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Appendix S2. Flux sweeping algorithm

The description of flux sweeping is reproduced from the book [\[1\]](#page-1-0) written in Russian with adaptation to our case. Let us rewrite diffusion equation

$$
\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}=D\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}
$$

into the flux form:

$$
\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial j}{\partial x} \qquad D \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = j
$$

Let us consider the system on the linear grid of M points, where $x_m = mh$, $h = L/M$. Discrete equations at the grid nodes are the following:

$$
\frac{u_m^{n+1} - u_m^n}{\tau} = \frac{j_{m+1/2} - j_{m-1/2}}{h}, \quad m = 1, 2, ..., M - 1,
$$

$$
D \frac{u_{m+1}^{n+1} - u_m^{n+1}}{h} = j_{m+1/2}, \quad m = 0, 1, 2, ..., M - 1.
$$
 (S2.1)

Let us write sweeping relation in the following form:

$$
u_m^{n+1} = P_m j_{m+1/2} + R_m, \quad m = 0, 1, 2, \dots, M - 1,
$$

where P_m and R_m — supplementary ("sweeping") coefficients that should be determined. First pair of these coefficients can be determined from left edge condition $\partial u(0, t)/\partial x = 0$ (we consider Neuman condition):

$$
P_0 = 2\tau/h, \quad R_0 = u_0^n. \tag{S2.2}
$$

Next supplementary coefficients P_m , R_m can be determined recurrently at the first stage (forward sweeping):

$$
A = 1 + \frac{h}{\tau} \left(P_m + \frac{h}{D} \right),
$$

\n
$$
P_{m+1} = \frac{1}{A} \left(P_m + \frac{h}{D} \right),
$$

\n
$$
R_{m+1} = \frac{1}{A} \left[\left(P_m + \frac{h}{D} \right) \frac{h}{\tau} u_{m+1}^n + R_m \right].
$$
\n(S2.3)

At the second stage (backward sweeping) we starts with calculating u_M^{n+1} from right edge condition $\partial u(L, t)/\partial x = 0$:

$$
u_M^{n+1} = \frac{2\tau DR_{M-1} + (h + P_{M-1}D)hu_M^n}{h^2 + hP_{M-1}D + 2\tau D},
$$

\n
$$
j_{M-1} = \frac{h}{2\tau} (u_M^n - u_M^{n+1}).
$$
\n(S2.4)

Next, values of variable u and its flux j in the left grid points are calculated sequentially:

$$
j_{m-1/2} = j_{m+1/2} - \frac{h}{\tau} u_m^{n+1} + \frac{h}{\tau} u_m^n,
$$

\n
$$
u_{m-1}^{n+1} = P_{m-1} j_{m-1/2} + R_{m-1}.
$$
\n(S2.5)

Equations [\(S2.3\)](#page-0-0),[\(S2.5\)](#page-1-1) are called flux sweeping equations, whereas Eq [\(S2.2\)](#page-0-1) and Eq [\(S2.4\)](#page-0-2) can be modified according to edge conditions.

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