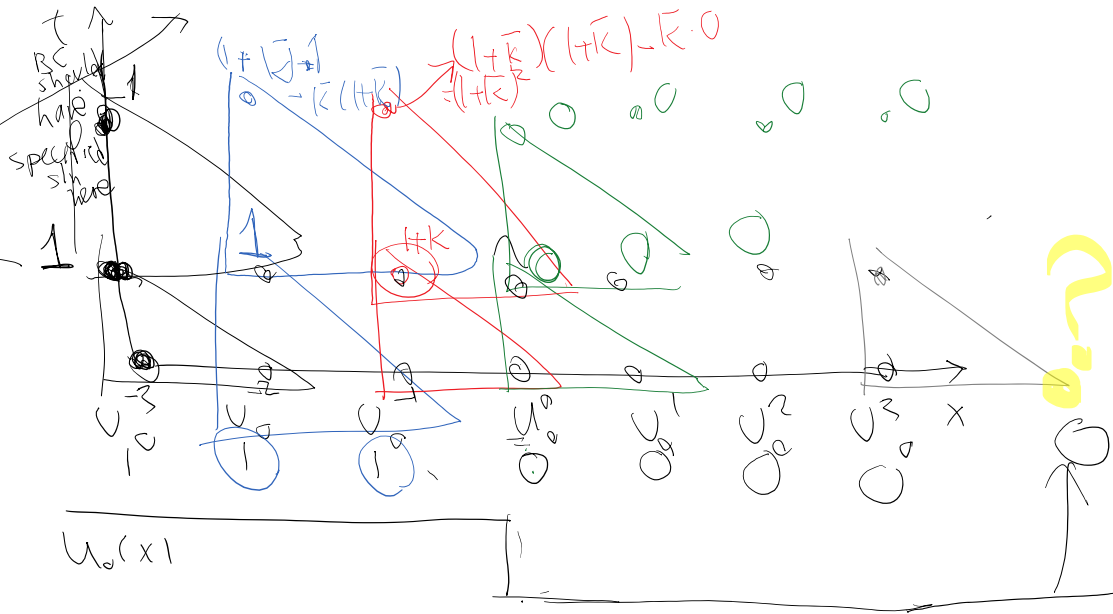


next time step for FTFS



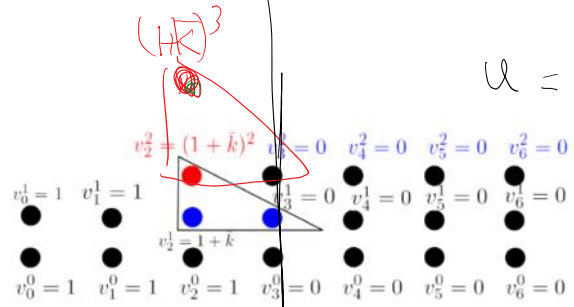
$A=1$
 $n=0$

$$u_{n+1}^m = (1+k)u_n^m - k u_{n+1}^{m+1}$$

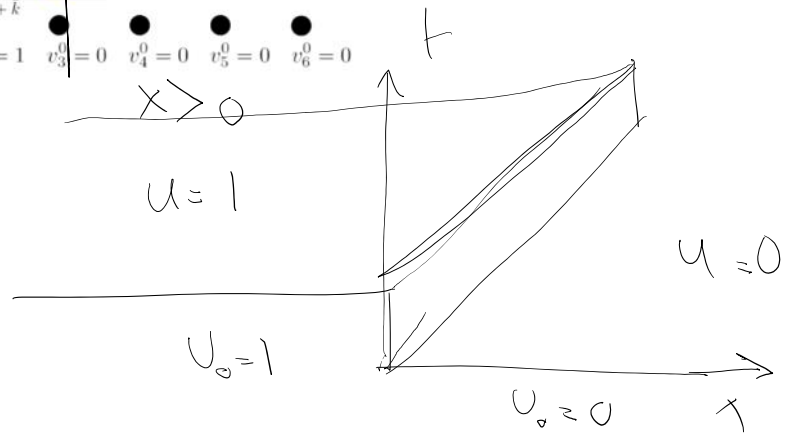


$u_0(x)$

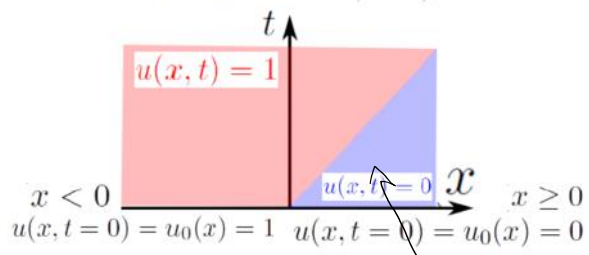
$$u + a u_x = 0 \quad a=1 \Rightarrow 0$$



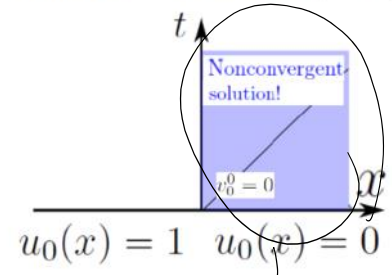
$u_t + u_x = 0$
exact soln



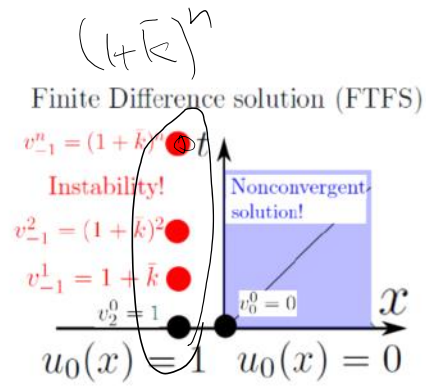
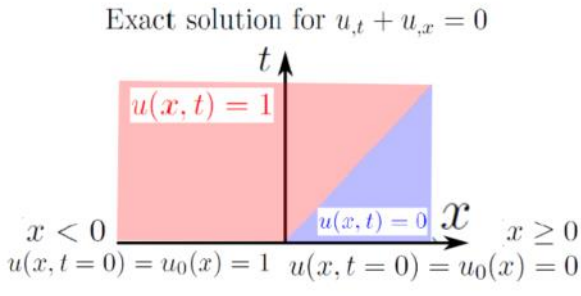
Exact solution for $u_t + u_x = 0$



Finite Difference solution (FTFS)



don't converge to the exact soln



$\bar{k} = \frac{ak}{h}$, $a = 1$

For any value of k the solution blows up! This is an unconditionally unstable method!

2.1.8.3 Unconditional instability-

- For a given time $T = nk$ we have,

$h = \frac{T}{K}$

$v(x = -h, t = T) = v_h^k = (1 + \bar{k})^k = \left(1 + \frac{ak}{h}\right)^{\frac{T}{k}} \rightarrow \infty$, as $T \rightarrow \infty$ (32)

That is solution for this point approaches infinity in time. However, we know the correct solution remains bounded ($u = 1$) at this point!

- It is obvious that this problem hold for **ANY** time step k .
- We call this scheme **UNCONDITIONALLY UNSTABLE**.
- On may be tempted to use very small time steps $\bar{k} \rightarrow 0$ to control the error, hoping that one may circumvent the problem. By recalling $\lim_{k \rightarrow 0} (1 + \bar{k})^{\frac{T}{k}} = e^z$ we have,

$v(x = -h, t = T) \approx e^{\frac{Ta}{h}}$ as $k \rightarrow 0$ (33a)

That is, even in the limit of very short time steps solution blows up. In fact, the smaller the spatial grid size h , the faster the solution blows up $v(-h, T) \approx e^{\frac{Ta}{h}}$!

- This occurs for FTFS FD because the waves move to the right but FD scheme goes from the right to the left.

2.1.8.4 FD2: Conditionally stable explicit method

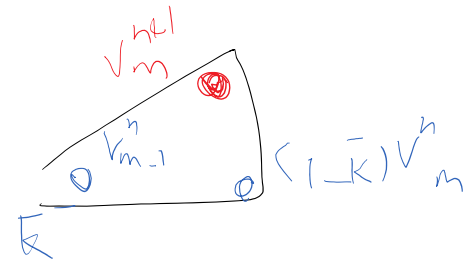
- We use the forward-time, backward-space (FTBS) from (27b) to advance the solution in time,

$\frac{v_m^{n+1} - v_m^n}{k} + a \frac{v_m^n - v_{m-1}^n}{h} = 0 \Rightarrow$ (35a)

$v_m^{n+1} = (1 - \bar{k})v_m^n + \bar{k}v_{m-1}^n$ where as before (recall (31b), (28)) (35b)

$\bar{k} = a\lambda, \lambda = \frac{k}{h}$

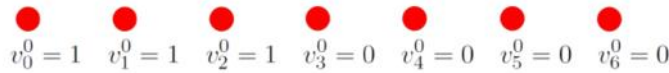
Recall that \bar{k} is the normalized time step.



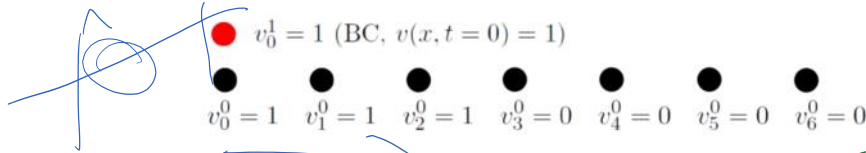
2.1.8.5 FD2: FTBS steps of solution

• Steps of the solution:

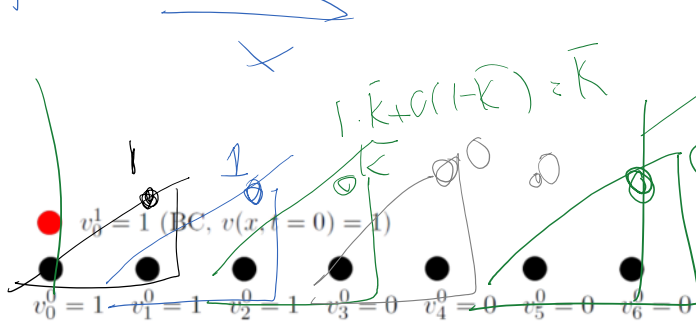
1. As before IC sets up values for time step 0



2. Again, similar to FTFS scheme, for time step 1, we enforce the BC on the left side,



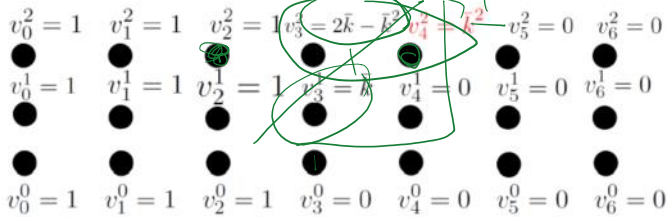
Inflow BC



$$1 \cdot \bar{k} + 0(1 - \bar{k}) = \bar{k}$$

outflow boundary where we should not specify BC

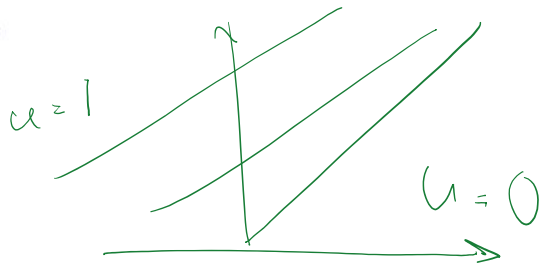
$$\bar{k} \cdot \bar{k} + 0(1 - \bar{k}) = \bar{k}^2$$



Any \bar{k} That would result in exact solution in all nodes

$$\bar{k} = 1 \quad h = \Delta x$$

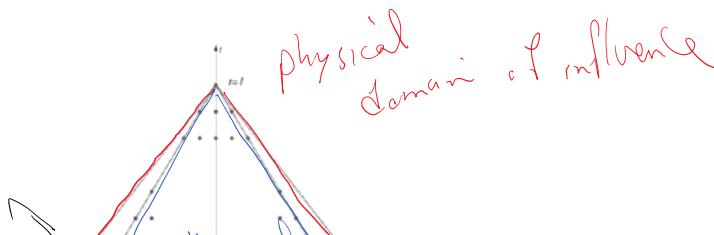
we capture the exact soln :-)

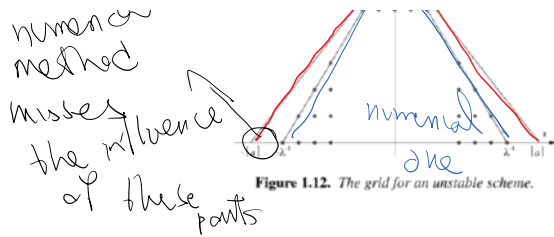


$V_{i+2}^i = \bar{k}^2$ remains bounded for $\bar{k} \leq 1$

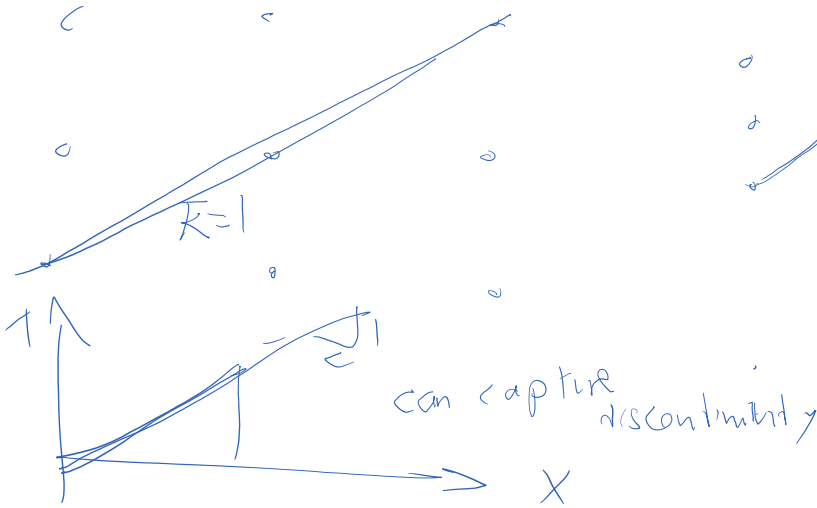
Stability requires $\bar{k} \leq 1$ Maximum possible time step from physical perspective

numerical method



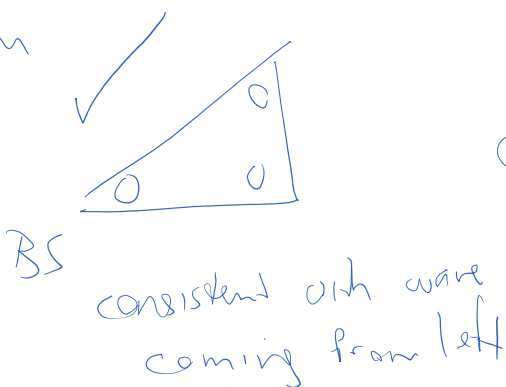


- We observe that the value v_{n+2}^n grows with the factor \bar{k} . That is, $v_{n+2}^n = \bar{k}^n$.
- If $|\bar{k}| > 1$ we observe that this value blows up and the method becomes unstable.
- We call this scheme **conditionally stable**: It is stable for $|\bar{k}| \leq 1$.
- $\bar{k} = 1$ matches the maximum possible limit for explicit methods for hyperbolic problems. This corresponds to CFL number = 1 (discussed later).
- We will observe that for FD formulas of the type $v_m^{n+1} = \alpha v_{m-1}^n + \beta v_m^n$ stability is assured if $|\alpha| + |\beta| \leq 1$.
- For FTBS scheme we had $v_m^{n+1} = (1 - \bar{k})v_{m-1}^n + \bar{k}v_m^n \Rightarrow$ stability requires $|1 - \bar{k}| + |\bar{k}| \leq 1 \Rightarrow \bar{k} \leq 1$.
- Similarly for FD formulas of the type $v_m^{n+1} = \alpha v_m^n + \beta v_{m+1}^n$ stability again requires $|\alpha| + |\beta| \leq 1$.
- For FTFS scheme we had $v_m^{n+1} = (1 + \bar{k})v_m^n + (-\bar{k})v_{m+1}^n \Rightarrow$ stability requires $|1 + \bar{k}| + |\bar{k}| \leq 1$. This condition **does not hold for any \bar{k}** meaning that **FTFS is unconditionally stable (for $a > 0$)**.



CFD ≥ 1 is good
can capture such discontinuities

problem

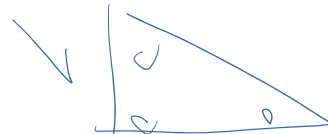


$a > 0$ X



this one is not

$a < 0$ ✓

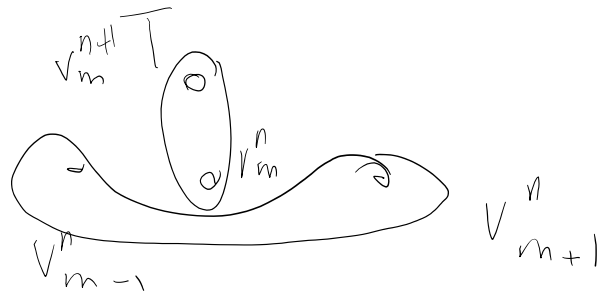


Any suggestions for a scheme working for $a > a < 0$?

Central Difference

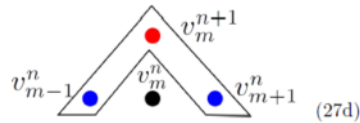
$$u_t + a u_x = 0$$

$$\frac{v_m^{n+1} - v_m^n}{k} + a \left(\frac{v_{m+1}^n - v_{m-1}^n}{2h} \right) = 0$$

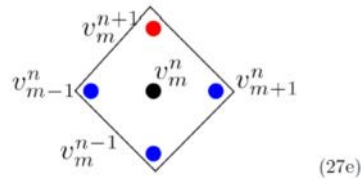


This scheme is unconditionally unstable for all a !
 Von Neumann analysis (later in this course) proves this.

$$\frac{v_m^{n+1} - \frac{1}{2}(v_{m-1}^n + v_{m+1}^n)}{k} + a \frac{v_{m+1}^n - v_{m-1}^n}{2h} = 0 \quad \text{Lax-Friedrichs}$$



$$\frac{v_m^{n+1} - v_m^{n-1}}{2k} + a \frac{v_{m+1}^n - v_{m-1}^n}{2h} = 0 \quad \text{leapfrog}$$



more dissipative

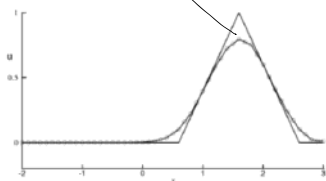


Figure 1.6. A solution of the Lax-Friedrichs scheme, $\lambda = 0.8$.

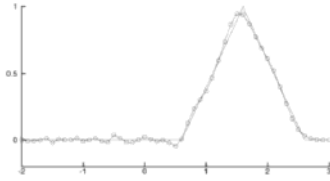


Figure 1.8. A solution computed with leapfrog scheme, $\lambda = 0.8$.

2.1.8.8 Development of instabilities from nonsmooth features

- If an unstable time stable is used $\bar{k} = \lambda = 1.6$ the solution will be unstable.
- If nonsmooth features exist in the solution (IC, BC, source term) instabilities often initiate from those locations (if the method is unstable):

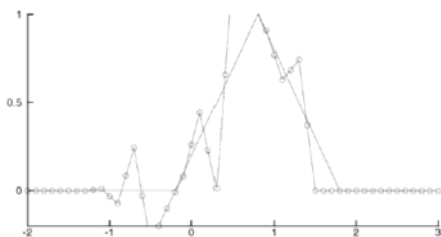
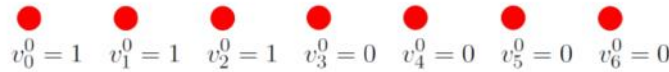


Figure 1.7. A solution of the Lax-Friedrichs scheme, $\lambda = 1.6$.

2.1.9 Examples for implicit methods

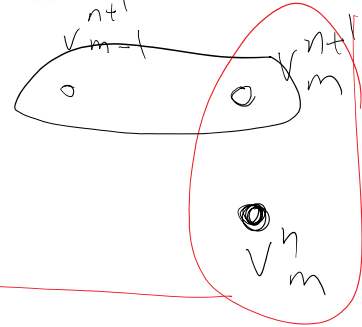
- We consider the same advection problem (26) $u_t + a(x,t)u_x = 0$, $a(x,t) = a > 0$, with IC (30) $u_0(x) = 1 - H(x)$, and BC $u(-3,t) = 1$ and the 7 point grid with $h = 1$ for the domain $x \in [-3, 3]$.



- The stencil for backward-time backward space (BTBS) scheme is (29a),

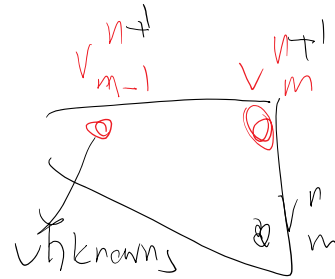
$$\frac{v_m^{n+1} - v_m^n}{k} + a \frac{v_m^{n+1} - v_{m-1}^{n+1}}{h} = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{v_m^{n+1} - v_m^n}{k} + a \frac{v_m^{n+1} - v_{m-1}^{n+1}}{h} = 0$$



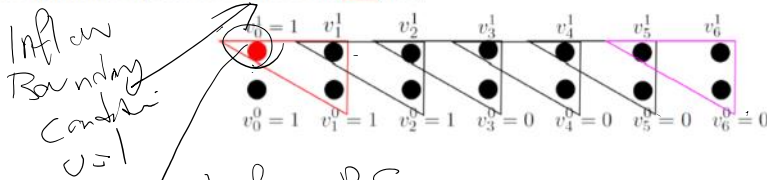
$$v_m^{n+1} - v_m^n + \bar{k} (v_m^{n+1} - v_{m-1}^{n+1}) = 0$$

$$(1 + \bar{k}) v_m^{n+1} - \bar{k} v_{m-1}^{n+1} = v_m^n$$



- Stages of solutions:

- IC is set as before for FTFS & FTBS.
- Boundary condition on the left boundary is set as $v_0^1 = 1$.
- The equations for points 1 to 6 based on (36a) are,



$$\left. \begin{aligned} (1 + \bar{k})v_1^1 - \bar{k}v_0^1 &= v_1^0 \\ (1 + \bar{k})v_2^1 - \bar{k}v_1^1 &= v_2^0 \\ (1 + \bar{k})v_3^1 - \bar{k}v_2^1 &= v_3^0 \\ (1 + \bar{k})v_4^1 - \bar{k}v_3^1 &= v_4^0 \\ (1 + \bar{k})v_5^1 - \bar{k}v_4^1 &= v_5^0 \\ (1 + \bar{k})v_6^1 - \bar{k}v_5^1 &= v_6^0 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \mathbf{A}v^1 := v^0 + b^1, \text{ where}$$

6 unknowns 6 eqns

$$v^n := \begin{bmatrix} v_1^n \\ v_2^n \\ v_3^n \\ v_4^n \\ v_5^n \\ v_6^n \end{bmatrix}, \quad b^n = \bar{k} \begin{bmatrix} u(0, t_n) \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} (1 + \bar{k}) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \bar{k} & (1 + \bar{k}) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{k} & (1 + \bar{k}) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \bar{k} & (1 + \bar{k}) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \bar{k} & (1 + \bar{k}) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \bar{k} & (1 + \bar{k}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}v^1 &= v^0 + b^1 \rightarrow v^1 = \mathbf{A}^{-1}v^0 + \mathbf{A}^{-1}b^1 \\ \mathbf{A}v^2 &= v^1 + b^2 \rightarrow v^2 = \mathbf{A}^{-1}v^1 + \mathbf{A}^{-1}b^2 = \mathbf{A}^{-1}(\mathbf{A}^{-1}v^0 + \mathbf{A}^{-1}b^1) + \mathbf{A}^{-1}b^2 \\ &= \mathbf{A}^{-2}v^0 + \mathbf{A}^{-2}b^1 + \mathbf{A}^{-1}b^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$v^n = A^{-n}v^0 + A^{-1}b^n + \dots + A^{-n}b^1 \Rightarrow \quad (39a)$$

$$v^n = A^{-n}v^0 + \{A^{-1} + \dots + A^{-n}\}b^1 = A^{-n}v^0 + A^{-1}(I - A^{-n})(I - A^{-1})^{-1}b^1 \quad \text{for constant BC } u(-3, t) = 1 \text{ at } x = -3b^1 \quad (39b)$$

$v^n = A^n v^0$ for zero BC
 sln at step n \swarrow
 \downarrow
 IC

- When does v^n blow-up, i.e., tend to infinity?
- Assume for the moment that $A^{-1} = D$ is diagonal (most general case by using Jordan decomposition is discussed in 5.3).

$$v^n = D^n v^0 \quad \text{where } D := \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d_3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & d_4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & d_5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & d_6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{where } d_1, \dots, d_6 \text{ are diagonal values of } D \quad (41)$$

2.1.9.3 Spectral radius of a matrix

- Based on these equations we get,

$$v^n = D^n v^0 = \begin{bmatrix} d_1^n & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d_2^n & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d_3^n & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & d_4^n & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & d_5^n & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & d_6^n \end{bmatrix} v^0 \quad (42)$$

- Let $n \rightarrow \infty$ (i.e., $t_n = nk \rightarrow \infty$). When the solution goes to infinity at t_n (i.e., components of v^n go to infinity)?
- Answer: If $|d_i| > 1$ for ANY i the solution blows up!

In general spectral radius of A^{-1} ($\rho(A^{-1}) < 1$)
 $= 1$? we'll discuss it later

why

$$v^{n+1} = B v^n \quad \text{zero BC} \rightarrow v^n = B^n v^0$$

$B w_i = \lambda_i w_i$
 eigenvalues (λ_i, w_i)

$$B \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ w_1 & \dots & w_n \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ w_1 & \dots & w_n \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \dots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B w = \lambda w \rightarrow \boxed{B = W \Lambda W^{-1}}$$

$$\boxed{B w = \lambda w} \quad \text{if } B \text{ is diagonalizable}$$

$$B^2 = (W \Lambda W^{-1})(W \Lambda W^{-1}) = W \Lambda^2 W^{-1}$$

$$\boxed{B^m = W \Lambda^m W^{-1}}$$

1 ... n

$$A^m = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^m & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n^m \end{bmatrix}$$

blows up if for any i $|\lambda_i| > 1$

If all $|\lambda_i| < 1$ the method is stable!

If B is diagonalizable for stability $\rho(B) = \max_{i=1, \dots, n} |\lambda_i(B)| < 1$
 $v^{n+1} = Bv^n$

$v^n = A^{-n}v^0$ for zero BC on the left

(40)

$B = A^{-1}$ eigenvalues of B are $< 1 \Rightarrow$
 diagonalizable

eigenvalues of $A \geq 1$
 A diagonalizable

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} (1+\bar{k}) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \bar{k} & (1+\bar{k}) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{k} & (1+\bar{k}) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \bar{k} & (1+\bar{k}) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \bar{k} & (1+\bar{k}) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \bar{k} & (1+\bar{k}) \end{bmatrix}$$

eigenvalues of A
 (37b) Lower triangular matrix
 diagonals are eigenvalues

$\{(1+\bar{k}), 1+\bar{k}, \dots, (1+\bar{k})\}$

$(1+\bar{k}) \geq 1$ $\bar{k} \geq 0$ Always true

whether diagonalizable or not $v^{n+1} = Bv^n$
 $\rho(B) < 1$ is always stable

$\bar{k} > 0$ $\rho(B) = \rho(A^{-1}) < 1$

This is unconditionally stable.

In this case, since A is lower triangular, the solution for next v is trivial

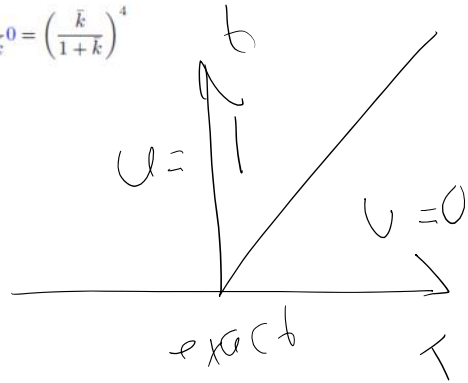
$$v^n := \begin{bmatrix} v_1^n \\ v_2^n \\ v_3^n \\ v_4^n \\ v_5^n \\ v_6^n \end{bmatrix}, \quad b^n = \bar{k} \begin{bmatrix} u(0, t_n) \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} (1+\bar{k}) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \bar{k} & (1+\bar{k}) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{k} & (1+\bar{k}) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \bar{k} & (1+\bar{k}) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \bar{k} & (1+\bar{k}) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \bar{k} & (1+\bar{k}) \end{bmatrix} \quad (37b)$$

BC $v_0^1 = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} (1+\bar{k})v_1^1 - \bar{k}v_0^1 &= v_1^0 &\Rightarrow v_1^1 &= \frac{\bar{k}}{1+\bar{k}}v_0^1 + \frac{1}{1+\bar{k}}v_1^0 = \frac{\bar{k}}{1+\bar{k}}1 + \frac{1}{1+\bar{k}}1 = 1 \\ (1+\bar{k})v_2^1 - \bar{k}v_1^1 &= v_2^0 &\Rightarrow v_2^1 &= \frac{\bar{k}}{1+\bar{k}}v_1^1 + \frac{1}{1+\bar{k}}v_2^0 = \frac{\bar{k}}{1+\bar{k}}1 + \frac{1}{1+\bar{k}}1 = 1 \\ (1+\bar{k})v_3^1 - \bar{k}v_2^1 &= v_3^0 &\Rightarrow v_3^1 &= \frac{\bar{k}}{1+\bar{k}}v_2^1 + \frac{1}{1+\bar{k}}v_3^0 = \frac{\bar{k}}{1+\bar{k}}1 + \frac{1}{1+\bar{k}}0 = \frac{\bar{k}}{1+\bar{k}} \\ (1+\bar{k})v_4^1 - \bar{k}v_3^1 &= v_4^0 &\Rightarrow v_4^1 &= \frac{\bar{k}}{1+\bar{k}}v_3^1 + \frac{1}{1+\bar{k}}v_4^0 = \frac{\bar{k}}{1+\bar{k}}\frac{\bar{k}}{1+\bar{k}} + \frac{1}{1+\bar{k}}0 = \left(\frac{\bar{k}}{1+\bar{k}}\right)^2 \\ (1+\bar{k})v_5^1 - \bar{k}v_4^1 &= v_5^0 &\Rightarrow v_5^1 &= \frac{\bar{k}}{1+\bar{k}}v_4^1 + \frac{1}{1+\bar{k}}v_5^0 = \frac{\bar{k}}{1+\bar{k}}\left(\frac{\bar{k}}{1+\bar{k}}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{1+\bar{k}}0 = \left(\frac{\bar{k}}{1+\bar{k}}\right)^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$(1+\bar{k})v_6^1 - \bar{k}v_5^1 = v_6^0 \Rightarrow v_6^1 = \frac{\bar{k}}{1+\bar{k}}v_5^1 + \frac{1}{1+\bar{k}}v_6^0 = \frac{\bar{k}}{1+\bar{k}}\left(\frac{\bar{k}}{1+\bar{k}}\right)^3 + \frac{1}{1+\bar{k}}0 = \left(\frac{\bar{k}}{1+\bar{k}}\right)^4$$

● $v_0^0 = 1$
● $v_1^0 = 1$
● $v_2^0 = 1$
● $v_3^0 = 0$
● $v_4^0 = 0$
● $v_5^0 = 0$
● $v_6^0 = 0$



In 2D and 3D FD of PDEs in general, we don't get this nice 1 node solve at a time

Global coupling of implicit methods make them more difficult to parallelize.

2.1.9.6 Backward-time forward-space: A conditional stable implicit method

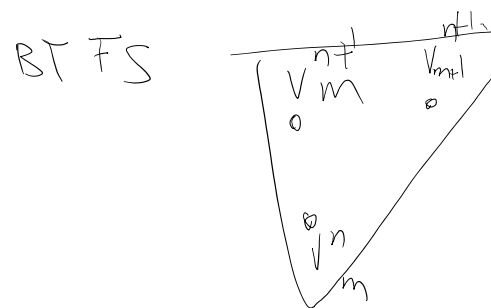
- For Backward-time forward-space (BTFS) scheme we have, cf. (29b)

$$\frac{v_m^{n+1} - v_m^n}{k} + a \frac{v_{m+1}^{n+1} - v_m^{n+1}}{h} = 0 \Rightarrow$$

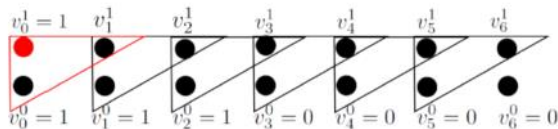
$$v_m^{n+1} - v_m^n + \bar{k} v_{m+1}^{n+1} - \bar{k} v_m^{n+1} = 0$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} (1-\bar{k})v_m^{n+1} + \bar{k} v_{m+1}^{n+1} = v_m^n \end{array} \right]$$

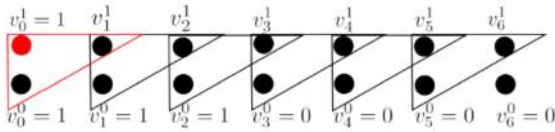
unknowns known



- By writing the equations for points 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (compare to 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 for BTBS),



$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{k} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ (1-\bar{k}) & \bar{k} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (1-\bar{k}) & \bar{k} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (1-\bar{k}) & \bar{k} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & (1-\bar{k}) & \bar{k} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & (1-\bar{k}) & \bar{k} \end{bmatrix}$$



eigenvalues are \bar{k}
 eigenvalues of $B = A^{-1} =$
 $\frac{1}{\bar{k}} \rightarrow \rho(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\bar{k}}$

$\rho(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\bar{k}} < 1 \rightarrow \boxed{\bar{k} > 1}$ for stability

for this implicit scheme time step should be large enough

$(\bar{k} > 1)$

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- Thus, all eigenvalues of A are \bar{k} meaning that all eigenvalues of A^{-1} are $1/\bar{k}$ and

$$\rho(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\bar{k}} \Rightarrow \text{BTFS scheme is stable if } \rho(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\bar{k}} \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow \bar{k} \geq 1 \quad (49)$$

- That is,

The IMPLICIT method of BTFS is CONDITIONALLY STABLE and large enough steps ($\bar{k} \geq 1$) must be taken for stability.

- This is a good example of an implicit method that IS NOT unconditionally stable. That is, it does not have the main advantage of most implicit methods (unconditional stability) yet is more expensive than explicit ones (in 2D and 3D) for this problem.
- The cause of this problem is again the wave (right-going with $a > 0$) not being consistent with FD grid. Although we cannot always make such arguments and stability of a method should be directly evaluated.
- Likewise BTBS method will only be conditionally stable for left-going wave.

Higher order PDEs: parabolic PDEs (Diffusion equation)

2.1.10 Higher order PDEs: 2nd order parabolic & hyperbolic PDEs

- Consider the solution of the parabolic PDE,

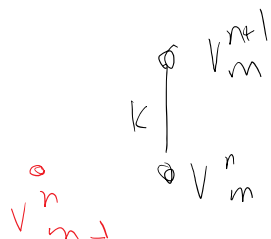
$$u_t - Du_{xx} = r$$

diffusion coefficient viscosity

[D] physical unit = $\frac{L^2}{T}$

FTIME

$$U_{\text{ft}} = \frac{v_m^{n+1} - v_m^n}{k}$$



$$2v_{m+1}^n$$

CS

$$U_{\text{xx}} = \frac{v_{m+1}^n + v_m^n - 2v_m^n}{h^2}$$

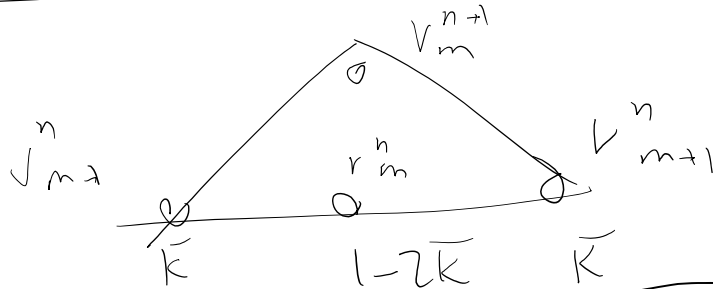
$$v_{m+1}^n - 2v_m^n + v_{m-1}^n$$

$$V_m^{n+1} - V_m^n + \left(\frac{KD}{h^2} \right) \left[V_{m+1}^n + V_{m-1}^n - 2V_m^n \right] = 0$$

$$V_m^{n+1} = (1 - 2\bar{K}) V_m^n + \bar{K} V_{m-1}^n + \bar{K} V_{m+1}^n$$

$$K \leq \bar{K}^*$$

number



$$\frac{KD}{h^2} \leq \bar{K}^* \rightarrow$$

$$K \leq \frac{\bar{K}^* h^2}{D}$$

stable time step \propto not h for parabolic PDEs

