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MATH5004-LEC2

Finite Difference Method

Boundary Value Problems (BVPs)

A BVP can be written as

$$\begin{cases} L(u) = f & \text{in } \Omega \\ B(u) = g & \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

f, g = known functions ;

L = differential operator;

B = boundary operator.

Problem: Find u that satisfies $\begin{cases} D.E. & \text{in } \Omega \\ B.C. & \text{in } \partial\Omega \end{cases}$

Taylor series expansion

$$f(x + \Delta x) = f(x) + \Delta x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \dots + \frac{(\Delta x)^n}{n!} \frac{\partial^n f}{\partial x^n} + \dots$$

$$\frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\Delta x}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \dots + \frac{(\Delta x)^{n-1}}{n!} \frac{\partial^n f}{\partial x^n} + \dots$$

Numerical Differentiation-first derivative

$$f'(x) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \approx \frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x}$$

a forward difference

or

$$f'(x) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \approx \frac{f(x) - f(x - \Delta x)}{\Delta x}$$

a backward difference

$$f(x + \Delta x) = f(x) + \Delta x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \dots + \frac{(\Delta x)^n}{n!} \frac{\partial^n f}{\partial x^n} + \dots$$

$$\frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\Delta x}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{6} \frac{\partial^3 f(\gamma_1)}{\partial x^3}, \gamma_1 \in (x, x + \Delta x)$$

$$\frac{f(x) - f(x - \Delta x)}{\Delta x} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\Delta x}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{6} \frac{\partial^3 f(\gamma_2)}{\partial x^3}, \gamma_2 \in (x - \Delta x, x)$$

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x - \Delta x)}{2\Delta x} - \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{6} \left(\frac{f'''(\gamma_1) + f'''(\gamma_2)}{2} \right)$$

a central difference

$$\frac{f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_{i-1}))}{2\Delta x_i} - f'(x_i) \approx \frac{(\Delta x_i)^2}{6} f'''(\gamma) = O\left(\frac{(\Delta x_i)^2}{6}\right)$$

As the central difference cannot be used at the end points, we now derive $O(\Delta x^2)$ method at the end points.

$$f(x) = f(x)$$

$$f(x + \Delta x) = f(x) + \Delta x f'(x) + \frac{\Delta x^2}{2} f''(x) + \frac{\Delta x^3}{6} f'''(\gamma_1)$$

$$f(x + 2\Delta x) = f(x) + 2\Delta x f'(x) + 2\Delta x^2 f''(x) + \frac{4\Delta x^3}{3} f'''(\gamma_2)$$

Taking linear combination of these above terms gives

$$f'(x) = \mathbf{a}f(x) + \mathbf{b}f(x + \Delta x) + \mathbf{c}f(x + 2\Delta x) + O(\Delta x^2)$$

Using the Taylor expansion to find \mathbf{a} , \mathbf{b} , \mathbf{c} .

From

$$f'(x) = af(x) + b \left(f(x) + \Delta x f'(x) + \frac{\Delta x^2}{2} f''(x) + \dots \right) + c(f(x) + 2\Delta x f'(x) + 2\Delta x^2 f''(x) + \dots)$$



$$a + b + c = 0, \quad b + 2c = \frac{1}{\Delta x}, \quad \frac{b}{2} + 2c = 0,$$



$$a = -\frac{3}{2\Delta x}, \quad b = \frac{2}{\Delta x}, \quad c = -\frac{1}{2h}$$

Thus,

$$f'(x) = \frac{-3f(x) + 4f(x + \Delta x) - f(x + 2\Delta x)}{2\Delta x} + O(\Delta x^2)$$

Numerical Differentiation-second derivative

We take the difference of forward and backward approximation for $f'(x)$:

- Let $f_i \equiv f(x_i)$, $h = \Delta x$
- Use forward difference to approximate f'_i, f'_{i-1}

$$f'_i \approx \frac{f_{i+1} - f_i}{h} \quad f'_{i-1} \approx \frac{f_i - f_{i-1}}{h}$$



$$\begin{aligned} f''_i &\approx \frac{f'_i - f'_{i-1}}{h} \\ &\approx \frac{f_{i+1} - 2f_i + f_{i-1}}{h^2} \end{aligned}$$

Now we check the error.

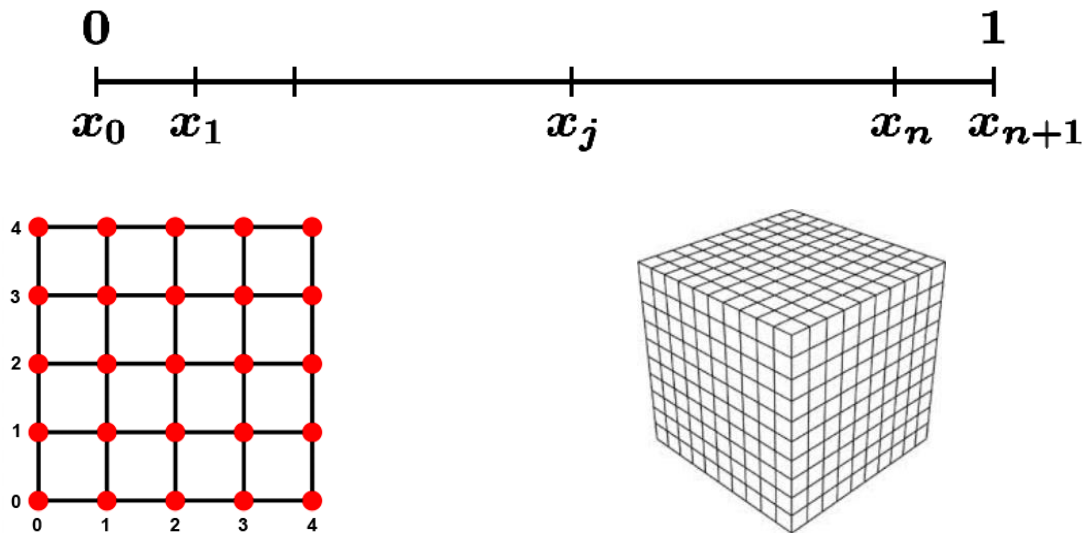
$$f_{i+1} = f_i + hf_i' + \frac{h^2}{2} f_i'' + \frac{h^3}{6} f_i^{(3)} + \frac{h^4}{24} f_i^{(4)}(\gamma_1) + \dots$$

$$f_{i-1} = f_i - hf_i' + \frac{h^2}{2} f_i'' - \frac{h^3}{6} f_i^{(3)} + \frac{h^4}{24} f_i^{(4)}(\gamma_2) + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{f_{i+1} - 2f_i + f_{i-1}}{h^2} - f_i'' \\ &= \frac{1}{h^2} \left(f_i + hf_i' + \frac{h^2}{2} f_i'' + \frac{h^3}{6} f_i^{(3)} + \frac{h^4}{24} f_i^{(4)}(\gamma_1) + \dots - 2f_i \right) \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{h^2} \left(f_i - hf_i' + \frac{h^2}{2} f_i'' - \frac{h^3}{6} f_i^{(3)} + \frac{h^4}{24} f_i^{(4)}(\gamma_2) + \dots \right) - f_i'' \\ &\approx \frac{h^2}{24} \left(f_i^{(4)}(\gamma_1) + f_i^{(4)}(\gamma_2) \right) = O(h^2) \end{aligned}$$

To solve the BVP (1.1) using the FDM, we need to perform the following work.

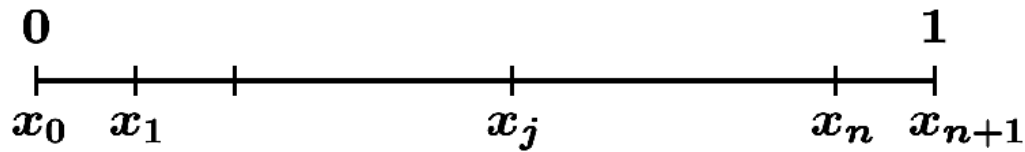
❖ Discretize Ω into a mesh of discrete points called nodes.



Discretization 1D & Derivative Approx.

The domain

$\Omega = (a, b)$ is subdivided into a set of equal length



$$dx = h = (b - a) / n,$$

| partial derivative | finite difference approximation | type | order |
|--|---|-----------|-------------|
| $\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} = U_x$ | $\frac{U_{i+1}^n - U_i^n}{\Delta x}$ | forward | first in x |
| $\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} = U_x$ | $\frac{U_i^n - U_{i-1}^n}{\Delta x}$ | backward | first in x |
| $\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} = U_x$ | $\frac{U_{i+1}^n - U_{i-1}^n}{2\Delta x}$ | central | second in x |
| $\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2} = U_{xx}$ | $\frac{U_{i+1}^n - 2U_i^n + U_{i-1}^n}{\Delta x^2}$ | symmetric | second in x |

| partial derivative | finite difference approximation | type | order |
|--|---|-----------|-------------|
| $\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} = U_t$ | $\frac{U_i^{n+1} - U_i^n}{\Delta t}$ | forward | first in t |
| $\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} = U_t$ | $\frac{U_i^n - U_i^{n-1}}{\Delta t}$ | backward | first in t |
| $\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} = U_t$ | $\frac{U_i^{n+1} - U_i^{n-1}}{2\Delta t}$ | central | second in t |
| $\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial t^2} = U_{tt}$ | $\frac{U_i^{n+1} - 2U_i^n + U_i^{n-1}}{\Delta t^2}$ | symmetric | second in t |

- ❖ Approximate all derivatives using the values of the unknown function at the nodes, and thus,

$$\text{DE} \approx \text{AU} = F$$

with the nodal values of the unknown function as basic unknowns.

- ❖ Solve the linear (or nonlinear) system of algebraic equations.

Example 1.

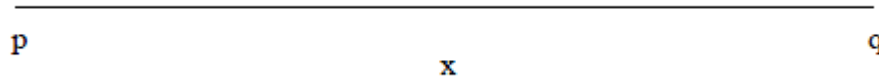
Construct a FDS to find an approximation solution of the following PDE:

$$u_t + ku_x = 0$$

$$u(0, x) = f(x), \quad p \leq x \leq q.$$

Step 1: Spatial Discretisation

The computational domain contains an infinite number of x values.
So first we must replace them by a finite set.



The computational domain is replaced by a grid of N equally spaced grid points. Starting with the first grid point at $x = p$, and ending with the last grid point at $x = q$, the constant grid spacing, Δx , is

$$\Delta x = \frac{(q - p)}{(N - 1)}$$

- The values of x in the discretised computational domain are indexed by subscripts to give,

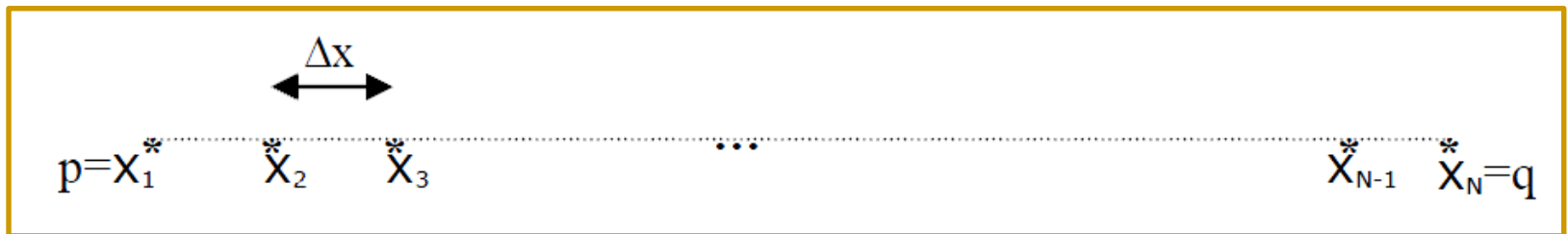
$$x_1 = p, \quad x_2 = p + \Delta x, \dots,$$

$$x_i = p + (i - 1)\Delta x, \dots, x_N = p + (N - 1)\Delta x = q.$$

- Since the grid spacing is constant, ,

$$x_{i+1} = x_i + \Delta x.$$

- The discretised computational domain is as shown below.



PDE: $u_t + ku_x = 0$

- Fixing t at $t = t_n$, we approximate the spatial partial derivative, u_x , at each point (t_n, x_i) using the formula

$$u_x(t_n, x_i) = \frac{u_{i+1}^n - u_i^n}{\Delta x}$$

- The PDE becomes

$$u_t + k \frac{u_{i+1}^n - u_i^n}{\Delta x} = 0 \quad (*)$$

Step 2: Time Discretisation

- Fixing x at $x = x_i$, we approximate the temporal partial derivative, u_t , at each point (t_n, x_i) using the formula

$$u_t(t_n, x_i) = \frac{u_i^{n+1} - u_i^n}{\Delta t}$$

- The equation (*) becomes

$$\frac{u_i^{n+1} - u_i^n}{\Delta t} + k \frac{u_{i+1}^n - u_i^n}{\Delta x} = 0$$

$$u_i^{n+1} = u_i^n - k\Delta t \frac{u_{i+1}^n - u_i^n}{\Delta x} = 0$$

- Using a small number of grid points.
- Let $p=0$ and $q=100$, $k=0.5$, and let the initial conditions be

$$u(0, x) = \begin{cases} e^{-0.01(x-45)^2} & 20 \leq x \leq 70 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Let the (small) number of grid points be $N=11$. Then

$$\Delta x = \frac{(100 - 0)}{(11 - 1)} = 10$$

- The subscripts for the grid values go from 1 to 11 and are entered into the first row of the following table.
- The actual x values of the corresponding grid points are entered into the second row of the table.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| i | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| x_i | 0 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 80 | 90 | 100 | 110 |
| u_i^0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| u_i^1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| u_i^2 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Let $\Delta t = 3$. Then we have

$$u_i^{n+1} = u_i^n - 0.15(u_{i+1}^n - u_i^n) \quad (**)$$

- Start at time $t_0 = 0$, i.e. $n = 0$, hence $(**)$ becomes

$$u_i^1 = u_i^0 - 0.15(u_{i+1}^0 - u_i^0) \quad (***)$$

- Time level zero corresponds to the initial conditions.
at time $t_0 = 0$,

$$u_i^0 = u(0, x_i) = \begin{cases} e^{-0.01(x-45)^2} & 20 \leq x \leq 70 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases} \quad (****)$$

- Evaluating $(****)$ at a few grid points gives

$$u_1^0 = u(0, x_1) = u(0, 0) = 0,$$

$$u_5^0 = u(0, x_5) = u(0, 40) = e^{-0.01(40-45)^2} = 0.7788, \text{ etc}$$

- Putting $i = 1$ into (***) gives

$$u_2^1 = u_1^0 - 0.15(u_2^0 - u_1^0) = 0 - 0.15(0 - 0) = 0.$$
- Putting $i = 2$ into (***) gives

$$u_2^1 = u_2^0 - 0.15(u_3^0 - u_2^0)$$

$$= 0 - 0.15(0.0019 - 0) = -0.00029$$
- Putting $i = 3$ into (***) gives

$$u_3^1 = u_3^0 - 0.15(u_4^0 - u_3^0)$$

$$= 0.0019 - 0.15(0.1054 - 0.0019) = -0.01363$$

| i | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
|---------|---|----------|----------|--------|--------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| x_i | 0 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 80 | 90 | 100 | 110 |
| u_i^0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0019 | 0.1054 | 0.7788 | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| u_i^1 | 0 | -0.00029 | -0.01363 | | | | | | | | 0 | |
| u_i^2 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Step 3. Pen and Paper Calculation

In practice, numerical schemes are implemented by writing them then running a computer program. Before doing this, it is extremely useful to work through a pen and paper calculation for two reasons:

1. To check understanding of the scheme.
2. To be able to check results from the computer program against pen and paper results (verification).

Example 2

Unsteady heat conduction in 1- D with constant thermal conductivity

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2}$$

- Expand the individual terms with Taylor series

$$\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \right)_i^n = \frac{T_i^{n+1} - T_i^n}{\Delta t} - \left(\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial t^2} \right)_i^n \frac{\Delta t}{2} + \dots$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} \right)_i^n = \frac{T_{i+1}^n - 2T_i^n + T_{i-1}^n}{(\Delta x)^2} - \left(\frac{\partial^4 T}{\partial x^4} \right)_i^n \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{12} + \dots$$

Unsteady Heat Conduction (cont'd)

PDE

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} - \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} = 0 = \frac{T_i^{n+1} - T_i^n}{\Delta t} - \frac{\alpha(T_{i+1}^n - 2T_i^n + T_{i-1}^n)}{(\Delta x)^2}$$

Difference equation

$$+ \left[-\left(\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial t^2}\right)_i \frac{\Delta t}{2} + \alpha \left(\frac{\partial^4 T}{\partial x^4}\right)_i \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{12} + \dots \right]$$

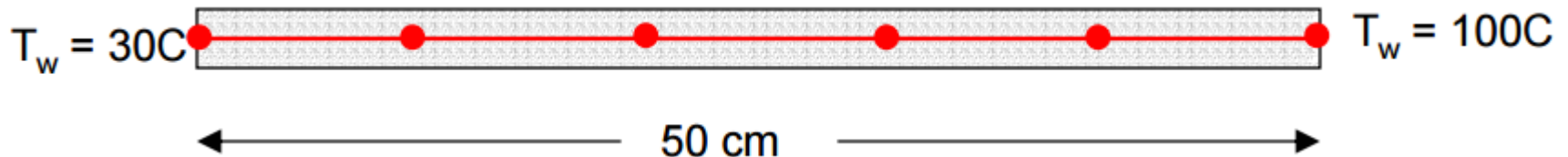
Truncation error

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

Explicit Solution

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

- Find 1-D unsteady temperature distribution till steady state

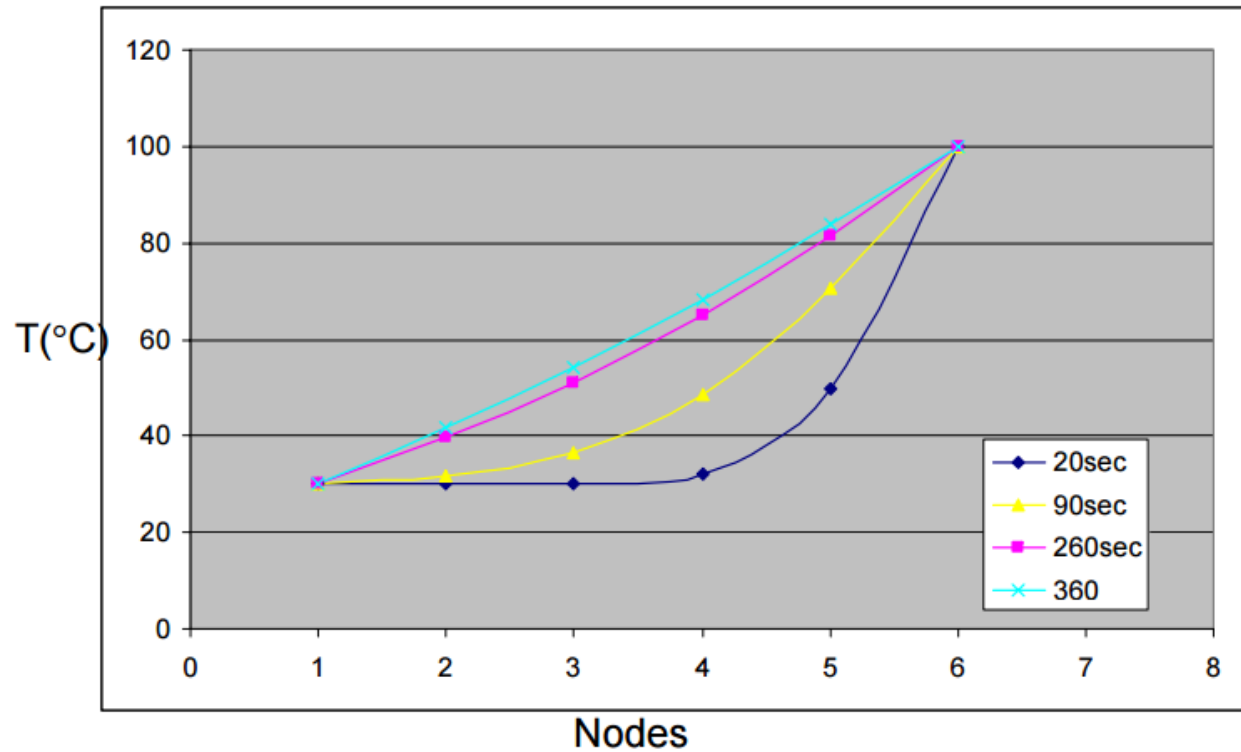


$$\Delta x = \frac{50}{5} = 10 \text{ cm} \quad \alpha = 17 \times 10^{-2} \text{ cm}^2 / \text{s}$$

Initial temp $T_{in} = 30C$, $\Delta t = 10 \text{ sec}$

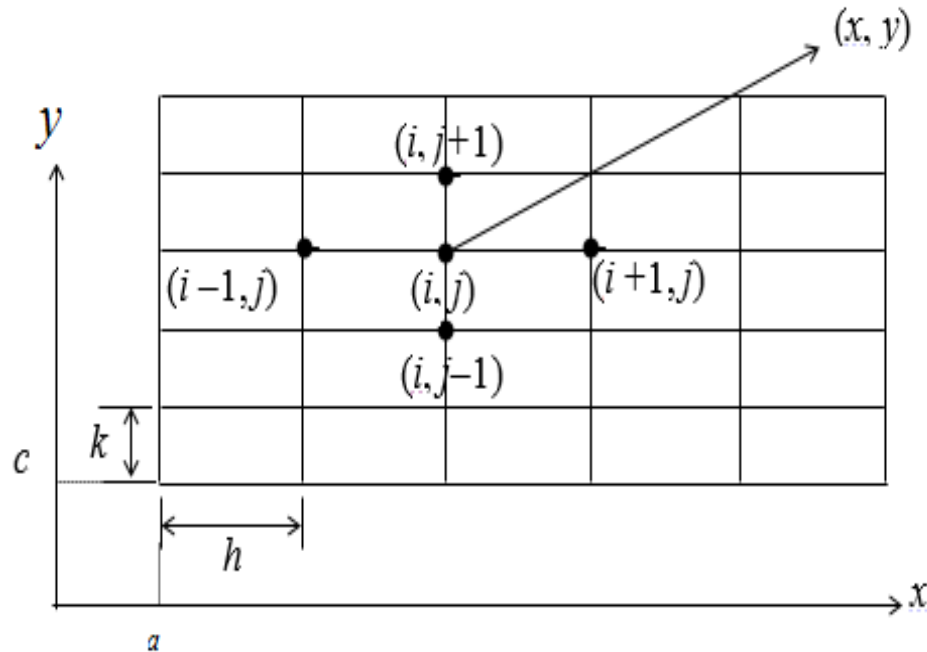
$$\frac{\alpha \Delta t}{(\Delta x)^2} \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

Results



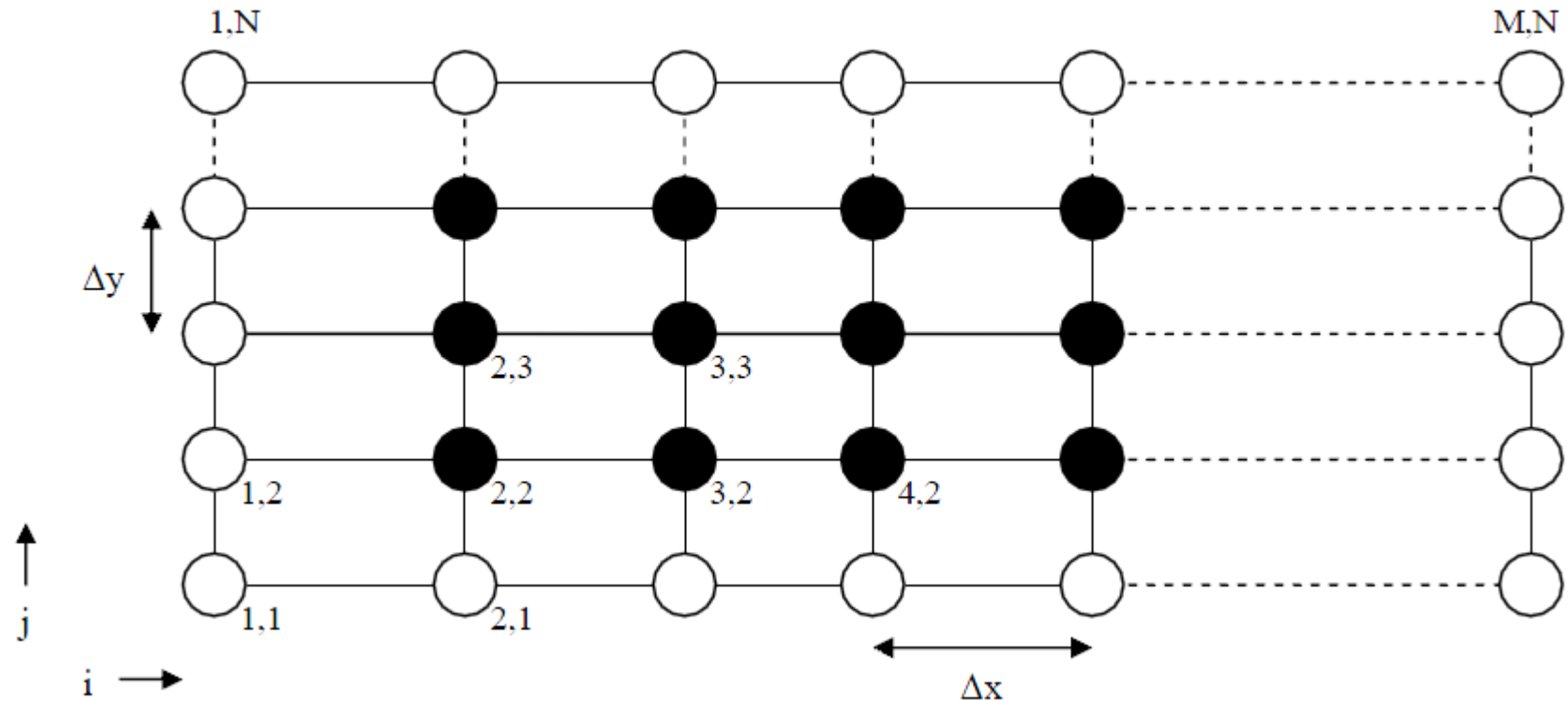
Discretization 2D & Derivative Approx.

The domain $\Omega = (a,b) \times (c,d)$ is subdivided into a set of equal rectangles of sides



$$dx = h = (b - a) / n, \quad dy = k = (d - c) / m.$$

Exercise: Finish labelling all grid points in the following figure.



Obviously, in the coordinate system chosen

$$(x_i, y_j) = (a+ih, c+jk), \quad (i=0, n; \quad j=0, m).$$

Thus for convenience in presentation,

we use (i,j) to denote the position (x_i, y_j) &

$u_{i,j}$ to represent $u(x_i, y_j)$, namely

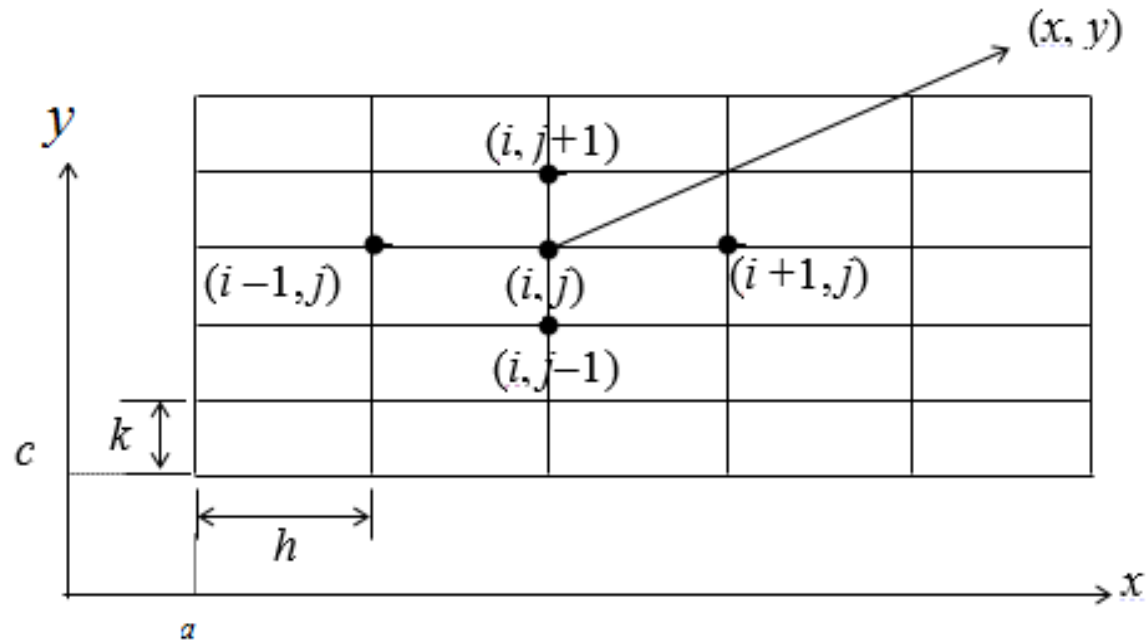
$$(x_i, y_j) = (i, j) \quad u(x_i, y_j) = u_{i,j}$$

From Taylor's Theorem for 2 variables, we have

$$u(x_i + h, y_j) = u_{i+1,j} = u_{i,j} + hu_x + \frac{h^2}{2}u_{xx} + \dots \quad (1.2)$$

$$u(x_i - h, y_j) = u_{i-1,j} = u_{i,j} - hu_x + \frac{h^2}{2}u_{xx} - \dots \quad (1.3)$$

where u_x and u_{xx} are all evaluated at (x_i, y_j)



From Taylor's Thm. rearranging (1.2) and (1.3) yields

$$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_{i,j} = \frac{u_{i+1,j} - u_{i-1,j}}{2h} + O(h^2).$$

(1.2) + (1.3) and then rearranging yields

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}\right)_{i,j} &= \frac{u_{i-1,j} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i+1,j}}{h^2} + O(h^2). \\ \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}\right)_{i,j} &= \frac{u_{i,j-1} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i,j+1}}{k^2} + O(k^2).\end{aligned}$$

By using the Taylor theorem in 2 variables, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y}\right)_{i,j} &= \frac{u_{i+1,j+1} - u_{i+1,j} - u_{i,j-1} + u_{i-1,j-1}}{h^2} \\ &\quad + O(h^2 + k^2).\end{aligned}$$

If we choose $h = k$, then

$$\nabla^2 u_{i,j} = \frac{1}{h^2} [u_{i-1,j} + u_{i+1,j} + u_{i,j-1} + u_{i,j+1} - 4u_{i,j}] + O(h^2).$$

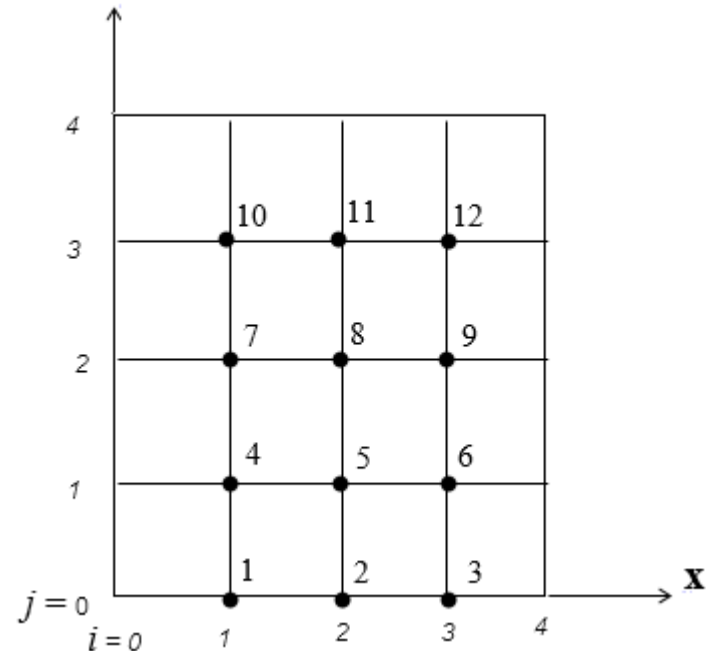
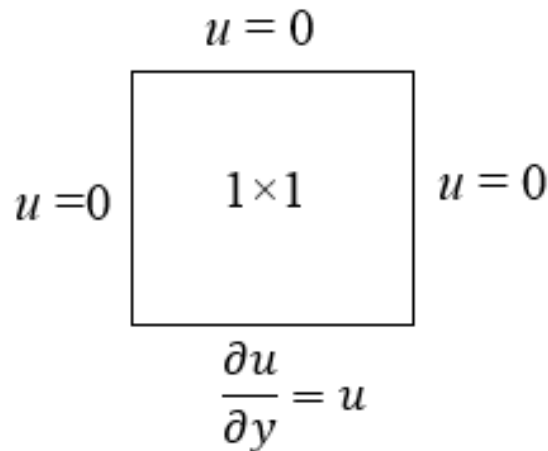
which can be graphically displayed by

$$\nabla^2 u_{i,j} = \frac{1}{h^2} \begin{bmatrix} & 1 & \\ 1 & -4 & 1 \\ & 1 & \end{bmatrix} u_{i,j}$$

called a 5- points difference scheme.

Example 3.

Consider $\nabla^2 u = f(x, y)$ on a square with BCs as shown.



Let $N = 4$, $h = 1/4$, then the domain is discretized into a mesh with 5×5 grid points as shown.

The nodes where u is to be determined are only those points

$$(i, j) \text{ for } i = 1 \text{ to } 3, j = 0 \text{ to } 3.$$

At each of these nodes, we can set up an equation

$$\nabla^2 u_{i,j} = f_{i,j}.$$

Thus the total number of equations equals to the number of unknowns, i.e., 12.

Now, we consider construction of the equations for determination of

$$u_{i,j} \quad (i = 1, 3, j = 0, 3) .$$

Using 5-point FD approximation

$$\nabla^2 u_{i,j} = \frac{1}{h^2} \begin{bmatrix} & 1 & \\ 1 & -4 & 1 \\ & 1 & \end{bmatrix} u_{i,j},$$

The given PDE $\nabla^2 u = f(x, y)$ becomes

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -4 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} u_{i,j} = h^2 f_{i,j} \quad (1.4)$$

or for $i = 1$ to 3 and $j = 0$ to 3

$$u_{i,j-1} + u_{i-1,j} - 4u_{i,j} + u_{i+1,j} + u_{i,j+1} = h^2 f_{i,j} \quad (1.5)$$

$$u_{i,j-1} + u_{i-1,j} - 4u_{i,j} + u_{i+1,j} + u_{i,j+1} = h^2 f_{i,j} \quad (1.5)$$

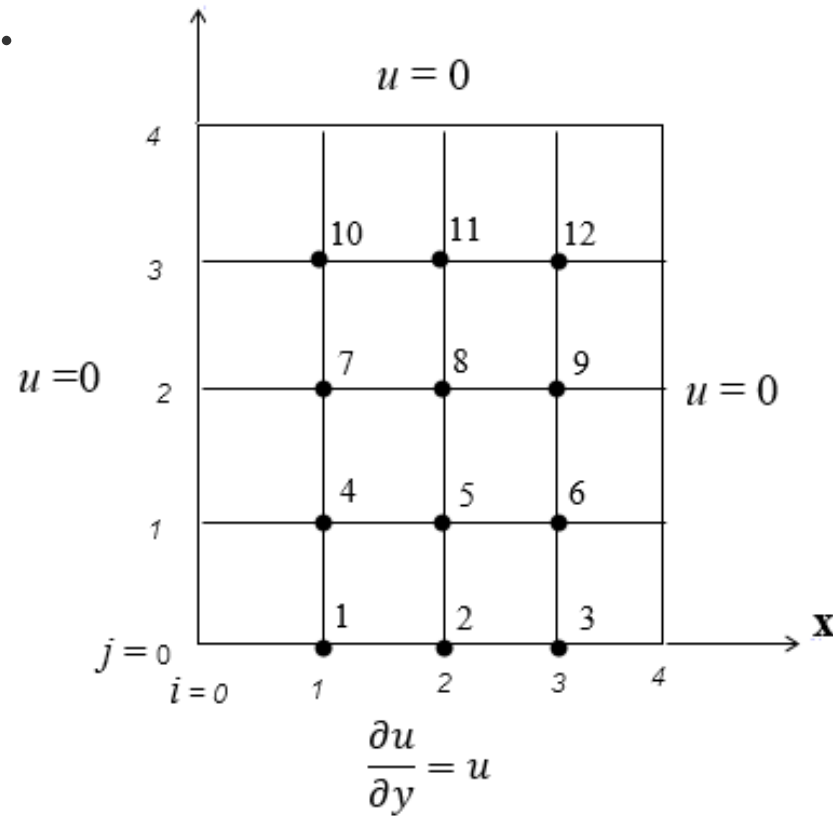
- For $j = 0$, as (1.5) involves $u_{i,-1}$, we need to approximate $u_{i,-1}$ by using the boundary condition;
- While for $i, j = 1, 2, 3$, we can immediately obtain the following 9 equations

Form matrix

| | | | | | | |
|-------|-----------|---|----|----|----|----------|
| $j=0$ | Col $i=1$ | equations for $j=0$ are to be constructed later | | | | u_{10} |
| | 2 | | | | | u_{20} |
| | 3 | | | | | u_{30} |
| $j=1$ | $i=1$ | 1 | -4 | 1 | 1 | u_{11} |
| | 2 | 1 | 1 | -4 | 1 | u_{21} |
| | 3 | 1 | 1 | -4 | 1 | u_{31} |
| $j=2$ | $i=1$ | | 1 | -4 | 1 | u_{12} |
| | 2 | | 1 | 1 | -4 | u_{22} |
| | 3 | | 1 | 1 | -4 | u_{32} |
| $j=3$ | $i=1$ | | | 1 | -4 | u_{13} |
| | 2 | | | 1 | 1 | u_{23} |
| | 3 | | | 1 | 1 | u_{33} |

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 1 & \\ 1 & -4 & 1 \\ & 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Dirichlet boundary condition: On $x = 0$ ($i = 0$), $x = 1$ ($i = 4$) and $y = 1$ ($j = 4$), $u = 0$. We must move these known values to the right hand side of the equations.



Neumann type boundary condition:

$$u_{i,j-1} + u_{i-1,j} - 4u_{i,j} + u_{i+1,j} + u_{i,j+1} = h^2 f_{i,j} \quad (1.5)$$

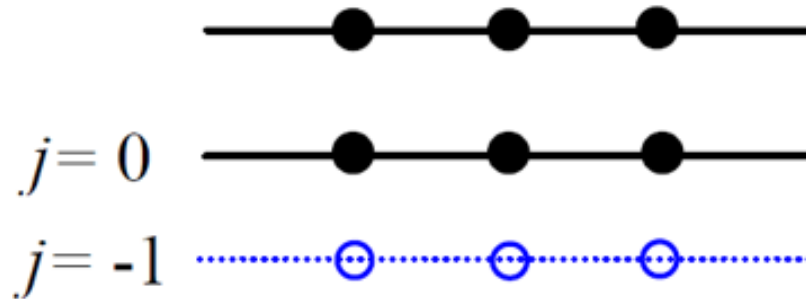
For $y = 0$ ($j = 0$), (1.5) becomes

$$u_{i,-1} + u_{i-1,0} - 4u_{i,0} + u_{i+1,0} + u_{i,1} = h^2 f_{i,0} \quad (1.6)$$

Obviously, $u_{i,-1}$ is not defined
as the point $(i, -1)$ is outside the region Ω .

Neumann type boundary condition:

- So we need to eliminate the term $u_{i,-1}$ using the Neumann boundary condition.
- As we know $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = u$ on $y = 0$, we introduce a fictitious set of grid points $(i, -1)$ ($i = 1, 2, 3$) as shown below.

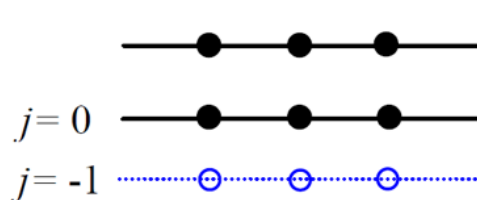


Neumann type boundary condition:

- Then at boundary point $(i,0)$, we can approx. the BC by

$$\left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right|_{j=0} = \frac{u_{i,1} - u_{i,-1}}{2h} = u_{i,0} \quad (1.7)$$

which gives


$$u_{i,-1} = u_{i,1} - 2hu_{i,0} \quad (1.8)$$

Substituting (1.8) into (1.6)

$$u_{i,-1} + u_{i-1,0} - 4u_{i,0} + u_{i+1,0} + u_{i,1} = h^2 f_{i,0},$$

we have

$$u_{i,-1} + (u_{i,1} - 2hu_{i,0}) - 4u_{i,0} + u_{i+1,0} + u_{i,1} = h^2 f_{i,0},$$

$$u_{i,-1} - (4 + 2h)u_{i,0} + u_{i+1,0} + 2u_{i,1} = h^2 f_{i,0},$$

$$\text{or } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -(4 + 2h) & 1 \end{bmatrix} u_{i,0} = h^2 f_{i,0}, \quad (i = 1, 2, 3).$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -(4+2h) & 1 & 0 & \left| \begin{array}{ccc} 2 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right| \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right. \\ 1 & -(4+2h) & 1 & \left| \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right| \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right. \\ 0 & 1 & -(4+2h) & \left| \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 0 & 2 \end{array} \right| \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right. \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{F}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} B - 2hI & 2I & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ I & B & I & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & I & B & I \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & I & B \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{F},$$

Example 4.

Consider
$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = f(x) \quad \text{in } [a, b]$$
$$u(a) = \alpha, \quad u(b) = \beta.$$

a) Divide $[a, b]$ into subintervals by identifying the nodes

$$x_j = j \times h \quad \text{with} \quad h = \frac{1}{m+1}.$$

b) Approximate $u_j := u(x_j)$.

Approximate $u_j := u(x_j)$.

We replace $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ by using the centred different approximation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \approx \frac{u_{j-1} - 2u_j + u_{j+1}}{h^2} = f(x_j), j = 1 \dots, m$$

and $u_0 = u(a) = \alpha$

$$u_{m+1} = u(b) = \beta.$$

Then we define the solution vector

$$U = \langle u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m \rangle^T$$

And we seek the solution to the linear system

$$AU = F,$$

where

$$A = \frac{1}{h^2} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ & 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ & & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad F = \begin{bmatrix} f(x_1) - \frac{\alpha}{h^2} \\ f(x_2) \\ \vdots \\ f(x_m) - \frac{\beta}{h^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Example 5. 2D Steady State Heat Conduction

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \frac{S(x, y)}{k} = 0$$

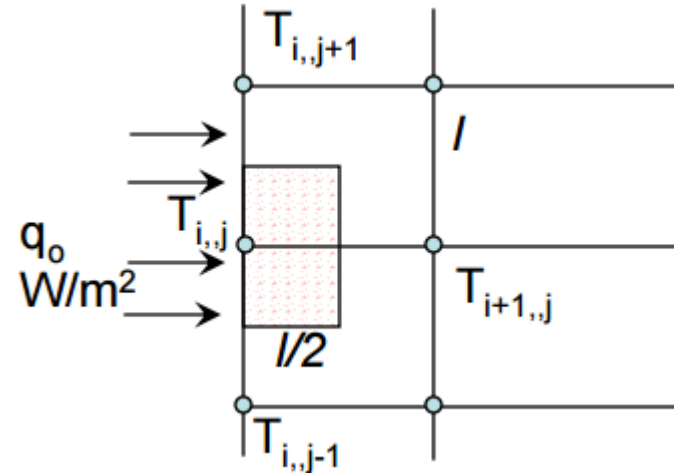
$$\left(\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} \right)_{i,j} = \frac{T_{i+1,j} - 2T_{i,j} + T_{i-1,j}}{(\Delta x)^2} \quad \left(\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} \right)_{i,j} = \frac{T_{i,j+1} - 2T_{i,j} + T_{i,j-1}}{(\Delta y)^2}$$

$$T_{i-1,j} + T_{i+1,j} + T_{i,j-1} + T_{i,j+1} - 4T_{i,j} + \frac{S_{i,j} l^2}{k} = 0$$

where $\Delta x = \Delta y = l$

Flux Boundary Condition

- Nodes (i,j) on a prescribed heat flux boundary

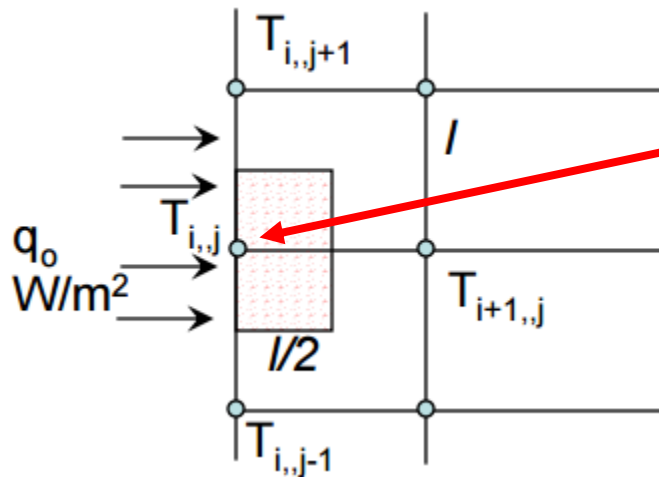


$$q_0 l + k \frac{l}{2} \frac{T_{i,j+1} - T_{i,j}}{l} + k l \frac{T_{i+1,j} - T_{i,j}}{l} + k \frac{l}{2} \frac{T_{i,j-1} - T_{i,j}}{l} + \frac{1}{2} l^2 S_{i,j} = 0$$

- After rearrangement

$$T_{i,j+1} + 2T_{i+1,j} + T_{i,j-1} - 4T_{i,j} + \frac{l^2 S_{i,j}}{k} + \frac{2l q_o}{k} = 0$$

Flux Boundary Condition (another way)



Applying the FDE at the boundary node (i,j)

$$\boxed{T_{i-1,j}} + T_{i+1,j} + T_{i,j+1} + T_{i,j-1} - 4T_{i,j} + \frac{l^2 S_{i,j}}{k} = 0$$

B.C. $q_o = -k \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} = -k \frac{T_{i+1,j} - T_{i-1,j}}{2l} \Rightarrow T_{i-1,j} = \frac{2lq_o}{k} + T_{i+1,j}$

$$T_{i,j+1} + 2T_{i+1,j} + T_{i,j-1} - 4T_{i,j} + \frac{l^2 S_{i,j}}{k} + \frac{2lq_o}{k} = 0$$

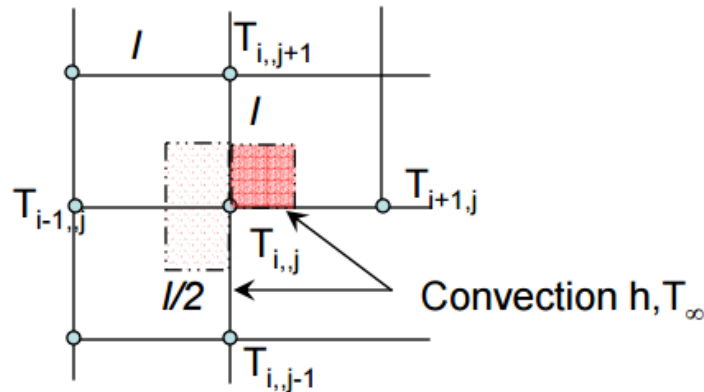
Convective Boundary Condition

- Energy balance gives,

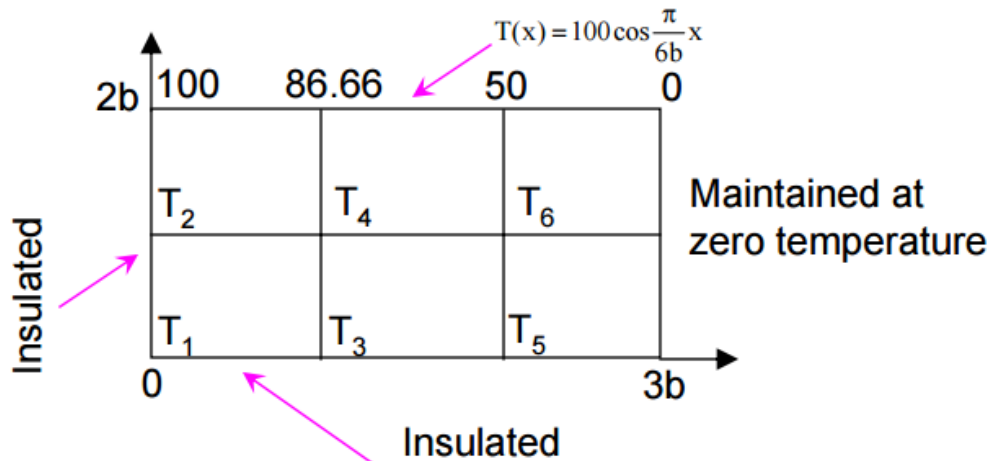
$$k \frac{l}{2} \frac{T_{i,j-1} - T_{i,j}}{l} + kl \frac{T_{i-1,j} - T_{i,j}}{l} + kl \frac{T_{i,j+1} - T_{i,j}}{l} + k \frac{l}{2} \frac{T_{i+1,j} - T_{i,j}}{l} + hl(T_{\infty} - T_{i,j}) + \frac{3}{4}l^2 S_{i,j} = 0$$

- After rearrangement,

$$T_{i,j-1} + 2T_{i-1,j} + 2T_{i,j+1} + T_{i+1,j} - \left(6 + \frac{2hl}{k}\right)T_{i,j} + \frac{3}{2} \frac{l^2}{k} S_{i,j} + \frac{2hl}{k} T_{\infty} = 0$$



Insulated Boundary



Node 1:
Node 2:
Node 3:
Node 4:
Node 5:
Node 6:

$$\begin{aligned} 2T_2 + 2T_3 - 4T_1 &= 0 \\ T_1 + 2T_4 + 100 - 4T_2 &= 0 \\ T_1 + 2T_4 + T_5 - 4T_3 &= 0 \\ T_2 + T_3 + T_6 + 86.66 - 4T_4 &= 0 \\ T_3 + 2T_6 - 4T_5 &= 0 \\ T_4 + T_5 + 50 - 4T_6 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

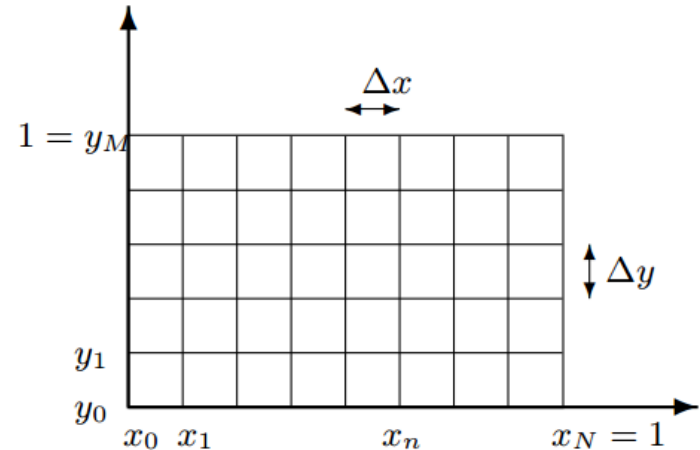
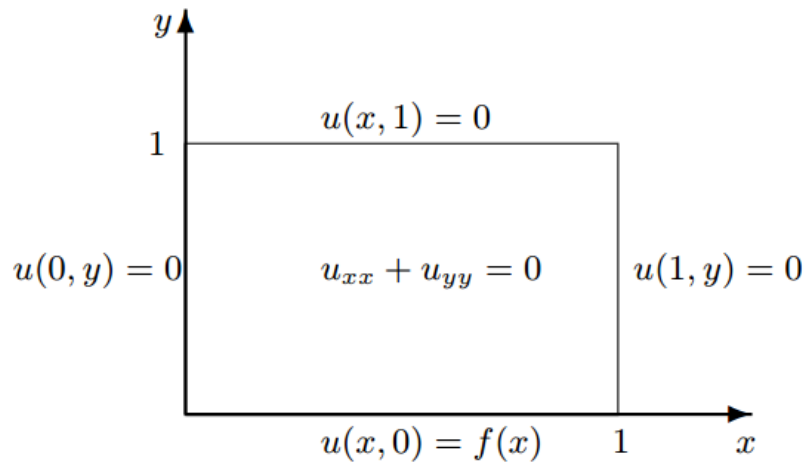
Matrix Form

$$\begin{bmatrix} -4 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -4 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -4 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -4 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} T_1 \\ T_2 \\ T_3 \\ T_4 \\ T_5 \\ T_6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -100 \\ 0 \\ -86.66 \\ 0 \\ -50 \end{bmatrix}$$

Exercise 1: Solving Laplace's equation using finite differences

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0 \quad 0 < x, y < 1$$

$$\text{BC: } u(0, y) = 0; \quad u(1, y) = 0; \quad u(x, 0) = f(x); \quad u(x, 1) = 0.$$



Exercise

Consider $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = x - 2y$ on a square with boundary condition as shown. Construct the finite difference scheme when number of nodes $N=9$.

$$\begin{array}{c} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 2u \\ \begin{array}{ccc} u = 0 & \square & u = 0 \\ & u = 0 & \end{array} \end{array}$$