

# Lecture 4: Discrete Operators

Logistics: - HW 1 is due Feb 3

- make use of office hours & piazza

Last time: Introduction to numerics

- Finite Differences  $\left. \frac{df}{dx} \right|_{x_i} = \frac{f_{i+1} - f_{i-1}}{2\Delta x}$
- Differentiation matrix

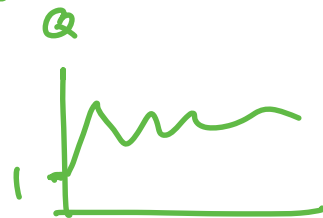
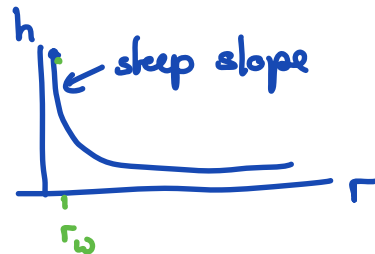
$$\underline{\frac{df}{dx}} = \underline{D} \underline{f} \quad \underline{\frac{d^2f}{dx^2}} = \underline{D^2} \underline{f}$$

- Example of flow around well

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot (\underline{r} k \underline{\nabla} h) = 0$$
$$\underline{\frac{d}{dr}} \left( k r \underline{\frac{dh}{dr}} \right) = 0$$

- Attempt 1: Expand

$$k r \underline{\frac{d^2h}{dr^2}} + \underline{\frac{dh}{dr}} = 0$$
$$(k \underline{R} \underline{D^2} + \underline{D}) \underline{h} = 0$$



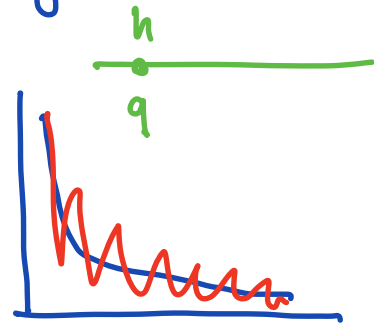
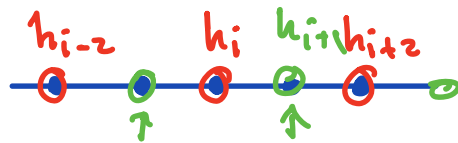
→ very bad approx.

→ mass is not conserved

- Attempt 2: keep divergence

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( k r \frac{dh}{dr} \right) = 0$$

$$\underline{\underline{D}} (k \underline{\underline{R}} \underline{\underline{D}}) h = 0$$



even-odd decoupling  $\Rightarrow$  oscillations

- Today:
- Staggered grid
  - Conservative differences
  - Discrete operators
  - coding basics
  - boundary conditions

## Discrete operators

Best to discretize in conservation form

$$1) \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{q} = f_s$$

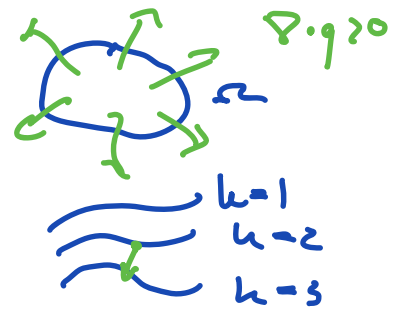
$$2) \quad \mathbf{q} = -k \nabla h$$

Highlights two basic operators we need

to approximate.

1) Divergence of a flux

2) Gradient of a scalar



Almost all PDE in continuum

physics are composed of these two operators

$$(\nabla_x = \text{curl})$$

If we have discrete analogs of these operators.

- solve different equations
- clean & readable implementation
- dimension & coordinate system independent

Ideas are from "mimetic finite differences"

Both divergence & gradient are linear diff.

operators  $\Rightarrow$  the discrete operator is a matrix.

Looking for 2 matrices  $\underline{\underline{D}}$  and  $\underline{\underline{G}}$

so that

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{q} = f \rightarrow \underline{D} \underline{q} = \underline{f}$$

$$\underline{q} = -K \nabla h \rightarrow \underline{q} = -K \underline{G} h$$

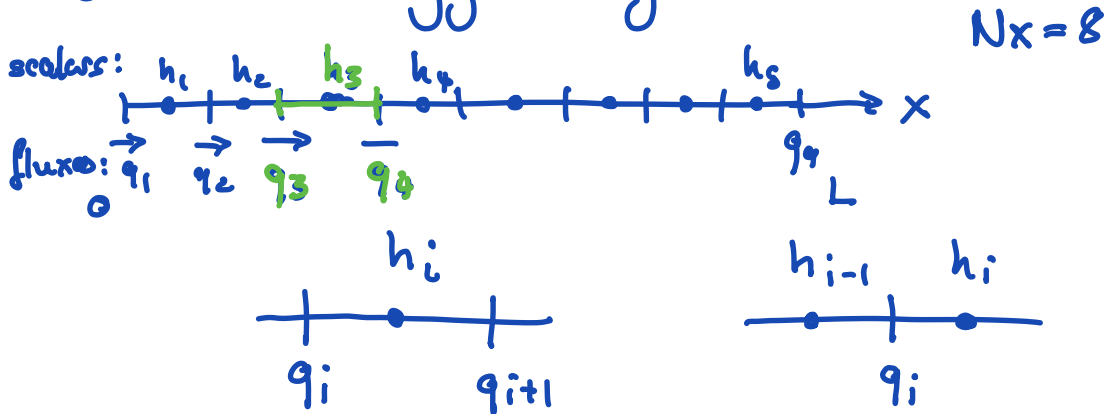
Want to be able to compose these

$$\underline{-\nabla \cdot [K \nabla h]} = f \rightarrow \underline{-D [K G]} h = \underline{f}$$

$$k=1: \nabla \cdot \nabla = \nabla^2 \rightarrow \underline{L} = \underline{D G}$$

## Discrete Divergence and Gradient in 1D

Consider staggered grid



## Gradient operator

Gradient takes a scalar and returns

a vector:  $\underline{q} = -\nabla h$

$\Rightarrow \underline{G}$  is not square matrix

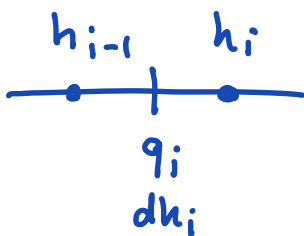
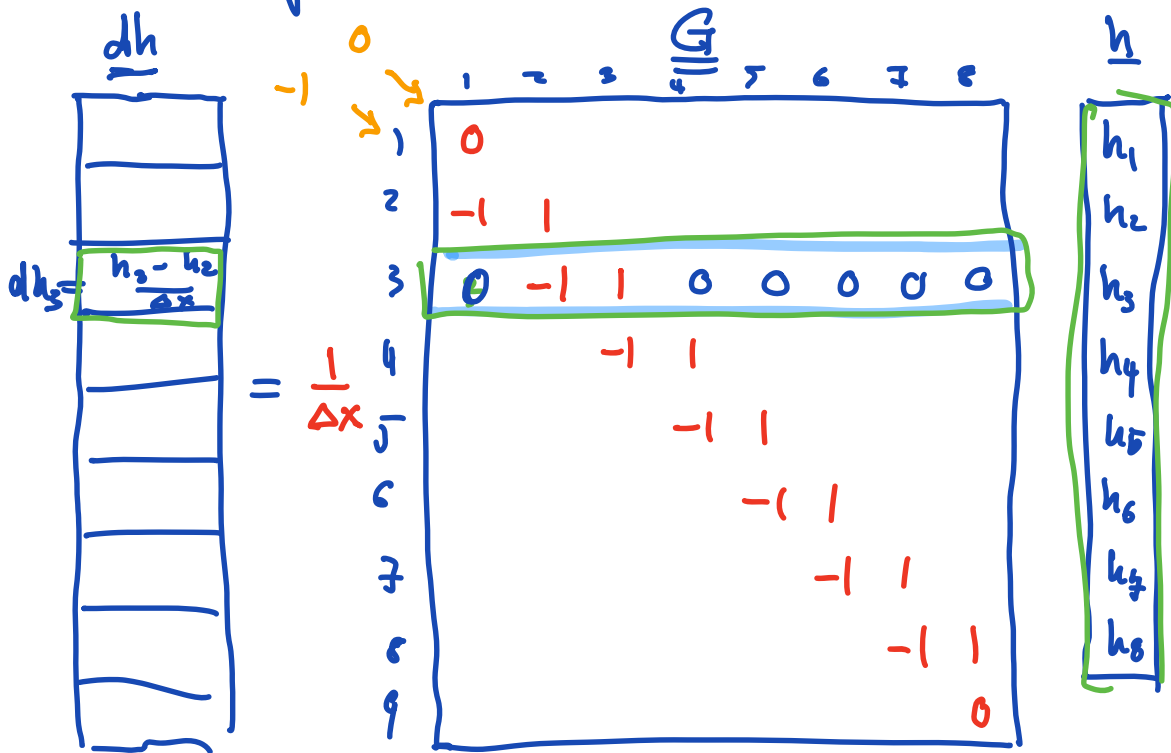
In 1D the discrete scalar  $\underline{h}$  is  $N \times 1$  but the flux is on faces so that  $\underline{q}$  is  $(N+1) \times 1$

$$\underline{q} = \underline{G} \underline{h}$$

$(N+1) \times 1$        $(N+1) \times N$        $N \times 1$

$\Rightarrow$  discrete gradient  $\underline{G}$  is  $(N+1) \times N$

Entries of  $\underline{G}$ :



$$q = -k \underline{dh}$$

$$dh_i = \frac{h_i - h_{i-1}}{\Delta x}$$

$$dh_4 = \frac{h_4 - h_3}{\Delta x}$$

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

Set gradient on boundary to zero! (choice)

⇒ No flow/flux boundaries are built in.

(natural boundary conditions)

## Discrete divergence operator

Divergence takes a flux and returns a scalar

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{q} = f$$

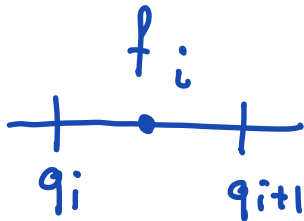
1D discrete div. matrix  $\underline{D}$  is  $N_x$  by  $N_x + 1$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \underline{f} & = & \underline{D} \quad \underline{q} \\ N_x \cdot 1 & & N_x \cdot N_x + 1 \quad N_x + 1 \cdot 1 \end{array}$$

## Entries of divergence matrix

$$\begin{array}{c} \underline{f} \\ \boxed{f_1} \end{array} = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \begin{array}{c} \underline{D} \\ \boxed{\begin{array}{cccccccc} -1 & & & & & & & \\ & -1 & & & & & & \\ & & -1 & & & & & \\ & & & -1 & & & & \\ & & & & -1 & & & \\ & & & & & -1 & & \\ & & & & & & -1 & \\ & & & & & & & -1 \\ & & & & & & & & -1 \end{array}} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \underline{q} \\ \boxed{q_1} \\ q_2 \\ q_3 \\ q_4 \\ q_5 \end{array}$$

$0 \quad +1$   
 $\downarrow \quad \downarrow$



$$\frac{q_{i+1} - q_i}{\Delta x} = f_i$$

$$\frac{q_2 - q_1}{\Delta x} = f_1$$

$\underline{D}$  does not need special treatment on boundary

## Relation between $\underline{G}$ and $\underline{D}$

Continuous case:

$$\nabla f = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \end{pmatrix} f = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{q} = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} q_x \\ q_y \\ q_z \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\partial q_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial q_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial q_z}{\partial z}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \nabla = \nabla^2 = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$$

divergence is row vector (of partial deriv.)

gradient is column vector (of partial deriv.)

$$\nabla \cdot = \nabla^T \quad (\text{operators are adjoints})$$

If we look at the discrete matrices

$$\underline{G} = -\underline{D}^T \quad \text{in the interior of domain}$$

$\Rightarrow$  still need to impose natural BC's on  $\underline{G}$

This is true in all dimensions in cartesian coordinate systems.



In home work this will be implemented in function `build_ops.m`

$$[D, G, C, I, M] = \text{build\_grid}(\text{Grid})$$

$$-\nabla^2 h + h = f$$

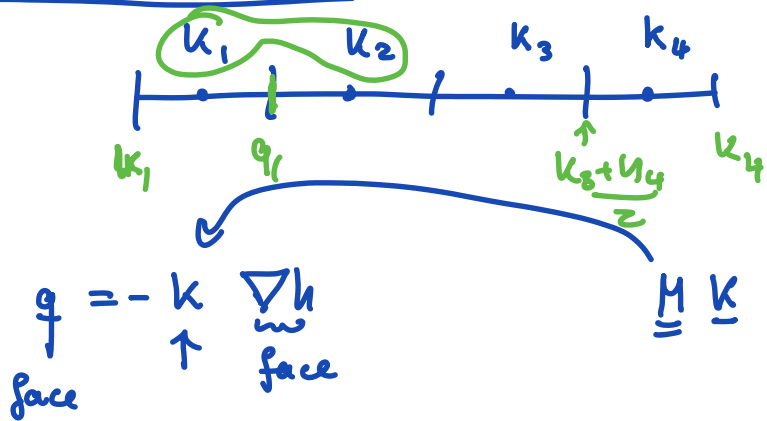
$$(-DG + I)h = f$$

$D = \text{div}$      $G = \text{grad}$      $C = \text{curl}$      $I = \text{identity}$

$M = \text{with w. mean from cell centers to cell faces}$

on bond <sup>face</sup> put value from bond cell!

Mean matrix



$$q = - \underbrace{(M K)}_{N \times 1 \cdot 1} \underbrace{G}_{(N+1) \cdot 1} h$$

$Kd = \text{spdiags}(MK, 0, \dots)$

$$= \frac{1}{N_{x+1} - N_{x+1}}$$