

CHAPTER 4.

Difference Method for Parabolic PDE.

Consider the IBVP.

$$\begin{cases} u_t = \sigma u_{xx}, & 0 < x < 1, \quad t > 0, \\ u(x, 0) = \phi(x), & 0 \leq x \leq 1, \\ u(0, t) = f(t), \quad u(1, t) = g(t), & t > 0. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

FT-CS. Scheme

$$\begin{cases} U_j^{n+1} = r U_{j-1}^n + (1-2r) U_j^n + r U_{j+1}^n, & j=1, 2, \dots, J-1, \\ U_j^0 = \phi(x_j) = \phi(j \Delta x) & n > 0. \\ U_0^n = f(t_n) = f(n \Delta t), \quad U_J^n = g(n \Delta t). \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

$$r \equiv \sigma \Delta t / \Delta x^2.$$

For homogeneous B.C.'s. $f(t) \equiv 0$, $g(t) \equiv 0$

We have proved FT-CS converges
FT-CS stable in $\|\cdot\|_\infty$

$$\text{if } 0 < r \leq 1/2, \quad r = \frac{\sigma \Delta t}{\Delta x^2}$$

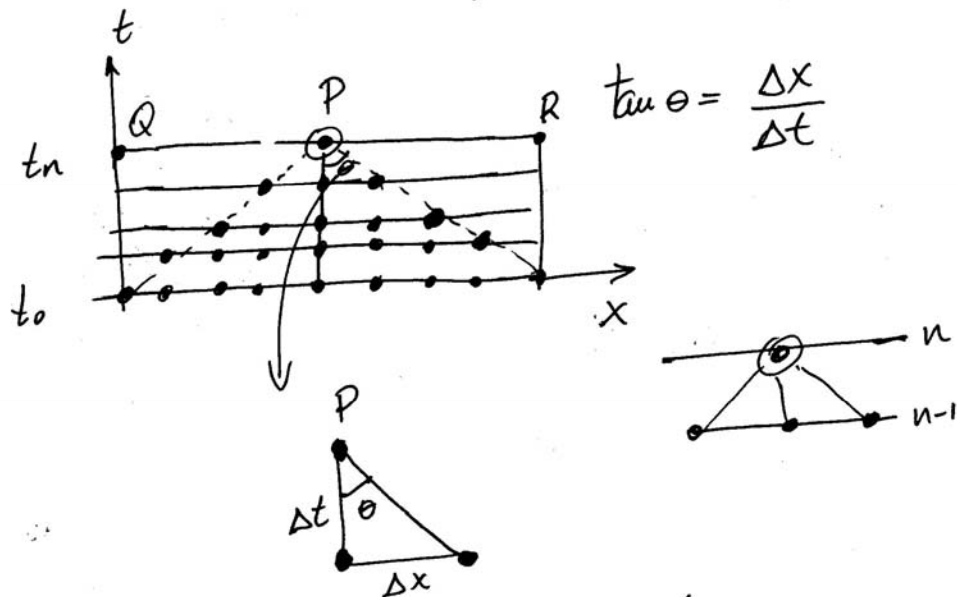
$$\Rightarrow \Delta t = \frac{r \Delta x^2}{\sigma}$$

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The condition $r \leq 1/2$ impose limitations on the choice of Δt .

How can we define numerical schemes for our IBVP with less limitation on the choice of Δt ?

Idea: Domain of dependence for num. sch. (2)



Obviously, boundary values at points Q and R at level n don't enter into the computation of P at level n .

From PDE theory, we know that solution at point P certainly depends on boundary data at Q and R.

From the previous graph, we conclude that the angle θ should be $\pi/2$ (or close to it) for Q and R to enter into the computation at P.

In chapter 2, we perform two experiments depending on r values for FT-CS scheme.

a) $r = 10^{-1}$ Num. scheme was stable and converges $\Delta x = 0.1$
 $\Delta t = 10^{-3}$
 $\sigma = 1$

b) $r = 1$ Num. sch. unstable. $\Delta x = 0.1$
 $\Delta t = 10^{-2}$, $\sigma = 1$.

In (a) $r = 10^{-1}$ $\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\sigma}{r \Delta x} \right)$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{\sigma}{r \Delta x}$

$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{10^{-1} \cdot 10^{-1}} \right) = \tan^{-1} (100) \approx 1.56 \approx \pi/2$

In (b) $r = 1$ $\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{1 \cdot 10^{-1}} \right) = \tan^{-1} (10) \approx 1.47 < \pi/2$

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The previous analysis motivates the construction of implicit schemes. For implicit schemes, the solution at P will involve all the other unknowns at the same time level, and it will also include the boundary conditions at Q and R .

Example: BT-CS at the point (x_j, t_{n+1})

$$(u_t)_j^{n+1} = \sigma (u_{xx})_j^{n+1}$$

$$\text{Approx. by } \frac{U_j^{n+1} - U_j^n}{\Delta t} = \sigma \frac{U_{j-1}^{n+1} - 2U_j^{n+1} + U_{j+1}^{n+1}}{\Delta x^2} \quad j=1, 2, \dots, J-1$$

Also called backward-Euler method.

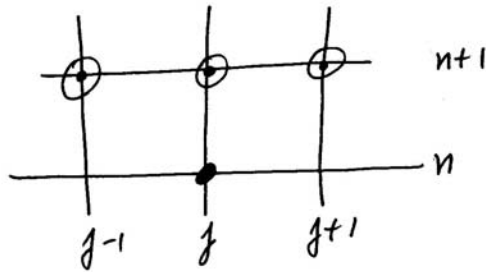
It can be written as

$$\boxed{-r U_{j-1}^{n+1} + (1+2r) U_j^{n+1} - r U_{j+1}^{n+1} = U_j^n}, \quad j=1, 2, \dots, J-1 \quad (4.1)$$

For our IBVP (1), we also know

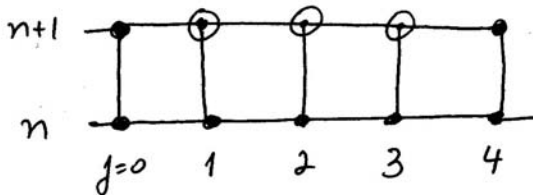
$$U_0^{n+1} = f(t_{n+1}) = f^{n+1}, \quad U_J^{n+1} = g^{n+1}$$

Computational stencil:



Obviously, for a given j equ. (4.1) is not enough. A system of equations needs to be solved at every time level $n+1$.

In particular, if $J=4$



We have a system of 3 eqs. to be solved simultaneously. In fact,

$$\begin{aligned}
 j=1, \quad & -r U_0^{n+1} + (1-2r) U_1^{n+1} - r U_2^{n+1} = U_1^n \\
 j=2, \quad & -r U_1^{n+1} + (1-2r) U_2^{n+1} - r U_3^{n+1} = U_2^n \\
 j=3, \quad & -r U_2^{n+1} + (1-2r) U_3^{n+1} - r U_4^{n+1} = U_3^n
 \end{aligned}$$

B.C's $U_0^{n+1} = f^{n+1}$, $U_4^{n+1} = g^{n+1}$ ⑥

The above system can be written in matrix form as

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1-2r & -r & 0 \\ -r & 1-2r & r \\ 0 & -r & 1-2r \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U_1^{n+1} \\ U_2^{n+1} \\ U_3^{n+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U_1^n \\ U_2^n \\ U_3^n \end{pmatrix} + r \begin{pmatrix} f^{n+1} \\ U_0^{n+1} \\ 0 \\ U_4^{n+1} \\ g^{n+1} \end{pmatrix}$$

Since this implicit scheme involves the B.C to compute all the unknowns at level t_{n+1} , we expect better stability properties.

We can take a more general point of view

and combine BT-ES at (x_j, t_{n+1})

with FT-CS at (x_j, t_n)

in what is called weighted average

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$$\text{BT-CS at } (x_j, t_n) \left[\frac{U_j^{n+1} - U_j^n}{\Delta t} = \sigma \frac{U_{j+1}^{n+1} - 2U_j^{n+1} + U_{j-1}^{n+1}}{\Delta x^2} \right] * \theta \rightarrow \delta^2 U_j^{n+1}$$

$$\text{FT-CS at } (x_j, t_n) \left[\frac{U_j^{n+1} - U_j^n}{\Delta t} = \sigma \frac{U_{j+1}^n - 2U_j^n + U_{j-1}^n}{\Delta x^2} \right] * (1-\theta) \rightarrow \delta^2 U_j^n$$

$$\frac{U_j^{n+1} - U_j^n}{\Delta t} = \sigma \frac{\theta \delta^2 U_j^{n+1} + (1-\theta) \delta^2 U_j^n}{\Delta x^2} \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 1. \quad (7.1)$$

Clearly, if $\theta = 0$ in (7.1) we obtain the explicit FT-CS scheme.

if $\theta = 1$ in (7.1) we obtain the Euler implicit BT-CS scheme.

(7.1) can also be written as

$$\boxed{-r\theta U_{j-1}^{n+1} + (1+2r\theta)U_j^{n+1} - r\theta U_{j+1}^{n+1} = r(1-\theta)U_{j-1}^n + [1-2r(1-\theta)]U_j^n + r(1-\theta)U_{j+1}^n,} \quad (7.2)$$

$$j = 1, 2, \dots, J-1$$

$$U_0^{n+1} = f^{n+1}, \quad U_J^{n+1} = g^{n+1}.$$

(7.1) can be written as

$$\frac{U_j^{n+1} - U_j^n}{\Delta t} = \sigma \theta \frac{U_{j+1}^{n+1} - 2U_j^{n+1} + U_{j-1}^{n+1}}{\Delta x^2} + \sigma(1-\theta) \frac{U_{j+1}^n - 2U_j^n + U_{j-1}^n}{\Delta x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow U_j^{n+1} - \theta r (U_{j+1}^{n+1} + U_{j-1}^{n+1}) + 2\theta r U_j^{n+1} = \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow -r\theta U_{j-1}^{n+1} + (1+2\theta r)U_j^{n+1} - r\theta U_{j+1}^{n+1} = \dots$$

$$j = 1, 2, \dots, J-1$$

$$j=1 \quad \begin{aligned} & \overset{f = -r\theta f^{n+1}}{\circlearrowleft} -r\theta U_0^{n+1} + (1+2r\theta)U_1^{n+1} - r\theta U_2^{n+1} = \\ & = r(1-\theta)U_0^n + (1-2r(1-\theta))U_1^n + r(1-\theta)U_2^n \end{aligned}$$

$$j=2 \quad -r\theta U_1^{n+1} + (1+2r\theta)U_2^{n+1} - r\theta U_3^{n+1} =$$

$$j=J-1 \quad \begin{aligned} & -r\theta U_{J-2}^{n+1} + (1+2r\theta)U_{J-1}^{n+1} \overset{f = -r\theta g^{n+1}}{\circlearrowleft} - r\theta U_J^n = r(1-\theta)U_{J-2}^n \\ & + (1-2r(1-\theta))U_{J-1}^n + \overset{r(1-\theta)g^n}{\circlearrowleft} r(1-\theta)U_J^n \end{aligned}$$

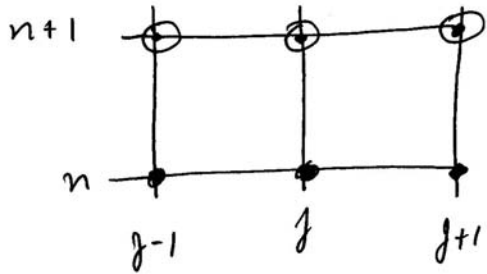
$$\begin{pmatrix} \ddots & & & & & & \\ & 1 & & & & & \\ & & 1 & & & & \\ & & & \ddots & & & \\ & & & & 0 & & \\ & & & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} + r\theta \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ & & & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ & & & & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_1^{n+1} \\ U_2^{n+1} \\ \vdots \\ U_{J-1}^{n+1} \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \ddots & & & & & & \\ & 1 & & & & & \\ & & 1 & & & & \\ & & & \ddots & & & \\ & & & & 0 & & \\ & & & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} + r(1-\theta) \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ & & & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ & & & & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_1^n \\ U_2^n \\ \vdots \\ U_{J-1}^n \end{bmatrix} + r \begin{bmatrix} \theta f^{n+1} + (1-\theta)f^n \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ \theta g^{n+1} + (1-\theta)g^n \end{bmatrix}$$

which can be written as (7.2) in page 8.

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For $\theta \in (0,1)$ the computational stencil looks like



(7.2) in matrix form is also a ^{non-homogeneous} tridiag. system for $\theta \in (0,1)$. In fact,

$$\boxed{[I - r\theta C] \vec{U}^{n+1} = [I + r(1-\theta)C] \vec{U}^n + r \vec{f}^n} \quad (8.1)$$

Where

$$\vec{U}^n = \begin{bmatrix} U_1^n \\ U_2^n \\ U_3^n \\ \vdots \\ U_{J-1}^n \end{bmatrix},$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & & 1 & -2 & \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{f}^n = \begin{bmatrix} \theta f^{n+1} + (1-\theta) f^n \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ \theta g^{n+1} + (1-\theta) g^n \end{bmatrix}$$

CRANK-NICHOLSON

An important particular scheme from the family of weighted average scheme (7.2) is obtained when $\theta = 1/2$. This is called Crank-Nicholson's scheme.

$$-\frac{r}{2} U_{j-1}^{n+1} + (1+r) U_j^{n+1} - \frac{r}{2} U_{j+1}^{n+1} = \frac{r}{2} U_{j-1}^n + (1-r) U_j^n + \frac{r}{2} U_{j+1}^n \quad (8.1)$$

$$j = 1, 2, \dots, J-1.$$

An alternative way to obtain (8.1) is by using centered difference in time approximations for U_t at the point $(x_j, t_{n+1/2})$ and also using centered difference in space approximations for U_{xx} at $(x_j, t_{n+1/2})$. In fact,

$$(U_t)_j^{n+1/2} = K (U_{xx})_j^{n+1/2}$$

CT-CS at $(x_j, t_{n+1/2})$ with time step size $\frac{\Delta t}{2}$

$$\frac{U_j^{n+1} - U_j^n}{2 \left(\frac{\Delta t}{2}\right)} = K \frac{U_{j+1}^{n+1/2} - 2U_j^{n+1/2} + U_{j-1}^{n+1/2}}{(\Delta x)^2}$$

In fact,

CT-CS at $(x_j, t_{n+1/2})$, with time step $\frac{\Delta t}{2}$.

$$\frac{u_j^{n+1} - u_j^n}{\cancel{\frac{\Delta t}{2}}} = K \frac{u_{j+1}^{n+1/2} - 2u_j^{n+1/2} + u_{j-1}^{n+1/2}}{\Delta x^2}$$

$$\text{Using Average in time} \quad \frac{u_{j+1}^{n+1} + u_{j+1}^n}{2} - 2 \frac{u_j^{n+1} + u_j^n}{2} \quad \frac{u_{j-1}^{n+1} + u_{j-1}^n}{2}$$

$$\Delta x^2$$

$$= \frac{K}{2} \left[\frac{u_{j+1}^{n+1} - 2u_j^{n+1} + u_{j-1}^{n+1}}{\Delta x^2} + \frac{u_{j+1}^n - 2u_j^n + u_{j-1}^n}{\Delta x^2} \right]$$

$$\text{If } r = K \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{u_j^{n+1}} - \underbrace{u_j^n} = \frac{r}{2} \left[\underbrace{u_{j+1}^{n+1} - 2u_j^{n+1} + u_{j-1}^{n+1}} + \underbrace{u_{j+1}^n - 2u_j^n + u_{j-1}^n} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{-\frac{r}{2} u_{j-1}^{n+1} + (1+r) u_j^{n+1} - \frac{r}{2} u_{j+1}^{n+1} = \frac{r}{2} u_{j-1}^n + (1-r) u_j^n + \frac{r}{2} u_{j+1}^n}$$

Same as (8.1)

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(8.1) is a tridiagonal system. There is a faster way to solve it than naive Gauss elimination.

In general, for

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{f}, \quad A_{n \times n}.$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & c_1 & & & \\ b_2 & a_2 & c_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & b_{N-1} & a_{N-1} & c_{N-1} \\ & & & & b_N & a_N \end{pmatrix}$$

Assuming that pivoting is not necessary

A can be factored as

$$A = LU$$

Where L: Lower

U: Upper

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ l_2 & 1 & & & \\ & l_3 & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & l_N & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad U = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 & v_1 & & & \\ & u_2 & v_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & u_{N-1} & v_{N-1} \\ & & & & u_N \end{pmatrix}$$

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The entries for L and v can be computed directly for $A = LU$.

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_1 & c_1 & & & \\ b_2 & a_2 & c_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & b_N & a_N \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 & v_1 & & & \\ l_2 u_1 & l_2 v_1 + u_2 & v_2 & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ l_N u_{N-1} & l_N v_{N-1} + u_N & & & \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} u_1 &= a_1, & v_1 &= c_1 \\ l_2 &= b_2/u_1 \\ u_2 &= a_2 - l_2 v_1 \\ v_2 &= c_2 \end{aligned}$$

In general,

$$\begin{aligned} u_1 &= a_1 \\ v_1 &= c_1 \\ j &= 2, 3, \dots, N \\ l_j &= b_j / u_{j-1} \\ u_j &= a_j - l_j v_{j-1} \\ v_j &= c_j \\ \text{end.} \end{aligned}$$

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Once the entries of L and U have been determined, the system

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{f} \quad \text{or} \quad LU\vec{x} = \vec{f}$$

can be solved in two steps

$$U\vec{x} = \vec{y}$$

$$L(U\vec{x}) = L\vec{y} = \vec{f}$$

First, we solve

$$L\vec{y} = \vec{f}$$

by forward substitution. Then, we solve

$$U\vec{x} = \vec{y}$$

using backward substitution.

See tridiag. algorithm in book.

(I) FACTORIZATION.

(II) Forward- and Backward Substitution.

Stability of weighted average scheme.

Using Von Neumann method

$$U_j^n = \sum_{k=0}^{J-1} A_k^n w_j^k, \quad w_j^k = e^{i2\pi jk/J}$$

Assuming initial conditions are periodic in x of period 2π .

Now, subst. in the Num. scheme. leads to

$$\sum_{k=0}^{J-1} \left[A_k^{n+1} \left(-r\theta e^{-i2\pi k/J} + 1 + 2r\theta - r\theta e^{i2\pi k/J} \right) - A_k^n \left(r(1-\theta) e^{-i2\pi k/J} + 1 - 2r(1-\theta) + r(1-\theta) e^{i2\pi k/J} \right) \right] w_j^k = 0$$

Since $-e^{-i2\pi k/J} - e^{i2\pi k/J} = -2\cos(2\pi k/J)$

and $e^{-i2\pi k/J} + e^{i2\pi k/J} = 2\cos(2\pi k/J)$

then, using orthogonality of w_j^k 's

$$A_k^{n+1} = M_k A_k^n,$$

$$\text{where } M_k = 1 - \frac{2r(1-\cos(2\pi k/J))}{1+2r\theta(1-\cos(2\pi k/J))}$$

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Or

$$M_k = 1 - \frac{4r \sin^2(k\pi/J)}{1 + 4r\theta \sin^2(k\pi/J)}$$

$$A_k^{n+1} = M_k A_k^n \Rightarrow \underline{A_k^n = (M_k)^n A_k^0}$$

Since we know that the soln. for a periodic initial value problem for Heat Cond. should decay in time, we will ask

$$|M_k| \leq 1$$

i.e.,

$$-1 \leq 1 - \frac{4r \sin^2(\)}{1 + 4r\theta \sin^2(\)} \leq 1$$

rhs always satisfied.

lhs is equivalent to

$$\frac{4r \sin^2(\)}{1 + 4r\theta \sin^2(\)} \leq 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 4r \sin^2(\) \leq 2 + 8r\theta \sin^2(\)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2r \sin^2(\) \leq 1 + 4r\theta \sin^2(\) \Rightarrow \boxed{2r(1-2\theta) \sin^2(\) \leq 1}$$

for all k

then the condition should be

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$$2r(1-2\theta) \leq 1$$

(I) for $0 \leq \theta < 1/2$
 $1-2\theta > 0 \Rightarrow r \leq \frac{1}{2(1-2\theta)}$

rmk: Notice that for $\theta=0$, $r \leq 1/2$ explicit scheme.

(II) for $\frac{1}{2} \leq \theta \leq 1$ ^{implicit schemes} $\Rightarrow 1-2\theta \leq 0$

$$\Rightarrow 2r(1-2\theta) \leq 1, \text{ for all } r$$

It means Weighted scheme is stable for any choice of Δt and Δx . It's said that the scheme is unconditionally stable.