

Partial Differential Equation

example of partial differential equation in physics & engineering.

- wave equation
- Poisson's equation
- Laplace equation
- Heat equation

Classification of second-order partial differential equation

$$A \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + B \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + C \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + D \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + E \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + Fu = G$$

$$A u_{xx} + B u_x u_y + C u_{yy} + D u_x + E u_y + Fu = G$$

where A, B, C, D, E, F & G are the coefficient function of x & y.

The above equation is said to be

(i) elliptic at a point (x, y) in the plane

$$\text{if } B^2 - 4AC < 0$$

(ii) parabolic if $B^2 - 4AC = 0$

(iii) Hyperbolic if $B^2 - 4AC > 0$

Example:-

Elliptic type

$$1. \quad \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0 \quad (\text{Laplace eqn in two dim.})$$

$$2. \quad \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = f(x, y) \quad (\text{Poisson's equation})$$

Parabolic type :-

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 0 \quad (\text{one dim. heat equation})$$

Hyperbolic type

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} \quad (\text{one dim. wave equation})$$

Example :- Classify the following equations.

1. $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$

2. $x^2 u_{xx} + (1-y^2) u_{yy} = 0$

1. $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$

$$A=1, \quad B=2, \quad C=1$$

$$B^2 - 4AC = 4 - 4(1 \times 1) = 0 \quad \text{for all values of } x \text{ and } y.$$

Hence equation is parabolic at all points.

2. $x^2 u_{xx} + (1-y^2) u_{yy} = 0$

$$A = x^2, \quad B = 0, \quad C = (1-y^2)$$

$$B^2 - 4AC = 0 - 4x^2(1-y^2)$$

$$= \underline{4x^2(y^2 - 1)}$$

$$-1 < y < 1; \quad y^2 - 1 = -ve.$$

$\therefore B^2 - 4AC < 0$ if $-1 < y < 1, x \neq 0$
(equation is elliptic)

— for $-\infty < x < \infty$; $x \neq 0$, $y < -1$ or $y > 1$, the equation is hyperbolic.

— for $x=0$ & for any value of y , $4x^2(y^2-1)=0$ equation is parabolic

→ $y = \pm 1$ for any value of x ; $4x^2(y^2-1)=0$. equation is parabolic.

Example:- classify the partial differential equation.

$$x u_{xx} + y u_{yy} = 0 ; x > 0, y > 0$$

solution :-

$$x u_{xx} + y u_{yy} = 0 ; \text{ for } x > 0, y > 0$$

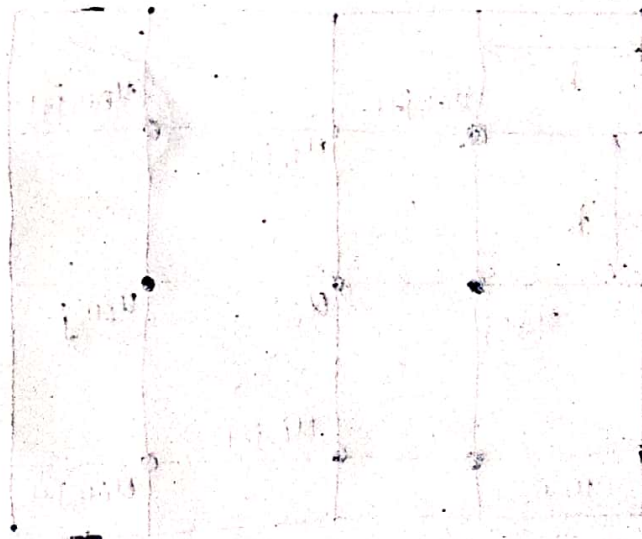
$$A = x, B = 0, C = y$$

$$B^2 - 4AC = 0 - 4xy = -4xy$$

for $x > 0, y > 0$

$B^2 - 4AC = -4xy$ is always negative.

Thus the given partial differential equation is elliptic for $x > 0, y > 0$.



Finite difference Approximations to partial derivatives

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$



similarly

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{u(x+h, y) - u(x, y)}{h} + O(h) = \frac{u(x+h, y) - u(x-h, y)}{h} + O(h)$$

writing $u(x, y) = u(i, j)$ as simply u_{ij} , the above approximation can be rewritten as

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

$u_x =$ (forward difference) (Backward difference)
FD BD

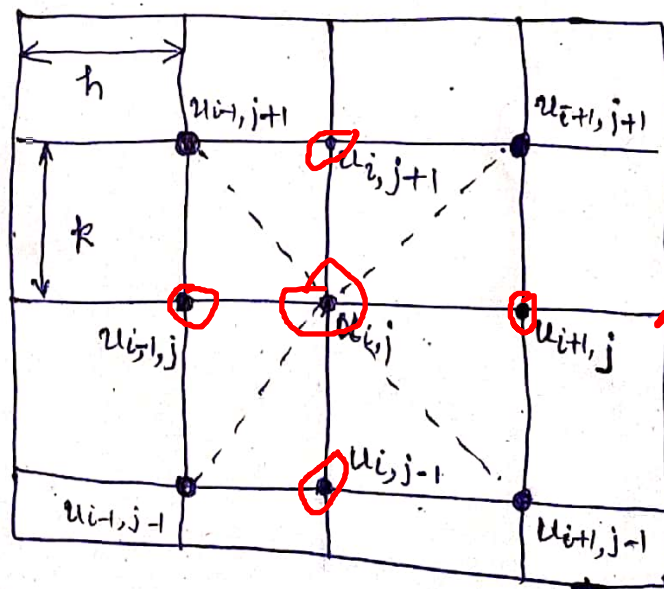
similarly.

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

(forward difference) (Backward difference)
FD BD

h - const. diff. along x -axis.

k - const. diff. along y -axis.



$$u_{xx} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\frac{u_{i+1,j} - u_{i,j}}{h} \right] = \frac{1}{h} \left[\frac{(u_{i+1,j})_{BD}}{(u_{i,j})_{BD}} \right]$$

$$u_{xx} = \frac{1}{h} \left[\frac{(u_{i+1,j} - u_{i,j})}{h} - \frac{(u_{i,j} - u_{i-1,j})}{h} \right]$$

$$u_{xx} = \frac{1}{h^2} [u_{i+1,j} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i-1,j}] + O(h^2)$$

similarly.

$$u_{yy} = \frac{1}{k^2} [u_{i,j+1} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i,j-1}] + O(k^2)$$

Elliptic equations

Consider Laplace's equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0 \quad ; \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \nabla^2 u = 0, \text{ or } u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$$

Replacing above equation with its derivative

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

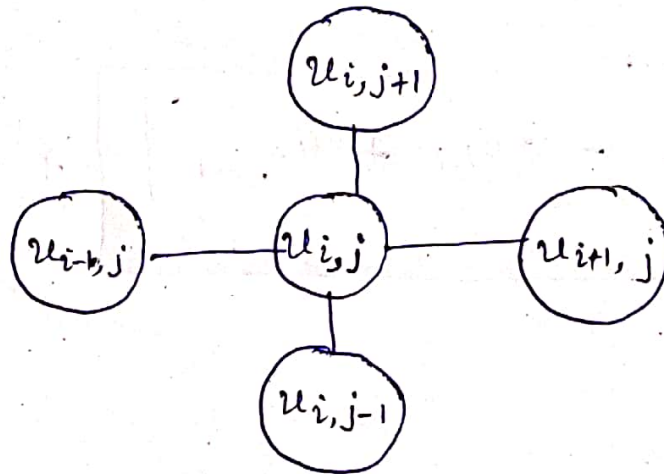
in case of square mesh $h = k$

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

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

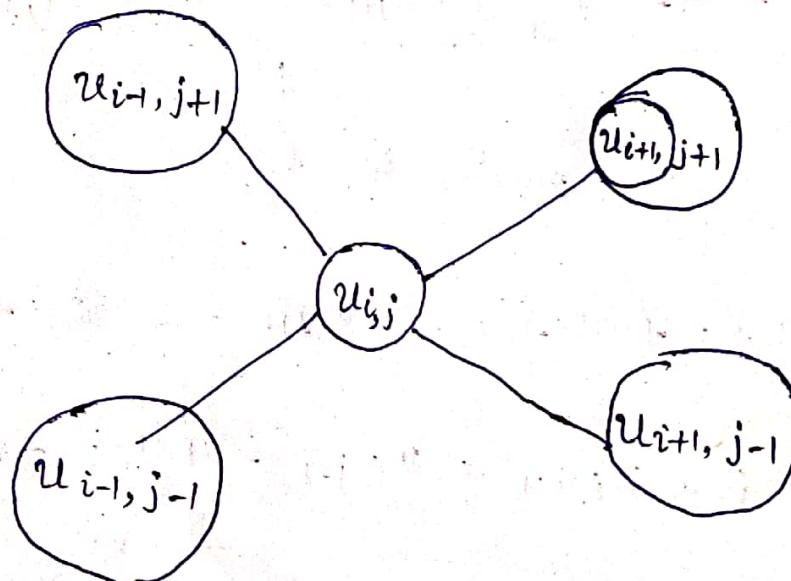
$$u_{i,j} = \frac{1}{4} (u_{i+1,j} + u_{i-1,j} + u_{i,j+1} + u_{i,j-1})$$

the value of "u" at any interior point is the arithmetic mean of the values of "u" at the four lattice points. This is called standard five points formula. (SF PF)



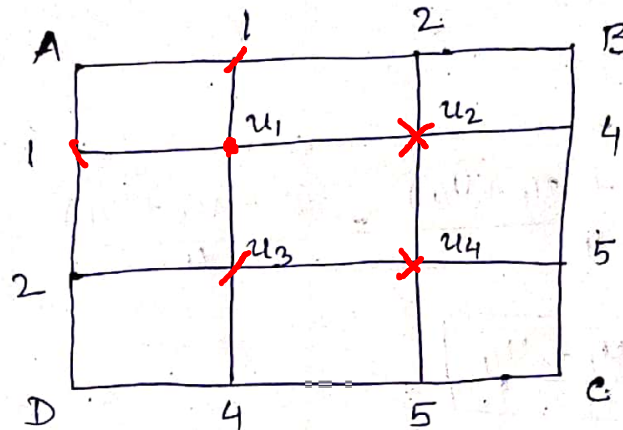
central value $\hat{=}$ average of four other values

A less accurate sometimes can be used which is the average of four neighbouring mesh points and called Diagonal five point formula (DF PF).



Solution of Laplace's Equation (using Gauss-Seidel formula) iteration method

Example:- solve $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$ for the following ^{square} mesh with boundary values as shown in figure below:



Solution. Boundary values are symmetrical about diagonal AC. By symmetry we can write

$$u_2 = u_3$$

$$\text{take } u_2 = 0, \Rightarrow u_3 = 0$$

Rough values:

$$u_1 = \frac{(1+1+0+0)}{4} = \frac{2}{4} = 0.5 \text{ (SFPP)}$$

$$u_2 = 0$$

$$u_3 = 0$$

$$u_4 = \frac{5+5+0+0}{4} = \frac{10}{4} = 2.5 \text{ (SFPP)}$$

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Using SFPP, we have the following equation:

$$u_1 = \frac{(1+1+u_3+u_2)}{4} = \frac{(2+2u_2)}{4} = \frac{(1+u_2)}{2} \quad (\text{as } u_2 = u_3)$$

$$\boxed{u_1 = \frac{1+u_2}{2}}$$

$$u_2 = \frac{(2+4+u_1+u_4)}{4} = \frac{(6+u_1+u_4)}{4}$$

$$\boxed{u_2 = \frac{6+u_1+u_4}{4}}$$

$$\boxed{u_3 = u_2}$$

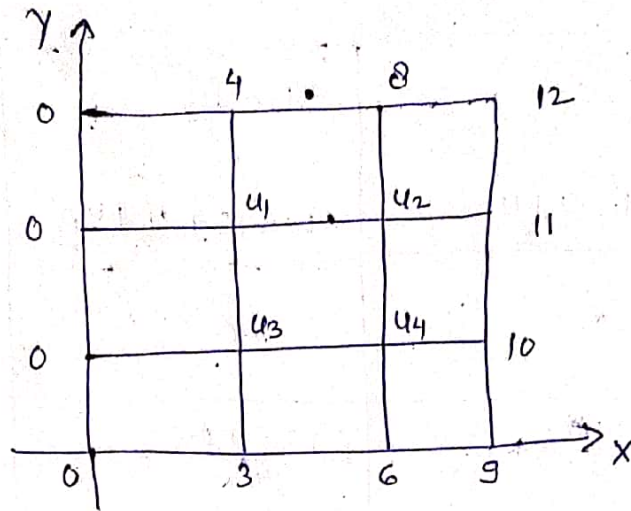
$$u_4 = \frac{5+5+u_2+u_3}{4} = \frac{10+2u_2}{4} = \frac{(5+u_2)}{2} \quad (\text{as } u_2 = u_3)$$

$$\boxed{u_4 = \frac{5+u_2}{2}}$$

Iteration n	u_1 $u_1 = \frac{1+u_2}{2}$	$u_2 = u_3$ $u_2 = \frac{6+u_1+u_4}{4}$	u_4 $u_4 = \frac{5+u_2}{2}$
0	0.5	0.0	2.5
1	$\frac{1+0}{2} = 0.5$	$\frac{6+0.5+2.5}{4} = 2.25$	$\frac{5+2.25}{2} = 3.6250$
2	1.6250	2.8125	3.9063
3	1.9063	2.9532	3.9766
4	1.9766	2.9883	3.9942
5	1.9942	2.9971	3.9985
6	1.9986	2.9993	3.9996
7	1.9997	<u>2.9998</u>	<u>3.9999</u>
8	1.9999	3.0000	4.0000
9	2.0	3.0000	4.0000
10	2.0	3.0000	4.0000

solution - $u_1 = 2.0000$; $u_2 = u_3 = 3.0000$
 $u_4 = 4.0000$

Example :-



solution : There is no symmetry.

let us take $u_4 = 0$

Rough values

$$u_1 = \frac{0 + 0 + 8 + 0}{4} = 2 \quad (\text{DFPF})$$

$$u_2 = \frac{2 + 8 + 11 + 0}{4} = \frac{21}{4} = 5.2500 \quad (\text{SFPP})$$

$$u_3 = \frac{(0 + 0 + 2 + 3)}{4} = \frac{5}{4} = 1.2500 \quad (\text{SFPP})$$

$$u_4 = 0$$

Using SFPP we can write following equation

$$u_1 = \frac{0 + 4 + u_2 + u_3}{4} = \frac{(4 + u_2 + u_3)}{4}$$

$$\boxed{u_1 = \frac{4 + u_2 + u_3}{4}} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$u_2 = \frac{(11 + 8 + u_1 + u_4)}{4} = \frac{(19 + u_1 + u_4)}{4}$$

$$\boxed{u_2 = \frac{19 + u_1 + u_4}{4}} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$u_3 = \frac{(0 + 3 + u_1 + u_4)}{4} = \frac{(3 + u_1 + u_4)}{4}$$

$$\boxed{u_3 = \frac{(3 + u_1 + u_4)}{4}} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$u_4 = \frac{10 + 6 + u_2 + u_3}{4} = \frac{16 + u_2 + u_3}{4}$$

$$\boxed{u_4 = \frac{(16 + u_2 + u_3)}{4}} \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

Iteration n	$u_1 = \left(\frac{4 + u_2 + u_3}{4}\right)$	$u_2 = \left(\frac{19 + u_1 + u_4}{4}\right)$	$u_3 = \frac{3 + u_1 + u_4}{4}$	$u_4 = \frac{(16 + u_3) + u_2}{4}$
0	2	5.2500	1.2500	0
1	2.6250	5.4063	1.4063	5.7031
2	2.7032	6.0516	2.0516	6.4258
3	3.4258	7.2129	3.2129	6.6065
4	3.6065	7.3032	3.3033	6.6516
5	3.6516	7.3258	3.3258	6.6629
6	3.6629	7.3315	3.3315	6.6657
7	3.6658	7.3329	3.3329	6.6664
8	3.6665	7.3332	3.3332	6.6666
9	3.6666	7.3333	3.3333	6.6667

$u_1 = 3.666$, $u_2 = 7.333$, $u_3 = 3.333$, $u_4 = 6.666$
 correct upto 3RD place of decimal.

Example:- solve $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$ over the square mesh of side 4 units satisfying the following boundary conditions

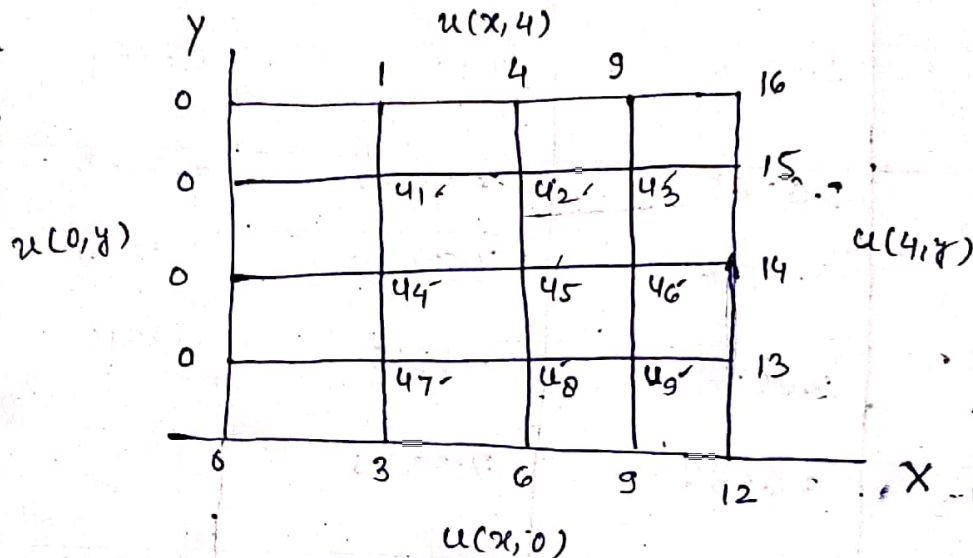
i) $u(0, y) = 0$ for $0 \leq y \leq 4$

ii) $u(4, y) = 12 + y$ for $0 \leq y \leq 4$

iii) $u(x, 0) = 3x$ for $0 \leq x \leq 4$

iv) $u(x, 4) = x^2$ for $0 \leq x \leq 4$

Solution



Rough Value :-

$$u_5 = \frac{(0 + 4 + 14 + 6)}{4} = 6 \text{ (SFPP)}$$

$$u_1 = \frac{(0 + 6 + 0 + 4)}{4} = 2.5 \text{ (DFPP)}$$

$$u_3 = \frac{(16 + 6 + 4 + 14)}{4} = 10 \text{ (DFPP)}$$

$$u_2 = \frac{2.5 + 4 + 10 + 6}{4} = 5.625 \text{ (SFPP)}$$

$$u_9 = \frac{(6 + 14 + 12 + 6)}{4} = 9.5 \text{ (DFPP)}$$

$$u_6 = \frac{(6 + 9.5 + 14 + 10)}{4} = 9.875 \text{ (SFPP)}$$

$$u_7 = \frac{(0 + 6 + 6 + 0)}{4} = 3.0 \text{ (DFPP)}$$

$$u_4 = \frac{(0 + 2.5 + 6.0 + 3.0)}{4} = 2.875 \text{ (SFPP)}$$

$$u_8 = \frac{6 + 3.0 + 6 + 9.5}{4} = 6.125 \text{ (SFPP)}$$

using SFPF following eqⁿ can be used to improve the rough value of u's by Gauss-Seidel method.

$$u_1 = \frac{(0+1+u_2+u_4)}{4}; \quad u_1 = \frac{1+u_2+u_4}{4}$$

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

$$u_3 = \frac{9+15+u_2+u_6}{4}; \quad u_3 = \frac{24+u_2+u_6}{4}$$

$$u_4 = \frac{(0+u_1+u_5+u_7)}{4}; \quad u_4 = \frac{u_1+u_5+u_7}{4}$$

$$u_5 = \frac{(u_2+u_4+u_6+u_8)}{4}$$

$$u_6 = \frac{(14+u_3+u_5+u_9)}{4}$$

$$u_7 = \frac{3+u_4+u_8}{4}$$

$$u_8 = \frac{6+u_5+u_7+u_9}{4}$$

$$u_9 = \frac{13+9+u_6+u_8}{4} = \frac{22+u_6+u_8}{4}; \quad u_9 = \frac{22+u_6+u_8}{4}$$

n	u_1	u_2	u_3	u_4	u_5	u_6	u_7	u_8	u_9
0	$(1+u_2+u_4)/4$	$(u_1+u_3+u_5)/4$	$(u_2+u_4+u_6)/4$	$(u_1+u_5+u_7)/4$	$(u_2+u_4+u_6)/4$	$(u_3+u_5+u_7)/4$	$(u_4+u_6+u_8)/4$	$(u_5+u_7+u_9)/4$	$(u_6+u_8+u_9)/4$
1	2.5	5.625	10	2.8750	6.0	9.8750	3.0	6.125	9.5
2	2.3750	5.625 5.5938	9.8750 9.8672	2.8750 2.8438	6.1094	9.8692	2.9922	6.1504	9.5049
3	2.3594	5.5040	9.8633	2.8653	6.1172	9.8714	3.0039	6.1565	9.5070
4	2.3623	5.5857	9.8643	2.8709	6.1211	9.8731	3.0069	6.1587	9.5080
5	2.3642	5.5874	9.8651	2.8791	6.1231	9.8740	3.0080	6.1598	9.5084

correct upto 2nd place of decimal

$$u_1 = 2.36; \quad u_2 = 5.58, \quad u_3 = 9.86, \quad u_4 = 2.87, \quad u_5 = 6.12, \quad u_6 = 9.87, \quad u_7 = 3.00$$

$$u_8 = 6.15, \quad u_9 = 9.50$$

Poisson's Equation

$$\nabla^2 u = f(x, y)$$

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

for square mesh $h=k$, $x=ih$, $y=jh$

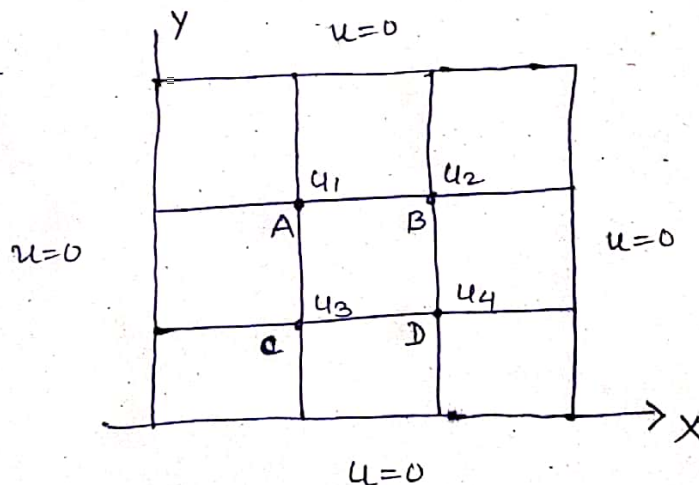
$$\frac{(u_{i+1,j} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i-1,j}))}{h^2} + \frac{(u_{i,j+1} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i,j-1}))}{h^2} = f(ih, jh)$$

$$u_{i+1,j} + u_{i-1,j} + u_{i,j+1} + u_{i,j-1} - 4u_{i,j} = h^2 f(ih, jh)$$

By applying the above formula at each mesh point, we get a system of linear equation.

Example:- solve $\nabla^2 u = -10(x^2 + y^2 + 10)$ over the square mesh with sides $x=0$, $y=0$, $x=3$ & $y=3$ with $u=0$ on the boundary and mesh length of 1 unit.

solution:-



At point A ($i=1, j=2$), $h=1$

$$0 + 0 + u_2 + u_3 - 4u_1 = -10 f(ih, jh) \quad i=1$$
$$= -10 f(1, 2)$$

$$u_2 + u_3 - 4u_1 = -150$$

$$u_1 = \frac{(u_2 + u_3 + 150)}{4}$$

Similarly, $B(i=2, j=2)$

$$u_2 = (u_1 + u_4 + 180)/4$$

At $C(i=1, j=1)$

$$u_3 = \frac{1}{4}(u_1 + u_4 + 120)$$

At $D(i=2, j=1)$

$$u_4 = \frac{1}{4}(u_2 + u_3 + 150)$$

from above $u_1 = u_4$

Using Gauss-Seidel formula we get

$$u_1 = u_4 = 74.999, \quad u_2 = 82.499, \quad u_3 = 67.499$$
