



Consistency

$(\Delta t \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow L_n \rightarrow 0)$

Consistent iff the following conditions hold.

$$\sum_{j=1}^s b_j = 1 \qquad \sum_{j=1}^s a_{ij} = c_i, \quad \forall i$$

Accuracy/ Order

- At least **second order** if:

$$\sum_{j=1}^s b_j c_j = \frac{1}{2}$$

- At least **third order** if:

$$\sum_{j=1}^s b_j c_j^2 = \frac{1}{3} \qquad \sum_{j=1}^s \sum_{i=1}^s b_i a_{ij} c_j = \frac{1}{6}$$

- $\gamma$ -order accuracy

→  $\gamma < 5$  at least  $\gamma$  stages necessary

→  $\gamma \geq 5$  strictly more than  $\gamma$  stages necessary

Explicitness

Explicit iff  $A = a_{ij}$  is *strictly lower triangular*.

$$a_{ij} = 0 \quad \forall j \geq i$$

Time marching theme.

Diagonally Implicit RK (DIRK)

DIRK iff  $A = a_{ij}$  is *lower triangular*.

$$a_{ij} = 0 \quad \forall j > i$$

5 Poisson Equation (PE)

$$-\Delta u = f$$

5.1 1D PE

Dirichlet BC

$$\begin{cases} -u_{xx} &= f(x) \\ u(0) &= u(1) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$u(x) = \int_0^1 G(x, y) \cdot f(y) \cdot dy$$

$$G(x, y) = \begin{cases} y(1-x) & 0 \leq y \leq x \\ x(1-y) & x \leq y \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

5.2 1D PE FDM

Dirichlet BC

$$\Delta x = \frac{1}{N+1}$$

$$x_0 = 0, \quad x_{N+1} = 1, \quad x_i = i \cdot \Delta x, \quad i = 1, \dots, N$$

$$u''(x_i) \approx \frac{u(x_{i+1}) - 2u(x_i) + u(x_{i-1}))}{\Delta x^2}$$

Plugging this approximation into the PE, it follows that:

$$-u(x_{i-1}) + 2u(x_i) - u(x_{i+1}) = \Delta x^2 \cdot f(x_i)$$

With BC  $u(0) = u(N+1) = 0$  we write:

$$A \cdot U = F$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}}_{=:A} \begin{bmatrix} u(x_1) \\ u(x_2) \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ u(x_N) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f(x_1) \\ f(x_2) \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ f(x_N) \end{bmatrix} \Delta x^2$$

5.3 2D PE FDM

Dirichlet BC

$$\Delta x = \frac{1}{N_x + 1} \qquad \Delta y = \frac{1}{N_y + 1}$$

$$x_0 = 0, \quad x_{N_x+1} = 1, \quad x_i = i \cdot \Delta x, \quad i = 1, \dots, N_x$$

$$y_0 = 0, \quad y_{N_y+1} = 1, \quad y_j = j \cdot \Delta y, \quad j = 1, \dots, N_y$$

Using Midpoint QR twice (central finite difference):

$$u_{xx} = \frac{u_{i+1,j} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i-1,j}}{\Delta x^2}$$

Plugging approximation for derivative into PE:

$$-\frac{u_{i-1,j} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i+1,j}}{\Delta x^2} - \frac{u_{1,j-1} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i,j+1}}{\Delta y^2} = f$$

With  $N_x = N_y = N$  and BC  $u|_{\partial\Omega} \equiv 0$  we write:

$$A \cdot U = F$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} B & -\mathbb{I} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ -\mathbb{I} & B & -\mathbb{I} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & -\mathbb{I} & B & -\mathbb{I} \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & -\mathbb{I} & B \end{bmatrix} \cdot U = \begin{bmatrix} f(x_1, y_1) \\ f(x_1, y_2) \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ f(x_N, y_N) \end{bmatrix} \Delta x^2$$

$$B := \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ -1 & 4 & -1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & -1 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$$

5.4 1D PE FEM

5.4.1 Variational Formulation (VF) for 1D PE

$$\begin{cases} u : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} & \Omega := [0, 1] \\ u|_{\partial\Omega} \equiv 0 \end{cases}$$

$$J(u) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} |u'(x)|^2 dx - \int_{\Omega} f(x) u(x) dx$$

$$\text{Find } u = \arg \min_{v \in H_0^1} J(v).$$

Precise VF for 1D PE

$$\text{Given } f \in L^2([0, 1]), \text{ find } u \in H_0^1([0, 1]) \\ \text{s.t. } \forall v \in H_0^1([0, 1]),$$

$$\int_0^1 u'(x) v'(x) dx = \int_0^1 f(x) v(x) dx.$$

Definitions

$$H_0^1([0, 1]) :=$$

$$\left\{ v[0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : v(0) = v(1) = 0 \text{ and } \int_0^1 |v'(x)|^2 dx < \infty \right\}$$

If continuous and piecewise smooth then mostly  $u \in H_0^1$

Important Norms:

$$\|u\|_{H_0^1([0,1])} := \left( \int_0^1 |u'(x)|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\|u\|_{L^2([0,1])} := \left( \int_0^1 |u(x)|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Poincaré Inequality (PI)

$$\|u\|_{L^2([0,1])} \leq \|u\|_{H_0^1([0,1])}$$

PDE → VF

- let  $v \in H_0^1$
- multiply PDE with  $v$
- integrate over  $[0, 1]$
- integration by parts + Zero-Dirichlet BC
- Find  $u \in H_0^1(\Omega)$  s.t.  $\forall v \in H_0^1(\Omega), \langle u', v' \rangle = \langle f, v \rangle$ .

5.4.2 FEM Formulation

- Discretize domain as in (5.2) with  $h = \Delta x$ .
- Vectorspace  $V^h \subseteq V$  is N-dimensional.

$$V^h = \left\{ w : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : w(0) = w(1) = 0, w \text{ continuous}, \right. \\ \left. w|_{[x_i, x_{i+1}]} \text{ } i = 1, \dots, N \text{ is linear} \right\}$$

- The Hat Functions form a basis of  $V^h$ .

$$\phi_i(x_j) = \begin{cases} 1 & i = j \\ 0 & \text{otw} \end{cases}$$

$$\phi_i(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x-x_{i-1}}{h} & x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i) \\ \frac{x_{i+1}-x}{h} & x \in [x_i, x_{i+1}) \\ 0 & \text{otw} \end{cases}$$

- Discrete Variational Formulation (DVF)

$$(u_h, v)_{H_0^1(\Omega)} = \boxed{(u_h', v') = (v, f)} \qquad u_h, v \in V^h$$

$$u_h = \sum_{i=1}^N u_i \cdot \phi_i(x) \qquad v = \sum_{j=1}^N v_j \cdot \phi_j(x)$$

Inserting the previous into the DVF we get

$$\sum_{i=1}^N u_i \cdot (\phi_i'(x), \phi_j'(x)) = (f, \phi_j) \qquad \forall j \in [1, \dots, N],$$

which can be written in matrix notation:

$$A \cdot U = F$$

$$F_j = (f, \phi_j) = h \cdot f_j$$

$$A_{ij} = (\phi_i', \phi_j') = A_{ji}$$

$$A = \frac{1}{h} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Error Analysis (1D & 2D)

$$\mathcal{O}(h^2) = \|u_h - u\|_{L^2} \leq \|u_h - u\|_{H_0^1} = \mathcal{O}(h)$$

$$\mathbf{1D: } \mathcal{O}(h^2) = \mathcal{O}(N^{-2}) \qquad \mathbf{2D: } \mathcal{O}(h^2) = \mathcal{O}(N^{-1})$$

higher dimension  $\Rightarrow$  slower convergence w.r.t.  $N$

5.5 2D PE FEM

$$(u, v)_{H_0^1(\Omega)} = (f, v)_{L^2(\Omega)}$$

5.5.1  $H_0^1(\Omega)$

$$H_0^1(\Omega) = \left\{ w : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : w|_{\partial\Omega} = 0, \int_{\Omega} \|\nabla w(x)\|^2 dx < \infty \right\}$$

$$\|w\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)} := \left( \int_{\Omega} \|\nabla w(x)\|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$(u, v)_{H_0^1(\Omega)} := \int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla u(x), \nabla v(x) \rangle dx$$

5.5.2  $L^2(\Omega)$

$$L^2(\Omega) = \left\{ w : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : \int_{\Omega} w^2(x) dx < \infty \right\}$$

$$\|w\|_{L^2(\Omega)} := \left( \int_{\Omega} w^2(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$(u, v)_{L^2(\Omega)} := \int_{\Omega} u(x) v(x) dx$$

5.5.3 1<sup>st</sup> Green Identity

$$\int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla u, \nabla v \rangle dx = \int_{\partial\Omega} \langle v \nabla u, n \rangle dO - \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \Delta u dx$$

5.5.4 Divergence Theorem

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla u dx = \int_{\partial\Omega} \langle u, n \rangle dO$$

### 5.5.5 Finite Element Formulation

- $T^h = \{K_i\}_{i=1}^M$  is a **triangulation** with  $M$  triangles.
- $h = \max_{K \in T^h} \text{diam}(K)$ ;  $\text{diam}(K)$  being longest edge.
- $\tilde{\mathcal{N}}^h = \{N_i\}_{i=1}^N$  are **interior nodes** of  $T^h$ ,  
 $= \{x \in \Omega : x \text{ is a vertex for some } K \in T^h, x \notin \partial\Omega\}$
- $V^h = \{v : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : v \text{ cont, } v|_K \text{ linear } \forall K, v|_{\partial\Omega} = 0\}$
- Hat Functions form a basis of  $V^h$ ,  $\dim(V^h) = N$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_i(\mathcal{N}_j) &= \delta_{ij} \quad \forall \mathcal{N}_j \in \tilde{\mathcal{N}}^h \\ \rightarrow u(x) &= \sum_{i=1}^N u_i \phi_i(x), \quad u_i = u(N_i) \end{aligned}$$

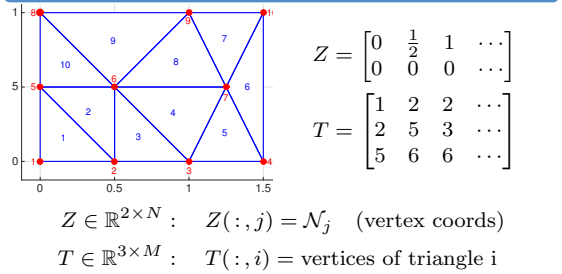
- The VF then becomes

$$\underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^N u_i}_{U_i} \cdot \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla \phi_i, \nabla \phi_j \rangle dx}_{A_{ij}} = \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} f(x) \phi_j(x) dx}_{F_i}$$

which can be written as  $A \cdot U = F$ , with  $A$  as in 5.3.

## 6 FEM Implementation

### 6.1 Generate Mesh



### 6.2 Stiffness Matrices and Load Vectors

Using **Parametric Elements**,  $\hat{K}$  can be mapped to  $K$  using the mapping  $\Phi_K : \hat{K} \rightarrow K$ .

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \Phi_K(\hat{x}) = (\mathcal{N}_b - \mathcal{N}_a \quad \mathcal{N}_c - \mathcal{N}_a) \cdot \hat{x} + \mathcal{N}_a \\ &= J_K \cdot \hat{x} + \mathcal{N}_a \end{aligned}$$

$J_K$  being the Jacobian of  $\Phi_K$ .

#### Local Element Stiffness Matrix

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\alpha, \beta}^K &= \int_K \langle \nabla \phi_\alpha, \nabla \phi_\beta \rangle dx \\ &= \int_{\hat{K}} \langle J_K^{-T} \hat{\nabla} \hat{\phi}_\alpha, J_K^{-T} \hat{\nabla} \hat{\phi}_\beta \rangle |\det(J_K)| d\hat{x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla \phi_\alpha(x) = J_K^{-T} \hat{\nabla} \hat{\phi}_\alpha(\hat{x})$$

#### Local Element Load Vector

$$\begin{aligned} F_\alpha^K &= \int_K f(x) \cdot \phi_\alpha(x) dx \\ &= \int_{\hat{K}} f(\Phi_K(\hat{x})) \cdot \hat{\phi}_\alpha(\hat{x}) |\det(J_K)| d\hat{x} \end{aligned}$$

### Local Shape Functions for linear approach

$$\hat{\phi}_1(\hat{x}) = 1 - \hat{x} - \hat{y} \quad \hat{\phi}_2(\hat{x}) = \hat{x} \quad \hat{\phi}_3(\hat{x}) = \hat{y}$$

### 6.3 Assembly

```
A = zeros(N,N); F = zeros(N);
for m = 1 : M,
    Approximate A^Km , F^Km as above
    for alpha = 1 : 3,
        F(T(alpha,m)) += F_alpha^Km
    for beta = 1:3,
        A(T(alpha,m),T(beta,m)) += A_alpha,beta^Km
    end
end
end
```

#### 6.3.1 Homogeneous BC

In case of homogeneous boundary conditions, all contributions from *boundary nodes* should be *skipped*.

```
compute A and F from above
compute InteriorNodes
A = A(InteriorNodes,InteriorNodes)
F = F(InteriorNodes)
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### 6.4 Solving $A \cdot U = F$

#### 6.4.1 Inhomogeneous BC

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = f & \text{in } \Omega \\ u|_{\partial\Omega} = g \end{cases}$$

Let  $\tilde{g} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $\tilde{g}(\partial\Omega) = g$  and

$$v = u - \tilde{g} \quad \Rightarrow \quad v|_{\partial\Omega} = 0.$$

Solve

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta v = f - \Delta g \\ v|_{\partial\Omega} \equiv 0. \end{cases}$$

$$u = v + g$$

## 7 Heat Equation (HE) / Parabolic PDE

$$\begin{cases} u_t - u_{xx} = 0, & (0, 1) \times (0, T) \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x), & (0, 1) \quad \text{IC} \\ u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0, & (0, T) \quad \text{BC} \end{cases}$$

### 7.1 Exact Solution

By *separation of variables* with the ansatz

$$u(x, t) = \mathcal{T}(t) \cdot \mathcal{X}(x)$$

we obtain the exact solution

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} u_k^0 \cdot \sin(k\pi x) \cdot e^{-(k\pi)^2 t} \\ u_k^0 &= 2 \int_0^1 u_0(x) \sin(k\pi x) dx, \quad k \in \mathbb{N} \end{aligned}$$

**Error** due to finite truncation of Fourier sine series.

**Error** due to use of QR to approximate integrals.

### 7.2 Energy Estimates / Props of HE Sols

Let  $u$  be a solution to the HE. We define the energy function  $\mathcal{E}$ :

$$\mathcal{E}(t) := \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 |u(x, t)|^2 dx$$

#### 7.2.1 Stability

It can be shown that  $\mathcal{E}(t) \leq \mathcal{E}(0)$ , since

$$\frac{d\mathcal{E}}{dt} = - \int_0^1 u_x^2 dx \leq 0.$$

Therefore solutions to the HE are stable.

#### 7.2.2 Uniqueness

Let  $u, \bar{u}$  be solutions to the HE, and let  $w := u - \bar{u}$ . Using the knowledge from 7.2.1 it follows, that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 w^2(x, t) dx &\leq \int_0^1 w^2(x, 0) dx \\ \Rightarrow \int_0^1 w^2(x, t) dx &\leq 0 \quad (\text{Using IC}) \\ \Rightarrow w(x, t) &\equiv 0 \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad u(x, t) = \bar{u}(x, t) \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the HE has a unique solution.

### 7.3 Maximum Principle

Let  $u$  be a solution of the HE. Then for all  $x \in [0, 1]$  and for all  $t \in [0, T]$  it holds that

$$\min \left( 0, \min_{\tilde{x}} (u_0(\tilde{x})) \right) \leq u(x, t) \leq \max \left( 0, \max_{\tilde{x}} (u_0(\tilde{x})) \right)$$

The max/min must occur at boundaries (0) or at  $t = 0$ .

### 7.4 Explicit FD (EFD) $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^1 + \Delta x^2)$

Discretize domain into  $(N+2) \times (M+2)$  equally spaced points.

$$\Delta x = \frac{1}{N+1} \quad \Delta t = \frac{T}{M+1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_0 &= 0, \quad x_{N+1} = 1, \quad x_i = i \cdot \Delta x, \quad i = 1, \dots, N \\ t^0 &= 0, \quad t^{M+1} = T, \quad t^n = n \cdot \Delta t, \quad n = 1, \dots, M \end{aligned}$$

**Discretize Solution:**  $u_i^n = u(x_i, t^n)$

Discretizing the derivatives, we get the FD Scheme:

$$\underbrace{\frac{u_i^{n+1} - u_i^n}{\Delta t}}_{\text{FE}} - \underbrace{\frac{u_{i+1}^n - 2u_i^n + u_{i-1}^n}{\Delta x^2}}_{\text{central finite difference}} = 0$$

Defining  $\lambda = \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x^2}$ , delivers  $U^{n+1} = (\mathbb{I} - \lambda \cdot \mathcal{A}) \cdot U^n$

$$u_i^{n+1} = (1 - 2\lambda) \cdot u_i^n + \lambda \cdot u_{i+1}^n + \lambda \cdot u_{i-1}^n$$

#### 7.4.1 Stability EFD

**Courant-Friedrichs-Lewy (CFL) condition:**

$$\frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x^2} =: \lambda \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

EFD scheme is *stable* iff CFL condition is satisfied.

### 7.4.2 Discrete Maximum Principle EFD

$$\min(0, \min_j u_j^0) \leq u_j^{n+1} \leq \max(0, \max_j u_j^0)$$

Consider the FD scheme with  $\lambda \leq \frac{1}{2}$ .

$$u_i^{n+1} = (1 - 2\lambda) \cdot u_i^n + \lambda \cdot u_{i+1}^n + \lambda \cdot u_{i-1}^n$$

Let  $\bar{u}_i^n = \max(u_{i-1}^n, u_i^n, u_{i+1}^n)$ , and by definition:

$$u_{j-1}^n \leq \bar{u}_j^n, \quad u_j^n \leq \bar{u}_j^n, \quad u_{j+1}^n \leq \bar{u}_j^n$$

Therefore one can write:

$$\begin{aligned} u_i^{n+1} &\leq (1 - 2\lambda) \cdot \bar{u}_i^n + \lambda \cdot \bar{u}_i^n + \lambda \cdot \bar{u}_i^n \\ &\leq \bar{u}_i^n = \max(u_{i-1}^n, u_i^n, u_{i+1}^n) \end{aligned}$$

### 7.4.3 Truncation Error EFD $T_j^n$

$$\begin{aligned} T_j^n &= \frac{u_j^{n+1} - u_j^n}{\Delta t} - \frac{u_{j-1}^n - 2u_j^n + u_{j+1}^n}{\Delta x^2} \\ |T_j^n| &\leq C(\Delta t + \Delta x^2) \end{aligned}$$

### 7.5 Implicit FD (IFD) $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^1 + \Delta x^2)$

$$\frac{u_i^{n+1} - u_i^n}{\Delta t} = \frac{u_{i+1}^{n+1} - 2u_i^{n+1} + u_{i-1}^{n+1}}{\Delta x^2}$$

The given implicit FD scheme reduces to a matrix eq.:

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbb{I} + \lambda \cdot \mathcal{A}) \cdot U^{n+1} &= \boxed{A \cdot U^{n+1} = U^n} \\ A &= \begin{bmatrix} 1+2\lambda & -\lambda & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ -\lambda & 1+2\lambda & -\lambda & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & -\lambda & 1+2\lambda & -\lambda \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & -\lambda & 1+2\lambda \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

#### 7.5.1 Stability IFD

The IFD scheme is termed *unconditionally stable*.

### 7.6 Crank-Nicolson (CN) $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2 + \Delta x^2)$

$$u_{xx} \approx \frac{u_{xx}(x_j, t^n) + u_{xx}(x_j, t^{n+1})}{2}$$

$$\frac{u_i^{n+1} - u_i^n}{\Delta t} = \frac{u_{i-1}^n - 2u_i^n + u_{i+1}^n}{2\Delta x^2} + \frac{u_{i-1}^{n+1} - 2u_i^{n+1} + u_{i+1}^{n+1}}{2\Delta x^2}$$

Using  $\lambda = \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x^2}$  we can write the matrix form:

$$\left( \mathbb{I} + \frac{\lambda}{2} \mathcal{A} \right) U^{n+1} = \boxed{A \cdot U^{n+1} = B \cdot U^n} = \left( \mathbb{I} - \frac{\lambda}{2} \mathcal{A} \right) U^n$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_i^n &= \frac{\lambda}{2} \cdot u_{i-1}^n + (1 - \lambda) \cdot u_i^n + \frac{\lambda}{2} \cdot u_{i+1}^n \\ A &= \begin{bmatrix} 1+\lambda & -\frac{\lambda}{2} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ -\frac{\lambda}{2} & 1+\lambda & -\frac{\lambda}{2} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & -\frac{\lambda}{2} & 1+\lambda & -\frac{\lambda}{2} \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & -\frac{\lambda}{2} & 1+\lambda \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Flip written signs in A to obtain B.

**Unconditionally stable**

**Conditionally max/min principle verifying**

## 8 Linear Transp. Eq. (LTE) / Hyperb. PDE

$$\begin{cases} u_t + a(x, t) \cdot u_x = 0 & \forall (x, t) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+ \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x) & \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \end{cases}$$

### 8.1 Method of Characteristics

$$\frac{d}{dt}u(x(t), t) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{dx(t)}{dt} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + a(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0$$

Assume given  $x(t)$  along which  $u(x, t)$  is constant.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}u(x(t), t) &= 0 \\ u_t + \dot{x}(t) \cdot u_x &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $u(x, t)$  also satisfies the LTE:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) &= a(x, t) \\ x(0) &= x_0. \end{cases}$$

$x(t)$  is called a *characteristic curve*.

From the initial assumption it follows, that:

$$u(x(t), t) = u(x(0), 0) = u(x_0, 0) = u_0(x_0).$$

### Example

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = a, & a \in \mathbb{R} \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{cases}$$

$$x(t) = at + x_0 \quad \rightarrow x_0 = x(t) - at$$

$$u(x, t) = u_0(x_0) = u_0(x - at)$$

## 8.2 Centered Finite Difference (C-FD)

$$\frac{u_i^{n+1} - u_i^n}{\Delta t} + a(x_i, t^n) \cdot \frac{u_{i+1}^n - u_{i-1}^n}{2\Delta x} = 0$$

The C-FD is *unconditionally unstable* since for  $a > 0$  (flowing to the right), we take information from left and right.

## 8.3 Upwind Method

$$a^+ := \max\{a, 0\} \quad \text{positive part}$$

$$a^- := \min\{a, 0\} \quad \text{negative part}$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{u_i^{n+1} - u_i^n}{\Delta t}}_{\text{FE}} + a^+ \cdot \underbrace{\frac{u_i^n - u_{i-1}^n}{\Delta x}}_{\text{BE}} + a^- \cdot \underbrace{\frac{u_{i+1}^n - u_i^n}{\Delta x}}_{\text{FE}} = 0$$

Using  $a^+ = |a| + a$  and  $a^- = a - |a|$  we rewrite:

$$\frac{u_i^{n+1} - u_i^n}{\Delta t} + a \frac{u_{i+1}^n - u_{i-1}^n}{2\Delta x} = \frac{|a|}{2\Delta x} (u_{i+1}^n - 2u_i^n + u_{i-1}^n)$$

### 8.3.1 Stability - CFL Condition

The upwind scheme is *conditionally stable*.

$$|a| \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \leq 1$$

### 8.3.2 Trapezoidal Timestepping

Trapezoidal timestepping from (2.3.4):

$$\frac{u_t(t^n) + u_t(t^{n+1})}{2} = \frac{u_i^{n+1} - u_i^n}{\Delta t}.$$

Using the linearity of the LTE the corresponding upwind method follows through superposition as:

$$\frac{u_t(t^n) + u_t(t^{n+1})}{2} + a \cdot \frac{u_x(t^n) + u_x(t^{n+1})}{2} = 0.$$

Approximate  $u_x(t^n)$  and  $u_x(t^{n+1})$  with FE/BE depending on  $a$ :

For positive (negative)  $a$ , use BE (FE).