

Approach 1: Diffusion Equation w Neumann B.C.

Governing Equation  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial x^2}, x \in (-\infty, +\infty)$

Neumann B.C.  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} = -\frac{\mu}{k} Q \quad x = 0^-$

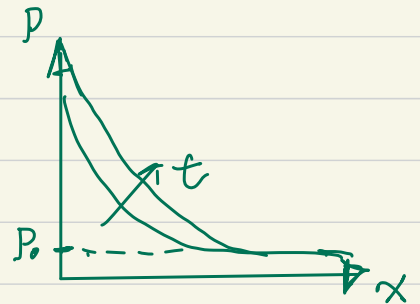
$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} = -\frac{\mu}{k} Q \quad x = 0^+$$

Initial B.C.  $P(x, 0) = P_0$

Darcy's Law  
 $Q = -\frac{k}{\mu} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x}$

Simplify the problem by considering semi-infinite plane wall  $x \in (0, +\infty)$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial x^2} \\ \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} = -\frac{\mu}{k} Q \quad x = 0 \\ P(x, 0) = P_0 \\ P(\infty, t) = P_0 \end{cases}$$



Let  $\theta = P - P_0$ , then

$$\theta(x, 0) = 0$$

$$\theta(\infty, t) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} = -\frac{\mu}{k} Q$$

Define Laplace transformation of a given pressure.

$$\mathcal{L}(P) = \int_0^{\infty} P e^{-st} dt$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(P_0) &= P_0 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} dt \\ &= P_0 \left( -\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \right)_0^{\infty}\end{aligned}$$

$$= P_0 \left( -\frac{1}{s} \cdot -1 \right) = \frac{P_0}{s}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial t}\right) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} e^{-st} dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} dP$$

$$= \left[ e^{-st} P \right]_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} P (-s) e^{-st} dt$$

$$= \left[ e^{-st} P \right]_{t=\infty} - \left[ e^{-st} P \right]_{t=0} + s \int_0^{\infty} P e^{-st} dt$$

$$= s \mathcal{L}(P) - P(x, 0)$$

$$= s \mathcal{L}(P) - P_0$$

$$\mathcal{L}\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial x}\right) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} e^{-st} dt = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int_0^{\infty} P e^{-st} dt$$

$$= \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(P)}{\partial x}$$

Similarly, we have Laplace transform relation for  $\Theta$ :

$$\int_a^b u dv = u \cdot v \Big|_a^b - \int_a^b v du$$

$$u = e^{-st} \quad du = -s e^{-st}$$

$$v = P \quad dv = \frac{dP}{dt} dt$$

$$\mathcal{L}\left(\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t}\right) = s \mathcal{L}(\theta) - \theta_0$$

$$\mathcal{L}\left(\frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial x^2}\right) = \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial x^2}$$

Assume  $\mathcal{L}(\theta) = \bar{\theta}$

Apply Laplace transform to diffusion equation

$$\mathcal{L}\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial t}\right) = \mathcal{L}\left(D \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2}\right)$$

$$s \bar{\theta} - \theta_0 = D \frac{\partial^2 \bar{\theta}}{\partial x^2} \quad (\theta_0 = 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 \bar{\theta}}{\partial x^2} - \frac{s}{D} \bar{\theta} = 0$$

$$\text{Let } \bar{\theta} = e^{\lambda x}$$

$$\left(\lambda^2 - \frac{s}{D}\right) e^{\lambda x} = 0$$

$$\lambda = \pm \sqrt{\frac{s}{D}}$$

$$\bar{\theta} = A e^{\sqrt{s/D} x} + B e^{-\sqrt{s/D} x}$$

Apply B.C. Laplace transform:

$$\bar{\theta}(\infty, s) = \mathcal{L}(\theta(\infty, t)) = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial \bar{\theta}(0, s)}{\partial x} = -\frac{\mu Q}{k s} \quad (2)$$

Similar as  $\mathcal{L}(P_0) = \frac{P_0}{s}$

From (1)  $A = 0$

From (2)

$$\frac{\partial \bar{\theta}}{\partial x} = -\sqrt{s/D} B e^{-\sqrt{s/D} \cdot 0} = -\frac{\mu Q}{k s}$$

$$B = \frac{\mu Q}{k s \sqrt{s/D}}$$

$$\bar{\theta} = \frac{\mu Q}{k s \sqrt{s/D}} e^{-\sqrt{s/D} x}$$

Rearranging:

$$\bar{\theta} = \frac{\mu Q \sqrt{D/k}}{s^{3/2}} e^{-(x/\sqrt{D}) \sqrt{s}}$$

Inverse Laplace Transform (Mathematica)

$$\theta = \frac{Q\mu}{k} \sqrt{D} \left[ 2\sqrt{\frac{t}{\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4Dt}} - \frac{x}{\sqrt{D}} \operatorname{erfc}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{Dt}}\right) \right]$$

$$p = \frac{Q\mu}{k} \left[ \sqrt{\frac{4Dt}{\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4Dt}} - x \operatorname{erfc}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{4Dt}}\right) \right] \quad (\text{assume } p_0 = 0)$$

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In[1]:= eqn = Exp[-(x / Sqrt[D]) * Sqrt[s]] * (mu * Q * Sqrt[D] / k) * s^(-3/2);  
InverseLaplaceTransform[eqn, s, t]
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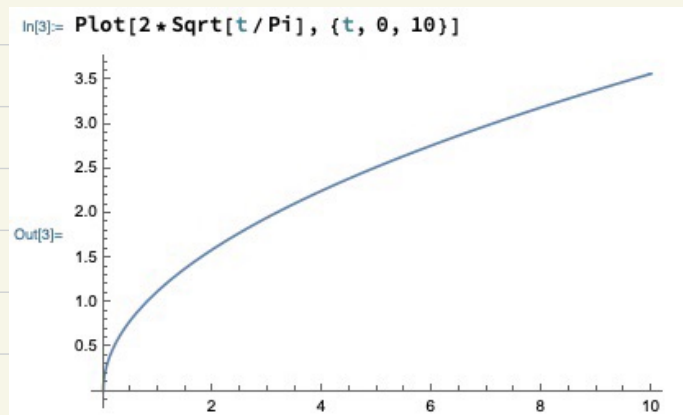
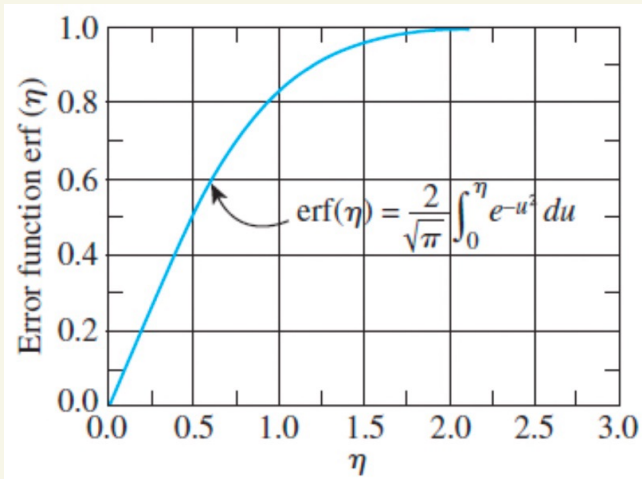
$$\frac{\sqrt{D} \mu Q}{k} \left( \frac{2 e^{-\frac{x^2}{4Dt}} \sqrt{t}}{\sqrt{\pi}} - \frac{x}{\sqrt{D}} + \frac{x \operatorname{Erf}\left[\frac{x}{2\sqrt{Dt}}\right]}{\sqrt{D}} \right) \text{ if } \frac{x}{\sqrt{D}} > 0$$

Notice:  $1 - \operatorname{erf}(\eta) = \operatorname{erfc}(\eta)$

$\operatorname{erf}(\eta) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^\eta e^{-u^2} du$  Error Function

$\operatorname{erfc}(\eta) = 1 - \operatorname{erf}(\eta)$  Complementary Error Function

At injection point,  $x = 0$   
pressure scales like  $p \propto 2\sqrt{\frac{t}{\pi}}$



Reference: Analytical Heat Transfer / Je-Chin Han  
Example 4.3

Approach 2: Diffusion equation w source term.

Governing Equation:  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial x^2} + S \delta(x) \quad x \geq 0$

Boundary Condition:  $P(\infty, t) = P_0$

Initial Condition:  $P(x, 0) = P_0$

Apply Fourier Transform to the governing equation

$$\mathcal{F}\left[\frac{\partial P}{\partial t}\right] = \frac{\partial \hat{P}}{\partial t}$$

$$\mathcal{F}\left[\frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial x^2}\right] = (ik)^2 \hat{P} = -k^2 \hat{P}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}[\delta(x)] &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x) e^{-ikx} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-ik \cdot 0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial \hat{P}}{\partial t} + D \underbrace{k^2}_{\frac{1}{C_1}} \hat{P} = \underbrace{\frac{S}{\sqrt{2\pi}}}_{\frac{1}{C_2}}$$

Solving this ode use integrating factor

$$IF = e^{\int Dk^2 dt} = e^{DK^2 t}$$

Fourier Transform

$$\hat{f}(k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-ikx} dx$$

Inverse Fourier Transform

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(k) e^{ikx} dk$$

Multiply both sides by  $e^{Dk^2 t}$

$$e^{Dk^2 t} \left( \frac{\partial \hat{p}}{\partial t} + Dk^2 \hat{p} \right) = e^{Dk^2 t} \frac{S}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$$

use product rule, this is just

$$\frac{d}{dt} (\hat{p} e^{Dk^2 t}) = \frac{S}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{Dk^2 t}$$

Integrate both sides from 0 to t

$$\frac{d}{dt} (\hat{p} e^{Dk^2 t}) = \frac{S}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^t e^{Dk^2 \tilde{t}} d\tilde{t}$$

$$RHS: \frac{S}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{Dk^2} \left[ e^{Dk^2 \tilde{t}} \right]_{\tilde{t}=0}^{\tilde{t}=t}$$

$$\hat{p} = \frac{S}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{Dk^2} [1 - e^{-Dk^2 t}] + C e^{-Dk^2 t}$$

$$\hat{p}(x, 0) = 0$$

$$C = 0$$

$$\hat{p} = \frac{S}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{Dk^2} [1 - e^{-Dk^2 t}]$$

Inverse Fourier Transform.

$$\hat{p} = \left[ \sqrt{\frac{t}{D\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4Dt}} - \frac{1}{2D} x \operatorname{erfc}\left(\frac{x}{2\sqrt{Dt}}\right) \right] S$$

where :  $D = \frac{k}{\mu \phi C_t}$

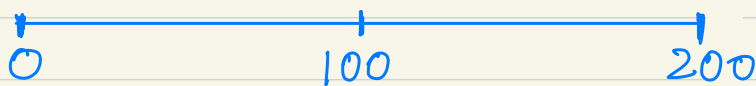
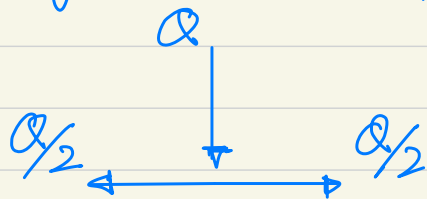
$$S = \frac{\tilde{m}}{\rho \phi C_t}$$

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$$\frac{S \left( 2 e^{-\frac{x^2}{4Dt}} \sqrt{Dt} + \sqrt{\pi} \operatorname{Abs}[x] \operatorname{Erf}\left[\frac{\operatorname{Abs}[x]}{2\sqrt{Dt}}\right] - \sqrt{\pi} x \operatorname{Sign}[x] \right)}{2 D \sqrt{\pi}}$$

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## Numerical Simulation of Diffusion equation w injection.

Approach 1: Neumann Boundary Condition.  
only simulate half domain and use symmetry



$$\frac{Q}{2} = -\frac{k}{\mu} \frac{P_{n+1} - P_n}{\Delta x}$$

$$Q = \left( \frac{-2k}{\mu \Delta x} \right) P_{n+1} + \left( \frac{2k}{\mu \Delta x} \right) P_n$$

Applied at  $x=0$   
as boundary condition.

At the point of injection, introduce ghost node for central difference.

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial x}(0, t) = -\frac{\mu Q}{k \frac{C}{2}}$$

$$\frac{P(0+\Delta x, t) - P(0-\Delta x, t)}{2\Delta x} = C$$

$$P(-\Delta x, t) = P(\Delta x, t) - 2\Delta x C \Rightarrow P_{-1} = P_1 - 2\Delta x C$$

use this relation to insert central difference  
for this node:

$$\frac{P_1 - 2P_0 + P_{-1}}{\Delta x^2} = \frac{2P_1 - 2P_0 - 2\Delta x C}{\Delta x^2}$$

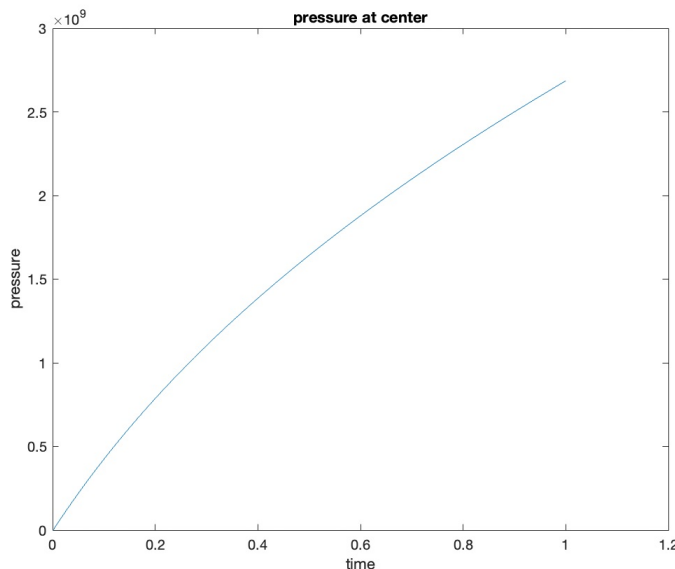
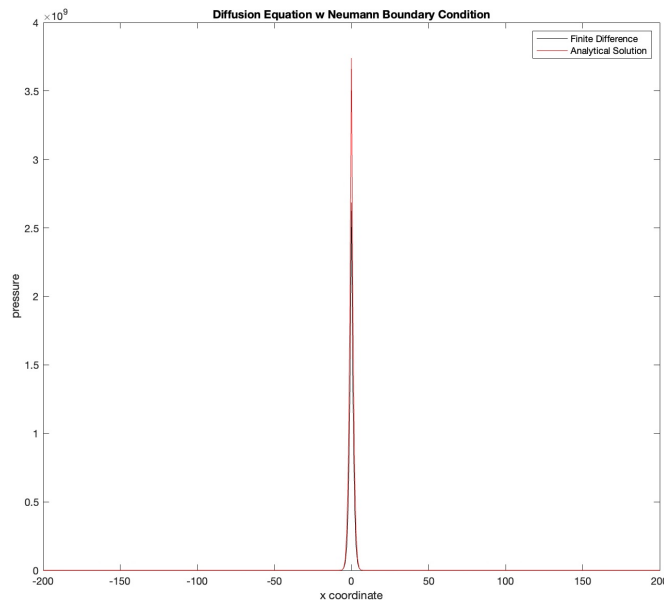


$$= \left(\frac{z}{\Delta x^2}\right) P_1 - \left(\frac{z}{\Delta x^2}\right) P_0 - \underbrace{\frac{zC}{\Delta x}}_{+\frac{z}{\Delta x} \frac{\mu Q}{k z}}$$

use symmetry to obtain the spatial distribution of pressure profile.

- Previously, the one-sided discretization is only first-order accuracy.

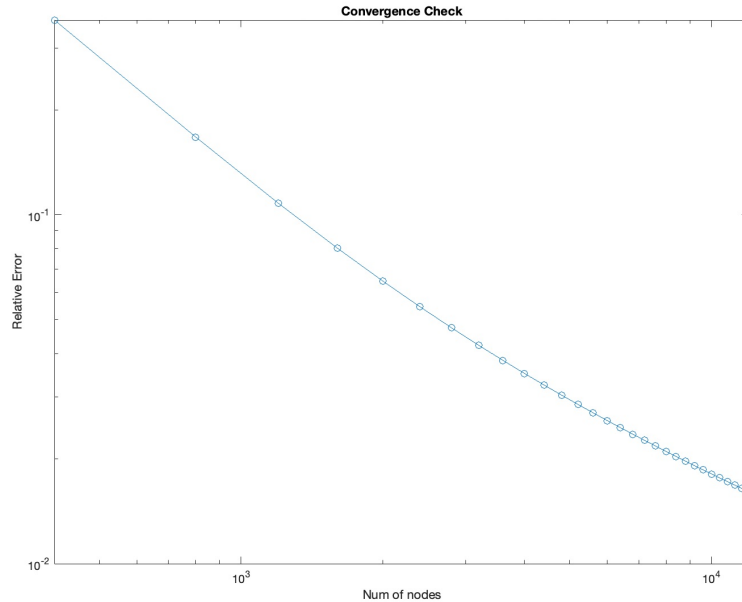
Simulate to  $t=1s$ .



• key points:

- (1) Simulate half of domain & impose symmetry
- (2) Second-order finite difference w ghost nodes.

Convergence Check: log-log plot of relative error v.s. number of nodes. (at time  $t=1s$ )



The relative error is computed nodal-wise:

$$RErr = \sqrt{\sum_i (f_i - g_i)^2 \Delta x}$$

$f_i$  := numerical value at point  $i$

$g_i$  := analytical value at point  $i$

$\Delta x$  := interval distance.

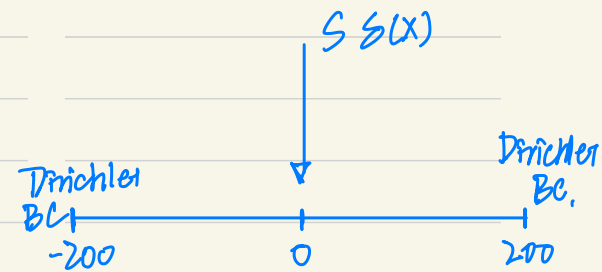
## Approach 2: Point Source term

Consider whole simulation domain,

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial P}{\partial t}}_{\text{RK4 (ode45)}} = D \underbrace{\frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial x^2}}_{\text{central difference}} + S \delta(x)$$

key point: approximate  $\delta(x)$  function w  
second-order difference

In this case, the  $\delta(x)$   
approximation becomes  $\frac{1}{dx}$   
( $\alpha = x_i$ )



$$\tilde{\delta}_i = \tilde{\delta}_i^+ + \tilde{\delta}_i^-$$

and:

$$\tilde{\delta}_i^+ = \begin{cases} (x_{i+1} - \alpha)/h^2 & \text{if } x_i \leq \alpha < x_{i+1}, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$\tilde{\delta}_i^- = \begin{cases} (\alpha - x_{i-1})/h^2 & \text{if } x_{i-1} < \alpha < x_i, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

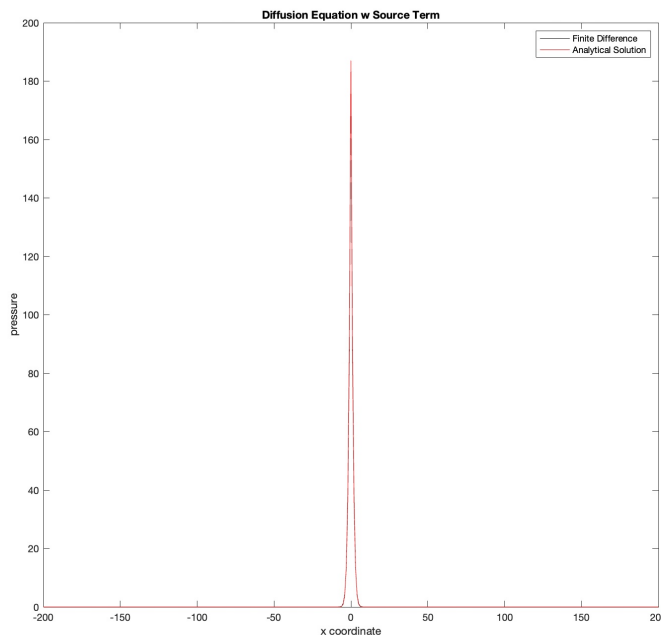
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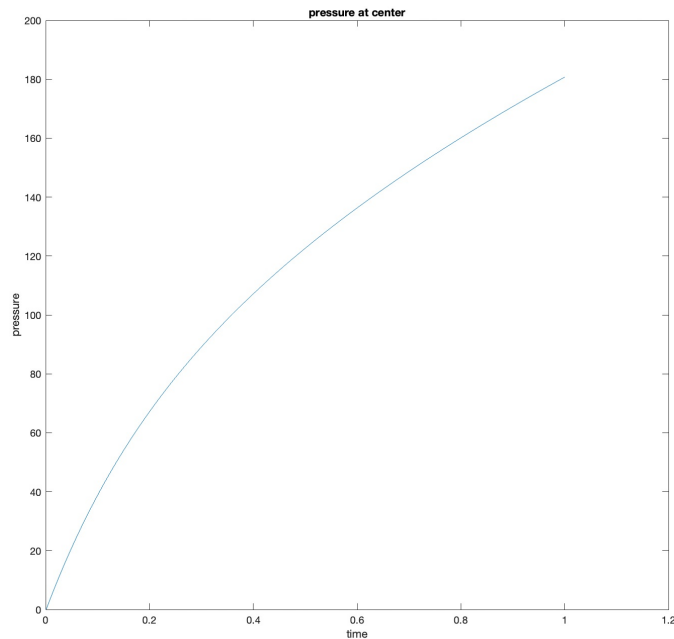
The numerical approximation of a delta function  
with application to level set methods

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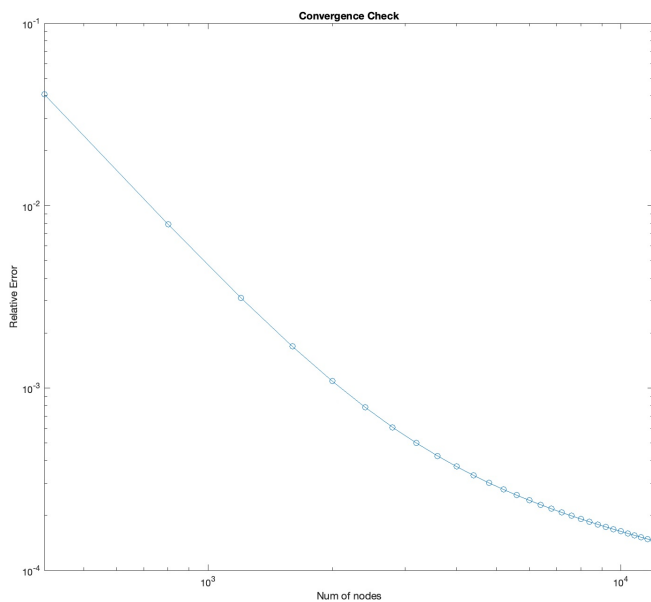
$$\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial t}\right)_{\text{RK4}} = D \frac{P_{m1} - 2P_m + P_{m1}}{\Delta x^2} + \left(S \frac{1}{dx}\right)_{x=0}$$

Simulate the system to  $t = 4s$





Convergence Analysis. similar to approach 1, we plot relative error v.s. number of nodes (at time  $t=1s$ )



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