

**MECH 479/587**

# **Computational Fluid Dynamics**

Module 3 – Part B: 2D Finite Difference  
Approximation

Rajeev K. Jaiman  
Term 1, 2022



# Review:

## ❑ Introduction of Taylor series

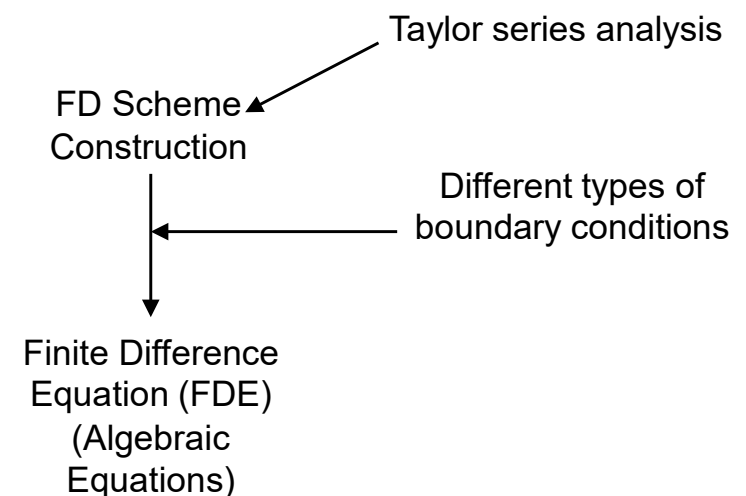
- ▶ Point difference operators
- ▶ Construction of finite difference equations (FDEs)

## ❑ Generalized finite difference approximation

- ▶ Matrix difference operators
- ▶ Boundary conditions

## ❑ Numerical Properties of FDEs

- ▶ Order of Accuracy
- ▶ Consistency
- ▶ Stability
- ▶ Lax Equivalence Theorem



# Measurable Learning Outcomes

- ❑ Understand and apply Taylor series for derivative approximation
- ❑ Implement a finite difference discretization to solve a representative PDE (or set of PDEs) from an engineering application
- ❑ Understand basic numerical properties (accuracy, stability and convergence) of finite difference equation (FDE)

# Module #3: Part B

PDE  $\rightarrow$  FDE's  
(finite difference  
eqns)

## 1. 1D equations

$\rightarrow$  Convection  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + c \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0$

$\rightarrow$  Diffusion  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \nu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$

## 2. Extension to 2D:

$\rightarrow$  2D Advection problem

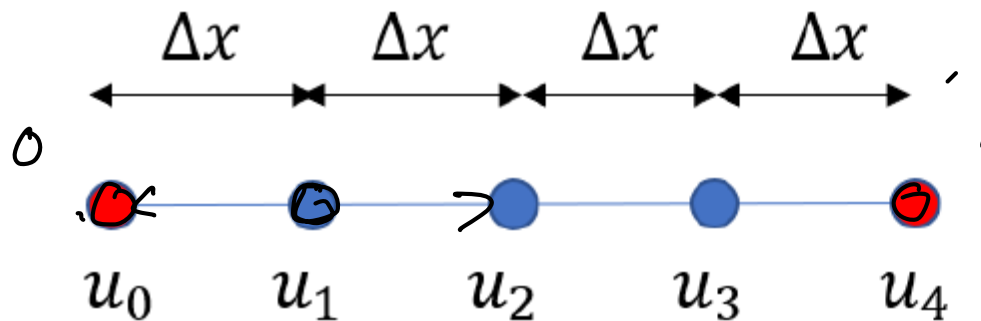
$\rightarrow$  2D Advection-Diffusion

## 3. Code demo: Steady & unsteady heat

# Example: 1D Heat Conduction

For the PDE  $\frac{\partial^2 u(x)}{\partial x^2} + 2u(x) = 1$ ,

use the Central Difference Scheme to find the values of the solution variable  $u$  at the given points.



Given  $u_0 = 0$ ,  $u_4 = 1$  and  $\Delta x = 0.5$

PDE:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2u(x) = 1$$

$\Downarrow$   
FDE's

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \approx \frac{u_{i+1} - 2u_i + u_{i-1}}{\Delta x^2} + O(\Delta x^2)$$

## Solution:

- ① Taylor expansion to convert derivatives
- ② Express PDE into FDE counterpart

At location  $\underline{i}$

$$\frac{u_{i+1} - 2u_i + u_{i-1}}{\Delta x^2} + 2u_i = 1$$

- ③ Discrete or numerical forms of FDE  
for finding unknowns "u" @ interior  
points :  $u_1, u_2, u_3$

At  $i=1$

$$\frac{u_0 - 2u_1 + u_2}{\Delta x^2} + 2u_1 = 1 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

At  $i=2$

$$\frac{u_1 - 2u_2 + u_3}{\Delta x^2} + 2u_2 = 1 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

At  $i=3$

$$\frac{u_2 - 2u_3 + u_4}{\Delta x^2} + 2u_3 = 1 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Using  $u_0 = 0$ ,  $u_4 = 1$ ,  $\Delta x = 0.5$

Solve for 3 eq's w/ 3 unknowns

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{-2u_1 + u_2}{0.5^2} + 2u_1 = 1 \\ \frac{u_1 - 2u_2 + u_3}{0.5^2} + 2u_2 = 1 \\ \frac{u_2 - 2u_3 + u_4}{0.5^2} + 2u_3 = 1 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} u_1 = \frac{1}{6} \\ u_2 = \frac{1}{2} \\ u_3 = \frac{5}{6} \end{array}$$

# Finite Difference for Multi-D Partial Differential Equations: 2D Advection

Advection in 2D

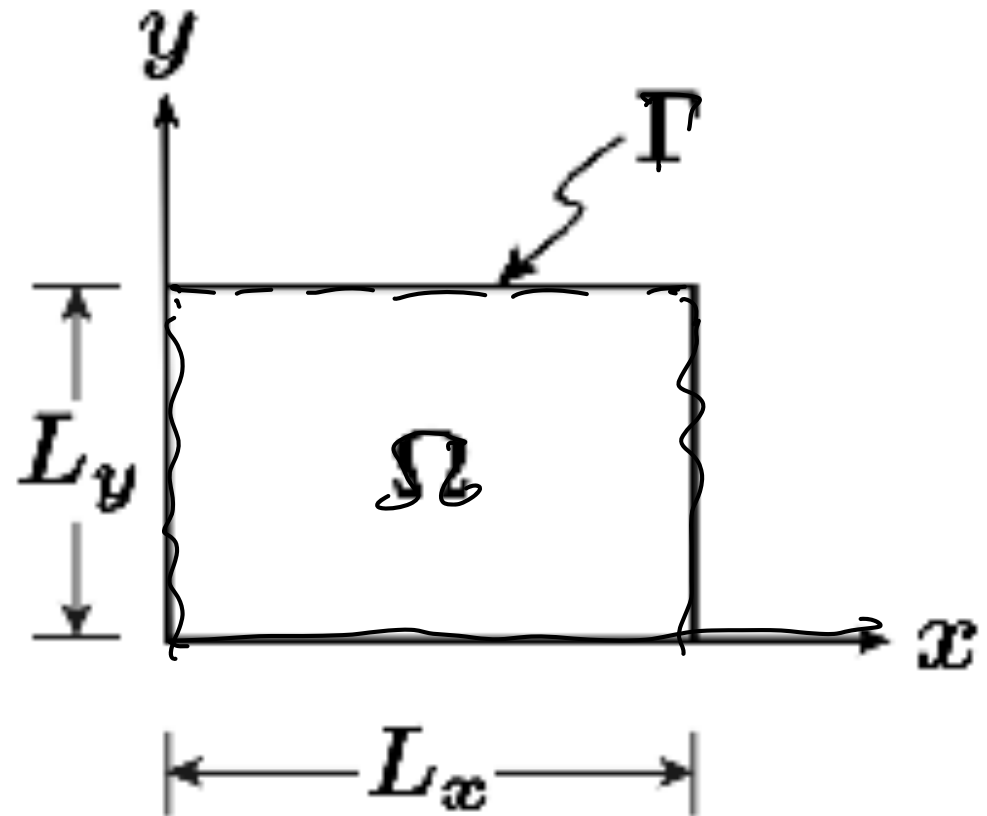
Linear  $U$   $V$   
 $(C_x)$   $(C_y)$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + V \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$$

↑  
Time  
derivative

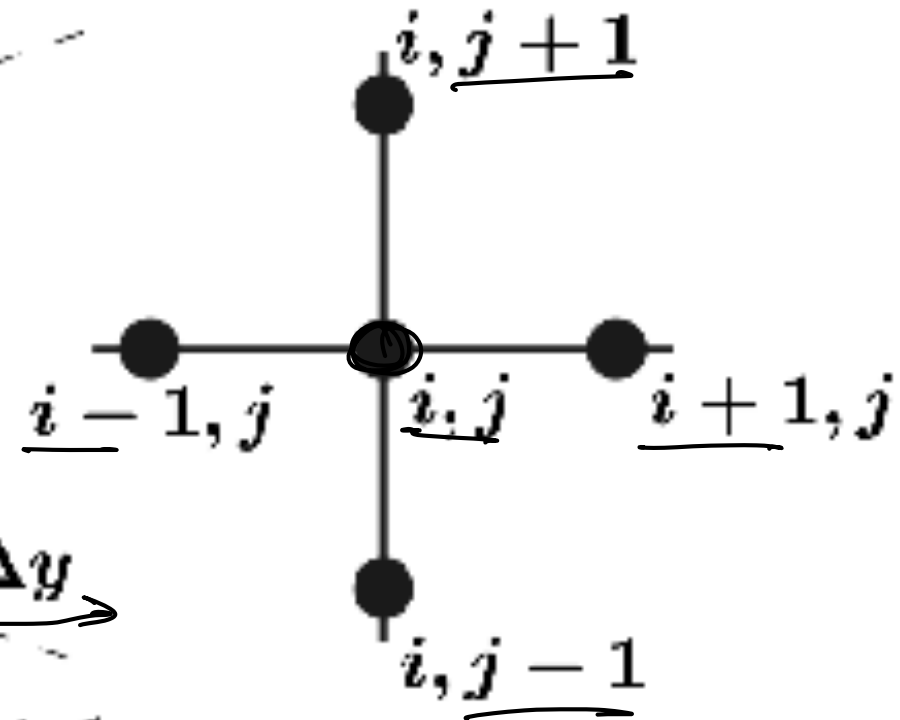
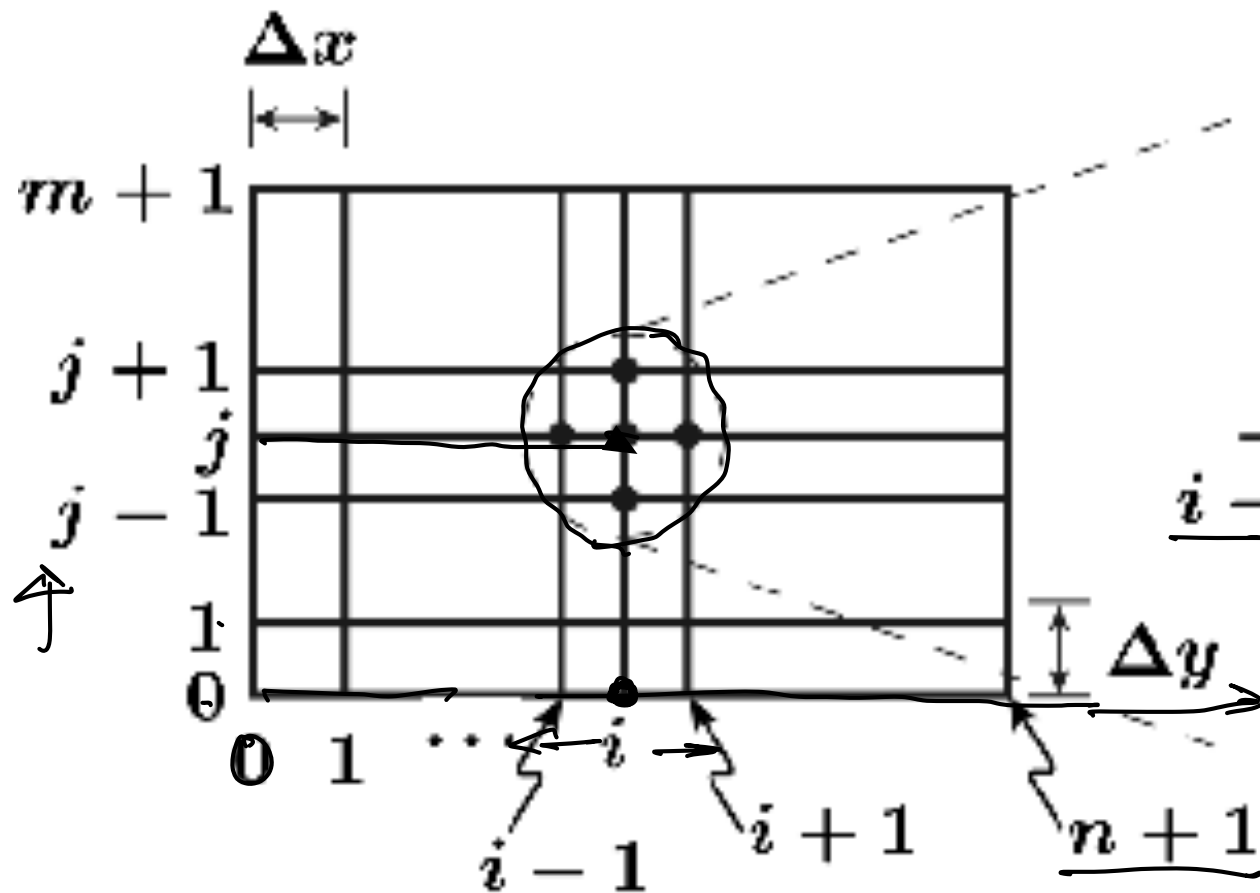
↓  
x-dir

↓  
y-dir



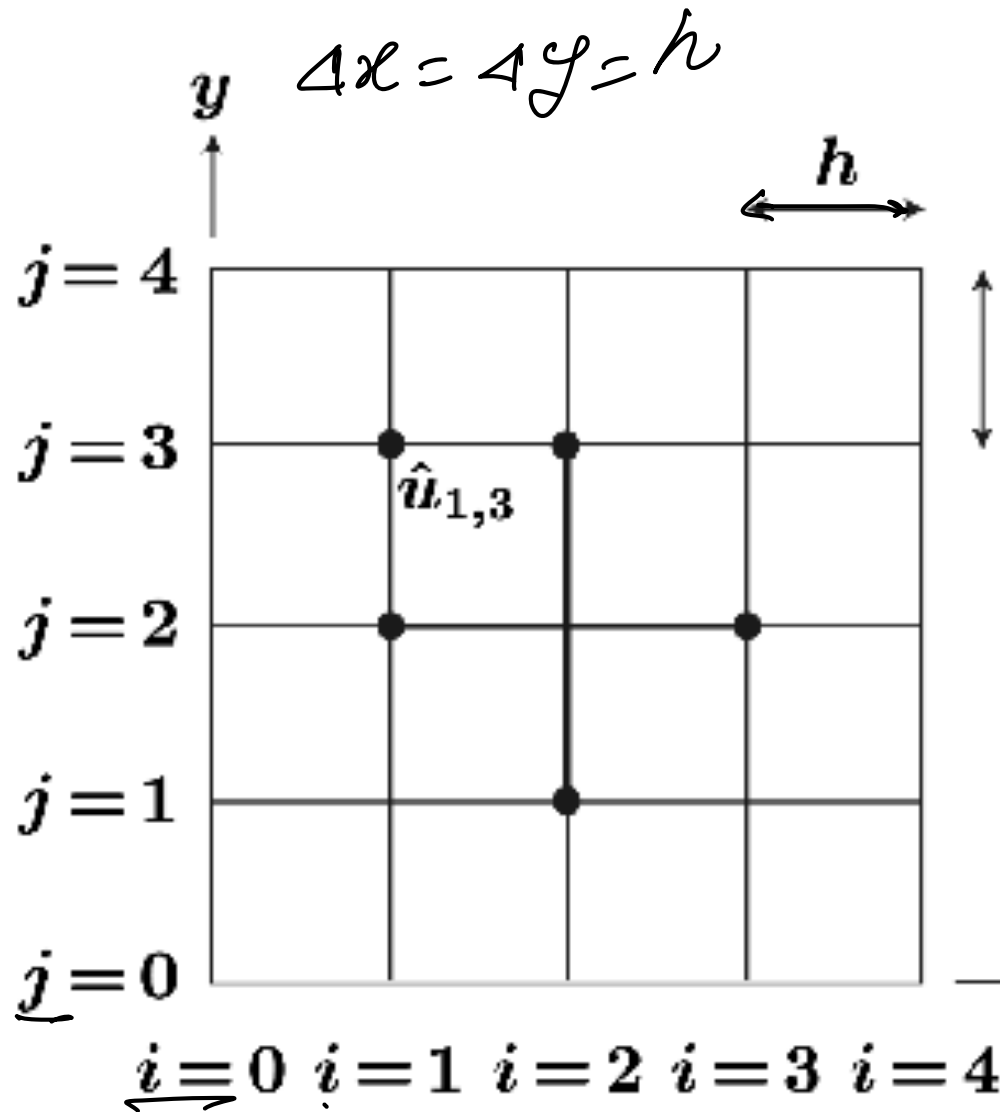


# FD Discretization in 2D



$$u_{ij}^n \approx u(x_i, y_j, t_n)$$

# FD for 2D Advection Equation



Backward difference

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \bigg|_{i,j} \approx \frac{u_{i,j} - u_{i-1,j}}{\Delta x}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \bigg|_{i,j} \approx \frac{u_{i,j} - u_{i,j-1}}{\Delta y}$$

Centered in Space

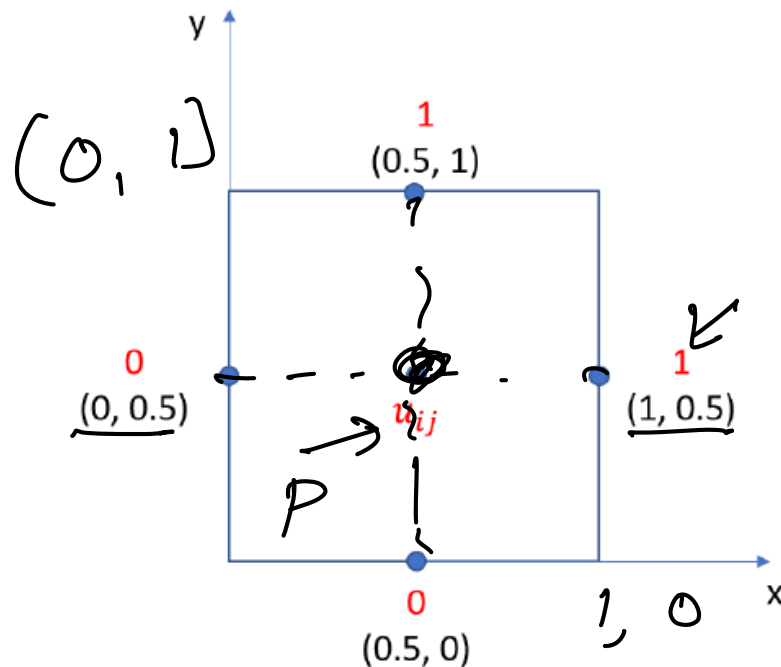
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \bigg|_{i,j} = \frac{u_{i+1,j} - u_{i-1,j}}{2\Delta x}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \bigg|_{i,j} = \dots$$

# Checkpoint 1

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2}$$

Consider a finite difference solution of the Poisson equation:  $\mu_{xx} + u_{yy} = x + y$  on the unit square using the boundary conditions and the mesh shown in the drawing. Use a second-order accurate, centered finite difference scheme to compute the approximate value of the solution at the center of the square.



Find the solution value at the center.

FDE:  $\downarrow u_{xx}$

$$\frac{u_{i+1,j} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i-1,j}}{4x^2} + \frac{u_{i,j+1} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i,j-1}}{4y^2} = x_{i,j} + y_{i,j}$$

$$\frac{0 - 2u_p + 1}{0.5^2} + \frac{0 - 2u_p + 1}{0.5^2} = 0.5 + 0.5$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{u_p = 0.4375}$$

# Multi-D FD Discretization: 2D Advection-Diffusion

Consider 2D model equation for unsteady heat or mass transfer

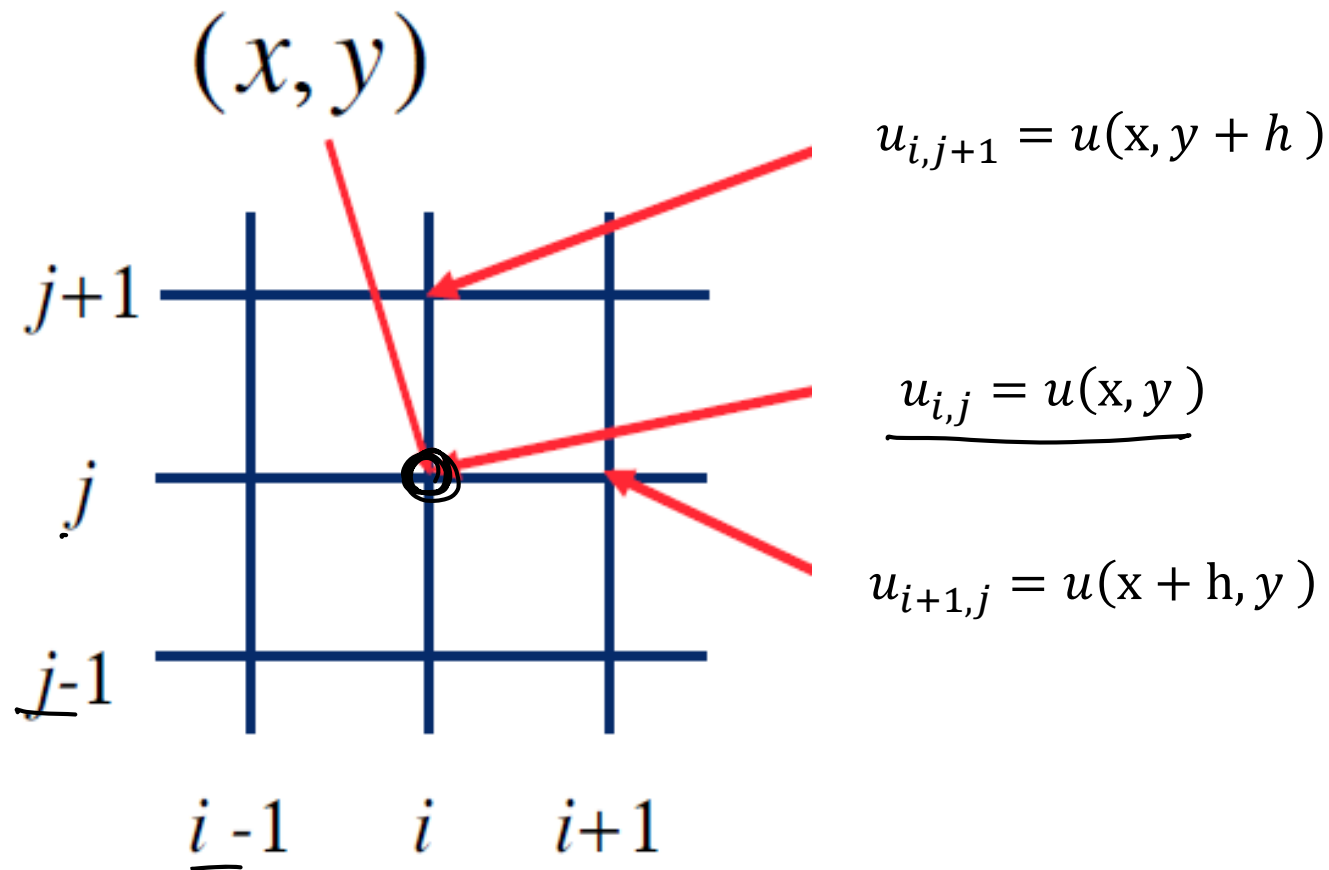
- Include diffusion term into the advection form
  - ◇ This can be also considered as a model problem for the Navier-Stokes equations

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Time} \\ \text{derivative}}} + \underbrace{U \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + V \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}}_{\substack{\text{Convection} \\ \text{effect}}} = \underbrace{\nu \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right)}_{\text{Diffusion}}$$

$u \rightarrow T$

# Two-Dimensional Grid

- For 2D flow physics, discretize the variables on a two-dimensional grid



# 2D Discretization

$$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}\right)_{i,j}^n + U \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_{i,j}^n + V \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)_{i,j}^n$$

↓  
FE

$$= v \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right)_{i,j}^n$$

$$\frac{u_{i,j}^{n+1} - u_{i,j}^n}{\Delta t} = -U \left[ \frac{u_{i+1,j}^n - u_{i-1,j}^n}{2h} \right] - V \left[ \frac{u_{i,j+1}^n - u_{i,j-1}^n}{2h} \right] + 2 \left[ \frac{u_{i+1,j}^n - 2u_{i,j}^n + u_{i-1,j}^n + \dots}{h^2} \right]$$

↗  
 $O(\Delta t)$

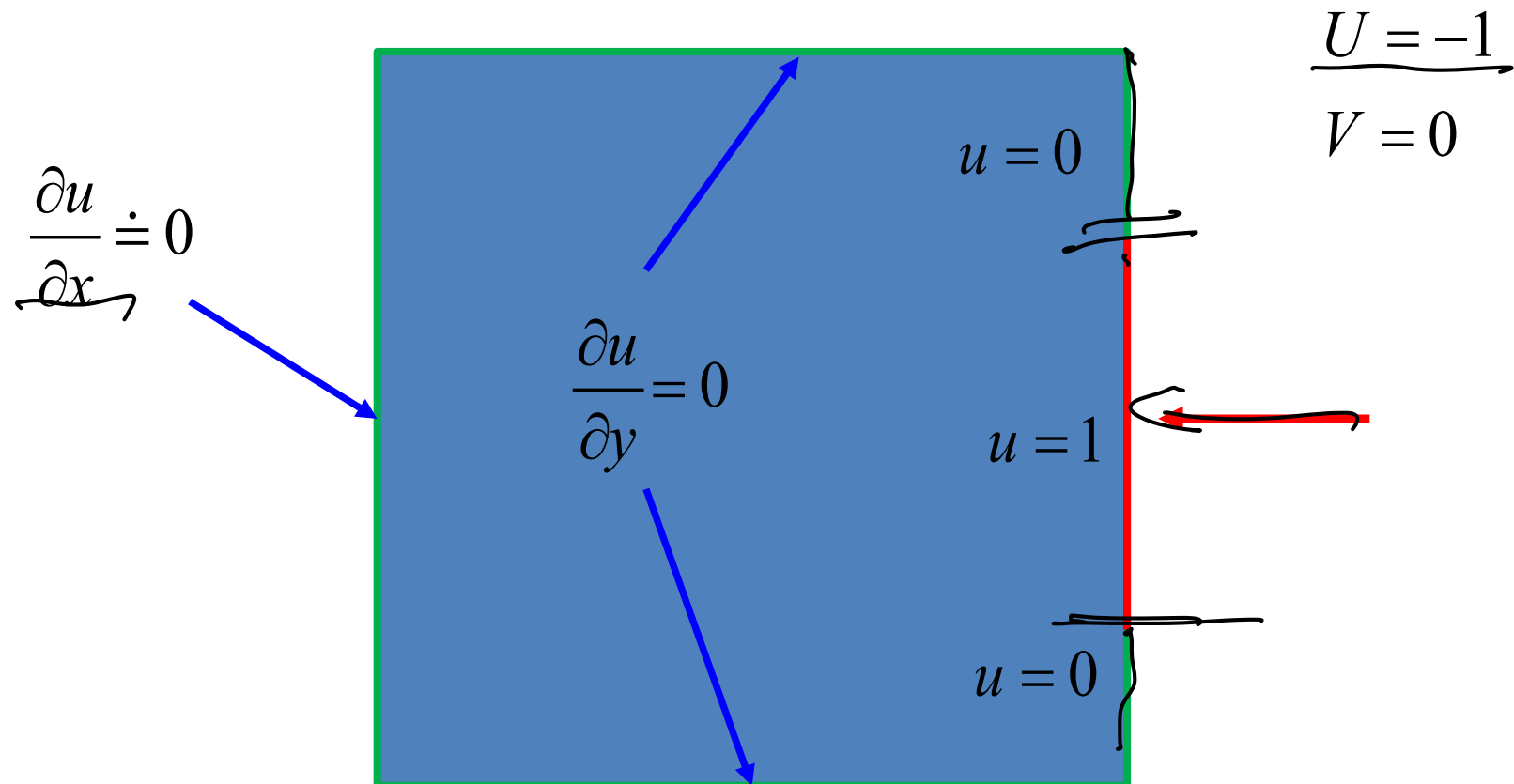
Formula for Coding:

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_{i,j}^{n+1} = & u_{i,j}^n - \frac{U \Delta t}{2h} \left[ u_{i+\frac{1}{2},j}^n - u_{i-\frac{1}{2},j}^n \right] \\
 & - \frac{V \Delta t}{2h} \left[ u_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}^n - u_{i,j-\frac{1}{2}}^n \right] \\
 & + \frac{v \Delta t}{h^2} \left[ \dots \dots \dots \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

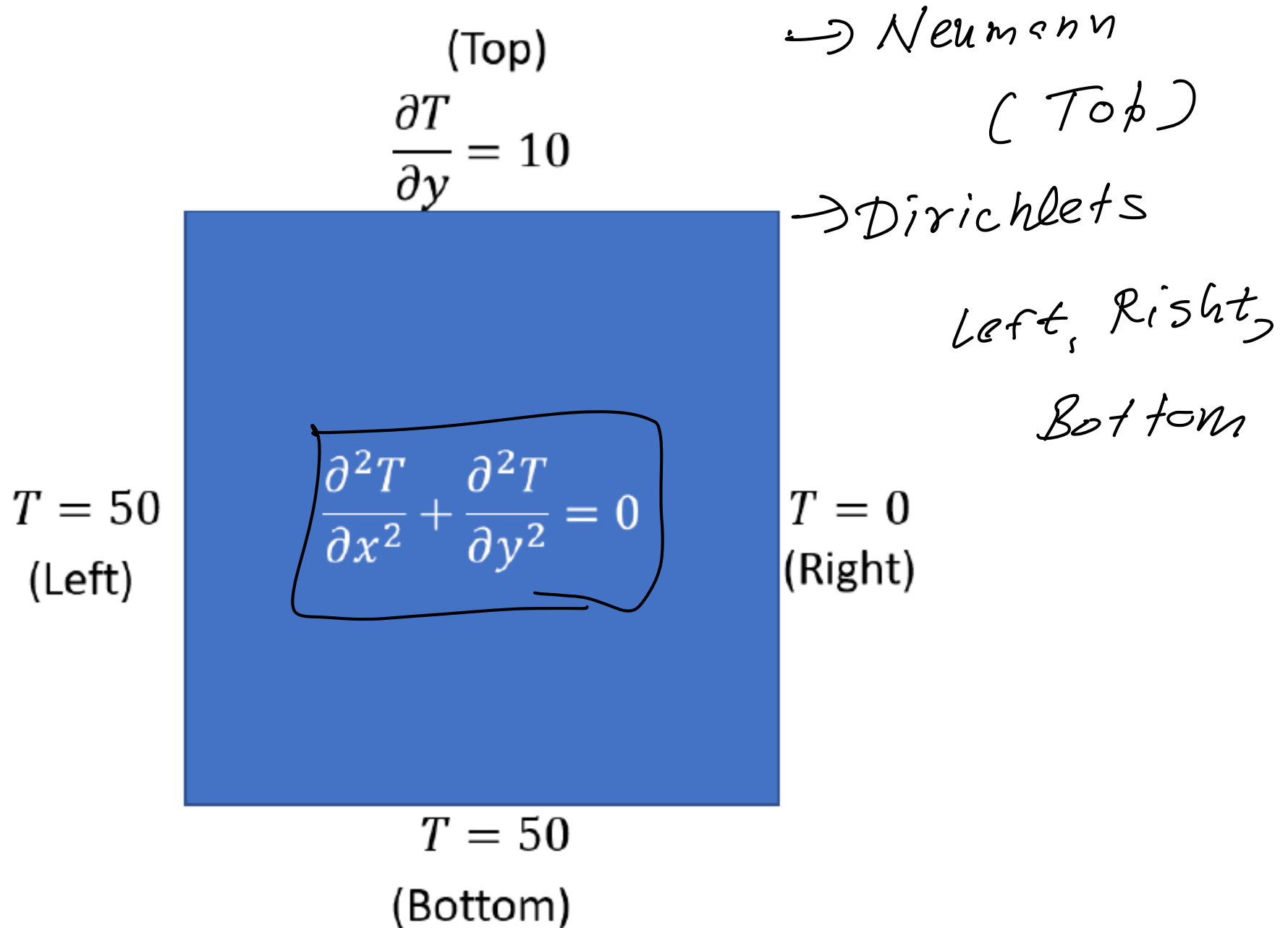


# Example

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + V \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \nu \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right)$$



# Checkpoint 2



# Boundary Conditions

- When the solution  $u$  is given, we simply specify (*Dirichlet condition*)

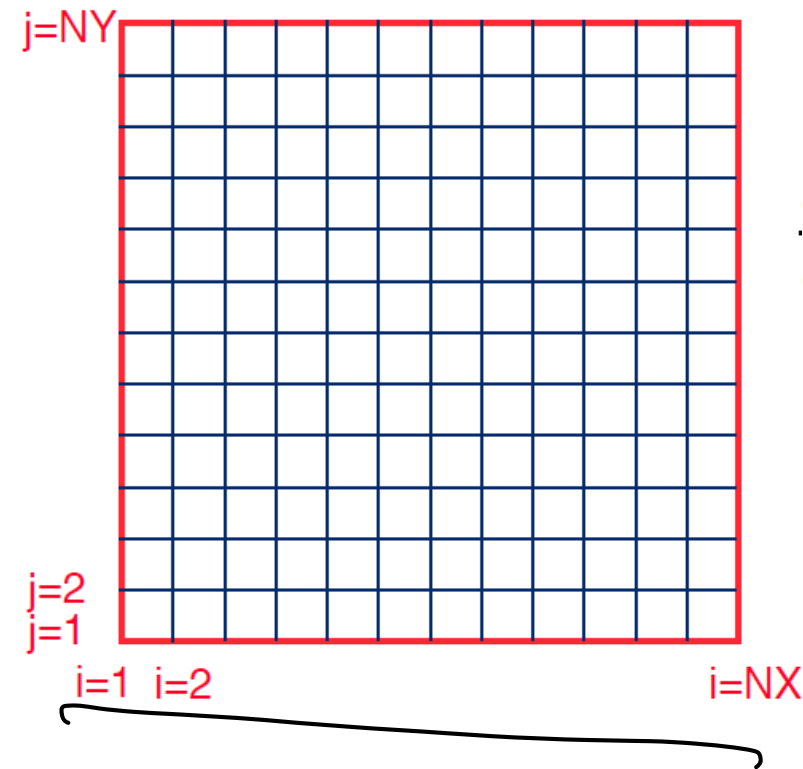
$u_{i,j} = u(x, y)$   
stored at each  
grid point

- Where the normal derivative (*Neumann condition*) is specified, we approximate the value at the boundary by one-sided differences

At  $\underline{i=1}$  boundary,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$

By using  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{u_{i,2} - u_{i,1}}{\Delta y} = 0$

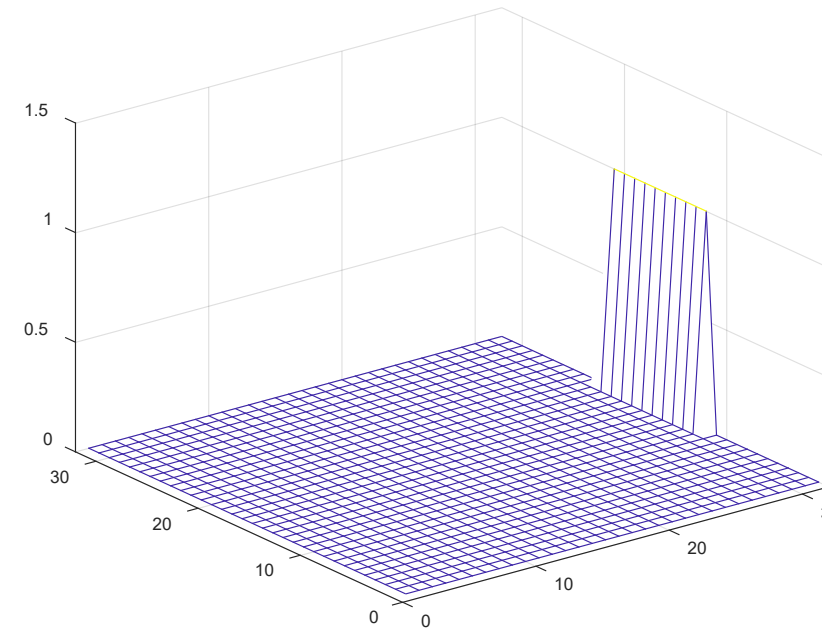
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{u_{i,2} = u_{i,1}}$$



```

% MECH 479 - CFD
% EX3: Two-dimensional unsteady diffusion by the FTCS scheme
%-----
n=32;
m=32;
nstep=120;
D=0.025;
length=2.0;
h=length/(n-1);
dt=1.0*0.125*h*h/D;
u=zeros(n,m);
uo=zeros(n,m);
time=0.0;
U=-0.0; V=-1.0; u(12:21,n)=1.0;
for l=1:nstep, l, time
hold off; mesh(u); axis([0 n 0 m 0 1.5]); pause;
uo=u;
for i=2:n-1, for j=2:m-1
u(i,j)=uo(i,j)-(0.5*dt*U/h)*(uo(i+1,j)-uo(i-1,j))-...
(0.5*dt*V/h)*(uo(i,j+1)-uo(i,j-1))+...
(D*dt/h^2)*(uo(i+1,j)+uo(i,j+1)+uo(i-1,j)+uo(i,j-1)-4*uo(i,j));
end,end
for i=1:n,
    u(i,1)=u(i,2);
end
for j=1:m,
    u(1,j)=u(2,j);
    u(m,j)=u(m-1,j);
end
time=time+dt;
end

```



Unsteady evolution of the solution

# 2D Steady Boundary Value Problem

□ Consider Steady State Poisson Equation

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

$$(*) \quad \frac{u_{i+1,j} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i-1,j}}{h^2} + \frac{u_{i,j+1} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i,j-1}}{h^2} = S_{i,j}$$

Solve  $u_{i,j}$  :

$$\Rightarrow u_{i,j} = \frac{1}{4} \left[ u_{i+1,j} + u_{i-1,j} + u_{i,j+1} + u_{i,j-1} - h^2 S_{i,j} \right]$$

# Iterative Solution Procedure

Solve  $u_{ij}$  & use right hand side

All previous values  $u$ , new values  
will be represented @  $u^{d+1}$

$$u_{ij}^{d+1} = \frac{1}{4} \left[ u_{i+1,j}^d + u_{i-1,j}^d + u_{i,j+1}^d + \dots \right]$$

$$\underline{R_{ij}} = \frac{u_{i+1,j} + u_{i-1,j} + u_{i,j+1} + u_{i,j-1}}{h^2} - S_{ij}$$

# Jacobi Iteration

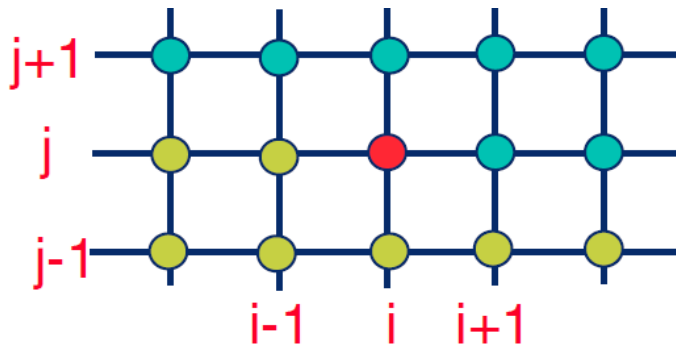
- ❑ The iteration must be carried out until the solution is sufficiently accurate. To measure the error, define the residual:

$$R_{i,j} = \frac{u_{i+1,j} + u_{i-1,j} + u_{i,j-1} + u_{i,j+1} - 4u_{i,j}}{h^2} - S_{i,j}$$

- ❑ At steady-state the residual should be zero.
  - ▶ The pointwise residual or average absolute residual can be used, depending on the problem.

# Gauss Seidel Iteration

- ❑ Jacobi iteration is generally robust but many iterations are required to reach an accurate solution
  - ▶ Need a way to accelerate the convergence
- ❑ Using Gauss-Seidel, the Jacobi iteration can be improved somewhat by using new values as soon as they become available.



```
for j=1:m
  for i=1:n
    iterate
  end
end
```

$$u_{i,j}^{\alpha+1} = \frac{1}{4} \left( u_{i+1,j}^{\alpha} + u_{i-1,j}^{\alpha+1} + u_{i,j+1}^{\alpha} + u_{i,j-1}^{\alpha+1} - h^2 S_{i,j} \right)$$

- ❑ Gauss-Seidel iteration can be further improved by SOR treatment



# Successive Over Relaxation

- ❑ Gauss-Seidel iteration can be further improved by SOR treatment

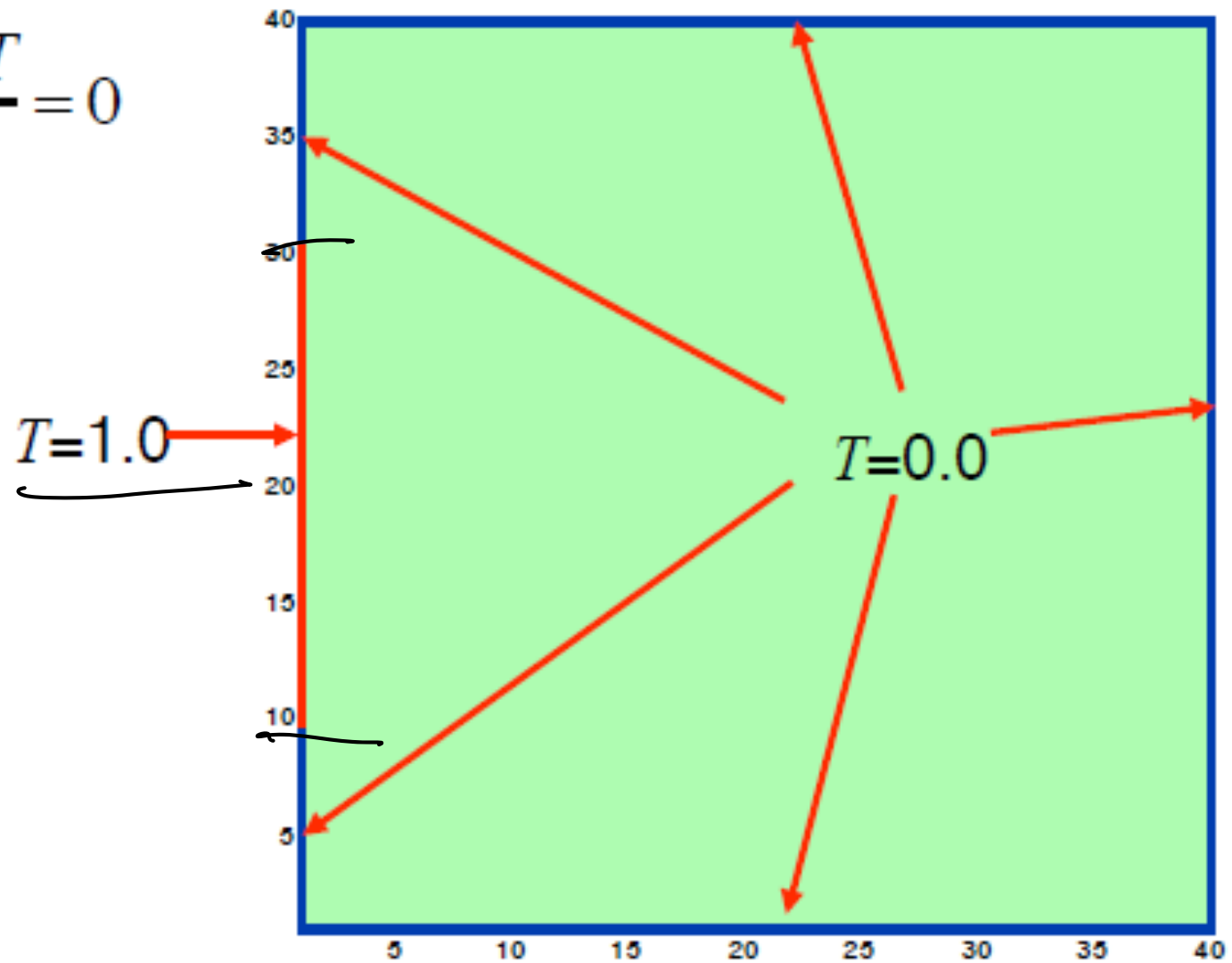
$$u_{i,j}^{\alpha+1} = \frac{\beta}{4} \left( \underline{u_{i+1,j}^{\alpha} + u_{i-1,j}^{\alpha+1} + u_{i,j+1}^{\alpha} + u_{i,j-1}^{\alpha+1} - h^2 S_{i,j}} \right) + (1 - \beta) u_{i,j}^{\alpha}$$

where  $1 < \beta < 2$ . In general,  $\beta = 1.5$  is a good starting value.

- ❑ The SOR iteration is very simple to program, just as the Gauss-Seidler iteration.

# Example

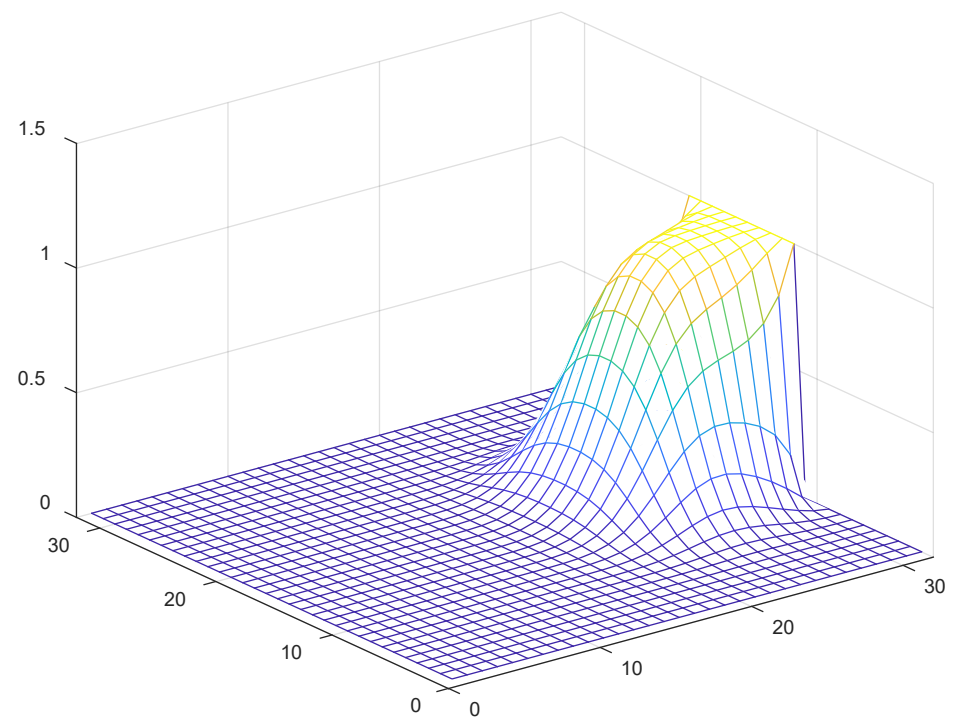
$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} = 0$$



```

% MECH 479 - CFD
% EX4: Two-dimensional steady heat problem by SOR
%-----
-
n=40;
m=40;
iterations=5000;
length=2.0;
h=length/(n-1);
T=zeros(n,m);
bb=1.7;
T(10:n-10,1)=1.0;
for l=1:iterations,
for i=2:n-1, for j=2:m-1
T(i,j)=bb*0.25*(T(i+1,j)+...
T(i,j+1)+T(i-1,j)+T(i,j-1))+(1.0-bb)*T(i,j);
end,end
% find residual
res=0;
for i=2:n-1,
for j=2:m-1
res=res+abs(T(i+1,j)+...
T(i,j+1)+T(i-1,j)+T(i,j-1)-4*T(i,j))/h^2;
end
end
l,res/((m-2)*(n-2)) % Print iteration and residual
if (res/((m-2)*(n-2)) < 0.001)
break
end
end;
contour(T);

```



# Summary

- ❑ FDEs for multi-dimensional advection-diffusion are similar to 1D problem
- ❑ Iterative methods for boundary value problems.  
Elementary approaches to steady state problems
  - ▶ Jacobi iteration
  - ▶ Gauss-Seidel iteration
  - ▶ Successive Over-Relaxation

Rajeev K. Jaiman  
Email: [rjaiman@mech.ubc.ca](mailto:rjaiman@mech.ubc.ca)

