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Advanced iterative methods

Alternating Direction Implicit Method

Operator splitting

We have looked at some basic iterative methods like the Jacobi method and Gauss-Seidel method, the Successive over relaxation method. These are classical methods. There are some combinations of these also like Red Black method and these have not only the property of the domain of convergence or the conditions of convergence and the rate of convergence.

Some of the aspects that we would not be discussing in this course also are bearing on whatever method we use. For example, some method Jacobi method may be useful for parallel computing because it does not require the solution of the current time step. So, there are some special features like vectorization and parallelization properties of methods, all of which are going to the selection of a particular method when we are looking at an advanced implementation of a CFD method. Apart from this, the general requirement for an iterative method is that we should make it converge faster and we have seen that the convergent behaviour of a given iterative scheme is determined by the key matrix and you have a certain initial in the classical methods. You have an initial variation of the residual which depends on the spectrum of Eigen values and only as we go to larger and larger number of iterations, we reach that asymptotic convergence ratio.

So, **if there is** if there are ways in which the convergence can be dynamically changed, then that would help or **if** we can use some other methods to increase the rate of convergence that would also be helpful. So, **in** the dynamic method for example, the SOR scheme or the Gaussian scheme can be converted into a non-stationary problem like the Chebyshev method **in** which you dynamically change some of the parameters associated with the solution and then within the context of the Gauss-Seidel method or SOR method, we can affect the rate of

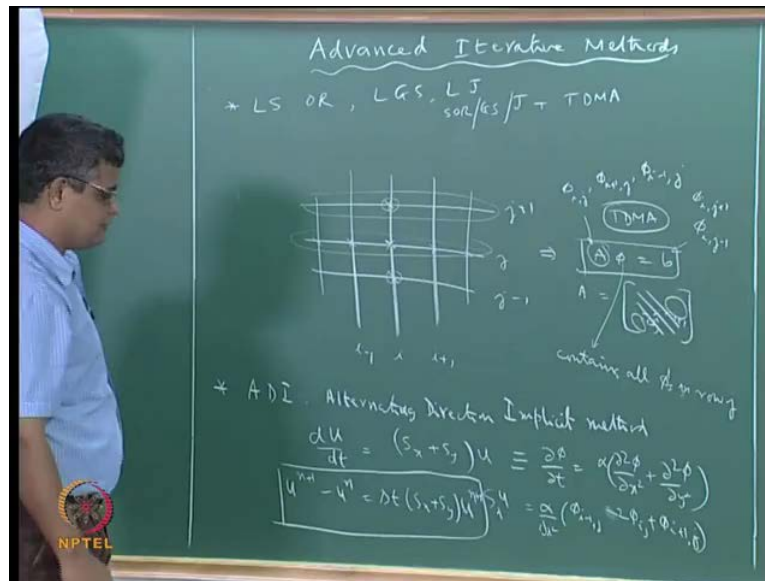
convergence. Those are specific to certain cases and generalization may be not so easy, especially when we have symmetric positive definite matrixes, then those methods work very well and you can reach the convergence of an optimal SOR with Chebyshev iteration method.

When you have non-symmetric, asymmetric positive definite matrixes like what we have in the case of a general steady state diffusion convection, diffusion type of equation where symmetry of the matrix is not guaranteed, in such a case, **we have to** these methods may not be applicable. We can still take advantage of the nature of the problem to introduce efficient direct methods into this overall solution scheme. We have seen that efficient solution methods which are direct methods are like specific variations of the Gaussian elimination method or the LU decomposition method for banded matrixes. We have seen the Tri-diagonal matrix algorithm which has the number of mathematical operations required for solutions varying linearly with the number of variables whereas, for the classical iterative methods in the asymptotic limit, it is N^2 and for standard Gaussian elimination method, it is N^3 .

So, if we can introduce the direct method associated with TDMA, a Tri-diagonal matrix algorithm into a Gauss-Seidel method, we can hope to achieve better results. So, **that is one introduction** that is one way of combining the classical iterative methods with the direct method.

We will look at this particular case and we will look at other cases **which incorporate** which have the same goal in mind, which is to somehow increase the rate of convergence by maybe spending more time per iteration, but improving the overall rate of convergence. So, we are looking at say advanced iterative methods.

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At this stage, it is probably a good point to recollect the emphasis on iterative methods. We have seen that in a general CFD solution, we have to solve at least four equations for a three-dimensional problem. The continuity and the three-momentum equations and we know that each of these equations can be converted into some $A \phi = b$, but we also know that the coefficient matrix A contains assumed values of other variables, which are not determined yet.

For example, when we discretize the momentum equation, we assume the value of v and w and maybe the pressure or related thing at that particular at each point. So, the coefficient matrix is an approximation based on current estimates of undetermined variables coming from other equations. So, in such a case there is no point in solving $A \phi = b$ to death, that is to the utmost numerical accuracy. So, if we can make some calculations and get an improved solution, then we can update the values **of the** in the coefficient matrix itself.

So, it is in that sense for a CFD problem, iteration iterative method are the most suitable methods when we are looking at the overall solution for a three-dimensional or a two-dimensional case.

So, that is why we want to use iterative methods which allow us to improve upon the coefficients in the coefficient matrix a corresponding to each discretized equation. So, the first possibility is a classical method which is known as SLOR, Successive Over Relaxation applied to lines and the basic idea is this, that you have let say these are the ijk points, i minus

$i, j + 1$ and $j - 1$. For a Laplace equation or a Poisson equation, this value at point ij is associated with the four neighbouring points and these are the five points that appear in the $A\phi = b$ equation for that particular point.

So, in a standard Gauss-Seidel method, we evaluate this in terms of the $k + 1$ value of these two points and k value of these points. In the Jacobi method, we evaluate the $k + 1$ value of this based on the k values of the four neighbouring points. In the Successive Over Relaxation method, we give a weight coefficient w and then accordingly we do the overall evaluation, but in each case the value of this is explicitly determined in terms of weighted values of the neighbouring values, of the neighbouring four things.

So, we compute this one and then we go to this and then we go to this and we finish this row and then come back. Then we do point by point evaluation of each thing, but if you look at this particular thing, then if I say that let me this value, if I want to evaluate this I already know this value because this is a lower row and my usual computation is actually going like this from left to right and all the way and then to the next row and the next row like this.

So, one can say that when we are at this point, we do not know this and if you are doing point by point, then we know this, we do not know this, but if we want if we say that I know this value and I will assume this value, then this is given by the two neighbouring points and I can and similarly this will be given by these three neighbouring points. The next one, this will be given by these three neighbouring points like this.

So, once I assume this value and this value, then the value at the centre is given in terms of the **west point and** east point and west point or the right neighbour and the left neighbour. So, that gives me **a Tri-diagonal equation** a Tri-diagonal matrix **ok**. So, this the value of this is represented only in terms of three successive neighbouring points, three adjacent points and similarly this is represented in terms of three adjacent points. So, if I assume this, I can convert this into $A\phi = b$, where A is Tri-diagonal and all the rest are 0.

So, if this is ij and this will be $i + 1j$ and this value here is $i - 1j$. In this case, the j does not appear because j is an assumed value; it goes on to the right hand side. So, the b here has the values of $\phi_{ij - 1}$ and also the value of $\phi_{ij + 1}$ and a here has the values of ϕ_{ij} , $\phi_{i + 1j}$, $\phi_{i - 1j}$. So, these are we see that this is left, centre and right. So, those are the three diagonals, adjacent diagonals including the main diagonal which is coming here. So, this becomes a Tri-diagonal equation for all the values in j th row.

So, this ϕ here contains all ϕ 's in ρ_j . So, if we solve this using the TDMA scheme or the Thomas algorithm given that it is effectively this becomes the discretized equation of the one dimensional Laplace equation. So, we know that this **will be this** will satisfy the weak form of the diagonal dominance condition. Therefore, we can apply the Thomas algorithm here and solve for all these points efficiently, because the number of points if this is M , the number of computations required will be thirteen times M or something like that **ok**.

So, we can make use of the efficient TDMA scheme to get all these values in one go with assumed values of this. Once we determine this, then we go to the next row and then the higher row like this. So, we do line by line solution of the **of the** overall matrix of the points here and that is called, we can have Line Gauss-Seidel, we can have Line Jacobi and Line SOR. In these cases, these are combinations of the Jacobi method plus TDMA or Gauss-Seidel method plus TDMA and SOR method plus TDMA. So, in **in** this particular case, we are not doing point by point explicit equation, but we are doing for all the values in a particular row using the Tri-diagonal matrix algorithm which we know is an efficient method for the solution of Tri-diagonal equations.

So, this particular method is widely applicable. How well, how good it is compared to the standard Gauss-Seidel method and all. **It will definitely give** it will definitely have some advantage because in a typical Laplace type of equation, it is a boundary value type of problem, so that means that the information of the values at the boundaries has to be propagated to all interior points.

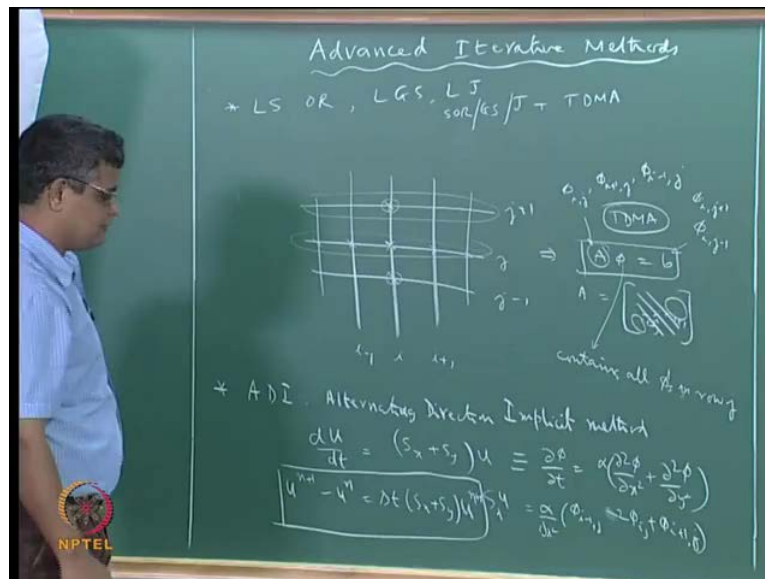
In a point by point evaluation in each evaluation, the information from the boundary goes only one step. So, the left boundary here will the information of what the value should be at the left boundary is propagated once, twice, thrice like that for each value. In the case of line evaluation, then the information of the left boundary and right boundary is essentially instantaneously known to all the points in this and **that would improve the rate of convergence** that would improve the overall rate of convergence of the Line SOR, Line Gauss-Seidel or Line Jacobi as compared to the standard Jacobi or Gauss-Seidel method or SOR because the constraint of the boundary condition is transmitted faster in the case of line evaluation.

So, you can have in this particular case the information of the left and right side boundary conditions is transmitted instantaneously in each row, but the top and bottom boundary

conditions is not evaluated instantly. So, that is still going step by step like this and so **you can** you can go through like this and then next time you can have evaluation along the vertical columns.

So, you can have a combination of line SOR applied for evaluation of all the points with horizontal lines and in the next round of evaluation, you can use vertical lines like that. So, you can have a combination of HSOR plus VSOR and again HSOR, VSOR. That type of thing can also be done and it is a variation of the same kind of method. So, this is one simple extension incorporation of the efficient TDMA scheme for one-dimensional diffusion equations into the overall scheme.

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The same method can be more formalized in what can be, what is called as ADI that is Alternating Direction Implicit method. This is proposed by Peaceman and Rachford in nineteen fifty two maybe and this is essentially incorporates the same idea that it is **it is** efficient to solve for one-dimensional equation using the TDMA scheme, but if you have **a two-dimensional method** two-dimensional problem, then we cannot use TDMA because that will give us a Penta-diagonal non-adjacent diagonal matrix for which we cannot use a TDMA.

So, the problem of that is **is** converted into two problems of Tri-diagonal matrix. So, let us just see with the help of an example. Let us say that we have du/dt is equal to, it is written in **in** essentially a symbolic way. Let me put down. So, this is the equation and we are writing

it in a symbolic way by saying that S_x here is the discretized operator for this and S_y is the discretized operator for this. For example, S_x here S_x of u is you have the α there α by Δx square, $\phi_i - \phi_{i-1} - 2\phi_i + \phi_{i+1}$ is the S_x operator. So, if you have this equation like this and this u here contains all the ϕ values that are appearing in this and we can use for example, a first order differencing here and say that $u_{i+1} - u_i = \Delta t$, this α is substitute in this times S_x plus S_y times u **ok**.

We have as usual the choice of making it explicit method or implicit by choosing to evaluate this at $n+1$ or n . If we choose this as explicit, if we evaluate the right hand side at n , then there is no iteration needed. We can go from point to point, but we may have severe constraints on the Δt that we can use, but if we make it implicit here, then **we have to** we can convert this into something like $A\phi = b$. We have a Penta-diagonal matrix because we have $i-1, i, i+1$ at given j . Similarly, we will have for this $j-1, j, j+1$ like this. So, we will have the Penta-diagonal matrix $A\phi = b$ which cannot be solved using TDMA method.

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$$u^{n+1} = u^n + (\Delta t (S_x + S_y)) u^{n+1}$$

$$\boxed{(1 - \Delta t (S_x + S_y)) u^{n+1} = u^n}$$

Higher order terms

$$(1 - \Delta t S_x)(1 - \Delta t S_y) u^{n+1} = (1 - \Delta t S_x - \Delta t S_y - \Delta t^2 S_x S_y) u^{n+1}$$

$$\approx (1 - \Delta t (S_x + S_y)) u^{n+1}$$

$$\begin{cases} (1 - \Delta t S_x) u^{n+1} \approx (1 + \Delta t S_y) u^n & \Rightarrow A \bar{\phi} = b \\ (1 - \Delta t S_y) u^{n+1} \approx u^{n+1} - \Delta t S_y u^n & \Rightarrow A' \bar{\phi} = b' \end{cases}$$

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$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = S u + Q = u^n + \Delta t S_y u^n - \Delta t S_x u^n + \Delta t^2 S_x S_y u^n$$

$$\boxed{u^{n+1} - u^n = \Delta t [0 H^{n+1} + (1-0) H^n]}$$

$\theta = 1/2 \rightarrow$ Crank-Nicolson scheme

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So, we can write this here as $\Delta t (1 + \Delta t (S_x + S_y)) u^{n+1} = u^n$, this whole thing times u this is no this is, so now we can bring this u^{n+1} term on to this side and then we can write $1 - \Delta t (S_x + S_y)$. What we will now try to do is, that we will break it up into, we can write this as $(1 - \Delta t S_x)(1 - \Delta t S_y) u^{n+1} = u^n$. So, if we

evaluate this, then this is equal to $1 - \Delta t S_x - \Delta t S_y - \Delta t^2 S_x S_y$ times u_n plus 1 **ok**.

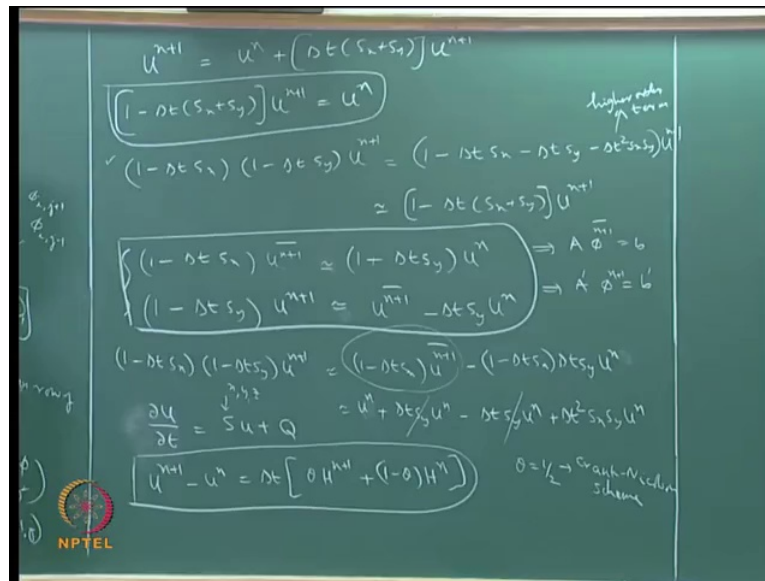
So, if **we** this is Δt and this is Δt^2 , so we can say that compared to this, this is a higher order term and **we can** if we can neglect this, then we can write this as $1 - \Delta t S_x - \Delta t S_y$ times u_n plus 1. So, that means that this thing here can be approximately written like this as product of $1 - \Delta t S_x$ times $1 - \Delta t S_y$ times u_n plus 1. So, this decomposition allows us to come up with overall scheme in which we can use the TDMA scheme. So, making this approximation here, we can put this in **in** a 2 step process like this, $1 - \Delta t S_x$ times u_n plus 1 bar equal to $1 - \Delta t S_x - \Delta t S_y$ times u_n and $1 - \Delta t S_y$, u_n plus 1 bar minus $\Delta t S_y u_n$.

So, Peaceman and Rachsford making use of this equivalence converted this into a 2 step process. Now, is this equivalent because this will be approximately equal because we have neglected the second order terms. How can we show this? If we were to substitute u_n plus 1 bar from this, then we will get it because we are dealing with operators here. What we are essentially saying is, we pre-multiply this equation with $1 - \Delta t S_x$ times this. So, if we do that $1 - \Delta t S_x$ plus $1 - \Delta t S_y u_n$ plus 1 is $1 - \Delta t S_x u_n$ plus 1 bar minus $1 - \Delta t S_x$ plus 1 bar minus $1 - \Delta t S_x$ this is u_n .

So, if we do this, then we know that $1 - \Delta t S_x$ and this is equal to this one here. So, on the left hand side, we have this one and this particular thing here is equal to from here is $1 - \Delta t S_y$. So, we can write this as substituting for this **this** value $1 - \Delta t S_y u_n$ and here this will be $1 - \Delta t S_y u_n$ and plus $\Delta t^2 S_x S_y u_n$ and here we have this thing here. So, this and this cancel out. This is not u_n . So, this is u_n and then we have this second order term which we can either neglect and we can see that this is the same as this one here.

So, from this we can show that this decomposition is equivalent to; we can recover back this equation by that from this equation by substituting by making use of this relation here which shows that this is equal to this whole thing and substituting for this whole here the right hand side of this. So, that gives us u_n plus $\Delta t^2 S_x S_y u_n$ which is cancelling out with this, leaving out the second order term which can be neglected.

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So, **we have** we recover back like this. Now, what is the advantage in splitting the calculation in this way?

Each of this here **is** will give us $A \phi = b$ which is a Tri-diagonal. In this particular case, $\bar{\phi}_{n+1} = b$ and this will be $A \bar{\phi}_{n+1} = b$, which is a function of $\bar{\phi}_{n+1}$ and n . So, that is let us call this as b' . So, you have you can apply TDMA scheme because this contains only S_x and S_y . We know S_x is $i-1, i$ and $i+1$ and this contains only S_y which contains only $j-1$ and j and $j+1$.

So, this enables us to go from n to $n+1$ in a sequential way, in an alternating way. First, we solve this one to get $\bar{\phi}_{n+1}$ for all the points and then we use this one to get $n+1$ and that will complete the step of going from n to $n+1$ in this 2 step process.

So, we make use of two TDMA schemes to go from n to $n+1$. What is the advantage of this? This is like the Line SOR type of approach but we are applying the Line SOR on both sides, both for the row wise calculation and the column wise calculation and the advantage of implicit formulation **ok**. So, one can say that this is implicit formulation. The advantage of implicit formulation in terms of the propagation of information from the boundaries to the interior points at infinite speed is what we are actually getting in this.

So, this method is called obviously, Alternating Direction Implicit and why implicit, because the right hand side is being treated in the implicit way and the resulting two-dimensional

expression is being converted into a 2 step process. We can do the we can easily extend this to a three-dimensional step process also. For example, we can in that case we can do like this and we can just to add a slightly more complexity, we can take SQ like this and this S here contains not only x, y, but also z and Q contains maybe the discretized source terms and other terms. One can write it as $u^{n+1} - u^n = \Delta t (\theta H^{n+1} + (1-\theta) H^n)$. What we mean by, if theta is equal to 1, then it becomes fully implicit. If theta equal to 0, it becomes fully explicit and if theta is somewhere in between, so the right hand side, which is the H which is the discretized form of this.

This is $H^{n+1} S_u + Q$ essentially and evaluated using $n+1$ values of whatever that is relevant for the evaluation of this, using n values in the case of H^n here. So, you have depending on the value of theta that you put, you can have as much explicitness or implicitness included in this and for the specific case of theta equal to half, you get the Crank Nicholson scheme which is widely used for its second order accuracy in time ok. So, whereas, we are looking at a first order accuracy, we are looking at a second order accuracy in time per theta equal to half.

So, this is is a generic expression, generic discretization with H containing derivatives from x direction, y direction and z direction of for example, the diffusion type of approximation and maybe also from the convection. So, we can expect in the general case for second order accuracy of diffusion and the first order accuracy of upwinding scheme for the convection term, we can expect a seven-diagonal matrix. So, this can be converted into something like a phi in to b which will have seven-diagonals.

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$$(1 - \theta \Delta t S_x) (1 - \theta \Delta t S_y) (1 - \theta \Delta t S_z) u^{n+1} = \tau \Delta t Q + (1 + \theta \tau \Delta t (1 - \theta) S_x) [1 + \theta \tau \Delta t (1 - \theta) S_y] u^n$$

$$[1 + \theta \tau \Delta t (1 - \theta) S_z] u^n$$

$$(1 - \theta \tau \Delta t S_x) u^{n+1} = [1 + \tau \Delta t (1 - \theta) S_x] u^n + Q \tau \Delta t$$

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So, obviously we cannot use the TDMA scheme. We can use the Gauss-Seidel scheme and go ahead with the solution, but we can split this up into a three step process. Each of which will have, which involve only one-diagonal and that can be done like this, $1 - \theta \Delta t S_x$, $1 - \theta \Delta t S_y$ times $1 - \theta \Delta t S_z$ plus 1 can be written approximately as, in case we have a parameter tau. We will explain what this parameter is? It is tau times delta t Q plus 1 plus delta t tau times $1 - \theta S_x$ plus delta t tau $1 - \theta S_y$ times $1 + \theta S_z$ into u^n .

So, we can write this at $n + 1$ in terms of this plus all the products, all the things in terms of u^n . So, this tau is a parameter when we want to have a time accurate solution for this equation, then we can use the value the parameter tau to increase **the** to take a bigger step to increase the rate of convergence, to increase the rate at which it reaches a steady state. If we want to have a time accurate solution, tau must be equal to 1 and theta is that mix of implicitness and explicitness.

So, using this approximation form we can break this discretized equation into three steps which is $1 - \theta \tau \Delta t S_x u^{n+1} = 1 + \tau \Delta t$, then $1 - \theta \tau \Delta t S_y u^{n+1} = 1 + \tau \Delta t$. Finally, $1 - \theta \tau \Delta t S_z u^{n+1} = 1 + \tau \Delta t$ which is what we want equal to $1 + \tau \Delta t$ $1 - \theta S_z$.

So, these three steps here are equal to this step here whereas, this gives us an $A \phi = b$ which is Penta-diagonal here. Each of these things will give us $A \phi = b$ which is Tri-

diagonal. So, we can make use of the Tri-diagonal matrix algorithm three times, once for this and for this and this to get the overall solution. How do we know that this is the same as this? For example, pre-multiply this by $1 - \theta \tau \Delta t S_y$ and then we'll substitute for this here and then again pre multiply by this thing this whole thing substitute by u_{n+1} bar here to show that these three together are equal to this.

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So, you are going from n to $n + 1$ in three time steps in a certain way and there is always the possibility of this not being stable because each of this is an explicit form. When you evaluate this, then it is explicit in terms of n which is already known and this $n + 1$ double bar is expressed in terms of $n + 1$ bar which is known from this equation. Although, this is a $\phi = b$ type of evaluation, essentially this is an explicit step where $n + 1$ bar values are expressed in terms of u_n and this is $n + 1$ double bar which is expressed in terms of u_{n+1} bar and here it is expressed in terms of again known values.

So, these are three explicit steps. So, that is a possibility that this is unstable and one can do the Neumann type of stability analysis to see whether or not this will converge. For the specific case of the Crank Nicholson scheme, where θ is equal to half and putting τ equal to 1 for a time accurate solution, we get the overall equation like this in much simpler form Δt by $2 S_y$ ok.

So, this is a simplification of the same generalised expression for θ equal to half making it Crank Nicholson and τ equal to 1, so that we have a time accurate solution and one can see

readily the explicitness of this. The relation to the simple form that we have here and also how this $n+1$ bar term here includes the information of Q , but not $n+1$ double bar and $n+1$ because Q is already in a way added to the first evaluation and that first evaluation is feeding into this.

We can have other ways of doing this **this** coupling, but we have to evaluate the stability of the overall scheme using the Von Neumann type of stability analysis. When we are dealing with just a Poisson equation or a Laplace equation, unsteady diffusion equation where only diffusion term comes. Then these three step process is stable, but if you also have the advection term, then it may become the stability, may be compromised one has to properly evaluate that **ok**.

So, the idea of this ADI scheme is to convert a three-dimensional problem or a two-dimensional problem into a series of one-dimensional problems and thereby gain advantage. What is advantage here? Each of these takes n number of, a factor times n number times of steps only to evaluate here. So, it is three times the factor of 12 or whatever it is for the evaluation of this equation using the Thomas algorithm. So, one can say that if you say that the TDMA scheme **takes** requires K times n number of operations, where K is of the order of 12 and n is the number of variables, then this requires Kn and this requires Kn , this requires Kn . So, that is $3Kn$ total number of operations are required by this, so that the total number of operations varies as n here. Whereas, in the regular case that is solving $A\phi = b$ using the direct method **will be** will require n^3 number.

Although, the fact that it is a seven-diagonal sparse matrix may reduce the number of operations a bit, we are careful and we have to do this repeatedly. So, each step from n to $n+1$ will be requiring so many things and then we have to evaluate. So, the advantage is that the overall number of mathematical operations required to go from step n to $n+1$ is of the order of $3Kn$ so that it varies linearly with the number of points. So, that is the advantage and although, we have described this for an unsteady equation, the ADI method can also be used for steady state equations, in which case this thing would not be there but you still require S_x and S_y and S_z .

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So, in such a case again this will be converted into $A\phi = b$ involving the diagonals coming from here and here. So, we can split it up again into diagonals coming only from the x derivative, only from the y derivative, only from the z derivative.

So, this method can also be used to steady type of equations. So, we have looked at pressure correction equation is one example where the ADI method can be effectively used because it is a Poisson type of equation without involving any convection terms. Therefore, the stability of that method is guaranteed. So, in such cases we can make use of this. So, this is one advanced iterative method which incorporates the features of ADI, of TDMA scheme to take account of all the variables that are appearing in one row or one column or in **in** the z direction like that.

There are other methods which make the solution more implicit. Here, it is a row wise implicitness; both in this one and this one here. Here, you have row wise implicitness followed by column wise implicitness, row wise and column wise implicitness is there.

The general idea is there is the more implicit you make your solution scheme, the faster will be the rate of convergence. So, you would like to solve $A\phi = b$ in an iterative way with as much implicitness as is possible. If you make it fully implicit, you will be using only a direct method which we know is very time consuming. So, the key is to make the iterative scheme more implicit, so that it converges faster. At the same time the implicitness should not involve too much of cost, too much of evaluation cost.

So, we have to balance between the cost per iteration and the number of iterations that we have to make. So, the convergence effects the number of iterations that we have to make to reduce the residual to some low value and the cost per iteration involves the how much mathematical operation we have to do in order to go from iteration k to $k + 1$.

So, we have to balance the overall cost and we have seen that in the case of basic iterative methods, you go through some period, initial period in which the residual may not be converging very fast. Finally, it goes into the asymptotic convergence rate at which we can realize the n square type of benefit. So, if we can alter that rate of convergence by bringing in more implicitness into the solution because implicitness means the boundary conditions information is travelling faster, then **we can** we can get convergence; overall convergence faster.