

Numerical Techniques in Fluid Dynamics: Session 2

Steady-state Diffusion

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1 Governing equations

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Simplify

- ▶ steady state: $\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} = 0$
- ▶ no advection: $(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \varphi = 0$
- ▶ uniform diffusivity κ [$\text{m}^2 \text{s}^{-1}$]

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Simplified equation for cell P:

$$a_P \varphi_P + \sum_{NB} a_{NB} \varphi_{NB} = S_P \Omega_P$$

with

$$a_{NB} = -\kappa A_f / \|\boldsymbol{\xi}_f\| \qquad a_P = -\sum_{NB} a_{NB}$$

→ Cast into linear system $A\boldsymbol{\varphi} = \mathbf{b}$, solve for $\boldsymbol{\varphi}$.

1 Boundary conditions

Boundary conditions should be imposed on the **faces** between physical and ghost cells

2nd order PDE: 1 BC per boundary suffices

Dirichlet	Neumann
$\varphi_f = \varphi^*$	$\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial n} \Big _f = \varphi'^*$
$\lambda \varphi_{PC} + (1 - \lambda) \varphi_{GC} = \varphi^*$	$\pm \frac{\varphi_{GC} - \varphi_{PC}}{\ \xi_f\ } = \varphi'^*$

→ leads to governing equation for φ in ghost cells.

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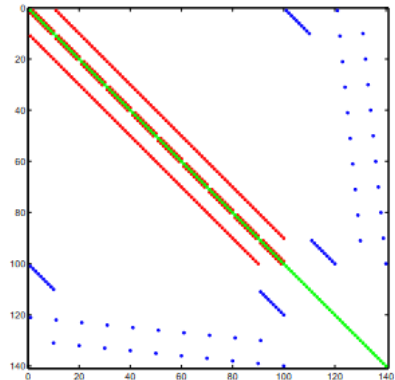
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2 FVMLab Matrix Storage

Matrix A from linear system $A\varphi = \mathbf{b}$ is very sparse
(less than 3% non-zero entries)

- ▶ diagonal elements: a_P
- ▶ off-diagonal elements: a_{nb}
(internal faces)
- ▶ off-diagonal elements: a_{nb}
(boundary faces)

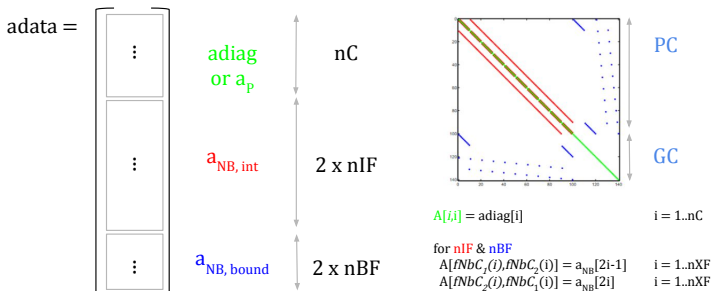
Stored in vector 'adata' (cfr. next slide & [ScalarFvEqn2](#))



2 FVMLab Matrix Storage

Creation sparse matrix:

```
eqn = ScalarFvEqn2(dom);
eqn.adata = [adiag; anb_internal; anb_boundary];
eqn.bdata = bdata;
[A, b] = to_msparse(eqn);
```



2 Program structure

Initialize `adiag`, `bdata`, `anb_internal`, `anb_boundary`

- ▶ Loop internal faces
 - Add diagonal coefficients: $2 \times \text{PC}$
 - Add off-diagonal coefficients: $2 \times \text{PC}$
- ▶ Loop boundary faces
 - Add diagonal coefficients: $1 \times \text{PC (PDE)} + 1 \times \text{GC (BC)}$
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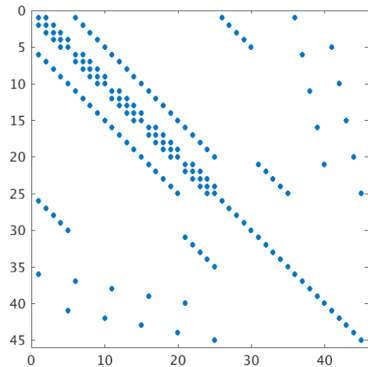
Tip: Use `spy` command to observe matrix structure!

2 Example: coefficient matrix for a 5×5 mesh

Simulation grid

	41	42	43	44	45	
30	5	10	15	20	25	35
29	4	9	14	19	24	34
28	3	8	13	18	23	33
27	2	7	12	17	22	32
26	1	6	11	16	21	31
	36	37	38	39	40	

Coefficient matrix A



2 Boundary condition implementation

casedef structure: holds all information defining simulation case

- ▶ `casedef.BC` substructure: boundary conditions
 - 4 boundary conditions: `casedef.BC{1}`, ..., `casedef.BC{4}`
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 - `casedef.BC{i}.kind`: type, 'Dirichlet' or 'Neumann'
 - `casedef.BC{i}.data`: value, φ^* or φ'^*
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\rightarrow For each BC in casedef.BC

- 1 get the ID (name)
- 2 get the zone
- 3 get the range

2 Mesh generation

Command to generate one-directional mesh vector:

seedX =

```
LineSeed.lineSeedOneWayBias(originV,displV,nParts,expFac,'o');
```

- ▶ originV: 2-D position of origin point of mesh vector (e.g. [0, 0])
- ▶ displV: 2-D position of ending point defining mesh vector (e.g. [1, 0])
- ▶ nParts: number of grid cells along mesh vector (e.g. 10)
- ▶ expFac: relative length of next cell to previous cell, $\frac{\Delta x_{i+1}}{\Delta x_i}$ (e.g. 1.10)

→ Allows simulation of Cartesian grids, rotated grids, stretched grids, skewed grids, ... (try it yourself!)

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Finish implementation of diffusion equation for next week.

- ▶ Dirichlet + Neumann boundary conditions
- ▶ Verify implementation

Next week's topic: advection - diffusion equation with known constant advection \mathbf{u}

$$(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\varphi = \nabla \cdot (\kappa \nabla \varphi) + S_\varphi$$