



Two dimensional poisson equation

Solution of poisson equation:

An equation of the form  $\nabla^2 u = f(x,y)$

(or)  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = f(x,y)$  — (1)

is called poisson's equation. where  $f(x,y)$  is a fun. of  $x$  &  $y$  only.

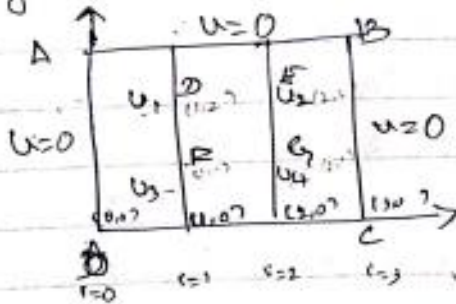
We will solve the above equation numerically over a square mesh, replacing the derivatives by difference quotients. Taking  $x=ih, y=jk = jh$  the differential equation reduces to

$$\frac{u_{i-1,j} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i+1,j}}{h^2} + \frac{u_{i,j-1} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i,j+1}}{h^2} = f(ih, jh)$$

(or)  $u_{i-1,j} + u_{i+1,j} + u_{i,j-1} + u_{i,j+1} - 4u_{i,j} = h^2 f(ih, jh)$  — (2)

By applying the above formula at each mesh point, we get a system of linear equation.

- 1) Solve  $\nabla^2 u = -10(x^2 + y^2 + 10)$  over the square mesh, with sides  $x=0, y=0, x=3, y=3$  with  $u=0$  on the boundary & mesh length 1 unit.





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Soln: Given P.D.E is  $\nabla^2 u = -10(x^2 + y^2 + 10)$  — (1)

Given mesh length  $\Delta x = h = 1$ .

The formula is

$$u_{i-1,j} + u_{i+1,j} + u_{i,j-1} + u_{i,j+1} - 4u_{i,j} = h^2 f(x_i, y_j, h)$$

$$\Rightarrow u_{i-1,j} + u_{i+1,j} + u_{i,j-1} + u_{i,j+1} - 4u_{i,j} = -10(i^2 + j^2 + 10) \quad \because h=1$$

Applying the formula (2) at D ( $i=1, j=2$ )

$$0 + 0 + u_2 + u_3 - 4u_1 = -10(1^2 + 2^2 + 10) = -150$$

$$\Rightarrow u_2 + u_3 - 4u_1 = -150 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Applying the formula (2) at E ( $i=2, j=2$ )

$$u_1 + u_4 - 4u_2 = -180 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Applying the formula (2) at F ( $i=1, j=1$ )

$$u_1 + u_4 - 4u_3 = -120 \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

Applying (2) at G, ( $i=2, j=1$ )

$$u_3 + u_5 - 4u_4 = -10(2^2 + 1^2 + 10) = -150 \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

We can solve the equation (3), (4), (5), (6) either by direct elimination or by Gauss-Seidal method.

Method 1

(5) - (4) gives (Eliminate  $u_1$ )

$$4(u_2 - u_3) = 60$$

$$u_2 - u_3 = 15 \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

Eliminate  $u_1$  from (3) & (4),  $3 + 4(4)$  gives



$-15u_2 + u_3 + 4u_4 = -870$  — (8)

Adding (6) & (8)  $-7u_2 + u_3 = -510$  — (9)

From (7), (9) adding  $u_2 = 82.5$

Using (7),  $u_3 = u_2 - 15 = 82.5 - 15 = 67.5$

put in (2),  $2u_1 = 300$ ,  $\therefore u_1 = 75$

$4u_4 = 150 + 150; \Rightarrow u_4 = 75$

$\therefore u_1 = u_4 = 75, u_2 = 82.5, u_3 = 67.5$

Method: 2:

We can use Gauss-Seidel method to solve

$u_1 = \frac{1}{4}(150 + u_2 + u_3)$

$u_2 = \frac{1}{2}(2u_1 + 180)$

$u_3 = \frac{1}{4}(2u_1 + 120)$

$u_2 = u_1$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$u_4 = u_1$	-	87.5	65.56	72.44	74.41	74.85	74.96	74.99	75	75
$u_2$	0	63.75	77.79	81.32	82.21	82.43	82.48	82.5	82.5	82.5
$u_3$	0	48.75	62.78	66.32	67.21	67.43	67.48	67.5	67.5	67.5

We get the values after 9 iterations as

$u_1 = 75 = u_4, u_2 = 82.5, u_3 = 67.5, u_4 = 75$