

$\omega \sim 1.7$  to  $1.9$  is usually used.

For complex grids use numerical experiments.

## Parabolic equations

diffusion equation

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}$$

convection-diffusion

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}$$

reading  $\rightarrow$  characteristics etc 10.2-10.3.3

consider

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2}, \quad \phi(0, t) = \phi(L, t) = 0$$

$$\phi(x, 0) = g(x)$$



$$j = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

## Von-Neumann stability analysis:

- $\rightarrow$  does not take into account bcs
- $\rightarrow$  periodic bcs are assumed  
i.e. sol<sup>n</sup> & its derivatives are the same on both ends of the domain
- $\rightarrow$  It works for linear, constant coefficient pdes
- $\rightarrow$  uniform grid spacing

discretize the equation

Forward time (Euler) centered space (FTCS)

$$\frac{\phi_j^{n+1} - \phi_j^n}{\Delta t} = \alpha \frac{\phi_{j+1}^n - 2\phi_j^n + \phi_{j-1}^n}{\Delta x^2}$$

$$\phi_j^{n+1} = \phi_j^n + \frac{\alpha \Delta t}{\Delta x^2} (\phi_{j+1}^n - 2\phi_j^n + \phi_{j-1}^n)$$

seek solutions that are periodic and of the form  $\phi_j^n = \sigma^n e^{ikx_j}$

Note that periodic bcs are built into the sol<sup>n</sup>  
the period is  $\frac{2\pi}{k}$ .

To see if the solution works we substitute the assumed form into the discretization

$$\sigma^{n+1} e^{ikx_j} = \sigma^n e^{ikx_j} + \frac{\alpha \Delta t}{\Delta x^2} \sigma^n (e^{ikx_{j+1}} - 2e^{ikx_j} + e^{ikx_{j-1}})$$

$$\textcircled{B} \quad x_{j+1} = x_j + \Delta x \quad \& \quad x_{j-1} = x_j - \Delta x$$

Divide by  $\sigma^n$

$$\sigma = 1 + \frac{\alpha \Delta t}{\Delta x^2} \frac{e^{ikx_j}}{e^{ikx_j}} [e^{ik\Delta x} - 2 + e^{-ik\Delta x}]$$

$$= 1 + \frac{\alpha \Delta t}{\Delta x^2} [2\cos(k\Delta x) - 2]$$

$$\boxed{\sigma = 1 + \frac{2\alpha \Delta t}{\Delta x^2} [\cos(k\Delta x) - 1]}$$

For stability we must have

$|v| \leq 1$  (or the sol<sup>n</sup> would grow unbounded!)

$$\left| 1 + \frac{\alpha \Delta t}{\Delta x^2} (2 \cos(K \Delta x) - 2) \right| \leq 1$$

$$\text{or } -1 \leq 1 + \frac{\alpha \Delta t}{\Delta x^2} (2 \cos(K \Delta x) - 2) \leq 1$$

always satisfied  
as  $2 \cos(K \Delta x) \leq 2$   
 $\Rightarrow 2 \cos(K \Delta x) - 2 \leq 0$

$$\frac{\alpha \Delta t}{\Delta x^2} [\cos(K \Delta x) - 1] \geq -1$$

$$\Delta t \leq \frac{\Delta x^2}{\alpha [1 - \cos(K \Delta x)]}$$

The most restrictive  $\Delta t$  is obtained when the denominator is maximum

$$\text{or } \cos(K \Delta x) = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta t \leq \frac{\Delta x^2}{2\alpha}$$

Note that the analysis is not valid if  $\alpha$  is a known function of  $x$ , or the meshes are non-uniform

However in such cases the minimum  $\Delta t$  obtained by maximum  $\alpha$  and smallest  $\Delta x$  may still be

used as a guideline for stability.

### Matrix method:

The other approach is to convert pde into a system of odes (semi-discretization).

Consider the same problem

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2}$$

$$\phi(0,t) = \phi(1,t) = 0$$

$$\phi(0,x) = \sin \pi x$$

domain is  $[0,1]$ . we do specify boundary conditions here. we consider  $N+1$  points with uniform  $\Delta x = 1/N$

Only discretizing in space

$$\frac{d\phi_j}{dt} = \alpha \frac{\phi_{j+1} - 2\phi_j + \phi_{j-1}}{\Delta x^2} \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, N-1$$

Thus  $\frac{d\vec{\phi}}{dt} = A \vec{\phi}$  where  $A$  is a  $(N-1) \times (N-1)$

tri-diagonal matrix

$$A = \frac{\alpha}{\Delta x^2} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & & & \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & & \\ & 1 & -2 & 1 & \\ & & & \ddots & \ddots \\ & & & & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

We applied bc at  $j=0$  &  $j=N$

From odes we know that, for stability the eigenvalues of matrix  $A \leq 1$

In addition we know that

$$\Delta t_{\max} \leq \frac{2}{|\lambda|_{\max}} \rightarrow \text{see stability of systems of ode}$$

In this case  $A$  is tridiagonal matrix. We can get its eigenvalues (analytically)

$$\lambda_j = \frac{\alpha}{\Delta x^2} \left( -2 + 2 \cos \frac{\pi j}{N} \right), \quad j=1, \dots, N-1$$

The largest magnitude of eigenvalue is when

$$\lambda_{\max} = -\frac{4\alpha}{\Delta x^2}$$

$$\cos \frac{\pi j}{N} = -1$$

Then  $\Delta t_{\max} \leq \frac{\Delta x^2}{2\alpha}$

Same as above.

This is a more general technique. One may use non-uniform mesh & complex bcs, however seeking eigenvalues of  $A$  would be difficult  $\Rightarrow$  will need numerical method for that

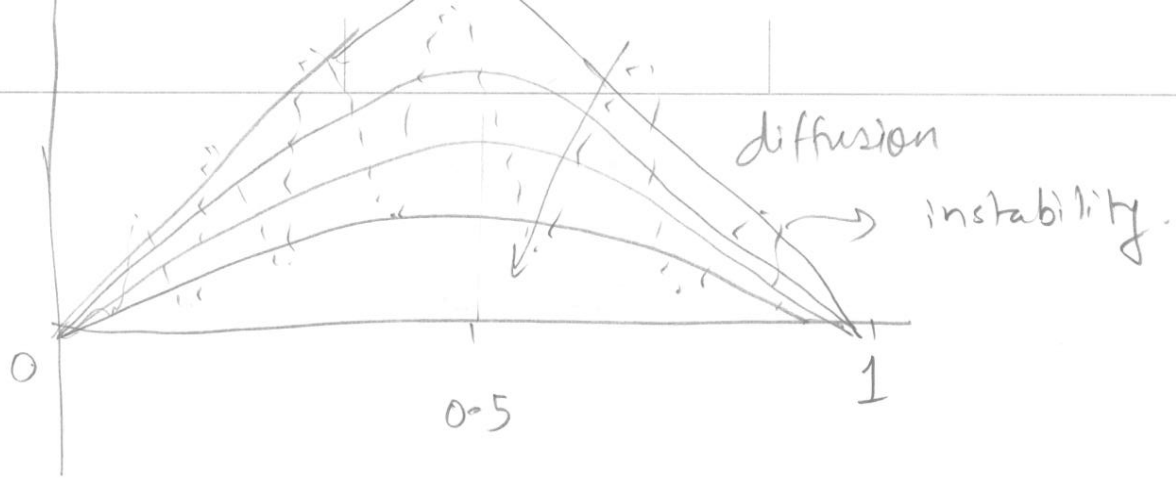
Let us consider our heat problem

$$\text{with } \phi(x, 0) = 200x \quad 0 \leq x \leq 0.5$$

$$\phi(x, 0) = 200(1-x) \quad 0.5 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$\phi(0, t) = \phi(1, t) = 0 \quad \underline{\underline{\alpha = 0.01}}$$

$\phi =$



If  $\Delta t > \frac{\Delta x^2}{2\alpha}$

Do this after doing stability of RK4 & Leap frog (Implicit Schemes)  
Accuracy / consistency & modified Equation

What is a modified equation?

It is the equation we are "actually" solving in our numerical scheme.

This may not be "exactly" same as the original pde we started with. However, the numerical scheme is consistent if the "modified equation" approaches the continuous "exact pde" as  $\Delta t$  &  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$

→ In general a <sup>numerical</sup> sol<sup>n</sup> of a pde is a set of numbers (finite) defined at discrete set of space and time grid points.

→ We can think of a continuous differentiable function that has same values as the numerical solution on the computational grid points. This "interpolant" is an approximation to the exact sol<sup>n</sup> of the pde. and hence does not satisfy

No  
do  
here

the exact pde. Instead it satisfies a "modified" equation.

Consider the heat equation

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} \quad \text{with some bcs} \quad - (1)$$

Let  $\tilde{\phi}$  be the exact solution (say obtained analytically)

Let  $\phi$  be the "interpolant  $f^n$ " of the numerical solution which is continuous & differentiable and which assumes same values on the space-time grid as the numerical solution.

$$\tilde{\phi} \text{ satisfies the pde } \frac{\partial \tilde{\phi}}{\partial t} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2}$$

Let us use explicit Euler & second order <sup>centered</sup> finite difference to discretize (1)

$$\frac{\phi_j^{n+1} - \phi_j^n}{\Delta t} = \alpha \frac{\phi_{j+1}^n - 2\phi_j^n + \phi_{j-1}^n}{\Delta x^2}$$

Let us define the operator

$$L[\phi] = \frac{\phi_j^{n+1} - \phi_j^n}{\Delta t} - \alpha \frac{\phi_{j+1}^n - 2\phi_j^n + \phi_{j-1}^n}{\Delta x^2}$$

If  $\phi$  is the discrete sol<sup>n</sup>, the  $L[\phi] = 0$ .

Let us expand each term in the operator using Taylor-series

$$\phi_j^{n+1} = \phi_j^n + \Delta t \frac{\partial \phi_j^n}{\partial t} + \frac{\Delta t^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi_j^n}{\partial t^2} + \dots$$

$$\frac{\phi_j^{n+1} - \phi_j^n}{\Delta t} = \frac{\partial \phi_j^n}{\partial t} + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi_j^n}{\partial t^2} + \dots$$

by  $\rightarrow$

$$\frac{\phi_{j+1}^n - 2\phi_j^n + \phi_{j-1}^n}{\Delta x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 \phi_j^n}{\partial x^2} \Big|_j + \frac{\Delta x^2}{12} \frac{\partial^4 \phi_j^n}{\partial x^4} \Big|_j + \dots$$

Ask if you can derive!

We expand  $\phi_{j+1}^n$  &  $\phi_{j-1}^n$  in  $x$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{j+1}^n &= \phi_j^n + \Delta x \frac{\partial \phi_j^n}{\partial x} \Big|_j + \frac{\Delta x^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi_j^n}{\partial x^2} \Big|_j + \frac{\Delta x^3}{6} \frac{\partial^3 \phi_j^n}{\partial x^3} \Big|_j \\ &\quad + \frac{\Delta x^4}{24} \frac{\partial^4 \phi_j^n}{\partial x^4} \Big|_j + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{j-1}^n &= \phi_j^n - \Delta x \frac{\partial \phi_j^n}{\partial x} \Big|_j + \frac{\Delta x^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi_j^n}{\partial x^2} \Big|_j - \frac{\Delta x^3}{6} \frac{\partial^3 \phi_j^n}{\partial x^3} \Big|_j \\ &\quad + \frac{\Delta x^4}{24} \frac{\partial^4 \phi_j^n}{\partial x^4} \Big|_j + \dots \end{aligned}$$

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$$\frac{\phi_{j+1}^n + \phi_{j-1}^n - 2\phi_j^n}{\Delta x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 \phi_j^n}{\partial x^2} \Big|_j + \frac{\Delta x^2}{12} \frac{\partial^4 \phi_j^n}{\partial x^4} \Big|_j + \dots$$



So we get

$$L[\phi] - \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} - \alpha \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} \right) = -\alpha \frac{\Delta x^2}{12} \frac{\partial^4 \phi}{\partial x^4} + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} + \dots$$

$L[\phi] = 0$  for the numerical sol<sup>n</sup>

$$\Rightarrow \left[ \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} - \alpha \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} = +\alpha \frac{\Delta x^2}{12} \frac{\partial^4 \phi}{\partial x^4} - \frac{\Delta t}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} + \dots \right]$$

modified equation

as  $\Delta t$  &  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$  we obtain the exact pde

Also 1<sup>st</sup> order in time & 2<sup>nd</sup> order in space.

In order increase accuracy of the method we require

$$\frac{\alpha \Delta x^2}{12} \frac{\partial^4 \phi}{\partial x^4} = \frac{\Delta t}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2}$$

This will be achieved by judicious choice of  $\Delta t$  &  $\Delta x$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[ \alpha \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} \right] = \alpha \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} \right) \\ &= \alpha^2 \frac{\partial^4 \phi}{\partial x^4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\alpha \Delta x^2}{12} = \frac{\alpha^2 \Delta t}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\alpha \Delta t}{\Delta x^2} = \frac{1}{6}}$$

This satisfies our von-Neumann stability criterion  $|\alpha \Delta t / \Delta x^2| \leq 1/2$  However, more restrictive

# Approximate Factorization and Alternating direction Implicit schemes:

## Approximate Factorization:

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = \alpha \left( \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

Implicit scheme:  $\frac{\phi_{i,j}^{n+1} - \phi_{i,j}^n}{\Delta t} = \alpha \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) \phi^{n+1}$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ I - \alpha \Delta t \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) \right] \phi^{n+1} = \phi^n$$

$$A_x \phi = \frac{\phi_{i+1,j} - 2\phi_{i,j} + \phi_{i-1,j}}{\Delta x^2} ; A_y \phi = \frac{\phi_{i,j+1} - 2\phi_{i,j} + \phi_{i,j-1}}{\Delta y^2}$$

$$\left[ I - \alpha \Delta t A_x - \alpha \Delta t A_y \right] \phi^{n+1} = \phi^n$$

$$\left[ I - \alpha \Delta t A_x \right] \left[ I - \alpha \Delta t A_y \right] \phi^{n+1} = \phi^n$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ I - \alpha \Delta t A_x - \alpha \Delta t A_y + \alpha^2 \Delta t^2 A_x A_y \right] \phi^{n+1} = \phi^n$$

$\underbrace{\alpha^2 \Delta t^2 A_x A_y}_{\text{error}} = \phi^n$

$$\begin{cases} \left[ I - \alpha \Delta t A_x \right] Z = \phi^n \\ \left[ I - \alpha \Delta t A_y \right] \phi^{n+1} = Z \end{cases} ; Z = \left[ I - \alpha \Delta t A_y \right] \phi^{n+1}$$

Two steps.

→ Boundary condition.

## Stability of Leap-Frog:

$$\frac{\phi_j^{(n+1)} - \phi_j^{(n-1)}}{2\Delta t} = \alpha \frac{\phi_{j+1}^{(n)} - 2\phi_j^{(n)} + \phi_{j-1}^{(n)}}{\Delta x^2}$$

Use von-Neumann

$$\phi_j^{(n)} = \sigma^n e^{ikx_j}$$

Note  $\sigma^n$  is  $\sigma \times \sigma \times \dots \times \sigma$   $n$  times

$$\frac{\sigma^{n+1} e^{ikx_j} - \sigma^{n-1} e^{ikx_j}}{2\Delta t} = \frac{\alpha}{\Delta x^2} \sigma^n e^{ikx_j} [e^{ik\Delta x} - 2 + e^{-ik\Delta x}]$$

Divide by  $\sigma^n e^{ikx_j}$

$$\frac{\sigma - \frac{1}{\sigma}}{2\Delta t} = \frac{\alpha}{\Delta x^2} [2\cos(k\Delta x) - 2]$$

$$\sigma^2 - \frac{2\alpha\Delta t}{\Delta x^2} [2\cos(k\Delta x) - 2] \sigma - 1 = 0$$

$$\sigma^2 + \underbrace{\frac{4\alpha\Delta t}{\Delta x^2} [1 - \cos(k\Delta x)]}_b \sigma - 1 = 0$$

$$\sigma = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 + 4}}{2}$$

$$b = \frac{4\alpha\Delta t}{\Delta x^2} [1 - \cos(k\Delta x)]$$

Note that  $0 \leq b \leq 1$

when  $b > 0$ ,  $|\sigma| > 1$  &  $b = 0 \Rightarrow |\sigma| = 1$

Thus Leap-frog for diffusion eq<sup>n</sup> is unconditionally unstable!

## Implicit or Backward Euler

$$\frac{\phi_j^{n+1} - \phi_j^n}{\Delta t} = \alpha \frac{\phi_{j+1}^{n+1} - 2\phi_j^{n+1} + \phi_{j-1}^{n+1}}{\Delta x^2}$$

$$\frac{\sigma^{n+1} e^{ikx_j} - \sigma^n e^{ikx_j}}{\Delta t} = \alpha \frac{\sigma^{n+1} e^{ikx_j}}{\Delta x^2} [e^{ik\Delta x} - 2 + e^{-ik\Delta x}]$$

$$\frac{\sigma - 1}{\Delta t} = \frac{\alpha \sigma}{\Delta x^2} [2\cos(k\Delta x) - 2]$$

$$\sigma \left[ 1 + 2\frac{\alpha \Delta t}{\Delta x^2} [1 - \cos(k\Delta x)] \right] = 1$$

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{2\alpha \Delta t}{\Delta x^2} (1 - \cos(k\Delta x))}$$

$$1 - \cos(k\Delta x) \leq 2 \quad \text{and} \quad 1 - \cos(k\Delta x) \geq 0$$

$|\sigma| \leq 1$  unconditionally stable!

But, costly iterations necessary!

tridiagonal system of linear algebraic eqns

$$-\frac{\alpha \Delta t}{\Delta x^2} \phi_{j-1}^{n+1} + \left(1 + 2\frac{\alpha \Delta t}{\Delta x^2}\right) \phi_j^{n+1} - \frac{\alpha \Delta t}{\Delta x^2} \phi_{j+1}^{n+1} = \phi_j^n$$

# Du-Fort Frankel An inconsistent scheme:

$$\frac{\phi_j^{n+1} - \phi_j^{n-1}}{2\Delta t} = \frac{\alpha}{\Delta x^2} \left[ \phi_{j+1}^n - 2\phi_j^n + \phi_{j-1}^n \right]$$

Leap-frog  $\rightarrow$  unconditionally unstable

Replace  $\phi_j^n$  on RHS by  $\phi_j^n = \frac{\phi_j^{n+1} + \phi_j^{n-1}}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow (1+2\gamma) \phi_j^{n+1} = (1-2\gamma) \phi_j^{n-1} + 2\gamma \phi_{j+1}^n + 2\gamma \phi_{j-1}^n$$

$$\gamma = \frac{\alpha \Delta t}{\Delta x^2}$$

This method is unconditionally unstable!

$\rightarrow$  HW show that this is.

$\rightarrow$  Derive modified equation

$\rightarrow$  see example 5.5

Using Taylor series expansions for  $\phi_j^{n+1}$

$\phi_j^{n-1}$ ,  $\phi_{j+1}^n$  &  $\phi_{j-1}^n$  and substituting above

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} - \alpha \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} = -\frac{\Delta t^2}{6} \frac{\partial^3 \phi}{\partial t^3} + \frac{\alpha \Delta x^2}{12} \frac{\partial^4 \phi}{\partial x^4}$$

$$- \frac{\alpha \Delta t^2}{\Delta x^2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\alpha \Delta t^4}{12 \Delta x^2} \frac{\partial^4 \phi}{\partial x^4} + \dots$$

③                      ④

As  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$  consider ③ ④

If for a given  $\Delta t$ ,  $\Delta x \downarrow$ , the error increases!  
 Third term  $\rightarrow 0$  iff  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$  faster than  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$   
Inconsistent scheme!

Put Crank-Nicolson as HW.

### Convection-Diffusion

$$f_t + u f_x = \alpha f_{xx}$$

$$\frac{f_j^{n+1} - f_j^n}{\Delta t} + u \frac{f_{j+1}^n - f_{j-1}^n}{2\Delta x} = \alpha \frac{f_{j+1}^n - 2f_j^n + f_{j-1}^n}{\Delta x^2}$$

$$f_j^{n+1} = f_j^n \left( 1 - 2\alpha \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x^2} \right) + \frac{u\Delta t}{2\Delta x} (f_{j+1}^n - f_{j-1}^n) + \alpha \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x^2} (f_{j+1}^n + f_{j-1}^n)$$

Again seek sol<sup>n</sup>

$$f_j^n = \sigma^n e^{ikx_j}$$

$$\sigma^{n+1} e^{ikx_j} = \sigma^n e^{ikx_j} \left( 1 - 2\alpha \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x^2} \right) - \frac{u\Delta t}{2\Delta x} \left[ e^{ik\Delta x} - e^{-ik\Delta x} \right] \sigma^n e^{ikx_j}$$

$$+ \alpha \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x^2} \left[ e^{ik\Delta x} + e^{-ik\Delta x} \right] \sigma^n e^{ikx_j}$$

$$\sigma = 1 - 2d - \frac{\lambda}{2} [2\sin k\Delta x] + d (2\cos k\Delta x)$$