

$$\tilde{U}_i^n = U_i^n + z_i^n$$

we compute
we want
error

Method 1

z_i^n satisfies

$$(*) \quad z_j^{n+1} = z_j^n + \frac{k}{h^2} (z_{j-1}^n - 2z_j^n + z_{j+1}^n)$$

$$z_0^n = z_M^n = 0$$

$$z_j^0 = \delta(x_j)$$

Fact: No matter what $z_j^0 = \delta(x_j)$ is, there are constants $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{M-1}$ such that

$$z_j^0 = \sum_{l=1}^{M-1} \gamma_l^1 \sin\left(\frac{l\pi}{M} j\right)$$

Thus, we can assume $z_j^0 = \sin\left(\frac{l\pi}{M} j\right)$, l fixed, $1 \leq l \leq M-1$.
 And we want to understand when these $M-1$ solutions, one for each l , remains bounded. This will be the parameter regime where the method is stable.

Set $z_j^n = H^n \sin\left(\frac{l\pi}{M} j\right)$ Plug into equation $(*)$

$$z_j^{n+1} = z_j^n + \frac{R}{h^2} (z_{j-1}^n - 2z_j^n + z_{j+1}^n)$$

$$H^{n+1} \sin\left(\frac{l\pi}{M} j\right) = H^n \sin\left(\frac{l\pi}{M} j\right) + \frac{k}{h^2} \left(H^n \sin\left(\frac{l\pi}{M} (j-1)\right) - 2H^n \sin\left(\frac{l\pi}{M} j\right) + H^n \sin\left(\frac{l\pi}{M} (j+1)\right) \right)$$

$$(1) \sin\left(\frac{l\pi}{M} (j-1)\right) = \sin \frac{l\pi}{M} j \cos \frac{l\pi}{M} - \cos \frac{l\pi}{M} j \sin \frac{l\pi}{M}$$

$$\sin(a+b) = \sin a \cos b + \cos a \sin b \quad \text{trigonometric identity}$$

$$(2) \sin\left(\frac{l\pi}{M} (j+1)\right) = \sin \frac{l\pi}{M} j \cos \frac{l\pi}{M} + \cos \frac{l\pi}{M} j \sin \frac{l\pi}{M}$$

$$(1)+(2) = 2 \sin \frac{l\pi}{M} j \cos \frac{l\pi}{M}$$

$$H \sin\left(\frac{l\pi}{M} j\right) = \sin\left(\frac{l\pi}{M} j\right) + \frac{k}{h^2} \sin\left(\frac{l\pi}{M} j\right) \left(\cos\left(\frac{l\pi}{M}\right) - 1 \right)$$

$$H = 1 + \frac{2k}{h^2} \left(\cos\left(\frac{l\pi}{M}\right) - 1 \right)$$

For stability, we want

$$-1 \leq 1 + \frac{2k}{h^2} \left(\cos\left(\frac{l\pi}{M}\right) - 1 \right) \leq 1$$

$$-2 \leq \frac{2k}{h^2} \left(\cos\left(\frac{l\pi}{M}\right) - 1 \right) \leq 0$$

$$\frac{k}{h^2} \leq \frac{1}{1 - \cos\left(\frac{l\pi}{M}\right)} \quad \frac{k}{h^2} \leq \frac{1}{1 - \cos\left(\frac{(M-1)\pi}{M}\right)} \approx \frac{1}{2}$$

$$k \leq \frac{h^2}{2}$$

Method 1 is stable only for $k \leq \underline{h^2}$

Fact: Method 1 converges in this parameter regime, i.e. if $u(x, t)$ is the exact solution, then

$$\lim_{\substack{h \rightarrow 0 \\ k \leq \frac{h^2}{2} \\ nk = t, jh = x}} U_j^n = u(x, t)$$

$$nk = t, jh = x$$

Stability for Crank-Nicolson

$$\text{Again } z_j^n = A^n \sin\left(\frac{\pi l}{M} j\right)$$

$$\frac{z_j^{n+1} - z_j^n}{k} = \frac{1}{2h^2} \left(z_{j-1}^n - 2z_j^n + z_{j+1}^n + z_{j-1}^{n+1} - 2z_j^{n+1} + z_{j+1}^{n+1} \right)$$

$$\frac{H-1}{k} = \frac{1}{h^2} \left(\left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi l}{M}\right) - 1 \right) + H \left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi l}{M}\right) - 1 \right) \right)$$

Multiply by k

$$H \left(1 + \frac{k}{h^2} \left(1 - \cos\left(\frac{\pi l}{M}\right) \right) \right) = 1 + \frac{k}{h^2} \left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi l}{M}\right) - 1 \right)$$

$$H = \frac{1 - \frac{k}{h^2} \left(1 - \cos\left(\frac{\pi l}{M}\right) \right)}{1 + \frac{k}{h^2} \left(1 - \cos\left(\frac{\pi l}{M}\right) \right)}$$

$|H| < 1$ no matter k or h

CN is always stable. It also converges as $h \rightarrow 0$
 $k \rightarrow 0$

Take $k = O(h)$

What if we want to solve $u_t = D u_{xx}$ with $D \neq 1$

D constant $y = \frac{x}{\sqrt{D}} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{D}} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{D} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}$

thus

$$u_t = u_{yy}$$

In method 1, $\Delta t \leq \frac{(\Delta y)^2}{2} = \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{2D} \quad k \leq \frac{h^2}{2D}$

In CN $\Delta t = O(\Delta y) = \frac{O(\Delta x)}{\sqrt{D}}$

Black Scholes equation

$S(t)$ = asset price at time t

$f = f(S, t)$ = option value at time t if asset value at time t is S

r = risk free interest

σ = volatility

$$\text{PDE} \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + rS \frac{\partial f}{\partial S} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 S^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial S^2} = rf$$

T = option maturity time

We are interested in $0 \leq t \leq T$

Grid points

$$S_i = i \Delta S$$

$$0 \leq i \leq M$$

$$t_j = j \Delta t$$

$$0 \leq j \leq N$$

$$\Delta t = \frac{T}{N}$$

$$M \Delta S = S_{\max} \quad (\text{we can not discretize all the way to } S = +\infty)$$

$$f_{ij} \approx f(S_i, t_j)$$

Obs: No initial conditions. Instead, we have terminal conditions

$$\text{For a call } f(S, T) = \max \{ S - K, 0 \} \quad 0 \leq S \leq S_{\max}$$

For a put $f(S, T) = \max\{K - S, 0\}$ $0 \leq S \leq S_{\max}$

On boundary conditions

European put

S very large, "then option likely to be worthless";

$$f(S_{\max}, t) = 0$$

at $S = 0$ $\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = rf$ then $f(0, t) = Ke^{-r(T-t)}$

European call

at $S = 0$ $\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = rf$ but $f(0, T) = 0$ $f(0, t) = 0$

At $S = S_{\max}$ $f(S_{\max}, t) = S_{\max} - k e^{-(T-t)r}$