

Equilibrium Temperature Distributions using Linear Algebra

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Introduction

- The heat equation and Laplace's equation [1].
- Objective: Study equilibrium temperature distributions.
- Numerical solutions using Linear Algebra.

Problem

Problem Statement

- Given temperature on boundaries of a plate.
- Determine temperature inside the plate.
- Solve steady-state heat equation ($\Delta u = 0$) numerically.

Solution

Solution Overview

- Discretize problem on an $n \times n$ grid.
- Apply mean-value property of Laplace's equation [2].
- Formulate system of linear equations.
- Solve numerically using inverse matrix or Jacobi iteration.

Inverse Matrix Method

- Rewrite system of equations using matrix notation.
- Calculate inverse of $(I - M)$.
- Obtain solution vector \mathbf{t} .

Jacobi Iteration Method

- Iteratively update temperature values.
- Convergence criteria: $\|\mathbf{t}_{\text{new}} - \mathbf{t}\| < \text{tol}$.
- Provide initial guess, tolerance, and maximum iterations.

Implementation

Implementation Details

- Code implemented in Python using NumPy [3].
- Version control with Git and hosted on GitHub.
- Modular code structure for clarity.

- `main.py`: Main script for running the program.
- `matrix_solvers.py`: Functions for solving the system of equations.
- `temperature_solver.py`: Functions for solving the heat equation.
- `plotting.py`: Functions for plotting the results.

Importing libraries

```
1 import numpy as np
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3 from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D
```

```
1 def calculate_inverse_solution(A, b):  
2     A_inverse = np.linalg.inv(A)  
3     x = np.dot(A_inverse, b)  
4     return x
```

```

1 def jacobi_iteration(A, b, x0=None, tol=1e-6, max_iter=1000):
2     n = len(b)
3     x = x0 if x0 is not None else np.zeros(n)
4     z_iter = np.zeros((max_iter, n))
5
6     for k in range(max_iter):
7         x_new = np.zeros_like(x)
8
9         for i in range(n):
10             sigma = np.dot(A[i, :i], x[:i]) + np.dot(A[i, i + 1 :],
11                 x[i + 1 :])
12             x_new[i] = (b[i] - sigma) / A[i, i]
13             z_iter[k] = x_new
14
15         if np.linalg.norm(x_new - x) < tol:
16             return x_new, k + 1, z_iter[:k + 1]
17
18         x = x_new
19
20     raise ValueError(

```


Temperature Solver

```
1 def generate_coefficient_matrix(size, left_temp, up_temp,
2   right_temp, down_temp):
3     matrix = np.zeros((size * size, size * size))
4     rhs_vector = np.zeros(size * size)
5     for row in range(size):
6         for col in range(size):
7             point_num = size * row + col
8             if col - 1 >= 0:
9                 matrix[point_num][point_num - 1] = 1
10            else:
11                rhs_vector[point_num] += left_temp
12            if row - 1 >= 0:
13                matrix[point_num][point_num - size] = 1
```

```
1         else:
2             rhs_vector[point_num] += up_temp
3         if col + 1 < size:
4             matrix[point_num][point_num + 1] = 1
5         else:
6             rhs_vector[point_num] += right_temp
7         if row + 1 < size:
8             matrix[point_num][point_num + size] = 1
9         else:
10            rhs_vector[point_num] += down_temp
11     return matrix, rhs_vector
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```

```
1 def solve_temperature_equation(size, left_temp, up_temp,
2   right_temp, down_temp):
3     coefficient_matrix, rhs_vector = generate_coefficient_matrix(
4       size, left_temp, up_temp, right_temp, down_temp
5     )
6     temperature_solution = calculate_inverse_solution(
7       4 * np.identity(size * size) - coefficient_matrix,
8       rhs_vector
9     )
10    return temperature_solution
```

Plotting

```
1 def plot_temperature_distribution_2d(size, temperature):  
2     plt.imshow(  
3         temperature.reshape(size, size), cmap="RdYlBu_r",  
4         interpolation="gaussian"  
5     )  
6     plt.colorbar()  
7     plt.contour(temperature.reshape(size, size), cmap="hot")  
8     plt.title("Temperature Distribution")  
9     plt.xlabel("Column Index")  
10    plt.ylabel("Row Index")  
11    plt.show()
```

```
1 def plot_temperature_distribution_3d(size, temperature):
2     fig = plt.figure()
3     ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection="3d")
4     x = np.arange(0, size, 1)
5     y = np.arange(0, size, 1)
6     X, Y = np.meshgrid(x, y)
7     ax.plot_surface(X, Y, temperature.reshape(size, size),
8                     cmap="RdYlBu_r", alpha=0.75)
9     ax.contour(X, Y, temperature.reshape(size, size), cmap="hot")
10    ax.set_title("Temperature Distribution")
11    ax.set_xlabel("Column Index")
12    ax.set_ylabel("Row Index")
13    ax.set_zlabel("Temperature")
    plt.show()
```

Results

Numerical Results

- Tested on various boundary conditions.
- Visualized temperature distributions in 2D and 3D.

Results: Example 1

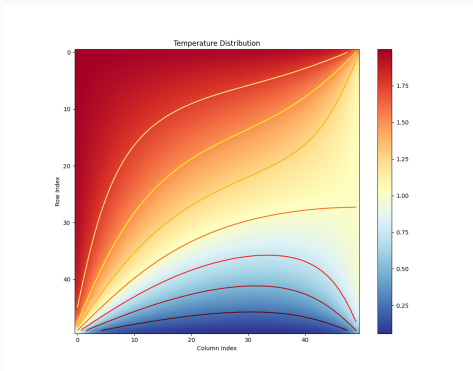


Figure 1: Boundaries $T_{\text{left}} = 2$, $T_{\text{up}} = 2$, $T_{\text{right}} = 1$, $T_{\text{down}} = 0$

Results: Example 1

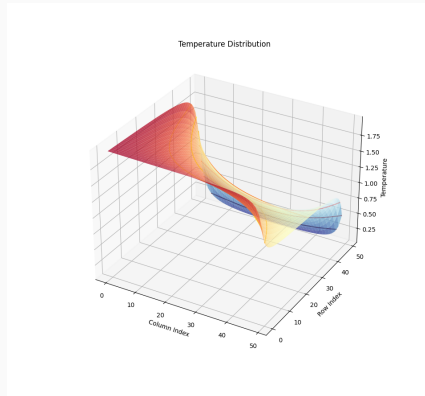


Figure 2: Boundaries $T_{\text{left}} = 2$, $T_{\text{up}} = 2$, $T_{\text{right}} = 1$, $T_{\text{down}} = 0$

Results: Example 2

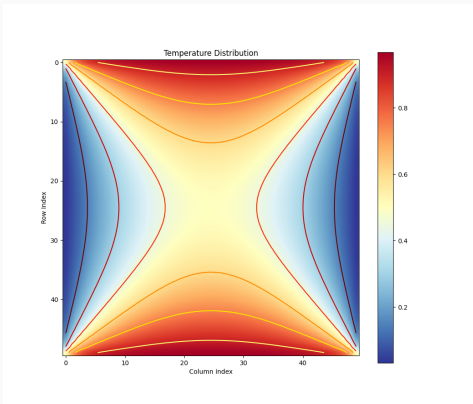


Figure 3: Boundaries $T_{\text{left}} = 0$, $T_{\text{up}} = 1$, $T_{\text{right}} = 0$, $T_{\text{down}} = 1$

Results: Example 2

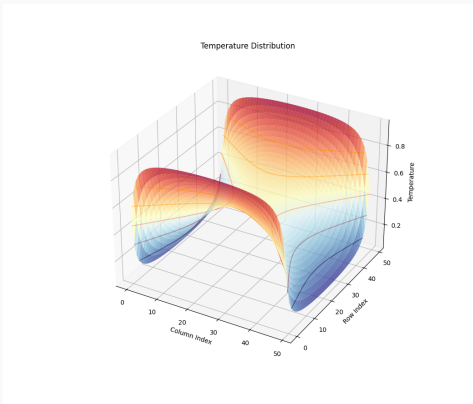


Figure 4: Boundaries $T_{\text{left}} = 0, T_{\text{up}} = 1, T_{\text{right}} = 0, T_{\text{down}} = 1$

Conclusion

- Linear algebra techniques for solving heat distribution problems.
- Insights gained from numerical solutions.
- Future work: Extend to more complex geometries.

Complementary Resources

- Code Repository: <https://github.com/salastro/etd-la>
- Iterations Video: <https://youtu.be/Zn6hnecikcc>

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