

**Exercise 13:**

A system of coupled differential equations is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} &= u\end{aligned}$$

Answer the following questions:

- a) Decouple the system of differential equations.
- b) Find a FD update scheme for the decoupled differential equation for  $f$  using central differences for derivatives towards  $x$  and forward differences for derivatives towards  $t$ .
- c) Find a FD update scheme for the coupled differential equations. Use central differences for derivatives towards  $x$  and forward differences for derivatives towards  $t$ .
- d) Under which condition are schemes b) and c) equivalent?
- e) Show that the accuracy of the used forward derivatives is  $O(\Delta t)$ .
- f) Improve scheme b) such that it shows  $O(\Delta t^2)$  and  $O(\Delta x^2)$  accuracy.

**Exercise 14:**

Given is Poisson's equation  $\frac{d^2\Phi}{dx^2} + \frac{d^2\Phi}{dy^2} = f(x, y)$

- a) What is the difference between Laplace's equation and Poisson's equation?
- b) Give two examples where the Poisson equation is used to describe physics and indicate the meaning of the involved fields.
- c) Write the Dirichlet and Neuman boundary conditions for the potential  $\Phi$ .
- d) What physical conditions are given by Dirichlet and Neuman boundaries in the two examples of b)? (Give for each physics a practical example of a Dirichlet and a Neuman boundary condition!)
- e) Approximate the Laplace's equation with the FD method! The mesh distances are  $h_x$  and  $h_y$ .
- f) Explain the staircasing effect in FD?