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## Numerical Fluid Dynamics

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Recurrent patterns in toroidal magnetic fields - Sandhu et al.

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Class #6

### Plan for Today

- 1) REVIEW  
Takacs plots, method, error calc.
- 2) CODE/DATA:  
Program #2 - handout
- 3) NUMERICAL METHODS :  
Polar plots  
Stability  
Consider one harmonic ...  
Norms  
von Neumann's method  
Apply to a numerical method  
Operator definitions

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### Review: Takacs' plots

- Plots - Amplitude and Phase Error
  - $\theta = k\Delta x =$  nondimensional wavenumber
  - $\mu =$  Courant number  $c^*dt/dx$

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### Review: Takacs' scheme

- Goal: balance dissipation, dispersion (*eqn 4.3*)
  - Chooses **2-step scheme** for simplicity, cost
  - His method is 2nd order + "some of **improved phase characteristics** associated w/third-order scheme"
 
$$q_j^{n+1} = a_1 q_{j+1}^n + a_0 q_j^n + a_{-1} q_{j-1}^n + a_{-2} q_{j-2}^n$$
  - He uses an **additional grid point** ( $j-2$ ) in the scheme.
    - Strongest damping for waves with **worst phase speed errors**
    - Coefficient of extra point is a **free parameter**
      - chosen to **minimize the total error**.
      - Least total error** for  $\alpha = (1+\mu)/6$  (Figs. 5.7)

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**Review: Takacs' error**

- Error computation**
  - Total error is mean square error (6.1)
 
$$E_{ror} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_j (q_r - q_D)^2$$
  - Dissipation error (6.6)
  - Dispersion error (6.7) = (total - dissipation)
    - Calculations involve
      - standard deviation of true ( $q_r$ ) and finite diff. ( $q_D$ ) fields
      - linear (e.g. Pearson's) correlation coefficient  $\rho$ 
        - If  $\rho=1$ , only error is due to **dissipation** (amplitude)
        - If  $\rho=0$ , only error is due to **dispersion** (phase)

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**Computer Program 2**

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**Program 2 - recommendations**

- Coding programs is like test taking ...
  - There are distinct advantages to having a plan.
- 1) Make the necessary arrays 2D.
- 2) Code & evaluate the **initial conditions (ICs)**.
  - Create scalar field + U, V velocity components
  - Be careful with dimensions & physical locations
  - Plot it - plotting+code examples online [~tg457444/502/Pgm2](#)
- 3) Set the **boundary conditions (BCs)**
  - Alter your BC routine for two dimensions.
- 4) Now continue with 2D advection.

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**Program 2: Advection**

- Advection**
  - I set up 1-D arrays in my advection routines -
    - $q1d(0:nx+1)$ ,  $u1d(nx+1)$ ,  $v1d(ny+1)$  *no ghost points for U, V !!*
- Advecting rows (X)**
  - copy  $q1(i,j)$  to  $q1d$
  - copy  $u(i,j)$  to  $u1d$
  - pass  $q1d$ ,  $u1d$  to **advect1d**
    - advect1d returns  $q1d\_out$
    - copy  $q1d\_out$  to  $q1(i,j)$
- Advecting columns (Y)**
  - copy  $q1(i,j)$  to  $q1d$  *all i (cols)*
  - copy  $v(i,j)$  to  $v1d$
  - pass  $q1d$ ,  $v1d$  to **advect1d**
    - advect1d returns  $q1d\_out$
    - copy  $q1d\_out$  to  $q1(i,j)$

discuss: how many 2D q() arrays here?

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# Polar plots

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## REPRESENTING AMPLITUDE, PHASE ERROR

### QUESTIONS WE ARE ADDRESSING:

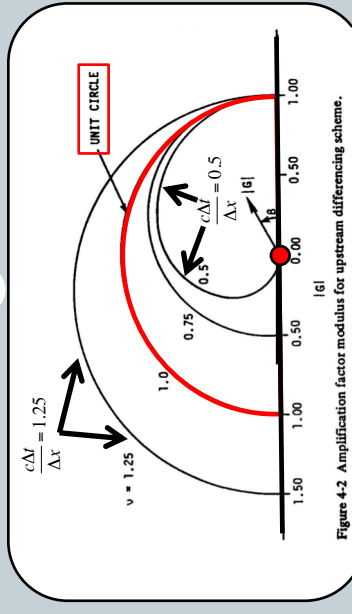
1. HOW DOES ERROR VARY WITH COURANT NUMBER?
2. HOW DOES ERROR VARY WITH WAVELENGTH?

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## 1. Find unit circle, courant #s

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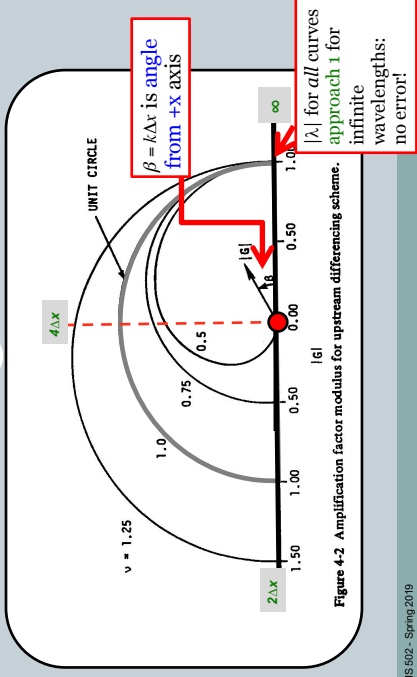
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## 2. Find $2\Delta x$ , $4\Delta x$ , infinite waves

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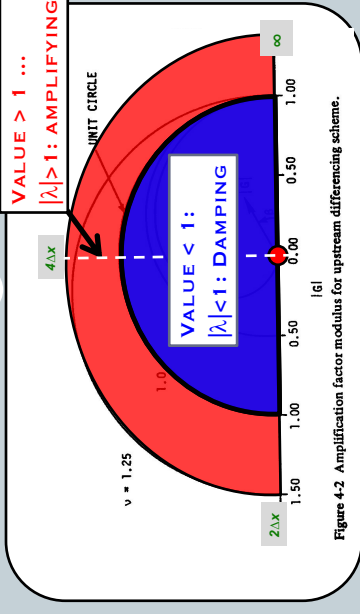
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## 3. Identify regions $>1$ , $<1$ with respect to the unit circle!

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### Review: Polar plots of errors

$\beta = k\Delta x = 0$  for infinite wavelengths,  $\pi$  for  $2\Delta x$ .

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## Stability

OBJECTIVES:

*DEVELOP THEORY AND METHODOLOGY FOR DETERMINING IF, HOW, AND WHEN A SCHEME HAS SATISFACTORY STABILITY.*

References:

- A009 – Instability (physical)
- Co15 – Instability (numerical)

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### Examples of instability in nature

- Thunderstorms
- From
  - Aircraft
  - Location
  - Wyoming
  - Duration
  - hours
  - Date
  - 7/11/2012
- Credit
  - DC3 project

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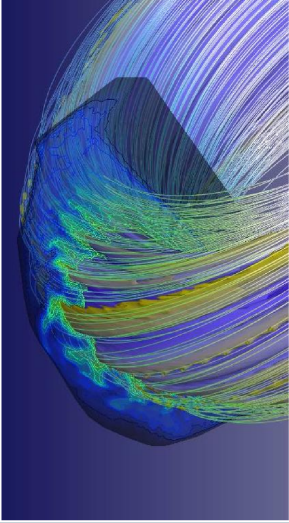
### Examples of instability in nature

- Thunderstorms
- From
  - Ground
  - Location
  - Booker TX
  - Duration
  - hours
  - Date
  - 6/3/2013
- Credit
  - Mike Obilinski

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### (17) Examples of instability in nature

- Nonlinear instability in toroidal fusion plasma



- From:
  - Simulation
- Location:
  - Nat'l Energy Research Scientific Computing Center (NERSC)
- Credit
  - MIT: Linda Sugiyama

○ The extended magnetohydrodynamics (MHD) code M3D was used to study magnetic confinement and stability properties of fusion plasma in a Tokamak. Edge Localized Modes were noted, a new class of plasma instability.  
 Ref: [www.nerSC.gov/science/fusion-research/class-of-fabtokamak-instabilities-sugiyama](http://www.nerSC.gov/science/fusion-research/class-of-fabtokamak-instabilities-sugiyama)

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### (18) Stability: computational perspective

- What is stability?
  - Let's work backwards. What is *instability*?
- Instability
  - **Unstable numerical scheme**: numerical solution grows much more rapidly than the **true one**
- What is “more rapidly?”
  - We *must* be knowledgeable of the PDE properties (and thus of the physical phenomenon) to assess *reasonable* behavior.
  - If amplitude should *not* change –
    - ✦ any continued growth in the numerical solution is *unstable*
  - If exponential growth in amplitude is possible
    - ✦ than any growth *beyond* that is considered a numerical instability.

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### (19) Quantifying instability

- **Purpose**: assess if F.D. scheme is stable.
- Unstable scheme: numerical solution grows much more rapidly than the true one
- How do we do this?
  - First: consider any solution as **Fourier series**
    - ✦ There are issues with *discontinuities*. This brought Fourier “much criticism” from the French Academy of Science at the time. We'll discuss this more later.
  - Then: examine behavior of one wave component
    - ✦ if every **Fourier component** is stable ...
    - ✦ i.e. every *possible wave's amplitude* is **bounded** ...
    - ✦ then our scheme **must** be **stable**.

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### (20) Stability

- Consider any solution as representable as a *Fourier series*
- Examine behavior of **one** component
  - ✦ if every Fourier component is stable ...
  - ✦ i.e. every *possible wave's amplitude* is **bounded** ...
  - ✦ then our scheme must be stable.
  - ✦ suppose our solution  $q(x,t)$  should *not* amplify at all. Then ...

$$q_j^n = \sum_{k=-N}^N a_k^n e^{ikj\Delta x} \Rightarrow q_j^n = a_k^0 e^{ikj\Delta x}; \quad q_j^{n+1} = A_k \left( a_k^0 e^{ikj\Delta x} \right)$$

GENERAL SERIES

(SUPERSCRIPT 0)

WAVENUMBER  $j, k$

INITIAL CONDITION

AFTER ONE TIME STEP

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## Back up a minute: math review

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- Some function  $f$ 

$$f = e^{ikx}; \quad x = j\Delta x; \quad f = e^{ik(j\Delta x)}$$
- This has amplitude 1 and phase  $\theta$  ..
 
$$e^{i\theta} = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta$$
- So we're assuming  $f$  is some kind of **sinusoidal function**. Here, consider **one** wave component, with wavenumber  $k$ .
- Wavelength  $L = 2\pi/k$  so ...
 
$$kx = 2\pi \frac{x}{L}$$
  - $kx$  has **units of an angle**.

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C.017 - Euler's formula; C018 - Complex numbers

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## Amplification factor

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- After one step the solution **amplitude** will be:
 
$$a_k^n = A_k a_k^{n-1}$$
- $A_k$  is the **(numerical) amplification factor** for wavenumber  $k$ .
- We can relate the amplitude of wave number  $k$  to amplitudes at earlier times, back to  $t=t_0$ , assuming the physical solution is bounded:

$$a_k^n = A_k a_k^{n-1} = \dots = [A_k]^n a_k^0$$

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## Stability condition

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- The **von Neumann stability condition**:
  - The (numerical) amplification factor  $A_k$  of every resolvable Fourier component must be **bounded** such that:
 
$$|A_k| \leq 1 + \gamma\Delta t; \quad \gamma \text{ independent of } k, \Delta t, \Delta x$$
  - We'll go with the more restrictive criteria:  $|A_k| \leq 1$ 
    - This "≤1" is satisfactory for **constant-speed advection** ...for which there should be **no** distortion and **no** amplitude change w/time.
    - $|A_k| \leq 1$  means the numerical solution results, over time, remain bounded by their initial values. Appropriate if the **norm** of the **true** solution is constant with time:  $\|q^n\| = \|q^0\|$



John von Neumann  
WIKIMEDIA

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C.020 - von Neumann stability condition

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## Measures of magnitude

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- How we measure **amplitude behavior**: **norms**
  - For vector  $x$  - a chain of numbers -
    - $L_1$  norm: sum of absolute values of all numbers
 
$$\|x\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|$$
    - $L_2$  norm: square root of sum of squares
 
$$\|x\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^2}$$
    - Infinite norm: maximum value:
 
$$\|x\|_\infty = \max |x_i| \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq N$$
  - There are similar relations for **matrix norms**

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### von Neumann's method: limitations

- **Small print:**  $|A| \leq 1$ 
  - This is appropriate when the true solution is **bounded** by the norm of the initial data
  - If the stability criteria is met, **every Fourier component** is stable, and the full solution is, too.
  - The Von Neumann condition is a **necessary and sufficient** condition for stability.
    - ✖ The Von Neumann method is strictly speaking only applicable to **linear, constant-coefficient** problems
    - ✖ **Sufficiency** only for *single equations in one unknown*
    - ✖ **Periodic** boundary conditions are implied here.

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### Applying von Neumann's method

- **Bottom line:**
  - We'll insert a form  $q_j^n = \tilde{q}^n e^{ikx} = \tilde{q}^n e^{ikj\Delta x}$
  - Into the finite difference expression.
- The **spatial** information will be expressed in the exponential:  $e^{ikj\Delta x}$ .
- The **time** information will be included in the coefficient  $\tilde{q}^n$ , such that the **amplification factor** is:  $A \text{ (or } \lambda) = \frac{\tilde{q}^{n+1}}{\tilde{q}^n}$

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### Stability Example (1)

$(1 - \cos x) = 2 \sin^2 \left( \frac{x}{2} \right)$   
\*USEFUL TRIG IDENTITY!

- **The 1-D diffusion equation:**  $q_j^{n+1} - q_j^n = K \frac{(q_{j+1}^n - 2q_j^n + q_{j-1}^n)}{\Delta x^2}$
- Substitute  $q_j^n = \tilde{q}^n e^{ikj\Delta x}$ , simplify:

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### Stability Example - Summary

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- 1-D diffusion equation  

$$q_j^{n+1} - q_j^n = K \frac{(q_{j+1}^n - 2q_j^n + q_{j-1}^n)}{\Delta x^2}$$
- Substituting  $q_j^n = \tilde{q}^n e^{ik\Delta x}$ , and simplifying gives  

$$\tilde{q}^{n+1} = \tilde{q}^n [1 + \sigma(e^{ik\Delta x} - 2 + e^{-ik\Delta x})] \quad (\sigma = K\Delta t/\Delta x^2)$$
- and amplification factor (*now called  $\lambda$* ):  

$$\lambda = 1 + 2\sigma(\cos k\Delta x - 1) = 1 - 4\sigma \sin^2\left(\frac{k\Delta x}{2}\right)$$
- and from requiring  $|\lambda| \leq 1$  we obtain:  $0 \leq \sigma \leq 1/2$

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### Operator definitions

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### Operator definitions

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- Shorthand for differencing:  

$$\delta_{n\Delta x} f(x) = \frac{f\left(x + \frac{n\Delta x}{2}\right) - f\left(x - \frac{n\Delta x}{2}\right)}{n\Delta x}$$
  - ... and for averaging:  

$$\bar{f}^{n\Delta x} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ f\left(x + \frac{n\Delta x}{2}\right) + f\left(x - \frac{n\Delta x}{2}\right) \right]$$
- See Durran, Appendix A.1
- Durrán (A.1), & Wilhelmson
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- Evaluate  $u-dT/dx$  here...
- $$\delta_x f(x) = \frac{f_{i+1/2} - f_{i-1/2}}{\Delta x}$$
- $$\delta_{2,x} f(x) = \frac{f_{i+1} - f_{i-1}}{2\Delta x}$$
- $$\bar{f}^x = \frac{f_{i+1/2} + f_{i-1/2}}{2}$$
- $$\bar{f}^{2x} = \frac{f_{i+1} + f_{i-1}}{2}$$

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### Operators: manipulation

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$$\delta_x^2 f = \delta_x (\delta_x f)$$

$$\delta_x (\bar{u}^x) = \delta_{2,x} u$$

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