
MATH2089

Numerical Methods

Lecture 11

Boundary Value Problems
Parabolic Equations
Methods of Solutions

Boundary Value Problems

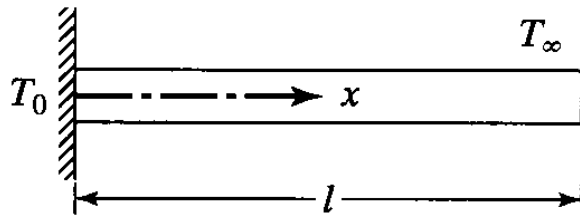
- Conditions for the equation are not all given at the initial point but are specified at two different values for the independent variable
- These values are usually at the endpoints (or boundaries) of some domain of interest

- Example

- A cooling fin extends from a hot surface

$$kA \frac{d^2 T}{dx^2} - hP(T - T_\infty) = 0$$

- Boundary conditions: $T(x=0) = T_0$ and $-k \frac{dT(x=l)}{dx} = h(T(x=l) - T_\infty)$



Main Focus

- This lecture is concerned with solving boundary-value problems by replacing the derivatives with **finite difference** approximations
 - When this is accomplished, the solution is obtained by solving a set of simultaneous equations
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Finite Difference Methods

- FDA (finite difference approximation) of the differential equation is obtained at a number of mesh points in the interval of integration
- This leads to converting the differential equation to a set of simultaneous algebraic equations
- For example, consider

$$P(x)\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + Q(x)\frac{dy}{dx} + R(x)y = S(x), \quad x_0 \leq x \leq x_N$$

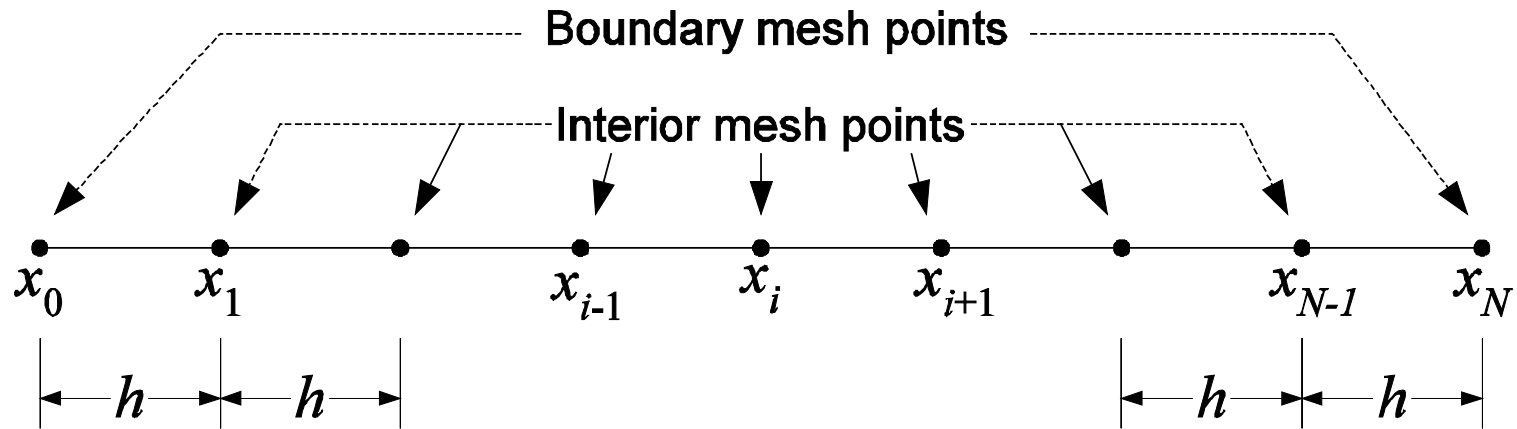
subject to boundary conditions (end points)

$$y(x_0) = Y_0 \quad y(x_N) = Y_N$$

Finite Difference Methods (continue)

- Consider the problem as having discrete points along x , the interval of integration can be divided into N equal parts of width

$$h = (x_0 - x_N) / N \Rightarrow x_i = x_0 + ih$$



Finite Difference Methods (continue)

- Employing central difference

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y_{i+1} - y_{i-1}}{2h} + O(h^2), \quad \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{y_{i+1} - 2y_i + y_{i-1}}{h^2} + O(h^2)$$

- Hence, at the interior node /

$$P(x_i) \frac{y_{i+1} - 2y_i + y_{i-1}}{h^2} + Q(x_i) \frac{y_{i+1} - y_{i-1}}{2h} + R(x_i) y_i = S(x_i), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N-1$$

- Let $P(x_i) = a_{2,i}$, $Q(x_i) = a_{1,i}$, $R(x_i) = a_{0,i}$, $S(x_i) = g_i$

$$\underbrace{\left(\frac{a_{2,i}}{h^2} - \frac{a_{1,i}}{2h} \right)}_{A_i} y_{i-1} + \underbrace{\left(a_{0,i} - \frac{2a_{2,i}}{h^2} \right)}_{B_i} y_i + \underbrace{\left(\frac{a_{2,i}}{h^2} + \frac{a_{1,i}}{2h} \right)}_{C_i} y_{i+1} = \underbrace{g_i}_{D_i}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N-1$$

Finite Difference Methods (continue)

- Simplifying,

$$A_i y_{i-1} + B_i y_i + C_i y_{i+1} = D_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N-1$$

- Applying the boundary conditions $y(x_0) = Y_0$ and $y(x_N) = Y_N$ we can write

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} i = 1, & B_1 y_1 + C_1 y_2 = D_1 - A_1 Y_0 \\ i = 2, & A_2 y_1 + B_2 y_2 + C_2 y_3 = D_2 \\ i = 3, & A_3 y_2 + B_3 y_3 + C_3 y_4 = D_3 \\ & \vdots \\ i = N-2, & A_{N-2} y_{N-3} + B_{N-2} y_{N-2} + C_{N-2} y_{N-1} = D_{N-2} \\ i = N-1, & A_{N-1} y_{N-2} + B_{N-1} y_{N-1} = D_{N-1} - C_{N-1} Y_N \end{array} \right.$$

Finite Difference Methods (continue)

- System of $(N-1)$ equations with $(N-1)$ unknowns y_i
- Set of simultaneous algebraic equations which can be expressed in the matrix form

$$[A]\vec{y} = \vec{b}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} B_1 & C_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ A_2 & B_2 & C_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & A_3 & B_3 & C_3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & A_{N-3} & B_{N-3} & C_{N-3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & A_{N-2} & B_{N-2} & C_{N-2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & A_{N-1} & B_{N-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ \vdots \\ y_{N-3} \\ y_{N-2} \\ y_{N-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} D_1 - A_1 Y_0 \\ D_2 \\ D_3 \\ \vdots \\ D_{N-3} \\ D_{N-2} \\ D_{N-1} - C_{N-1} Y_N \end{bmatrix}$$

Finite Difference Methods (continue)

- What type of matrix is it?
- Tri-Diagonal matrix which can be solved using the TDMA (Tri-Diagonal Matrix Algorithm)
- Can be resolved via two steps
- Step 1, eliminate A_i $B_1^{(1)} = B_1$, $B_i^{(1)} = B_i - \frac{A_i}{B_{i-1}^{(1)}} C_{i-1}$, $D_i^{(1)} = D_i - \frac{A_i}{B_{i-1}^{(1)}} D_{i-1}^{(1)}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} B_1 & C_1 & & & & \\ 0 & B_2^{(1)} & C_2 & & & \\ & 0 & B_3^{(1)} & C_3 & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & 0 & B_{N-3}^{(1)} & C_{N-3} \\ & & & & 0 & B_{N-2}^{(1)} & C_{N-2} \\ & & & & & 0 & B_{N-1}^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} D_1^{(1)} \\ D_2^{(1)} \\ D_3^{(1)} \\ \vdots \\ D_{N-3}^{(1)} \\ D_{N-2}^{(1)} \\ D_{N-1}^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} \quad i = 2, 3, \dots, N-1$$

Finite Difference Methods (continue)

- Step 2, backward substitution

$$y_{N-1} = \frac{D_{N-1}^{(1)}}{B_{N-1}^{(1)}},$$
$$y_i = \frac{D_i^{(1)} - C_i y_{i+1}}{B_i^{(1)}}, \quad i = N-2, N-3, \dots, 2, 1$$

Example

- Formulate the boundary-value problem for an infinitely long hollow cylinder whose inner surface ($r = 5''$) is maintained at 200°F , while the outer surface ($r = 10''$) is maintained at 65°F . The radial heat transfer in a thick hollow cylinder is given by

$$\frac{d^2T}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{dT}{dr} = 0$$

- Solution

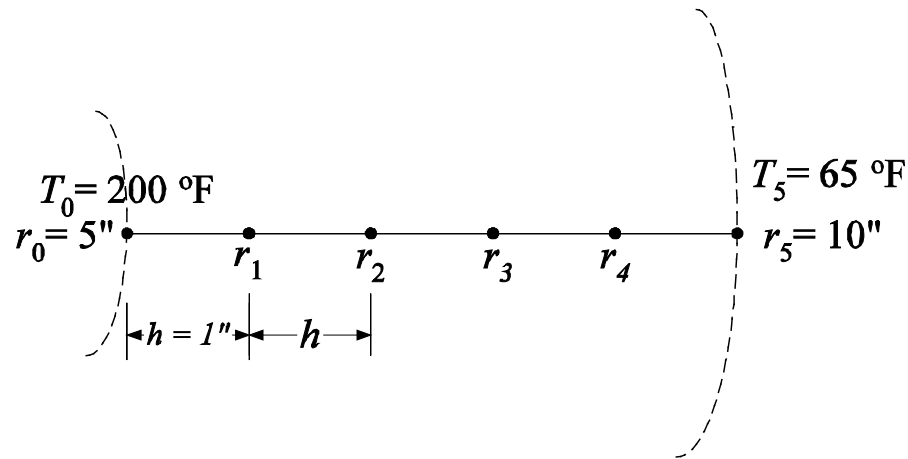
Using $h = 1''$, interval $5'' \leq x \leq 10''$ can be divided into $N = 5$

Example (continue)

- Employ the central difference formulae

$$\frac{d^2 T}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{dT}{dr} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{T_{i+1} - 2T_i + T_{i-1}}{h^2} + \frac{1}{r_i} \frac{T_{i+1} - T_{i-1}}{2h} = 0$$



Example (continue)

➤ Rearrange

$$\underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{h^2} - \frac{1}{2hr_i}\right)}_{A_i} T_{i-1} - \underbrace{\left(\frac{2}{h^2}\right)}_{B_i} T_i + \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{h^2} + \frac{1}{2hr_i}\right)}_{C_i} T_{i+1} = 0 \quad D_i$$

➤ $i = 1, A_1=0, B_1=-2/h^2,$

$$C_1 = \left(\frac{1}{h^2} + \frac{1}{2hr_1}\right) \quad D_1 = -\left(\frac{1}{h^2} - \frac{1}{2hr_1}\right) * T_0$$

Example (continue)

- Discrete form of equation

$$\underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{h^2} - \frac{1}{2hr_i}\right)}_{A_i} T_{i-1} - \underbrace{\left(\frac{2}{h^2}\right)}_{B_i} T_i + \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{h^2} + \frac{1}{2hr_i}\right)}_{C_i} T_{i+1} = 0$$

$A_i \qquad B_i \qquad C_i \qquad D_i$

- $i = 2, 3$

$$A_i = \left(\frac{1}{h^2} - \frac{1}{2hr_i}\right) \qquad C_i = \left(\frac{1}{h^2} + \frac{1}{2hr_i}\right)$$

$$B_i = -\left(\frac{2}{h^2}\right) \qquad D_i = 0$$

Example (continue)

- Discrete form of equation

$$\underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{h^2} - \frac{1}{2hr_i}\right)}_{A_i} T_{i-1} - \underbrace{\left(\frac{2}{h^2}\right)}_{B_i} T_i + \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{h^2} + \frac{1}{2hr_i}\right)}_{C_i} T_{i+1} = \underbrace{0}_{D_i}$$

- $i = 4$, $B_4 = -2/h^2$, $C_4 = 0$,

$$A_4 = \left(\frac{1}{h^2} - \frac{1}{2hr_4}\right) \quad D_4 = -\left(\frac{1}{h^2} + \frac{1}{2hr_i}\right) * T_5$$

Example (continue)

- Finite difference approximation at the interior node points $i = 1, 2, 3$ and 4 are

$$i = 1, \quad 11T_0 - 24T_1 + 13T_2 = 0 \quad -24T_1 + 13T_2 = -11(200)$$

$$i = 2, \quad 13T_1 - 28T_2 + 15T_3 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 13T_1 - 28T_2 + 15T_3 = 0$$

$$i = 3, \quad 15T_2 - 32T_3 + 17T_4 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 15T_2 - 32T_3 + 17T_4 = 0$$

$$i = 4, \quad 17T_3 - 36T_4 + 19T_5 = 0 \quad 17T_3 - 36T_4 = -19(65)$$

- Expressed in matrix form
$$\begin{bmatrix} -24 & 13 & 0 & 0 \\ 13 & -28 & 15 & 0 \\ 0 & 15 & -32 & 17 \\ 0 & 0 & 17 & -36 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} T_1 \\ T_2 \\ T_3 \\ T_4 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} -2200 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1235 \end{Bmatrix}$$

Example (continue)

- Solved by TDMA
- Step 1, eliminate A_i

$$\begin{bmatrix} -24 & 13 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -20.958 & 15 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -21.264 & 17 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -22.409 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} T_1 \\ T_2 \\ T_3 \\ T_4 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} -2200 \\ -1191.7 \\ -852.88 \\ -1916.84 \end{Bmatrix}$$

- Step 2, backward substitution

$$\begin{Bmatrix} T_1 \\ T_2 \\ T_3 \\ T_4 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 164.53 \\ 134.51 \\ 108.49 \\ 85.538 \end{Bmatrix}$$

Boundary Conditions

- There are different types of boundary conditions that can be imposed

- **Dirichlet condition**

$$y(x_0) = f(x) \quad \text{or} \quad y(x_0) = \text{constant}$$

- **Neumann condition:** derivative in the n direction

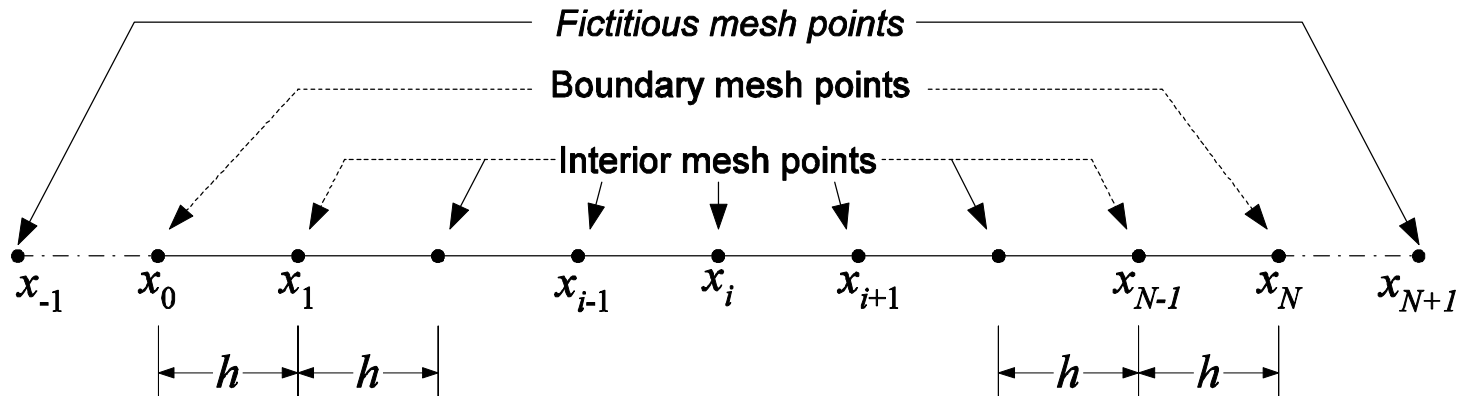
$$\left. \frac{dy}{dn} \right|_{x_0} = f(x) \quad \text{or} \quad \left. \frac{dy}{dn} \right|_{x_0} = \text{constant}$$

- **Mixed condition**

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dn} \right|_{x_0} + c y(x_0) = f(x) \quad \text{or} \quad \left. \frac{dy}{dn} \right|_{x_0} + c y(x_0) = \text{constant}$$

FDA of Boundary Conditions

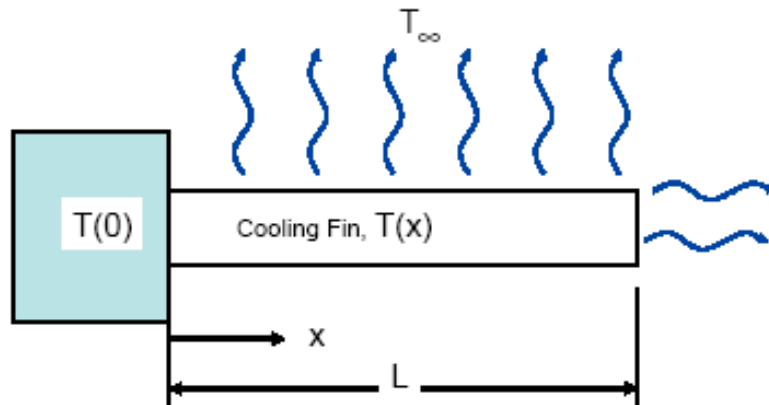
- Leads to an additional equation at x_0 , hence the system consists of N simultaneous equations in tri-diagonal form in the N unknowns
- How to employ central difference formulae at end-points? Use fictitious points as seen below



Example

- A cooling fin extends from a hot furnace wall as shown below. Assuming that heat flows only in the x-direction, the thermal equilibrium relation leads to the following governing equation

$$kA \frac{d^2 T}{dx^2} - hP(T - T_\infty) = 0$$



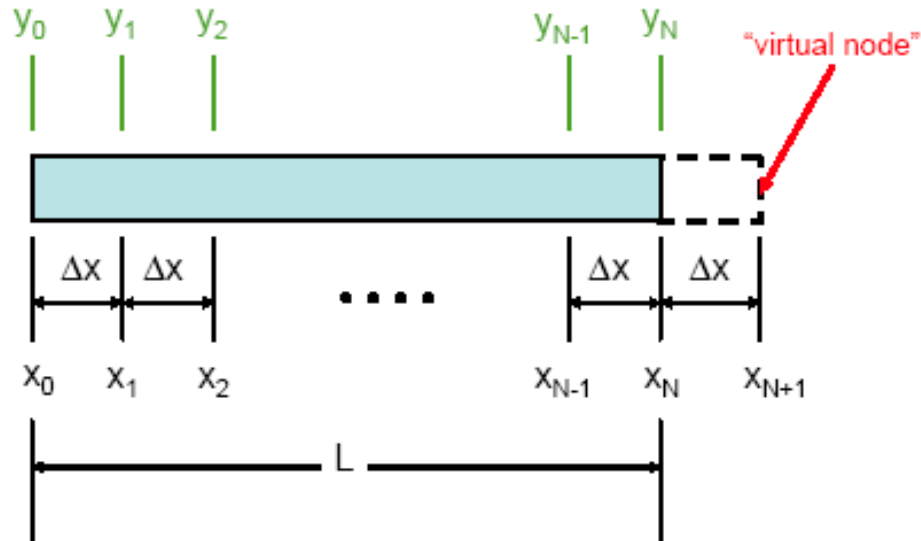
$$T(0) = T_0$$
$$-k \frac{dT(L)}{dx} = h(T(L) - T_\infty)$$

Example (continue)

- Let $Y = T - T_\infty$, $k/h = A/P$, $T_0 - T_\infty = 10$, the boundary conditions are

$$\frac{d^2 Y}{dx^2} - Y = 0, \quad Y(0) = T_0 - T_\infty = 10, \quad -\frac{dY}{dx} = Y(1)$$

- Consider a finite difference solution



Example (continue)

- Divide the fin into N equal segments of length $\Delta x = L/N$
- Temperature difference at each node is denoted at y_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$
- First and second-derivative at each node can be expressed to order $O(\Delta x^2)$ using centered difference expressions

$$y'_i = \frac{y_{i+1} - y_{i-1}}{2\Delta x}, \quad y''_i = \frac{y_{i+1} - 2y_i + y_{i-1}}{\Delta x^2}$$

Example (continue)

- At node 1 (Note $y_0 = 10$)

$$y_1'' = y_1 \Rightarrow \frac{y_0 - 2y_1 + y_2}{\Delta x^2} = y_1 \Rightarrow (2 + \Delta x^2) y_1 - y_2 = y_0$$

- Similarly, at nodes 2, 3, ..., N-1, we get

$$y_i'' = y_i \Rightarrow \frac{y_{i-1} - 2y_i + y_{i+1}}{\Delta x^2} = y_i \Rightarrow -y_{i-1} + (2 + \Delta x^2) y_i - y_{i+1} = 0$$

- End point requires *special* treatment because of the convective boundary condition at $x = L$

Example (continue)

- By introducing a fictitious node at $N+1$, with temperature y_{N+1} , leads to an approximation at node N

$$y_N'' = y_N \Rightarrow \frac{y_{N-1} - 2y_N + y_{N+1}}{\Delta x^2} = y_N \Rightarrow -y_{N-1} + (2 + \Delta x^2) y_N - y_{N+1} = 0$$

- To obtain the relationship for y_{N+1} , we employ the natural boundary condition at $x = L$. Together with the central difference expression

$$-y_N' = y_N \Rightarrow -\frac{y_{N+1} - y_{N-1}}{2\Delta x} = y_N \Rightarrow y_{N+1} = y_{N-1} - 2\Delta x y_N$$

$$-\frac{dY}{dx} = Y(1)$$

Example (continue)

- Eliminating y_{N+1} using

$$-y'_N = y_N \Rightarrow -\frac{y_{N-1} - y_{N+1}}{2\Delta x} = y_N \Rightarrow y_{N+1} = y_{N-1} - 2\Delta x y_N$$

we get

$$-2y_{N-1} + (2 + 2\Delta x + \Delta x^2)y_N = 0$$

- Equations for N unknowns can be summarized as

$$(2 + \Delta x^2)y_1 - y_2 = y_0$$

$$-y_{i-1} + (2 + \Delta x^2)y_i - y_{i+1} = 0 \quad i = 2, 3, \dots, N-1$$

$$-2y_{N-1} + (2 + 2\Delta x + \Delta x^2)y_N = 0$$

Shooting Method

- An alternative procedure for solving a two-point boundary value problem involves its conversion to an ***Initial value problem*** (IVP) by the determination of sufficient additional conditions at one boundary
- (***IVP***): values of the dependent variables or their derivatives are known at the initial value of the independent variable
- Missing initial conditions are determined in a way which causes the given conditions at the other boundary to be satisfied

Procedure

- The steps involved are:
 - ❑ split the second (or higher) order equation into two (or more) equivalent first order equations
 - ❑ estimate values for the missing initial conditions
 - ❑ integrate the equations as an initial value problem
 - ❑ compare the solution at the final boundary with the given final boundary condition(s); if they don't agree, then
 - ❑ adjust the estimated values of the missing initial condition(s)
 - ❑ repeat the integration until the process converges

Non-linear Boundary Value Problems

- Consider the equation

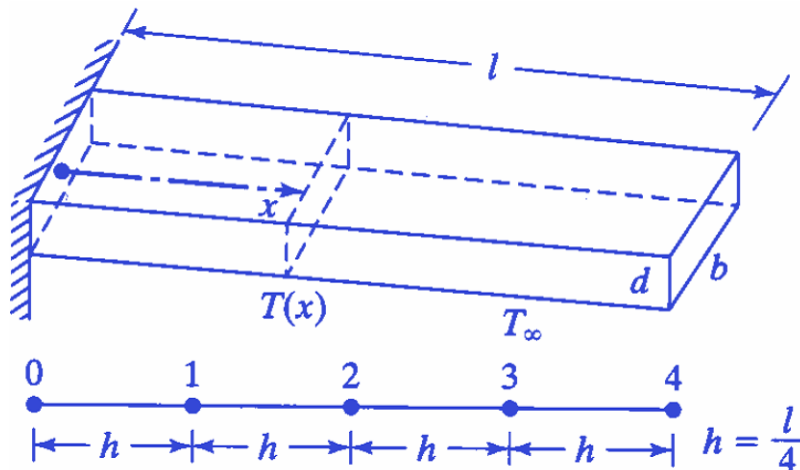
$$\frac{d^2T}{dx^2} = \frac{\sigma \varepsilon P}{kA} (T^4 - T_{\infty}^4)$$

- What is the physical significance?
- Employing an energy balance, conduction balances with the radiation at the surface of the material
- How do you solve it?

Example

- Find the temperature distribution in a rectangular fin given by

$$\frac{d^2 T}{dx^2} = \frac{\sigma \varepsilon P}{kA} (T^4 - T_\infty^4)$$



$$c = \frac{\sigma \varepsilon P}{kA} = 1.9 \times 10^{-9}$$

$$T(0) = 1000K$$

$$T(l) = 350K \quad l = 2m$$

$$T_\infty = 500K$$

Example (continue)

- Divide the fin into equal segments of h
- Second-derivative at each node can be expressed to order $O(\Delta x^2)$ using centered difference expressions

$$T_i'' = \frac{T_{i+1} - 2T_i + T_{i-1}}{h^2}$$

- The set of equations to be solved for $i = 1, 2, 3$

$$\begin{aligned} i = 1, \quad & \frac{T_0 - 2T_1 + T_2}{h^2} - cT_1^4 + cT_\infty^4 = 0 \\ i = 2, \quad & \frac{T_1 - 2T_2 + T_3}{h^2} - cT_2^4 + cT_\infty^4 = 0 \\ i = 3, \quad & \frac{T_2 - 2T_3 + T_4}{h^2} - cT_3^4 + cT_\infty^4 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Example (continue)

- Non-linear equations must be solved through the iterative Newton-Rhapson method
- Rearranging,

$$f_1(T_1, T_2, T_3) = \frac{T_0 - 2T_1 + T_2}{h^2} - cT_1^4 + cT_\infty^4 = 0$$

$$f_2(T_1, T_2, T_3) = \frac{T_1 - 2T_2 + T_3}{h^2} - cT_2^4 + cT_\infty^4 = 0$$

$$f_3(T_1, T_2, T_3) = \frac{T_2 - 2T_3 + T_4}{h^2} - cT_3^4 + cT_\infty^4 = 0$$

Example (continue)

➤ Step 1: start with an initial guess $T_1^{(1)}, T_2^{(1)}, T_3^{(1)}$

➤ Step 2: evaluate the function values

$$f_1^{(1)} = f_1(T_1^{(1)}, T_2^{(1)}, T_3^{(1)})$$

$$f_2^{(1)} = f_2(T_1^{(1)}, T_2^{(1)}, T_3^{(1)})$$

$$f_3^{(1)} = f_3(T_1^{(1)}, T_2^{(1)}, T_3^{(1)})$$

➤ Step 3: find the partial derivatives of the function f_i and solve the equations as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1^{(1)}}{\partial T_1} & \frac{\partial f_1^{(1)}}{\partial T_2} & \frac{\partial f_1^{(1)}}{\partial T_3} \\ \frac{\partial f_2^{(1)}}{\partial T_1} & \frac{\partial f_2^{(1)}}{\partial T_2} & \frac{\partial f_2^{(1)}}{\partial T_3} \\ \frac{\partial f_3^{(1)}}{\partial T_1} & \frac{\partial f_3^{(1)}}{\partial T_2} & \frac{\partial f_3^{(1)}}{\partial T_3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \Delta T_1^{(1)} \\ \Delta T_2^{(1)} \\ \Delta T_3^{(1)} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} -f_1^{(1)} \\ -f_2^{(1)} \\ -f_3^{(1)} \end{Bmatrix}$$

Example (continue)

- Step 4: find the new solution as

$$\begin{aligned}T_1^{(i+1)} &= T_1^{(i)} + \Delta T_1^{(i)} \\T_2^{(i+1)} &= T_2^{(i)} + \Delta T_2^{(i)} \\T_3^{(i+1)} &= T_3^{(i)} + \Delta T_3^{(i)}\end{aligned}$$

- Step 5: check the convergence by evaluating the function values

$$\begin{aligned}f_1^{(i+1)} &= f_1(T_1^{(i+1)}, T_2^{(i+1)}, T_3^{(i+1)}); & \left| f_1^{(i+1)} \right| &\leq \varepsilon \\f_2^{(i+1)} &= f_2(T_1^{(i+1)}, T_2^{(i+1)}, T_3^{(i+1)}); & \left| f_2^{(i+1)} \right| &\leq \varepsilon \\f_3^{(i+1)} &= f_3(T_1^{(i+1)}, T_2^{(i+1)}, T_3^{(i+1)}); & \left| f_3^{(i+1)} \right| &\leq \varepsilon\end{aligned}$$

Example (continue)

- Step 1: start with an initial guess

$$T_0 = 1000K$$

$$T_1^{(1)} = 800K, T_2^{(1)} = 700K, T_3^{(1)} = 600K$$

$$T_4 = 350K$$

$$T_\infty = 500K$$

- Step 2: evaluate the function values

$$f_1^{(1)}(T_1^{(1)}, T_2^{(1)}, T_3^{(1)}) = \frac{T_0 - 2T_1^{(1)} + T_2^{(1)}}{h^2} - c(T_1^{(1)})^4 + cT_\infty^4 = 0$$

$$f_2^{(1)}(T_1^{(1)}, T_2^{(1)}, T_3^{(1)}) = \frac{T_1^{(1)} - 2T_2^{(1)} + T_3^{(1)}}{h^2} - c(T_2^{(1)})^4 + cT_\infty^4 = 0$$

$$f_3^{(1)}(T_1^{(1)}, T_2^{(1)}, T_3^{(1)}) = \frac{T_2^{(1)} - 2T_3^{(1)} + T_4}{h^2} - c(T_3^{(1)})^4 + cT_\infty^4 = 0$$

Example (continue)

- Step 3: find the partial derivatives of the function f_i , for example,

$$\frac{\partial f_1^{(1)}}{\partial T_1} = -\frac{2}{h^2} - 4c(T_1^{(1)})^3 \quad \frac{\partial f_1^{(1)}}{\partial T_2} = \frac{1}{h^2} \quad \frac{\partial f_1^{(1)}}{\partial T_3} = 0$$

and so forth for other partial derivatives, Use Gaussian elimination to evaluate the matrix

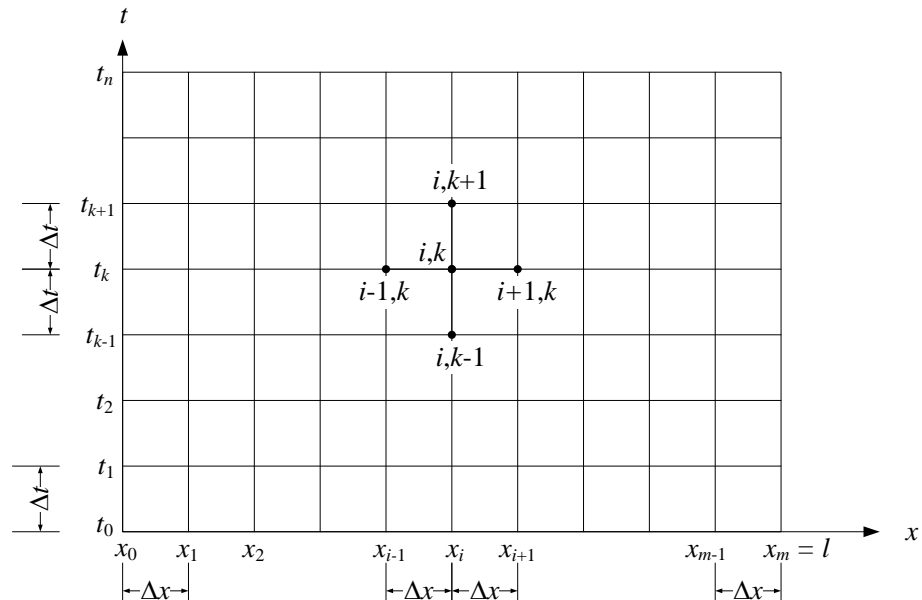
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Parabolic Equations

- The one-dimensional time varying heat conduction equation is an example of a parabolic equation

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

- To derive the finite difference equation, the grid shown below is considered



Parabolic Equations (continue)

- This problem can be solved finite difference approximations in two approaches: explicit and implicit methods

Explicit Method

- Forward Time Centred Space (FTCS) scheme

$$\underbrace{\frac{T_i^{k+1} - T_i^k}{\Delta t}}_{\text{forward difference}} = \alpha \underbrace{\frac{T_{i+1}^k - 2T_i^k + T_{i-1}^k}{(\Delta x)^2}}_{\text{central difference}}$$

- Rearranging,

$$T_i^{k+1} = \left(\frac{\alpha \Delta t}{(\Delta x)^2} \right) T_{i+1}^k + \left(1 - \frac{2\alpha \Delta t}{(\Delta x)^2} \right) T_i^k + \left(\frac{\alpha \Delta t}{(\Delta x)^2} \right) T_{i-1}^k$$

- Let $s = \alpha \Delta t / (\Delta x)^2$

$$T_i^{k+1} = sT_{i+1}^k + (1 - 2s)T_i^k + sT_{i-1}^k$$

Explicit Method (continue)

- The solution will be stable if all the coefficients are positive

$$1 - 2s = \left(1 - \frac{2\alpha\Delta t}{(\Delta x)^2}\right) \geq 0 \quad \text{or} \quad s = \frac{\alpha\Delta t}{(\Delta x)^2} \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

- Disadvantages:

- ❑ The stability condition imposes a restriction on the step size Δx and Δt
- ❑ Expression of T_i^{k+1} depends only on T_{i-1}^k , T_i^k and T_{i+1}^k . It should depend on all values of T^k

Implicit Method

- Using central difference formula

$$\left. \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \right|_{i, k+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{T_i^{k+1} - T_i^k}{\Delta t}$$

- Using a weighted average of the central difference values

$$\left. \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} \right|_{i, k+\frac{1}{2}} = \theta \left. \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} \right|_{i, k+1} + (1 - \theta) \left. \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} \right|_{i, k}$$

where θ = weighting factor and

$$\left. \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} \right|_{i, k+1} = \frac{(T_{i+1}^{k+1} - 2T_i^{k+1} + T_{i-1}^{k+1})}{(\Delta x)^2} \quad \left. \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} \right|_{i, k} = \frac{(T_{i+1}^k - 2T_i^k + T_{i-1}^k)}{(\Delta x)^2}$$

Implicit Method (continue)

- We get

$$\frac{T_i^{k+1} - T_i^k}{\Delta t} = \theta \alpha \left(\frac{T_{i+1}^{k+1} - 2T_i^{k+1} + T_{i-1}^{k+1}}{(\Delta x)^2} \right) + (1 - \theta) \alpha \left(\frac{T_{i+1}^k - 2T_i^k + T_{i-1}^k}{(\Delta x)^2} \right)$$

- Rearranging,

$$T_i^{k+1} - T_i^k = \theta \frac{\alpha \Delta t}{(\Delta x)^2} (T_{i+1}^{k+1} - 2T_i^{k+1} + T_{i-1}^{k+1}) + (1 - \theta) \frac{\alpha \Delta t}{(\Delta x)^2} (T_{i+1}^k - 2T_i^k + T_{i-1}^k)$$

- Let $s = \alpha \Delta t / (\Delta x)^2$

$$T_i^{k+1} - T_i^k = \theta s (T_{i+1}^{k+1} - 2T_i^{k+1} + T_{i-1}^{k+1}) + (1 - \theta) s (T_{i+1}^k - 2T_i^k + T_{i-1}^k)$$

Implicit Method (continue)

$$-\theta s T_{i+1}^{k+1} + (1 + 2\theta s) T_i^{k+1} - \theta s T_{i-1}^{k+1} = (1 - \theta) s T_{i+1}^k + (1 - 2(1 - \theta) s) T_i^k + (1 - \theta) s T_{i-1}^k$$

- Fully-implicit ($\theta = 1$)

$$-s T_{i+1}^{k+1} + (1 + 2s) T_i^{k+1} - s T_{i-1}^{k+1} = T_i^k$$

- Semi-implicit ($\theta = 0.5$) – Crank-Nicolson Method

$$-0.5s T_{i+1}^{k+1} + (1 + s) T_i^{k+1} - 0.5s T_{i-1}^{k+1} = 0.5s T_{i+1}^k + (1 - s) T_i^k + 0.5s T_{i-1}^k$$

- Explicit ($\theta = 0$)

$$T_i^{k+1} = s T_{i+1}^k + (1 - 2s) T_i^k + s T_{i-1}^k$$