

Chapter 7

# Finite Volume Method

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## Exponential Method

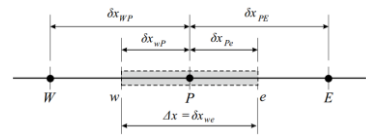
Consider 1-D convection-diffusion equation

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \rho u \phi - \Gamma \frac{d\phi}{dx} \right) = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{This equation can be solved analytically}$$

$$J = \rho u \phi - \Gamma \frac{d\phi}{dx} \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{dJ}{dx} = 0$$

Integrating over cell element, we have

$$J_e - J_w = 0$$



## Exponential Method

$$J_e = (\rho u)_e \phi_e - \Gamma_e \left( \frac{d\phi}{dx} \right)_e$$

$$J_e = F_e \left( \phi_P + (\phi_E - \phi_P) \frac{e^{\frac{Pc_e \Delta x_e}{2}} - 1}{e^{Pc_e} - 1} \right) - \Gamma_e \left( (\phi_E - \phi_P) \frac{Pc_e}{\Delta x_e} \frac{e^{\frac{Pc_e \Delta x_e}{2}}}{e^{Pc_e} - 1} \right)$$

$$= F_e \left( \phi_P + (\phi_E - \phi_P) \frac{e^{\frac{Pc_e}{2}} - 1}{e^{Pc_e} - 1} \right) - F_e (\phi_E - \phi_P) \frac{e^{\frac{Pc_e}{2}}}{e^{Pc_e} - 1}$$

$$J_e = F_e \left( \phi_P + \frac{\phi_P - \phi_E}{e^{Pc_e} - 1} \right)$$

## Exponential Method

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$$J_e = F_e \left( \phi_P + \frac{\phi_P - \phi_E}{e^{Pc_e} - 1} \right)$$

Similarly we have

$$J_w = F_w \left( \phi_W + \frac{\phi_W - \phi_P}{e^{Pc_w} - 1} \right)$$

**Exponential Method**

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \rho u \phi - \Gamma \frac{d\phi}{dx} \right) = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad J_e - J_w = 0$$

$$F_e \left( \phi_P + (\phi_P - \phi_E) \frac{1}{e^{Pe_e} - 1} \right) - F_w \left( \phi_W + (\phi_W - \phi_P) \frac{1}{e^{Pe_w} - 1} \right) = 0$$

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**Exponential Method**

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \rho u \phi - \Gamma \frac{d\phi}{dx} \right) = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad J_e - J_w = 0$$

$$F_e \left( \phi_P + (\phi_P - \phi_E) \frac{1}{e^{Pe_e} - 1} \right) - F_w \left( \phi_W + (\phi_W - \phi_P) \frac{1}{e^{Pe_w} - 1} \right) = 0$$

$$a_P \phi_P = a_E \phi_E + a_W \phi_W$$

By comparing these two equations, the analytical coefficients can be found as follows:

$$a_E = \frac{F_e}{e^{Pe_e} - 1} \quad a_W = \frac{F_w e^{Pe_w}}{e^{Pe_e} - 1} \quad a_P = a_E + a_W$$

This method is called **Exponential Method**

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**Exponential Method**

Despite high accuracy and physical behavior, the exponential method has large computational cost. So, it is not very popular.

$Pe=0$  Pure Diffusion  
 $Pe=\infty$  Pure Convection

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**Example**

Check the satisfaction of 4 rules for Central difference method.

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \rho u \phi - \Gamma \frac{d\phi}{dx} \right) = 0$$

Using central difference method, we have

$$\frac{(\rho u)_e}{2} \frac{\phi_E + \phi_P}{2} - (\rho u)_w \frac{\phi_P + \phi_W}{2} = \frac{\Gamma_e (\phi_E - \phi_P)}{\delta x_e} - \frac{\Gamma_w (\phi_P - \phi_W)}{\delta x_w}$$

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**Example**

$$(\rho u)_e \frac{\phi_E + \phi_P}{2} - (\rho u)_w \frac{\phi_P + \phi_W}{2} = \frac{\Gamma_e(\phi_E - \phi_P)}{\delta x_e} - \frac{\Gamma_w(\phi_P - \phi_W)}{\delta x_w}$$

$$a_P \phi_P = a_E \phi_E + a_W \phi_W$$

$$a_W = D_w + \frac{F_w}{2} \quad a_E = D_e - \frac{F_e}{2} \quad a_P = a_E + a_W + F_e - F_w$$

The above discretization is second order

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**Example**

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$$a_P \phi_P = a_E \phi_E + a_W \phi_W$$

$$a_W = D_w + \frac{F_w}{2} \quad a_E = D_e - \frac{F_e}{2} \quad a_P = a_E + a_W + F_e - F_w$$

Suppose that  $\phi_W = 100, \phi_E = 200, D = \frac{\Gamma}{\delta x} = 1, F = \rho u = 4$

We expect that  $100 < \phi_P < 200$

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**Example**

$$(\rho u)_e \frac{\phi_E + \phi_P}{2} - (\rho u)_w \frac{\phi_P + \phi_W}{2} = \frac{\Gamma_e(\phi_E - \phi_P)}{\delta x_e} - \frac{\Gamma_w(\phi_P - \phi_W)}{\delta x_w}$$

$$a_P \phi_P = a_E \phi_E + a_W \phi_W$$

$$a_W = D_w + \frac{F_w}{2} \quad a_E = D_e - \frac{F_e}{2} \quad a_P = a_E + a_W + F_e - F_w$$

Suppose that  $\phi_W = 100, \phi_E = 200, D = \frac{\Gamma}{\delta x} = 1, F = \rho u = 4$

$a_E = 1 - 2 = -1, a_W = 3, a_P = 2$

$2\phi_P = -\phi_E + 3\phi_W = 300 - 200 = 100 \implies \phi_P = 50!$  Non-Physical Solution

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**Central Difference Method**

**Hints:**

- Non-physical solution occurs due to negative coefficients which contradicts the second law.
- Central difference method is suitable for low Peclet numbers ( $Pe = \frac{F}{D}$ )

In the example, Pe is:  $\begin{cases} D = \frac{\Gamma}{\delta x} = 1 \\ F = \rho u = 4 \end{cases} \quad Pe = \frac{F}{D} = \frac{4}{1} = 4$

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**Central Difference Method**

To have physical solution, all neighbor coefficients should be positive.

Central Difference Method

$$a_W = D_w + \frac{F_w}{2}$$

$$a_E = D_e - \frac{F_e}{2}$$

$a_W = D_w + \frac{F_w}{2} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{F_w}{D_w} = \text{Pe}_w \geq -2$

$a_E = D_e - \frac{F_e}{2} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{F_e}{D_e} = \text{Pe}_e \leq 2$

}  $|\text{Pe}| \leq 2$

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**Upwind Method**

Upwind method is used for high Peclet numbers (Pe)

The value on the cell face is equal to the upstream node

$$\phi_c = \begin{cases} \phi_P & F_e > 0 \\ \phi_E & F_e < 0 \end{cases}$$

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**Upwind Method**

**Advantage:** The upwind method does **not** produce oscillation results

**Disadvantage:** The upwind method is numerically diffusive

Using Taylor series in Cartesian coordinate system and  $\text{Fc} > 0$ , we have

$$\phi_e = \phi_P + (x_e - x_P) \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \right)_P + \frac{(x_e - x_P)^2}{2} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} \right)_P + O(h^3)$$

The upwind method uses only the first term

$$f_e^d = \Gamma_e \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \right)_e$$

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**Upwind Method**

Consider 1-D Convection-Diffusion equation

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left\{ \rho u \phi - \Gamma \frac{d\phi}{dx} \right\} = 0$$

On the right face of cell element we have

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left\{ (\rho u)_e \phi_e - \Gamma_e \left( \frac{d\phi}{dx} \right)_e \right\} = 0$$

$$\phi_e = \phi_P + (x_e - x_P) \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \right)_P + \frac{(x_e - x_P)^2}{2} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} \right)_P + O(h^3) \quad x_e - x_P = \Delta x / 2$$

$$\left( \frac{d\phi}{dx} \right)_e = \left( \frac{d\phi}{dx} \right)_P + \frac{\Delta x}{2} \left( \frac{d^2 \phi}{dx^2} \right)_P + \dots$$

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**Upwind Method**

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left\{ (\rho u)_e \phi_P - \left( \Gamma_e - \frac{\Delta x}{2} (\rho u) \right) \left( \frac{d\phi}{dx} \right)_e \right\} = 0$$

$$\Gamma_e^{num} = (\rho u)_e \Delta x / 2 \quad \text{Numerical Diffusion}$$

**Hints:**

- In 2-D and 3-D problems in which flow direction is not perpendicular to the grid, the numerical diffusion increases
- Smaller grid can be used to increase the accuracy of results of upwind method

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**Upwind Method**

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left\{ \rho u \phi - \Gamma \frac{d\phi}{dx} \right\} = 0$$

$$\delta x_e = \delta x_w = \delta x$$

$$u_w, u_e > 0 \quad \phi_w = \phi_P$$

$$\phi_e = \phi_P$$

$$(\rho u)_e \phi_e - (\rho u)_w \phi_w = \Gamma_e \left( \frac{d\phi}{dx} \right)_e - \Gamma_w \left( \frac{d\phi}{dx} \right)_w$$

$$F_e \phi_P - F_w \phi_P = \frac{\Gamma_e}{\delta x} (\phi_E - \phi_P) - \frac{\Gamma_w}{\delta x} (\phi_P - \phi_W)$$

$$\Rightarrow [(F_w + D_w) + D_e + (F_e - F_w)] \phi_P = (F_w + D_w) \phi_W + D_e \phi_E$$

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**Upwind Method**

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left\{ \rho u \phi - \Gamma \frac{d\phi}{dx} \right\} = 0$$

$$\delta x_e = \delta x_w = \delta x$$

$$u_w, u_e < 0 \quad \phi_w = \phi_P$$

$$\phi_e = \phi_E$$

$$(\rho u)_e \phi_e - (\rho u)_w \phi_w = \Gamma_e \left( \frac{d\phi}{dx} \right)_e - \Gamma_w \left( \frac{d\phi}{dx} \right)_w$$

$$F_e \phi_E - F_w \phi_P = \frac{\Gamma_e}{\delta x} (\phi_E - \phi_P) - \frac{\Gamma_w}{\delta x} (\phi_P - \phi_W)$$

$$\Rightarrow [D_w + (D_e - F_e) + (F_e - F_w)] \phi_P = D_w \phi_W + (D_e - F_e) \phi_E$$

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**Upwind Method**

In general, we can use the following relations for upwind method

$$a_E = D_e + \max[-F_e, 0]$$

$$a_W = D_w + \max[F_w, 0]$$

$$a_P = a_E + a_W + (F_e - F_w)$$

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**Example**

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left\{ \rho u \phi - \Gamma \frac{d\phi}{dx} \right\} = 0$$

$$(\rho u)_e \phi_e - (\rho u)_w \phi_w = \Gamma_e \left( \frac{d\phi}{dx} \right)_e - \Gamma_w \left( \frac{d\phi}{dx} \right)_w$$

$$u > 0 \quad \phi_e = \phi_P \quad \phi_w = \phi_W$$

$$F\phi_P - F\phi_W = D(\phi_E - \phi_P) - D(\phi_P - \phi_W)$$

$$\phi_P(F + 2D) = \phi_W(F + D) + D\phi_E$$

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**Example**

**Node 1**

$$(\rho u)_e \phi_e - (\rho u)_w \phi_w = \Gamma_e \left( \frac{d\phi}{dx} \right)_e - \Gamma_w \left( \frac{d\phi}{dx} \right)_w$$

$$F\phi_P - F\phi_A = D(\phi_E - \phi_P) - 2D(\phi_P - \phi_A)$$

$$\Rightarrow (F + 3D)\phi_P = D\phi_E + (F + 2D)\phi_A$$

**Node 5**

$$(\rho u)_e \phi_e - (\rho u)_w \phi_w = \Gamma_e \left( \frac{d\phi}{dx} \right)_e - \Gamma_w \left( \frac{d\phi}{dx} \right)_w$$

$$F\phi_P - F\phi_W = 2D(\phi_B - \phi_P) - D(\phi_P - \phi_W)$$

$$\Rightarrow (F + 3D)\phi_P = (F + D)\phi_W + 2D\phi_B$$

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**Example**

$S_w$	$S_P$	$a_E$	$a_W$	Node
$(2D + F)\phi_A$	$-(2D + F)$	$D$	$0$	1
$0$	$0$	$D$	$D + F$	2-4
$2D\phi_B$	$-2D$	$0$	$D + F$	5

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**Example**

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**Hybrid Method**

Hybrid method is the combination of Central Difference and Upwind method

Hybrid Method  $\begin{cases} |Pe| \leq 2 & \text{Central Difference} \\ |Pe| \geq 2 & \text{Upwind} \end{cases}$

$$Pe_w = \frac{F_w}{D_w} = \frac{(\rho u)_w}{\Gamma_w / \delta x_{WP}}$$

$$q_w = (\rho u \phi - \Gamma \frac{d\phi}{dx})_w$$

$$q_w = F_w \left[ \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{2}{Pe_w} \right) \phi_W + \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{2}{Pe_w} \right) \phi_P \right] \quad -2 < Pe_w < 2$$

$$q_w = F_w \phi_W \quad Pe_w \geq 2$$

$$q_w = F_w \phi_P \quad Pe_w \leq -2$$

**Hybrid Method**

$$a_P \phi_P = a_W \phi_W + a_E \phi_E$$

$$a_P = a_W + a_E + (F_e - F_w)$$

$$a_W = \max \left[ F_w, \left( D_w + \frac{F_w}{2} \right), 0 \right]$$

$$a_E = \max \left[ -F_e, \left( D_e - \frac{F_e}{2} \right), 0 \right]$$

**Power Law Method**

In the Power-Law method, a fifth order curve fit is used instead of exponential function in analytical solution. Therefore, high accurate results can be obtained and also, the computational cost decreases dramatically.

$$a_P \phi_P = a_E \phi_E + a_W \phi_W$$

$$a_E = D_e \max[0, (1 - 0.1|Pe|)^5] + \max[0, -F_e]$$

$$a_W = D_w \max[0, (1 - 0.1|Pe|)^5] + \max[0, F_w]$$

$$a_P = a_W + a_E + (F_e - F_w)$$

**Quick Method**

Quick method uses a three-point upstream-weighted quadratic interpolation for cell face values. The face value of  $\phi$  is obtained from a quadratic function passing through two bracketing nodes (on each side of the face) and a node on the upstream side

$$\phi_e = \begin{cases} \phi_P + g_1(\phi_E - \phi_P) + g_2(\phi_P - \phi_W) & u > 0 \\ \phi_E + g_3(\phi_P - \phi_E) + g_4(\phi_E - \phi_{EE}) & u < 0 \end{cases}$$

**Quick Method**

$$\phi_e = \phi_P + (x_e - x_P) \left( \frac{d\phi}{dx} \right)_P + \frac{(x_e - x_P)^2}{2!} \left( \frac{d^2\phi}{dx^2} \right)_P$$

$$\phi_E = \phi_P + (x_E - x_P) \left( \frac{d\phi}{dx} \right)_P + \frac{(x_E - x_P)^2}{2!} \left( \frac{d^2\phi}{dx^2} \right)_P \quad u > 0$$

$$\phi_W = \phi_P + (x_W - x_P) \left( \frac{d\phi}{dx} \right)_P + \frac{(x_W - x_P)^2}{2!} \left( \frac{d^2\phi}{dx^2} \right)_P$$

$$x_e - x_P = g_1 (x_E - x_P) - g_2 (x_W - x_P) \quad g_1 = \frac{(x_e - x_P)(x_e - x_W)}{(x_E - x_P)(x_E - x_W)}$$

$$\frac{(x_e - x_P)^2}{2!} = g_1 \frac{(x_E - x_P)^2}{2!} - g_2 \frac{(x_W - x_P)^2}{2!} \quad g_2 = \frac{(x_e - x_P)(x_E - x_e)}{(x_P - x_W)(x_E - x_W)}$$

Uniform Cartesian Grid  $\phi_e = \frac{6}{8}\phi_P + \frac{3}{8}\phi_E - \frac{1}{8}\phi_W - \frac{9(\Delta x)^3}{16} \left( \frac{\partial^3\phi}{\partial x^3} \right)_P + O(h^4)$

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**Example**

The figure displays six plots arranged in a 2x3 grid. The top row is labeled 'Upwinding' and the bottom row is labeled 'Central Differencing'. The columns correspond to Peclet numbers Pe = 0.1, Pe = 1, and Pe = 5. Each plot shows a concentration profile φ versus a normalized coordinate from 0 to 1. The profiles for Pe = 0.1 and Pe = 1 are smooth and match the analytical solution. For Pe = 5, the upwinding scheme shows a sharp transition, while the central differencing scheme exhibits significant oscillations.

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**Higher Order Methods**

$$\phi(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x} \right)_e = a_1 + 2a_2x + 3a_3x^2$$

Uniform Cartesian grid

$$\phi_e = \frac{27\phi_P + 27\phi_E - 3\phi_W - 3\phi_{EE}}{48}$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x} \right)_e = \frac{27\phi_E - 27\phi_P + \phi_W - \phi_{EE}}{24\Delta x}$$

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**General Formulation**

$$\frac{\partial(\rho\phi)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial J_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial J_y}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \quad \phi = u \quad \text{X-Momentum}$$

$$\frac{\partial(\rho\phi)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial J_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial J_y}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \quad \phi = v \quad \text{Y-Momentum}$$

$$J_x = \rho u\phi - \Gamma \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x} \quad J_y = \rho v\phi - \Gamma \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial y}$$

$$J_e^* = \frac{J_e \delta x_e}{\Gamma} = \frac{(\rho u)_e \phi \delta x_e}{\Gamma} - \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial(x/\delta x_e)}$$

$$J_e^* = \text{Pe}_e \phi - \frac{d\phi}{d(x/\delta x_e)}$$

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**General Formulation**

$$J_e^* = \text{Pe}_e[\alpha\phi_P + (1 - \alpha)\phi_E] - \beta[\phi_P - \phi_E]$$

$\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are non-dimensional coefficients that depend on  $\text{Pe}_e$ .

$$J_e^* = B\phi_P - A\phi_E \quad \begin{matrix} A = -[\beta + \text{Pe}_e(1 - \alpha)] \\ B = \alpha\text{Pe}_e - \beta \end{matrix}$$

$$J_e^* = \text{Pe}_e\phi_P = \text{Pe}_e\phi_E \quad \text{if } \phi_E = \phi_P$$

$$J_e^* = (A + \text{Pe}_e)\phi_P - A\phi_E \quad \text{Pe}_e = \frac{(\rho u)_e \delta x_e}{\Gamma_e} \quad \text{Or} \quad \text{Pe}_e = \frac{(\rho u)_e [\Delta y]}{(\Gamma_e / \delta x_e) [\Delta y]}$$

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**General Formulation**

$$\text{Pe}_e = \frac{F_e}{D_e} = \frac{\text{Convection}}{\text{Diffusion}}$$

$$J_e^* = \frac{J_e \delta x_e}{\Gamma_e} = \frac{J_e}{D_e} \quad J_e^* = \frac{J_e}{D_e} = \frac{F_e}{D_e} \phi_P + A(\phi_P - \phi_E)$$

$$J_e - F_e \phi_P = D_e A(\phi_P - \phi_E)$$

$$J_e - F_e \phi_E = A D_e (\phi_P - \phi_E) \quad F_e < 0$$

$$J_e - F_e \phi_P = A D_e (\phi_P - \phi_E) \quad F_e > 0$$

$J_e - F_e \phi_P = a_E (\phi_P - \phi_E) \quad a_E = A D_e + \max[-F_e, 0]$

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**General Formulation**

$a_E = A D_e, \quad J_e - F_e \phi_P = A D_e (\phi_P - \phi_E) \quad F_e > 0$

$a_E = A D_e - F_e \quad J_e - F_e \phi_P = (A D_e - F_e)(\phi_P - \phi_E) \quad F_e < 0$ 

$$= A D_e \phi_P - F_e \phi_P - A D_e \phi_E + F_e \phi_E$$

$a_E = D_e A(|\text{Pe}|) + \max[-F_e, 0] \quad a_N = D_n A(|\text{Pe}|) + \max[-F_n, 0]$ 
 $a_W = D_w A(|\text{Pe}|) + \max[F_w, 0] \quad a_S = D_s A(|\text{Pe}|) + \max[F_s, 0]$ 
 $a_P = (a_E + a_W) + (F_e - F_w)$

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**General Formulation**

Method	$A( \text{Pe} )$
Central Difference	$1 - 0.5 \text{Pe} $
Upwind	1
Hybrid	$\max[0, 1 - 0.5 \text{Pe} ]$
Power Law	$\max[0, (1 - 0.1 \text{Pe} )^5]$
Exponential	$ \text{Pe}  / \{\exp( \text{Pe} ) - 1\}$

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