

# Alternate Direction Implicit Method

**Solving the Heat Flow Equation in 2D by Applying  
Implicit Equations in One Spatial Direction at a Time**

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# Heat Flow Equation in 2D

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

## Explicit Method

**strong time step  
restriction**

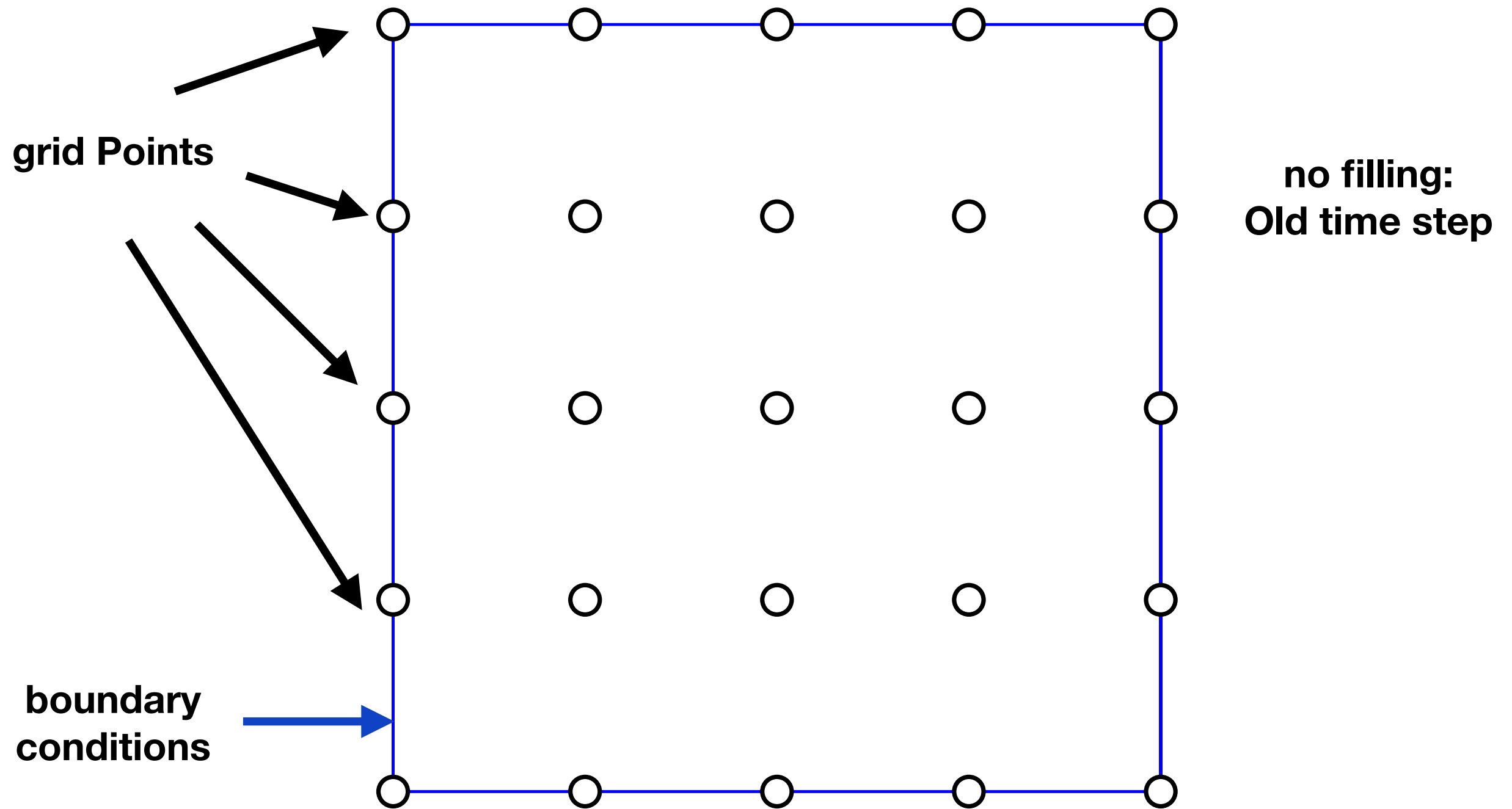
## Implicit Method

**no time step  
restriction**

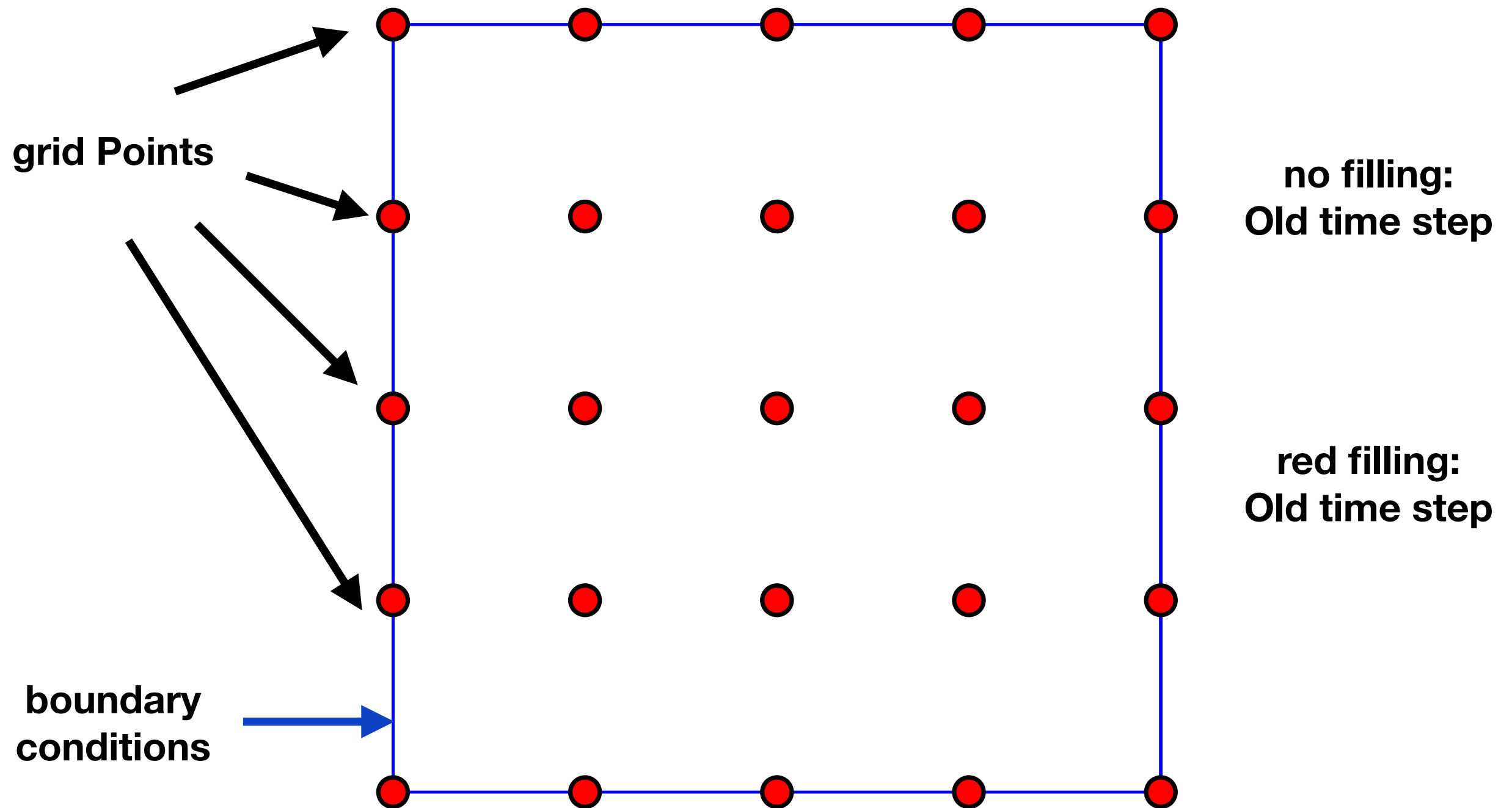
**need to solve  
big SLE**

## Alternate Direction Implicit

# Heat Flow Equation in 2D

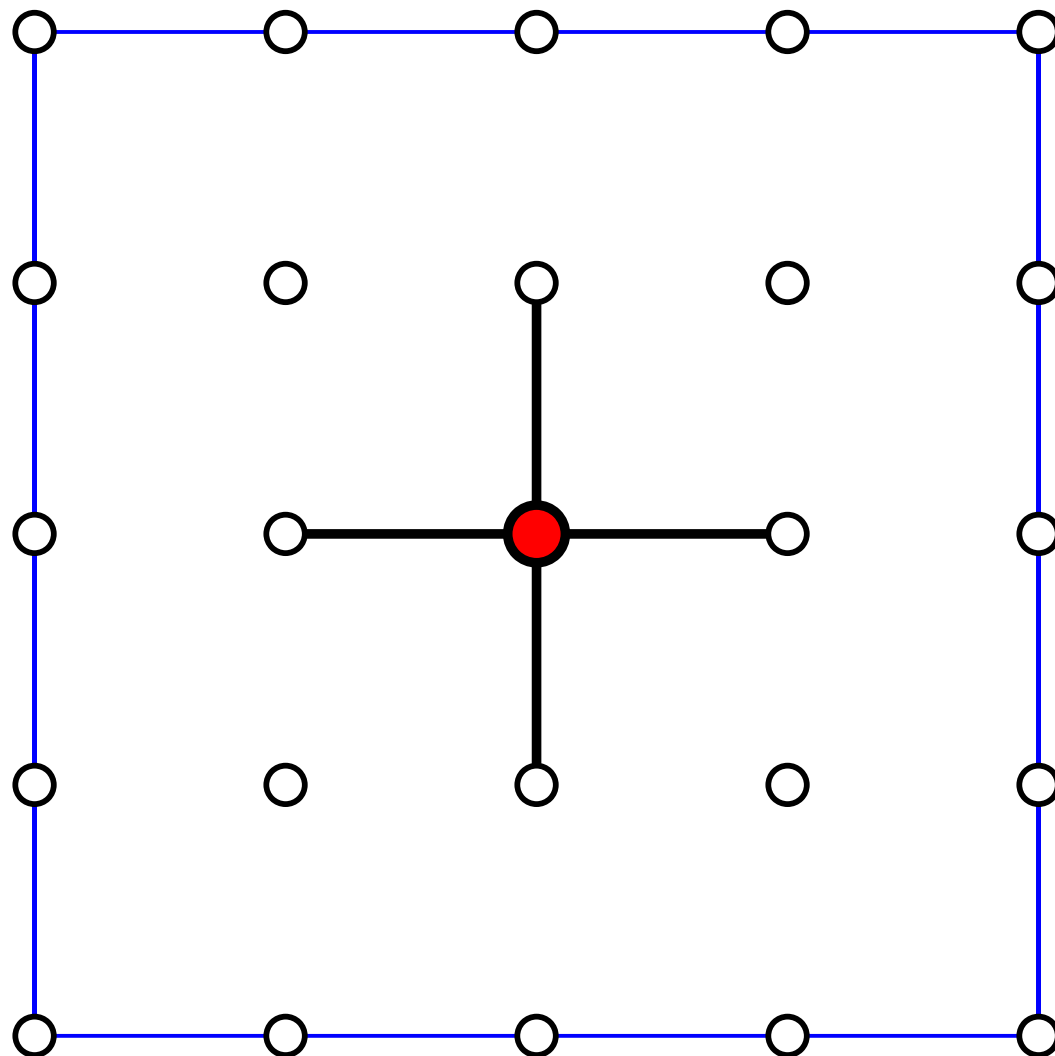


# Heat Flow Equation in 2D



# Explicit Method

$$\frac{T_{i,j,n+1} - T_{i,j,n}}{\Delta t} = \frac{T_{i-1,j,n} - 2T_{i,j,n} + T_{i+1,j,n}}{(\Delta x)^2} + \frac{T_{i,j-1,n} - 2T_{i,j,n} + T_{i,j+1,n}}{(\Delta y)^2}$$



**only stable if**

$$-1 \leq 1 - \frac{4}{\rho} \left( \sin^2 \frac{\beta_p \Delta x}{2} + \frac{\beta_q \Delta y}{2} \right) \leq 1$$

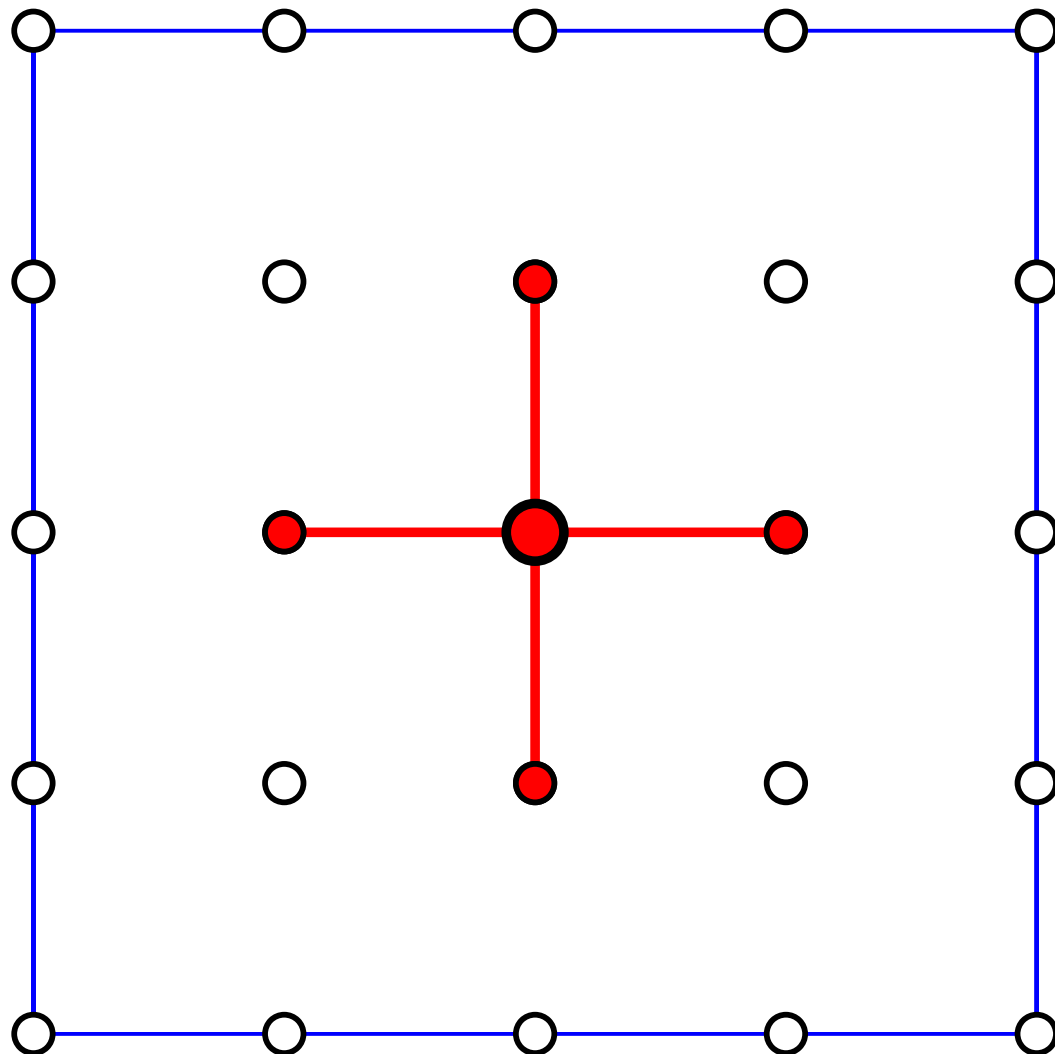
$$\Rightarrow \rho = \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{\Delta t} = \frac{(\Delta y)^2}{\Delta t} \geq 4$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta t \leq \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{4} = \frac{1}{4N^2}$$

**strong time step  
restriction**

# Implicit Method

$$\frac{T_{i,j,n+1} - T_{i,j,n}}{\Delta t} = \frac{T_{i-1,j,n+1} - 2T_{i,j,n+1} + T_{i+1,j,n+1}}{(\Delta x)^2} + \frac{T_{i,j-1,n+1} - 2T_{i,j,n+1} + T_{i,j+1,n+1}}{(\Delta y)^2}$$



**stable for all time steps**

$$T_{i-1,j,n+1} + T_{i+1,j,n+1} + T_{i,j-1,n+1} + T_{i,j+1,n+1} - (4 + \rho)T_{i,j,n+1} = -\rho T_{i,j,n}$$

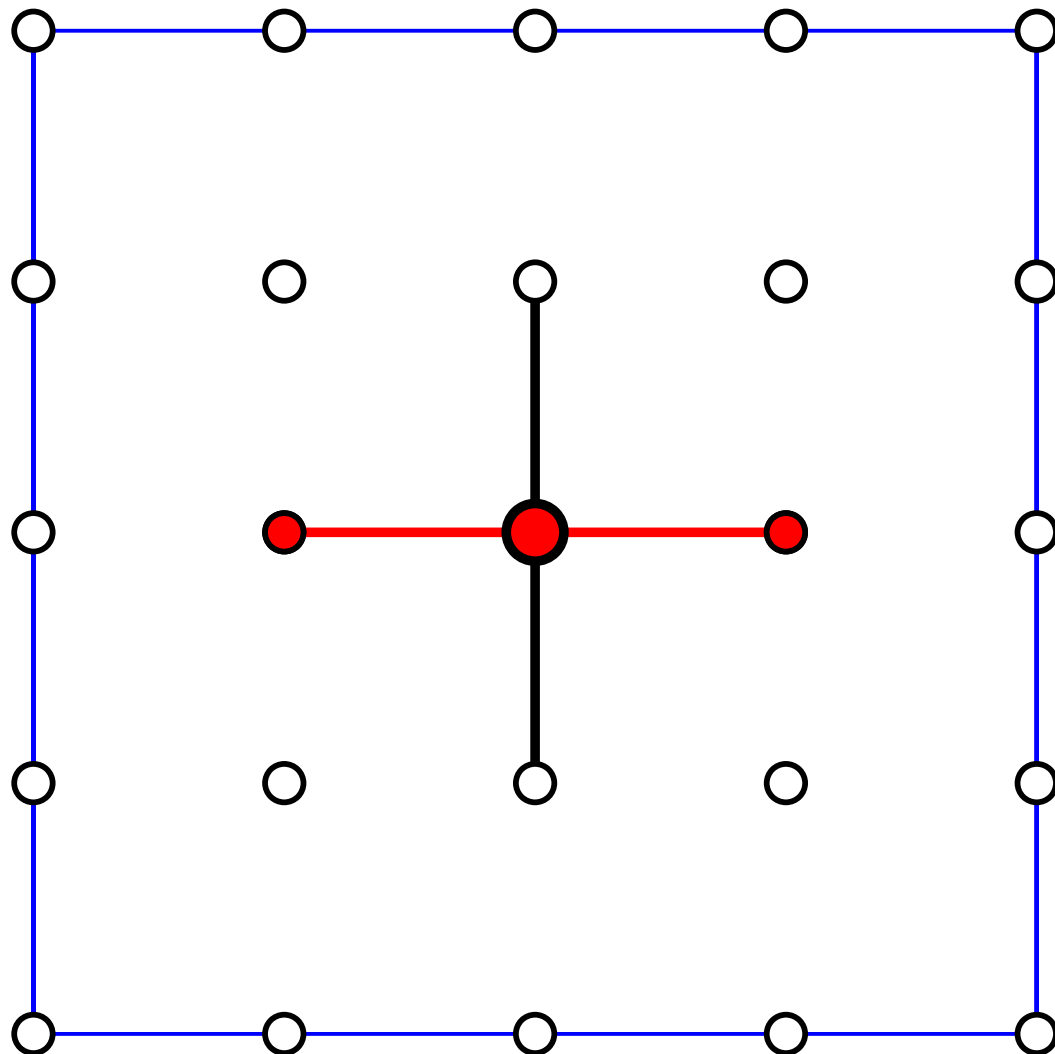
**system of linear equations**

$$Ax = b \quad A \in \mathbb{R}^{N^2 \times N^2} \quad x, b \in \mathbb{R}^{N^2}$$

**hard to solve**

# Alternate Direction Implicit Method I

$$\frac{T_{i,j,2n+1} - T_{i,j,2n}}{\Delta t} = \frac{T_{i-1,j,2n+1} - 2T_{i,j,2n+1} + T_{i+1,j,2n+1}}{(\Delta x)^2} + \frac{T_{i,j-1,2n} - 2T_{i,j,2n} + T_{i,j+1,2n}}{(\Delta y)^2}$$

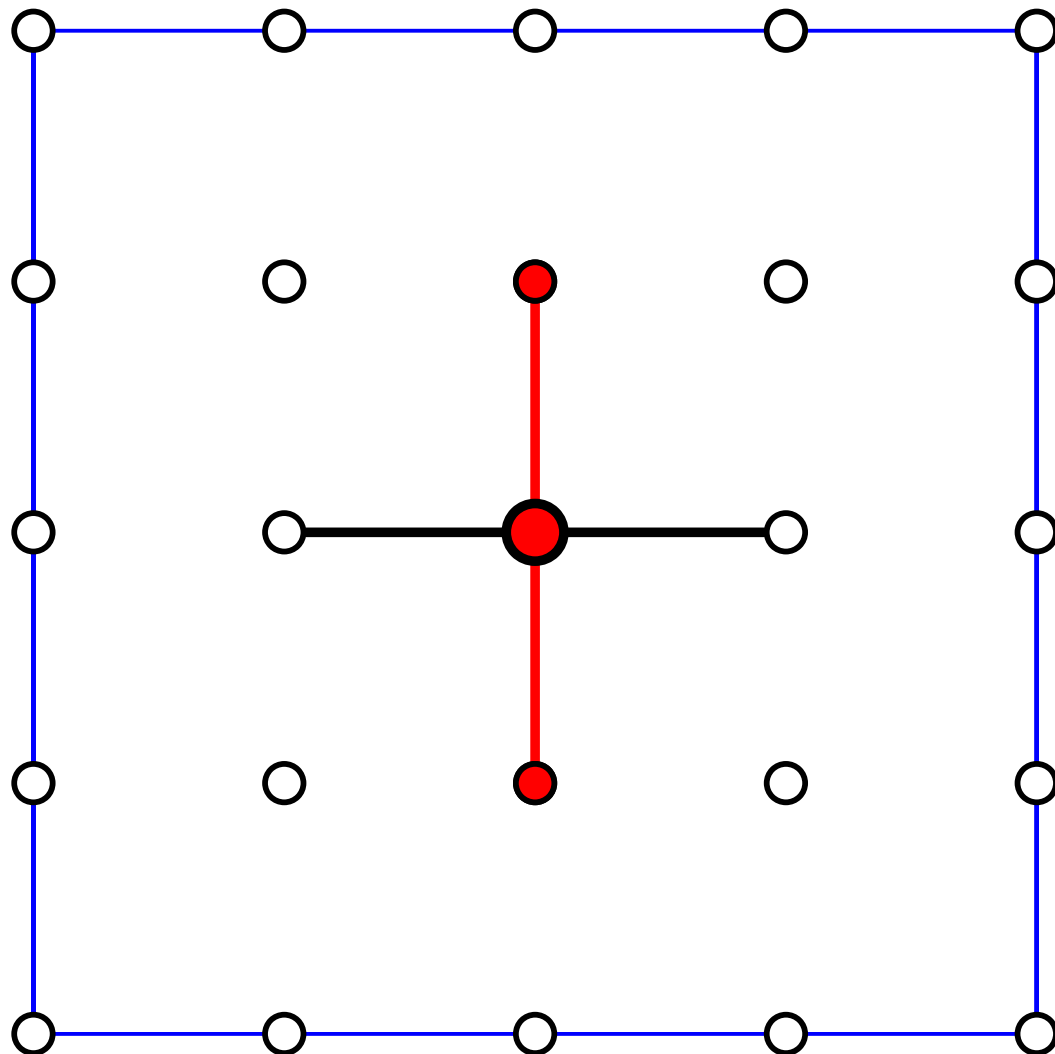


**implicit in x - direction**

**explicit in y - direction**

# Alternate Direction Implicit Method II

$$\frac{T_{i,j,2n+2} - T_{i,j,2n+1}}{\Delta t} = \frac{T_{i-1,j,2n+1} - 2T_{i,j,2n+1} + T_{i+1,j,2n+1}}{(\Delta x)^2} + \frac{T_{i,j-1,2n+2} - 2T_{i,j,2n+2} + T_{i,j+1,2n+2}}{(\Delta y)^2}$$



**implicit in y - direction**

**explicit in x - direction**



# Alternate Direction Implicit Method

**N sets of N simultaneous equations**

$$T_{i-1,j,2n+1} - (2 + \rho)T_{i,j,2n+1} + T_{i+1,j,2n+1} = -T_{i,j-1,2n} + (2 - \rho)T_{i,j,2n} - T_{i,j+1,2n}$$