

## 1. Diffusion equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \text{ with } u = u(t, x), t \geq 0, 0 \leq x \leq 1.$$

Given boundary conditions  $u|_{t=0, 0 \leq x \leq 1} = u_0(x)$ ,  $u|_{x=1, t \geq 0} = g_1(t)$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}|_{x=0, t \geq 0} = g_0(t)$

(a) Expand both sides with Taylor expansion on each term.  
a function  $f(x, y)$  depends on 2 variables  $x$  and  $y$ . the Taylor series to second order at point  $(a, b)$  is  

$$f(x, y) = f(a, b) + (x-a)f_x(a, b) + (y-b)f_y(a, b) + \frac{1}{2}[(x-a)^2 f_{xx}(a, b) + 2(x-a)(y-b)f_{xy}(a, b) + (y-b)^2 f_{yy}(a, b)] + \frac{1}{6}[(x-a)^3 f_{xxx}(a, b) + 3(x-a)(y-b)^2 f_{xyy}(a, b) + 3(x-a)^2(y-b)f_{xxy}(a, b) + (y-b)^3 f_{yyy}(a, b)]$$

The left hand side can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{u_{m+1,n} - u_{m,n}}{\Delta t} &= \frac{1}{\Delta t} \{ u(t+\Delta t, x) - u(t, x) \} \\ &= \frac{1}{\Delta t} \{ u(t, x) + \Delta t u_t + \frac{1}{2}(\Delta t)^2 u_{tt} + O(\Delta t^3) - u(t, x) \} \\ &= u_t + \frac{1}{2} \Delta t u_{tt} + O(\Delta t^2) \end{aligned}$$

Expand right hand side:

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{u_{m+1,n+1} - 2u_{m+1,n} + u_{m+1,n-1}}{(\Delta x)^2} + \frac{u_{m,n+1} - 2u_{m,n} + u_{m,n-1}}{(\Delta x)^2} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2(\Delta x)^2} \{ u(t+\Delta t, x+\Delta x) - 2u(t+\Delta t, x) + u(t+\Delta t, x-\Delta x) + u(t, x+\Delta x) - u(t, x) + u(t, x-\Delta x) \} \\ &= \frac{1}{2(\Delta x)^2} \left\{ u_t + \Delta t u_t + \Delta x u_{tx} + \frac{1}{2}(\Delta t)^2 u_{tt} + \Delta x \Delta t u_{txt} + \frac{1}{2}(\Delta x)^2 u_{xx} + \frac{1}{6}(\Delta t)^3 u_{ttt} + \frac{1}{2} \Delta t (\Delta x)^2 u_{txx} + \frac{1}{2} \Delta x (\Delta t)^2 u_{xtt} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - 2u - 2\Delta t u_t - (\Delta t)^2 u_{tt} - \frac{1}{3}(\Delta t)^3 u_{ttt} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + u + \Delta t u_t - \Delta x u_{tx} + \frac{1}{2}(\Delta t)^2 u_{tt} - \Delta x \Delta t u_{txt} + \frac{1}{2}(\Delta x)^2 u_{xx} + \frac{1}{6}(\Delta t)^3 u_{ttt} + \frac{1}{2} \Delta t (\Delta x)^2 u_{txx} - \frac{1}{2}(\Delta x)^3 u_{xxx} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + u + \Delta x u_{tx} + \frac{1}{2}(\Delta x)^2 u_{xx} + \frac{1}{6}(\Delta x)^3 u_{xxx} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - 2u \right. \\ &\quad \left. + u - \Delta x u_{tx} + \frac{1}{2}(\Delta x)^2 u_{xx} - \frac{1}{6}(\Delta x)^3 u_{xxx} + O((\Delta x)^4 + (\Delta t)^4) \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2(\Delta x)^2} \times \left\{ 2(\Delta x)^2 u_{xx} + (\Delta x)^2 \Delta t u_{txx} + O((\Delta x)^4 + (\Delta t)^4) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Left = Right

$$u_t + \frac{1}{2} \Delta t u_{tt} + O(\Delta t^2) = u_{xx} + \frac{1}{2} \Delta t u_{txx} + O\left(\frac{1}{2}(\Delta x)^2, \frac{(\Delta t)^4}{(\Delta x)^2}\right)$$

At  $O(1)$  there exists  $u_t = u_{xx}$ , at  $O(\Delta x + \Delta t)$   $u_{tt} = u_{txx}$ .

Hence the second order of accuracy.

To calculate LTE:

Substituting  $V$  for  $u$ , using Taylor expansion for first 3 terms:

$$E_{m+1,n} = \frac{V_{m+1,n} - V_{m,n}}{\Delta t} - \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{V_{m+1,n+1} - 2V_{m+1,n} + V_{m+1,n-1}}{(\Delta x)^2} + \frac{V_{m,n+1} - 2V_{m,n} + V_{m,n-1}}{(\Delta x)^2} \right\}$$

$$= V_t + \frac{\Delta t}{2} V_{ttt} + \frac{(\Delta t)^2}{6} V_{tttt} + O((\Delta t)^3) - \left( V_{xx} + \frac{\Delta t}{2} V_{xxt} + \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{12} V_{xxxx} + O((\Delta x)^3) \right)$$

$$= (\cancel{V_t - V_{xxx}}) + \frac{\Delta t}{2} (\cancel{V_{tt} - V_{xxt}}) + \frac{(\Delta t)^2}{6} V_{ttt} - \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{12} V_{xxxx} + O((\Delta t)^3) + O((\Delta x)^3)$$

Thus, the principal part of the LTE here is

$$\left(\frac{\Delta t}{6}\right)^2 V_{ttt} - \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{12} V_{xxxx}$$

An estimate for the local truncation error in  $x$  is:

$$\frac{1}{2\Delta x^2} O(\Delta x^4 + \Delta t^4) = O(\Delta x^2) \approx \frac{\Delta x^2}{12} V_{xxxx}$$

(b) Consider the  $n$ -th time step, let

$$\text{then } U(t_m, x)|_{x=0} = g_i(t_m)$$

denote boundary condition  $U(t, 0) = h(t)$  when  $x=0$

$$\text{then } U(t_m, 0) = h(t_m)$$

Solving boundary value problem by re-writing the system as a tri-diagonal matrix  
then having form  $A\vec{u} = \vec{b} \Rightarrow \vec{u} = A^{-1}\vec{b}$

First rearrange Crank-Nicolson algorithm to separate known and unknown part.

$$-\frac{1}{\Delta t} U_{n+1,n} + \frac{1}{2(\Delta t)^2} U_{n+1,n+1} - \frac{1}{(\Delta x)^2} U_{n+1,n} + \frac{1}{2(\Delta t)^2} U_{n+1,n-1} = \text{left hand side}$$

$$-\frac{1}{\Delta t} U_{n,n} - \frac{U_{n,n+1} - 2U_{n,n} + U_{n,n-1}}{(\Delta x)^2} = \text{right hand side} = b_n, \quad 1 \leq n \leq m-1$$

Hence the equation can be write as

$$\alpha U_{n+1,n+1} + \beta U_{n,n} + \gamma U_{n+1,n-1} = b_n \quad (1)$$

$$\text{where } \alpha = \gamma = \frac{1}{2(\Delta x)^2}, \quad \beta = -\frac{1}{(\Delta x)^2} - \frac{1}{\Delta t},$$

$$b_n = -\frac{1}{\Delta t} U_{n,n} - \frac{U_{n,n+1} - 2U_{n,n} + U_{n,n-1}}{(\Delta x)^2}$$

then using equation (1) we can form the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \beta & -\beta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 0 \\ 0 & & \beta & -\beta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdot & \cdot & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} u_{m+1,0} \\ u_{m+1,1} \\ u_{m+1,2} \\ \vdots \\ u_{m+1,max-1} \\ u_{m+1,max} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} (\text{hom}) \\ b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ g_i(t_m) \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus we can find solution  $\vec{u} = A^{-1} \vec{b}$ . The procedure continues to the subsequent time steps.

### (c) Stability.

Let  $u_{m,n} = \lambda^m e^{ikn}$  then

$$\frac{\lambda^{m+1} e^{ikn} - \lambda^m e^{ikn}}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{2(\Delta x)^2} \left\{ \lambda^{m+1} e^{ik(n+1)} - 2\lambda^{m+1} e^{ikn} + \lambda^{m+1} e^{ik(n-1)} + \lambda^m e^{ik(n+1)} - 2\lambda^m e^{ikn} + \lambda^m e^{ik(n-1)} \right\}$$

divide  $\lambda^m e^{ikn}$  on both sides:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\lambda-1}{\Delta t} &= \left\{ \lambda e^{ik} - 2\lambda + \lambda e^{-ik} + e^{ik} - 2 + e^{-ik} \right\} \times \frac{1}{2(\Delta x)^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{(\Delta x)^2} \left\{ (e^{ik} + e^{-ik} - 2)(\lambda + 1) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

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

Since  $\cos(2\alpha) = 1 - 2\sin^2(\alpha)$ , then  $\cos k = 1 - 2\sin^2(\frac{k}{2})$

$$\lambda - 1 = -\frac{2\Delta t}{(\Delta x)^2} (\lambda + 1) \sin^2\left(\frac{k}{2}\right)$$

$$\text{let } \sigma = \frac{2\Delta t}{(\Delta x)^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{k}{2}\right).$$

$$\text{then } \lambda - 1 = -\sigma(\lambda + 1) \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{1-\Delta}{1+\Delta},$$

Since  $\Delta \geq 0$ , we have  $|\lambda| \leq 1$ , therefore unconditional stability.

2. In five-point finite-difference approximation with  $\Delta x = \Delta y = h$

•  $(n+1, m)$

•  $(n, m)$   
 $\bullet (n, m+1)$   
 $\bullet (n-1, m)$

$$\frac{U_{n+1,m} - 2U_{n,m} + U_{n-1,m}}{(\Delta x)^2} + \frac{U_{n,m+1} - 2U_{n,m} + U_{n,m-1}}{(\Delta y)^2} + \frac{U_{n+1,m} - U_{n-1,m}}{2(\Delta y)} + \frac{U_{n,m+1} - U_{n,m-1}}{2(\Delta x)} = 0$$

$$U_{n+1,m} - 4U_{n,m} + U_{n-1,m} + U_{n,m+1} + U_{n,m-1} + \frac{1}{\Delta y} U_{n+1,m} - \frac{1}{\Delta y} U_{n-1,m} + \frac{1}{\Delta x} U_{n,m+1} - \frac{1}{\Delta x} U_{n,m-1} = 0$$

$$(1 + \frac{1}{\Delta y}) U_{n+1,m} + U_{n-1,m} (1 - \frac{1}{\Delta y}) + (1 + \frac{1}{\Delta x}) U_{n,m+1} + U_{n,m-1} (1 - \frac{1}{\Delta x}) - 4U_{n,m} = 0$$

$$\text{let } A = 1 + \frac{1}{\Delta y}, \quad B = 1 - \frac{1}{\Delta y}$$

$$\text{then } A U_{n+1,m} + B U_{n-1,m} + A U_{n,m+1} + B U_{n,m-1} + 4U_{n,m} = 0$$

Let  $U_{n,m}^l$  be the solution at iteration  $l$ , write

$$A U_{n+1,m}^l + B U_{n-1,m}^l + A U_{n,m+1}^l + B U_{n,m-1}^l + 4U_{n,m}^{l+1} = 0$$

to compute next iteration. To test for convergence, write

$$U_{n,m}^l = p^l e^{i(k_1 n + k_2 m)}$$

$$A \cdot p^l \cdot e^{i(k_1 n + k_2 m)} + B \cdot p^l \cdot e^{i(k_1 n - k_2 m)} + A \cdot p^l \cdot e^{i(k_1 n + k_2 m + k_2)} + B \cdot p^l \cdot e^{i(k_1 n - k_2 m - k_2)} - 4p^{l+1} e^{i(k_1 n + k_2 m)} = 0$$

Divide  $p^l \cdot e^{i(k_1 n - k_2 m)}$  on both sides,

$$A e^{ik_1 n} + B e^{-ik_1 n} + A e^{ik_2} + B e^{-ik_2} - 4p^l = 0$$

Substitute  $A = 1 + \frac{1}{\Delta y}$ ,  $B = 1 - \frac{1}{\Delta y}$  back to equation

$$\begin{aligned} & \cancel{e^{ik_1 n}} + \cancel{\frac{1}{\Delta y} e^{ik_1 n}} + \cancel{e^{ik_2}} + \cancel{\frac{1}{\Delta y} e^{ik_2}} + \cancel{e^{-ik_1 n}} - \cancel{\frac{1}{\Delta y} e^{-ik_1 n}} + \cancel{e^{-ik_2}} - \cancel{\frac{1}{\Delta y} e^{-ik_2}} - 4p^l = 0 \\ & p^l = \frac{1}{4} (e^{ik_1 n} + e^{-ik_1 n}) + \frac{1}{8} \Delta y (e^{ik_1 n} + e^{-ik_1 n}) + \frac{1}{4} (e^{ik_2} + e^{-ik_2}) + \frac{1}{8} \Delta y (e^{ik_2} - e^{-ik_2}) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [\cos k_1 n + \cos k_2 n + \frac{1}{2} i \sin k_1 n + \frac{1}{2} i \sin k_2 n]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \sqrt{1 - \frac{k_1^2}{4}} \sin(k_1 n + \varphi) + \sqrt{1 - \frac{k_2^2}{4}} \sin(k_2 n + \varphi) \right\}$$

as long as  $\left| \sqrt{1 - \frac{k_i^2}{4}} \sin(k_i n + \varphi) \right| \leq 1, \quad i=1,2$

$$\text{i.e. } -1 \leq \sqrt{1 - \frac{k_i^2}{4}} \sin(k_i n + \varphi) \leq 1, \quad i=1,2$$

so that  $|p| \leq 1$