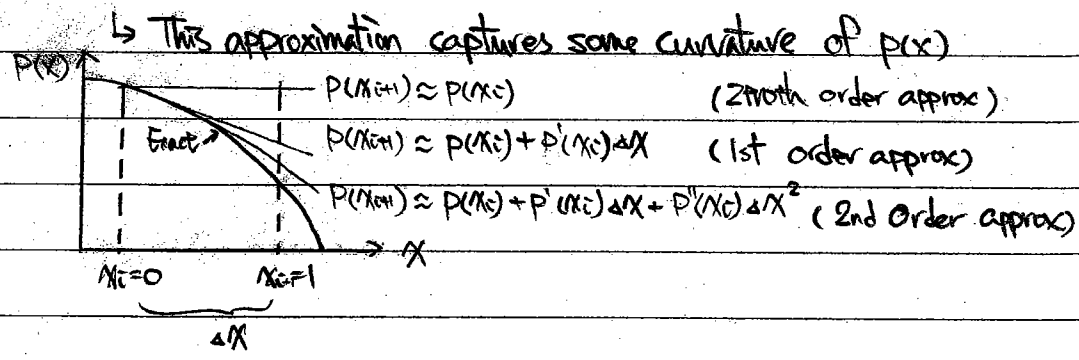


* Finite Difference Method.

The Taylor series provide a means to predict a function's value at one part in terms of the function value and its derivatives at another point.

(1) $P(x_{i+1}) \approx P(x_i) + P'(x_i)(x_{i+1} - x_i)$ (1st order approx)

(2) $P(x_{i+1}) \approx P(x_i) + P'(x_i)(x_{i+1} - x_i) + \frac{1}{2!} P''(x_i)(x_{i+1} - x_i)^2$ (2nd order approx)



So, using Taylor series, we can develop a numerical 1st derivative
 $P'(x_i) = \frac{P(x_{i+1}) - P(x_i)}{x_{i+1} - x_i} + \frac{1}{2!} P''(x_i)(x_{i+1} - x_i) + \dots + P_N$

Using the N th order approximation form from Eqn 1, we have

$$P'(x_i) = \frac{P(x_{i+1}) - P(x_i)}{x_{i+1} - x_i} = \frac{R_i}{x_{i+1} - x_i} \text{ where } \Delta x = x_{i+1} - x_i$$

Divided Difference Formula for $P'(x_i)$

* Central Finite - Divided Difference

1st Derivative

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$$P'(x_i) = \frac{P(x_{i+1}) - P(x_{i-1}))}{2\Delta x}$$

$$P''(x_i) = \frac{-P(x_{i+2}) + 8P(x_{i+1}) - 8P(x_{i-1}) + P(x_{i-2}))}{12\Delta x^2}$$

2nd Derivative

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$$P''(x_i) = \frac{P(x_{i+1}) - 2P(x_i) + P(x_{i-1}))}{\Delta x^2}$$

Backward Finite-Divided Difference

$$P'(x_i) = \frac{P(x_i) - P(x_{i-1})}{\Delta x}$$

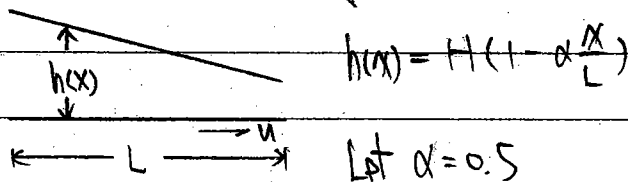
$$P''(x_i) = \frac{P(x_i) - 2P(x_{i-1}) + P(x_{i-2}))}{\Delta x^2}$$

Forward Finite-Divided Difference

$$P'(x_i) = \frac{P(x_{i+1}) - P(x_i)}{\Delta x}$$

$$P''(x_i) = \frac{P(x_{i+2}) - 2P(x_{i+1}) + P(x_i))}{\Delta x^2}$$

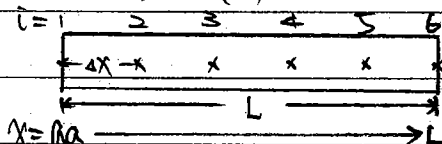
* Numerical Solution to Reynolds Equation for planar slider bearings.



1D Reynolds Equation is

$$\frac{d}{dx} (h^3 \frac{dp}{dx}) = 6\eta u \frac{dh}{dx}$$

$$P(0) = P(L) = 0$$



$$x = 0 + (i-1)\Delta x \Rightarrow x_i \text{ for } i = 1 \dots N_x$$

$$P(x) \rightarrow P(x_i) \Rightarrow P_i \text{ for } i = 1 \dots N_x$$

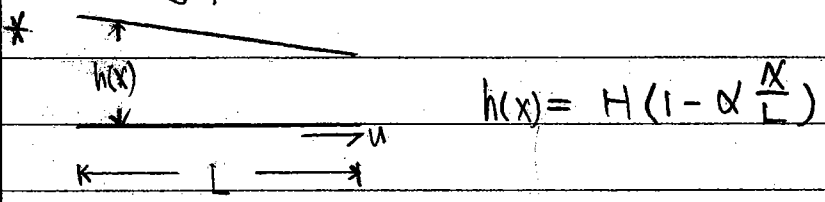
$$h(x) \rightarrow h(x_i) \Rightarrow h_i \text{ for } i = 1 \dots N_x$$

Write Reynolds ODE in linear form $[A(x)P'' + B(x)P' = g(x)]$

$$h^3 \frac{d^2 P}{dx^2} + 3h^2 \frac{dh}{dx} \frac{dP}{dx} = 6\eta u \frac{dh}{dx} \quad \text{Now, discretize.} \quad \frac{2}{4}$$

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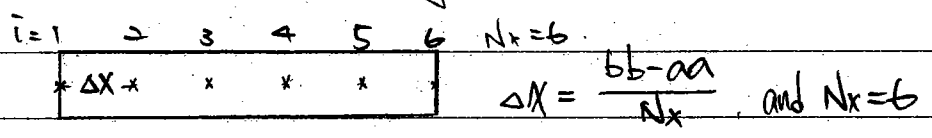


$$h(x) = H \left(1 - \alpha \frac{x}{L}\right)$$

Reynolds Equation

$$h^3 \frac{d^2 P}{dx^2} + 3h^2 \frac{dP}{dx} \frac{dh}{dx} = 6\eta u \frac{dh}{dx}$$

Imagine that the pressure along the length L changes from boundary to boundary, we represent this change by dividing the length into discretized points. For simplicity, we'll do just 6 ($N_x = 6$)



$x = aa \rightarrow bb$
 $aa = 0$ & $bb = L$ for this problem

$$\frac{df}{dx} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+\Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x}$$

$$\begin{cases} x = aa + (i-1)\Delta x \Rightarrow x_i \\ P(x) \Rightarrow P(x_i) \Rightarrow P_i \\ h(x) \Rightarrow h(x_i) \Rightarrow h_i = H \left(1 - \alpha \frac{x_i}{L}\right) \end{cases}$$

Write ODE in linear form $[A(x)P'' + B(x)P'] = g(x)$

$$\Rightarrow h^3 \frac{d^2 P}{dx^2} + 3h^2 \frac{dP}{dx} \frac{dh}{dx} = 6\eta u \frac{dh}{dx} \quad * 1. \text{ governing equation.}$$

$$\Rightarrow h_i^3 \left(\frac{P_{i+1} - 2P_i + P_{i-1}}{\Delta x^2} \right) + 3h_i^2 \left(\frac{dh}{dx} \right) \left(\frac{P_{i+1} - P_{i-1}}{2\Delta x} \right) = 6\eta u \left(\frac{h_{i+1} - h_{i-1}}{2\Delta x} \right) \quad * 2.$$

Boundary Equations:

$$\begin{cases} P(0) = P_i = 0 \text{ for } i=1 \\ P(L) = P_i = 0 \text{ for } i=N_x \end{cases}$$

↳ this is pressure written in numerical form.

From Equation #2.

$$P_{i-1} \left(\underbrace{\frac{h_i^3}{\Delta x^2}}_{a_{i1}} + \underbrace{\frac{3h_i^2}{2\Delta x} \frac{dh}{dx}}_{a_{i2}} \right) + P_i \left(\underbrace{-\frac{3h_i^3}{\Delta x^2}}_{a_{i3}} \right) + P_{i+1} \left(\underbrace{\frac{h_i^3}{\Delta x^2} + \frac{3h_i^2}{2\Delta x} \frac{dh}{dx}}_{a_{i4}} \right) = b_i \underbrace{\left(\frac{h_{i+1} - h_{i-1}}{2\Delta x} \right)}_{j_i}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{42} & a_{43} & a_{44} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_1 \\ P_2 \\ P_3 \\ P_4 \\ P_5 \\ P_6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ j_1 \\ j_2 \\ j_3 \\ j_4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Tri-Diagonal Matrix

P_i

b_i

a_{ij}
 \downarrow Row
 \downarrow Column

vector

vector

solve $A_{ij} \cdot P_i = j_i$

in Mathematica $P = \text{LinearSolve}[a, b]$

In Matlab $P = a \setminus b$