

## Mid-Point Euler Method in Pseudospectral Approximation for Burger's Equation

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**Abstract:** In this paper, a Fourier Pseudospectral Approximation combined with the Midpoint Euler time differencing technique for solving Burger's equation is proposed. The stability and convergence are investigated. The numerical results are also presented.

**Key Words:** Burger Equation, Fourier Pseudospectral Method, Stability, Convergence

### Introduction

Consider the Burger's equation with periodic boundary conditions:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + uu_x - \nu u_{xx} = f, & -\infty < x < \infty, & 0 < t \leq T, \\ u(x, t) = u(x+1, t), & -\infty < x < \infty, & 0 \leq t \leq T, \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x), & -\infty < x < \infty, \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

In the Past several years publications in spectral methods for nonlinear partial differential equation provide a new potent solution technique Canuto *et al.*, (1987); Gottlieb and Orszag (1977); Mady and Quartroni (1981); Guo Ben-Yu and Ma-Heping (1986); Ma-Heping and Guo Ben-YU. (1988); Guo Ben-Yu (1988); Kreiss and Oliger (1979); Song and Cai-Ping (1999); Ma and Gu (1986) and Rashid (1993;1994) In many of the relevant papers, Pseudospectral methods are used, because they are more efficient than spectral methods. But some times Pseudospectral methods have a nonlinear instability which causes the weakens the non-linearity of the solution. In order to eliminate these phenomena, filtering technique is used (Ma and Gu, 1986).

In this paper a restrain operator  $R_r$  is used to develop fully discrete Fourier Pseudospectral Approximation combined with midpoint Euler time differencing technique for Burger's equation. The fully discrete scheme is proposed together with iteration procedure for solving this implicit scheme. The stability and convergence are proved. The numerical results are presented.

**Notations and Lemmas:** Let  $I=(0,1) \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$(u, v) = \int_0^1 u(x) \overline{v(x)} dx,$$

$$\|u\|^2 = (u, u), \quad |u|_1 = \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right\|.$$

Let  $N$  be positive integer and  $n$  be any integer

$$V_N = \text{span} \left\{ e^{nimx} \mid |n| \leq N \right\}.$$

$V_N$  is a real value function subset of  $V_N$ . Let  $P_N$  be the orthogonal projection operator form  $L^2(I)$  to  $V_N$ , that is,  $(P_N v, w) = (v, w), \quad \forall w \in V_N$ .

let  $P_c$  be the interpolation operator form  $C(I)$  to  $V_N$  such

$$\text{that } P_c v(x_j) = v(x_j), \quad x_j = \frac{j}{2N+1}, \quad j=0,1,\dots,2N.$$

From Gottlieb and Orszag, (1977),  $(v, w)_N = (P_c v, P_c w)_N = (P_c v, P_c w), \quad \forall v, w \in C(I)$ . (2.1) where

$$(v, w)_N = \frac{1}{2N+1} \sum_{j=0}^{2N} v(x_j) \overline{w(x_j)}.$$

$$\text{Let } L^p(I) = \left\{ v \mid \|v\|_{L^p} = \left( \int_0^1 |v(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} < \infty \right\}.$$

In particular, the inner product and the norm are  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  and  $\|\cdot\|$  respectively, for any positive constant  $\beta$ , let

$$|v|_\beta = \left\| \frac{\partial^\beta v}{\partial x^\beta} \right\|, \quad H^\beta(I) = \left\{ v \mid \|v\|_\beta = \sum_{q=1}^\beta |v|_q < \infty \right\}.$$

$H^\beta(I)$  is the complex interpolation space between  $H^{[\beta]}(I)$  and  $H^{[\beta]+1}(I)$ . Define

$$H_p^\beta(I) = \left\{ v \mid v \in H^\beta(I), \quad v(x) = v(x+1) \right\}.$$

We denote by  $C^q(0, T; H_p^\beta(I))$  the space of abstract

$$\text{function with norm } \|v\|_{C^q(0, T; H_p^\beta(I))} = \max_{0 \leq t \leq q} \max_{0 \leq s \leq T} \left\| \frac{\partial^k v(t)}{\partial t^k} \right\|_\beta.$$

The restrain operator  $R_r$  is proposed in Ma and Gu (1986), such that for  $v(x) = \sum_{|n| \leq N} a_n \exp(2\pi i n x)$

$$\text{Then, } R_r v(x) = \sum_{|n| \leq N} \left( 1 - \left( \frac{n}{N} \right)^r \right) a_n \exp(2\pi i n x), \quad \forall v \in V_N.$$

**Lemma 1:** Guo and Ma-Heping (1986). If  $0 \leq \mu \leq \beta$ , and  $v \in H_p^\beta(\Omega)$ , then

$$\|P_N v - v\|_\mu \leq c N^{\mu-\beta} |v|_\beta,$$

if  $\beta > 1/2$ , in addition, then

$$\|P_c v - v\|_\mu \leq c N^{\mu-\beta} |v|_\beta.$$

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**Lemma 2:** Ma and Gu (1986) If  $0 \leq \mu \leq \beta$ , and  $v \in V_N$ , then

$$\|v\|_{\beta} \leq cN^{\beta-\mu} \|v\|_{\mu}.$$

**Lemma 3:** Guo and Ma-Heping (1986) If  $v, w \in V_N$ , then

$$(i) \quad |v|_1^2 \leq nN^2 \|v\|^2,$$

$$(ii) \quad \|vw\|^2 \leq (2N+1) \|v\|^2 \|w\|^2.$$

**Lemma 4:** Gottlieb and Orszag (1977) Let  $0 \leq \mu \leq \beta \leq r$ ,  $v \in V_N$ , then

$$\|R_r v - v\|_{\mu} \leq cN^{\mu-\beta} \|v\|_{\beta},$$

**Lemma 5:** Ma and Gu (1986), If  $v \in V_N$ ,

$w \in H_p^{3/2+\gamma}(I), \gamma > 0$ , then

$$\left( R_r v * \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}, v \right) \leq c_r v \|w\|_{3/2+\gamma} \|v\|^2,$$

$$\left( v * R_r \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}, w \right) \leq c_r v \|w\|_{3/2+\gamma} \|v\|^2,$$

where  $c_r$  is positive constant depending only on  $\gamma$ .

**Lemma 6:** Guo and Ma-Heping (1986), If  $v, w \in V_N$ ,  $\gamma > 0$ , then

$$\left| \left( R_r J(R_r w, v), v \right) \right| \leq c_r \|w\|_{3/2+\gamma} \|v\|^2.$$

**Lemma 7:** Rashid (1994) Assume that

- (i)  $\rho^k(x)$  and  $\rho^k(x)$  are non-negative, non decreasing functions,
- (ii)  $M$  is non-negative constant,
- (iii)  $E^0 \leq \rho$  and for all  $k\tau \leq T$

$$E^k(x) \leq \rho^k(x) + M \tau \sum_{\xi=0}^{k-1} E^{\xi}(x),$$

then for all  $k\tau \leq T$

$$E^k(x) \leq \rho^k(x) \exp(Mk\tau).$$

**The Scheme:** Let  $\tau$  be the mesh spacing of the

variable  $t$ ,  $S_{\tau} = \{k | 0 \leq k \leq \lfloor \frac{T}{\tau} \rfloor - 1\}$ , and  $v^k(x) = v(x, k\tau)$ .

Define

$$v_i^k(x) = \frac{1}{\tau} [v^{k+1}(x) - v^k(x)],$$

$$\hat{v}^k(x) = \frac{1}{2} [v^{k+1}(x) + v^k(x)],$$

It is easy to see that,

$$2(\hat{v}^k(x), v_i^k(x)) = \left( \|v^k(x)\|^2 \right)_i - \tau \|v_i^k(x)\|^2,$$

To approximate the non-linear term in (1.1), we define the operator  $J(\cdot, \cdot)$  as follows

$$J(u, v) = \frac{1}{3} u_x * R_r v + \frac{1}{3} (u * R_r v)_x,$$

A kind of Pseudospectral scheme with restraint operator  $R_r$  as the filter is to find  $u^k(x) \in (V_N)^n$  for  $k\tau \in S_{\tau}$ , such that

$$\begin{cases} u_t^k(x) + R_r J(R_r \hat{u}^k(x), \hat{u}^k(x)) - v \nabla^2 \hat{u}^k(x) = R_r P_c \hat{f}^k(x), \\ u^k(x) = u^k(x+1), \\ u^0(x) = P_c u_0, \end{cases} \quad (3.4)$$

The equation (3.4) is a nonlinear implicit scheme, a iteration procedure is proposed to solve the nonlinear implicit algebraic systems resulted from above scheme at each time level  $t$ ,

$$\begin{cases} \frac{u^{k+1} - u(t)}{2} + R_r J \left( R_r \left( \frac{u^k + u(t)}{2} \right), \frac{u^k + u(t)}{2} \right) - v \nabla^2 \frac{u^{k+1} + u(t)}{2} = R_r P_c \hat{f}(t), \quad k=0,1,2,\dots \\ u^0 = u(t) \end{cases} \quad (3.5)$$

**The Stability:** Assume that  $u^0(x)$  and  $\hat{f}^k(x)$  have respectively the error  $\tilde{u}^0(x)$ , and  $\hat{f}^k(x)$ . Then the error of  $u^k(x)$ , denoted by  $\tilde{u}^k(x)$  satisfies

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{u}_t^k(x) + R_r J(R_r \hat{u}^k(x), \hat{u}^k(x)) + R_r J(R_r \hat{u}^k(x), \hat{u}^k(x) + \hat{u}^k(x)) - v \nabla^2 \hat{u}^k(x) = \hat{f}^k(x), \\ \tilde{u}^0(x) = \tilde{u}^0(x), \end{cases} \quad (4.1)$$

Let  $m > 1$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ , be constant chosen below. Taking the inner product of (4.1) with  $2\tilde{u}^k(x)$ , we have

$$\left( \|\tilde{u}^k(x)\|^2 \right)_i + 2v \|\tilde{u}^k(x)\|_i^2 + F \leq c \left( \|\tilde{u}^k(x)\|^2 + \|\tilde{u}^{k+1}(x)\|^2 \right) + G^k, \quad (4.2)$$

where

$$F = \left( R_r J(R_r \hat{u}^k(x), \hat{u}^k(x)), 2\tilde{u}^k(x) \right),$$

$$G^k = c \left( \|\tilde{f}^k(x)\|^2 + \|\tilde{f}^{k+1}(x)\|^2 \right)$$

we estimate  $|F|$ , by using Lemma 5 and lemma 6, we have

$$|F_i^k(x)| \leq \epsilon v \|\tilde{u}_i^k(x)\|^2 + \left( c + \frac{c}{\epsilon v} \|u\|_{3/2+\epsilon} \right) \left( \|\tilde{u}^k(x)\|^2 + \|\tilde{u}^{k+1}(x)\|^2 \right)$$

By putting the previous estimation in to (4.2), we get

$$\left( \|\tilde{u}^k(x)\|^2 \right)_i + (2v - 3\epsilon) \|\tilde{u}^k(x)\|_i^2 \leq A \left( \|\tilde{u}^k(x)\|^2 + \|\tilde{u}^{k+1}(x)\|^2 \right) + G^k(x), \quad (4.3)$$

where,

$$A = \left( c + \frac{c}{\epsilon v} \|u\|_{3/2+\epsilon} \right) \|u\|_{3/2+\epsilon}$$

Let  $\epsilon$  and  $\tau$  be suitably small and define

$$E^k(x) = \left\| \tilde{u}^k(x) \right\|^2 + v\tau \sum_{\xi=0}^{k-1} \left\| \hat{u}_t^{\xi}(x) \right\|_1^2,$$

$$\rho^k(x) = \left\| \tilde{u}^0(x) \right\|^2 + v\tau \sum_{\xi=0}^{k-1} G^{\xi}$$

Then (4.3) leads to

$$E^k(x) \leq \rho^k(x) + 4A\tau \sum_{\xi=0}^{k-1} E^\xi(x),$$

by applying lemma (7) we finally reach the estimate regarding the generalized stability as follows.

**Theorem 4.1:** If  $\tau = O(N^{-5})$ , and  $s \geq 2$ . For certain  $c > 0$ ,  $\rho^k(x) \leq c$ . Then for all  $k\tau \leq T$ , we have

$$E^k(x) \leq \rho^k(x)e^{4Akt}.$$

**The Convergence:** we next consider the convergence of the scheme (3.4) Let  $w^k(x) = P_N u^k(x)$  and  $e^k(x) = u^k(x) - w^k(x)$ , then

$$\begin{cases} e_t^k(x) + J(\hat{e}^k(x), \hat{e}^k(x) + \hat{w}^k(x)) + J(\hat{w}^k(x), \hat{e}^k(x)) \\ -v\mathcal{N}^2 \hat{e}^k(x) = -\sum_{i=1}^3 g_i^k, e^0(x) = (P_N - P_c)u_0, \end{cases} \quad (5.1)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} g_1^k &= \hat{f}^k(x) - R_r \hat{f}^k(x), \\ g_2^k &= w_t^k(x) - \frac{\partial w}{\partial t}(x, k\tau), \\ g_3^k &= R_r J(R_r \hat{w}^k(x), \hat{w}^k(x)) - P_N [u^k(x)u_x^k(x)]. \end{aligned}$$

By similar argument in the previous section we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \|e^k(x)\|^2 \right)_t + (2v - 3\varepsilon) \|\hat{e}^k(x)\|_1^2 \leq \\ & A \left( \|e^k(x)\|^2 + \|e^{k+1}(x)\|^2 \right) + G_1^k(x), \end{aligned} \quad (5.2)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \left( c + \frac{c}{\varepsilon v} \|w\|_{3/2+\varepsilon} \right) \|w\|_{3/2+\varepsilon}, \\ G_1^k(x) &= c \sum_{j=1}^3 \|g_j^k\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$E_1^k(x) = \|e^k(x)\|^2 + v\tau \sum_{\xi=0}^{k-1} \|\hat{e}^\xi(x)\|_1^2,$$

$$\rho_1^k(x) = \|e^0(x)\|^2 + v\tau \sum_{\xi=0}^{k-1} G_1^\xi$$

Thus in order to get rate of convergence, we need only to estimate  $\rho_1^k$ . Assume  $\mu > n/2$  and that  $u, u^0$  and  $f$  are suitably smooth

$$\tau \sum_{\xi=1}^{k-1} \|g_1^\xi\|^2 \leq cN^{-2\mu} \|f\|_{L^2(0,T;H^{\mu+1})}^2,$$

$$\tau \sum_{\xi=1}^{k-1} \|g_2^\xi\|^2 \leq c\tau^4 \|u\|_{H^3(0,T;L^2)}^2,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tau \sum_{\xi=1}^{k-1} \|g_3^\xi\|^2 &\leq cN^{-2\mu} \|u\|_{\mu+1}^2 + c\tau^4 \left[ \|u\|_{C^1(0,T;L^\infty)}^2 + \|u\|_{C(0,T;H^1)}^2 \right], \\ &\times \left[ \|u\|_{H^2(0,T;H^1)}^2 + \|u\|_{H^2(0,T;L^\infty)}^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\|e^0(x)\|_1^2 \leq cN^{-2\mu} \|u_0\|_{\mu+1}^2,$$

Consequently we have  $\rho_1^k(x) = O(\tau^2 + N^{-2s})$

**Theorem 5.1:** Assume that  $\tau=O(N^{-5})$ ,  $s>2$ , and  $\mu > n/2$  such that

$$u \in H^3(0,T;L^2) \cap H^2(0,T;L^\infty \cap H^1) \cap C^1(0,T;H^1)$$

and  $f \in L^2(0,T;H^{\mu+1})$ . If conditions of Theorem (4.1) are fulfilled then there exists a constant  $M_2$  depending only on  $v$  and the norm of  $u$  and  $f$  in space mentioned above. Such that

$$E_1^k \leq M_2(\tau^4 + N^{-2s})$$

**Numerical Results:** For the numerical experiments, the function  $f(x, t)$  in the equation (1.1) is constructed in such a way that the solution of the problem is of the form

$$u(x, t) = 1 + \frac{a(t)}{2} \left\{ -\tanh \left[ \frac{a(t)(x-t)}{4v} \right] + 2(x-t) \right\},$$

where  $a(t) = \frac{a_0(t)}{1+a(0)t}$ .

Let

$$E(t) = \max_{0 \leq j \leq 2N} \frac{|u(x_j, t) - u^k(x_j, t)|}{|u(x_j, t)|}$$

The calculation is carried out with  $N=4$ . The numerical results are tabulated in Table 1, 2, 3, and 4.

- (i) The numerical results of scheme (3.4) are much better than that of scheme (Guo and Ma-Heping., 1986).
- (ii) The value of  $r$  in the restrain operator must be suitably chosen. If  $r$  is too large the filtering technique will be weakened. If  $r$  is too small, the approximation accuracy will be lowered. The suitable value of  $r$  is between 5 and 10. But the best value of  $r$  is different in different cases, in this case the best value of  $r$  is 5 (Table 1 and Table 2).
- (iii) If the viscosity is large, then  $R_r$  take little effect (Table 1 and 2)
- (iv) If the viscosity is small, then the restrain operator greatly improve the accuracy (Table 3 and 4)

Table 1:  $N=4, v=0.1, \tau=0.01, a(0)=0.1$

r/t	$\infty$	10	5	1
0.5	1.3561E-4	1.0139E-4	1.0354E-4	1.0247E-4
1.0	1.5350E-4	1.5135E-4	1.5350E-4	1.5147E-4
1.5	2.0221E-4	2.0137E-4	2.0352E-4	2.0144E-4
2.0	2.5210E-4	2.5134E-4	2.5349E-4	2.5146E-4
2.5	3.0221E-4	3.0138E-4	3.0352E-4	3.0150E-4
3.0	3.5219E-4	3.5136E-4	3.5350E-4	3.5147E-4
3.5	4.0217E-4	4.0134E-4	4.0349E-4	4.0146E-4
4.0	4.5216E-4	4.5133E-4	4.5347E-4	4.5145E-4
4.5	5.0216E-4	5.0132E-4	5.0347E-4	5.0144E-4
5.0	5.5216E-4	5.5132E-4	5.5347E-4	5.5144E-4

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Table 2:  $N=4, \nu=0.01, \tau=0.01, a(0)=0.1$

r/ t	$\infty$	10	5	1
0.5	1.8740E-4	1.8526E-4	1.7596E-4	1.8574E-4
1.0	2.3731E-4	2.3516E-4	2.2586E-4	2.3564E-4
1.5	2.8727E-4	2.8513E-4	2.7583E-4	2.8561E-4
2.0	3.3719E-4	3.3504E-4	3.2574E-4	3.3552E-4
2.5	3.8716E-4	3.8502E-4	3.7472E-4	3.8550E-4
3.0	4.3709E-4	4.3494E-4	4.2564E-4	4.8542E-4
3.5	4.8708E-4	4.8493E-4	4.7563E-4	4.8541E-4
4.0	5.3701E-4	5.3486E-4	5.2556E-4	5.3534E-4
4.5	5.8695E-4	5.8480E-4	5.7550E-4	5.8528E-4
5.0	6.3689E-4	6.3474E-4	6.2544E-4	6.3522E-4

Table 3:  $N=4, \nu=0.001, \tau=0.01, a(0)=0$

r/t	$\infty$	10	5	1
0.5	5.4506E-4	5.1824E-4	3.4402E-4	5.3994E-4
1.0	6.2228E-4	5.9480E-4	3.2975E-4	6.1268E-4
1.5	5.9006E-4	5.6282E-4	3.7919E-4	5.8279E-4
2.0	6.0707E-4	5.1599E-4	4.2857E-4	5.3745E-4
2.5	6.5610E-4	5.0420E-4	4.7795E-4	5.4867E-4
3.0	7.0550E-4	5.5359E-4	5.2734E-4	5.9795E-4
3.5	7.5479E-4	6.0298E-4	5.7674E-4	6.4722E-4
4.0	8.0420E-4	6.5238E-4	6.2614E-4	6.9663E-4
4.5	8.5367E-4	7.0173E-4	6.7548E-4	7.4598E-4
5.0	9.0297E-4	7.5114E-4	7.2489E-4	7.9551E-4

Table 4:  $N=4, \nu=.0001, \tau=.01, a(0)=0.1$

r/t	$\infty$	10	5	1
0.5	8.9249E-4	7.7364E-4	3.4152E-4	7.4920E-4
1.0	8.6052E-4	6.6663E-4	3.6335E-4	6.8010E-4
1.5	9.1075E-4	7.0553E-4	3.8157E-4	7.4570E-4
2.0	9.2981E-4	7.1533E-4	4.2630E-4	7.5396E-4
2.5	9.4458E-4	7.2073E-4	4.7132E-4	7.5960E-4
3.0	9.6209E-4	7.5248E-4	5.1690E-4	7.6965E-4
3.5	9.8372E-4	7.6271E-4	5.6307E-4	7.8500E-4
4.0	1.0096E-3	7.8015E-4	6.0984E-4	8.0591E-4
4.5	1.0399E-3	8.0368E-4	6.5715E-4	8.3185E-4
5.0	1.0735E-3	8.3210E-4	7.0489E-4	8.6192E-4

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