

Odes

$$u' = f(u, t)$$

$$u(0) = u_0$$

$$u_n \approx u(nh) \quad h = \text{time step}$$

u_n approximation obtained from a numerical method like Euler, Runge Kutta, etc.

Def: A method is convergent if

$$\lim_{\substack{h \rightarrow 0 \\ nh = t}} u_n = u(t),$$

$$nh = t$$

where $u(t)$ is the exact solution to the initial value problem,

Def: A method is stable if errors on the initial condition do not get amplified.

Example: Euler's method

$$e_n = u(t_n) - u_n$$

$$t_n = nh$$

$$|e_n| \leq e^{L(t_n - t_0)} |e_0| + \frac{L}{2} \left(e^{L(t_n - t_0)} - 1 \right)$$

$$L = \max \left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \right|$$

$$T = \text{bound on } \frac{h}{2} |u''(t)|$$

$$t \text{ fixed} \quad nh=t \quad t_n=t \quad \nearrow O(h) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } h \rightarrow 0$$

$$|u(t) - u_n| \leq e^{L(t-t_0)} |u(0) - u_0| + \frac{1}{L} (e^{L(t-t_0)} - 1)$$

$$\text{If } u(0) - u_0 = 0 \Rightarrow |u(t) - u_n| \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0 \quad \text{Converges}$$

Errors due to initial conditions remain bounded

$$\underbrace{e^{L(t-t_0)}}_{\text{bounded}} |u_0 - u(0)|$$

bounded because t is fixed. This means the method is stable.

Partial differential equations (PDEs)

these are equations where the unknown ϕ is a function of two or more variables $\phi = \phi(x, y)$, and partial derivatives of ϕ appear in the equation

Ex: $u = u(x, t)$ $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$

Def: the order of a PDE is the highest order of the derivative involved

Ex: $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ is of second order

Def: A linear 1st order PDE is an equation of the form

$$a(x,y) \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + b(x,y) \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + c(x,y) \phi + d(x,y) = 0$$

a, b, c and d are known functions of x and y . ϕ is the unknown.

Def: A linear 2nd order PDE is an equation of the form

$$a \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + b \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x \partial y} + c \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} + d \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + e \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + f \phi + g = 0$$

where a, b, c, d, e, f and g are known functions of (x, y)

Ex: $\left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}\right)^2 = 1$ is first order non-linear

Ex: $x \phi \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}\right)^2 \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} + \phi^2 = 0$ is quasilinear

Def: $a \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + b \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x \partial y} + c \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} + d = 0$ (*)

is a 2nd order quasilinear if a, b, c and d depend only on $x, y, \phi, \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}$

this equation is:

hyperbolic, if $b^2 - 4ac > 0$

parabolic, if $b^2 - 4ac = 0$

elliptic, if $b^2 - 4ac < 0$

Note: An equation may be of one type on some region of the (x, y) plane and of an other type on other regions.

Ex: a) $\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} = 0$ (Laplace)

$$a=c=1 \quad b=0 \Rightarrow b^2 - 4ac < 0 \Rightarrow \text{elliptic}$$

b) $\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} = 0$ (wave equation)

$$a=1 \quad c=-1 \Rightarrow b^2 - 4ac > 0 \Rightarrow \text{hyperbolic}$$

$$3) \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} \quad \text{heat or diffusion equation}$$

$$a=0 \quad b=0 \quad c=-1 \Rightarrow b^2 - 4ac = 0 \Rightarrow \text{parabolic}$$

Black-Scholes

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 S^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial S^2} + rS \frac{\partial f}{\partial S} - rf = 0$$

$$a=0 \quad b=0 \quad c = \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 S^2 \Rightarrow b^2 - 4ac = 0 \Rightarrow \text{parabolic}$$

Heat equation

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

need initial and boundary conditions

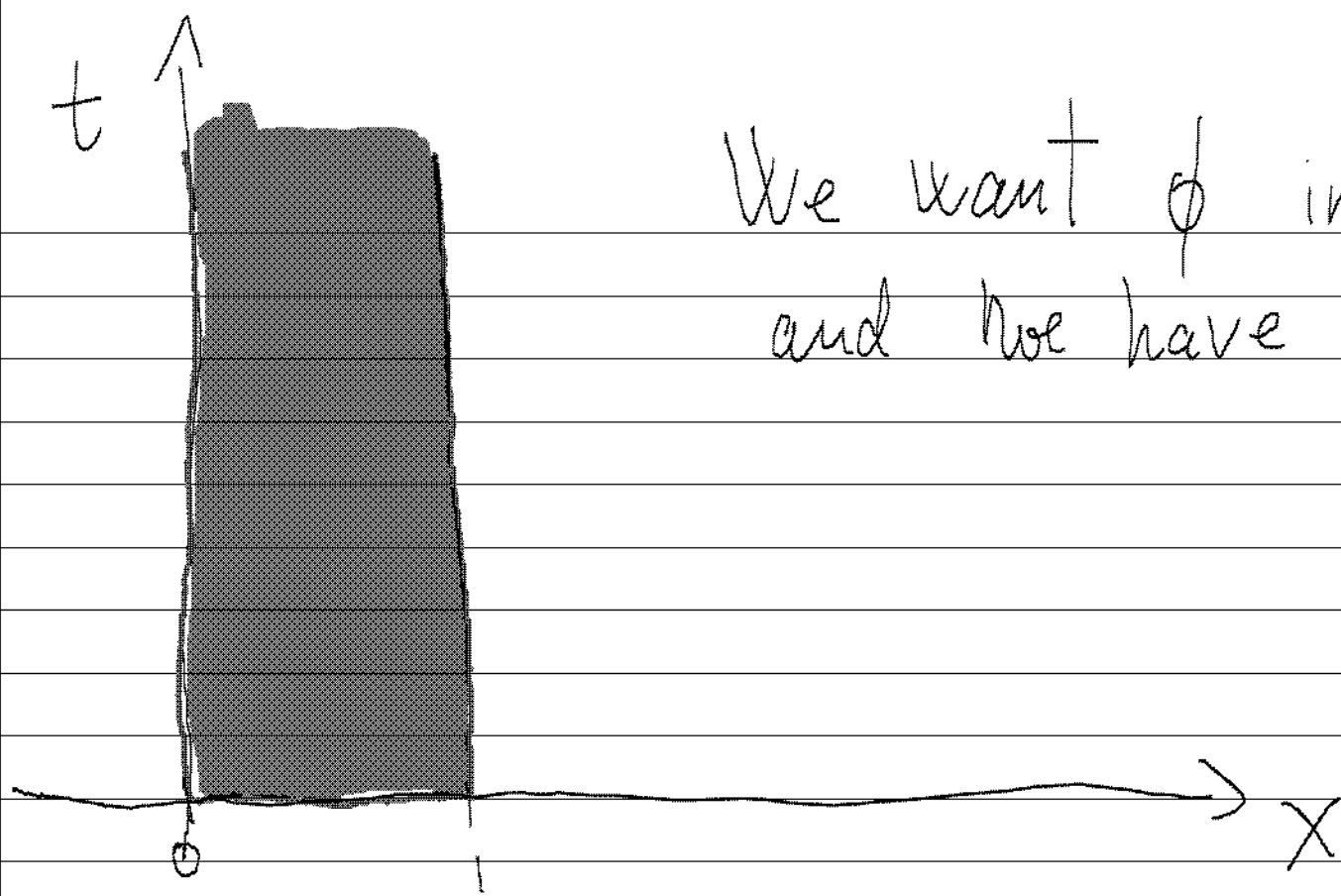
We want to solve for $0 \leq x \leq 1$ and $t \geq 0$

(IC) Initial conditions $\phi(x, 0) = \phi_0(x)$ $0 \leq x \leq 1$
 $\uparrow$
given

(BC) Boundary conditions $\phi(0, t) = \phi_l(t)$ $t \geq 0$
 $\uparrow$
given

$\phi(1, t) = \phi_r(t)$ $t \geq 0$

Other boundary conditions are possible



We want ϕ in the shaded region
and we have ϕ in the solid border

Ex.: $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2}$

$$\phi(x,t) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi t}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4t}}$$

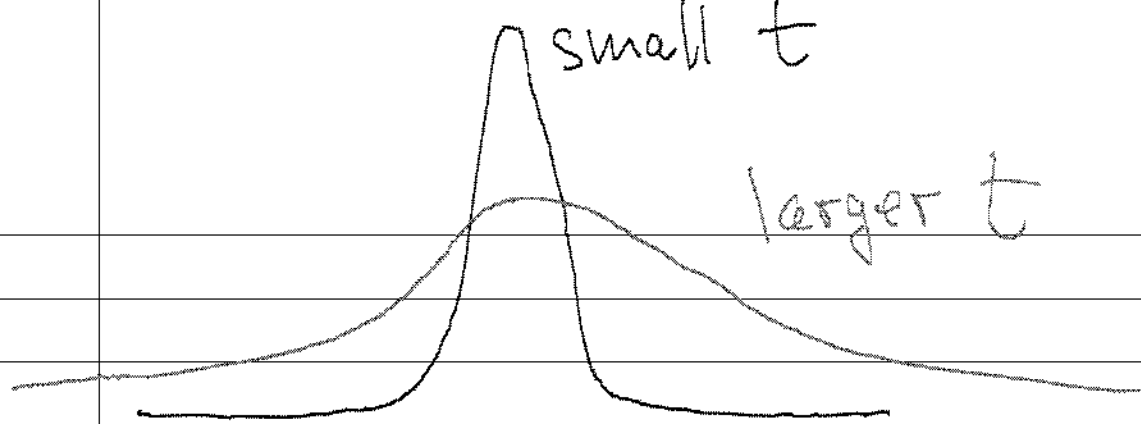
is a solution for $t > 0$

and $-\infty < x < \infty$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{4\sqrt{\pi} t^{3/2}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4t}} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi t}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4t}} \left(\frac{x^2}{4t^2} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi t}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4t}} \left(-\frac{2x}{4t} \right) //$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi t}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4t}} \left(-\frac{2x}{4t} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi t}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4t}} \left(-\frac{2}{4t} \right)$$



Obs: No matter the initial and boundary condition, the solution of the heat equation has ∞ derivatives in t and x in the domain of definition ($t > 0$ and $0 < x < 1$)

Finite difference approximations of first derivatives

Forward:

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} + O(h)$$

Check: $f(x+h) = f(x) + f'(x)h + O(h^2)$

Then $\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = f'(x) + O(h) \quad \checkmark$

Backward: $f'(x) = \frac{f(x) - f(x-h)}{h} + O(h)$

Check: $f(x-h) = f(x) + f'(x)(-h) + O(h^2)$

$$\frac{f(x-h) - f(x)}{-h} = f'(x) + O(h) \quad \checkmark$$