



11110PHYS401300  
Computational Physics Lab  
計算物理實作

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## Homework 4

### Reading Assignments

1. Read the wikipedia article on linear equations [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/System\\_of\\_linear\\_equations](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/System_of_linear_equations).
2. In Lab3, we use `scipy.linalg.solve()` as a black box and use it directly. We have also shown an example that we could gain significant speedup if we use the correct solver (`spsolve()`) for a sparse matrix. Therefore, it would be better if you know the underline algorithm of the solver. LU decomposition is the first and the base concept of the solver [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LU\\_decomposition](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LU_decomposition).

### Written Assignments

1. Consider a 2D Poisson equation on a unit square and is discretized using  $3 \times 3$  grids,

$$u_{xx} + u_{yy} = \rho(x, y). \quad (1)$$

Use finite difference method to establish 9 linear equations on the below grid in Figure 1. The variables  $u$  and  $\rho$  are discretized to  $u_{i,j}$  and  $\rho_{i,j}$ , and  $h$  is the cell space. Assuming a zero boundary condition, the system can be described by the below linear equation,

$$A \cdot \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} \\ u_{21} \\ u_{31} \\ u_{12} \\ u_{22} \\ u_{32} \\ u_{13} \\ u_{23} \\ u_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{b} \quad (2)$$

Derive and show the matrix  $A$  and vector  $\mathbf{b}$ .

### Programming Assignments

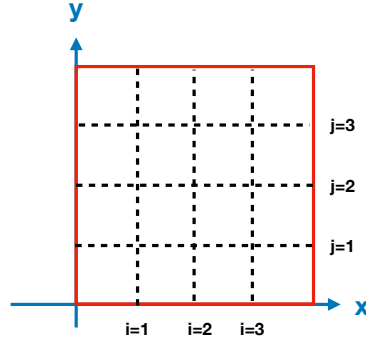


Figure 1: the finite difference grid on a unit square.

1. Following the first problem in the written assignment, set  $\rho_{22} = 1$  and zeros in elsewhere, solve the system  $u$ .
2. Consider a 2D Poisson's equation in a domain  $[-5 < x < 5] \times [-5 < y < 5]$  and is discretized using  $128 \times 128$  grids. Given a source function,

$$\rho(x, y) = e^{-\frac{5}{4}r_1^2} + \frac{3}{2} \times e^{-r_2^2}, \quad (3)$$

where  $r_1 = (x + 1.5)^2 + y^2$  and  $r_2 = (x - 1.5)^2 + y^2$ . Assume a periodic boundary condition, solve the corresponding potential of this source function. Draw color and contour plots of the source function and the solution potential.

3. Following the above question, plots errors as functions of iterations for (1) Jacobi method, (2) Gauss-Seidel method, and (3) Successive Over-Relaxation method with  $w = 1.2, 1.5$ , and  $2.0$  (plot them on the same figure).
4. Now, consider an error tolerance  $\epsilon = 10^{-7}$ , measure the total computing time with  $32 \times 32$ ,  $64 \times 64$ , and  $128 \times 128$  grids, using (1) sparse matrix solver, (2) Jacobi method, (3) Gauss-Seidel method, (4) SOR with  $w = 1.2$  and  $1.5$ . Plot the computing times as functions of grid resolutions with different numerical methods in log-log scale. Describe and discuss how error converge.