

# Math 269B: Assignment 2

Assigned Friday Jan 18, due Friday Jan 25

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## Theory

[1]-[2] Problems 2.2.1, 2.2.2 of Strikwerda.

[3] Show that the leap-frog method is stable for  $|\lambda| \leq 1$  using Von Neumann analysis.

[4] Find the solution of the equation

$$\begin{aligned}u_t + u_x &= 0 \\u_0(x) &= 0 \quad \text{for } 2 > |x| > 1 \\&= 1 - |x| \quad \text{for } |x| < 1\end{aligned}$$

with  $u_0$  extended periodically for  $|x| > 2$ . Note that  $u$  is periodic in  $x$ , since  $u_0$  is periodic.

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## Computation

[5] Solve the system in [4] on the interval  $0 \leq t \leq 4$ ,  $-2 < x < 2$ . For the numerical method use periodic boundary data at  $x=2$  and  $x=-2$ . At each time step calculate the L2 error  $e_2^n$  in the solution at time  $t=nk$ , defined by

$$(e_2^n)^2 = \left\| v^n - u^n \right\|_h^2 = h \sum_{m=1}^N \left| v_m^n - u_m^n \right|^2$$

in which  $u$  is the exact solution from [4]. Plot  $e_2^n$  as a function of  $t=nk$ , and the approximate and exact solutions as functions of  $x=mh$  at time 3 for the following values of  $h = .1$  and  $.01$  for  $\lambda=0.5$  for

- (a) the Lax-Friedrichs method
- (b) the smoothed forward time/centered space method (2.2.13) in Strikwerda,

**Note:** You can modify the matlab program from HW1 to do this.

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## **What You Should Turn In**

- Answers to the theoretical problems.
- The graphs for the computational problem **5** and a listing of your program.