

## Lecture 20

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From last time, we introduced overrelaxation as a variation of the finite difference or Jacobi method

Recall that iteration is

$$\phi'(x, y) = \phi(x, y) + \Delta \phi(x, y)$$

Idea for overrelaxation is

$$\phi_\omega(x, y) = \phi(x, y) + (1 + \omega) \Delta \phi(x, y)$$

$$w \mid w > 0$$

For Laplace equation solution from before, this translates to

$$\phi_\omega(x, y) = (1 + \omega) \frac{1}{4} [\phi(x+a, y) + \phi(x-a, y) + \phi(x, y+a) + \phi(x, y-a)] - \omega \phi(x, y)$$

## Gauss-Seidel method (GS) <sup>(2)</sup>

In previous method, we need an old array & new array & ~~update~~ use all terms of old array to make updates

When doing this we have to scan elements one-by-one & process

Idea for GS is to simply use one array & use newest values for updating

So the method looks like this

for  $x$  in grid

for  $y$  in grid

$$\phi(x,y) \leftarrow \frac{1}{4} [\phi(x+a,y) + \phi(x-a,y) + \phi(x,y+a) + \phi(x,y-a)]$$

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can then combine GS w/  
overrelaxation to have update be

$$\phi(x,y) \leftarrow \frac{1+w}{4} [\phi(x+a,y) + \dots] - w \phi(x,y)$$

advantage of GS is that it uses less  
memory

GS ~~is~~ w/ overrelaxation is stable  
but overrelaxation alone is not.

method is proven stable w/  $w < 1$

### Initial Value Problems

giving starting conditions, goal  
is to predict future behavior.

Example: diffusion equation

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} \quad \text{where } D \text{ is diffusion constant}$$

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used to calculate motion of  
diffusing gases & liquids &  
flow of heat in thermal conductors

PDE w/ 2 variables, but divide  
spatial dimension into a line of  
points along the  $x$  axis  
(use evenly spaced points)  
spacing is " $a$ "

then write

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} \approx \frac{\phi(x+a, t) + \phi(x-a, t) - 2\phi(x, t)}{a^2}$$

$\Rightarrow$  dry to solve

$$\frac{d\phi}{dt} = \frac{D}{a^2} [\phi(x+a, t) + \phi(x-a, t) - 2\phi(x, t)]$$

this now gives a set of simultaneous  
ordinary diff. eq.'s in  $\phi(x)$ ,  $\phi(x+a)$ ,  
 $\phi(x-a)$ ,  
which we can solve using the methods  
from before.

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\* Which method should we use?

- Actually makes sense to use Euler method here. This is b/c the approx. to the second-derivative given above has a second order error. So doesn't make sense

to use more computationally intensive Runge-Kutta which has input of higher error.

- Euler method is second-order error which is comparable to error introduced by approx. to 2<sup>nd</sup> derivative.

Recall Euler method is for solving

$$\frac{d\psi}{dt} = f(\psi, t)$$

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Taylor expand  $\psi(t)$  about time  $t$

$$\psi(t+h) \approx \psi(t) + h \frac{d\psi}{dt} =$$

$$\psi(t) + h f(t, t)$$

Applying this to our case gives

$$\phi(x, t+h) = \phi(x, t) + h \frac{D}{a^2} [\phi(x+a, t) + \phi(x-a, t) - 2\phi(x, t)]$$

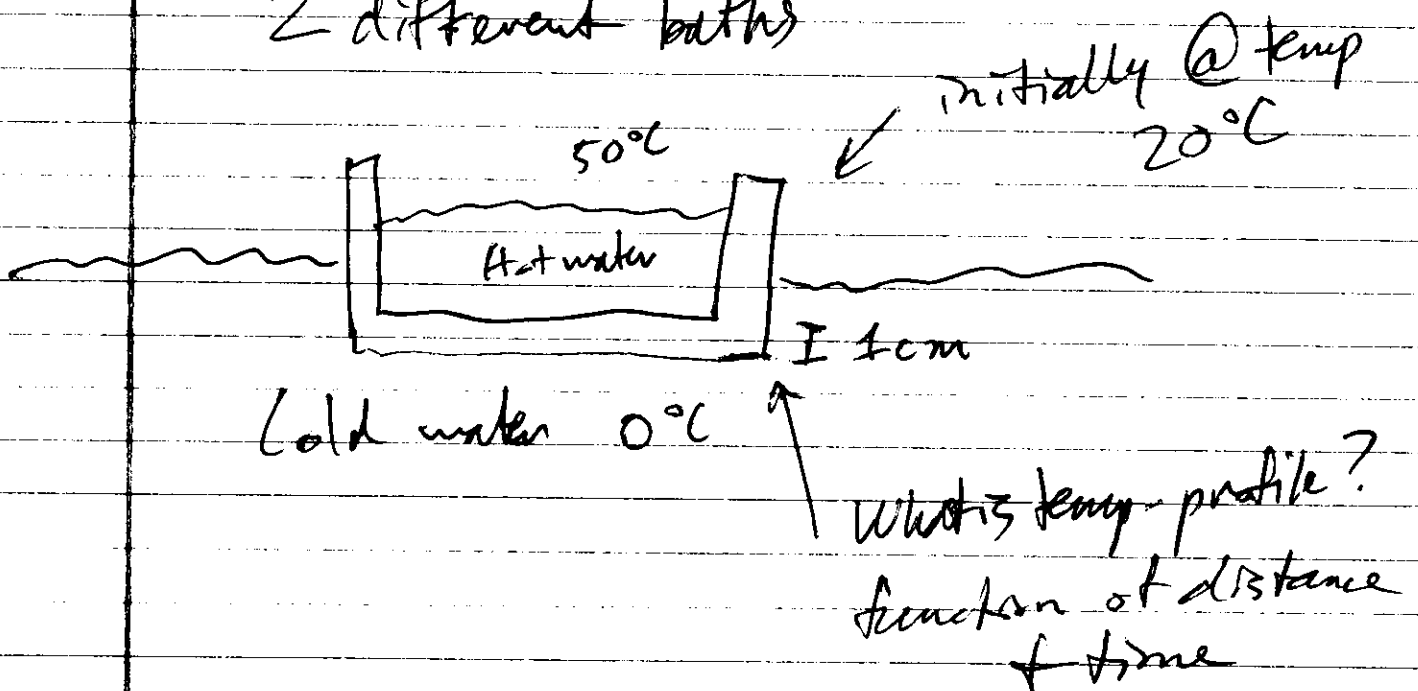
This method is called forward  
time centered ~~difference~~ space (FTCS)

Knowing every grid value

@ a given time allows us to predict all the next times.

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Example: Calculate the temperature profile of a container made of stainless steel & submerged in 2 different baths



Thermal conduction governed by heat equation

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

Thermal diffusivity make a grid & solve

$$D = 4.25 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$$

Bring up 1-heat.py

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Starting out, profile is biased but then becomes more & more linear as time goes on.

- could have time-varying boundary conditions - straightforward to incorporate

## Numerical Stability Analysis

FTCS method fails for wave equation, let's analyze why...

Recall wave equation is

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2}$$

To solve using FTCS method, divide space into discrete points w/ spacing "a"

$$\frac{d^2 \phi}{dt^2} = \frac{v^2}{a^2} [\phi(x+a, t) + \phi(x-a, t) - 2\phi(x, t)]$$



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Divide this into 2 simultaneous  
1st order equations

$$\frac{d\phi}{dt} = \psi(x, t) \quad \text{---}$$

$$\frac{d^2\phi}{dx^2} = \frac{v^2}{a^2} [\phi(x+a, t) + \phi(x-a, t) - 2\phi(x, t)]$$

Applying Euler method gives

$$\phi(x, t+h) = \phi(x, t) + h\psi(x, t)$$

$$\psi(x, t+h) = \psi(x, t) +$$

$$h \frac{v^2}{a^2} [\phi(x+a, t) + \phi(x-a, t) - 2\phi(x, t)]$$

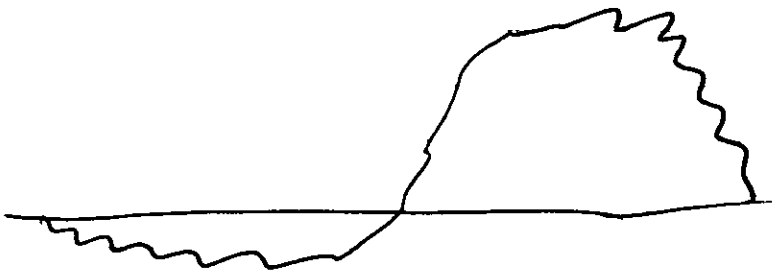
idea is then to iterate these  
equations.

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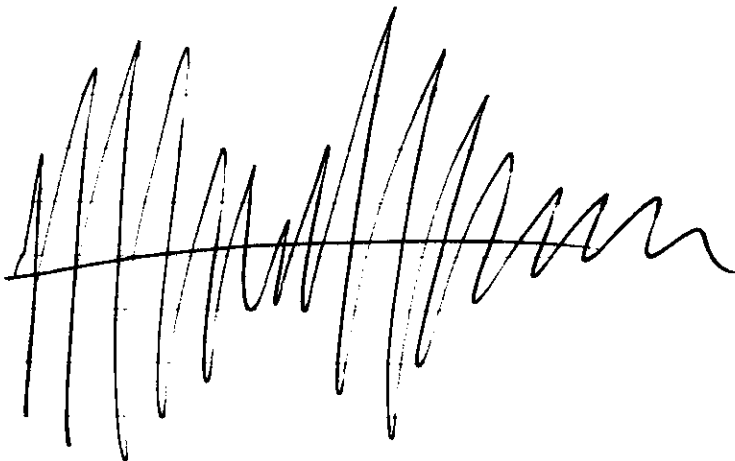
What will happen?  
after short time



$t = 2ms$



$t = 50ms$



$t = 100ms$

noise

calculator has become  
numerically unstable

What's happening?

We can apply a von Neumann stability analysis.

return to diffusion equation for a moment (in FTCS form)

$$\phi(x, t+h) = \phi(x, t) + \frac{hD}{a^2} [\phi(x+a, t) + \phi(x-a, t) - 2\phi(x, t)]$$

Assuming spatial region is finite, (of course)

we can express  $\phi(x, t)$  w/ a Fourier expansion

$$\phi(x, t) = \sum_k c_k(t) e^{ikx}$$

for some wavevectors  $k$  & coefficients  $c_k(t)$  (time varying)

useful approach b/c diffusion equation is linear

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Plug in a single term  $c_k(t) e^{ikx}$ ,  
we get

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(x, t+h) &= c_k(t) e^{ikx} + h \frac{D}{a^2} c_k(t) \left[ e^{ik(x+a)} + e^{ik(x-a)} - 2e^{ikx} \right] \\ &= c_k(t) e^{ikx} \left[ 1 + \frac{hD}{a^2} \left[ e^{ika} + e^{-ika} - 2 \right] \right] \\ &= c_k(t) e^{ikx} \left[ 1 - h \frac{4D}{a^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{ka}{2}\right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

where we use  $e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta} = 2\cos\theta$  &

$$1 - \cos\theta = 2\sin^2\left(\frac{1}{2}\theta\right)$$

$\Rightarrow$  each term in Fourier series transforms independently (terms don't couple)

$\Rightarrow$

$$c_k(t+h) = \left[ 1 - h \frac{4D}{a^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{1}{2}ka\right) \right] c_k(t)$$

So now we see that for stability we require that prefactor have magnitude  $\leq 1$

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So we need

$$\left| 1 - \frac{h4D}{a^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{ka}{2}\right) \right| \leq 1$$

we always have

$$1 - \frac{h4D}{a^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{ka}{2}\right) \leq 1$$

b/c  $\sin^2$  is always  $\geq 0$

we need

$$-1 \leq 1 - \frac{h4D}{a^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{ka}{2}\right)$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{h4D}{a^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{ka}{2}\right) \leq 2$$

sufficient to take

$$\frac{h4D}{a^2} \leq 2 \quad \text{or}$$

$$h \leq \frac{2a^2}{4D}$$

if strict inequality holds, then all terms in Fourier series except for

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$k \neq 0$  converge exponentially fast to zero.

Implies final solution is uniform in space, which is what we expect for diffusion equation.

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return to wave equation.

Slightly more complicated if we have coupled equations.

can expand vector  $\begin{bmatrix} \phi(x,t) \\ \psi(x,t) \end{bmatrix}$  in terms of Fourier series.

Consider one term in the expansion

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_{\phi}(t) \\ c_{\psi}(t) \end{bmatrix} e^{ikx}$$

Plugging into evolution equations from before give

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$$c_p(t+h) = c_p(t) + h c_y(t)$$

$$c_y(t+h) = c_y(t) - h c_p(t) \frac{4v^2}{a^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{ka}{2}\right)$$

Write as a matrix-vector equation

$$\underline{c}(t+h) = \underline{A} \underline{c}(t)$$

$$\text{w/ } \underline{c}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} c_p(t) \\ c_y(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & h \\ -hr^2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{w/} \quad r = \frac{2v}{a} \sin \frac{ka}{2}$$

⇒ At each time step,  $\underline{c}$  gets multiplied by  $2 \times 2$  matrix depending only on  $k$ .

can write  $\underline{c}(t)$  as a linear combination of two eigenvectors of

$$\underline{A}: \quad \underline{c}(t) = \alpha(t) \underline{v}_1 + \beta(t) \underline{v}_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{c}(t+h) = A(\alpha(t) \underline{v}_1 + \beta(t) \underline{v}_2) = \alpha(t) r_1 \underline{v}_1 + \beta(t) r_2 \underline{v}_2$$

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Repeating this again gives

$$\underline{c}(t+2h) = \alpha(t) \lambda_1^2 \underline{v}_1 + \beta(t) \lambda_2^2 \underline{v}_2$$

↳ for  $m$  steps gives

$$\underline{c}(t+mh) = \alpha(t) \lambda_1^m \underline{v}_1 + \beta(t) \lambda_2^m \underline{v}_2$$

eigenvalues for  $A$  are

$$\lambda = 1 \pm ikr$$

magnitude for both is

$$|\lambda| = \sqrt{1 + k^2 r^2} = \sqrt{1 + \frac{4k^2 v^2}{a^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{ka}{2}\right)}$$

i.e. never less than one!

so this method is unstable for  
wave equation.

How to solve this problem?



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use "implicit" method

Substitute  $h \rightarrow -h$  in evolution eqn's

leading to

$$\phi(x, t-h) = \phi(x, t) - h \psi(x, t)$$

$$\psi(x, t-h) = \psi(x, t) - h \frac{v^2}{a^2} \left[ \phi(x+a, t) + \phi(x-a, t) - 2\phi(x, t) \right]$$

tell us how to go back in time  
substitute  $t \rightarrow t+h$  & then rearrange

$$\phi(x, t+h) - h \psi(x, t+h) = \phi(x, t)$$

$$\psi(x, t+h) - h \frac{v^2}{a^2} \left[ \phi(x+a, t+h) + \phi(x-a, t+h) - 2\phi(x, t+h) \right] = \psi(x, t)$$

not an explicit expression but we  
can solve these for future values  
(will be slower than before but  
the advantage is numerical stability)

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Can rewrite these equations as

$$\underline{\underline{B}} \underline{c}(t+h) = \underline{c}(t)$$

$$\underline{\underline{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -h \\ hr^2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \underline{c}(t+h) &= \underline{\underline{B}}^{-1} \underline{c}(t) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & h \\ -hr^2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{1+h^2r^2} \end{aligned}$$

eigenvalues are now

$$\lambda = \frac{1 \pm i h r}{1+h^2r^2} \quad \text{w/ magnitude}$$

$$|\lambda| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+h^2r^2}} \quad \text{so we have stability}$$

however, unphysical. waves propagate indefinitely but here we have exponential decay...