



# 2.29 Numerical Fluid Mechanics

## Spring 2015 – Lecture 10

### REVIEW Lecture 9:

- **End of (Linear) Algebraic Systems**

- Gradient Methods
- Krylov Subspace Methods
- Preconditioning of  $Ax=b$

- **FINITE DIFFERENCES**

- Classification of Partial Differential Equations (PDEs) and examples with finite difference discretizations
  - Parabolic PDEs
  - Elliptic PDEs
  - Hyperbolic PDEs



# FINITE DIFFERENCES - Outline

- Classification of Partial Differential Equations (PDEs) and examples with finite difference discretizations
  - Parabolic PDEs, Elliptic PDEs and Hyperbolic PDEs
- **Error Types and Discretization Properties**
  - Consistency, Truncation error, Error equation, Stability, Convergence
- **Finite Differences based on Taylor Series Expansions**
  - Higher Order Accuracy Differences, with Example
  - Taylor Tables or Method of Undetermined Coefficients
- **Polynomial approximations**
  - Newton's formulas
  - Lagrange polynomial and un-equally spaced differences
  - Hermite Polynomials and Compact/Pade's Difference schemes
  - Equally spaced differences
    - Richardson extrapolation (or uniformly reduced spacing)
    - Iterative improvements using Romberg's algorithm



# References and Reading Assignments

- Chapter 23 on “Numerical Differentiation” and Chapter 18 on “Interpolation” of “Chapra and Canale, Numerical Methods for Engineers, 2006/2010/2014.”
- Chapter 3 on “Finite Difference Methods” of “J. H. Ferziger and M. Peric, Computational Methods for Fluid Dynamics. Springer, NY, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, 2002”
- Chapter 3 on “Finite Difference Approximations” of “H. Lomax, T. H. Pulliam, D.W. Zingg, *Fundamentals of Computational Fluid Dynamics (Scientific Computation)*. Springer, 2003”



# Partial Differential Equations

## Hyperbolic PDE: $B^2 - 4 A C > 0$

Examples:

(1)  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$  ← Wave equation, 2<sup>nd</sup> order

(2)  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \pm c \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0$  ← Sommerfeld Wave/radiation equation, 1<sup>st</sup> order

(3)  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{U} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{g}$  ← Unsteady (linearized) inviscid convection (Wave equation first order)

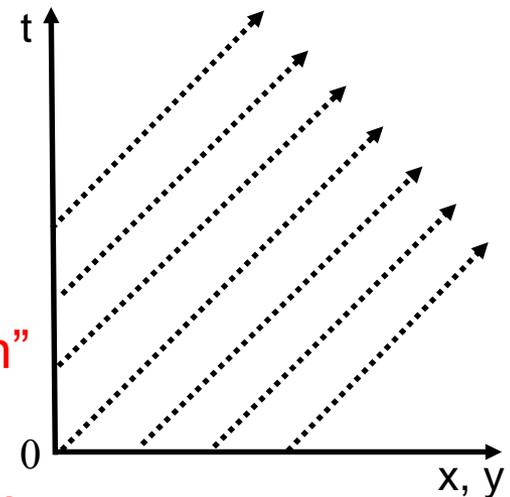
(4)  $(\mathbf{U} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{g}$  ← Steady (linearized) inviscid convection

- Allows non-smooth solutions
- Information travels along characteristics, e.g.:

– For (3) above:  $\frac{d \mathbf{x}_c}{dt} = \mathbf{U}(\mathbf{x}_c(t))$

– For (4), along streamlines:  $\frac{d \mathbf{x}_c}{ds} = \mathbf{U}$

- Domain of dependence of  $\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, T) =$  “characteristic path”
  - e.g., for (3), it is:  $\mathbf{x}_c(t)$  for  $0 < t < T$
- Finite Differences, Finite Volumes and Finite Elements





# Partial Differential Equations

## Hyperbolic PDE - Example

### Waves on a String

$$\frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial x^2} \quad 0 < x < L, \quad 0 < t < \infty$$

#### Initial Conditions

$$u(x, 0) = f(x), \quad 0 \leq x \leq L$$

$$u_t(x, 0) = g(x), \quad 0 < x < L$$

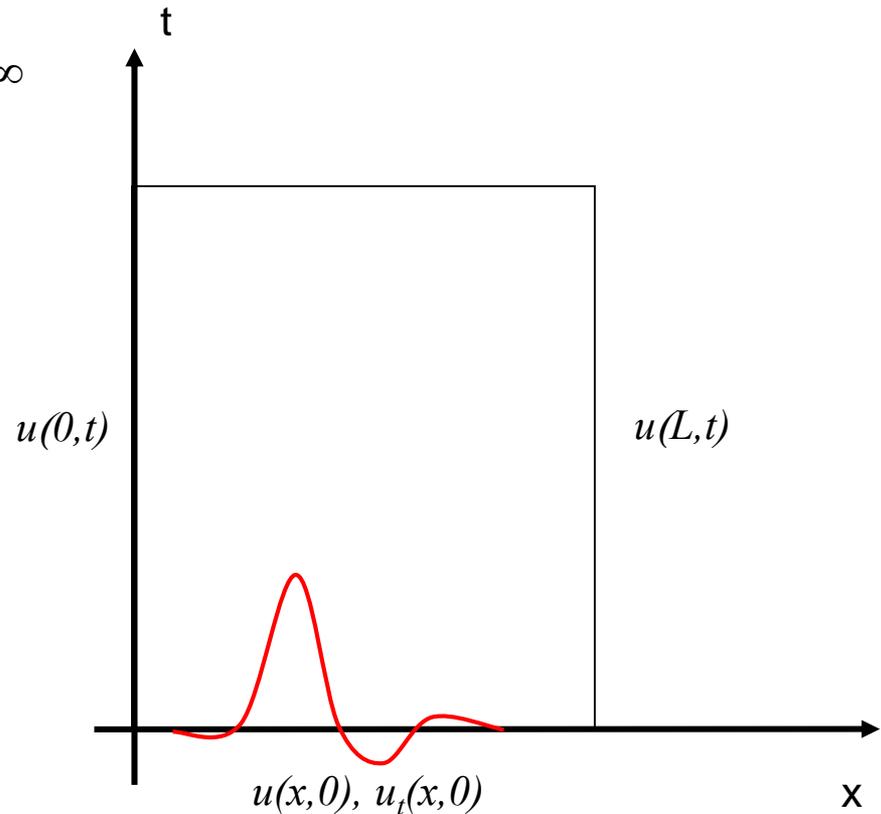
#### Boundary Conditions

$$u(0, t) = 0, \quad 0 < t < \infty$$

$$u(L, t) = 0, \quad 0 < t < \infty$$

#### Wave Solutions

$$u = \begin{cases} F(x - ct) & \text{Forward propagating wave} \\ G(x + ct) & \text{Backward propagating wave} \end{cases}$$



Typically Initial Value Problems in Time, Boundary Value Problems in Space

Time-Marching Solutions:

Implicit schemes generally stable

Explicit sometimes stable under certain conditions



# Partial Differential Equations

## Hyperbolic PDE - Example

### Wave Equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial x^2} \quad 0 < x < L, \quad 0 < t < \infty$$

Discretization:

$$h = L/n$$

$$k = T/m$$

$$x_i = (i-1)h, \quad i = 2, \dots, n-1$$

$$t_j = (j-1)k, \quad j = 1, \dots, m$$

Finite Difference Representations (centered)

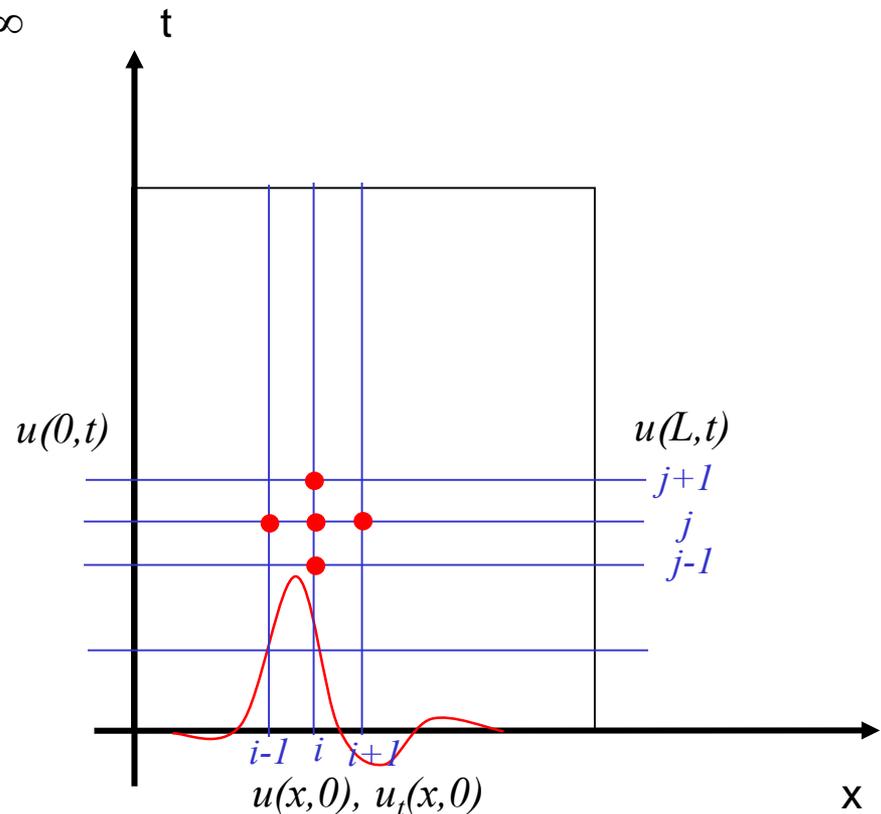
$$u_{tt}(x,t) = \frac{u(x_i, t_{j-1}) - 2u(x_i, t_j) + u(x_i, t_{j+1}))}{k^2} + O(k^2)$$

$$u_{xx}(x,t) = \frac{u(x_{i-1}, t_j) - 2u(x_i, t_j) + u(x_{i+1}, t_j))}{h^2} + O(h^2)$$

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

Finite Difference Representations

$$\frac{u_{i,j-1} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i,j+1}}{k^2} = c^2 \frac{u_{i-1,j} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i+1,j}}{h^2}$$





# Partial Differential Equations

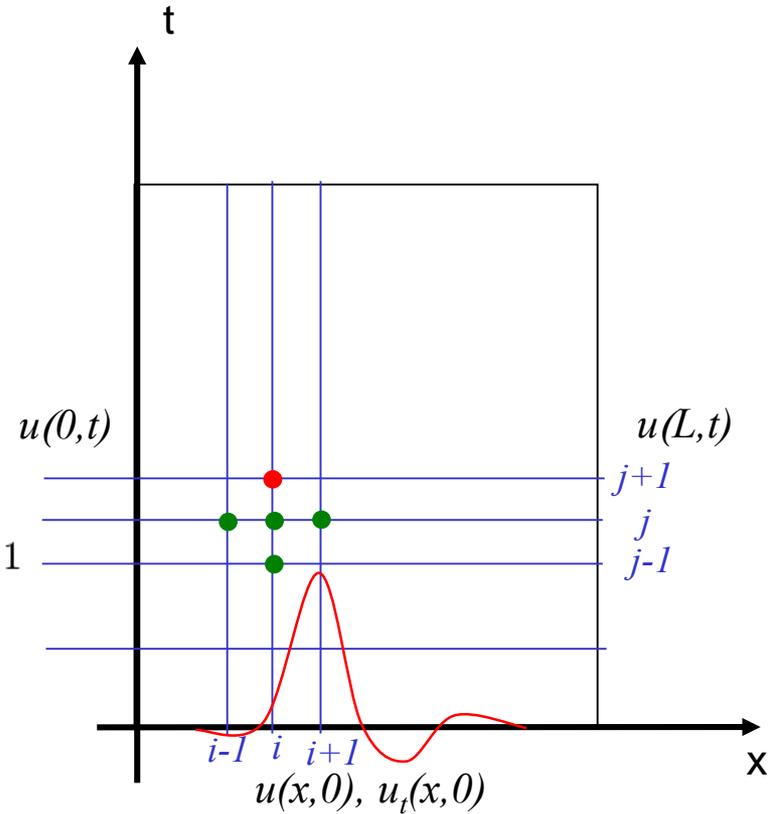
## Hyperbolic PDE - Example

Introduce Dimensionless Wave Speed  $C = \frac{ck}{h}$

Explicit Finite Difference Scheme

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

$$u_{i,j+1} = (2 - 2C^2)u_{i,j} + C^2(u_{i+1,j} + u_{i-1,j}) - u_{i,j-1} \quad i = 2, \dots, n-1$$



Stability Requirement:  $C = \frac{ck}{h} < 1$

$C = \frac{c \Delta t}{\Delta x} < 1$  Courant-Friedrichs-Lewy condition (CFL condition)

Physical wave speed must be smaller than the largest numerical wave speed, or, Time-step must be less than the time for the wave to travel to adjacent grid points:

$$c < \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} \quad \text{or} \quad \Delta t < \frac{\Delta x}{c}$$



# Error Types and Discretization Properties: Consistency

Consider the differential equation ( $\mathcal{L}$  symbolic operator)

$$\mathcal{L}(\phi) = 0$$

and its discretization for any given difference scheme

$$\hat{\mathcal{L}}_{\Delta x}(\hat{\phi}) = 0$$

## ❖ **Consistency** (Property of the discretization)

- The discretization of a PDE should asymptote to the PDE itself as the mesh-size/time-step goes to zero, i.e

for all smooth functions  $\phi$ :  $\left| \mathcal{L}(\phi) - \hat{\mathcal{L}}_{\Delta x}(\phi) \right| \rightarrow 0$  when  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$

(the truncation error vanishes as mesh-size/time-step goes to zero)



# Error Types and Discretization Properties:

## Truncation error and Error equation

### ❖ Truncation error

$$\tau_{\Delta x} = \mathcal{L}(\phi) - \hat{\mathcal{L}}_{\Delta x}(\phi)$$

Remember:

$\phi$  does not satisfy the FD eqn.

- Since  $\mathcal{L}(\phi) = 0$ , the truncation error is the result of inserting the exact solution in the difference scheme
- If the FD scheme is consistent:  $\tau_{\Delta x} = \mathcal{L}(\phi) - \hat{\mathcal{L}}_{\Delta x}(\phi) \rightarrow O(\Delta x^p)$  for  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$
- $p (> 0)$  is the order of accuracy for the FD scheme  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_{\Delta x}$
- Order  $p$  indicates how fast the error is **reduced** when the grid is **refined**

### ❖ Error evolution equation

- From  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_{\Delta x}(\hat{\phi}) = 0$  and  $\phi = \hat{\phi} + \varepsilon$  where  $\varepsilon$  is the discretization error, for linear problems, we have:
 
$$\tau_{\Delta x} = \mathcal{L}(\phi) - \hat{\mathcal{L}}_{\Delta x}(\hat{\phi} + \varepsilon) = -\hat{\mathcal{L}}_{\Delta x}(\varepsilon)$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\mathcal{L}}_{\Delta x}(\varepsilon) = -\tau_{\Delta x}$$
- The truncation error acts as a source for the discretization error, which is convected, diffused, evolved, etc., by the operator  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_{\Delta x}$



# Error Types and Discretization Properties: Stability

## ❖ Stability

- A numerical solution scheme is said to be stable if it does not amplify errors  $\varepsilon$  that appear in the course of the numerical solution process
- For linear(-ized) problems, since  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_{\Delta x}(\varepsilon) = -\tau_{\Delta x}$ , stability implies:

$$\left\| \hat{\mathcal{L}}_{\Delta x}^{-1} \right\| < \text{Const.} \quad \text{with the Const. not a function of } \Delta x$$

- If inverse was not bounded, discretization errors  $\varepsilon$  would increase with iterations
- In practice, infinite norm  $\left\| \hat{\mathcal{L}}_{\Delta x}^{-1} \right\|_{\infty} < \text{Const.}$  is often used.
- However, difficult to assess stability in real cases due to boundary conditions and non-linearities
  - It is common to investigate stability for linear problems, with constant coefficients and without boundary conditions
  - A widely used approach: von Neumann's method (see lectures 12-13)



# Error Types and Discretization Properties: Convergence

## ❖ Convergence

– A numerical scheme is said to be convergent if the solution of the discretized equations tend to the exact solution of the (P)DE as the grid-spacing and time-step go to zero

– Error equation for linear(-ized) systems:  $\varepsilon = -\hat{\mathcal{L}}_{\Delta x}^{-1}(\tau_{\Delta x})$

– Error bounds for linear systems:

$$\|\varepsilon\| = \left\| \hat{\mathcal{L}}_{\Delta x}^{-1}(\tau_{\Delta x}) \right\| \leq \left\| \hat{\mathcal{L}}_{\Delta x}^{-1} \right\| \|\tau_{\Delta x}\|$$

For a consistent scheme:  $\|\tau_{\Delta x}\| \rightarrow O(\Delta x^p)$  for  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$

$$\text{Hence } \|\varepsilon\| \leq \left\| \hat{\mathcal{L}}_{\Delta x}^{-1} \right\| \|\tau_{\Delta x}\| \leq \alpha O(\Delta x^p)$$

Convergence  $\leq$  Stability + Consistency (for linear systems)

**= Lax Equivalence Theorem (for linear systems)**

– For nonlinear equations, numerical experiments are often used

- e.g., iterate or approximate true solution with computation on successively finer grids, and compute resulting discretization errors and order of convergence



# Finite Differences - Basics

- Finite Difference Approximation idea directly borrowed from the definition of a derivative.

$$\phi'(x_i) = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\phi(x_{i+1}) - \phi(x_i)}{\Delta x}$$

- Geometrical Interpretation

- Quality of approximation improves as stencil points get closer to  $x_i$
- Central difference would be exact if  $\phi$  was a second order polynomial and points were equally spaced

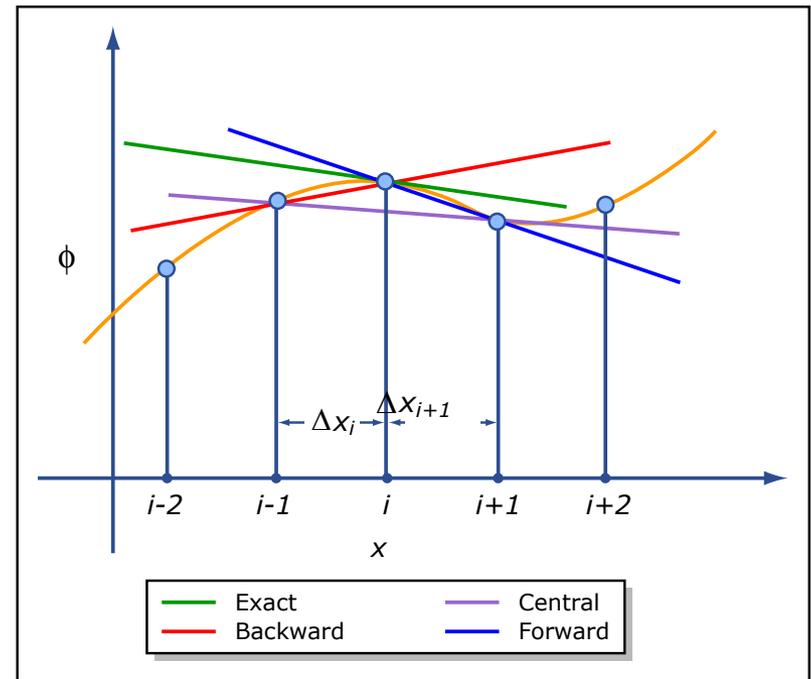


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On the definition of a derivative and its approximations



# FINITE DIFFERENCES: Taylor Series, Higher Order Accuracy

How to obtain differentiation formulas of arbitrary high accuracy?

1) **First approach: Use Taylor series, keep more higher-order terms than strictly needed and express these higher-order terms as finite-differences themselves**

$$f(x_{i+1}) = f(x_i) + \Delta x f'(x_i) + \frac{\Delta x^2}{2!} f''(x_i) + \frac{\Delta x^3}{3!} f'''(x_i) + \dots + \frac{\Delta x^n}{n!} f^n(x_i) + R_n$$

$$R_n = \frac{\Delta x^{n+1}}{n+1!} f^{(n+1)}(\xi)$$

- For example, how can we derive the forward finite-difference estimate of the first derivative at  $x_i$  with second order accuracy?

$$f(x_{i+1}) = f(x_i) + \Delta x f'(x_i) + \frac{\Delta x^2}{2!} f''(x_i) + O(\Delta x^3) \left. \vphantom{f(x_{i+1})} \right\} \longrightarrow f'(x_i) = \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i)}{\Delta x} - \frac{\Delta x}{2!} \underline{f''(x_i)} + O(\Delta x^2)$$

- If we retain the second-derivative, and estimate it with first-order accuracy, the order of accuracy for the estimate of  $f'(x_i)$  will be  $p=2$



# FINITE DIFFERENCES: Taylor Series, Higher Order Accuracy Cont'd

Still using  $f(x_{i+1}) = f(x_i) + \Delta x f'(x_i) + \frac{\Delta x^2}{2!} f''(x_i) + \frac{\Delta x^3}{3!} f'''(x_i) + \dots + \frac{\Delta x^n}{n!} f^n(x_i) + R_n$

$$R_n = \frac{\Delta x^{n+1}}{n+1!} f^{(n+1)}(\xi)$$

- Estimate the second-derivative with forward finite-differences at first-order accuracy:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} f(x_{i+1}) &= f(x_i) + \Delta x f'(x_i) + \frac{\Delta x^2}{2!} f''(x_i) + O(\Delta x^3) \\ f(x_{i+2}) &= f(x_i) + 2\Delta x f'(x_i) + \frac{4\Delta x^2}{2!} f''(x_i) + O(\Delta x^3) \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} * (-2) \\ * (1) \end{array} \Rightarrow f''(x_i) = \frac{f(x_{i+2}) - 2f(x_{i+1}) + f(x_i)}{\Delta x^2} + O(\Delta x)$$

$$f'(x_i) = \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i)}{\Delta x} - \frac{\Delta x}{2!} f''(x_i) + O(\Delta x^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x_i) = \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i)}{\Delta x} - \frac{\Delta x}{2!} \frac{f(x_{i+2}) - 2f(x_{i+1}) + f(x_i)}{\Delta x^2} + O(\Delta x^2) = \frac{-f(x_{i+2}) + 4f(x_{i+1}) - 3f(x_i)}{2\Delta x} + O(\Delta x^2)$$



Forward finite-divided-difference formulas: two versions are presented for each derivative. The latter version incorporates more terms of the Taylor series expansion and is, consequently, more accurate.

Figure 23.1  
Chapra and  
Canale

**Forward Differences**

<u>First Derivative</u>	<u>Error</u>
$f'(x_i) = \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i)}{h}$	$O(h)$
<u><math>f'(x_i) = \frac{-f(x_{i+2}) + 4f(x_{i+1}) - 3f(x_i)}{2h}</math></u>	$O(h^2)$
<u>Second Derivative</u>	
$f''(x_i) = \frac{f(x_{i+2}) - 2f(x_{i+1}) + f(x_i)}{h^2}$	$O(h)$
$f''(x_i) = \frac{-f(x_{i+3}) + 4f(x_{i+2}) - 5f(x_{i+1}) + 2f(x_i)}{h^2}$	$O(h^2)$
<u>Third Derivative</u>	
$f'''(x_i) = \frac{f(x_{i+3}) - 3f(x_{i+2}) + 3f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i)}{h^3}$	$O(h)$
$f'''(x_i) = \frac{-3f(x_{i+4}) + 14f(x_{i+3}) - 24f(x_{i+2}) + 18f(x_{i+1}) - 5f(x_i)}{2h^3}$	$O(h^2)$
<u>Fourth Derivative</u>	
$f^{(4)}(x_i) = \frac{f(x_{i+4}) - 4f(x_{i+3}) + 6f(x_{i+2}) - 4f(x_{i+1}) + f(x_i)}{h^4}$	$O(h)$
$f^{(4)}(x_i) = \frac{-2f(x_{i+5}) + 11f(x_{i+4}) - 24f(x_{i+3}) + 26f(x_{i+2}) - 14f(x_{i+1}) + 3f(x_i)}{h^4}$	$O(h^2)$



## Backward Differences

**FIGURE 23.2**  
Backward finite-divided-difference formulas: two versions are presented for each derivative. The latter version incorporates more terms of the Taylor series expansion and is, consequently, more accurate.

### First Derivative

$$f'(x_i) = \frac{f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})}{h}$$

$$f'(x_i) = \frac{3f(x_i) - 4f(x_{i-1}) + f(x_{i-2})}{2h}$$

### Second Derivative

$$f''(x_i) = \frac{f(x_i) - 2f(x_{i-1}) + f(x_{i-2}))}{h^2}$$

$$f''(x_i) = \frac{2f(x_i) - 5f(x_{i-1}) + 4f(x_{i-2}) - f(x_{i-3}))}{h^2}$$

### Third Derivative

$$f'''(x_i) = \frac{f(x_i) - 3f(x_{i-1}) + 3f(x_{i-2}) - f(x_{i-3}))}{h^3}$$

$$f'''(x_i) = \frac{5f(x_i) - 18f(x_{i-1}) + 24f(x_{i-2}) - 14f(x_{i-3}) + 3f(x_{i-4}))}{2h^3}$$

### Fourth Derivative

$$f^{(4)}(x_i) = \frac{f(x_i) - 4f(x_{i-1}) + 6f(x_{i-2}) - 4f(x_{i-3}) + f(x_{i-4}))}{h^4}$$

$$f^{(4)}(x_i) = \frac{3f(x_i) - 14f(x_{i-1}) + 26f(x_{i-2}) - 24f(x_{i-3}) + 11f(x_{i-4}) - 2f(x_{i-5}))}{h^4}$$

### Error

$\alpha(h)$

$\alpha(h^2)$

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**FIGURE 23.3**

Centered finite-divided-difference formulas: two versions are presented for each derivative. The latter version incorporates more terms of the Taylor series expansion and is, consequently, more accurate.

## Centered Differences

### First Derivative

$$f'(x_i) = \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_{i-1}))}{2h}$$

$$f'(x_i) = \frac{-f(x_{i+2}) + 8f(x_{i+1}) - 8f(x_{i-1}) + f(x_{i-2}))}{12h}$$

### Second Derivative

$$f''(x_i) = \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - 2f(x_i) + f(x_{i-1}))}{h^2}$$

$$f''(x_i) = \frac{-f(x_{i+2}) + 16f(x_{i+1}) - 30f(x_i) + 16f(x_{i-1}) - f(x_{i-2}))}{12h^2}$$

### Third Derivative

$$f'''(x_i) = \frac{f(x_{i+2}) - 2f(x_{i+1}) + 2f(x_{i-1}) - f(x_{i-2}))}{2h^3}$$

$$f'''(x_i) = \frac{-f(x_{i+3}) + 8f(x_{i+2}) - 13f(x_{i+1}) + 13f(x_{i-1}) - 8f(x_{i-2}) + f(x_{i-3}))}{8h^3}$$

### Fourth Derivative

$$f^{(4)}(x_i) = \frac{f(x_{i+2}) - 4f(x_{i+1}) + 6f(x_i) - 4f(x_{i-1}) + f(x_{i-2}))}{h^4}$$

$$f^{(4)}(x_i) = \frac{-f(x_{i+3}) + 12f(x_{i+2}) + 39f(x_{i+1}) + 56f(x_i) - 39f(x_{i-1}) + 12f(x_{i-2}) + f(x_{i-3}))}{6h^4}$$

### Error

$O(h^2)$

$O(h^4)$

$O(h^2)$

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$O(h^2)$

$O(h^4)$



# FINITE DIFFERENCES

## Taylor Series, Higher Order Accuracy: **EXAMPLE**

Problem: Estimate 1<sup>st</sup> derivative of  $f = -0.1*x^4 - 0.15*x^3 - 0.5*x^2 - 0.25*x + 1.2$  at  $x=0.5$ , with a grid cell size of  $h=0.25$  and using successively higher order schemes. How does the solution improve?

```
L11_FD.m
%Define the function
f=@(x) -0.1*x^4 - 0.15*x^3-0.5*x^2-0.25*x +1.2;
%Define Step size
h=0.25;
%Set point at which to evaluate the derivative
x = 0.5;
%% Using forward difference
%First order:
df=(f(x+h)-f(x)) / h;
fprintf('\n\n First order Forward difference: %g, with
error:%g%% \n',df,abs(100*(df+0.9125)/0.9125))
%Second order:
df=(-f(x+2*h)+4*f(x+h)-3*f(x)) / (2*h);
fprintf('Second order Forward difference: %g, with
error:%g%% \n',df,abs(100*(df+0.9125)/0.9125))
%% Backwards difference
%First order:
df=(-f(x-h)+f(x)) / (h);
fprintf('First order Backwards difference: %g, with
error:%g%% \n',df,abs(100*(df+0.9125)/0.9125))
%Second order:
df=(f(x-2*h)-4*f(x-h)+3*f(x)) / (2*h);
fprintf('Second order Backwards difference: %g, with
error:%g%% \n',df,abs(100*(df+0.9125)/0.9125))
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```
% Central difference
%Second order:
df=(f(x+h)-f(x-h)) / (2*h);
fprintf('Second order Central difference: %g, with
error:%g%% \n',df,abs(100*(df+0.9125)/0.9125))
%Fourth order:
df=(-f(x+2*h)+8*f(x+h)-8*f(x-h)+f(x-2*h)) /
(12*h);
fprintf('Fourth order Central difference: %g, with
error:%g%% \n',df,abs(100*(df+0.9125)/0.9125))
```

### Output

First order Forward difference: -1.15469, with error:26.5411%  
Second order Forward difference: -0.859375, with error:5.82192%  
First order Backwards difference: -0.714063, with error:21.7466%  
Second order Backwards difference: -0.878125, with error:3.76712%  
Second order Central difference: -0.934375, with error:2.39726%  
Fourth order Central difference: -0.9125, with error:2.43337e-14%  
**Why is the 4<sup>th</sup> order "exact"?**



# FINITE DIFFERENCES: Taylor Series, Higher Order Accuracy Summary

- 1<sup>st</sup> Approach:
  - Incorporate more higher-order terms of the Taylor series expansion than strictly needed and express them as finite differences themselves
    - e.g. for finite difference of  $m^{\text{th}}$  derivative at order of accuracy  $p$ , express the  $m+1^{\text{th}}$ ,  $m+2^{\text{th}}$ ,  $m+p-1^{\text{th}}$  derivatives at an order of accuracy  $p-1, \dots, 2, 1$ .
  - General approximation: 
$$\left( \frac{\partial^m u}{\partial x^m} \right)_j - \sum_{i=-r}^s a_i u_{j+i} = \tau_{\Delta x}$$
  - Can be used for forward, backward, skewed or central differences
  - Can be computer automated
  - Independent of coordinate system and extends to multi-dimensional finite differences (each coordinate is often treated separately)
- Remember: order  $p$  of approximation indicates how fast the error is **reduced** when the grid is **refined** (not necessarily the magnitude of the error)



# FINITE DIFFERENCES: Interpolation Formulas for Higher Order Accuracy

## 2<sup>nd</sup> approach: Generalize Taylor series using interpolation formulas

- Fit the unknown function solution of the (P)DE to an interpolation curve and differentiate the resulting curve. For example:

- Fit a parabola to “ $f$  data” at points  $x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}$  ( $\Delta x_i = x_i - x_{i-1}$ ), then differentiate to obtain:

$$f'(x_i) = \frac{f(x_{i+1})(\Delta x_i)^2 - f(x_{i-1})(\Delta x_{i+1})^2 + f(x_i)[(\Delta x_{i+1})^2 - (\Delta x_i)^2]}{\Delta x_{i+1} \Delta x_i (\Delta x_i + \Delta x_{i+1})}$$

- This is a 2<sup>nd</sup> order approximation (parabola approx. is of order 3)
- For uniform spacing, reduces to centered difference seen before
- In general, approximation of first derivative has a truncation error of the order of the polynomial (here 2)
- All types of polynomials or numerical differentiation methods can be used to derive such interpolations formulas
  - Polynomial fitting, Method of undetermined coefficients, Newton’s interpolating polynomials, Lagrangian and Hermite Polynomials, etc



# FINITE DIFFERENCES Higher Order Accuracy: Taylor Tables or Method of Undetermined Coefficients

**Taylor Tables: Convenient way of forming linear combinations of Taylor Series on a term-by-term basis**

**Table 3.1.** Taylor table for centered 3-point Lagrangian approximation to a second derivative

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}\right)_j - \frac{1}{\Delta x^2}(a u_{j-1} + b u_j + c u_{j+1}) = ?$$

What we are looking for, in 1<sup>st</sup> column:

	$u_j$	$\Delta x \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_j$	$\Delta x^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}\right)_j$	$\Delta x^3 \left(\frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x^3}\right)_j$	$\Delta x^4 \left(\frac{\partial^4 u}{\partial x^4}\right)_j$
<b>Taylor series at:</b> $\Delta x^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}\right)_j$			1		
<b>j-1</b> $-a \cdot u_{j-1}$	$-a$	$-a \cdot (-1) \cdot \frac{1}{1}$	$-a \cdot (-1)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}$	$-a \cdot (-1)^3 \cdot \frac{1}{6}$	$-a \cdot (-1)^4 \cdot \frac{1}{24}$
<b>j</b> $-b \cdot u_j$	$-b$				
<b>j+1</b> $-c \cdot u_{j+1}$	$-c$	$-c \cdot (1) \cdot \frac{1}{1}$	$-c \cdot (1)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}$	$-c \cdot (1)^3 \cdot \frac{1}{6}$	$-c \cdot (1)^4 \cdot \frac{1}{24}$

**Sum each column starting from left, force the sums to zero and so choose a, b, c, etc**



# FINITE DIFFERENCES

## Higher Order Accuracy: Taylor Tables Cont'd

**Table 3.1.** Taylor table for centered 3-point Lagrangian approximation to a second derivative

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}\right)_j - \frac{1}{\Delta x^2}(a u_{j-1} + b u_j + c u_{j+1}) = ?$$

Sum each column starting from left and force the sums to be zero by proper choice of a, b, c, etc:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow [a \quad b \quad c] = [1 \quad -2 \quad 1] = \text{Familiar 3-point central difference}$$

Truncation error is first column in the table that does not vanish, here fifth column of table:

$$\tau_{\Delta x} = \frac{1}{\Delta x^2} \left[ \frac{-a}{24} + \frac{-c}{24} \right] \Delta x^4 \left(\frac{\partial^4 u}{\partial x^4}\right)_j = -\frac{\Delta x^2}{12} \left(\frac{\partial^4 u}{\partial x^4}\right)_j$$



# FINITE DIFFERENCES

## Higher Order Accuracy: Taylor Tables Cont'd

**Table 3.2.** Taylor table for backward 3-point Lagrangian approximation to a first derivative

$$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_j - \frac{1}{\Delta x}(a_2 u_{j-2} + a_1 u_{j-1} + b u_j) = ?$$

	$u_j$	$\Delta x \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_j$	$\Delta x^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}\right)_j$	$\Delta x^3 \left(\frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x^3}\right)_j$	$\Delta x^4 \left(\frac{\partial^4 u}{\partial x^4}\right)_j$
$\Delta x \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_j$		1			
$-a_2 \cdot u_{j-2}$	$-a_2$	$-a_2 \cdot (-2) \cdot \frac{1}{1}$	$-a_2 \cdot (-2)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}$	$-a_2 \cdot (-2)^3 \cdot \frac{1}{6}$	$-a_2 \cdot (-2)^4 \cdot \frac{1}{24}$
$-a_1 \cdot u_{j-1}$	$-a_1$	$-a_1 \cdot (-1) \cdot \frac{1}{1}$	$-a_1 \cdot (-1)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}$	$-a_1 \cdot (-1)^3 \cdot \frac{1}{6}$	$-a_1 \cdot (-1)^4 \cdot \frac{1}{24}$
$-b \cdot u_j$	$-b$				

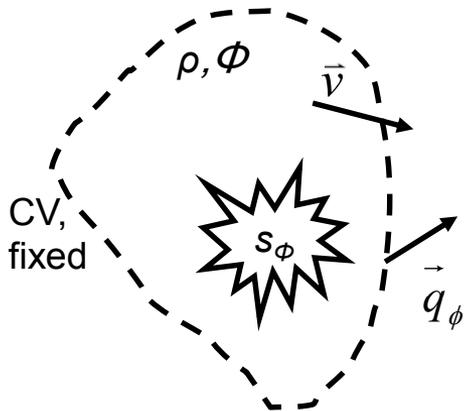
$$\Rightarrow [a_2 \quad a_1 \quad b] = [1 \quad -4 \quad 3]/2 \quad \text{and} \quad \tau_{\Delta x} = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \left[ \frac{8a_2}{6} + \frac{a_1}{6} \right] \Delta x^3 \left(\frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x^3}\right)_j = \frac{\Delta x^2}{3} \left(\frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x^3}\right)_j$$

(as before)



# Integral Conservation Law for a scalar $\phi$

$$\left\{ \frac{d}{dt} \int_{CM} \rho \phi dV = \right\} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{CV_{\text{fixed}}} \rho \phi dV + \underbrace{\int_{CS} \rho \phi (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{n}) dA}_{\substack{\text{Advective fluxes} \\ (\text{Adv. \& diff. fluxes} \Rightarrow \text{convection})}} = \underbrace{- \int_{CS} \vec{q}_\phi \cdot \vec{n} dA}_{\text{Other transports (diffusion, etc)}} + \underbrace{\sum \int_{CV_{\text{fixed}}} s_\phi dV}_{\text{Sum of sources and sinks terms (reactions, etc)}}$$



Applying the Gauss Theorem, for any arbitrary CV gives:

$$\frac{\partial \rho \phi}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \phi \vec{v}) = -\nabla \cdot \vec{q}_\phi + s_\phi$$

For a common diffusive flux model (Fick's law, Fourier's law):

$$\vec{q}_\phi = -k \nabla \phi$$

Conservative form  
of the PDE

$$\frac{\partial \rho \phi}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \phi \vec{v}) = \nabla \cdot (k \nabla \phi) + s_\phi$$



# Strong-Conservative form of the Navier-Stokes Equations ( $\phi \Rightarrow \mathbf{v}$ )

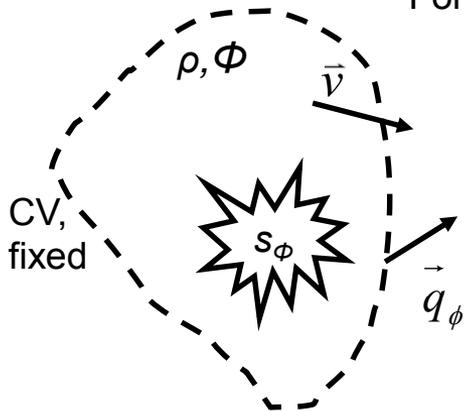
Cons. of Momentum: 
$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{CV} \rho \vec{v} dV + \int_{CS} \rho \vec{v} (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{n}) dA = \underbrace{\int_{CS} -p \vec{n} dA + \int_{CS} \vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{n} dA + \int_{CV} \rho \vec{g} dV}_{=\sum \vec{F}}$$

Applying the Gauss Theorem gives:

$$= \int_{CV} (-\nabla p + \nabla \cdot \vec{\tau} + \rho \vec{g}) dV$$

For any arbitrary CV gives:

$$\frac{\partial \rho \vec{v}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{v} \vec{v}) = -\nabla p + \nabla \cdot \vec{\tau} + \rho \vec{g} \quad \text{Cauchy Mom. Eqn.}$$



With Newtonian fluid + incompressible + constant  $\mu$ :

Momentum: 
$$\frac{\partial \rho \vec{v}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{v} \vec{v}) = -\nabla p + \mu \nabla^2 \vec{v} + \rho \vec{g}$$

Mass: 
$$\nabla \cdot \vec{v} = 0$$

Equations are said to be in “strong conservative form” if all terms have the form of the divergence of a vector or a tensor. For the  $i^{\text{th}}$  Cartesian component, in the general Newtonian fluid case:

With Newtonian fluid only: 
$$\frac{\partial \rho v_i}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho v_i \vec{v}) = \nabla \cdot \left( -p \vec{e}_i + \mu \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right) \vec{e}_j - \frac{2}{3} \mu \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_j} \vec{e}_i + \rho g_i x_i \vec{e}_i \right)$$

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