

**ME 704**  
**Computational Methods in Thermal and  
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**(KNI-4 Ordinary Differential Equations)**

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### Comments on Shooting Method

- Shooting methods need iterative solutions
- This may create convergence problems but usually it can be circumvented by judicious under relaxation
- The advantage is that we can easily get 4<sup>th</sup> order solutions
- Non-linearity does not require any special treatment

### Direct Solutions of BVP

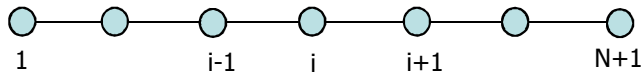
- Finite difference methods can be used to obtain solutions that will satisfy boundary conditions automatically
- For a non-linear system the equations have to be linearized, as otherwise solutions become messy
- Step size sensitivity studies have to be performed before accepting the solutions as satisfactory

### Finite difference principles

- In this method, the derivatives are replaced by finite differences
- The domain is discretised into finite number of regions (say N)
- A system of linear equations is formed for the N unknown values of the functions
- Several approaches with varying accuracy are possible
- Popular approaches restrict the order of method upto second order

## Finite differences-I

- The finite differences for derivatives can be obtained very easily by Newton interpolating polynomials derived earlier
- The same can also be obtained by Taylor series
- Since Taylor series derivation is easy for first and second derivatives upto second order it is illustrated first.



## Finite differences -II

$$f(x+h) = f(x) + hf'(x) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f''(x) + \frac{h^3}{3!} f'''(x) + O(h^4)$$

$$f(x-h) = f(x) - hf'(x) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f''(x) - \frac{h^3}{3!} f'''(x) + O(h^4)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x+h) - f(x-h) = 2hf'(x) + 2\frac{h^3}{3!} f'''(x) + O(h^4)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x+h) + f(x-h) = 2f(x) + h^2 f''(x) + O(h^4)$$

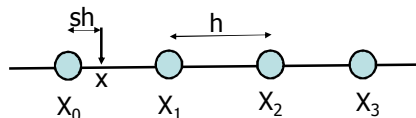
$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h} + O(h^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow f''(x) = \frac{f(x+h) + f(x-h) - 2f(x)}{h^2} + O(h^2)$$

The above two relations are called the centered approximations

## Finite differences-III

- To get consistent accuracies near boundaries, often we need to get forward and backward differences
- This is easily obtained by using Newton's forward interpolating polynomial
- A system of linear equations is formed for the N unknown values of the functions
- Consider four points in the neighbourhood that are a distance h from each other



## Finite differences-IV

- With four points we can fit a polynomial of third order which will be fourth order accurate
- When the first derivative is taken, then this approximation will drop to third order accuracy
- The same will become second order accurate, when second derivative is expressed
- First we shall derive second order accurate formulas by dropping one of the term and compare the results with the previously obtained ones.

## Finite differences -V

□ Third Order Polynomial

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_3(x_0 + sh) &= f(0) + s\Delta f(0) + \frac{s(s-1)}{2}\Delta^2 f(0) \\
 &\quad + \frac{s(s-1)(s-2)}{6}\Delta^3 f(0) + O(h^4) \\
 &= f_0 + s(f_1 - f_0) + \frac{s^2 - s}{2}(f_2 - 2f_1 + f_0) \\
 &\quad + \frac{s^3 - 3s^2 + 2s}{6}(f_3 - 3f_2 + 3f_1 - f_0) + O(h^4)
 \end{aligned}$$

## Finite differences -VI

□ The first derivative

$$P'_3(x_0 + sh) = \left\{ (f_1 - f_0) + \frac{2s-1}{2}(f_2 - 2f_1 + f_0) + \frac{3s^2 - 6s + 2}{6}(f_3 - 3f_2 + 3f_1 - f_0) + O(h^4) \right\} \frac{1}{h}$$

□ The second derivative

$$P''_3(x_0 + sh) = \left\{ (f_2 - 2f_1 + f_0) + \frac{6s-6}{6}(f_3 - 3f_2 + 3f_1 - f_0) + O(h^4) \right\} \frac{1}{h^2}$$

## Finite differences -VII

- To get derivatives at  $x_0$  the value of  $s$  will be 0 and to get the same at  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$  and  $x_3$ , the values of  $s$  will be 1, 2 and 3 respectively
- Thus, we can get backward, forward and centered differences from a single expression just by changing the value of  $s$ .
- First, let us get relations for first derivatives that are second order accurate at these points

□ The first derivative One sided Difference at  $x_0$  can be expressed as

$$P'_2(x_0 + sh) = \left\{ (f_1 - f_0) + \frac{2s-1}{2}(f_2 - 2f_1 + f_0) \right\} \frac{1}{h} + O(h^2)$$

## Finite differences -VIII

□ Putting  $s = 0$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 P'_2(x_0) &= \left\{ (f_1 - f_0) - \frac{1}{2}(f_2 - 2f_1 + f_0) \right\} \frac{1}{h} + O(h^2) \\
 &= \frac{(-f_2 + 4f_1 - 3f_0)}{2h} + O(h^2) \quad \text{Forward Difference}
 \end{aligned}$$

□ Putting  $s = 1$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 P'_2(x_1) &= \left\{ (f_1 - f_0) + \frac{1}{2}(f_2 - 2f_1 + f_0) \right\} \frac{1}{h} + O(h^2) \\
 &= \frac{(f_2 - f_0)}{2h} + O(h^2) \quad \text{It has become centered Difference}
 \end{aligned}$$

## Finite differences -IX

□ Putting  $s = 2$ , we get

$$P'_2(x_2) = \left\{ (f_1 - f_0) + \frac{3}{2}(f_2 - 2f_1 + f_0) \right\} \frac{1}{h} + O(h^2)$$

$$= \frac{(3f_2 - 4f_1 + f_0)}{2h} + O(h^2)$$

It has become  
Backward Difference

□ We can get third order accurate one sided differences by using 3 terms and putting  $s = 0$  and 3

$$P'_3(x_0 + sh) = \left\{ (f_1 - f_0) + \frac{2s-1}{2}(f_2 - 2f_1 + f_0) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{3s^2 - 6s + 2}{6}(f_3 - 3f_2 + 3f_1 - f_0) + O(h^4) \right\} \frac{1}{h}$$

Forward Difference

## Finite differences -X

$$P'_3(x_0) = \left\{ (f_1 - f_0) - \frac{1}{2}(f_2 - 2f_1 + f_0) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{2}{6}(f_3 - 3f_2 + 3f_1 - f_0) \right\} \frac{1}{h} + O(h^3)$$

$$= \frac{2f_3 - 9f_2 + 18f_1 - 11f_0}{6h} + O(h^3)$$

Forward Difference

$$P'_3(x_3) = \left\{ (f_1 - f_0) + \frac{5}{2}(f_2 - 2f_1 + f_0) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{11}{6}(f_3 - 3f_2 + 3f_1 - f_0) \right\} \frac{1}{h} + O(h^3)$$

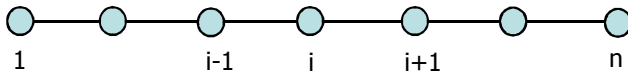
$$= \frac{11f_3 - 18f_2 + 9f_1 - 2f_0}{6h} + O(h^3)$$

Backward Difference

## Simple Application-I

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + a \frac{dy}{dx} + by = 0$$

with  $y(x=0) = y_0$ ,  $y(x=L) = y_L$



## Simple Application-II

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \Big|_i = \frac{y(i+1) - 2y(i) + y(i-1)}{h^2}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_i = \frac{y(i+1) - y(i-1)}{2h}$$

The finite difference equation for node I is

$$\frac{y(i+1) - 2y(i) + y(i-1)}{h^2} + a \frac{y(i+1) - y(i-1)}{2h} + by(i) = 0$$

### Simple Application-III

Multiplying by  $h^2$  and collecting coefficients we get

$$y(i+1)(1+0.5ah) + y(i)(bh^2 - 2) + y(i-1)(1-0.5ah) = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & 0 \\ 0 & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_{n-1} \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ b_2 \\ b_{n-1} \\ y_L \end{bmatrix}$$

We can solve for  $y$ 's using TDMA

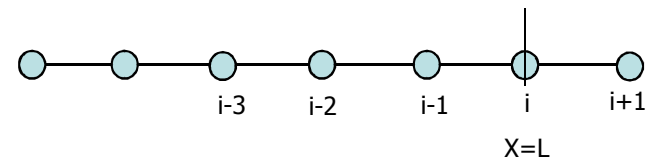
### Simple Application-IV

- Treatment of Neumann Boundary Condition

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + a \frac{dy}{dx} + by = 0$$

$$\text{with } y(x=0) = y_0, \quad \frac{dy}{dx}(x=L) = y'_L$$

- METHOD-1 Extended Domain Method



### Simple Application-V

- Writing FDE at point i

$$\frac{y(i+1) - 2y(i) + y(i-1))}{h^2} + a \frac{y(i+1) - y(i-1)}{2h} + by(i) = 0 \quad (1)$$

- Boundary Condition at point i

$$\frac{y(i+1) - y(i-1)}{2h} + O(h^2) = y'_L$$

$$\Rightarrow y(i+1) = y(i-1) + 2hy'_L + O(h^3) \quad (2)$$

- Substituting Eq. (2) in Eq. (1), we get

$$\frac{y(i-1) + 2hy'_L + O(h^3) - 2y(i) + y(i-1)}{h^2} +$$

$$a \frac{y(i-1) + 2hy'_L + O(h^3) - y(i-1)}{2h} + by(i) = 0$$

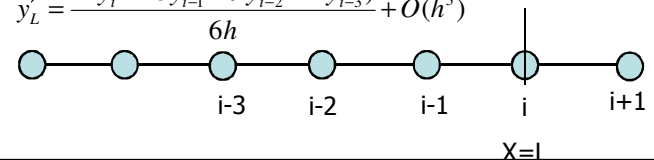
There is degeneration of accuracy

### Simple Application-V

- However, the solution can be obtained as for the Dirichlet Boundary Condition as the matrix is tri-diagonal
- The loss of accuracy near the boundary condition may not be acceptable
- This can be overcome by using higher order formulation at the boundary
- METHOD-2 Higher Order Boundary Method

We have shown that a third order accurate derivative can be expressed at the boundary as

$$y'_L = \frac{11y_i - 18y_{i-1} + 9y_{i-2} - 2y_{i-3}}{6h} + O(h^3)$$



## Simple Application-VI

The above can be rearranged as

$$6hy'_L = 11y_i - 18y_{i-1} + 9y_{i-2} - 2y_{i-3}$$

This formulation will break the tri-diagonal structure

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{43} & a_{44} & a_{(i-2)(i-1)} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{54} & a_{(i-1)(i-1)} & a_{(i-1)i} \\ 0 & 0 & a_{(i-3)i} & a_{(i-2)i} & a_{(i-1)i} & a_{ii} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ y_4 \\ y_{i-1} \\ y_i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \\ b_{i-1} \\ 6hy'_L \end{bmatrix}$$

## Simple Application-VII

- ❑ A tri-diagonal matrix will be obtained by performing two Gauss operations
- ❑ First by performing Gauss Operation between i-2 and i rows,  $a_{(i-3),i}$  can be reduced to 0
- ❑ Then by performing a Gauss operation between i-1 and i rows, we can reduce  $a_{(i-2),i}$  to 0
- ❑ Thus, tri-diagonal structure is restored and can be solved by TDMA

## Treatment of Non-Linearity-I

- ❑ Consider a non-linear Equation

$$y'' + 2y^2 y' = 0$$

- ❑ When a finite difference equation is written for a node, it will lead to a non-linear equation due to the presence of higher order powers
- ❑ In such cases to get a linear form of the equation, we need to resort to iterations
- ❑ The procedure is to assume a y distribution
- ❑ Linearise and solve for y
- ❑ Iterate until convergence is reached
- ❑ The underlying principles used in linearisation are discussed in next slide

## Treatment of Non-Linearity-II

- ❑ The term  $y^2 y'$  is linearised as

$$(y^2)^k (y')^{k+1}$$

- ❑ Thus, while solving,  $y^2$  value is always known and becomes a coefficient in the matrix
- ❑ Frequently, the methods tend to diverge
- ❑ To facilitate convergence, under-relaxation is employed

$$(y)^{k+1} = \alpha(y)^{k+1} + (1-\alpha)(y)^k$$

- ❑  $\alpha$  is assumed to have a value between 0 and 1
- ❑ The above suppresses wild variations of y introduced by the iteration method
- ❑ Severe non-linearity may force the value of  $\alpha$  close to zero
- ❑ Convergence criterion is similar to what we normally do by controlling the normalized values between the iterations