

Finite Difference System of Burgers' Equation

Consider again 1D unsteady Burgers' Equation:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} y(x, t) = \nu \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x, t) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{y(x, t)^2}{2} \right) \quad x \in [0, 1], t \geq 0 \quad (1)$$

$$y(0, t) = y(1, t) = 0, t \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad y(x, 0) = y_0(x), x \in [0, 1],$$

where $y(x, t)$ is the unknown function of time t and location $x \in \Omega \equiv [0, 1]$; ν is a diffusion coefficient (viscosity parameter); and $y_0(x)$ is an initial condition. In this writeup, the initial condition is $y_0(x) = f(x) - f(0)$, where $f(x) = e^{-(15(x-0.5))^2}$; $\nu = 0.1$; $t \in [0, 1]$. Finite difference (FD) for spatial discretization is given by

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{y}(t) = \nu \mathbf{A} \mathbf{y}(t) + \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{y}), \quad (2)$$

where $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is the discrete Laplace operator; $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{y}) = -\mathbf{y} * \mathbf{A}_x \mathbf{y}$ with first-order discrete differential operator $\mathbf{A}_x \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and ' $*$ ' denotes pointwise multiplication (note: $-\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{y(x, t)^2}{2} \right) = -y(x, t) \frac{\partial y(x, t)}{\partial x}$). Here the full-order dimension n is 100.