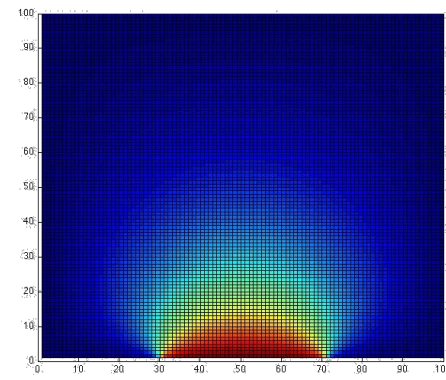


# Lecture 07:

# The Temperature Problem

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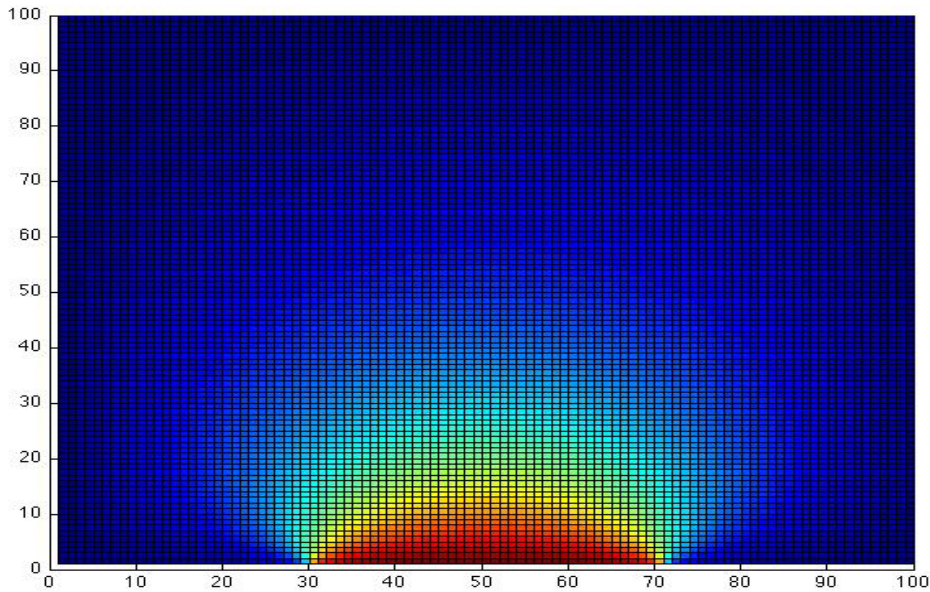
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- Turn in current homework
- New homework is out today
  - It's a tougher one, so start it early!
- Preliminary slides for this lecture available!
- Note:  
I'm pushing the continuation of "Numerical Stability" for a future lecture...
- **No quiz this week!**

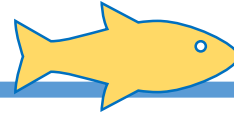


# The Temperature Problem

- A cabin in the snow
- Wall temperature is  $0^\circ$ , except for a radiator at  $100^\circ$
- ***What is the temperature at every point in the interior?***



# The Physics behind the Problem: Poisson's Equation



For a 2-dimensional situation:

$$\nabla^2 u(x, y) \equiv \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}(x, y) + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}(x, y) = f(x, y)$$

for  $(x, y) \in R = \{ (x, y) \mid a < x < b, \ c < y < d \}$ , and

$$u(x, y) = g(x, y)$$

for  $(x, y)$  on the boundary of  $R$ .

**But, this is a continuous math (Calculus) problem – how can we “translate” it into *discrete math* (for Computation)?**

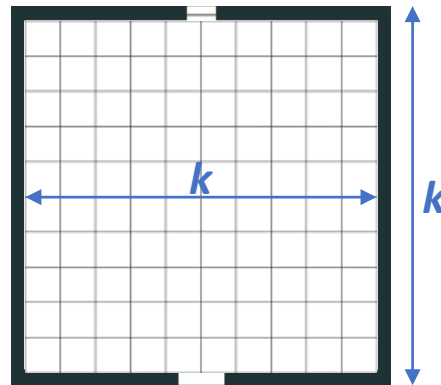
# Discrete Poisson Equation

$$(\nabla^2 u)_{ij} = \frac{1}{\Delta x^2} (u_{i+1,j} + u_{i-1,j} + u_{i,j+1} + u_{i,j-1} - 4u_{ij})$$

- This translates to a linear system that we can write as a matrix expression similar to  **$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$**  (!!! *How convenient!!!*)
- *How?... Let's See...*

# Discrete Poisson Equation

- Think about this in the case of examining a *square* room...

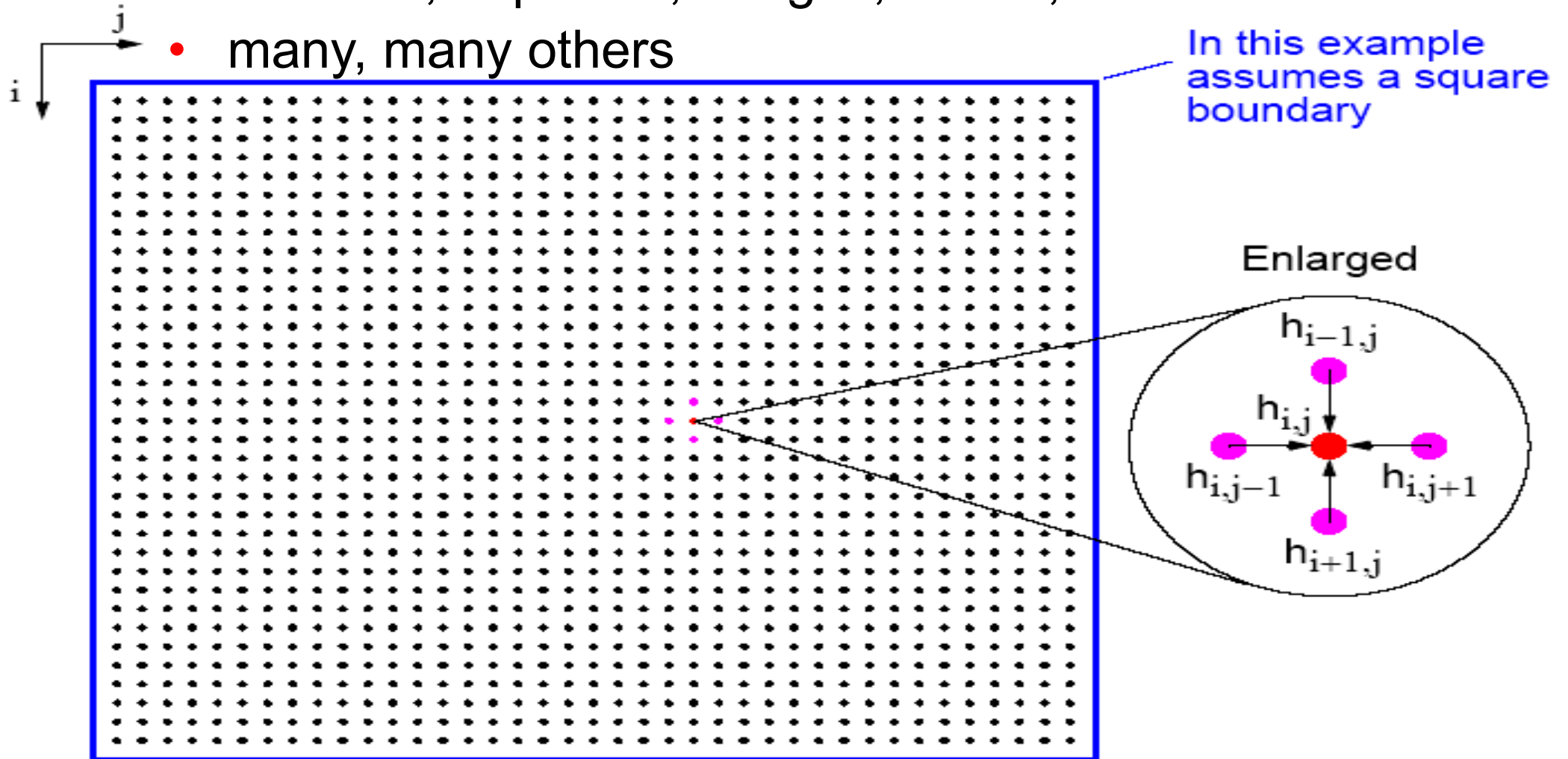


- The room has sides that are **k** units long each
  - We'll divide up the room in **k** discrete steps in each direction
  - Imagine it like a square room broken up into a grid
  - End up with a discrete **“stencil” space**
  - This is NOT a matrix! (... yet...)



# Many Physical Models Use *Stencil* Computations

- PDE models of heat, fluids, structures, ...
- Weather, airplanes, bridges, bones, ...
- many, many others





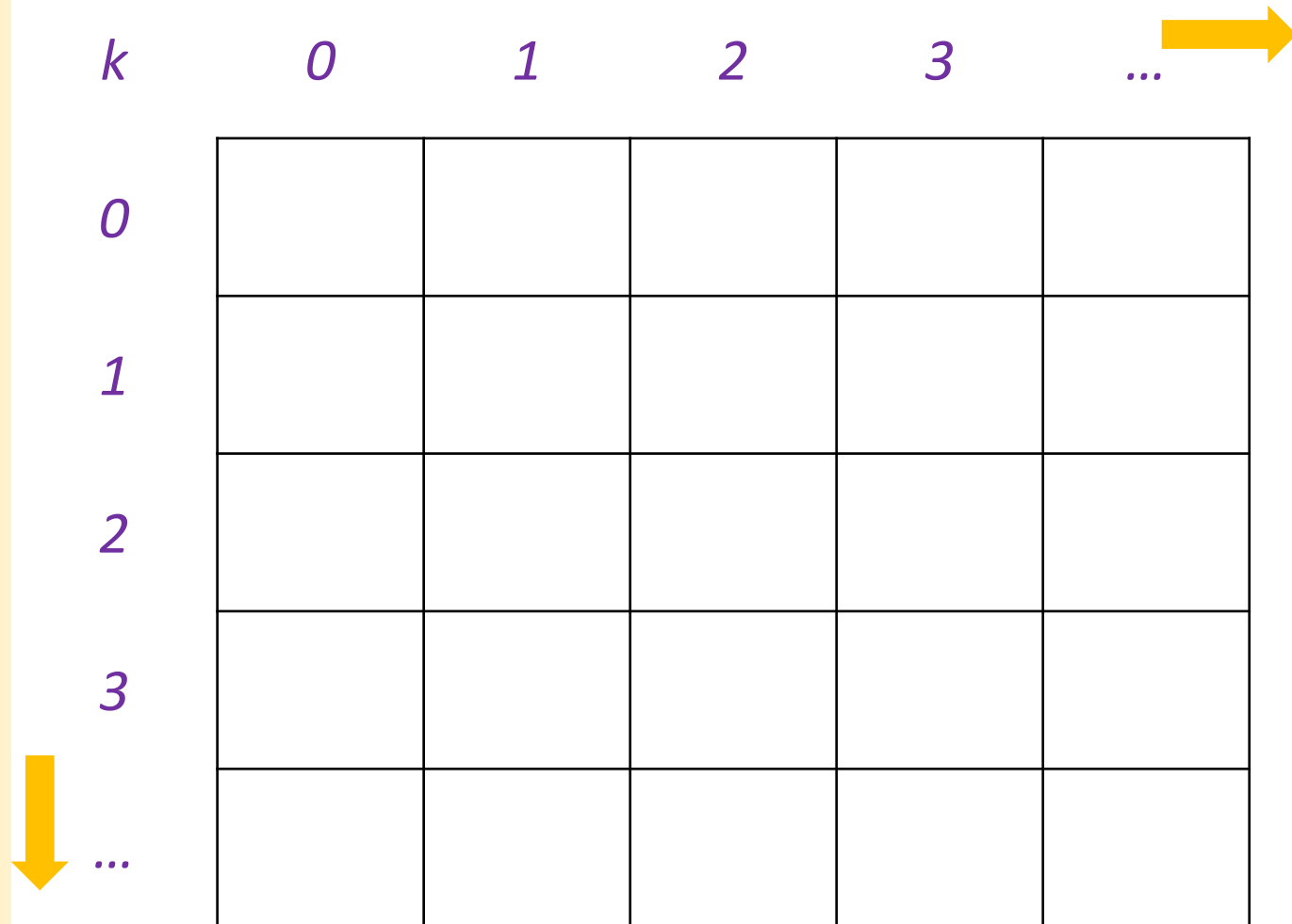
# Modeling the Room

Discrete approximation to Poisson's equation: Divide up the room into  $k \times k$  spaces or “cells”.

Again, we assume the room is square with an area of  $n$

$$\text{So, } k = n^{1/2}$$

**Temperature at any point is the average of the temperatures at its surrounding points**



# Simple Example: A 5x5 Room (i.e. k=5)

## Example – Let's look at space number 13:

The temperature in space number 13 ( $T_{13}$ ) is the average of the temperatures in the surrounding spaces. That is:

$$T_{13} = \frac{1}{4} (T_8 + T_{12} + T_{14} + T_{18})$$

or

$$4.T_{13} = T_8 + T_{12} + T_{14} + T_{18}$$

or

$$T_8 + T_{12} - 4.T_{13} + T_{14} + T_{18} = 0$$

<i>k</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>0</i>	1	2	3	4	5
<i>1</i>	6	7	8	9	10
<i>2</i>	11	12	13	14	15
<i>3</i>	16	17	18	19	20
<i>4</i>	21	22	23	24	25

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*Note that the area  $n = 25$  in this example (i.e.  $n = k^2$ )*

Now apply this to all the  $n$  “cells” and you can get a relationship “heat” map of the room!

You need 1 more thing: a location defined for the “**heat source**”. This is akin to an initial condition for a diff. equation problem.

$k$	0	1	2	3	4
0	1	2	3	4	5
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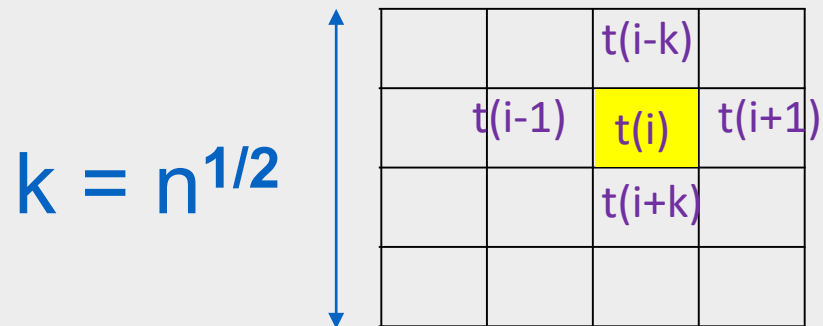
# Simple Example: A 5x5 Room

So:

For each  $i$  from 1 to  $n$   
(except on the boundaries), we see that  
the *generalized relationship* is:

$$t(i-k) + t(i-1) - 4.t(i) + t(i+1) + t(i+k) = 0$$

(this is an implementation of the discrete Poisson equation!)



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# REMEMBER: There's a Transformation Going On!

- This **5x5 grid**:

<i>k</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>0</i>	1	2	3	4	5
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Is **NOT** the matrix that  
we plug into Python!

It has to be first **transformed** into a **25x25 matrix**!  
One row for each “cell” on the grid,  
One column for each “cell” too!

This is so that every row / column tells me something  
about the *linear temperature relationship*  
between every “cell” on the grid!

- The numbers in the matrix will thus be  
the ***coefficients*** of the elements *in the discrete Poisson equation to solve the temperature*
- NOTE: They are **NOT** the temperature values themselves!!

# The Transformation!

1

- We are expressing: *mathematical linear relationships*  
i.e. **n**-equations w/ **n**-unknowns
- The ***unknowns*** are the ***temperatures*** in each of the **n** number of “cells”
- These temperatures are all related to all the other cells in the room
  - In actuality, it's not exactly *all* the other cells, just the ones adjacent to the cell in question

- This matrix multiplication can express it: 
$$A \cdot t = \begin{bmatrix} a_{00} & \cdots & a_{0n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n0} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t_0 \\ \vdots \\ t_n \end{bmatrix}$$

# The Transformation!

2

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- We expect this to give us an  $n$  number of equations of the form:  
$$t(i-k) + t(i-1) - 4.t(i) + t(i+1) + t(i+k) = 0$$
- $A \cdot t$  should give us an  $n \times 1$  vector that's mostly zeros
  - Except where the heat-source is!
- Note also that a LOT of values in matrix  $A$  ( $a_{ij}$ ) are going to be zeros...!



# Using the Transformation for a Solution!!

- What we end up with, then is something like this:

$$A \cdot t = \begin{bmatrix} a_{00} & \cdots & a_{0n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n0} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t_0 \\ \vdots \\ t_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

*The coefficients that describe Poisson's Eqs.  
Many of these will be 0s.*

*Mostly 0, except for where the heat source is!*

*The temperature at each of the  $n$  cells on the grid*

- Note that this EXACTLY an  **$Ax = b$**  situation!!!
  - Are we going to use `npla.solve()` ??? Or something else??? This is exciting!!!!

# Translate the Room into a Matrix!

$$t(i-k) + t(i-1) - 4*t(i) + t(i+1) + t(i+k) = 0$$

- Each row of this  $n \times n$  matrix (**A**) will have **\*at most\*** 5 non-zero elements
  - These represent the cell-in-question + the 4 adjacent cells
  - These are the ones represented in the (red) Poission's equation above...
  - The rest of each row will be filled with **zeros**
  - Note that, if this were in 3-D, **n** would be  $k^3$  and each row will have at most **7** non-zeros, etc...
- This makes for a “**sparse matrix**”!!!
  - Def.: a matrix where most of the elements are zero
  - The opposite is called a “**dense matrix**”

# A Very Simple Example

t1	t2	t3
t4	t5	t6
t7	t8	t9

- Consider a room that's stenciled **3x3** (so: 9 squares in the **grid**)
- So, the **matrix A** will be a 9x9 and *looks like this*:

$$\begin{pmatrix}
 4 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 -1 & 4 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & -1 & 4 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 -1 & 0 & 0 & 4 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 4 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 4 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 4 & -1 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 4 & -1 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 4
 \end{pmatrix}
 \begin{pmatrix}
 t1 \\
 t2 \\
 t3 \\
 t4 \\
 t5 \\
 t6 \\
 t7 \\
 t8 \\
 t9
 \end{pmatrix}
 =
 \begin{pmatrix}
 100 \\
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 0
 \end{pmatrix}$$

For square **5** in the room, we see that the relationship:  
 $t2 + t4 - 4*t5 + t6 + t8 = 0$   
 is applied by the **At = b** relationship

Same for square **1**:  
 $-4*t1 + t2 + t4 = 100$   
 (note how this suggests that a heat source at 100° is placed next to square 1)

And so on, for each of the other 9 squares in the room.

The vector **t** gives us the temperature in every room!

*So solve for **t**!!*

# A Very Simple Example

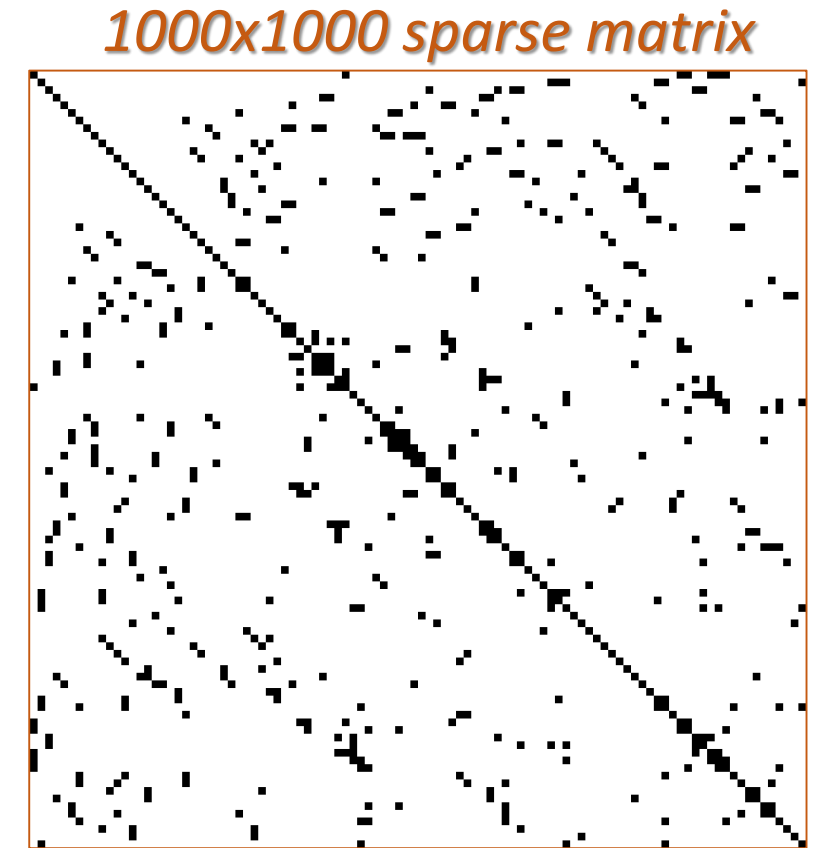
Running **solve(A, b)** on this, gives us the 9 values for **t**  
These are the values in the original physical grid:

*Where the heat source is applied*

	100°	100°	0	
0	39.7°	42.8°	12.9°	0
0	16.1°	18.8°	8.9°	0
0	5.8°	7.1°	4.0°	0
	0	0	0	

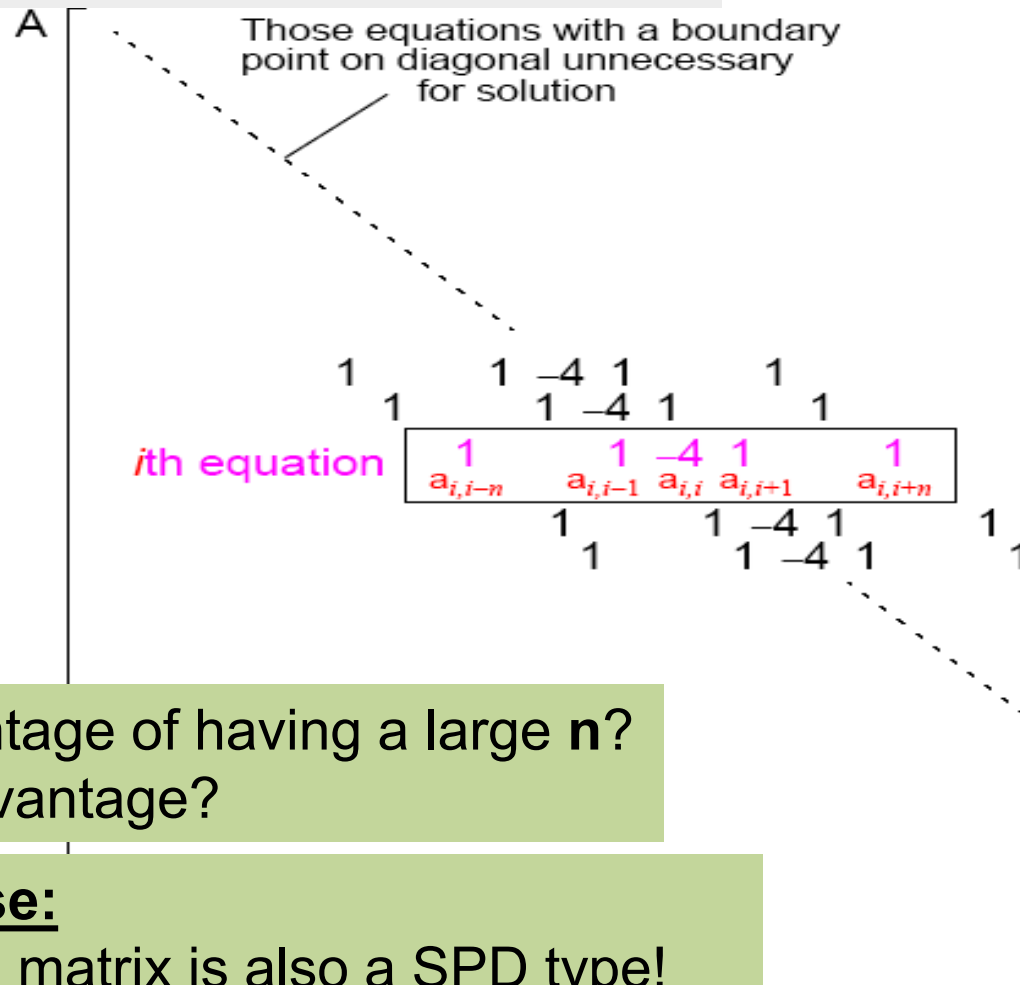
# *Sparse* Matrices

- A **sparse matrix** is a **matrix** which contains *very few non-zero elements*.
- When a **sparse matrix** is represented with a 2-D array (i.e. simple 1-to-1 mapping), we waste a lot of computer memory to represent that **matrix**.
- We can represent *sparse matrices* in more efficient ways than this!
  - We won't get into *how* this is done, *just how to use them*...



# The Temperature Matrix is a Sparse Matrix...

**A** is *sparse*: Most of the Entries are 0



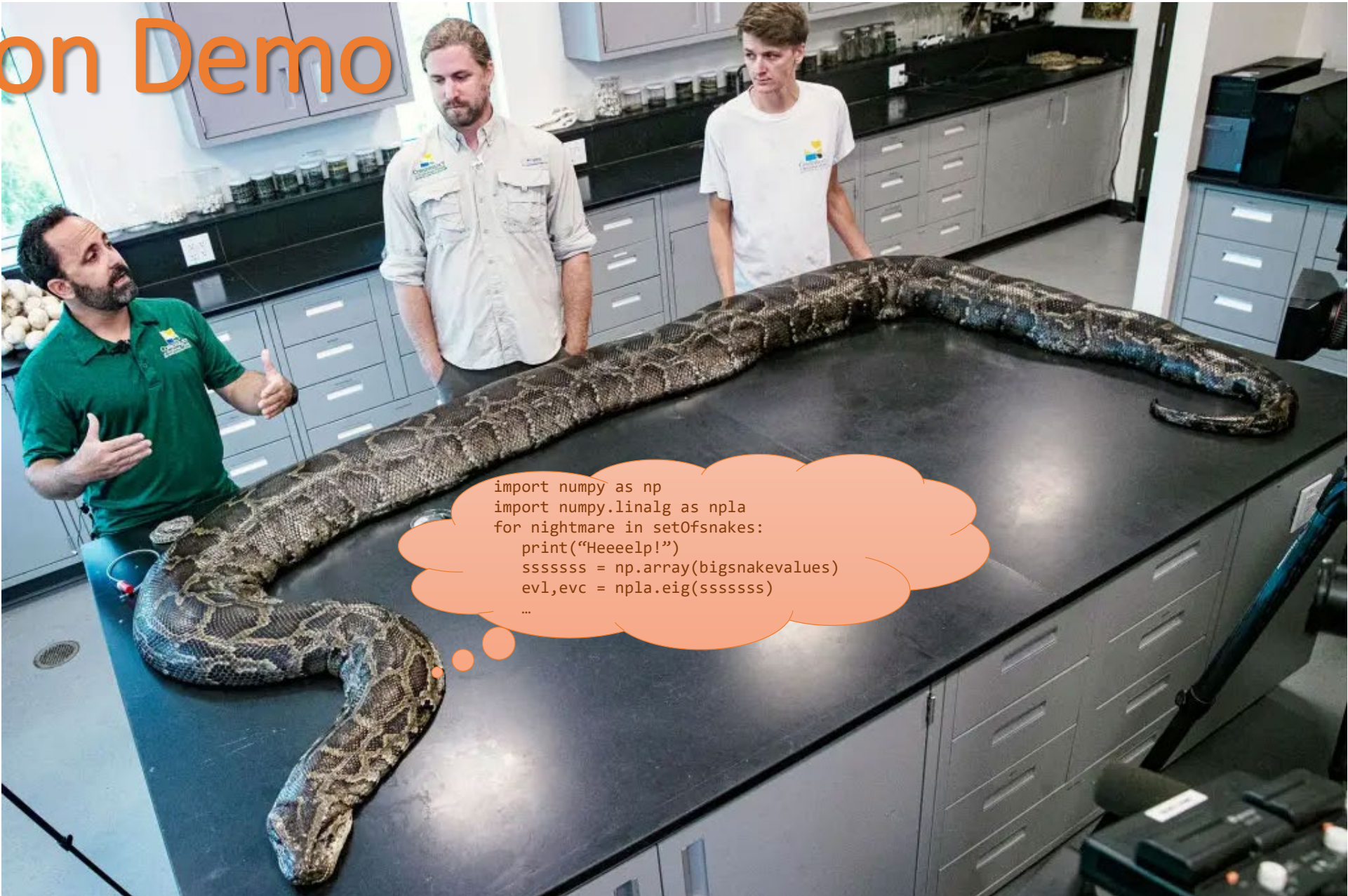
$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_{N-1} \\ x_N \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

*b* is where we would express boundary conditions

What's the advantage of having a large **n**?  
What's the disadvantage?

**Note for later use:**  
This temperature matrix is also a SPD type!

# Python Demo



```
import numpy as np
import numpy.linalg as npla
for nightmare in setOfsnakes:
    print("Heeeelp!")
    sssssss = np.array(bigsnakevalues)
    evl, evc = npla.eig(sssssss)
    ...
```



# Your TO DOs!

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- Turn in your homework today!
- Start on your new homework
- Remember: NO QUIZ this week!!!!

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