
Show the code you develop for schemes other than upwind.

Consider the IVP for advection equation, with $a \in \mathbb{R}$

$$(1) \quad u_t + au_x = 0, \quad u(x, 0) = u_0(x).$$

Consider the initial data: (a) the smooth initial data $u_0(x) = \exp(-100(x - 0.3)^2)$ and (b) the Riemann data $u_0(x) = 1 - H(x)$. (In experiments use $a = 1$, $0 \leq t \leq 0.5$. In (a) $x \in (0, 1)$, periodic boundary conditions. In (b) use $-0.5 \leq x \leq 1$ and the left boundary condition $u(-0.5, t) = 1$).

Problem 1: convergence of smooth and non-smooth solutions (implementation).

Determine the accuracy experimentally in p -grid norm at $t = 0.5$ depending on ν of the following methods: upwind, Lax-Friedrichs, and Lax-Wendroff (Beam-Warming for extra credit). Use p -grid norm: (a) compare $p = \infty$ and $p = 2$ (the second predicted by theory), for (b) compare $p = 2$ and $p = 1$ (the first not covered by theory in this class, the second covered by theory not discussed in this class). Choose “perfect” ν^{perfect} to minimize numerical diffusion or dispersion, and at least one non-perfect $\nu = 0.5\nu^{\text{perfect}}$.

Extra: try downwind just to see how bad things go.

Problem 2: analyze accuracy and stability (theory only). Derive the LTE, the modified equation, and check stability of the scheme (at least first two.)

- (1) a scheme combining FE in time with central difference in space (unstable, explain why via modified equation and via von-Neumann)
- (2) a scheme combining FE in time with downwind scheme (unstable, big time)
- (3) a scheme combining BE in time with upwind scheme (very diffusive, explain why)

Be concise. If you are so lucky to find a reference, state the result and cite the reference, but do not copy the calculations.

Problem 3: Bonus: mixture of experimental and theoretical problem solving.

It is known that the exact solution to $u_t^D + au_x^D = Du_{xx}^D$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$ with the Riemann initial data as in (b) is given by

$$(2) \quad u^D(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{x - at}{\sqrt{4Dt}} \right) \right),$$

while the solution to $u_t + au_x = 0$ is the travelling wave $u(x, t) = u_0(x - at)$.

(One can prove that $\|u(\cdot, t) - u^D(\cdot, t)\|_{L^1} = O(\sqrt{Dt})$).

Identify D for each of the upwind and Lax-Friedrichs schemes depending on $\Delta t, h$. Compare your numerical solution $(U_j^n)_{j,n}$ to (1) to its true solution $u(x, t)$, and to $u^D(x, t)$.

Is it indeed true that the numerical solution is closer to $u^D(x, t)$ than to $u(x, t)$? Quantify.

Which of the schemes: upwind or Lax-Friedrichs, is more diffusive?

Revisit Pbm 1b with the new interpretation, and provide a more accurate solution.