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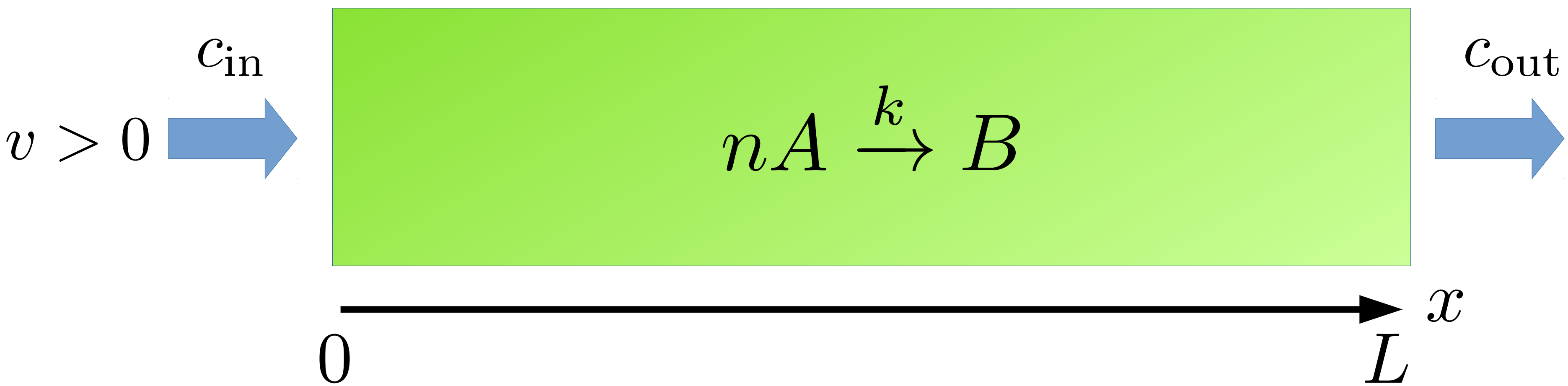

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Diffusion — Advection/Convection — Reaction

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(Danckwerts)

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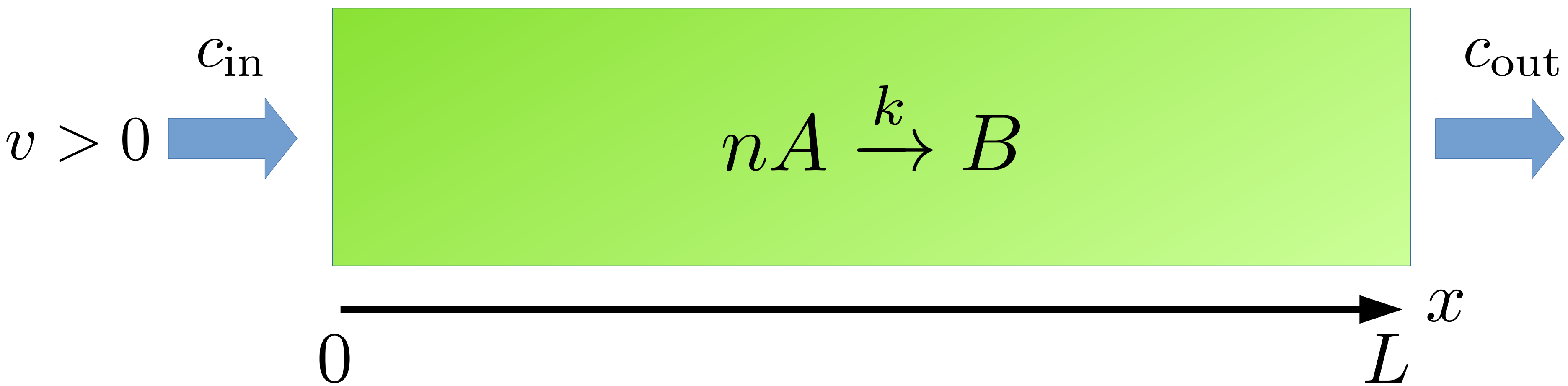

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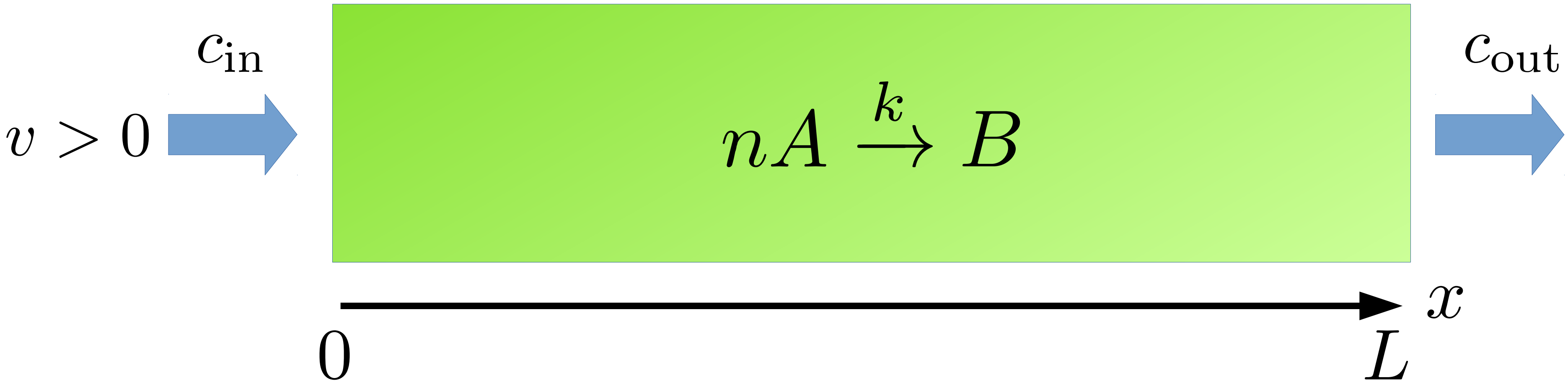

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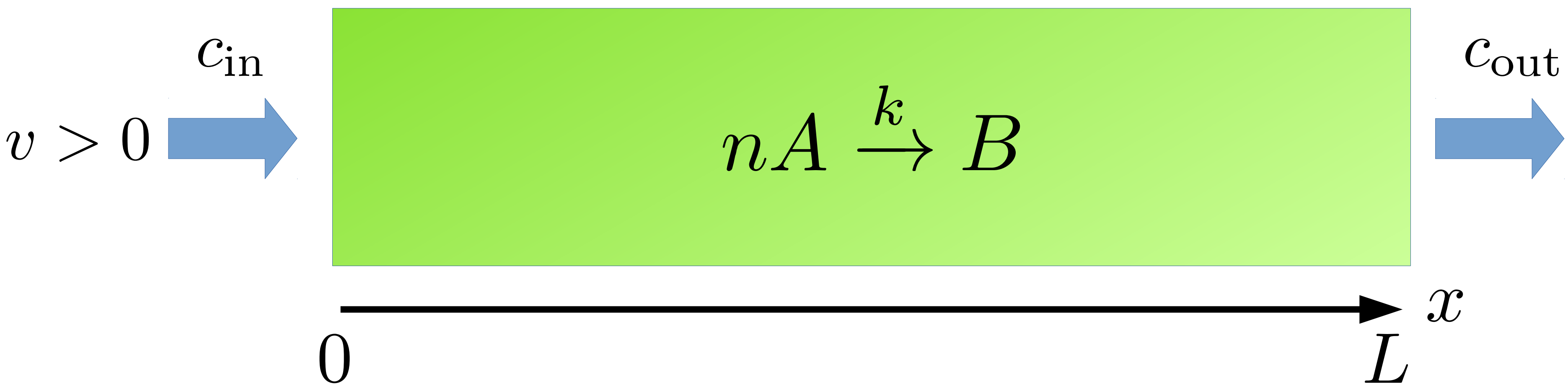

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Peclet number: $$Pe = \frac{L^2/D}{L/v} = \frac{\tau_{Diffusion}}{\tau_{Hydrodynamics}}$$

Damköhler number: $$Da = \frac{L/v}{1/(kc_{\mathrm{in}}^{n-1})} = \frac{\tau_{Hydrodynamics}}{\tau_{Reaction}}$$

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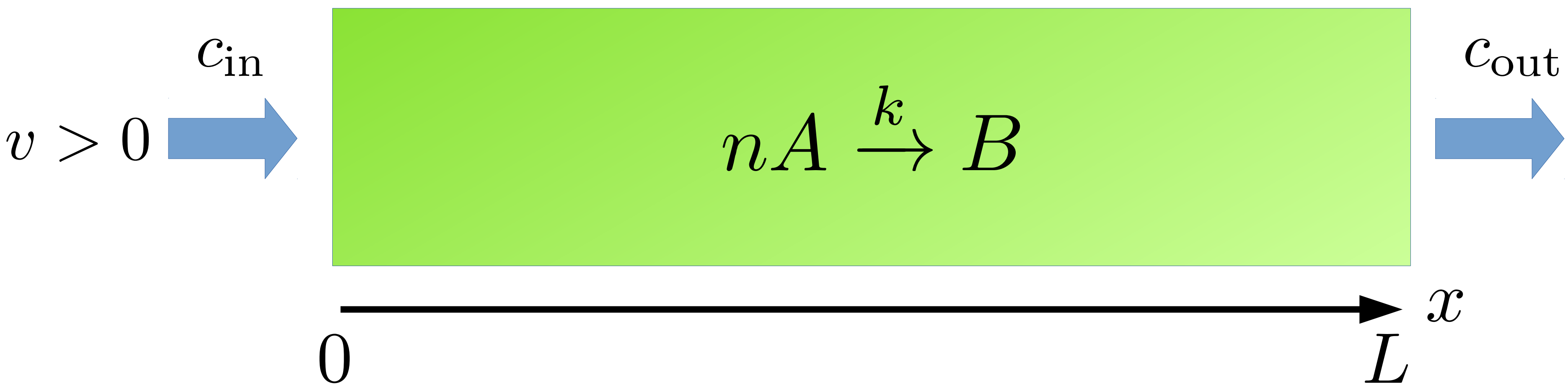

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Steady state tubular reactor

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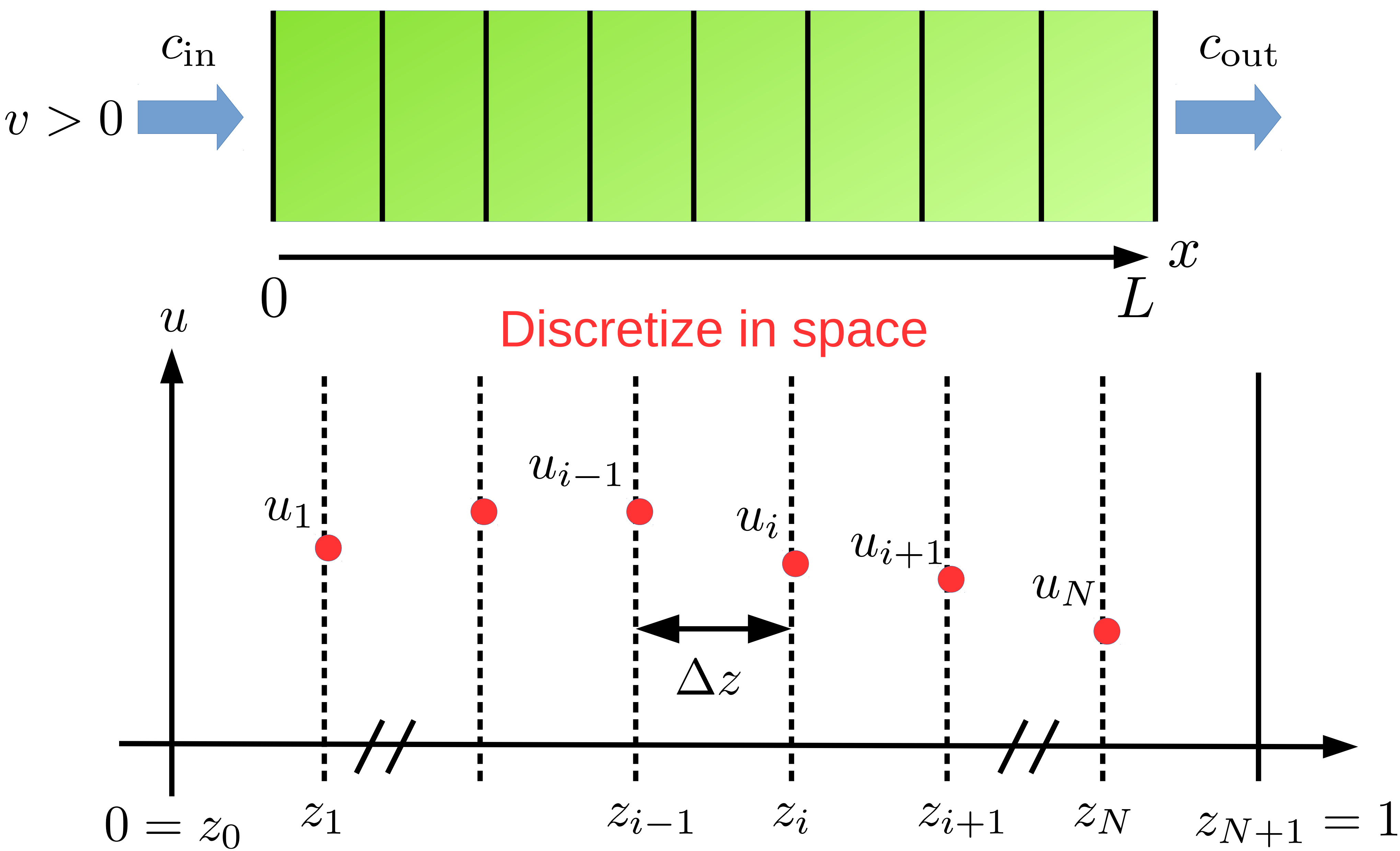

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$$\frac{1}{Pe}\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} - Da \cdot u^n = 0$$

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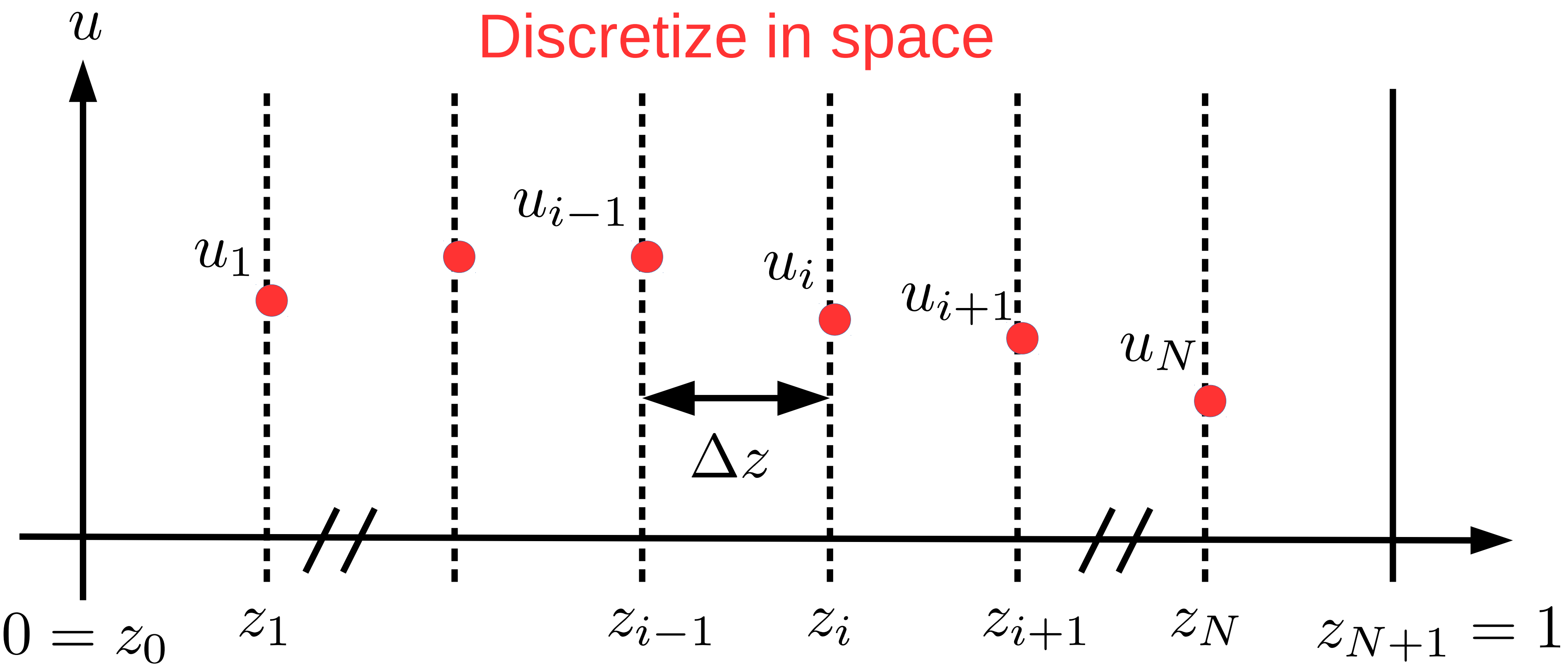

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Centered Finite Difference

Backward Finite Difference

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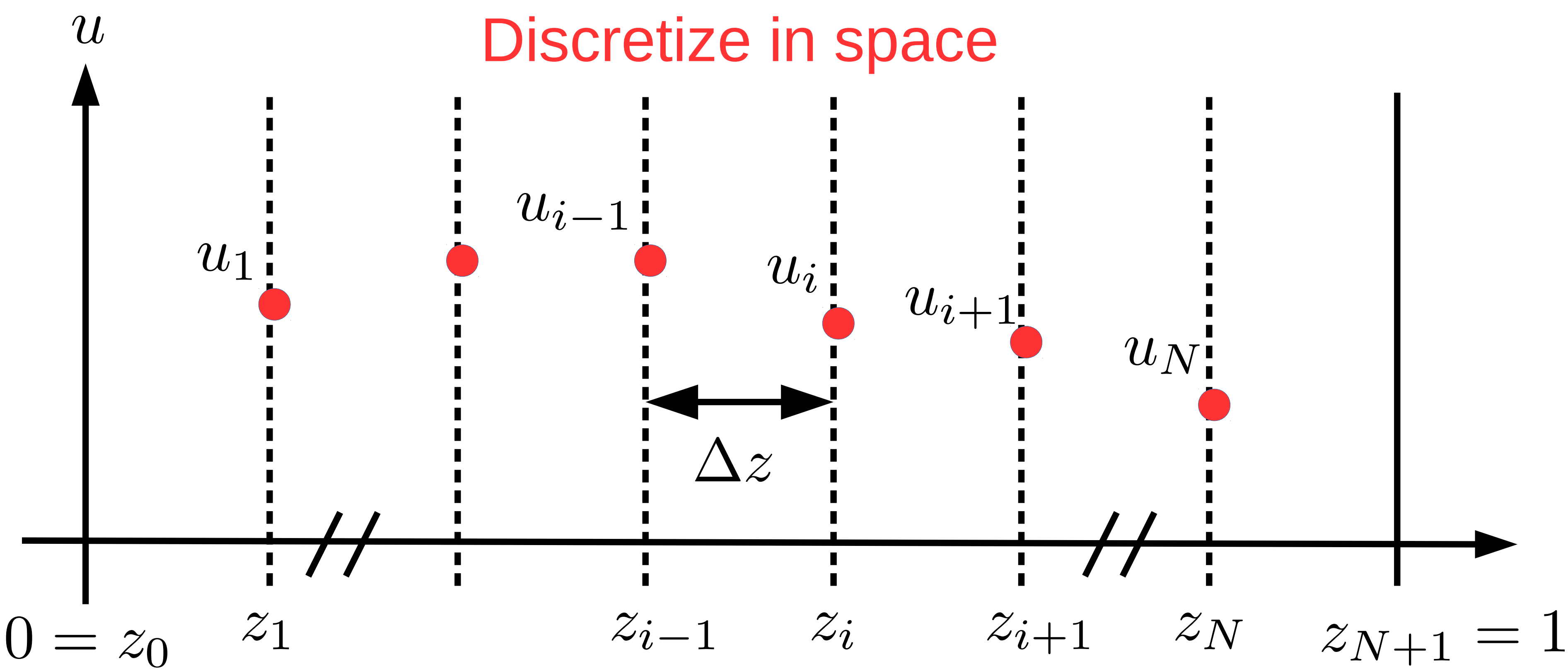

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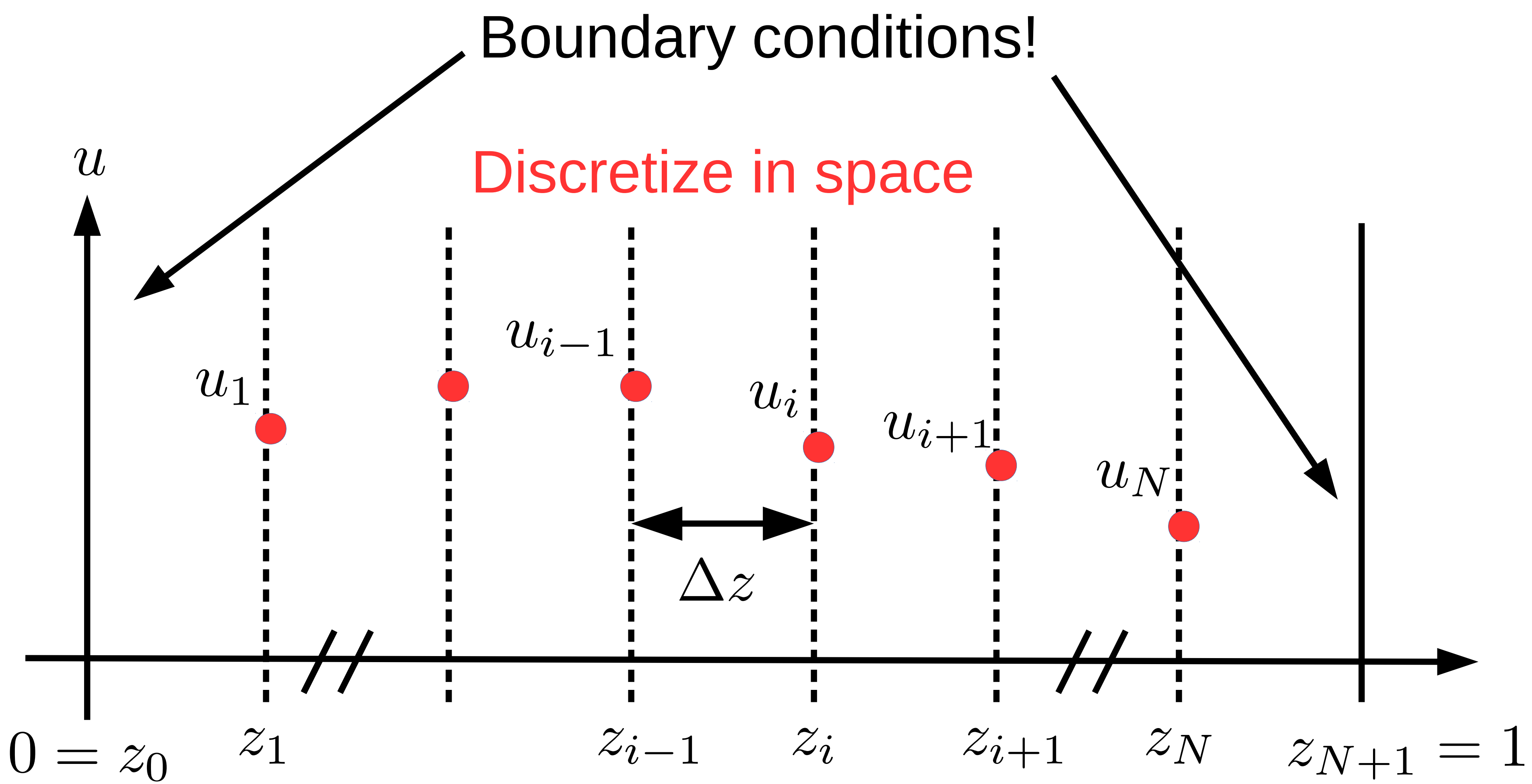

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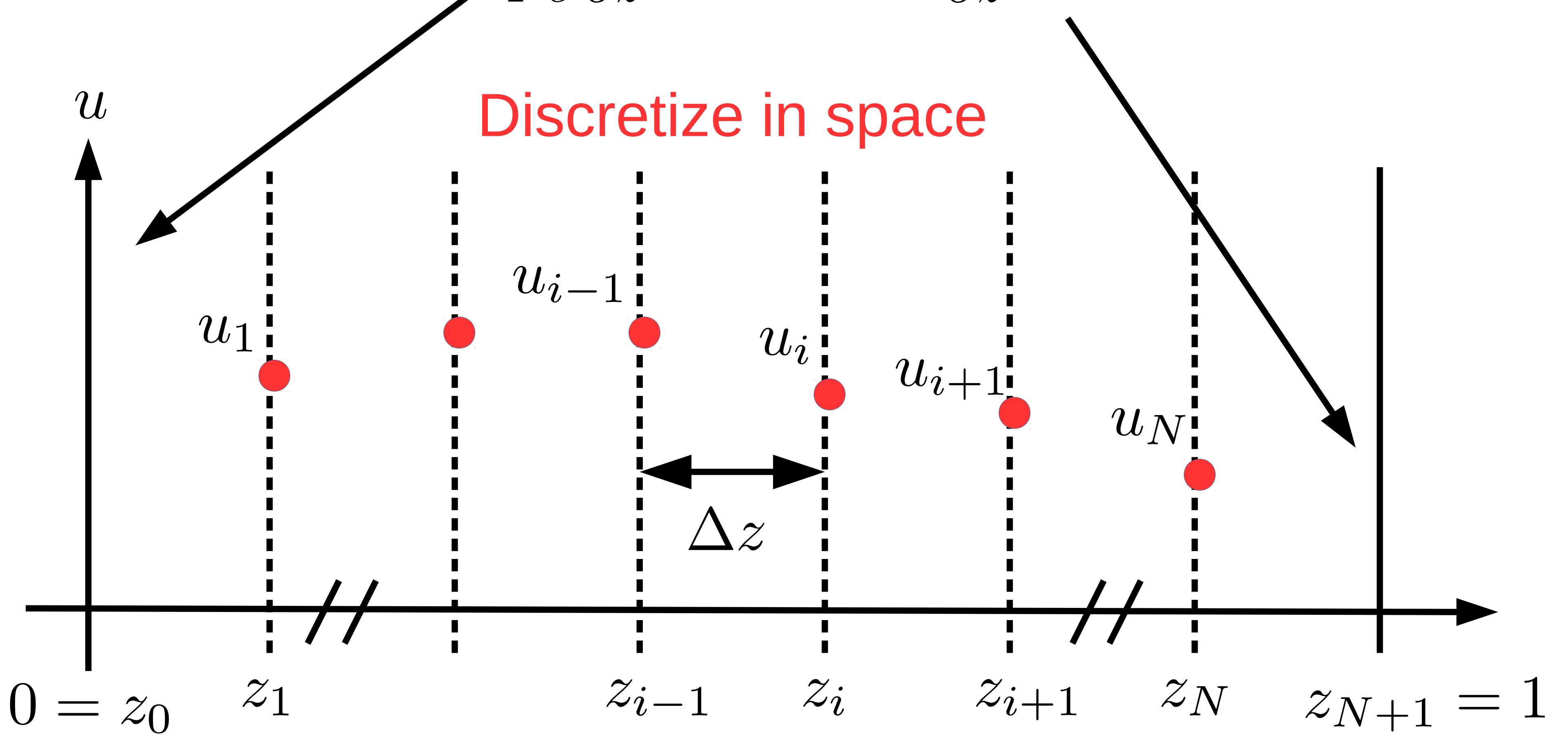

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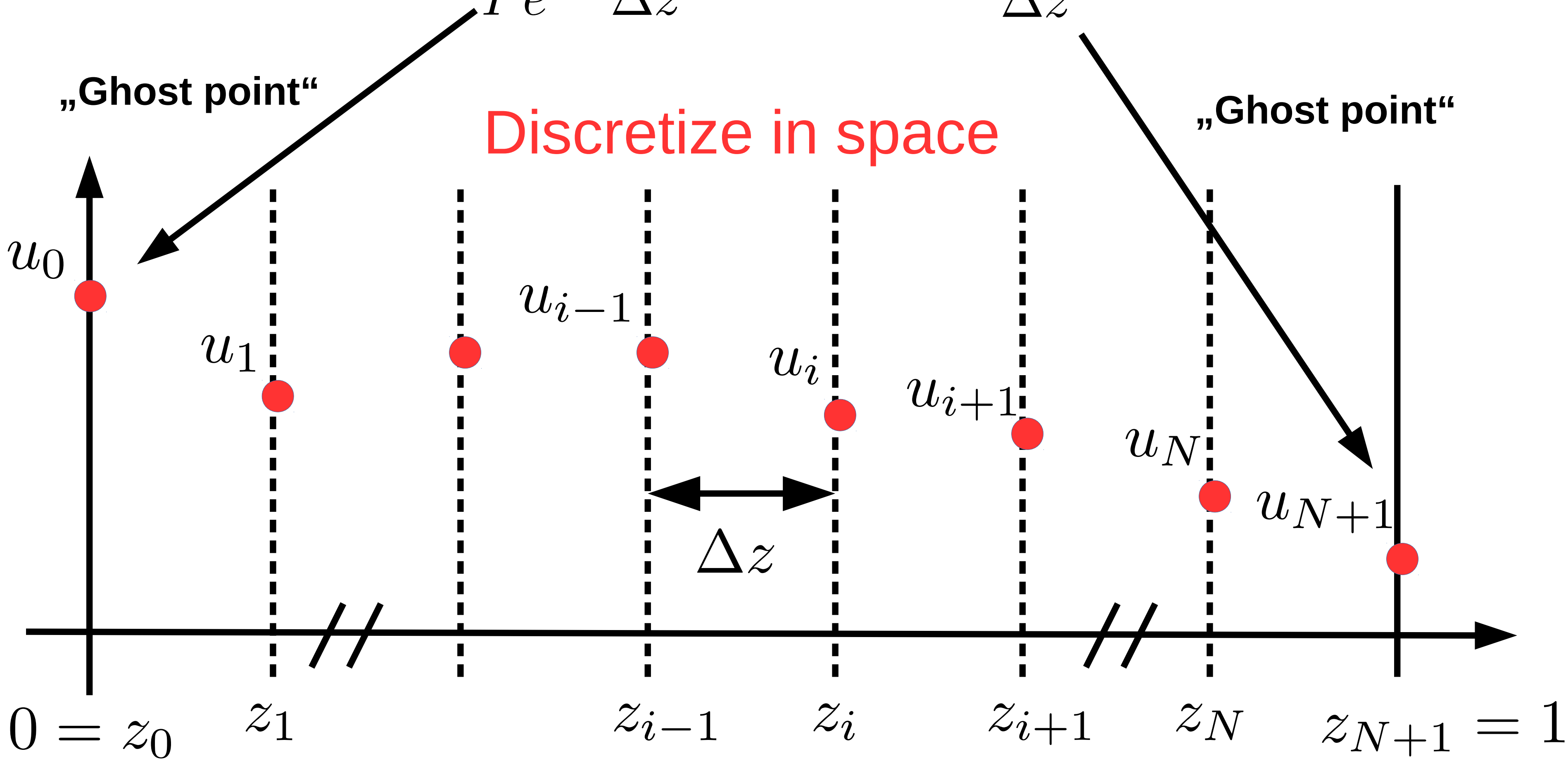

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$$i=1,2,...,N$$

System of nonlinear equations!!!

Assignment 1

1. Solve the steady state tubular reactor for 20 different Peclet numbers (between 0.01 and 100) and for a first (n=1) and a second (n=2) order reaction. Use a Damköhler number of unity.
   Complete the template `rhs.m` by implementing the non-linear equations to solve
2. Plot the conversion at the end of the reactor $1 - \frac{c_{\mathrm{out}}}{c_{\mathrm{in}}}$ vs. the Peclet number for both reaction orders
   Also plot the ratio between the conversions of the first order and second order reaction
   - What is better for these reactions, a lot of back-mixing (Pe small, CSTR) or ideal plug flow (Pe large, PFR)?
   - What influence does the reaction order have overall and at low or high Peclet numbers?

Complete the template `TubReact_steady_state.m`

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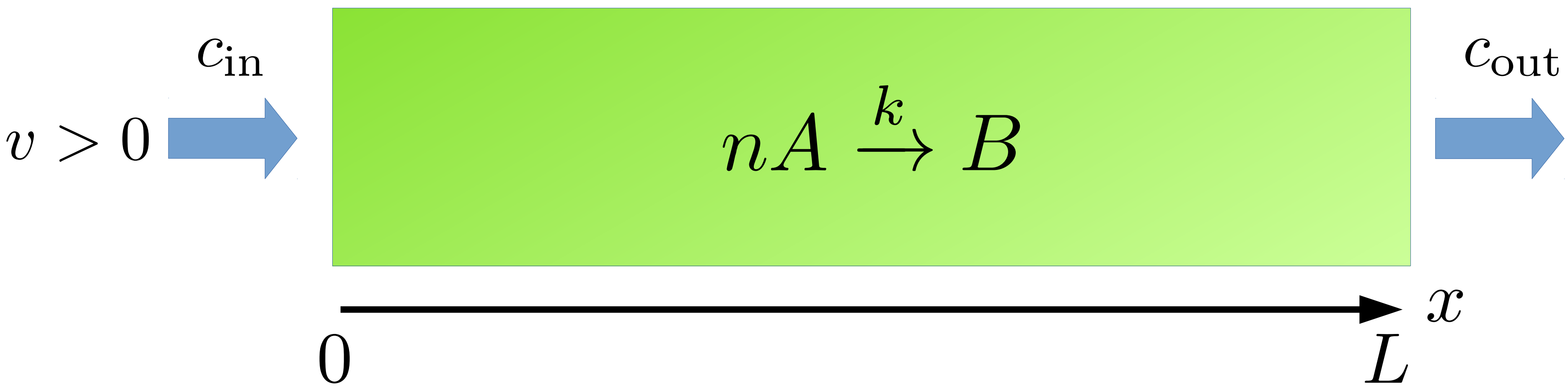

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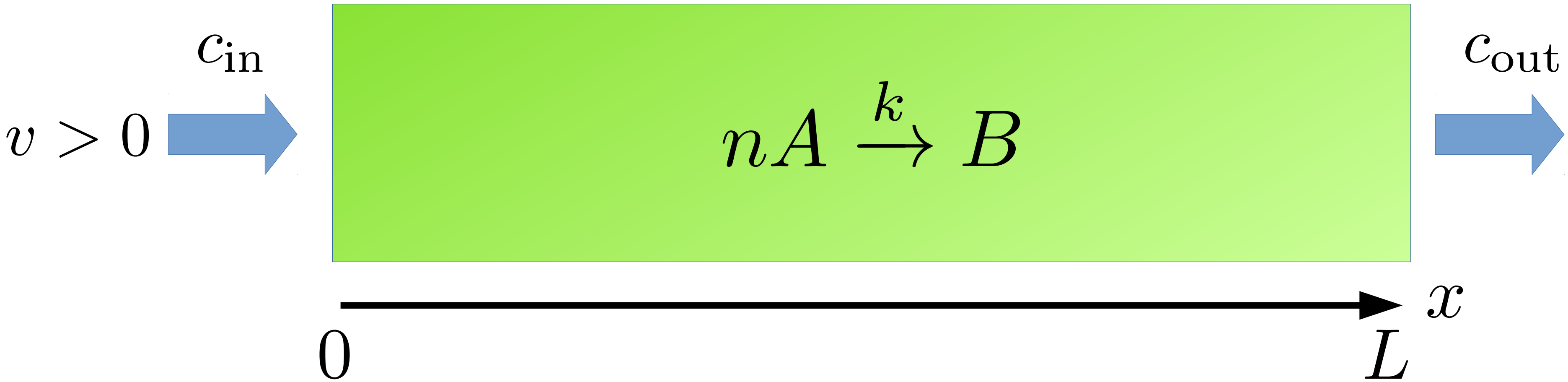

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Dynamic tubular reactor

Boundary conditions:

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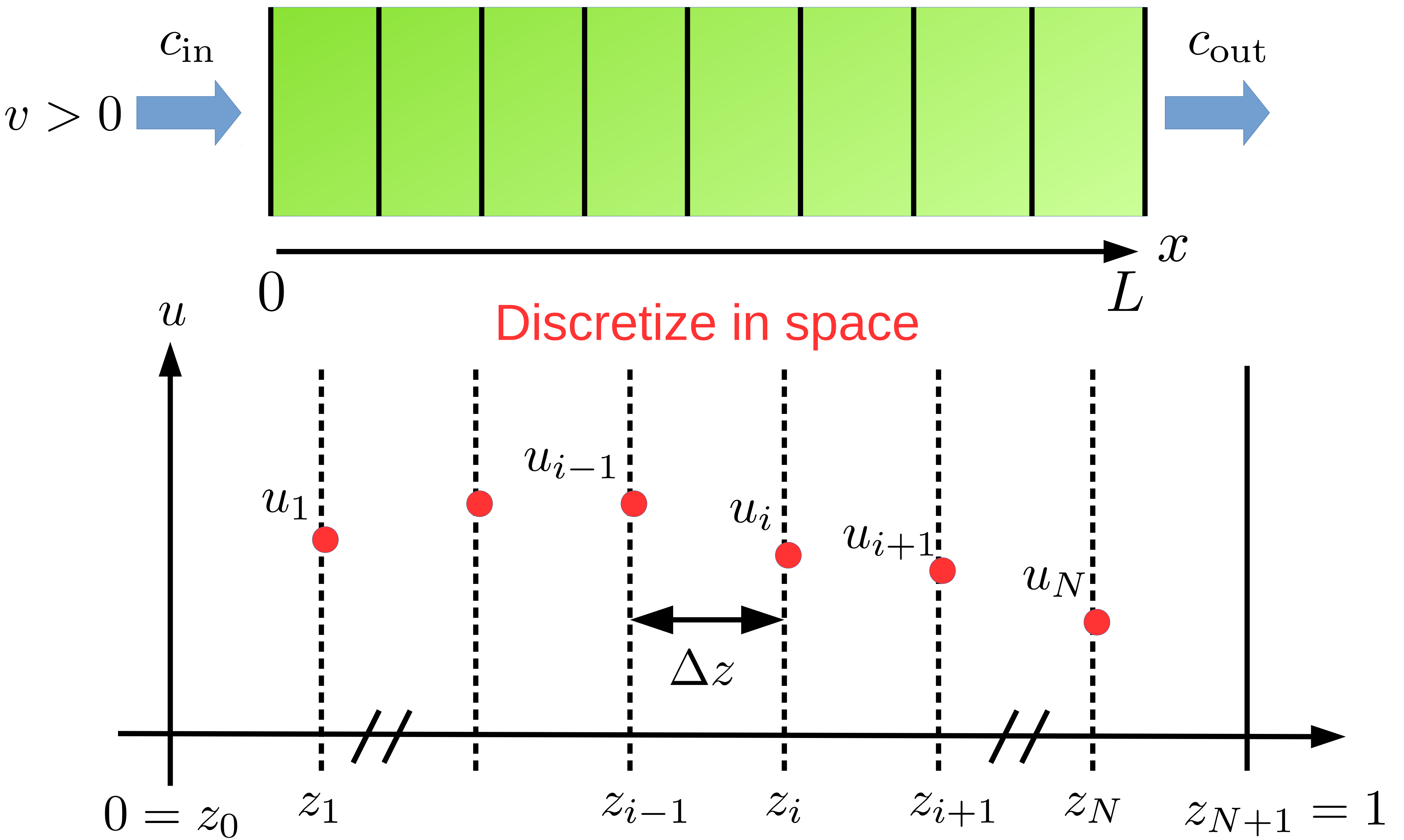

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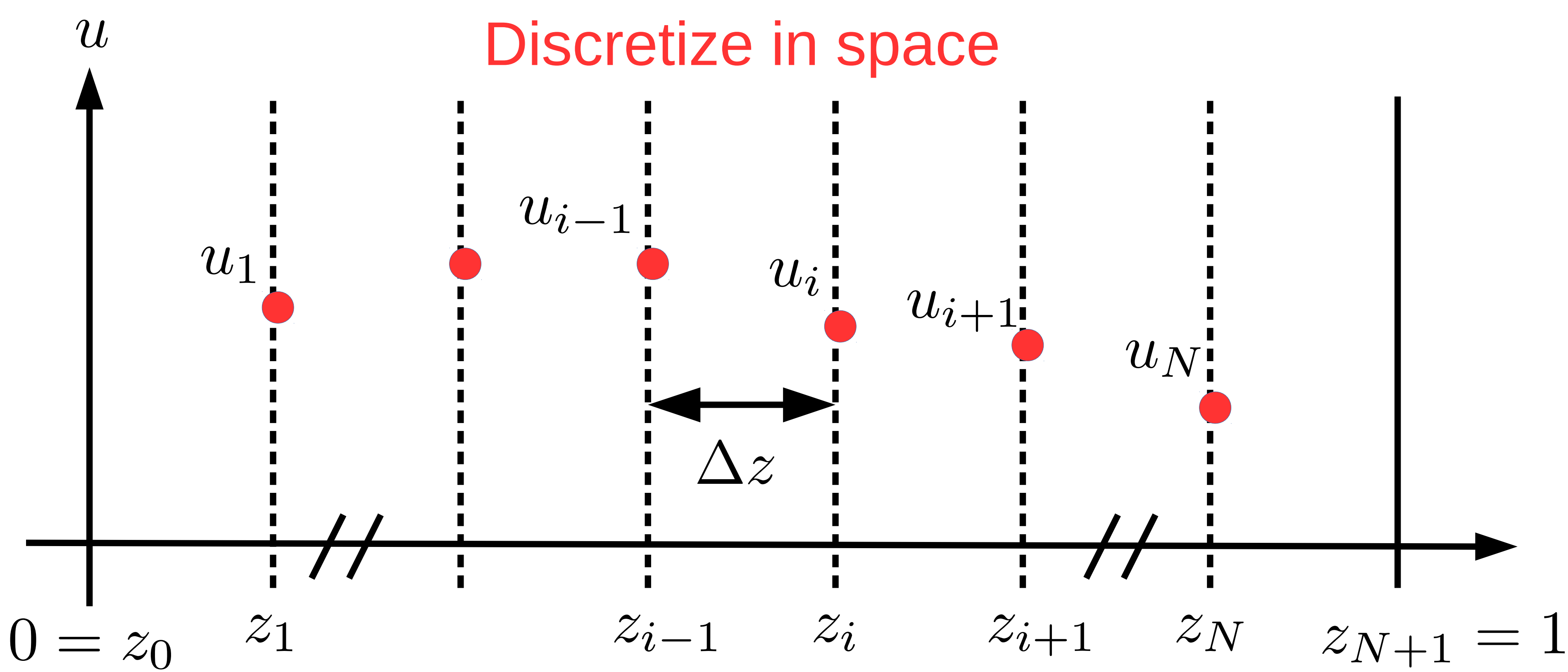

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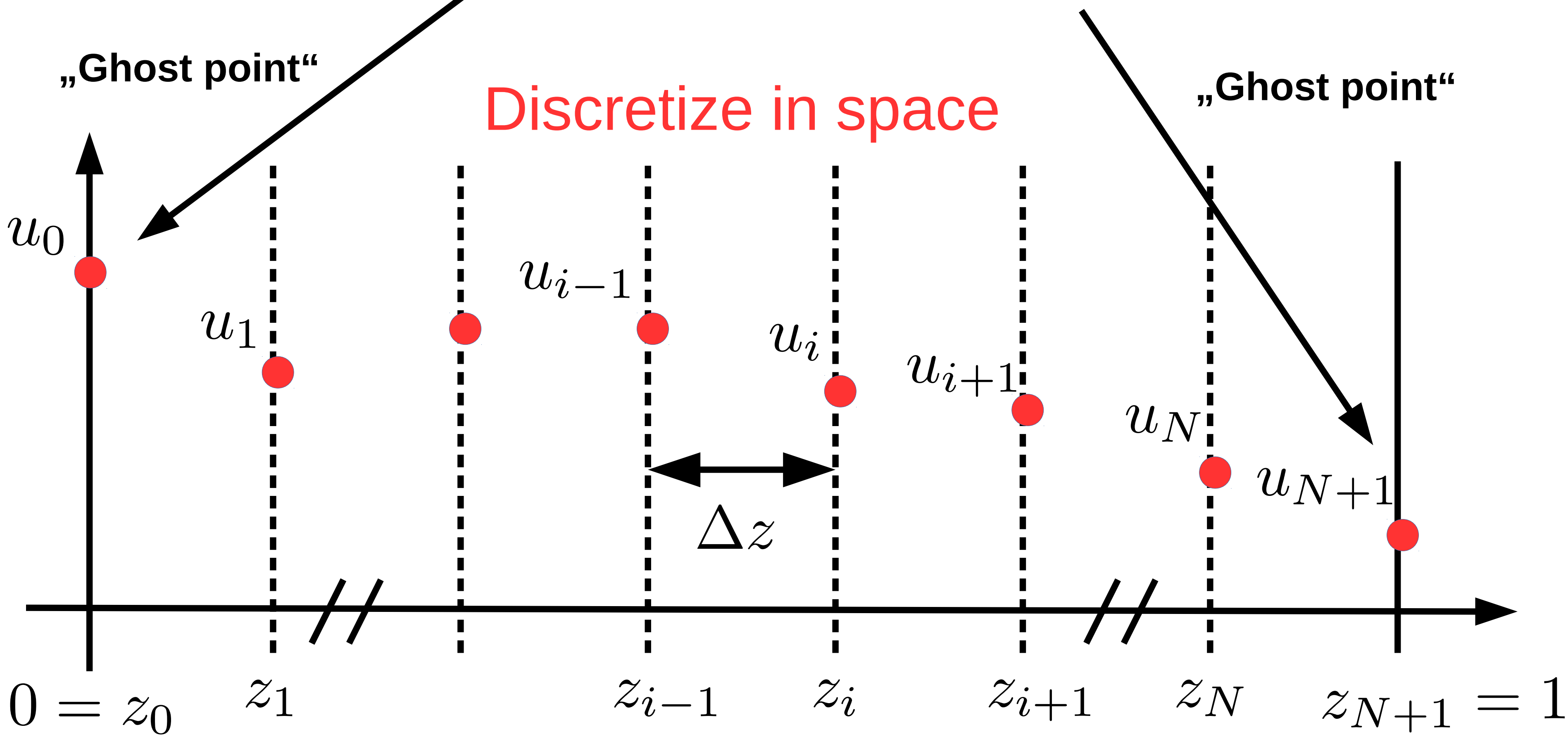

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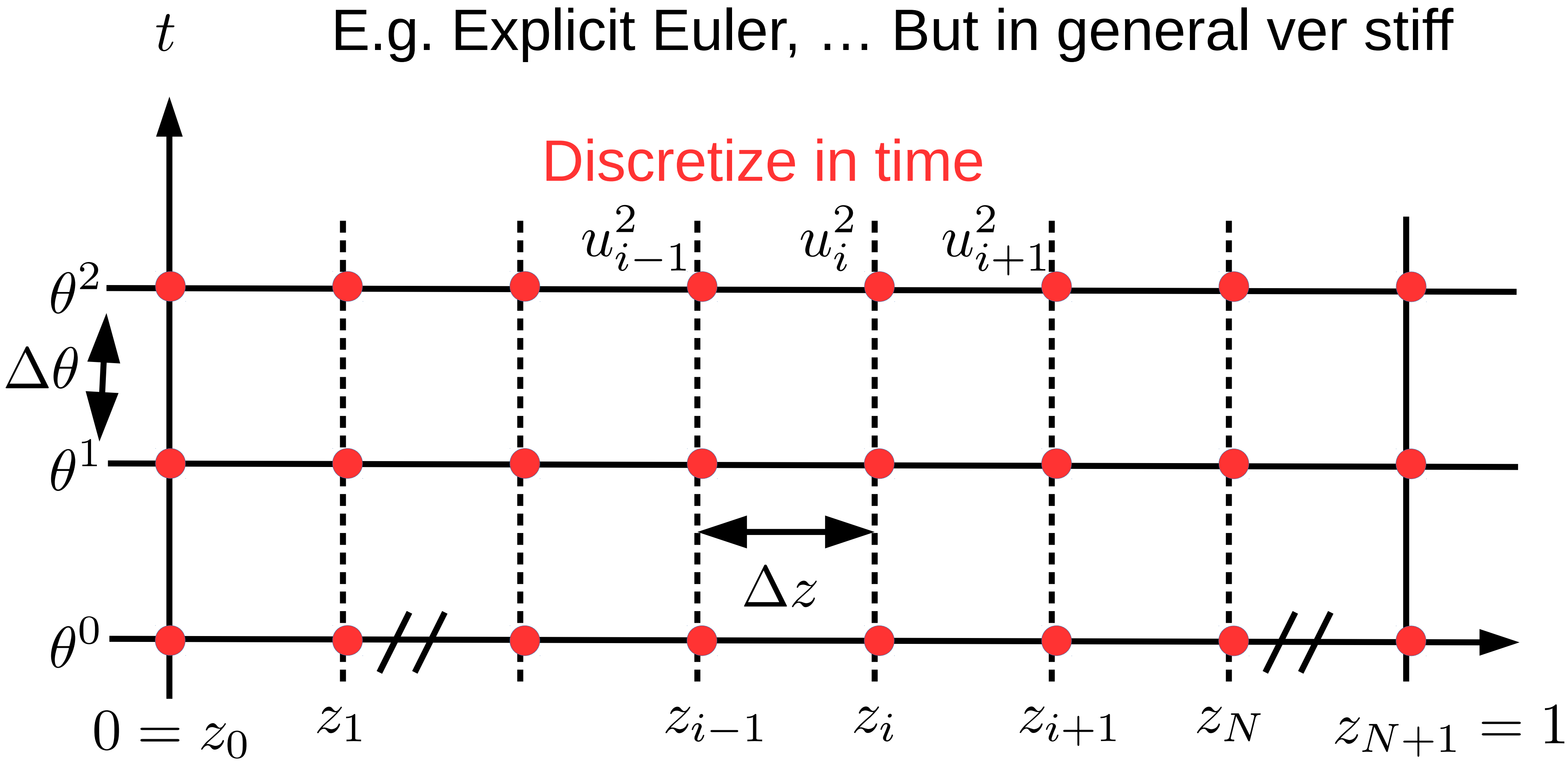
Time index

Order of reaction

$$\frac{u_i^{n+1} - u_i^n}{\Delta\theta} = \frac{1}{Pe}\frac{u_{i+1}^n - 2u_i^n + u_{i-1}^n}{\Delta z^2} - \frac{u_i^n - u_{i-1}^n}{\Delta z} - k(u_i^n)^{\tilde{n}}$$

E.g. Explicit Euler, … But in general ver stiff



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System of nonlinear ODEs!!!
Stiff...

Assignment 2

1. Solve the dynamic tubular reactor from initial 0 to final time of 5 with MATLAB's `ode23s` Use the `rhs.m` from assignment 1 and the template `TubReact_dynamic.m` Consider only a first order reaction with Pe=100 and Da=1

2. Plot the dimensionless concentration at the end of the reactor vs. dimensionless time

3. At what time does the solution reach a steady state, i.e. how many reactor volumes of solvent will you need?