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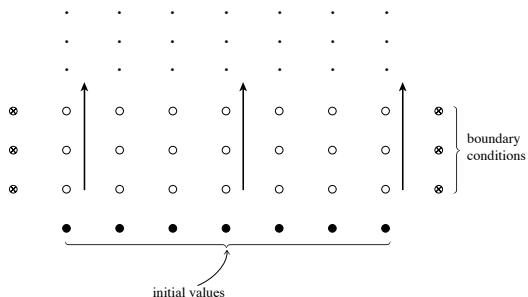
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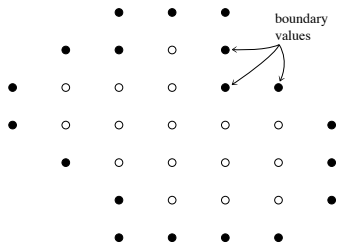
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- Of course these are supplemented by appropriate initial/boundary conditions.

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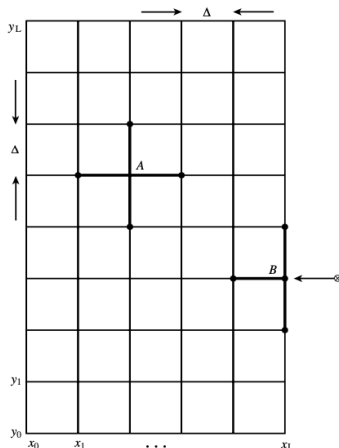
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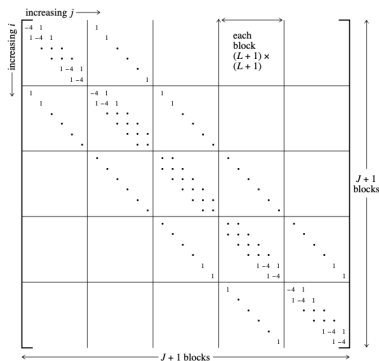


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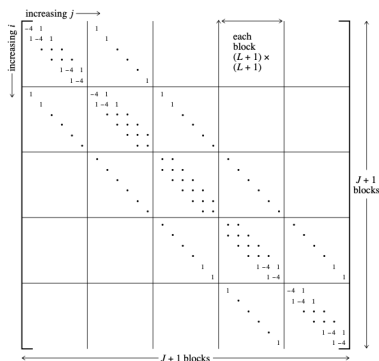
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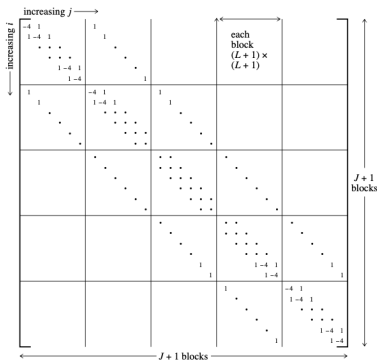


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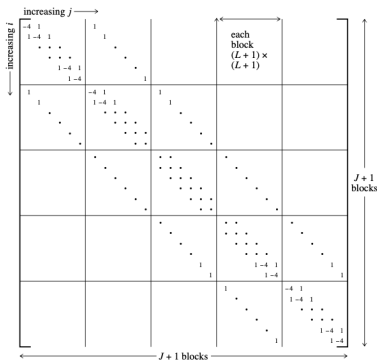
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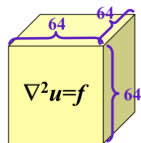


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- Fourier methods for periodic boundary conditions ( $\mathcal{O}[N^d \ln N]$ )

## The power of optimal algorithms

- Advances in algorithmic efficiency can rival advances in hardware architecture
- Consider Poisson's equation on a cube of size  $N=n^3$

Year	Method	Reference	Storage	Flops
1947	GE (banded)	Von Neumann & Goldstine	$n^5$	$n^7$
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more recently: FMM Fast Multipole Method

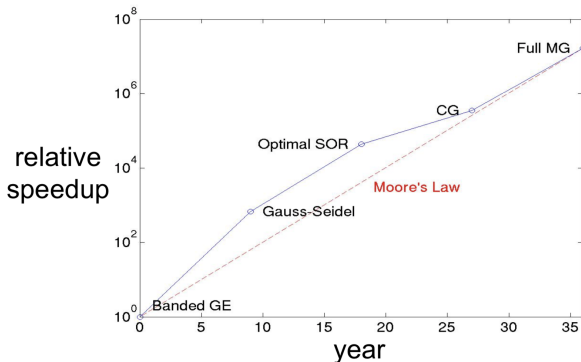
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## Algorithms and Moore's Law

- This advance took place over a span of about 36 years, or 24 doubling times for Moore's Law
- $2^{24} \approx 16$  million  $\Rightarrow$  the same as the factor from algorithms alone!



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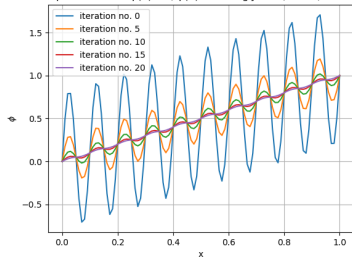
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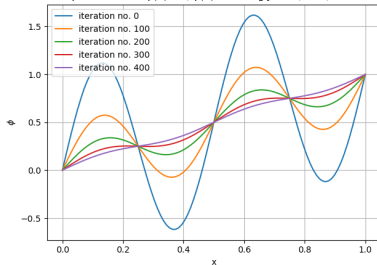
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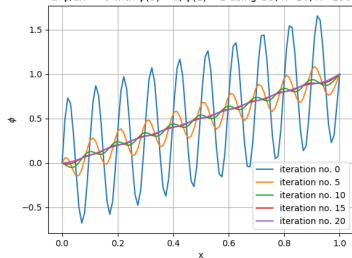
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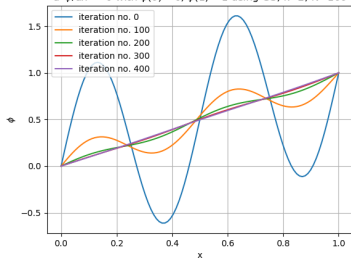
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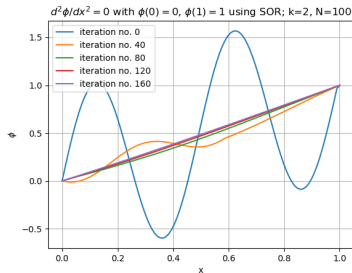
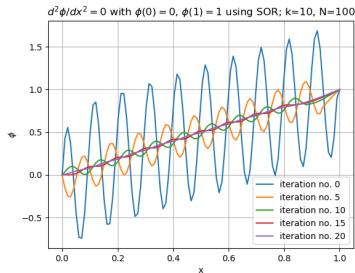
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- much faster than GS with  $\rho_{\text{GS}} \simeq 1 - \pi^2/N^2$

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