

HPSC - ASSIGNMENT 2

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Problem

Measure the convergence rate of Laplace Problem. Laplace equation is given by:

$$\frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial y^2} = 0,$$

in a $x = [0, 2]$, $y = [0, 1]$ domains with boundary conditions:

$$p = 0 \text{ at } x = 0,$$

$$p = y \text{ at } x = 2,$$

$$\partial p / \partial y = 0 \text{ at } y = 0, 1.$$

$$\text{error} = \sqrt{\sum_{i,j=1}^{nx,ny} \frac{(p_{exact} - p_{approx})^2}{p_{exact}^2}}$$

The exact solution is available from BEM `step02.py`:

$$p_{exact} = \frac{x}{4} - 4 \sum_{n=odd}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(nx)^2 \sinh 2n\pi} \sinh n\pi x \cos n\pi y$$

Compute:

1. Plot the log scale error against the number of iterations.
2. Change nx, ny .
3. Change order of the finite difference scheme.

The source code and jupyter notebook for this assignment can be found at:

<https://github.com/gear/HPSC/tree/master/hw>

Answer

Using the given code for FDM and exact solution in the lectures, I extract the boundary points from the solution of FDM and compare with the exact solution.

1. Plot the log scale error. Choose default values of $nx = ny = 32$. We have the following log-scale error result:

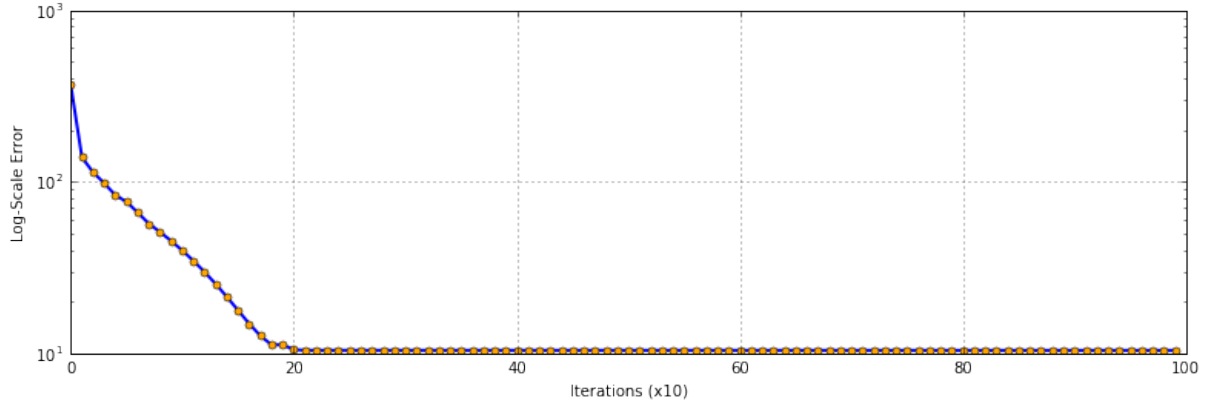


Figure 1: Error convergence. Torlerant = 10^{-6} .

2. Change nx, ny . For simplicity, here we have log-scale error result of $nx = ny = n$ against error rate of 250 iterations.

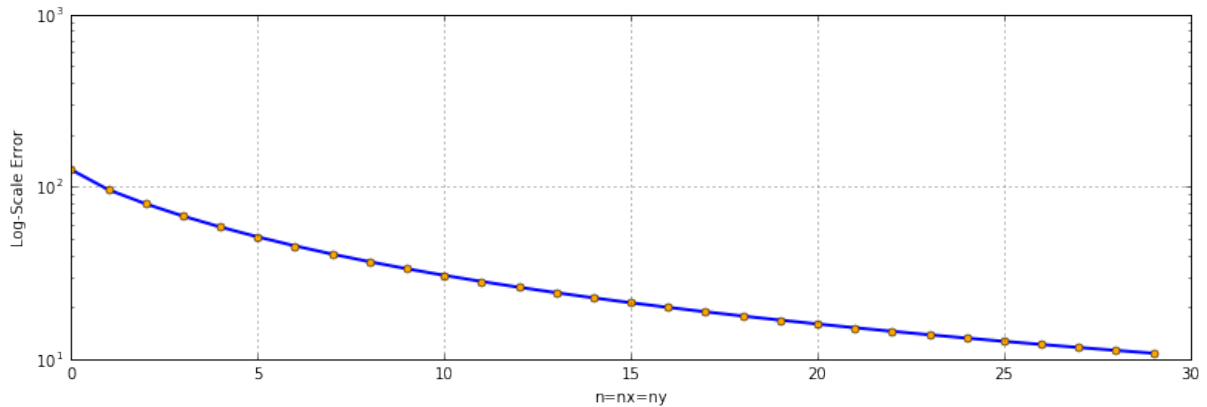


Figure 2: Error convergence for spatial resolution. iter=250.

3. Change to higher order finite difference scheme. The higher order Taylor expansion of the second order devivative terms in Laplace equation can be written in discretized form as:

$$\frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial x^2} = \frac{-p_{j,i+2} + 16p_{j,i+1} - 30p_{j,i} + 16p_{j,i-1} - p_{j,i-2}}{12(\Delta x)^2} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x)^4$$
$$\frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial y^2} = \frac{-p_{j+2,i} + 16p_{j+1,i} - 30p_{j,i} + 16p_{j-1,i} - p_{j-2,i}}{12(\Delta y)^2} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta y)^4$$