

Introduction to Finite Volume Methods-I
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Lecture – 24
Finite Volume discretization of Diffusion equation-II

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Diffusion Equation (2D)

steady-state Diffusion eqn.

$$-\nabla \cdot (\Gamma \nabla \phi) = Q$$

(A) for cell 'c' → replicated for other interior cell.
 (B) Boundary element → requires special treatment

Elements → connectivity } (local indexing)
 Faces → faces } (global indexing)
 Nodes → nodes } (discretized index)

local indexing = (i,j)
 uniform grid spacing
 $(\Delta x)_c = (\Delta x)_E = (\Delta x)_W$
 $(\Delta y)_c = (\Delta y)_N = (\Delta y)_S$

S_e = surface vector at face 'e'
 S_w, S_n, S_s = surface vectors at faces 'w, n, s' (respectively)

Structured (Cartesian grid)
 discretized indexing
 → stencil for discretization

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So, welcome to the lectures of this Finite Volume Method.

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Diffusion Equation

$\nabla \cdot J_D^q = Q$, $J_D^q = -\Gamma \nabla \phi$ V_c = Volume of element 'c'

(volume integration → surface integral → Algebraic eqn.
 $\sum_{\text{faces}(c)} (-\Gamma \nabla \phi)_f \cdot S_f = Q_c V_c$ Q_c = source/sink for element 'c'

expand

$(-\Gamma \nabla \phi)_e \cdot S_e + (-\Gamma \nabla \phi)_w \cdot S_w + (-\Gamma \nabla \phi)_n \cdot S_n + (-\Gamma \nabla \phi)_s \cdot S_s = Q_c V_c$ $2D$ element → loops over 4 faces (e, w, n, s)

Uniform, Cartesian, surface vectors are normal to the respective faces

→ $S_e = +(\Delta y)_e \cdot i = \|S_e\| i = S_e i$, $S_w = -(\Delta y)_w \cdot i = -\|S_w\| i = -S_w i$
 $S_n = (\Delta x)_n \cdot j = S_n j$, $S_s = -(\Delta x)_s \cdot j = -S_s j$

East face $J_e^q \cdot S_e = (-\Gamma \nabla \phi)_e \cdot S_e = -\Gamma_e S_e \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} i + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} j \right) \cdot i$

$\Gamma_e, \Gamma_w, \Gamma_n, \Gamma_s$ $J_e^q = -\Gamma_e S_e \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \right)_e$

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So, once the stencil definition is over we can move to the so, if you keep this picture in mind, this is how we have it this is my cell c this is my e or s_e this is my north. So, north face this is my west face so, W this is my south face ok. And the distance between this is east, distance between this is Δx_e . distance between this is Δx_w , distance between this two is Δy_s and distance between this is Δy_n .

So, this is the small information if you keep in mind, then we can so, our equation is $\text{div } \mathbf{J} = Q$ ok, where your diffusion flux is defined as $-\gamma \Delta \phi$. So, as we have done that you do the integration or volume integration and then convert to surface integral to get back an algebraic equation. So, that we have already done.

So, if you follow the same procedure essentially, doing the integration and all this will turn out to be the summation of f over all the faces $-\gamma \Delta \phi \cdot \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{S}_f$ equals to $Q V_c$.

So, we are writing for V_c is the volume of element c and Q_c is the source or sink for element c . So, that is what it does? You get this algebraic system. So, if you expand this one, now you expand this one, once you expand this one this will now essentially this is written for this element c here and once you expand that it will go over these four surfaces.

So, it is a 2D element 2D element so the loop goes over loops over 4 faces. And the faces are east west north south and that is why it is very very important to keep track of this notation east, west, north, south.

So, if I expand it, it will be now written $-\gamma \Delta \phi \cdot \mathbf{e}_e \cdot \mathbf{S}_e + \gamma \Delta \phi \cdot \mathbf{e}_w \cdot \mathbf{S}_w - \gamma \Delta \phi \cdot \mathbf{e}_n \cdot \mathbf{S}_n - \gamma \Delta \phi \cdot \mathbf{e}_s \cdot \mathbf{S}_s = Q_c V_c$. So, that is my expanded equation which is turning out to be; now this grid is uniform number one Cartesian ok.

So, the surface vectors are normal to the respective faces ok, this is very very important. If that does not happen, then we not straight way we have already seen we cannot if they are not collinear or they are some sort of off the center connections, then we cannot straight calculate the surface vectors.

So, have been said that we can estimate S_c , S_c would be nothing, but the surface vector which is Δy positive east dot i so, this would be essentially magnitude of S_e i . So, one can write S_e i , so, the normal vector is here S_e which would be these distance into the unit depth.

So, that is what it does similarly you write for S_w which is minus Δy w i . So, this would be minus S_w i or S_w i and why does this minus sign come here? Because if assume this is the local coordinate system, this goes in a positive i and this goes in positive j .

So, this is my positive direction these becomes negative direction ok, S_n would be Δx positive n dot i which is essentially n dot j , S_n j and similarly S_s would be minus Δx s j which S_s j .

So, here you get all your surface vector definition. Once you get that surface vector definition you can calculate all this individual surfex surface fluxes the diffusion fluxes. First let us look at the east face so; if you look at the east face so, that is essentially your J_e dot S . So, this would be minus γ $\Delta \phi_e$ equals to e dot S_e so, this is the term essentially.

Now, this term if you expand now this would be $\gamma_e S_e \Delta \phi$ by Δx i plus $\Delta \phi$ by Δy j dot product with i because my S_e is essentially S_e i . So, this is the dot product with i and what you get back here it is a dot product of i . So, you get back with this term only minus $\gamma_e S_e \Delta \phi$ by Δx e ok.

So, that is my east face diffusion flux, if you look at it now we got a expression will continue this notation for all the faces like γ_e , γ_w , γ_n and γ_s just to represent that if there is no non homogeneity, then they would be equal. If there is a if there is a homogeneity they would be equal if they are not homogeneous then they could be different.

And the discretization technique or the numerics essentially, takes into account the non homogeneous contribution of the diffusion term. So, that is what we will retain this suffix of individual faces.

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Diffusion Equation

$J_e^D = \text{Flux } T_e = \text{Flux } C_e \phi_c + \text{Flux } F_e \phi_E + \text{Flux } V_e$
 \Rightarrow coefficients of ϕ variation between 'C' & 'F'

Linear variation:

$$\left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}\right)_e = \frac{\phi_E - \phi_C}{(\delta x)_e}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Flux } T_e = -\Gamma_e (\delta y)_e \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}\right)_e$$

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma_e (\delta y)_e \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}\right)_e (\phi_C - \phi_E) = \text{Flux } C_e \phi_C + \text{Flux } F_e \phi_E + \text{Flux } V_e$$

$$\text{Flux } C_e = -\Gamma_e D_c, \quad \text{Flux } F_e = -\Gamma_e D_f, \quad \text{Flux } V_e = 0$$

West Face

$$\text{Flux } T_w = -(\nabla \phi)_w \cdot S_w$$

$$= -\Gamma_w S_w \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} i + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} j \right)_w \cdot (-i)$$

$$= \Gamma_w S_w \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \right)_w$$

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Now once you obtain that so, if you now write the diffusion flux at the east face, which is total flux at east face which is the flux $C_e \phi_c$ plus flux $F_e \phi_E$ plus flux V_e .

So, flux C_e flux V_e and F_e these are essentially coefficients of ϕ variation between C and F ; that means, any neighboring element so, these are the coefficients. Now if you assume the linear variation, if you assume the linear variation let us say the ϕ variation is linear, then you can have the system like this c east.

This is east face, this is the distance δx_e and this is the variation and the linear variation will do the dot. So, this would be ϕ_c and this would be ϕ_E and the slope is $\Delta \phi / \Delta x$. So, this is the slope of that linear variation so, that is a the profile would be the interpolation slope of these two. So, what I can write $\Delta \phi / \Delta x_e$ with the linear variation $\phi_E - \phi_C$ divided by Δx_e . Now this expression if you replace in this particular equation. So, combine these two what you get is that total flux is minus $\Gamma_e \delta y_e$ which we have this is $\Gamma_e S_e \Delta \phi / \Delta x$. So, $\Gamma_e \delta y_e (\phi_E - \phi_C) / \Delta x_e$.

So, if I rewrite that this would be $\Gamma_e \delta y_e (\phi_C - \phi_E) / \Delta x_e$. So, this negative sign is taken into account, which is also equivalent to my expression flux $C_e \phi_c$ flux $F_e \phi_E$ flux, flux V_e . So, this would be you can write this one flux E here.

So, if you take the mapping of the coefficients you get here before that you define these particular system let say D_e equals to Δy_e by Δx_e . So, then if you map the coefficients for ϕ_C and ϕ_E you get flux C_e equals to $\gamma_e D_e$.

Similarly flux F_e equals to minus $\gamma_e D_e$ and the third one the flux V_e is 0. So, this is what you get as the coefficient. So, once you get that then you got your this things, now when you move to the west face we can similarly fine out that flux the total fluxed at the west face is minus $\gamma_e \Delta \phi_w \cdot S_w$.

So, which will turn out to be minus $\gamma_w S_w \Delta \phi$ by $\Delta x_i \Delta \phi$ by Δy_j dot minus i . So, this is as per our definition of S_w so, S_w is minus i . So, if you do this, this would be $\gamma_w S_w$ by $\Delta \phi$ by Δx_w ok.

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Diffusion Equation

$$\text{Flux } T_w = \Gamma_w S_w \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \right)_w \Rightarrow \Gamma_w S_w \frac{(\phi_C - \phi_W)}{\Delta x_w} = \text{Flux } C_w \phi_C + \text{Flux } F_w \phi_W + \text{Flux } V_w$$

$$\left[\text{Flux } C_w = \Gamma_w D_w, \text{ Flux } F_w = -\Gamma_w D_w, \text{ Flux } V_w = 0 \right]$$

$$D_w = \frac{(\Delta y)_w}{\Delta x_w} = \frac{\|S_w\|}{\|d_{cw}\|} = \frac{S_w}{d_{cw}} \quad \left| \quad D_c = \frac{(\Delta y)_c}{\Delta x_c} = \frac{\|S_c\|}{\|d_{ce}\|} = \frac{S_c}{d_{ce}}$$

$N, S \Rightarrow$ you can get it in similar fashion . . .

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{Flux } T_n &= \text{Flux } C_n \phi_n + \text{Flux } F_n \phi_N + \text{Flux } V_n \\ \text{Flux } T_s &= \text{Flux } C_s \phi_c + \text{Flux } F_s \phi_S + \text{Flux } V_s \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{Flux } C_n &= \Gamma_n D_n, \text{ Flux } F_n = -\Gamma_n D_n, \text{ Flux } V_n = 0 \\ \text{Flux } C_s &= \Gamma_s D_s, \text{ Flux } F_s = -\Gamma_s D_s, \text{ Flux } V_s = 0 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$D_n = \frac{\|S_n\|}{\|d_{cn}\|} = \frac{(\Delta x)_n}{\Delta y_n} = \frac{S_n}{d_{cn}} ; \quad D_s = \frac{\|S_s\|}{\|d_{cs}\|} = \frac{(\Delta x)_s}{\Delta y_s} = \frac{S_s}{d_{cs}}$$

And which can be again written that so, I can write the total flux T_w equals to $\gamma_w S_w \Delta \phi$ by Δx_w which is nothing, but $\gamma_w S_w \phi_C$ minus ϕ_W divided by Δx_w . And the coefficients would be flux $C_w \phi_C$ flux $F_w \phi_W$ plus flux V_w .

If you match the coefficients from these two equation, then you get flux C_w equal to $\gamma_w D_w$ flux F_w equals to minus $\gamma_w D_w$ and flux V_w equals to 0. So, these are the coefficients that you get and the D_w definition is similar to our D_e definitions, which would be like where D_w is my Δy_w by Δx_w . Which one can think about magnitude of S_w divided by d_{cw} which is S_w by d_{cw} .

So, that is our definition of so, similarly we could write for S D e that D e we had definition of del y e by del x e which is magnitude of S e divided by d c e, which is S e by d c E.

So, we got the surface of east and west now you have two more surfaces which are left the north and south. So, you can you can get it in similar fashion, we have all the required information which is available. So, if I put this together the flux T n the total flux would be flux C n phi N or flux C n phi c flux F n phi N plus flux V n ok. And the south would be flux T s the total flux would be flux C s phi c flux F s phi s plus flux V s ok.

So, this is the total flux definition and once you do the mapping for each case you get for this case you get where flux C n would be gamma n D n flux F n would be minus gamma n D n and flux V n would be 0. And similarly for this case we get flux C s is gamma s D s flux F s equals to minus gamma s D s and flux V s equals to 0.


So, you got all these coefficients and where your D n would be magnitude of S n divided by d c n, which is nothing, but your delta x n by delta y n which is S n by d c n. Similarly, you get D s definition which would be S s divided by d c s, which is delta x s by delta y s, S s by d c s.

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Diffusion Equation

$$(-\nabla \cdot \nabla \phi)_c \cdot S_c + (-\nabla \cdot \nabla \phi)_w \cdot S_w + (-\nabla \cdot \nabla \phi)_n \cdot S_n + (-\nabla \cdot \nabla \phi)_s \cdot S_s = Q_c V_c$$

$$a_c \phi_c + a_E \phi_E + a_W \phi_W + a_N \phi_N + a_S \phi_S = b_c$$


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So, you got all these coefficients and now if you put them together in the final equation, equation that you had basically the equation of this that you had $\gamma_e \dot{\phi}_e + \gamma_w \dot{\phi}_w + \gamma_n \dot{\phi}_n + \gamma_s \dot{\phi}_s = Q_c V_c$.

So, if you put everything together in this particular equation, now whatever we have now obtained if you put them together. So, what do you get? You get an equation $a_c \phi_c + a_e \phi_e + a_w \phi_w + a_n \phi_n + a_s \phi_s = b_c$. So, this is the algebraic equation that you get or the linear equation and the coefficients that you can calculate and we will see how to calculate that in the follow up lecture.

Thank you.