta)] \right\}}{-v \beta}$$

- Note that the method has a predominantly lagging phase error except for large wave numbers with $\sqrt{0.5} < v < 1$

Two-step Lax-Wendroff Method

- For nonlinear equations such as the inviscid flow equations, a 2-step variation of the original Lax-Wendroff method can be used:

$$\frac{1}{\Delta t / 2} \left(u_{i+1/2}^{n+1/2} - \frac{u_{i+1}^n + u_i^n}{2} \right) + \frac{c}{\Delta x} (u_{i+1}^n - u_i^n) = 0 \quad (\text{step 1})$$

$$\frac{u_i^{n+1} - u_i^n}{\Delta t} + \frac{c}{\Delta x} (u_{i+1/2}^{n+1/2} - u_{i-1/2}^{n+1/2}) = 0 \quad (\text{step 2})$$

- The scheme is 2nd order in time and space.
- It is stable for $|v| \leq 1$.
- For the linear wave equation, the method becomes exactly like the original Lax-Wendroff equation.

MacCormack Method

- This method is a predictor-corrector type method (1969):

$$\bar{u}_i^{n+1} = u_i^n - \frac{c \Delta t}{\Delta x} (u_{i+1}^n - u_i^n) \quad (\text{predictor})$$

$$u_i^{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \left[u_i^n + \bar{u}_i^{n+1} - \frac{c \Delta t}{\Delta x} (\bar{u}_i^{n+1} - \bar{u}_{i-1}^{n+1}) \right] \quad (\text{corrector})$$

- For the linear wave equation, this method is equivalent to the original Lax-Wendroff method with the same accuracy and stability limit.

2nd Order Upwind Method

- This is also called **Warming and Beam method (1975)**:

$$\bar{u}_i^{n+1} = u_i^n - \frac{c\Delta t}{\Delta x} (u_i^n - u_{i-1}^n) \quad (\text{predictor})$$

$$u_i^{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \left[u_i^n + \bar{u}_i^{n+1} - \frac{c\Delta t}{\Delta x} (\bar{u}_i^{n+1} - \bar{u}_{i-1}^{n+1}) - \frac{c\Delta t}{\Delta x} (u_i^n - 2u_{i-1}^n + u_{i-2}^n) \right] \quad (\text{corrector})$$

- For the linear wave equation, substituting the predictor into the corrector gives:

$$u_i^{n+1} = u_i^n - \nu (u_i^n - u_{i-1}^n) + \frac{\nu(\nu-1)}{2} (u_i^n - 2u_{i-1}^n + u_{i-2}^n)$$

- The modified equation is

$$u_t + cu_x = \left(\frac{c\Delta x^2}{6} \right) (1-\nu)(2-\nu) u_{xxx} - \left(\frac{\Delta x^4}{8\Delta t} \right) \nu(1-\nu)^2(2-\nu) u_{xxxx} + \dots$$

- The stability condition is $0 \leq \nu \leq 2$
- Also

$$G = 1 - 2\nu \left[\nu + 2(1-\nu) \sin^2 \frac{\beta}{2} \right] \sin^2 \frac{\beta}{2} - i(\nu \sin \beta) \left[1 + 2(1-\nu) \sin^2 \frac{\beta}{2} \right]$$

2nd Order Upwind Method..

- Note that

$0 < \nu < 1$	a predominantly leading phase error
$1 < \nu < 2$	a predominantly lagging phase error

- For $0 < \nu < 1$ the phase errors of the 2nd order upwind method and the Lax-Wendroff scheme are opposite. **Fromm's method (1968)** uses this fact to produce a method free of dispersive error.

Trapezoidal Differencing Method

- The method is developed by using Taylor series for time and central differences for spatial derivatives: (time-centered & space-centered)

$$u_i^{n+1} = u_i^n - \frac{V}{4} (u_{i+1}^{n+1} + u_{i+1}^n - u_{i-1}^{n+1} - u_{i-1}^n)$$

- The method is second order in space and time.
- It is also unconditionally stable.
- It's modified equation is:

$$u_t + cu_x = - \left(\frac{c^3 \Delta t^2}{12} + \frac{c \Delta x^2}{6} \right) u_{xxx} - \left(\frac{c \Delta x^4}{120} + \frac{c^3 \Delta t^2 \Delta x^2}{24} + \frac{c^4 \Delta t^4}{80} \right) u_{xxxx} + \dots$$

- Also

$$G = \left(1 - \frac{iV}{2} \sin \beta \right) / \left(1 + \frac{iV}{2} \sin \beta \right)$$

Runge-Kutta Methods

- These methods transform the PDE to an ODE as

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = R(u) \quad \text{where} \quad R(u) = -c \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$$

- A 2nd order Runge-Kutta method becomes:

$$u^{(1)} = u^n + \Delta t R^n \quad (\text{step 1})$$

$$u^{n+1} = u^n + \frac{\Delta t}{2} (R^n + R^{(1)}) \quad (\text{step 2})$$

where

$$R^{(1)} = -c \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)^{(1)} = -c \left[\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)^n + \Delta t \left(\frac{\partial R}{\partial x} \right)^n \right] = -c \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)^n + c^2 \Delta t \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \right)^n$$

- Or simply we have

$$u^{n+1} = u^n + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \left(-2c u_x^n + c^2 \Delta t u_{xx}^n \right)$$

- Using 2nd-order central differences, we obtain the 2nd order Lax-Wendroff scheme.

Runge-Kutta Methods...

- One of the most popular Runge-Kutta method is its 4-step version (2nd order in time and 4th order in space when 2nd order spatial differences are used):

$$u^{(1)} = u^n + \frac{\Delta t}{2} R^n \quad (\text{step 1})$$

$$u^{(2)} = u^n + \frac{\Delta t}{2} R^{(1)} \quad (\text{step 2})$$

$$u^{(3)} = u^n + \Delta t R^{(2)} \quad (\text{step 3})$$

$$u^{n+1} = u^n + \frac{\Delta t}{6} (R^n + 2R^{(1)} + 2R^{(2)} + R^{(3)}) \quad (\text{step 4})$$

Diffusion Equation

Diffusion Equation

- In 1D, we have

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

- This is a **parabolic** equation whose exact solution for an initial condition $u(x,0) = f(x)$ and boundary conditions $u(0,t) = u(1,t) = 0$ is given by

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \exp(-\alpha k_n^2 t) \sin(k_n x)$$

$$\text{where } (k_n = n\pi)$$

$$A_n = 2 \int_0^1 f(x) \sin(k_n x) dx$$

- The exact amplification is

$$G_e = \frac{u(t + \Delta t)}{u(t)} = \exp(-\alpha k_m^2 \Delta t) = \exp(-r\beta^2)$$

Simple Explicit Method

- Using first order in time and second order in space, we get

$$\frac{u_i^{n+1} - u_i^n}{\Delta t} = \alpha \frac{u_{i+1}^n - 2u_i^n + u_{i-1}^n}{\Delta x^2}$$

- The scheme is stable for

$$0 \leq r = \frac{\alpha \Delta t}{\Delta x^2} \leq 1/2$$

- The amplification factor is

$$G = 1 + 2r(\cos \beta - 1)$$

- The modified equation becomes:

$$u_t - \alpha u_{xx} = \left(\frac{-\alpha^2 \Delta t}{2} + \frac{\alpha \Delta x^2}{12} \right) u_{xxxx} + \left(\frac{\alpha^3 \Delta t^2}{3} - \frac{\alpha^2 \Delta t \Delta x^2}{12} + \frac{\alpha \Delta x^4}{360} \right) u_{xxxxx} + \dots$$

Simple Implicit Method

- This method is first order in time and second order in space:

$$\frac{u_i^{n+1} - u_i^n}{\Delta t} = \alpha \frac{u_{i+1}^{n+1} - 2u_i^{n+1} + u_{i-1}^{n+1}}{\Delta x^2}$$

- It is unconditionally stable.
- The modified equation is

$$u_t - \alpha u_{xx} = \left(\frac{\alpha^2 \Delta t}{2} + \frac{\alpha \Delta x^2}{12} \right) u_{xxxx} + \left(\frac{\alpha^3 \Delta t^2}{3} + \frac{\alpha^2 \Delta t \Delta x^2}{12} + \frac{\alpha \Delta x^4}{360} \right) u_{xxxxxx} + \dots$$

- The amplification factor is

$$G = \frac{1}{1 + 2r(1 - \cos \beta)}$$

Crank-Nicolson Method

- The method (1947) reads

$$\frac{u_i^{n+1} - u_i^n}{\Delta t} = \frac{\alpha}{2\Delta x^2} \left[(u_{i+1}^{n+1} - 2u_i^{n+1} + u_{i-1}^{n+1}) + (u_{i+1}^n - 2u_i^n + u_{i-1}^n) \right]$$

- Its modified equation is

$$u_t - \alpha u_{xx} = \left(\frac{\alpha \Delta x^2}{12} \right) u_{xxxx} + \left(\frac{\alpha^3 \Delta t^2}{12} + \frac{\alpha \Delta x^4}{360} \right) u_{xxxxx} + \dots$$

- The amplification factor is

$$G = \frac{1 - r(1 - \cos \beta)}{1 + r(1 - \cos \beta)}$$

Dufort-Frankel Method

- This method is given by ($r = \alpha \Delta t / \Delta x^2$)

$$u_i^{n+1}(1 + 2r) = u_i^{n-1} + 2r(u_{i+1}^n - u_i^{n-1} + u_{i-1}^n)$$

- Remember that the method is not consistent with the diffusion equation if $\Delta t / \Delta x \rightarrow cte$.
- The modified equation becomes

$$u_t - \alpha u_{xx} = \left(\frac{\alpha \Delta x^2}{12} - \frac{\alpha^3 \Delta t^2}{\Delta x^2} \right) u_{xxxx} + \left(\frac{\alpha \Delta x^4}{360} - \frac{\alpha^3 \Delta t^2}{3} + \frac{2\alpha^5 \Delta t^4}{\Delta x^4} \right) u_{xxxxxx} + \dots$$

- Also, the amplification factor is

$$G = \frac{2r \cos \beta \pm \sqrt{1 - 4r^2 \sin^2 \beta}}{1 + 2r}$$

- The method is unconditionally stable (for $r \geq 0$) and can be easily extended to 2D and 3D cases.

θ - Methods

- By combining the formulation of the simple explicit, simple implicit and Crank-Nicolson methods, we obtain

$$\frac{u_i^{n+1} - u_i^n}{\Delta t} = \frac{\alpha}{\Delta x^2} \left[\theta \delta_x^2 u_i^{n+1} + (1-\theta) \delta_x^2 u_i^n \right] \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 1$$

where

$$\delta_x^2 u_i^n = u_i^{n+1} - 2u_i^n + u_{i-1}^n$$

- The method is **2nd** order in time and space except for special cases:

<i>Crank - Nicolson</i> ($\theta=1/2$)	$T.E. = O[\Delta t^2, \Delta x^2]$
$\left(\theta = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\Delta x^2}{12\alpha\Delta t}\right)$	$T.E. = O[\Delta t^2, \Delta x^4]$
$\left(\theta = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\Delta x^2}{12\alpha\Delta t}\right), \frac{\Delta x^2}{\alpha\Delta t} = \sqrt{20}$	$T.E. = O[\Delta t^2, \Delta x^6]$

- Its modified equation is

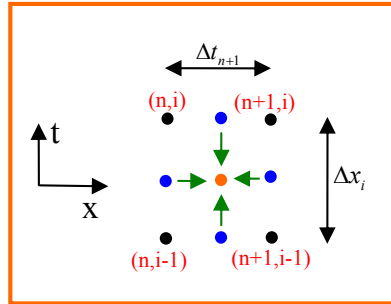
$$u_i - \alpha u_{xx} = \left[\left(\theta - \frac{1}{2}\right) \alpha^2 \Delta t + \frac{\alpha \Delta x^2}{12} \right] u_{xxxx} + \left[\left(\theta^2 - \theta + \frac{1}{3}\right) \alpha^3 \Delta t^2 + \frac{1}{6} \left(\theta - \frac{1}{2}\right) \alpha^2 \Delta t \Delta x^2 + \frac{\alpha \Delta x^4}{360} \right] u_{xxxxx} + \dots$$

- The method is unconditionally stable if $1/2 \leq \theta \leq 1$.
- When $0 \leq \theta \leq 1/2$ the method is stable if $0 \leq r \leq (2 - 4\theta)^{-1}$

Keller-Box Method

- In this method, we split the equation into the followings:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = v \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \alpha \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \end{cases}$$



- Then, the method becomes

$$\frac{u_i^{n+1} - u_{i-1}^{n+1}}{\Delta x_i} = \frac{v_i^{n+1} + v_{i-1}^{n+1}}{2}$$

$$\frac{u_i^{n+1} + u_{i-1}^{n+1}}{\Delta t_{n+1}} = \frac{\alpha}{\Delta x_i} (v_i^{n+1} - v_{i-1}^{n+1}) + \frac{u_i^n + u_{i-1}^n}{\Delta t_{n+1}} + \frac{\alpha}{\Delta x_i} (v_i^n - v_{i-1}^n)$$

- This method is 2nd order in time and space.

ADI Method

- The **A**lternating **D**irection **I**mplicit method consists of two steps:

$$\frac{u_{i,j}^{n+1/2} - u_{i,j}^n}{\Delta t / 2} = \alpha (\bar{\delta}_x^2 u_{i,j}^{n+1/2} + \bar{\delta}_y^2 u_{i,j}^n) \quad (\text{step 1})$$

$$\frac{u_{i,j}^{n+1} - u_{i,j}^{n+1/2}}{\Delta t / 2} = \alpha (\bar{\delta}_x^2 u_{i,j}^{n+1/2} + \bar{\delta}_y^2 u_{i,j}^{n+1}) \quad (\text{step 2})$$

where

$$\bar{\delta}_x^2 = \delta_x^2 / \Delta x^2 \quad \bar{\delta}_y^2 = \delta_y^2 / \Delta y^2$$

- In the first step a tri-diagonal system is solved for each j row and during the 2nd step a tri-diagonal system is solved for each i row of grid points.
- The method is 2nd order in t, x, y . And

$$G = \frac{[1 - r_x(1 - \cos \beta_x)][1 - r_y(1 - \cos \beta_y)]}{[1 + r_x(1 - \cos \beta_x)][1 + r_y(1 - \cos \beta_y)]}$$

where

$$r_x = \frac{\alpha \Delta t}{\Delta x^2}, \quad r_y = \frac{\alpha \Delta t}{\Delta y^2}, \quad \beta_x = \kappa_m \Delta x, \quad \beta_y = \kappa_m \Delta y$$

- The method is unconditionally stable.

ADI Method...

- For a 3D problem, Douglas and Gunn suggest the following formulation:

$$\left(1 - \frac{r_x}{2} \delta_x^2\right) \Delta u^* = (r_x \delta_x^2 + r_y \delta_y^2 + r_z \delta_z^2) u^n \quad (\text{step 1})$$

$$\left(1 - \frac{r_y}{2} \delta_y^2\right) \Delta u^{**} = \Delta u^* \quad (\text{step 2})$$

$$\left(1 - \frac{r_z}{2} \delta_z^2\right) \Delta u = \Delta u^{**} \quad (\text{step 3})$$

where

$$\Delta u_{i,j} = u_{i,j}^{n+1} - u_{i,j}^n$$

Inviscid Burger Equation

General

- **The inviscid Burger equation**

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad F = u^2 / 2$$

- Is analog to the Euler equations for the flow of an inviscid fluid. It also represents a nonlinear wave equation, where each point on the wave front can propagate with a different speed. As a result this equation can show the coalescence of characteristics and therefore accept the formation of discontinuous solutions, similar to shock waves in fluid dynamics.
- **The characteristic of the Burger's equation is**

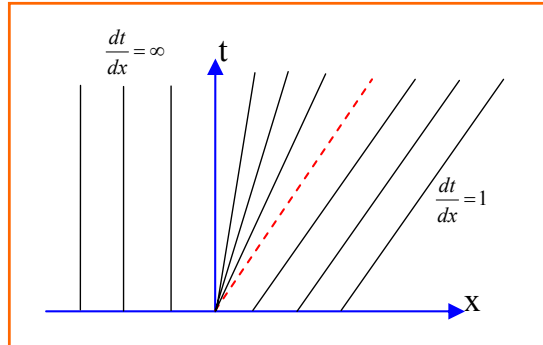
$$\frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{1}{u}$$

- **The solution to the Burger's equation under a specific initial condition is**

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} u(x,0) = 0 \\ u(x,0) = 1 \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} x < 0 \\ 0 \leq x \end{array} \quad \rightarrow \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} u = 0 & x \leq 0 \\ u = x/t & 0 < x < t \\ u = 1 & t \leq x \end{array} \right.$$

General...

- The solution can be shown as below



- If the initial condition was

$$\begin{cases} u(x,0) = u_1 & x \leq a \\ u(x,0) = u_2 < u_1 & x > a \end{cases}$$

- Then, a shock wave like discontinuity will be traveling in the domain at the average value of the $(u_1 + u_2)/2$ function across the wave front.

Lax Method

- This is a first order method:

$$u_i^{n+1} = \left(\frac{u_{i+1}^n + u_{i-1}^n}{2} \right) - \frac{\Delta t}{2\Delta x} (F_{i+1}^n - F_{i-1}^n) = 0$$

- Its amplification factor is

$$G = \cos \beta - i \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \frac{dF}{du} \sin \beta$$

- The stability limit is

$$\left| \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} u_{\max} \right| \leq 1$$

- When using a finite volume method, a first order method in t is

$$u_i^{n+1} = u_i^n - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} (F_{i+1/2}^n - F_{i-1/2}^n)$$

- Using the Lax method, we get

$$F_{i+1/2} = \frac{1}{2} \left[F_i^n + F_{i+1}^n - \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} (u_{i+1} - u_i) \right]$$

- This flux function is consistent in the sense that

$$F(u_i, u_{i+1}) = F(u_i) \quad \text{when} \quad u_i = u_{i+1}$$

Lax-Wendroff Method

- This method is developed using the Taylor series and is 2nd order accurate in space and time.
- The method reads: $(\partial F / \partial u)_{i+1/2} \equiv A_{i+1/2} = A((u_i + u_{i+1})/2)$

$$u_i^{n+1} = u_i^n - \frac{\Delta t}{2\Delta x} (F_{i+1}^n - F_i^n) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \right)^2 \left[A_{i+1/2}^n (F_{i+1}^n - F_i^n) - A_{i-1/2}^n (F_i^n - F_{i-1}^n) \right]$$

- We also have

$$G = 1 - 2 \left(A \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \right)^2 (1 - \cos \beta) - 2i A \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \sin \beta$$

- The stability requirement is

$$\left| \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} u_{\max} \right| \leq 1$$

- As the Courant number $u\Delta t / \Delta x$ is reduced from 1.0, the quality of the solution is degraded and more oscillations are produced.

Lax-Wendroff Method...

- Using the finite volume formulation, we get

$$F_{i+1/2} = \frac{1}{2}(F_i + F_{i+1}) - \frac{\Delta t}{2\Delta x} \lambda_{i+1/2}^2 (u_{i+1} - u_i)$$

- Here $\lambda_{i+1/2}$ is the eigenvalue of the Jacobian $A_{i+1/2}$ which is $u_{i+1/2}$ for the Burger's equation.
- We also notice that

$$F_{i+1/2} = \overbrace{\frac{1}{2} \left(F_i + F_{i+1} - \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} (u_{i+1} - u_i) \right)}^{\text{Lax method (first order)}} + \overbrace{\frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} \left[1 - \left(\frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \right)^2 \lambda_{i+1/2}^2 \right] \left(\frac{u_{i+1} - u_i}{2} \right)}^{\text{Extra term producing 2nd order accuracy}}$$

- Since Lax method produces no oscillations, we can use a function ϕ to control the amount of the 2nd part to be added to the Lax method to minimize the oscillations.

MacCormack Method

- This method is a predictor-corrector version of the Lax-Wendroff scheme thus easier to implement.

$$\bar{u}_i^{n+1} = u_i^n - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} (F_{i+1}^n - F_i^n) \quad (\text{predictor})$$

$$u_i^{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} u_i^n + \bar{u}_i^{n+1} - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} (\bar{F}_i^{n+1} - \bar{F}_{i-1}^{n+1}) \quad (\text{corrector})$$

- The amplification factor and the stability limit are the same as those for the Lax-Wendroff method.

Warming-Kutler-Lomax Method

- This is a 3rd order scheme and uses the MacCormack method for the first two levels. The method (1973) reads

$$\begin{aligned}u_i^{(1)} &= u_i^n - \frac{2\Delta t}{3\Delta x} (F_{i+1}^n - F_i^n) \\u_i^{(2)} &= \frac{1}{2} \left[u_i^n + u_i^{(1)} - \frac{2\Delta t}{3\Delta x} (F_i^n - F_{i-1}^{(1)}) \right] \\u_i^{n+1} &= u_i^n - \frac{\Delta t}{24\Delta x} (-2F_{i+2}^n + 7F_{i+1}^n - 7F_{i-1}^n + 2F_{i-2}^n) \\&\quad - \frac{3\Delta t}{8\Delta x} (F_{i+1}^{(2)} - F_{i-1}^{(2)}) - \frac{\omega}{24} (u_{i+2}^n - 4u_{i+1}^n + 6u_i^n - 4u_{i-1}^n + u_{i-2}^n)\end{aligned}$$

- The stability limit for Burger's equation is given by

$$\left| v \right| = \left| \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} u_{\max} \right| \leq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad 4v^2 - v^4 \leq \omega \leq 3$$

Beam and Warming Method

- This is a 2nd order implicit method.
- First use the trapezoidal method,

$$u_i^{n+1} = u_i^n + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \left[(u_i^n)' + (u_i^{n+1})' \right] + O[\Delta t^3]$$

- Then, substitute the model equation into it

$$u_i^{n+1} = u_i^n - \frac{\Delta t}{2} \left[\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \right)^n + \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \right)^{n+1} \right]$$

- Beam and Warming (1976) suggested that

$$F^{n+1} \approx F^n + \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial u} \right)^n (u^{n+1} - u^n) = F^n + A^n (u^{n+1} - u^n)$$

- Thus, the method becomes

$$u_i^{n+1} = u_i^n - \frac{\Delta t}{2} \left[2 \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \right)^n + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[A(u_i^{n+1} - u_i^n) \right] \right]$$

- Substitute x-derivatives with 2nd order central differences, we get

$$-\left(\frac{\Delta t A_{i-1}^n}{4\Delta x} \right) u_{i-1}^{n+1} + u_i^{n+1} + \left(\frac{\Delta t A_{i+1}^n}{4\Delta x} \right) u_{i+1}^{n+1} = -\left(\frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \right) \frac{F_{i+1}^n - F_{i-1}^n}{2} - \left(\frac{\Delta t A_{i-1}^n}{4\Delta x} \right) u_{i-1}^n + u_i^n + \left(\frac{\Delta t A_{i+1}^n}{4\Delta x} \right) u_{i+1}^n$$

Beam and Warming Method...

- This leads to a tri-diagonal system and can be solved using the Thomas algorithm.
- This method is stable but produces oscillations.
- To reduce oscillations, an artificial smoothing can be added to the scheme $0 < \omega \leq 1$:

$$\frac{-\omega}{8} \left(u_{i+2}^n - 4u_{i+1}^n + 6u_i^n - 4u_{i-1}^n + u_{i-2}^n \right)$$

- An efficient form of the above method can be obtained using

$$\Delta u_i = u_i^{n+1} - u_i^n$$

- The trapezoidal formula with the following linearization

$$F_i^{n+1} = F_i^n + A_i^n \Delta u_i$$

- The final form of the scheme becomes

$$-\left(\frac{\Delta t A_{i-1}^n}{4\Delta x} \right) \Delta u_{i-1} + \Delta u_i + \left(\frac{\Delta t A_{i+1}^n}{4\Delta x} \right) \Delta u_{i+1} = -\left(\frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \right) \frac{F_{i+1}^n - F_{i-1}^n}{2}$$

- Which is simpler for computation. The method still needs a smoothing to produce an oscillation free solution.