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7. Consider Cauchy problem (10.67) for the heat equation, and approximate it with the predictor-corrector scheme designed as follows. The auxiliary grid function $\tilde{u}_m^{p+1/2}$ is to be computed by the implicit method:

$$\frac{\tilde{u}_m^{p+1/2} - u_m^p}{\tau/2} - \frac{\tilde{u}_{m+1}^{p+1/2} - 2\tilde{u}_m^{p+1/2} + \tilde{u}_{m-1}^{p+1/2}}{h^2} = 0, \quad m = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots,$$

and the actual solution u_m^{p+1} at $t = t_{p+1}$ is to be computed by the scheme:

$$\frac{u_m^{p+1}-u_m^p}{\tau}-\frac{\tilde{u}_{m+1}^{p+1/2}-2\tilde{u}_m^{p+1/2}+\tilde{u}_{m-1}^{p+1/2}}{h^2}=0,\quad u_m^0=\psi(mh).$$

Prove that the overall predictor-corrector scheme has accuracy $\mathcal{O}(\tau^2 + h^2)$ on the smooth solution u = u(x,t).

8. Consider a modified scheme $L_h u^{(h)} = f^{(h)}$ of type (10.47) (modification of the right-hand side only):

$$\begin{split} \boldsymbol{L}_{h} \boldsymbol{u}^{(h)} &= \begin{cases} a^{0} \boldsymbol{u}_{m}^{p+1} + a_{-1} \boldsymbol{u}_{m-1}^{p} + a_{0} \boldsymbol{u}_{m}^{p} + a_{1} \boldsymbol{u}_{m+1}^{p} \\ \boldsymbol{u}_{m}^{0}, \end{cases} \\ f^{(h)} &= \begin{cases} \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\boldsymbol{x}_{m}, t_{p}) + \frac{rh}{2} (\boldsymbol{\varphi}_{t} + \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{x}) \Big|_{(\boldsymbol{x}_{m}, t_{p})}, \\ \boldsymbol{\psi}(\boldsymbol{x}_{m}), \end{cases} \end{split}$$

and define the coefficients of the operator L_h according to formula (10.55) that corresponds to the Lax-Wendroff method. Show that the resulting scheme approximates problem (10.8) with second order accuracy for an arbitrary sufficiently smooth right-hand side $\varphi(x,t)$ (not necessarily zero).

9. Represent scheme (10.47) with $\varphi(x,t) = 0$ in the form:

$$u_m^{p+1} = b_{-1}u_{m-1}^p + b_0u_m^p + b_1u_{m+1}^p, (10.68)$$

where $b_{-1} = -a_{-1}/a^0$, $b_0 = -a_0/a^0$, and $b_1 = -a_1/a^0$, see Section 10.2.3. Scheme (10.68) is said to be *monotone* if $b_j \ge 0$, j = -1, 0, 1. Adopting the terminology of Section 10.2.3, let the primary constraint be the order of accuracy of at least $\mathcal{O}(h)$, and the secondary constraint be monotonicity of the scheme. In the three-dimensional space of vectors $\{b_{-1}, b_0, b_1\}$, describe the set $M_0 = M_{\rm pr} \cap M_{\rm sec}$ (in this case, the distance between the sets $M_{\rm pr}$ and $M_{\rm sec}$ is zero).

Answer. If $r = \tau/h > 1$, then $M_0 = \emptyset$. If r = 1, then $M_0 = \{(0,0,1)\}$. If 0 < r < 1, then M_0 is the interval with the endpoints: $(\frac{1-r}{2}, 0, \frac{1+r}{2})$ and (0, 1-r, r).

- 10. Prove that the monotone schemes defined the same way as in Exercise 9 for $\varphi = 0$ and $j = -j_{\text{left}}, \dots, j_{\text{right}}$ satisfy the maximum principle from page 315, i.e., that the maximum of the corresponding difference solution will not increase as the time elapses.
- 11.* (Godunov theorem) Prove that no one-step explicit monotone scheme may have accuracy higher than $\mathcal{O}(h)$ on smooth solutions of the differential equation $u_t + cu_x = 0$. Hint. One version of the proof, due to Harten, Hyman, and Lax, can be found, e.g., in [Str04, pages 71–72]. Note also that there are exceptions, but they are all trivial. For example, the first order upwind scheme with r = 1 has zero error on the exact solution u = u(x - t) of $u_t + u_x = 0$.

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12. Consider a Cauchy problem for the one-dimensional wave (d'Alembert) equation:

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$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \varphi(x,t), \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \quad 0 < t \le T,$$
$$u(x,0) = \psi^{(0)}(x), \quad \frac{\partial u(x,0)}{\partial t} = \psi^{(1)}(x), \quad -\infty < x < \infty$$

Analyze the approximation properties of the scheme $L_h u^{(h)} = f^{(h)}$ on a smooth solution u = u(x,t), where:

$$\begin{split} \boldsymbol{L}_{h}\boldsymbol{u}^{(h)} &= \begin{cases} \frac{u_{m}^{p+1} - 2u_{m}^{p} + u_{m}^{p-1}}{\tau^{2}} - \frac{u_{m+1}^{p} - 2u_{m}^{p} + u_{m-1}^{p}}{h^{2}}, \\ u_{m}^{0}, \\ \frac{u_{m}^{1} - u_{m}^{0}}{\tau}, \end{cases} \\ f^{(h)} &= \begin{cases} \boldsymbol{\varphi}(x_{m}, t_{p}) \equiv \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{m}^{p}, \\ \boldsymbol{\psi}^{(0)}(x_{m}) \equiv \boldsymbol{\psi}_{m}^{(0)}, \\ \boldsymbol{\psi}^{(1)}(x_{m}) \equiv \boldsymbol{\psi}_{m}^{(1)}. \end{cases} \end{split}$$

Define the norm of $f^{(h)}$ as $||f^{(h)}||_{F_h} = \max\left\{\max_{p}\sup_{m}|\varphi_m^p|, \sup_{m}|\psi_m^{(0)}|, \sup_{m}|\psi_m^{(1)}|\right\}$ and show that when $\tau = rh$, r = const, the accuracy of the scheme is $\mathcal{O}(h)$.

Find an alternative way of specifying $\psi_m^{(1)}$ [instead of $\psi^{(1)}(x_m)$] so that to improve the order of accuracy and make it $\mathcal{O}(h^2)$. Note that $\varphi(x,t)$, $\psi^{(0)}(x)$, and $\psi^{(1)}(x)$ are given.

13. Consider the process of heat transfer on a finite interval, as opposed to the infinite line. It is governed by the heat equation subject to both initial and boundary conditions, which altogether yield the initial boundary value problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} &- \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \varphi(x,t), & 0 < x < 1, \quad 0 < t \le T, \\ u(x,0) &= \psi^{(0)}(x), & 0 < x < 1, \\ u(0,t) &= \psi^{(1)}(t), & 0 < t \le T, \\ u(1,t) &= \psi^{(2)}(t), & 0 < t \le T. \end{aligned}$$

Use the grid: $x_m = mh$, $t_p = p\tau$, and approximate this problem with the scheme:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{u_m^{p+1} - u_m^p}{\tau} &- \frac{u_{m+1}^p - 2u_m^p + u_{m-1}^p}{h^2} = \varphi(x_m, t_p), \\ m &= 1, 2, \dots, M-1, \quad h = 1/M, \quad p = 0, 1, \dots, [T/\tau] - 1, \\ u_m^0 &= \psi^{(0)}(x_m), \quad m = 0, 1, \dots, M, \\ u_0^0 &= \psi^{(1)}(t_p), \quad p = 0, 1, \dots, [T/\tau], \\ u_M^p &= \psi^{(2)}(t_p), \quad p = 0, 1, \dots, [T/\tau]. \end{aligned}$$

Define the norm in the space F_h as:

$$\|f^{(h)}\|_{F_h} = \max\left\{\max_{m,p} |\varphi(x_m,t_p)|, \max_m |\psi^{(0)}(x_m)|, \max_p |\psi^{(1)}(t_p)|, \max_p |\psi^{(2)}(t_p)|\right\},\$$

and show that when $\tau = rh^2$, r = const, the accuracy of the scheme is $\mathcal{O}(h^2)$.