

# Crank Nicholson Method

The parabolic equation is

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = a \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \quad - (1)$$

Using finite difference method

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{u_{i+1,j} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i-1,j}}{h^2} \quad (2)$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{u_{i,j+1} - u_{i,j}}{k} \quad (3)$$

$\therefore$  find  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$  at  $i, j+1$

Replace (2) by  $j$  to  $j+1$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{u_{i+1,j+1} - 2u_{i,j+1} + u_{i-1,j+1}}{h^2} \quad (4)$$

Take average of (2) and (4)

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{2} [u_{i+1,j} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i-1,j} + u_{i+1,j+1} - 2u_{i,j+1} + u_{i-1,j+1}] \quad (5)$$

put (3) and (5) in (1)

$$\frac{1}{2} [u_{i+1,j} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i-1,j} + u_{i+1,j+1} - 2u_{i,j+1} + u_{i-1,j+1}] = a \frac{u_{i,j+1} - u_{i,j}}{k}$$

or

$$[u_{i,j+1} - u_{i,j}] = \frac{K}{2h^2a} [u_{i+1,j} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i-1,j} + u_{i+1,j+1} - 2u_{i,j+1} + u_{i-1,j+1}]$$

$$\text{Let } \frac{K}{h^2a} = \lambda$$

$$\therefore [u_{i,j+1} - u_{i,j}] = \frac{\lambda}{2} [u_{i+1,j} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i-1,j} + u_{i+1,j+1} - 2u_{i,j+1} + u_{i-1,j+1}]$$

or

$$[u_{i,j+1} - u_{i,j}] = \left[ \frac{\lambda}{2} u_{i+1,j} - \lambda u_{i,j} + \frac{\lambda}{2} u_{i-1,j} + \frac{\lambda}{2} u_{i+1,j+1} - \lambda u_{i,j+1} + \frac{\lambda}{2} u_{i-1,j+1} \right]$$

Bringing all the terms containing  $j+1$  to LHS and other to the R.H.S

$$\begin{aligned} u_{i,j+1} - \frac{\lambda}{2} u_{i+1,j} + \lambda u_{i,j+1} - \frac{\lambda}{2} u_{i-1,j+1} \\ = \frac{\lambda}{2} u_{i+1,j} - \lambda u_{i,j} + \frac{\lambda}{2} u_{i-1,j} + u_{i,j} \\ = \frac{\lambda}{2} u_{i+1,j} + (1-\lambda) u_{i,j} + \frac{\lambda}{2} u_{i-1,j} \end{aligned}$$

Take  $\Delta = 1$

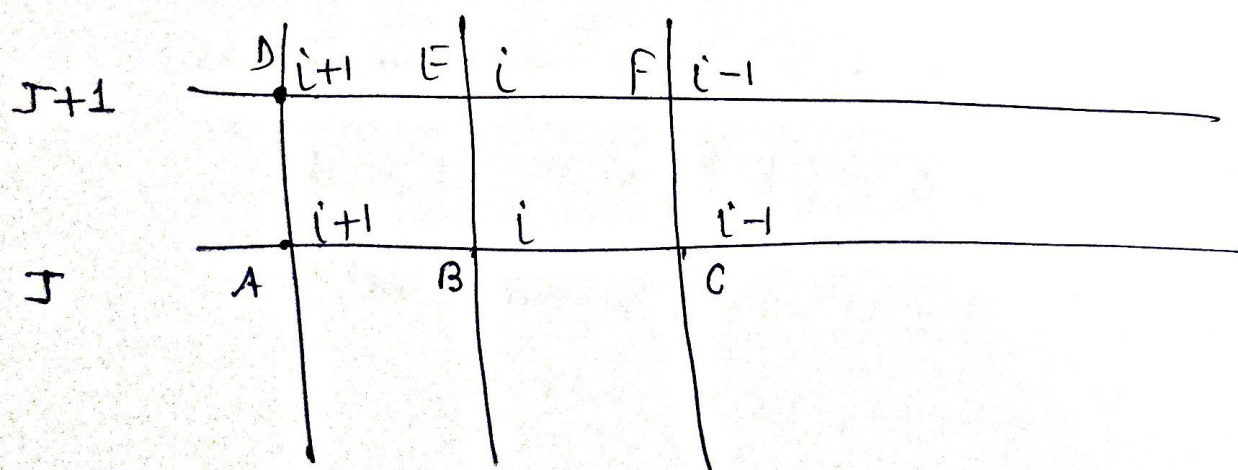
$$U_{i,j+1} - \frac{1}{2} U_{i+1,j+1} + U_{i,j+1} - \frac{1}{2} U_{i-1,j+1} \\ = \frac{1}{2} U_{i+1,j} + \frac{1}{2} U_{i-1,j}$$

or

$$2 U_{i,j+1} - U_{i+1,j+1} + 2 U_{i,j+1} - U_{i-1,j+1} \\ = U_{i+1,j} + U_{i-1,j}$$

OR

$$U_{i+1,j+1} - 4 U_{i,j+1} + U_{i-1,j+1} = -U_{i+1,j} - U_{i-1,j}$$



$$D - 4E + F = -A - C$$

This is Crank Nicolson  
formula.



Q.1

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Solve by Crank Nicholson Method

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad t > 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = 100(x - x^2), \quad u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0$$

Compute  $u$  for one time step with  
 $h = 0.25$

Sol<sup>n</sup> - parabolic eq is

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = a \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \quad \text{Here } a = 1$$

Also from Crank Nicholson Method  $\alpha = 1$

$$\therefore \alpha = \frac{K}{h^2 a} \Rightarrow 1 = \frac{K}{(0.25)^2 (1)}$$

$$\therefore K = 0.0625$$

Use Boundary Conditions.

$$u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0$$

Means when  $x=0$ ,  $u=0$  (first Column)

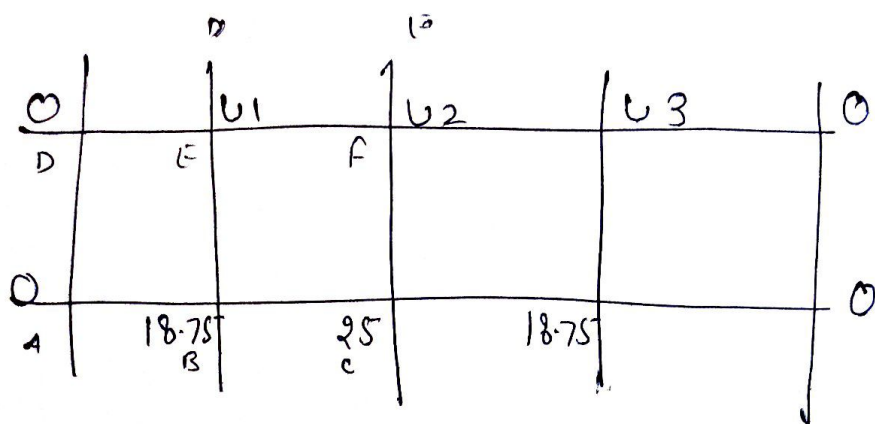
when  $x=1$ ,  $u=0$  (last Column)

\* Hence all values in the first Column and last Column are zero.

$$\text{Also } u(x, 0) = 100(x - x^2)$$

$$\text{Here } h = 0.25$$

(5)

when  $x = 0, \quad u = 0$  $x = 1 \quad u = 18.75$  $x = 0.5 \quad u = 25$  $x = 0.75 \quad u = 18.75$  $x = 1 \quad u = 0$ Let  $u_1, u_2$  and  $u_3$  are interior points.

Use Crank Nicholson formula

$$D - 4E + F = -A - C$$

$$0 - 4u_1 + u_2 = -0 - 25$$

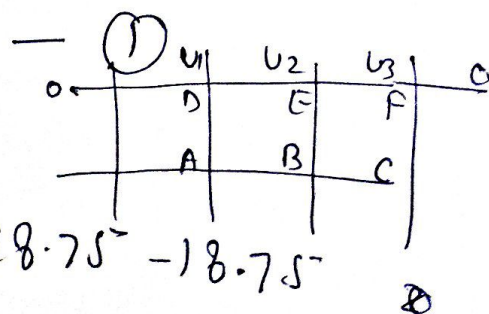
$$-4u_1 + u_2 = -25$$

Also.

$$u_1 - 4u_2 + u_3 = -18.75 - 18.75$$

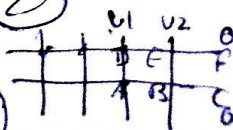
$$u_1 - 4u_2 + u_3 = -37.5$$

$$\text{Also. } u_2 - 4u_3 + 0 = -25 - 0 = -25$$



(2)

(3)





∴ we have .

$$\left. \begin{aligned} -4u_1 + u_2 &= -25 \\ u_1 - 4u_2 + u_3 &= -37.5 \\ u_2 - 4u_3 &= -25 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{matrix} (1) \\ (2) \\ (3) \end{matrix}$$

Solving them we get-

$$u_2 = 14.2$$

$$u_1 = 9.8$$

$$u_3 = 9.8$$

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Q.2 Solve by Crank-Nicolson Method

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{16} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} ; 0 < x < 1, t > 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = 0, u(0, t) = 0, u(1, t) = 100t$$

Compute for one time step with  $h = \frac{1}{4}$

Sol<sup>n</sup>:-

$$\text{Here } a = 16 \text{ \& } \tau = 1$$

$$\text{But } \tau = \frac{1}{h^2 a} = 1 = \frac{k}{\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 \cdot 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 1$$

Using Boundary conditions

$$u(0, t) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  When  $x=0$ ,  $u=0$  and  $t=?$

$\Rightarrow$  All values in the first column are zeros.

also  $u(x, 0) = 0$

Means  $t=0$ ,  $u=0$

All values in the first row are zero.

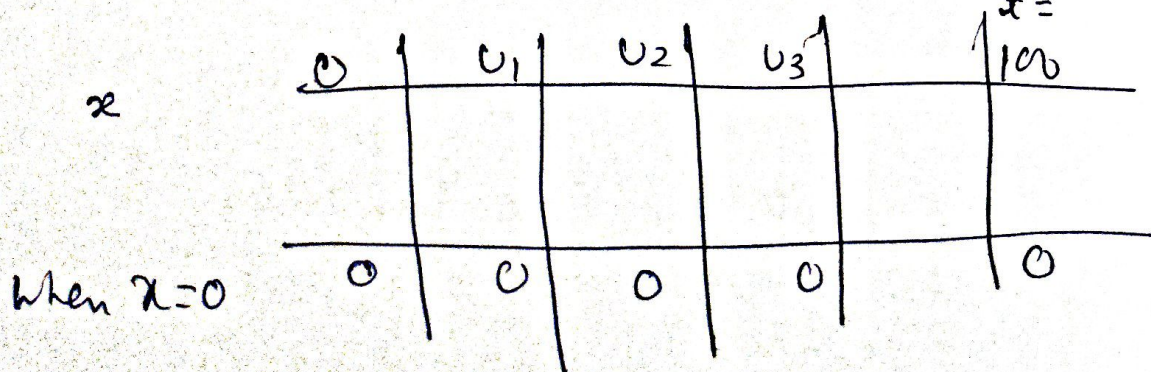
Since  $x=1$ , put  $t=0, 1$ , in 100  $t$ .

When  $t=0$ ,  $u = 100(0) = 0$

$t=1$ ,  $u = 100(t) = 100$

(Boundary at last column)

Let  $u_1, u_2$  and  $u_3$  be the interior



Now apply Crank Nicolson Method



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$$0 - 4u_1 + u_2 = 0 - 0$$

$$u_1 - 4u_2 + u_3 = -0 - 0$$

$$u_2 - 4u_3 + 100 = -0 - 0.$$

$$\therefore -4u_1 + u_2 = 0$$

$$u_1 - 4u_2 + u_3 = 0$$

$$u_2 - 4u_3 = -100$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \end{array} \right\}$$

Solving these we get-

$$u_1 = 1.786, \quad u_2 = 7.143, \quad u_3 = 26.786$$

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practice Ques (of C.N. Method)

① Solve  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$  when  $u(x, 0) = 0$

$$u(0, t) = 0$$

$$u(1, t) = t$$

take  $h = 1/2, k = 1/8$  using C.N. Method

[Hint  $x=0, x=\frac{1}{2}, x=1$ ]

$$\text{Ans } u_1 = 0.021$$

② Solve  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$  given  $u(x, 0) = 0$

$$u(0, t) = 0$$

$$u(1, t) = t$$

take  $h = 1/4, k = 1/8$  using C.N. Method

[Hint:  $x=2, t=0, u=0, t=1/8, u=1/8$ ]



