

**$l_2$ -STABILITY OF DIFFERENCE MODELS FOR  
HYPERBOLIC INITIAL BOUNDARY  
VALUE PROBLEMS \***

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**Abstract**

It is showed that, for many commonly used difference models on hyperbolic initial boundary value problems, the necessary and sufficient condition for GKS-stability (in the sense of Definition 3.3 of [1]) is a necessary condition for  $l_2$ -stability.

**§1. Introduction**

Consider the mixed initial boundary value problem

$$\begin{cases} \partial U(x,t)/\partial t = A\partial U(x,t)/\partial x, & x \geq 0, t > 0, \\ U(x,0) = f(x), & x \geq 0, \\ U^I(0,t) = SU^{II}(0,t) + g(t), & t \geq 0. \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

Here  $A$  is a constant square matrix, and

$$U(x,t) = (u^{(1)}(x,t), \dots, u^{(N)}(x,t))^T$$

is a vector function. Furthermore,  $A$  is diagonalizable and of the form:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & 0 \\ 0 & A_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{with } A_1 < 0, \quad A_2 > 0. \quad (1.2)$$

$U^I(0,t) = (u^{(1)}, \dots, u^{(l)})^T$  and  $U^{II}(0,t) = (u^{(l+1)}, \dots, u^{(N)})^T$  correspond to the partition of  $A$ ,  $S$  is a rectangular matrix, and  $f(x)$  and  $g(t)$  are given functions.

We want to solve the above problem by the general consistent multistep difference model  $Q$ :

$$\begin{cases} Q_{-1}U_j^{n+1} = \sum_{\sigma=0}^s Q_\sigma U_j^{n-\sigma}, & n \geq s, j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \\ U_j^\sigma = f_j^\sigma, & 0 \leq \sigma \leq s, j = -r+1, -r+2, \dots, \\ U_\mu^{n+1} = \sum_{\sigma=-1}^s S_\sigma^{(\mu)} U_1^{n-\sigma} + g_\mu^n, & -r+1 \leq \mu \leq 0, n \geq s. \end{cases} \quad (1.3)$$

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Here  $U_j^n \simeq U(jh, n\tau)$  denotes the difference solution,  $h$  and  $\tau$  are mesh width of space step and time step, respectively. The ratio  $\tau/h = \lambda$  is a constant.

$$Q_\sigma = \sum_{i=-r}^p A_{i\sigma} K^i, \quad KU_j^n = U_{j+1}^n, \quad -1 \leq \sigma \leq s$$

are difference operators with matrix coefficients, and  $Q_{-1}$  is invertible.

$$S_\sigma^{(\mu)} = \sum_{j=0}^q C_{j\sigma}^{(\mu)} K^j, \quad -r+1 \leq \mu \leq 0, \quad -1 \leq \sigma \leq s$$

are one-sided difference operators. The initial value  $f_j^\sigma$  and boundary value  $g_\mu^n$  are given ( $0 \leq \sigma \leq s, j \geq -r+1, n \geq s, -r+1 \leq \mu \leq 0$ ).  $s, p, r, q$  are nonnegative integers. As usual, we need the following assumptions.

**Assumption 1.1.** The difference model (1.3) can be solved boundedly for  $U^{n+1}$ , i.e., there is a constant  $M > 0$  such that, for every  $G \in l_2(x)$ , there is a unique solution  $W \in l_2(x)$  of

$$\begin{cases} Q_{-1}W_j = G_j, & j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \\ W_\mu - S_{-1}^{(\mu)}W_1 = g_\mu, & -r+1 \leq \mu \leq 0, \end{cases}$$

With  $\|W\|_x^2 \leq M(\|G\|_x^2 + h \sum_{\mu=-r+1}^0 |g_\mu|^2)$ . Here  $\|W\|_x^2 = \sum_{j=-r+1}^\infty |W_j|^2 h$  and  $|W|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N (W^{(i)})^2$ .

**Assumption 1.2.** The matrices  $\{A_{m\sigma}\}_{m=-r, \sigma=-1}^p$  are simultaneously diagonalizable.

**Definition 1.1** We say the finite difference model  $\tilde{Q}$  is initial and boundary value  $l_2$ -stable, if for any given time  $T > 0$ , there exist constants  $M > 0$  and  $\tau_0 > 0$  such that, for any initial value  $f^\sigma$  and boundary value  $g_\mu$  ( $0 \leq \sigma \leq s, -r+1 \leq \mu \leq 0$ ), the estimate

$$\|U^n\|_x^2 \leq M \left( \sum_{\mu=-r+1}^0 \|g_\mu\|_{t \leq T}^2 + \sum_{\sigma=0}^s \|f^\sigma\|_x^2 \right)$$

holds for all  $n$  and  $\tau$  with  $n\tau \leq T, \tau \leq \tau_0$ . Here  $\|g_\mu\|_{t \leq T}^2 = \sum_{n=s}^{T/\tau} |g_\mu|^2 k$ .

The aim of this paper is to show that, for many commonly used difference models defined by (1.3), the necessary and sufficient condition for GKS-stability (in the sense of definition 3.3 of [1]) is a necessary condition for  $l_2$ -stability.

We shall use some results of [1] and [2], and assume that the reader is familiar with those papers.

### §2. Left-going and Right-going Signals

Let  $Q$  denote the difference scheme

$$Q_{-1}U_j^{n+1} = \sum_{\sigma=0}^s Q_\sigma U_j^{n-\sigma},$$