

look at iterative methods for solving Poisson's/Laplace's eqs

Iterative methods start with an initial guess and refine the guess at each step (by iteration), converging to the solution.

We look at 3 methods:

- ① Jacobi method
- ② Gauss-Seidel method
- ③ Successive over-relaxation method.

Recall: general solution for Poisson's eq:

$$-4u_{i,j} + u_{i+1,j} + u_{i-1,j} + u_{i,j+1} + u_{i,j-1} - h^2 f_{i,j} = 0$$

where  $i = 1, \dots, M-1$

$j = 1, \dots, N-1$

Rearrange:  $u_{i,j} = \frac{1}{4} \left( \underset{\text{right}}{u_{i+1,j}} + \underset{\text{left}}{u_{i-1,j}} + \underset{\text{up}}{u_{i,j+1}} + \underset{\text{bottom}}{u_{i,j-1}} \right) - \frac{h^2}{4} f_{i,j}$

Jacobi Method:

Iterative scheme:  $u_{i,j}^{(n+1)} = \frac{1}{4} \left( u_{i+1,j}^{(n)} + u_{i-1,j}^{(n)} + u_{i,j+1}^{(n)} + u_{i,j-1}^{(n)} \right) - \frac{h^2}{4} f_{i,j}$

iteration step  $\nearrow$

You iterate this scheme above. Eventually,  $u_{i,j}$  stops changing, meaning that scheme has converged to solution (exact value).

Note:

Jacobi method always converges, (think about e-values of matrix form)  
 $\downarrow$   
 are  $< 1$ .

But, the convergence is slow.

## Pseudo code for Jacobi Method:

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for  $K = 1, \dots, n_{\text{total}}$

for  $i = 1, \dots, M-1$

for  $j = 1, \dots, N-1$

update rule

end/end

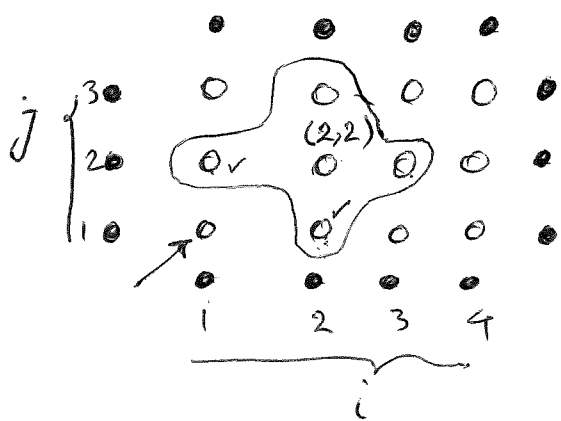
Copy new version of  $u_{i,j}^{(n+1)}$

end

into old version  $u_{i,j}^{(n)}$

} loops over grid points (open circles)

## Gauss-Seidel method: (G-S)



$$u_{2,2}^{(n+1)} = \frac{1}{4} \left( u_{3,2}^{(n)} + u_{1,2}^{(n+1)} + u_{2,3}^{(n)} + u_{2,1}^{(n+1)} \right) - \frac{h^2}{4} f_{2,2}$$

This method can double the rate convergence, compared to Jacobi method.

## Successive over-relaxation (SOR) method.

The idea is to use the weighted-average of old value and new value for solution.

For example:

~~$$u_{2,2}^{(n+1)} = \frac{1}{4} \left( u_{3,2}^{(n)} + u_{1,2}^{(n+1)} + u_{2,3}^{(n)} + u_{2,1}^{(n+1)} \right) - \frac{h^2}{4} f_{2,2}$$~~

For example: (SOR):

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$$u_{2,2}^{(n+1)} = (1-\omega) u_{2,2}^{(n)} + \frac{\omega}{4} \left( u_{3,2}^{(n)} + u_{1,2}^{(n+1)} + u_{2,3}^{(n)} + u_{2,1}^{(n+1)} - \frac{h^2}{4} f_{2,2} \right)$$

For  $\omega < 1$ : under-relaxation  $\leftarrow$  slows down the convergence. X

$\omega = 1$ : G.S method.

$\omega > 1$ : over-relaxation  $\leftarrow$  speeds up the convergence. ✓

For simple problems we can find an optimal  $\omega$ ; e.g.,  $\omega = 1.8$ .

You can experiment to find an optimal  $\omega$ .

Note: For more details see Book Saure.

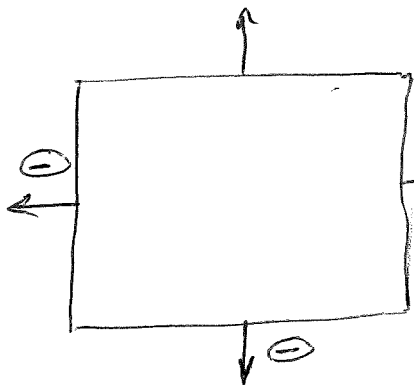
Final remark on BCs for Poisson equation:

If we were to solve  $\nabla^2 u = f$  on the following grid, where Robin BCs are specified: as partial derivatives with respect to outward normal direction vector  $\underline{n}$ .

~~$\beta_3(x) =$~~   $\beta_3(x) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$

$\beta_1(y) =$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\nabla} u \cdot \underline{n} &= \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) (-1, 0) = \\ &= - \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \end{aligned}$$



$\beta_2(y) = \underline{\nabla} u \cdot \underline{n} =$

$$= \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) (1, 0) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$$

$$\beta_4(x) = \underline{\nabla} u \cdot \underline{n} = \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) (0, -1) = - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$$

BCs are directional derivatives vertical to the boundaries of the grid, showing instantaneous rate of change of solution  $u$  along the boundaries. ④

You take first derivative using three-point approximation and apply to BCs:

Three-point approximation:  $f'(x) \approx \frac{-3f(x) + 4f(x+h) - f(x+2h)}{2h} + O(h^2)$

$$B_4(x) = \frac{-3u_{i,0} + 4u_{i,1} - u_{i,2}}{2\Delta y}$$

$$\vdots$$
$$B_1(x)$$

See Book for obtaining BCs.