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**Phase field modeling;
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computational aspects**

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Welcome we are looking at the Allen-Cahn equation so let me write down the equation Allen-Cahn equation says no free by ∂T .

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The image shows a whiteboard with handwritten mathematical equations in red ink. The equations are as follows:

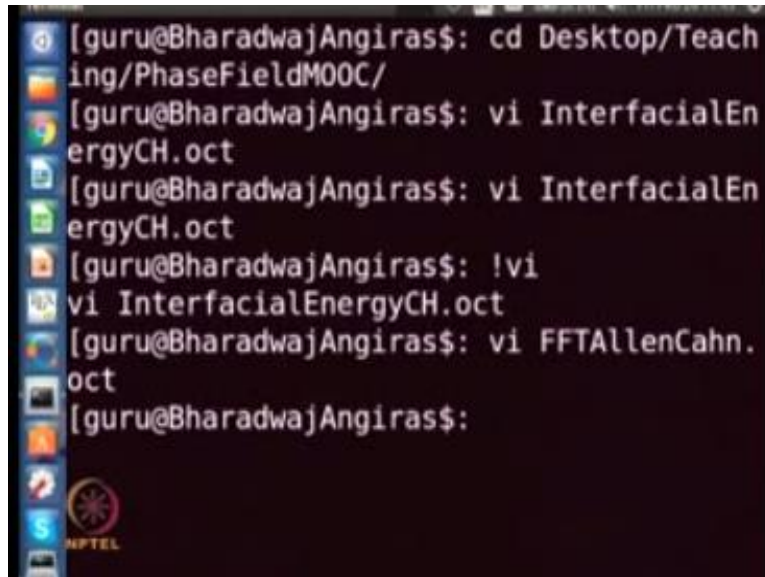
$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = 2KL \nabla^2 \phi - L \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \phi}$$
$$f_0 = A \phi^2 (1-\phi)^2$$
$$\frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \phi} = 2A \phi (1-\phi)(1-2\phi) = g(\phi)$$
$$\frac{\phi^{t+\Delta t} - \phi^t}{\Delta t} = -2KL \nabla^2 \phi^t - L g^t$$
$$\boxed{\phi^{t+\Delta t} = \frac{\phi^t - L \Delta t g^t}{K L \Delta t^2}}$$

That is the rate of change of the order parameter ϕ which is a non-conserved variable is given by $\partial \phi / \partial t = -\kappa \nabla^2 \phi + \lambda \phi - \phi^3$ where λ is equal to $\frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 f}{d\phi^2}$ at $\phi = \phi_0$ and κ is a function of ϕ . Let us call λ $\lambda(\phi)$ and κ $\kappa(\phi)$. Okay.

This equation can also be solved using finite difference technique I am not going to do that we will leave it as an exercise assignment problem for you but I am going to solve this equation using Fourier transform and that is what we will do now and as usual we are going to assume non dimensional in such a way that κL^2 and everything is one okay so in the implementation so let us do the Fourier transform.

This thing so it is $\phi(\mathbf{r}, t + \Delta t) - \phi(\mathbf{r}, t) = -\kappa \nabla^2 \phi(\mathbf{r}, t) + \lambda \phi(\mathbf{r}, t) - \phi^3(\mathbf{r}, t)$ is equal to $-\kappa \nabla^2 \phi(\mathbf{r}, t) + \lambda \phi(\mathbf{r}, t) - \phi^3(\mathbf{r}, t)$ Jeter down now this ϕ I am going to take at $T + \Delta T$ and this G I am going to take at time T so this is semi implicit spectral technique okay so then $\phi(\mathbf{r}, T + \Delta T)$ is nothing but $\phi(\mathbf{r}, T) \exp(-\kappa \nabla^2 \Delta T) + \lambda \phi(\mathbf{r}, T) \Delta T - \phi^3(\mathbf{r}, T) \Delta T$ divided by $1 + 2\kappa \nabla^2 \Delta T$ so this is what the evolution equation. That we have to implement to solve so given a ϕ you can calculate G and then you can use this formula to get ϕ at a future time so let us go back to octave.

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A terminal window screenshot showing a series of commands. The user is in a directory path: Desktop/Teaching/PhaseFieldM00C/. The commands executed are: 'cd Desktop/Teaching/PhaseFieldM00C/', 'vi InterfacialEnergyCH.oct', 'vi InterfacialEnergyCH.oct', '!vi', 'vi InterfacialEnergyCH.oct', 'vi FFTAllenCahn.oct', and finally the prompt returns to '[guru@BharadwajAngiras\$:]'. The terminal background is dark with light-colored text. On the left side, there is a vertical bar with several icons, including a terminal icon, a folder icon, and a logo for 'APTEL' at the bottom.

And write the code so let me call it as FF t ln con dot OCT ok so first we say clear all is LF so we clear everything and then I define kappa to be equal to 1 l to be equal to 1 and a 2 b equal to 1 right and we start with so let us take en to be equal to 1 28 and we are going to solve in the same scenario so I am going to take 0 for the first and the last water and one in the middle so v is equal to 0 comma 1 okay.

So let me also define the DX to be equal to 1 it is not relevant unless you are taking some sinusoidal one but let us define it so I am going to say for is equal to n by 4 2 n by 4 plus 1 2 3 n by 4 if it is so then I am going to make the fee of I comma 1 to be equal to 1.0c of I to be 1.0and far okay so is taken to be 0 everywhere and then the middle half I have made it one so this is the initial profile so let us plot p lot fee and with the red line and also write initial profile.

So that we are clear as to what this is then we hold on so that are the final profile when we plot it will be clear to us what it is I have to define half n which is n by 2 because that is what the periodic boundary condition implementation requires in this case so del k as usual this 2 pi by n ok and DT that is the time so let us take to be 0 point 10 point 5 ok and this is the type loop for m equal to 1 to four hundred.

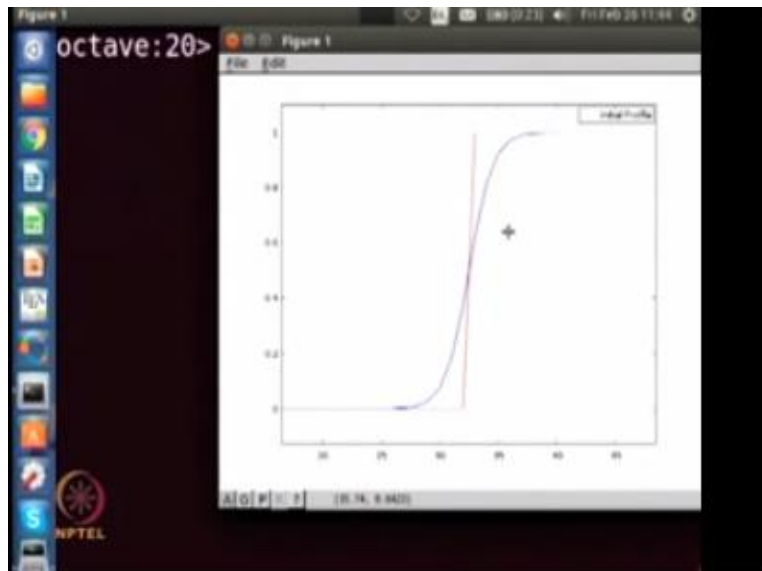
We want a ball how do we want a well first we want to calculate g is equal to 2 into a dot star p dot star 1 dot minus V dot star 1 dot minus 2 dot star p right so this is the G and we take the Fourier transform \hat{G} of is equal to f of T of G right Sophie hat is nothing but F of T of f fee so now both are in fluid space and we calculate the for every point I equal to one to n we calculate if I minus 1 is less than or equal to half n .

So we say k is equal to I minus 1 into Δk right end F if on the other hand if I minus 1 is greater than half n in we take it to be I minus 1 minus $n/2$ Δk so this basically makes sure that k lies between minus π by 2 π by a to plus π by a so it is it is the first blue one's own so this is the period boundary condition okay so we take K^2 which is K squared as K into K we have now the evolution is $\hat{\Phi}$ of I is nothing but $\hat{\Phi}$ of I minus L into dt into \hat{G} of I .

This whole thing should be divided by 1 plus 2 into K into l into dt 2 k into dt into k square right so that is what we have okay so and end for so before in far so we have to the this is the for loop that is ending for I equal to one to n here so then we take the fourier transform back p is equal to real of inverse transform of \hat{C} hat this step is important because now we want a fee in real space before we go for the next step so that G can be calculated in real space and so the evolution is over.

Then we were to plot the field that is the final solution okay so this is the code which is very identical to what we wrote for the diffusion equation and the continuity equation so let us go and source this file and see what happens source f of T okay.

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As you can see the initial profile is taken to be this half is one and it forms a nice tan hyperbolic interface in the case of Allen-Cahn equation also so Allen-Cahn equation in 2d if you try to solve. The same problem it is not stationary like this will move so in this case also you can show that the solution is tan hyperbolic and in the case of moving solution it is tan hyperbolic of $x - VT$ that is the velocity of this point if you take into account with time.

Then it will move with the same profile so basically this profile will shift to some other point after some time so that is how the evolution of the Allen-Cahn equation solution looks like okay. So this brings us to the end of this section Allen-Cahn equation is fairly well-known it is also known as time-dependent Ginzburg-Landau equation because in the super conductivity literature it was Ginzburg and Landau who wrote an equation which is very similar to this it is also known as so there is this computer scientist called Alan Turing who wanted to understand the pattern formation on animals like zebras.

So he wrote a similar reaction diffusion equation for what he called as chemical morphogenesis so you will be able to look up Google for Turing and chemical morphogenesis you can get his paper the equation is not very different so the equation is very similar to what we have written in

fact when 2d we will look at the patterns that are formed by the Allen-Cahn equation and you will see that it remains one of these patterns that one sees in nature.

So these equations even though we look at them from the material science metallurgy point of view or more well-known more widely used equations they are basically I mean from a mathematical or numerical implementation point of view just diffusion equations nonlinear diffusion equations and in which way you introduce non-linearity makes them come in Allen-Cahn equations and but from a physics point of view they are very different I mean the constitutive laws and the conservation laws.

That goes into deriving these equations are very different but from a purely mathematical point of view you can think of them as nonlinear partial differential equations which are like modification of classical diffusion equations which leads to interesting patterns and microstructures are patterns and they are interesting not only because they look nice but also because they determine.

The properties of any material and the processing besides microstructure which in turn besides property so the processing property correlation is through this bridge of microstructure so when we want to understand how I should process this material to get this particular property what we are basically looking at is how to I tune my micro structure so that is why these models are very important formal model ideal for micro structural evolution.

So we will look at some of these cases in the lectures to come so they will be like case study so we will take one by one spinodal decomposition then order disorder transformation then we will try to put them together and look at something like precipitate growth and then we will complicate things by putting more than one grain and looking at grain boundary growth and things like that okay thank you.

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