

Computational Fluid Dynamics ME 5653
Project- I Parabolic 1D Heat Conduction

1. **(1) and (2) questions of your homework needs to be submitted electronically as a report. It should include the matlab code with comments. The figures needs to be labeled (variables on axis, legend, etc). Make sure you include brief explanation of the results.**
2. **You can submit Question (3) either electronically or hard-copy.**

1. For the following 1-D heat transfer equation

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2}$$

There exists a 0.3m thick wall of infinite lateral extent that is initially at a uniform temperature $T_0 = 100\text{K}$. The surface temperature of the two sides is suddenly increased to and maintained at 300K . $\alpha = 3 \times 10^{-6} \text{m}^2 \text{s}^{-1}$. The analytical solution is given as

$$T(x,t) = T_{side} + 2(T_{initial} - T_{side}) \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} [e^{-(m\pi/L)^2 \alpha t} \frac{1 - (-1)^m}{m\pi} \sin(\frac{m\pi x}{L})]$$

Where $0 < x < L$. The size of m determines the accuracy of the solution.

- (a) Using FTCS (forward-time central-space) solve heat equation to $t=30$ minutes. Plot your solution for all x points every 5 minutes using $\Delta x = 0.015\text{m}$ and $\Delta t = 20$ and 60 seconds. Explain your results.
 - (b) Using the exact solution given above, determine the convergence rate (|error|) for this scheme by running a series of experiments in which Δx is successively refined over a wide range of values. Remember to vary Δt such that $s = 1/2$. Here $s = \alpha \Delta t / (\Delta x)^2$. Plot absolute value error vs. spatial resolution on the log-plot.
 - (c) Compare the truncation error vs grid size $s=1/2$ and $s=1/6$. Compare the solution with $s=1/2$, $s=1/6$ and $s=1$ at $t=30$ minutes (plot on same figure). You can pick any grid size. Comment on the results.
 - (d) Plot the contours of the solution with x on x-axis and t on the y-axis. Show the contour legend. Interpret the figure.
2. Repeat the above problem (a,b,c,d) using Crank-Nicolson (C-N) scheme. Write down your conclusions on all the differences between the FTCS and C-N scheme. What are your recommendations for solving 1-D heat diffusion problem?
 3. For the 1D heat equation, show the stencil and the matrix form for Dufort-Frankel scheme. Perform Von-Neumann stability analysis and shown that it is unconditionally stable.