

THE METHOD OF LINES FOR TERNARY DIFFUSION PROBLEMS

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ABSTRACT

The method of lines (MOL) for diffusion equations with Neumann boundary conditions is considered:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = D_1 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(u v^D \right)
\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = D_2 \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(v v^D \right)
\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = D_3 \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(w v^D \right)$$
(1)

These equations are transformed by a discretization in space variables into systems of ordinary differential equations. The proposed ODE's satisfy the mass conservation law. The stability of solutions of these ODE's with respect to discrete L^2 norms and discrete $W^{1,\infty}$ norms is investigated. Numerical examples confirm the parabolic behaviour of this model and very regular dynamics. Our research (published in [1]) is based on the ideas from [2]. The system is strongly coupled and nonlinear.

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