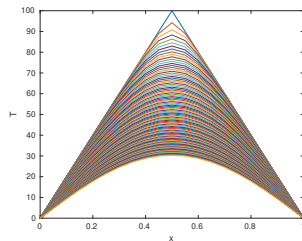
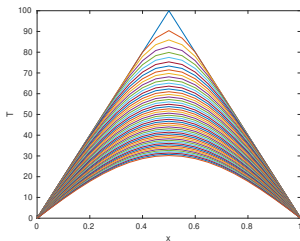
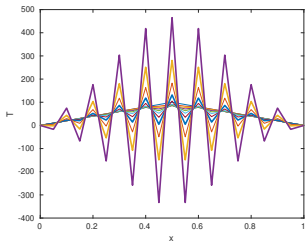


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- Heat conduction problem - start at 1D unsteady heat-diffusion in a solid

$$\dot{q} = -k \cdot A \cdot \frac{dT}{dn}$$

$$\dot{q}_{net,x} = \dot{q}(x) - \dot{q}(x + dx) = \dot{q}(x) - \left[\dot{q}(x) + \frac{\partial \dot{q}(x)}{\partial x} dx \right] = -\frac{\partial \dot{q}(x)}{\partial x}$$

$$\dot{q}_{net,x} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(-kA \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right) dx = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(k \cdot \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right) dV$$

$$\dot{q}_{net,y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(k \cdot \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right) dV; \quad \dot{q}_{net,z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(k \cdot \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right) dV$$





$$\dot{q}_{net} = \dot{q}_{net,x} + \dot{q}_{net,y} + \dot{q}_{net,z}$$

- in steady state - no net change in the amount of the energy stored in the solid

$$\int_V \dot{q}_{net} dV = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(k \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(k \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(k \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right) = 0$$

- in nabla notation

$$\nabla (k \nabla T) = 0$$

- if k is constant in t and x

$$\nabla^2 T = 0$$

this is an elliptic PDE!



- steady state heat equation with internal energy generation (\dot{E} - J/s)

$$\dot{E} = \dot{Q}(x, y, z) \cdot dV$$

where \dot{Q} is energy generation rate per unit volume

- steady heat flow - sum of energy transferred to the solid and internal generation (or loss) must equal zero

$$\partial_x(k\partial_x T) + \partial_y(k\partial_y T) + \partial_z(k\partial_z T) + \dot{Q} = 0$$



$$\nabla(k\nabla T) = \dot{Q}$$

or in case of constant k

$$\nabla^2 T = -\frac{\dot{Q}}{k}$$



- ▶ energy (E , [J]) stored in the solid, mass dm [kg]

$$E_{stored} = dm \cdot C \cdot T = (\varrho \cdot dV) \cdot C \cdot T = \varrho \cdot C \cdot T \cdot dV$$

$$\frac{\partial E_{stored}}{\partial t} = \nabla (k \nabla T) + \dot{Q}$$

- ▶ constant material parameters :

$$\frac{\partial(\varrho C T)}{\partial t} = \varrho \cdot C \cdot \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

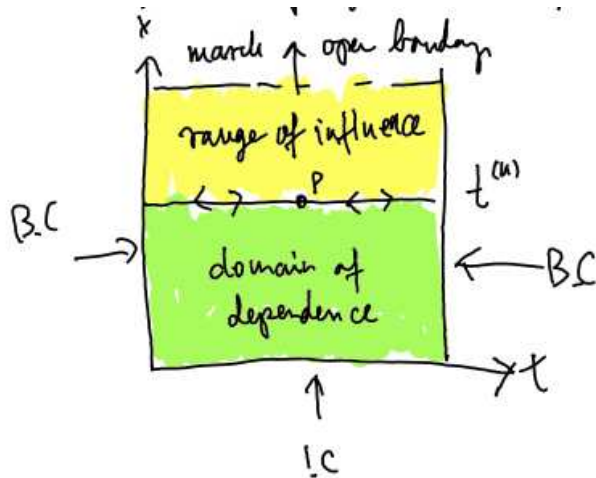


$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \nabla \left(\frac{k}{\varrho C} \cdot \nabla T \right) + \frac{\dot{Q}}{\varrho C}$$

- ▶ unsteady heat diffusion problem is a propagation problem, which must be solved by marching methods



- ▶ propagation problem is an initial-boundary-value problem in open domain $D(x, t)$
- ▶ infinity physical information propagation speed
- ▶ point P at time t^n influences the solution at all other points "above"
- ▶ solution at P on t^n depends on all points "under" it





$$f_t = \alpha \cdot f_{xx}, \quad f(x, 0) = \phi(x) = A_m \cdot e^{jk_m x}$$

- exact solution :

$$f(x, t) = e^{-\alpha \cdot k_m^2 t} \cdot \phi(x) = e^{-\alpha \cdot k_m^2 t} \cdot A_m \cdot e^{jk_m x}$$

- calculating f_t and f_{xx}

$$f(x, t) = e^{-\alpha \cdot k_m^2 t} \cdot \phi(x)$$

- initial condition decays with time
- each component (of $\phi(x)$) decays exponentially with time, but each component decays at a (different) rate depending on the square of its individual wave number (k_m)
- distribution changes in time



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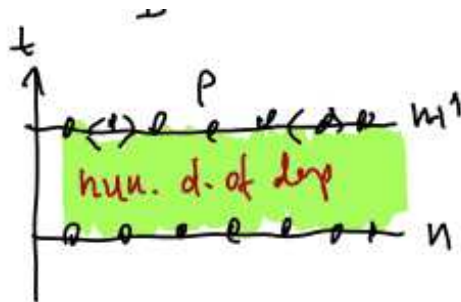


- ① discretizing - create a space grid
- ② approximating exact derivatives in PDE by a finite difference approximation (FDA)
- ③ substitute FDA into PDE to obtain algebraic finite difference equation (FDE)
- ④ solve resulting algebraic FDEs



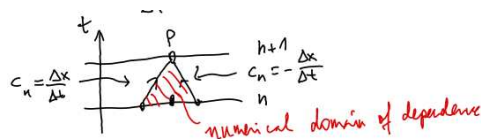
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- ▶ numerical information propagation speed

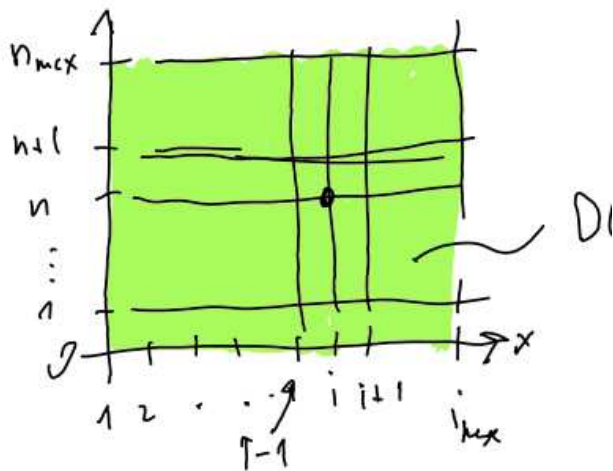
$$c_n = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} \rightarrow \infty$$



- ▶ explicit methods
- ▶ numerical information propagation speed

$$c_n = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} < \infty$$





- $D(x, y, z, t)$ is domain of solution (open domain in direction t)
- equidistant grid in both directions ($\Delta x \neq \Delta t$)
- some notations used later :

$$f(x_i, t^n) = f_i^n$$

$$\frac{\partial f(x_i, t^n)}{\partial t} = \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \right|_i^n = f_t|_i^n$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f(x_i, t^n)}{\partial x^2} = \left. \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \right|_i^n = f_{xx}|_i^n$$



- use Taylor's series - first order forward time approximation

$$f_i^{n+1} = f_i^n + f_t|_i^n \cdot \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} f_{tt}|_i^n \cdot (\Delta t)^2 + \dots$$

$$f_t|_i^n = \frac{f_i^{n+1} - f_i^n}{\Delta t} + O(\Delta t)$$

- first order backward time approximation
- second order centered time approximation - using points at $n + 1$ and $n + 1/2$ using Taylor's series expansion



► at point $i + 1, n$:

$$f_{i+1}^n = f_i^n + f_x|_i^n \cdot \Delta x + \frac{1}{2} f_{xx}|_i^n \cdot \Delta x^2 + \frac{1}{6} f_{xxx}|_i^n \Delta x^3 + \frac{1}{24} f_{xxxx}|_i^n \Delta x^4 + \dots$$

$$f_{i-1}^n = f_i^n - f_x|_i^n \cdot \Delta x + \frac{1}{2} f_{xx}|_i^n \cdot \Delta x^2 - \frac{1}{6} f_{xxx}|_i^n \Delta x^3 + \frac{1}{24} f_{xxxx}|_i^n \Delta x^4 + \dots$$

►

adding up : $f_x|_i^n = \frac{f_{i+1}^n - f_{i-1}^n}{2 \cdot \Delta x}$

►

substracting : $f_{xx}|_i^n = \frac{f_{i+1}^n - 2f_i^n + f_{i-1}^n}{\Delta x^2}$



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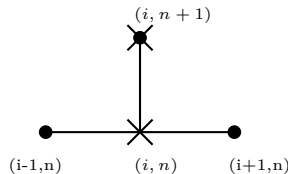
- ▶ solve $f_t = \alpha \cdot f_{xx}$ with $f(x, 0) = \text{known}$ and $f(0, t)$ and $f(L, t)$ known
- ▶ use forward approximation for time and center approximation for space

$$\frac{f_i^{n+1} - f_i^n}{\Delta t} = \alpha \cdot \frac{f_{i+1}^n - 2f_i^n + f_{i-1}^n}{\Delta x^2}$$

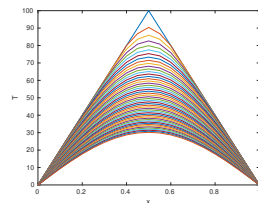
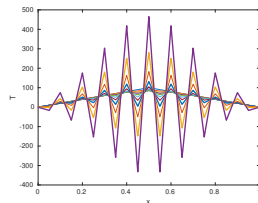
- ▶ explicit scheme :

$$f_i^{n+1} = f_i^n + d \cdot (f_{i+1}^n - 2f_i^n + f_{i-1}^n)$$

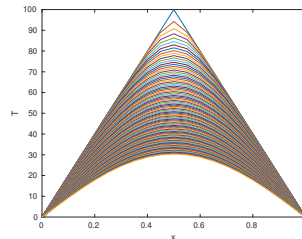
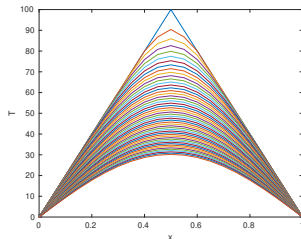
- ▶ where $d = \alpha \cdot \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x^2}$ is diffusion number



- ▶ diffusion number (d) - controls stability
- ▶ if d is too high - physically impossible solutions occur
numerically unstable
- ▶ boundary of stability : $d \leq 0.5$
- ▶ a finer grid means a more smaller time step to stay in stability region
- ▶ numerical information speed $c_n = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$, so numerically information propagates (in FTCS) one physical grid increment in all directions during each time step



- ▶ approximation is explicit
- ▶ single step solution
- ▶ consistent
- ▶ $O(\Delta t) + O(\Delta x^2)$
- ▶ conditionally stable : $d = \alpha \cdot \Delta t / (\Delta x)^2$ and $d \leq 0.5$
- ▶ convergent



- ▶ Richardson (Leapfrog) method
- ▶ for f_t use three-level second-order centered-difference approximation

$$f_i^{n+1} = f_i^n + f_t|_i^n \Delta t + \dots \quad \text{and} \quad f_i^{n-1} = f_i^n - f_t|_i^n \Delta t + \dots$$



$$f_t|_i^n = \frac{f_i^{n+1} - f_i^{n-1}}{2\Delta t} = \alpha \cdot \frac{f_{i+1}^n - 2f_i^n + f_{i-1}^n}{\Delta x^2}$$

$$f_i^{n+1} = f_i^{n-1} + 2d \cdot (f_{i+1}^n - 2f_i^n + f_{i-1}^n)$$

- ▶ unconditionally unstable
- ▶ Leapfrog-method is useful when used on hyperbolic PDEs



- modification to the Richardson-method
- use for f_i^n in $f_{xx}|_i^n$

$$f_i^n = \frac{1}{2} (f_i^{n+1} + f_i^{n-1})$$

$$\frac{f_i^{n+1} - f_i^{n-1}}{2\Delta t} = \alpha \cdot \frac{f_{i+1}^n - (f_i^{n+1} + f_i^{n-1}) + f_{i-1}^n}{\Delta x^2}$$

$$(1 + 2d)f_i^{n+1} = (1 - 2d) \cdot f_i^{n-1} + 2d(f_{i+1}^n + f_{i-1}^n)$$

- unconditionally stable, but
- using approximations substituting back to PDE, and in case of $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ and $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$ it becomes indeterminate. So scheme is inconsistent.



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- ▶ in explicit methods
 - ▶ inconsistency and conditional stability occurs
 - ▶ conditional stability causes too small stepsize

$$d = \alpha \cdot \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x^2} < 0.5$$

- ▶ too much computing effort
- ▶ implicit methods involves $n + 1$ values in approximation
- ▶ unconditionally stable
- ▶ step size is limited by accuracy
- ▶ system of finite difference equations must be solved at each time level (time step)
- ▶ BTCS and Crank-Nicholson scheme



- fully implicit

$$f_i^n = f_i^{n+1} + f_t|_i^{n+1} \cdot (-\Delta t) + \frac{1}{2} f_{tt}|_i^{n+1} (-\Delta t)^2 + \dots$$

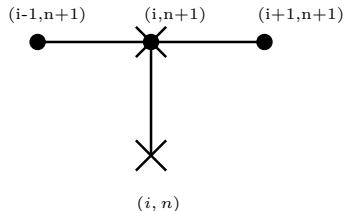
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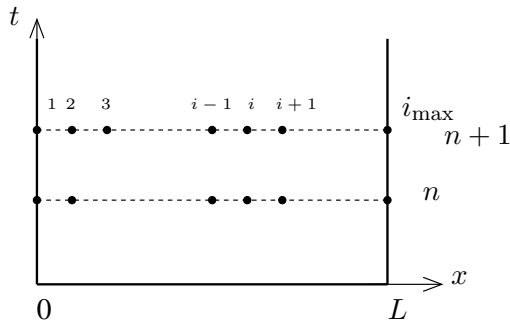


$$\frac{f_i^{n+1} - f_i^n}{\Delta t} = \alpha \cdot \frac{f_{i+1}^{n+1} - 2f_i^{n+1} + f_{i-1}^{n+1}}{\Delta x^2}$$

$$-d \cdot f_{i-1}^{n+1} + (1 + 2d)f_i^{n+1} - d \cdot f_{i+1}^{n+1} = f_i^n$$

$$\text{using } d = \alpha \cdot \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x^2}$$





- define grid in space:

$$x = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i_{\max}}\} = \{x_i\}, i = 1, \dots, i_{\max}$$

- time levels n and $n + 1$
- for interior points :

$$-d \cdot f_{i-1}^{n+1} + (1 + 2d)f_i^{n+1} - df_{i+1}^{n+1} = f_i^n$$

- boundary points ($i = 1$ and $i = i_{\max}$)

$$f_1^{n+1} = f_{BC}(0, t) \quad \text{and} \quad f_{i_{\max}}^{n+1} = f_{BC}(L, t)$$

$f_{BC}(x, t)$ describes temperature at both ends



- express f_i^{n+1} and f_i^n using $f_i^{n+1/2}$

$$f_i^{n+1} = f_i^{n+1/2} + f_t|_i^{n+1/2} \cdot \left(\frac{\Delta t}{2}\right) + O(\Delta t^2); \quad f_i^n = f_i^{n+1/2} - f_t|_i^{n+1/2} \cdot \left(\frac{\Delta t}{2}\right) + O(\Delta t^2)$$

$$f_t|_i^{n+1/2} = \frac{f_i^{n+1} - f_i^n}{\Delta t}$$

- space derivatives expressed using n and $n+1$ levels

$$f_{xx}|_i^{n+1/2} = \frac{1}{2} \left(f_{xx}|_i^n + f_{xx}|_i^{n+1} \right)$$

- collect terms

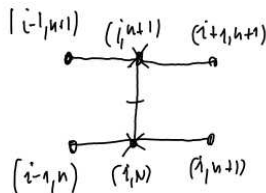
$$\frac{f_i^{n+1} - f_i^n}{\Delta t} = \alpha \left(\frac{f_{i+1}^{n+1} - 2f_i^{n+1} + f_{i-1}^{n+1}}{\Delta x^2} + \frac{f_{i+1}^n - 2f_i^n + f_{i-1}^n}{\Delta x^2} \right)$$



- expressed FDE (Finite Difference Equation) line for interior point

$$-d \cdot f_{i-1}^{n+1} + 2(1+d)f_i^{n+1} - d \cdot f_{i+1}^{n+1} = d \cdot f_{i-1}^n + 2(1-d)f_i^n + d \cdot f_{i+1}^n$$

$$\text{where } d = \alpha \cdot \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x^2}$$



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- Neumann-type boundary conditions, like

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial x}(L, t) = 0$$

- change in space derivative side
- in case of FTCS : ($i = I$) is boundary

$$f_I^{n+1} = f_I^n + d \cdot (f_{I-1}^n - 2f_I^n + f_{I+1}^n)$$

- f_{I+1}^n is outside of domain

$$f_x|_I^n = \frac{f_{I+1}^n - f_{I-1}^n}{2 \cdot \Delta x}$$

from above : $f_I^{n+1} = f_I^n + d \cdot \{f_{I-1}^n - 2f_I^n + (f_{I-1}^n + 2\Delta x \cdot f_x|_I^n)\}$

$$f_I^{n+1} = 2d \cdot f_{I-1}^n + (1 - 2d)f_I^n + 2d \cdot \Delta x \cdot f_x|_I^n$$

