

# Math 4997-3

## Lecture 12: One-dimensional heat equation

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## Lecture 12

[What you should know from last lecture](#)

- ▶ What is HPX
- ▶ Asynchronous programming using HPX
- ▶ Shared memory parallelism using HPX

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## Heat equation

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## Heat equation

### Statement of the heat equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \alpha \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \right)$$

where alpha is the diffusivity of the material.

### Compact form

$$\dot{u} = \alpha \nabla^2 u$$

The heat equation computes the flow of heat in a homogeneous and isotropic medium.

More details [1].

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## Easiest case

### 1D heat equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq L, t > 0$$

### Boundary conditions

The solution of the heat equation requires boundary conditions

- ▶  $u(0, t) = u_0$
- ▶  $u(L, t) = u_L$
- ▶  $u(x, 0) = f_0(x)$

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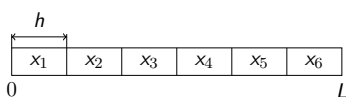
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## Discretization



### Discrete mesh

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

where  $N$  is the total number of nodes and  $h$  is given by  $h = L/N - 1$ .

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# Finite difference method

## Approximation of the first derivative

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \approx \frac{u_{i+1} - u_i}{2h}$$

## Approximation of the second derivative

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \approx \frac{u_{i-1} - 2u_i + u_{i+1}}{h^2}$$

Note that a second-order central difference scheme is applied. More details [3, 2].

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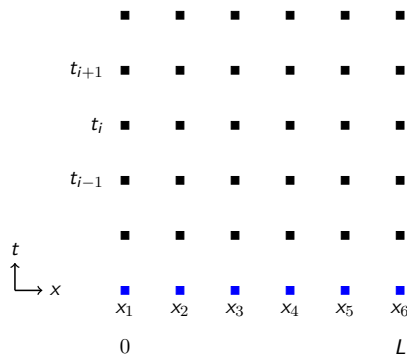
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# Discretization in space and time



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## Serial implementation

# Time measurement and system information

## Time measurement

```
std::uint64_t t
    = hp::util::high_resolution_clock::now();
// Do work
std::uint64_t elapsed
    = hp::util::high_resolution_clock::now() - t;
```

## Accessing system information

```
std::uint64_t const os_thread_count
    = hp::get_os_thread_count();

std::cout << "Computation took " << elapsed
    << " on " << os_thread_count << " threads"
    << std::endl;
```

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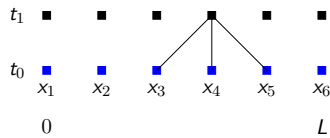
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## Discretization scheme



### Approximation of the heat equation

```
static double heat(double left,
                  double middle,
                  double right)
{
    return middle +
        (alpha*dt/(h*h)) * (left - 2*middle + right);
}
```

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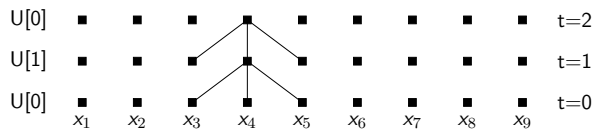
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## Swapping the data



### Swapping function

```
space do_work(std::size_t nx, std::size_t nt)
{
    // U[t][i] is the state of position i at time t.
    std::vector<space> U(2);
    for (space& s : U)
        s.resize(nx);

    // Return the solution at time-step 'nt'.
    return U[nt % 2];
}
```

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## Do the actual work

```
// Actual time step loop
for (std::size_t t = 0; t != nt; ++t)
{
    space const& current = U[t % 2];
    space& next = U[(t + 1) % 2];

    next[0] =
        heat(current[nx-1], current[0], current[1]);

    for (std::size_t i = 1; i != nx-1; ++i)
        next[i] =
            heat(current[i-1], current[i], current[i+1]);

    next[nx-1] =
        heat(current[nx-2], current[nx-1], current[0]);
}
```

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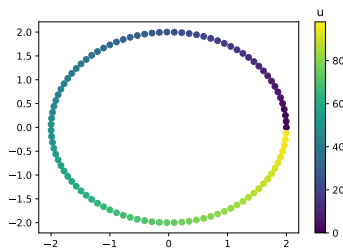
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## Initial conditions

$$u(x, 0) = f(i, 0), \text{ with } f(0, i) = i \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, N$$



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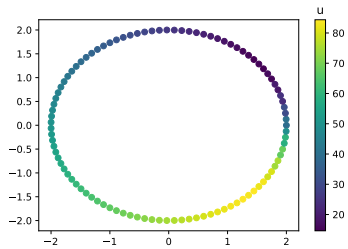
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## Solution



### Parameters

- ▶ heat transfer coefficient  $k = 0.5$
- ▶ time step size  $dt = 1.$ ;
- ▶ grid spacing  $h = 1.$ ;
- ▶ time steps  $nt = 45$ ;

## Summary

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After this lecture, you should know

- ▶ One-dimensional heat equation
- ▶ Serial implementation

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