Laplace Equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

Discretization

$$\frac{\phi_{i-1,j} - 2\phi_{i,j} + \phi_{i+1,j}}{\Delta x^2} + \frac{\phi_{i,j-1} - 2\phi_{i,j} + \phi_{i,j+1}}{\Delta y^2} = 0$$

Advection-Diffusion Equation

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} = D \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2}$$

• Explicit:

$$\frac{c_i^{n+1} - c_i^n}{\Delta t^n} + u_i^n \frac{c_{i+1}^n - c_{i-1}^n}{2\Delta x_i} = D_i^n \frac{c_{i+1}^n - 2c_i^n + c_{i-1}^n}{\Delta x_i^2}$$

• Time-weighted (μ)

$$(1-\mu)\left(-\frac{u\Delta t}{2\Delta x} - \frac{D\Delta t}{\Delta x^{2}}\right)c_{i-1}^{n+1} + \left(1 + \frac{2(1-\mu)D\Delta t}{\Delta x^{2}}\right)c_{i}^{n+1} + \left(1 - \mu\right)\left(\frac{u\Delta t}{2\Delta x} - \frac{D\Delta t}{\Delta x^{2}}\right)c_{i+1}^{n+1} = \mu\left(\frac{u\Delta t}{2\Delta x} + \frac{D\Delta t}{\Delta x^{2}}\right)c_{i-1}^{n} + \left(1 - \frac{2\mu D\Delta t}{\Delta x^{2}}\right)c_{i}^{n} + \mu\left(-\frac{u\Delta t}{2\Delta x} + \frac{D\Delta t}{\Delta x^{2}}\right)c_{i+1}^{n}$$

Wave Equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} = u^2 \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2}$$

• Explicit:
$$\frac{\phi_i^{n-1} - 2\phi_i^n + \phi_i^{n+1}}{\Delta t^2} = u^2 \frac{\phi_{i-1}^n - 2\phi_i^n + \phi_{i+1}^n}{\Delta x^2}$$

• Implicit:

$$\frac{\phi_i^{n-1} - 2\phi_i^n + \phi_i^{n+1}}{\Delta t^2} = u^2$$

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$$\frac{\phi_{i}^{n-1} - 2\phi_{i}^{n} + \phi_{i+1}^{n-1}}{\Delta x^{2}} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\phi_{i-1}^{n-1} - 2\phi_{i}^{n} + \phi_{i+1}^{n-1}}{\Delta x^{2}} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\phi_{i-1}^{n} - 2\phi_{i}^{n} + \phi_{i+1}^{n}}{\Delta x^{2}} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\phi_{i-1}^{n-1} - 2\phi_{i}^{n} + \phi_{i+1}^{n}}{\Delta x^{2}} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\phi_{i-1}^{n+1} - 2\phi_{i}^{n+1} + \phi_{i+1}^{n+1}}{\Delta x^{2}}$$

2-D transient diffusion

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = D \left(\frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

• Explicit:

$$\frac{c_{i,j}^{n+1} - c_{i,j}^{n}}{\Delta t} = D \left[\frac{c_{i-1,j}^{n} - 2c_{i,j}^{n} + c_{i+1,j}^{n}}{\Delta x^{2}} + \frac{c_{i,j-1}^{n} - 2c_{i,j}^{n} + c_{i,j+1}^{n}}{\Delta y^{2}} \right]$$

• Implicit:

$$\frac{c_{i,j}^{n+1} - c_{i,j}^{n}}{\Delta t} = D \left[\frac{c_{i-1,j}^{n+1} - 2c_{i,j}^{n+1} + c_{i+1,j}^{n+1}}{\Delta x^{2}} + \frac{c_{i,j-1}^{n+1} - 2c_{i,j}^{n+1} + c_{i,j+1}^{n+1}}{\Delta y^{2}} \right]$$

Truncation Error and Stability

- Similar to what was done for ODE
- Truncation error is obtained by comparing the discretized "difference form" with the Taylor's series
- Stability is obtained by looking at the amplification
- Covered very briefly here and for very simple cases

Truncation Error: Laplace Equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} = 0 \qquad \frac{\phi_{i-1,j} - 2\phi_{i,j} + \phi_{i+1,j}}{\Delta x^2} + \frac{\phi_{i,j-1} - 2\phi_{i,j} + \phi_{i,j+1}}{\Delta y^2} = 0$$

Need the Taylor's series expansions

$$\phi_{i\pm 1,j} = \left[\phi \pm \Delta x \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \frac{\Delta x^2}{2!} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} \pm \frac{\Delta x^3}{3!} \frac{\partial^3 \phi}{\partial x^3} + \frac{\Delta x^4}{4!} \frac{\partial^4 \phi}{\partial x^4} + \dots \right]_{i,j}$$

$$\phi_{i,j\pm 1} = \left[\phi \pm \Delta y \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \frac{\Delta y^2}{2!} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} \pm \frac{\Delta y^3}{3!} \frac{\partial^3 \phi}{\partial y^3} + \frac{\Delta y^4}{4!} \frac{\partial^4 \phi}{\partial y^4} + \dots \right]_{i,j}$$

Not needed here, but for later use:

$$\phi_{i+1,j+1} = \left[\phi + \Delta x \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \Delta y \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{2!} \left(\Delta x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \Delta y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)^2 \phi + \frac{1}{3!} \left(\Delta x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \Delta y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)^3 \phi \dots \right]_{i,j}$$

Truncation Error: Laplace Equation

• Difference equation at i,j

$$\frac{\phi_{i-1,j} - 2\phi_{i,j} + \phi_{i+1,j}}{\Delta x^2} + \frac{\phi_{i,j-1} - 2\phi_{i,j} + \phi_{i,j+1}}{\Delta y^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\Delta x^2}{12} \frac{\partial^4 \phi}{\partial x^4} + \dots + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\Delta y^2}{12} \frac{\partial^4 \phi}{\partial y^4} + \dots = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} = -\frac{\Delta x^2}{12} \frac{\partial^4 \phi}{\partial x^4} - \frac{\Delta y^2}{12} \frac{\partial^4 \phi}{\partial y^4} + \dots$$

• Truncation Error: (T.V. – Approx Value) of $\nabla^2 \phi$

$$\frac{\Delta x^2}{12} \frac{\partial^4 \phi}{\partial x^4} + \frac{\Delta y^2}{12} \frac{\partial^4 \phi}{\partial y^4} + \dots$$

Second order in both x and y, as expected

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2}$$

• Time-weighted scheme:

$$-(1-\mu)\frac{D\Delta t}{\Delta x^{2}}c_{i-1}^{n+1} + \left(1 + \frac{2(1-\mu)D\Delta t}{\Delta x^{2}}\right)c_{i}^{n+1} - (1-\mu)\frac{D\Delta t}{\Delta x^{2}}c_{i+1}^{n+1} = \frac{D\Delta t}{\Delta x^{2}}c_{i-1}^{n} + \left(1 - \frac{2\mu D\Delta t}{\Delta x^{2}}\right)c_{i}^{n} + \mu\frac{D\Delta t}{\Delta x^{2}}c_{i+1}^{n}$$

• Use the Taylor's series expansions (similar to the Laplace equation with i,j, now we have i for space and n for time). We will now need the i±1,n+1 expressions also.

• Difference equation at i,n simplifies to

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} - D \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2} = -\frac{\Delta t}{2} \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial t^2} + (1 - \mu) \Delta t D \frac{\partial^3 c}{\partial t \partial x^2}$$
$$-\frac{\Delta t^2}{6} \frac{\partial^3 c}{\partial t^3} + (1 - \mu) \frac{\Delta t^2}{2} D \frac{\partial^4 c}{\partial t^2 \partial x^2}$$
$$+D \frac{\Delta x^2}{12} \frac{\partial^4 c}{\partial x^4} + \dots$$

- Truncation Error: Negative of the r.h.s
- First order in t and Second order in x, as expected (forward difference in time and central in space)

- If we look at O(Δt) term: $\frac{\Delta t}{2} \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial t^2} (1 \mu) \Delta t D \frac{\partial^3 c}{\partial t \partial x^2}$
- And use the original PDE, we get the term as

$$\Delta t \left(\mu - \frac{1}{2} \right) \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial t^2} \text{ since } \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^3 c}{\partial t \partial x^2}$$

- This implies that the scheme is second-order accurate in time also, if we use $\mu=1/2$
- Another possibility is to choose the step size in such a way as to make the lowest order error vanish

- The lowest order term is $\Delta t \left(\mu \frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial t^2} D \frac{\Delta x^2}{12} \frac{\partial^4 c}{\partial x^4}$
- Again, the original PDE is used to get

$$\frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(D \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2} \right) = D \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = D^2 \frac{\partial^4 c}{\partial x^4}$$

- And the term becomes $\left[D^2 \Delta t \left(\mu \frac{1}{2}\right) D \frac{\Delta x^2}{12}\right] \frac{\partial^4 c}{\partial x^4}$
- Which may me made to vanish by choosing $\frac{D\Delta t}{2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 t}}$ (naturally works only for u > 1/t

$$\frac{\Delta x^2}{\Delta x^2} = \frac{1}{12\left(\mu - \frac{1}{2}\right)}$$
 (naturally, works only for $\mu > 1/2$ could use explicit, $\mu = 1$)

Truncation Error: Pure advection

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} = 0$$

• Explicit scheme, with central difference:

$$c_i^{n+1} = \frac{u\Delta t}{2\Delta x}c_{i-1}^n + c_i^n - \frac{u\Delta t}{2\Delta x}c_{i+1}^n$$

• Using Taylor's series (and replacing all time derivatives by spatial derivatives):

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} = -\frac{u^2 \Delta t}{2} \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2} + \left(\frac{u^3 \Delta t^2}{6} - \frac{u \Delta x^2}{6}\right) \frac{\partial^3 c}{\partial x^3} + \dots$$

• First order in time and second in space

Truncation Error: Pure advection

- Physically unrealistic
- Because, concentration at node i is being affected by the "downstream" node, i+1
- Upstream or upwind scheme (e.g., for +ive u):

$$\left. \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} \right|_{i}^{n} = \frac{c_{i}^{n} - c_{i-1}^{n}}{\Delta x} \Longrightarrow c_{i}^{n+1} = \frac{u\Delta t}{\Delta x} c_{i-1}^{n} + \left(1 - \frac{u\Delta t}{\Delta x} \right) c_{i}^{n}$$

• Truncation Error:

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} = \left(\frac{u\Delta x}{2} - \frac{u^2 \Delta t}{2}\right) \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2} + \left(\frac{u\Delta x^2}{6} + \frac{u^3 \Delta t^2}{6}\right) \frac{\partial^3 c}{\partial x^3} + \dots$$

• First order in time and space. Second order if the Courant number is 1 ($u\Delta t/\Delta x=1$)

Stability Analysis

- Matrix method: Similar to the one used for ODE, applied to semi-discretization
- von Neumann method: Based on separation of variables and Fourier series, applied to full discretization
- The amplification at each step should be less than or equal to 1

• The PDE is converted to ODE of the form

$$\frac{d\{\phi\}}{dt} = [A]\{\phi\}$$

- Where $\{\phi\}$ is the vector of nodal values
- As discussed earlier for ODE, the largest eigenvalue of A should be ≤1 for stability
- Diffusion equation, $L=m\Delta x$, Dirichlet B.C.

$$\frac{d\phi_i}{dt} = D \frac{\phi_{i-1} - 2\phi_i + \phi_{i+1}}{\Delta x^2}$$

• A will be a tridiagonal matrix, size m−1

Stability Analysis: Matrix method
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{2D}{\Delta x^2} & \frac{D}{\Delta x^2} \\ \frac{D}{\Delta x^2} & -\frac{2D}{\Delta x^2} & \frac{D}{\Delta x^2} \\ \frac{D}{\Delta x^2} & -\frac{2D}{\Delta x^2} & \frac{D}{\Delta x^2} \\ & & & & \frac{\dot{D}}{\Delta x^2} & -\frac{\dot{2}D}{\Delta x^2} \end{bmatrix}$$
and the m-1 eigenvalues of **A**, we see A=-(D/ Δx^2) B, find the Eigenvalue

• To find the m-1 eigenvalues of A, we write A=-(D/ Δx^2) B, find the Eigenvalues of B, and multiply with $-(D/\Delta x^2)$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & & & \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & & \\ & -1 & 2 & -1 & \\ & & & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2-\lambda & -1 & & & \\ -1 & 2-\lambda & -1 & & \\ & & -1 & 2-\lambda & -1 & \\ & & & & & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{cases} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \\ \vdots \\ z_{m-1} \end{cases} = 0$$

• λ is obtained by solving the linear recursive relationship

$$-z_{k-1} + (2-\lambda)z_k - z_{k+1} = 0$$
 for $k = 1, 2, ..., m-1$

• with the condition that $z_0 = z_m = 0$

• Using a ratio r of consecutive terms, and writing $z_{k+1} = rz_k$, or, equivalently, $z_k = r^k$,

$$-1 + (2 - \lambda)r - r^2 = 0$$

• The solutions are: $r_{1,2} = \frac{2 - \lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\lambda}}{2}$

• Therefore, the general solution of the recursive equation $-z_{k-1} + (2-\lambda)z_k - z_{k+1} = 0$

is
$$z_k = c_1 r_1^k + c_2 r_2^k$$
 for $k = 0, 1, 2, ..., m$

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• Using
$$z_0=0$$
, $c_2=-c_1=> z_k=c(r_1^k-r_2^k)$

• Using
$$z_m = 0$$
, $r_1^m - r_2^m = 0$

• Write
$$r_{1,2} = \frac{2 - \lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\lambda}}{2}$$
 as $e^{\pm i\theta}$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{2-\lambda}{2}$$
 and $\sin\theta = \frac{\sqrt{4\lambda - \lambda^2}}{2}$

• We get
$$\sin m\theta = 0 = \sin j\pi$$

• Resulting in the eigenvalues of B as:

$$\lambda_j = 2 - 2\cos\frac{j\pi}{m}$$
; $j = 1, 2, ..., m-1$

- The largest magnitude will be for j=m-1, and is approximately 4
- The eigenvalues of A are obtained on multiplying by $-(D/\Delta x^2)$
- Stabilty limit is given by $|\lambda_{\max} \Delta t| \leq 2$
- $D\Delta t/\Delta x^2 \leq 1/2$

Stability Analysis: von Neumann method

The solution is assumed to be of the form

$$\phi = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} T_k(t) X_k(x)$$

- Assume the function could be represented using a Fourier series with $X_k(x) = e^{ikx}$
- As discussed earlier, the magnification, i.e., $T_k(t_{n+1})/T_k(t_n)$, should be ≤ 1 for all k to have stable solution
- Again consider the Diffusion equation

Stability Analysis: von Neumann method

The explicit form is

$$\frac{\phi_{i}^{n+1} - \phi_{i}^{n}}{\Delta t} = D \frac{\phi_{i-1}^{n} - 2\phi_{i}^{n} + \phi_{i+1}^{n}}{\Delta x^{2}}$$

• Using variable-separated form, for any k:

$$\frac{T_k^{t+\Delta t} - T_k^t}{\Delta t} e^{ikx} = DT_k^t \frac{e^{ik(x-\Delta x)} - 2e^{ikx} + e^{ik(x+\Delta x)}}{\Delta x^2}$$

The amplification is

$$\sigma = \left| \frac{T_k^{t+\Delta t}}{T_k^t} \right| = \left| 1 + \frac{D\Delta t}{\Delta x^2} \left(e^{-ik\Delta x} - 2 + e^{ik\Delta x} \right) \right|$$

Stability Analysis: von Neumann method

• Amplification for any "wave number" k

$$\sigma = \left| 1 + \frac{2D\Delta t}{\Delta x^2} (\cos k\Delta x - 1) \right|$$

• Most critical for cos=-1

$$\left|1 - \frac{4D\Delta t}{\Delta x^2}\right| \le 1$$

• Which again results in $D\Delta t/\Delta x^2 \le 1/2$

