

# Homework 1

- 11 Suppose we want a one-sided approximation to  $\frac{du}{dx}$  with second order accuracy:

$$\frac{ru(x) + su(x - \Delta x) + tu(x - 2\Delta x)}{\Delta x} = \frac{du}{dx} \quad \text{for } u = 1, x, x^2.$$

Substitute  $u = 1, x, x^2$  to find and solve three equations for  $r, s, t$ . The corresponding difference matrix will be lower triangular. The formula is "causal."

~~Solve for  $r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4$ . Compare them to the true solution.~~

- 19 Construct a *centered* difference approximation using  $K/h^2$  and  $\Delta_0/2h$  to

$$-\frac{d^2u}{dx^2} + \frac{du}{dx} = 1 \quad \text{with } u(0) = 0 \text{ and } u(1) = 0.$$

Separately use a *forward* difference  $\Delta_+U/h$  for  $du/dx$ . Notice  $\Delta_0 = (\Delta_+ + \Delta_-)/2$ . Solve for the centered  $u$  and uncentered  $U$  with  $h = 1/5$ . The true  $u(x)$  is the particular solution  $u = x$  plus any  $A + Be^x$ . Which  $A$  and  $B$  satisfy the boundary conditions? How close are  $u$  and  $U$  to  $u(x)$ ?