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PREFACE

This paper deals with the convergence of stable and consistent one-step approximations for linear parabolic initial-boundary-value problems with non-smooth solutions. The proofs given may be extended to semilinear parabolic problems using H.B. Keller's stability concept. Finally an extension to Lax's convergence theorem is given.

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In this paper we consider the problem:

$$\text{I) } U_t = a(x,t)U_{xx} + b(x,t)U_x + c(x,t)U + f(x,t),$$

$$(x,t) \in (0,1) \times (0,T)$$

$$\text{II) } U(x,0) = U_0(x) \quad , \quad x \in [0,1] \quad , \quad T > 0$$

$$\text{III) } U(0,t) = \gamma_0(t), \quad U(1,t) = \gamma_1(t), \quad t \in (0,T) \quad .$$

(I) is called a linear inhomogenous parabolic differential equation in one space variable x , (II) the initial condition and (III) the boundary conditions.

For the following we make the assumptions:

- (A) $a, b, c, f \in C^r([0,1] \times [0,T])$, r sufficiently large
- (B) $a(x,t) \geq k > 0$, $(x,t) \in [0,1] \times [0,T]$. stability condition
- (C) $U_0(0) = \gamma_0(0)$, $U_0(1) = \gamma_1(0)$ continuity of initial and boundary functions.

We know that the initial and boundary functions determine the differentiability (smoothness) of the solution U in the points $(0,0)$ and $(1,0)$, which is important for the smallness of the local error of a consistent numerical procedure.

If U_0, γ_0 and γ_1 are continuous functions then a unique solution U exists, which is continuous on $[0,1] \times [0,T]$ and therefore bounded in the closed set $[0,1] \times [0,T]$, and if $U_0 \in C^3([0,1]); \gamma_0, \gamma_1 \in C^2([0,T])$ and $\gamma_0'(0)(\gamma_1'(0)), U''(0), U'(0), U_0(0)(U''(1), U'(1), U_0(1))$, set for U_t, U_{xx}, U_x, U into the differential equation I), fulfill I), then U, U_t, U_x, U_{xx} are continuous and bounded on $[0,1] \times [0,T]$. See [1] and [2].

We gain a numerical procedure by choosing numbers N and M , and by forming the step sizes $n = 1./N$ in x - direction and $k = 1./M$ in t - direction, and by substituting appropriate difference approximations for U_t, U_x, U_{xx} in the net-points (x_i, t_n) with $x_i = ih$ and $t_n = nk$. So we can write our procedure in the following form assuming that $h = h(k)$ with $\lim_{k \rightarrow 0} h(k) = 0$

$$(*) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{k}[B_0(k, t_n)U^n - B_1(k, t_{n-1})U^{n-1} - R(k, t_n)] - \hat{f}(t_n) = 0 \\ n = 1(1)M \text{ with} \\ U^0 = U_0 = (U_0(x_1), \dots, U_0(x_{N-1}))^T \end{array} \right.$$

If $B_0(k, t_n) \equiv I$, we call the scheme explicit, otherwise implicit. The U^n 's are $(N-1)$ - vectors with the approximate solutions on the n -th time level, $R(k, t_n)$ is the $(N-1)$ - vector with worked-in boundary-conditions on the n -th time level, $\hat{f}(t_n)$ is the vector with the approximations for $f(x_i, t_n), i = 1(1)N-1$, i.e., $\|\hat{f}(t_n) - (f(x_1, t_n), \dots, f(x_{N-1}, t_n))^T\| \rightarrow 0$ for $k \rightarrow 0$ with some appropriate norm, and $B_0(k, t_n), B_1(k, t_{n-1})$ are $(N-1)$ - square matrices derived from the difference approximations for the derivatives.

We define the local error of the procedure (*) for the parabolic problem I), II), III) in the solution U as the sequence of vectors.

$$L^n(U, k) = \frac{1}{k} [B_0(k, t_n)U(t_n) - B_1(k, t_{n-1})U(t_{n-1}) - R(k, t_n)] - \hat{f}(t_n), \quad n = 1(1)M$$

where $U(t_i)$ are the vectors containing the solution U evaluated in the net-points of the i -th-time-level. Further we say that (*) is consistent with I), II), III) in U of order 1 if $\|L^n(u, k)\| \leq C(U)k^1$, where $C(U)$ is bounded and independent of n . We can show by Taylor's expansion that $C(U)$ is a finite linear combination of bounds of partial derivatives of U on the rectangle $[0, 1] \times [0, T]$, if $\|\cdot\|$ is the maximum norm. The second important concept concerned with difference approximations is stability. We call the difference scheme (*) stable, if $B_0(k, t_n)$ is invertible for $k \leq k_0$ and for all $n \leq N$ and if $\|B_0^{-1}(k, t_n)\| \leq P$ for $k \leq k_0$ and $n \leq N$ where P is independent of k and n and if

$$\left\| \prod_{i=n}^m B_0^{-1}(k, t_i) B_1(k, t_{i-1}) \right\| \leq L \text{ for } k \leq k_0, \quad t_n = nk \in (0, T]$$

with $1 \leq m \leq n$, where L is independent of n , m and k . Further we say that (*) is convergent to U , if for $t = t_n = nk$ fixed, $\lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \|U^n(k) - U(t_n)\| = 0$ uniformly in t ($U^n(k) = U^n$).
 $n \rightarrow \infty$

The sequence of vectors $E^n(k) = U^n(k) - U(t_n)$ is called global error. We easily conclude convergence from stability and consistency. By solving the recursive relation (*) for $U^n = U^n(k)$ we find: $\|U^n(k)\| \leq L\|U^0\| + P(TL+1) \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \|\hat{f}(t_i)\|$ presuming

$\gamma_0 = \gamma_1 = 0$. That means that $U^n(k)$ depends continuously on the initial condition U^0 and on the disturbance \hat{f} (in the norm $\|\cdot\|$).

For the following we set $\|X\| = \max_{i=1(1)N-1} |X_i|$ for

$X = (X_1, \dots, X_{N-1})^T \in \mathbb{R}^{N-1}$. Now we can prove:

Theorem 1: consider the parabolic problem I), II) and III) with the assumptions (A), (B) and (C). Let (*) be a finite difference approximation to I), II) and III), which is stable and consistent of the order 1 with problems of the form I*, II*, III with

solutions in $C^m([0,1] \times [0,T])$ (problem-I), II), III) with inhomogeneity in $C^{m-2}([0,1] \times [0,T])$ and changed initial function) and let U_0, γ_0, γ_1 of the given problem fulfill:

$$a) \gamma_0(0) = a(0,0)U_0''(0) + b(0,0)U_0'(0) + c(0,0)U_0(0) + f(0,0)$$

$$b) \gamma_1(0) = a(1,0)U_0''(1) + b(1,0)U_0'(1) + c(1,0)U_0(1) + f(1,0)$$

with $\gamma_0, \gamma_1 \in C^m([0,T])$, $U_0 \in C^3([0,1])$, then the numerical procedure (*) is convergent for the given problem I), II) and III) in the maximum norm.

Proof: as mentioned before there exists a unique solution U of the given problem, so that U, U_t, U_x, U_{xx} are continuous and bounded in $[0,1] \times [0,T]$. (Proof in [1]).

Now let $\epsilon > 0$ be fixed. We construct the sequence of Bernstein polynomials to U on $[0,1] \times [0,T]$

$$B_n(U, x, t) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \binom{n}{i} \binom{n}{j} U\left(\frac{i}{n}, \frac{Tj}{n}\right) (1-x)^{n-i} x^i \left(1-\frac{t}{T}\right)^{n-j} \left(\frac{t}{T}\right)^j$$

and know that: $B_n(U, \dots) \rightarrow U$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} B_n(U, \dots) \rightarrow U_t$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} B_n(U, \dots) \rightarrow U_x$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} B_n(U, \dots) \rightarrow U_{xx}$$

uniformly on $[0,1] \times [0,T]$ for $n \rightarrow \infty$.

As Butzer has shown in [3] for functions U in $C^1([0,1]^2)$, we can prove it for our case.

Now we set $U_\epsilon = B_n(U, \dots)$ with $n > N(\epsilon)$ fixed so that

$$\|U - U_\epsilon\|_\infty + \|U_t - U_{\epsilon t}\|_\infty + \|U_x - U_{\epsilon x}\|_\infty + \|U_{xx} - U_{\epsilon xx}\|_\infty \leq \epsilon$$

and define: $v_\epsilon = U_\epsilon - [(1-x)(U_\epsilon(0,t) - \gamma_0(t)) + x(U_\epsilon(1,t) - \gamma_1(t))]$.

We have $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} v_\varepsilon(0,t) = \gamma_0(t) \\ v_\varepsilon(1,t) = \gamma_1(t) \end{array} \right\}$ and v_ε is a function

in $C^m([0,1] \times [0,T])$, because γ_0, γ_1 are in $C^m([0,T])$
 $B_n(U, \dots) = U_\varepsilon$ is in $C^\infty([0,1] \times [0,T])$ and moreover:

$$\|U - v_\varepsilon\|_\infty + \|U_t - v_{\varepsilon t}\|_\infty + \|U_x - v_{\varepsilon x}\|_\infty + \|U_{xx} - v_{\varepsilon xx}\|_\infty \leq 2\varepsilon + 2\varepsilon + 2\varepsilon + \varepsilon = 7\varepsilon .$$

That means, that we have constructed a function v_ε in $C^m([0,1] \times [0,T])$ which has the boundary values as U and which approximates U, U_t, U_x and U_{xx} uniformly on the closed rectangle $[0,1] \times [0,T]$.

We consider the neighboring problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{I}^*) \quad v_t &= a(x,t)v_{xx} + b(x,t)v_x + c(x,t)v + f(x,t) + \\ &+ (v_{\varepsilon t} - a(x,t)v_{\varepsilon xx} - b(x,t)v_{\varepsilon x} - c(x,t)v_\varepsilon - f(x,t)) \\ &(x,t) \in (0,1] \times (0,T] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{II}^*) \quad v(x,0) = v_\varepsilon(x,0), \quad x \in [0,1]$$

$$\text{III}) \quad v(0,t) = \gamma_0(t), \quad v(1,t) = \gamma_1(t), \quad t \in [0,T] \quad [\text{III}^* = \text{III}]$$

which has the unique solution $v = v_\varepsilon$.

$$\text{We set: } z_\varepsilon = v_{\varepsilon t} - a(x,t)v_{\varepsilon xx} - b(x,t)v_{\varepsilon x} - c(x,t)v_\varepsilon - f(x,t),$$

$$z_\varepsilon \in C^{m-2}([0,1] \times [0,1]),$$

and conclude

$$\begin{aligned} \|z_\varepsilon\|_\infty &\leq \|U_t - a(x,t)U_{xx} - b(x,t)U_x - c(x,t)U - f(x,t)\| + \\ &+ \|U_t - v_{\varepsilon t} - a(x,t)(U_{xx} - v_{\varepsilon xx}) - b(x,t)(U_x - v_{\varepsilon x}) - c(x,t)(U - v_\varepsilon)\| \leq \\ &\leq 0 + (1 + \|a\|_\infty + \|b\|_\infty + \|c\|_\infty)\varepsilon = C_1\varepsilon, \quad C_1 \in \mathbb{R} . \end{aligned}$$

For $k < \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{C(\varepsilon)}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ we get $\|U(t) - U^n(k)\| \leq (8+C_2)\varepsilon$, where C_2 is independent of n , ε and k . If we start the proof with $\frac{\varepsilon}{8+C_2}$ convergence follows.

Our second step is to neglect the conditions a) and b) in Theorem 1. So we prove:

Theorem 2: consider the numerical procedure (*) for I), II) and III) under the same assumptions as in Theorem 1. Let (A), (B) and (C) be valid. If $U_0 \in C([0,1])$ and $\gamma_0, \gamma_1 \in C^m([0,T])$, then the numerical procedure (*) is convergent to the unique solution of I), II) and III).

Proof: Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be fixed. Then we choose a function \bar{U}_0^ε in $C^\infty((0,1))$, so that $\|U_0 - \bar{U}_0^\varepsilon\|_\infty < \varepsilon$. The existence of \bar{U}_0^ε is a consequence of the approximation theorem of Weierstrass. We define:

$$U_0^\varepsilon = \bar{U}_0^\varepsilon - [x(\gamma_1(0) - \bar{U}_0^\varepsilon(1)) + (1-x)(\gamma_0(0) - \bar{U}_0^\varepsilon(0))]$$

We get: $U_0^\varepsilon(0) = \gamma_0(0)$ and $U_0^\varepsilon(1) = \gamma_1(0)$ and

$$\|U_0 - U_0^\varepsilon\| \leq \|U_0 - \bar{U}_0^\varepsilon\| + |x|\varepsilon + |1-x|\varepsilon \leq 2\varepsilon.$$

Now we choose a function $y^\varepsilon(x) \in C^3([0,1])$ fulfilling $y^\varepsilon(0) = y^\varepsilon(1) = 0$ and $\|y^\varepsilon\|_\infty \leq \varepsilon$ and form $V_0^\varepsilon = U_0^\varepsilon + y^\varepsilon$. The function V_0^ε shall satisfy:

$$1) \gamma_0(0) = a(0,0)V_0^{\varepsilon''}(0) + b(0,0)V_0^{\varepsilon'}(0) + c(0,0)V_0^\varepsilon(0) + f(0,0)$$

$$2) \gamma_1(0) = a(1,0)V_0^{\varepsilon''}(1) + b(1,0)V_0^{\varepsilon'}(1) + c(1,0)V_0^\varepsilon(1) + f(1,0)$$

That means:

$$1a) \gamma_0(0) - [f(0,0) + a(0,0)U_0^{\varepsilon''}(0) + b(0,0)U_0^{\varepsilon'}(0) + c(0,0)U_0^\varepsilon(0)] = a(0,0)y^{\varepsilon''}(0) + b(0,0)y^{\varepsilon'}(0)$$

$$1b) \gamma_1(0) - [f(1,0) + a(1,0)U_0^{\varepsilon''}(1) + b(1,0)U_0^{\varepsilon'}(1) + c(1,0)U_0^\varepsilon(1)] = a(1,0)y^{\varepsilon''}(1) + b(1,0)y^{\varepsilon'}(1).$$

We choose $y^{\varepsilon'}(0) = y^{\varepsilon'}(1) = 0$ and compute $y^{\varepsilon''}(0) = y_1$ and $y^{\varepsilon''}(1) = y_2$ from the equations 1a) and 2a) and construct:

$$y^{\varepsilon}(x) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \frac{y_1}{2t_1^2} x^2 (x-t_1)'' & 0 \leq x \leq t_1 \\ 0 & t_1 \leq x \leq t_2 \\ \frac{y_2}{2t_2^2} (x-1)^2 (x-t_2)^4 & t_2 \leq x \leq 1 \end{array} \right\} \in C^3([0,1])$$

with $0 < t_1 < \min\left(\frac{1}{2}, \sqrt[4]{\frac{729\varepsilon}{8|y_1|}}\right)$ for $y_1 \neq 0$ and

$$0 < t_2 < \min\left(\frac{1}{2}, \sqrt[4]{\frac{729\varepsilon}{8|y_2|}}\right) \text{ for } y_2 \neq 0 .$$

Otherwise there is no restriction on t_1 resp t_2 (only $0 < t_1 < t_2 < 1$).

Now we consider:

$$(\Delta) \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} V_t = a(x,t)V_{xx} + b(x,t)V_x + c(x,t)V + f(x,t) & , \quad (x,t) \in (0,1] \times (0,T] \\ V(x,0) = V_0^{\varepsilon}(x) & x \in [0,1] \\ V(0,t) = \gamma_0(t) & t \in (0,T] \\ V(1,t) = \gamma_1(t) & \end{array} \right.$$

We have: $V_0^{\varepsilon} \in C^3([0,1])$, $\gamma_0, \gamma_1 \in C^m([0,T])$, $V_0^{\varepsilon}(0) = \gamma_0(0)$, $V_0^{\varepsilon}(1) = \gamma_1(0)$ and $V_0^{\varepsilon}, \gamma_0, \gamma_1$ fulfill the condition a) and b) in theorem 1. So we can conclude, that this problem has a unique solution V_{ε} , so that $V_{\varepsilon}, V_{\varepsilon t}, V_{\varepsilon x}, V_{\varepsilon xx}$ are continuous in $[0,1] \times [0,T]$. Also we can conclude that $Z = U - V_{\varepsilon}$ is the unique solution of

$$(\Delta\Delta) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} Z_t = a(x,t)Z_{xx} + b(x,t)Z_x + c(x,t)Z \\ Z(x,0) = U_0(x) - V_0^{\varepsilon}(x) \\ Z(0,t) = Z(1,t) \equiv 0 \end{array} \right.$$

(U is the unique solution of the given problem).

We know that the solution Z depends continuously on the initial data $Z(x,0)$, so we have:

$$\|Z\|_{\infty} = \|U - V_{\epsilon}\| \leq C \cdot \|U_0 - V_0^{\epsilon}\| \leq C\epsilon \quad .$$

The numerical procedure to the given problem has the form:

$$\frac{1}{k} [B_0(k, t_n) U^n(k) - B_1(k, t_{n-1}) U^{n-1}(k) - R(k, t_n)] = \hat{f}(t_n)$$

and to (Δ)

$$\frac{1}{k} [B_0(k, t_n) V_{\epsilon}^n(k) - B_1(k, t_{n-1}) V_{\epsilon}^{n-1}(k) - R(k, t_n)] = \hat{f}(t_n)$$

$$V_{\epsilon}^0 = V_0^{\epsilon}$$

We conclude by subtracting:

$$\frac{1}{k} [B_0(k, t_n) (U^n(k) - V_{\epsilon}^n(k)) - B_1(k, t_{n-1}) (U^{n-1}(k) - V_{\epsilon}^{n-1}(k))] = 0$$

$$U^0 - V_{\epsilon}^0 = U_0 - V_0^{\epsilon}$$

We get by stability: $\|U^n(k) - V_{\epsilon}^n(k)\| \leq L \|U_0 - V_0^{\epsilon}\| \leq 3L\epsilon \quad .$

Applying theorem 1 we conclude, that there is a $k_0(\epsilon) > 0$ so that for all $k < k_0(\epsilon)$, $\|V_{\epsilon}(t) - V_{\epsilon}^n(k)\| \leq \epsilon$ for $t = nk$ fixed in $[0, T]$.

So,

$$\|U(t) - U^n(k)\| \leq \|U(t) - V_{\epsilon}(t)\| + \|V_{\epsilon}(t) - V_{\epsilon}^n(t)\| + \|V_{\epsilon}^n(t) - U^n(k)\| \leq$$

$$\leq C\epsilon + \epsilon + 3L\epsilon = (C+1+3L)\epsilon \quad .$$

And that means convergence.

Putting the used proof-methods on a more formal level we can derive an extension to Lax's convergence theorem for stable approximations to linear operator equations which are consistent for data in a dense set. Consider the linear and invertible operator $F : (A, \| \cdot \|_A) \rightarrow (B, \| \cdot \|_B)$ where A, B are appropriate linear

spaces and let $\|F^{-1}\|_B$ be bounded by k_1 . That means that the solution U of the equation $FU = g$ depends continuously on the data g . For the numerical computation of U we use approximations $F_h U_h = g_h$ with the following properties:

- 1) $F_h: (A_h, \|\cdot\|_{A_h}) \rightarrow (B_h, \|\cdot\|_{B_h})$ for $0 < h \leq h_0$ (step-size, grid parameter), where A_h, B_h are appropriate linear spaces.
- 2) F_h is linear and invertible and $\|F_h^{-1}\|_{B_h} \leq k_2$ for all $h \leq h_0$.

The last property of F_h is called stability:

- 3) There exist linear and uniformly bounded operators,

$$\Delta_h^A; (A, \|\cdot\|_A) \rightarrow (A_h, \|\cdot\|_{A_h})$$

$$\Delta_h^B; (B, \|\cdot\|_B) \rightarrow (B_h, \|\cdot\|_{B_h})$$
- 4) $\|\Delta_h^B(g) - g_h\|_{B_h} = o(1)$ for $h \rightarrow 0$.
- 5) The scheme $F_h U_h = g_h$ is consistent with $FU = g$ for all $g \in XCB$, where X is dense in B , i.e.,

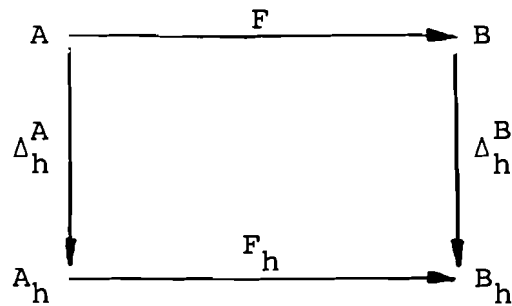
$$\|F_h(\Delta_h^A U) - g_h\|_{B_h} = o(1) \text{ for } h \rightarrow 0$$
 where U is the solution of $FU = g$.

We can conclude:

Theorem 3: under the given assumptions on F and F_h the procedure $F_h U_h = g_h$ is convergent to the solution U of the equation $FU = g$, for all $g \in B$, i.e.,

$$\|\Delta_h^A(U) - U_h\|_{A_h} = o(1) \text{ for } h \rightarrow 0.$$

Proof: We have the following situation:



Let ϵ fixed be greater 0.

For solving $FU = g$ we consider the scheme $F_h U_h = g_h$. Because X is dense in B we can choose $g_\epsilon \in X$ so that $\|g - g_\epsilon\|_B \ll \epsilon$. Instead of $FU = g$ we now solve $FU_\epsilon = g_\epsilon$. We conclude $\|U - U_\epsilon\|_A \ll \|F^{-1}\| \|g - g_\epsilon\|_B$ that means:

$$A) \quad \|U - U_\epsilon\|_A \ll k_1 \epsilon$$

Now we consider $F_h U_{\epsilon h} = g_{\epsilon h}$ and we easily prove the convergence of $U_{\epsilon h}$ to U_ϵ for $h \rightarrow 0$ and fixed $\epsilon > 0$ by the usual consistency - stability method:

$$F_h U_{\epsilon h} = g_{\epsilon h}$$

$$\underline{F_h \Delta_h^A U_\epsilon = g_{\epsilon h} + C_\epsilon(h)} \quad \|C_\epsilon(h)\|_{B_h} = o(1) \text{ for } h \rightarrow 0 \text{ and fixed } \epsilon > 0 \text{ because } g_\epsilon \in X.$$

$$F_h (U_{\epsilon h} - \Delta_h^A U_\epsilon) = -C_\epsilon(h) \Rightarrow$$

$$B) \quad \|U_{\epsilon h} - \Delta_h^A U_\epsilon\|_{A_h} \ll \|F_h^{-1}\| \|C_\epsilon(h)\|_{B_h} \ll k_2 c_\epsilon(h)$$

$c_\epsilon(h) \rightarrow 0$ for $h \rightarrow 0$
 ϵ fixed greater than 0.

Now we want to find a bound for $U_{\epsilon h} - U_h$:

$$U_{\epsilon h} - U_h = F_h^{-1} (g_{\epsilon h} - g_h) = F_h^{-1} (g_{\epsilon h} - \Delta_h^B g_\epsilon + \Delta_h^B g_\epsilon - \Delta_h^B g + \Delta_h^B g - g_h)$$

$$C) \quad \|U_{\epsilon h} - U_h\|_{A_h} \ll k_2 (\|g_{\epsilon h} - \Delta_h^B g_\epsilon\|_{B_h} + \|\Delta_h^B g_\epsilon - \Delta_h^B g\| + \|\Delta_h^B g - g_h\|)$$

$$= k_2 d_\epsilon(h) \rightarrow 0 \text{ for } h \rightarrow 0 \text{ and } \epsilon > 0 \text{ fixed}$$

because of the assumptions 2), 3) and 4). So we can conclude from (A), (B) and (C):

$$\|\Delta_h^A U - U_h\|_{A_h} \leq \|\Delta_h^A U - \Delta_h^A U_\varepsilon\|_{A_h} + \|\Delta_h^A U_\varepsilon - U_{\varepsilon h}\|_{A_h} + \|U_{\varepsilon h} - U_h\|_{A_h} \leq \|\Delta_h^A\| \cdot (k_1 \varepsilon + k_2 c_\varepsilon(h) + k_2 d_\varepsilon(h)) .$$

We can find for every $\varepsilon > 0$ a $h < h(\varepsilon)$ so that $\|\Delta_h^A U - U_h\|_{A_h} \leq C\varepsilon$ where C is independent of ε , h and that means convergence.

It is easy to extend Theorem 3 to cases where the difference scheme F_h is uniformly continuous in h (stable) in some components of the data-vector g , but not in all. The methods for doing this are the same as used in Theorem 2, because stability of one step difference - approximation means that the solutions $U^n(k)$ depend uniformly continuous (in the grid-parameter k) on the initial data and on the disturbance but not on the boundary values.

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