2-D Laplace equation

Assignment #9

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In this assignment, we solve the 2-D Laplace equation

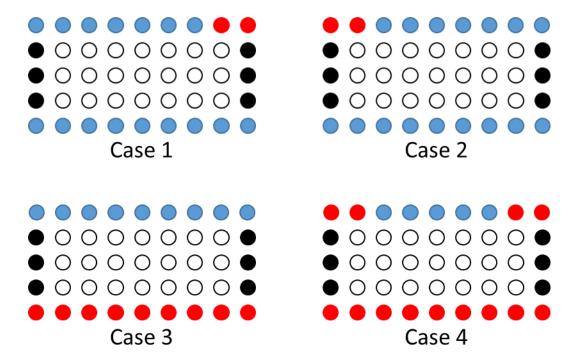


Figure 1. 4 cases of boundary condition

In the figure 1, red circles indicates $\phi_{i,j} = 1$, blue circles indicates $\phi_{i,j} = 0$, black circles indicates homogeneous Neumann boundary conditions, and empty circles indicates bulk nodes which follows the laplace equation.

For the empty circles, the laplace equation becomes as follows:

$$\begin{split} \int \nabla^2 \phi \ d\boldsymbol{r} &= \oint \boldsymbol{\nabla} \phi \cdot d\boldsymbol{a} \\ \boldsymbol{\nabla} \phi \cdot d\boldsymbol{a} &= 0 \\ \varphi_{i+1,j} + \varphi_{i,j+1} - 4 \varphi_{i,j} + \varphi_{i-1,j} + \varphi_{i,j-1} &= 0 \end{split}$$

For the black circles, the homogeneous Neumann boundary conditions is (left hand side)

$$\varphi_{2,j} + 0.5\varphi_{i,j+1} - 2\varphi_{1,j} + 0.5\varphi_{i,j-1} = 0$$

From those equation, we can construct the 2D Laplacian matrix.

The figure 2 shows our results.

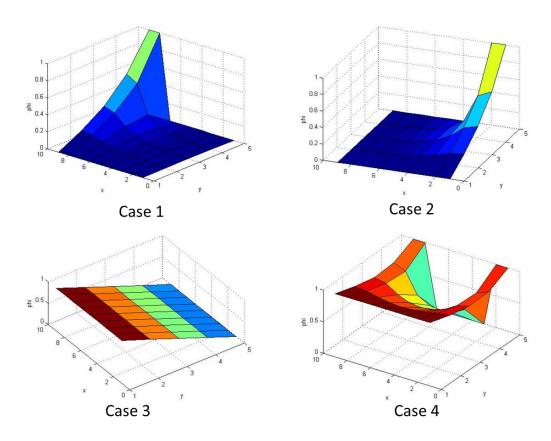


Figure 2. The results 3D plot.