

# Poisson's Equation (Voltage)

Import required libraries

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from matplotlib.animation import FuncAnimation
import numpy as np
from IPython.display import HTML
```

Set up the data required

```
size = 50
voltages = np.zeros((size, size))
V0 = 50
cond = -0.5
voltages[10, 10] = V0
```

The partial differential equation we are solving is

$$\nabla^2 V = -\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \rho$$

the right hand side is `cond`. Then we can solve this with the boundaries of a 50x50 having a voltage of 0. To solve this we can use the following formula for  $u_{i,j}$

$$u_{i,j} = \frac{1}{4}(u_{i,j+1} + u_{i+1,j} + u_{i,j-1} + u_{i-1,j} - cond)$$

```
for _ in range(500):
    for i in range(size):
        for j in range(size):
            u1 = voltages[i, j + 1] if j + 1 < size else 0
            u2 = voltages[i, j - 1] if j - 1 > -1 else 0
            u3 = voltages[i + 1, j] if i + 1 < size else 0
            u4 = voltages[i - 1, j] if i - 1 > -1 else 0
            voltages[i, j] = (u1 + u2 + u3 + u4 - cond) / 4
```

Then we get the gradient of this to find the electric field

```
pos = np.array(range(size))  
  
dy, dx = np.gradient(-voltages, pos, pos)
```

Then we graph it

```
skip = 5 # Number of points to skip  
plt.figure()  
plt.imshow(  
    np.abs(voltages),  
    extent=(0, size, 0, size),  
    origin="lower",  
    cmap="viridis",  
)  
plt.colorbar(label="Voltage")  
plt.quiver(  
    pos[::skip],  
    pos[::skip],  
    dx[::skip, ::skip],  
    dy[::skip, ::skip],  
    color="r",  
    headlength=3,  
)  
plt.title("Scalar Field using contour")  
plt.xlabel("X-axis")  
plt.ylabel("Y-axis")  
  
plt.show()
```

