



ME 747 Introduction to computational fluid dynamics

Lecture 4

Introduction to numerical methods

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Lecture schedule

Session	Topics
1	1. Overviews of computational fluid dynamics - Overviews and importance of heat transfer in real applications
2 - 3	2. Introduction to Fortran programming - Basic commands in Fortran programming
4	3. Overviews of governing equations for flow and heat transfer - Elliptic, Parabolic and Hyperbolic equations
5	4. Introduction to numerical methods - Finite difference method, Finite volume method, Finite element method, etc.
6 - 7	5. Introduction to solve engineering problems with finite-difference method - Taylor series expansion, Approximation of the second derivative, Initial condition and Boundary conditions

Contents

- Overviews of numerical solving methods
- Finite difference method

Introduction to numerical methods

- ❑ การกำหนดฟิสิกส์ของปัญหา (Define the physical problem)
- ❑ การกำหนดแบบจำลอง (Create a mathematical model)
 - Systems of PDEs, ODEs, algebraic equations
 - การกำหนดเงื่อนไขเริ่มต้น เงื่อนไขขอบเขต เพื่อให้สอดคล้องกับปัญหา (Well-posed problem)
- ❑ การสร้างแบบจำลองแบบดิสครีท (Discrete model)
 - การดิสครีไทซ์โดเมน → การสร้างกริด → การได้แบบจำลองแบบดิสครีท
 - ระบบการแก้สมการดิสครีท
- ❑ การวิเคราะห์ค่าผิดพลาดในระบบดิสครีท (Analyze errors in the discrete system)
 - ความสอดคล้อง/ตรงกับกายภาพ ความเสถียร และการวิเคราะห์การลู่เข้าของคำตอบ

Numerical solving methods

- Finite difference method
- Finite element method
- Finite volume method
- Spectral method

Main numerical methods for PDEs

Finite difference method (FDM)

Advantages:

- Simple and easy to design the scheme
- Flexible to deal with the nonlinear problem
- Widely used for elliptic, parabolic and hyperbolic equations
- Most popular method for simple geometry,

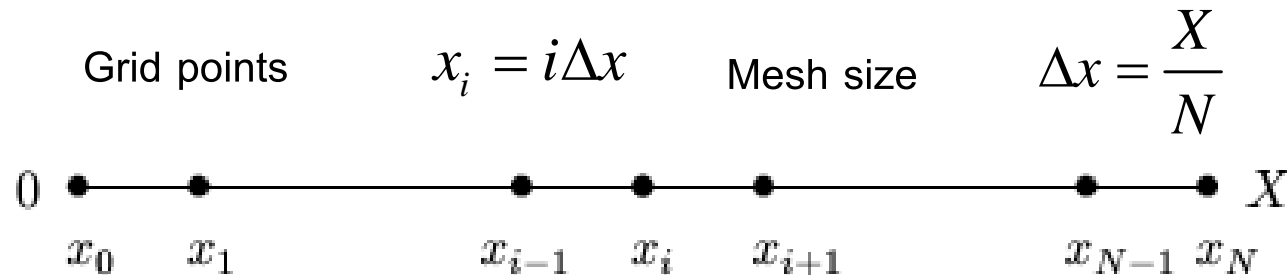
Disadvantages:

- Not easy to deal with complex geometry
- Not easy for complicated boundary conditions
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Finite difference method

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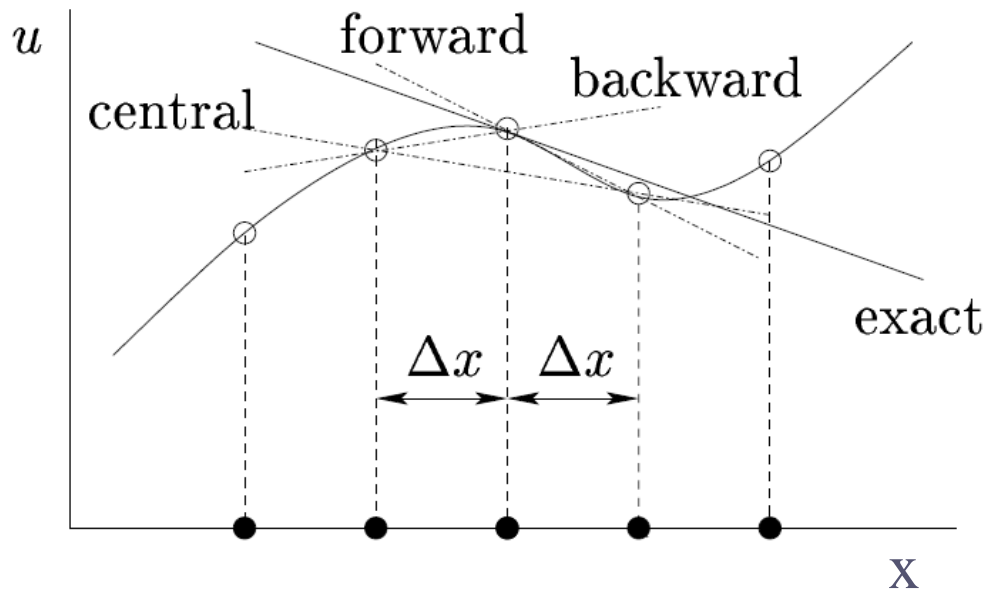
$$1D \quad \Omega = (0, X) \quad u_i \approx u(x_i) \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N$$



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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{u(x_i + \Delta x) - u(x_i)}{\Delta x} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{u(x_i) - u(x_i - \Delta x)}{\Delta x} \\ &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{u(x_i + \Delta x) - u(x_i - \Delta x)}{2\Delta x} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_i \approx \frac{u_{i+1} - u_i}{\Delta x}$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_i \approx \frac{u_i - u_{i-1}}{\Delta x}$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_i \approx \frac{u_{i+1} - u_{i-1}}{2\Delta x}$$

Taylor series expansion $u(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x-x_i)^n}{n!} \left(\frac{\partial^n u}{\partial x^n}\right)_i, \quad u \in C^\infty([0, X])$

$$T_1 \quad u_{i+1} = u_i + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_i \Delta x + \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}\right)_i \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{2} + \left(\frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x^3}\right)_i \frac{(\Delta x)^3}{6} + \dots$$

$$T_2 \quad u_{i-1} = u_i - \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_i \Delta x + \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}\right)_i \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{2} - \left(\frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x^3}\right)_i \frac{(\Delta x)^3}{6} + \dots$$

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$$T_1 \quad \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_i = \frac{u_{i+1} - u_i}{\Delta x} - \frac{\Delta x}{2} \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}\right)_i - \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{6} \left(\frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x^3}\right)_i + \dots$$

$$T_2 \quad \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_i = \frac{u_i - u_{i-1}}{\Delta x} + \frac{\Delta x}{2} \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}\right)_i - \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{6} \left(\frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x^3}\right)_i + \dots$$

Truncation error $O(\Delta x)$

$$T_1 - T_2 \quad \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_i = \frac{u_{i+1} - u_{i-1}}{2\Delta x} - \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{6} \left(\frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x^3}\right)_i + \dots$$

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$$\epsilon_\tau = \alpha_m (\Delta x)^m + \alpha_{m+1} (\Delta x)^{m+1} + \dots \approx \alpha_m (\Delta x)^m$$

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Central difference scheme

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}\right)_i = \frac{u_{i-1} - 2u_i + u_{i+1}}{(\Delta x)^2} + O(\Delta x)^2$$

Alternative derivative

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}\right)_i &= \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)\right]_i = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_{i+1/2} - \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_{i-1/2}}{\Delta x} \\ &\approx \frac{\frac{u_{i+1} - u_i}{\Delta x} - \frac{u_i - u_{i-1}}{\Delta x}}{\Delta x} = \frac{u_{i+1} - 2u_i + u_{i-1}}{(\Delta x)^2} \end{aligned}$$

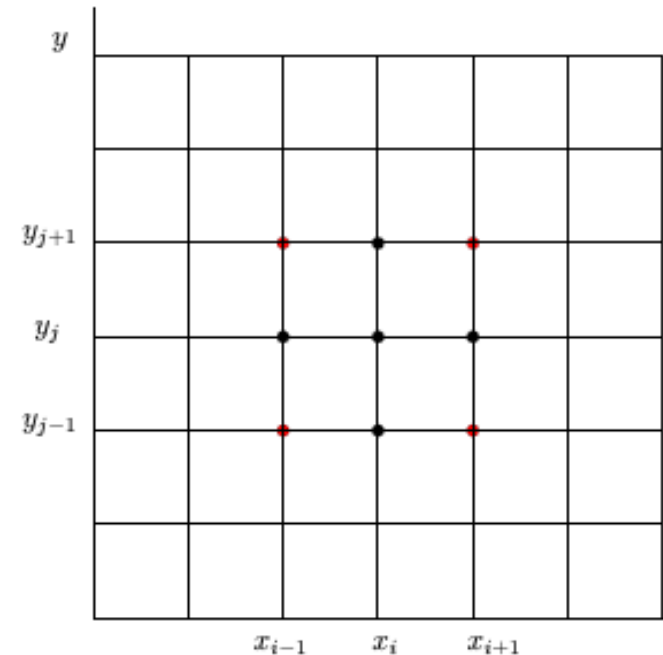
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$$2D: \quad \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} \right)_{i,j} = \frac{\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)_{i+1,j} - \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)_{i-1,j}}{2\Delta x} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x)^2$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)_{i+1,j} = \frac{u_{i+1,j+1} - u_{i+1,j-1}}{2\Delta y} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta y)^2$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)_{i-1,j} = \frac{u_{i-1,j+1} - u_{i-1,j-1}}{2\Delta y} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta y)^2$$



Second difference approximation

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} \right)_{i,j} = \frac{u_{i+1,j+1} - u_{i+1,j-1} - u_{i-1,j+1} + u_{i-1,j-1}}{4\Delta x \Delta y} + \mathcal{O}[(\Delta x)^2, (\Delta y)^2]$$

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Taylor series expansion $u(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x-x_i)^n}{n!} \left(\frac{\partial^n u}{\partial x^n}\right)_i, \quad u \in C^\infty([0, X])$

$$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_i = \frac{2u_{i+1} + 3u_i - 6u_{i-1} + u_{i-2}}{6\Delta x} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x)^3 \quad \text{backward}$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_i = \frac{-u_{i+2} + 6u_{i+1} - 3u_i - 2u_{i-1}}{6\Delta x} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x)^3 \quad \text{forward}$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_i = \frac{-u_{i+2} + 8u_{i+1} - 8u_{i-1} + u_{i-2}}{12\Delta x} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x)^4 \quad \text{central}$$

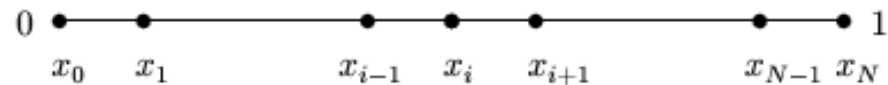
$$\left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}\right)_i = \frac{-u_{i+2} + 16u_{i+1} - 30u_i + 16u_{i-1} - u_{i-2}}{12(\Delta x)^2} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x)^4 \quad \text{central}$$

Example: 1-D Poisson equation

Boundary value problem

$$-\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = f \quad \text{in } \Omega = (0, 1), \quad u(0) = u(1) = 0$$

One-dimensional mesh



$$u_i \approx u(x_i), \quad f_i = f(x_i) \quad x_i = i\Delta x, \quad \Delta x = \frac{1}{N}, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, N$$

Central difference approximation $\mathcal{O}(\Delta x)^2$

$$\begin{cases} -\frac{u_{i-1} - 2u_i + u_{i+1}}{(\Delta x)^2} = f_i, & \forall i = 1, \dots, N-1 \\ u_0 = u_N = 0 & \text{Dirichlet boundary conditions} \end{cases}$$

Result: the original PDE is replaced by a linear system for nodal values

Example: 1-D Poisson equation

Linear system for the central difference scheme

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} i = 1 \\ i = 2 \\ i = 3 \\ \dots \\ i = N - 1 \end{array} \right. \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} -\frac{u_0 - 2u_1 + u_2}{(\Delta x)^2} \\ -\frac{u_1 - 2u_2 + u_3}{(\Delta x)^2} \\ -\frac{u_2 - 2u_3 + u_4}{(\Delta x)^2} \\ \dots \\ \frac{u_{N-2} - 2u_{N-1} + u_N}{(\Delta x)^2} \end{array} \right. = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \\ \dots \\ f_{N-1} \end{array} \right.$$

Matrix form

$$\boxed{Au = F} \quad A \in \mathbb{R}^{N-1 \times N-1} \quad u, F \in \mathbb{R}^{N-1}$$

$$A = \frac{1}{(\Delta x)^2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & & & \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & & \\ & -1 & 2 & -1 & \\ & & \dots & \dots & \\ & & & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad u = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ \vdots \\ u_{N-1} \end{bmatrix}, \quad F = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \\ \vdots \\ f_{N-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

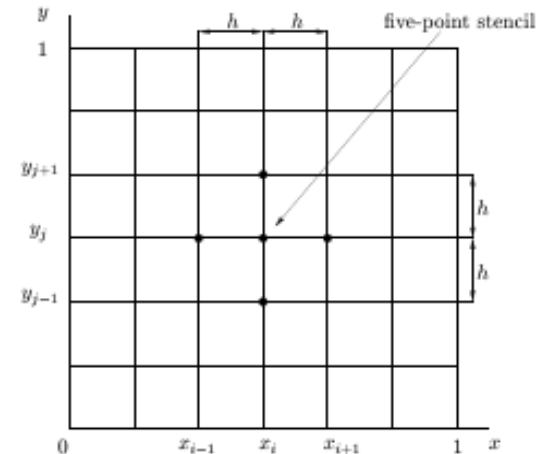
The matrix A is tridiagonal and symmetric positive definite \Rightarrow invertible.

Example: 2-D Poisson equation

Boundary value problem

$$\begin{cases} -\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = f & \text{in } \Omega = (0, 1) \times (0, 1) \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma = \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$

Uniform mesh: $\Delta x = \Delta y = h$, $N = \frac{1}{h}$



$$u_{i,j} \approx u(x_i, y_j), \quad f_{i,j} = f(x_i, y_j), \quad (x_i, y_j) = (ih, jh), \quad i, j = 0, 1, \dots, N$$

Central difference approximation $\mathcal{O}(h^2)$

$$\begin{cases} -\frac{u_{i-1,j} + u_{i,j-1} - 4u_{i,j} + u_{i+1,j} + u_{i,j+1}}{h^2} = f_{i,j}, & \forall i, j = 1, \dots, N-1 \\ u_{i,0} = u_{i,N} = u_{0,j} = u_{N,j} = 0 & \forall i, j = 0, 1, \dots, N \end{cases}$$

Example: 2-D Poisson equation

Linear system

$$Au = F$$

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{(N-1)^2 \times (N-1)^2} \quad u, F \in \mathbb{R}^{(N-1)^2}$$

row-by-row

$$u = [u_{1,1} \dots u_{N-1,1} \quad u_{1,2} \dots u_{N-1,2} \quad u_{1,3} \dots u_{N-1,N-1}]^T$$

node numbering

$$F = [f_{1,1} \dots f_{N-1,1} \quad f_{1,2} \dots f_{N-1,2} \quad f_{1,3} \dots f_{N-1,N-1}]^T$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} B & -I & & & & & & & & & \\ -I & B & -I & & & & & & & & \\ & & \dots & \dots & & & & & & & \\ & & & -I & B & -I & & & & & \\ & & & & -I & B & & & & & \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & & & & & & & & & \\ -1 & 4 & -1 & & & & & & & & \\ & & \dots & \dots & & & & & & & \\ & & & -1 & 4 & -1 & & & & & \\ & & & & & -1 & 4 & -1 & & & \\ & & & & & & -1 & 4 & & & \end{bmatrix}$$

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & & & & & & & \\ & 1 & & & & & & & & & \\ & & \cdot & & & & & & & & \\ & & & 1 & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & 1 & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & 1 & & \\ & & & & & & & & & 1 & \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrix A is sparse, block-tridiagonal (for the above numbering) and SPD.

$$\text{cond}_2(A) = \frac{|\lambda_{\max}|}{|\lambda_{\min}|} = \mathcal{O}(h^{-2})$$

Caution: convergence of iterative solvers deteriorates as the mesh is refined

FDM for Parabolic PDEs: The Heat Equation

- Consider the initial-boundary value problem for the heat equation

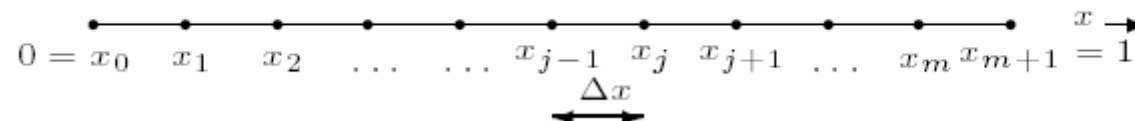
$$u_t = \kappa u_{xx}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1, \quad t \geq 0$$

$$u(0, x) = f(x), \quad \text{Initial Condition}$$

$$u(t, 0) = \alpha, \quad \text{Boundary Condition at } x = 0$$

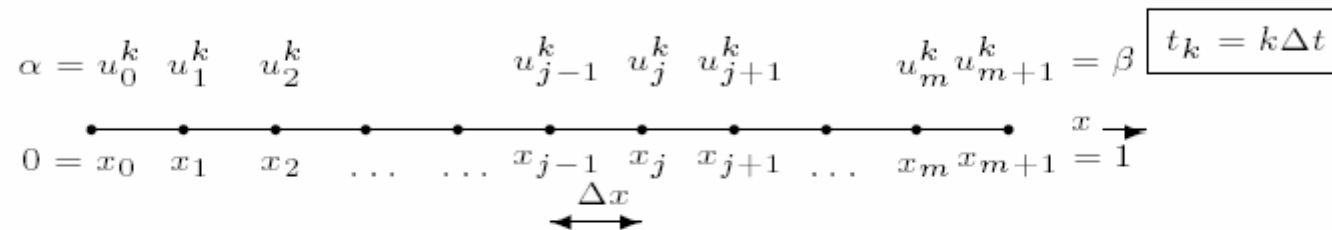
$$u(t, 1) = \beta, \quad \text{Boundary Condition at } x = 1$$

- Discretize the spatial domain $[0, 1]$ into $m + 2$ grid points using a uniform **mesh step size** $\Delta x = 1/(m + 1)$. Denote the spatial grid points by $x_j, j = 0, 1, \dots, m + 1$.

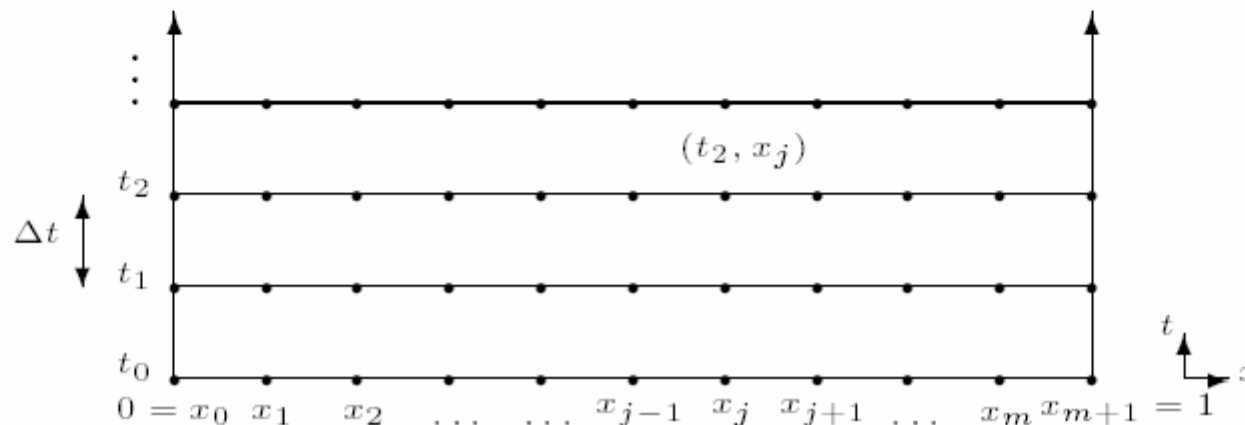


FDM for Parabolic PDEs: The Heat Equation

- Similarly discretize the temporal domain into temporal grid points $t_k = k\Delta t$ for suitably chosen **time step** Δt .
- Denote the approximate solution at the grid point (t_k, x_j) as U_j^k .



- The space-time grid can be represented as



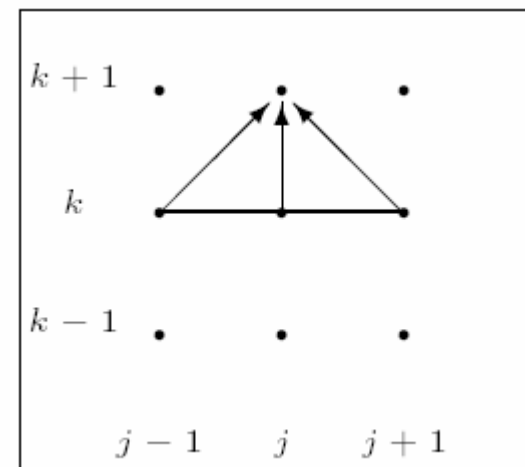
FDM for Parabolic PDEs: The Heat Equation

- Replace u_t by a forward difference in time and u_{xx} by a central difference in space to obtain the **explicit FDM**

$$\frac{U_j^{k+1} - U_j^k}{\Delta t} = \kappa \frac{U_{j+1}^k - 2U_j^k + U_{j-1}^k}{(\Delta x)^2}$$

$$\implies U_j^{k+1} = U_j^k + \frac{\kappa \Delta t}{(\Delta x)^2} (U_{j+1}^k - 2U_j^k + U_{j-1}^k), \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

- Associated to this scheme is a **Computational Stencil**



Main numerical methods

Finite element method (FEM)

Advantages:

- Flexible to deal with problems with complex geometry and complicated boundary conditions
- Keep physical laws in the discretized level
- Rigorous mathematical theory for error analysis
- Widely used in mechanical structure analysis, computational fluid dynamics (CFD), heat transfer, electromagnetics, ...

Disadvantages:

- Need more mathematical knowledge to formulate a good and equivalent variational form

Finite element methods

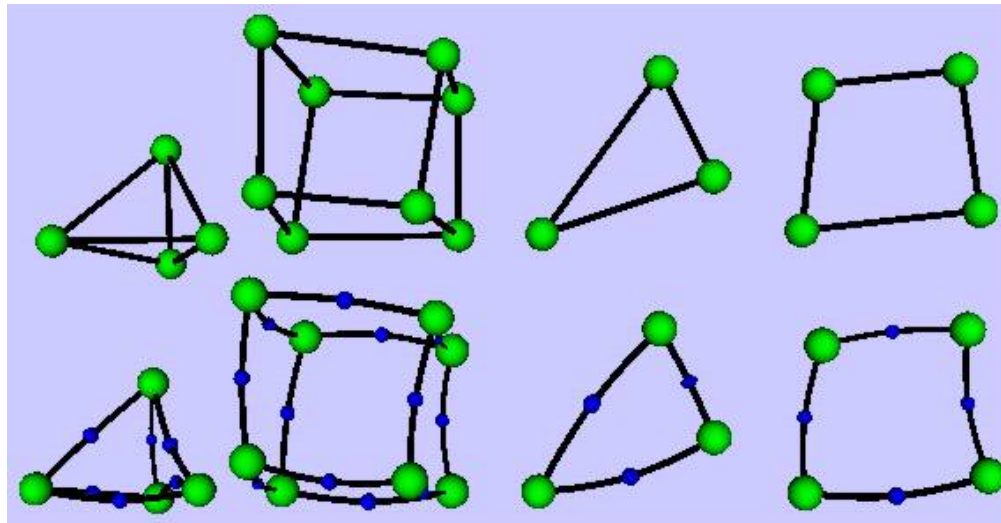
Basic idea

$$u(x) \approx \hat{u}(x) = \sum_{j=1}^M u_j \phi_j(x)$$

ϕ_j basic functions

u_j M unknowns: ต้อง M สมการ

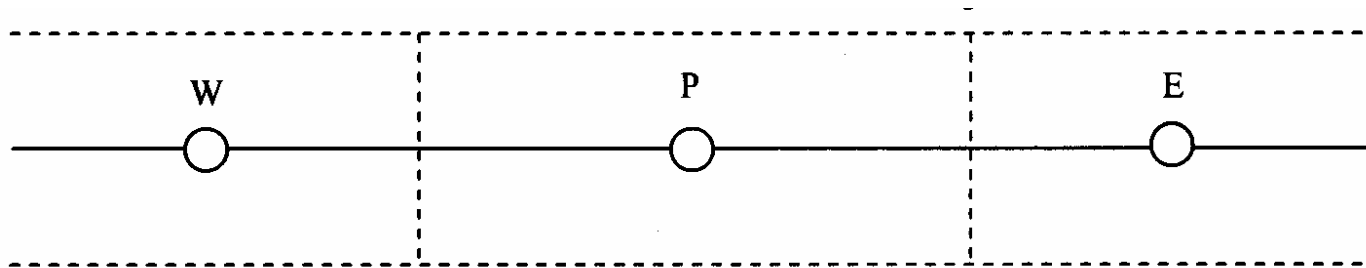
Discretizing derivative results in linear system



Main numerical methods

Finite volume method (FVM)

- Flexible to deal with problems with complex geometry and complicated boundary conditions
- Keep physical laws in the discretized level
- Widely used in CFD



$$\left[\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \right]_P = \frac{\left[\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)_e - \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)_w \right]}{x_e - x_w} \quad \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)_e = \frac{u_E - u_P}{x_E - x_P} \quad \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)_w = \frac{u_P - u_W}{x_P - x_W}$$

Main numerical methods

Spectral method

Advantage

- High (spectral) order of accuracy
- Usually restricted for problems with regular geometry
- Widely used for linear elliptic and parabolic equations on regular geometry
- Widely used in quantum physics, quantum chemistry, material sciences,

Disadvantage

- Not easy to deal with nonlinear problem
- Not easy to deal with hyperbolic problem
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