

# TUTORIAL 03:

## NUMERICAL ASPECT I: FINITE DIFFERENCES

# STEP 1: Logging onto the HPC cluster

- From a terminal/konsole:

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- Request one node with the alias command **qsubil**

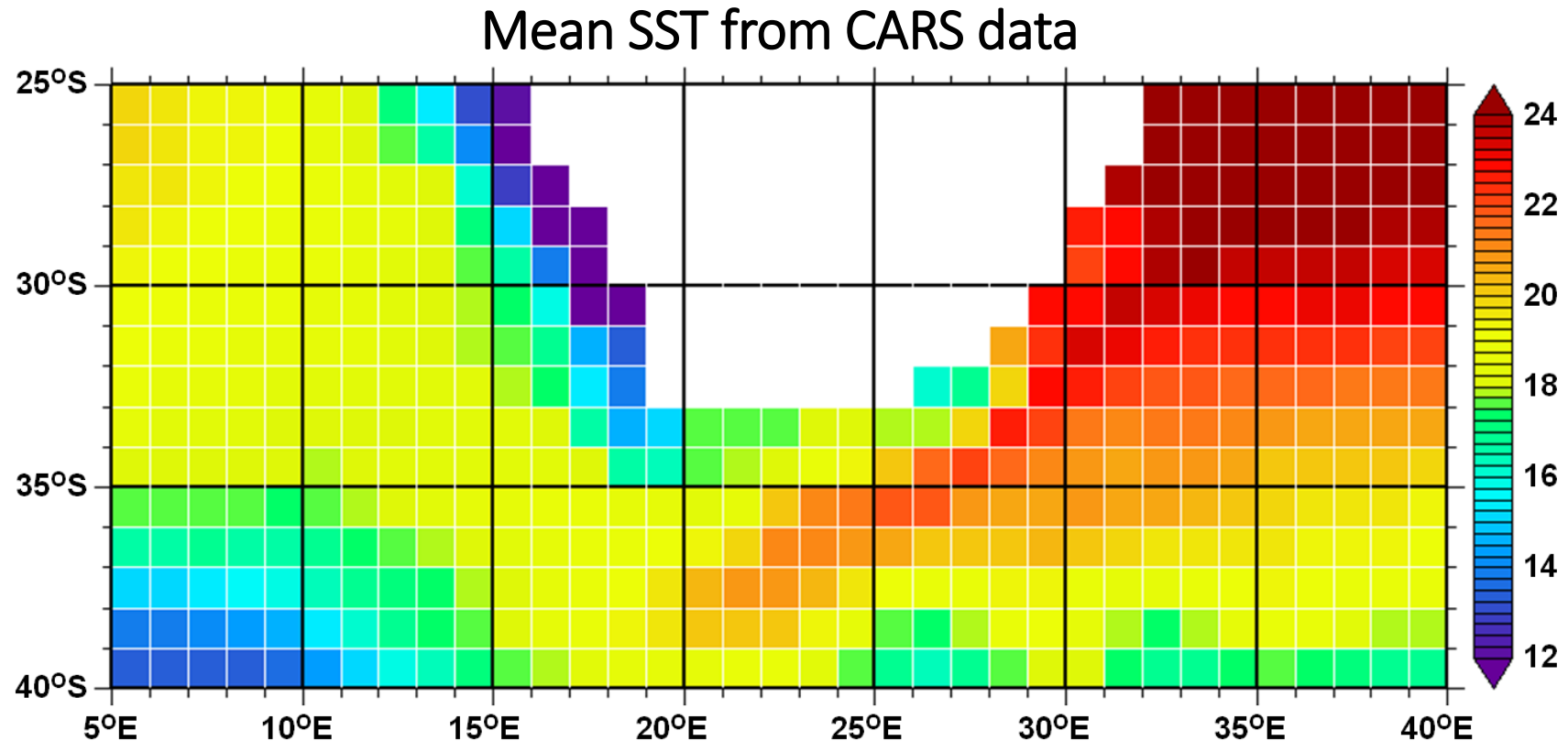
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# OBJECTIVES

- Analyse the temperature equation
- Admire my dream swimming pool
- Discretize the swimming into a regular a mesh grid
- Transform continuous derivatives by finite difference approximations
- Solve the 1D-Diffusion equation in MATLAB

# The Grid

- Let's consider Temperature data (T) discretized on a grid :



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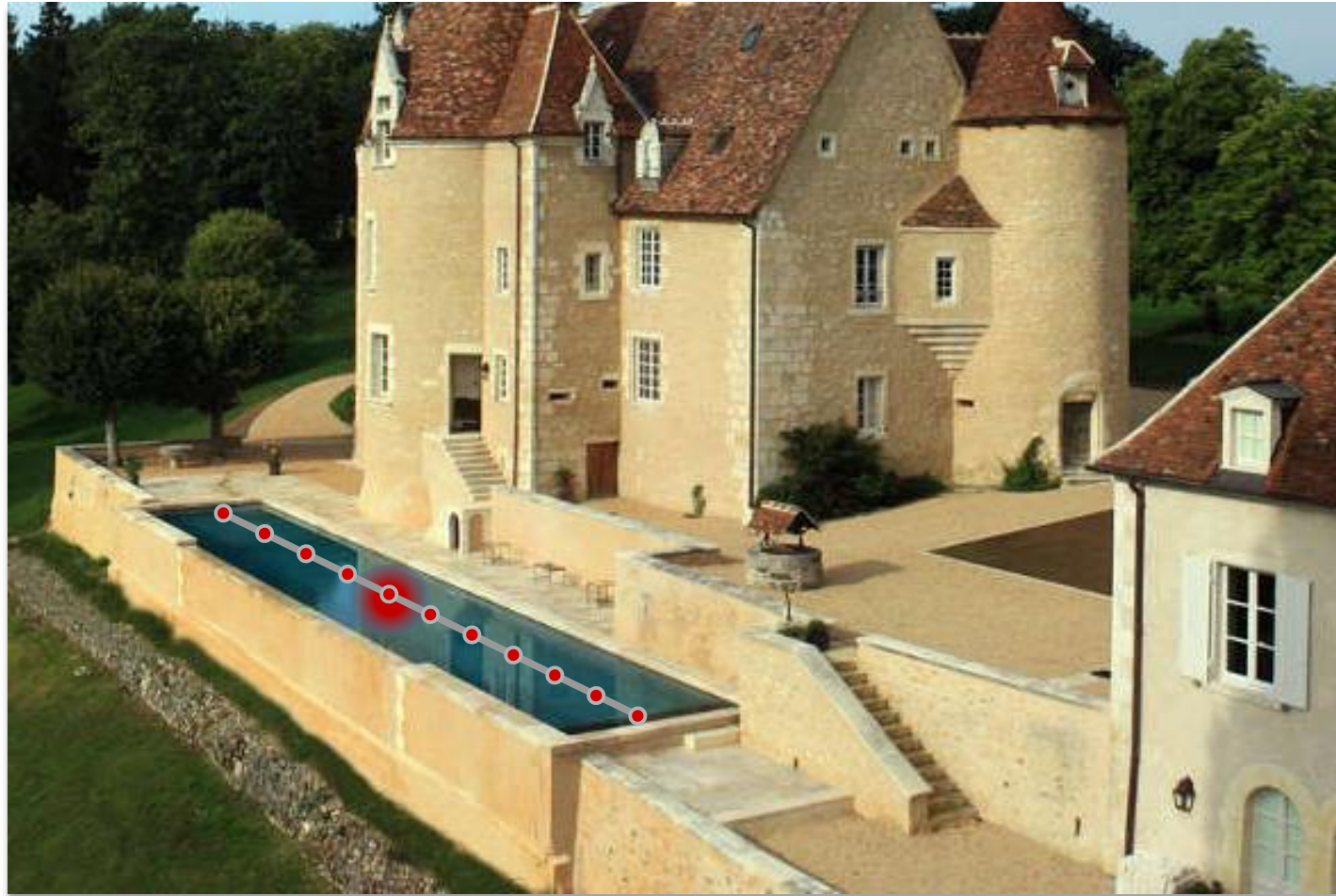




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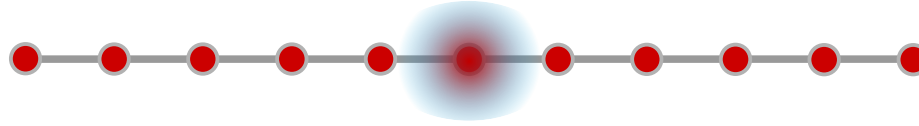


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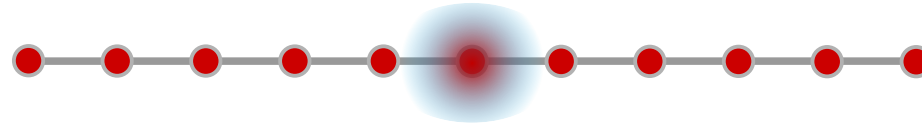
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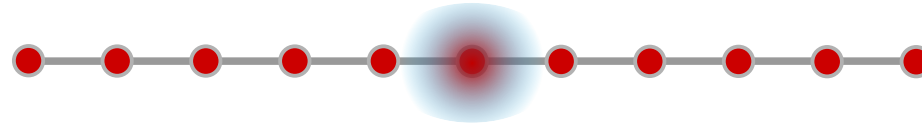


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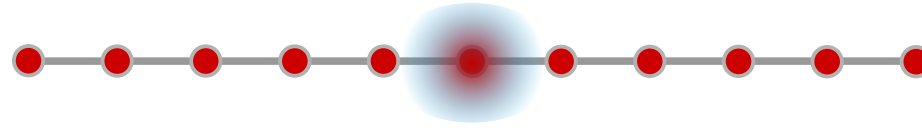
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The diagram shows the full 3D heat equation with two terms crossed out with red circles and a diagonal line. A green curved arrow points from the horizontal gradient term  $\nabla_h (K_{Th} \cdot \nabla_h T)$  to the horizontal divergence term  $\nabla_h$  on the left, indicating the simplification to a 1D problem.

- We can simplify the equation, under particular hypothesis:
  - There is no currents in the swimming pool
  - We do not consider variation of temperature with depth
    - ↳ It becomes a 1 Dimensional (1D) problem in the  $x$  coordinate
  - The diffusion coefficient ( $K_{Th}$ ) is a constant

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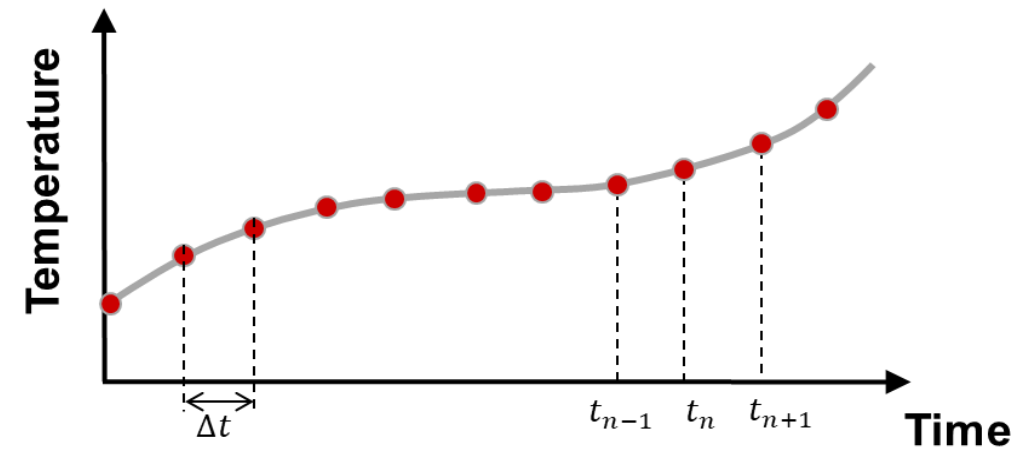
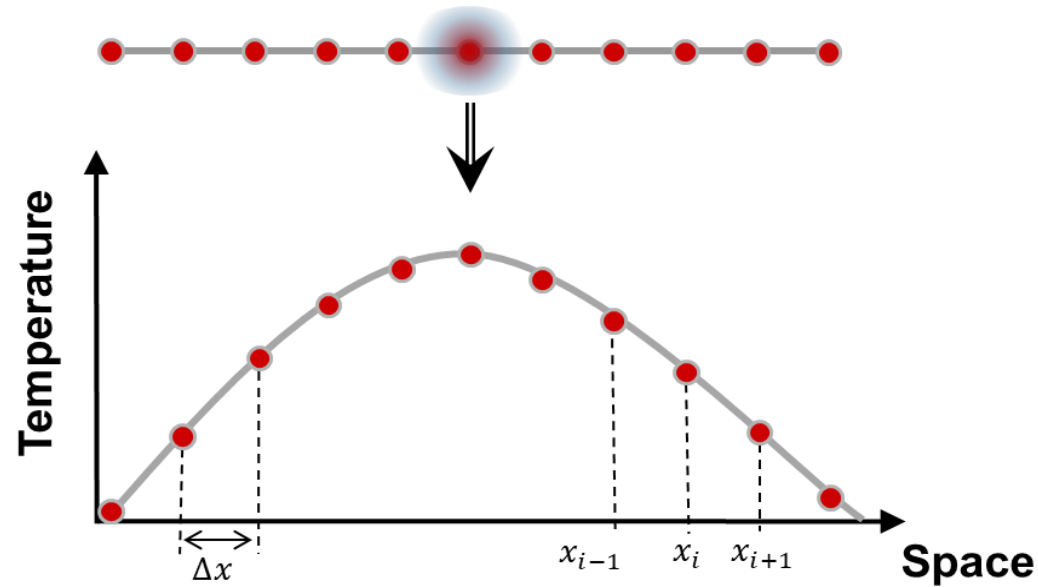
$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = K_{Th} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right)$$

- $\frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$  is the temperature increment during the period of time **dt**
- $K_{Th}$  : the diffusion coefficient (ex: 0.001 m<sup>2</sup>/s)
- $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right)$  the **Laplacian** operator  
plied to the temperature field with an horizontal scale **dx**

# Finite Difference Definition

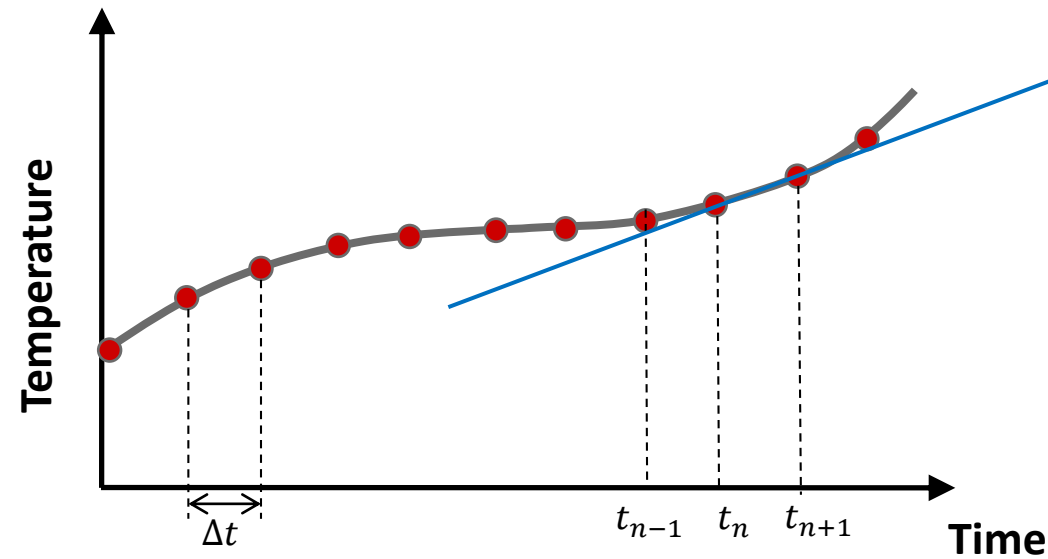
→ The first step in the discretization procedure is to replace the domain  $[0, L] \times [0, T]$  by a set of mesh points. Here we apply equally spaced mesh points :

$$x_i = i\Delta x, i = 1, \dots, N_x \quad \text{and} \quad t_n = n\Delta t, n = 1, \dots, N_t$$



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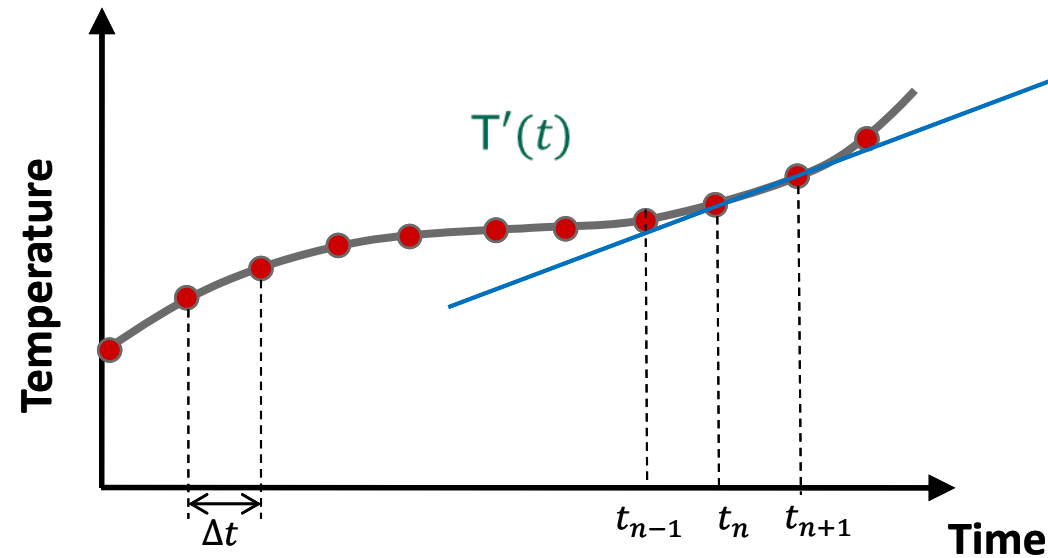
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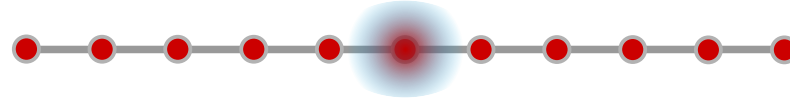


$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{T_i^{n+1} - T_i^n}{\Delta t}$$

Forward difference

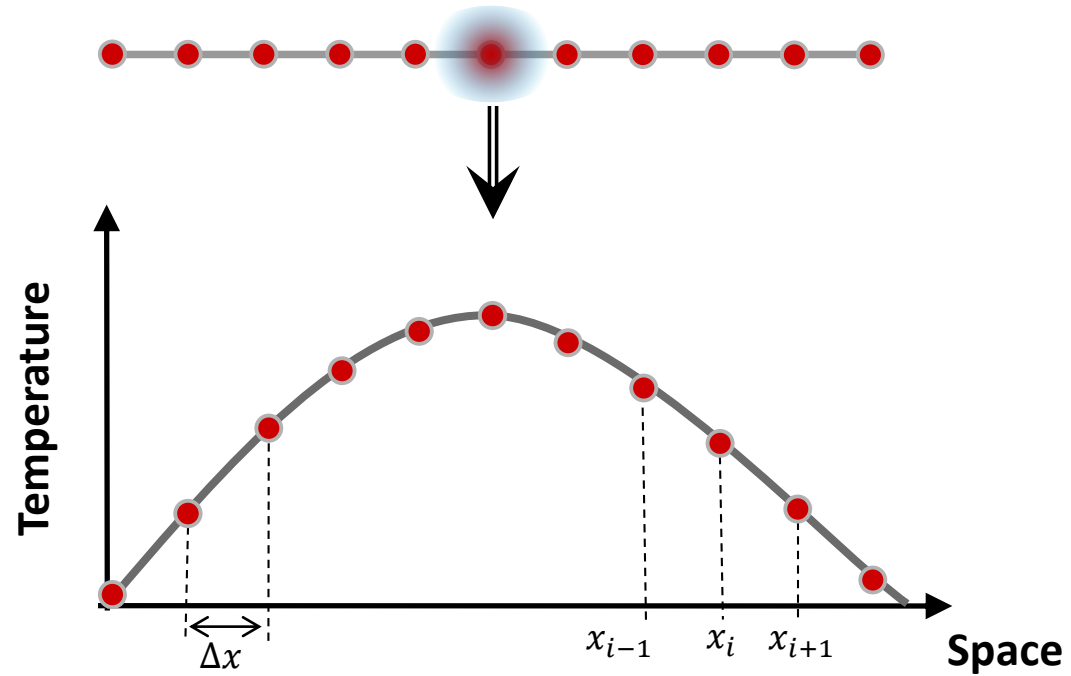
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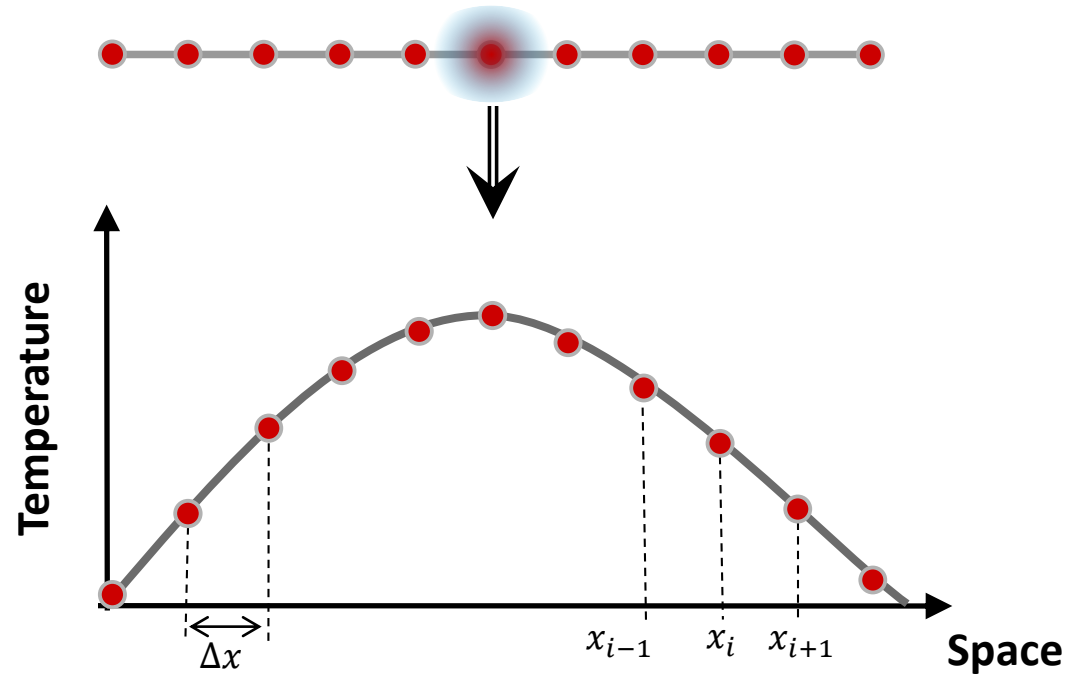
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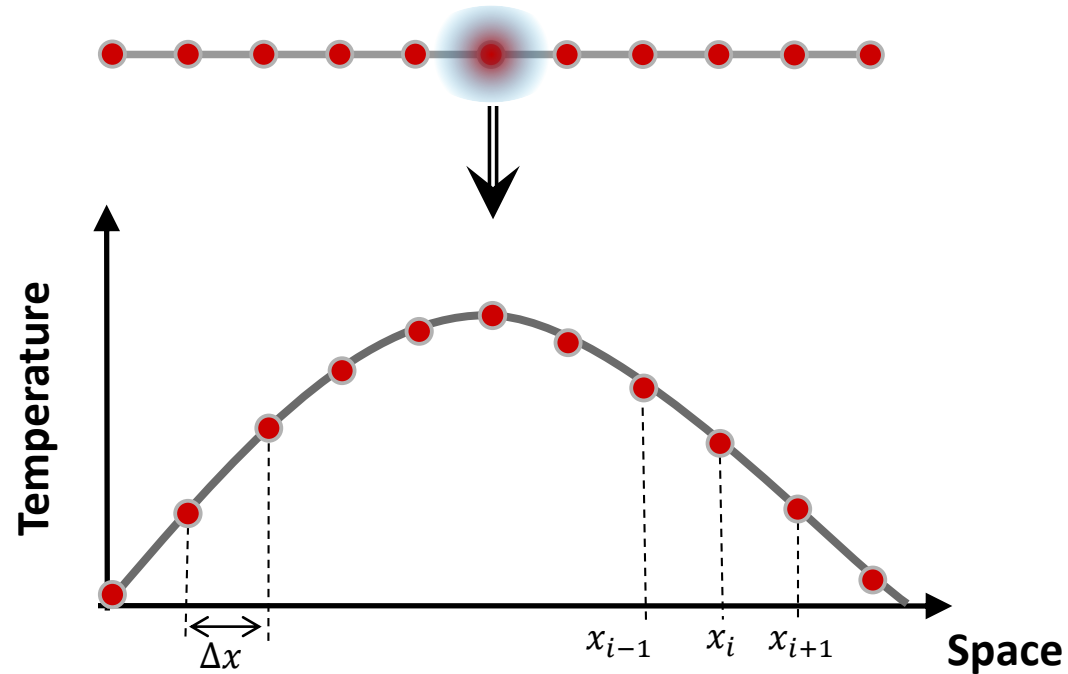


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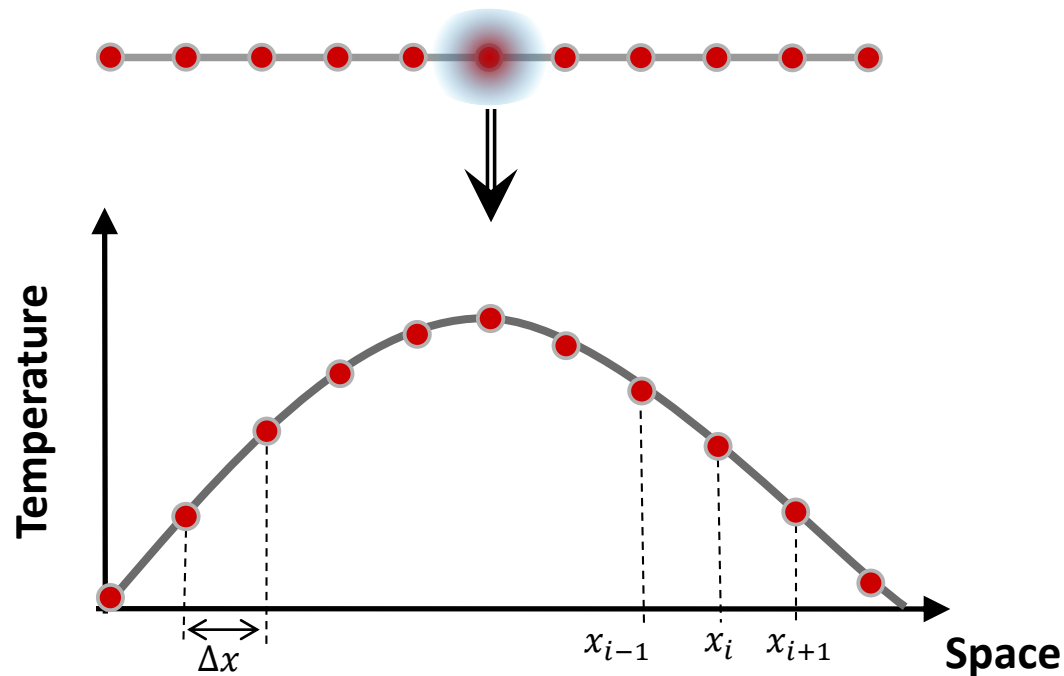
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2  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} \approx \frac{T_{i+1}^n - 2T_i^n + T_{i-1}^n}{\Delta x^2}$

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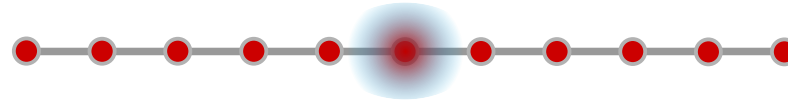


Diagram showing a horizontal line with points labeled  $T_{i-2}$ ,  $T_{i-1}$ ,  $T_i$ ,  $T_{i+1}$ , and  $T_{i+2}$ .

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \approx \frac{T_{i+1} - T_{i-1}}{2 \Delta x} \quad \text{centered.}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} \approx \frac{(T_{i+2} - T_i) - (T_i - T_{i-2})}{4 \Delta x^2}$$

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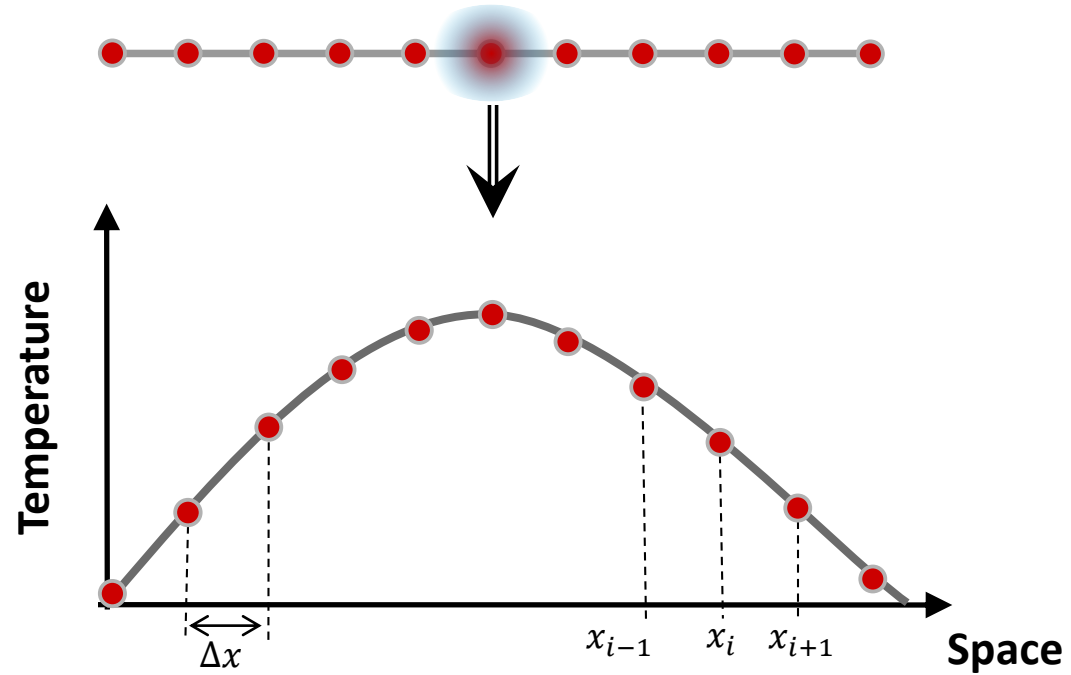
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Forward Euler scheme

$$T_i^{n+1} = T_i^n + K_{Th} \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x^2} (T_{i+1}^n - 2T_i^n + T_{i-1}^n)$$

**Explicit method** : Direct calculation of the temperature at a later time from the current time

# Solving the 1D Diffusion Equation

➤ We have an explicit formulation:

- $$T_i^{n+1} = T_i^n + K_{Th} \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x^2} (T_{i+1}^n - 2T_i^n + T_{i-1}^n)$$
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# The Computational Algorithm

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→ The computational algorithm consists of the following steps:

- ➊ Initialise the vector state variable  $(T_i^1, i = 1, \dots, N_x)$ ,
  - ➋ Plot  $T^1$  at every point in the domain,
  - ➌ Apply equation (2) for all the internal points,  $i = 2, \dots, N_x - 1$ ,
  - ➍ Set the boundary values for  $i = 1$  and  $i = N_x$  ( $T_1^{n+1}$  and  $T_{N_x}^{n+1}$ ),
  - ➎ Plot  $T^2$  at every point in the domain,
  - ➏ Rince and repeat (steps ➌ ➍ ➎).
- for  $n = 1, \dots, N_t$

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- Go your lustre directory and create a dedicated directory

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cd lustre; mkdir diff; cd diff
```

- Copy a template of the computational algorithm and start **MATLAB**

```
cp /home/apps/chpc/earth/CROCCO_Workshop/  
CROCO_TRAINING_Basic/3_Some_files/My_diffusion_1D.m .
```

# STEP 2: Complete the Initialisation step

→ You have to complete this script at lines 29, 53 and 56 (see >>> below). Here are the different parts of the algorithm:

➡ Line 14:  $K$  is the constant horizontal diffusion coefficient.

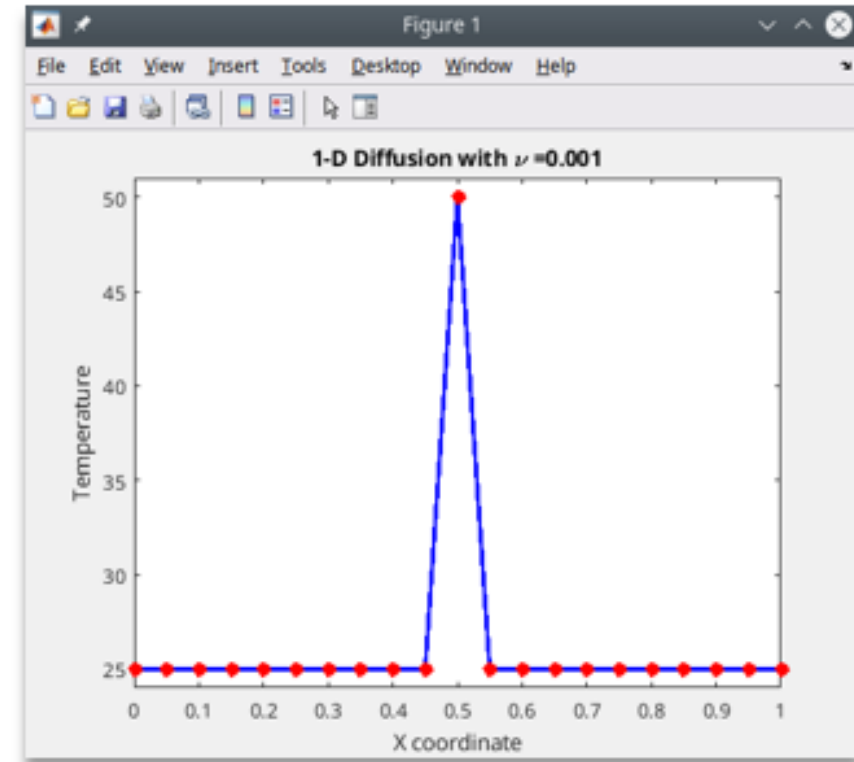
➡ Lines 16-18: the length of the swimming pool is descetized into 21 equally-spaced points.

➡ Lines 20-21: We begin at  $n = 1$ , with  $\Delta t = 0.1s$ .

➡ Line 25: The swimming temperature pool is initialized at  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$ , everywhere. This corresponds to step ❶ of the computationsal algorithm (see #3).

>>> Complete line 29, to initialise (❶) the 11<sup>th</sup> spatial point at  $50^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

➡ Lines 32-38: This is a plot (❷) of the temperature in the swimming pool.





# STEP 3: Complete the Script

$$T_i^{n+1} = T_i^n + K_{Th} \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x^2} (T_{i+1}^n - 2T_i^n + T_{i-1}^n)$$

➤➤➤ At line 53, start by applying equation (2) for the 11<sup>th</sup> spatial point (③), such that:  
temperature\_new(11) = temperature(11) + ...

➡ You can define a coefficient alpha, such that  $\alpha = K\Delta t/\Delta x^2$

➤➤➤ At line 53, apply equation (2) for all the internal points,  $i = 2, \dots, N_x - 1$  (③) using a **for loop** (for i=2, nx-1)

➤➤➤ At line 56, apply the boundary conditions at  $i = 1$  and  $i = N_x$  (④). Either the temperature at these points remains at 25°C, or you can copy the temperature of the closest internal point.

➤➤➤ When it is working, increase the number of time steps nt (at line 20)

➤➤➤ Decrease and then increase the time step dt (line 21). What do you observe?

# STEP 4: Exiting

- Exit Matlab:

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exit
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- Give back the compute node:

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exit
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- Logoff the Lengau cluster:

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