

## A Numerical Solution of Wave Equation Arising in Non-Homogeneous Cylindrical Shells\*

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### Abstract

A numerical solution of wave equation arising in non-homogeneous cylindrical shells is considered. Stable numerical schemes are developed. The stability estimates for the solution of these difference schemes and first and second order difference derivatives are presented. Applying the difference schemes, the numerical methods are proposed for solving the the given initial-boundary value problem.

**Key Words:** Hyperbolic equation; Difference schemes; Stability.

### 1. Introduction

In various sciences and engineering, hyperbolic partial differential equations are used to formulate and solve problems that involve unknown functions of several variables, such as the propagation of sound, heat or wave, or more generally any process that is distributed in space, or distributed in space and time as in thermodynamics, elasticity and electromagnetic.

In recent years, many applied problems in cylindrical and spherical coordinates by using method of characteristic in mechanics and engineering science, were formulated as the mathematical model of variable types. For instance, in [1], the dynamic response of layered composites consisting of  $N$  isotropic, elastic and functionally graded cylindrical layers (nonhomogeneous) were investigated. One-dimensional transient dynamic response

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of functionally graded spherical multilayered media was formulated as an initial-boundary value problem of which solutions were obtained by employing the method of characteristic in [2]. One-dimensional transient wave propagation in multilayered functionally graded media was investigated in papers [3] and [4]. H.J. Ding et al. [5] has developed a solution of a non-homogeneous orthotropic cylindrical shell for axisymmetric plane strain dynamic thermoplastic problems and considered numerical solution for both isotropic and orthotropic cylindrical shells. An efficient alternative to existing methods of analyzing transient analysis of unbounded media was presented in [6] and the method was extended to problems involving spherical and cylindrical computational boundaries. In [7], propagation of two-dimensional transient waves in viscoelastic cylindrical layered media was investigated by a numerical technique which combines the complex Fourier series with the method of characteristic.

In this paper, we study the numerical solution of wave equation arising in non-homogeneous cylindrical shells. Based on works [1] and [2], the problems can be formulated in the form

$$\begin{aligned} \rho \frac{\partial^2 u(t, x)}{\partial t^2} &= c \frac{\partial^2 u(t, x)}{\partial x^2} + \left( \frac{dc}{dx} + \frac{c}{\tilde{x}} \right) \frac{\partial u(t, x)}{\partial x} \\ &+ \left( \frac{d\lambda}{dx} - \frac{c}{\tilde{x}} \right) \frac{u(t, x)}{\tilde{x}} + f(t, x), \quad t \in (0, T), \quad x \in (r_i, r_0), \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where

$$\rho = \rho_0(a + b\tilde{x})^J, \quad c = c_0(a + b\tilde{x})^i, \quad \rho_0 = (2\mu_0 + \lambda_0), \quad \lambda = \lambda_0(a + b\tilde{x})^i, \quad \tilde{x} = \frac{x - r_i}{r_0 - r_i}, \quad (2)$$

with the initial and boundary conditions

$$u(0, x) = u_t(0, x) = 0, \quad x \in [r_i, r_0],$$

$$cu_x(t, x) + \lambda u(t, x)|_{x=r_i} = -p_0 l(t), \quad u(t, r_0) = 0, \quad t \in [0, T],$$

where  $a, b, i$  and  $J$  are the parameters determining the dimensionless quantities,  $\rho_0, \lambda_0, \mu_0$  and  $p_0$  are the parameters determining the material properties, and  $l(t)$  is a prescribed continuous function of  $t$ . This problem is the more general form of the problems considered in [3] and [4].

Using the substitution  $u(t, x) = v(t, x) + (x - r_0)z(t, x)$ , we can rewrite the equation (1) in the following equivalent form as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 v(t, x)}{\partial t^2} &= \frac{c}{\rho} \frac{\partial^2 v(t, x)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{c}{\rho} \right) \frac{\partial v(t, x)}{\partial x} \\ &+ \left( \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{c}{\tilde{x}} + \frac{c}{\rho^2} \frac{d\rho}{dx} \right) \frac{\partial v(t, x)}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{\rho \tilde{x}} \left( \frac{d\lambda}{dx} - \frac{c}{\tilde{x}} \right) v + F(t, x), \quad t \in (0, T), \quad x \in (r_i, r_0), \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} F(t, x) &= \frac{1}{\rho} \left[ f(t, x) - (x - r_0) \rho \frac{\partial^2 z(t, x)}{\partial t^2} + (x - r_0) c \frac{\partial^2 z(t, x)}{\partial x^2} \right. \\ &\left. + \left[ 2c + (x - r_0) \left( \frac{dc}{dx} + \frac{c}{\tilde{x}} \right) \right] \frac{\partial z(t, x)}{\partial x} + \left[ \left( \frac{dc}{dx} + \frac{c}{\tilde{x}} \right) + \frac{(x - r_0)}{\tilde{x}} \left( \frac{d\lambda}{dx} - \frac{c}{\tilde{x}} \right) \right] \right] z(t, x) \end{aligned}$$

with the initial and boundary conditions

$$v(0, x) = -(x - r_0)z(0, x), \quad v_t(0, x) = -(x - r_0)z_t(0, x), \quad x \in [r_i, r_0],$$

$$cv_x(t, x) + \lambda v(t, x)|_{x=r_i} = 0, \quad v(t, r_0) = 0, \quad t \in [0, T].$$

Here,  $z(t, x)$  is defined by the formula

$$c((x - r_0)z(t, x))_x + \lambda x z(t, x)|_{x=r_i} = -p_0 l(t).$$

## 2. Difference schemes. Stability estimates

The discretization of the problem (3) is carried out in two steps. In the first step the grid sets

$$[r_i, r_0]_h = \{x : x_n = r_i + nh, \quad 0 \leq n \leq M, \quad Mh = r_0 - r_i\}$$

are defined. The Banach space  $L_{2h} = L_2([r_i, r_0]_h)$  of the grid functions  $\varphi^h(x) = \{\varphi_n\}_1^{M-1}$  defined on  $[r_i, r_0]_h$ , equipped with the norm

$$\|\varphi^h\|_{L_{2h}} = \left( \sum_{n=1}^{M-1} |\varphi_n|^2 h \right)^{1/2}$$

is introduced. To the differential operator  $B^x$  and  $C^x$  generated by the problem (3), we assign the difference operators  $B_h^x$  and  $C_h^x$  by the formulas

$$B_h^x \varphi^h(x) = \left\{ -\frac{1}{\rho(x_n)} \left( \frac{dc}{dx} \Big|_{x=x_n} - \frac{c(x_n)}{\rho(x_n)} \frac{d\rho}{dx} \Big|_{x=x_n} \right) \varphi_{\tilde{x},n} - \frac{c(x_n)}{\rho(x_n)} \varphi_{x\tilde{x},n} \right\}_1^{M-1}$$

and

$$C_h^x \varphi^h(x) = \left\{ \frac{1}{\rho(x_n)} \left( \frac{c(x_n)}{\rho(x_n)} \frac{d\rho}{dx} \Big|_{x=x_n} + \frac{c(x_n)}{\tilde{x}_n} \right) \varphi_{\tilde{x},n} + \frac{1}{\tilde{x}_n \rho(x_n)} \left( \frac{d\lambda}{dx} \Big|_{x=x_n} - \frac{c(x_n)}{\tilde{x}_n} \right) \varphi_n \right\}_1^{M-1}$$

acting in the space of grid functions  $\varphi^h(x)$ , satisfying the conditions  $\varphi_0 = 0$ ,  $\frac{c}{2h}(-3\varphi_0 + 4\varphi_1 - \varphi_2) + \frac{\lambda}{r_i} \varphi_0 = 0$  for  $\tilde{x} = r_i$ . Here,

$$\varphi_{x\tilde{x},n} = \left\{ \frac{\varphi_{n+1} - 2\varphi_n + \varphi_{n-1}}{h^2} \right\}_1^{M-1}$$

and

$$\varphi_{\tilde{x},n} = \left\{ \frac{\varphi_{n+1} - \varphi_{n-1}}{2h} \right\}_1^{M-1}.$$

With the help of  $B_h^x$  and  $C_h^x$ , we arrive at the initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d^2 u^h(t,x)}{dt^2} + B_h^x u^h(t,x) = F^h(t,x) + C_h^x u^h(t,x), & 0 \leq t \leq 1, x \in [r_i, r_0]_h, \\ u^h(0,x) = \varphi^h(x), \quad \frac{du^h(0,x)}{dt} = \psi^h(x), & x \in [r_i, r_0]_h, \end{cases}$$

for an infinite system of ordinary differential equations.

In the second step we replace problem (3) by the difference schemes in [8]

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{u_{k+1}^h(x) - 2u_k^h(x) + u_{k-1}^h(x)}{\tau^2} + B_h^x u_{k+1}^h(x) = F_k^h(x) + C_h^x u_{k+1}^h(t, x), \\ F_k^h(x) = F^h(t_{k+1}, x), \quad t_k = k\tau, \quad 1 \leq k \leq N-1, \quad N\tau = 1, \quad x \in [r_i, r_0]_h, \\ \frac{u_1^h(x) - u_0^h(x)}{\tau} + \tau B_h^x (u_1^h(x) - u_0^h(x)) \\ = \psi^h(x) + \tau C_h^x (u_1^h(x) - u_0^h(x)), \quad x \in [r_i, r_0]_h, \\ u_0^h(x) = \varphi^h(x), \quad x \in [r_i, r_0]_h, \end{array} \right. \quad (4)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{u_{k+1}^h(x) - 2u_k^h(x) + u_{k-1}^h(x)}{\tau^2} + \frac{1}{2} B_h^x u_k^h(x) + \frac{1}{4} B_h^x u_{k+1}^h(x) + \frac{1}{4} B_h^x u_{k-1}^h(x) \\ = F_k^h(x) + \frac{1}{2} C_h^x u_k^h(x) + \frac{1}{4} C_h^x u_{k+1}^h(x) + \frac{1}{4} C_h^x u_{k-1}^h(x), \\ F_k^h(x) = F^h(t_k, x), \quad t_k = k\tau, \quad 1 \leq k \leq N-1, \quad N\tau = 1, \quad x \in [r_i, r_0]_h, \\ \frac{u_1^h(x) - u_0^h(x)}{\tau} + \tau B_h^x (u_1^h(x) - u_0^h(x)) \\ = \frac{\tau}{2} (F_0^h(x) + \frac{1}{4} (2C_h^x u_0^h(x) + C_h^x u_1^h(x) + C_h^x u_{-1}^h(x)) - B_h^x u_0^h(x)) \\ + \tau C_h^x (u_1^h(x) - u_0^h(x)) + \psi^h(x), \\ F_0^h = F^h(0, x), \quad u_0^h(x) = \varphi^h(x), \quad x \in [r_i, r_0]_h, \end{array} \right. \quad (5)$$

respectively. Applying the abstract theorems of paper [8], we obtain the following results.

**Theorem 1.** Let  $\tau$  and  $|h|$  be sufficiently small numbers. Then for the solution of the difference schemes (4) and (5), the following inequality is valid:

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{0 \leq k \leq N} \|u_k^h\|_{L_{2h}} + \max_{1 \leq k \leq N} \left\| \frac{u_k^h - u_{k-1}^h}{\tau} \right\|_{L_{2h}} \\ & \leq C_1 \left[ \max_{1 \leq k \leq N-1} \|f_k^h\|_{L_{2h}} + \|\psi^h\|_{L_{2h}} + \|\varphi_{x,n}^h\|_{L_{2h}} \right], \end{aligned}$$

where  $C_1$  is independent of  $\tau, h, f_k^h, g_k^h$  and  $\varphi^h$ .

**Theorem 2.** Let  $\tau$  and  $|h|$  be sufficiently small numbers. Then for the solution of the difference schemes (4) and (5), the following inequality is valid:

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{1 \leq k \leq N-1} \left\| \frac{u_{k+1}^h - 2u_k^h + u_{k-1}^h}{\tau^2} \right\|_{L_{2h}} + \max_{1 \leq k \leq N-1} \|(u_{k+1}^h)_{x\bar{x},n}\|_{L_{2h}} \\ & \leq C_2 \left[ \max_{1 \leq k \leq N-1} \left\| \frac{f_k^h - f_{k-1}^h}{\tau} \right\|_{L_{2h}} + \|f_0^h\|_{L_{2h}} + \|\psi_{\bar{x},n}^h\|_{L_{2h}} + \|\varphi_{\bar{x},n}^h\|_{L_{2h}} \right], \end{aligned}$$

where  $C_2$  is independent of  $\tau, h, f_k^h, g_k^h$  and  $\varphi^h$ .

The proof of these theorems are based on the discrete analogies of integral inequality and on the following formulas:

$$\begin{aligned} u_k^h &= \frac{1}{2} \left( R_h^{k-1} + \tilde{R}_h^{k-1} \right) \varphi^h + \left( R_h - \tilde{R}_h \right)^{-1} \tau R_h \left( R_h^k - \tilde{R}_h^k \right) \left( \psi^h + \tau C_h^x (u_1^h - u_0^h) \right) \\ & \quad - \frac{\tau}{2i} \sum_{s=1}^{k-1} (B_h^x)^{-1/2} \left( R_h^{k-s} - \tilde{R}_h^{k-s} \right) \left( F_s^h + C_h^x u_{s+1}^h \right), k = 2, \dots, N \end{aligned}$$

for the solution of difference scheme (4);

$$\begin{aligned} u_k^h &= \left[ P_h^k + \tau P_h \left( P_h - \tilde{P}_h \right)^{-1} \left( P_h^k - \tilde{P}_h^k \right) \left( I + \tau^2 B_h^x \right)^{-1} \left( -\tau B_h^x + i (B_h^x)^{1/2} \right) \right] \varphi^h \\ & \quad + \tau P_h \left( P_h - \tilde{P}_h \right)^{-1} \left( P_h^k - \tilde{P}_h^k \right) \left( I + \tau^2 B_h^x \right)^{-1} \left( \psi^h + \tau C_h^x (u_1^h - u_0^h) \right) \\ & \quad + \frac{\tau^2}{2} P_h \left( P_h - \tilde{P}_h \right)^{-1} \left( P_h^k - \tilde{P}_h^k \right) \left( I + \tau^2 B_h^x \right)^{-1} F_0^h \\ & \quad - \frac{\tau}{2i} \sum_{s=1}^{k-1} (B_h^x)^{-1/2} \left( P_h^{k-s} - \tilde{P}_h^{k-s} \right) \left[ F_s^h + \frac{1}{4} \left( 2C_h^x u_s^h + C_h^x u_{s+1}^h + C_h^x u_{s-1}^h \right) \right], k = 2, \dots, N \end{aligned}$$

for the solution of difference scheme (5); and on the estimates

$$\begin{aligned} \|R_h\|_{H \rightarrow H} &\leq 1, \|\tilde{R}_h\|_{H \rightarrow H} \leq 1, \|R_h \tilde{R}_h^{-1}\|_{H \rightarrow H} \leq 1, \|\tilde{R}_h R_h^{-1}\|_{H \rightarrow H} \leq 1, \\ \|\tau (B_h^x)^{1/2} R_h\|_{H \rightarrow H} &\leq 1, \|\tau (B_h^x)^{1/2} \tilde{R}_h\|_{H \rightarrow H} \leq 1, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\|P_h\|_{H \rightarrow H} \leq 1, \|\tilde{P}_h\|_{H \rightarrow H} \leq 1, \|P_h \tilde{P}_h^{-1}\|_{H \rightarrow H} \leq 1, \|\tilde{P}_h P_h^{-1}\|_{H \rightarrow H} \leq 1,$$

$$\left\| \left( I \pm \frac{i\tau}{2} (B_h^x)^{1/2} \right)^{-1} \right\|_{H \rightarrow H} \leq 1, \left\| \left( I \pm i\tau (B_h^x)^{1/2} \right)^{-1} \right\|_{H \rightarrow H} \leq 1,$$

$$\left\| \tau (B_h^x)^{1/2} \left( I \pm i\tau (B_h^x)^{1/2} \right)^{-1} \right\|_{H \rightarrow H} \leq 1,$$

and

$$\left\| (B_h^x)^{-1/2} C_h^x \right\|_{H \rightarrow H} \leq M.$$

Here,

$$R_h = \left( I + i\tau (B_h^x)^{1/2} \right)^{-1}, \tilde{R}_h = \left( I - i\tau (B_h^x)^{1/2} \right)^{-1},$$

and

$$P_h = \left( I + i\tau (B_h^x)^{1/2} - \frac{\tau^2}{2} B_h^x \right)^{-1}, \tilde{P}_h = \left( I - i\tau (B_h^x)^{1/2} - \frac{\tau^2}{2} B_h^x \right)^{-1}.$$

Of course, the stability inequalities can be established for the general case  $B_h^x(t)$  (see [9] and [10]).

Finally, one has not been able to obtain a sharp estimate for the constants figuring in the stability estimates. Therefore, our interest in the present paper is studying the difference schemes (4) and (5) by numerical experiments. Applying these difference schemes, the numerical methods are proposed in the following section for solving the one-dimensional wave equation arising in non-homogeneous cylindrical shells. The methods are illustrated by numerical examples.

### 3. Numerical analysis

In the present paper, the initial-boundary value problem

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial^2 u(t,x)}{\partial t^2} - \alpha(x) \frac{\partial^2 u(t,x)}{\partial x^2} - \beta(x) \frac{\partial u(t,x)}{\partial x} - \delta(x)u(t,x) = f(t,x), \\ 0 < t < 1, r_i < x < r_0, u(0,x) = u_t(0,x) = 0, r_i \leq x \leq r_0, \\ c_0(a + br_i)^i u_x(t, r_i) + \frac{\lambda_0}{r_i} (a + br_i)^i u(t, r_i) = -p_0 l(t), u(t, r_0) = 0, 0 \leq t \leq 1, \\ l(t) = -\frac{c_0}{r_0 - r_i} (a + br_i)^i \pi t^2, \alpha(x) = \frac{c_0}{\rho_0} (a + b \frac{x-r_i}{r_0-r_i})^{i-J}, \\ \beta(x) = \left[ \frac{ibc_0}{\rho_0} (a + b \frac{x-r_i}{r_0-r_i})^{i-J-1} + \frac{c_0}{\rho_0} (\frac{r_0-r_i}{x-r_i}) (a + b \frac{x-r_i}{r_0-r_i})^{i-J} \right], \\ \delta(x) = \left( \frac{r_0-r_i}{x-r_i} \right) \left[ \frac{ib\lambda_0}{\rho_0} (a + b \frac{x-r_i}{r_0-r_i})^{i-J-1} - \frac{c_0}{\rho_0} (\frac{r_0-r_i}{x-r_i}) (a + b \frac{x-r_i}{r_0-r_i})^{i-J} \right], \\ f(t,x) = \left( 2 + \frac{\pi^2}{(r_0-r_i)^2} \alpha(x)t^2 - \delta(x)t^2 \right) \sin \pi \frac{x-r_i}{r_0-r_i} - \frac{\pi}{r_0-r_i} \beta(x)t^2 \cos \pi \frac{x-r_i}{r_0-r_i} \end{array} \right. \quad (6)$$

with variable coefficients is considered. Note that this problem is the reformulation of the test problem (1) with the specific choice of  $f(t, x)$ .

First, applying difference scheme (4), we present the following first order of accuracy difference scheme for the approximate solution of problem (6)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{u_n^{k+1} - 2u_n^k + u_n^{k-1}}{\tau^2} - \alpha(x_n) \frac{u_{n+1}^{k+1} - 2u_n^{k+1} + u_{n-1}^{k+1}}{h^2} - \beta(x_n) \frac{u_{n+1}^{k+1} - u_{n-1}^{k+1}}{2h} - \delta(x_n)u_n^{k+1} \\ = f(t_{k+1}, x_n), t_k = k\tau, x_n = r_i + nh, 1 \leq k \leq N - 1, 1 \leq n \leq M - 1, \\ u_n^0 = 0, \frac{u_n^1 - u_n^0}{\tau} = 0, 1 \leq n \leq M - 1, c_0(a + br_i)^i \frac{-u_2^{k+1} + 4u_1^{k+1} - 3u_0^{k+1}}{2h} \\ + \frac{\lambda_0}{r_i} (a + br_i)^i u_0^{k+1} = -p_0 l(t_k), u_M^k = 0, 0 \leq k \leq N - 1, f(t_{k+1}, x_n) = \\ \left( 2 + \frac{\pi^2}{(r_0-r_i)^2} \alpha_n t_{k+1}^2 - \delta_n t_{k+1}^2 \right) \sin \pi \frac{x_n-r_i}{r_0-r_i} - \frac{\pi}{r_0-r_i} \beta_n t_{k+1}^2 \cos \pi \frac{x_n-r_i}{r_0-r_i}, \\ l(t_k) = -\frac{c_0}{r_0-r_i} (a + br_i)^i \pi t_k^2, \alpha(x_n) = \frac{c_0}{\rho_0} (a + b \frac{x_n-r_i}{r_0-r_i})^{i-J}, \\ \beta(x_n) = \left[ \frac{ibc_0}{\rho_0} (a + b \frac{x_n-r_i}{r_0-r_i})^{i-J-1} + \frac{c_0}{\rho_0} (\frac{r_0-r_i}{x_n-r_i}) (a + b \frac{x_n-r_i}{r_0-r_i})^{i-J} \right], \\ \delta(x_n) = \left( \frac{r_0-r_i}{x_n-r_i} \right) \left[ \frac{ib\lambda_0}{\rho_0} (a + b \frac{x_n-r_i}{r_0-r_i})^{i-J-1} - \frac{c_0}{\rho_0} (\frac{r_0-r_i}{x_n-r_i}) (a + b \frac{x_n-r_i}{r_0-r_i})^{i-J} \right]. \end{array} \right. \quad (7)$$

We have  $(N + 1) \times (M + 1)$  system of linear equations in (7) and we write them in the matrix form



$$\begin{cases} A U^{k+1} + B U^k + C U^{k-1} = D\varphi^k, & 1 \leq k \leq N-1, \\ U^0 = \tilde{0}, U^1 = \tilde{0}, \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ d_1 & e_1 & f_1 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 & e_2 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & e_{M-2} & f_{M-2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & d_{M-1} & e_{M-1} & f_{M-1} \\ -3s+z & 4s & -s & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{(M+1) \times (M+1)},$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & p & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & p & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & p & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & p & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{(M+1) \times (M+1)},$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & q & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & q & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & q & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & q & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{(M+1) \times (M+1)},$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{(M+1) \times (M+1)},$$

$$U^s = \begin{bmatrix} U_0^s \\ U_1^s \\ \dots \\ U_M^s \end{bmatrix}_{(M+1) \times (1)}, \text{ for } s = k \pm 1, k.$$

Here,

$$d_n = -\frac{\alpha_n}{h^2} + \frac{\beta_n}{2h}, \quad e_n = \frac{1}{\tau^2} + \frac{2\alpha_n}{h^2} - \delta_n, \quad f_n = -\frac{\alpha_n}{h^2} - \frac{\beta_n}{2h}, \quad 1 \leq n \leq M-1$$

$$s = \frac{1}{2h}c_0(a + br_i)^i, \quad z = \frac{\lambda_0}{r_i}(a + br_i)^i, \quad p = -\frac{2}{\tau^2}, \quad q = \frac{1}{\tau^2}$$

$$\varphi_n^k = \begin{cases} 0, & n = 0, \\ f(t_{k+1}, x_n), & 1 \leq n \leq M-1, \\ c_0 \frac{1}{r_0 - r_i}(a + br_i)^i \pi t_k^2, & n = M, \end{cases}, \quad \varphi^k = \begin{bmatrix} \varphi_0^k \\ \varphi_1^k \\ \dots \\ \varphi_M^k \end{bmatrix}_{(M+1) \times 1}.$$

So, we have the second order difference equation (8) with respect to  $k$  with matrix coefficients. To solve this difference equation, we apply the following procedure

$$\begin{cases} U^{k+1} = A^{-1}D\varphi^k - A^{-1}BU^k - A^{-1}CU^{k-1}, & k = 1, 2, \dots, N-1, \\ U^0 = \tilde{0}, \quad U^1 = \tilde{0}. \end{cases}$$

Second, applying difference scheme (5), we present the following second order of accuracy difference scheme for the approximate solution of problem (6)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 \frac{u_n^{k+1} - 2u_n^k + u_n^{k-1}}{\tau^2} - \alpha(x_n) \left( \frac{u_{n+1}^k - 2u_n^k + u_{n-1}^k}{2h^2} + \frac{u_{n+1}^{k+1} - 2u_n^{k+1} + u_{n-1}^{k+1}}{4h^2} \right. \\
 \left. + \frac{u_{n+1}^{k-1} - 2u_n^{k-1} + u_{n-1}^{k-1}}{4h^2} \right) - \beta(x_n) \left( \frac{u_{n+1}^k - u_{n-1}^k}{4h} + \frac{u_{n+1}^{k+1} - u_{n-1}^{k+1}}{8h} + \frac{u_{n+1}^{k-1} - u_{n-1}^{k-1}}{8h} \right) \\
 - \delta(x_n) \left( \frac{1}{2}u_n^k + \frac{1}{4}(u_n^{k+1} + u_n^{k-1}) \right) = f(t_k, x_n), \quad x_n = r_i + nh, \quad t_k = k\tau, \\
 1 \leq k \leq N-1, \quad 1 \leq n \leq M-1, \quad u_n^0 = 0, \quad 1 \leq n \leq M-1, \\
 \frac{u_n^1 - u_n^0}{\tau} = \frac{\tau}{2} \left( \alpha_n \frac{u_{n+1}^1 - 2u_n^1 + u_{n-1}^1}{h^2} + \beta_n \frac{u_{n+1}^1 - u_{n-1}^1}{2h} + \delta_n u_n^1 + f(0, x_n) \right), \\
 x_n = r_i + nh, \quad 1 \leq n \leq M-1, \quad c_0(a + br_i)^i \frac{-u_2^{k+1} + 4u_1^{k+1} - 3u_0^{k+1}}{2h} \\
 + \frac{\lambda_0}{r_i} (a + br_i)^i u_0^{k+1} = -p_0 l(t_k), \quad u_M^k = 0, \quad 0 \leq k \leq N-1, \quad f(t_{k+1}, x_n) \\
 = \left( 2 + \frac{\pi^2}{(r_0 - r_i)^2} \alpha_n t_{k+1}^2 - \delta_n t_{k+1}^2 \right) \sin \pi \frac{x_n - r_i}{r_0 - r_i} - \frac{\pi}{r_0 - r_i} \beta_n t_{k+1}^2 \cos \pi \frac{x_n - r_i}{r_0 - r_i}, \\
 l(t_k) = -\frac{c_0}{r_0 - r_i} (a + br_i)^i \pi t_k^2, \quad \alpha(x_n) = \frac{c_0}{\rho_0} \left( a + b \frac{x_n - r_i}{r_0 - r_i} \right)^{i-J}, \\
 \beta(x_n) = \left[ \frac{ibc_0}{\rho_0} \left( a + b \frac{x_n - r_i}{r_0 - r_i} \right)^{i-J-1} + \frac{c_0}{\rho_0} \left( \frac{r_0 - r_i}{x_n - r_i} \right) \left( a + b \frac{x_n - r_i}{r_0 - r_i} \right)^{i-J} \right], \\
 \delta(x_n) = \left( \frac{r_0 - r_i}{x_n - r_i} \right) \left[ \frac{ib\lambda_0}{\rho_0} \left( a + b \frac{x_n - r_i}{r_0 - r_i} \right)^{i-J-1} - \frac{c_0}{\rho_0} \left( \frac{r_0 - r_i}{x_n - r_i} \right) \left( a + b \frac{x_n - r_i}{r_0 - r_i} \right)^{i-J} \right].
 \end{array} \right. \quad (9)$$

We have again  $(N+1) \times (M+1)$  system of linear equations and we write them in the matrix form

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 A U^{k+1} + B U^k + C U^{k-1} = D \varphi^k, \quad 1 \leq k \leq N-1, \\
 U^0 = \tilde{0}, \quad EU^1 = vU^0 + w\widetilde{\psi(x_n)}, \quad x_n = nh, \quad 1 \leq n \leq M-1,
 \end{array} \right. \quad (10)$$

where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ d_1 & e_1 & f_1 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 & e_2 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & e_{M-2} & f_{M-2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & d_{M-1} & e_{M-1} & f_{M-1} \\ -3s+z & 4s & -s & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{(M+1) \times (M+1)},$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ g_1 & p_1 & q_1 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & g_2 & p_2 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & p_{M-2} & q_{M-2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & g_{M-1} & p_{M-1} & q_{M-1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{(M+1) \times (M+1)},$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ d_1 & e_1 & f_1 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 & e_2 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & e_{M-2} & f_{M-2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & d_{M-1} & e_{M-1} & f_{M-1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{(M+1) \times (M+1)},$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{(M+1) \times (M+1)}.$$

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ y_1 & \eta_1 & \mu_1 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & y_2 & \eta_2 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \eta_{M-2} & \mu_{M-2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & y_{M-1} & \eta_{M-1} & \mu_{M-1} \\ -3s + z & 4s & -s & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{(M+1) \times (M+1)}$$

Here,

$$\begin{aligned} d_n &= -\frac{\alpha_n}{4h^2} + \frac{\beta_n}{8h}, \quad e_n = \frac{1}{\tau^2} + \frac{\alpha_n}{2h^2} - \frac{\delta_n}{4}, \quad f_n = -\frac{\alpha_n}{4h^2} - \frac{\beta_n}{8h}, \\ g_n &= -\frac{\alpha_n}{2h^2} + \frac{\beta_n}{4h}, \quad p_n = -\frac{2}{\tau^2} + \frac{\alpha_n}{h^2} - \frac{\delta_n}{2}, \quad q_n = -\frac{\alpha_n}{2h^2} - \frac{\beta_n}{4h}, \\ y_n &= -\frac{\tau}{2} \left( \frac{\alpha_n}{h^2} - \frac{\beta_n}{2h} \right), \quad \eta_n = \frac{1}{\tau} + \frac{\tau\alpha_n}{h^2} - \frac{\tau\delta_n}{2}, \quad \mu_n = -\frac{\tau}{2} \left( \frac{\alpha_n}{h^2} + \frac{\beta_n}{2h} \right), \quad 1 \leq n \leq M-1, \\ s &= \frac{1}{2h} c_0 (a + br_i)^i, \quad z = \frac{\lambda_0}{r_i} (a + br_i)^i, \quad v = \frac{1}{\tau}, \quad w = \frac{\tau}{2}, \quad c_0 = 2\lambda_0 + \mu_0, \end{aligned}$$

$$\varphi_n^k = \begin{cases} 0, & n = 0, \\ f(t_k, x_n), & 1 \leq n \leq M-1, \\ c_0 \frac{1}{r_0 - r_i} (a + br_i)^i \pi t_k^2, & n = M, \end{cases}, \quad \varphi^k = \begin{bmatrix} \varphi_0^k \\ \varphi_1^k \\ \dots \\ \varphi_M^k \end{bmatrix}_{(M+1) \times 1}$$

So, we have the second order difference equation (10) with respect to  $k$  with matrix coefficients. To solve this difference equation, we apply the following procedure:

$$\begin{cases} U^{k+1} = A^{-1} D \varphi^k - A^{-1} B U^k - A^{-1} C U^{k-1}, & k = 1, 2, \dots, N-1, \\ U^0 = \tilde{0}, \quad U^1 = E^{-1} v U^0 + E^{-1} w \widetilde{\psi(x_n)}, \quad x_n = nh, \quad 1 \leq n \leq M-1. \end{cases}$$

Now, we will give the results of the numerical analysis. Similar forms of equation (2) were used in the papers [11] and [12] in the cases  $a = 1, i = J = 1$ , and  $a = 1, i = J = 2$ , respectively. In the first and second examples in the present paper, numerical results are presented with the parameters  $a = 1, b = 0, i = J = 1$ , and  $a = 5/6, b = 1/6, i = J = 1$ , respectively. In both examples, the values  $\lambda_0 = 0.3, \mu_0 = 0.35, p_0 = 1, r_i = 1, r_0 = 2$  are taken for material properties.

First, as we noted above one can not obtain a sharp estimate for the constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  figuring in the stability estimates of Theorems 1 and 2. We have

$$C_1 = \max_{f,u} (C_{t1}),$$

$$C_2 = \max_{f,u} (C_{t2}),$$

where

$$C_{t1} = \max_{0 \leq k \leq N} \|u_k^h\|_{L_{2h}} + \max_{1 \leq k \leq N} \|\tau^{-1}(u_k^h - u_{k-1}^h)\|_{L_{2h}} \\ \times \left[ \max_{1 \leq k \leq N-1} \|f_k^h\|_{L_{2h}} + \|\psi^h\|_{L_{2h}} + \sum_{r=1}^n \|\varphi_{x_r, j_r}^h\|_{L_{2h}} \right]^{-1},$$

$$C_{t2} = \left[ \max_{1 \leq k \leq N-1} \|\tau^{-2}(u_{k+1}^h - 2u_k^h + u_{k-1}^h)\|_{L_{2h}} + \max_{1 \leq k \leq N-1} \sum_{r=1}^n \|(u_{k+1}^h)_{\bar{x}_r, x_r, j_r}\|_{L_{2h}} \right] \\ \times \left[ \max_{1 \leq k \leq N-1} \|\tau^{-1}(f_k^h - f_{k-1}^h)\|_{L_{2h}} + \|f_0^h\|_{L_{2h}} \right. \\ \left. + \sum_{r=1}^n \|\psi_{\bar{x}_r, j_r}^h\|_{L_{2h}} + \sum_{r=1}^n \|\varphi_{\bar{x}_r, x_r, j_r}^h\|_{L_{2h}} \right]^{-1}.$$

The constants  $C_{t1}$  and  $C_{t2}$  in the case of numerical solution of initial value problem (6) are computed.

The numerical solutions are recorded for different values of  $N = M$ ,  $u_n^k$  represents the numerical solutions of these difference schemes at  $(t_k, x_n)$ . In the cases  $a = 1, b = 0$ , and  $a = 5/6, b = 1/6$ , the constants  $C_{t1}$  and  $C_{t2}$  are given in Tables 1–2 and Tables 3–4 for  $N = M = 10, 20, 30, 40$  and 50.

**Table 1.** The values of  $C_{t1}$  in the case  $a = 1, b = 0$ .

Method	N=M=10	N=M=20	N=M=30	N=M=40	N=M=50
Difference scheme (4)	0.2314	0.1273	0.0896	0.0693	0.0566
Difference scheme (5)	0.2749	0.1390	0.0951	0.0725	0.0587

**Table 2.** The values of  $C_{t_2}$  in the case  $a = 1, b = 0$ .

Method	N=M=10	N=M=20	N=M=30	N=M=40	N=M=50
Difference scheme (4)	0.4300	0.2091	0.1397	0.1051	0.0843
Difference scheme (5)	0.5000	0.2251	0.1468	0.1091	0.0869

**Table 3.** The values of  $C_{t_1}$  in the case  $a = 5/6, b = 1/6, \zeta$ .

Method	N=M=10	N=M=20	N=M=30	N=M=40	N=M=50
Difference scheme (4)	0.2260	0.1260	0.0890	0.0690	0.0563
Difference scheme (5)	0.2686	0.1376	0.0945	0.0721	0.0584

**Table 4.** The values of  $C_{t_2}$  in the case  $a = 5/6, b = 1/6$ .

Method	N=M=10	N=M=20	N=M=30	N=M=40	N=M=50
Difference scheme (4)	0.4217	0.2072	0.1389	0.1047	0.0840
Difference scheme (5)	0.4907	0.2231	0.1459	0.1086	0.0866

Recall that we have not been able to obtain a sharp estimate for the constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  figuring in the stability estimates. The numerical results in the Tables 1, 3 and 2, 4 give  $C_{t_1} \cong 0.5$  and  $C_{t_2} \cong 0.8$ , respectively. That means the constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  figuring in the stability estimates of Theorem 1 and 2 are not large numbers and the difference schemes (4) and (5) are stable in the case of numerical solution of initial value problem (6). Further, the properties of the material represented by the parameters  $a$  and  $b$  do not effect the values of the coefficients of the stability estimates  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  very much.

Second, for the accurate comparison of the two different difference schemes considered,

the errors of the numerical solution computed by

$$E_0 = \max_{1 \leq k \leq N-1} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{M-1} |u(t_k, x_n) - u_n^k|^2 h \right)^{1/2},$$

are recorded for various values of  $N$  and  $M$ , where  $u(t_k, x_n)$  represents the exact solution and  $u_n^k$  represents the numerical solution at  $(t_k, x_n)$ . The errors for the first order of accuracy difference scheme are given in the Tables 5–7 for  $a = 1$ ,  $b = 0$ , and  $a = 5/6$ ,  $b = 1/6$ , respectively. For the same values of  $a$  and  $b$ , Tables 6 and 8 show the errors for the second order of accuracy difference scheme.

**Table 5.** The errors for the difference scheme (4) in the case  $a = 1$ ,  $b = 0$ .

$N \setminus M$	10	20	30	40	50
10	0.1059	0.1074	0.1076	0.1077	0.1078
20	0.0588	0.0605	0.0608	0.0609	0.0609
30	0.0401	0.0419	0.0421	0.0422	0.0423
40	0.0302	0.0320	0.0322	0.0323	0.0324
50	0.0240	0.0258	0.0261	0.0262	0.0262

**Table 6.** The errors for the difference scheme (5) in the case  $a = 1$ ,  $b = 0$ .

$N \setminus M$	10	20	30	40	50
10	0.0063	0.0052	0.0054	0.0058	0.0061
20	0.0053	0.0021	0.0015	0.0014	0.0013
30	0.0045	0.0016	0.0010	0.0008	0.0007
40	0.0040	0.0013	0.0008	0.0006	0.0004
50	0.0037	0.0012	0.0007	0.0005	0.0004



**Table 7.** The errors for the difference scheme (4) in the case  $a = 5/6, b = 1/6$ .

$N \setminus M$	10	20	30	40	50
10	0.1063	0.1078	0.1081	0.1082	0.1078
20	0.0591	0.0608	0.0611	0.0612	0.0612
30	0.0403	0.0421	0.0424	0.0425	0.0425
40	0.0303	0.0321	0.0324	0.0325	0.0325
50	0.0241	0.0259	0.0262	0.0263	0.0263

**Table 8.** The errors for the difference scheme (5) in the case  $a = 5/6, b = 1/6$ .

$N \setminus M$	10	20	30	40	50
10	0.0056	0.0052	0.0055	0.0059	0.0062
20	0.0049	0.0019	0.0015	0.0014	0.0013
30	0.0043	0.0015	0.0009	0.0007	0.0006
40	0.0039	0.0012	0.0007	0.0005	0.0004
50	0.0037	0.0011	0.0006	0.0004	0.0003

Thus, the second order of accuracy difference scheme is more accurate comparing with the first order of accuracy difference scheme. Further, the rate of decrease of the error with increasing  $N$  and  $M$  is higher for the second order of accuracy difference scheme (5) than the first order of accuracy difference scheme (4). These results are common to both examples obtained by variation of parameters  $a$  and  $b$ . As in the case of the computation of the coefficients of the stability estimates, the errors of the first and second order of accuracy difference schemes do not differ very much for the two examples. For example for  $N = M = 20$ , the errors computed for the first order of accuracy difference schemes are 0.0605 and 0.0608 for the examples 1 and 2, respectively. Similarly for the second order of accuracy difference scheme, these errors are 0.0021 and 0.0019. Obviously in both examples the second order of accuracy difference scheme is more accurate almost 30 times.

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