

Lecture 6b: Solution Strategies for Distributed Parameter Models

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Equation Types

Parabolic

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = D \left(\frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2} \right)$$

Elliptic

$$0 = D \left(\frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2} \right)$$

Hyperbolic

$$\frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial t^2} = D \left(\frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2} \right)$$

Initial and boundary conditions

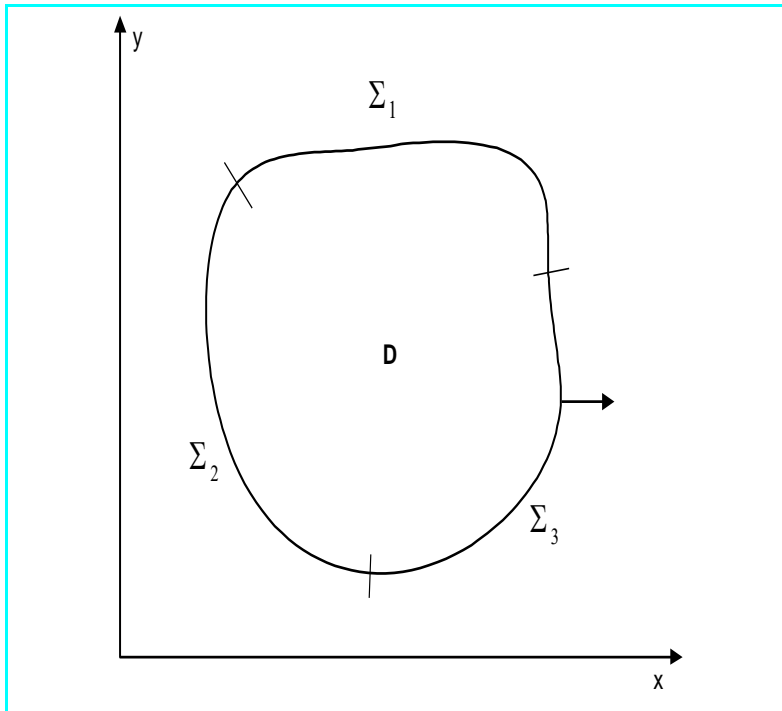
❖ Initial conditions needed for time varying problems

$$u(x, y, z, t) = f(u) \text{ at } t = 0$$

❖ Boundary conditions needed to set conditions on the balance volume surfaces. 3 main types exist:

- Dirichlet
- Neumann
- Robbins

Boundary Conditions



Dirichlet condition

$$\Phi = f(x, y) \text{ on } \Sigma_1$$

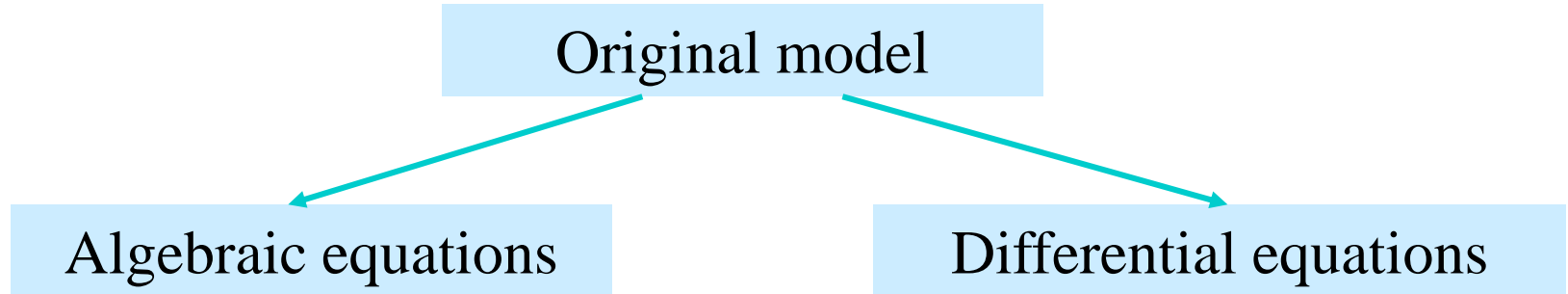
Neumann condition

$$\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial n} = g(x, y) \text{ on } \Sigma_2$$

Robbins (third) condition

$$a(x, y)\Phi + \beta(x, y)\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial n} = \gamma(x, y) \text{ on } \Sigma_3$$

Solution methods for DPS models



Finite difference (FD)

Finite element (FE)

Weighted residuals (WR)

Method of lines (MOL)

Shooting methods (SM)

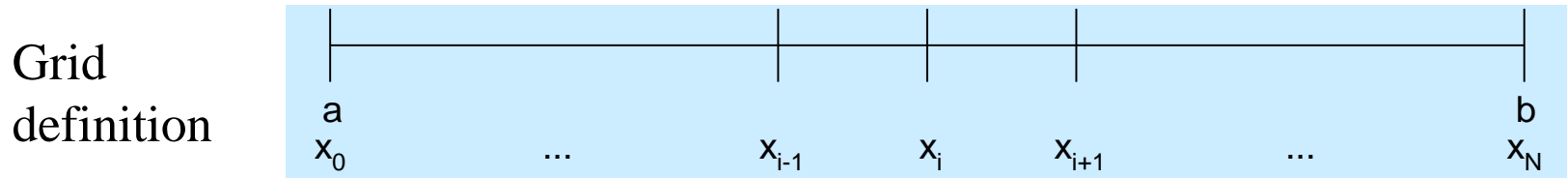
Own reading: orthogonal collocation methods

Finite Difference Methods (FDM)

- ❖ Popular and simple approach
- ❖ Seeks to replace derivative terms with finite difference approximations (FDA)
- ❖ Leads to large sets of algebraic equations (difference equations)
- ❖ Handles most problems with accuracy adjustable via grid spacing or order of FDA

Finite Difference Approximations (1)

- ❖ Based on a grid or mesh over the 1D or 2D domain



Grid points

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_i &= a + i \cdot \Delta x \quad 0 \leq i \leq N \\ \Delta x &= (b - a) / N \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Uniform mesh}$$

- ❖ Mesh can have equal or non-equal spacing
- ❖ Uses various manipulations of the Taylor Series to generate FDAs

Finite Difference Approximations (2)

❖ Taylor series

$$u(x_i + \Delta x) = u(x_i) + \Delta x u'(x_i) + \frac{1}{2} \Delta x^2 u''(x_i) + \frac{1}{6} \Delta x^3 u'''(x_i) + K$$

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

❖ First order approximations

$$u'_i = \frac{du(x_i)}{dx} \simeq \frac{u_{i+1} - u_i}{\Delta x} + O(\Delta x)$$

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❖ Second order approximations

$$u'_i = \frac{du(x_i)}{dx} \simeq \frac{u_{i+1} - u_{i-1}}{2\Delta x} + O(\Delta x^2)$$

$$u''_i = \frac{d^2u(x_i)}{dx^2} \simeq \frac{u_{i+1} - 2u_i + u_{i-1}}{\Delta x^2} + O(\Delta x^2)$$

FDM - Application (1)

Unsteady diffusion

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = k \left(\frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2} \right)$$

BCs:

$$u(0,t) = 1; \quad u(1,t) = 0$$

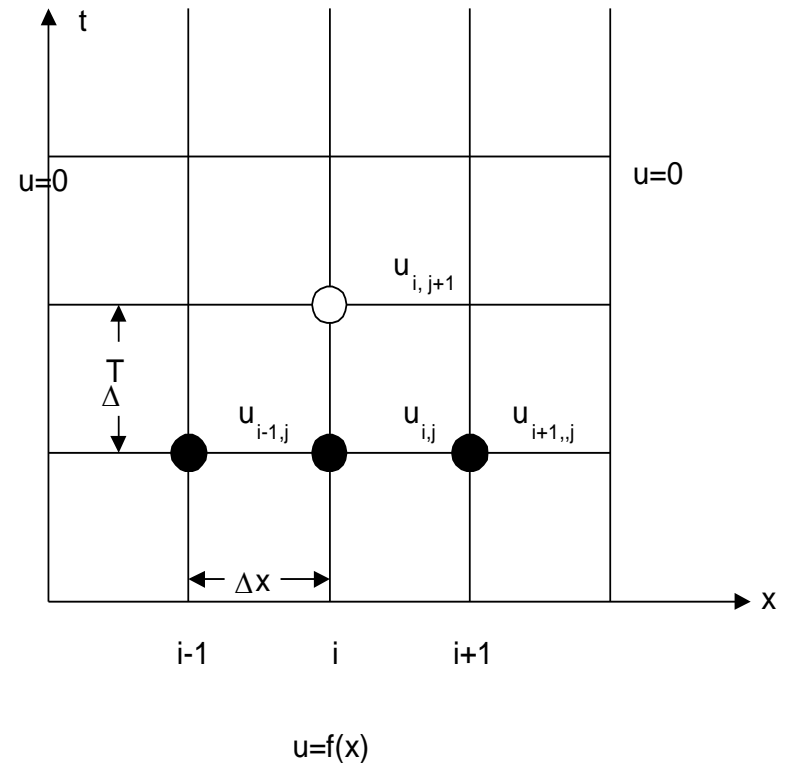
ICs:

$$u(x,0) = 2x; \quad 0 < x \leq 1/2$$

$$u(x,0) = 2(1-x); \quad 1/2 < x < 1$$

unknown values j+1

known values j



FDM - Application (2)

- ❖ Governing equation Finite difference form

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

$$\frac{u_{i,j+1} - u_{i,j}}{\Delta t} = k \left(\frac{u_{i+1,j} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i-1,j}}{\Delta x^2} \right)$$

- ❖ Rearrange to:

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

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

gives a set of algebraic equations to be solved explicitly

- ❖ Apply boundary conditions to difference equations
- ❖ Severe restrictions on r due to numerical stability of

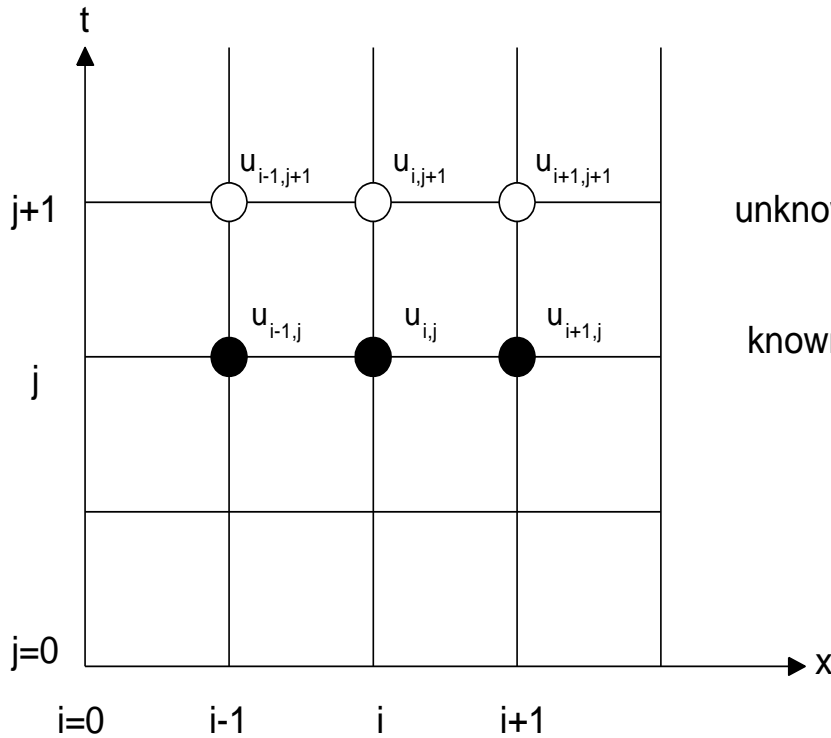
$$0 < r \leq 1/2$$



FDM – Crank-Nicholson methods

- ❖ Introduce some implicit character to FDA of governing equation
- ❖ Improve numerical stability
- ❖ Three main methods
 - fully explicit method (cf. Euler)
 - Crank-Nicholson (original) method
 - fully implicit method (cf. Backward Euler)

Crank-Nicholson mesh



Explicit method:

$u_{i,j}$ only

C-N method:

mix $u_{i,j+1}$; $u_{i,j}$

Implicit method:

$u_{i-1,j+1}$, $u_{i,j+1}$, $u_{i+1,j+1}$

Crank-Nicolson application

Governing equation:
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

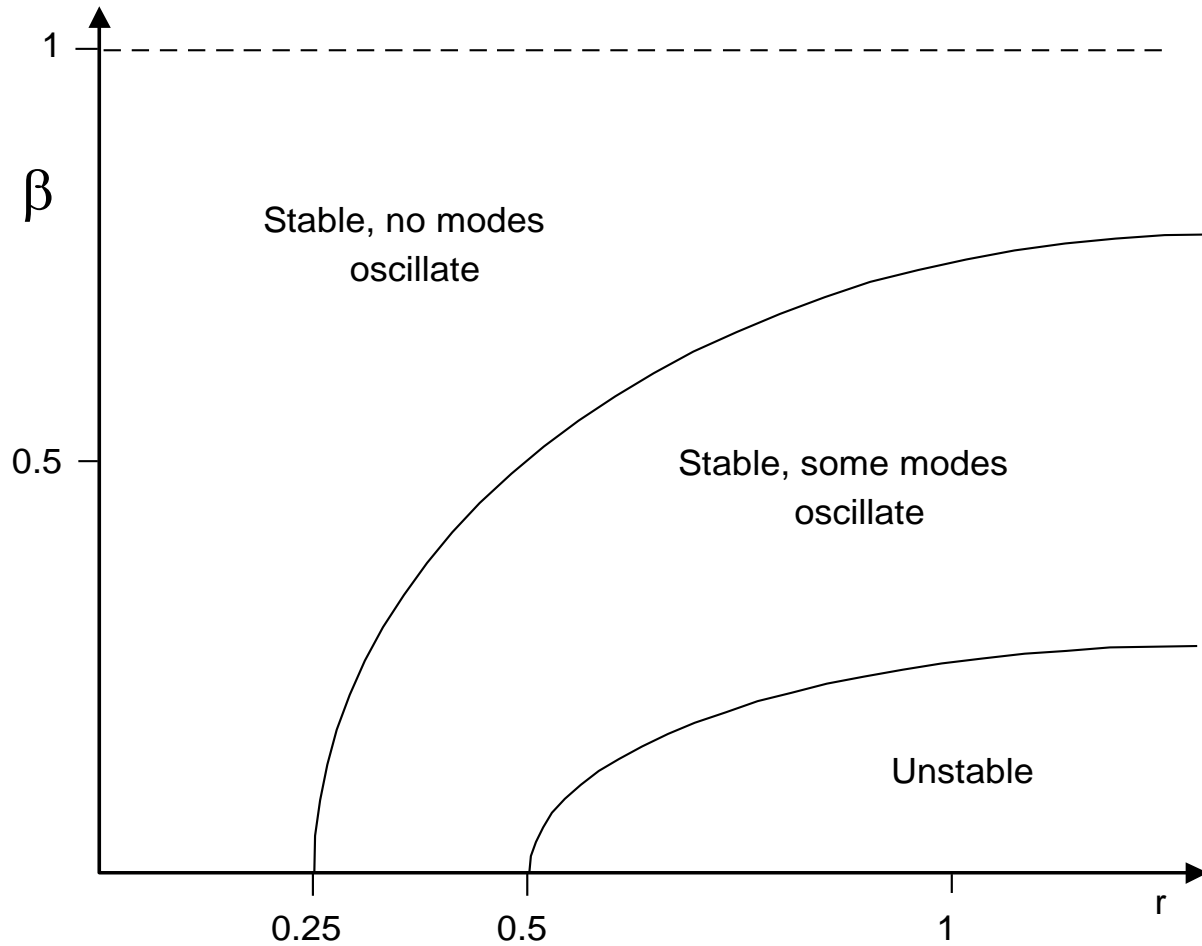
C-N-FDA:

$$\frac{u_{i,j+1} - u_{i,j}}{\Delta t} = \beta \left(\frac{u_{i+1,j+1} - 2u_{i,j+1} + u_{i-1,j+1}}{\Delta x^2} \right) + (1 - \beta) \left(\frac{u_{i+1,j} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i-1,j}}{\Delta x^2} \right)$$

Stable for:

$$r = \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x^2} \leq \frac{0.5}{(1 - 2\beta)}$$

C-N - Stability Regions



Solving the finite difference equations

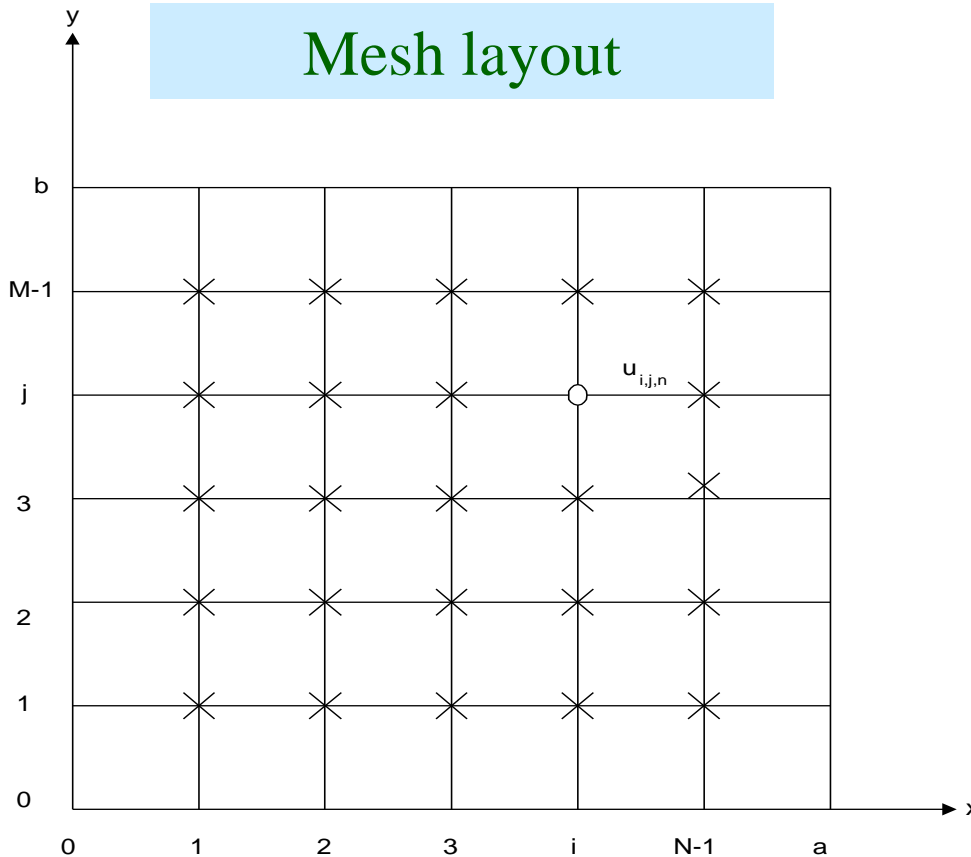
- ❖ Obtain matrix form: $Au_{j+1} = f(u_j)$
(This is equivalent to the system: $Ax=b$)

- ❖ Solve using linear matrix methods
 - Matlab solution: $x=A\b$
 - Matlab factorization: $[L,U]=lu(A)$;
 $y=L\b$; $x=U\y$;

- ❖ Iterate if nonlinear ($F(x)=0$)
 - Matlab solution: e.g. 'fsolve' routine

FD methods for Parabolic Equations

Mesh layout



Mesh definition

$$u(i\Delta x, j\Delta y, u\Delta t) = u_{i,j,n}$$

where

$$x = i\Delta x$$

$$y = j\Delta y$$

$$t = n\Delta t$$

FDM example - Parabolic Equation

❖ Governing equation:

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

❖ Explicit FDA:

$$\frac{u_{i,j,n+1} - u_{i,j,n}}{\Delta t} = k \left(\frac{u_{i-1,j,n} - 2u_{i,j,n} + u_{i+1,j,n}}{\Delta x^2} \right) + k \left(\frac{u_{i,j-1,n} - 2u_{i,j,n} + u_{i,j+1,n}}{\Delta y^2} \right)$$

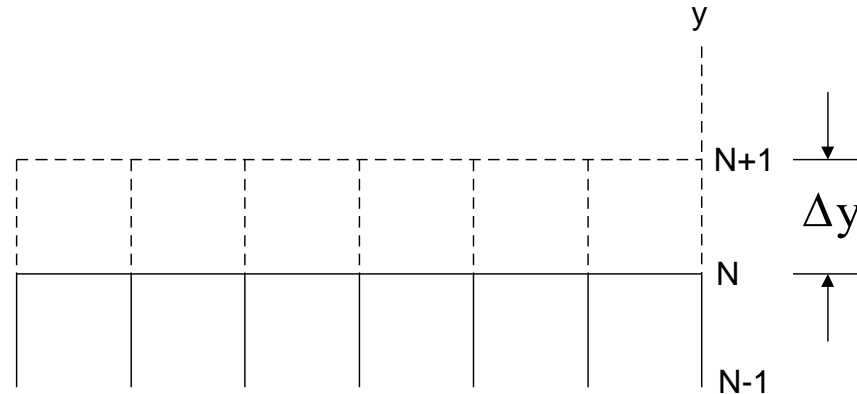
❖ Stability limit is:

$$k \left(\frac{1}{\Delta x^2} + \frac{1}{\Delta y^2} \right) \Delta t \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

Handling Derivative Boundary Conditions

❖ Neumann condition $\frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = -T$ on $y = 1$

❖ Create “false” boundary



❖ Write central difference approximation for BC at $j=N$.

❖ Eliminate fictitious value $T_{i,N+1}$ by substitution of FDA of BC into FDA of equation.

Method of Lines (MOL)

Key features:

- ❖ Converts parabolic PDEs to ODEs
- ❖ Discretizes the spatial variable(s) by using finite difference approximations
- ❖ Can result in sets of stiff ODEs
- ❖ Simple computer implementation

Method of Lines - application

Governing equation:

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

Discretize spatial terms to get:

$$\frac{du_i}{dt} = f_i(u) \quad i = 0(1)N$$

Apply appropriate boundary conditions (at $i=0$, $i=N$)

Method of Lines - example

Problem:

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = \alpha \nabla^2 c + \beta R(c)$$

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial r} = 0 \text{ at } r = 0; \quad \frac{\partial c}{\partial r} = Bi_w (c(1, z) - c_w(Z))$$

MOL gives:

$$\frac{dc_i}{dt} = \alpha \left(\frac{c_{i-1} - 2c_i + c_{i+1}}{\Delta r^2} + \left(\frac{\alpha - 1}{r_i} \right) \frac{c_{i+1} - c_{i-1}}{2\Delta r} \right) + \beta R_i$$

BCs give:

$$\frac{c_1 - c_{-1}}{2\Delta r} = 0 \quad ; \quad \frac{c_{N+1} - c_{N-1}}{2\Delta r} = Bi_w (c_N - c_w)$$

$$c_{-1} = c_1 \quad ; \quad c_{N+1} = c_{N-1} + 2\Delta r Bi_w (c_N - c_w)$$

Method of Lines – example (cont.)

Final equation set:

$$\frac{dc_0}{dt} = \frac{2a\alpha}{\Delta r^2} (c_1 - c_0) + \beta R_c$$

$$\frac{dc_i}{dt} = \alpha \left(\frac{c_{i-1} - 2c_i + c_{i+1}}{\Delta r^2} + \left(\frac{\alpha - 1}{r_i} \right) \frac{c_{i+1} - c_{i-1}}{2\Delta r} \right) + \beta R_i \quad i = 1(1)N - 1$$

$$\frac{dc_N}{dt} = \alpha \left(\frac{2c_{N-1} + Bi_w 2\Delta r (c_N - c_w) - 2c_N}{\Delta r^2} + (a - 1)(2\Delta r Bi_w (c_N - c_w)) \right) + \beta R_N$$

Method of Weighted Residuals (MOWR)

Key characteristics:

It is a polynomial approximation method with the following steps:

- choose a polynomial form
- fit the BCs to the polynomial
- substitute approximate solution into PDE
- distribute the error by making residual zero:
 - *collocation, least squares*
 - *Galerkin, subdomain, moments*

It is a powerful technique with accurate results
from low order polynomials

MOWR - Application Example (1)

Problem:
$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[(1 + \alpha u) \frac{du}{dx} \right] = (1 + \alpha u) \frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} + \alpha \left(\frac{du}{dx} \right)^2 = 0 ; u(0) = 0, u(1) = 1$$

Trial function:
$$\phi_N = \sum_{i=0}^{N+1} c_i x^i \quad (\text{power series in } x)$$

Fit BCs:
$$\phi_N(0) = 0 \rightarrow c_0 = 0 \quad \text{BC at } x=0$$

$$\phi_N(1) = 1 \rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{N+1} c_i = 1 \quad \text{BC at } x=1$$

$$\phi_N = x + \sum_{i=1}^N A_i (x^{i+1} - x) \quad \text{modified trial function}$$

Terms:
$$\phi_1 = x + A_1 (x^2 - x)$$

$$\phi_1' = 1 + A_1 (2x - 1) \quad \text{trial functions for } N=1$$

$$\phi_1'' = 2A_1$$

MOWR - Application Example (2)

Form the residual equation (substitute trial function):

$$R(x, \phi_1) = \left\{ 1 + \alpha \left[x + A_1 (x^2 - x) \right] \right\} 2A_1 + \alpha \left[1 + A_1 (2x - 1) \right]^2$$

for collocation at $x = 1/2$, $\alpha = 1$ residual $R(1/2, \phi_1) = 0$ is:

$$-\frac{1}{2} A_1^2 + 3A_1 + 1 = 0$$

$$A_1 = -0.3166$$

Approximate first order solution is therefore:

$$\phi_1 = x - 0.3166(x^2 - x)$$

$$\phi_1 = 0.5795; \text{ at } x = 0.5; (\text{true} = 0.5811)$$

MOWR - Orthogonal Collocation

- ❖ Similar to standard collocation except polynomials are orthogonal with predefined roots
- ❖ Solve directly for solution $y(x)$ and collocation point x ;
- ❖ Use of symmetric or non-symmetric polynomials depending on whether problem has symmetry, e.g. $\frac{\partial c}{\partial y} = 0$ at $x = 0$
- ❖ Handles major geometries easily (built into polynomials)
 - planar
 - cylindrical
 - spherical

Orthogonal Collocation with Symmetry

Problem: Diffusion and reaction in a planar catalyst pellet

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \phi^2 R(y) \quad ; \quad R(y) = y^2$$

BCs $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ at $x = 0$; $y(1) = 1$

Residual equations obtained by substituting for terms as:

For $N=1$: $\sum_{i=1}^{N+1} B_{ji} y_i = \phi^2 R(y_j) \quad j = 1(1)N$

$$B_{11} y_1 + B_{12} y_2 = \phi^2 y_1^2$$

$$B_{11} = -2.5 \quad ; \quad B_{12} = 2.5$$

These are pre-calculated coefficients

BC: $y_2 = 1$

Solution: $y_1 = \frac{-2.5 + \sqrt{6.25 + 10\phi^2}}{2\phi^2}$

Example: OC without symmetry

Problem:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[c(u) \frac{du}{dx} \right] = 0$$

$$u(0) = 0 \quad u(1) = 1$$

$$c(u) = 1 + u$$

$$(1+u) \frac{d^2u}{dx^2} + \left(\frac{du}{dx} \right)^2 = 0$$

Residual equations:

$$(1+u_j) \sum_{i=1}^{N+2} B_{ji} u_i + \left[\sum_{i=1}^{N+2} A_{ji} u_i \right]^2 = 0 \quad j = 2(1)(N+1)$$

BCs:

$$u_1 = 0$$

$$u_{N+2} = 1$$

For N=1:

$$(1+u_2) \sum_{i=1}^3 B_{2i} u_i + \left(\sum_{i=1}^3 A_{2i} u_i \right)^2 = 0 \quad j = 2$$

$$(1+u_2)(4u_1 - 8u_2 + 4u_3) + (-u_1 + u_3)^2 = 0$$

Solution is:

$$u_1 = 0 \quad , \quad u_3 = 1 \quad , \quad u_2 = 0.579$$

Orthogonal collocation on elements

- ❖ Useful technique for problems with sharp fronts
- ❖ Extension of standard OC method
- ❖ Easily implemented technique (convert PDEs and ODEs with polynomial coefficients \mathbf{A} as a function of time; solve ODEs)
- ❖ Allows low order polynomials on the elements
- ❖ Computationally efficient

Example: OC for parabolic PDE

Problem:
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(D(u) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) + R(u)$$

BCs: $u(0, t) = 1$; $u(1, t) = 0$ ICs: $u(x, 0) = 0$

Residual equations:
$$\frac{du_j}{dt} = \sum_{i=1}^{N+2} A_{j,i} D(u_i) \sum_{z=1}^{N+2} A_{i,z} u_z + R(u_j) \quad j = 1, \dots, N$$

BCs: $u_1(t) = 1$; $u_{N+2}(t) = 0$

Solve as a set of N ODEs

Modelling exercise – 5c: Solution of PDEs

Solve the following problems with MoT

- * 2nd order PDE
- * Unsteady state heat-transfer
- * 1st- & 2nd-order PDAE

Model equations will be given in class