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Lab sheet-8
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1. Consider a thin metal wire of length one meter with no heat exchange with its surroundings. Initially the wire is heated with a temperature distribution $x^2(L - x^3)$ at time $t = 0$ while both ends of the wire are kept at a fixed temperature of 0°C for all times t . Then solve the following one-dimensional heat equation $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 0.5 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ for $(x, t) \in ([0, 1] \times [0, 1])$ using the Crank-Nicolson method for finding the temperature distribution of the wire at a later time t by solving a tridiagonal system of linear equations (use Thomas Algorithm). Take no. of space steps as 50 and no. of time steps as 2500 to plot the solution at specific time steps $t = 1/25, 3/25, 6/25, 12/25$ unit in a single graph and then plot the temperature distribution with change in x and t .
2. Use Crank-Nicolson discretization method to solve the heat equation $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ for $(x, t) \in ([0, 1] \times [0, 1])$ by solving a tridiagonal system of linear equations (Use Thomas Algorithm) noting the initial and Neumann boundary conditions as follows:

$$u(x, 0) = 1, \text{ for } 0 < x < 1, \quad u_x(0, t) = u, \quad u_x(1, t) = -u, \text{ for } 0 < t < 1.$$

Take $\Delta x = 0.2$ unit and $\Delta t = 0.09$ unit to plot the solution at specific time points $t = 0.18, 0.36, 0.54, 0.81$ unit and then plot the temperature distribution with change in x and t (use forward difference in space for handling the left Neumann boundary condition while backward difference in space for right boundary condition.)