

# Explicit Method for heat equation

$$u_t = u_{xx} + f(x,t)$$

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

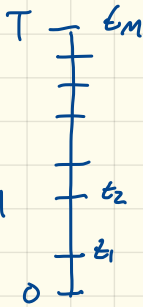
$$u(l,t) = 0$$

$$u(x,0) = g(x)$$

$x \leftrightarrow t$  swap  
 $l$  instead of  $1$

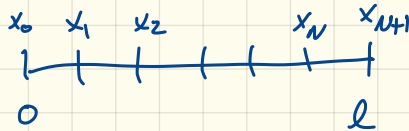
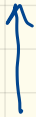
$$0 \leq x \leq l$$

Introduce a grid of sample points on our domain



M intervals

$$k = T/M$$



$M+1$  sample times,  
 $M$  unknown, one  
initial

$N+1$  intervals  
 $N+2$  sample points  
 $N$  unknowns at  $x_1, \dots, x_N$

Introduce approximations for the derivatives.

We've spent a lot of time thinking about discretizing time derivatives. Let's hold off on those. Instead,

how about the space derivatives?

$$u_x(x_i) = \frac{u(x_i+h) - u(x_i)}{h} + O(h)$$

$$u_x(x_i) = \frac{u(x_i) - u(x_i-h)}{h} + O(h)$$

$$u_{xx}(x_i) = \frac{u(x_i+h) - 2u(x_i) + u(x_i-h))}{h^2} + ?$$

$$u(x_i+h) = u(x_i) + u_x(x_i)h + \frac{1}{2}u_{xx}(x_i)h^2 + \frac{1}{6}u_{xxx}(x_i)h^3 + \dots$$

$$u(x_i-h) = u(x_i) - u_x(x_i)h + \frac{1}{2}u_{xx}(x_i)h^2 - \frac{1}{6}u_{xxx}(x_i)h^3 + \dots$$

$$u(x_i+h) - 2u(x_i) + u(x_i-h) = u_{xx}(x_i)h^2 + O(h^4) \quad O(h^4)$$

$$u_{xx}(x_i) = \frac{(\quad)}{h^2} + O(h^2)$$

↑  
vanish as  $h \rightarrow 0$

$$u_t(x_i, t_j) = \frac{u(x_i, t_j+k) - u(x_i, t_j)}{k} + O(k)$$

$$u_{i,j} \approx u(x_i, t_j)$$

$$\frac{u_{i,j+1} - u_{i,j}}{k} = \frac{u_{i+1,j} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i-1,j}}{h^2} + f(x_i, t_j)$$

Local truncation error: substitute true solution

$$O(k) + O(h^2)$$

$$f(x_i, t_i) = u_t - u_{xx} \text{ at } (x_i, t_i).$$

$$\hookrightarrow = \frac{\quad}{k} + O(k) \quad \rightarrow \quad = \frac{\quad}{h^2} + O(h^2)$$

It will be helpful to write this as

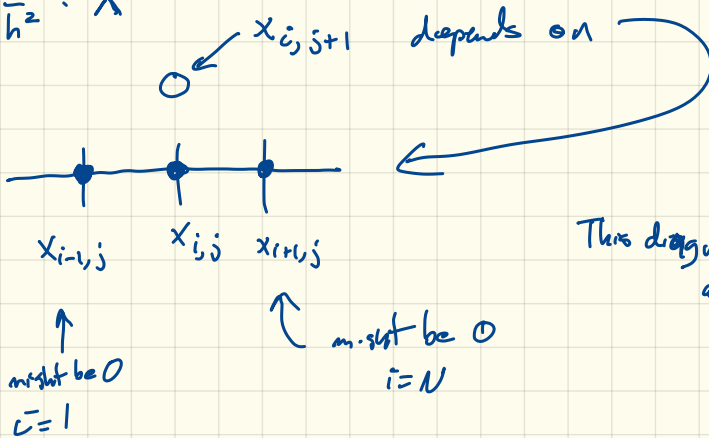
$$u_{i,j+1} = u_{i,j} + \left(\frac{k}{h^2}\right) [u_{i+1,j} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i-1,j}] + k \underbrace{f(x_{i,j}, t_j)}_{f_{i,j}}$$

with understandings that  $u_{0,j} = 0$ ,  $u_{N+1,j} = 0$

so above holds  $1 \leq i \leq N$

$0 \leq j \leq M-1$

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



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

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{bmatrix} u_{1,j,t+1} \\ \vdots \\ u_{N,j,t+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (1-2\lambda) & \lambda & & & \\ \lambda & (1-2\lambda) & \lambda & & \\ & \lambda & (1-2\lambda) & \lambda & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ & & & \lambda & (1-2\lambda) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{1,j} \\ \vdots \\ u_{N,j} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} f_{1,j} \\ \vdots \\ f_{N,j} \end{bmatrix} \\
 \uparrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \uparrow \\
 \vec{u}_{j,t+1} \qquad \qquad \qquad A \qquad \qquad \qquad \vec{u}_j + \vec{f}_j
 \end{array}$$

$$\vec{u}_{j,t+1} = A \vec{u}_j + \vec{f}_j \qquad \vec{u}_0 = \vec{g} \quad g_i = u_0(x_i)$$

So this gives us a compact way to express the operations of solving this equation,

You wouldn't want to build  $A$  as a full matrix for a big problem though: it's mostly 0's

Full

$$Ax: O(n^2)$$

Triangular

$$Ax: O(n)$$

$Ax = b$ , solve

$$LU \quad O(n^3)$$

$$O(n)$$

1000x1000: multiplier takes 1000. more work

solve takes 1,000,000 times  
more work.

These are losing odds. For small problems you won't notice, but your code won't scale.

Matlab: use sparse matrices

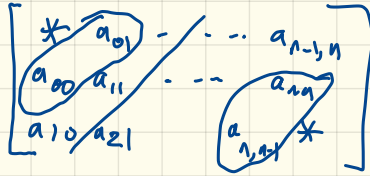
$$\text{sparse}(m, n) \sim \text{zeros}(m, n)$$

$b \setminus A$  will detect  $A$  is banded.

Python: need to hold its hand

scipy.linalg.solve\_banded

$(l, u)$   
↑  
# hats  
below  
↑  
#  
above



$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{00} & a_{01} & 0 & \dots \\ a_{10} & a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ & & a_{n-1,n-1} & a_{n-1,n} \\ & & & a_{n,n-1} & a_{n,n} \end{bmatrix}$$

\* is ignored

$(l, u)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} * & \lambda & \dots & \lambda \\ l-2\lambda & l-2\lambda & \dots & l-2\lambda \\ \lambda & \dots & \dots & \lambda & * \end{bmatrix}$$

↓  
Ad

super easy to construct.

scipy.sparse.spdiags (Ad, (l, 0, -1), N, N)

A.multiply(b)

		$k=0.02$	$k=0.01$	$k=0.005$
Timesteps:	$t=0.02$	1	2	4
	0.04	2	4	8
	0.1	5	10	20

$$t=0.2 \quad M=20 \quad (h=0.01)$$

$$t=0.4 \quad M=20 \quad (h=0.02)$$

Visualize the instability

None are great.

$$\frac{k}{h^2} = \frac{\frac{2}{100}}{\left(\frac{1}{20}\right)^2} = \frac{\frac{2}{100}}{\frac{1}{400}} = 8$$



$$D = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & & & \\ & 1 & -2 & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & 1 \\ & & & & & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u_j = e^{rx_j J} \quad J^2 = -1$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_{j-1} - 2u_j + u_{j+1} &= \left[ u_{j-1} - 2u_j + u_{j+1} \right] \\ &= e^{rx_j J} \left[ e^{-hrJ} - 2 + e^{hrJ} \right] \\ &= -2 e^{rx_j J} \left[ 1 - \frac{(e^{hrJ} + e^{-hrJ})}{2} \right] \\ &= -2 e^{rx_j J} \left[ 1 - \cos(rh) \right] \end{aligned}$$

Subtlety: This analysis doesn't apply to the boundary points.

But:  $\mathbb{D} \operatorname{Re}(\vec{u}_r) = -2(1 - \cos(rh)) \operatorname{Re}(\vec{u}_r)$

$\mathbb{D} \operatorname{Im}(\vec{u}_r) = \operatorname{Im}(\vec{u}_r)$  as well

$$\operatorname{Im} \vec{u}_{r,j} = \sin(r x_j)$$

$$\sin(r x_0) = \sin(0) = 0$$

$$r = \pi m$$

$$\sin(\pi m x_{N+1}) = \sin(\pi m) = 0$$

If  $r = \pi k$ ,  $\vec{u}_r = \operatorname{Im} \vec{u}_r$  is an eigen vector of  $\mathbb{D}$

with eigenvalue  $-2(1 - \cos(rh))$

$$\frac{1}{h^2} D \vec{v}_r = -\frac{2(1 - \cos(rh))}{h^2} \vec{u}_r$$

$$\cos(rh) = 1 - \frac{(rh)^2}{2} + O(rh^4)$$

$$= \left[ -r^2 + O(h^2) \right] \vec{u}_r$$

$$r = \pi m \quad -(\pi m)^2$$

It's trying to be an eigenvector of the Laplacian.

Now apply to the system

$$\text{If } \vec{u}_j = c \vec{v}_r$$

$$\vec{u}_{j+1} = (1 + \lambda D) c \vec{v}_r$$

$$= c (1 - 2\lambda(1 - \cos(rh))) \vec{v}_r$$

$$= \underbrace{\left[ 1 - 2\lambda(1 - \cos(rh)) \right]}_{\substack{\downarrow \\ \text{amplification factor}}} \underbrace{c \vec{v}_r}_{\vec{u}_j}$$

amplification factor:

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

$$\left[ 1 - 4\lambda \sin^2(rh/2) \right]$$

We obtain a growing mode if

$$\left| 1 - 4\lambda \sin^2(nh/2) \right| > 1$$

But  $\downarrow \leq 1$  always.

$$1 - 4\lambda \sin^2(nh/2) < -1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^2(nh/2) > \frac{1}{2}$$

no good control as this could be  $\sim 1$ .

$\lambda > \frac{1}{2}$  leaves possibility of a growing mode

We say the system is stable if  $\lambda \leq \frac{1}{2}$

$$\lambda = \frac{k}{h^2} \quad \text{so} \quad k \leq \frac{h^2}{2}$$