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A one-dimensional convection-diffusion equation

$$-\epsilon y''(x) + u(x)y'(x) = f(x), y(0) = \alpha, y(1) = \beta, \quad (1)$$

where $0 < \epsilon \ll 1$ is a constant, $u(x) \equiv 1$, and α, β are real numbers, is considered. From (1),

$$u''(x) - \omega u'(x) + \omega f(x) = 0, \text{ where } \omega = 1/\epsilon. \quad (2)$$

3 points are used to develop a 3rd order method to approximate the lhs of (2) as in

$$u''(x_i) - \omega u'(x_i) + \omega f(x_i) = \alpha_i y_i + \alpha_{i+1} y_{i+1} + \alpha_{i-1} y_{i-1} + \beta_i \quad (3)$$

For the third order technique, we expand y_{i+1} & y_{i-1} in Taylor Series around x_i up to the 4th derivative term.

$$\begin{aligned} LHS = & \alpha_i y_i + \alpha_{i+1} \left\{ y_i + h y'_i + \frac{h^2}{2} y''_i + \frac{h^3}{6} y'''_i + \frac{h^4}{24} y^{iv} + \dots \right\} \\ & \alpha_{i-1} \left\{ y_i - h y'_i + \frac{h^2}{2} y''_i - \frac{h^3}{6} y'''_i + \frac{h^4}{24} y^{iv} + \dots \right\} + \beta_i. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

From (2), y''_i is written in terms of lower order derivatives. For the 4th and 5th order methods, we consider the next derivative terms in Taylor expansions and proceed in a similar manner. Finally, we apply these techniques on 2 test problems and compare stability. (Received September 16, 2008)