

Homework 7
ME 581
Due: 4:15 PM December 7, 2017

The following problems are to be documented, solved, and presented in a Jupyter notebook.

On-Campus students: Save the notebook as a single PDF, then print and return a hard copy in class.

Off-Campus students: Save the notebook as a single PDF, then upload and submit the PDF in Blackboard. The name of the file should be SURNAME-HW7.pdf.

For problems 1 to 3

Approximate the solution of the following boundary value problems using the finite central difference method. Plot the approximate solution.

Problem 1

$$u'' = -(x+1)u' + 2u + (1-x^2)e^{-x}, \quad u(0) = -1, u(1) = 0$$

Problem 2

$$u'' + 3u' = x^2 + \sin x, \quad u(-5) = 10, \quad u(13.2) = 23$$

Problem 3

$$\frac{1}{\rho^2} \frac{d}{d\rho} \left(\rho^2 \frac{du}{d\rho} \right) = -1, \quad u(1) = 0, \quad u(2) = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Problem 4

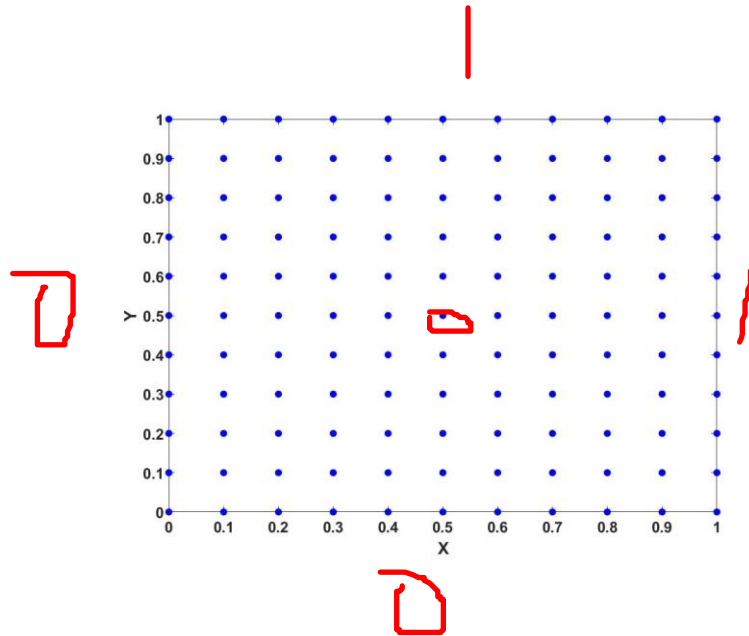
Consider solving finite difference solution of the given Poisson equation.

$$u_{xx} + u_{yy} = x + y$$

on the unit square using the mesh shown below ($\Delta x = 0.1$ and $\Delta y = 0.1$), subject to the boundary conditions,

$$\begin{aligned} u(0, y) &= 0 \\ u(1, y) &= 1 \\ u(x, 0) &= 0 \\ u(x, 1) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Use a second-order accurate, centered finite-difference scheme to compute the approximate solution. Show the contours of final solution u on x - y plot.



Problem 5

An aquifer is located between two rivers, and fluctuations in the water table are monitored at two wells located 1100 meters apart. During a flood, the rise in the water table as measured at both wells was found to be

$$r(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{5}{3}t, & t \leq 3 \\ 5e^{-(t-3)/5}, & t > 3 \end{cases}$$

where r is measured in meters, and t is measured in days. The change in the water table, $h(x, t)$, as a result of the flood is modeled by the following partial differential equation

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2}, \quad h(x, 0) = 0, h(0, t) = h(1100, t) = r(t)$$

The hydraulic diffusivity of the soil has been experimentally determined to be

$$\alpha = 0.0059 \frac{m^2}{s} = 509.76 \frac{m^2}{day}$$

- Determine $h(x, t)$ at the peak of the flood, $t=3$.
- Plot $h(x, t)$ for $t=10$, $t=15$, and $t=20$.