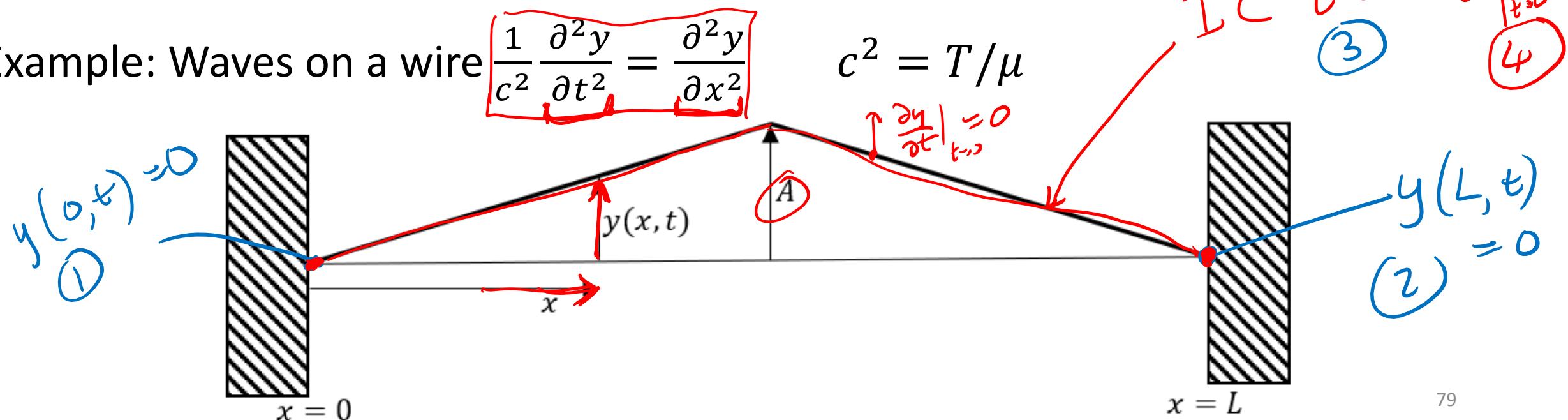


## 4.3 Separation of Variables

# PDEs in which variables are separable

- Some linear PDEs can be solved by this process:
  1. Write solution as a **product of single variable functions**, e.g.  $y(x, t) = f(x)g(t)$
  2. Substitute into PDE and **separate variables** on either side of the equation
  3. For equality to hold for all values, each side must equal a **separation constant**
  4. Solve the resulting ODEs
  5. Apply initial conditions and boundary condition find coefficients
  6. Obtain the most general possible (Fourier series solution)

Example: Waves on a wire



# PDEs in which variables are separable

$$1. \quad y(x,t) = \underbrace{f(x)g(t)}$$

$$2. \quad \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} [\underbrace{f(x)g(t)}] = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} [f(x)g(t)]$$

$$\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{c^2} f(x) \frac{d^2 g}{dt^2} = g(t) \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} \quad \text{SEPARATE } x, t \quad \text{DIVIDE BY } fg$$

$$\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{1}{g(t)} \frac{d^2 g}{dt^2} = \frac{1}{f(x)} \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2}$$

$$3. \quad \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{d^2 g}{dt^2} \frac{1}{g(t)} = \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} \frac{1}{f(x)} = \underbrace{-k^2}_{\text{(separation constant)}} \quad c - \text{WAVE VELOCITY}$$

$$4. \quad \text{ODEs} \quad \frac{d^2 g}{dt^2} + k^2 g = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2 g}{dt^2} + c^2 k^2 g = 0$$

$$f(x) = \underbrace{C_1 \sin(kx)}_{\text{}} + \underbrace{C_2 \cos(kx)}_{\text{}}$$

$$g(t) = \underbrace{C_3 \sin(ckt)}_{\text{}} + \underbrace{C_4 \cos(ckt)}_{\text{}}$$

# PDEs in which variables are separable

5. Apply Boundary Conditions  $y(0, t) = y(L, t) = 0$

$$f(x=0) = 0 = C_1 \sin(0) + C_2 \cos(0)$$
$$C_2 = 0$$

$$k = \frac{n\pi}{L}$$

n = 1, 2, 3, ...

$$f(L) = 0 = C_1 \underbrace{\sin(kL)}_{=0} + 0$$
$$C_1 = 0 \quad (\text{TRIVIAL})$$

$$f(x) = C_1 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right)$$

$$g(t) = C_3 \sin\left(c \frac{n\pi}{L}t\right) + C_4 \cos\left(c \frac{n\pi}{L}t\right)$$

$$y(x, t)$$

$$y(x, t) = f(x)g(t) = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) \left[ a_n \underbrace{\sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}ct\right)}_{=0} + b_n \underbrace{\cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}ct\right)}_{=1} \right]$$

$$a_n = C_1 C_3$$

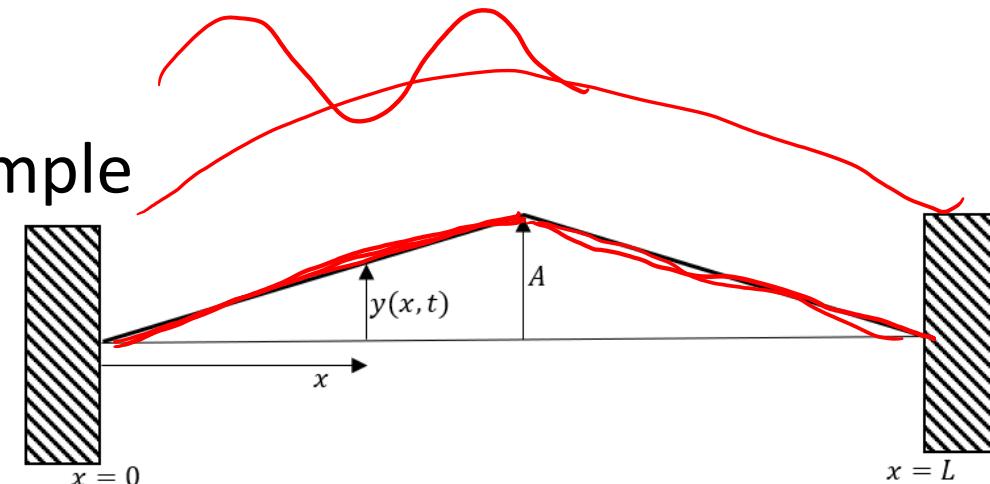
$$b_n = C_1 C_4$$

# Most general solution – Fourier coefficients

6. Initial Conditions  $y(x, 0) = b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right)$

But What if  $y(x, 0)$  is not sinusoidal? For example

$$\begin{cases} y(x, 0) = \frac{2Ax}{L} \text{ for } 0 < x < \frac{L}{2} \\ y(x, 0) = 2A\left(1 - \frac{x}{L}\right) \text{ for } \frac{L}{2} < x < L \end{cases}$$



A superposition of sine/cosine wave solutions gives the most general solution.

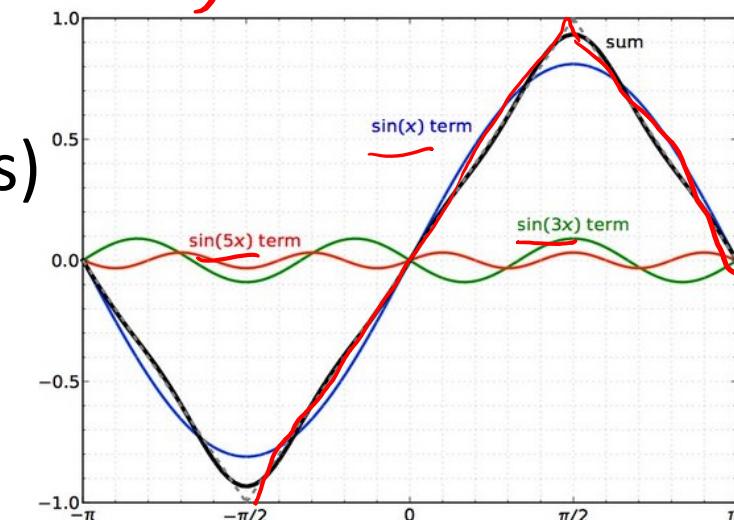
$$y(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) (a_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}ct\right) + b_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}ct\right))$$

This is a Fourier Series!

Coefficients found by Fourier methods (see Tom's notes)

$t=0$  multiply by  $\sin\left(\frac{m\pi}{L}x\right)$   $m$  - INTEGER

INTEGRATE IN  $x$  FROM  $0 \rightarrow L$



# Variable Separation – Heat Equation

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2}$$

1.  $T(x, t) = f(x)g(t)$

2.  $f(x) \frac{dg}{dt} = D g(t) \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} \quad \div \text{ by } f(x) g(t)$

3.  $\frac{1}{g} \frac{dg}{dt} = \frac{D}{f} \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} = -k^2$

4.  $\frac{dg}{dt} = -k^2 g \quad \left( \frac{dg}{g} = -k^2 dt \right) \quad \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} + \frac{k^2 f}{D} = 0$

$$g(t) = A \exp(-k^2 t)$$

$$T(x, t) = \exp(-k^2 t) \left( B' \sin\left(\frac{kx}{\sqrt{D}}\right) + C' \cos\left(\frac{kx}{\sqrt{D}}\right) \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} AB &= B' \\ AC &= C' \end{aligned}$$

1. Using the method of characteristics, find the solution to the following first order PDE

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + (1-x)\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = -u$$

subject to the initial condition  $u(x, 0) = \exp(-x^2)$ .

CHARACTERISTIC TRAJECTORY

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 1 - x$$

At  $t = 0$   $x = x_0$

Determines which trajectory we

$x_0 = \dots$

$\frac{du}{dt} + \frac{du}{dt} \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{du}{dt}$

TOTAL  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + (1-x)\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = -u$

$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{du}{dt} \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{du}{dt}$

$\frac{du}{dt} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \cdot \frac{\partial t}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}$

$\frac{du}{dt} = 1$  if  $x = f(t)$

$\frac{du}{dt} = -u$

INTEGRATION CONSTANT  $C(x_0)$

$u(x_0, t) = \dots$

How  $u$  EVOLVES ALONG A CHARACTERISTIC

SOLUTION  $u(x, t)$  FOR ALL TRAJECTORIES

Consider a 2D region,  $0 < x < 1$ ,  $0 < y < 1$  with conducting walls, such that the electrostatic potential  $\phi(x, y)$  at the boundaries is

$$\phi(0, y) = \phi(1, y) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \phi(x, 0) = \sin(4\pi x), \quad \phi(x, 1) = \sin(8\pi x)$$

The spatial profile of the potential between the boundaries is determined by Laplace's equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2 X}{dx^2} Y + X \frac{d^2 Y}{dy^2} = 0 \quad \div XY$$

$$\frac{1}{X} \frac{d^2 X}{dx^2} = - \frac{1}{Y} \frac{d^2 Y}{dy^2} = - \lambda^2$$

$$\frac{d^2 X}{dx^2} + \lambda^2 X$$

$$e^{imx} = \cos(\lambda x) + i \sin(\lambda x) \quad m^2 = -\lambda^2 \quad = \pm i\lambda$$

$$X = A \cos(\lambda x) + B \sin(\lambda x)$$

- ①  $\phi(x, y) = \underline{X(x)} \underline{Y(y)}$
- ② SUBSTITUTE IN
- ③ SEPARATE x, y  
SET EQUAL TO CONSTANT

$$\frac{d^2 Y}{dy^2} - \lambda^2 Y = 0$$

$$m^2 = \lambda^2 \quad y = C'e^{+\lambda y} + D'e^{-\lambda y}$$

$$m = \pm \lambda$$

$$y = C \frac{1}{2} (e^{+\lambda y} + e^{-\lambda y}) \quad \text{OR}$$

$$+ D \frac{1}{2} (e^{+\lambda y} - e^{-\lambda y})$$

$$\cosh(\lambda y)$$

$$\sinh(\lambda y)$$

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The spatial profile of the potential between the boundaries is determined by Laplace's equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

which has separable solution

$$\phi(x, y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [A_n \cos \lambda_n x + B_n \sin \lambda_n x] [C_n \cosh \lambda_n y + D_n \sinh \lambda_n y]$$

where  $A_n, B_n, C_n, D_n$  and  $\lambda_n$  are arbitrary constants to be determined.

Using the first 3 boundary conditions above, prove:

- (a)  $A_n = 0$  for all  $n$
- (b)  $\lambda_n = n\pi$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Use the last two relations determine an expression for the full solution.

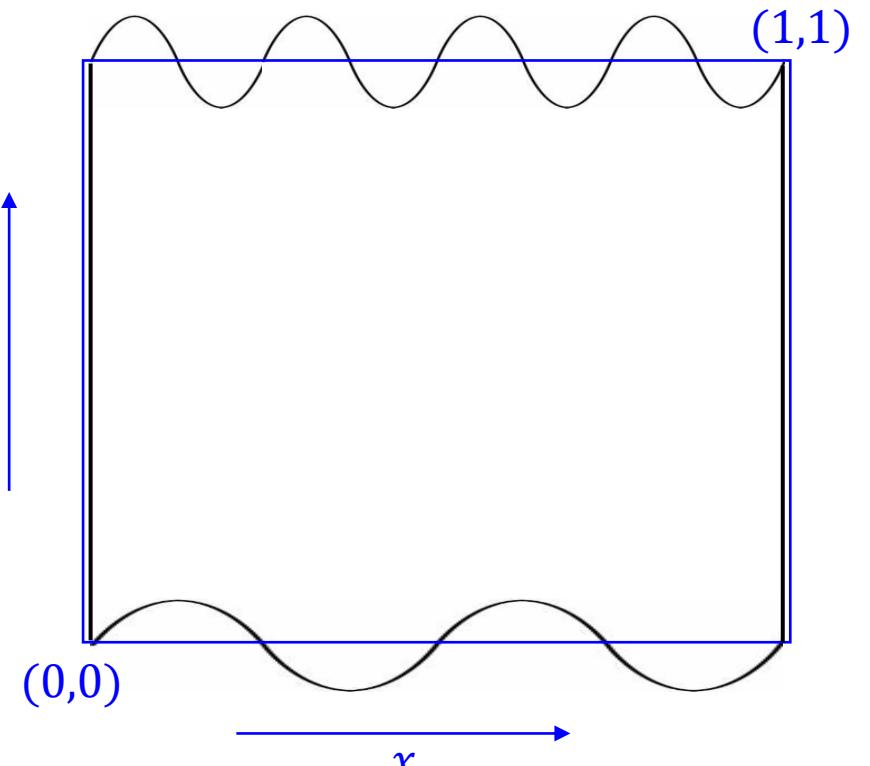
You may use the following relation without proof:

$$\int_0^1 \sin(n\pi x) \sin(m\pi x) dx = \begin{cases} 1/2 & m = n \\ 0 & m \neq n \end{cases}$$

# Example of finding Fourier Coefficients

- Boundary Conditions

- $\phi(0, y) = \phi(1, y) = 0$
- $\phi(x, 0) = \sin(4\pi x)$
- $\phi(x, 1) = \sin(8\pi x)$



# Most general solution – Fourier coefficients

$$\phi(x, y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [A_n \cos(\lambda_n x) + B_n \sin(\lambda_n x)] [C_n \cosh(\lambda_n y) + D_n \sinh(\lambda_n y)]$$

$x=0 \quad \phi(0, y) = 0$

$= 0$

$$\phi(0, y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n [C_n \cosh(\lambda_n y) + D_n \sinh(\lambda_n y)] = 0$$

$A_n = 0 \quad \text{for all } n$

$$\phi(1, y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n \sin(\lambda_n y) [C_n \cosh(\lambda_n y) + D_n \sinh(\lambda_n y)] = 0$$

$\sin(\lambda_n) = 0$

$\lambda_n = n\pi \quad n \text{ integer}$

$$\phi(x, y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n \sin(n\pi x) [C_n \cosh(n\pi y) + D_n \sinh(n\pi y)]$$

$T(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda_n^2 Dt} (A_n \sin(n\pi x) + B_n \cosh(n\pi y))$ 
 $C_0 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda_n^2 Dt} (B_n)$ 
 $D_0 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda_n^2 Dt} (A_n \sin(n\pi x))$

# Finding the Fourier coefficients

$$\phi(x, y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n \sin(n\pi x) [C_n \cosh(n\pi y) + D_n \sinh(n\pi y)]$$

$\underbrace{= 1}_{y=0}, \underbrace{= 0}_{w \text{t.r. } y=0}$

Using boundary condition

$$\phi(x, 0) = \sin(4\pi x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n C_n \sin(n\pi x)$$

$y=0$

Multiply by  $\sin(m\pi x)$  and integrate w.r.t. x from 0 to 1

$$\int_0^1 \sin(m\pi x) \sin(4\pi x) dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n C_n \int_0^1 \sin(m\pi x) \sin(n\pi x) dx$$

Let us take, for instance,  $m = 2$

$$\int_0^1 \sin(2\pi x) \sin(4\pi x) dx = B_1 C_1 \int_0^1 \sin(2\pi x) \sin(\pi x) dx + B_2 C_2 \int_0^1 \sin(2\pi x) \sin(2\pi x) dx + B_3 C_3 \int_0^1 \sin(2\pi x) \sin(3\pi x) dx \dots$$

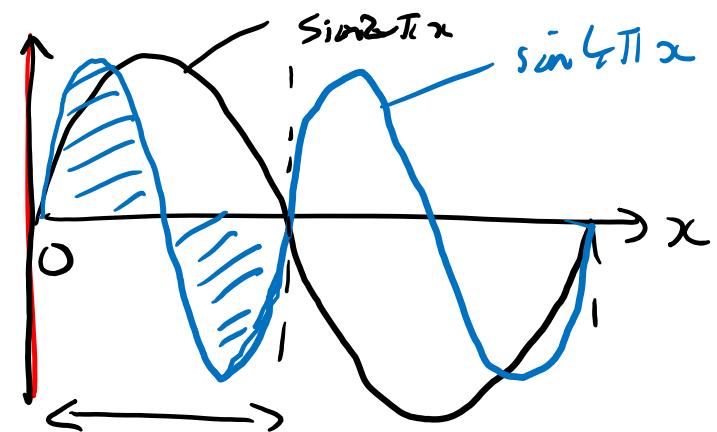
$= 0 \quad = 0 \quad = \frac{1}{2} \quad m \neq n \quad m = n \quad = 0$

$$0 = B_2 C_2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

Therefore for all integers of  $m$ ,  $B_n C_n = 0$  except for  $m = 4$  which gives

$$\int_0^1 \sin^4(4\pi x) dx = \frac{1}{2} = B_1 C_1(0) + B_2 C_2(0) + B_3 C_3(0) + B_4 C_4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$B_4 C_4 = 1$



# Finding the Fourier coefficients

Using boundary condition  $\phi(x, 1) = \sin(8\pi x)$

$$\phi(x, 1) = \sin(8\pi x) = \underbrace{\sin(4\pi x)}_{n=4} \cosh(4\pi) + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n D_n \sin(n\pi x) \sinh(n\pi)$$

Multiply by  $\sin(m\pi x)$  and integrate w.r.t. x from 0 to 1

$$\int_0^1 \sin(m\pi x) \sin(8\pi x) dx = \cosh(4\pi) \int_0^1 \sin(m\pi x) \sin(4\pi x) dx + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n D_n \sinh(n\pi) \int_0^1 \sin(m\pi x) \sin(n\pi x) dx$$

For any integer value of m except  $(m = 4, 8)$  yields

For  $m = 4$

$$0 = \cosh(4\pi) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + B_4 D_4 \sinh(4\pi) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$B_4 D_4 = - \frac{\cosh(4\pi)}{\sinh(4\pi)}$$

For  $m = 8$

$$\frac{1}{2} = \cosh(4\pi)(0) + B_8 D_8 \sinh(8\pi) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

UNIQUE SOLUTION

$$\phi(x, y) = \sin(4\pi x) \left[ \cosh(4\pi y) - \frac{\cosh(4\pi)}{\sinh(4\pi)} \sinh(4\pi y) \right] + \frac{\sinh(8\pi y)}{\sinh(8\pi)} \sin(8\pi x)$$

$$B_n D_n = 0 \text{ for } m \neq 4, 8$$

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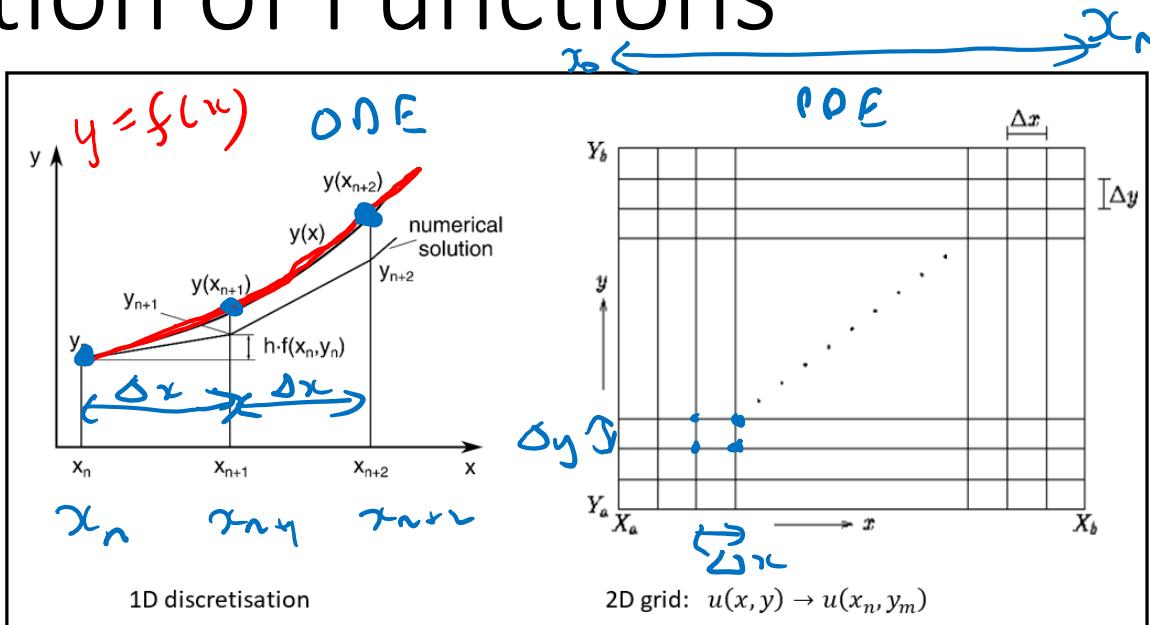
# 5 Numerical Solutions

5.1 Finite Difference Methods

5.2 ODEs

5.3 PDEs

# Discretization of Functions



$N$  - no. of points

$$N = \frac{x_p - x_0}{\Delta x}$$

$$M = \frac{y_m - y_0}{\Delta y}$$

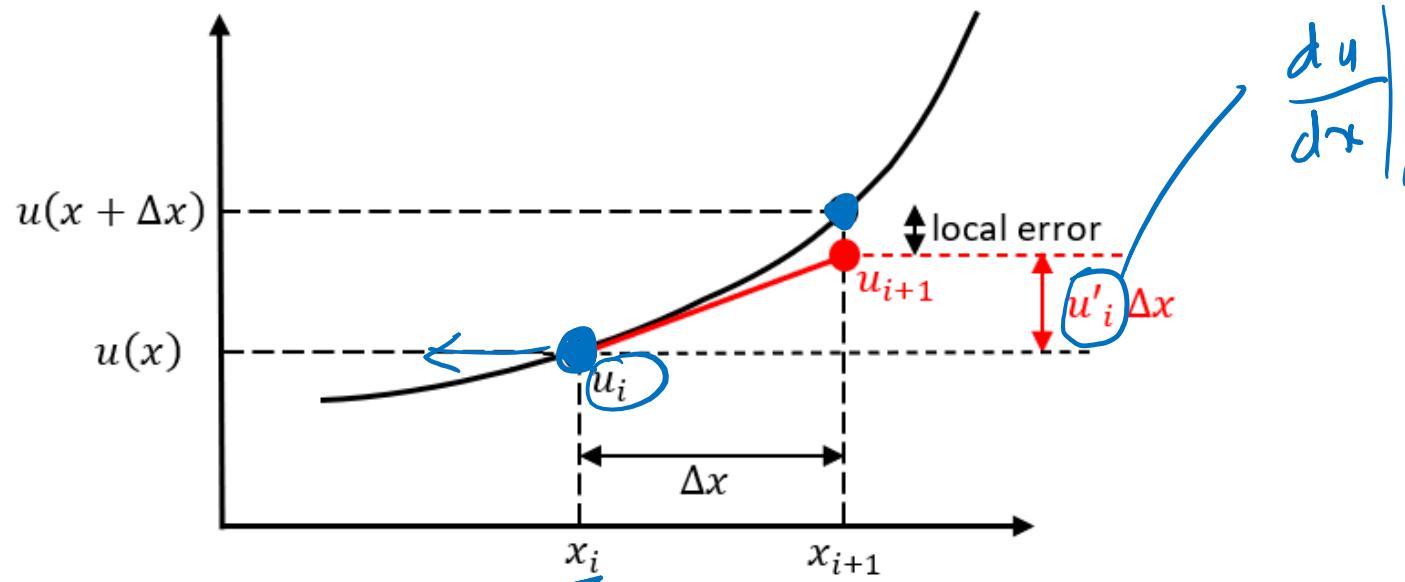
Function evaluated at discrete points – in 2D or more this is a grid of points

- $x = x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots, x_N,$
- $y = y_0, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m, \dots, y_M,$

Value of a function at a point evaluated from the ***finite difference*** between surrounding points

# ODEs – Euler's method (forward)

EXPLICIT



Function  $u(x)$ ,  $x_{i+1}$  obtained by projecting from  $x_i$  using gradient at  $x_i$ :

From Taylor expansion

CONTINUOUS

$$u(x + \Delta x) = u(x) + u'(x) \Delta x + O(\Delta x^2)$$

DISCRETE

$$u_{i+1} \approx u_i + u'_i \Delta x \rightarrow \text{EULER'S METHOD}$$

FORWARD EULER (EXPLICIT)

$O(\Delta x)^2$  represents additional terms which depend on  $(\Delta x)^2$  or higher powers – the order of the error in the approximation

# Forward Euler Example

$$u'(x) = -u(x)$$

$$u'_i = \frac{du}{dx} = -u$$

$x=0$   
 $u=1$

Easy analytical solution  $u(x) = \exp(-x)$

$$u_{i+1} = u_i + u'_i \Delta x$$

$$u_{i+1} = u_i - u_i \Delta x = u_i (1 - \Delta x)$$

$$u_1 = 1 (1 - 0.4) = 0.6$$

- What is the value of  $u(x = 2)$ ?  $u_2 = u_1 (1 - \Delta x)$   
 $= 0.6 (1 - 0.4) = 0.36$

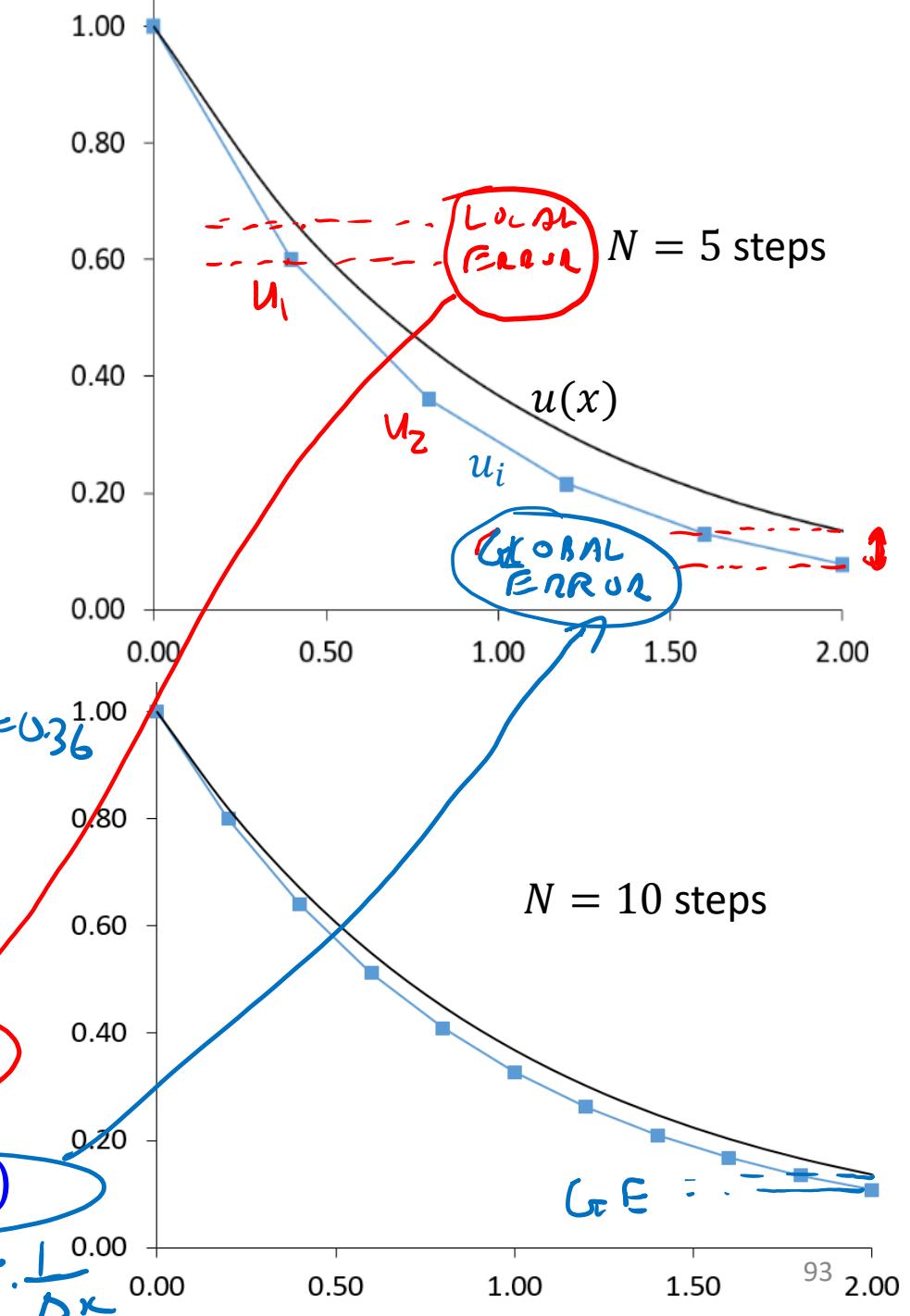
- For  $N = 5$ ,  $\Delta x = 0.4$  For  $N = 10$ ,  $\Delta x = 0.2$

- Error =  $u(x) - u_i$

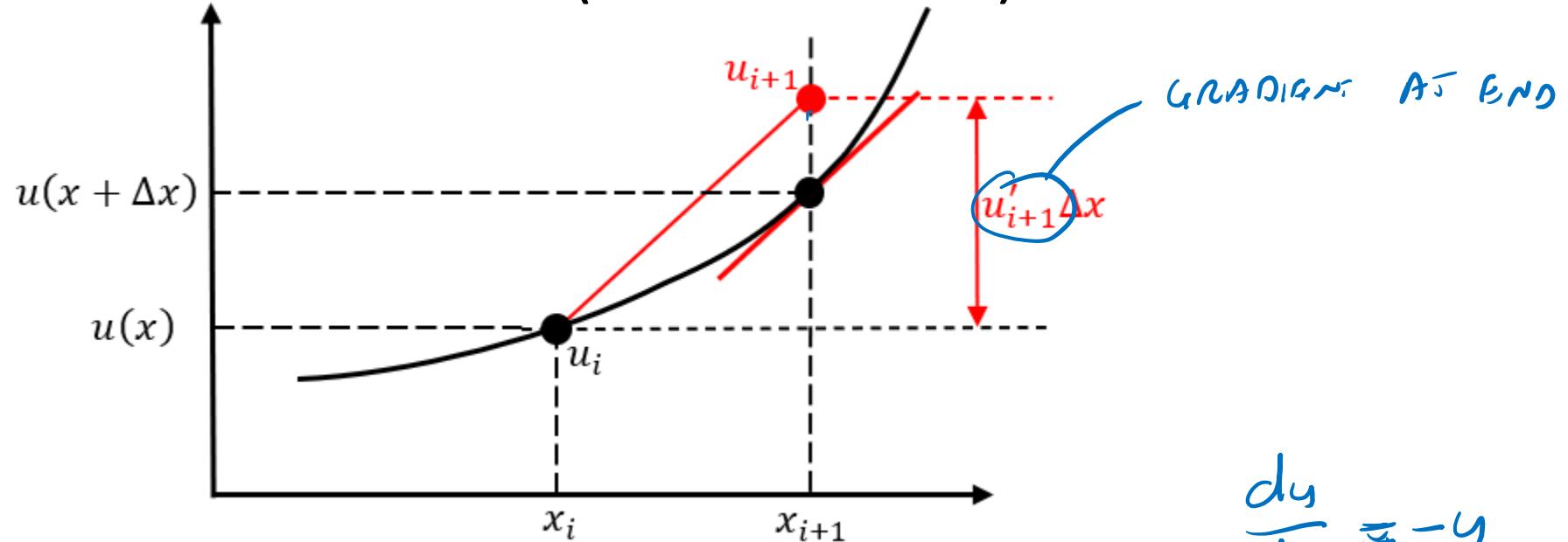
- Local Error LE = Error from a single step  $O(\Delta x)^2$

- Global Error GE = Error at the finishing point  $O(\Delta x)$

$$GE \approx LE \times N \approx D(\Delta x)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{\Delta x}$$



# ODEs – Euler's method (backward) IMPLICIT



Function  $u(x)$ ,  $x_{i+1}$  obtained by projecting from  $x_i$  using gradient at  $x_{i+1}$   $u'_i = -u_i$

From Taylor expansion

$$u_{i+1} \approx u_i + u'_i \Delta x \quad N=5 \quad \Delta x = 0.4$$

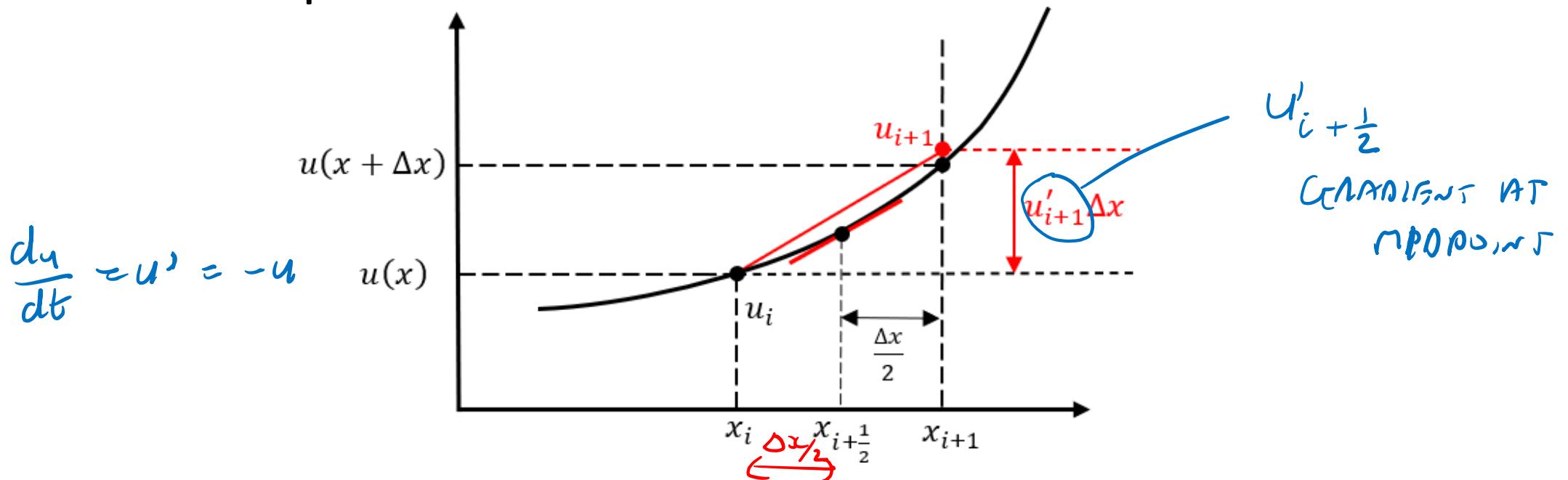
$\beta$  ACK WANO  $n=7+00$  (IMPLICIT)

$$u_1 = u_0 + u'_0 \Delta x$$

$$u_1 = u_0 - u_1 \Delta x$$

$$u_1 = \frac{u_0}{1 + \Delta x} = \frac{1}{1 + 0.4}$$

# ODEs – Midpoint method



Function  $u(x)$ ,  $x_{i+1}$  obtained by projecting from  $x_i$  using gradient at  $x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}$

$$u_{i+1} = u_i + u'_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \Delta x$$

$$u' = -u \quad u_{i+1} = u_i - u'_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \Delta x$$

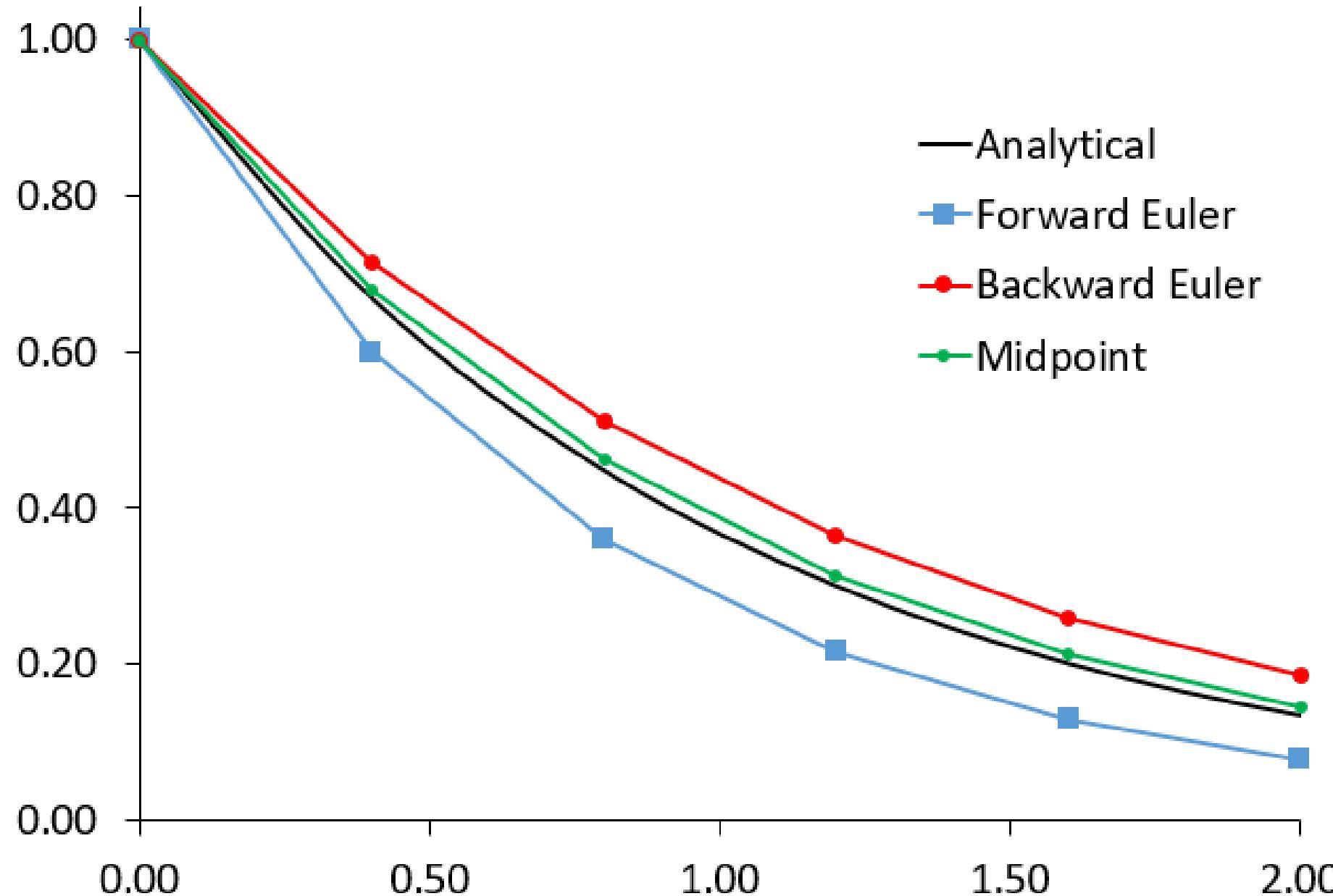
- But how do you find  $u'_{i+1/2}$ ? Use forward Euler to find  $u_{i+1/2}$ .

$$u_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = u_i + u'_i \frac{\Delta x}{2}$$

$$u_{i+1} = u_i - (u_i - u_i \frac{\Delta x}{2}) \Delta x$$

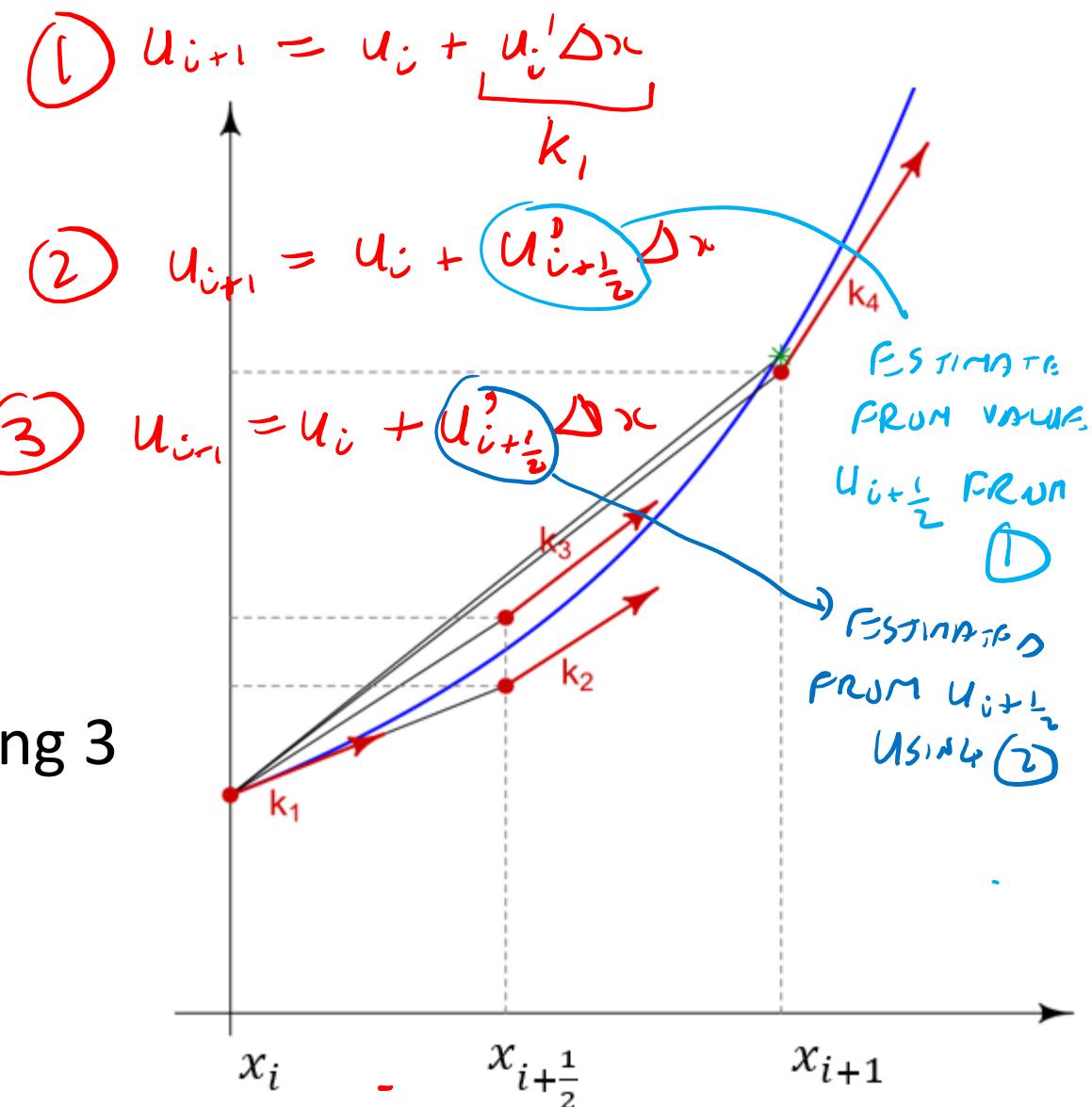
$$u_{i+1} = u_i \left( 1 - \Delta x + \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{2} \right)$$

# ODEs – Forward Euler vs Backward Euler vs Midpoint



# Runge-Kutta Methods

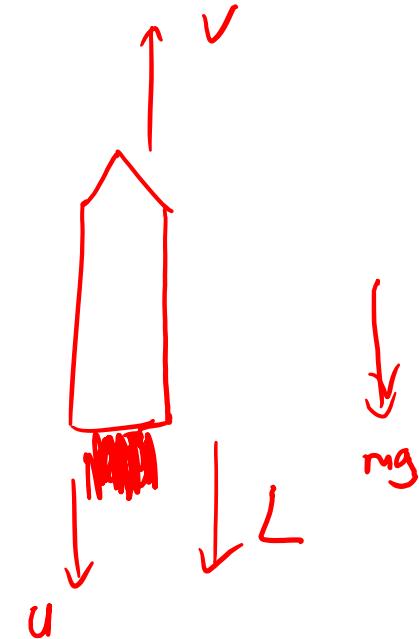
- Combines these different approximations
  1. Forward Euler (increment  $k_1 = u' \Delta x$ )
  2. Midpoint ( $k_2$ ) –  $u_{i+\frac{1}{2}}$  obtained using 1
  3. Midpoint ( $k_3$ ) –  $u_{i+\frac{1}{2}}$  obtained using 2
  4. Backward Euler ( $k_4$ ) –  $u_{i+1}$  obtained using 3
- Overall step determined by weighted average of increments
- $u_{i+1} \approx u_i + \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4)$
- Midpoint steps weighted double that of Euler methods



# Example – Aug 2020 paper

C.2 The SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket had a total mass of  $M_0 = 550,000$  kg just before launch. During the 1st stage, it expels burnt fuel at a speed of  $u = 2770$  m/s and loses mass at a rate of  $L = 2,500$  kg/s. At the end of the 1st stage the rocket's mass reduces to  $M = 150,000$  kg. The evolution of the velocity  $v$  and mass  $m$  of the rocket are governed by the following differential equation

$$\frac{dv}{dm} = \frac{g}{L} - \frac{u}{m}$$



- (a) Solve this differential equation to show that the velocity of the rocket at the end of its 1st stage is given by

$$v_f = u \ln \frac{M_0}{M} - \frac{g}{L} (M_0 - M)$$

Calculate this velocity assuming  $g = 9.81 \text{ ms}^{-2}$  [6]

1<sup>st</sup> order ODE. Dependent variable  $v$ . Independent variable  $m$ . Solve analytically by separating variables and putting in the initial conditions – at launch  $m = M_0$  and  $v = u$  (see notes for solution)

- (b) Using the Euler method, taking five steps with a step size of  $\Delta m = -80,000$  kg, complete the table below and determine a numerical solution to the equation in part (a).

$i$	$m$ (kg)	$v_i$ ( $\text{m s}^{-1}$ )	$\left(\frac{dv}{dm}\right)_i$ ( $\text{m s}^{-1} \text{kg}^{-1}$ )
0	550,000	0	-0.00111
1	470,000		
2	390,000		
3	310,000		
4	230,000		
5	150,000		

$$\begin{aligned}
 v_{i+1} &= v_i + \left( \frac{dv}{dm} \right)_i \Delta m \\
 &= v_i + \left( \frac{g}{L} - \frac{u}{m_i} \right) \Delta m \\
 v_1 &= v_0 + \left( \frac{g}{L} - \frac{u}{m_0} \right) \Delta m
 \end{aligned}$$

- $\frac{dv}{dm} = \frac{g}{L} - \frac{u}{m}$
- In discrete terms  $\left(\frac{dv}{dm}\right)_i = \frac{g}{L} - \frac{u}{m_i}$

$i$	$m$ (kg)	$v_i$ (m/s)	$\left(\frac{dv}{dm}\right)_i$
0	550,000	0	-0.00111 $\times \Delta m$
1	470,000	89	-
2	390,000	247	-
3	310,000	501	-
4	230,000	902	-
5	150,000	1551	-

(c) What is the global error of this numerical calculation? Roughly how many steps would be required for the Euler method to attain a solution which is within 25 m/s of the analytical solution.

- The analytical solution gives

$$\bullet v = -2770 \ln\left(\frac{550}{150}\right) + \frac{9.81}{2500} (150,000 - 550,000)$$

$$\bullet v = 3599 - 1570 = \underline{\underline{2029 \text{ m/s}}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} v_s &= \underline{\underline{1551}} \\ \text{GLOBAL} &= \underline{\underline{478 \text{ m/s}}} \quad \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \quad N = 5 \end{aligned}$$

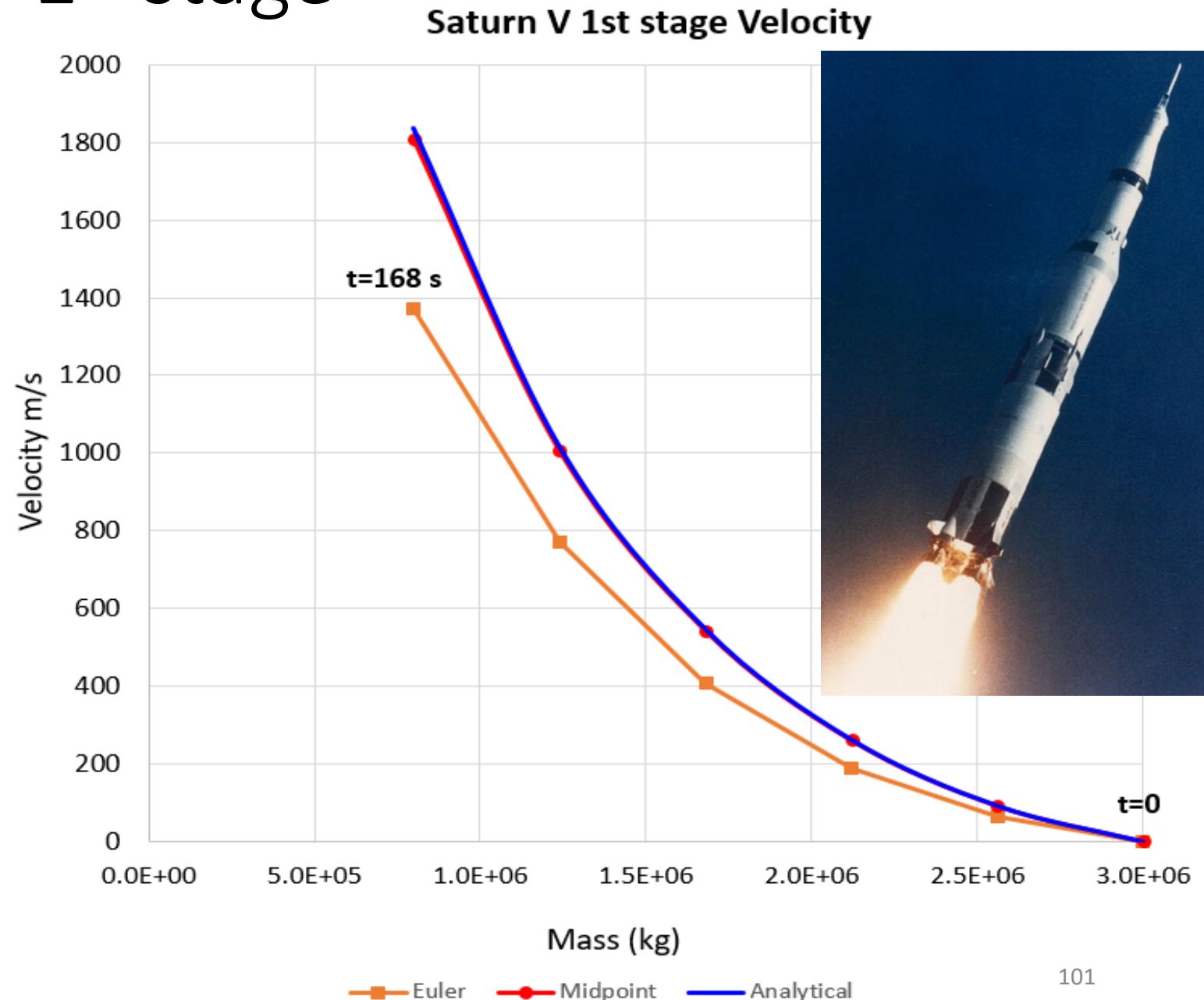
$$4E \quad 25 \text{ m/s} \quad \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \quad \approx N \approx 100$$

# Saturn V Rocket – 1<sup>st</sup> stage

The Saturn V rocket which took Apollo spacecraft to the Moon had a total mass of  $M_0 = 3,000,000$  kg just before launch and during its 1<sup>st</sup> stage burned fuel at a rate of  $L = 13,500$  kg/s so that gas was expelled out the engine nozzles at a speed of  $u = 2600$  m/s. At the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> stage, the rocket's mass had reduced to  $M = 800,000$  kg.

See this worked solution in the notes.

Also see car accelerating on a motorway. Example of non-linear equation.



# Assignment 3

2. A straight aluminium bar with uniform cross section and length 1 m is heated uniformly to a temperature of  $100^{\circ}\text{C}$ . At  $t = 0$  the ends at  $x = 0, 1$  are placed in good thermal contact with a heat reservoir at a temperature of  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$ . If the bar is insulated along its sides, then heat is only conducted along the bar ( $x$  direction) so that it is described by the 1D Heat Equation

**Boundary Conditions**

$$T(0, t) = 0$$

$$T(1, t) = 0$$

$$0 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n e^{-\lambda_n^2 D t}$$

$$0 = B_1 e^{-\lambda_1^2 D t} + B_2 e^{-\lambda_2^2 D t} + \dots$$

$$\underline{B_n = 0 \text{ for all } n}$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2}$$

$$T(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \exp(-\lambda_n^2 D t) (A_n \sin(\lambda_n x) + B_n \cos(\lambda_n x))$$

$$= \underline{0} \quad \underline{x=0} \quad \underline{x=1}$$

- (c) Using the boundary conditions as described at the start of the question, obtain expressions for  $B_n$  and  $\lambda_n$

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$$0 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda_n^2 D t} \underline{A_n} \sin \lambda_n$$

$$\sin \lambda_n = 0$$

$$\lambda_n = n \pi$$

$n$  INT ELEM

(d) Using the initial temperature distribution along the bar, determine values for the coefficients  $A_n$  for  $n = 1 - 4$  and hence write down an approximate solution for  $T(x, t)$  for this problem and determine the temperature at the centre of the bar 10 minutes later.

( $D = 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-1}$  for aluminium)

$$\int_0^1 \sin(m\pi x) \sin(n\pi x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \text{ for } m = n$$

$$\int_0^1 \sin(m\pi x) \sin(n\pi x) dx = 0 \text{ for } m \neq n$$

$$T(x, t) \approx \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-(n\pi)^2 D t} A_n \sin(n\pi x)$$

$$\text{INITIAL CONDITION } T(x, 0) = 100$$

$$100 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin(n\pi x)$$

$$100 \int_0^1 \sin(m\pi x) dx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \left[ \int_0^1 \sin(m\pi x) \sin(n\pi x) dx \right]$$

$\equiv 0 \text{ UNLESS } n = m$

$$m=1 \quad A_1 = \frac{400}{\pi} \quad 100 \left[ -\frac{1}{m\pi} \cos(m\pi x) \right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{2} A_m$$

$$m=2 \quad A_2 = 0 \quad 100 \left( -\frac{1}{m\pi} \cos(m\pi) + \frac{1}{m\pi} \cos(0) \right) = \frac{A_m}{2}$$

$$m=3 \quad A_3 = \frac{400}{3\pi}$$

$$m=4 \quad A_4 = 0$$

$$\frac{200}{m\pi} (1 - (-1)^m) = A_m \quad m=1, 2, 3, 4$$

$$T(0.5, 600) = 70^\circ C$$

### Extra Question

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + (x+u)\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0$$

subject to the initial condition  $u(x, 0) = x$

(i) Obtain an expression for  $u$  in terms of  $x_0$ , where  $x = x_0$  when  $t = 0$

(ii) Substitute your answer from (i) into an expression for  $\frac{dx}{dt}$  and hence obtain  $u$  in terms of  $x, t$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x + u \leftarrow$$

$$= x + x_0$$

$$\int \frac{dx}{x+x_0} = \int dt$$

$$\ln(x+x_0) = t + D$$

$$t = 0 \quad x = x_0$$

$$D = \ln(2x_0)$$

$$\ln(x+x_0) - \ln(2x_0) = t$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{x+x_0}{2x_0}\right) = t$$

$$\frac{du}{dt} = 0$$

$$u(x_0, t) = C(x_0)$$

$$u(x, t) = x_0$$

$$\frac{x+x_0}{2x_0} = e^t$$

$$x+x_0 = 2x_0 e^t$$

$$x = x_0 (2e^t - 1)$$

$$u = x_0$$

$$u(x, t) = \frac{x}{2e^t - 1}$$

# Numerical solutions to ODEs

FORWARD EULER (EXPLICIT)

$$u_{i+1} \approx u_i + u'_i \Delta x$$

EXPLICITLY known  
 $x_i, u_i$

BACKWARD EULER (IMPLICIT)

$$u_{i+1} \approx u_i + u'_{i+1} \Delta x$$

IMPLICITLY known  
value of  $u_{i+1}$  NOT DIRECT  
AVAILABLE

MIDPOINT METHOD

$$u_{i+1} \approx u_i + u'_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \Delta x$$

FIND FROM SIMPLE FORWARD

$$u_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = u_i + u'_i \frac{\Delta x}{2}$$

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FORWARD EULER  $k_1 = u'_i \Delta x$

MIDPOINT  $k_2, k_3 = u'_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \Delta x$

BACKWARD EULER  $k_4 = u'_{i+1} \Delta x$

$$u_{i+1} = u_i + \frac{1}{6} \left( k_1 + k_4 + \frac{2}{3} (k_2 + k_3) \right)$$

# Kahoot 7

2)

$$u_{i+1} = u_i + u'_i \Delta x + \underbrace{u''_i \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{2!} + u'''_i \frac{(\Delta x)^3}{3!} \dots}_{O((\Delta x)^2)}$$

$$LE \times N = GE$$

$$O(\Delta x^2) \times \frac{1}{\Delta x} = O(\Delta x)$$

4)

$$\Delta x = 0.5$$

$$u_0 = 1 \quad x_0 = 0$$

$$u'_0 = 4$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_1 &= u_0 + u'_0 \Delta x \\ &= u_0 (1 + \Delta x) = 1.5 \end{aligned}$$

$$e^{0.5} = \underline{1.65}$$

5)

$$u_1 = u_0 + \overbrace{\Delta x}^{(1)} u'_0$$

$$u_1 = \frac{u_0}{1 - \Delta x} = 2$$

# Kahoot 7

$$u_1 = u_0 + u_{\frac{1}{2}} \Delta x$$

$$\downarrow u_{\frac{1}{2}} = u_0 + u_0 \frac{\Delta x}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_1 &= 1 + (1.25)(0.5) & = 1 + (1) \frac{0.5}{2} \\ &= 1.625 & = 1.25 \end{aligned}$$

# Assignment 4

1. An energetic proton in the solar wind is moves in a region of space where the Earth's magnetic field has a magnitude of  $B = 1.044 \times 10^{-5}$  T in the positive z direction. The proton has a velocity of  $\dot{x} = 10^6$  m/s in the positive x direction ( $\dot{y} = \dot{z} = 0$ ) as it passes through the origin at  $t = 0$ . The Lorentz force on the proton results in the following equations of motion

$$(1) m \frac{d\dot{x}}{dt} = eB\dot{y}$$

$$(2) m \frac{d\dot{y}}{dt} = -eB\dot{x}$$

$$(3) m \frac{d\dot{z}}{dt} = 0$$

While these are ODEs (the dependent variables  $x$  and  $y$  are each a function of  $t$  only) equations (1) and (2) are coupled since  $x, y$  are present in both.

- (a)(i) By differentiating equation (1) and doing a substitution, solve these equations analytically using the initial conditions to obtain expressions for the components of the velocity  $\dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z}$  as a function of  $\omega, t$  where  $\omega = \frac{eB}{m}$ . [25]

- (ii) Using initial conditions again, obtain expressions for  $x, y, z$  as a function of  $t$ . Using Excel (or other software) plot out the motion of the proton in the  $x, y$  plane (make the scales on each axis the same length and plot points every  $10^{-4}$  s until  $t = 6 \times 10^{-3}$  s). [20]

$$\underline{F} = q \underline{v} \times \underline{B}$$

DEPENDENT VARIABLES

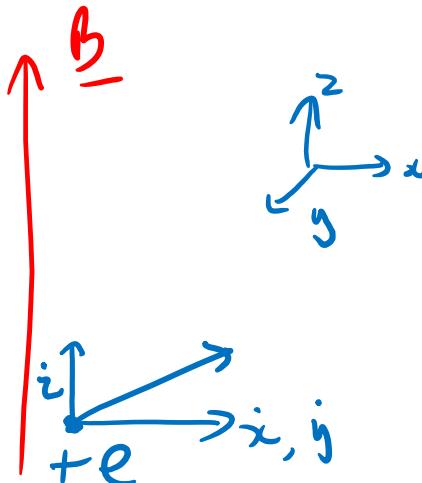
$$\dot{x}, \dot{y} \quad \dot{x} = \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$$v_x, v_y$$

Coupled ODEs

$$m \frac{d^2 \dot{x}}{dt^2} = eB \frac{d\dot{y}}{dt}$$

ORDER 2 ODE



(b)(i) Using the Euler method write down finite difference versions of equations (1) and (2) in terms of  $\dot{x}_{i+1}$ ,  $\dot{x}_i$ ,  $\dot{y}_{i+1}$ ,  $\dot{y}_i$ ,  $\omega$  and  $\Delta t$ . Similarly write down expressions for  $x_{i+1}$  and  $y_{i+1}$  in terms of  $x_i$ ,  $y_i$ ,  $\dot{x}_i$ ,  $\dot{y}_i$  and  $\Delta t$ . [15]

(ii) Using Excel (or other) complete the following table using your finite difference equations with  $\Delta t = 2\pi/10\omega$ .

$i$	$t_i$	$\dot{x}_i$	$\dot{y}_i$	$x_i$	$y_i$
0	0	$10^6$	0	0	0
1	$\Delta t$	...	...	...	...
2	$2\Delta t$	...	...	...	...
3	$3\Delta t$	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...
10	$10\Delta t$	...	...	...	...

$$\dot{x}_{i+1} = \dot{x}_i + \left. \frac{dx}{dt} \right|_i \Delta t \quad \text{SIMPLE EULER}$$

$$m \frac{d\dot{x}}{dt} = eB\dot{y}$$

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$$m \frac{(\dot{x}_{i+1} - \dot{x}_i)}{\Delta t} = eB\dot{y}_i$$

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$$\dot{x}_{i+1} = \dot{x}_i +$$

$$\left. \frac{d\dot{x}}{dt} \right|_i \Delta t \dots$$

$$\boxed{\dot{x}_{i+1} = \dot{x}_i + \omega y_i \Delta t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= 10^6 + \omega(0)\Delta t \\ &= 10^6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\dot{x}_i = \frac{dx_i}{dt} = \frac{x_{i+1} - x_i}{\Delta t}$$

$$\boxed{\dot{x}_{i+1} = x_i + \dot{x}_i \Delta t}$$

$i$	$t_i$	$\dot{x}_i$	$\dot{y}_i$	$x_i$	$y_i$
0	0	$10^6$	0	0	0
1	$\Delta t$	$10^6$	...	...	...
2	$2\Delta t$	...	...	...	...
3	$3\Delta t$	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...