

Do FD schemes. Follow the notes attached to PSet#08, plus examples.  
Start with lecture in MATLAB<sup>®</sup> toolkit GBNS\_lecture.

Further material in the web page [notes section] under

- Stability of Numerical Schemes for PDE's (Quick preview).
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- Various lecture notes for 18311.

Section: Convergence of numerical Schemes.

Finite difference schemes for PDE's. Follow notes:

Stability of Numerical Schemes for PDE's.

1. Naive Scheme for the Wave Equation. USE the MATLAB script in the 18311 toolkit: GBNS\_lecture.
2. von Neumann stability analysis for PDE's.
3. Numerical Viscosity and Stabilized Scheme.
4. Model equation.

1) von Neumann stability analysis.

Recall that solutions to time-evolution linear PDE's can be found by separation of the time variable --- recall analogy with ODE approach --- leading to an eigenvalue problem. Extend idea to constant coefficients linear FD schemes --- key to the von-Neuman stability analysis.

2) Examine instabilities using associated equation: Explain behavior via forward & backward heat equations.

3) Introduce stabilization by artificial viscosity (general idea). Relationship with the solutions of the heat equation by separation of variables  $\exp(-k^2 t + i k x)$ . Inspect what happens when a term  $u_{xx}$  is added to an equation like  $u_t + u_x = 0$ . What does it do to the normal modes? Other examples [ $0 < D \ll 1$ ]

- $u_t + u_{xxx} = D u_{xx}$
- $u_t = v + D u_{xx}$  and  $v_t = u_{xx} + D v_{xx}$

4) Define CONSISTENCY. von Neumann and consistency: Numerical and exact growth rates; comparison in the small  $k$  limit.

5) Define STABILITY

6) Lax Theorem: for linear schemes, Consistency+Stability  $\implies$  Convergence.

Further details:

7) Show that the general solution to a finite differences linear scheme can be written as a linear combination of the solutions  $G_i e^{i k n}$  obtained by the von Neuman stability analysis. In other words, show that the matrix  $\{w^{n^*m}\}$  has an inverse,

where  $w = e^{i*2*\pi/N}$ . This leads to the Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT), which will be the next course topic.

7) Associated equation. More examples of von Neuman stability analysis; associated equation, and stabilization by artificial viscosity: Lax-Friedrich scheme.

- Computer illustrations
- Numerical instabilities ..... GBNS\_lecture scheme.m
- Wave breaking and steepening ..... demoWBRch\_v02.m
- Convergence of Fourier Series ..... fourierSC.m
- Talk about Gibb's phenomena [related to new topic below].

Further material [in the introduction to problem set #08]  
Introduction to the vNSA problem series.

Example #1 in the notes

Explain idea behind "artificial viscosity" used to stabilize a scheme. Motivate it by looking at what adding a term  $u_{xx}$  to an equation like  $u_t + u_x = 0$  does to the normal modes. For that matter, what it does do  $u_t + u_{xxx} = 0$ .

Forwards and backwards differences for  $u_t + u_x$   
Assigned in pset #08.

CFL condition. Necessary but not sufficient for stability  
Both the "good" and "bad" schemes satisfy CFL if  $dt < dx$ .

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