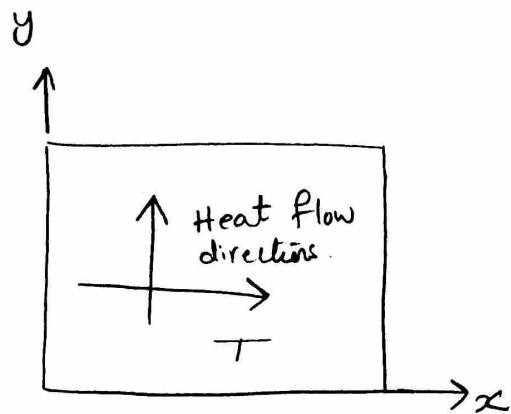


# \* Chapter 29: Finite-Difference: Elliptic Equation

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## \* Laplace Equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} = 0$$



## \* Poisson's Equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} = f(x, y)$$

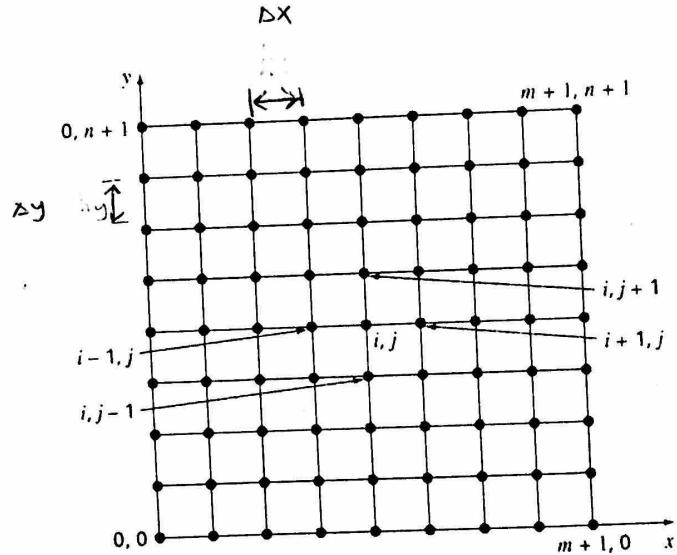
plate with  
Heat & temp  
Profiles

## Solution technique: Finite-Difference

⇒ Divide plate into mesh grid system (discrete points)

## \* Using Centered finite differences

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} = \frac{T_{i+1,j} - 2T_{ij} + T_{i-1,j}}{(\Delta x)^2}$$



i: Counter x-direction

j: Counter y-direction

Δx and Δy are  
step size in x and y direction

## Substitute into PDE

$$\frac{T_{i+1,j} - 2T_{ij} + T_{i-1,j}}{(\Delta x)^2} + \frac{T_{i,j+1} - 2T_{ij} + T_{i,j-1}}{(\Delta y)^2} = 0$$

If  $\Delta x = \Delta y$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{T_{i+1,j} + T_{i-1,j} + T_{i,j+1} + T_{i,j-1}}_{\text{Laplace difference equation}} - 4T_{ij} = 0$$

Laplace difference  
equation  
 $i, j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$

## \* Boundary conditions (BC's)

1- Fixed-type (Dirichlet Boundary conditions)

2- Derivative type (Neumann Boundary conditions)

① Dirichlet BC's : plate BC's are held at constant temperature

Example Plate with  $3 \times 3$  internal mesh points ( $5 \times 5$  external)

we need to find  $T_{ij}$  for internal points only  
using equation

$$T_{i+1,j} + T_{i-1,j} + T_{i,j+1} + T_{i,j-1} - 4T_{ij} = 0$$

For point  $(1,1)$  [ $i=1, j=1$ ]

$$T_{21} + T_{01} + T_{12} + T_{10} - 4T_{11} = 0$$

But  $T_{01} = 75$  and  $T_{10} = 0$ , thus:

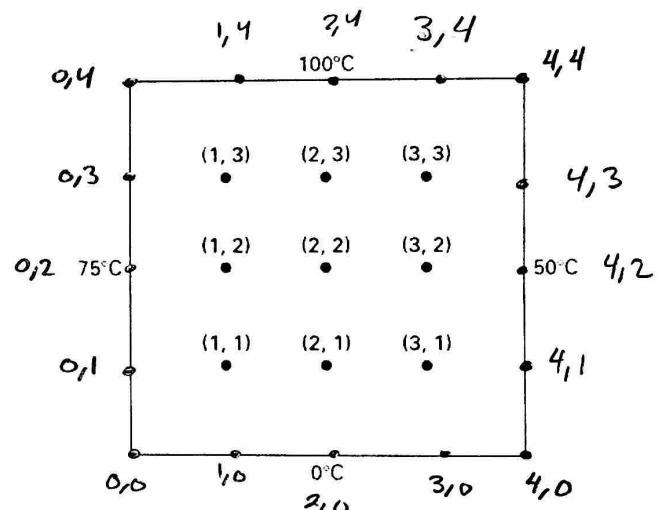
$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{-4T_{11} + T_{12} + T_{21}}_{-75} = -75 \quad -Eq(1)$$

For point  $(3,3)$  [ $i=3, j=3$ ]

$$T_{43} + T_{23} + T_{34} + T_{32} - 4T_{33} = 0$$

But  $T_{43} = 50$  and  $T_{34} = 100$ , thus:

$$\underbrace{T_{23} + T_{32} - 4T_{33}}_{-150} = -150$$



If we do this for all internal points, we

will get a system of nine linear equations

Can be solved using any method of Ch 9 and Ch 10.

After performing finite difference method of all 9 points,  
we get :

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 4T_{11} & -T_{21} & -T_{12} & & & & & = & 75 \\
 -T_{11} & +4T_{21} & -T_{31} & -T_{22} & & & & = & 0 \\
 & -T_{21} & +4T_{31} & & -T_{32} & & & = & 50 \\
 -T_{11} & & +4T_{12} & -T_{22} & -T_{13} & & & = & 75 \\
 & -T_{21} & -T_{12} & +4T_{22} & -T_{32} & -T_{23} & & = & 0 \\
 & & -T_{31} & -T_{22} & +4T_{32} & & -T_{33} & = & 50 \\
 & & & -T_{12} & & +4T_{13} & -T_{23} & = & 175 \\
 & & & & -T_{22} & -T_{13} & +4T_{23} & -T_{33} & = 100 \\
 & & & & -T_{32} & & -T_{23} & +4T_{33} & = 150
 \end{array}$$

Can be solved using Gauss, Gauss-Jordan or LU.

## ② Neumann BC's

- In this type of BC, one or more edge BC is a derivative (insulated edge).  $\Rightarrow \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} = 0$  or  $\frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = 0$
- \* For the previous example, If the plate left edge is insulated ( $\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} = 0$ ). we can rewrite the finite difference equation.
- \* To find  $\Rightarrow$  left edge ( $i=0$ ), the finite difference equation of 3 points  $(0,1)$ ,  $(0,2)$  and  $(0,3)$  can be written as:  $(i,j)$

$$T_{1,j} + T_{-1,j} + T_{0,j+1} + T_{0,j-1} - 4T_{0,j} = 0$$

$T_{-1,j}$  is Derivative type  $\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} = 0$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} = \frac{T_{1,j} - T_{-1,j}}{2\Delta x} \Rightarrow T_{-1,j} = T_{1,j} - 2\Delta x \frac{\partial T}{\partial x}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2T_{1,j} - 2\Delta x \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + T_{0,j+1} + T_{0,j-1} - 4T_{0,j} = 0$$

Example, For the previous example, solve if lower edge is insulated  $\frac{dT}{dy} = 0$

\* we need TO find equations

for  $(1,0), (2,0), (3,0)$

and  $(i,j), i=1,2,3$  and  $j=1,2,3$

\* Remember  $T_{0,j} = 75^\circ C$  (left)

$T_{3,4} = 100^\circ C$  (upper)

$T_{4,j} = 50^\circ C$  (right)

$$\boxed{T_{i+1,j} + T_{i-1,j} + T_{i,j+1} + T_{i,j-1} - 4T_{ij} = 0}$$

\* For point  $(1,0), (i=1, j=0)$

$$T_{2,0} + T_{0,0} + T_{1,1} + T_{1,-1} - 4T_{1,0} = 0$$

$T_{0,0} = 75^\circ C$ ,  $T_{1,-1}$  = derivative

$$\frac{dT}{dy} = \frac{T_{1,1} - T_{0,0}}{2\Delta y}, i=1 \Rightarrow \frac{dT}{dy} = \frac{T_{1,1} - T_{1,-1}}{2\Delta y}$$

$$\Rightarrow T_{1,-1} = T_{1,1} - 2\Delta y \frac{dT}{dy}, \frac{dT}{dy} = 0 \Rightarrow T_{1,-1} = T_{1,1}$$

Thus

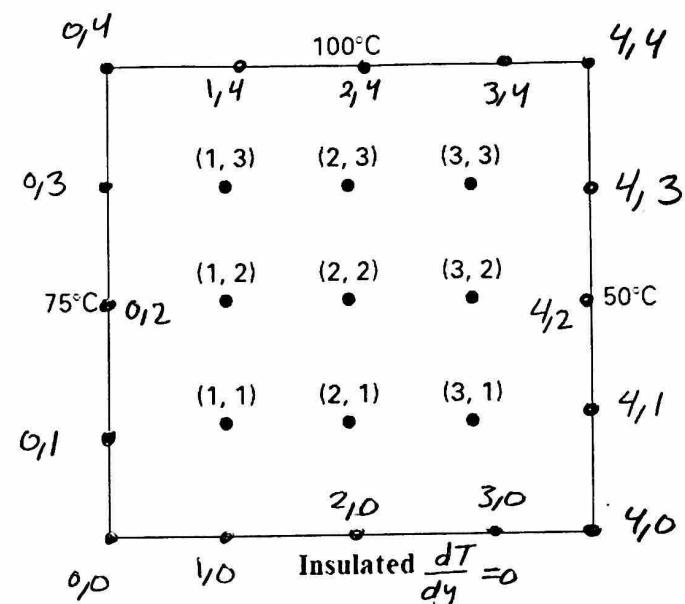
$$T_{2,0} + 75 + 2T_{1,1} - 4T_{1,0} = 0 \Rightarrow T_{2,0} + 2T_{1,1} - 4T_{1,0} = -75$$

If we do this for all points, we will get a system of 12 equations

\* Remember we now have 3 more equations for points on lower edge  $(1,0), (2,0)$  and  $(3,0)$

In Matrix Form

$$[A] \begin{Bmatrix} \{T\} \\ 12 \times 1 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} \{C\} \\ 12 \times 1 \end{Bmatrix}$$



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After finding equations for each point (12 parts), we get

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccccc} 4 & -1 & -2 & & & \\ -1 & 4 & -1 & -2 & & \\ -1 & -1 & 4 & & -2 & \\ -1 & & 4 & -1 & -1 & \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 4 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 4 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 4 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \begin{Bmatrix} T_{10} \\ T_{20} \\ T_{30} \\ T_{11} \\ T_{21} \\ T_{31} \\ T_{12} \\ T_{22} \\ T_{32} \\ T_{13} \\ T_{23} \\ T_{33} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 75 \\ 0 \\ 50 \\ 75 \\ 0 \\ 50 \\ 75 \\ 0 \\ 50 \\ 175 \\ 100 \\ 150 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$\begin{pmatrix} \partial x_1 \\ \partial x_2 \\ \partial x_3 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} T_{10} &= 71.91 & T_{20} &= 67.01 & T_{30} &= 59.54 \\ T_{11} &= 72.81 & T_{21} &= 68.31 & T_{31} &= 60.57 \\ T_{12} &= 76.01 & T_{22} &= 72.84 & T_{32} &= 64.42 \\ T_{13} &= 83.41 & T_{23} &= 82.63 & T_{33} &= 74.26 \end{aligned}$$

So solution  $\Rightarrow$