

Lecture 4: Discrete Operators

Logistics: - HW 1 is due Th Feb 4, 9:30 am

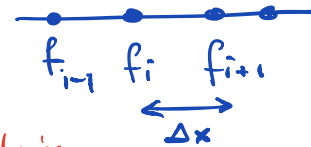
- get started before office hrs on Mon so we can sort out problems

Last time: Introduction to numerics

- Finite differences

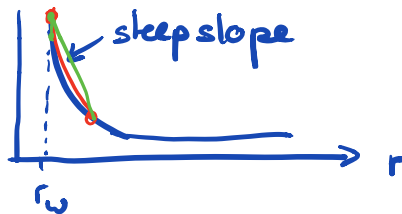
$$\frac{df}{dx} \Big|_{x_i} \approx \frac{f_{i+1} - f_{i-1}}{2 \Delta x}$$

⇒ differentiation matrix



- Example problem: Flow around well

$$r \frac{d}{dr} \left(r \frac{dh}{dr} \right) = 0 \quad r \frac{dh}{dr^2} + \frac{dh}{dr} = 0 \quad \frac{dh}{dr} \Big|_{r_w} \sim Q_w$$



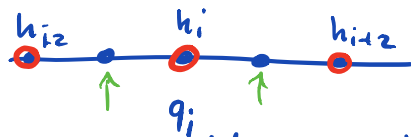
⇒ bad approximation

⇒ mass is not conserved

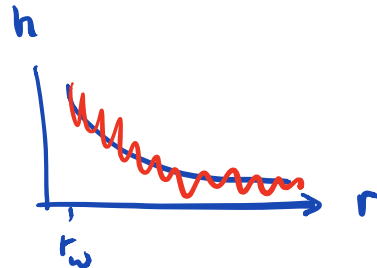
- Discrete conservation

$$\frac{dq}{dx} \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{q} = f_s$$

$$\mathbf{q} = -k \nabla h \quad \frac{dh}{dx}$$



⇒ even-odd decoupling ⇒ oscillations

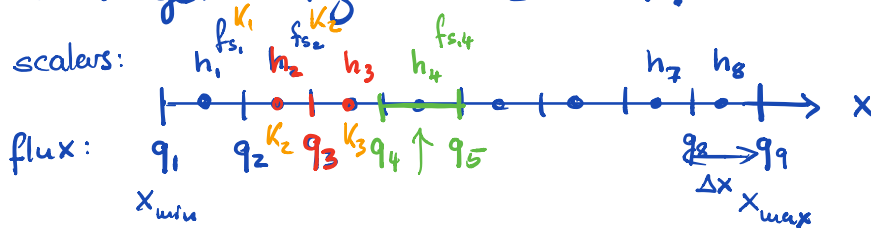


- Today:
- Staggered grid ✓
 - Conservative finite differences ✓
 - Discrete operators ✓
 - coding 'basics'

Staggered grid

Reason is avoid the decoupling of even-odd nodes

and get "tighter" stencil.



$$x \in [x_{\min}, x_{\max}]$$

$$Lx = x_{\max} - x_{\min}$$

$$Nx = 8 \quad \text{cells}$$

$$\Delta x = \frac{Lx}{Nx}$$

head is approximated at cell center (cell = control volume)

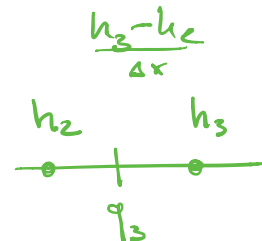
fluxes is approximated at cell faces.

Discretize div - grad system:

$$1) \quad \nabla \cdot q = f_s \xrightarrow{ID} \frac{dq}{dx} = f_s \xrightarrow{FD} \frac{q_{i+1} - q_i}{\Delta x} = f_{s,i}$$

$$2) \quad q = -k \nabla h \xrightarrow{ID} q = -k \frac{dh}{dx} \xrightarrow{FD} q_i = -k_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{h_i - h_{i-1}}{\Delta x}$$

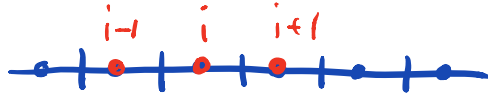
(central diff relative to cell center)



Substitute q_i into mass balance

$$-\frac{1}{\Delta x^2} \left[\underbrace{k_{i+\frac{1}{2}} (h_{i+1} - h_i)}_{q_{i+1}} - \underbrace{k_{i-\frac{1}{2}} (h_i - h_{i-1})}_{q_i} \right] = f_{s,i}$$

$$-\frac{1}{\Delta x^2} \left[k_{i+\frac{1}{2}} h_{i+1} - (k_{i+\frac{1}{2}} + k_{i-\frac{1}{2}}) h_i + k_{i-\frac{1}{2}} h_{i-1} \right] = f_{s,i}$$



narrow/tight stencil

Discrete operators

$$\nabla \cdot q = f_s \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathbb{D}^* q = \underline{f}_s$$

$$q = -k \nabla h \quad \rightarrow \quad q = -k \underline{G}^* h$$

Discrete Gradient

$$q \approx \frac{dh}{dx} = \nabla h$$

Gradient takes a scalar (h) from cell centers and returns a derivative/flux on cell faces

\underline{x}_c = vector of cell centers locations N_x by 1

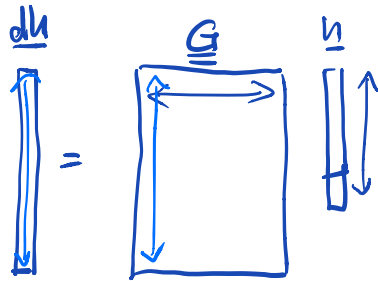
\underline{x}_f = vector of cell face locations N_x+1 by 1

$$\underline{h} = h(\underline{x}_c)$$

$$d\underline{h} = \frac{dh}{dx} \Big|_{x_f}$$

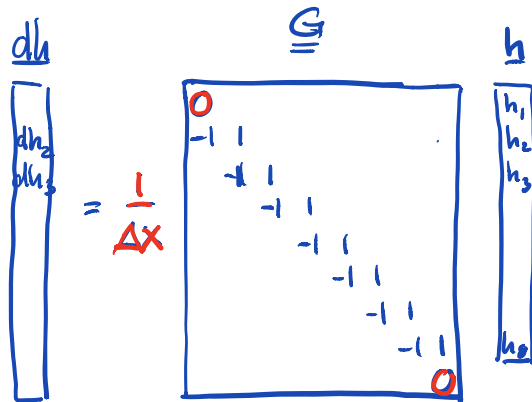
$$d\underline{h} = \underline{G} * \underline{h}$$

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 $N_{x+1} \cdot 1$ $\{ N_{x+1} \cdot N_x$ $N_x \cdot 1$

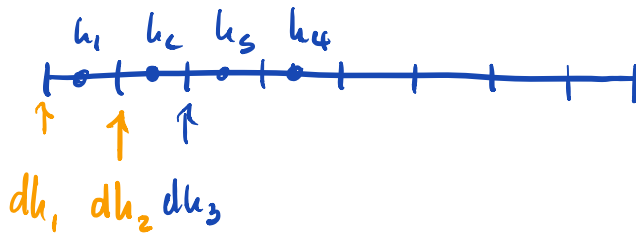


$\Rightarrow \underline{G}$ is N_{x+1} by N_x matrix

$$N_x = 8$$



build in
a zero gradient
at boundary



$$dh_2 = \frac{h_2 - h_1}{\Delta x}$$

$$dh_3 = \frac{h_3 - h_2}{\Delta x}$$

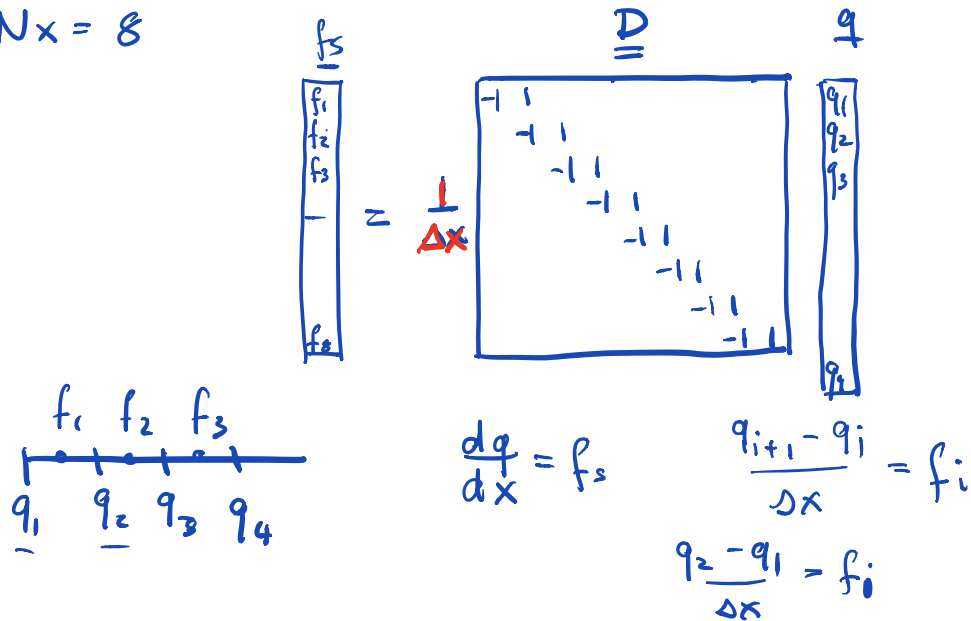
Divergence operator

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{q} = f_s$$

$$f_s = \underline{D} * \underline{q} = \frac{f_s}{N_x \cdot 1}$$

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 $N_x \cdot N_{x+1}$ $\{ N_{x+1} \cdot 1$

$$N_x = 8$$



Relationship between \underline{D} and \underline{G}

$$\underline{G} = -\underline{D}^T \quad \text{interior}$$

then we need to zero out boundaries

Laplacian operator

$$\nabla^2 = \nabla \cdot \nabla$$

$$(-\nabla \cdot k \nabla u = f_s)$$

$$\underline{L} = \underline{D} * \underline{G}$$

$$-k \nabla^2 u = f_s$$

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