

# Notes on Finite Volume Method MME 9710

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Generic Conservation Equation

Consider the following generic conservation equation:

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}\phi) + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}_\phi = S_\phi \quad (1)$$

where the variables are defined as:

Variable	Description
$\phi$	Generic variable
$t$	Time
$\mathbf{u}$	Velocity vector
$\mathbf{J}_\phi$	Diffusive flux of $\phi$
$S_\phi$	Volumetric source/sink of $\phi$

## 1.2 Mass Conservation Equation

Setting  $\phi = \rho$ , where  $\rho$  is the density. Also, mass conservation of a continuous substance does not have diffusive flux  $\Rightarrow \mathbf{J}_\rho = 0$ .

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}\rho) = S_\rho \quad (2)$$

### Notes:

- For incompressible, constant density flow:
  - $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0$
  - $\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}\rho) = \rho \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}$
  - Result in:  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = \frac{S_\rho}{\rho}$
  - And if no source/sink  $\Rightarrow \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$

### 1.3 Momentum Conservation Equation

Setting  $\phi = \rho \mathbf{u}$ . Diffusive flux term  $\mathbf{J}_u = -\nabla \cdot \sigma$ , where  $\sigma$  is the fluid stress tensor.

$$\frac{\partial(\rho \mathbf{u})}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u}) = \nabla \cdot \sigma + S_u \quad (3)$$

The stress tensor,  $\sigma$  can be expressed in terms of pressure ( $p$ ) and viscous stress tensor ( $\tau$ ) and identity matrix,  $I$ :

$$\sigma = -pI + \tau \quad (4)$$

After substituting, we get the following form of the momentum conservation equation:

$$\frac{\partial(\rho \mathbf{u})}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u}) = -\nabla p + \nabla \cdot \tau + S_u \quad (5)$$

For incompressible Newtonian fluid, we can rewrite  $\tau$  in terms of the dynamic viscosity,  $\mu$   $\tau = \mu(\nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla \mathbf{u}^T)$ . Thus, a momentum conservation equation for incompressible, Newtonian fluid, constant velocity:

$$\frac{\partial(\rho \mathbf{u})}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u}) = -\nabla p + \mu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + S_u \quad (6)$$

### 1.4 Energy Conservation Equation

Setting  $\phi = \rho h$  with  $h$  being the specific enthalpy of a substance at a given state. Thus, the unit for  $\phi$  is energy per unit volume. The diffusive flux is given by Fourier's law:  $J = -k \nabla T$  with  $k$  is the thermal conductivity.

$$\frac{\partial(\rho h)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u} h) = \nabla \cdot (k \nabla T) + S_h \quad (7)$$

If we assume:

- incompressible flow
- constant specific heat capacity,  $h = c_p T$
- constant thermophysical properties ( $k$  and  $\rho$ )
- no source term

$$\frac{\partial(T)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u} T) = \alpha \nabla^2 T \quad (8)$$

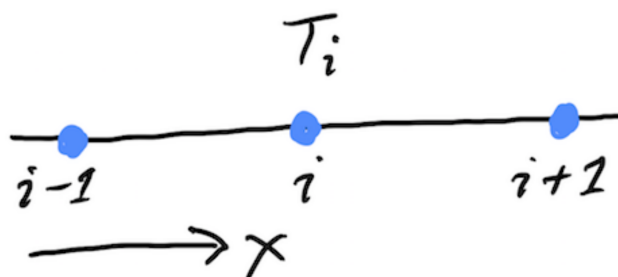
where  $\alpha = \frac{k}{\rho c_p}$  is the thermal diffusivity.

## 1.5 Discretization of the Generic Conservation Equation

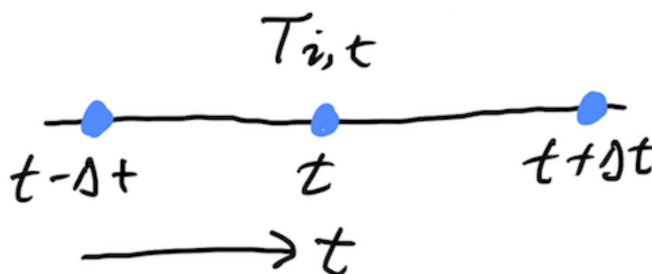
Our generic variable,  $\phi$  is a function of spatial and time:  $\phi = \phi(\mathbf{x}, t)$ , where  $\mathbf{x} = (x, y, z)$ . Note that spatial variable can be influenced "one way\_" or "two way\_", i.e.

- One way: changes in  $\phi$  only occur due to change on one side of that location
- Two way: changes in  $\phi$  occur due to changes on both side of that location.

For example, heat conduction in the image below at cell  $i$  is influenced by cell  $i - 1$  and  $i + 1$ . Here,  $x$  is a two way coordinate for heat conduction



Now consider transient heat convection/conduction. The temperature at any given time is influenced by existing conditions before that point **in time**. Here,  $t$  is a one way coordinate for transient heat conduction/convection



Recall our generic conservation equation:

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}\phi) + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}_\phi = S_\phi$$

We consider the diffusion term or **elliptic PDE** :  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}_\phi$  to be two-way in space

Likewise, the convection term or **parabolic PDE** :  $\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}\phi)$  to be one-way in space

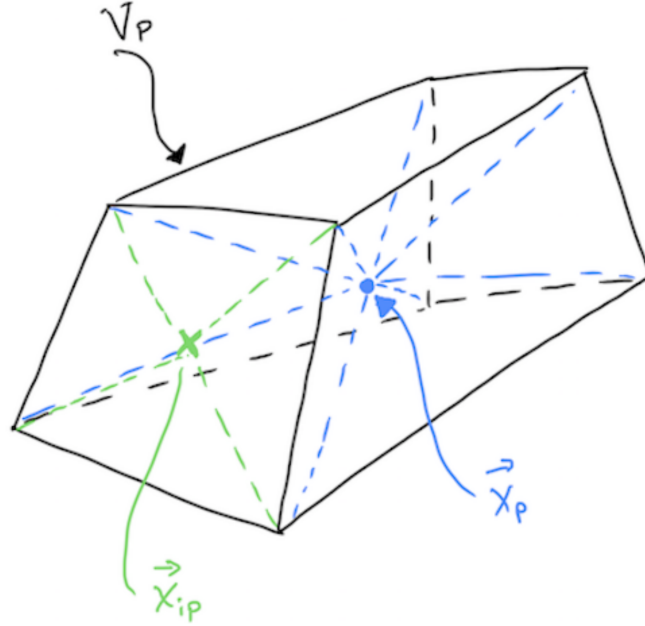
## 1.6 Main idea behind Discretization

Our goal is to:

- replace the PDEs' continuous solution with discrete solution, at specific location that approximates the continuous solution suitably.

For finite volume:

1. domain is split into non overlapping finite regions that fill the domain
2. the discrete point is at the centroid of each control volume with volume  $V_p$ , at position  $\mathbf{x}_p$
3. surround these cells, we have the "faces". At the center of these "faces", we have the integration point at position  $\mathbf{x}_{ip}$
4. the governing equations are then integrated over a control volume, where surface flux terms and volume source terms are balanced.



## 1.7 Determine Cell Centre + Face Integration Points

Cell centre => location of solution variables.

Points on face => fluxes are evaluated.

Consider a volume integral of a quantity  $\phi$ , we may express this integral in discrete form as follow:

$$\int_V \phi dV \approx \phi_P V_P \quad (9)$$

where  $\phi_P$  is the value of  $\phi$  at some internal within  $V$  and  $V_P$  is total volume of the cell:

$$V_P = \int_V dV \quad (10)$$

To prove the above result, we expand  $\phi$  in a Taylor series about the point  $P$ .

$$\phi \approx \phi_P + \nabla \phi_P (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_P) + \nabla^2 \phi_P (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_P)(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_P) + \dots O(\delta^3) \quad (11)$$

with  $\delta$  being the characteristic grid spacing. Substitute this into our assumed expression for  $V_P$ :

$$\int_V \phi dV \approx \int_V [\phi_P + \nabla \phi_P (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_P) + \nabla^2 \phi_P (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_P)(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_P) + \dots O(\delta^3)] dV \quad (12)$$

We note that  $\phi_P$  and its derivatives are constants:

$$\int_V \phi dV \approx \phi_P dV + \nabla \phi_P \int_V (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_P) dV + \nabla^2 \phi_P \int_V (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_P)(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_P) dV + \dots O(\delta^3) \quad (13)$$

Because our  $\mathbf{x}_P$  point is at centroid, so  $\int_V (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_P) dV = 0$ . Likewise, the last term is also neglected, resulting in:

$$\int_V \phi dV \approx [\phi_P + O(\delta^2)] V_P \quad (14)$$

This means that there is a second order error when approximating the cell volume in this way. This is OK because the accuracy of the method is also second order.

**Note:** If our  $\mathbf{x}_P$  does not lie at the centroid of the cell. The second term,  $\int_V (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_P) dV$  does not go to zero, making our approximation to be 1st order, which is worse.

## 1.8 Transient term

Here we deal with the transient term,  $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t}$ . Discretization of this term relies on:

- order of accuracy
- implicit vs explicit

The idea is to integrate this term over control volume  $V_P$  and some time step  $\Delta t = t_1 - t_0$  to get the formula for the discretization.

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_1} \int_V \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} dV dt \approx (\phi V_P)^{t_1} - (\phi V_P)^{t_0} \quad (15)$$

## 1.9 Advection term

Here we deal with the advection term,  $\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}\phi)$ . Similar to the transient term, the formula for the discretization can be obtained by integrating over the control volume  $V_P$ . We also employ Gauss' theorem to convert volume integral to surface integral:

$$\int_V \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}\phi) dV = \int_S (\mathbf{u}\phi) \cdot \mathbf{n} dS \quad (16)$$

For the surface integral, we approximate by summing up over the faces surrounding the cell, each with area  $A_{ip}$ .

$$\int_S (\mathbf{u}\phi) \cdot \mathbf{n}_{ip} dS \approx \sum_{i=0}^{N_{ip}-1} \mathbf{u}_{ip} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{ip} \phi_{ip} A_{ip} \quad (17)$$

**Note:**

- using C program notation, so we sum from 0 till  $N_{ip} - 1$
- approximate  $\mathbf{u}_{ip}$  by many interpolation methods
- interpolating  $\phi_{ip}$  carefully to obtain stable numerical method.

### 1.10 Diffusion term

Now, we deal with the diffusion term,  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}_\phi$ . Similar to the advection term, we integrate over a control volume, then apply Gauss' theorem

$$\int_V \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}_\phi dV = \int_S \mathbf{J}_\phi \cdot \mathbf{n} dS \quad (18)$$

Again, the surface integral is approximated as discrete sum over the faces surrounding the cell:

$$\int_S \mathbf{J}_\phi \cdot \mathbf{n} dS \approx \sum_{i=0}^{N_{ip}-1} \mathbf{J}_{\phi,ip} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{ip} \mathbf{A}_{ip} \quad (19)$$

where the flux,  $\mathbf{J}_{\phi,ip}$  is interpolated from neighboring cell values.

### 1.11 Source term

Recall our source term:  $S_\phi$ , we assume that the source term is piecewise continuous, with one specific value,  $S_\phi$ , being represented by each cell. We can then write:

$$\int_V S_\phi dV \approx S_\phi V_P \quad (20)$$

Generally, the source term may depend on  $\phi$  so linearization is needed to obtain stable numerical method.

### 1.12 Linearization

With regard to our last point about  $J_\phi$ , the discretized terms depend non linearly on the solution. This non-linearity is caused by:

- source term depend non linearly on primitive variable, e.g.  $J_\phi$ .
- non linearities in the governing equation, e.g. advection term  $\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}\phi)$
- on non-orthogonal grid, gradient correction terms are needed <= these are non linear.

To linearize, we assume the governing PDE is represented by the following general differential operator

$$L(\phi^*) = 0 \quad (21)$$

where:

- $\phi^*$  = the continuous solution to the PDE
- Note that to solve a PDE using finite volume, the continuous solution  $\phi^*$  is approximated by the discrete solution vector  $\phi \in \mathbb{R}$  on  $N$  number of control volume. Our PDE is then integrated over each control volume and each term in the governing equation is approximated using the discrete solution  $\phi$
- Of course, the numerical solution will not satisfy the discretized equation exactly; rather we will have a residual,  $\mathbf{r} \in \mathbb{R}^N$ .

We expand the residual about the solution  $\phi_i$  at iteration  $i$ , and find the solution where  $r = 0$ :

$$\mathbf{r}(\phi_i) + \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \phi} \right|_{\phi_i} (\phi - \phi_i) = 0 \quad (22)$$

We define the **Jacobian of the residual vector** as:

$$\mathbf{J}(\phi) = \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \phi} \quad (23)$$

We use this to update according to fix point iteration:

$$\phi = \phi_i + \Delta\phi_i \quad (24)$$

where:

$$\Delta\phi = (\phi - \phi_i) \quad (25)$$

and:

$$\mathbf{J}(\phi_i)\Delta\phi = -\mathbf{r}(\phi_i) \quad (26)$$

The remaining unknowns are: the residual vector  $\mathbf{r}$  and Jacobian matrix  $\mathbf{J}(\phi_i)$ .

**Note:** we can express the linear system for a control volume P as:

$$a_P \delta\phi_P + \sum_{nb} a_{nb} \delta\phi_{nb} = -r_P \quad (27)$$

where  $nb$  is sum over all neighboring cells. The coefficients are defined as:

$$a_P = \frac{\partial r_P}{\partial \phi_P} \quad (28)$$

$$a_{nb} = \frac{\partial r_P}{\partial \phi_{nb}} \quad (29)$$

### 1.13 Four Basic Rules

Outlined by Patankar(1980), these 4 rules are:

- **Rule 1: Consistency at control volume faces**

For common faces between cells, the flux through those common faces must be the same when evaluated at each cell. If this is not the case, then it means there is an artificial source of the energy at the face.

- **Rule 2:  $\alpha_P > 0$  and  $\alpha_{nb} < 0$**

Consider situations involving only convection and diffusion and all other conditions unchanged: if  $\phi$  in 1 cell increases, then we can expect  $\phi$  in the neighboring cells to increase as well. The only way that this could happen is in this equation

$$a_P \delta\phi_P + \sum_{nb} a_{nb} \delta\phi_{nb} = -r_P$$

$a_P$  must have opposite sign from each of its  $a_{nb}$  coefficients, just so that  $\delta\phi_P$  and  $\delta\phi_{nb}$  have the same signs and  $r_P$  is unchanged.



- **Rule 3: Negative slope linearization of source terms**

Suppose we have a source term in the form:  $S_\phi = a + b\phi_P$ . If this is moved to the LHS, the coefficient  $a_P$  can be negative if  $b$  is positive. So we require that  $b < 0$ , or negative slope linearization. The idea is that a positive slope linearization would be unstable because the source would cause the variables to increase, which would then increase the source term. This would continue indefinitely and without bounds. In terms of heat transfer, we can have a heat source that grows with temperature and also a heat sink for removal of temperature. This is done to avoid an uncontrolled increase in temperature.

- **Rule 4: Sum of neighboring coefficients**

Our governing equations contain derivatives of dependent variables, i.e. both  $\phi$  and  $\phi + c$  will satisfy the same governing equations. Thinking practically, this means that temperature field in both Kelvin and Celcius would both satisfy the same discretized equations, because Celcius and Kelvin scale are related via a constant. For this to be true, we require:

$$a_p = - \sum_{nb} a_{nb}$$

Note that in the case of the linearization of the source term above, it indicates that same equation cannot be used for both  $\phi$  and  $\phi + c$ . So in this case, make sure to modify the source term coefficients appropriately.

## 2 STEADY DIFFUSION EQUATION

### 2.1 Problem Definition

We consider the solution of a steady, 1D heat diffusion equation

$$-k\nabla^2 T - S = 0 \quad (30)$$

### 2.2 Discretization

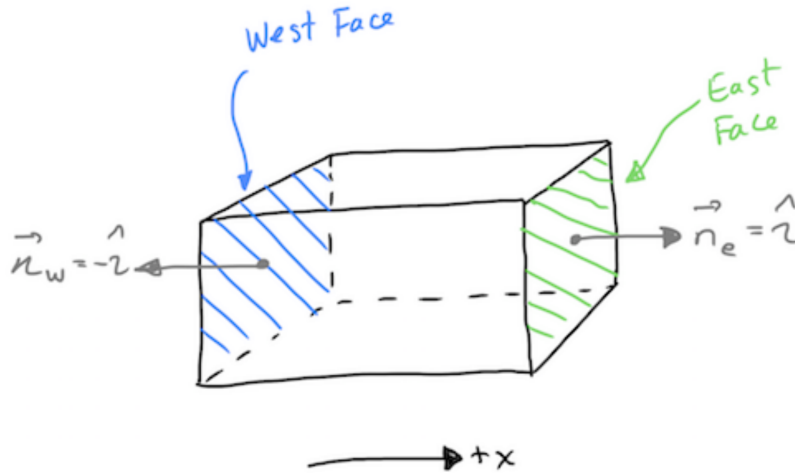
Recall our diffusion term can be discretized as:

$$\int_S \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS \approx \sum_{i=0}^{N_{ip}-1} \mathbf{J}_{ip} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{ip} A_{ip} \quad (31)$$

Our flux  $\mathbf{J}$  here is the diffusive flux, so:  $\mathbf{J} = -k\nabla T$ . Thus:

$$\int_S \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS \approx - \sum_{i=0}^{N_{ip}-1} k_{ip} \nabla T_{ip} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{ip} A_{ip} \quad (32)$$

We assume constant thermal conductivity,  $k_{ip} = k$ . A 1D control volume, with West/East faces and unit vectors drawn, is shown below:



Since we are in 1D, our unit vector is in the  $\mathbf{i}$  only.

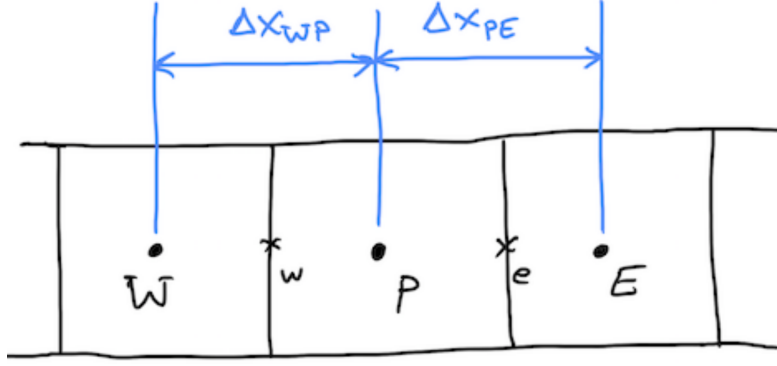
Thus,  $\nabla T \cdot \mathbf{n} = \nabla T \cdot \mathbf{i}$ .

But,  $\nabla T \cdot \mathbf{i} = \left\langle \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \mathbf{k} \right\rangle \cdot \langle 1\mathbf{i} + 0\mathbf{j} + 0\mathbf{k} \rangle = \frac{\partial T}{\partial x}$ .

With these points in mind, the discretization for the diffusion term is simplified to:

$$\int_S \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS \approx k \left. \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right|_w A_w - k \left. \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right|_e A_e \quad (33)$$

The diagram below shows the cell locations and the nomenclature for the distance between them, note how  $\Delta x$  is center-center



We apply finite differences to the derivatives in the diffusion term, i.e.:

$$k \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \Big|_w A_w - k \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \Big|_e A_e = k \frac{T_P - T_W}{\Delta x_{WP}} A_w - k \frac{T_E - T_P}{\Delta x_{PE}} A_e \quad (34)$$

Our discretized source term is simply:

$$\int_V S dV \approx S_P V_P \quad (35)$$

where  $S_P$  = value of source term **within** the cell, and  $V_P$  = cell volume.

Put everything on one side, we can form the residual equation for the cell **P** as:

$$r_P = -k \frac{T_E - T_P}{\Delta x_{PE}} A_e + k \frac{T_P - T_W}{\Delta x_{WP}} A_w - S_P V_P \quad (36)$$

or expressing in terms of the diffusive fluxes,  $\mathbf{F}^d$ , through each face:

$$r_P = F_e^d - F_w^d - S_P V_P \quad (37)$$

where:

$$F_e^d = -k \frac{T_E - T_P}{\Delta x_{PE}} A_e = -D_e (T_E - T_P) \quad (38)$$

$$F_w^d = -k \frac{T_P - T_W}{\Delta x_{WP}} A_w = -D_w (T_P - T_W) \quad (39)$$

$$D_e = \frac{k A_e}{\Delta x_{PE}} \quad (40)$$

$$D_w = \frac{k A_w}{\Delta x_{WP}} \quad (41)$$

Our cell residual equation is then:

$$r_P = D_w (T_P - T_W) - D_e (T_E - T_P) - S_P V_P \quad (42)$$

The linearized coefficients are then calculated as:

$$a_P = \frac{\partial r_P}{\partial T_P} = D_w + D_e - \frac{\partial S_P}{\partial T_P} V_P \quad (43)$$

$$a_W = \frac{\partial r_P}{\partial T_W} = -D_w \quad (44)$$

$$a_E = \frac{\partial r_P}{\partial T_E} = -D_e \quad (45)$$

Recall that we can form an algebraic system of equation for each control volume like this:

$$a_P \delta \phi_P + \sum_{nb} a_{nb} \delta \phi_{nb} = -r_P \quad (46)$$

$$a_P \delta T_P + a_W \delta T_W + a_E \delta T_E = -r_P \quad (47)$$

The above linear system of equations can be written as as tridiagonal matrix, like this:

Equation for one cell

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{P0} & a_{E0} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ a_{W1} & a_{P1} & a_{E1} & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & a_{W2} & a_{P2} & a_{E2} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & a_{WN} & a_{PN} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta T_0 \\ \delta T_1 \\ \vdots \\ \delta T_N \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -r_0 \\ -r_1 \\ \vdots \\ -r_N \end{pmatrix}$$

**Note:** The first and last row only has 2 non zero elements each. This is because these are the left most/right most side and they are adjacent to the domain boundary. Therefore, special boundary conditions are needed to be set.

In matrix notation, we are solving:

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b} \quad (48)$$

where  $\mathbf{A}$  is the Jacobian matrix,  $\mathbf{b} = -\mathbf{r}$  is the residual vector,  $\mathbf{x} = \delta \mathbf{T}$  is the solution correction. At each current iteration  $i$ , the solution is updated according to:

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{T}_i + \delta \mathbf{T}_i \quad (49)$$

## 2.3 Source Terms

Our source term can have many forms, depending on the type of heat source. We will assume *external convection* and *radiation exchange*:

- For external convection:

$$\frac{S_{conv,P}}{V_P} = -hA_0(T_P - T_{\infty,c}) \quad (50)$$

where:

- $h$  is the convective coefficient.
- $A_0$  is external surface area of the cell  $P$ .
- $T_P$  is temperature at the centroid of cell  $P$ .
- $T_{\infty,c}$  is the ambient temperature for the convection process.

- For radiation exchange:

$$\frac{S_{rad}}{V_P} = -\epsilon\sigma A_0(T_P^4 - T_{\infty,r}^4) \quad (51)$$

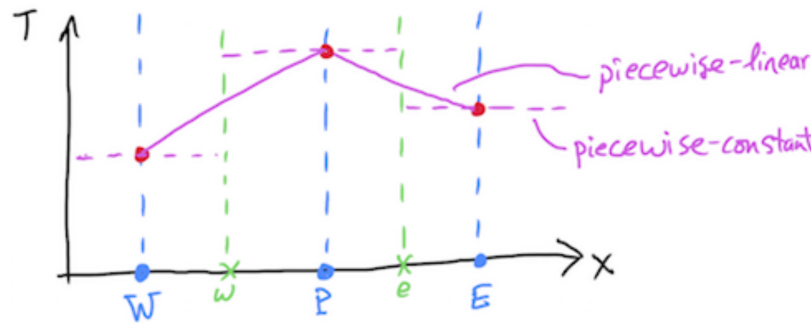
where:

- $\epsilon$  is the surface emissivity.
- $\sigma$  is the Stefan-Boltzmann constant.
- $T_{\infty,r}$  is the surrounding temperature for radiation exchange.

## 2.4 Discussion of Discretization Procedure

### 2.4.1 Temperature Profile Assumptions

When computing the diffusive fluxes through the faces, we assumed a **piecewise-linear profile** for the temperature. This ensures that the derivatives are defined at the integration points and provides consistency for flux at control-volume faces. For the source term, **piece-wise constant profile** is used, implying a single value of the source term in each cell. Note that for piece-wise constant profile, the derivatives are not defined at integration points, due to jump discontinuity. So if fluxes will be inconsistent if piecewise-constant profile is used for temperature.



### 2.4.2 Implementation of Linearization

In Patankar's method, the solution of the linear system **is** the solution for the variables at the control volume center.

In our method, the solution of the linear system is the **correction** to apply to the previous iteration of the solution.

The correction method is preferred because:

- at convergence, the solution for the correction goes to zero  $\rightarrow$  zero a good initial guess for the linear solver.
- linear system involves the residual vector. In Patankar's, there are more work to calculate the residual vector.

### 2.4.3 Properties of the Discrete Algebraic Equations

Recall our algebraic equation for the linear system

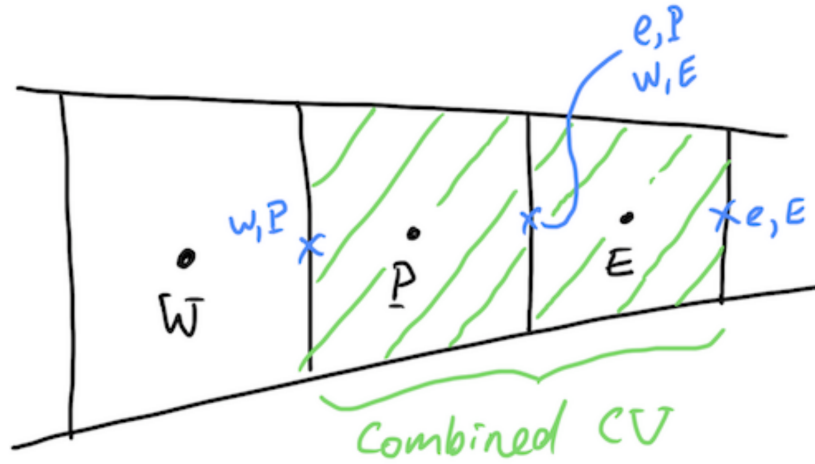
$$a_P \delta T_P + a_W \delta T_W + a_E \delta T_E = -r_P \quad (52)$$

In Rule 2, we require that  $a_P > 0$  and  $a_W, a_E < 0$ . The reason for this is if we consider the case with no source, and the solution converge,  $r_P \rightarrow 0$ :

$$a_P \delta T_P = -a_W \delta T_W - a_E \delta T_E \quad (53)$$

Now, suppose both  $T_P$  and  $T_E$  are perturbed. If either of these temperatures were to rise, then  $T_P$  would also rise. Similarly, if either temperatures were to drop,  $T_P$  should also drop. Therefore, to ensure correct physical effect, if  $a_P > 0$  then  $a_W, a_E > 0$ .

Consider the two cells ( $P$  and  $E$ ) below:



At convergence,  $r_P = 0$ , the equation for the control volume  $P$  is:

$$F_{e,P}^d - F_{w,P}^d - S_P V_P = 0 \quad (54)$$

For the control volume  $E$ :

$$F_{e,E}^d - F_{w,E}^d - S_E V_E = 0 \quad (55)$$

Adding these equations together gives:

$$F_{e,P}^d - F_{w,P}^d + F_{e,E}^d - F_{w,E}^d - S_P V_P - S_E V_E = 0 \quad (56)$$

Note that  $F_{e,P}^d = F_{w,E}^d$  by continuity, i.e. the flux at cell  $P$  going eastward should be the same flux going from westward at cell  $E$ . If these are not equal, then it implies that there is a fictitious force at the face, which is not reasonable. Therefore, our algebraic equation for control volume  $P$  and  $E$  becomes:

$$F_{e,E}^d - F_{w,P}^d - S_P V_P - S_E V_E = 0 \quad (57)$$

The above equation demonstrates integral conservation: a balance of the total source term within the combined control volume with the net diffusive flux from that same control volume. In addition, recall the definition of the diffusive flux:

$$F_{e,P}^d = -k \frac{T_E - T_P}{\Delta x_{PE}} A_{e,P} \quad (58)$$

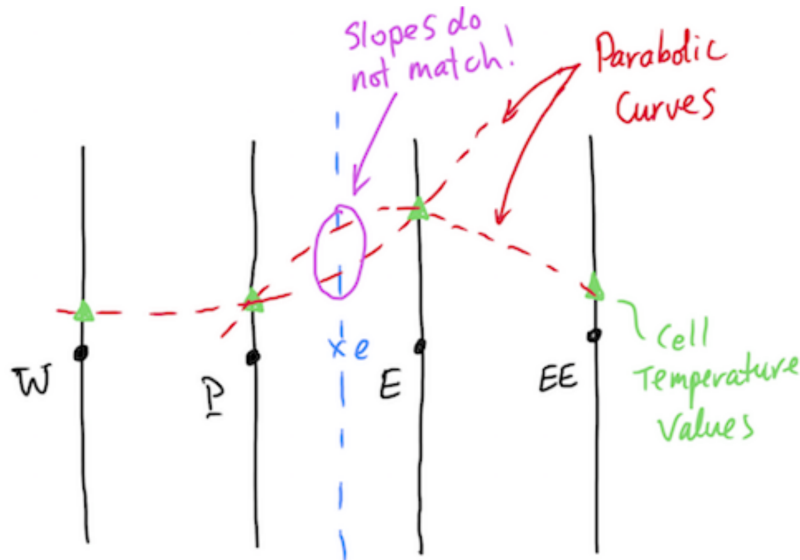
$$F_{w,E}^d = -k \frac{T_E - T_P}{\Delta x_{PE}} A_{w,E} \quad (59)$$

From the geometry of the grid,  $A_{e,P} = A_{w,E}$ ; therefore, it is in fact the two-point finite difference estimation of the derivative that cause the fluxes to be equal. This is also due to the piecewise-linear profile that we assume. If we assume a **parabolic profile** instead, there is no guarantee that the fluxes would be equal. Instead, we would have:

$$F_{e,P}^d = f(T_W, T_P, T_E) \quad (60)$$

$$F_{w,E}^d = f(T_P, T_E, T_{EE}) \quad (61)$$

This means that the flux through the common face depends on different temperature, so we cannot be sure that the derivative from either side is consistent.



## 2.5 Implementation: Python Code

```
# Solving the 1D Diffusion Equation
import numpy as np
from enum import Enum
from scipy.sparse.linalg import spsolve
from scipy.sparse import csr_matrix
from numpy.linalg import norm
import sys
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# class Grid: defining a 1D cartesian grid
class Grid:

    def __init__(self, lx, ly, lz, ncv):
        # # constructor
        # lx = total length of domain in x direction [m]
        # ly = total length of domain in y direction [m]
        # lz = total length of domain in z direction [m]

        # store the number of control volumes
        self._ncv = ncv
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# calculate the control volume length
dx = lx/float(ncv)

# calculate the face locations
# generate array of control volume element with length dx each
self._xf = np.array([i*dx for i in range(ncv+1)])

# calculate the cell centroid locations
# Note: figure out why add a xf[-1] last item
self._xP = np.array([self._xf[0] +
                    0.5*(self._xf[i]+self._xf[i+1]) for i in
range(ncv)] +
                    [self._xf[-1]])

# calculate face areas
self._Af = ly*lz*np.ones(ncv+1)

# calculate the outer surface area of each cell
self._Ao = (2.0*dx*ly + 2.0*dx*lz)*np.ones(ncv)

# calculate cell volumes
self._vol = dx*ly*lz*np.ones(ncv)

@property
def ncv(self):
    # number of control volumes in domain
    return self._ncv

@property
def xf(self):
    # face location array
    return self._xf

@property
def xP(self):
    # cell centroid array
    return self._xP

@property
def dx_WP(self):
    return self.xP[1:-1]-self.xP[0:-2]

@property
def dx_PE(self):
    return self.xP[2:]-self.xP[1:-1]

@property
def Af(self):
    # Face area array
    return self._Af

@property
def Aw(self):
    # West face area array

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        return self._Af[0:-1]

@property
def Ae(self):
    # East face area array
    return self._Af[1:]

@property
def Ao(self):
    # Outer face area array
    return self._Ao

@property
def vol(self):
    # Cell volume array
    return self._vol

# class ScalarCoeffs defining coefficients for the linear system
class ScalarCoeffs:
    def __init__(self, ncv):
        # # constructor:
        # ncv = number of control volume in domain

        self._ncv = ncv
        self._aP = np.zeros(ncv)
        self._aW = np.zeros(ncv)
        self._aE = np.zeros(ncv)
        self._rP = np.zeros(ncv)

    def zero(self):
        # zero out the coefficient arrays
        self._aP.fill(0.0)
        self._aW.fill(0.0)
        self._aE.fill(0.0)
        self._rP.fill(0.0)

    def accumulate_aP(self, aP):
        # accumulate values onto aP
        self._aP += aP

    def accumulate_aW(self, aW):
        # accumulate values onto aW
        self._aW += aW

    def accumulate_aE(self, aE):
        # accumulate values onto aE
        self._aE += aE

    def accumulate_rP(self, rP):
        # accumulate values onto rP
        self._rP += rP

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@property
def ncv(self):
    # number of control volume in domain
    return self._ncv

@property
def aP(self):
    # cell coefficient
    return self._aP

@property
def aW(self):
    # West cell coefficient
    return self._aW

@property
def aE(self):
    # East cell coefficient
    return self._aE

@property
def rP(self):
    # cell coefficient
    return self._rP

# class BoundaryLocation defining boundary condition locations
class BoundaryLocation(Enum):
    WEST = 1
    EAST = 2

# Implementing Boundary Conditions
class DirichletBC:
    def __init__(self, phi, grid, value, loc):
        # # constructor
        # phi = field variable array
        # grid = grid
        # value = boundary value
        # loc = boundary location

        self._phi = phi
        self._grid = grid
        self._value = value
        self._loc = loc

    def value(self):
        # return the boundary condition value
        return self._value

    def coeff(self):
        # return the linearization coefficient
        return 0

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def apply(self):
    # applies the boundary condition in the referenced field variable
    array
    if self._loc is BoundaryLocation.WEST:
        self._phi[0] = self._value
    elif self._loc is BoundaryLocation.EAST:
        self._phi[-1] = self._value
    else:
        raise ValueError("Unknown boundary location")

class NeumannBC:
    def __init__(self, phi, grid, gradient, loc):
        # # constructor
        # phi = field variable array
        # grid = grid
        # gradient = gradient at cell adjacent to boundary
        # loc = boundary location

        self._phi = phi
        self._grid = grid
        self._gradient = gradient
        self._loc = loc

    def value(self):
        # return the boundary condition value
        if self._loc is BoundaryLocation.WEST:
            return self._phi[1] - self._gradient * self._grid.dx_WP[0] # T(0)
        = T(1) - gb*dx
        elif self._loc is BoundaryLocation.EAST:
            return self._phi[-2] - self._gradient * self._grid.dx_PE[-1] #T
        (-1) = T(-2) -gb*dx
        else:
            raise ValueError("Unknown boundary location")

    def coeff(self):
        # return the linearization coefficient
        return 1

    def apply(self):
        # applies the boundary condition in the referenced field variable
        array
        if self._loc is BoundaryLocation.WEST:
            self._phi[0] = self._phi[1] - self._gradient * self._grid.dx_WP
        [0]
        elif self._loc is BoundaryLocation.EAST:
            self._phi[-1] = self._phi[-2] + self._gradient * self._grid.
        dx_PE[-1]
        else:
            raise ValueError("Unknown boundary location")

class RobinBC:
    def __init__(self, phi, grid, h, k, tinfy, loc):

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# # constructor
# phi = field variable array
# grid = grid
# h = convective coefficient
# k = conductive coefficient
# tinfy = freestream temperature
# loc = boundary location

self._phi = phi
self._grid = grid
self._h = h
self._k = k
self._tinfy = tinfy
self._loc = loc

def value(self):
    # return the boundary condition value
    if self._loc is BoundaryLocation.WEST:
        return (self._phi[1] + self._grid.dx_WP[0]*(self._h/self._k)*(
self._tinfy)) \
            /(1 + self._grid.dx_WP[0]*(self._h/self._k))
    elif self._loc is BoundaryLocation.EAST:
        return (self._phi[-2] - self._grid.dx_PE[-1]*(self._h/self._k)
*(self._tinfy))\
            /(1 - self._grid.dx_PE[-1]*(self._h/self._k))
    else:
        raise ValueError("Unknown boundary location")

def coeff(self):
    # return the linearization coefficient
    return 1

def apply(self):
    # applies the boundary condition in the referenced field variable
array
    if self._loc is BoundaryLocation.WEST:
        self._phi[0] = (self._phi[1] + self._grid.dx_WP[0]*(self._h/
self._k)*(self._tinfy))\
            /(1 + self._grid.dx_WP[0]*(self._h/self._k))
    elif self._loc is BoundaryLocation.EAST:
        self._phi[-1] = (self._phi[-2] - self._grid.dx_PE[-1]*(self._h
/self._k)*(self._tinfy))\
            /(1 - self._grid.dx_PE[-1]*(self._h/self._k))
    else:
        raise ValueError("Unknown boundary location")

# class DiffusionModel defining a defusion model
class DiffusionModel:
    def __init__(self, grid, phi, gamma, west_bc, east_bc):
        # constructor
        self._grid = grid

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self._phi = phi
self._gamma = gamma      # gamma here is "k" in the heat model
self._west_bc = west_bc
self._east_bc = east_bc

# add diffusion terms to coefficient arrays
def add(self, coeffs):

    # calculate west/east diffusion flux for each face
    flux_w = -self._gamma*self._grid.Aw*(self._phi[1:-1]-self._phi
[0:-2])\
        /self._grid.dx_WP #  $F_w = k \cdot (T_p - T_w) \cdot A_w / dx_{WP}$ 
    flux_e = -self._gamma*self._grid.Ae*(self._phi[2:]-self._phi
[1:-1])\
        /self._grid.dx_PE #  $F_e = k \cdot (T_e - T_p) \cdot A_e / dx_{PE}$ 

    # calculate the linearized coefficient [aW, aP, aE]
    coeffW = -self._gamma*self._grid.Aw/self._grid.dx_WP
    coeffE = -self._gamma*self._grid.Ae/self._grid.dx_PE
    coeffP = -coeffW - coeffE # should be +?

    # modified the linearized coefficient on the boundaries
    coeffP[0] += coeffW[0]*self._west_bc.coeff()
    coeffP[-1] += coeffE[-1]*self._east_bc.coeff()

    # zero the coefficients that are not used (on the boundary)
    coeffW[0] = 0.0
    coeffE[-1] = 0.0

    # calculate the net flux from each cell (out -in)
    flux = flux_e - flux_w

    # add to coefficient arrays
    coeffs.accumulate_aP(coeffP)
    coeffs.accumulate_aW(coeffW)
    coeffs.accumulate_aE(coeffE)
    coeffs.accumulate_rP(flux)

    # return the coefficient arrays
    return coeffs

# function to return a sparse matrix representation of a set of scalar
coefficients
def get_sparse_matrix(coeffs):
    ncv = coeffs.ncv
    data = np.zeros(3*ncv-2)
    rows = np.zeros(3*ncv-2, dtype = int)
    cols = np.zeros(3*ncv-2, dtype = int)
    data[0] = coeffs.aP[0]
    rows[0] = 0
    cols[0] = 0

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    if ncv > 1:
        data[1] = coeffs.aE[0]
        rows[1] = 0
        cols[1] = 1

    for i in range(ncv-2):
        data[3*i+2] = coeffs.aW[i+1]
        data[3*i+3] = coeffs.aP[i+1]
        data[3*i+4] = coeffs.aE[i+1]

        rows[3*i+2:3*i+5] = i+1

        cols[3*i+2] = i
        cols[3*i+3] = i+1
        cols[3*i+4] = i+2

    if ncv > 1:
        data[3*ncv-4] = coeffs.aW[-1]
        data[3*ncv-3] = coeffs.aP[-1]

        rows[3*ncv-4:3*ncv-2] = ncv-1

        cols[3*ncv-4] = ncv-2
        cols[3*ncv-3] = ncv-1

    return csr_matrix((data, (rows,cols)))

# solve the linear system and return the field variables
def solve(coeffs):
    # get the sparse matrix
    A = get_sparse_matrix(coeffs)
    # solve the linear system
    return spsolve(A, -coeffs.rP)

# Solving the 1D steady conduction with Dirichet BC
# Initially , east = 300K, west = 300K
# define the grid
lx = 1.0
ly = 0.1
lz = 0.1
ncv = 10
mygrid = Grid(lx,ly,lz,ncv)

#set the max iterations and convergence criterion
maxIter = 100
converged=1e-6

# thermal properties

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k = 0.1

# coefficients
coeffs = ScalarCoeffs(mygrid.ncv)

# # initial condition
T0 = 300

# # initialize field variable arrays
T = T0*np.ones(mygrid.ncv+2)

# # # boundary condition
west_bc = DirichletBC(T, mygrid, 400, BoundaryLocation.WEST)
east_bc = DirichletBC(T, mygrid, 0, BoundaryLocation.EAST)

# # # apply boundary conditions
west_bc.apply()
east_bc.apply()

# # # list to store the solution at each iteration
T_solns = [np.copy(T)]

# # # define the diffusion model
diffusion = DiffusionModel(mygrid, T, k, west_bc, east_bc)

# # # iterate until the solution is converged
for i in range(maxIter):
    # zero the coeff and add
    coeffs.zero()
    coeffs = diffusion.add(coeffs)

    # compute residual and check for convergence
    maxResid = norm(coeffs.rP, np.inf)
    avgResid = np.mean(np.absolute(coeffs.rP))
    print("Iteration = {} ; Resid = {} ; Avg. Resid = {}".format(i,
maxResid, avgResid) )
    if maxResid < converged:
        break

    # solve the sparse matrix system
    dT = solve(coeffs)

    # update the solution and boundary conditions
    T[1:-1] = T[1:-1] + dT
    west_bc.apply()
    east_bc.apply()

    # store the solution
    T_solns.append(np.copy(T))

# plotting

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for Ti in T_solns:
    plt.plot(mygrid.xP, Ti, label = str(i))
    i += 1

plt.title('Explicit')
plt.xlabel('X')
plt.ylabel('T')
plt.savefig('pic/1d_transient_explicit.png')

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### 3 TRANSIENT 1D HEAT DIFFUSION

#### 3.1 Problem Definition

In contrast to the steady case, here we are solving the following transient 1D heat diffusion equation

$$\frac{\partial(\rho c_p T)}{\partial t} = k \nabla^2 T + S \quad (62)$$

assuming constant  $\rho$  and  $c_p$

#### 3.2 Discretization

Integrating the governing equation through space and time yields:

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_1} \int_V \frac{(\partial \rho c_p T)}{\partial t} dt dV = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \int_V k \nabla^2 T dt dV + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \int_V S dt dV \quad (63)$$

By assuming a timestep  $\Delta t = t_1 - t_0$ , we also assume that the solution is stored at time levels  $t$  and later at  $t + \Delta t$ . Thus, we can assume various profiles for the integrands as functions of time. Here, we will examine the following:

- **Fully explicit:** evaluate the integrands on RHS at initial time level,  $t_0 = t$ .
- **Fully implicit:** evaluate the integrands on RHS at final time level,  $t_1 = t_0 + \Delta t$
- **Crank Nicolson:** assume a linear profile of the RHS over the interval  $\Delta t$ .

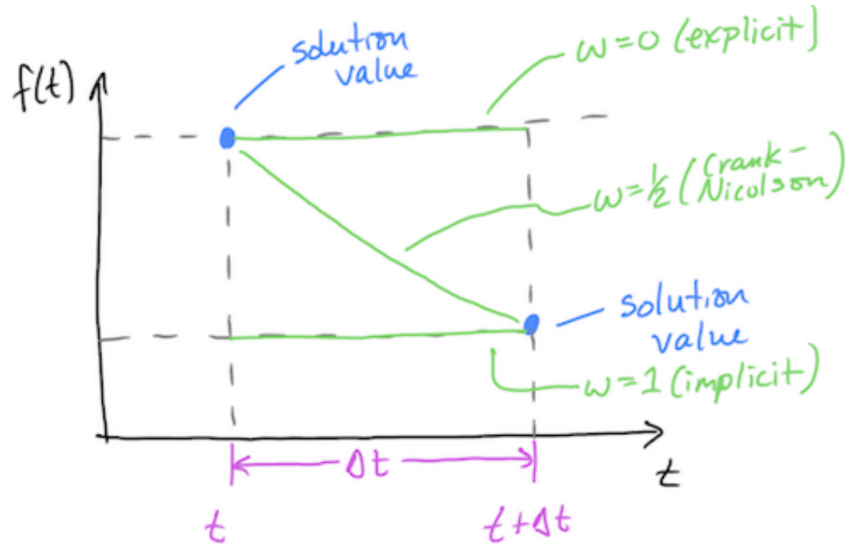
For the LHS, we interchange the order of integration, which results in this, for a control volume **P**:

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_1} \int_V \frac{(\partial \rho c_p T)}{\partial t} dt dV = (\rho c_p T_p)^{t+\Delta t} - (\rho c_p T_p)^t \quad (64)$$

Recall that for the steady case, the diffusive term is the difference in flux. Here, we add a weighting function  $w$  to control the assumed variation of the integrand over the timestep.

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_1} \int_V k \nabla^2 T dt dV = - \left[ \omega (F_e^d)^{t+\Delta t} + (1 - \omega) (F_e^d)^t \right] \Delta t + \left[ \omega (F_w^d)^{t+\Delta t} + (1 - \omega) (F_w^d)^t \right] \Delta t \quad (65)$$





Grouping the time levels together:

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_1} \int_V k \nabla^2 T dt dV = \left[ \omega [F_w^d - F_e^d]^{t+\Delta t} \Delta t + (1 - \omega) [F_w^d - F_e^d]^t \Delta t \right] \quad (66)$$

Assuming no source term,  $S = 0$ , constant properties and divide by  $\Delta t$ , our discretized equation becomes

$$\rho c_p \frac{T_P^{t+\Delta t} - T_P^t}{\Delta t} V_P = \omega [F_w^d - F_e^d]^{t+\Delta t} + (1 - \omega) [F_w^d - F_e^d]^t \quad (67)$$

#### Note

- fully implicit and fully explicit are *1st order* accurate in time.
- Crank-Nicolson are *2nd order* accurate in time.
  - but Crank-Nicolson are *less stable*, cause oscillations.
- Generally, explicit solutions do not require the solution of a system of equations. All diffusive fluxes are calculated using solution values from previous timestep
- Implicit requires solution of a linear system at current time step. The same is true for Crank-Nicolson, or any scheme where  $0 < \omega < 1$

### 3.3 Analysis of Explicit Scheme

Recall explicit scheme means  $\omega = 0$ . Our discretized equation becomes:

$$\rho c_p \frac{T_P^{t+\Delta t} - T_P^t}{\Delta t} V_P = [F_w^d - F_e^d]^t + \rho c_p \frac{T_P^t}{\Delta t} V_P \quad (68)$$

Recall that the fluxes can be defined as:

$$F_e^d = -k \frac{T_E - T_P}{\Delta x_{PE}} A_e = -D_e (T_E - T_P) \quad (69)$$

$$F_w^d = -k \frac{T_P - T_W}{\Delta x_{WP}} A_w = -D_w (T_P - T_W) \quad (70)$$

$$D_e = \frac{k A_e}{\Delta x_{PE}} \quad (71)$$

$$D_w = \frac{k A_w}{\Delta x_{WP}} \quad (72)$$

Thus, our explicit formulation becomes:

$$\rho c_p \frac{T_P^{t+\Delta t} - T_P^t}{\Delta t} V_P = D_e T_E^t + D_w T_W^t + \left( \frac{\rho c_p V_P}{\Delta t} - D_e - D_w \right) T_P^t \quad (73)$$

To get correct physical influence, the coefficient of  $T_P^t$  must be positive, to ensure  $\uparrow T_P^t$  leads to  $\uparrow T_P^{t+\Delta t}$ . Therefore, our timestep must be selected such that:

$$\frac{\rho c_p V_P}{\Delta t} \geq D_e + D_w$$

or

$$\Delta t \leq \frac{\rho c_p V_P}{D_e + D_w} = \frac{1}{\frac{D_e}{\rho c_p V_P} + \frac{D_w}{\rho c_p V_P}}$$

Simplifying further, we assume  $V_P = A \Delta x$  where  $A$  is the cross-sectional area of the domain at  $P$ , and  $\Delta x$  is the grid spacing. Also assuming  $A_e, A_w \approx A$

$$\frac{D_e}{\rho c_p V_P} \approx \frac{\frac{k A_e}{\Delta x}}{\rho c_p A \Delta x} = \frac{k}{\rho c_p} \frac{1}{\Delta x^2} = \frac{\alpha}{\Delta x^2}$$

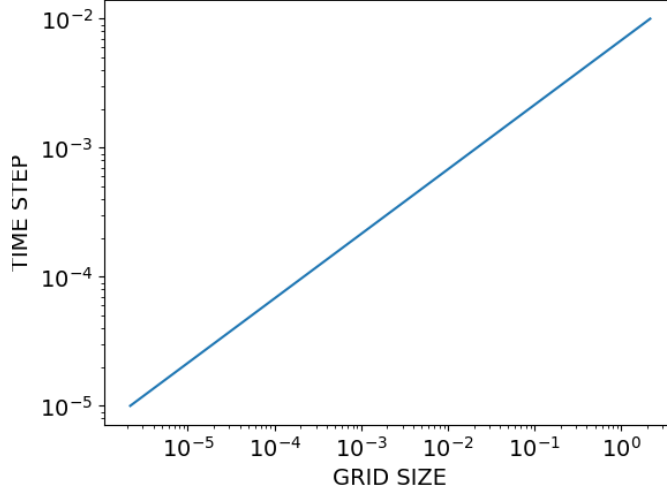
The quantity  $\frac{\Delta x^2}{\alpha}$  may be interpreted as the timescale associated with conduction through the face.

For uniform grid,  $A_e = A_w = A$ , the timestep restriction is:

$$\Delta t \leq \frac{1}{\frac{\alpha}{\Delta x^2} + \frac{\alpha}{\Delta x^2}} = \frac{\Delta x^2}{2\alpha} \quad (74)$$

Note how our timestep is related to the square of the grid size, so the a fine grid will have a very small " $\Delta x^2$ ". To study this, we consider an iron bar with  $\alpha = 23.1 \times 10^{-6} [m^2/s]$  at various grid sizes:

GRID SIZE [m]	TIME STEP [sec]
0.01	2.1645022
0.001	0.021645022
0.0001	2.1645022e-4
0.00001	2.1645022e-6



We can quickly see how the timestep restriction gets worse with increasing grid refinement. As a result, implicit methods are more commonly used in practice. Exception would be calculation of turbulent flow using direct numerical simulation (DNS). In this case, explicit methods are a good choice because they are less expensive per timestep, since no linear system must be solved.

### 3.4 Analysis of Fully Implicit Scheme

Setting  $\omega = 1$  for implicit scheme. Our discretized equation becomes:

$$\rho c_p \frac{T_P^{t+\Delta t} - T_P^t}{\Delta t} V_P = [-D_w(T_P - T_W) + D_e(T_E - T_P)]^{t+\Delta t} \quad (75)$$

Drop the superscript  $t + \Delta t$  and denotes old value as "o", after rearranging, we have:

$$\left( \frac{\rho c_p V_P}{\Delta t} + D_w + D_e \right) T_P = D_w T_W + D_e T_E + \frac{\rho c_p V_P}{\Delta t} T_P^o \quad (76)$$

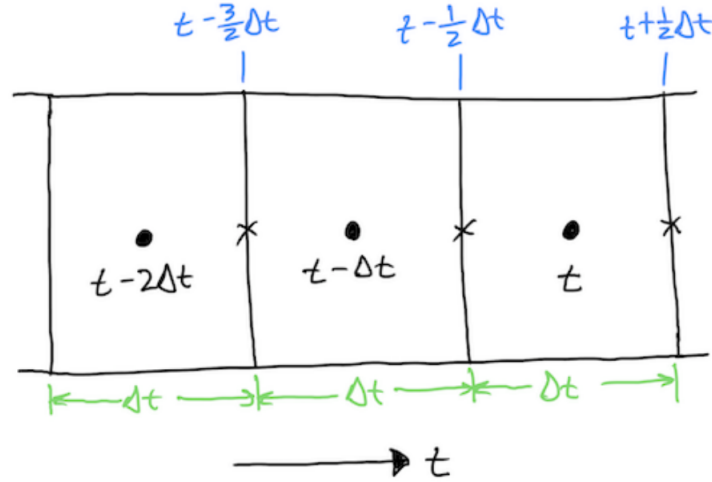
We can see that none of the coefficients can become negative when written out this way. Still, we must ensure the timestep is small enough to resolve all transient phenomena. In contrast to this fully implicit scheme, the Crank-Nicholson scheme has no formal restriction on  $\Delta t$ , but still produces **oscillatory** at large  $\Delta t$ .

### 3.5 Derivation of Second Order Implicit Scheme

#### 3.5.1 General idea

We consider integration over a special **space-time control volume**, with:

- the time faces being located at  $t - \Delta t/2, t + \Delta t/2$
- the solution values are stored at  $t, t - \Delta t, t - 2\Delta t$ .



By using the space-time control volume, the RHS of the discretized equation evaluated at time  $t$ , can be considered as a representative of the entire timesweep. The advantages are:

- we do not need to assume a profile in time, e.g. piecewise constant for fully implicit/explicit, piecewise linear for Crank-Nicholson.
- no need to store old flux value
- interpolation depends on the face values:
  - if piecewise constant  $\rightarrow$  1st order scheme
  - if piecewise linear  $\rightarrow$  2nd order scheme

### 3.5.2 Derivation

Integrate the governing equation over the space-time control volume

$$\int_{t-\Delta t/2}^{t+\Delta t/2} \int_V \frac{(\partial \rho c_p T)}{\partial t} dt dV = \int_{t-\Delta t/2}^{t+\Delta t/2} \int_V k \nabla^2 T dt dV + \int_{t-\Delta t/2}^{t+\Delta t/2} \int_V S dt dV \quad (77)$$

Resulting in:

$$(\rho c_p T_P V_P)^{t+\Delta t/2} - (\rho c_p T_P V_P)^{t-\Delta t/2} = [F_w^d - F_e^d]^t \Delta t + S_P^t \Delta t V_P \quad (78)$$

Divide by  $\Delta t$ , express the diffusive fluxes in terms of  $D_w$  and  $D_e$ , dropping superscripts  $t$  for current time:

$$\frac{(\rho c_p T_P V_P)^{t+\Delta t/2} - (\rho c_p T_P V_P)^{t-\Delta t/2}}{\Delta t} = -D_w(T_P - T_W) + D_e(T_E - T_P) + S_P V_P \quad (79)$$

LHS is known, for RHS  $\rightarrow$  need to specify values for times  $t - \Delta t/2$  and  $t + \Delta t/2$

- 1st order time integration scheme We assume a **piecewise constant** distribution over each timestep between the face values, resulting in:

$$T_P^{t-\Delta t/2} = T_P^{t-\Delta t}$$

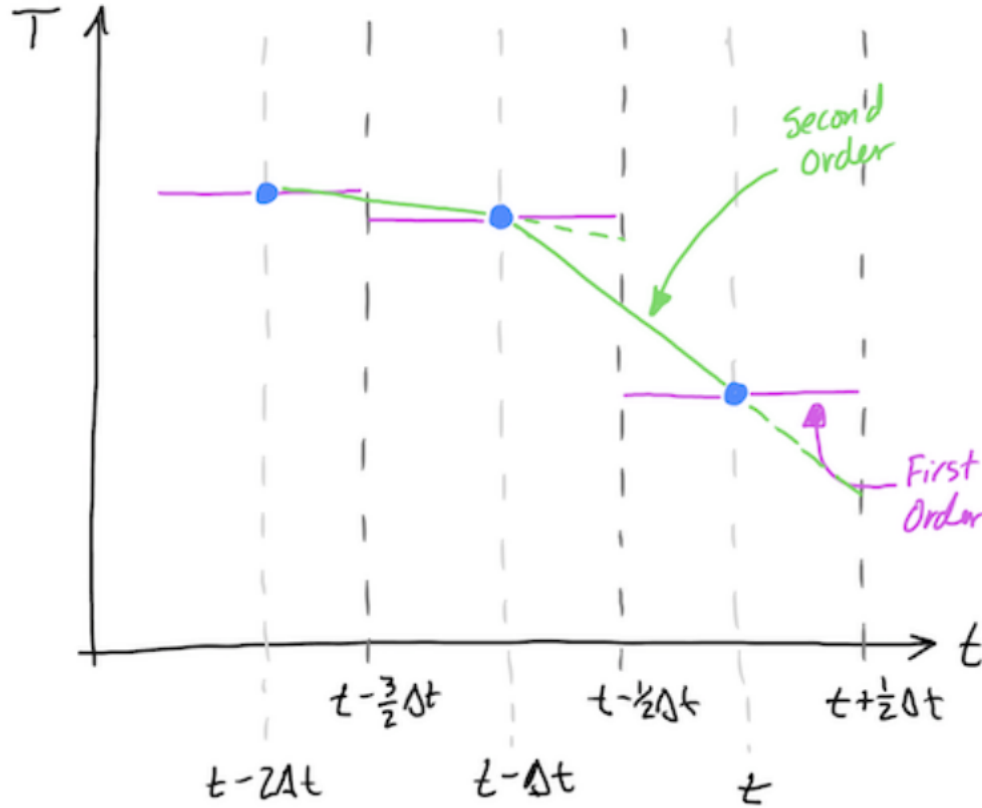
$$T_P^{t+\Delta t/2} = T_P^t$$

- 2nd order time integration scheme We assume a **piecewise linear** distribution over each timestep between the face values, resulting in:

$$T_P^{t-\Delta t/2} = T_P^{t-\Delta t} + \frac{1}{2}(T_P^{t-\Delta t} - T_P^{t-2\Delta t})$$

$$T_P^{t+\Delta t/2} = T_P^t + \frac{1}{2}(T_P^t - T_P^{t-\Delta t})$$

This is achieved by doing backward interpolation and then forward interpolation on the face values. The schematic below shows these interpolations:



Substituting these relations to the integrated governing equation's LHS:

- For 1st order scheme:

$$\frac{(\rho c_p T_P V_P)^{t+\Delta t/2} - (\rho c_p T_P V_P)^{t-\Delta t/2}}{\Delta t} = \rho c_p V_P \frac{T_P - T_P^o}{\Delta t} \quad (80)$$

Note:

- \* the superscript for current time is dropped, and superscript for  $t - \Delta t$  is replaced by  $o$  for "old value".
- \* also that this is exactly the same as the result for the fully implicit scheme.

- For 2nd order scheme:

$$\frac{(\rho c_p T_P V_P)^{t+\Delta t/2} - (\rho c_p T_P V_P)^{t-\Delta t/2}}{\Delta t} = \rho c_p V_P \frac{T_P + \frac{1}{2}(T_P - T_P^o) - T_P^o - \frac{1}{2}(T_P^o - T_P^{oo})}{\Delta t}$$

or a more simplified version. . . .

$$\frac{(\rho c_p T_P V_P)^{t+\Delta t/2} - (\rho c_p T_P V_P)^{t-\Delta t/2}}{\Delta t} = \rho c_p V_P \frac{\frac{3}{2}T_P - 2T_P^o + \frac{1}{2}T_P^{oo}}{\Delta t} \quad (81)$$

Note:

- \* superscript  $_{oo}$  is used for time value  $t - 2\Delta t$ .
- \* unlike Crank-Nicholson's, flux values at previous timestep **do not need to be solved**. Instead, only temperature values at the **previous two time step** need to be retained.

### 3.5.3 Other Transient Discretization Schemes

Some higher order schemes are also used such as:

- Adams-Bashforth (explicit)
- Adams-Moulton (implicit)
- Runge-Kutta (implicit or explicit)

### 3.5.4 Linearization

Recall the cell residual for steady conduction:

$$r_P = D_w(T_P - T_W) - D_e(T_E - T_P) - S_P V_P$$

where  $D_e = \frac{kA_e}{\Delta x_{PE}}$ , and  $D_w = \frac{kA_w}{\Delta x_{WP}}$ . If we apply 1st order implicit to the transient term:

$$r_P = \rho c_p V_P \frac{T_P - T_P^o}{\Delta t} D_w(T_P - T_W) - D_e(T_E - T_P) - S_P V_P$$

This makes the linearization coefficients to be as follow:

$$\begin{aligned} a_P &= \frac{\partial r_P}{\partial T_P} = \frac{\rho c_p V_P}{\Delta t} + D_w + D_e - \frac{\partial S_P}{\partial T_P} V_P \\ a_W &= \frac{\partial r_P}{\partial T_W} = -D_w \\ a_E &= \frac{\partial r_P}{\partial T_E} = -D_e \end{aligned}$$

Similar to before, we can form an algebraic equation for each control volume like this:

$$a_P \delta T_P + a_W \delta T_W + a_E \delta T_E = -r_P \quad (82)$$

If we apply 2nd order implicit temporal scheme instead, then  $a_P$  term would look like this:

$$a_P = \frac{\partial r_P}{\partial T_P} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{\rho c_p V_P}{\Delta t} + D_w + D_e - \frac{\partial S_P}{\partial T_P} V_P$$

### 3.6 Implementation: Python code

```
# Solving the 1D Diffusion Equation-TRANSIENT
import numpy as np
from enum import Enum
from scipy.sparse.linalg import spsolve
from scipy.sparse import csr_matrix
from numpy.linalg import norm
import sys
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# class Grid: defining a 1D cartesian grid
class Grid:

    def __init__(self, lx, ly, lz, ncv):
        # # constructor
        # lx = total length of domain in x direction [m]
        # ly = total length of domain in y direction [m]
        # lz = total length of domain in z direction [m]

        # store the number of control volumes
        self._ncv = ncv

        # calculate the control volume length
        dx = lx/float(ncv)

        # calculate the face locations
        # generate array of control volume element with length dx each
        self._xf = np.array([i*dx for i in range(ncv+1)])

        # calculate the cell centroid locations
        # Note: figure out why add a xf[-1] last item
        self._xP = np.array([self._xf[0] +
                             0.5*(self._xf[i]+self._xf[i+1]) for i in
range(ncv)] +
                             [self._xf[-1]])

        # calculate face areas
        self._Af = ly*lz*np.ones(ncv+1)

        # calculate the outer surface area of each cell
        self._Ao = (2.0*dx*ly + 2.0*dx*lz)*np.ones(ncv)

        # calculate cell volumes
        self._vol = dx*ly*lz*np.ones(ncv)

    @property
    def ncv(self):
        # number of control volumes in domain
        return self._ncv

    @property
    def xf(self):
        # face location array
```

```

        return self._xf

    @property
    def xP(self):
        # cell centroid array
        return self._xP

    @property
    def dx_WP(self):
        return self.xP[1:-1] - self.xP[0:-2]

    @property
    def dx_PE(self):
        return self.xP[2:] - self.xP[1:-1]

    @property
    def Af(self):
        # Face area array
        return self._Af

    @property
    def Aw(self):
        # West face area array
        return self._Af[0:-1]

    @property
    def Ae(self):
        # East face area array
        return self._Af[1:]

    @property
    def Ao(self):
        # Outer face area array
        return self._Ao

    @property
    def vol(self):
        # Cell volume array
        return self._vol

# class ScalarCoeffs defining coefficients for the linear system
class ScalarCoeffs:
    def __init__(self, ncv):
        # # constructor:
        # ncv = number of control volume in domain

        self._ncv = ncv
        self._aP = np.zeros(ncv)
        self._aW = np.zeros(ncv)
        self._aE = np.zeros(ncv)
        self._rP = np.zeros(ncv)

```



```

def zero(self):
    # zero out the coefficient arrays
    self._aP.fill(0.0)
    self._aW.fill(0.0)
    self._aE.fill(0.0)
    self._rP.fill(0.0)

def accumulate_aP(self, aP):
    # accumulate values onto aP
    self._aP += aP

def accumulate_aW(self, aW):
    # accumulate values onto aW
    self._aW += aW

def accumulate_aE(self, aE):
    # accumulate values onto aE
    self._aE += aE

def accumulate_rP(self, rP):
    # accumulate values onto rP
    self._rP += rP

@property
def ncv(self):
    # number of control volume in domain
    return self._ncv

@property
def aP(self):
    # cell coefficient
    return self._aP

@property
def aW(self):
    # West cell coefficient
    return self._aW

@property
def aE(self):
    # East cell coefficient
    return self._aE

@property
def rP(self):
    # cell coefficient
    return self._rP

# class BoundaryLocation defining boundary condition locations
class BoundaryLocation(Enum):
    WEST = 1
    EAST = 2

```

### # Implementing Boundary Conditions

```
class DirichletBC:
    def __init__(self, phi, grid, value, loc):
        # # constructor
        # phi = field variable array
        # grid = grid
        # value = boundary value
        # loc = boundary location

        self._phi = phi
        self._grid = grid
        self._value = value
        self._loc = loc

    def value(self):
        # return the boundary condition value
        return self._value

    def coeff(self):
        # return the linearization coefficient
        return 0

    def apply(self):
        # applies the boundary condition in the referenced field variable
        array
        if self._loc is BoundaryLocation.WEST:
            self._phi[0] = self._value
        elif self._loc is BoundaryLocation.EAST:
            self._phi[-1] = self._value
        else:
            raise ValueError("Unknown boundary location")

class NeumannBC:
    def __init__(self, phi, grid, gradient, loc):
        # # constructor
        # phi = field variable array
        # grid = grid
        # gradient = gradient at cell adjacent to boundary
        # loc = boundary location

        self._phi = phi
        self._grid = grid
        self._gradient = gradient
        self._loc = loc

    def value(self):
        # return the boundary condition value
        if self._loc is BoundaryLocation.WEST:
            return self._phi[1] - self._gradient * self._grid.dx_WP[0] \
                #  $T(0) = T(1) - gb \cdot dx$ 
        elif self._loc is BoundaryLocation.EAST:
            return self._phi[-2] - self._gradient * self._grid.dx_PE[-1] \
```

```

        #T(-1) = T(-2) -gb*dx
    else:
        raise ValueError("Unknown boundary location")

    def coeff(self):
        # return the linearization coefficient
        return 1

    def apply(self):
        # applies the boundary condition in the referenced field variable
        array
        if self._loc is BoundaryLocation.WEST:
            self._phi[0] = self._phi[1] - self._gradient*self._grid.dx_WP
[0]
        elif self._loc is BoundaryLocation.EAST:
            self._phi[-1] = self._phi[-2] + self._gradient*self._grid.
dx_PE[-1]
        else:
            raise ValueError("Unknown boundary location")

class RobinBC:
    def __init__(self, phi, grid, h, k, tinfy, loc):
        # # constructor
        # phi = field variable array
        # grid = grid
        # h = convective coefficient
        # k = conductive coefficient
        # tinfy = freestream temperature
        # loc = boundary location

        self._phi = phi
        self._grid = grid
        self._h = h
        self._k = k
        self._tinfy = tinfy
        self._loc = loc

    def value(self):
        # return the boundary condition value
        if self._loc is BoundaryLocation.WEST:
            return (self._phi[1] + self._grid.dx_WP[0]*(self._h/self._k)*(
self._tinfy))\
/(1 + self._grid.dx_WP[0]*(self._h/self._k))
        elif self._loc is BoundaryLocation.EAST:
            return (self._phi[-2] - self._grid.dx_PE[-1]*(self._h/self._k)
*(self._tinfy))\
/(1 - self._grid.dx_PE[-1]*(self._h/self._k))
        else:
            raise ValueError("Unknown boundary location")

    def coeff(self):
        # return the linearization coefficient

```

```

        return 1

    def apply(self):
        # applies the boundary condition in the referenced field variable
        array
        if self._loc is BoundaryLocation.WEST:
            self._phi[0] = (self._phi[1] + self._grid.dx_WP[0]*(self._h/
self._k)*(self._tinfy))\
                /(1 + self._grid.dx_WP[0]*(self._h/self._k))
        elif self._loc is BoundaryLocation.EAST:
            self._phi[-1] = (self._phi[-2] - self._grid.dx_PE[-1]*(self._h
/self._k)*(self._tinfy))\
                /(1 - self._grid.dx_PE[-1]*(self._h/self._k))
        else:
            raise ValueError("Unknown boundary location")

```

# class DiffusionModel defining a defusion model

```

class DiffusionModel:
    def __init__(self, grid, phi, gamma, west_bc, east_bc):
        # constructor
        self._grid = grid
        self._phi = phi
        self._gamma = gamma        # gamma here is "k" in the heat model
        self._west_bc = west_bc
        self._east_bc = east_bc

    # add diffusion terms to coefficient arrays
    def add(self, coeffs):

        # calculate west/east diffusion flux for each face
        flux_w = -self._gamma*self._grid.Aw*(self._phi[1:-1]-self._phi
[0:-2])\
            /self._grid.dx_WP # Fw = k*(Tp-Tw)*Aw/ dx_WP
        flux_e = -self._gamma*self._grid.Ae*(self._phi[2:]-self._phi
[1:-1])\
            /self._grid.dx_PE # Fe = k*(Te-Tp)*Ae/dx_PE

        # calculate the linearized coefficient [aW, aP, aE]
        coeffW = -self._gamma*self._grid.Aw/self._grid.dx_WP # Dw
        coeffE = -self._gamma*self._grid.Ae/self._grid.dx_PE # De
        coeffP = -coeffW - coeffE                               # Dw + De in
notes, but due to minus sign so -Dw-De in code

        # modified the linearized coefficient on the boundaries
        coeffP[0] += coeffW[0]*self._west_bc.coeff()
        coeffP[-1] += coeffE[-1]*self._east_bc.coeff()

        # zero the coefficients that are not used (on the boundary)
        coeffW[0] = 0.0
        coeffE[-1] = 0.0

```

```

    # calculate the net flux from each cell (out -in)
    flux = flux_e - flux_w

    # add to coefficient arrays
    coeffs.accumulate_aP(coeffP)
    coeffs.accumulate_aW(coeffW)
    coeffs.accumulate_aE(coeffE)
    coeffs.accumulate_rP(flux)

    # return the coefficient arrays
    return coeffs

# function to return a sparse matrix representation of a set of scalar
coefficients
def get_sparse_matrix(coeffs):
    ncv = coeffs.ncv
    data = np.zeros(3*ncv-2)
    rows = np.zeros(3*ncv-2, dtype = int)
    cols = np.zeros(3*ncv-2, dtype = int)
    data[0] = coeffs.aP[0]
    rows[0] = 0
    cols[0] = 0

    if ncv > 1:
        data[1] = coeffs.aE[0]
        rows[1] = 0
        cols[1] = 1

    for i in range(ncv-2):
        data[3*i+2] = coeffs.aW[i+1]
        data[3*i+3] = coeffs.aP[i+1]
        data[3*i+4] = coeffs.aE[i+1]

        rows[3*i+2:3*i+5] = i+1

        cols[3*i+2] = i
        cols[3*i+3] = i+1
        cols[3*i+4] = i+2

    if ncv > 1:
        data[3*ncv-4] = coeffs.aW[-1]
        data[3*ncv-3] = coeffs.aP[-1]

        rows[3*ncv-4:3*ncv-2] = ncv-1

        cols[3*ncv-4] = ncv-2
        cols[3*ncv-3] = ncv-1

    return csr_matrix((data, (rows, cols)))

# solve the linear system and return the field variables
def solve(coeffs):

```

```

# get the sparse matrix
A = get_sparse_matrix(coeffs)
# solve the linear system
return spsolve(A, -coeffs.rP)

# defining a first order implicit transient model
class FirstOrderTransientModel:
    # constructor
    def __init__(self, grid, T, Told, rho, cp, dt):
        self._grid = grid
        self._T = T
        self._Told = Told
        self._rho = rho
        self._cp = cp
        self._dt = dt

    def add(self, coeffs):
        # calculate the transient term

        # calculate the linearization coefficients
        coeffP = self._rho * self._cp * self._vol / self._dt # ap = rho*cp*vp/dt

        # add to coefficient arrays
        coeffs.accumulate_aP(coeffP)

        return coeffs

# class defining a surface convection model
class SurfaceConvectionModel:
    # constructor
    def __init__(self, grid, T, ho, To):
        self._grid = grid
        self._T = T
        self._ho = ho
        self._To = To

    # add surface convection terms to coefficient arrays
    def add(self, coeffs):
        # calculate the source term  $q = hA(T - T_{infty})$ 
        source = self._ho * self._grid.Ao * (self._T[1:-1] - self._To)

        # calculate linearization coefficients
        coeffP = self._ho * self._grid.Ao

        # add to coefficient arrays
        coeffs.accumulate_aP(coeffP)
        coeffs.accumulate_rP(source)

        return coeffs

# Solving the 1D steady conduction with Dirichet BC

```

```

# Initially , east = 300K, west = 300K
# define the grid
lx = 1.0
ly = 0.1
lz = 0.1
ncv = 10
mygrid = Grid(lx , ly , lz , ncv)

# set the timestep information
nTime = 10
dt = 1
time = 0

#set the max iterations and convergence criterion
maxIter = 100
converged=1e-6

# thermal properties
k = 0.1
rho = 1000
cp = 1000
k = 100

# convection parameters
ho = 25
To = 200

# coefficients
coeffs = ScalarCoeffs(mygrid.ncv)

# initial condition
T0 = 300

# initialize field variable arrays
T = T0*np.ones(mygrid.ncv+2)

# boundary condition
west_bc = DirichletBC(T, mygrid, 400, BoundaryLocation.WEST)
east_bc = DirichletBC(T, mygrid, 0, BoundaryLocation.EAST)

# apply boundary conditions
west_bc.apply()
east_bc.apply()

# list to store the solution at each iteration
T_solns = [np.copy(T)]

# define the transient model
Told = np.copy(T)
transient = FirstOrderTransientModel(mygrid,T,Told,rho,cp,dt)

# define the diffusion model
diffusion = DiffusionModel(mygrid, T, k, west_bc, east_bc)

```

```

# define the surface convection model
surfaceConvection = SurfaceConvectionModel(mygrid,T,ho,To)

# # # iterate until the solution is converged
for tStep in range(nTime):

    # update the time information
    time += dt

    # print the timestep information
    print("Timestep = {}; Time = {}".format(tStep,time))

    # store the old temperature field
    Told[:] = T[:]

    # iterate until converge
    for i in range(maxIter):

        # zero the coeff and add
        coeffs.zero()
        coeffs = diffusion.add(coeffs)
        coeffs = surfaceConvection.add(coeffs)

        # compute residual and check for convergence
        maxResid = norm(coeffs.rP, np.inf)
        avgResid = np.mean(np.absolute(coeffs.rP))
        print("Iteration = {} ; Resid = {} ; Avg. Resid = {}".format(i,
maxResid, avgResid) )
        if maxResid < converged:
            break

        # solve the sparse matrix system
        dT = solve(coeffs)

        # update the solution and boundary conditions
        T[1:-1] += dT
        west_bc.apply()
        east_bc.apply()

    # store the solution
    T_solns.append(np.copy(T))

# plotting
i = 0
for Ti in T_solns:
    plt.plot(mygrid.xP, Ti, label = str(i))
    i += 1

plt.title('Implicit')

```



```
plt.xlabel('X')  
plt.ylabel('T')  
plt.savefig('pic/1d_transient_implicit.png')  
plt.show()
```

## 4 ONE-DIMENSIONAL CONVECTION OF A SCALAR

### 4.1 Problem Definition

For thermal convection, we need the advection-diffusion equation. So far, we only dealt with diffusion, now we add the advection term which results in:

$$\frac{\partial(\rho c_p T)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho c_p \mathbf{u} T) = k \nabla^2 T + S \quad (83)$$

assuming constant  $\rho$  and  $c_p$ . We also assume that the flow field  $\mathbf{u}$  is known, and we only use it to advect and solve for the temperature field. To preserve continuity across cells, we also define a mass conservation equation without mass source.

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) = 0 \quad (84)$$

### 4.2 Discretization

Just like we did before, we now integrate the advection-diffusion equation through space and time:

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_1} \int_V \frac{\partial(\rho c_p T)}{\partial t} dt dV + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \int_V \nabla \cdot (\rho c_p \mathbf{u} T) dt dV = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \int_V k \nabla^2 T dV dt + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \int_V S dV dt \quad (85)$$

Integration of the transient diffusion equation is covered. Here, we deal with the advection term. Using the Gauss' divergence theorem to convert volume integral to surface integral:

$$\int_V \nabla \cdot (\rho c_p \mathbf{u} T) dV = \int_S (\rho c_p \mathbf{u} T) \cdot \mathbf{n} dS \quad (86)$$

The surface integral is then approximated as discrete sum over the integration points

$$\int_S (\rho c_p \mathbf{u} T) \cdot \mathbf{n} dS = \sum_{i=0}^{N_{ip}-1} (\rho c_p \mathbf{u} T) \cdot \mathbf{n}_{ip} \mathbf{A}_{ip} \quad (87)$$

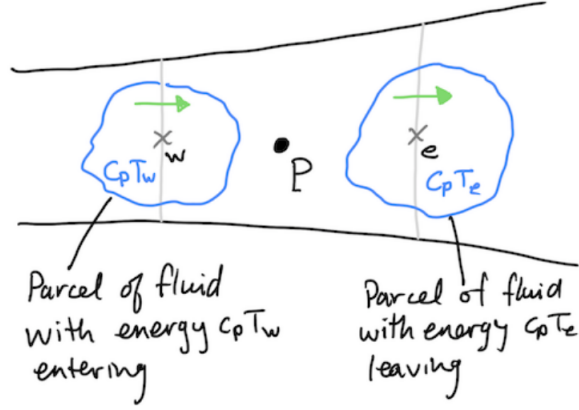
For 1D flow across control volume  $P$ , this results in:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{N_{ip}-1} (\rho c_p \mathbf{u} T) \cdot \mathbf{n}_{ip} \mathbf{A}_{ip} = \rho c_p u_e T_e A_e - \rho c_p u_w T_w A_w \quad (88)$$

Or in terms of the mass flux,  $\dot{m} = \rho u A$ :

$$\sum_{i=0}^{N_{ip}-1} (\rho c_p \mathbf{u} T) \cdot \mathbf{n}_{ip} \mathbf{A}_{ip} = \dot{m}_e c_p T_e - \dot{m}_w c_p T_w \quad (89)$$

Note how the  $c_p T$  terms are similar to some forms of internal energy (enthalpy). Thus, we can think off the above equation as the difference in energy between 2 parcels of fluids, one with internal energy  $c_p T_e$  and one with internal energy  $c_p T_w$



As a result, our discretized energy equation becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(\rho c_p T_P V_P)^{t+\Delta t/2} - (\rho c_p T_P V_P)^{t-\Delta t/2}}{\Delta t} + \dot{m}_e c_p T_e - \dot{m}_w c_p T_w \\ & = -D_w(T_P - T_W) + D_e(T_E - T_P) + S_P V_P \end{aligned} \quad (90)$$

Note:

- transient term is like before, evaluated at time  $t + \Delta t/2$  and  $t - \Delta t/2$ .
- our discretization scheme is **NOT** completed, because we still do not know how to calculate mass flux and temperature at integration points, namely  $\dot{m}_e, \dot{m}_w$  and  $T_e, T_w$ .
- we must consider whether the given equation is independent of temperature level according to Rule 4. One can say that it has to be independent because transient, diffusion, advection terms involve only derivative of temperature. This is true, if mass is conserved ( $\dot{m}_e = \dot{m}_w$ ). For 1D, this is easy to ensure. For multidimensional problems, this is difficult. In other words, we cannot assure that the numerical mass fluxes will always be conserved. This can lead to major problem, because if mass is not conserved, one may think that there is an energy source (or sink) within the domain.
- to get around the mass conservation problem, we subtract the discretized mass equation from the energy equation. Assuming constant density:

$$\dot{m}_e - \dot{m}_w = 0$$

multiply this by  $T_P$  and  $C_P$  and subtracting from the discretized equation:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(\rho c_p T_P V_P)^{t+\Delta t/2} - (\rho c_p T_P V_P)^{t-\Delta t/2}}{\Delta t} + \dot{m}_e c_p (T_e - T_P) - \dot{m}_w c_p (T_w - T_P) \\ & = -D_w(T_P - T_W) + D_e(T_E - T_P) + S_P V_P \end{aligned} \quad (91)$$

This means that if there is a positive imbalance of mass ( $\dot{m}_e > \dot{m}_w$ ), there will be a negative source in the energy equation to counter balance. If there is a negative imbalance, the opposite is true. This step helps with the stability of the numerical method such that the equations are again independent of the temperature level.

### 4.3 Advection term with Explicit Time Integration

Assume we can interpolate the integration point values in the advection term using a piecewise linear approximation:

$$T_e = \frac{1}{2}(T_P + T_E)$$

$$T_w = \frac{1}{2}(T_W + T_P)$$

Assuming no source term and use an explicit time integration scheme, and keeping the  $T_P$  term arising from subtracting the mass conservation from the energy equation as implicit (i.e. at current timestep). We get the following discretized equation:

$$\frac{\rho c_p V_P (T_P - T_P^o)}{\Delta t} + \dot{m}_e c_p \left[ \frac{1}{2}(T_P^o + T_E^o) - T_P \right] - \dot{m}_w c_p \left[ \frac{1}{2}(T_W^o + T_P^o) - T_P \right]$$

$$= -D_w(T_P^o - T_W^o) + D_e(T_E^o - T_P^o)$$

where ' $o$ ' denotes values at previous timestep, and those without superscripts are for current timestep (i.e. those being solved). We can then group the terms according to their temperature:

$$\left( \frac{\rho c_p V_P}{\Delta t} + c_p \dot{m}_w - c_p \dot{m}_e \right) T_P = \left( \frac{\rho c_p V_P}{\Delta t} + \frac{c_p \dot{m}_w}{2} - \frac{c_p \dot{m}_e}{2} - D_e - D_w \right) T_P^o$$

$$+ \left( D_e - \frac{c_p \dot{m}_e}{2} \right) T_E^o + \left( D_w - \frac{c_p \dot{m}_w}{2} \right) T_W^o$$

If mass is conserved, i.e.  $\dot{m}_e = \dot{m}_w$ , then:

$$\frac{\rho c_p V_P}{\Delta t} T_P - \left( \frac{\rho c_p V_P}{\Delta t} - D_e - D_w \right) T_P^o - \left( D_e - \frac{c_p \dot{m}_e}{2} \right) T_E^o$$

$$+ \left( D_w - \frac{c_p \dot{m}_w}{2} \right) T_W^o = 0$$

From Rule 2, we need :

- the coefficient on  $T_P$  to be positive
- the coefficients on remaining terms,  $T_P^o$ ,  $T_E^o$ , and  $T_W^o$  to be negative.

For  $T_P^o$ , this requires:

$$D_e + D_w \leq \frac{\rho c_p V_P}{\Delta t}$$

or:

$$\Delta t \leq \frac{\rho c_p V_P}{D_e + D_w}$$

Refer to chapter 3, we see that this is the same timestep restriction in the form:

$$\boxed{\frac{\alpha \Delta t}{\Delta x^2} \leq \frac{1}{2}}$$

where  $\alpha = \frac{k}{\rho c_p}$ . We can say that the addition of the advection term does not change the timestep restriction. Note how the coefficients for  $T_P^o$  and  $T_E^o$  **can be positive** for certain mass flow rates. Thus, for  $T_E^o$ , we need the following condition:

$$D_e \geq \frac{c_p \dot{m}_e}{2}$$

simplifying...

$$\begin{aligned} D_e &\geq \frac{c_p \dot{m}_e}{2} \\ \frac{kA}{\Delta x} &\geq \frac{c_p \rho u A}{2} \\ \Delta x &\leq \frac{2k}{\rho c_p u} \end{aligned}$$

or in terms of the thermal diffusivity,  $\alpha$ :

$$\boxed{\frac{u\Delta x}{\alpha} < 2}$$

To sum up, we have both the spatial and temporal conditions on  $\Delta x$  and  $\Delta t$ . Multiplying them together:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\alpha \Delta t}{\Delta x^2} \cdot \frac{u\Delta x}{\alpha} &< \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \\ \frac{u\Delta t}{\Delta x} &< 1 \end{aligned}$$

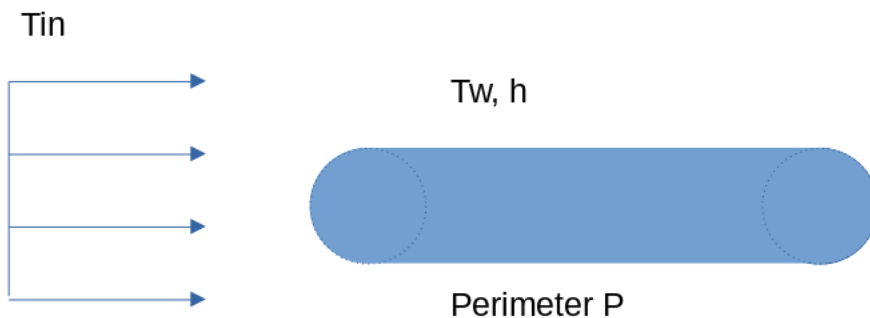
The LHS is known as the Courant number, thus the space-time restriction can be written as:

$$\boxed{Co < 1} \quad (92)$$

To see whether such restriction is serious.

Consider flow in a tube with constant wall temperature,  $T_w$ , this problem has the exact solution as:

$$\frac{T_w - T(x)}{T_w - T_{in}} = \exp\left(-\frac{hP}{\dot{m}c_p}x\right)$$



Let us consider the solution for this problem until some point  $x_L$  where the bulk temperature difference,  $(T_w - T(x))$  reached 5% the difference in inlet and wall,  $(T_w - T_{in})$ , i.e.

$$\frac{T_w - T(x_L)}{T_w - T_{in}} = 0.05$$

We further assume the Nusselt number is defined as:

$$Nu = \frac{hD}{k}$$

Then the general solution for this particular geometry is as follows:

$$\frac{T_w - T(x)}{T_w - T_{in}} = \exp\left(-\frac{Nu k \pi D}{\rho u \pi \frac{D^2}{4} c_p} x_L\right) = \exp\left(-\frac{4Nu\alpha}{uD^2} x_L\right)$$

By definition,  $uD/\alpha = RePr$ ,  $Re = uD/\nu$  and  $Pr = \nu/\alpha$ :

$$\frac{T_w - T(x)}{T_w - T_{in}} = \exp\left(-\frac{4Nu}{RePr} \frac{x_L}{D}\right)$$

Recall we want 5% between the temperature difference

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{4Nu}{RePr} \frac{x_L}{D} &= 3 \\ \frac{x_L}{D} &= \frac{3}{4} \frac{RePr}{Nu} \end{aligned}$$

Now, we use the restriction from above,  $\Delta x \leq 2\alpha/u$  and the definition of the number of control volume,  $N_{cv} = x_L/\Delta x$ :

$$N_{cv} \leq \frac{x_L}{\Delta x} = \frac{3}{8} \frac{Re^2 Pr^2}{Nu}$$

Using some numbers to test:

PARAMETERS	NO. OF CONTROL VOLUME
$Nu = 5, Re = 1000, Pr = 1$	$10^5 = 100,000$
$Nu = 5, Re = 1000, Pr = 10$	$10^7 = 10,000,000$

Note: a 10 times increase in Pr results in  $10^7$  number of control volume. This is impractical because it means that we need to solve  $10^7$  equations. So what is the required minimum number of timestep? We can calculate this by taking the ratio between the time it takes for a fluid to exit the pipe to the time step restriction we derived above:

$$\begin{aligned} N_t &= \frac{x_L/u}{\Delta t} \\ &= \frac{\frac{3}{4} \frac{RePr}{Nu} \frac{D}{u}}{\frac{1}{2} \frac{\Delta x^2}{\alpha}} \\ &= \frac{3}{8} \frac{Re^2 Pr^2}{Nu} \end{aligned}$$

Again, using some numbers, we face similar problem: too impractical.

PARAMETERS	NO. OF CONTROL VOLUME
$Nu = 5, Re = 1000, Pr = 1$	$10^5 = 100,000$
$Nu = 5, Re = 1000, Pr = 10$	$10^7 = 10,000,000$

Next, we will discuss in more details about these restrictions.

#### 4.4 Discussion of the Restrictions on Timestep

We see how explicit scheme results in timestep restriction. Next, let's consider a 1st order implicit scheme:

$$\left( \frac{\rho c_p V_P}{\Delta t} + D_e + D_w + c_p \dot{m}_w - c_p \dot{m}_e \right) T_P - \left( D_e - \frac{c_p \dot{m}_e}{2} \right) T_E - \left( D_w + \frac{c_p \dot{m}_e}{2} \right) T_W - \frac{\rho c_p V_P}{\Delta t} T_P^o = 0$$

Rule 2 requires coefficient on  $T_P$  to be positive. From above equation, there is no time restriction because coefficient on  $T_P$  is always positive, assuming mass is conserved.

On the other hand,  $T_W$  and  $T_E$  ' coefficients need to be negative:

$$D_e - \frac{c_p \dot{m}_e}{2} \leq 0$$

$$\frac{u \Delta x}{\alpha} \leq 2$$

Previous analysis still applies so the number of control volume is still large (even if there is no restriction on the timestep size)

#### 4.5 Discussion of the Restriction on Spatial Resolution

By moving to an implicit time integration scheme, we encountered restriction on time step.

Follow the same logic, we can also say that the restriction on grid size must come from the interpolation method chosen for the integration point in the advection term.

Again, we consider flow in a duct where analytical solution is known and can be applied between  $P$  and  $E$  locations. Our temperature profile between cell centers is:

$$\frac{T - T_P}{T_E - T_P} = \frac{\exp \left[ Pe_\Delta \left( \frac{x - x_P}{x - x_E} \right) \right] - 1}{\exp(Pe_\Delta) - 1}$$

where  $Pe_\Delta$  is the Pectet number representing ratio of convection to diffusion

$$\begin{aligned} Pe_\Delta &= \frac{u \Delta x}{\alpha} \\ &= \frac{u \Delta x}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{\mu / \rho}{\mu / \rho} \\ &= \frac{(\mu / \rho) u \Delta x}{(\mu / \rho) \alpha} \\ &= \frac{\nu}{\alpha} \left( \frac{u \Delta x}{\mu / \rho} \right) \\ &= \frac{\nu}{\alpha} \left( \frac{\rho u \Delta x}{\mu} \right) \\ &= Re_\Delta Pr \end{aligned}$$

with the following flow regimes:

- $Pe_\Delta \approx 0$ : diffusion dominates

- $|Pe_{\Delta}| \approx 1$ : convection and diffusion
- $|Pe_{\Delta}| \gg 1$ : convection dominates

Visualization for different values of  $Pe_{\Delta}$ : Python code

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np

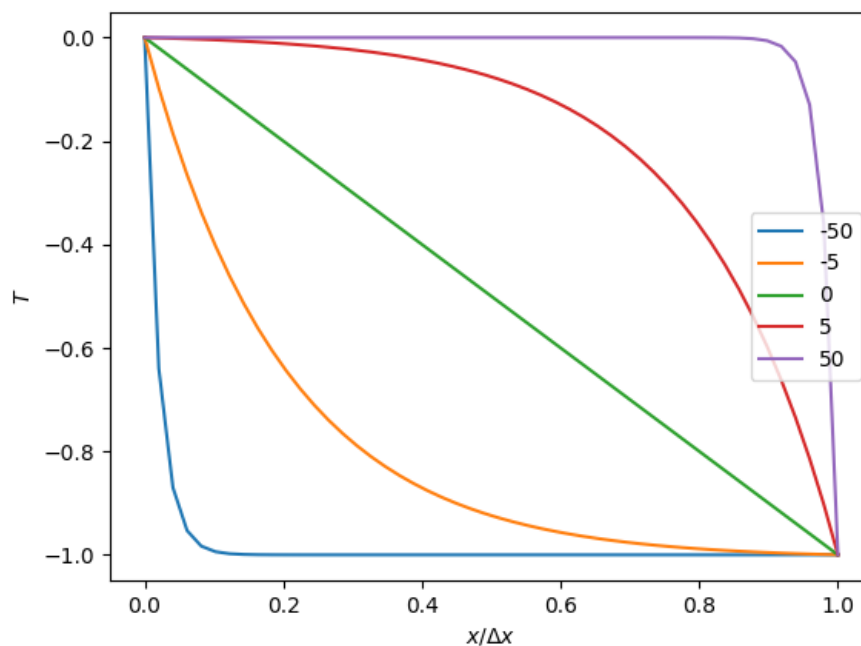
# set range for Pe
Pe_vals = [-50, -5, 1e-6, 5, 50]

# assign x values
x = np.linspace(0, 1)

# set TP and TE
TP = 1
TE = 0

for Pe in Pe_vals:
    T = (TE-TP)*(np.exp(Pe*(x-x[0])/(x[-1]-x[0]))-1) \
        /(np.exp(Pe)-1)
    plt.plot(x, T, label=str(int(Pe)))

plt.xlabel(r"$x/\Delta x$")
plt.ylabel(r"$T$")
plt.legend()
plt.savefig("pic/pectet_visual_pipe.png")
```



We note from the figure above that our assumption piecewise linear temperature profile, using



the central difference scheme (CDS), is only valid for  $Pe_\Delta \approx 0$ . In practice,  $Pe_\Delta$  will be large and thus we need different interpolation scheme.

#### 4.6 The Upwind Difference Scheme (UDS)

We attempt a new interpolation scheme, upwind difference scheme. For the east integration point, we have:

$$T_e = \frac{1 + \alpha_e}{2} T_P + \frac{1 - \alpha_e}{2} T_E \quad (93)$$

with  $\alpha$  being the weighting factor, i.e.

- $Pe_\Delta \approx 0$ ,  $\alpha_e = 0$  : diffusion dominates, CDS recovered
- $|Pe_\Delta| \approx 1$ ,  $\alpha_e = 1$  : convection and diffusion,  $T_e = T_P$
- $|Pe_\Delta| \gg 1$ ,  $\alpha_e = -1$  : convection dominates,  $T_e = T_E$

Using this new interpolation scheme, the discrete equation in terms of the cell residual becomes:

$$r_P = \left( \frac{\rho c_p v_P}{\Delta t} + D_e + D_w + \frac{1}{2} c_p \dot{m}_w (1 + \alpha_w) - \frac{1}{2} c_p \dot{m}_e (1 - \alpha_e) \right) T_P \\ - \left[ D_e - \frac{1}{2} c_p \dot{m}_e (1 - \alpha_e) \right] T_E - \left[ D_w + \frac{1}{2} c_p \dot{m}_w (1 + \alpha_w) \right] T_W - \frac{\rho c_p V_P}{\Delta t} T_P^o$$

with the following linearization coefficients:

$$a_W = -D_w - \frac{1}{2} c_p \dot{m}_w (1 + \alpha_w) \\ a_E = -D_e + \frac{1}{2} c_p \dot{m}_e (1 - \alpha_e) \\ a_P = \frac{\rho c_p v_P}{\Delta t} - a_W - a_E \quad (94)$$

For fast flowing fluid in the positive direction,  $\alpha_w = \alpha_e = 1$ . Our east/west coefficients become:

$$a_W = -D_e - c_p \dot{m}_w \\ a_E = D_e$$

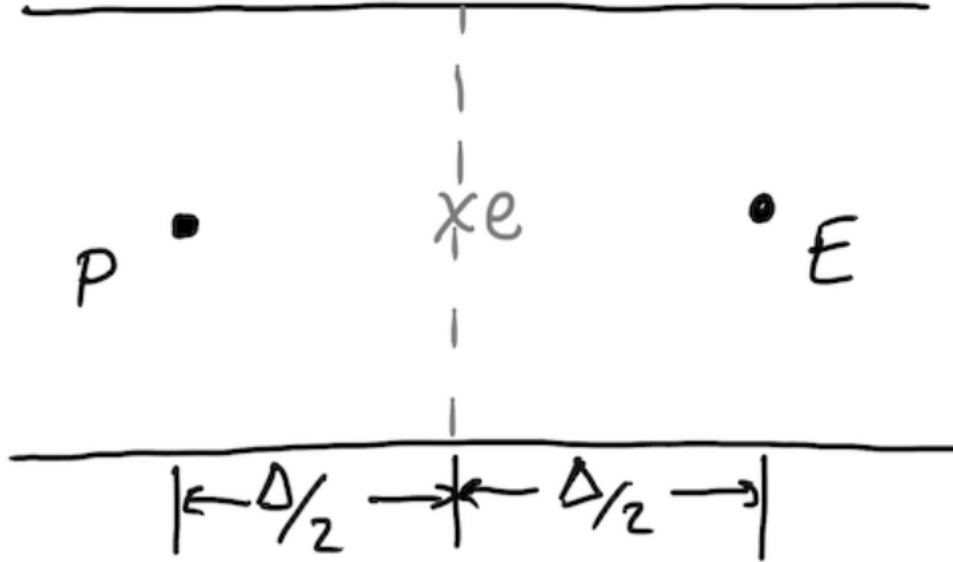
To satisfy Rule 2, here the coefficients cannot become positive, because the fluid is flowing in the positive direction and  $\dot{m}_w$  is positive. In contrast, for a fluid flowing in the negative direction,  $\alpha_w = \alpha_e = -1$  and the coefficients become:

$$a_W = -D_w \\ a_E = -D_e + c_p \dot{m}_e$$

Again, these cannot be positive because  $\dot{m}_e$  is negative in this case. As a result, we can see that using Upwind Difference Scheme ensures the solution is stable for any  $\Delta x$ . Combining this with an implicit time integration scheme means that there are no formal restrictions on timestep or grid size.

## 4.7 False Diffusion

UDS is only 1st order and only when  $\alpha_e = \pm 1$ . Here, we try to estimate the accuracy of UDS against CDS using Taylor series about east face integration point.



Expanding about this point gives the following cell values:

$$T_E = T_e + \frac{\Delta}{2} \frac{dT}{dx} \Big|_e + \frac{(\Delta/2)^2}{2} \frac{d^2T}{dx^2} \Big|_e + \dots$$

$$T_P = T_e - \frac{\Delta}{2} \frac{dT}{dx} \Big|_e + \frac{(\Delta/2)^2}{2} \frac{d^2T}{dx^2} \Big|_e - \dots$$

Recall the CDS interpolation,  $T_e = 1/2(T_P + T_E)$ . We sub this into the above estimates:

$$T_e^{CDS} = T_e + \frac{(\Delta/2)^2}{2} \frac{d^2T}{dx^2} \Big|_e + O(\Delta^4)$$

Likewise, for UDS, we assume flow in the positive direction:

$$T_e^{UDS} = T_P = T_e - \frac{\Delta}{2} \frac{dT}{dx} \Big|_e + O(\Delta^2) \quad (95)$$

The error is based on the first truncated term. For both cases (UDS and CDS), the leading term is  $T_e$  and the next term is the truncated term.

$$e^{CDS} \sim \dot{m}c_p \frac{(\Delta/2)^2}{2} \frac{d^2T}{dx^2} \Big|_e \sim O(\Delta^2)$$

$$e^{UDS} \sim \dot{m}c_p \frac{\Delta}{2} \frac{dT}{dx} \Big|_e \sim O(\Delta)$$

Note how we have the  $\dot{m}c_p$  term, this is because the integration point temperatures are multiplied by this value in the energy equation. Thus, this is the full error for that term, not just the

error for the interpolated values. We can conclude that CDS is 2nd order accurate in space, while UDS is only 1st order in space. Another way to think is: if we half the grid size, the UDS error will reduce by factor of 2, while the CDS will reduce by factor of 4.

Note also that the error for UDS is proportional to the temperature gradient in the energy equation, this behaves very much like a diffusion term:  $k \frac{dT}{dx}$ . We call this ‘false diffusion’.

$$e^{UDS} = -\dot{m}c_p \frac{\Delta}{2} \frac{dT}{dx} \Big|_e = -\frac{\rho c_p u_e A_e \Delta}{2} \frac{dT}{dx} \Big|_e = -\Gamma^{false} \frac{dT}{dx} \Big|_e A_e$$

with  $\Gamma^{false} = \frac{\rho c_p u_e \Delta}{2}$ . Obviously, our real diffusion involves  $k$  and  $\nabla T$ . Taking the ratio between these:

$$\frac{\Gamma^{false}}{\Gamma^{real}} = \frac{\rho c_p u_e \Delta}{2k} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{u \Delta}{\nu} \frac{\nu \rho c_p}{k} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{u \Delta}{\nu} \frac{\nu}{\alpha} = \frac{1}{2} Re_{\Delta} Pr = \frac{1}{2} Pe_{\Delta}$$

Note: for large  $Pe$ , false diffusion dominates real diffusion. This is bad because we can't model real diffusion. However, note that in our analysis, we assume that the leading term is a good estimation of the error. For convection problem, this may not be the case. To test this, let us consider the exact solution between points  $P$  and  $E$ :

$$\frac{T - T_p}{T_E - T_P} = \frac{\exp(Pe(x^*)) - 1}{\exp(Pe) - 1}$$

where:

$$Pe = Pe_{\Delta}$$

$$x^* = \left( \frac{x - x_P}{x_E - x_P} \right)$$

or we can think of it like this:

$$T - T_p = (T_E - T_P) \frac{\exp(Pe(x^*)) - 1}{\exp(Pe) - 1} = A[\exp(Pe(x^*)) - 1]$$

Recall the Taylor series expansion for  $T_P$  up to 4 terms is:

$$T_P = T_e - \frac{\Delta}{2} \frac{dT}{dx} \Big|_e + \frac{(\Delta/2)^2}{2} \frac{d^2T}{dx^2} \Big|_e - \frac{(\Delta/2)^3}{6} \frac{d^3T}{dx^3} \Big|_e$$

The first derivative term in the Taylor series, for this particular solution is:

$$\frac{dT}{dx} \Big|_e = \frac{dT}{dx^*} \Big|_e \frac{dx^*}{dx}$$

$$\frac{dx^*}{dx} = \frac{1}{x_E - x_P} = \frac{1}{\Delta}$$

$$\frac{dT}{dx^*} \Big|_e = A Pe \exp(Pe(x^*)) = A Pe \exp\left(\frac{Pe}{2}\right)$$

Following the same procedure, we can find out expressions for the 2nd and 3rd derivatives. Plugging into the Taylor series for  $T_P$ :

$$T_P = \dots = T_e - \frac{A Pe \exp\left(\frac{Pe}{2}\right)}{2} \left[ 1 - \frac{Pe}{4} + \frac{Pe}{24} \right]$$

Let:

$$S = \left[ 1 - \frac{Pe}{4} + \frac{Pe}{24} \right]$$

Then:

$Pe$	$S$
0.01	1-0.0025+0.00004-
1	1-0.025+0.0416-
100	1-25+416.6
1000	1-250+4166.6-

We can see that the series only converge for  $Pe \leq 1$ . Note the first term is only representative of error. If profile is linear, then series converge and we have a good estimate. Else if the profile is non linear, the Taylor series does not give any useful information. So, at high  $Pe$ , the false diffusion by UDS is not as bad. But UDS is a first order scheme and therefore, its accuracy is limited. So, we need to look for ways to improve accuracy of UDS while preserving stability.

## 4.8 Improvements to Advection Scheme

### 4.8.1 Power Law Scheme

By choosing the appropriate weighting coefficient,  $\alpha_e$ , we can prevent the linearization coefficients from taking the incorrect signs. From the generalized UDS

$$T_e = \frac{1 + \alpha_e}{2} T_P + \frac{1 - \alpha_e}{2} T_E$$

with:

$$\alpha_e = \frac{Pe^2}{5 + Pe^2}$$

At  $Pe \approx 1$ ,  $\alpha_e \approx 1/2$ , so the scheme is 2nd order accurate.

At large  $Pe$ , the scheme approaches UDS and can only be 1st order accurate. This is only a partial solution.

### 4.8.2 Deferred Correction Approach

The idea is use UDS as main advection scheme, then linearized accordingly. Note here that the UDS term are subtracted from the discretized equation.

Also, the higher order terms for higher order schemes are added explicitly.

These two are not linearized. As a result, the linearization process only maintains the stability of the UDS.

The advective flux through east face of a control volume can be written as:

$$F_e = F_e^{UDS} + (F_e^{HOS} - F_e^{UDS})$$

with  $F_e^{UDS}$  and  $F_e^{HOS}$  are the flux from UDS and flux from higher order scheme respectively. Linearization is only carried out in the 1st term, because this will guarantee stability. This can be not exact because it is UDS-based, not higher order schemes. Iteration is needed to arrive at the solution.

### 4.8.3 Central Difference Scheme (CDS)

We can also use the CDS scheme and implement it with the deferred correction approach. Recall the CDS scheme:

$$T_e = \frac{1}{2}(T_P + T_E)$$

#### 4.8.4 Quadratic Upwind Interpolation for Convective Kinematics (QUICK)

This scheme is derived by passing a parabola through cell values in the upwind direction.

Flow in positive direction, interpolation for east integration point involves cells  $W$ ,  $P$ , and  $E$ .

Flow in negative direction, interpolation for east integration point involves cells  $P$ ,  $E$ , and  $EE$ .

This results in the following expression for  $T(x)$ :

$$T(x) = \frac{(x - x_P)(x - x_E)}{(x_W - x_P)(x_W - x_E)}T_W + \frac{(x - x_W)(x - x_E)}{(x_P - x_W)(x_P - x_E)}T_P + \frac{(x - x_W)(x - x_P)}{(x_E - x_W)(x_E - x_P)}T_E$$

for uniform grid spacing  $\Delta$ :

$$T_e = -\frac{1}{8}T_W + \frac{3}{4}T_P + \frac{3}{8}T_E$$
$$T_w = -\frac{1}{8}T_W + \frac{3}{4}T_W + \frac{3}{8}T_P$$