

Here be partial differential equations

Start by considering: 2-d, 2nd-order equations:

$$\begin{cases} C_{xx} \partial_x^2 f(x,y) + C_{yy} \partial_y^2 f(x,y) + C_{xy} \partial_x \partial_y f(x,y) \\ + C_x \partial_x f(x,y) + C_y \partial_y f(x,y) + A(f(x,y), x, y) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Discriminant: $C_{xy}^2 - 4 C_{xx} C_{yy} \equiv D$

$D > 0$: Hyperbolic systems

Correspond to 2 "characteristic" directions

$D < 0$: elliptic

No characteristic directions

$D = 0$ parabolic

single characteristic direction.

• Wave Equation:

$$\partial_t^2 f - \partial_x^2 f = \text{Source}$$

• Maxwell's ¹ full equations w/ time-dependence

• Gravitational Waves

Wave-like behavior

Can pose as IVP

Poisson Eq:

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial_x^2 + \partial_y^2) f &= S \\ &= \nabla^2 f = S \end{aligned}$$

• Electro-statics problems

• Time-indep. Schrodinger

• Gravitating systems

~ static systems

pose as BVP

• Advection Eq:

$$\partial_t f - \partial_x f = S$$

• Navier-Stokes (Fluid Eq):

$$\sim \partial_t f + f \partial_x u = g, \text{ source } \rho, \text{ density, } \dots$$

• Heat Equation: (Diffusion)

$$\partial_t f + \partial_x^2 f = S$$

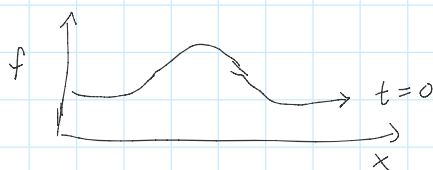
• Time-dependent Schrodinger

diffusive behavior
pose as IVP

Start off with parabolic systems: advection equation

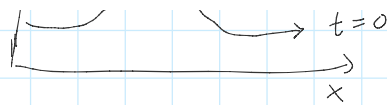
(initial value problem)

$$\partial_t f(x,t) - c \partial_x f(x,t) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{solve as IVP}$$



know $f(x, t=0)$

What is $f(x, t > 0) = ?$



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any function $g(x+ct)$ will solve the advection Equation

$$\partial_t g(x+ct) = c g'(x+ct)$$

$$\partial_x g(x+ct) = g'(x+ct)$$

$$\Rightarrow cg' - cg' = 0 \checkmark$$

corresponds to a left-moving profile.



• c is wave "speed", sign determines direction

• Consider also:

$$(\partial_t - c\partial_x)(\partial_t + c\partial_x)f = 0$$

$$= (\partial_t^2 - c^2\partial_x^2)f = 0 \Rightarrow \text{wave equation}$$

general sol's are: $g(x+ct) + h(x-ct)$

$$\text{in 3-d, } (\partial_t^2 - c^2\nabla^2)f = 0$$

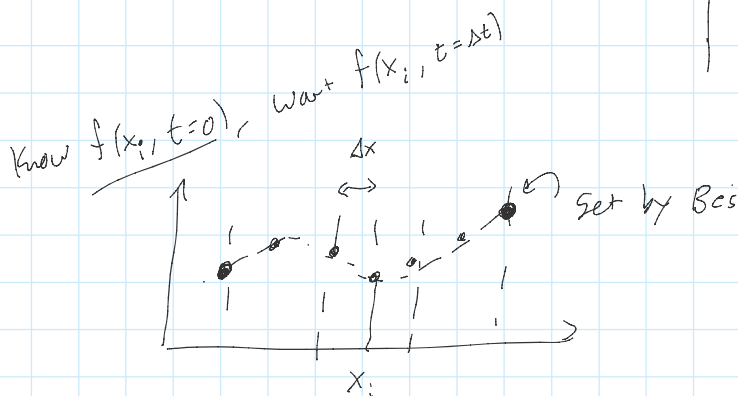
\Rightarrow how to solve on a computer?

\hookrightarrow as IVP similar to ODEs

\hookrightarrow also need to know boundary conditions

(Common)
Boundary Conditions

- "Robin" boundary conditions
 - \hookrightarrow damping, impeding $\partial_x f = k f$
- Neumann
 - \hookrightarrow fix derivative $\partial_x f$ @ boundaries
- Dirichlet
 - \hookrightarrow fix value of f
- Map to ∞ : open boundary
- Mixed versions of \uparrow

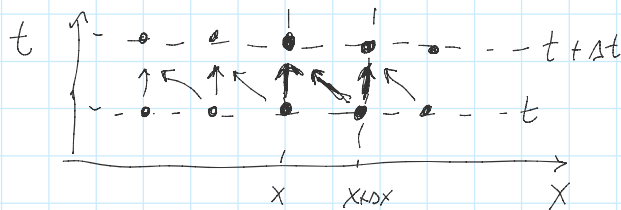


$$\partial_t f(x, t) = \frac{f(x, t+\Delta t) - f(x, t)}{\Delta t} = c \partial_x f = c \frac{f(x+\Delta x, t) - f(x, t)}{\Delta x}$$

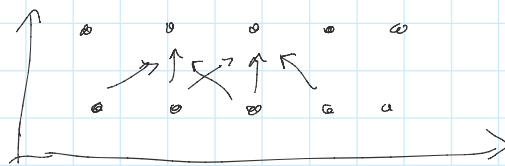
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$$f(x, t+\Delta t) = f(x,t) + C \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} (f(x+\Delta x, t) - f(x,t)) \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \bullet \text{ Euler's method} \\ \text{for time-stepping.} \end{array}$$

\bullet "forward" finite difference for $\partial_x f$



$$\text{Center-finite diff. scheme: } \partial_x f = \frac{f(x+\Delta x, t) - f(x-\Delta x, t)}{2\Delta x} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^2)$$



Mind your boundaries:

