



- 1 a) Let  $a(x) = 1 + x$ ,  $f(x) = 4x^3$ , then a symmetric second order FDM approximation of (1) is given by

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{\delta_h}{h} \left( a_m \frac{\delta_h}{h} U_m \right) + 2U_m &= f_m, \\ &\Downarrow \cdot h^2 \\ -a_{m+\frac{1}{2}} (U_{m+1} - U_m) + a_{m-\frac{1}{2}} (U_m - U_{m-1}) + 2h^2 U_m &= h^2 f_m, \\ &\Downarrow \\ -a_{m+\frac{1}{2}} U_{m+1} + \left( a_{m+\frac{1}{2}} + a_{m-\frac{1}{2}} + 2h^2 \right) U_m - a_{m-\frac{1}{2}} U_{m-1} &= h^2 f_m, \end{aligned}$$

for  $m = 1, \dots, M-1$ . Using the boundary conditions, we find that for  $m = 1$  and  $m = M-1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} -a_{\frac{3}{2}} U_2 + \left( a_{\frac{3}{2}} + a_{\frac{1}{2}} + 2h^2 \right) U_1 &= h^2 f_1 + a_{\frac{1}{2}} U_0 \\ &= h^2 f_1 + a_{\frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{2}, \\ \left( a_{M-\frac{1}{2}} + a_{M-\frac{3}{2}} + 2h^2 \right) U_{M-1} - a_{M-\frac{3}{2}} U_{M-2} &= h^2 f_m + a_{M-\frac{1}{2}} U_M \\ &= h^2 f_{M-1} + a_{M-\frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{3}. \end{aligned}$$

We conclude that  $\vec{U} = [U_1, \dots, U_{M-1}]^T$  solves the linear system  $A\vec{U} = \vec{F}$  with

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \text{tridiag} \left\{ -a_{m-\frac{1}{2}}, \left( a_{m+\frac{1}{2}} + a_{m-\frac{1}{2}} + 2h^2 \right), -a_{m+\frac{1}{2}} \right\}, \\ \vec{F} &= h^2 \vec{f} + [a_{\frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{2}, 0, \dots, 0, a_{M-\frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{3}]^T. \end{aligned}$$

- b) Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} -h^2 L_h U_m &= -a_{m-\frac{1}{2}} U_{m-1} + \left( a_{m+\frac{1}{2}} + a_{m-\frac{1}{2}} + 2h^2 \right) U_m - a_{m+\frac{1}{2}} U_{m+1} \\ &= \alpha_{m,m} U_m - \sum_{k \neq m} \alpha_{m,k} U_k, \end{aligned}$$

with  $\alpha_{m,m} = a_{m+\frac{1}{2}} + a_{m-\frac{1}{2}} + 2h^2$ ,  $\alpha_{m,m \pm 1} = a_{m \pm \frac{1}{2}}$ , and  $\alpha_{m,k} = 0$  for  $k \neq m, m \pm 1$ . For every  $m, n$

$$\alpha_{mn} \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{k \neq m} \alpha_{mk} = a_{m-\frac{1}{2}} + a_{m+\frac{1}{2}} < \alpha_{m,m},$$

and it follows that  $-L_h$  has *positive coefficients*.

The discrete maximum principle (DMP):

$$(1) \quad -L_h U_m \leq 0, \quad m = 1, \dots, M-1 \quad \implies \quad \max_m U_m \leq \max\{0, U_0, U_M\}.$$

*Proof.* Assume

$$(2) \quad \max_m U_m = U_{\bar{m}} > 0 \quad \text{for some} \quad \bar{m} \in \{1, \dots, M-1\}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\geq -h^2 L_h U_{\bar{m}} = \alpha_{\bar{m}, \bar{m}} U_{\bar{m}} - \alpha_{\bar{m}, \bar{m}+1} U_{\bar{m}+1} - \alpha_{\bar{m}, \bar{m}-1} U_{\bar{m}-1} \\ &= \underbrace{(\alpha_{\bar{m}, \bar{m}} - \alpha_{\bar{m}, \bar{m}+1} - \alpha_{\bar{m}, \bar{m}-1})}_{2h^2} \underbrace{U_{\bar{m}}}_{>0} \\ &\quad + \underbrace{\alpha_{\bar{m}, \bar{m}+1}}_{\geq 0} \underbrace{(U_{\bar{m}} - U_{\bar{m}+1})}_{\geq 0} + \underbrace{\alpha_{\bar{m}, \bar{m}-1}}_{\geq 0} \underbrace{(U_{\bar{m}} - U_{\bar{m}-1})}_{\geq 0} \\ &\geq 2h^2 U_{\bar{m}} > 0, \end{aligned}$$

which contradicts  $-L_h U_m \leq 0$ ,  $m = 1, \dots, M-1$ . Hence (2) cannot hold, and then either  $U_{\bar{m}} \leq 0$  or  $\bar{m} \in \{0, M\}$ . In either case  $\max_m U_m \leq \max\{0, U_0, U_M\}$  and (1) holds.  $\square$

- c) Let  $V_m := U_m - \|f\|_{L^\infty} \phi_m$ , where  $\phi_m = \frac{1}{2}$  is a supersolution of  $-L_h$  satisfying  $-L_h \phi_m = 1$ . Then

$$-L_h V_m = -L_h U_m - \|f\|_{L^\infty} (-L_h) \phi_m = f_m - \|f\|_{L^\infty} \leq 0, \quad m = 1, \dots, M-1,$$

and DMP and  $V_m \leq U_m$  imply that

$$V_m \leq \max\{0, V_0, V_M\} \leq \max\{0, U_0, U_M\} \quad \forall m.$$

When  $U_0 = 0 = U_M$ , we find that  $V_m \leq 0$  and

$$U_m = V_m + \phi_m \|f\|_{L^\infty} \leq 0 + \frac{1}{2} \|f\|_{L^\infty} \quad \forall m.$$

Repeat for  $-L_h(-U_m) = -f_m$ ,  $m = 1, \dots, M-1$ , to get  $-U_m \leq \frac{1}{2} \| -f \|_{L^\infty}$ , and conclude that

$$\max_m |U_m| \leq \frac{1}{2} \|f\|_{L^\infty}.$$

- 2) a) Here the  $x$ -characteristic equation is  $\dot{x} = b(x)$ . Boundary conditions for (2) must (and can only) be imposed at inflow, where the  $x$ -characteristic curves go into the domain  $(0, 1)$ . So at  $x = 0$  if  $b(0) > 0$  and  $x = 1$  if  $b(1) < 0$ .

case	$b(0)$	$b(1)$	BC at $x = 0$	BC at $x = 1$
(i)	$< 0$	$< 0$	No	Yes
(ii)	$> 0$	$< 0$	Yes	Yes
(iii)	$< 0$	$> 0$	No	No
(iv)	$> 0$	$> 0$	Yes	No

b) Taylor expand about  $u = u_m^n$ :

$$\begin{aligned} u_{m+1}^{n+1} &= u + hu_x + ku_t + \frac{1}{2}h^2u_{xx} + kh u_{xt} + \frac{1}{2}k^2u_{tt} + \mathcal{O}(h^3 + k^3), \\ u_m^{n+1} &= u + ku_t + \frac{1}{2}k^2u_{tt} + \mathcal{O}(k^3), \\ u_{m+1}^n &= u + hu_x + \frac{1}{2}h^2u_{xx} + \mathcal{O}(h^3). \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\gamma_m = \frac{2 - \frac{\pi k}{h}}{2 + \frac{\pi k}{h}} = \frac{1-r}{1+r}$  for  $r = \frac{\pi k}{2h}$ , and multiply the scheme by  $(1+r)$ ,

$$(1+r)u_{m+1}^{n+1} + (1-r)u_m^{n+1} = (1-r)u_{m+1}^n + (1+r)u_m^{n+1},$$

use the Taylor expansions, and collect terms:

$$\begin{aligned} &((1+r) + (1-r) - (1-r) - (1+r))u \\ &+ ((1+r) - (1-r))hu_x \\ &+ ((1+r) + (1-r))ku_t \\ &+ ((1+r) - (1-r))\frac{1}{2}h^2u_{xx} \\ &+ ((1+r) + (1-r))\frac{1}{2}k^2u_{tt} \\ &+ (1+r)hku_{xt} \\ &+ \mathcal{O}(h^3 + k^3) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $2hr = \pi k$ , we get

$$0 \cdot u + \pi k u_x + 2ku_t + \frac{1}{2}\pi h k u_{xx} + k^2 u_{tt} + (kh + \frac{1}{2}\pi k^2)u_{xt} + \mathcal{O}(h^3 + k^3) = 0,$$

and multiplication by  $\frac{1}{2k}$  gives

$$(*) \quad u_t + \frac{\pi}{2}u_x + \frac{1}{2}h \left( \frac{\pi}{2}u_{xx} + u_{xt} \right) + \frac{1}{2}k \left( u_{tt} + \frac{\pi}{2}u_{xt} \right) = \mathcal{O}(h^3 + k^3).$$

Hence  $u_t + \frac{\pi}{2}u_x = \mathcal{O}(h + k)$ , and

$$(**) \quad u_t + \frac{\pi}{2}u_x = 0$$

is the transport equation being approximated.

To continue, note that by (\*\*)

$$u_{tt} = \left( -\frac{\pi}{2}u_x \right)_t = -\frac{\pi}{2}u_{xt} \quad \text{and} \quad u_{xx} = \left( -\frac{2}{\pi}u_t \right)_x = -\frac{2}{\pi}u_{xt},$$

and hence (\*) implies

$$u_t + \frac{\pi}{2}u_x + 0 + 0 = \mathcal{O}(h^3 + k^3).$$

The local truncation error is then

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_m &= -Lu_m - (-L_h u_m) \\ &= u_t + \frac{\pi}{2}u_x - \left( u_{m+1}^{n+1} + \gamma_m u_m^{n+1} - \gamma_m u_{m+1}^n + u_m^n \right) \frac{1+r}{2k} \\ &= \mathcal{O}(h^3 + k^3). \end{aligned}$$

3 Multiplying scheme (3) by  $h^2$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} -U_{i-1} + (2 + h^2(1 + x_i)^2) U_i - U_{i+1} &= h^2 \sin x_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, M-1, \\ U_0 = 0 &= U_M, \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to the linear system  $A\vec{U} = \vec{b}$  with

$$A = \text{tridiag}\{-1, 2 + h^2(1 + x_i)^2, -1\} \quad \text{and} \quad b_i = h^2 \sin x_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, M-1.$$

We split the matrix  $A$ ,  $A = -L + D - U$ , where

$$L = \text{tridiag}\{1, 0, 0\}, \quad U = \text{tridiag}\{0, 0, 1\}, \quad D = \text{diag}\{\underbrace{2 + h^2(1 + x_i)^2}_{=:d(x_i)}\},$$

and define the Jacobi-iteration as

$$D\vec{U}^{(k+1)} = (L + U)\vec{U}^{(k)} + \vec{b} \quad \text{or} \quad \vec{U}^{(k+1)} = B\vec{U}^{(k)} + D^{-1}\vec{b}$$

for the iteration matrix  $B = D^{-1}(L + U) = \text{tridiag}\{\frac{1}{d(x_i)}, 0, \frac{1}{d(x_i)}\}$ . Since

$$A\vec{U} = \vec{b} \iff D\vec{U} = (L + U)\vec{U} + \vec{b} \iff \vec{U} = B\vec{U} + D^{-1}\vec{b},$$

the iteration error satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{U} - \vec{U}^{(k)} &= B(\vec{U} - \vec{U}^{(k-1)}) = \dots = B^k(\vec{U} - \vec{U}^{(0)}) \\ \implies \|\vec{U} - \vec{U}^{(k)}\|_\infty &\leq \|B^k\|_\infty \|\vec{U} - \vec{U}^{(0)}\|_\infty. \end{aligned}$$

To estimate  $\|B^k\|_\infty$ , we use properties of subordinate norms, the max row-sum characterisation of the subordinate max-norm, and  $h = \frac{1}{M}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|B^k\|_\infty &\leq \|B\|_\infty^k, \\ \|B\|_\infty &= \max_j \sum_i |B_{ij}| = \max_j 2 \frac{1}{d(x_j)} \\ &\leq 2 \frac{1}{\min d(x_j)} = \frac{2}{d(x_1)} = \frac{2}{2 + \frac{1}{M^2}(1 + \frac{1}{M})^2} \leq \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{2M^2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Conclusion:

$$\|\vec{U} - \vec{U}^{(k)}\|_\infty \leq \left( \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{2M^2}} \right)^k \|\vec{U} - \vec{U}^{(0)}\|_\infty, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots$$

4 a) *a continuous on  $H^1$* : Take absolute value inside integral, use  $|1 + x^2| \leq 2$  and  $|1 - y^2| \leq 1$  on  $[0, 1]^2$ , the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality, and  $\|u\|_{H^1}^2 = \|u\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |a(u, v)| &\leq \int_0^1 \int_0^1 (1 + x^2) |\nabla u| |\nabla v| \, dx \, dy + \int_0^1 \int_0^1 (1 - y^2) |u| |v| \, dx \, dy \\ &\leq 2 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 |\nabla u| |\nabla v| \, dx \, dy + \int_0^1 \int_0^1 |u| |v| \, dx \, dy \\ &\leq 2 \|\nabla u\|_{L^2} \|\nabla v\|_{L^2} + \|u\|_{L^2} \|v\|_{L^2} \leq 2 \|u\|_{H^1} \|v\|_{H^1}. \end{aligned}$$

$a$  coercive on  $H^1$ : We use that  $|1 + x^2| \geq 1$  and  $|1 - y^2| \geq 0$  on  $[0, 1]^2$  along with the Poincaré inequality given in the problem,

$$\begin{aligned} a(u, v) &= \int_0^1 \int_0^1 (1 + x^2) |\nabla u|^2 \, dx \, dy + \int_0^1 \int_0^1 (1 - y^2) u^2 \, dx \, dy \\ &\geq \int_0^1 \int_0^1 |\nabla u|^2 \, dx \, dy + 0 \geq \frac{1}{5} \|u\|_{H^1}^2. \end{aligned}$$

The last inequality follows from the Poincaré inequality:

$$\|u\|_{L^2} \leq 2 \|\nabla u\|_{L^2} \implies \|u\|_{H^1}^2 = \|u\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2 \leq 5 \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2.$$

b) The local basis on element  $K_i = (x_{i-1}, x_i)$  is

$$\phi_0(x) = 1 - \frac{x_{i-1} - x}{h}, \quad \phi_1(x) = \frac{x_{i-1} - x}{h}.$$

Using the change of variable  $x = x_{i-1} + hy$ ,  $dx = h \, dy$ , we find that

$$\begin{aligned} a^{K_i}(\phi_0, \phi_0) &= \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_i} (1 + x)(\phi_0)_x^2 + 2\phi_0^2 \, dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \left( (1 + x_{i-1} + hy) \frac{1}{h^2} + 2(1 - y)^2 \right) h \, dy \\ &= \frac{1}{h^2} \left[ (1 + x_{i-1})y + \frac{1}{2}hy^2 \right]_0^1 h + 2 \left[ \frac{1}{3}y^3 \right]_0^1 h \quad \left[ \int_0^1 (1 - y)^2 dy = \int_0^1 z^2 dz \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{h} \left( 1 + x_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \right) + \frac{2}{3}h, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a^{K_i}(\phi_0, \phi_1) &= \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_i} (1 + x)(\phi_0)_x(\phi_1)_x + 2\phi_0\phi_1 \, dx \\ &= - \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_i} (1 + x)(\phi_0)_x^2 \, dx + 2h \int_0^1 (1 - y)y \, dy \\ &= -\frac{1}{h} \left( 1 + x_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \right) + 2h \left[ \frac{1}{2}y^2 - \frac{1}{3}y^3 \right]_0^1 \\ &= -\frac{1}{h} \left( 1 + x_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \right) + \frac{2}{6}h, \end{aligned}$$

By symmetry,  $a^{K_i}(\phi_0, \phi_0) = a^{K_i}(\phi_1, \phi_1)$  and  $a^{K_i}(\phi_0, \phi_1) = a^{K_i}(\phi_1, \phi_0)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} F^{K_i}(\phi_0) &= \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_i} 2x \left( 1 - \frac{x - x_{i-1}}{h} \right) \, dx = \int_0^1 2(x_{i-1} + hy)(1 - y)h \, dy \\ &= \left( 2(x_{i-1} + \frac{1}{2}h) - 2(\frac{1}{2}x_{i-1} + \frac{1}{3}h) \right) h = hx_{i-1} + \frac{1}{3}h^2, \end{aligned}$$

$$F^{K_i}(\phi_1) = \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_i} 2x \frac{x - x_{i-1}}{h} \, dx = \int_0^1 2(x_{i-1} + hy)yh \, dy = hx_{i-1} + \frac{2}{3}h^2.$$

The elemental matrix and load vector is then given by

$$A^{K_i} = \left( 1 + x_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \right) \frac{1}{h} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{3}h \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$F^{K_i} = hx_{i-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{3}h^2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$