

Best known are

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = g \quad \text{Poisson's equation}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0 \quad \text{Laplace's equation}$$

$u$ -dependent variable;  $x, y$  are independent variable

The domain of integration of an elliptic equation is

→ Area bounded by a closed curve  $C$  (in 2D)

→ Volume bounded by closed surface  $S$  (in 3D)

Possible Boundary Value problem

1) Solve  $\nabla^2 u = 0$  in  $\Omega$

known →  $u = f$  on  $\partial\Omega$  (boundary of  $\Omega$ )

$f$  is specified on the boundary

Dirichlet boundary condition

2) Solve  $\nabla^2 u = 0$  in  $\Omega$

where  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = g$  on  $\partial\Omega$   
→ known

Neumann boundary Condition

Derivative normal to the boundary is specified

3) Solve  $\nabla^2 u = 0$  in  $\Omega$

$$\alpha u + \beta \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = h \text{ on } \partial\Omega$$

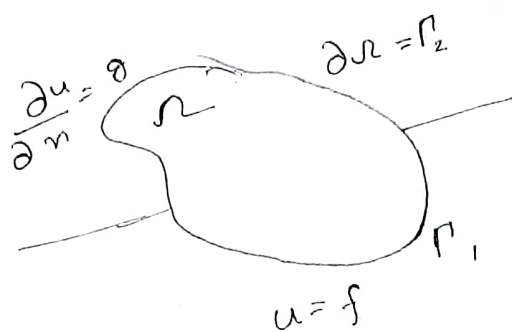
Mixed boundary Condition

or  
Robin problem

Combination of function and its normal derivative is

Specified

$\rightarrow u = f \text{ on } \Gamma_1$   
 and  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = g \text{ on } \Gamma_2$   
 $\Gamma = \Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2$



$\rightarrow$  Having both  $u$  and  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial n}$  at same point simultaneously is not possible.

Note:-  
 For an elliptic PDE, solution domain must be closed, and continuous boundary conditions must be specified along the entire physical boundary. The boundary conditions may be of three types:-

- 1) Dirichlet boundary condition
- 2) Neumann boundary condition
- 3) Mixed boundary condition

"Well-posed" problem.

Finite Difference Scheme

Laplace equation - 2D

$$\nabla^2 u = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0 \quad - (1)$$

Using central

$$\frac{u_{i+1,j} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i-1,j}}{(\delta x)^2} + \frac{u_{i,j+1} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i,j-1}}{(\delta y)^2} = 0 \quad - (2)$$

$\delta x \rightarrow$  corresponds to  $x$  grid length

$\delta y \rightarrow$  corresponds to  $y$  grid length.

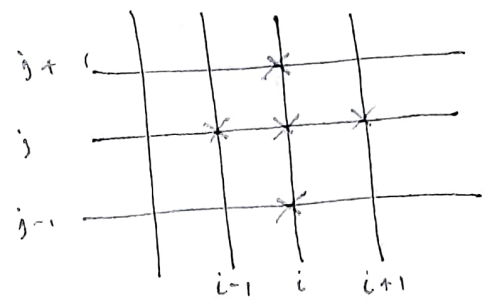
let  $\delta x = \delta y = h$ , then ② reduces to

$$u_{i+1,j} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i-1,j} + u_{i,j+1} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i,j-1} = 0$$

$$u_{i+1,j} + u_{i-1,j} + u_{i,j+1} + u_{i,j-1} - 4u_{i,j} = 0$$

Standard 5 point formulae

Demand four values



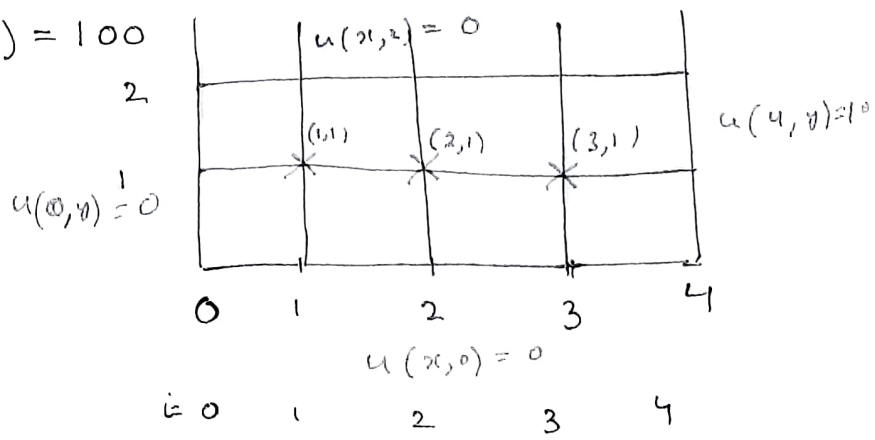
Example

Solve  $\nabla^2 u = 0$

BC:  $u(x,0) = 0$ ;  $u(0,y) = 0$

$u(x,2) = 0$ ;  $u(4,y) = 100$

$h = 1$



$i, j$   
(1,1)

$$\checkmark u_{2,1} + \overset{0}{\underline{u_{0,1}}} + \overset{0}{\underline{u_{1,2}}} + \overset{0}{\underline{u_{1,0}}} - 4\checkmark u_{1,1} = 0$$

$\checkmark \rightarrow$  unknown

$i=2, j=1$

$$\checkmark u_{3,1} + \checkmark u_{1,1} + \overset{0}{\underline{u_{2,2}}} + \overset{0}{\underline{u_{2,0}}} - 4\checkmark u_{2,1} = 0$$

$\underline{\quad} \rightarrow$  known

$i=3, j=1$

$$\checkmark u_{4,1} + \checkmark u_{2,1} + \overset{0}{\underline{u_{3,2}}} + \overset{0}{\underline{u_{3,0}}} - 4\checkmark u_{3,1} = 0$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u_{2,1} - 4u_{1,1} &= 0 \\ u_{3,1} + u_{1,1} - 4u_{2,1} &= 0 \\ u_{2,1} - 4u_{3,1} &= -100 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} u_{1,1}, u_{2,1}, u_{3,1} \\ 3 \text{ unknown} \\ 3 \text{ equations} \end{array}$$

- ① Discretize
- ② Identify points
- ③ run system at each grid point
- ④ Solve the system.

→ What if the right-hand system is non-zero

Poisson equation

$$\text{Solve } \nabla^2 u = f(\bar{x}) ; \bar{x} \in \Omega$$

$$2D \rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} = f(x, y)$$

$$\phi \rightarrow \phi(x, y)$$

) will see later.

A bit similar to the Laplace.

let assume  $\delta x \neq \delta y$  to be different

② become

$$u_{i+1,j} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i-1,j} + \beta^2 u_{i,j+1} - 2\beta^2 u_{i,j} + \beta^2 u_{i,j-1} = 0$$

Rearranging

$$u_{i+1,j} + \beta^2 u_{i,j+1} + u_{i-1,j} + \beta^2 u_{i,j-1} - 2(1 + \beta^2) u_{i,j} = 0$$

$$\beta = \frac{\delta x}{\delta y}$$

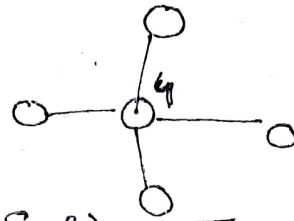
$$u_{i,j} = \frac{u_{i+1,j} + \beta^2 u_{i,j+1} + u_{i-1,j} + \beta^2 u_{i,j-1}}{2(1+\beta^2)}$$

Implicit Nature of the finite difference equation is typical of the finite difference approximation of elliptic PDEs.

Comment

→ Values of  $\beta$  greater than 1 tend to produce less accurate solutions

→ For a grid having  $\beta$  to to 1, solution at every point is the arithmetic average of the solutions at the four neighbouring points.



→ Truncation Error is  $O(\delta x^2) + O(\delta y^2)$ . Total error decreases quadratically as  $\delta x$  and  $\delta y \rightarrow 0$ .  
Second order accurate in space!

Method of arranging / counting

≡ B.C.

$$u_{i,j} = v_{i+(n-1)(j+1)}$$

$$n=6$$

$$u_{1,1} = v_{1+(6-1)(1-1)} = v_1$$

$$u_{2,1} = v_{2+(6-1)(1-1)} = v_2$$

$$\vdots$$

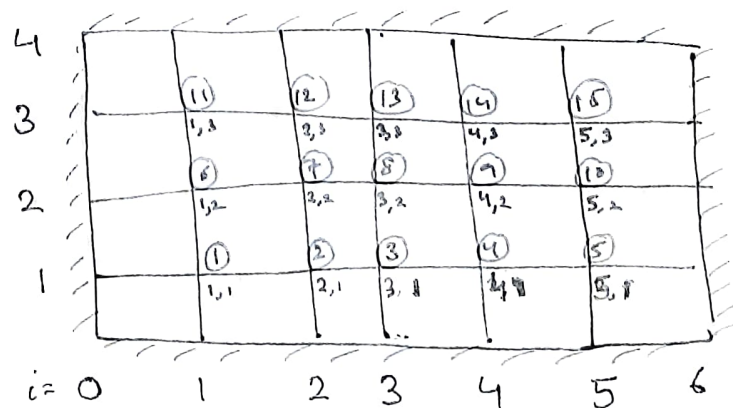
$$u_{5,1} = v_{5+(6-1)(1-1)} = v_5$$

$$u_{1,2} = v_{1+(6-1)(2-1)} = v_6$$

$$\vdots$$

$$u_{5,2} = v_{5+(6-1)(2-1)} = v_{10}$$

$$u_{3,3} = v_{3+(6-1)(3-1)} = v_{13}$$



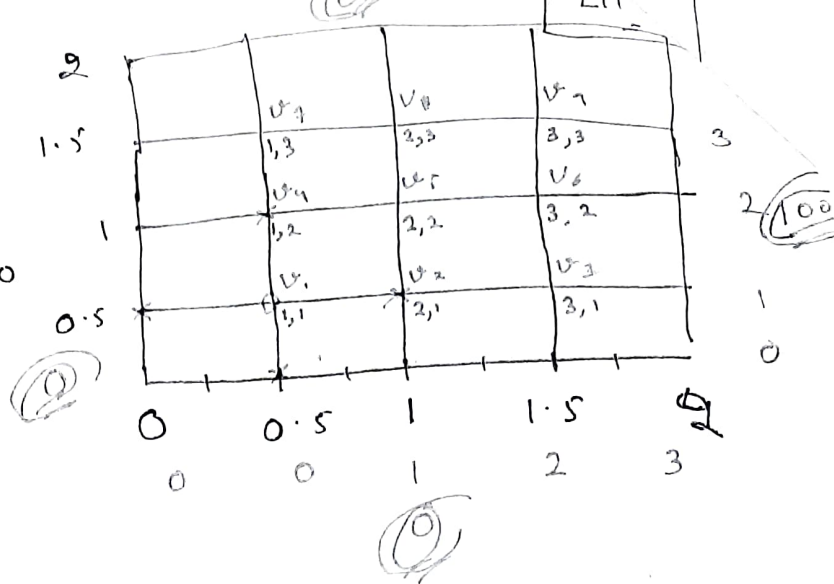
Example

$$\nabla^2 u = 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = 0; u(0, y) = 0$$

$$u(x, 2) = 0, u(2, y) = 100$$

$$\delta x = \delta y = 0.5$$



$$u_{i,j} = \frac{u_{i+1,j} + \beta^2 u_{i,j+1} + u_{i-1,j} + \beta^2 u_{i,j-1}}{2(1+\beta^2)}$$

$$\beta = 1$$

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

$$u_1 = \frac{u_2 + u_4 + 0 + 0}{4}$$

$$-u_2 - u_4 + 4u_1 = 0$$

$$4u_1 - u_2 - u_4 = 0$$

$$u_2 = \frac{u_1 + u_3 + u_5}{4}$$

$$-u_1 + 4u_2 - u_3 - u_5 = 0$$

$$u_3 = \frac{u_2 + u_6 + 100}{4}$$

$$-u_2 + 4u_3 - u_6 = 100$$

$$u_4 = \frac{u_1 + u_7 + u_5}{4}$$

$$-u_1 + 4u_4 - u_5 - u_7 = 0$$

$$u_5 = \frac{u_1 + u_2 + u_4 + u_6}{4}$$

$$-u_1 - u_2 - u_4 + 4u_5 - u_6 = 0$$

$$u_6 = \frac{u_3 + u_5 + u_7 + 100}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow -u_3 - u_5 + 4u_6 - u_7 = 100$$

$$u_7 = u_4 + u_8 \Rightarrow$$

$$-u_4 + 4u_7 - u_8 = 0$$

$$4u_8 = u_7 + u_9 + u_5 \Rightarrow$$

$$-u_7 + 4u_8 - u_5 - u_9 = 0$$

$$4u_9 = u_8 + u_6 + 100 \Rightarrow$$

$$-u_6 - u_8 + 4u_9 = 100$$

$$\begin{pmatrix}
 4 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 -1 & 4 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & -1 & 4 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 -1 & 0 & 0 & 4 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\
 -1 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 4 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 4 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 4 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 4 & -1 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 4
 \end{pmatrix}
 \begin{pmatrix}
 v_1 \\
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 v_6 \\
 v_7 \\
 v_8 \\
 v_9
 \end{pmatrix}
 =
 \begin{pmatrix}
 0 \\
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 \end{pmatrix}$$

$A \qquad \qquad \qquad v \qquad \qquad \qquad G$

↓

Space  $nh$

$$A \cdot v = G$$

Poisson Example

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = -20$$

5 point formula

$$\frac{u_{i+1,j} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i-1,j}}{(\delta x)^2} + \frac{u_{i,j+1} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i,j-1}}{(\delta y)^2} = -20$$

Assume  $\delta x = \delta y$



$$u_{i+1,j} + u_{i-1,j} + u_{i,j+1} + u_{i,j-1} - 4u_{i,j} = -20(\delta x)^2$$

$$\text{Assume } \delta x = 1/2$$

$$u_{i+1,j} + u_{i-1,j} + u_{i,j+1} + u_{i,j-1} - 4u_{i,j} = -5$$

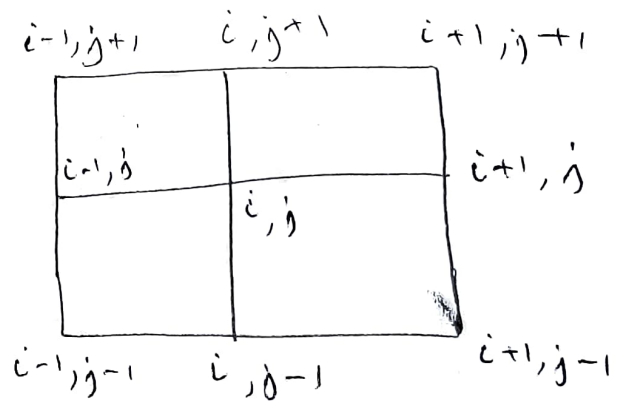
One simply end up with system of equations as we get with Laplace = n

$$A \cdot v = G$$

### Nine-point Method

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = F(x, y)$$

$$\frac{\delta x}{\delta y} = \frac{1}{\beta}$$



$$-4\left(\frac{1}{\beta} + \beta\right) u_{i,j} + \left(\frac{2}{\beta} - \beta\right) u_{i+1,j} + \left(2\beta - \frac{1}{\beta}\right) u_{i,j+1}$$

$$+ \left(\frac{2}{\beta} - \beta\right) u_{i-1,j} + \left(2\beta - \frac{1}{\beta}\right) u_{i,j-1} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\beta} + \beta\right) (u_{i+1,j+1} + u_{i-1,j-1} + u_{i+1,j-1} + u_{i-1,j+1})$$

$$- \frac{\delta x \delta y}{4} (F_{i+1,j} + F_{i,j+1} + F_{i-1,j} + F_{i,j-1}) = 0$$

$$\beta = 1, \delta x = \delta y = h \text{ and } F = \text{constant}$$



$$-8u_{i,j} + (u_{i+1,j} + u_{i,j+1} + u_{i-1,j} + u_{i,j-1} + u_{i+1,j+1} + u_{i-1,j+1} + u_{i+1,j-1} + u_{i-1,j-1}) - h^2 F = 0$$

got using Galerkin Weighted Residual Approach.

In most of literature nine-point formula is also written as

$$\nabla^2 u = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{6h^2} [4u_{i+1,j} + 4u_{i-1,j} + 4u_{i,j+1} + 4u_{i,j-1} + u_{i+1,j+1} + u_{i-1,j+1} + u_{i+1,j-1} + u_{i-1,j-1} - 20u_{i,j}] = \text{Error} \approx 0$$

Nine point formula in general problem has the same order error term as five-point Formula ( $O(h^2)$ ). However in special case,  $u$  is a harmonic function, nine point formula is of order  $O(h^4)$ .

General case

$$\nabla^2 u + f u = g$$

$u(x,y) \rightarrow$  known on boundary  $\Omega$

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

Soln using nfr

Gauss-Seidel Iteration Method

$$U_{ij}^{(k+1)} = \frac{1}{4-h^2 f_{ij}} \left( U_{i+1,j}^{(k)} + U_{i-1,j}^{(k+1)} + U_{i,j+1}^{(k)} + U_{i,j-1}^{(k+1)} - h^2 g_{ij} \right)$$

Gauss-Jacobi

$$U_{ij}^{(k+1)} = \frac{1}{4-h^2 f_{ij}} \left( U_{i+1,j}^{(k)} + U_{i-1,j}^{(k)} + U_{i,j+1}^{(k)} + U_{i,j-1}^{(k)} - h^2 g_{ij} \right)$$

Successive-over-relaxation Method

$$U_{ij}^{(k+1)} = U_{ij}^{(k)} + \omega \left[ \frac{1}{4-h^2 f_{ij}} \left\{ U_{i+1,j}^{(k)} + U_{i-1,j}^{(k)} + U_{i,j+1}^{(k)} + U_{i,j-1}^{(k)} - h^2 g_{ij} - (4-h^2 f_{ij}) U_{ij}^{(k)} \right\} \right]$$

$\omega \rightarrow$  acceleration parameter or relaxation factor

$1 < \omega < 2$  [generally lies in this range]

Example

$$\nabla^2 u = 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = 0; u(0, y) = 4; u(x, 8) = 0; u(8, y) = 40$$

$$h = 4$$

$$u(1, 0) = u(2, 0) = u(3, 0) = 0$$

$$u(1, 3) = u(2, 3) = u(3, 3) = 0$$

$$u(0, 1) = u(0, 2) = u(0, 3) = 4$$

$$u(3, 1) = u(3, 2) = u(3, 3) = 40$$

	$(1, 1)$	$(2, 2)$
	③	④
	$(1, 2)$	$(2, 1)$
	①	②

$$u_{i+1, j} + u_{i-1, j} + u_{i, j+1} + u_{i, j-1} - 4u_{i, j} = 0$$

$$j = 1, i = 1 \quad (1)$$

$$u_{2, 1} + u_{0, 1} + u_{1, 2} + u_{1, 0} - 4u_{1, 1} = 0$$

$$u_2 + 4 + u_3 - 4u_1 = 0$$

$$j = 2, i = 2 \quad (2)$$

$$40 + u_1 + u_4 + 0 - 4u_2 = 0$$

$$j = 2, i = 1 \quad (3)$$

$$u_4 + 4 + 0 + u_1 - 4u_3 = 0$$

$$j = 2, i = 2 \quad (4)$$

$$50 + u_3 + 0 + u_2 - 4u_4 = 0$$

$$-4u_1 + u_2 + u_3 = -4$$

$$u_1 - 4u_2 + u_4 = -40$$

$$u_1 - 4u_3 + u_4 = -4$$

$$u_2 + u_3 - 4u_4 = -40$$

$$u_1 = \frac{u_2 + u_3}{4} + 1$$

$$u_2 = \frac{u_1 + u_4}{4} + 10$$

$$u_3 = \frac{u_1 + u_4}{4} + 1$$

$$u_4 = \frac{u_2 + u_3}{4} + 10$$

initial guess  $(u_1^{(0)}, u_2^{(0)}, u_3^{(0)}, u_4^{(0)}) = [0, 0, 0, 0]$

$$u_1^{(1)} = 1; \quad u_2^{(1)} = 10; \quad u_3^{(1)} = 1; \quad u_4^{(1)} = 10$$

Gauss - Jacobi

$$u_1^{(2)} = \frac{10 + 1}{4} + 1 = \frac{15}{4}$$

$$u_2^{(2)} = \frac{1 + 10 + 10}{4} = \frac{51}{4}$$

$$u_3^{(2)} = \frac{1 + 10}{4} + 1 = \frac{15}{4}$$

$$u_4^{(2)} = \frac{10 + 1}{4} + 10 = \frac{51}{4}$$

Gauss. Seidel

$$u_1^{(2)} = \frac{15}{4}$$

$$u_2^{(2)} = \frac{\frac{15}{4} + 10}{4} + 10 = \frac{215}{16}$$

$$u_3^{(2)} = \frac{\frac{15}{4} + 10}{4} + 1 = \frac{81}{16}$$

$$u_4^{(2)} = \frac{\frac{215}{16} + \frac{81}{16}}{4} + 10 = \frac{936}{64} \text{ (check)}$$

and so on . . .

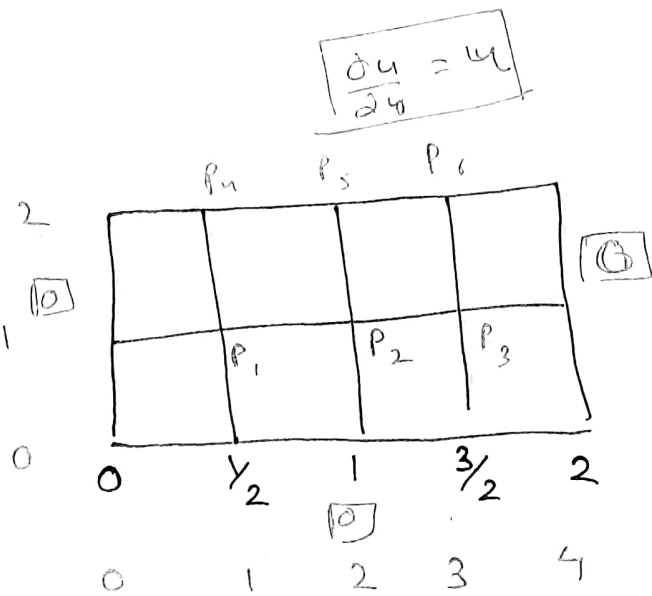
## Derivative Boundary condition

Solve  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 5 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 16$

$u = 0$  on  $x = 0$  and  $2$

$u = 0$  on  $y = 0$  and  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = u$  on  $y = 1$

$h = \frac{1}{2}$



$u_{0,j} = 0; u_{4,j} = 0; u_{i,0} = 0$

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

Discretize

$$\frac{u_{i+1,j} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i-1,j}}{h^2} + 5 \left[ \frac{u_{i,j+1} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i,j-1}}{h^2} \right] = 16$$

$h^2 = \frac{1}{4}$

$$u_{i+1,j} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i-1,j} + 5u_{i,j+1} - 10u_{i,j} + 5u_{i,j-1} = 4$$

$$5u_{i,j+1} + u_{i+1,j} - 12u_{i,j} + u_{i-1,j} + 5u_{i,j-1} = 4$$

Discretize B.C.

$$\frac{u_{i,j+1} - u_{i,j-1}}{2h} = u_{i,j}$$

$$u_{i,j+1} - u_{i,j-1} = u_{i,j}$$

When  $y = 1; j = 2$

$$u_{i,3} - u_{i,1} = u_{i,2}$$

$$P_1 = (1,1)$$

$$5u_{1,2} + u_{2,1} - 12u_{1,1} + \underset{\text{0}}{u_{0,1}} + 5\underset{\text{0}}{u_{1,0}} = 4$$

$$5u_4 + u_2 - 12u_1 = 4$$

$$P_2 (2,1)$$

$$5\underset{\text{0}}{u_{2,2}} + u_{3,1} - 12u_{2,1} + u_{1,1} + 5\underset{\text{0}}{u_{2,0}} = 4$$

$$\cancel{5u_3} + 5u_5 + u_3 - 12u_2 + u_1 = 4$$

$$P_3 (3,1)$$

$$5u_{3,2} + \underset{\text{0}}{u_{4,1}} - 12u_{3,1} + u_{2,1} + 5\underset{\text{0}}{u_{3,0}} = 4$$

$$5u_6 + u_2 - 12u_3 = 4$$

$$P_4 (1,2)$$

$$5u_{1,3} + u_{2,2} - 12u_{1,2} + \underset{\text{0}}{u_{0,2}} + 5u_{1,1} = 4$$

$$\boxed{5u_7} + u_5 - 12u_4 + 5u_1 = 4$$

$\square \rightarrow$  fictitious value.

$$P_5 (2,2)$$

$$5u_{2,3} + u_{3,2} - 12u_{2,2} + u_{1,2} + 5u_{2,1} = 4$$

$$\boxed{5u_8} + u_6 - 12u_5 + u_{\cancel{7}} + 5u_2 = 4$$

$$P_6 (3,2)$$

$$5u_{3,3} + \underset{\text{0}}{u_{4,2}} - 12u_{3,2} + u_{2,3} + 5u_{3,1} = 4$$

$$\boxed{5u_9} - 12u_6 + u_5 + 5u_3 = 4$$

One should eliminate the fictitious using derivative b.c.

$$i=1 \quad u_{1,3} - u_{1,1} = u_{1,2}$$

$$u_7 - u_1 = u_4$$

$$u_7 = u_1 + u_4$$

$$i=2 \quad u_{2,3} - u_{2,1} = u_{2,2}$$

$$u_8 - u_2 = u_5$$

$$u_8 = u_2 + u_5$$

$$i=3 \quad u_{3,3} - u_{3,1} = u_{3,2}$$

$$u_9 - u_3 = u_6$$

$$u_9 = u_3 + u_6$$

$$P_1 \rightarrow -12u_1 + u_2 + 5u_4 = 4$$

$$P_2 \rightarrow u_1 - 12u_2 + u_3 + 5u_5 = 4$$

$$P_3 \Rightarrow u_2 - 12u_3 + 5u_6 = 4$$

$$P_4 \rightarrow 10u_1 - 7u_4 + u_5 = 4$$

$$P_5 \rightarrow 10u_2 + u_4 - 7u_5 + u_6 = 4$$

$$P_6 \rightarrow 10u_3 + u_5 - 7u_6 = 4$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -12 & 1 & 0 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -12 & 1 & 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -12 & 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 10 & 0 & 0 & -7 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 & 0 & 1 & -7 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 10 & 0 & 1 & -7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \\ u_5 \\ u_6 \end{pmatrix} = 4 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

One can  
solve and  
obtain  
solution