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# Numerical Methods for PDE: Finite Differences and Finite Volumes

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# Solution of a periodic Advection-Diffusion Equation.

Is defined by the Solution of the linear ODE :

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dA_m}{dt} = \mu_m A_m \\ A_m(0) = A(\omega_m) \end{cases} \implies A_m(t) = A(\omega_m) \exp(\mu_m t)$$

- When  $\mathcal{R}e(\mu_m) < 0$  the solution decays exponentially fast in time. Rate is determined by the magnitude of  $\mathcal{R}e(\mu_m)$ .
- When  $\mathcal{R}e(\mu_m) > 0$  the solution grows exponentially fast in time. Rate is determined by the magnitude of  $\mathcal{R}e(\mu_m)$ .
- When  $\mathcal{I}m(\mu_m) \neq 0$  the solution oscillates in time. The larger  $\mathcal{I}m(\mu_m)$  is, the faster the solution oscillates in time.



# Numerical Approximation of an ODE

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dA}{dt} &= \mathcal{F}(A) \quad \text{with} \quad A(0) = A_0 \\ \implies A(t + \delta t) &= \mathcal{L}(A(t))\end{aligned}$$

**Question** : Can we solve this equation numerically such as to recover the different behavior, described in the previous slide, when  $\mathcal{F}$  is linear ?

**Answer** : YES, by using a recurrence relation which approximates  $A(t^n + \delta t)$  as a function of the previous discrete times  $t^n, \dots, t^{n-k}, \dots, t^0 = 0$ . Example of a one step scheme,

$$\text{“Euler Forward “ : } \tilde{A}(t^n + \delta t) = \tilde{\mathcal{L}}(\tilde{A}) = \tilde{A}(t^n) + \delta t \mathcal{F}(\tilde{A}(t^n))$$

**But** we have to take care of :

Consistency, Stability, Accuracy, Convergence.

# Numerical Approximation of an ODE

- **Consistency and Accuracy** : what is the local discretization error (or local truncation error  $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{L}(A) - \tilde{\mathcal{L}}(A)$ ) for the discrete formula when we substitute the exact solution ?
  - For any smooth function  $\vartheta$  is  $\|\tilde{\mathcal{L}}(\vartheta) - \mathcal{L}(\vartheta)\| = O(\delta t^{1+\alpha})$  with  $\alpha > 0$ ?
- **Stability** : Does the numerical solution behave in the same way as the exact solution ? Is  $\tilde{A}$  bounded in a similar way to  $A$  ? Discrete operator does not amplify “noise” ?
- **Accuracy** : How close to the exact solution is the numerical solution ? Can we choose  $\delta t$  small enough for the error to be below some threshold ?
- **Convergence** : As we decrease the time step  $\delta t$ , does the end iterate converge to the solution at a given time  $t = t_* > 0$ .  
 $\|\tilde{A} - A\| = \|e\| = O(\delta t^\beta)$

## Euler-Forward : Stability for $\mathcal{F}(A) = \mu A$

We consider the case of constant time step  $\delta t$  and denote  $\tilde{A}^n = \tilde{A}(n\delta t)$  :

$$\text{"Euler Forward " : } \tilde{A}^{n+1} = \tilde{A}^n + \delta t \mathcal{F}(\tilde{A}^n) = (1 + \mu \delta t) \tilde{A}^n$$

For a given  $\tilde{A}^0 = A(0)$  , Euler-Forward scheme gives :

$$\tilde{A}^{n+1} = (1 + \mu \delta t)^{n+1} A(0)$$

- When  $\mathcal{R}e(\mu_m) \leq 0$  the **exact** solution  $A(t) = A(0)e^{\mu t}$  can decays exponentially fast in time. And  $|A| \leq |A(0)|$ .

Does this property satisfy by the Euler-Forward scheme ?

$$|\tilde{A}^{n+1}| \leq |A(0)| \quad \forall n$$

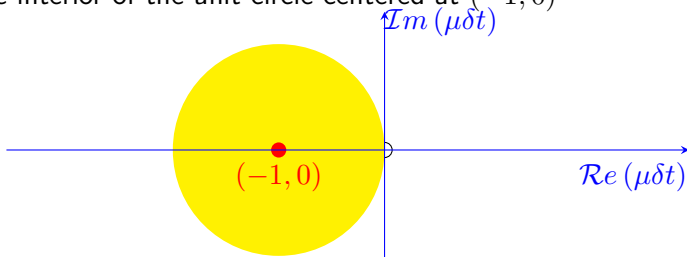
# Euler-Forward : Stability Region (yellow) for $\mathcal{F}(A) = \mu A$

For a given  $\tilde{A}^0 = A(0)$ , Euler-Forward scheme gives :

$$\tilde{A}^{n+1} = (1 + \mu\delta t)^{n+1} A(0)$$

$$|\tilde{A}^{n+1}| \leq |A(0)| \quad \forall n \iff |1 + \mu\delta t| < 1$$

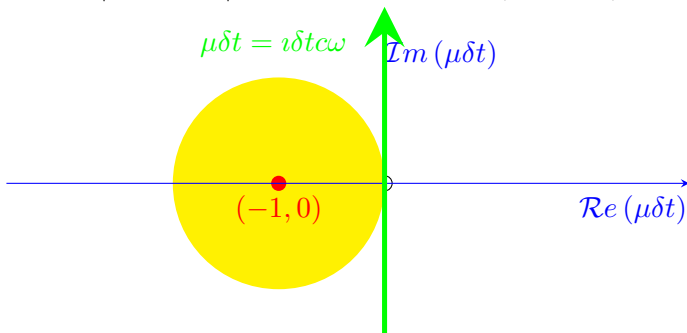
The region of the complex plane which satisfies this condition is the interior of the unit circle centered at  $(-1, 0)$



# Euler-Forward scheme applied to the Fourier transform of the advection equation : always Unstable

Advection equation for the periodic interval has  $\mu = i\omega c$  which is purely imaginary and

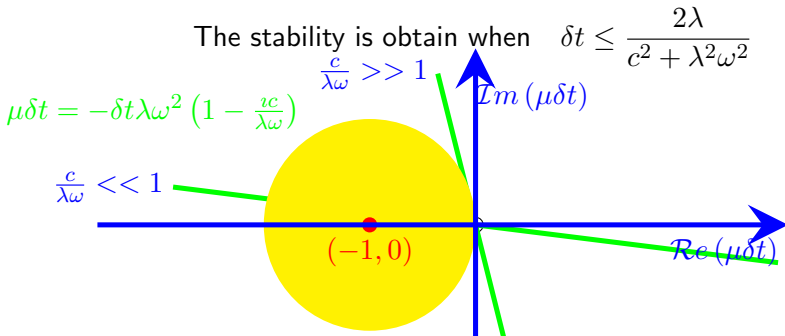
$$|1 + i\omega c \delta t| > 1 \quad \forall \delta t > 0 \quad \text{if } \omega \neq 0, \quad c \neq 0$$



# Euler-Forward scheme applied to the Fourier transform of the advection-diffusion equation : stable under condition

Advection-diffusion equation for the periodic interval has  $\mu = i\omega c - \lambda\omega^2 = -\lambda\omega^2 \left(1 - i\frac{c}{\lambda\omega}\right)$ . Then for given  $\omega$ ,  $c$  and  $\lambda$

$$(1 - \lambda\omega^2\delta t)^2 + (\omega c\delta t)^2 \leq 1 \iff \delta t\omega^2 (\delta t c^2 + \delta t\lambda^2\omega^2 - 2\lambda) \leq 0$$



# Can we find schemes with better properties ?

Integrating the ODE on the time interval  $[t^n, t^n + \delta t)$

$$\tilde{A}(t^n + \delta t) = \tilde{A}(t^n) + \int_{t^n}^{t^n + \delta t} \mathcal{F}(\tilde{A}(t)) dt$$

- “Euler Forward “ Explicit :  $\mathcal{F}(\tilde{A}(t)) \simeq \mathcal{F}(\tilde{A}^n)$
- “Euler Backward “ Implicit :  $\mathcal{F}(\tilde{A}(t)) \simeq \mathcal{F}(\tilde{A}^{n+1})$
- Semi-Implicit scheme :  
 $\mathcal{F}(\tilde{A}(t)) \simeq \theta \mathcal{F}(\tilde{A}^n) + (1 - \theta) \mathcal{F}(\tilde{A}^{n+1})$
- Adams-Bashford scheme : (linear approximation of  $\mathcal{F}$ )

$$\mathcal{F}(\tilde{A}) \simeq \mathcal{F}(\tilde{A}^n) + \frac{t - t^n}{\delta t} \left( \mathcal{F}(\tilde{A}^n) - \mathcal{F}(\tilde{A}^{n-1}) \right)$$

Then

$$\int_{t^n}^{t^n + \delta t} \mathcal{F}(\tilde{A}(t)) dt \simeq \delta t \left( \frac{3}{2} \mathcal{F}(\tilde{A}^n) - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{F}(\tilde{A}^{n-1}) \right)$$

# Euler-Backward scheme applied to the Fourier transform of the advection equation : always stable

$$\tilde{A}^{n+1} - \delta t \mathcal{F}(\tilde{A}^{n+1}) = \tilde{A}^n \implies \tilde{A}^{n+1} = \frac{1}{1 - \mu \delta t} \tilde{A}^n$$

Advection equation for the periodic interval has  $\mu = \omega c$  which is purely imaginary and

$$\left| \frac{1}{1 - \mu \delta t} \right| < 1 \quad \forall \delta t > 0 \quad \text{if } \omega \neq 0, \quad c \neq 0$$

What about the accuracy of this scheme ?



# Stability of the Adams-Bashford scheme $\mathcal{F}(A) = \mu A$

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{A}^{n+1} - \left(1 + \frac{3\mu\delta t}{2}\right) \tilde{A}^n + \frac{\mu\delta t}{2} \tilde{A}^{n-1} = 0 \\ \tilde{A}^0 = A(0), \quad \tilde{A}^{-1} = A(-\delta t) \end{cases}$$

Let us defined  $\mathcal{V}^{n+1} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{A}^{n+1} \\ \tilde{A}^n \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathcal{V}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} A(0) \\ A(-\delta t) \end{pmatrix}$ . Then

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{V}^{n+1} = \mathcal{M}\mathcal{V}^n \\ \mathcal{V}^0 = \mathcal{V}_0 \end{cases} \quad \text{where} \quad \mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \frac{3\mu\delta t}{2} & -\frac{\mu\delta t}{2} \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Von Neumann Stability

The scheme is VN stable if  $\mathcal{M}$  is diagonalizable and

$$\mathcal{P}(z) = \det(\mathcal{M} - zId) = z^2 - \left(1 + \frac{3\mu\delta t}{2}\right)z + \frac{\mu\delta t}{2}$$

have all roots ( $r_\ell$ ) satisfying  $|r_\ell| \leq 1$ .

# Miller Theorem

Let us consider a polynomial  $\mathcal{P}(z) = \sum_{\ell=0}^n \alpha_{\ell} z^{\ell}$  where  $\alpha_{\ell} \in \mathbb{C}$ ,

$\alpha_0 \neq 0$  and  $\alpha_{\ell_n} \neq 0$ . Then we define the conjugate polynomial  $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(z)$  and the reduce polynomial  $\mathcal{R}(z)$  (of degree  $\leq n-1$ ) as :

$$\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(z) = \sum_{\ell=0}^n \bar{\alpha}_{n-\ell} z^{\ell}, \quad \mathcal{R}(z) = \frac{1}{z} \left[ \mathcal{P}(z)\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(0) - \mathcal{P}(0)\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(z) \right]$$

**Definition** A **Von Neumann polynomial** is a polynomial that all roots ( $r_{\ell}$ ) are such as  $|r_{\ell}| \leq 1$ .

## Theorem

$\mathcal{P}(z)$  is a Von Neumann polynomial If and only If one of this two point is satisfied :

- $|\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(0)| > |\mathcal{P}(0)|$  and  $\mathcal{R}(z)$  is a Von Neumann polynomial.
- $\mathcal{R}(z) \equiv 0$  and  $\frac{d\mathcal{P}}{dz}$  is a Von Neumann polynomial.

Miller Th. for  $\mathcal{P}(z) = z^2 - (1 + 3\nu)z + \nu$  with  $\nu = \frac{\mu\delta t}{2}$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(z) = \bar{\nu}z^2 - (1 + 3\bar{\nu})z + 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{R}(z) &= \frac{1}{z} \left( \mathcal{P}(z) - \nu\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(z) \right) = z - (1 + 3\nu) - |\nu|^2z + \nu(1 + 3\bar{\nu}) \\ &= (1 - |\nu|^2)z - 1 + 3|\nu|^2 - 2\nu\end{aligned}$$

When  $\nu$  is imaginary (advection case), the root of  $\mathcal{R}$  satisfy

$$|r|^2 = \frac{(1 - 3|\nu|^2)^2 + 4|\nu|^2}{(1 - |\nu|^2)^2} = \frac{(1 - |\nu|^2)^2 + 8|\nu|^4}{(1 - |\nu|^2)^2} \geq 1$$

- $|\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(0)| > |\mathcal{P}(0)|$  if  $\frac{|\mu|\delta t}{2} < 1$ . But  $\mathcal{R}$  is not a VN polynomial.

The tow levels Adams-Bashford scheme, applied to the Fourier transform of the advection equation, is not VN stable. Exercise : Obtain the same result by computing the eigenvalues of  $\mathcal{M}$ .

## Some definitions

Let consider a scheme defined by the following operator

$$\tilde{A}(t + \delta t) = \tilde{\mathcal{L}}(\tilde{A}(t)) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\ell_{max}} \alpha_{\ell} \tilde{A}^{n-\ell} + \sum_{\ell=0}^{\ell_{max}} \beta_{\ell} \mathcal{F}(\tilde{A}^{n-\ell})$$

- **Truncation error :**

$$\mathcal{E}(t + \delta t) = \frac{\mathcal{L}(A) - \tilde{\mathcal{L}}(A)}{\delta t} = \frac{A(t + \delta t) - \tilde{\mathcal{L}}(A(t))}{\delta t}$$

- **Local error :**

$$e(t + \delta t) = A(t + \delta t) - \tilde{A}(t + \delta t)$$

- **Consistency and Accuracy :** A scheme is consistent of  $p$ 'th order accurate (with  $p > 0$ ) if

$$\|\mathcal{E}(t + \delta t)\| = O(\delta t^p)$$

## Some definitions

$$e(t + \delta t) = A(t + \delta t) - \tilde{A}(t + \delta t) = \tilde{\mathcal{L}}(A(t)) - \tilde{\mathcal{L}}(\tilde{A}(t)) + \delta t \mathcal{E}(t + \delta t)$$

If  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}$  is linear then  $e(t + \delta t) = \tilde{\mathcal{L}}(e(t)) + \delta t \mathcal{E}(t + \delta t)$  and

$$e^{n+1} = \tilde{\mathcal{L}}^{n+1}(e^0) + \delta t \sum_{p=1}^{n+1} \tilde{\mathcal{L}}^{n+1-p}(\mathcal{E}^p)$$

- **Linear stability** : A scheme is linear-stable for the norm  $\|\cdot\|$  if for any time  $t_*$ ,  $\forall \delta t$  and for  $n\delta t \leq t_*$ ,  $\exists C > 0$  such as

$$\|\tilde{\mathcal{L}}^n\| \leq C$$

For example the linear stability is achieved when  $\|\tilde{\mathcal{L}}\| \leq 1$

- **Convergence** : The scheme converge when :

$$\lim_{\delta t \rightarrow 0} \|\tilde{A}(t) - A(t)\| = 0 \quad \text{uniformly for all } t \in [0, t_*]$$

# Equivalence Theorem

**Theorem** : assume the initial error  $\|e^0\| < \delta t^p$ ,  $p$  accuracy order

A linear multistep scheme is convergent if and only if it is consistent and stable.

Demonstration of : **consistent and stable  $\implies$  Convergent**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|e^{n+1}\| &\leq \|\tilde{\mathcal{L}}^{n+1}(e^0)\| + \delta t \sum_{s=1}^{n+1} \|\tilde{\mathcal{L}}^{n+1-s}(\mathcal{E}^{(s)})\| \\
 &\leq \|\tilde{\mathcal{L}}^{n+1}\| \|e^0\| + \delta t \sum_{s=1}^{n+1} \|\tilde{\mathcal{L}}^{n+1-s}\| \|\mathcal{E}^{(s)}\| \\
 &\leq C \|e^0\| + C \delta t \sum_{s=1}^{n+1} \|\mathcal{E}^{(s)}\| \text{ stability used} \\
 &\leq C (\|e^0\| + (n+1)\delta t^{1+p}) \text{ consistency used} \\
 &\leq C(1+T)\delta t^p \text{ convergence obtained}
 \end{aligned}$$

# Taylor's expansion

Assuming that  $A(t)$  is sufficiently smooth (has  $m$  bounded derivatives). Then we can evaluate  $A(t + \delta t)$  by a linear sum of  $A(t)$  its derivatives at the time  $t$  :

$$A(t + \delta t) = A(t) + \delta t \frac{dA}{dt}(t) + \frac{\delta t^2}{2} \frac{d^2 A}{dt^2}(t) + \dots + \frac{\delta t^m}{m!} \frac{d^m A}{dt^m}(t) + R_m(t)$$

The residual  $R_m = O(\delta t^{m+1})$  takes various form.

Then we use the fact that  $\frac{dA}{dt}(t) = \mathcal{F}(A)$  to obtain

$$A(t + \delta t) = A(t) + \delta t \mathcal{F}(A(t)) + \frac{\delta t^2}{2} \frac{d^2 A}{dt^2}(t) + \dots + \frac{\delta t^m}{m!} \frac{d^m A}{dt^m}(t) + R_m(t)$$

# Truncation error

Euler Forward :  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}(A(t)) = A(t) + \delta t \mathcal{F}(A(t))$

$$\mathcal{E}(t + \delta t) = \frac{A(t + \delta t) - \tilde{\mathcal{L}}(A(t))}{\delta t} = C\delta t$$

This scheme is first order accurate.

2 levels AB :  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}(A(t)) = A(t) + \delta t \frac{3}{2} \mathcal{F}(A(t)) - \delta t \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{F}(A(t - \delta t))$

$$\mathcal{F}(A(t - \delta t)) = \frac{dA}{dt}(t - \delta t) = \frac{dA}{dt}(t) - \delta t \frac{d^2 A}{dt^2}(t) + C\delta t^2$$

$$\text{Then } \tilde{\mathcal{L}}(A(t)) = A(t) + \delta t \mathcal{F}(A(t)) + \frac{\delta t^2}{2} \frac{d^2 A}{dt^2}(t) + C\delta t^3$$

$$\text{And finally } \mathcal{E}(t + \delta t) = \frac{A(t + \delta t) - \tilde{\mathcal{L}}(A(t))}{\delta t} = B\delta t^2$$

This scheme is second order accurate.



# Accurate one step Runge-Kutta (RK<sub>p</sub>) methods

Given the difficulties inherent in starting the higher order (AB) schemes we are encouraged to look for one-step methods which only require  $\tilde{A}^n$  to accurately evaluate  $\tilde{A}^{n+1}$ .

- They require many evaluations  $\mathcal{F}$
- They will be for some  $p$ 'th order accurate.
- They only need one starting value.

## Modified Euler (RK2)

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{A}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} &= \tilde{A}^n + \frac{\delta t}{2} \mathcal{F}(\tilde{A}^n) \\ \tilde{A}^{n+1} &= \tilde{A}^n + \delta t \mathcal{F}\left(\tilde{A}^{n+\frac{1}{2}}\right)\end{aligned}$$

# Accurate one step Runge-Kutta (RKp) methods

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{A}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} &= \tilde{A}^n + \frac{\delta t}{2} \mathcal{F}(\tilde{A}^n) \\ \tilde{A}^{n+1} &= \tilde{A}^n + \delta t \mathcal{F}\left(\tilde{A}^{n+\frac{1}{2}}\right)\end{aligned}$$

$$\implies \tilde{A}^{n+1} = \tilde{A}^n + \delta t \mathcal{F}\left(\tilde{A}^n + \frac{\delta t}{2} \mathcal{F}(\tilde{A}^n)\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}\left(A(t) + \frac{\delta t}{2} \mathcal{F}(A(t))\right) &= \mathcal{F}(A(t)) + \frac{\delta t}{2} \mathcal{F}(A(t)) \mathcal{F}'(A(t)) + O(\delta t^2) \\ &= \frac{dA}{dt} + \frac{\delta t}{2} \frac{d^2 A}{dt^2} + O(\delta t^2)\end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}(A(t)) = A(t) + \delta t \frac{dA}{dt} + \frac{\delta t^2}{2} \frac{d^2 A}{dt^2} + O(\delta t^3)$  and

$$\mathcal{E}(t + \delta t) = \frac{A(t + \delta t) - \tilde{\mathcal{L}}(A(t))}{\delta t} = O(\delta t^2)$$

# One step Runge-Kutta methods : RK3 family

$$A^{n+1} = A^n + \delta t \alpha_0 \mathcal{F}(\tilde{A}^n) + \delta t \alpha_1 \mathcal{F}(\tilde{A}^n + \delta t \theta_0 \mathcal{F}(\tilde{A}^n + \delta t \theta_1 \mathcal{F}(A^n)))$$

## Exercise

- Find  $\alpha_0$ ,  $\alpha_1$ ,  $\theta_0$  and  $\theta_1$  such as to obtain a third's order accurate method.
- For a set of parameters that gives a third's order accurate method, check the stability (advection and advection-diffusion).

# One step Runge-Kutta methods : RK3 family

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$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{F}(A + \theta_0 \delta t \mathcal{F}(A + \theta_1 \delta t \mathcal{F}(A))) \\ &= \mathcal{F}(A) + \theta_0 \delta t \mathcal{F}'(A) + \theta_1 \delta t \mathcal{F}'(A) \mathcal{F}'(A) \\ &+ \frac{\theta_0^2 \delta t^2}{2} \left[ \mathcal{F}'(A) \right]^2 \mathcal{F}''(A) + O(\delta t^3) \\ &= \frac{dA}{dt} + \theta_0 \delta t \frac{d^2 A}{dt^2} + \theta_0 \theta_1 \delta t^2 \left[ \mathcal{F}' \right]^2 \mathcal{F} + \frac{\theta_0^2 \delta t^2}{2} \left[ \mathcal{F}' \right]^2 \mathcal{F}'' + O(\delta t^3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathcal{L}}(A(t)) &= A(t) + \delta t \left( (\alpha_0 + \alpha_1) \frac{dA}{dt} + \alpha_1 \theta_0 \delta t \frac{d^2 A}{dt^2} \right) \\ &+ \delta t \alpha_1 \left( \theta_0 \theta_1 \delta t^2 \left[ \mathcal{F}' \right]^2 \mathcal{F} + \frac{\theta_0^2 \delta t^2}{2} \left[ \mathcal{F}' \right]^2 \mathcal{F}'' \right) + O(\delta t^4) \end{aligned}$$

# Accurate one step Runge-Kutta

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Condition for third order accurate :

$$\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 = 1, \quad \alpha_1 \theta_0 = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \theta_1 = \frac{\theta_0}{2}, \quad \alpha_1 \theta_0^2 = \frac{1}{3},$$

Then we obtain the Heun's third order formula with

$$\theta_0 = \frac{2}{3}, \quad \theta_1 = \frac{1}{3}, \quad \alpha_1 = \frac{3}{4}, \quad \alpha_0 = \frac{1}{4},$$

# Accurate one step Runge-Kutta methods : simple RKp family

$$\tilde{A}^* = \tilde{A}^n$$

For  $m=0, p-1$

$$\tilde{A}^* = \tilde{A}^n + \frac{\delta t}{p-m} \mathcal{F}(\tilde{A}^*)$$

End

$$A^{n+1} = \tilde{A}^*$$

## Back to the PDE with non periodic Boundaries

- We can't use the Fourier transform any more.

The next lecture consider a problem that is defined by the boundary conditions.

The Poisson equation (elliptic) is a Boundary Value Problem (BVP)

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