

## Advection - Diffusion

Conservation law: for  $u(x, t)$ :  $u_t + F_x = S$  in  $a < x < b$   
 $t_0 < t < t_{\text{end}}$

Constitutive law for flux:  $F = F_{\text{adv}} + F_{\text{diff}}$

so PDE for  $u(x, t)$ :  $u_t + (vu - Du_x)_x = S$   
advection-diffusion-reaction eqn.  
 $v = \text{given vel.}$   
 $D = \text{diffusivity}$

(As long as  $D \neq 0$ ) this is a parabolic eqn, so

needs IC:  $u(x, 0) = u_{\text{init}}(x) = \text{given}$

and BCs: some BC at each boundary pt. for all time.

standard BCs: at  $x = a$ ,  $t_0 < t < t_{\text{end}}$

I. Dirichlet BC:  $u(a, t) = u_a(t)$  given

II. Neumann BC:  $F(a, t) = F_a(t)$  given

$$\text{so } vu - Du_x \Big|_{x=a} = F_a(t)$$

In particular, insulated (impermeable) bry:  $F(a, t) \equiv 0$

III. Convective BC:  $F(a, t) = h \cdot [u_{\text{amb}}(t) - u(a, t)]$ ,  $h = \text{film coeff.}$   
 $\text{heat transfer coeff}$

IV. Periodic BCs:  $u(a, t) = u(b, t)$  and  $F(a, t) = F(b, t)$

Undimensionalization: make all variables dimensionless

Simplest case:  $v \equiv V = \text{const.}$ ,  $D = \text{const.}$

$$u_t + V u_x = D u_{xx}$$

Choose a length scale  $L$ , a  $u$ -scale  $\hat{u}$ , a reference  $u_{\text{ref}}$ ,  
~~and~~ a time-scale  $\tau$

$$\text{Set: } \xi = \frac{x}{L}, \quad w(\xi, \tau) = \frac{u(x, t) - u_{\text{ref}}}{\hat{u}} \Rightarrow u(x, t) = \hat{u} \cdot w(\xi, \tau) + u_{\text{ref}}$$

$$\tau = \frac{D}{L^2} t: \text{ diffusion time-scale: } \underline{\text{Fourier Number}}$$

$$\Rightarrow u_t = \hat{u} \cdot w_\tau \cdot \tau_t = \hat{u} \cdot w_\tau \cdot \frac{D}{L^2}$$

$$u_x = \hat{u} \cdot w_\xi \cdot \xi_x = \hat{u} \cdot w_\xi \cdot \frac{1}{L}$$

$$u_{xx} = \hat{u} \cdot w_{\xi\xi} \cdot \frac{1}{L^2}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{PDE}}{\Rightarrow} \cancel{\hat{u}} \cdot w_\tau \cdot \frac{D}{L^2} + \frac{V}{L} \cdot \cancel{\hat{u}} \cdot w_\xi = \frac{D}{L^2} \cdot \cancel{\hat{u}} \cdot w_{\xi\xi}$$

$$\Rightarrow w_\tau + \frac{VL}{D} w_\xi = w_{\xi\xi}$$

only one coeff.

$$\boxed{\text{Pe} = \frac{VL}{D}: \text{Peclet Number}}$$

strength of  $\frac{\text{advection}}{\text{diffusion}}$

Dimensionless advection-diffusion equ:

$$w_\tau + \text{Pe} \cdot w_\xi = w_{\xi\xi} \quad \text{for } 0 \leq \text{Pe} \leq \infty$$

$$\text{Pe} = 0 \Leftrightarrow V = 0: \text{ pure diffusion: } w_\tau = w_{\xi\xi}$$

$$\text{Pe} = \infty \Leftrightarrow D = 0: \text{ pure advection: } w_\tau + w_\xi = 0$$

choose  $\tau = \frac{V}{L} t$ : advection time-scale

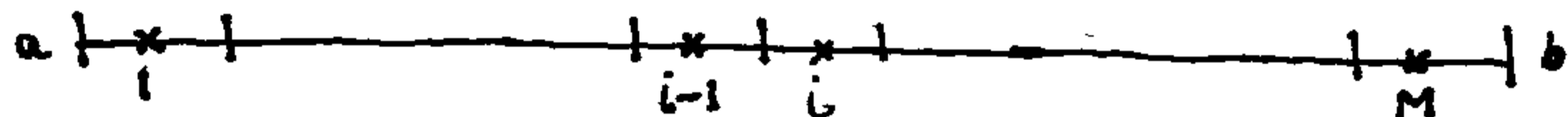
$$\Rightarrow w_\tau + w_\xi = \frac{1}{\text{Pe}} w_{\xi\xi}$$

Finite Volume discretization of  $u_t + (vu - Du_x)_x = S$

It is a conservation law  $u_t + F_x = S$ ,  $a < x < b$ ,  $t_0 < t < t_{end}$   
with flux  $F = vu - Du_x = F_{adv} + F_{diff}$

We know how to discretize each piece.

Mesh of  $M$  control volumes:  $x(0:M+1)$ ,  $\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{M}$



Integrating  $u_t + F_x = S$  over each  $CV_i = [x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}]$   
and each timestep  $[t_n, t_{n+1}]$  and setting

$$U_i^n = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} u(x, t_n) dx = \text{mean } u \text{ over } CV_i \text{ at time } t_n \\ \approx u(x_i, t_n)$$

$$\bar{F}_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{n+\theta} = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} F(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, t) dt = \text{mean } F \text{ over } [t_n, t_{n+1}] \text{ at face } x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$S_i^{n+\theta} = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} S(x, t) dx dt = \text{mean source}$$

we get, as before

$$U_i^{n+1} = U_i^n + \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \left[ \bar{F}_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{n+\theta} - \bar{F}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+\theta} \right] + \Delta t S_i^{n+\theta}$$

$$i = 1:M, \quad n = 0:N, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 1$$

$$F_{i-\frac{1}{2}} = (vu)_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + (-Du_x)_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, \quad i = 2:M, \quad F_{\frac{1}{2}}, F_{M+\frac{1}{2}} \text{ from BCs}$$

$$\approx \text{upwind adv. flux} \quad -D \frac{U_i - U_{i-1}}{\Delta x}$$

$$= \begin{cases} v_{i-\frac{1}{2}} U_{i-1} & \text{if } v_{i-\frac{1}{2}} > 0 \\ v_{i-\frac{1}{2}} U_i & \text{if } v_{i-\frac{1}{2}} < 0 \end{cases} - D \frac{U_i - U_{i-1}}{\Delta x}$$

# Advection + Diffusion: Boundary Conditions

Total Flux is  $F = F^{adv} + F^{diff}$   
 $= Vu - Du_x$

so boundary fluxes are  $\left( \begin{array}{c} U_0 \quad U_1 \\ | \quad x \quad | \\ \frac{1}{2} \quad 1 \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{c} U_M \quad U_{M+1} \\ | \quad x \quad | \\ M \quad M+\frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right)$  (for  $V > 0$ )

$F_{1/2} = Vu_0 - D \frac{U_1 - U_0}{\Delta x/2}$   
 for  $V < 0$ :  $= Vu_1 - D \frac{U_1 - U_0}{\Delta x/2}$

and

$F_{M+1/2} = Vu_M - D \frac{U_{M+1} - U_M}{\Delta x/2}$   
 for  $V < 0$ :  $= Vu_{M+1} - D \frac{U_{M+1} - U_M}{\Delta x/2}$

1. Dirichlet:  $U_0 = \text{given}$   
 $F_{1/2}$  from the above formula  
 If  $D=0$ : OK if  $V > 0$ , no BC if  $V < 0$

$U_{M+1} = \text{given}$   
 $F_{M+1/2}$  from above formula  
 If  $D=0$ :  $F_{M+1/2} = Vu_{M+1} - D \frac{U_{M+1} - U_M}{\Delta x/2}$  if  $V < 0$   
 no BC if  $V > 0$

2. Neuman:  $F_{1/2} = q_a = \text{given}$

$F_{M+1/2} = q_b = \text{given}$

Solve for  $U_0$ :

Solve for  $U_{M+1}$ :

$$U_0 = \frac{q_a \frac{\Delta x}{2} + DU_1}{V \frac{\Delta x}{2} + D}$$

$$U_{M+1} = \frac{[V \frac{\Delta x}{2} + D] U_M - q_b \frac{\Delta x}{2}}{D} \quad \text{if } V > 0$$

$$U_{M+1} = \frac{-q_b \frac{\Delta x}{2} + DU_M}{-V \frac{\Delta x}{2} + D} \quad \text{if } V < 0$$

If  $D=0$ :  $V > 0$  then  $U_0 = \frac{q_a}{V}$   
 $V < 0$  no BC

If  $D=0$ :  $V > 0$ : no BC  
 $V < 0$ : OK,  $U_{M+1} = \frac{q_b}{V}$

3. Convective BC:  $F_{1/2} = h[U_\infty - U_0]$

$F_{M+1/2} = -h[U_\infty - U_{M+1}]$

$$Vu_0 - D \frac{U_1 - U_0}{\Delta x/2} = h[U_\infty - U_0]$$

$$Vu_M - D \frac{U_{M+1} - U_M}{\Delta x/2} = hU_{M+1} - hU_\infty$$

$$\Rightarrow U_0 = \frac{\frac{2D}{\Delta x} U_1 + hU_\infty}{V + \frac{2D}{\Delta x} + h}$$

$$\Rightarrow U_{M+1} = \frac{(V + \frac{2D}{\Delta x}) U_M + hU_\infty}{\frac{2D}{\Delta x} + h}$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{1/2} = \frac{Vu_\infty - D \frac{U_1 - U_\infty}{\Delta x/2}}{1 + \frac{V}{h} + \frac{D}{h\Delta x/2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{M+1/2} = \frac{Vu_M + \frac{2D}{\Delta x} (U_M - U_\infty)}{1 + \frac{2D}{h\Delta x}}$$

as  $h \rightarrow \infty$  we get  $F_{1/2}$  for Dirichlet with  $U_\infty$  as  $U_0$  | as  $h \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $F_{M+1/2} = Vu_M - D \frac{U_\infty - U_M}{\Delta x/2} = \text{Dirichlet with } U_\infty \text{ as } U_{M+1}$

## CFL condition

So, say for  $V > 0$ :

$$U_j^{n+1} = U_j^n + \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \left[ V U_{j-1}^n - V U_j^n - D_{j+1/2} \frac{U_j - U_{j-1}}{\Delta x} + D_{j+1/2} \frac{U_{j+1} - U_j}{\Delta x} \right]$$

and for  $D \equiv \text{const}$ :

$$U_j^{n+1} = U_j^n \left[ 1 - V \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} - 2 \frac{D \Delta t}{\Delta x^2} \right] + V \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} U_{j-1}^n + D \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x^2} (U_{j-1}^n + U_{j+1}^n)$$

Stability via the "positive coefficient rule":

$$1 - V \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} - 2 \frac{D \Delta t}{\Delta x^2} > 0$$

so

$$0 < V \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} + 2 \frac{D \Delta t}{\Delta x^2} \leq 1 \quad \text{is the CFL condition}$$

This restricts the time step to:  $\Delta t \leq \frac{\Delta x^2}{|V| \Delta x + 2D} = \frac{1}{\frac{|V|}{\Delta x} + \frac{2D}{\Delta x^2}}$

Pure advection case ( $D \equiv 0$ ): Constant number  $|V| \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \leq 1$ , CFL:  $\Delta t \leq \frac{\Delta x}{V_{\max}}$

Pure diffusion case ( $V \equiv 0$ ): Constant number  $\frac{D \Delta t}{\Delta x^2} \leq \frac{1}{2}$ , CFL:  $\Delta t \leq \frac{\Delta x^2}{2D_{\max}}$

Advection-diffusion: Constant number  $|V| \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} + 2 \frac{D \Delta t}{\Delta x^2} \leq 1 \Rightarrow \Delta t \leq \frac{\Delta x^2}{|V| \Delta x + 2D}$

Note: taking  $\Delta t = \min(\Delta t_{\text{adv}}, \Delta t_{\text{diff}})$