

Elliptic PDE

Five point diagonal formula

$$[u_{xx} + u_{yy}]_{(x_i, y_j)} = \frac{1}{2h^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -4 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} u_{ij}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2h^2} [u_{i-1, j+1} + u_{i+1, j+1} - 4u_{ij} + u_{i-1, j-1} + u_{i+1, j-1}]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2h^2} [u(x-h, y+h) + u(x+h, y+h) - 4u(x, y) + u(x-h, y-h) + u(x+h, y-h)] \\ = u_{xx} + u_{yy} + \frac{h^4}{12} \left[\frac{\partial^4 u}{\partial y^4} + 6 \frac{\partial^4 u}{\partial x^2 \partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^4 u}{\partial x^4} \right] + O(h^6) \end{aligned}$$

Ex: Solve the Poisson equation

$$u_{xx} + u_{yy} = -[2 + \pi^2 x(1-x)] \cos(\pi y)$$

on the domain $R = \{(x, y) : 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < \frac{1}{2}\}$. The Dirichlet boundary conditions are given by

$$u(0, y) = u(1, y) = 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = x(1-x), \quad u(x, \frac{1}{2}) = 0.$$

Use five point formula and five point diagonal formula. Take $\Delta x = \frac{1}{4}$ and $\Delta y = \frac{1}{4}$. The exact solution of the problem is given by

$$u(x, y) = x(1-x) \cos(\pi y).$$

Find absolute error, $|u(x_i, y_j) - u_{ij}|$, for both the methods.