

**Exercise 1** (*trapezoidal method for advection*)

Consider the method

$$U_j^{n+1} = U_j^n - \frac{ak}{2h}(U_j^n - U_{j-1}^n + U_j^{n+1} - U_{j-1}^{n+1}). \quad (\text{Ex1a})$$

for the advection equation  $u_t + au_x = 0$  on  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  with periodic boundary conditions.

- (a) This method can be viewed as the trapezoidal method applied to an ODE system  $U'(t) = AU(t)$  arising from a method of lines discretization of the advection equation. What is the matrix  $A$ ? Don't forget the boundary conditions.
- (b) Suppose we want to fix the Courant number  $ak/h$  as  $k, h \rightarrow 0$ . For what range of Courant numbers will the method be stable if  $a > 0$ ? If  $a < 0$ ? Justify your answers in terms of eigenvalues of the matrix  $A$  from part (a) and the stability regions of the trapezoidal method.
- (c) Apply von Neumann stability analysis to the method (Ex1a). What is the amplification factor  $g(\xi)$ ?
- (d) For what range of  $ak/h$  will the CFL condition be satisfied for this method (with periodic boundary conditions)?
- (e) Suppose we use the same method (Ex1a) for the initial-boundary value problem with  $u(0, t) = g_0(t)$  specified. Since the method has a one-sided stencil, no numerical boundary condition is needed at the right boundary (the formula (Ex1a) can be applied at  $x_{m+1}$ ). For what range of  $ak/h$  will the CFL condition be satisfied in this case? What are the eigenvalues of the  $A$  matrix for this case and when will the method be stable?

**Exercise 2** (*computing with leapfrog*)

- (a) Modify the code in the Lax-Wendroff worksheet to implement the leapfrog method with periodic boundary conditions. Verify that it is second order accurate by reducing  $k$  and  $h$  while keeping the CFL number  $ka/h$  fixed, and comparing the error (using the grid-norm version of the 1-norm) for different mesh widths.

Note that you will have to specify two levels of initial data. For the convergence test set  $U_j^1 = u(x_j, k)$ , the true solution at time  $k$ .

For initial data use a wave packet

$$\eta(x) = \exp(-\beta(x - 0.5)^2) \cos(\xi x) \quad (\text{Ex2a})$$

on the domain  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  with  $\xi = 80$ ,  $a = 1$  and final time  $T = 1$ , so that the correct solution is just the initial condition.

- (b) Using  $\beta = 100$ ,  $\xi = 150$  and  $U_j^1 = u(x_j, k)$ , estimate the group velocity of the wave packet computed with leapfrog using  $m = 199$  and  $k = 0.4h$ . How well does this compare with the value (10.52) predicted by the modified equation?