

# 1 Relaxation to a fixed profile

## 1.1 Relaxation equation

- Variables
  - Profile function:  $F$
  - Fixed profile:  $F_0$
  - Relaxation time:  $\tau$

- Equation

$$\frac{dF}{dt} = -\frac{F - F_0}{\tau} \quad (1.1)$$

- Finite difference method

$$\frac{F_{i+1} - F_i}{\Delta t} = -\frac{\delta F_{i+1} + (1 - \delta)F_i - F_0}{\tau} \quad (1.2)$$

$$= -\frac{\delta F_{i+1}}{\tau} - \frac{(1 - \delta)F_i}{\tau} + \frac{F_0}{\tau} \quad (1.3)$$

$$F_{i+1} - F_i = \left[ -\delta \frac{\Delta t}{\tau} \right] F_{i+1} + \left[ -(1 - \delta) \frac{\Delta t}{\tau} \right] F_i + \frac{\Delta t}{\tau} F_0 \quad (1.4)$$

$$\left[ 1 + \delta \frac{\Delta t}{\tau} \right] F_{i+1} = \left[ 1 - (1 - \delta) \frac{\Delta t}{\tau} \right] F_i + \frac{\Delta t}{\tau} F_0 \quad (1.5)$$

$$F_{i+1} = \frac{1 - (1 - \delta)\Delta t/\tau}{1 + \delta\Delta t/\tau} F_i + \frac{\Delta t/\tau}{1 + \delta\Delta t/\tau} F_0 \quad (1.6)$$