

ON THE ESTIMATES OF THE CONVERGENCE  
RATE OF THE FINITE DIFFERENCE SCHEMES  
FOR THE APPROXIMATION OF SOLUTIONS  
OF HYPERBOLIC PROBLEMS

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**Abstract.** Some new estimates of the convergence rate for hyperbolic initial-boundary value problems are obtained. For a special case a convergence rate estimate compatible with the smoothness of data is obtained.

1. Introduction

For a broad class of finite difference schemes for elliptic boundary value problems, of major interest are the estimates of the convergence rates compatible with the smoothness of data [3, 7, 9], i.e.

$$\|u - v\|_{W_{2,h}^k} \leq C h^{s-k} \|u\|_{W_2^s}, \quad s > k.$$

Here  $u$  denotes the solution of the original boundary value problem,  $v$  denotes the solution of the corresponding finite difference scheme,  $h$  is the discretization parameter,  $W_2^s$  denotes the Sobolev space,  $W_{2,h}^k$  denotes the discrete Sobolev space, and  $C$  is a positive generic constant, independent of  $h$  and  $u$ .

Analogous estimates hold in the parabolic case [4]:

$$\|u - v\|_{W_{2,h}^{k,k/2}} \leq C h^{s-k} \|u\|_{W_2^{s,s/2}}, \quad s > k.$$

To the contrary, in a hyperbolic case, we only have weak estimates, not compatible with the smoothness of data [5, 6]:

$$\|u - v\|_{C_\tau(W_{2,h}^k)} \leq C h^{s-k-1} \|u\|_{W_2^s}, \quad s > k + 1.$$

Recently, for the hyperbolic projection difference scheme, Zlotnik [12] has obtained a convergence rate estimate of the order of  $2(s - k)/3$ . In this paper we show that, in the same cases, it is possible to obtain better estimates.

## 2. State of the problem, preliminaries and denotations

As an example let us consider the initial boundary value problem (IBVP) for the equation of the vibrating string in the domain  $Q = (0, 1) \times (0, T]$ :

$$(1) \quad \begin{aligned} \partial^2 u / \partial t^2 &= \partial^2 u / \partial x^2, & (x, t) \in Q, \\ u(0, t) &= u(1, t) = 0, & t \in [0, T], \\ u(x, 0) &= u_0(x), \quad \partial u(x, 0) / \partial t = 0, & x \in (0, 1). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $L_q, q \geq 1$ , be Lebesgue spaces of integrable functions, and  $W_2^s = W_2^s(0, 1)$  be standard Sobolev spaces [11]. Let us also introduce spaces  $C(W_2^s)$  and  $L_q(W_2^s)$  of functions defined on  $[0, T]$  with values in  $W_2^s$ , and norms

$$\|u\|_{C(W_2^s)} = \max_{t \in [0, T]} \|u(t)\|_{W_2^s} \quad \text{and} \quad \|u\|_{L_q(W_2^s)} = \|\|u(t)\|_{W_2^s}\|_{L_q}.$$

In the following, we shall assume that  $u_0(x) \in W_2^s(0, 1)$ ,  $s \geq 1$ , and can be oddly extended preserving the class, for  $x < 0$  and  $x > 1$ . In other words,  $u_0$  satisfies the following conditions

$$u_0^{(2j)}(0) = u_0^{(2j)}(1) = 0, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, [(s-1)/2].$$

The solution of the IBVP (1) satisfies an a priori estimate [8]

$$(2) \quad \max_{t \in [0, 1]} \left( \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right\|_{L_2}^2 + \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right\|_{L_2}^2 \right) = \left\| \frac{\partial u(x, 0)}{\partial t} \right\|_{L_2}^2 + \left\| \frac{\partial u(x, 0)}{\partial x} \right\|_{L_2}^2 = \|u'_0\|_{L_2}^2.$$

From (2), we obtain

$$\|u\|_{C(W_2^1)} \leq C \|u_0\|_{W_2^1}, \quad C = \text{const} = \sqrt{1 + \pi^{-2}}.$$

Differentiating equation (1), using estimate (2), we obtain the following estimate

$$(3) \quad \max_{t \in [0, T]} \left\| \frac{\partial^k u}{\partial x^j \partial t^{k-j}} \right\|_{L_2} \leq \|u_0^{(k)}\|_{L_2}, \quad 1 \leq k \leq [s], \quad 0 \leq j \leq k.$$

Hence, all partial derivatives of the solution  $u(x, t)$  of order  $\leq [s]$  belong to the space  $C(L_2)$ . The solution can be oddly extended in  $x$ , for  $x < 0$  and  $x > 1$ , and evenly extended in  $t$ , for  $t < 0$ , thus preserving its class.

Let  $\bar{\omega}_h$  be a uniform mesh with the stepsize  $h = 1/n$  on  $[0, 1]$ ,  $\omega_h = \bar{\omega}_h \cap (0, 1)$  and  $\omega_h^- = \omega_h \cup \{0\}$ . Let  $v_x$  and  $v_{\bar{x}}$  denote the upward and backward finite differences:

$$v_x = (v(x+h) - v(x))/h, \quad v_{\bar{x}} = (v(x) - v(x-h))/h.$$

We define the following discrete norms

$$\|v\|_h = \|v\|_{L_{2,h}} = \left\{ h \sum_{x \in \omega_h} v^2(x) \right\}^{1/2}, \quad \llbracket v \rrbracket_h = \llbracket v \rrbracket_{L_{2,h}} = \left\{ h \sum_{x \in \omega_h^-} v^2(x) \right\}^{1/2},$$

$$\text{and} \quad \|v\|_{W_{2,h}^1} = (\|v\|_h^2 + \llbracket v \rrbracket_h^2)^{1/2}.$$

Let  $\bar{\omega}_\tau$  be a uniform mesh with the stepsize  $\tau = T/(m - 1/2)$  on  $[-\tau/2, T]$ ,  $\omega_\tau = \bar{\omega}_\tau \cap (0, T)$  and  $\omega_\tau^- = \omega_\tau \cup \{-\tau/2\}$ . We shall introduce the following notations

$$\begin{aligned} v &= v(t), & \hat{v} &= v(t + \tau), & \check{v} &= v(t - \tau), & v^j &= v((j - 1/2)\tau), \\ \bar{v} &= (v + \hat{v})/2, & v_t &= (\hat{v} - v)/\tau, & v_{\bar{t}} &= (v - \check{v})/\tau. \end{aligned}$$

For functions defined on the mesh  $\bar{\omega}_h \times \bar{\omega}_\tau$  we define the following norms

$$\|v\|_{C_\tau(W_{2,h}^1)} = \max_{t \in \omega_\tau^-} \|v(\cdot, t)\|_{W_{2,h}^1}$$

and

$$\|v\|_{L_{q,\tau}(L_{2,h})} = \left\{ \tau \sum_{t \in \omega_\tau} \|v(\cdot, t)\|_{L_{2,h}}^q \right\}^{1/q}.$$

Let  $S_x$  and  $S_t$  denote the Steklov smoothing operators in  $x$  and  $t$

$$S_x f(x, t) = \frac{1}{h} \int_{x-h/2}^{x+h/2} f(\xi, t) d\xi, \quad S_t f(x, t) = \frac{1}{\tau} \int_{t-\tau/2}^{t+\tau/2} f(x, \eta) d\eta.$$

Finally, let  $C$  denote the positive generic constant, independent of  $h$  and  $\tau$ .

### 3. Second order finite difference schemes

We approximate the IBVP (1) by the following weighted finite difference scheme (FDS) [10]

$$(4) \quad v_{t\bar{t}} = [\sigma \hat{v} + (1 - 2\sigma)v + \sigma \check{v}]_{x\bar{x}}, \quad x \in \omega_h, \quad t \in \omega_\tau,$$

$$(5) \quad v(0, t) = v(1, t) = 0, \quad t \in \bar{\omega}_\tau,$$

$$(6) \quad v^0 = v^1 = u_0(x), \quad x \in \omega_h.$$

The solution of the FDS (4–6) satisfies the relation

$$N^2(v) \equiv \|v_t\|_h^2 + \tau^2 (\sigma - 0.25) \llbracket v_{tx} \rrbracket_h^2 + \llbracket \bar{v}_x \rrbracket_h^2 = \llbracket v_x^0 \rrbracket_h^2.$$

From here, for  $\sigma \geq 1/4$ , we obtain

$$(7) \quad \max_{t \in \omega_\tau^-} \llbracket \bar{v}_x \rrbracket_h \leq \llbracket v_x^0 \rrbracket_h.$$

The inequality (7) holds also for  $\sigma < 1/4$ , if

$$\tau \leq h \sqrt{\frac{1 - c_0}{1 - 4\sigma}}, \quad c_0 = \text{const} \in (0, 1) \quad (\text{conditional stability}).$$

From the initial conditions (6) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} (8) \quad \llbracket v_x^0 \rrbracket_h &= \llbracket u_{0,x} \rrbracket_h = \left\{ h \sum_{x \in \omega_h^-} \left[ \frac{u_0(x+h) - u_0(x)}{h} \right]^2 \right\}^{1/2} \\ &= \left\{ h \sum_{x \in \omega_h^-} \left( \frac{1}{h} \int_x^{x+h} u_0'(\xi) d\xi \right)^2 \right\}^{1/2} \\ &\leq \left\{ \sum_{x \in \omega_h^-} \int_x^{x+h} [u_0'(\xi)]^2 d\xi \right\}^{1/2} = \|u_0'\|_{L_2} \leq \|u_0\|_{W_2^1}. \end{aligned}$$

Using the inequality [10]

$$\|v\|_h \leq \llbracket v_x \rrbracket_h / (2\sqrt{2}),$$

from (7) and (8) we obtain

$$(9) \quad \|\bar{v}\|_{C_\tau(W_{2,h}^1)} \leq C \|u_0\|_{W_2^1}.$$

Let  $u$  be the solution of IBVP (1) and  $v$  the solution of FDS (4–6). The error  $z = u - v$  satisfies the conditions

$$(10) \quad z_{t\bar{t}} = [\sigma \hat{z} + (1 - 2\sigma)z + \sigma \hat{z}]_{x\bar{x}} + \psi, \quad x \in \omega_h, \quad t \in \omega_\tau,$$

$$(11) \quad z(0, t) = z(1, t) = 0, \quad t \in \bar{\omega}_\tau,$$

$$(12) \quad z^0 = z^1 = u(x, \tau/2) - u_0(x), \quad x \in \omega_h,$$

where  $\psi = u_{t\bar{t}} - [\sigma \hat{u} + (1 - 2\sigma)u + \sigma \hat{u}]_{x\bar{x}}$ .

The a priori estimate

$$(13) \quad \max_{t \in \omega_\tau} \llbracket \bar{z}_x \rrbracket_h \leq \max_{t \in \omega_\tau} N(z) \leq \llbracket z_x^0 \rrbracket_h + \frac{1}{\sqrt{c}} \|\psi\|_{L_{1,\tau}(L_{2,h})}$$

where  $c = 1$  for  $\sigma \geq 1/4$ , and  $c = c_0$  for  $\sigma < 1/4$ , holds.

Estimating  $z_x^0$  and  $\psi$ , using the Bramble-Hilbert lemma [1, 2], for  $c_1 h \leq \tau \leq c_2 h$ , we obtain the estimate [5]

$$\max_{t \in \omega_\tau} \llbracket \bar{z}_x \rrbracket_h \leq C h^{s-2} \|u\|_{W_2^s(Q)}, \quad 2 \leq s \leq 4,$$

i.e.

$$(14) \quad \|\bar{z}\|_{C_\tau(W_{2,h}^1)} \leq C h^{s-2} \|u\|_{W_2^s(Q)}, \quad 2 \leq s \leq 4.$$

On the other hand, using

$$z_x^0 = [u(x, \tau/2) - u(x, 0)]_x = \frac{1}{h} \int_x^{x+h} \int_0^{\tau/2} \int_0^t \frac{\partial^3 u(\xi, \eta)}{\partial t^2 \partial x} d\eta dt d\xi$$

we easily obtain

$$(15) \quad \begin{aligned} \llbracket z_x^0 \rrbracket_h &\leq \left\{ h \sum_{x \in \omega_h^-} h^{-2} h (\tau/2)^3 \int_x^{x+h} \int_0^{\tau/2} \left( \frac{\partial^3 u(\xi, t)}{\partial t^2 \partial x} \right)^2 dt d\xi \right\}^{1/2} \\ &\leq \frac{\tau^2}{4} \max_{t \in [0, T]} \left\| \frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial t^2 \partial x} \right\|_{L_2}. \end{aligned}$$

Using relations  $S_x^2(\partial^2 u / \partial x^2) = u_{x\bar{x}}$  and  $S_t^2(\partial^2 u / \partial t^2) = u_{t\bar{t}}$ , and equation (1), we can represent the function  $\psi$  in the following manner

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(x, t) &= \left( S_t^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - S_x^2 S_t^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} \right) - \left( S_x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - S_x^2 S_t^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \right) - \sigma \tau^2 S_x^2 S_t^2 \frac{\partial^4 u}{\partial x^2 \partial t^2} \\ &= -\frac{1}{h\tau} \int_{x-h}^{x+h} \int_x^\xi \int_{t-\tau}^{t+\tau} (\xi - \eta) \left( 1 - \frac{|\xi - x|}{h} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{|\zeta - t|}{\tau} \right) \frac{\partial^4 u(\eta, \zeta)}{\partial x^2 \partial t^2} d\zeta d\eta d\xi \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{1}{h\tau} \int_{x-h}^{x+h} \int_{t-\tau}^{t+\tau} \int_t^\eta (\eta - \zeta) \left(1 - \frac{|\xi - x|}{h}\right) \left(1 - \frac{|\eta - t|}{\tau}\right) \frac{\partial^4 u(\xi, \zeta)}{\partial x^2 \partial t^2} d\zeta d\eta d\xi \\
& - \frac{\sigma\tau^2}{h\tau} \int_{x-h}^{x+h} \int_{t-\tau}^{t+\tau} \left(1 - \frac{|\xi - x|}{h}\right) \left(1 - \frac{|\eta - t|}{\tau}\right) \frac{\partial^4 u(\xi, \eta)}{\partial x^2 \partial t^2} d\eta d\xi.
\end{aligned}$$

From this we obtain

$$|\psi(x, t)| \leq \frac{C(h^2 + \tau^2)}{\sqrt{h\tau}} \left\| \frac{\partial^4 u}{\partial x^2 \partial t^2} \right\|_{L_2(e)},$$

where  $e = (x - h, x + h) \times (t - \tau, t + \tau)$ , and

$$(16) \quad \|\psi\|_{L_{1,\tau}(L_{2,h})} \leq C(h + \tau)^2 \max_{t \in [0, T]} \left\| \frac{\partial^4 u}{\partial x^2 \partial t^2} \right\|_{L_2(0,1)}.$$

From (13), (15), (16) and (3) we obtain the following convergence rate estimates for FDS (4-6)

$$\begin{aligned}
& \max_{t \in \omega_\tau^-} \|\bar{z}_x\|_h \leq C(h + \tau)^2 \|u_0\|_{W_2^4}, \quad \text{i.e.} \\
(17) \quad & \|\bar{z}\|_{C_\tau(W_{2,h}^1)} \leq C(h + \tau)^2 \|u_0\|_{W_2^4}.
\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, from the self-evident inequalities

$$\max_{t \in \omega_\tau^-} \|\bar{z}_x\|_h \leq \max_{t \in \omega_\tau^-} \|\bar{u}_x\|_h + \max_{t \in \omega_\tau^-} \|\bar{v}_x\|_h \leq \max_{t \in [0, T]} \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right\|_{L_2} + \|u'_0\|_{L_2} \leq 2 \|u'_0\|_{L_2}$$

we obtain

$$(18) \quad \|\bar{z}\|_{C_\tau(W_{2,h}^1)} \leq C \|u_0\|_{W_2^1}.$$

By the K-method for the real interpolation [11] we introduce the function spaces  $(W_2^k, W_2^{k+1})_{\theta, 2}$  ( $0 < \theta < 1$ ,  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ). Let  $R$  denote the linear operator defined by  $Ru_0 = \bar{z}$ . From (17) and (18) it follows that  $R$  is a bounded operator from  $W_2^4$  into  $D \equiv C_\tau(W_{2,h}^1)$  and also from  $W_2^1$  into  $D$ . Therefore,  $R$  is a bounded operator from  $(W_2^1, W_2^4)_{\theta, 2}$  into  $D$ , and the interpolation inequality

$$(19) \quad \|R\|_{(W_2^1, W_2^4)_{\theta, 2} \rightarrow D} \leq \|R\|_{W_2^1 \rightarrow D}^{1-\theta} \|R\|_{W_2^4 \rightarrow D}^\theta$$

holds. Here

$$\|R\|_{A \rightarrow B} = \sup_{u \neq 0} \frac{\|Ru\|_B}{\|u\|_A}$$

is the standard operator norm of  $R : A \rightarrow B$ .

From (17-19) we get

$$\|\bar{z}\|_{C_\tau(W_{2,h}^1)} \leq C(h + \tau)^{2\theta} \|u_0\|_{(W_2^1, W_2^4)_{\theta, 2}}.$$

Further from [11], we have

$$(W_2^1, W_2^4)_{\theta, 2} = W_2^{1-\theta+4\theta} = W_2^{3\theta+1}, \quad 0 < \theta < 1.$$

Setting  $3\theta + 1 = s$ , we finally obtain the required convergence rate estimate

$$(20) \quad \|\bar{z}\|_{C_\tau(W_{2,h}^1)} \leq C (h + \tau)^{\frac{2}{3}(s-1)} \|u_0\|_{W_2^s}, \quad 1 \leq s \leq 4.$$

The estimate of the form (20) is obtained in [12].

#### 4. Fourth-order scheme

Let us approximate equation (1) by

$$(21) \quad v_{t\bar{t}} = v_{x\bar{x}} + \frac{\tau^2 - h^2}{12} v_{t\bar{t}x\bar{x}}.$$

Here observe that (21) reduces to (4) for  $\sigma = 1/2 - h^2/(12\tau^2)$ . The scheme is stable for

$$\tau \leq h \sqrt{1 - 3c_0/2}, \quad c_0 = \text{const} \in (0, 2/3).$$

The initial conditions can be approximated by

$$(22) \quad v^0 = v^1 = u_0 + \frac{\tau^2}{8} u_{0,x\bar{x}}, \quad x \in \omega_h.$$

Then,

$$\|v_x^0\|_h \leq \|u_{0,x}\|_h + C \tau^2 h^{-2} \|u_{0,x}\|_h \leq \|u_0'\|_{L_2}$$

and the a priori estimates (7) and (9) hold.

The error  $z = u - v$  satisfies the conditions (10), (11) and

$$(23) \quad z^0 = z^1 = u(x, \tau/2) - u_0(x) - 0.125 \tau^2 u_{0,x\bar{x}},$$

as well as the a priori estimate (13).

The following representations hold:

$$\begin{aligned} z_x^0 = & -\frac{\tau^2}{8h^2} \int_{x-h}^{x+h} \int_x^\xi \int_\eta^{\eta+h} (\xi - \eta) \left(1 - \frac{|\xi - x|}{h}\right) u_0^{(5)}(\zeta) d\zeta d\eta d\xi \\ & + \frac{1}{6h} \int_0^{\tau/2} \int_x^{x+h} \left(\frac{\tau}{2} - s\right)^3 \frac{\partial^5 u(\xi, \eta)}{\partial t^4 \partial x} d\xi d\eta \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(x, t) = & \frac{1}{6h\tau} \int_{x-h}^{x+h} \int_x^\xi \int_{t-\tau}^{t+\tau} \left[ \frac{h^2}{2} (\xi - \eta) - (\xi - \eta)^3 \right] \times \\ & \times \left(1 - \frac{|\xi - x|}{h}\right) \left(1 - \frac{|\zeta - t|}{\tau}\right) \frac{\partial^6 u(\eta, \zeta)}{\partial x^4 \partial t^2} d\zeta d\eta d\xi \end{aligned}$$

$$-\frac{1}{6h\tau} \int_{x-h}^{x+h} \int_{t-\tau}^{t+\tau} \int_t^\zeta \left[ \frac{\tau^2}{2}(\zeta - \eta) - (\zeta - \eta)^3 \right] \times \\ \times \left( 1 - \frac{|\xi - x|}{h} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{|\zeta - t|}{\tau} \right) \frac{\partial^6 u(\xi, \eta)}{\partial x^4 \partial t^2} d\eta d\zeta d\xi.$$

Herefrom we obtain

$$(24) \quad \begin{aligned} \|z_x^0\|_h &\leq C(\tau^2 h^2 + h^4) \|u_0^{(5)}\|_{L_2} \leq C h^4 \|u_0\|_{W_2^5}, \\ \|\psi\|_{L_{1,\tau}(L_{2,h})} &\leq C(h^4 + \tau^4) \left\| \frac{\partial^6 u}{\partial x^4 \partial t^2} \right\|_{C(L_2)} \leq C h^4 \|u_0\|_{W_2^6} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(25) \quad \|\bar{z}\|_{C_\tau(W_{2,h}^1)} \leq C h^4 \|u_0\|_{W_2^6}.$$

Further,

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\tau \in \omega_\tau^-} \|\bar{z}_x\|_h &\leq \max_{\tau \in \omega_\tau^-} \|\bar{u}_x\|_h + \max_{\tau \in \omega_\tau^-} \|\bar{v}_x\|_h \\ &\leq \max_{t \in [0, T]} \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right\|_{L_2} + \|v_x^0\|_h \leq C \|u_0'\|_{L_2} \leq C \|u_0\|_{W_2^1}. \end{aligned}$$

From here follows the inequality (18).

From (25) and (18), by interpolation we obtain the following convergence rate estimate of FDS (21), (5), (22)

$$(26) \quad \|\bar{z}\|_{C_\tau(W_{2,h}^1)} \leq C h^{\frac{4}{5}(s-1)} \|u_0\|_{W_2^s}, \quad 1 \leq s \leq 6.$$

## 5. The exact scheme

Set  $\tau = h$  ( $m = [T/h + 1/2]$ ), and approximate equation (1) by the explicit FDS

$$(27) \quad v_{i\bar{t}} = v_{x\bar{x}}.$$

The solution of the IBVP (1) can be represented by the series

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \cos k\pi t \sin k\pi x.$$

It could easily be verified that  $u(x, t)$  satisfies equation (27). The error  $z = u - v$  also satisfies (27), and the a priori estimate

$$\max_{t \in \omega_\tau^-} \|\bar{z}_x\|_h \leq \|z_x^0\|_h,$$

holds. Hence, the convergence rate depends only on the approximation of the initial conditions.

If the initial conditions are approximated by (6), then the relations (15) and (18) hold; so we have

$$\|\bar{z}\|_{C_\tau(W_{2,h}^1)} \leq C h^2 \|u_0\|_{W_2^3},$$

and

$$(28) \quad \|\bar{z}\|_{C_\tau(W_{2,h}^1)} \leq C \|u_0\|_{W_2^1}.$$

By interpolation we obtain

$$(29) \quad \|\bar{z}\|_{C_\tau(W_{2,h}^1)} \leq C h^{s-1} \|u_0\|_{W_2^s}, \quad 1 \leq s \leq 3.$$

If initial conditions are approximated by (22), then (24) holds and

$$(30) \quad \|\bar{z}\|_{C_\tau(W_{2,h}^1)} \leq C h^4 \|u_0\|_{W_2^5}.$$

By interpolation, from (28) and (30) we obtain the estimate in the form (29), for  $1 \leq s \leq 5$ . The estimate (29) is compatible with the smoothness of data.

The obtained results can be transferred, without difficulties, to the IBVP with nonhomogeneous second initial condition

$$\partial u(x, 0)/\partial t = u_1(x).$$

Let the conditions

$$u_1 \in W_2^{s-1}(0, 1), \quad s \geq 1, \\ u_1^{(2j)}(0) = u_1^{(2j)}(1) = 0, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, \left\lfloor \frac{s-2}{2} \right\rfloor, \quad \text{for } s \geq 2$$

hold. Then, we substitute the initial conditions (6) and (22) by

$$v^0 = u_0 - \frac{\tau}{2} S_x^2 u_1, \quad v^1 = u_0 + \frac{\tau}{2} S_x^2 u_1, \quad x \in \omega_h,$$

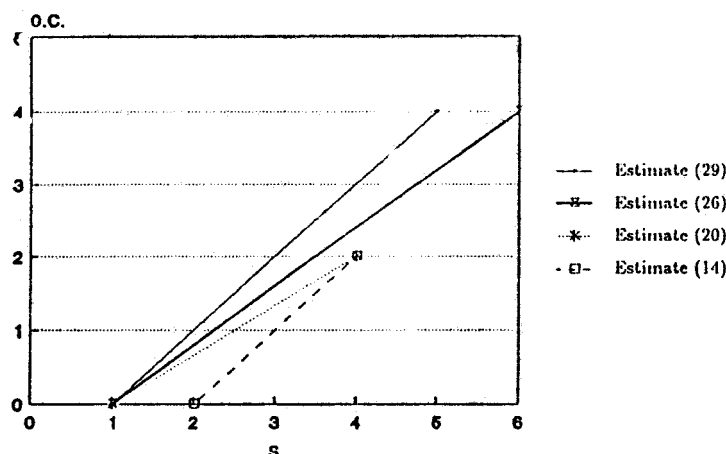
and

$$v^0 = u_0 - \frac{\tau}{2} S_x^2 u_1 + \frac{\tau^2}{8} u_{0,x\bar{x}} - \frac{\tau^3 - 2h^2\tau}{48} S_x^4 u_1'', \\ v^1 = u_0 + \frac{\tau}{2} S_x^2 u_1 + \frac{\tau^2}{8} u_{0,x\bar{x}} + \frac{\tau^3 - 2h^2\tau}{48} S_x^4 u_1''.$$

Hence, the estimates of the forms (20), (26) and (29) hold, where on the right-hand-side  $\|u_0\|_{W_2^s}$  is replaced by  $\|u_0\|_{W_2^s} + \|u_1\|_{W_2^{s-1}}$ .

The following diagram graphically represents the relation between the smoothness of initial data ( $s$ ) and the order of convergence (o.c.) in estimates (14), (20), (26) and (29).





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