

← Laplace Equation.

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right) = 0 \longrightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

Which satisfies over a domain of $[0, 1; 0, 1]$ the following conditions:

$$u(0, y) = u(1, y) = 0 \text{ and } u(x, 0) = \cos(x) \text{ and } u(x, 1) = 2 \cos(x)$$

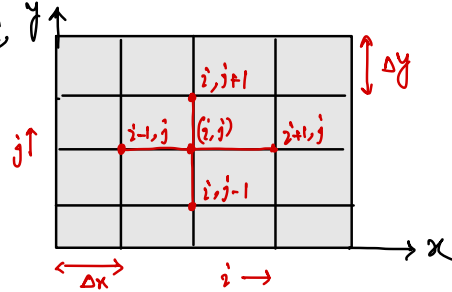
The central difference scheme :

In this method, we try to approximate the partial derivatives with central difference scheme.

We can approximate the derivatives, ∇ as central finite difference in first order as,

$$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)_{i,j} = \frac{u_{i+1,j} - u_{i-1,j}}{\Delta x}$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)_{i,j} = \frac{u_{i,j+1} - u_{i,j-1}}{\Delta y}$$



\therefore equation $\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow$

$$\frac{u_{i+1,j} - u_{i-1,j}}{\Delta x} + \frac{u_{i,j+1} - u_{i,j-1}}{\Delta y} = 0 \longrightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

if we take, $\Delta x = \Delta y$

\therefore equation $\textcircled{2} \Rightarrow$

$$u_{i+1,j} - u_{i-1,j} + u_{i,j+1} - u_{i,j-1} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4u_{i,j} = u_{i+1,j} + u_{i-1,j} + u_{i,j+1} + u_{i,j-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow u_{i,j} = \frac{1}{4} [u_{i+1,j} + u_{i-1,j} + u_{i,j+1} + u_{i,j-1}]$$



Boundary conditions :

$$\text{Given, } u(0, y) = u(1, y) = 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = \cos x$$

$$u(x, 1) = 2\cos x$$

The boundary conditions are non-homogeneous in nature. Hence, we try to take the approach similar to what we did for separation of variable.