# MEEN 644 - Homework 3

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### Problem statement

Consider a thin copper square plate of dimensions  $0.5~\mathrm{m}\times0.5~\mathrm{m}$ . The temperature of the west and south edges are maintained at  $50~\mathrm{^{\circ}C}$  and the north edge is maintained at  $100~\mathrm{^{\circ}C}$ . The east edge is insulated. Using finite volume method, write a program to predict the steady-state temperature solution.

- (a) (35 points) Set the over relaxation factor  $\alpha$  from 1.00 to 1.40 in steps of 0.05 to identify  $\alpha_{\rm opt}$ . Plot the number of iterations required for convergence for each  $\alpha$ .
- (b) (15 points) Solve the same problem using  $21^2, 25^2, 31^2$ , and  $41^2$  CVs, respectively. Plot the temperature at the center of the plate (0.25 m, 0.25 m) vs CVs.
- (c) (10 points) Plot the steady state temperature contour in the 2D domain with the 41<sup>2</sup> CV solution.

## **Preliminaries**

#### Two-dimensional heat conduction

With two-dimensional heat conduction with constant material properties, insulation on the right and prescribed temperatures on all other sides, we have the PDE

$$\begin{cases} k \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + k \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} = 0, \\ T(x,0) = T_B, \\ T(0,y) = T_L, \\ T(0,L) = T_T, \\ -k \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=L} = 0, \end{cases}$$

$$(1)$$

where

$$\begin{split} T_B &\equiv 50~^{\circ}\mathrm{C}\,, & T_L &\equiv 50~^{\circ}\mathrm{C}\,, & T_T &\equiv 100~^{\circ}\mathrm{C}\,. \\ k &\equiv 386~\mathrm{W/m}~^{\circ}\mathrm{C}\,, & L &\equiv 0.5~\mathrm{m}\,. \end{split}$$

We discretize the region on  $x \times y = [0, L]^2$  by  $N^2$  internal nodes with  $\Delta x = x/N, \Delta y = y/N$ .

### Control volume equations

Integrate over an internal control volume (i, j) to obtain

$$k \iint_{CV_{i,j}} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} \right] dx dy = 0, \quad (i,j) \in [2,3,\dots,N-1]^2.$$

$$k \Delta y \left[ \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \Big|_{w_{i,j}} - \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \Big|_{e_{i,j}} \right] + k \Delta x \left[ \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \Big|_{n_{i,j}} - \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \Big|_{s_{i,j}} \right] = 0, \quad (i,j) \in [2,3,\dots,N-1]^2.$$

Now use the two node formulation for the derivative terms to obtain

$$k\Delta y \left[ \frac{T_{E_{ij}} - T_{P_{ij}}}{\Delta x} - \frac{T_{P_{ij}} - T_{W_{ij}}}{\Delta x} \right] + k\Delta x \left[ \frac{T_{N_{ij}} - T_{P_{ij}}}{\Delta y} - \frac{T_{P_{ij}} - T_{S_{ij}}}{\Delta y} \right] = 0, \quad (i, j) \in [2, 3, \dots, N-1]^2.$$

Collect like terms and modify the index to obtain

$$T_{i,j}a_p - T_{i,j+1}a_n - T_{i+1,j}a_e - T_{i,j-1}a_s - T_{i-1,j}a_w = 0, \quad (i,j) \in [2,3,\dots,N-1]^2,$$
 (2)

where

$$a_n \equiv \frac{k\Delta y}{\Delta x} \,, \quad a_e \equiv \frac{k\Delta x}{\Delta y} \,, \quad a_s \equiv \frac{k\Delta y}{\Delta x} \,, \quad a_w \equiv \frac{k\Delta x}{\Delta y} \,, \quad a_p \equiv a_n + a_e + a_s + a_w \,.$$

The remaining equations are solved similarly but with slight differences depending on which boundary the CV is on.

#### Solving method

The problem is to be solved by the line-by-line method. In specific, the sweeping arrangement is: **south to north, west to east, north to south, east to west**. In this method, the contribution from one direction in a given control volume is lagged and moved to the right hand side in order to solve a tri-diagonal system. Convergence is declared when

$$R = \sum_{\text{CV}} \left| a_p T_p - \sum_{\text{nb}} a_{\text{nb}} T_{\text{nb}} b_p \right| \le 10^{-5} \,. \tag{3}$$

Upon solving an individual system  $Ax^{\ell+1} = b$  with relaxation (where  $\ell$  is the iteration index), the system is relaxed with the coefficient  $\alpha$  by modifying it after construction by

$$\begin{cases} a_{ii} = a_{ii}/\alpha, \\ b_i = b_i + (\alpha^{-1} - 1)a_{ii}x_i^{\ell}, \end{cases} \qquad i = 1, \dots, N,$$

and it is then solved using the standard TDMA algorithm.

### Results

### Part a

With the given range of  $\alpha$ , it was determined for this specific problem with 15<sup>2</sup> CVs that  $\alpha_{\rm opt} \approx 1.3$ . The solve did not converge (with an attempted 1,000 iterations) for  $\alpha = 1.4$ . The requested figure showing the iteration need for each relaxation parameter follows in Figure 1.

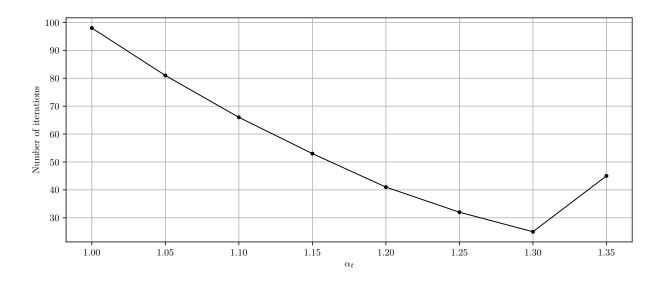


Figure 1: Plot of the required iterations for each over relaxation factor.

## Part b

With a mesh refinement of  $21^2$ ,  $25^2$ ,  $31^2$ , and  $41^2$  CVs, the center temperature for each refinement is plotted below in Figure 2.

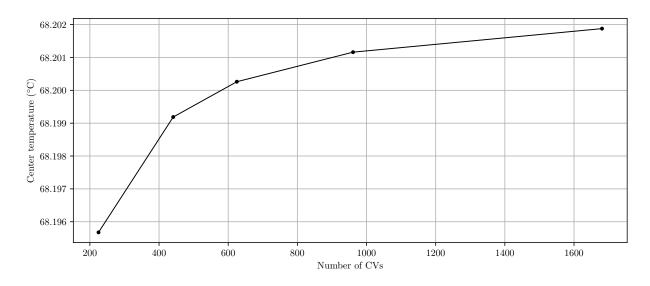


Figure 2: Plot of the center temperature with mesh refinement.

### Part c

With the final mesh refinement of  $41^2$  CVs, a colored contour plot of the temperature solution follows in Figure 3.

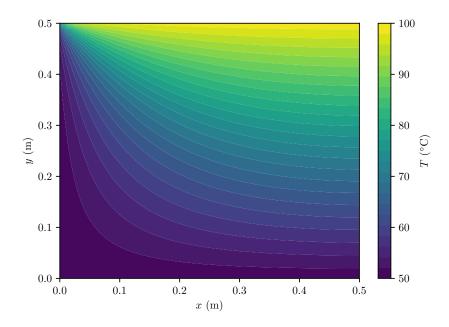


Figure 3: Plot of the solution with  $41^2$  CVs.

# Code listing

### Makefile

# main.cpp

```
#include "Conduction2D.h"

int main() {
    // Part a: change relaxation factor
    std::cout << "Part a" << std::endl;
    for (double w : {1.0, 1.05, 1.10, 1.15, 1.20, 1.25, 1.30, 1.35, 1.40}) {
        std::cout << " Running with w = " << w << ": ";
        Conduction2D problem(15, 15, w);
        problem.solve();
    }
    std::cout << std::endl;</pre>
```

#### Conduction2D.h

```
#ifndef CONDUCTION2D_H
#define CONDUCTION2D_H
#include <iostream>
#include <iomanip>
#include <cmath>
#include <fstream>
#include "Matrix.h"
#include "TriDiagonal.h"
class Conduction2D {
  Conduction2D(unsigned int Nx, unsigned int Ny, double alpha, double Lx = 0.5,
               double Ly = 0.5, double k = 386.0, double T_L = 50.0,
               double T_T = 100.0, double T_B = 50.0, double tol = 1e-5,
               unsigned int max_its = 1000);
  void solve();
  unsigned int getNx() { return Nx; }
  unsigned int getNy() { return Ny; }
  const Matrix & getT() const { return T; }
  void save(std::string filename) const { T.save(filename); }
  double computeResidual() const;
 // Precompute operations
  void precomputeProperties();
  void precomputeColumn(unsigned int col);
  void precomputeRow(unsigned int row);
  // Solve and sweep operations
  void solveColumn(unsigned int col);
  void solveRow(unsigned int row);
```

```
protected:
  // Number of interior nodal points in the x and y-dimensions
  const unsigned int Nx, Ny;
 // Geometry [m]
  const double Lx, Ly, dx, dy;
  // Heat conduction coefficient [W / m k]
  const double k;
  // Dirichlet oundary conditions (left, top, bottom) [C]
  const double T_L, T_T, T_B;
  // Properties stored in matrix form
 Matrix a_p, a_n, a_e, a_s, a_w;
  // Inverse of the relaxation coefficient
  const double w_inv;
  // Iteration tolerance
  const double tol;
  // Maximum iterations
  const unsigned int max_its;
 // Temperature solution
 Matrix T;
 // Precomputed matrices for the TDMA solves
  std::vector<TriDiagonal> pre_A_x, pre_A_y;
  // Precomputed RHS for the TDMA solves
  std::vector<std::vector<double> > pre_b_x, pre_b_y;
  // Matrices for the TDMA solves
 TriDiagonal A_x, A_y;
 // RHS/solution vector for the TDMA solves
  std::vector<double> b_x, b_y;
};
#endif /* CONDUCTION2D_H */
Conduction2D.cpp
#include "Conduction2D.h"
Conduction2D::Conduction2D(unsigned int Nx, unsigned int Ny, double w,
                           double Lx, double Ly, double k, double T_L,
                           double T_T, double T_B, double tol,
                           unsigned int max_its)
    : // Interior nodal points
     Nx(Nx), Ny(Ny), Lx(Lx), Ly(Ly), dx(Lx / Nx), dy(Ly / Ny),
     // Material properties
     k(k),
     // Boundary conditions
     T_L(T_L), T_T(T_T), T_B(T_B),
     // Material properties in matrix form
     a_p(Nx, Ny), a_n(Nx, Ny), a_e(Nx, Ny), a_s(Nx, Ny), a_w(Nx, Ny),
     // Solver properties
     w_inv(1.0 / w), tol(tol), max_its(max_its),
     // Initialize matrices and vectors
     T(Nx, Ny, (T_L + T_T + T_B) / 3.0), pre_A_x(Ny, Nx), pre_A_y(Ny, Nx),
      pre_b_x(Ny, std::vector<double>(Nx)),
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pre_by(Nx, std::vector < double>(Ny)), A_x(Nx), A_y(Ny), b_x(Nx), b_y(Ny) {
}
void Conduction2D::solve() {
 // Compute the a coefficients for each CV
  precomputeProperties();
 // Compute the unchanging LHS and RHS for each column
  for (unsigned int i = 0; i < Nx; ++i)
   precomputeColumn(i);
  // Compute the unchanging LHS and RHS for each row
  for (unsigned int j = 0; j < Ny; ++j)
    precomputeRow(j);
  // Iterate and exit when complete
  for (unsigned int l = 1; l <= max_its; ++l) {</pre>
   // Sweep south to north
   for (int j = 0; j < Ny; ++j)
     solveRow(j);
   // Sweep west to east
   for (int i = 0; i < Nx; ++i)
      solveColumn(i);
   // Sweep north to south
   for (int j = Ny - 1; j >= 0; --j)
      solveRow(j);
   // Sweep east to west
   for (int i = Nx - 1; i >= 0; --i)
      solveColumn(i);
   // Check for convergence
   double R = computeResidual();
   if (R < tol) {
      std::cout << "Converged with " << l << " iterations" << std::endl;</pre>
   }
  }
  std::cout << "Failed to converge in " << max_its << " iterations"</pre>
            << std::endl;
}
void Conduction2D::precomputeProperties() {
 // Set all neighbors to the default at first
 a_n = k * dx / dy;
 a_e = k * dy / dx;
 a_s = k * dx / dy;
 a_w = k * dy / dx;
 // Top Dirichlet
 a_n.setRow(Ny - 1, 2 * k * dx / dy);
 // Right Neumann
 a_e.setColumn(Nx - 1, 0);
 // Bottom Dirichlet
 a_s.setRow(0, 2 * k * dx / dy);
 // Left dirichlet
  a_w.setColumn(0, 2 * k * dy / dx);
 // Center point
  for (unsigned int i = 0; i < Nx; ++i)
   for (unsigned int j = 0; j < Ny; ++j)
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a_{p}(i, j) = a_{n}(i, j) + a_{e}(i, j) + a_{s}(i, j) + a_{w}(i, j);
}
void Conduction2D::precomputeRow(unsigned int j) {
 TriDiagonal \&A = pre\_A\_x[j];
  std::vector<double> &b = pre_b_x[j];
  // First treat all as an internal volume
  A.addTopRow(a_p(0, j) * w_inv, -a_e(0, j));
  A.addBottomRow(-a_w(Nx - 1, j), a_p(Nx - 1, j) * w_inv);
  for (unsigned int i = 1; i < Nx - 1; ++i)
   A.addMiddleRow(i, -a_w(i, j), a_p(i, j) * w_inv, -a_e(i, j));
  // Left Dirichlet
 b[0] += T_L * a_w(0, j);
  // Top dirichlet
 if (j == Ny - 1)
   for (unsigned int i = 0; i < Nx; ++i)
      b[i] += T_T * a_n(i, j);
  // Bottom dirichlet
  else if (j == 0)
    for (unsigned int i = 0; i < Nx; ++i)
      b[i] += T_B * a_s(i, j);
}
void Conduction2D::precomputeColumn(unsigned int i) {
 TriDiagonal \&A = pre\_A\_y[i];
  std::vector<double> &b = pre_b_y[i];
 // First treat all as an internal volume
  A.addTopRow(a_p(i, 0) * w_inv, -a_n(i, 0));
  A.addBottomRow(-a_s(i, Ny - 1), a_p(i, Ny - 1) * w_inv);
  for (unsigned int j = 1; j < Ny - 1; ++j)
   A.addMiddleRow(j, -a_s(i, j), a_p(i, j) * w_inv, -a_n(i, j));
 // Left Dirichlet
  if (i == 0)
    for (unsigned int j = 0; j < Ny; ++j)
      b[j] += T_L * a_w(i, j);
  // Top Dirichlet
 b[Ny - 1] += T_{-}T * a_{-}n(i, Ny - 1);
  // Bottom Dirichlet
 b[0] += T_B * a_s(i, 0);
}
void Conduction2D::solveRow(unsigned int j) {
 // Copy pre-filled Ax = b for this row
 A_x = pre_A_x[j];
  b_x = pre_b_x[j];
 // RHS contribution from volumes above and below
  if (j > 0)
    for (unsigned int i = 0; i < Nx; ++i)
      b_x[i] += T(i, j - 1) * a_s(i, j);
  if (j < Ny - 1)
    for (unsigned int i = 0; i < Nx; ++i)
      b_x[i] += T(i, j + 1) * a_n(i, j);
 // Relax, solve, and store solution (which is in b_{-}x)
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if (w_inv != 1)
    for (unsigned int i = 0; i < Nx; ++i)
      b_x[i] += (w_inv - 1.0) * a_p(i, j) * T(i, j);
 A_x.solveTDMA(b_x);
 T.setRow(j, b_x);
}
void Conduction2D::solveColumn(unsigned int i) {
 // Copy pre-filled Ax = b for this row
 A_y = pre_A_y[i];
 b_y = pre_b_y[i];
  // RHS contribution from volumes left and right
  if (i > 0)
    for (unsigned int j = 0; j < Ny; ++j)
     b_{y}[j] += T(i - 1, j) * a_{w}(i, j);
  if (i < Nx - 1)
    for (unsigned int j = 0; j < Ny; ++j)
      b_y[j] += T(i + 1, j) * a_e(i, j);
 // Relax, solve, and store solution (which is in b_{-}y)
  if (w_inv != 1)
    for (unsigned int j = 0; j < Ny; ++j)
      b_y[j] += (w_inv - 1.0) * a_p(i, j) * T(i, j);
  A_y.solveTDMA(b_y);
 T.setColumn(i, b_y);
}
double Conduction2D::computeResidual() const {
  double R = 0.0, val = 0.0;
  // Sum over all CVs
  for (unsigned int i = 0; i < Nx; ++i)
    for (unsigned int j = 0; j < Ny; ++j) {
      // Main diagonal contribution and pre-computed RHS (from BC)
      val = a_p(i, j) * T(i, j) - pre_b_y[i][j];
      // Not on left boundary
      if (i > 0)
       val -= a_w(i, j) * T(i - 1, j);
      // Not on right boundary
      if (i < Nx - 1)
       val -= a_e(i, j) * T(i + 1, j);
      // Not on bottom boundary
      if (j > 0)
       val -= a_s(i, j) * T(i, j - 1);
      // Not top boundary
      if (j < Ny - 1)
        val -= a_n(i, j) * T(i, j + 1);
      R += std::abs(val);
    }
  return R;
```

#### Matrix.h

#ifndef MATRIX
#define MATRIX

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#define NDEBUG
#include <cassert>
#include <vector>
class Matrix {
public:
  Matrix(unsigned int Nx, unsigned int Ny, double v = 0)
      : Nx(Nx), Ny(Ny), M(Nx, std::vector<double>(Ny, v)) {}
  // Const operator for getting the (i, j) element
  const double \&operator()(unsigned int i, unsigned int j) const {
   assert(i < Nx && j < Ny);
    return M[i][j];
  }
  // Operator for getting the (i, j) element
  double &operator()(unsigned int i, unsigned int j) {
   assert(i < Nx \&\& j < Ny);
    return M[i][j];
  }
  // Operator for setting the entire matrix to a value
  void operator=(double v) {
    for (unsigned int j = 0; j < Ny; ++j)
      setRow(j, v);
  }
  // Saves the matrix in csv format
  void save(const std::string filename, unsigned int precision = 12) const {
    std::ofstream f;
    f.open(filename);
    for (unsigned int j = 0; j < Ny; ++j) {
      for (unsigned int i = 0; i < Nx; ++i) {
        if (i > 0)
          f << ",";
        f << std::setprecision(precision) << M[i][j];</pre>
     }
      f << std::endl;
   }
    f.close();
  // Set the j-th row to v
  void setRow(unsigned int j, double v) {
    assert(j < Ny);</pre>
    for (unsigned int i = 0; i < Nx; ++i)
     M[i][j] = v;
  // Set the i-th column to v
  void setColumn(unsigned int i, double v) {
    assert(i < Nx);</pre>
    for (unsigned int j = 0; j < Ny; ++j)
      M[i][j] = v;
  }
  // Set the j-th row to vs
  void setRow(unsigned int j, std::vector<double> &vs) {
    assert(j < Ny \&\& vs.size() == Nx);
    for (unsigned int i = 0; i < Nx; ++i)
     M[i][j] = vs[i];
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}
  // Set the i-th column to vs
  void setColumn(unsigned int i, std::vector<double> &vs) {
    assert(i < Nx && vs.size() == Ny);</pre>
    for (unsigned int j = 0; j < Ny; ++j)
      M[i][j] = vs[j];
private:
  // The size of this matrix
  const unsigned int Nx, Ny;
  // Matrix storage
  std::vector<std::vector<double> > M;
};
#endif /* MATRIX_H */
TriDiagonal.h
#ifndef TRIDIAGONAL_H
#define TRIDIAGONAL_H
#define NDEBUG
#include <cassert>
* Class that holds a tri-diagonal matrix and is able to perform TDMA in place
* with a given RHS.
*/
class TriDiagonal {
public:
  TriDiagonal(unsigned int N, double v = 0)
      : N(N), A(N, v), B(N, v), C(N - 1, v) {}
  // Operator for setting the entire matrix to a value
  void operator=(TriDiagonal & from) {
   assert(from.getN() == N);
   A = from.getA();
   B = from.getB();
   C = from.getC();
  }
  // Gets the value of the (i, j) entry
  const double operator()(unsigned int i, unsigned int j) const {
    assert(i < N \&\& j > i - 2 \&\& j < i + 2);
    if (j == i - 1)
      return A[i];
    else if (j == i)
      return B[i];
    else if (j == i + 1)
      return C[i];
      std::cerr << "(" << i << "," << j << ") out of TriDiagonal system";
      std::terminate();
    }
  }
```

```
// Adders for the top, middle, and bottom rows
  void addTopRow(double b, double c) {
   B[0] += b;
   C[0] += c;
  }
  void addMiddleRow(unsigned int i, double a, double b, double c) {
   assert(i < N - 1 && i != 0);
   A[i] += a;
   B[i] += b;
   C[i] += c;
  void addBottomRow(double a, double b) {
   A[N - 1] += a;
   B[N - 1] += b;
  // Getters for the raw vectors
  const std::vector<double> &getA() const { return A; }
  const std::vector<double> &getB() const { return B; }
  const std::vector<double> &getC() const { return C; }
 // Getter for the size
  unsigned int getN() { return N; }
  // Solves the system Ax = d in place where d eventually stores the solution
  void solveTDMA(std::vector<double> &d) {
   // Forward sweep
   double tmp = 0;
   for (unsigned int i = 1; i < N; ++i) {
     tmp = A[i] / B[i - 1];
     B[i] -= tmp * C[i - 1];
     d[i] -= tmp * d[i - 1];
   // Backward sweep
   d[N - 1] /= B[N - 1];
   for (unsigned int i = N - 2; i != std::numeric_limits<unsigned int>::max();
     d[i] -= C[i] * d[i + 1];
     d[i] /= B[i];
   }
  }
protected:
 // Matrix size (N x N)
  unsigned int N;
 // Left/main/right diagonal storage
 std::vector<double> A, B, C;
};
#endif /* TRIDIAGONAL_H */
```