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DIFFUSION EQUATION

PROBLEM STATEMENT

Solving the Diffusion Equation for Temperature T using Finite Volume Method and Gauss-Seidel iteration in MATLAB.

1a. MESH INDEPENDENCE

- We calculated the Temperature at $y = 0.075$ for different nodes in X - direction. Then we plotted the Temperature vs Node graphs for different meshes i.e, $10 \times 10, 20 \times 20, 40 \times 40, 80 \times 80, 160 \times 160$. From these graphs we observed that 80×80 and 160×160 meshes, temperature doesnot change much. So we can confirm the mesh independence is occurred for 80×80 Mesh.

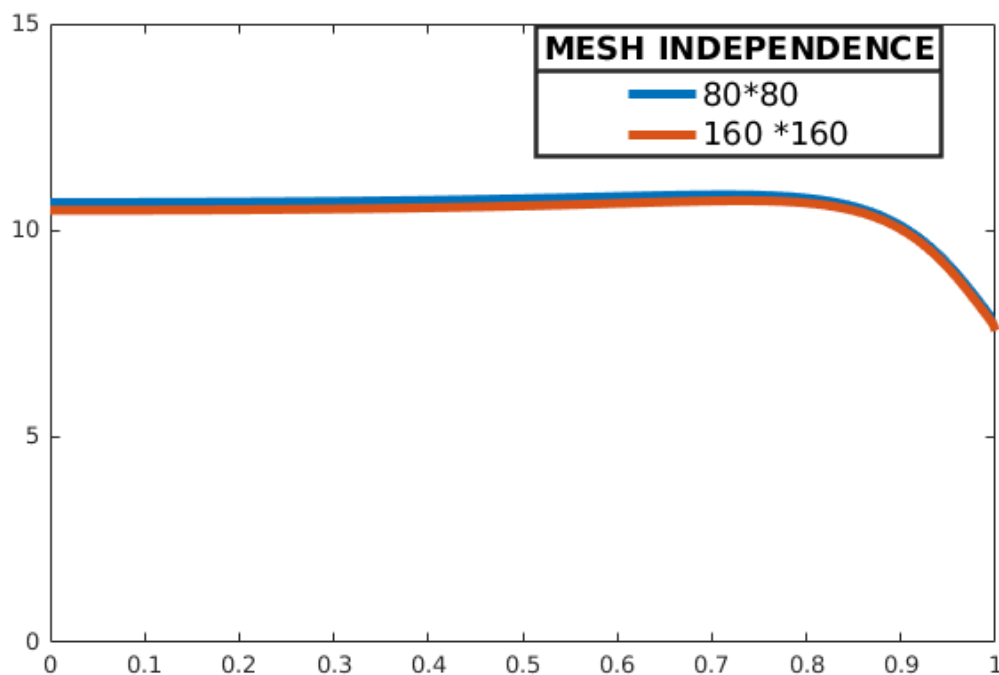


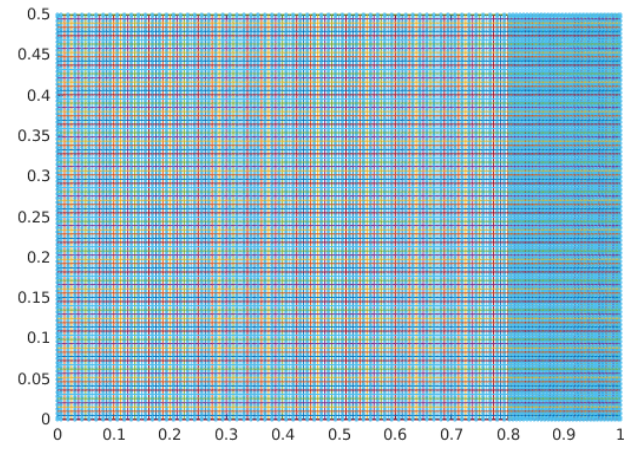
Figure 1: Mesh Independence Test

1b. REFINED THE MESH

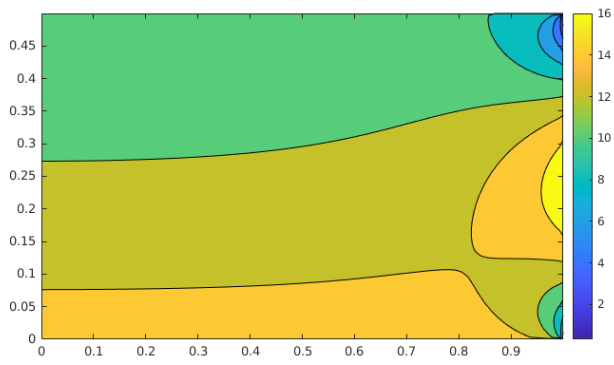
- From the temperature contour we observe the temperature gradients are more near the boundary². So we Refined the mesh from $x=0.8$ to 1. The refined temperature contour is shown.



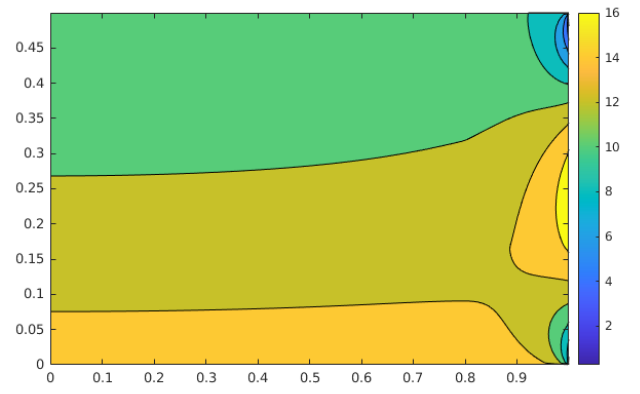
(a) NORMAL MESH GRID



(b) REFINED MESH GRID



(a) TEMP CONTOUR OF NORMAL MESH



(b) TEMP CONTOUR OF REFINED MESH

2. Error vs Number of Iterations

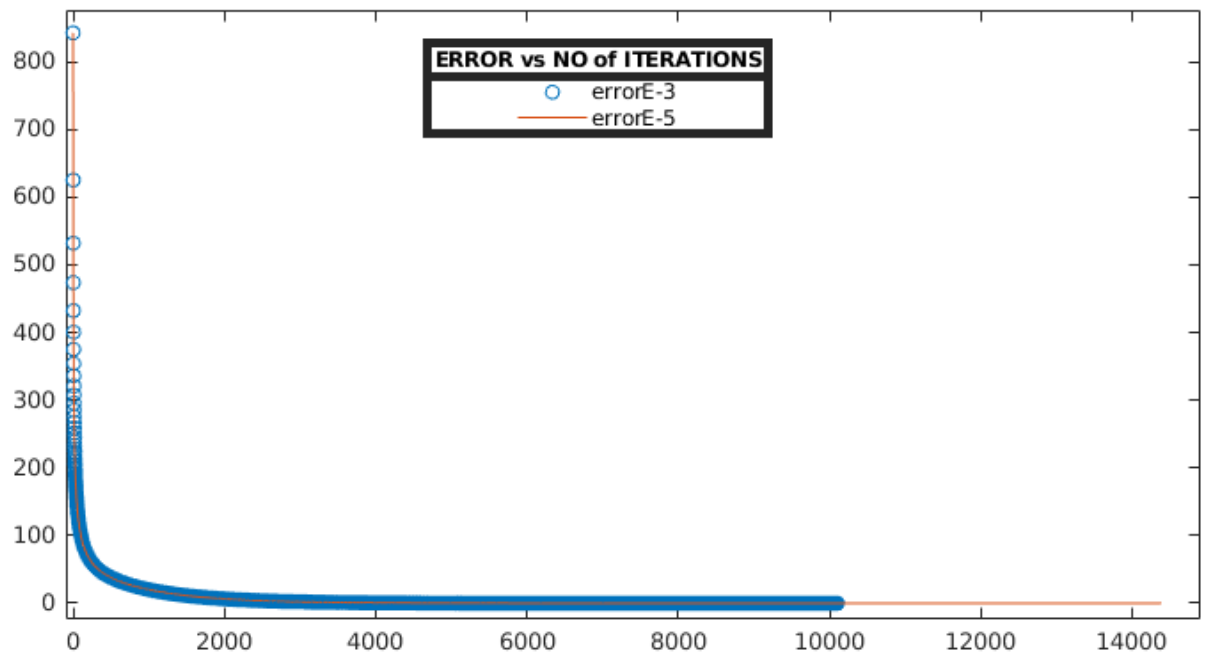


Figure 4: Plot of Error vs Iterations for different error tolerance

- Here we performed calculations using two error tolerances one with 0.001 and other with 0.00001. We infer that more number of iterations are taken for the small error tolerance. So if we decrease the error to even smaller it takes more iterations.

3. CHANGE NEUMANN to DIRICHLET AND DIRICHLET to NEUMANN

- We changed the neumann condition of boundary 4 to dirichlet condition. And dirichlet condition of boundary 3 to neumann condition. The results obtained are attached below.

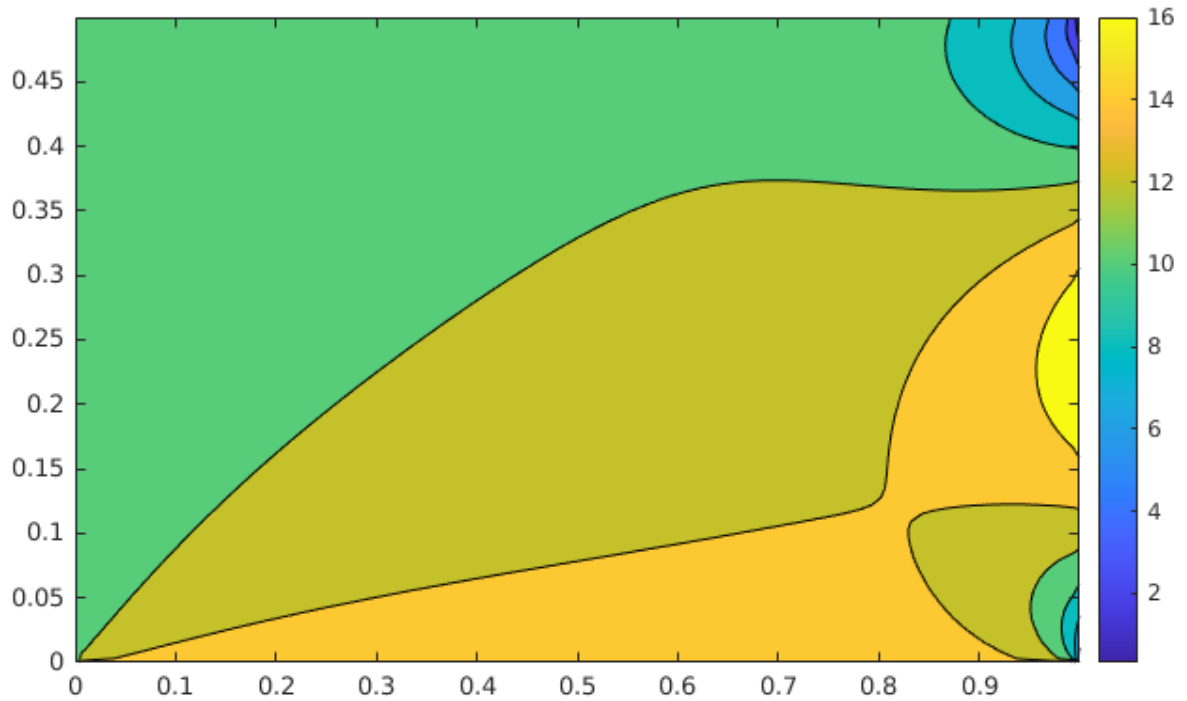


Figure 5: Temperature Contour

4.HEAT FLUX VECTOR

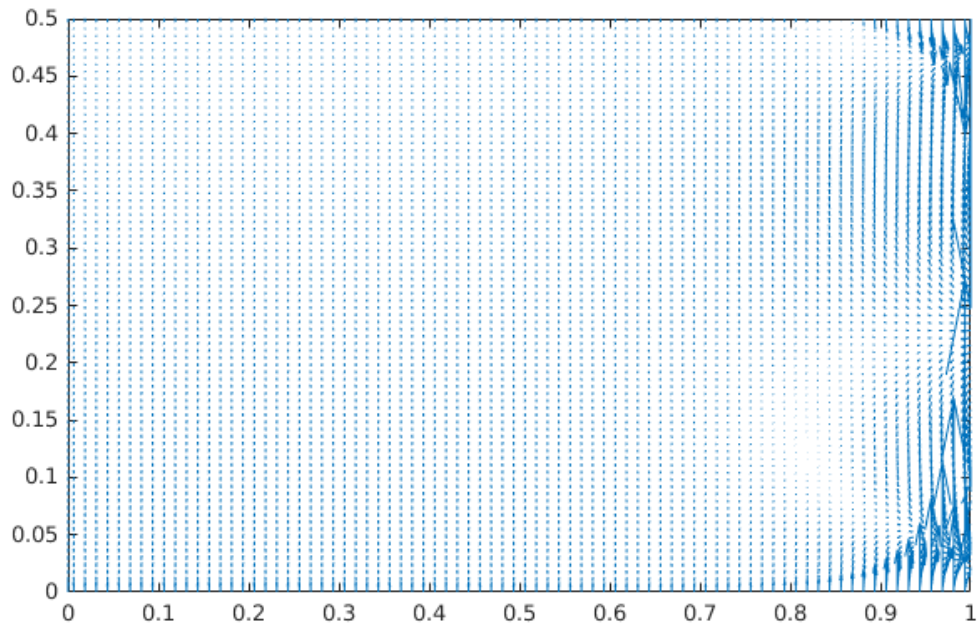


Figure 6: HEAT FLUX VECTOR

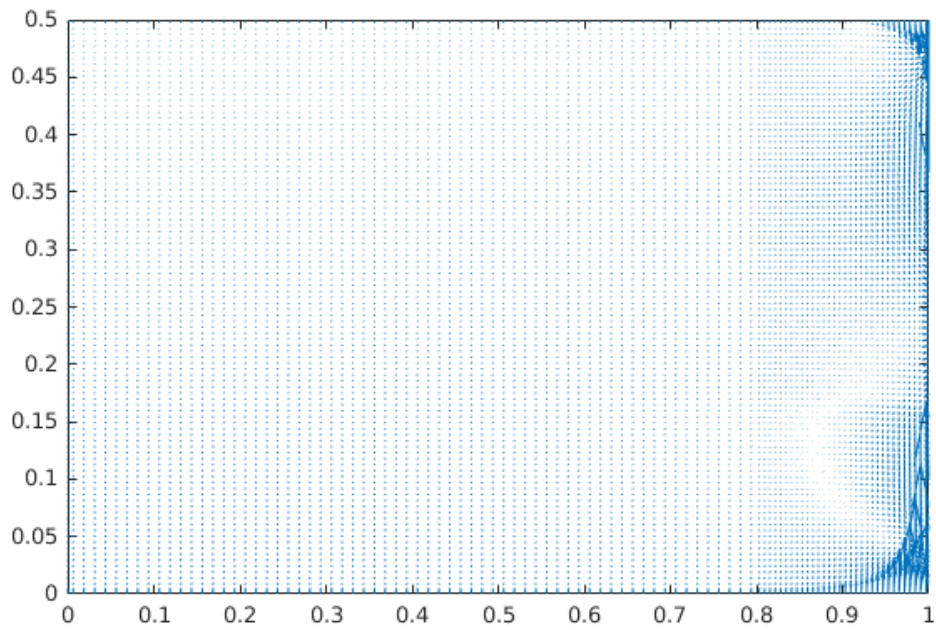


Figure 7: HEAT FLUX VECTOR REFINED MESH

- From this vector plot we conclude that heat flow is from boundary 1 to the boundary 3. And near the boundary 2 we observe the sinusoidal behaviour.