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Lecture Notes

On

**DIFFERENCE EQUATION  
AND  
ITS APPLICATION**

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# DIFFERENCE EQUATION AND ITS APPLICATION

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# DEFINITION

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An expression which expresses a relation between an independent variable and successive values or successive differences of dependent variable is called a difference equation.

# EXAMPLES

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- $y_{x+2} - 3y_{x+1} + 2y_x = x^2$

- $\Delta^2 y_x - 2\Delta y_x - 4y_x = 0$

- $\Delta^3 y_x - 3\Delta^2 y_x - 2\Delta y_x - 4y_x = x(x - 1)$

# ORDER AND DEGREE

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- The order of a difference equation expressed in terms of successive values of  $y$  is the difference between the highest and lowest subscripts or arguments of  $y$
- The degree of a difference equation free from  $\Delta$ 's is the highest exponent of the  $y$ 's.

# SOLUTION

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- A solution of a difference equation is any function that satisfies it.
- The general solution of a difference equation of order  $n$  is a solution that contains  $n$  arbitrary constants or  $n$  arbitrary functions which are periodic with period equal to the interval of differencing.

# CONTD.....

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- The particular solution of a difference equation is a solution obtained by assigning particular values to the arbitrary constants or functions.

# LINEAR DIFFERENCE EQUATION

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- A difference equation in which  $y_x, y_{x+1}, y_{x+2}, \dots$  occur in the first degree and are not multiplied together is said to be linear difference equation.
- The general form of a linear difference equation is as follows



# CONTD....

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- $a_0 y_{x+n} + a_1 y_{x+n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1} y_{x+1} + a_n y_x = R(x)$

Where  $a_i$  and  $R(x)$  are known function of  $x$ .

- If  $R(x)$  is zero then the above equation is called homogeneous difference equation.
- The solution can be obtained by the relation  $y_x = u_x + v_x$ , where  $u_x$  is called complementary function and  $v_x$  is called particular integral.

# APPLICATION

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- Difference equation can be applicable in the following areas.
- Numerical methods to solve partial differential equation.
- Fourier series
- Algebra and Analysis

# First Derivative Approximations

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- Backward difference:  $(u_j - u_{j-1}) / \Delta x$
- Forward difference:  $(u_{j+1} - u_j) / \Delta x$
- Centered difference:  $(u_{j+1} - u_{j-1}) / 2\Delta x$

# Taylor Expansion

- $$u(x + \Delta x) = u(x) + u'(x)\Delta x + \frac{1}{2} u''(x)(\Delta x)^2 + \frac{1}{6} u'''(x)(\Delta x)^3 + O(\Delta x)^4$$
- $$u(x - \Delta x) = u(x) - u'(x)\Delta x + \frac{1}{2} u''(x)(\Delta x)^2 - \frac{1}{6} u'''(x)(\Delta x)^3 + O(\Delta x)^4$$

# Taylor Expansion

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$$u'(x) = \frac{u(x) - u(x - \Delta x)}{\Delta x} + O(\Delta x)$$

$$u'(x) = \frac{u(x + \Delta x) - u(x)}{\Delta x} + O(\Delta x)$$

$$u'(x) = \frac{u(x + \Delta x) - u(x - \Delta x)}{2\Delta x} + O(\Delta x)^2$$

# Second Derivative Approximation

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■ Centered difference:  $(u_{j+1} - 2u_j + u_{j-1}) / (\Delta x)^2$

■ Taylor Expansion

$$u''(x) = \frac{u(x + \Delta x) - 2u(x) + u(x - \Delta x)}{(\Delta x)^2} + O(\Delta x)^2$$

# Function of Two Variables

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$$u(j\Delta x, n\Delta t) \sim u_j^n$$

- Backward difference for  $t$  and  $x$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(j\Delta x, n\Delta t) \sim (u_j^n - u_j^{n-1}) / \Delta t$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(j\Delta x, n\Delta t) \sim (u_j^n - u_j^{n-1}) / \Delta x$$

# Function of Two Variables

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- Forward difference for  $t$  and  $x$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(j\Delta x, n\Delta t) \sim (u_j^{n+1} - u_j^n) / \Delta t$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(j\Delta x, n\Delta t) \sim (u_j^{n+1} - u_j^n) / \Delta x$$



# Function of Two Variables

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- Centered difference for  $t$  and  $x$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(j\Delta x, n\Delta t) \sim (u_j^{n+1} - u_j^{n-1}) / (2\Delta t)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(j\Delta x, n\Delta t) \sim (u_j^{n+1} - u_j^{n-1}) / (2\Delta x)$$

# Partial Differential Equations

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- Partial Differential Equations (PDEs).
- What is a PDE?
- Examples of Important PDEs.
- Classification of PDEs.

# Partial Differential Equations

A **partial differential equation** (**PDE**) is an equation that involves an unknown function and its partial derivatives.

Example :

$$\frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial u(x, t)}{\partial t}$$

PDE involves two or more independent variables (in the example  $x$  and  $t$  are independent variables)

# Notation

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$$u_{xx} = \frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial x^2}$$

$$u_{xt} = \frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial x \partial t}$$

Order of the PDE = order of the highest order derivative.

# Examples of PDEs

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PDEs are used to model many systems in many different fields of science and engineering.

## Important Examples:

- Laplace Equation
- Heat Equation
- Wave Equation

# Laplace Equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u(x, y, z)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u(x, y, z)}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u(x, y, z)}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

Used to describe the steady state distribution of heat in a body.

Also used to describe the steady state distribution of electrical charge in a body.

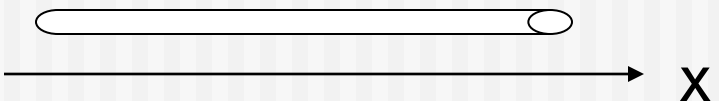
# Heat Equation

$$\frac{\partial u(x, y, z, t)}{\partial t} = \alpha \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \right)$$

The function  $u(x, y, z, t)$  is used to represent the temperature at time  $t$  in a physical body at a point with coordinates  $(x, y, z)$

$\alpha$  is the thermal diffusivity. It is sufficient to consider the case  $\alpha = 1$ .

# Simpler Heat Equation

$$\frac{\partial T(x,t)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 T(x,t)}{\partial x^2}$$
A diagram of a thin rod represented by a horizontal line with a small oval at the right end. Below the rod is a horizontal arrow pointing to the right, labeled with the letter 'x' at its tip.

$T(x,t)$  is used to represent the temperature at time  $t$  at the point  $x$  of the thin rod.



# Wave Equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u(x, y, z, t)}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \right)$$

The function  $u(x, y, z, t)$  is used to represent the displacement at time  $t$  of a particle whose position at rest is  $(x, y, z)$ .

The constant  $c$  represents the propagation speed of the wave.

# Classification of PDEs

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Linear Second order PDEs are important sets of equations that are used to model many systems in many different fields of science and engineering.

Classification is important because:

- Each category relates to specific engineering problems.
- Different approaches are used to solve these categories.

# Linear Second Order PDEs Classification

A second order linear PDE (2 - independent variables)

$$A u_{xx} + B u_{xy} + C u_{yy} + D = 0,$$

A, B, and C are functions of  $x$  and  $y$

D is a function of  $x, y, u, u_x,$  and  $u_y$

is classified based on  $(B^2 - 4AC)$  as follows:

$B^2 - 4AC < 0$	Elliptic
$B^2 - 4AC = 0$	Parabolic
$B^2 - 4AC > 0$	Hyperbolic

# Linear Second Order PDE Examples (Classification)

Laplace Equation  $\frac{\partial^2 u(x, y)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u(x, y)}{\partial y^2} = 0$

$$A = 1, B = 0, C = 1 \Rightarrow B^2 - 4AC < 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  Laplace Equation *is Elliptic*

One possible solution :  $u(x, y) = e^x \sin y$

$$u_x = e^x \sin y, \quad u_{xx} = e^x \sin y$$

$$u_y = e^x \cos y, \quad u_{yy} = -e^x \sin y$$

$$u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$$

# Linear Second Order PDE Examples (Classification)

Heat Equation  $\alpha \frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial u(x,t)}{\partial t} = 0$

$$A = \alpha, B = 0, C = 0 \Rightarrow B^2 - 4AC = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  Heat Equation is *Parabolic*

Wave Equation  $c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial t^2} = 0$

$$A = c^2 > 0, B = 0, C = -1 \Rightarrow B^2 - 4AC > 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  Wave Equation is *Hyperbolic*

# Boundary Conditions for PDEs

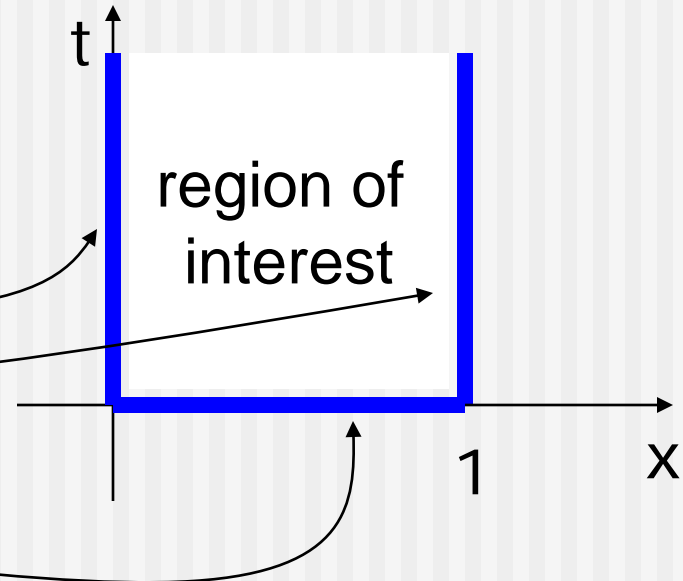
- To uniquely specify a solution to the PDE, a set of boundary conditions are needed.
- Both regular and irregular boundaries are possible.

Heat Equation :  $\alpha \frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial u(x,t)}{\partial t} = 0$

$u(0,t) = 0$

$u(1,t) = 0$

$u(x,0) = \sin(\pi x)$



# The Solution Methods for PDEs

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- Analytic solutions are possible for simple and special (idealized) cases only.
- To make use of the nature of the equations, different methods are used to solve different classes of PDEs.
- The methods discussed here are based on the **finite difference** technique.

# Parabolic Equations

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- Parabolic Equations
- Heat Conduction Equation
- Explicit Method
- Implicit Method
- Cranks Nicolson Method



# Parabolic Equations

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A second order linear PDE (2 - independent variables  $x, y$ )

$$A u_{xx} + B u_{xy} + C u_{yy} + D = 0,$$

$A, B,$  and  $C$  are functions of  $x$  and  $y$

$D$  is a function of  $x, y, u, u_x,$  and  $u_y$

is parabolic if

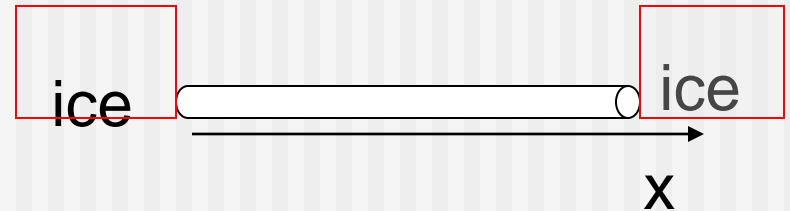
$$B^2 - 4AC = 0$$

# Parabolic Problems

Heat Equation : 
$$\frac{\partial T(x,t)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 T(x,t)}{\partial x^2}$$

$$T(0,t) = T(1,t) = 0$$

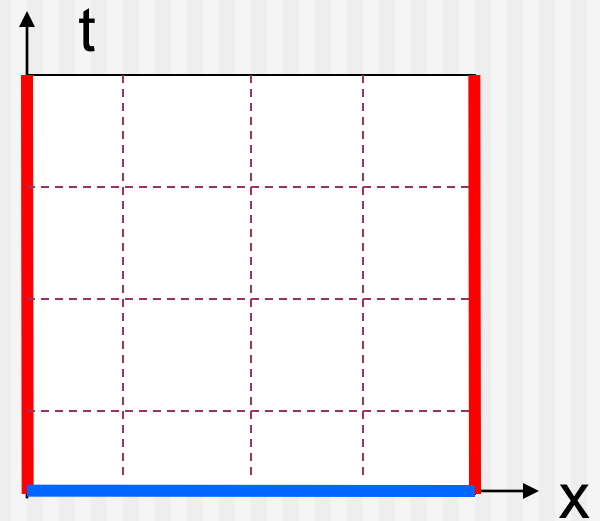
$$T(x,0) = \sin(\pi x)$$



- \* Parabolic problem  $(B^2 - 4AC = 0)$
- \* Boundary conditions are needed to uniquely specify a solution.

# Finite Difference Methods

- Divide the interval  $x$  into sub-intervals, each of width  $h$
- Divide the interval  $t$  into sub-intervals, each of width  $k$
- A grid of points is used for the finite difference solution
- $T_{i,j}$  represents  $T(x_i, t_j)$
- Replace the derivatives by finite-difference formulas



# Finite Difference Methods

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Replace the derivatives by finite difference formulas

Central Difference Formula for  $\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2}$  :

$$\frac{\partial^2 T(x, t)}{\partial x^2} \approx \frac{T_{i-1, j} - 2T_{i, j} + T_{i+1, j}}{(\Delta x)^2} = \frac{T_{i-1, j} - 2T_{i, j} + T_{i+1, j}}{h^2}$$

Forward Difference Formula for  $\frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$  :

$$\frac{\partial T(x, t)}{\partial t} \approx \frac{T_{i, j+1} - T_{i, j}}{\Delta t} = \frac{T_{i, j+1} - T_{i, j}}{k}$$

# Solution of the Heat Equation

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- Two solutions to the Parabolic Equation (Heat Equation) will be presented:

## 1. Explicit Method:

Simple, Stability Problems.

## 2. Crank-Nicolson Method:

Involves the solution of a Tridiagonal system of equations, Stable.

# Explicit Method

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$$\frac{\partial T(x,t)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 T(x,t)}{\partial x^2}$$

$$\frac{T(x,t+k) - T(x,t)}{k} = \frac{T(x-h,t) - 2T(x,t) + T(x+h,t)}{h^2}$$

$$T(x,t+k) - T(x,t) = \frac{k}{h^2} (T(x-h,t) - 2T(x,t) + T(x+h,t))$$

Define  $\lambda = \frac{k}{h^2}$

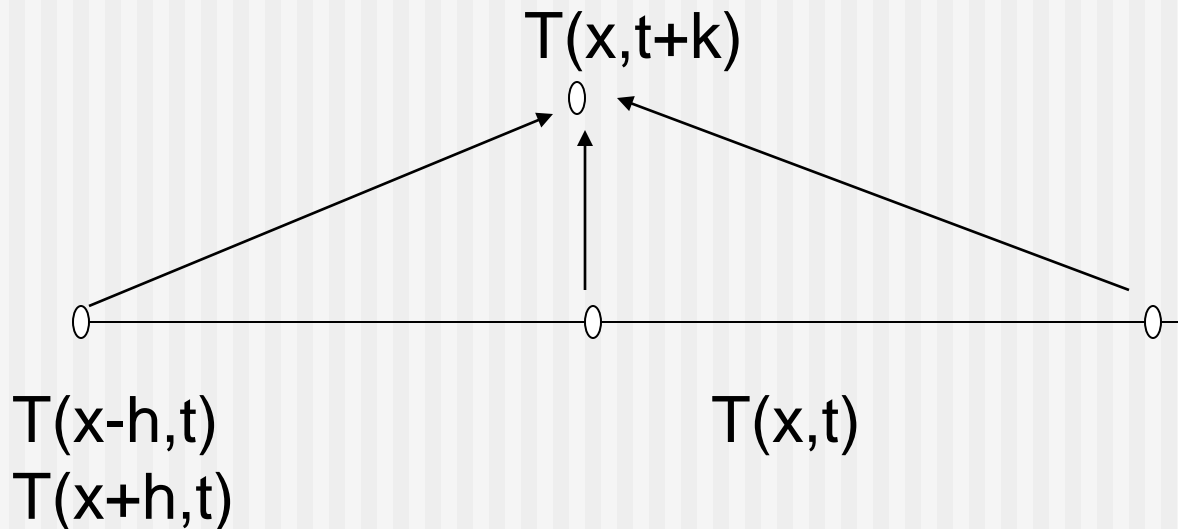
$$T(x,t+k) = \lambda T(x-h,t) + (1 - 2\lambda) T(x,t) + \lambda T(x+h,t)$$

# Explicit Method

## How Do We Compute?

$$T(x, t+k) = \lambda T(x-h, t) + (1-2\lambda) T(x, t) + \lambda T(x+h, t)$$

*means*



# Convergence and Stability

$T(x, t + k)$  can be computed directly using :

$$T(x, t + k) = \lambda T(x - h, t) + (1 - 2\lambda) T(x, t) + \lambda T(x + h, t)$$

Can be unstable (errors are magnified)

To guarantee stability,  $(1 - 2\lambda) \geq 0 \Rightarrow \lambda \leq \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow k \leq \frac{h^2}{2}$

This means that  $k$  is much smaller than  $h$

This makes it slow.



# Example 1

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$$\frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial u(x,t)}{\partial t} = 0$$

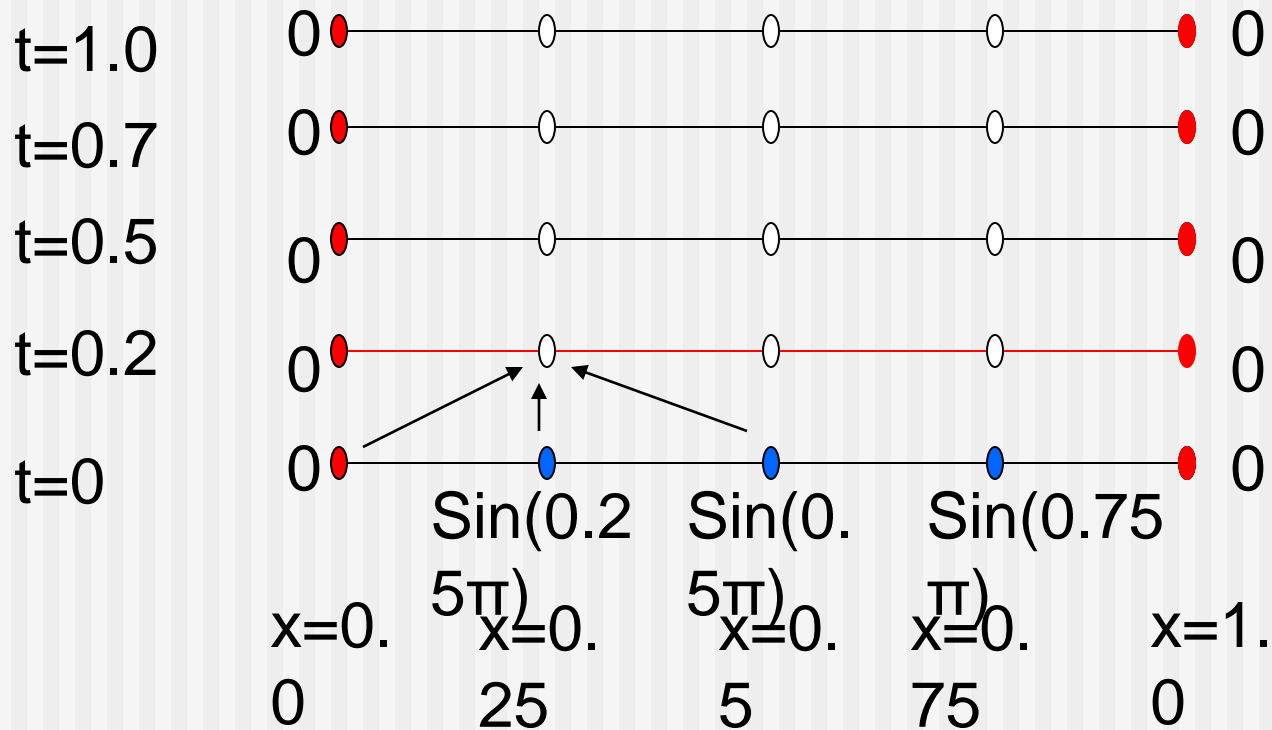
$$\frac{u(x-h,t) - 2u(x,t) + u(x+h,t)}{h^2} - \frac{u(x,t+k) - u(x,t)}{k} = 0$$

$$16(u(x-h,t) - 2u(x,t) + u(x+h,t)) - 4(u(x,t+k) - u(x,t)) = 0$$

$$u(x,t+k) = 4u(x-h,t) - 7u(x,t) + 4u(x+h,t)$$

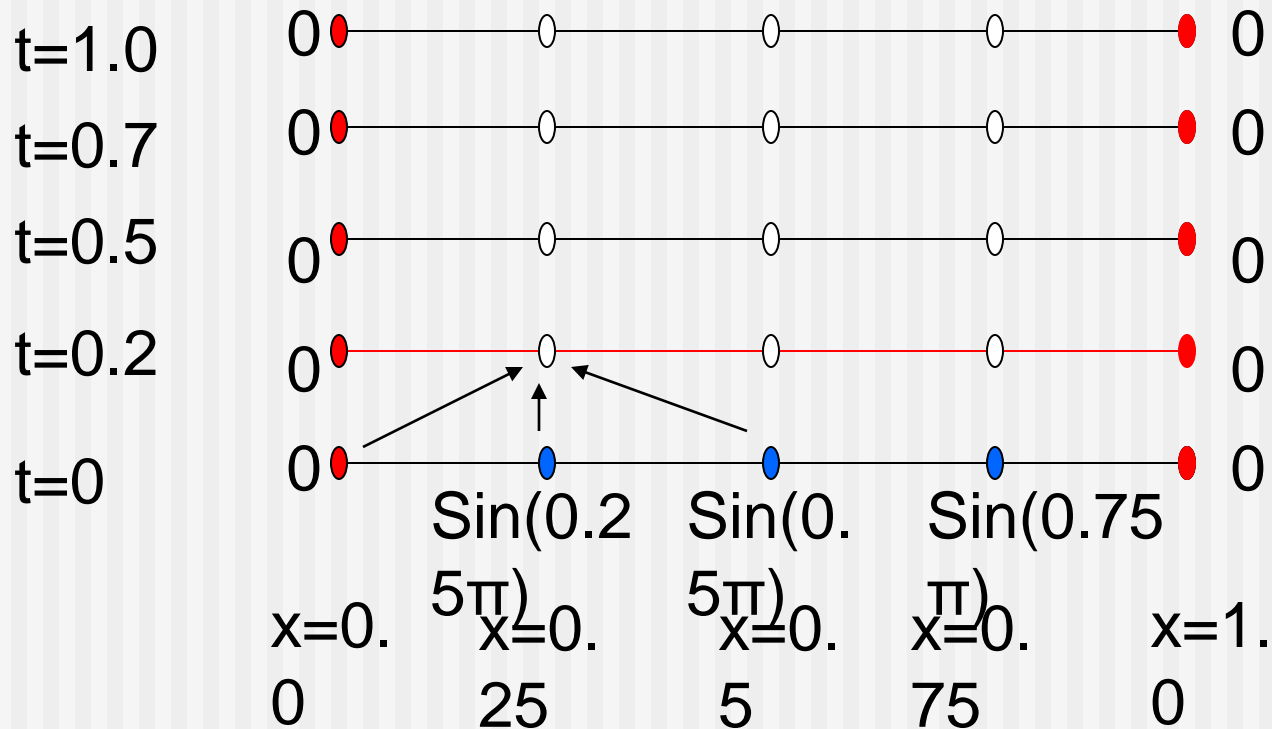
# Example 1

$$u(x, t + k) = 4 u(x - h, t) - 7 u(x, t) + 4 u(x + h, t)$$



# Example 1

$$\begin{aligned}
 u(0.25, 0.25) &= 4 u(0, 0) - 7 u(0.25, 0) + 4 u(0.5, 0) \\
 &= 0 - 7 \sin(\pi / 4) + 4 \sin(\pi / 2) = -0.9497
 \end{aligned}$$



# Crank-Nicolson Method

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The method involves solving a Tridiagonal system of linear equations.

The method is stable (No magnification of error).

→ We can use larger  $h, k$  (compared to the Explicit Method).

# Crank-Nicolson Method

Based on the finite difference method

1. Divide the interval  $x$  into subintervals of width  $h$
2. Divide the interval  $t$  into subintervals of width  $k$
3. Replace the first and second partial derivatives with their *backward* and *central difference* formulas respectively :

$$\frac{\partial u(x, t)}{\partial t} \approx \frac{u(x, t) - u(x, t - k)}{k}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial x^2} = \frac{u(x - h, t) - 2u(x, t) + u(x + h, t)}{h^2}$$

# Crank-Nicolson Method

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Heat Equation :  $\frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial u(x,t)}{\partial t}$  becomes

$$\frac{u(x-h,t) - 2u(x,t) + u(x+h,t)}{h^2} = \frac{u(x,t) - u(x,t-k)}{k}$$

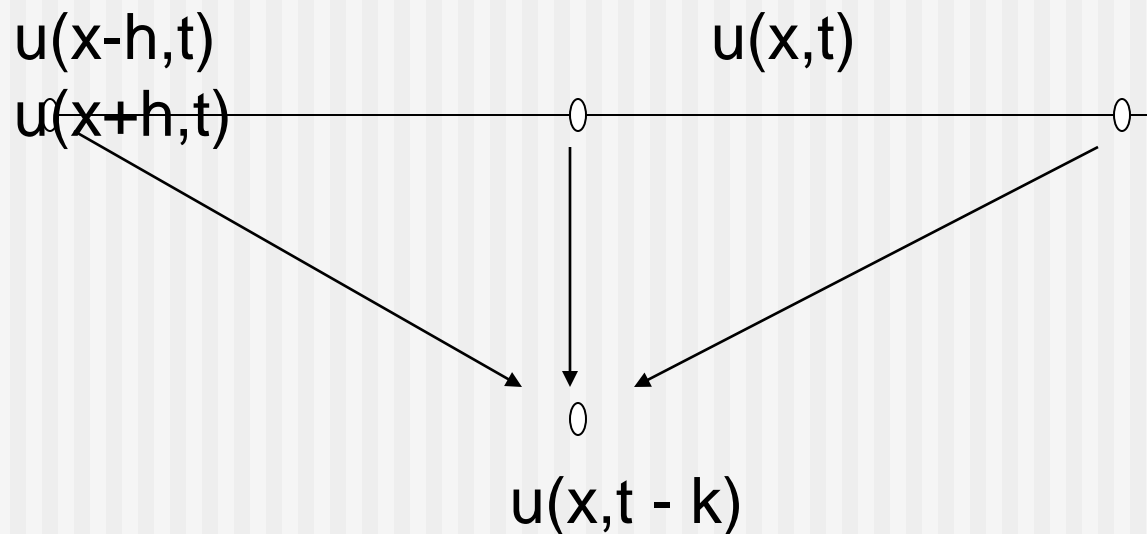
$$\frac{k}{h^2} (u(x-h,t) - 2u(x,t) + u(x+h,t)) = u(x,t) - u(x,t-k)$$

$$-\frac{k}{h^2} u(x-h,t) + (1 + 2\frac{k}{h^2}) u(x,t) - \frac{k}{h^2} u(x+h,t) = u(x,t-k)$$

# Crank-Nicolson Method

Define  $\lambda = \frac{k}{h^2}$  then Heat equation becomes :

$$-\lambda u(x-h, t) + (1 + 2\lambda) u(x, t) - \lambda u(x+h, t) = u(x, t-k)$$



# Crank-Nicolson Method

The equation :

$$-\lambda u(x-h, t) + (1+2\lambda) u(x, t) - \lambda u(x+h, t) = u(x, t-k)$$

can be rewritten as :

$$-\lambda u_{i-1, j} + (1+2\lambda) u_{i, j} - \lambda u_{i+1, j} = u_{i, j-1}$$

and can be expanded as a system of equations (fix  $j = 1$ ) :

$$-\lambda u_{0, 1} + (1+2\lambda) u_{1, 1} - \lambda u_{2, 1} = u_{1, 0}$$

$$-\lambda u_{1, 1} + (1+2\lambda) u_{2, 1} - \lambda u_{3, 1} = u_{2, 0}$$

$$-\lambda u_{2, 1} + (1+2\lambda) u_{3, 1} - \lambda u_{4, 1} = u_{3, 0}$$

$$-\lambda u_{3, 1} + (1+2\lambda) u_{4, 1} - \lambda u_{5, 1} = u_{4, 0}$$



# Crank-Nicolson Method

$$-\lambda u(x-h, t) + (1+2\lambda) u(x, t) - \lambda u(x+h, t) = u(x, t-k)$$

can be expressed as a Tridiagonal system of equations :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1+2\lambda & -\lambda & & & \\ -\lambda & 1+2\lambda & -\lambda & & \\ & -\lambda & 1+2\lambda & -\lambda & \\ & & -\lambda & 1+2\lambda & \\ & & & & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{1,1} \\ u_{2,1} \\ u_{3,1} \\ u_{4,1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_{1,0} + \lambda u_{0,1} \\ u_{2,0} \\ u_{3,0} \\ u_{4,0} + \lambda u_{5,1} \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $u_{1,0}$ ,  $u_{2,0}$ ,  $u_{3,0}$ , and  $u_{4,0}$  are the initial temperature values

at  $x = x_0 + h$ ,  $x_0 + 2h$ ,  $x_0 + 3h$ , and  $x_0 + 4h$

$u_{0,1}$  and  $u_{5,1}$  are the boundary values at  $x = x_0$  and  $x_0 + 5h$

# Crank-Nicolson Method

The solution of the tridiagonal system produces :

The temperature values  $u_{1,1}$ ,  $u_{2,1}$ ,  $u_{3,1}$ , and  $u_{4,1}$  at  $t = t_0 + k$

To compute the temperature values at  $t = t_0 + 2k$

Solve a second tridiagonal system of equations ( $j = 2$ )

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1+2\lambda & -\lambda & & & \\ -\lambda & 1+2\lambda & -\lambda & & \\ & -\lambda & 1+2\lambda & -\lambda & \\ & & -\lambda & 1+2\lambda & \\ & & & & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{1,2} \\ u_{2,2} \\ u_{3,2} \\ u_{4,2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_{1,1} + \lambda u_{0,2} \\ u_{2,1} \\ u_{3,1} \\ u_{4,1} + \lambda u_{5,2} \end{bmatrix}$$

To compute  $u_{1,2}$ ,  $u_{2,2}$ ,  $u_{3,2}$ , and  $u_{4,2}$

Repeat the above step to compute temperature values at  $t_0 + 3k$ , etc.

# Example 2

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Solve the PDE :

$$\frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial^2 x} - \frac{\partial u(x, t)}{\partial t} = 0$$

$$u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = \sin(\pi x)$$

Solve using Crank - Nicolson method

Use  $h = 0.25$ ,  $k = 0.25$  to find  $u(x, t)$  for  $x \in [0, 1]$ ,  $t \in [0, 1]$

# Example 2

## Crank-Nicolson Method

$$\frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial u(x,t)}{\partial t} = 0$$

$$\frac{u(x-h,t) - 2u(x,t) + u(x+h,t)}{h^2} = \frac{u(x,t) - u(x,t-k)}{k}$$

$$16(u(x-h,t) - 2u(x,t) + u(x+h,t)) - 4(u(x,t) - u(x,t-k)) = 0$$

Define  $\lambda = \frac{k}{h^2} = 4$

$$-4u(x-h,t) + 9u(x,t) - 4u(x+h,t) = u(x,t-k)$$

$$-4u_{i-1,j} + 9u_{i,j} - 4u_{i+1,j} = u_{i,j-1}$$

# Example 2

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$$\begin{aligned} -4u_{0,1} + 9u_{1,1} - 4u_{2,1} = u_{1,0} &\Rightarrow 9u_{1,1} - 4u_{2,1} = \sin(\pi / 4) \\ -4u_{1,1} + 9u_{2,1} - 4u_{3,1} = u_{2,0} &\Rightarrow -4u_{1,1} + 9u_{2,1} - 4u_{3,1} = \sin(\pi / 2) \\ -4u_{2,1} + 9u_{3,1} - 4u_{4,1} = u_{3,0} &\Rightarrow -4u_{2,1} + 9u_{3,1} = \sin(3\pi / 4) \end{aligned}$$

# Example 2

## Solution of Row 1 at $t_1=0.25$ sec

The Solution of the PDE at  $t_1 = 0.25$  sec is the solution of the following tridiagonal system of equations :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 9 & -4 & \\ -4 & 9 & -4 \\ & -4 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{1,1} \\ u_{2,1} \\ u_{3,1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sin(0.25\pi) \\ \sin(0.5\pi) \\ \sin(0.75\pi) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} u_{1,1} \\ u_{2,1} \\ u_{3,1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.21151 \\ 0.29912 \\ 0.21151 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example 2:

Second Row at  $t_2=0.5$  sec

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$$-4u_{0,2} + 9u_{1,2} - 4u_{2,2} = u_{1,1} \Rightarrow 9u_{1,2} - 4u_{2,2} = 0.21151$$

$$-4u_{1,2} + 9u_{2,2} - 4u_{3,2} = u_{2,1} \Rightarrow -4u_{1,2} + 9u_{2,2} - 4u_{3,2} = 0.29912$$

$$-4u_{2,2} + 9u_{3,2} - 4u_{4,2} = u_{3,1} \Rightarrow -4u_{2,2} + 9u_{3,2} = 0.21151$$

# Example 2

## Solution of Row 2 at $t_2=0.5$ sec

The Solution of the PDE at  $t_2 = 0.5$  sec is the solution of the following tridiagonal system of equations :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 9 & -4 & \\ -4 & 9 & -4 \\ & -4 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{1,2} \\ u_{2,2} \\ u_{3,2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_{1,1} \\ u_{2,1} \\ u_{3,1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.21151 \\ 0.29912 \\ 0.21151 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} u_{1,2} \\ u_{2,2} \\ u_{3,2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.063267 \\ 0.089473 \\ 0.063267 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Example 2

## Solution of Row 3 at $t_3=0.75$ sec

The Solution of the PDE at  $t_3 = 0.75$  sec is the solution of the following tridiagonal system of equations :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 9 & -4 & \\ -4 & 9 & -4 \\ & -4 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{1,3} \\ u_{2,3} \\ u_{3,3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_{1,2} \\ u_{2,2} \\ u_{3,2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.063267 \\ 0.089473 \\ 0.063267 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} u_{1,3} \\ u_{2,3} \\ u_{3,3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.018924 \\ 0.026763 \\ 0.018924 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example 2

## Solution of Row 4 at $t_4=1$ sec

The Solution of the PDE at  $t_4 = 1$  sec is the solution of the following tridiagonal system of equations :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 9 & -4 & \\ -4 & 9 & -4 \\ & -4 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{1,4} \\ u_{2,4} \\ u_{3,4} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_{1,3} \\ u_{2,3} \\ u_{3,3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.018924 \\ 0.026763 \\ 0.018924 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} u_{1,4} \\ u_{2,4} \\ u_{3,4} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0056606 \\ 0.0080053 \\ 0.0056606 \end{bmatrix}$$

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**THANK YOU**