Partial differential equations

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Overview

Main question

How to solve parabolic PDEs like:

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

$$\text{with} \quad \begin{aligned} t = 0; 0 \le x \le \ell \quad & \Rightarrow c = c_0 \\ t > 0; x = 0 \quad & \Rightarrow -\mathcal{D}\frac{\partial c}{\partial x} + uc = u_{\text{in}}c_{\text{in}} \\ t > 0; x = \ell \quad & \Rightarrow \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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General second order ODE:

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- Linear equation: Coefficients $A, B, \ldots, G$ do not depend on x and y.
- Non-linear equation: Coefficients $A, B, \ldots, G$ are a function of x and y.

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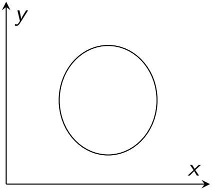

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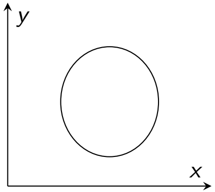

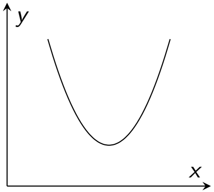

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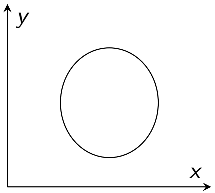

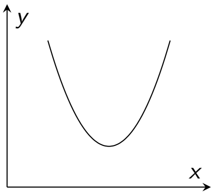

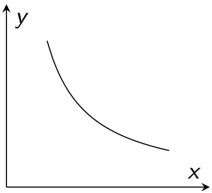

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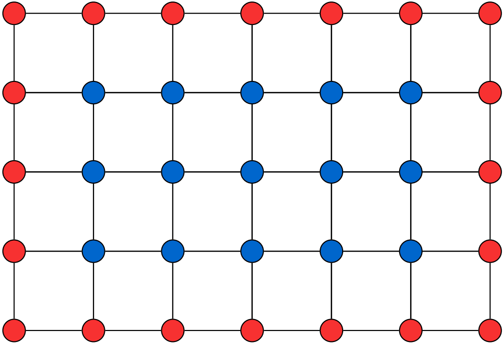

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$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} = f(x, y)$$

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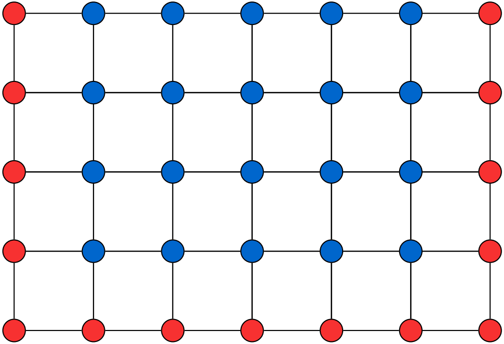
Example parabolic PDE (initial value problem: IVP)



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Numerical solution method

Finite differences (method of lines, MOL):

1. Discretize spatial domain in discrete grid points
2. Find suitable approximation for the spatial derivatives
3. Substitute approximations in PDE, which gives a system of ODE's, one for every grid points
4. Advance in time with a suitable ODE solver

Alternative methods: collocation, Galerkin or Finite Element methods

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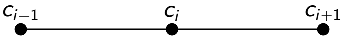

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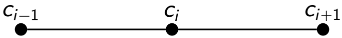

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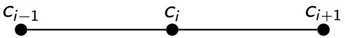

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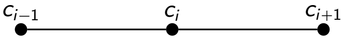

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Due to symmetric discretization: second order (central discretization).

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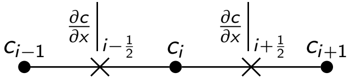

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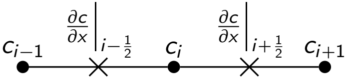

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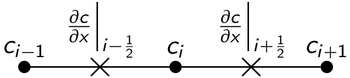

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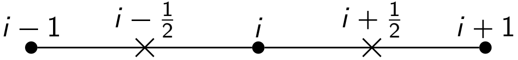

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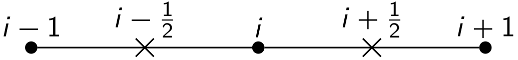

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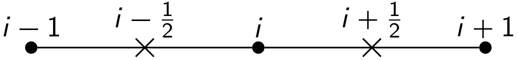

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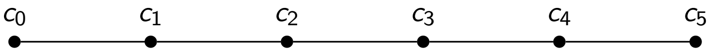

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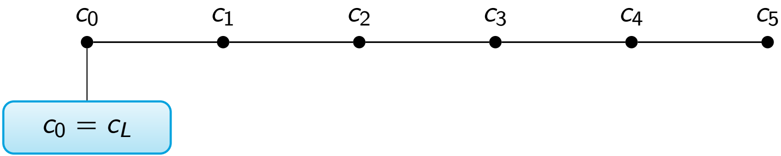

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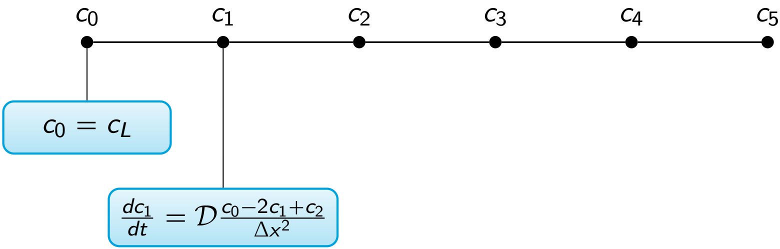

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$$c_5 = c_R$$

Instationary diffusion equation: boundary conditions

Two options:

1. Keep boundary conditions as additional equations:

$$c_0 = c_L, \frac{dc_1}{dt} = \mathcal{D}\frac{c_0 - 2c_1 + c_2}{\Delta x^2}, \frac{dc_2}{dt} = \mathcal{D}\frac{c_1 - 2c_2 + c_3}{\Delta x^2},$$
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Instationary diffusion equation: boundary conditions

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Straightforward updating (explicit equation), simple to implement in a program but stability constraint $Fo = \frac{\mathcal{D}\Delta t}{\Delta x^2} < \frac{1}{2}$!

Small $\Delta x \Rightarrow$ small $\Delta t \Rightarrow$ patience required ☹

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Requires the solution of a system of linear equations, but no stability constraints!

Note: extension to higher order schemes (with time step adaptation) straightforward. Often second or third order optimal, because for each Euler-like step in the additional order an often large system needs to be solved (not treated in this course).

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1. Initialise variables
2. Compute time step so that $Fo \leq \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \Delta t = 0.125$s!
3. Compute 40000 time steps times 100 grid nodes!
4. Store solution

Solving the instationary diffusion equation: example

Initialise the variables and matrices:

```
Nx = 100;              % Nc grid points
Nt = 40000;            % Nt time steps
D = 1e-8;              % m/s
c_L = 1.0; c_R = 0;    % mol/m3
t_end = 5000.0;        % s
x_end = 5e-3;          % m

% Time step and grid size
dt = t_end/Nt;
dx = x_end/Nx;

% Fourier number
Fo=D*dt/dx/dx

% Initial matrices for solutions (Nx times Nt)
c = zeros(Nt+1,Nx+1);   % All concentrations are zero
c(:,1)   = c_L;       % Concentration at left side
c(:,Nx+1) = c_R;       % Concentration at right side

% Grid node and time step positions
x = linspace(0,x_end,Nx+1);
```

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```
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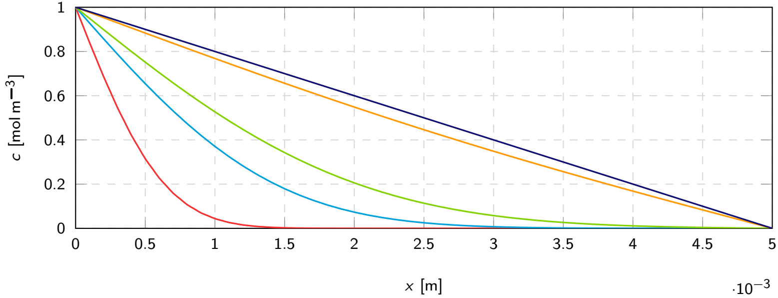

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Solving the diffusion equation implicitly in Matlab

To solve the linear system, we need to define matrix A. It is clear that storing many zeros is not efficient in terms of memory. We use a *sparse matrix* format:

```
% Bands in matrix (internal cells)
A = sparse(Nx+1,Nx+1);
for i=2:Nx
    A(i,i-1) = -Fo;
    A(i,i  ) = (1+2*Fo);
    A(i,i+1) = -Fo;
end

% Set boundary cells, independent on neighbors:
A(1,1 ) = 1;          % Left
A(Nx+1,Nx+1) = 1;    % Right
```

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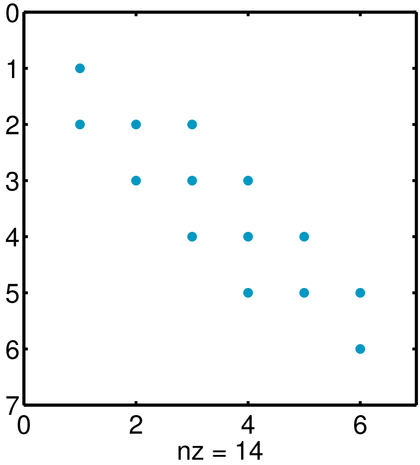
The command `spy(A)` shows a figure with the non-zero positions.



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The concentration matrix is initialised and the boundary conditions are set as follows:

```
% Initial matrices for solutions (Nx times Nt)
c = zeros(Nt+1,Nx+1);  % All concentrations are zero
c(:,1)    = c_L;       % Concentration at left side
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```

The right hand side vector (**b**) can now be set during the time-loop:

```
for n = 1:Nt-1 % time loop
    b = c(n,:)';     % Set right hand side
    solX = A\b;        % Solve linear system
    c(n+1,:) = solX;   % Store solution each time step
end
```

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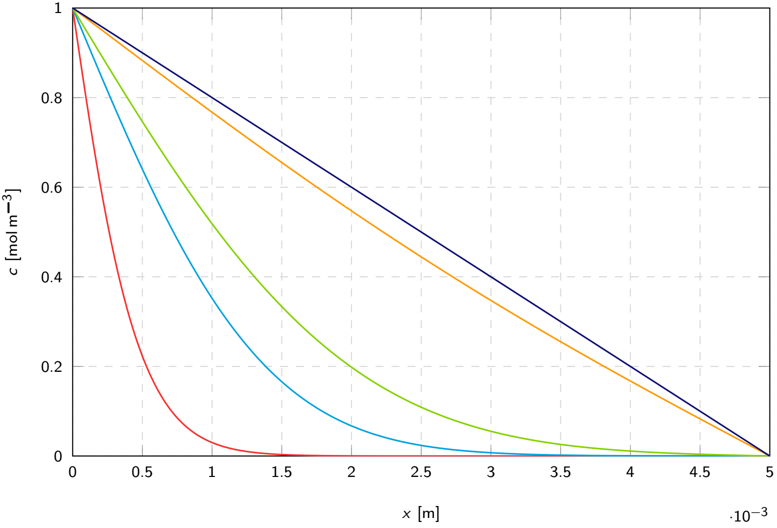

About explicit vs. implicit solutions

- Explicit solution:
  - Easy to implement
  - Very small time steps required.
  - This problem took about 0.5 s.
- Implicit solution:
  - Harder to implement, needs sparse matrix solver
  - No stability constraint
  - This problem took about 0.05 s
- The difference will become much larger for systems with e.g. more grid nodes!

Extension with non-linear source terms

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$$R(c_i^{n+1}) = R(c_i^n) + \left.\frac{dR}{dc}\right|_i^n (c_i^{n+1} - c_i^n)$$

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Extension with convection terms

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

Discretization of first derivative $\dfrac{dc}{dx}$,
looks simple but is numerical headache!

Central discretization: $\dfrac{dc}{dx} = \dfrac{c_{i+1} - c_{i-1}}{\Delta x}$
$\Rightarrow$ simple and easy, too bad it doesn't work: yields unstable solutions if convection dominated.

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Unsteady convection:

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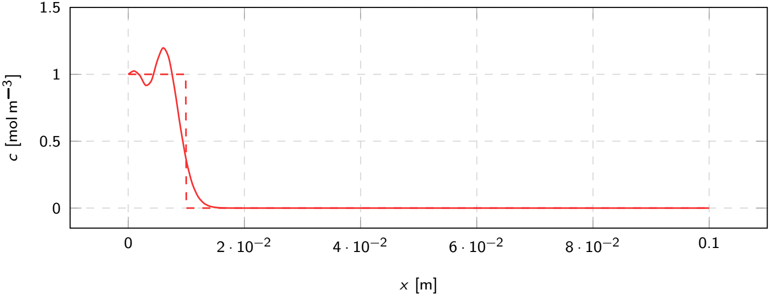

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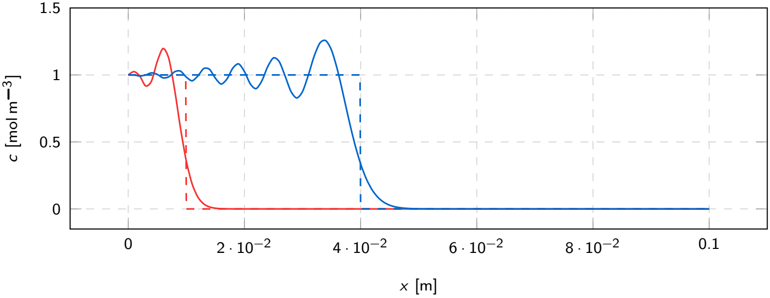

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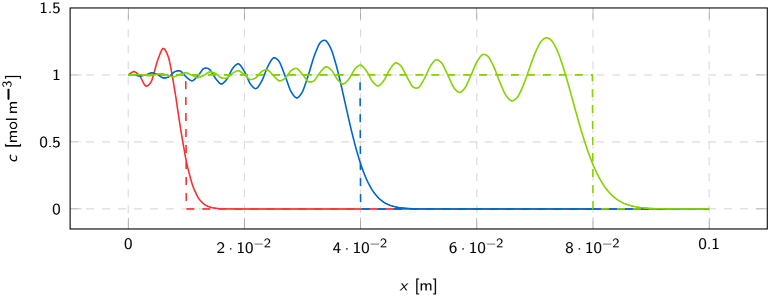

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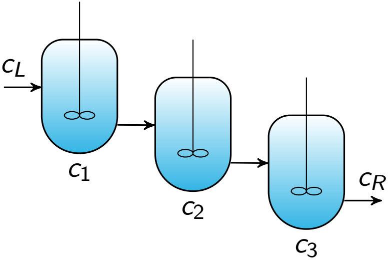

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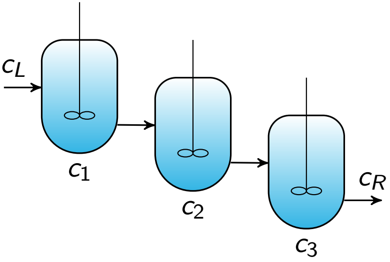

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Stable if $Co = \frac{u\Delta t}{\Delta x} < 1$ (with Co the Courant number). However, only 1$^{\text{st}}$ order accurate (large smearing of concentration fronts). Higher order upwind requires TVD schemes (trick of the trade)...

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First order upwind scheme of 1st derivative

Unsteady convection:

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Forward Euler discretization of temporal and spatial domain:

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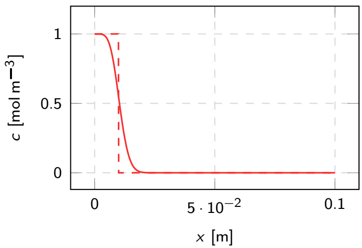

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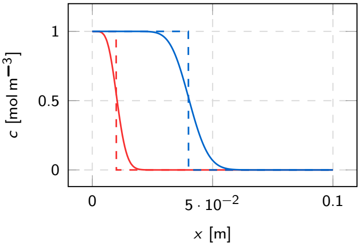

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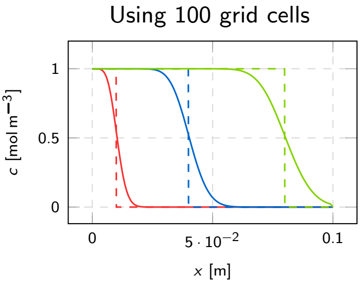

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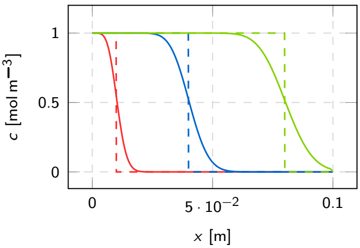

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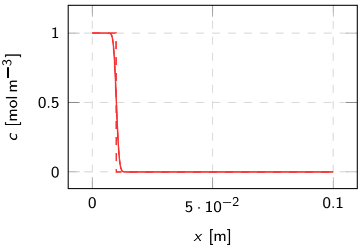

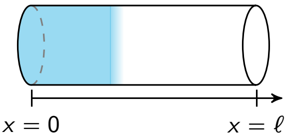

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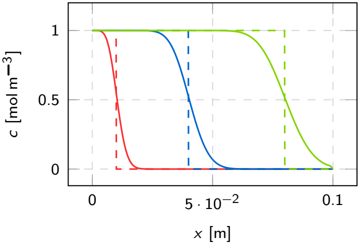

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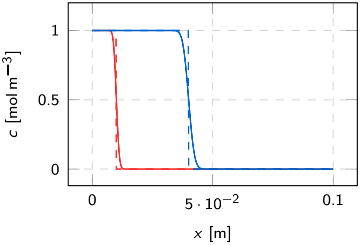

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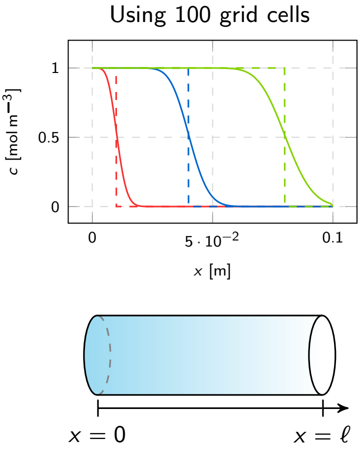

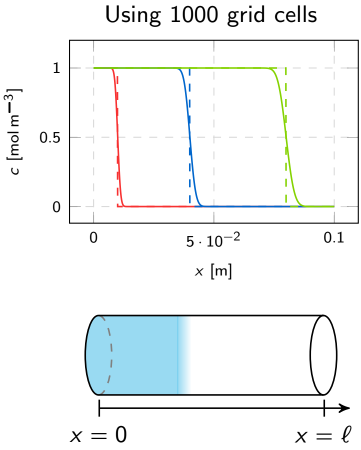

Central difference and upwind in Matlab

The results from the previous slides were computed using this script:

```
Nx = 1000;          % Nc grid points
Nt = 10000;         % Nt time steps
u = 0.001;          % m/s
c_in = 1.0;         % mol/m3
t_end = 100.0;      % s
x_end = 0.1;        % m

% Time step and grid size
dt = t_end/Nt; dx = x_end/Nx;

% Courant number
Co=u*dt/dx

% Initial matrices for solutions (Nx times Nt)
c1 = zeros(Nt+1,Nx+1);  % All concentrations are zero
c1(:,1) = c_in;     % Concentration at inlet (all time steps
    )
an = c1; c2 = c1;   % Analytical and upwind solution

% Grid node and time step positions
x = linspace(0,x_end,Nx+1);
t = linspace(0,t_end,Nt+1);
```

Central difference and upwind in Matlab

(continued)

```
for n = 1:Nt % time loop
    for i = 2:Nx % Nested loop for grid nodes
        % Central difference
        c1(n+1,i) = c1(n,i) - u*((c1(n,i+1) - c1(n,i
            -1))/(2*dx))*dt;
        % Upwind
        c2(n+1,i) = c2(n,i) - u*((c2(n,i) - c2(n,i-1))
            /(dx))*dt;
        % Analytical
        an(n+1,i) = (x(i) < u*t(n+1))*c_in;
    end
end
```

Extension to systems of PDE's

- Explicit methods: straightforward extension
- Implicit methods: yields block-tridiagonal matrix (note ordering of equations: all variables per grid cell)

Extension to 2D or 3D systems

Spatial discretization in 2 directions — different methods available:

- Explicit
- Fully implicit
  - 1D gives tri-diagonal matrix
  - 2D gives penta-diagonal matrix
  - 3D gives hepta-diagonal matrix

  Use of dedicated matrix solvers (e.g. ICCG, multigrid, ...)
- Alternating direction implicit (ADI)
  - Per direction implicit, but still overall unconditionally stable

Further extensions for parabolic PDEs

- Higher order temporal discretization (multi-step) with time step adaptation
- Non-uniform grids with automatic grid adaptation
- Higher-order discretization methods, especially higher order TVD (flux delimited) schemes for convective fluxes (e.g. WENO schemes)
- Higher-order finite volume schemes (Riemann solvers)

Summary

- Several classes of PDEs were introduced
  - Elliptic, Parabolic, Hyperbolic PDEs
- Diffusion equation: discretization of temporal and spatial domain was discussed
  - Solutions of the diffusion equation using explicit and implicit methods
  - How to add non-linear source terms
- Convection: upwind vs. central difference schemes