

# Lecture 3

## 1 Difference approximations

(Very diff. from book)

Consider the approx. of the heat eq.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}u_j &= Qu_j = (u_{j+1} - 2u_j + u_{j-1})/h \\ u_j(0) &= f_j, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, N \quad t \geq 0 \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

Expand in Fourier-series  $\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}(\hat{u}_w) &= \hat{Q}\hat{u}_w \\ \hat{u}_w &= \hat{f}_w \end{aligned} \quad \Rightarrow \hat{u}_w(t) = e^{\hat{Q}t}\hat{f}_w$$

$\therefore$  Exactly as in cont. case.

We have  $Q = D_+D_- \Rightarrow Qe^{iwx_j} = e^{iwx_j}\hat{Q}$

$$\hat{Q} = -\frac{4}{h^2}\sin^2(\zeta/2); \quad \zeta = wh$$

The Von Neumann (Petrovski) condition for stability is  $\therefore$

$$\text{Real}(\hat{Q}) \leq \alpha \text{ indep. of } w.$$

$\alpha = 0$  if no zero order terms.

**Note:** The Von Neumann condition on the time-step  $\Delta t$  comes in from the specific time-advancement scheme. The eigenvalue condition is more fundamental.

**Ex:** Euler forward

$$\hat{u}^{n+1} = \underbrace{(1 + \Delta t \hat{Q})}_{\hat{Q}} \hat{u}^n$$

$$|\hat{Q}| \leq 1 \Rightarrow \text{Condition on time-step.}$$

$$|\Delta t \hat{Q} + 1| \leq 1 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{\Delta t}{h^2} \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

$\therefore$  Semi-discrete analysis very similar to the continuous analysis for well-posedness.

$\therefore$  Stability in semi-discrete form  $\approx$  well-posedness for the PDE.

## 2 General semi-discrete formulations

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} u_j &= Q u_j + F_j \\ u_j(0) &= f_j \end{aligned} \tag{2.25}$$

$u_j$ ,  $F_j$  and  $f_j$  vectors,  $Q$ = matrix

**Def.** The Von Neumann (Petrovski) condition is satisfied if the eigenvalues of the symbol  $\hat{Q}(\zeta)$  satisfy

$$\operatorname{Re}(z(\zeta, h)) \leq \alpha, \quad |\zeta| \leq \pi \quad (2.26)$$

No terms of order one in  $Q$  (zero order terms) then  $\alpha = 0$ .

**Theorem:** The problem (2.25) is stable in the semi-discrete sense if (2.26) is valid and  $\hat{Q}$  can be diagonalised using a similarity transform with bounded condition number.

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} (\hat{u}_w)_t &= \hat{Q}\hat{u}_w + \hat{F} \\ \hat{u}_w(0) &= \hat{f}_w \end{aligned} \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(e^{-\hat{Q}t}\hat{u}_w) = e^{-\hat{Q}t}\hat{F}$$

$$\hat{u}_w(t) = e^{\hat{Q}t} \left[ \hat{f}_w + \underbrace{\int_0^t e^{-\hat{Q}\zeta} \hat{F} d\zeta}_{\text{Ignore now}} \right]$$

$$\hat{u}_w(t) = e^{\hat{Q}t} \hat{f}_w = T^{-1} e^{\Lambda t} T \hat{f}_w \Rightarrow$$

$$|\hat{u}|^2 \leq \underbrace{|T^{-1}|^2 |T|^2}_{=K^2} \underbrace{e^{2\alpha t}}_{\text{VonNeumann}} |\hat{f}|^2 \leq K^2 e^{2\alpha t} |\hat{f}|^2$$

Parsevals relation lead to stability. ■

Forcing function no problem since

$$|\int_0^t e^{-\hat{Q}(t-\zeta)} \hat{F} d\zeta| \leq K |\hat{F}|_{max} \underbrace{|\int_0^t e^{\Lambda(t-\zeta)} d\zeta|}_{\text{Von Neumann}}$$

$$\leq K |\hat{F}|_{max} |\int_0^t e^{\alpha(t-\zeta)} d\zeta| \leq$$

$$\leq K |\hat{F}|_{max} e^{\alpha t} [e^{-\frac{\alpha \zeta}{\alpha}}]_0^t = K |\hat{F}|_{max} (\frac{e^{\alpha t} - 1}{\alpha})$$

$$\therefore |u|_w^2 \leq K^2 e^{2\alpha t} |f|^2 + K^2 |\hat{F}|_{max}^2 (\frac{e^{\alpha t} - 1}{\alpha})$$

$\therefore$  Again just as in cont. case.

### 3 Summary of IVP's

The continuous / semi-discrete problem is well-posed / stable if

- i) The Petrovski/Von Neumann condition is satisfied. (Eigenvalue condition).
- ii) If the "related" matrix  $\hat{Q} = T\Lambda T^{-1}$  can be diagonalized with a similarity transform with bounded condition number  $k$ , i.e.  $|T||T^{-1}| \leq K$ .

Stability in a semi-discrete form

$\approx$

Well-posedness for the PDE.