

shooting method example

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- analytic solution:

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- shooting method

transform 2nd-order into a 1st-order system

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dy}{dx} = z \\ \frac{dz}{dx} = 2y \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} y(0) = 1 \\ z(1) = 0 \end{cases}$$

- transform to an initial value problem with a trial hypothesis to start u

$$\begin{cases} y(0) = 1 \\ z(0) = u \end{cases}$$

- iterate equation solutions with RK4 method through all the x interval and retrieve the value for z function at the boundary

$$z_{iter}(1) \equiv g(u)$$

- solve the following equation in order to find the right initial value providing the boundary condition $z(1) = 0$

$$z(1) - g(u) = 0$$

root finding algorithm will provide iterated u_i 's for introducing on RK4

shooting method example

- first iteration on root finding (RK4)

$$y(0) = 1, z(0) = 0$$

x	y	z
0	1	0
0.2	1.04027	0.405333
0.4	1.1643	0.84331
0.6	1.3821	1.3492
0.8	1.71119	1.96373
1	2.17807	2.73641

- second iteration on root finding (RK4)

$$y(0) = 1, z(0) = -2$$

x	y	z
0	1	-2
0.2	0.634933	-1.6752
0.4	0.320993	-1.4853
0.6	0.0328983	-1.41499
0.8	-0.252549	-1.45864
1	-0.558335	-1.61974

- secant method: find next initial value iteration

$$\begin{cases} u_0 = 0 & g(0) = 2.73641 \\ u_1 = -2 & g(-2) = -1.61974 \end{cases}$$

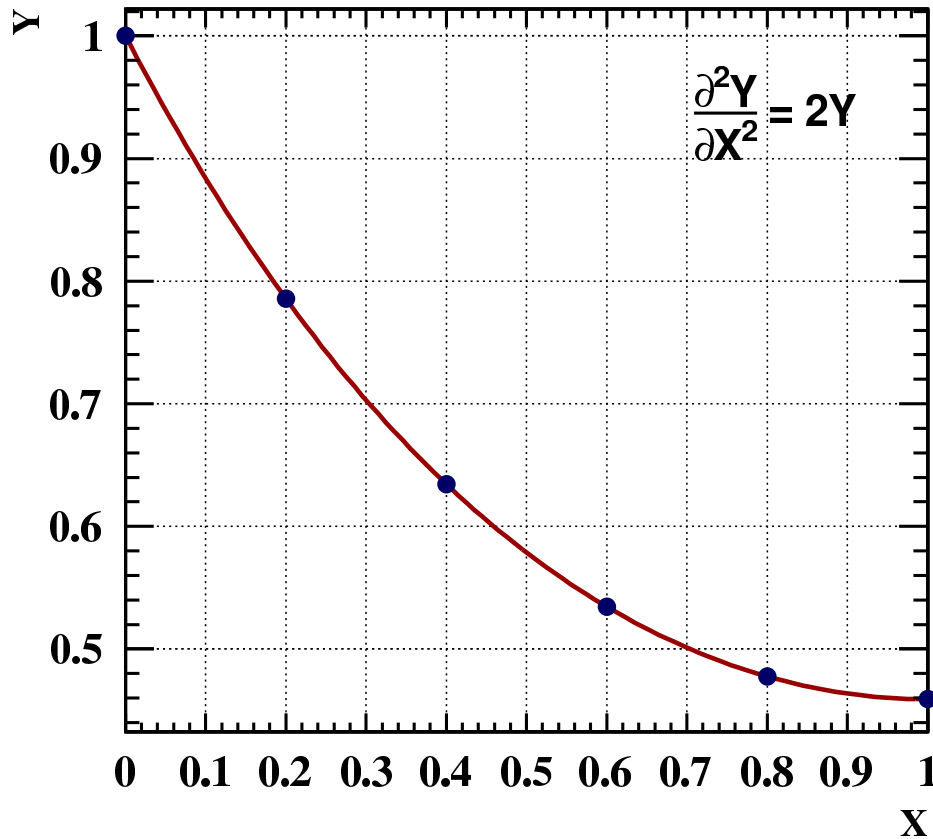
$$u_2 = u_1 - g(u_1) \frac{u_1 - u_0}{g(u_1) - g(u_0)} = -2 + 1.62 \frac{-2 - 0}{-1.62 - 2.736} = -1.256$$

- third iteration on root finding (RK4)

$$y(0) = 1, z(0) = -1.256$$

x	y	z
0	1	-1.25634
0.2	0.785648	-0.901599
0.4	0.634559	-0.619454
0.6	0.534568	-0.38719
0.8	0.477623	-0.186103
1	0.459138	3.05311e-16

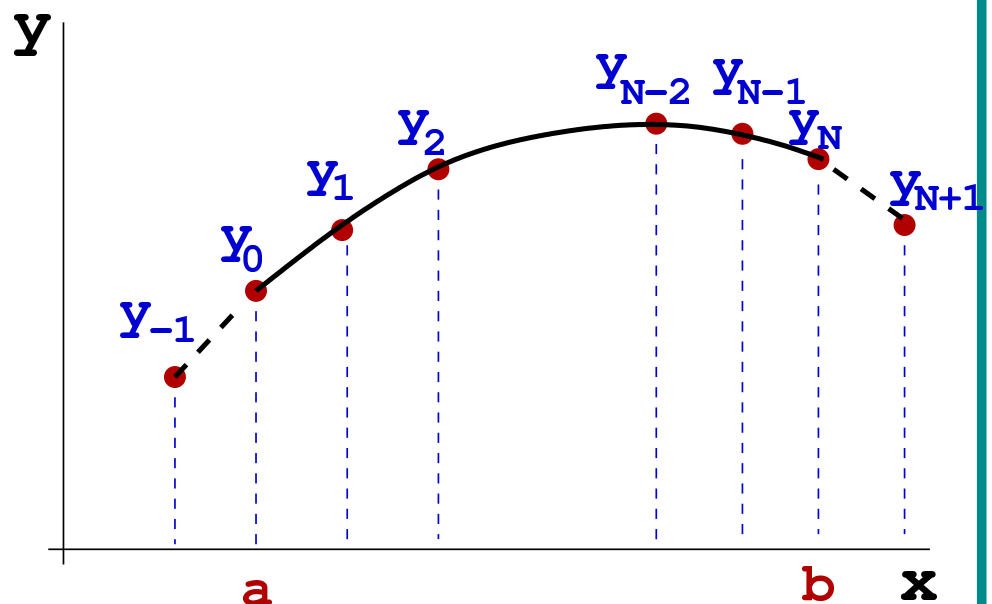
shooting method: solution



BV problems: finite-differences

In the finite-difference method, the independent variable (x) is discretized and we transform the differential equation into a set of algebraic equations

the purpose of the equation system is to find the function value at every mesh point





BV problems: finite-differences

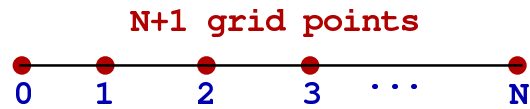
- ✓ discretize the interval $x \in [a, b]$ in $N + 1$ grid points: $k = 0, \dots, N$

grid spacing $h = \frac{b-a}{N}$

- ✓ using the central difference derivative at the grid points

$$y''(x_k) \equiv y''_k = \frac{y_{k+1} - 2y_k + y_{k-1}}{h^2}$$

$$y'(x_k) \equiv y'_k = \frac{y_{k+1} - y_{k-1}}{2h}$$



- ✓ the differential equation becomes for the inner grid points $k = 1, \dots, N - 1$

$$a(x) y''(x) + b(x) y'(x) + c(x) y(x) = f(x)$$

$$a_k \frac{y_{k+1} - 2y_k + y_{k-1}}{h^2} + b_k \frac{y_{k+1} - y_{k-1}}{2h} + c_k y_k = f_k$$

sorting the y_k terms, we define a set of linear equations:

$$\left(\frac{a_k}{h^2} - \frac{b_k}{2h} \right) y_{k-1} + \left(c_k - 2 \frac{a_k}{h^2} \right) y_k + \left(\frac{a_k}{h^2} + \frac{b_k}{2h} \right) y_{k+1} = f_k \quad k = 1, \dots, N - 1$$



BV problems: finite-differences (cont.)

- ✓ the boundary problem reduces to a system of linear equations at the inner mesh points:

$$\begin{cases} \left(\frac{a_1}{h^2} - \frac{b_1}{2h} \right) y_0 + \left(c_1 - 2 \frac{a_1}{h^2} \right) y_1 + \left(\frac{a_1}{h^2} + \frac{b_1}{2h} \right) y_2 = f_1 & (k=1) \\ \left(\frac{a_2}{h^2} - \frac{b_2}{2h} \right) y_1 + \left(c_2 - 2 \frac{a_2}{h^2} \right) y_2 + \left(\frac{a_2}{h^2} + \frac{b_2}{2h} \right) y_3 = f_2 & (k=2) \\ \dots + \dots + \dots = \dots & \\ \left(\frac{a_{N-1}}{h^2} - \frac{b_{N-1}}{2h} \right) y_{N-2} + \left(c_3 - 2 \frac{a_{N-1}}{h^2} \right) y_{N-1} + \left(\frac{a_{N-1}}{h^2} + \frac{b_{N-1}}{2h} \right) y_N = f_{N-1} & (k=N-1) \end{cases}$$

The boundary conditions:

$$\begin{cases} y(a) = \lambda_1 & \text{or} & y'(a) = \lambda_1 \\ y(b) = \lambda_2 & \text{or} & y'(b) = \lambda_2 \end{cases}$$

The boundary conditions approximating the derivatives:

$$\begin{cases} y(a) = \lambda_1 & \text{or} & \frac{y_1 - y_{-1}}{2h} = \lambda_1 \\ y(b) = \lambda_2 & \text{or} & \frac{y_{N+1} - y_{N-1}}{2h} = \lambda_2 \end{cases}$$

BV problems: finite-differences (cont.)

✓ Two additional equations are added at the extreme mesh points:

- ▶ either we know immediately the solutions y_0 and y_N from the boundary conditions, and the two equations are:

$$y_0 = \lambda_1$$

$$y_N = \lambda_2$$

- ▶ or if the boundary conditions are derivatives, we introduce new equations at the extreme mesh points,

$$(k=0) \quad \left(\frac{a_0}{h^2} - \frac{b_0}{2h}\right)y_{-1} + \left(c_0 - 2\frac{a_0}{h^2}\right)y_0 + \left(\frac{a_0}{h^2} + \frac{b_0}{2h}\right)y_1 = f_0$$

$$(k=N) \quad \left(\frac{a_N}{h^2} - \frac{b_N}{2h}\right)y_{N-1} + \left(c_N - 2\frac{a_N}{h^2}\right)y_N + \left(\frac{a_N}{h^2} + \frac{b_N}{2h}\right)y_{N+1} = f_N$$

The additional mesh points y_{-1} and y_{N+1} outside the equation range $[a, b]$ can be eliminated from the boundary conditions,

$$(k=0) \quad \begin{aligned} \left(\frac{a_0}{h^2} - \frac{b_0}{2h}\right)(y_1 - 2h\lambda_1) + \left(c_0 - 2\frac{a_0}{h^2}\right)y_0 + \left(\frac{a_0}{h^2} + \frac{b_0}{2h}\right)y_1 &= f_0 \\ \left(c_0 - 2\frac{a_0}{h^2}\right)y_0 + \left(2\frac{a_0}{h^2}\right)y_1 &= f_0 + 2h\lambda_1 \left(\frac{a_0}{h^2} - \frac{b_0}{2h}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$(k=N) \quad \begin{aligned} \left(\frac{a_N}{h^2} - \frac{b_N}{2h}\right)y_{N-1} + \left(c_N - 2\frac{a_N}{h^2}\right)y_N + \left(\frac{a_N}{h^2} + \frac{b_N}{2h}\right)(y_{N-1} + 2h\lambda_2) &= f_N \\ \left(2\frac{a_N}{h^2}\right)y_{N-1} + \left(c_N - 2\frac{a_N}{h^2}\right)y_N &= f_N - 2h\lambda_2 \left(\frac{a_N}{h^2} - \frac{b_N}{2h}\right) \end{aligned}$$

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✓ finite-difference method

discretize x variable in the range where we want to solve the differential equation $[0, 1]$

using a step $h = 0.1$, the range is divided in **10** sub-intervals and the grid points are $x_i = 0, \dots, 10$

✓ In the inner mesh points, $x_i = 1, \dots, 9$ the discretization of the differential equation $y''(x) = 2y$ provides the following set of equations:

$$2y_i = \frac{y_{i+1} - 2y_i + y_{i-1}}{h^2} \quad (i = 1, \dots, 9)$$

$$\boxed{y_{i+1} - 2y_i(1 + h^2) + y_{i-1} = 0} \quad (i = 1, \dots, 9)$$

till now we have **9** equations for **11** ($y_i = y_0, \dots, y_{10}$) unknowns

✓ an additional equation is provided by the first boundary condition

$$\boxed{y(0) = 1} \quad (i = 0)$$

✓ other equation is provided by the other boundary condition

$$\boxed{y'(1) = 0} \quad \frac{y_{11} - y_9}{2h} = 0 \Rightarrow y_{11} = y_9$$

and the discretized differential equation defined on the last mesh point $i = 10$

$$y_{11} - 2y_{10}(1 + h^2) + y_9 = 0 \quad (\text{as, } y_{11} = y_9)$$

$$y_9 - 2y_{10}(1 + h^2) + y_9 = 0$$

$$\boxed{y_9 - y_{10}(1 + h^2) = 0}$$



finite-difference method: example

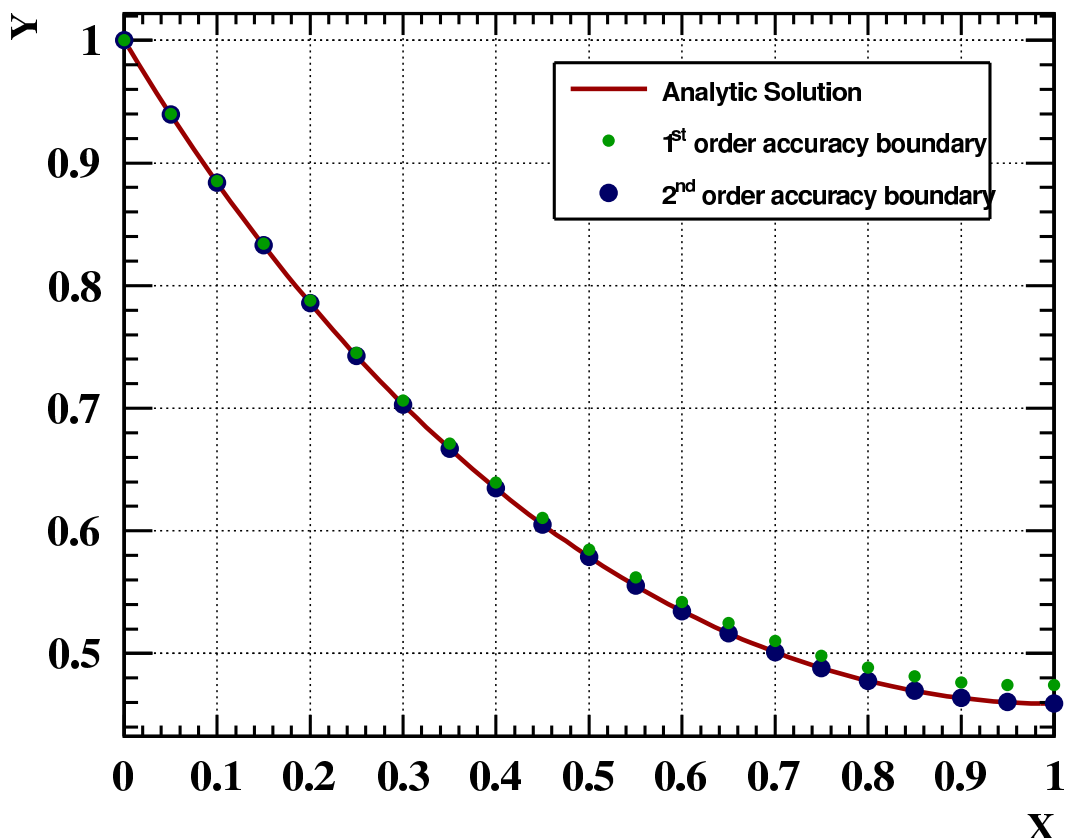
the system of equations to solve (using for instance LU decomposition)

$$\begin{aligned}
 i = 1 & : & -2(1 + h^2)y_1 + y_2 & = -y_0 \\
 i = 2 & : & y_1 - 2(1 + h^2)y_2 + y_3 & = 0 \\
 i = 3 & : & y_2 - 2(1 + h^2)y_3 + y_4 & = 0 \\
 & & \vdots & = \vdots \\
 i = 9 & : & y_8 - 2(1 + h^2)y_9 + y_{10} & = 0 \\
 \text{boundary condition eq} & : & y_9 - (1 + h^2)y_{10} & = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix}
 -2(1 + h^2) & +1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 +1 & -2(1 + h^2) & +1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & +1 & -2(1 + h^2) & +1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & +1 & (1 + h^2) & 0
 \end{pmatrix}
 \begin{pmatrix}
 y_1 \\
 y_2 \\
 y_3 \\
 \vdots \\
 y_{10}
 \end{pmatrix}
 =
 \begin{pmatrix}
 -y_0 \\
 0 \\
 0 \\
 \vdots \\
 0
 \end{pmatrix}$$



finite-differ method: example (cont.)





Heat conduction in rod

- ✓ We are going to solve the stationary heat equation for a cylindrical rod of length L :

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \right) T = 0$$

- ✓ it is a one-dimensional problem if the rod cylinder is perfectly isolated

$$\frac{d^2 T}{dx^2} = 0 \quad x \in [0, L]$$

$$T(x=0) = T_a$$

$$T(x=L) = T_b$$

- ✓ Analytical solution:

$$T(x) = T_a + \frac{T_b - T_a}{L} x$$

Numerical solution

Let's use 6 grid points: $n = 0, \dots, 5$

$$T_{n+1} - 2T_n + T_{n-1} = 0 \quad (n=1, \dots, 4)$$

boundary values: $T_0 = T_a$ and $T_5 = T_b$

$$T_2 - 2T_1 + T_0 = 0 \quad (n=1)$$

$$T_3 - 2T_2 + T_1 = 0 \quad (n=2)$$

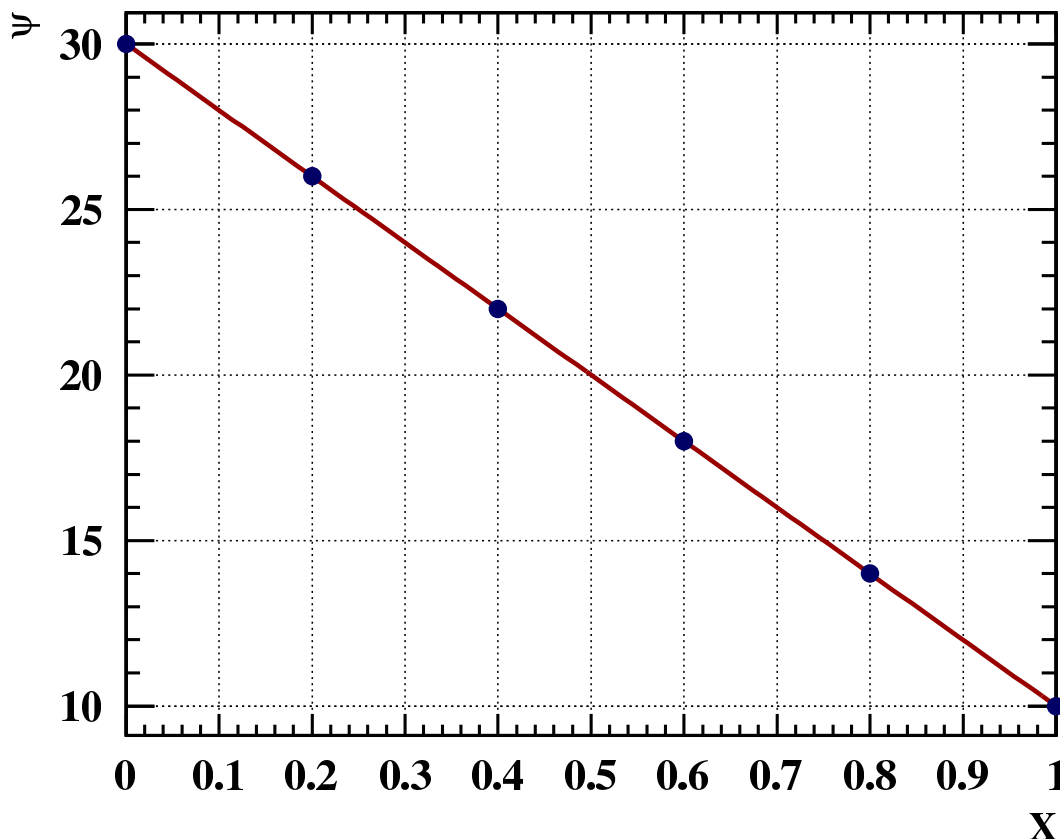
$$T_4 - 2T_3 + T_2 = 0 \quad (n=3)$$

$$T_5 - 2T_4 + T_3 = 0 \quad (n=4)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & +1 & 0 & 0 \\ +1 & -2 & +1 & 0 \\ 0 & +1 & -2 & +1 \\ 0 & 0 & +1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} T_1 \\ T_2 \\ T_3 \\ T_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -T_a \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -T_b \end{bmatrix}$$



Heat equation: finite-differences





other examples

- ✓ schrodinger equation

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{4\pi^2m} \frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + V(x)\psi(x) = E\psi(x)$$

- ✓ Poisson equation

$$\frac{d^2\phi}{dx^2} = f(x)$$



Computational Physics

Partial Differential Equations

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Partial Differential Equations

- Physical quantities vary in time and space

$$u(t, x, y)$$

- The most general form for a two-independent variable partial derivative equation

$$a \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2b \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + c \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + f(x, y, u, \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}) = 0$$

- one distinguish three types of equations

hyperbolic	$ac - b^2 < 0$
parabolic	$ac - b^2 = 0$
elliptic	$ac - b^2 > 0$

hyperbolic

$$c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = f(t, x) \quad \text{wave eq}$$

$$c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - a \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = f(t, x) \quad \text{wave damping}$$

parabolic

$$D \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = f(t, x) \quad \text{diffusion eq}$$

elliptic

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = -\rho(t, x) \quad \text{Poisson eq}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} - \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} U(x) = 0 \quad \text{Schroedinger eq}$$

Poisson equation

- Maxwell equations relate electromagnetic fields (\vec{E} and \vec{B}) with their sources (charges and electric currents)
- The **Poisson equation** relates the electric potential ($\varphi(\vec{r})$) with the electric charge distribution ($\rho(\vec{r})$)

$$\begin{cases} \nabla \cdot \vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\rho(\vec{r})}{\epsilon_0} \\ \vec{E}(\vec{r}) = -\nabla\varphi(\vec{r}) \end{cases}$$

$$\nabla^2 \varphi = \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial z^2} = -\frac{\rho(\vec{r})}{\epsilon_0}$$

- The **laplace equation**:

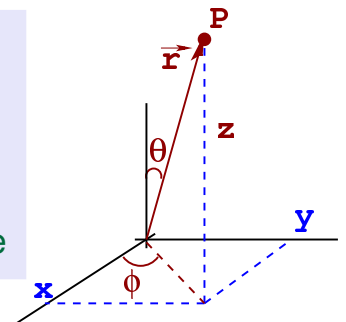
$$\nabla^2 \varphi = \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

spherical coordinates

r = radius

θ = polar angle

ϕ = azimuthal angle



Laplace equation:

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \phi^2} = 0$$

Potential only function of r :

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right) = 0 \Rightarrow r^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} = k \Rightarrow \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} = \frac{k}{r^2}$$

$$V(r) = -\frac{k}{r} + b \quad [V(r = \infty) = 0 \Rightarrow b = 0]$$

$$V(r) = -\frac{k}{r}$$

Poisson equation: numerical solution

ONE-DIMENSIONAL PROBLEM

$$\frac{d^2 V}{dx^2} = f(x)$$

$$\frac{V(x_n-h) - 2V(x_n) + V(x_n+h)}{h^2} = f(x_n)$$

$$V_{n-1} - 2V_n + V_{n+1} = h^2 f_n$$

inner grid points: $n = 1, 2, \dots, N-1$

Boundary conditions:

$$V(x = x_0) = V_0$$

$$V(x = x_N) = V_1$$

Set of equations

$$(n = 1) \quad V_0 - 2V_1 + V_2 = h^2 f_1$$

$$(n = 2) \quad V_1 - 2V_2 + V_3 = h^2 f_2$$

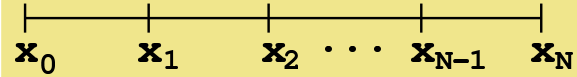
$$\vdots$$

$$(n = N-1) \quad V_{N-2} - 2V_{N-1} + V_N = h^2 f_{N-1}$$

discretization

N intervals: $N + 1$ grid points

$$n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N$$



matrix equations

unknowns: V_1, V_2, \dots, V_{N-1}

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & +1 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ +1 & -2 & +1 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & +1 & -2 & +1 & \dots \\ & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \\ & & & +1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \\ V_3 \\ \vdots \\ V_{N-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} h^2 f_1 - V_0 \\ h^2 f_2 \\ h^2 f_3 \\ \vdots \\ h^2 f_{N-1} - V_N \end{pmatrix}$$

Poisson equation: numerical solution

TWO-DIMENSIONAL PROBLEM

$$\frac{\partial^2 \varphi(x, y)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \varphi(x, y)}{\partial y^2} = -\frac{\rho(x, y)}{\epsilon_0} = f(x, y)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial x^2} = \frac{V(x-h, y) - 2V(x, y) + V(x+h, y)}{h^2} = \frac{V(i-1, j) - 2V(i, j) + V(i+1, j)}{h^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial y^2} = \frac{V(x, y-h) - 2V(x, y) + V(x, y+h)}{h^2} = \frac{V(i, j-1) - 2V(i, j) + V(i, j+1)}{h^2}$$

$$V(i, j-1) + V(i, j+1) + V(i-1, j) + V(i+1, j) - 4V(i, j) = h^2 f(i, j)$$

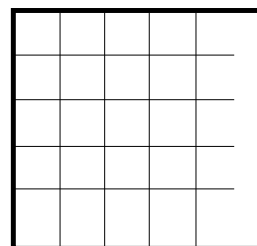
$$i = 1, 2, \dots, N-1$$

$$j = 1, 2, \dots, M-1$$

Boundary conditions:

$$V(i = 0, j) = V_{0_i} \quad V(i, j = 0) = V_{1_j}$$

$$V(i = N, j) = V_{0_e} \quad V(i, j = M) = V_{1_e}$$



grid boundaries

discretization

N^2 intervals:

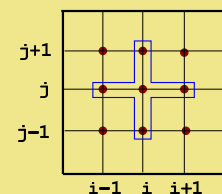
$(N + 1) \times (N + 1)$ points

x coordinate:

$$i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N$$

y coordinate:

$$j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, M$$



Poisson equation (2-dim)

- ✓ A set of $(N - 1)^2$ equations in $(N - 1)^2$ unknowns can be established, involving the boundary values:

$$j = 1$$

$$i = 1 \quad V(1, 0) + V(1, 2) + V(0, 1) + V(2, 1) - 4V(1, 1) = h^2 f(1, 1)$$

$$i = 2 \quad V(2, 0) + V(2, 2) + V(1, 1) + V(3, 1) - 4V(2, 1) = h^2 f(2, 1)$$

$$i = 3 \quad V(3, 0) + V(3, 2) + V(2, 1) + V(4, 1) - 4V(3, 1) = h^2 f(3, 1)$$

$$\vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots$$

$$i = N - 1 \quad V(N - 1, 0) + V(N - 1, 2) + V(N - 2, 1) + V(N, 1) - 4V(N - 1, 1) = h^2 f(N - 1, 1)$$

$$\vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots$$

$$j = N - 1$$

$$i = 1 \quad V(1, N - 2) + V(1, N) + V(0, N - 1) + V(2, N - 1) - 4V(1, N - 1) = h^2 f(1, N - 1)$$

$$i = 2 \quad V(2, N - 2) + V(2, N) + V(1, N - 1) + V(3, N - 1) - 4V(2, N - 1) = h^2 f(2, N - 1)$$

$$\vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots$$

Our unknowns:

$$V(1, 1) \ V(2, 1) \ V(2, 1) \cdots V(N - 1, 1) \ V(1, 2) \ V(2, 2) \ V(3, 2) \cdots V(N - 1, 2) \ V(1, 3) \ V(2, 3) \cdots$$

Poisson equation (2-dim)

the linear system to solve

$$A \cdot v = b$$

involves a pentadiagonal matrix A:

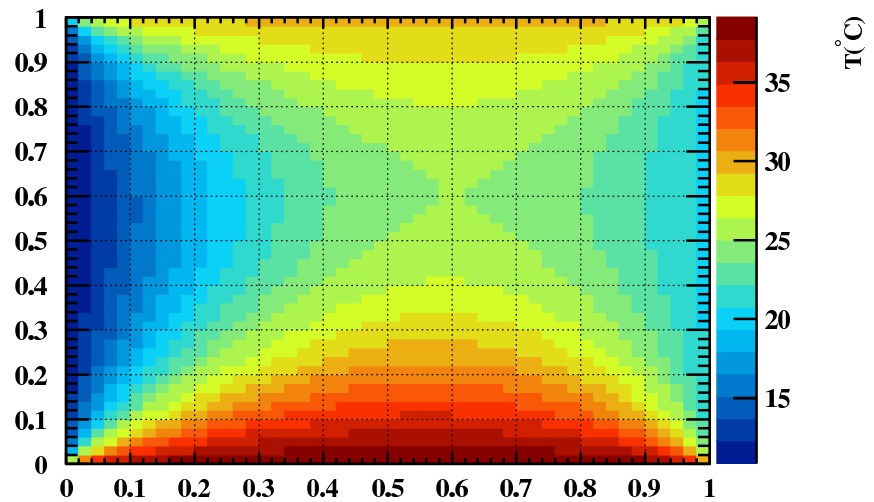
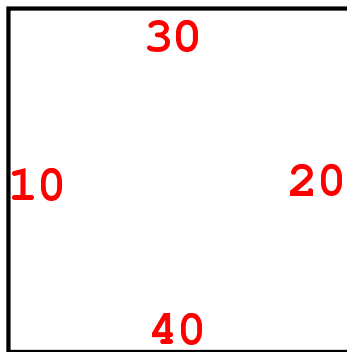
$$\begin{pmatrix} -4 & +1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & +1 & 0 & \cdots \\ +1 & -4 & +1 & & & & +1 & \\ 0 & +1 & -4 & +1 & & & & +1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ 1 & & & & & & & V(N - 1, 1) \\ & \ddots & & & & & & V(1, 2) \\ \vdots & & & & & & & \vdots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} V(1, 1) \\ V(2, 1) \\ V(3, 1) \\ \vdots \\ V(N - 1, 1) \\ V(1, 2) \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} h^2 f(1, 1) - V(1, 0) - V(0, 1) \\ h^2 f(2, 1) - V(2, 0) \\ h^2 f(3, 1) - V(3, 0) \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$



Heat equation: example

Suppose we have a metallic plate with every side at different temperature

Temperature required to be 10, 20, 30, 40 degrees on boundaries



distribution of temperatures in the plate



Poisson eq: example

Suppose we have a metallic plate grounded ($V = 0$) and in its center an electric charge

Electric potential required to be zero on boundaries

