

1 a) Collect the terms u_j^n and u_j^{n+1} on the two sides:

$$u_j^{n+1} - \mu(1-\theta)(u_{j-1}^{n+1} + u_{j+1}^{n+1} - 2u_j^{n+1}) = u_j^n + \mu\theta(u_{j-1}^n + u_{j+1}^n - 2u_j^n)$$

or, with $\underline{u}^n = (u_1^n, \dots, u_j^n)$:

$$(1 - \mu(1-\theta)A)\underline{u}^{n+1} = (1 + \mu\theta A)\underline{u}^n,$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

b) We know that A has eigen vectors \underline{v}_k with $(v_k)_j = \sin(k\pi \frac{j}{j+1})$ and eigenvalues $\lambda_k = 2(-1 + \cos(\frac{k}{j+1}\pi))$.

$$\text{So, } (1 - \mu(1-\theta)A)\underline{v}_k = (1 - 2\mu(1-\theta)(-1 + \cos(\frac{k}{j+1}\pi))\underline{v}_k,$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 - \mu(1-\theta)A) \text{ has eigenvalues } \underbrace{1 + 2\mu(1-\theta)(1 - \cos(\frac{k}{j+1}\pi))}_{\geq 0} > 1$$

and is therefore invertible.

$$\Rightarrow \underline{u}^{n+1} = (1 + \mu(1-\theta)A)^{-1} (1 + \mu\theta A)\underline{u}^n,$$

and by the same reasoning as above (i.e.: apply to \underline{v}_k),

$(1 + \mu(1-\theta)A)^{-1} (1 + \mu\theta A)$ has eigen values

$$\tilde{\lambda}_k = \frac{1 - 2\mu\theta(1 - \cos(\frac{k}{j+1}\pi))}{1 + 2\mu(1-\theta)(1 - \cos(\frac{k}{j+1}\pi))}$$

We need $|\tilde{\lambda}_u| < 1$. Since clearly $\tilde{\lambda}_u < +1$, we just need $\tilde{\lambda}_u > -1$

$$\Leftrightarrow 1 - 2\mu\theta(1 - \cos(\frac{k}{j+1}\pi)) > -1 - 2\mu(1-\theta)(1 - \cos(\frac{k}{j+1}\pi))$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2 + 2\mu(1 - \cos(\frac{k}{j+1}\pi)) - 4\mu\theta(1 - \cos(\frac{k}{j+1}\pi)) > 0$$

can be just below 2 in the worst case

$$\Rightarrow 2 + 4\mu - 8\theta\mu > 0 \text{ for all } \mu \stackrel{\text{large}}{\Rightarrow} \theta \text{ needs to be } \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

c) We expand $u(x, t)$ around $(x_j, t_{n+\frac{1}{2}})$:

$$u(x_j, t_{n+1}) = u(x_j, t_{n+\frac{1}{2}}) + \frac{h}{2} \partial_t u(x_j, t_{n+\frac{1}{2}}) + \frac{(\frac{h}{2})^2}{2} \partial_t^2 u(x_j, t_{n+\frac{1}{2}}) + \frac{(\frac{h}{2})^3}{6} \partial_t^3 u(x_j, t_{n+\frac{1}{2}}) + O(h^4)$$

$$u(x_j, t_n) = u(x_j, t_{n+\frac{1}{2}}) - \frac{h}{2} \partial_t u(x_j, t_{n+\frac{1}{2}}) + \frac{(\frac{h}{2})^2}{2} \partial_t^2 u(x_j, t_{n+\frac{1}{2}}) - \frac{(\frac{h}{2})^3}{6} \partial_t^3 u(x_j, t_{n+\frac{1}{2}}) + O(h^4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{h}(u(x_j, t_{n+1}) - u(x_j, t_n)) = \partial_t u(x_j, t_{n+\frac{1}{2}}) + \frac{h^2}{24} \partial_t^3 u(x_j, t_{n+\frac{1}{2}}) + O(h^3) \quad (1)$$

For the spatial derivatives:

$$u(x_{j\pm 1}, t_n) = u(x_j, t_n) \pm h_x \partial_x u(x_j, t_n) + \frac{h_x^2}{2} \partial_x^2 u(x_j, t_n) \pm \frac{h_x^3}{3!} \partial_x^3 u(x_j, t_n) + \frac{h_x^4}{4!} \partial_x^4 u(x_j, t_n) \pm \frac{h_x^5}{5!} \partial_x^5 u(x_j, t_n) + \frac{h_x^6}{6!} \partial_x^6 u(x_j, t_n) + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x_{j+1}, t_n) + u(x_{j-1}, t_n) - 2u(x_j, t_n) = h_x^2 \partial_x^2 u(x_j, t_n) + \frac{2h_x^4}{4!} \partial_x^4 u(x_j, t_n) + \frac{2h_x^6}{6!} \partial_x^6 u(x_j, t_n) + O(h_x^8) \quad (*)$$

The same for $u(x_{j\pm 1}, t_{n+1})$.

Now expand all terms in addition with respect to t :

$$\begin{aligned}
 (*) &= h_x^2 \partial_x^2 u(x_j, t_{n+\frac{1}{2}}) + \frac{2}{4!} h_x^4 \partial_x^4 u(x_j, t_{n+\frac{1}{2}}) + \frac{2}{6!} h_x^6 \partial_x^6 u(x_j, t_{n+\frac{1}{2}}) \\
 &+ \frac{h}{2} \left(\frac{2}{h_x} \partial_t \partial_x^2 u(x_j, t_{n+\frac{1}{2}}) + \frac{2}{4!} h_x^4 \partial_t \partial_x^4 u(x_j, t_{n+\frac{1}{2}}) + \dots \right) \\
 &+ \left(\frac{h}{2}\right)^2 \frac{1}{2} \left(\partial_t^2 \partial_x^2 u(x_j, t_{n+\frac{1}{2}}) + \dots \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$(*)$ is the same but with $-\frac{h}{2}(\dots)$ in the middle line.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{So, } \theta (*) + (1-\theta)(*) &= h_x^2 \partial_x^2 u(x_j, t_{n+\frac{1}{2}}) + \frac{2}{4!} h_x^4 \partial_x^4 u(x_j, t_{n+\frac{1}{2}}) \\
 &+ \frac{2}{6!} h_x^6 \partial_x^6 u(x_j, t_{n+\frac{1}{2}}) + \\
 &+ \frac{h}{2} (1-\theta - \theta) \left(\frac{2}{h_x} \partial_t \partial_x^2 u(x_j, t_{n+\frac{1}{2}}) + \frac{2}{4!} h_x^4 \partial_t \partial_x^4 u(x_j, t_{n+\frac{1}{2}}) + \dots \right) \\
 &+ \frac{h^2}{8} \partial_t^2 \partial_x^2 u(x_j, t_{n+\frac{1}{2}})
 \end{aligned}$$

Multiply this with $-\frac{\sigma^2}{2h_x^2}$ and add to (1) to get

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(x_j, h_{n+\frac{1}{2}}) &= \underbrace{\partial_t u(x_j, t_{n+\frac{1}{2}})}_{\text{cancel (PDE)}} + \frac{h^2}{24\tau^2} \partial_t^3 u(x_j, t_{n+\frac{1}{2}}) + \\
 &\underbrace{-\frac{\sigma^2}{2} \partial_x^2 u(x_j, t_{n+\frac{1}{2}})}_{\text{cancel (PDE)}} + \frac{2}{4!} h_x^4 \partial_x^4 u(x_j, t_{n+\frac{1}{2}}) + O(h_x^6) \\
 &- \frac{h}{2} \left[(1-2\theta) \partial_t \partial_x^2 u(x_j, t_{n+\frac{1}{2}}) + \frac{2}{4!} h_x^2 \partial_t \partial_x^4 u(x_j, t_{n+\frac{1}{2}}) + \dots \right] \\
 &- \frac{h^2}{8} \partial_t^2 \partial_x^2 u(x_j, t_{n+\frac{1}{2}})
 \end{aligned}$$

d) For $\theta = \frac{1}{2}$, this is second order in h and h_x , otherwise first order.

2 We expand everything around $u(x_j, t_n)$:

$$\frac{1}{h} (u(x_{j+1}, t_{n+1}) - u(x_j, t_n)) = \frac{1}{h} (u(x_j, t_n) + h \partial_x u(x_j, t_n) + \frac{h^2}{2} \partial_x^2 u(x_j, t_n) + \dots - u(x_j, t_n))$$

$$A := \frac{1}{\Delta x_j} (u(x_{j+1}, t_n) - u(x_j, t_n)) = \frac{1}{\Delta x_j} \left[\underbrace{u(x_j, t_n)}_{\text{cancels}} + \Delta x_j \partial_x u(x_j, t_n) + (\Delta x_j)^2 \frac{1}{2} \partial_x^2 u(x_j, t_n) + \frac{1}{3!} (\Delta x_j)^3 \partial_x^3 u(x_j, t_n) + \frac{1}{4!} (\Delta x_j)^4 \partial_x^4 u(x_j, t_n) + \dots - u(x_j, t_n) \right]_{\text{cancels}}$$

$$B := \frac{1}{\Delta x_{j-1}} (u(x_j, t_n) - u(x_{j-1}, t_n)) = \frac{1}{\Delta x_{j-1}} \left(\underbrace{u(x_j, t_n) - u(x_{j-1}, t_n)}_{=0} + (\Delta x_{j-1}) \partial_x u(x_j, t_n) - (\Delta x_{j-1})^2 \frac{1}{2} \partial_x^2 u(x_j, t_n) + \frac{1}{3!} (\Delta x_{j-1})^3 \partial_x^3 u(x_j, t_n) - \frac{1}{4!} (\Delta x_{j-1})^4 \partial_x^4 u(x_j, t_n) + \dots \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow T_j^n = \frac{1}{h} (u(x_{j+1}, t_{n+1}) - u(x_j, t_n)) - \frac{2}{\Delta x_{j+1} + \Delta x_j} (A - B) \stackrel{\text{the } \partial_x u \text{ - terms cancel!}}{=} \frac{1}{h} (u(x_{j+1}, t_{n+1}) - u(x_j, t_n)) - \frac{2}{\Delta x_{j+1} + \Delta x_j} (A - B)$$

$$= \underbrace{\partial_x u(x_j, t_n)}_{\text{cancels...}} + \frac{h}{2} \partial_x^2 u(x_j, t_n) + \dots - \frac{2}{\Delta x_{j+1} + \Delta x_j} \left(\partial_x^2 u(x_j, t_n) \left(\frac{1}{2} (\Delta x_{j+1} - \Delta x_j) \right) \right) \dots \text{with this one}$$

$$+ \frac{2}{\Delta x_{j+1} + \Delta x_j} \left(\frac{1}{3!} \left((\Delta x_j)^2 - (\Delta x_{j-1})^2 \right) \partial_x^3 u(x_j, t_n) \right)$$

$$+ \frac{2}{\Delta x_{j+1} + \Delta x_j} \left(\frac{1}{4!} \left((\Delta x_j)^3 + (\Delta x_{j-1})^3 \right) \partial_x^4 u(x_j, t_n) \right) + \dots$$

$$= \frac{h}{2} \partial_x^2 u(x_j, t_n) - \frac{1}{3} (\Delta x_j - \Delta x_{j-1}) \partial_x^3 u(x_j, t_n) - \frac{1}{12} \left((\Delta x_j)^2 + (\Delta x_{j-1})^2 - \Delta x_j \Delta x_{j-1} \right) \partial_x^4 u(x_j, t_n) + \dots \text{ as claimed.}$$

For equidistant grid points, $\Delta x_j = \Delta x_{j-1}$ and the truncation error is second order in the spatial grid points.