

# Numerical Methods PDE-BTCS Class Exercise. April-23-2018

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**PROBLEM: BTCS-PDE.** Solve the following PDE using the BTCS method:

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

BCs:

$$u(0, t) = 100, \quad u(10, t) = 50$$

IC:

$$u(x, 0) = 0 \quad 0 \leq x \leq 10$$

Use the BTCS finite difference method with a matlab program for the solution (e.g., modified the one available for CN). Follow two strategies

- (A) Solve with a constant  $\Delta t = 0.1$ ,  $\Delta x=2$  for values of  $b = 4, 2, 0, -2, -4$  and plot  $u$  for specific time points,  $t=[3, 6, 9, 12]$
- (B) Once solved with a constant  $\Delta t = 0.1$  attempt a numerical experiment increasing the value of  $\Delta t$  by 5% for each new time step to more quickly obtain the steady-state solution. For the experiment solve it for an extended  $t_{max}$ . Start with  $\Delta t=0.1$ ,  $\Delta x=2$ ,  $b=0$  and plot  $u$  for specific time points,  $t$ .

In APPENDIX, you have the solution to this problem with the CN method. Use it for testing your own solution with the BTCS method. Follow the steps:

- (1) **Discretize the domain of the problem.** For two independent variables use a mesh grid, each axis representing one of the independent variables. Use as running indices,  $\mathbf{i}$  for space and  $\mathbf{k}$  for time, e.g.,  $i=0,1,2,\dots ix$ , and  $k=0,1,2,\dots,kx$ . Both starting in zero. Use the grid below:


## (2) Discretization of the Differential equation.

Starting with

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2} + b \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \quad [Eq 1]$$

To develop the BTCS scheme discretize each term of Eq 1 at the grid point  $(i, k+1)$ :

a. Approximate the 1st order time derivative with \_\_\_\_\_ finite difference approximation of  $\vartheta(\Delta t^n)$  [ $n=$ \_\_\_\_\_] at the grid point  $(i, k+1)$ :

b. Evaluate  $\left. \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2} \right|_{i, k+1}$  with \_\_\_\_\_ finite difference approximation of  $\vartheta(\Delta x^n)$  [ $n=$ \_\_\_\_\_]

c. Approximate the 1st order space derivative  $\frac{\partial U}{\partial x}$  with central finite difference approximation of  $\vartheta(\Delta t^n)$  [ $n=$ \_\_\_\_\_] at the grid point  $(i, k+1)$ :

d. Prove that the recurrence formulation with characteristic parameters, e.g.,  $\lambda = \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x^2}$  and  $\alpha = \frac{b\Delta t}{\Delta x}$  can be obtained from:

$$\frac{U_i^{k+1} - U_i^k}{\Delta t} = \left[ \frac{U_{i-1}^{k+1} - 2U_i^{k+1} + U_{i+1}^{k+1}}{\Delta x^2} \right] + b \left[ \frac{-\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)U_{i-1}^{k+1} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)U_{i+1}^{k+1}}{\Delta x} \right]$$

e. Obtain the recurrence formula

(3) Discretize the initial and boundary conditions.

Original Mathematical Expression	Discretized
$U(0, t) = T_1$ for $t > 0$	
$U(L, t) = T_2$ for $t > 0$	
$U(x, t_0) = T_0$ for $0 < x < L$	

Where  $L=10, T_0 = 0, T_1 = 100, T_2 = 50$

(4) Show the BTCS computational molecule within the grid of your discretization.



Answer the following questions:

- a) How many unknowns do you have at each time step? \_\_\_\_\_
- b) How many times does the computational molecule fit in the grid during the computation of one time step? \_\_\_\_\_

(5) **System of Equations.** According to your problem discretization and the number of unknowns find the appropriate number of equations to solve the system. Assume your work is for the first time step (i.e.  $[t_1, U_i^1]$ ). We use indexed-variable algebraic equations—Not numbers yet.

(6) Express the problem with numbers for a clean system of linear equations and also in matrix form.

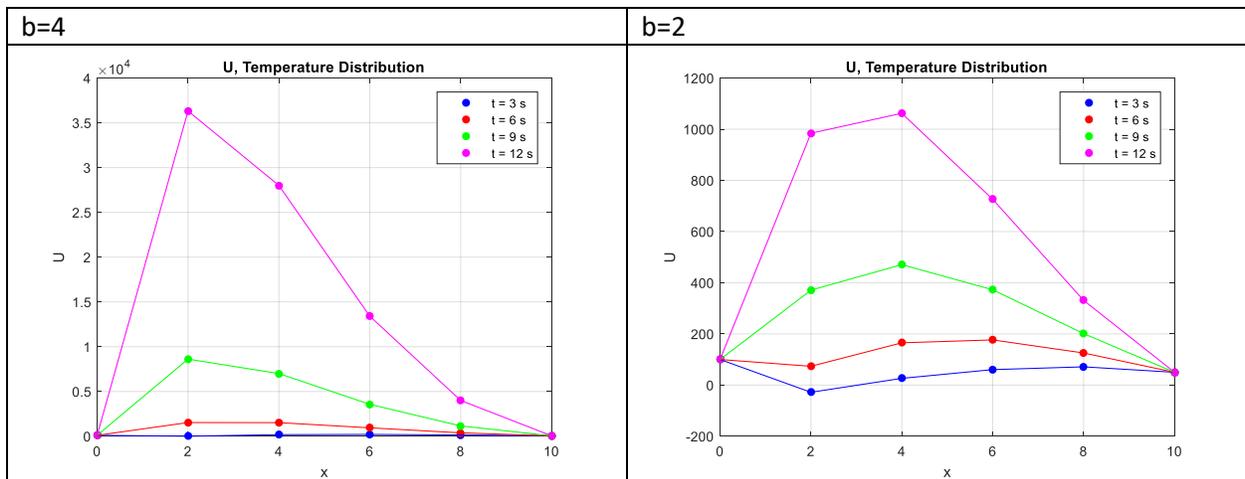
- a. System of equations:

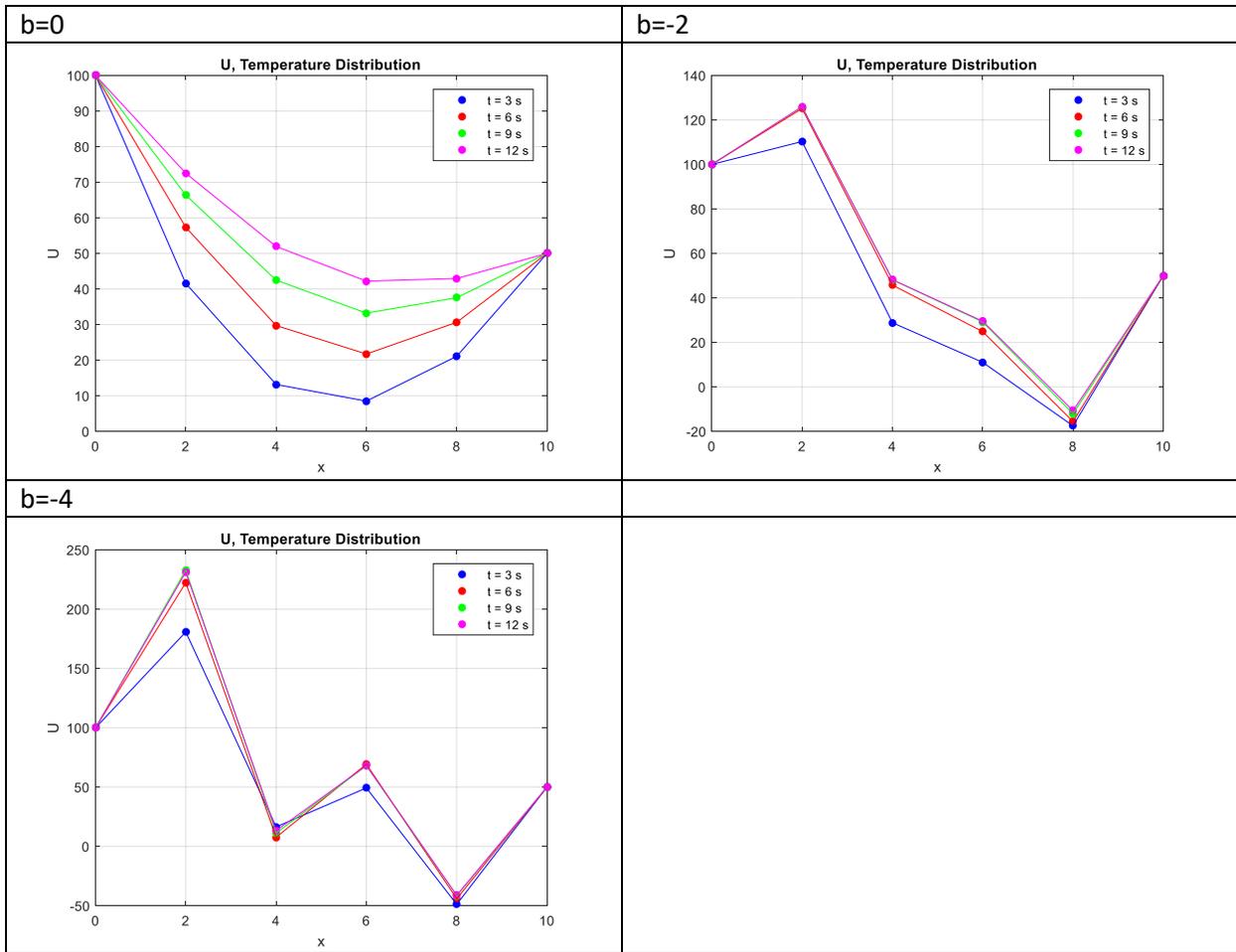
b. Matrix Form

(7) Solve (6.b) with matlab code for (A) and (B) specifications above.

APPENDIX

Below is a solution with the Crank Nicolson Scheme use it for testing your solution:





For  $b=4$ :

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Command Window
New to MATLAB? See resources for Getting Started.

    t      x (1)    x (2)    x (3)    x (4)    x (5)    x (6)
    0.0    100.0      0.0      0.0      0.0      0.0      50.0
    3.0    100.0      6.5     177.8    206.6    142.5    50.0
    6.0    100.0    1529.2   1518.2    941.4    380.1    50.0
    9.0    100.0   8616.1   7000.3   3567.8   1151.8    50.0
   12.0    100.0  36322.3  28001.9  13410.1  3999.0    50.0

Elapsed time is 0.153795 seconds.

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% The Crank Nicolson Method

% Example

% This CN solution uses theta=1/2 and the matlab backslash operator

% File: CrankNicolsonP5.m

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clc, clear, close
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tic
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%---Compute parameters:
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t(1)=0; tmax = 12; dt =0.1;
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t=[t(1):dt:tmax]; % t vector
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nt = tmax/dt + 1; % if t(1)=0, nt is number of total time steps (or nodes in time)  
% i.e., k=[1,nt] number of nodes in t
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L=10; % rod length
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dx =2; % Delta x
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bb = 4; % b parameter
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La = dt/dx^2; % Lambda
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Al = bb*dt/dx; % Alfa
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nx=[L/dx]+1; % number of nodes in x
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x=([1:nx]-1).*dx; % x-vector
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% --- Constant Coefficients of the tridiagonal Matrix
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b = Al+2*La; % Super diagonal: coefficients of u(i+1)
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c = Al-2*La; % Subdiagonal: coefficients of u(i-1)
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a = 4*(1 + La); % Main Diagonal: coefficients of u(i)
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% Boundary conditions and Initial Condition
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Uo(1)=100; Uo(2:nx-1)=0; Uo(nx)=50;
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Un(1)=100; Un(nx)=50;
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% Store results for future use
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UUU(1,:)=Uo;
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% Loop over time
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for k=2:nt
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for ii=1:nx-2
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if ii==1 % d(1) has specific formula due to BC
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d(ii)=-c*Uo(ii)+(4+(c-b))*Uo(ii+1)+b*Uo(ii+2)-c*Un(1);
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elseif ii==nx-2 % d(nx-2) has specific formula due to BC
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d(ii)=-c*Uo(ii)+(4+(c-b))*Uo(ii+1)+b*Uo(ii+2)+b*Un(nx);
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else
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d(ii)=-c*Uo(ii)+(4+(c-b))*Uo(ii+1)+b*Uo(ii+2);
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end
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end % d is a row vector
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% Transform a, b, c scalar constants in column vectors:
bb=b*ones(nx-3,1);
cc=bb;
aa=a*ones(nx-2,1);

% Use column vectors to construct tridiagonal matrix
AA=diag(aa)+ diag(-bb,1)+ diag(-cc,-1);    % AA is tridiagonal Matrix

% Find the solution for interior nodes i=2,3,4,5
UU=AA\d';    % UU is temp at interior nodes only

% Build the whole solution by including BCs
Un=[Un(1),UU',Un(nx)]; % row vector

% Store results for future use, one column at a time
UUU(k,:)=Un;

% to start over
Uo=Un;

end

% Output
t=t'; % from row to column

uuu=[t,UUU];    % uuu stores whole solution: t plus u; first column is t

fprintf('%10s %10s %10s %10s %10s %10s %10s\n',t,'x(1)','x(2)','x(3)','x(4)','x(5)','x(6)');
for jj=1:30:nt % Output selected results
    for ii=1:nx+1
        fprintf('%10.1f ', uuu(jj,ii));
    end
    fprintf('\n');
end
fprintf('\n');

% For the graph

tPlot= 0:3:tmax;

plot(x,uuu(31,2:7), '.b','markers',20);
hold on % allows to print other solutions in same graph
plot(x,uuu(61,2:7), '.r','markers',20);

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plot(x,uuu(91,2:7), '.g','markers',20);
plot(x,uuu(121,2:7), '.m','markers',20);

line(x,uuu(31,2:7),'Color','b');
line(x,uuu(61,2:7),'Color','r');
line(x,uuu(91,2:7),'Color','g');
line(x,uuu(121,2:7),'Color','m');

title('U, Temperature Distribution');
ylabel('U'); xlabel('x'); legend('t = 3 s','t = 6 s','t = 9 s','t = 12 s');
% axis([0 10 -0.5e7 2.5e7]); % axis([xmin xmax ymin ymax]);
grid on
hold off % free the current figure

toc
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