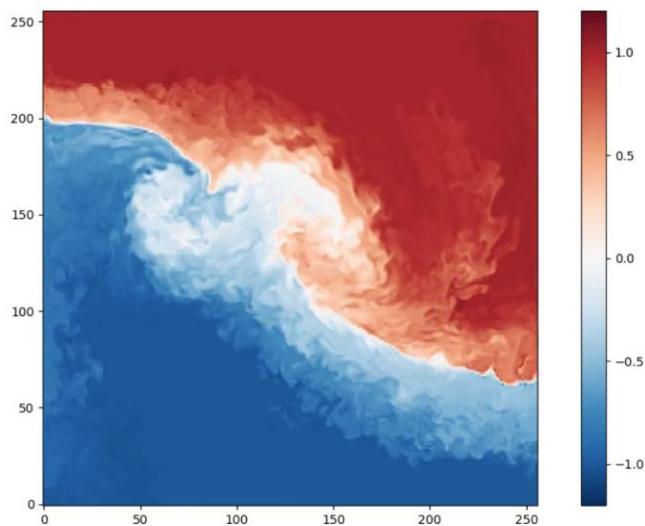


# SIMULATING FLUID FLOWS USING PYTHON (SFFP)



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## LECTURE 01. INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTATIONAL FLUID DYNAMICS

### Lecture outline

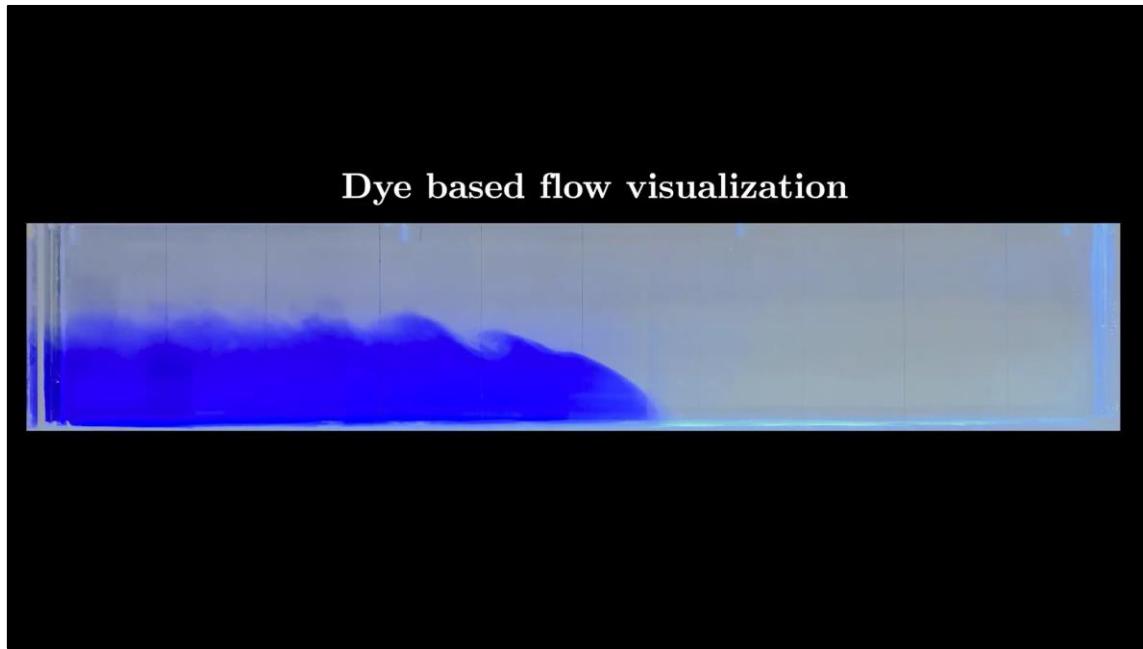
- A brief introduction to CFD
  - What?
  - Why?
  - How?
- Ideology of Finite Difference Method (FDM)
  - Taylor series expansion

### Computational Fluid Dynamics

Experimental Fluid Dynamics:

Particle Image Velocimetry (PIV) over airfoil





## Dye based flow visualization

### Theoretical Fluid Dynamics (Analytical Fluid Dynamics):

Here  $\tau_w$  is constant since the viscosity and the velocity profile are constants in the fully developed region. Therefore,  $dP/dx = \text{constant}$ .

Equation 8-12 can be solved by rearranging and integrating it twice to give

$$u(r) = \frac{1}{4\mu} \left( \frac{dP}{dx} \right) + C_1 \ln r + C_2 \quad (8-14)$$

The velocity profile  $u(r)$  is obtained by applying the boundary conditions  $\partial u / \partial r = 0$  at  $r = 0$  (because of symmetry about the centerline) and  $u = 0$  at  $r = R$  (the no-slip condition at the pipe surface). We get

$$u(r) = -\frac{R^2}{4\mu} \left( \frac{dP}{dx} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{r^2}{R^2} \right) \quad (8-15)$$

Therefore, the velocity profile in fully developed laminar flow in a pipe is *parabolic* with a maximum at the centerline and minimum (zero) at the pipe wall. Also, the axial velocity  $u$  is positive for any  $r$ , and thus the axial pressure gradient  $dP/dx$  must be negative (i.e., pressure must decrease in the flow direction because of viscous effects).

The average velocity is determined from its definition by substituting Eq. 8-15 into Eq. 8-2, and performing the integration. It gives

$$V_{avg} = \frac{2}{R^2} \int_0^R u(r) r dr = \frac{-2}{R^2} \int_0^R \frac{R^2}{4\mu} \left( \frac{dP}{dx} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{r^2}{R^2} \right) r dr = -\frac{R^2}{8\mu} \left( \frac{dP}{dx} \right) \quad (8-16)$$

Combining the last two equations, the velocity profile is rewritten as

$$u(r) = 2V_{avg} \left( 1 - \frac{r^2}{R^2} \right) \quad (8-17)$$

**Source:**  
Fluid Mech.  
Y. Cengel

# Computational Fluid Dynamics

Any material that can not resist an applied sheer stress: Fluid.

# Computational Fluid Dynamics

Interest in both the kinematic parameters (velocity, acceleration) and the effect that the variables cause (forces).

## Why?

- Limited information out of independent experimentation.
- Governed by nonlinear partial differential equations.
- Increasing computational prowess.
- At the comfort of your fingertips.

## Governing equations

- 2D Incompressible flow:

Conservation of mass:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$$

Conservation of momentum:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \vartheta \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right) + F_x$$

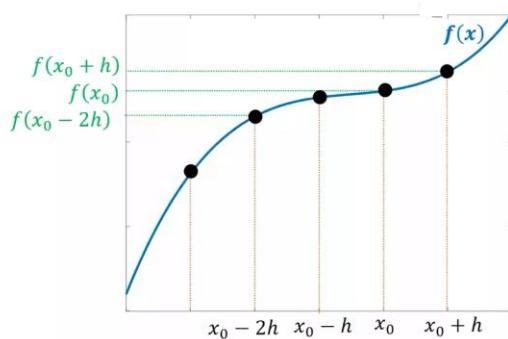
$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \vartheta \left( \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} \right) + F_y$$

## Suggested books

- An Introduction to Computational Fluid Dynamics – The Finite Volume Method  
H. Versteeg and W. Malalasekra
- Numerical Heat Transfer and Fluid Flow  
Suhas V. Patankar
- Numerical Python: Scientific Computing and Data Science  
Robert Johansson

## Idea behind Finite Differencing

- **Given:** Value of a function,  $f$ , at multiple *grid* points.

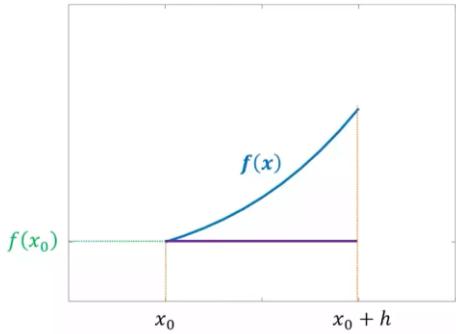


**Objective:** To estimate gradients or derivatives of  $f$ .

## Approximating $f(x_0 + h)$

$$f(x_0 + h) = f(x_0) + hf'(x_0) + \frac{h^2}{2!}f''(x_0) + \frac{h^3}{3!}f'''(x_0) + \dots + \frac{h^n}{n!}f^n(x_0) + \dots$$

Constant  
(Zeroth)



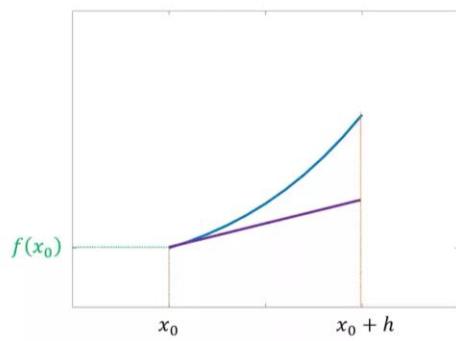
Zeroth approximation: represents a flat line.

1<sup>st</sup> derivative represents the slope of the curve at a particular point:

$$f(x_0 + h) = f(x_0) + hf'(x_0) + \frac{h^2}{2!}f''(x_0) + \frac{h^3}{3!}f'''(x_0) + \dots + \frac{h^n}{n!}f^n(x_0) + \dots$$

Constant  
(Zeroth)

Linear  
(First)



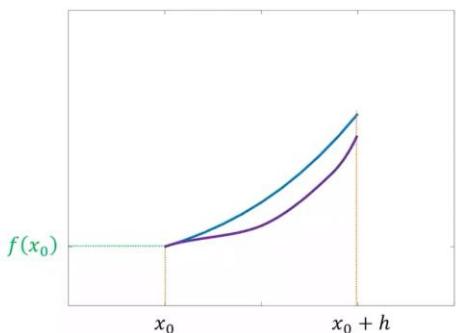
2<sup>nd</sup> derivative gives information about the curvature:

$$f(x_0 + h) = f(x_0) + hf'(x_0) + \frac{h^2}{2!}f''(x_0) + \frac{h^3}{3!}f'''(x_0) + \dots + \frac{h^n}{n!}f^n(x_0) + \dots$$

Constant  
(Zeroth)

Linear  
(First)

Curvature  
(Second)



## Definition of Taylor Series

*General formulation:*

$$f(x_0 + h) = f(x_0) + hf'(x_0) + \frac{h^2}{2!}f''(x_0) + \frac{h^3}{3!}f'''(x_0) + \dots + \frac{h^n}{n!}f^n(x_0) + \dots$$

$$f(x_0 - h) = f(x_0) - hf'(x_0) + \frac{h^2}{2!}f''(x_0) - \frac{h^3}{3!}f'''(x_0) + \dots + (-1)^n \frac{h^n}{n!}f^n(x_0) + \dots$$

## In next class...

- First derivative illustration
  - Forward differencing
  - Backward differencing
  - Central differencing
- Polynomial based example
  - Comparison with analytical solution

## LECTURE 02. FINITE DIFFERENCES. FIRST DERIVATIVE

### Lecture outline

- First derivative illustration
  - Forward differencing
  - Backward differencing
  - Central differencing
- Polynomial based example
  - Comparison with analytical solution

### Forward differencing

Recalling Taylor series expansion:

$$f(x_0 + h) = f(x_0) + hf'(x_0) + \frac{h^2}{2!}f''(x_0) + \frac{h^3}{3!}f'''(x_0) + \dots + \frac{h^n}{n!}f^n(x_0) + \dots$$

Rearrangement gives:

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h} - \left( \frac{h}{2!}f''(x_0) + \frac{h^2}{3!}f'''(x_0) + \dots + \frac{h^{n-1}}{n!}f^n(x_0) + \dots \right)$$

The first term inside the bracket has a multiple of  $h$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & f(x_0) + \frac{h}{2!}f''(x_0) + \frac{h^2}{3!}f'''(x_0) + \dots + \frac{h^{n-1}}{n!}f^n(x_0) + \dots \\ & \quad \downarrow \\ & - \left( \frac{h}{2!}f''(x_0) + \frac{h^2}{3!}f'''(x_0) + \dots + \frac{h^{n-1}}{n!}f^n(x_0) + \dots \right) \end{aligned}$$

The second term has a multiple of  $h^2$ :

$$x_0) + \frac{n}{2!} f''(x_0) + \frac{n}{3!} f'''(x_0) + \dots + \frac{n}{n!} f^n(x_0) + \dots$$

$$) - \left( \frac{h}{2!} f''(x_0) + \frac{h^2}{3!} f'''(x_0) + \dots + \frac{h^{n-1}}{n!} f^n(x_0) + \dots \right)$$

Etc.

In the context of DFC, h is the grid spacing (distance between any two points).

Almost always,  $h < 1 \Rightarrow h > h^2 > h^3 > \dots > h^n$

Regarding the terms of the bracket, it is very likely that the largest term will be the first term itself:

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h} - \left( \frac{h}{2!} f''(x_0) + \frac{h^2}{3!} f'''(x_0) + \dots + \frac{h^{n-1}}{n!} f^n(x_0) + \dots \right)$$



To write all the bracketed terms in a more compact way, they can be rewritten as:

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h} - O(h)$$

All the bracketed terms are of the order of h.

This final equation is the First Order Estimate using the Forward Differencing Method:

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h} - O(h)$$

Approximation

Truncation error

Since the bracketed terms have gotten rid of, the series has been truncated. The leading term in the truncation error, or leading term in the truncated series of term is of the order of  $h$ , because the first term was multiplied by  $h$ .

## Backward differencing

Recalling Taylor series expansion:

$$f(x_0 - h) = f(x_0) - hf'(x_0) + \frac{h^2}{2!}f''(x_0) - \frac{h^3}{3!}f'''(x_0) + \dots + (-1)^n \frac{h^n}{n!}f^n(x_0) + \dots$$

Rearrangement gives:

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{f(x_0) - f(x_0 - h)}{h} + \left( \frac{h}{2!}f''(x_0) - \frac{h^2}{3!}f'''(x_0) + \dots + (-1)^n \frac{h^{n-1}}{n!}f^n(x_0) + \dots \right)$$

It can be studied in a similar way as the Forward Differencing Method.

First Order Estimate using the Backward Differencing Method:

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{f(x_0) - f(x_0 - h)}{h} - O(h)$$

Approximation

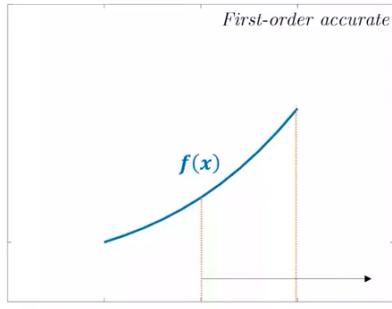
Truncation error

Where the truncation error is of the order of  $h$ .

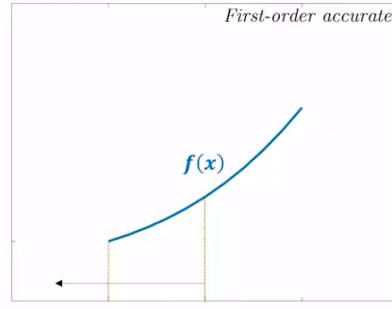
## Directionality in Finite Differencing

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h} - O(h)$$

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{f(x_0) - f(x_0 - h)}{h} - O(h)$$



*Forward* Differencing



*Backward* Differencing

Since the truncation errors are of the order of  $h$  ( $h^1$ ), these schemes are called First Order Accurate.

## Idea behind Central Differencing

- **Given:** Forward and backward (first order) differencing schemes produce a truncation error of  $O(h)$ .

Forward Differencing:  $f'(x_0) = \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h} - O(h)$

Backward Differencing:  $f'(x_0) = \frac{f(x_0) - f(x_0 - h)}{h} - O(h)$

- **Objective:** To devise numerical schemes with minimal errors (higher order schemes) i.e.  $O(h^n); n > 1$ .

## Arriving at Central Diff.

Recalling Taylor series expansions:

$$f(x_0 + h) = f(x_0) + hf'(x_0) + \frac{h^2}{2!}f''(x_0) + \frac{h^3}{3!}f'''(x_0) + \dots + \frac{h^n}{n!}f^n(x_0) + \dots$$

$$f(x_0 - h) = f(x_0) - hf'(x_0) + \cancel{\frac{h^2}{2!}f''(x_0)} - \frac{h^3}{3!}f'''(x_0) + \dots + (-1)^n \frac{h^n}{n!}f^n(x_0) + \dots$$

*Subtracting (2) from (1)*

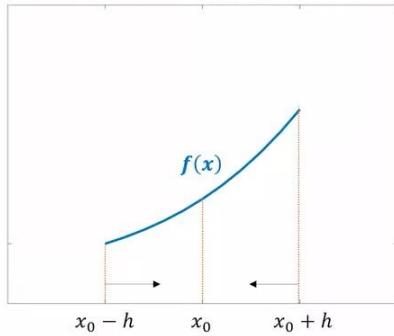
$$f'(x_0) = \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0 - h)}{2h} - \left( \frac{h^2}{3!}f'''(x_0) + \dots + \frac{h^{n-1}}{n!}f^n(x_0) + \dots \right)$$

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0 - h)}{2h} - O(h^2)$$

*Second order accurate*

## Let's look at it graphically!

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0 - h)}{2h} - O(h^2)$$



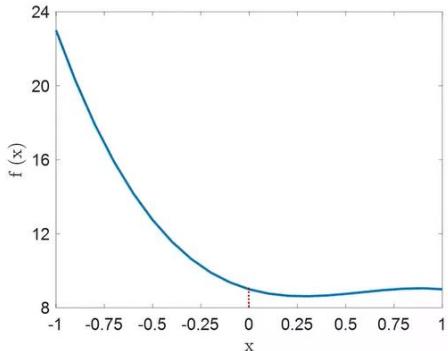
Scheme	Expression	Truncation Error
Forward	$\frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h}$	$O(h)$
Backward	$\frac{f(x_0) - f(x_0 - h)}{h}$	$O(h)$
Central	$\frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0 - h)}{2h}$	$O(h^2)$

## Polynomial derivative estimation

$$f(x) = -4x^3 + 7x^2 - 3x + 9$$

$$f'(0) = ?$$

Use  $h = 0.25$

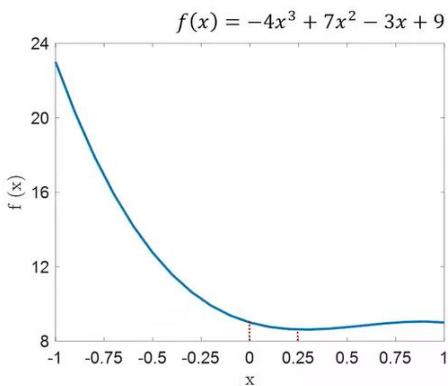


## Forward difference estimate

$$f(x_0 = 0) = 9$$

$$f(x_0 + h = 0.25) = 8.625$$

$$f'(0) = \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h} = -1.25$$

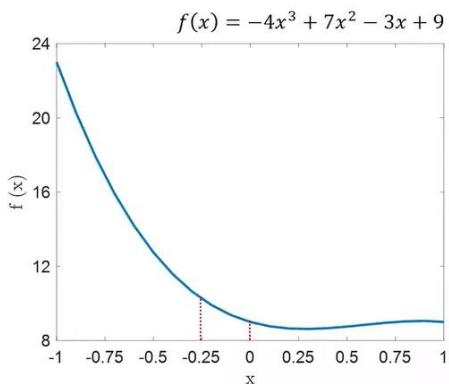


## Backward difference estimate

$$f(x_0 = 0) = 9$$

$$f(x_0 - h = -0.25) = 10.25$$

$$f'(0) = \frac{f(x_0) - f(x_0 - h)}{h} = -5$$



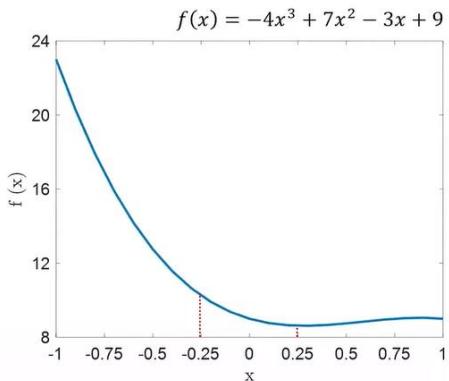
## Central difference estimate

$$f(x_0 = 0) = 9$$

$$f(x_0 + h = 0.25) = 8.625$$

$$f(x_0 - h = -0.25) = 10.25$$

$$f'(0) = \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0 - h)}{2h} = -3.25$$



## Comparison

$$f(x) = -4x^3 + 7x^2 - 3x + 9$$

$$f'(x) = -12x^2 + 14x - 3$$

$$f'(0) = -3$$

Scheme	Estimation	Absolute error
Forward	-1.25	1.75
Backward	-5	2
Central	-3.25	0.25

The truncation error of the Central Differencing Scheme is much lesser, one order more accurate.

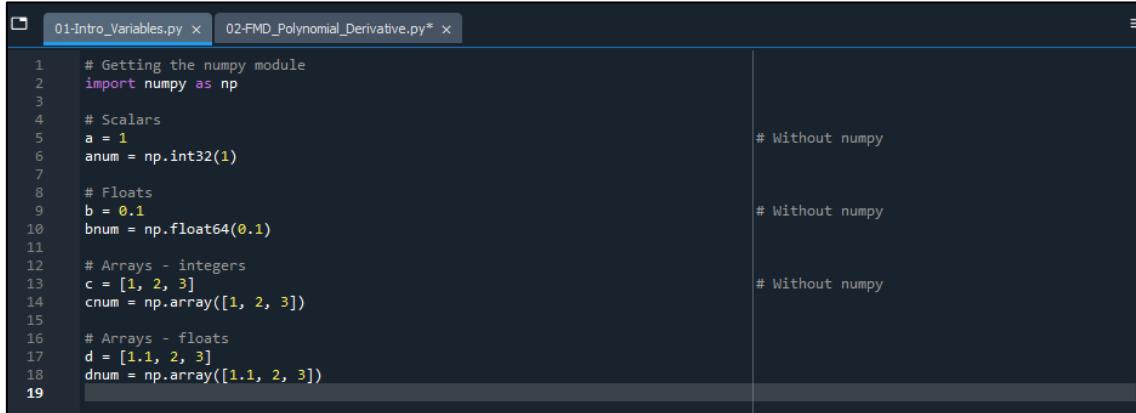
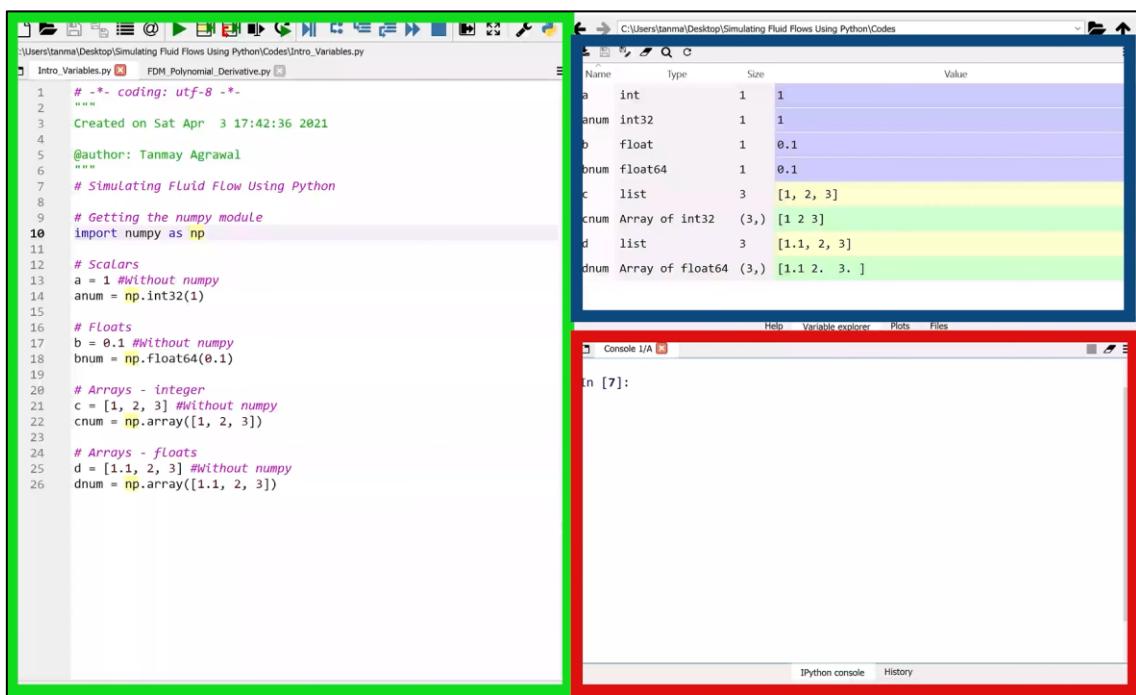
## In the next class

- Your first Python script with NumPy
  - Polynomial based example
    - Defining scalars (integers, floats etc.), vectors (arrays)
    - Polynomial functions – Derivatives, evaluation etc.
- Software requirements (*Watch out for community post*)
  - Python environment and package manager – **Anaconda**
  - Editor – Spyder (no separate installation needed)

## LECTURE 03. FINITE DIFFERENCES IN PYTHON

### Lecture outline

- Anaconda: First look
- Getting to know Spyder
  - Graphical user interface
  - Variable exploration
  - First script



# Comparison

$$f(x) = -4x^3 + 7x^2 - 3x + 9 \quad \textcolor{red}{1D\ array}$$

$$f'(x) = -12x^2 + 14x - 3 \quad \textcolor{red}{polyder}$$

$$f'(0) = -3 \quad \textcolor{red}{polyval}$$

Scheme	Estimation	Absolute error
Forward	-1.25	1.75
Backward	-5	2
Central	-3.25	0.25

## Summary: First-order derivatives

Scheme	Expression	Truncation Error
Forward	$\frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h}$	$O(h)$
Backward	$\frac{f(x_0) - f(x_0 - h)}{h}$	$O(h)$
Central	$\frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0 - h)}{2h}$	$O(h^2)$

```
 1 # Getting the numpy module
 2 import numpy as np
 3
 4 # Polynomial definition
 5 poly_p = np.array([-4, 7, -3, 9])
 6
 7 # Polynomial derivative (numpy)
 8 p_der = np.polyder(poly_p)
 9 print('Derivative polinomial =', p_der)
10
11 # Polynomial derivative (numerical)
12 p_der = np.polyder(poly_p)
13 print('Derivative polinomial =', p_der)
14
15 # Analytical result at x = 0
16 p_der_eval = np.polyval(p_der, 0.0)
17 print('Theoretical derivative =', p_der_eval)
18
19 # Numerical calculations using FMD (forward)
20 x_0 = 0.0
21 h = np.float(0.25)
22 forward_difference = (np.polyval(poly_p, x_0 + h) - np.polyval(poly_p, x_0)) / h
23 print('Forward derivative =', forward_difference)
24
25 # Numerical calculations using FMD (backward)
26 x_0 = 0.0
27 h = np.float(0.25)
28 backward_difference = (np.polyval(poly_p, x_0) - np.polyval(poly_p, x_0 - h)) / h
29 print('Backward derivative =', backward_difference)
30
31 # Numerical calculations using FMD (central)
32 x_0 = 0.0
33 h = np.float(0.25)
34 central_difference = (np.polyval(poly_p, x_0 + h) - np.polyval(poly_p, x_0 - h)) / (2 * h)
35 print('Central derivative =', central_difference)
36
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## LECTURE 04. SECOND DERIVATIVE. 1D HEAT CONDUCTION

### Lecture outline

- Second order derivative
  - Central difference
  - Forward difference
  - Backward difference
- Application to a numerical problem
  - One dimensional heat conduction

Momentum equations, viscosity term:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \vartheta \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right) + F_x$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \vartheta \left( \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} \right) + F_y$$

Energy equation, diffusion of temperature or any scalar: temperature, concentration, etc.

## Central differencing

Recalling Taylor series expansion:

$$f(x_0 + h) = f(x_0) + hf'(x_0) + \frac{h^2}{2!}f''(x_0) + \frac{h^3}{3!}f'''(x_0) + \dots + \frac{h^n}{n!}f^n(x_0) + \dots$$

$$f(x_0 - h) = f(x_0) - hf'(x_0) + \frac{h^2}{2!}f''(x_0) - \frac{h^3}{3!}f'''(x_0) + \dots + (-1)^n \frac{h^n}{n!}f^n(x_0) + \dots$$

Add the two equations

$$f''(x_0) = \frac{f(x_0 + h) - 2f(x_0) + f(x_0 - h)}{h^2} - \left( \frac{2h^2}{4!}f^{iv}(x_0) + \dots \right)$$

$$f''(x_0) = \frac{f(x_0 + h) - 2f(x_0) + f(x_0 - h)}{h^2} - O(h^2)$$

Second order accurate

## Forward differencing

Recalling Taylor series expansion:

$$2f(x_0 + h) = 2f(x_0) + 2hf'(x_0) + \frac{2h^2}{2!}f''(x_0) + \frac{2h^3}{3!}f'''(x_0) + \dots + \frac{2h^n}{n!}f^n(x_0) + \dots$$

$$f(x_0 + 2h) = f(x_0) + 2hf'(x_0) + \frac{4h^2}{2!}f''(x_0) + \frac{8h^3}{3!}f'''(x_0) + \dots + \frac{(2h)^n}{n!}f^n(x_0) + \dots$$

Subtract (1) from (2)

$$f''(x_0) = \frac{f(x_0 + 2h) - 2f(x_0 + h) + f(x_0)}{h^2} - (hf'''(x_0) + \dots)$$

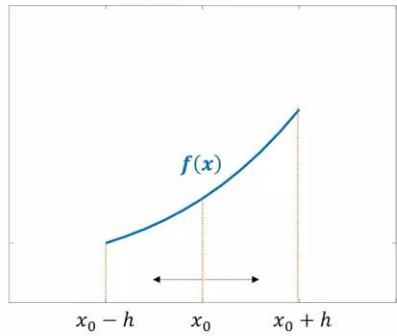
$$f''(x_0) = \frac{f(x_0 + 2h) - 2f(x_0 + h) + f(x_0)}{h^2} - O(h)$$

First order accurate

Let's look at it graphically!

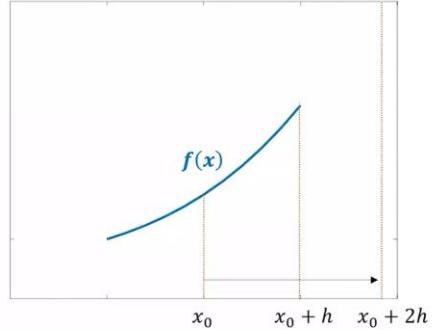
*Central difference*

$$f''(x_0) = \frac{f(x_0 + h) - 2f(x_0) + f(x_0 - h)}{h^2} - O(h^2)$$



*Forward difference*

$$f''(x_0) = \frac{f(x_0 + 2h) - 2f(x_0 + h) + f(x_0)}{h^2} - O(h)$$

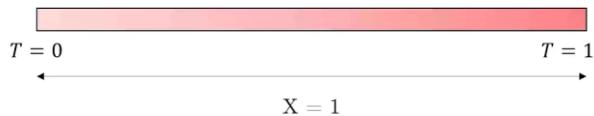


Try the backward difference!

Hint: Use the expansions for  $x_0 - h$  and  $x_0 - 2h$

$$f''(x_0) = \frac{f(x_0) - 2f(x_0 - h) + f(x_0 - 2h)}{h^2} - O(h)$$

Why bother with all this?



**Given:** The physics of the situation is governed by the differential equation of pure diffusion:

$$\frac{d^2T}{dx^2} = 0$$

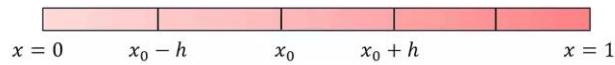
Initially:  $T(t = 0, x < 1) = 0$  and  $T(t = 0, x = 1) = 1$  (Initial conditions)

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**Objective:** To calculate the temperature distribution,  $T(x)$ , at equilibrium.

# General idea of tackling a CFD problem

1. Convert physical geometry into a computational mesh:



2. Discretize the governing equation on this mesh using a numerical scheme:

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Governing equation: } \frac{d^2T}{dx^2} = 0 \\ \qquad\qquad\qquad \downarrow \text{Central difference scheme} \\ T''(x_0) = \frac{T(x_0 + h) - 2T(x_0) + T(x_0 - h)}{h^2} = 0 \end{array}$$

contd.

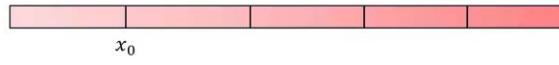
3. Obtain an iterative formula from the discretized equation:

$$\frac{T(x_0 + h) - 2T(x_0) + T(x_0 - h)}{h^2} = 0$$

For evaluating any  $T(x_0)$ , we can write:

$$T(x_0) = \frac{1}{2}(T(x_0 + h) + T(x_0 - h))$$

4. Implement the iterations on every mesh point until convergence:



## Definition of convergence criterion?

- There are many ways in which you can call any solution a *converged* solution.

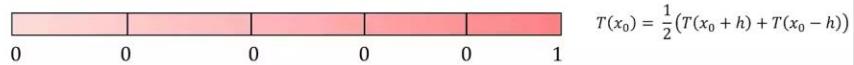
$$\sum_{x=x_0} |T_{new} - T_{old}| < \epsilon$$

$$\sum_x |T_{new} - T_{old}| < \epsilon$$

$$\sum_x \left| \frac{T_{new} - T_{old}}{T_{old}} \right| < \epsilon$$

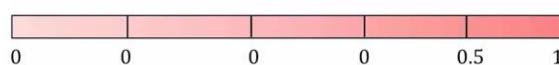
## Hand calculations

Initial time:

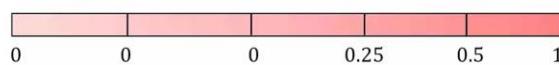


$$T(x_0) = \frac{1}{2}(T(x_0 + h) + T(x_0 - h))$$

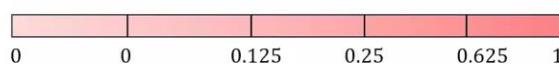
1<sup>st</sup> timestep:



2<sup>nd</sup> timestep:

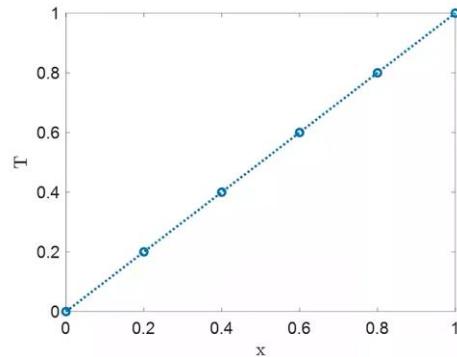


3<sup>rd</sup> timestep:



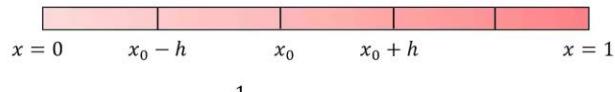
Too tiring...

after around 73 time steps:



$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{d^2T}{dx^2} = 0 \\
 \downarrow \text{Integrating twice} \\
 T = Ax + B \\
 \downarrow \\
 T(0) = 0 \\
 T(1) = 1 \\
 \downarrow \\
 T = x
 \end{array}$$

Conventional notation



$$T(x_0) = \frac{1}{2}(T(x_0 + h) + T(x_0 - h))$$



$$T_i = \frac{1}{2}(T_{i+1} + T_{i-1})$$

Discretization exercise:

$$1D \text{ convection-diffusion equation} \quad U \frac{dT}{dx} + \frac{d^2T}{dx^2} = 0$$

## LECTURE 05. INTRODUCTION TO FINITE VOLUME METHOD

What have we got so far?

Scheme	First Derivative	Truncation Error	Second Derivative	Truncation Error
Forward	$\frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h}$	$O(h)$	$\frac{f(x_0 + 2h) - 2f(x_0 + h) + f(x_0)}{h^2}$	$O(h)$
Backward	$\frac{f(x_0) - f(x_0 - h)}{h}$	$O(h)$	$\frac{f(x_0) - 2f(x_0 - h) + f(x_0 - 2h)}{h^2}$	$O(h)$
Central	$\frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0 - h)}{2h}$	$O(h^2)$	$\frac{f(x_0 + h) - 2f(x_0) + f(x_0 - h)}{h^2}$	$O(h^2)$

## Lecture outline

- Introduction to finite volume methods (FVM)
  - Differences from FDM
  - Basic ideology of FVM
  - Application to 1D heat conduction problem
- Establishing a coding ground

## FDM to FVM

Physical domain



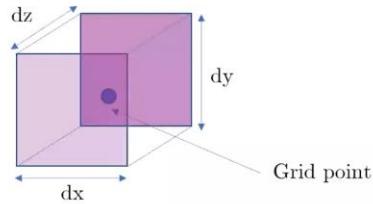
Mesh - FDM



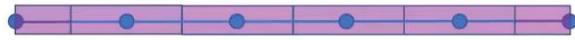
1. Function is evaluated at the node (grid) points.
2. No concern regarding the variation of function between these grid points.

## Building block of FVM

*Finite volume*



*1D Mesh - FVM*



*1D Mesh - FVM*



The top grid has 6 grid points and the volumes defining the boundary conditions are reduced. The bottom grid has 5 grid points and doesn't points in the boundary. The total volume is the same in both meshes.

Using the 1D diffusion as governing equation:

## Methodology of FVM

Let us consider the physical phenomenon governed by the equation:

$$\frac{d^2T}{dx^2} = 0$$

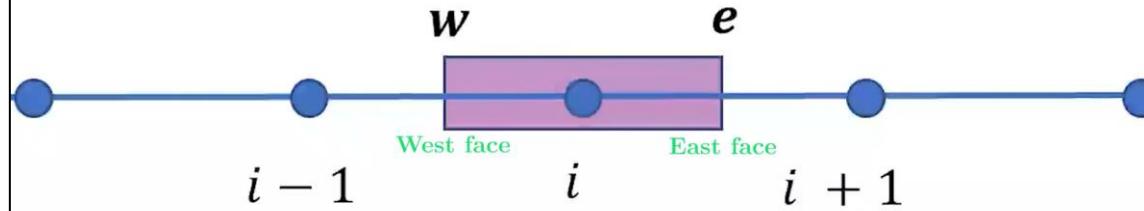
For the FDM, we approached using Taylor series as:



$$T_i = \frac{1}{2}(T_{i+1} + T_{i-1})$$

The faces where the finite volume intercepts the grid: east and west faces.

*s integrated over the finite volume.*



contd.

*Principle: Governing equation is integrated over the finite volume.*

$$\int_w^e \frac{d^2T}{dx^2} dx = 0$$

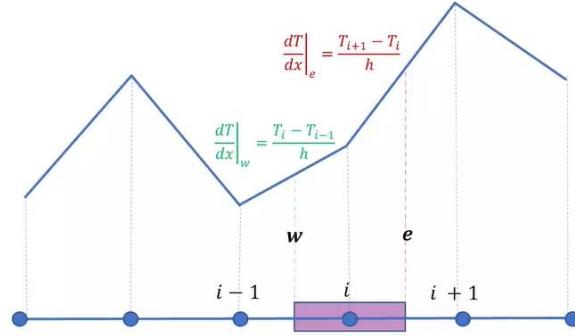
## Finite volume discretization

$$\frac{dT}{dx} \Big|_e - \frac{dT}{dx} \Big|_w = 0$$

Depending on how we *assume* the variation of function between two grid points, we can numerically approximate the derivatives.

Assuming that the function varies piecewise linearly between 2 grid points:

## Piecewise linear

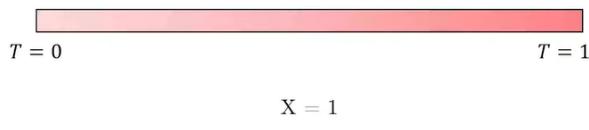


## Substitution

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dT}{dx}\Big|_e - \frac{dT}{dx}\Big|_w &= 0 \\ \downarrow & \\ \frac{dT}{dx}\Big|_e &= \frac{T_{i+1} - T_i}{h} \text{ and } \frac{dT}{dx}\Big|_w &= \frac{T_i - T_{i-1}}{h} \\ \frac{T_{i+1} - 2T_i + T_{i-1}}{h} &= 0 \\ T_i &= \frac{1}{2}(T_{i+1} + T_{i-1}) \end{aligned}$$

*Piecewise linear scheme results in a similar result as that of central difference.*

## Numerical example



**Given:** The physics of the situation is governed by the differential equation of pure diffusion:

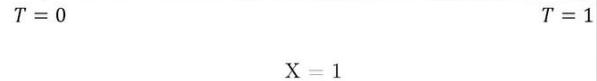
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# Framework



Primary variables that we need to define:

## Arrays:

$x$ : position vector

$T$ : temperature – two arrays i.e. one for old and one for new solution

## Scalars:

$N$ : Total number of grid points

$h$ : grid spacing (this along with  $N$  determines the total domain length)

$\epsilon$ : error threshold

# Algorithm

Variable definition and initialization

***while*** the error is larger than the required error

***for*** all the grid points

    perform the iterations to calculate new values of  $T$

    calculate the revised error

end

end

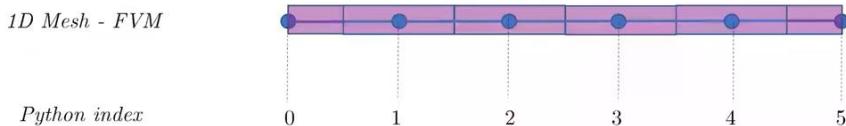
## LECTURE 06. CFD RELEVANT PYTHON STATEMENTS. WHILE. FOR. INDEXING

### Lecture outline

- Clarifications and corrections
  - Timestep vs iterations
  - Initial conditions justification
- Python statements and syntax
  - Indexing
  - *While*
  - *For*
  - Putting things together

### Indexing

- Synonymous to *counting* – useful for *identification* of grid points from a CFD perspective



## While

- Conditional statement to execute something *while* a specific condition is met

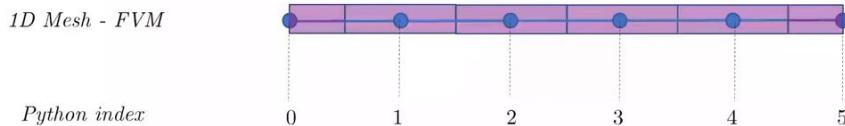
**`while numerical_error > epsilon:`**

$$\text{numerical\_error} = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |T_{\text{new}} - T|$$

## For

- A *looping* statement to carry out multiple *repetitive* computations

**`for i in range(i_start, i_end):`**



## Assigning

- Post-iteration to continue iterative process:
  - $T = T_{\text{new}}$

**`T = T_new.copy()`**

## Putting code together

- Initialise variables
  - Scalars: n, L, numerical\_error, epsilon, iterations
  - Arrays: x, T, T<sub>new</sub>
- **while numerical\_error > epsilon:**
  - **for i in range(i<sub>start</sub>, i<sub>end</sub>):**
    - Iterative formulae – recall FVM formulation
  - Recalculate **numerical\_error = Σ<sub>i=0</sub><sup>n-1</sup> |T<sub>new</sub> - T|**
  - **T = T<sub>new</sub>.copy()**
  - iterations advancement

## In the next lecture

- Visualization!
  - How to create a plot?
  - Axes labels
  - Line styling

## LECTURE 07. CONDUCTION VISUALIZATION PYTHON SCRIPT

```
Cido.py x Funciones.py x 01-Intro_Variables.py x 02-FMD_Polynomial_Derivative.py x 03-1D_Heat_Conduction.py x 04-1D_Heat_Conduction_GeneralizedFVM.py x
1 # Getting the numpy module
2 import numpy as np
3
4 # Getting the matplotlib module
5 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
6
7 # Number of grid points
8 N = 11
9
10 # Domain size
11 L = 1
12
13 # Corresponding grid spacing
14 h = np.float64(L / (N - 1))
15
16 # Iteration number
17 iterations = 0
18
19 # Initializing temperature field
20 T = np.zeros(N)
21 T[N-1] = 1.
22
23 # Initializing iterated temperature
24 T_new = np.zeros(N)
25 T_new[N-1] = 1.
26
27 # Error related variables
28 epsilon = 1.E-8
29 numerical_error = 1
30
31 # Checking the error tolerance
32 while numerical_error > epsilon:
33     # Computing for all interior points
34     for i in range(1, N-1):
35         T_new[i] = 0.5 * (T[i-1] + T[i+1])
36
37     # Resetting the numerical error and recalculate
38     numerical_error = 0
39     for i in range(1, N-1):
40         numerical_error = numerical_error + abs(T[i] - T_new[i])
41
42     # Iteration advancement and reassignment
43     iterations = iterations + 1
44     T = T_new.copy()
45
46     # Plotting numerical error
47     plt.figure(1)
48     plt.plot(iterations, numerical_error, 'ko')
49     # plt.pause(0.01)
50
51 plt.show()
52
53 # plotting the results
54 plt.figure(2)
55
56 # Defining the position from indexes
57 x_dom = np.arange(N) * h
58
59 # Plotting the variation with customization
60 plt.plot(x_dom, T, 'bx--', linewidth=2, markersize=10)
61
62 # Displaying the gridlines
63 plt.grid(True, color='k')
64
65 # Labelling and providing a title to the plot
66 plt.xlabel('Position', size=20)
67 plt.ylabel('Temperature', size=20)
68 plt.title('T(x)')
69
70 # Showing the plot on screen
71 plt.show()
72
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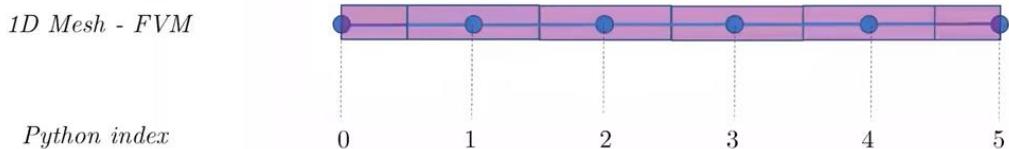
## LECTURE 08. GENERALIZED FVM FORMULATION. BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

### Lecture outline

- Correction
- Generalized FVM discretization
  - Recap of previous method
  - From simplified to general method
  - Why bother doing so?
- Flux boundary conditions

### Indexes in *for* loop

*for i in range(i<sub>start</sub>, i<sub>end</sub>):*



*for i in range(i<sub>start</sub>, i<sub>end</sub>+1):*

Python does not consider the last number of the array used for the for loop, that's why a correction must be applied.

```

es.py x FDM_Polynomial_Derivative.py x 1D_Heat_Conduction.py* x
for i in range(1,N-1):
    T_new[i] = 0.5*(T[i-1]+T[i+1])

# Resetting the numerical error and
numerical_error = 0
for i in range(1,N-1):
    numerical_error = numerical_error + (T_new[i] - T[i])**2

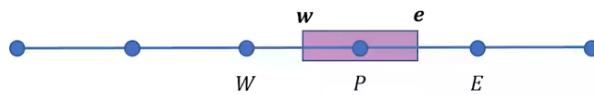
# Iteration advancement and reassigning

```

Under the generalized process, a volume integral can be converted into a surface integral by using the Gauss Theorem. Applied to the 1D heat conduction:

## Generalized FVM Discretization

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( k \frac{dT}{dx} \right) = 0$$



$$\int \frac{d}{dx} \left( k \frac{dT}{dx} \right) dV = 0$$

$$\int \hat{n} \cdot \left( k \frac{dT}{dx} \right) dA = 0$$

$$kA \frac{dT}{dx} \Big|_e - kA \frac{dT}{dx} \Big|_w = 0$$

Using the central differencing:

$$kA \frac{dT}{dx} \Big|_e - kA \frac{dT}{dx} \Big|_w = 0$$

$$k_e A_e \left( \frac{T_E - T_P}{h_{PE}} \right) - k_w A_w \left( \frac{T_P - T_W}{h_{WP}} \right) = 0$$

$$\color{red} a_P T_P = a_E T_E + a_W T_W$$

$$a_W = \frac{k_w A_w}{h_{WP}} \quad a_E = \frac{k_e A_e}{h_{PE}}$$

$$a_P = \frac{k_w A_w}{h_{WP}} + \frac{k_e A_e}{h_{PE}} = a_W + a_E$$

Getting back the simplified

$$\color{red} a_P T_P = a_E T_E + a_W T_W$$

$$a_W = \frac{k_w A_w}{h_{WP}} = \frac{kA}{h} \quad a_E = \frac{k_e A_e}{h_{PE}} = \frac{kA}{h}$$

$$a_P = \frac{k_w A_w}{h_{WP}} + \frac{k_e A_e}{h_{PE}} = \frac{2kA}{h}$$

$$\color{red} T_P = \frac{T_E + T_W}{2}$$

*Only true for constant properties and grid properties.*

## Boundary conditions - Dirichlet



When the value of the variable is specified at the boundaries, then such a scenario is termed to has a Dirichlet type boundary condition.

In our standard FVM approach with the grid as shown above, no need for any computations.

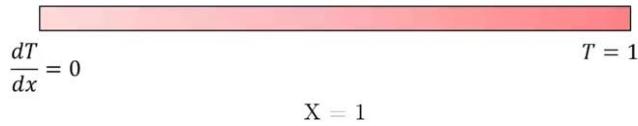
## Boundary conditions - Neumann



When the **gradient** of the variable is specified at the boundaries, then such a scenario is termed to has a Neumann type (flux type) boundary condition.

In our standard FVM approach with the grid as shown above, we have to do some special treatment.

## Example – insulated end



$$\int \frac{d}{dx} \left( k \frac{dT}{dx} \right) dV = 0 \rightarrow \int \hat{n} \cdot \left( k \frac{dT}{dx} \right) dA = 0 \rightarrow kA \frac{dT}{dx} \Big|_e - kA \frac{dT}{dx} \Big|_P = 0 \rightarrow k_e A_e \left( \frac{T_e - T_P}{h_{PE}} \right) = 0$$

$$\boxed{\mathbf{a}_P \mathbf{T}_P = \mathbf{a}_E \mathbf{T}_E + \mathbf{a}_W \mathbf{T}_W}$$

$$\begin{cases} a_W = 0 & a_E = \frac{k_e A_e}{h_{PE}} \\ a_P = \frac{k_e A_e}{h_{PE}} = a_W + a_E \end{cases}$$

## Next lecture(s)

- Writing a generalized FVM code in Python
- Comparison between the two cases: Dirichlet vs Neumann
- Visualization: Two cases plotted together
  - Usage of *subplots*

## LECTURE 09. NEUMANN BOUNDARY CONDITIONS IN PYTHON. STEADY DIFFUSION PROBLEM

### Lecture outline

- Writing a generalized FVM code in Python
- Comparison between the two cases: Dirichlet vs Neumann

```
1 # Getting the numpy module
2 import numpy as np
3 # Getting the matplotlib
4 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
5
6 # Number of grid points
7 N = 101
8
9 # Domain size
10 L = 1
11
12 # Corresponding grid spacing
13 h = np.float64(L / (N-1))
14
15 # Thermal conductivity
16 k = 0.1
17
18 # Cross section area
19 A = 0.001;
20
21 # Iteration number
22 iterations = 0
23
24 # Initializing temperature field
25 T = np.zeros(N)
26 T[N-1] = 1.
27
28 # Initializing iterated temperature
29 T_new = np.zeros(N)
30 T_new[N-1] = 1.
31
32 # Error related variables
33 epsilon = 1.E-8
34 numerical_error = 1.
35
36 # Checking the error tolerance
37 while numerical_error > epsilon:
38     # Computing for all interior points
39     for i in range(0, N-1):
40         a_E = np.float64(k * A / h)
41         a_W = np.float64(k * A / h)
42         if i == 0:
43             a_W = 0
44             a_P = a_E + a_W
45             T_new[i] = (a_E * T[i+1] + a_W * T[i-1]) / a_P
46
47         # Resetting the numerical error and recalculate
48         numerical_error = 0
49         for i in range(1, N-1):
50             numerical_error = numerical_error + abs(T[i] - T_new[i])
51
52     # Iteration advancement and reassignment
53     iterations = iterations + 1
54     T = T_new.copy()
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56 # Plotting the results
57 plt.figure()
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59 # Defining the position from indexes
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62 # Plotting the variation with customization
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68 # Labelling and providing a title to the plot
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71 plt.title('T(x)')
72 plt.axis([None, None, 0, 1])
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74 # Showing the plot on screen
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