

ME581 Homework 7

Instructions:

- Solve the following problems in a Jupyter Notebook
- Save the notebook as a single PDF, then upload and submit the PDF in Gradescope
- Write your own codes to carry out the following PDEs. You can use linear algebra libraries such as `linalg.solve()`, `linalg.inv()`, and also the corresponding solvers in matlab if you need.

Problem 1

Given the following first-order partial differential equation:

$$5 \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + k \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = q x, \quad 0 \leq x < \infty, t \geq 0$$

with the initial/boundary conditions:

$$u(x, 0) = \sin(2\pi x/L)$$

$$u(0, t) = 0$$

Apply an explicit first-order finite difference method with a spatial discretization of $\Delta x = 0.05$ and a temporal discretization of $\Delta t = 0.005$ to approximate the function $u(x, t)$ for $0 < t < 3$ sec. Graph the function $u(x, t)$ at 1 sec intervals from $x = 0$ to $x = 3$ m (all in one plot). Use $k = 0.5$ m/s, $q = 2$ /m, and $L = 1$ m.

Problem 2

Consider a vibrating string fixed at both ends occupying the interval $0 \leq x \leq l$. Suppose the string is plucked in the middle in such a way that its initial displacement $u(x, 0)$ is $2mx/l$ for $0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}l$ and $2m(l-x)/l$ for $\frac{1}{2}l \leq x \leq l$ (so the maximum displacement, at $x = \frac{1}{2}l$, is m), and its initial velocity $u_t(x, 0)$ is zero. The problem can be represented as a wave equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

subject to the following conditions:

$$u(0, t) = u(l, t) = 0$$
$$u(x, 0) = \begin{cases} 2mx/l, & 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}l \\ 2m(l-x)/l, & \frac{1}{2}l \leq x \leq l \end{cases}$$

$$u_t(x, 0) = 0$$

Find the displacement $u(x, t)$ in the time interval $(0, 10)$ using finite difference method with 500 space and time steps. Plot the displacement at 0, 2.5, 5, 7.5, 10s (one plot for each). Use the following constants: $l = 10\text{m}$, $c = 1\text{m/s}$, $m = 1\text{m}$.

Problem 3

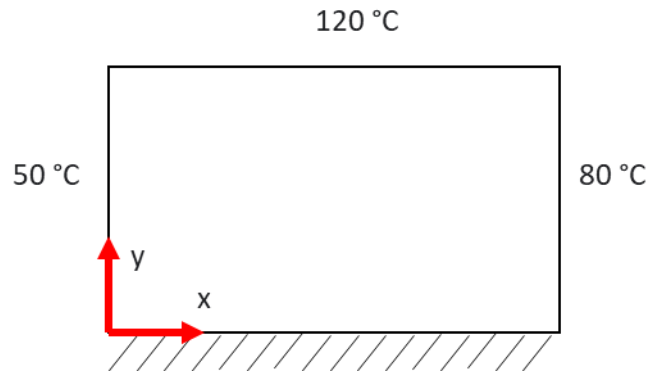
The temperature distribution of a rectangular heated plate satisfies the Laplace equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} = 0 \text{ on } R = \{(x, y) | 0 < x < 2 \text{ m}, 0 < y < 1 \text{ m}\}$$

The boundary conditions are shown in the figure. The plate's bottom boundary is insulated ($\frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = 0$ on $y = 0$), and the temperature is fixed in the other boundaries.

Use second order central finite difference method with $dx = dy = 0.05 \text{ m}$ to approximate the temperature distribution. Graph the following:

- The temperature vs y along $x = 0.5 \text{ m}$
- The temperature vs x along $y = 0.2 \text{ m}$
- Contour plot of the temperature distribution $T(x, y)$.



Problem 4

Consider the Poisson problem:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = x + y$$

on the region $(1 < x < 2)$, $(0 < y < 1)$ subject to the boundary conditions:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x, 0) &= 0 \\ u(x, 1) &= \ln(x + 4) \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(1, y) &= \frac{2}{y^2 + 1} \\ u(2, y) &= \ln(y^2 + 1)\end{aligned}$$

Apply the finite difference method with spacing $\Delta x = \Delta y = 0.05$ to calculate an approximation to the solution $u(x, y)$.

- Plot the approximated solution $u(x = 2, y)$ along the y axis.
- Plot the approximated solution $u(x, y = 0.5)$ along the x axis.
- Graph a contour-plot of the approximated solution $u(x, y)$.