

## Steady state 2-D heat transfer and Finite Difference Model (FDM)

# Introduction

- How to get temperature distribution in 2D and 3D objects?
  - Experiment
  - Analytical solutions
  - Numerical simulations
    - Finite Difference Method
    - Finite Element Method
    - Finite Volume Method
    - Spectral Element Method

# Finite Difference Method (FDM):

Derivation from Taylor's Polynomial:

$$f(x_0 + h) = f(x_0) + \frac{f'(x_0)}{1!}h + \frac{f''(x_0)}{2!}h^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(x_0)}{n!}h^n + R_n(x_0)$$

Approximating for first derivative:

$$f(x_0 + h) = f(x_0) + \frac{f'(x_0)}{1!}h + R_1(x_0)$$

Truncating  $R_1(x_0)$  and solving for  $f'(x_0)$ :

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h}$$

This is first order accurate for first derivative.

- Higher order derivatives and higher order accuracy can be obtained.
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Finite\\_difference\\_coefficient](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Finite_difference_coefficient)

# Finite Difference Method (FDM):

- Forward and backward finite difference:

- **Forward** first order accurate first derivative:

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h} + O(h)$$

- **Backward** first order accurate first derivative:

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{f(x_0) - f(x_0 - h)}{h} + O(h)$$

- **Central** finite difference

- Second order accuracy for first derivative:

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0 - h)}{2h} + O(h^2)$$

- Second order accuracy for second derivative:

$$f''(x_0) = \frac{f(x_0 + h) - 2f(x_0) + f(x_0 - h)}{h^2} + O(h^2)$$

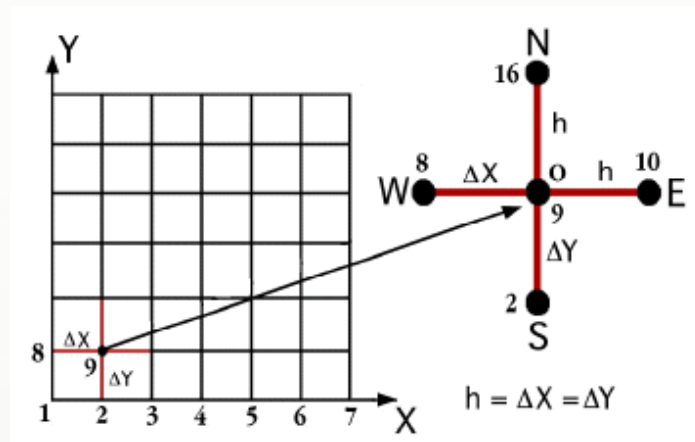
# Discretization:

- Governing equations:

Heat diffusion equation in 2-D, no heat generation and steady state:

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

- Discretization:



$$\frac{T(x + \Delta x, y) - 2T(x, y) + T(x - \Delta x, y)}{(\Delta x)^2} + \frac{T(x, y + \Delta y) - 2T(x, y) + T(x, y - \Delta y)}{(\Delta y)^2} = 0$$

If  $\Delta x = \Delta y$

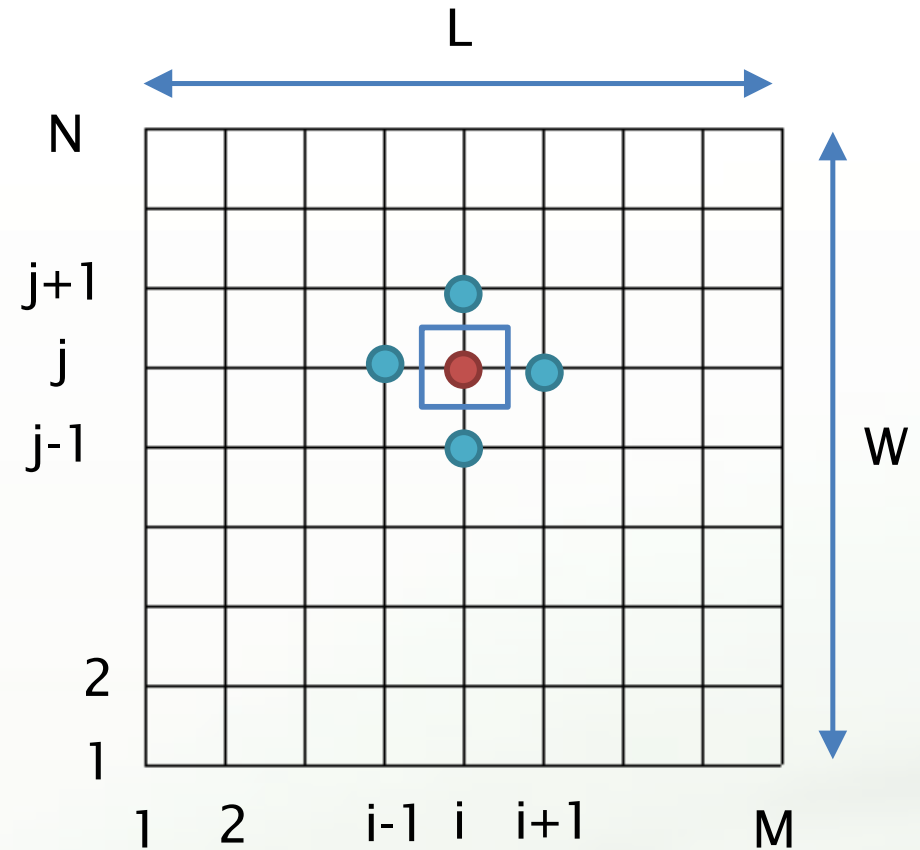
$$T(x + \Delta x, y) + T(x - \Delta x, y) + T(x, y + \Delta y) + T(x, y - \Delta y) - 4T(x, y) = 0$$

# Discretization:

- Discretized heat diffusion equation:

$$T(i+1, j) + T(i-1, j) + T(i, j+1) + T(i, j-1) - 4T(i, j) = 0$$

- Using energy balance approach, we can get the same equation:



# Discretization:

- Energy balance approach:

$$\sum_{m=1}^4 q_{m \rightarrow (i,j)} = 0$$

- For example:

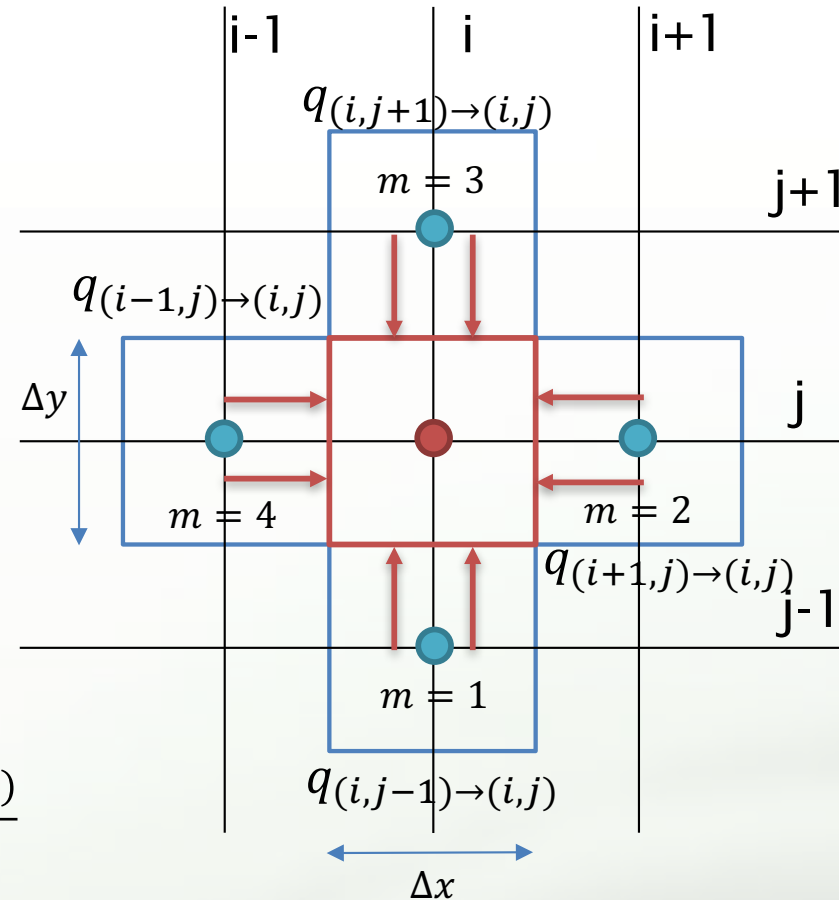
$$\begin{aligned} q_{(i,j-1) \rightarrow (i,j)} &= -k \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \Delta x = -k \frac{T(i,j) - T(i,j-1)}{\Delta y} \Delta x \\ &-k \frac{T(i,j) - T(i,j-1)}{\Delta y} \Delta x - k \frac{T(i,j) - T(i,j+1)}{\Delta y} \Delta x \\ &-k \frac{T(i,j) - T(i-1,j)}{\Delta x} \Delta y - k \frac{T(i,j) - T(i+1,j)}{\Delta x} \Delta y = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Divide by  $\Delta x \cdot \Delta y$

$$\begin{aligned} -k \frac{T(i,j) - T(i,j-1)}{\Delta y^2} - k \frac{T(i,j) - T(i,j+1)}{\Delta y^2} - k \frac{T(i,j) - T(i-1,j)}{\Delta x^2} \\ - k \frac{T(i,j) - T(i+1,j)}{\Delta x^2} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Assuming  $\Delta x = \Delta y$

$$T(i+1,j) + T(i-1,j) + T(i,j+1) + T(i,j-1) - 4T(i,j) = 0$$

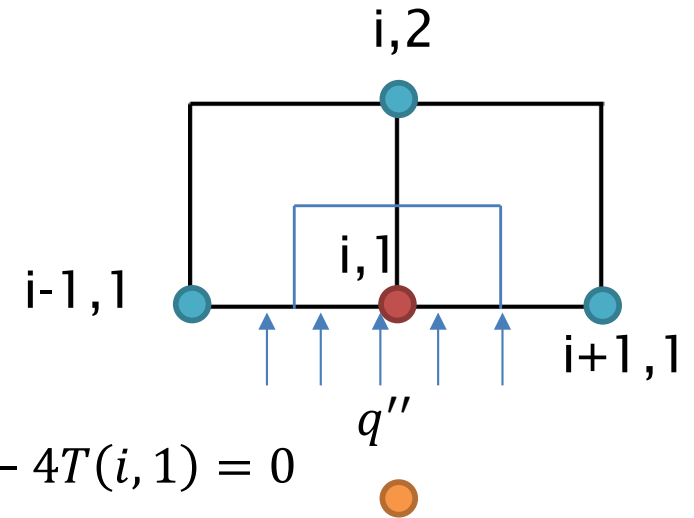


# Boundary conditions

- Constant temperature:

$$T(M, j) = T_{bc}$$

- Constant heat flux boundary condition:  
Using energy balance approach:



$$2T(i, 2) + T(i + 1, 1) + T(i - 1, 1) + \frac{2q''\Delta y}{K} - 4T(i, 1) = 0$$

- Adiabatic B.C:

$$2T(i, 2) + T(i + 1, 1) + T(i - 1, 1) - 4T(i, 1) = 0$$

It's similar to having node  $(i, 0)$  which is always equal to node  $(i, 2)$

- How about other boundary conditions? (Convection, radiation, etc)



# How to solve: System of equations

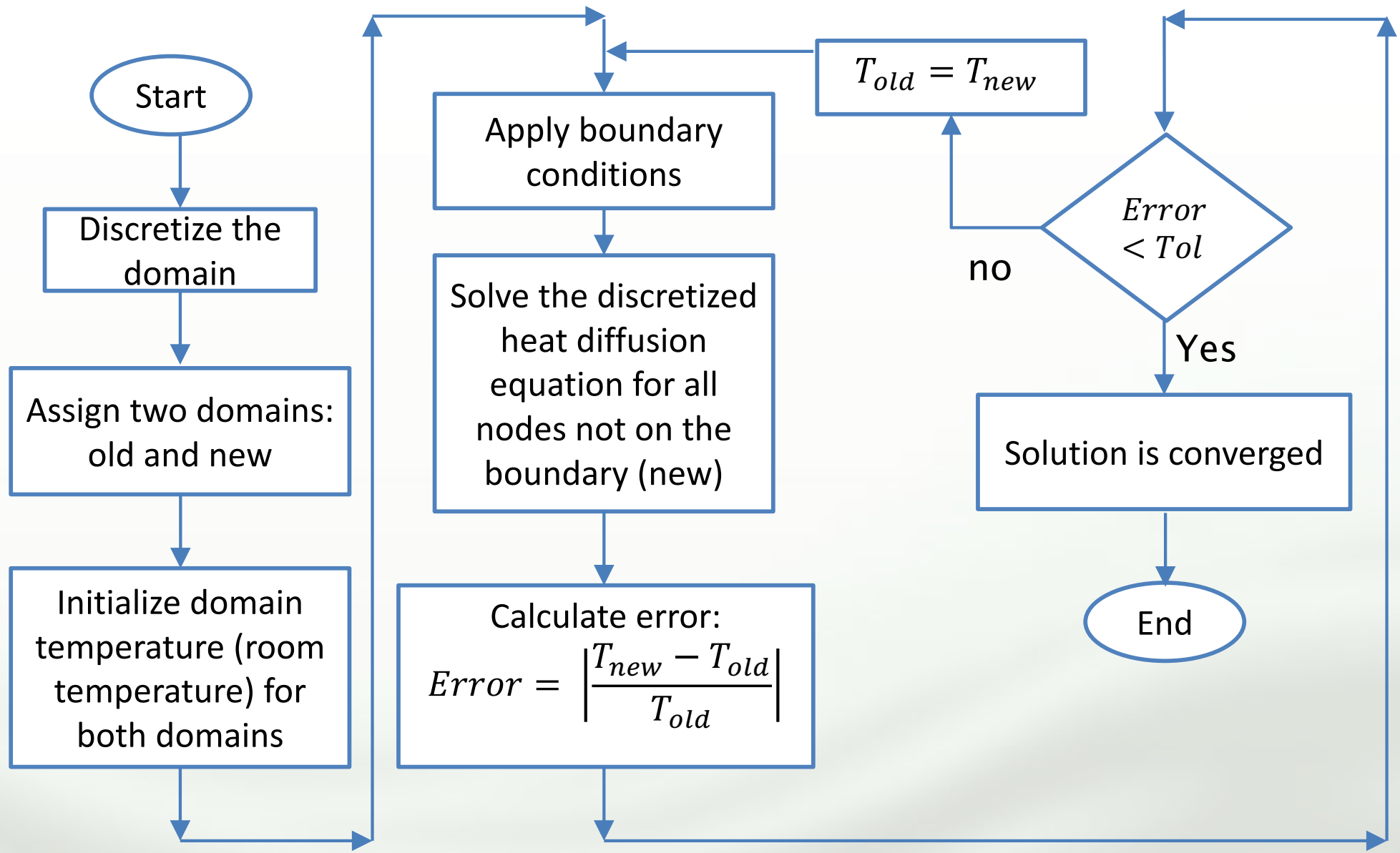
- By writing the equations for all nodes and boundary nodes, we can make a system of equations that looks like this:

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 & & & & \dots & & & & \\
 & \ddots & & & & & & & \\
 0 & & 2 & -4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \vdots & \\
 & 1 & 0 & 1 & -4 & 1 & 0 & 1 & \\
 & & 1 & 0 & 1 & -4 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\
 \vdots & & & & & \ddots & & & \\
 & & & & & & 1 & & \\
 & & & & & & & 1 & 
 \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 T_1 \\
 T_2 \\
 T_3 \\
 T_4 \\
 T_5 \\
 T_6 \\
 T_7 \\
 T_8 \\
 T_9
 \end{bmatrix}
 =
 \begin{bmatrix}
 \vdots \\
 0 \\
 0 \\
 \vdots \\
 T_b \\
 T_b
 \end{bmatrix}$$

Adiabatic BC.  
 General diffusion nodes  
 Constant T

- Try making this matrix for your case.
- Solving this matrix equation gives temperatures for each nodes.
  - How to solve this matrix equation?

# How to solve: iterative technique

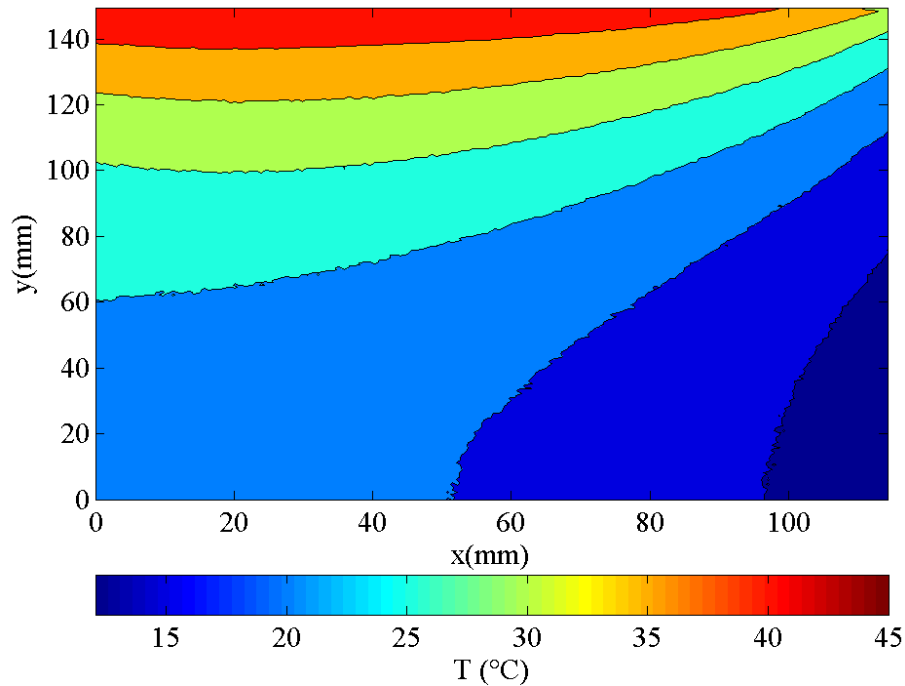


# Report:

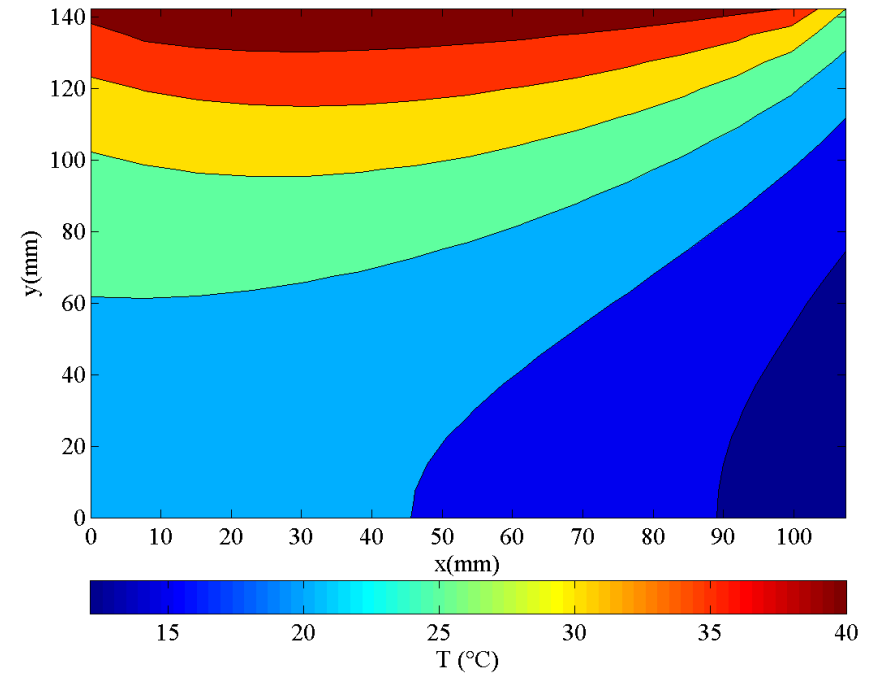
- In your report:
  - Obtain the equations for heat diffusion equation
  - Obtain the equations for boundary conditions
- Boundary condition assumptions:
  - Temperature on each edge read from camera
- Presenting results:
  - Filled contours plots of measured and computer temperature
  - Line contour plot of isotherms for measured and computer temperature
  - Filled contour plot of difference between experiment and numerical solution

# Sample results:

## Experimental data



## Numerical solution



Using edge temperatures from experiment in numerical simulation