

Week 8, 2024

Fractional step and alternating direction methods

Formulation of the problem:

The 3D Heat equation:

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} = \alpha^2 \left( \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial z^2} \right), \quad x \in (0, 1), \quad y \in (0, 1), \quad z \in (0, 1)$$

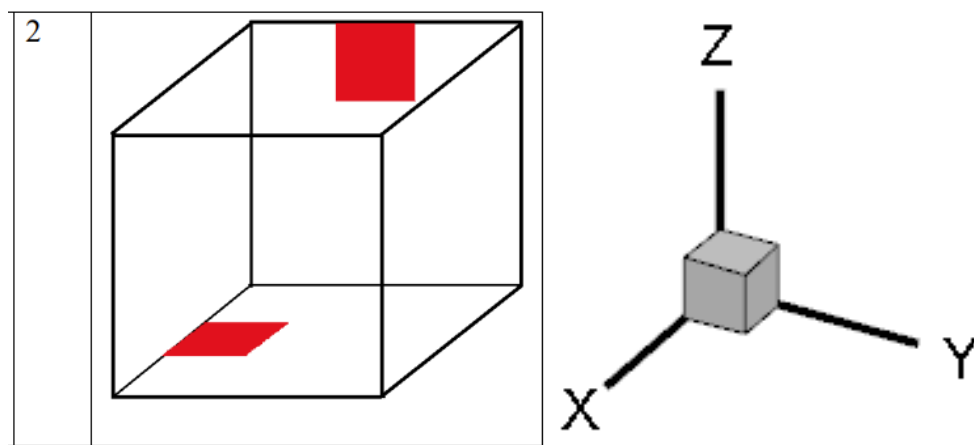
Initial condition:  $U(t = 0, x, y, z) = 0$

And with the following boundary conditions:

$$U(t, x = 0, 0.3 < y < 0.6, 0.7 < z < 1) = 1$$

$$U(t, 0.4 < x < 0.7, 0 < y < 0.3, z = 0) = 1$$

Otherwise, is 0



**Numerical method:** Fractional step and alternating direction methods

These two implicit methods are very similar to each other because the main idea of this methods based on fractioning time internal on 3 parts for each own dimension so problem is converted into one-dimensional problem, and we can solve it easily as we solved in first 3 week doing simple Thomas algorithm. The approximation error of methods  $O(\Delta t^2, \Delta x^2, \Delta y^2, \Delta z^2)$ .

P.S. I hope you know how to solve the Thomas algorithm and how to find coefficients alpha and betta.

a) Implicit method FSM (Fractional step method)

First step:

$$\frac{U_{ijk}^{n+1/3} - U_{ijk}^n}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{2} (\Lambda_1 U^{n+1/3} + \Lambda_1 U^n) + \Lambda_2 U^n + \Lambda_3 U^n$$

Second step:

$$\frac{U_{ijk}^{n+2/3} - U_{ijk}^{n+1/3}}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{2} (\Lambda_2 U^{n+2/3} - \Lambda_2 U^n)$$

Third step:

$$\frac{U_{ijk}^{n+1} - U_{ijk}^{n+2/3}}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{2} (\Lambda_3 U^{n+1} - \Lambda_3 U^n)$$

Here is the  $\Lambda_1$ ,  $\Lambda_2$  and  $\Lambda_3$  operators have the following form:

$$\Lambda_1 = \alpha^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}, \quad \Lambda_2 = \alpha^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}, \quad \Lambda_3 = \alpha^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$$

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The equation is converted in 1D, and we can solve it by the Thomas algorithm.

$$A_{ijk} U_{i+1jk}^{n+1/3} + B_{ijk} U_{ijk}^{n+1/3} + C_{ijk} U_{i-1jk}^{n+1/3} = D_{ijk}, \quad i = \overline{1, N-1}, j, k \text{ is fixed}$$

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