

4) Using Crank-Nicholson method, solve $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$,
 Subject to $u(x,0)=0$, $u(0,t)=0$ and $u(1,t)=t$,
 taking $h=0.5$ and $k=\frac{1}{8}$.

Soln:-

Given $-u_{xx} = u_t$, $h=\frac{1}{2}$, $k=\frac{1}{8}$

WKT $u_{xx} = a u_t$

$\therefore a=1$

$$\lambda = \frac{k}{ah^2} = \frac{\frac{1}{8}}{1 \times (\frac{1}{2})^2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Since $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$, we cannot use simplified formula.

The general formula for Crank-Nicholson difference

scheme or method is

$$\lambda(u_{i+1,j+1} + u_{i-1,j+1}) - \alpha(\lambda+1)u_{i,j+1} = \alpha(\lambda-1)u_{i,j} + \lambda(u_{i+1,j} + u_{i-1,j}) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

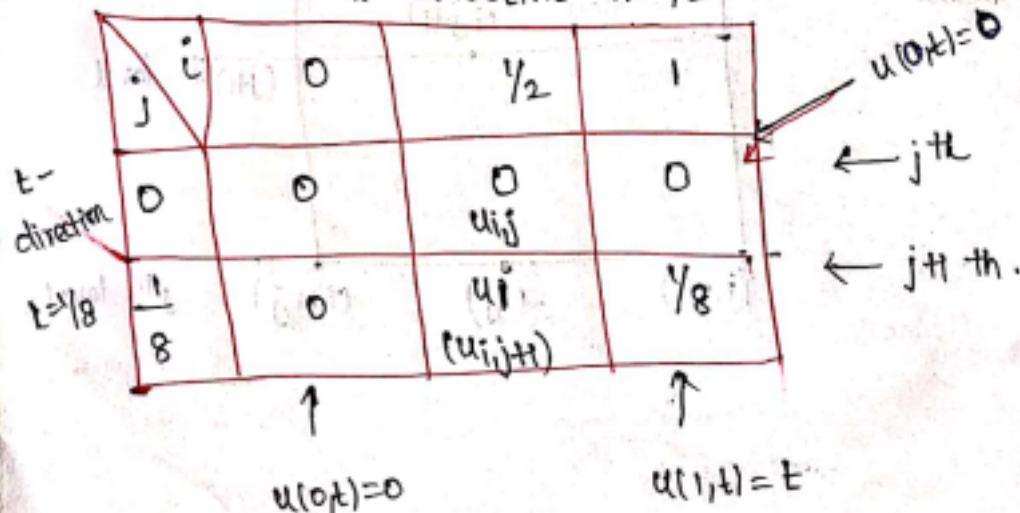
Put $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$ in (1), the formula becomes:

$$\frac{1}{2}(u_{i+1,j+1} + u_{i-1,j+1}) - \alpha(\frac{3}{2})u_{i,j+1} = \alpha(\frac{1}{2})u_{i,j} + \frac{1}{2}(u_{i+1,j} + u_{i-1,j})$$

$\div \frac{1}{2}$

$$u_{i+1,j+1} + u_{i-1,j+1} - 3u_{i,j+1} = u_{i,j} + (u_{i+1,j} + u_{i-1,j})$$

x -direction $h=\frac{1}{2}$



by using (1), $\frac{1}{9} + 0 - 6u_1 = -2(0) - (0+0)$

$$u_1 = \frac{1}{48} = 0.0208333$$

$$\therefore u_1 = 0.0208333$$

Note:- ① Write an explicit formula to solve numerically the heat eqn. (parabolic eqn) $u_{xx} - au_t = 0$. ↓ Crank-Nicolson method

Soln:-

$$u_{i,j+1} = \lambda u_{i+1,j} + (1-2\lambda) u_{i,j} + \lambda u_{i-1,j} \quad \text{where } \lambda = \frac{k}{\alpha h^2}$$

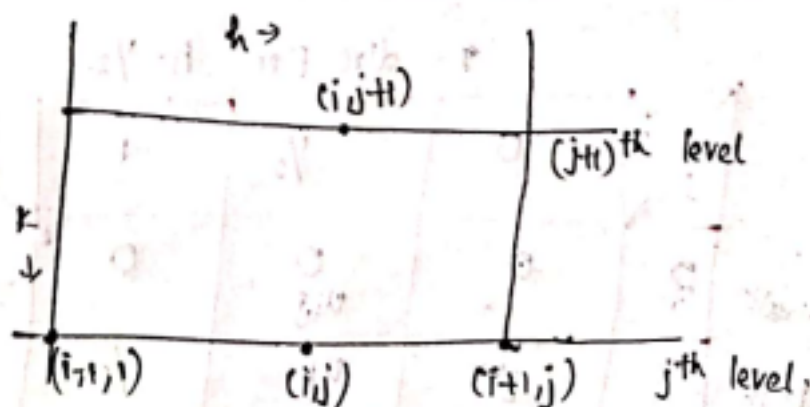
(h is the space for the variable x & k is the space in the time direction)

The above formula is a relation between the function values at the two levels $j+1$ and j and is called a two level formula. The solution value at any point

$(i,j+1)$ on the $(j+1)$ th level is expressed in terms of the solution values at the points $(i-1,j)$, (i,j) & $(i+1,j)$ on the j th level. Such a method is called

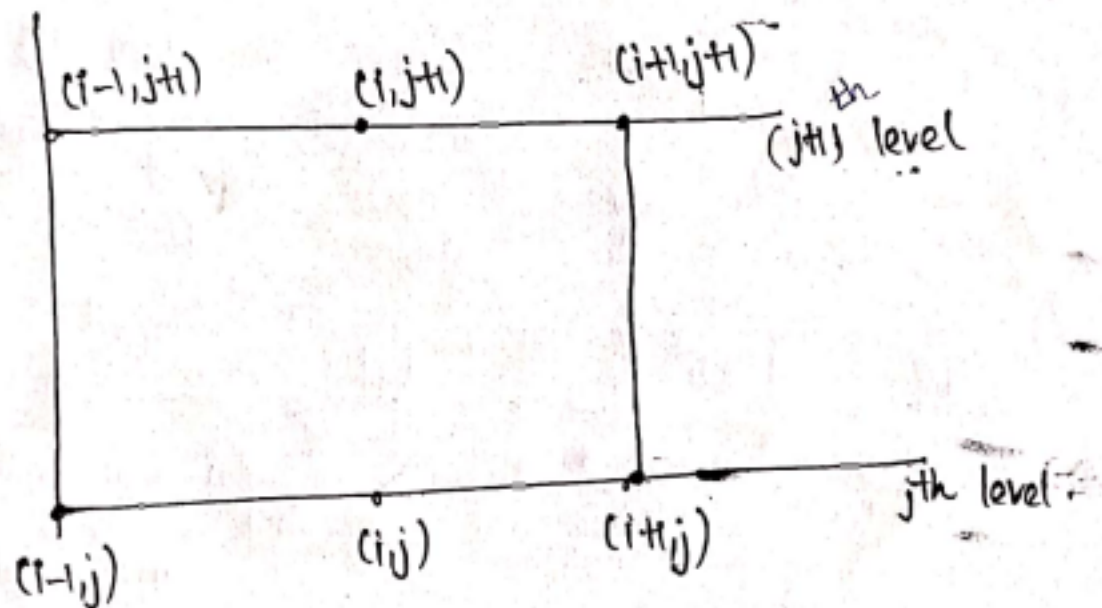
explicit formula. The formula is geometrically

represented below.



Q) Why is Crank-Nicholson's scheme called an implicit scheme?

Ans: The schematic representation of Crank-Nicholson method is shown below.



The solution value at any point $(i, j+1)$ on the $(j+1)$ th level is dependent on the solution values at the neighbouring points on the same level and three values on the j th level. Hence it is an implicit method.