

Workshop on

# Domain-Specific Languages for Performance-Portable Weather and Climate Models



**Content:** Basic Concepts III  
(functions, vertical loops, intervals, lower dim fields)

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## Learning Goals

- Writing modular code with reusable GTScript functions.
- Understanding the different loop orders in stencil computations.
- Using intervals to apply different computations at boundary conditions.
- Applying this knowledge to implement patterns like tridiagonal solves.

# Code Reuse in Fortran

sfc\_sice.F (3-layer sea-ice scheme)

```
525 ! --- ... compute ice temperature
526
527 bi = hfd(i)
528 ai = hfi(i) - sneti(i) + ip - tice(i)*bi ! +v sol input here
529 k12 = ki4*ks / (ks*hice(i) + ki4*snowd(i))
530 k32 = (ki+ki) / hice(i)
531
532 wrk = one / (dt6*k32 + dici*hice(i))
533 a10 = dici*hice(i)*dt2i + k32*(dt4*k32 + dici*hice(i))*wrk
534 b10 = -dici*hice(i) * (ci*stsice(i,1) + li*tfi/stsice(i,1)) &
535 & * dt2i - ip &
536 & - k32*(dt4*k32*tfw + dici*hice(i)*stsice(i,2)) * wrk
537
538 wrk1 = k12 / (k12 + bi)
539 a1 = a10 + bi * wrk1
540 b1 = b10 + ai * wrk1
541 c1 = dili * tfi * dt2i * hice(i)
542
543 stsice(i,1) = -(sqrt(b1*b1 - 4.0d0*a1*c1) + b1)/(a1+a1)
544 tice(i) = (k12*stsice(i,1) - ai) / (k12 + bi)
545
546 if (tice(i) > tsf) then
547 a1 = a10 + k12
548 b1 = b10 - k12*tsf
549 stsice(i,1) = -(sqrt(b1*b1 - 4.0d0*a1*c1) + b1)/(a1+a1)
550 tice(i) = tsf
551 tme1t = (k12*(stsice(i,1)-tsf) - (ai+hi*tsf)) * delt
```

Quadratic formula!

**Why do we not use a function call?**

## Lap(Lap()) Revisited

```
import numpy as np
from gt4py.gtscript import Field, PARALLEL, computation, interval

def diffusion_def(in_field: Field[np.float64], out_field: Field[np.float64]):
    with computation(PARALLEL), interval(...):
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```

# Functions

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import numpy as np
from gt4py.gtscript import Field, PARALLEL, computation, interval

@gtscript.function
def laplacian(in_field: Field[np.float64]):
    return (- 4. * in_field[ 0,  0, 0]
            +      in_field[-1,  0, 0]
            +      in_field[ 1,  0, 0]
            +      in_field[ 0, -1, 0]
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def diffusion_def(in_field: Field[np.float64], out_field: Field[np.float64]):
    with computation(PARALLEL), interval(...):
        alpha = 1.0 / 32.0
        tmp_field = laplacian(in_field)
        out_field = laplacian(tmp_field)
        out_field = in_field[0, 0, 0] - alpha * out_field[0, 0, 0]
```

# Functions

```
@gtscript.function
def function(in_1[: Type_1], ..., in_n[: Type_n]):
    out_1 = stmt_1
    ...
    [tmp_i = stmt_j]
    ...
    out_m = stmt_m
    return out_1, ..., out_m
```

- Functions allow repeated code blocks to be defined in one place
- Statements in functions are inlined before code generation so there is no call overhead
- Functions can have varying numbers of inputs and outputs that can be fields or scalars
- Function inputs are immutable

**Functions do not contain computations or intervals.**

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**Decorator to declare a function**



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**Type hints are optional in the arguments of functions (fields or scalars)**

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**Function body is a sequence of statements (or conditionals).**

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**Functions end with a  
return statement**

# Function Examples

```
@gtscript.function
def d_dx(f, dx):
    return (f[+1, 0, 0] - f)/dx

@gtscript.function
def avg_x(f):
    return 0.5 * (f[+1, 0, 0] - f)

@gtscript.function
def flux_divergence(fx, fy, area):
    return (fx - fx[1, 0, 0]
            + fy - fy[0, 1, 0]) / area

@gtscript.function
def interpolate_4ord_x(x, a1, a2):
    return a1 * (v + v[1, 0, 0])
            + a2 * (v[-1, 0, 0] + v[2, 0, 0])
```

Functions are the workhorse feature that allow for code reuse and modularity.

Models can build a library of basic numerical operators which can be re-used throughout the code.

## Current limitations

- Nested function calls are not supported, e.g., `lap(lap(in_field))`
- Recursive functions are not allowed.
- Return statements are required.
- Call depth is limited to 6 calls.

**Questions?**

## Vertical Loops

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    with computation(PARALLEL), interval(...):  
        alpha = 1.0 / 32.0  
        tmp_field = laplacian(in_field)  
        out_field = laplacian(tmp_field)  
        ...
```

Loop Order

Pseudo  
Code

```
parfor k in range(k_begin, k_end):  
    parfor i,j in ...:  
        alpha = 1.0 / 32.0  
        tmp_field[i, j, k] = laplacian(in_field, i, j, k)  
        out_field[i, j, k] = laplacian(tmp_field, i, j, k)  
        ...
```

## Vertical Loops

```
def diffusion_def(in_field: Field[np.float64], out_field: Field[np.float64]):  
    with computation(FORWARD), interval(...):  
        alpha = 1.0 / 32.0  
        tmp_field = laplacian(in_field)  
        out_field = laplacian(tmp_field)  
        ...
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        ...
```

## Vertical Loops

```
def diffusion_def(in_field: Field[np.float64], out_field: Field[np.float64]):  
    with computation(BACKWARD), interval(...):  
        alpha = 1.0 / 32.0  
        tmp_field = laplacian(in_field)  
        out_field = laplacian(tmp_field)  
        ...
```

Loop Order

Pseudo  
Code

```
for k in range(k_end - 1, k_begin - 1, -1):  
    parfor i,j in ...:  
        alpha = 1.0 / 32.0  
        tmp_field[i, j, k] = laplacian(in_field, i, j, k)  
        out_field[i, j, k] = laplacian(tmp_field, i, j, k)  
        ...
```



# Intervals

```
def diffusion_def(in_field: Field[np.float64], out_field: Field[np.float64]):  
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Loop  
Interval

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        out_field[i, j, k] = laplacian(tmp_field, i, j, k)  
        ...
```

# Intervals

```
def diffusion_def(in_field: Field[np.float64], out_field: Field[np.float64]):  
    with computation(PARALLEL), interval(1, None):  
        alpha = 1.0 / 32.0  
        tmp_field = laplacian(in_field)  
        out_field = laplacian(tmp_field)  
        ...
```

**Loop  
Interval**



**Pseudo  
Code**



```
parfor k in range(k_begin + 1, k_end):  
    parfor i,j in ...:  
        alpha = 1.0 / 32.0  
        tmp_field[i, j, k] = laplacian(in_field, i, j, k)  
        out_field[i, j, k] = laplacian(tmp_field, i, j, k)  
        ...
```

# Intervals

```
def diffusion_def(in_field: Field[np.float64], out_field: Field[np.float64]):  
    with computation(PARALLEL), interval(0, -1):  
        alpha = 1.0 / 32.0  
        tmp_field = laplacian(in_field)  
        out_field = laplacian(tmp_field)  
        ...
```

**Loop  
Interval**

**Pseudo  
Code**

```
parfor k in range(k_begin, k_end - 1):  
    parfor i,j in ...:  
        alpha = 1.0 / 32.0  
        tmp_field[i, j, k] = laplacian(in_field, i, j, k)  
        out_field[i, j, k] = laplacian(tmp_field, i, j, k)  
        ...
```

# Intervals

```
def diffusion_def(in_field: Field[np.float64], out_field: Field[np.float64]):  
    with computation(PARALLEL), interval(-2, None):  
        alpha = 1.0 / 32.0  
        tmp_field = laplacian(in_field)  
        out_field = laplacian(tmp_field)  
        ...
```

**Loop  
Interval**



**Pseudo  
Code**



```
parfor k in range(k_end - 2, k_end):  
    parfor i,j in ...:  
        alpha = 1.0 / 32.0  
        tmp_field[i, j, k] = laplacian(in_field, i, j, k)  
        out_field[i, j, k] = laplacian(tmp_field, i, j, k)  
        ...
```

**How about an example?**

## Vertical Advection

- Vertical grid levels are unevenly distributed in many climate models
- Grid cells close to surface typically are only ~20 m thick
- Vertical advection is often solved implicitly to avoid unduly limiting the time step size

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial w \phi}{\partial z}$$

- where  $z$  is the height
- $w$  is the vertical velocity

- Solved using the Crank-Nicholson scheme coupled with vertically centered differences

$$\frac{\phi_k^{n+1} - \phi_k^n}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{w_{k+1}^n \phi_{k+1}^n - w_{k-1}^n \phi_{k-1}^n}{2\Delta z} + \frac{w_{k+1}^{n+1} \phi_{k+1}^{n+1} - w_{k-1}^{n+1} \phi_{k-1}^{n+1}}{2\Delta z} \right)$$

## Vertical Advection

- If  $w$  is known at each grid point at time step  $n + 1$ , this yields a tridiagonal system for  $\phi^{n+1}$

- General Form:

$$\begin{cases} b_1 \phi_1^{n+1} + c_1 \phi_2^{n+1} = d_1 \\ a_k \phi_{k-1}^{n+1} + b_k \phi_k^{n+1} + c_k \phi_{k+1}^{n+1} = d_k, & k = 2, \dots, n_z - 1 \\ a_{n_z} \phi_{n_z-1}^{n+1} + b_{n_z} \phi_{n_z}^{n+1} = d_{n_z} \end{cases}$$

- Matrix Form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_1 & c_1 & & & 0 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 & & \\ & a_3 & b_3 & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & c_{n_z-1} \\ 0 & & & a_{n_z} & b_{n_z} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1^{n+1} \\ \phi_2^{n+1} \\ \vdots \\ \phi_{n_z}^{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \\ \vdots \\ d_{n_z} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Tridiagonal Solve

- Tridiagonal systems can be efficiently solved using the Thomas algorithm
- Two sweeps:
  1. Forward loop to update  $b$  and  $d$
  2. Backward substitution loop

```
for k in 1 .. N:  
    w = a[k] / b[k - 1]  
    b[k] = b[k] - w * c[k - 1]  
    d[k] = d[k] - w * d[k - 1]  
  
phi[N] = d[N] / b[N]  
for k in N - 1 .. 1, step -1:  
    phi[k] = (d[k] - c[k] * x[k + 1]) / b[k]
```



# Tridiagonal Solve

```
def tridiagonal_solve(a: Field[float], b: Field[float], c: Field[float],
                     d: Field[float], phi: Field[float]):
    with computation(FORWARD), interval(1, None):
        w = a / b[0, 0, -1]
        b -= w * c[0, 0, -1]
        d -= w * d[0, 0, -1]
    with computation(BACKWARD):
        with interval(-1, None):
            phi = d / b
        with interval(0, -1):
            phi = (d - c * x[0, 0, 1]) / b
```

Loop  
Orders

Loop  
Intervals

## Lower Dimensional Fields

- Just as loop orders and intervals can be customized so can data fields
- Fields can be customized by data type or axes
- Field descriptors are defined as `Field[<data_type>, <axes>]`
  1. The *data\_type* is either a Python built-in or NumPy data type (default = *float*)
  2. The axes are a combination of the uppercase characters *I, J, K* that correspond to the x, y, and z directions, respectively (default = *IJK*)
- Examples:
  1. `Field[float, IJK]`
  2. `Field[float, IJ]`
  3. `Field[np.int, K]`

## Counts and Sums

```
def count_and_sum(q: Field[float], dp: Field[float], dm: Field[float],
                  zfix: Field[int, IJ], zsum: Field[float, IJ]):
    with computation(PARALLEL), interval(...):
        zfix = 0
        zsum = 0.0
    with computation(FORWARD):
        with interval(1, -1):
            if (q < 0.0) and (q[0, 0, -1] < 0.0):
                zfix += 1
                q += (q[0, 0, -1] * dp[0, 0, -1]) / dp
            dm = q * dp
        with interval(1, None):
            zsum += dm
            if (zfix > 0):
                q = zsum * dm / dp
```

**2D Integer Field**

**2D Float Field**

# Implicit Fall Example



```
subroutine implicit_fall(dt, ktop, kbot, ze, vt, dp, q, precip, m1)
...
do k = ktop, kbot
    dz(k) = ze(k) - ze(k + 1)
    dd(k) = dt * vt(k)
    q(k) = q(k) * dp(k)
enddo
! sedimentation: non - vectorizable loop
qm(ktop) = q(ktop) / (dz(ktop) + dd(ktop))
do k = ktop + 1, kbot
    qm(k) = (q(k) + dd(k - 1) * qm(k - 1)) / (dz(k) + dd(k))
enddo
! qm is density at this stage
do k = ktop, kbot
    qm(k) = qm(k) * dz(k)
enddo
! output mass fluxes: non - vectorizable loop
m1(ktop) = q(ktop) - qm(ktop)
do k = ktop + 1, kbot
    m1(k) = m1(k - 1) + q(k) - qm(k)
enddo
precip = m1(kbot)
! update:
do k = ktop, kbot
    q(k) = qm(k) / dp(k)
enddo
end subroutine implicit_fall
```



```
def implicit_fall(ze: Field, dp: Field, q: Field, precip: Field,
                 m1: Field, dt: float):
    with computation(FORWARD), interval(...):
        dz = ze - ze[0, 0, 1]
        dd = dt * vt
        q *= dp

    # sedimentation: non - vectorizable loop
    with computation(FORWARD):
        with interval(0, 1):
            qm = q / (dz + dd)
        with interval(1, None):
            qm = (q + dd[0, 0, -1] * qm[0, 0, -1]) / (dz + dd)

    # qm is density at this stage
    with computation(PARALLEL), interval(...):
        qm *= dz

    # output mass fluxes
    with computation(FORWARD), interval(...):
        with interval(0, 1):
            m1 = q - qm
        with interval(1, None):
            m1 = m1[0, 0, -1] + q - qm
        with interval(-1, None):
            precip = m1

    # update:
    with computation(PARALLEL), interval(...):
        q = qm / dp
```

## Hands-on Session

Session-1B.ipynb to work on today

- Function examples and limitations
- Forward and backward loops
- Working with 2D and 3D fields

See you on Slack! **Next huddle at 4:30 pm EST.**