

Numerics for PDEs (21.4, 21.6)

We find numerical methods for quasilinear PDEs of order 2

$$a u_{xx} + 2b u_{xy} + c u_{yy} = F(x, y, u_x, u_y)$$

$$u(x, y), \quad a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$$

Definition The PDE is of
type

a) Elliptic if $ac - b^2 > 0$

e.g. $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = f(x, y)$

(Poisson equation)

$$a = 1, b = 0, c = 1$$

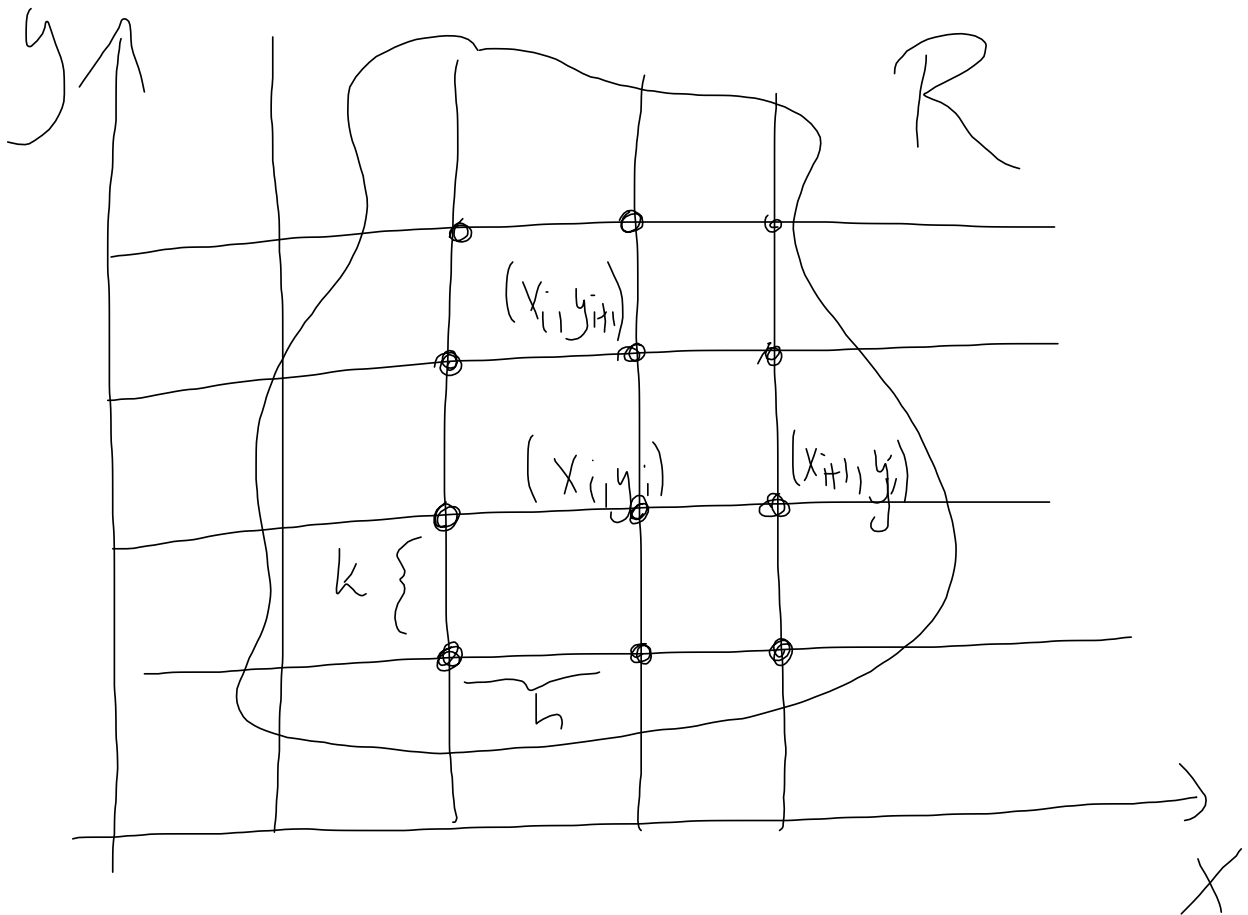
b) Parabolic if $ac - b^2 = 0$

e.g. $u_{xx} = u_y$ $a = 1, b = 0, c = 0$
(Heat equation)

c) Hyperbolic if $a^2 - b^2 < 0$

e.g. $U_{xx} = U_{yy}$ (Wave equation)

$$a = 1, b = 0, c = -1$$

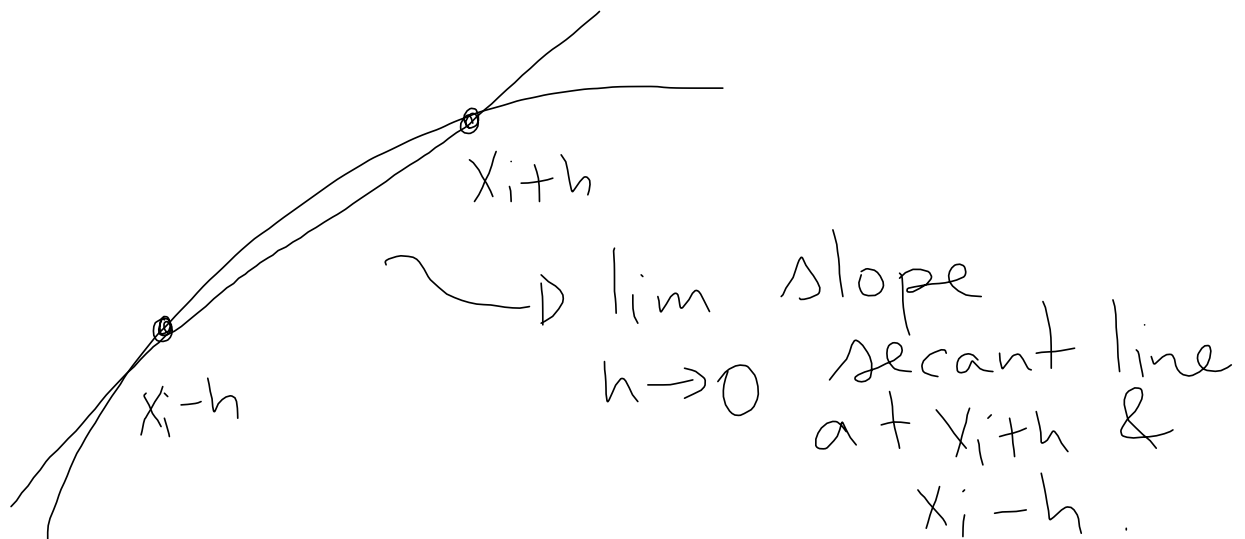


We will approximate the solution $u(x, y)$ at the mesh points in the region R .

Difference equations

$$x_{i+1} = x_i + h, \quad y_{i+1} = y_i + k$$

$$u_x(x_i, y_j) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{u(x_i + h, y_j) - u(x_i - h, y_j)}{2h}$$



$$\approx \frac{u(x_{i+h}, y_j) - u(x_{i-h}, y_j)}{2h}$$

(h small)

$$= \frac{u_{i+1,j} - u_{i-1,j}}{2h}$$

Similarly,

$$u_y(x_i, y_j) = \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{u(x_i, y_j + k) - u(x_i, y_j - k)}{2k}$$

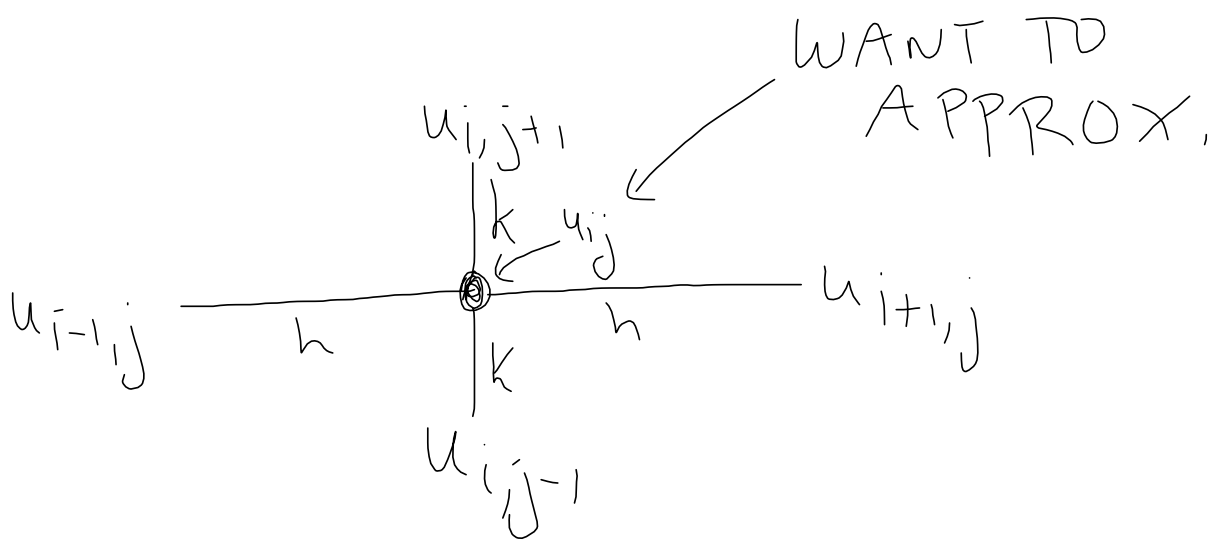
$$\approx \frac{u_{i,j+1} - u_{i,j-1}}{2k}$$

We apply this to get an approximation of the second derivative:

$$u_{xx}(x_i, y_j) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{u_x(x_i + h/2, y_j) - u_x(x_i - h/2, y_j)}{h}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \approx \frac{u_x(x_i + \frac{h}{2}, y_j) - u_x(x_i - \frac{h}{2}, y_j)}{h} \\
 & \approx \left(\frac{u(x_i + \frac{h}{2} + \frac{h}{2}, y_j) - u(x_i + \frac{h}{2} - \frac{h}{2}, y_j)}{h} \right. \\
 & \quad \left. - \frac{u(x_i - \frac{h}{2} + \frac{h}{2}, y_j) - u(x_i - \frac{h}{2} - \frac{h}{2}, y_j)}{h} \right) \\
 & \approx \frac{u_{i+1,j} + u_{i-1,j} - 2u_{i,j}}{h^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$u_{yy}(x_i, y_j) \approx \frac{u_{i,j+1} + u_{i,j-1} - 2u_{i,j}}{k^2}$$



Laplace and Poisson
Equations

Laplace:

$$\nabla^2 u = u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$$

Poisson: $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = f(x, y)$

Apply difference equation:
 $h = k$

$$\frac{u_{i+1,j} + u_{i-1,j} - 2u_{ij}}{h^2} + \frac{u_{i,j+1} + u_{i,j-1} - 2u_{ij}}{h^2} = f(x, y)$$

↙ u_{xx}
↙ u_{yy}

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

(\Rightarrow)

$$u(x_i+h, y_j) + u(x_i, y_j+h) + u(x_i-h, y_j) + u(x_i, y_j-h) - 4u(x_i, y_j) \approx h^2 f(x_i, y_j)$$

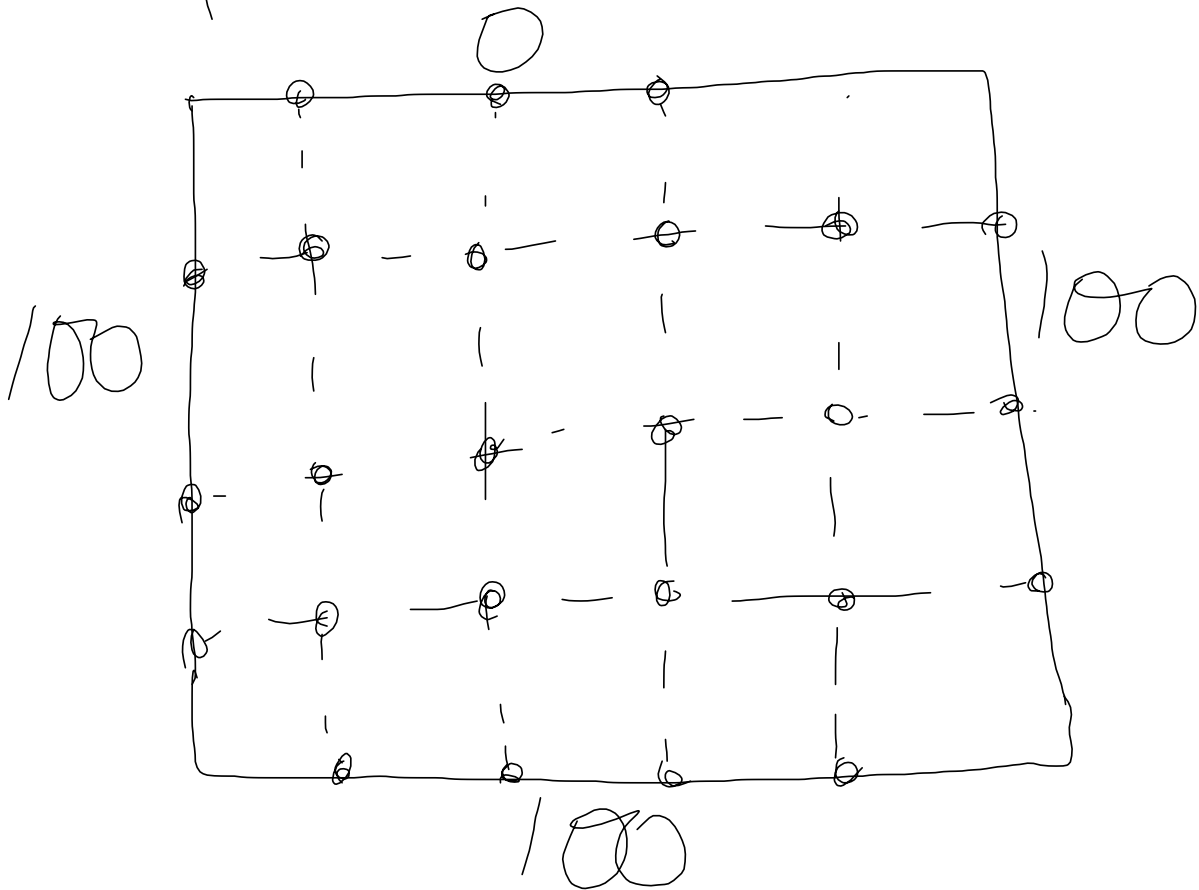
Dirichlet Problem

A Dirichlet problem is a PDE where u is prescribed on the boundary curve C of R .

Example: The four sides of a square plate of side 12 cm are kept at constant temperature, with

$$u(x, 12) = 0, \quad u(0, y) = u(12, y) \\ = u(x, 0) = 100$$

Where $u(x,y)$ is the temperature.
Approximate the steady-state
temperature at the mesh points



Heat equation

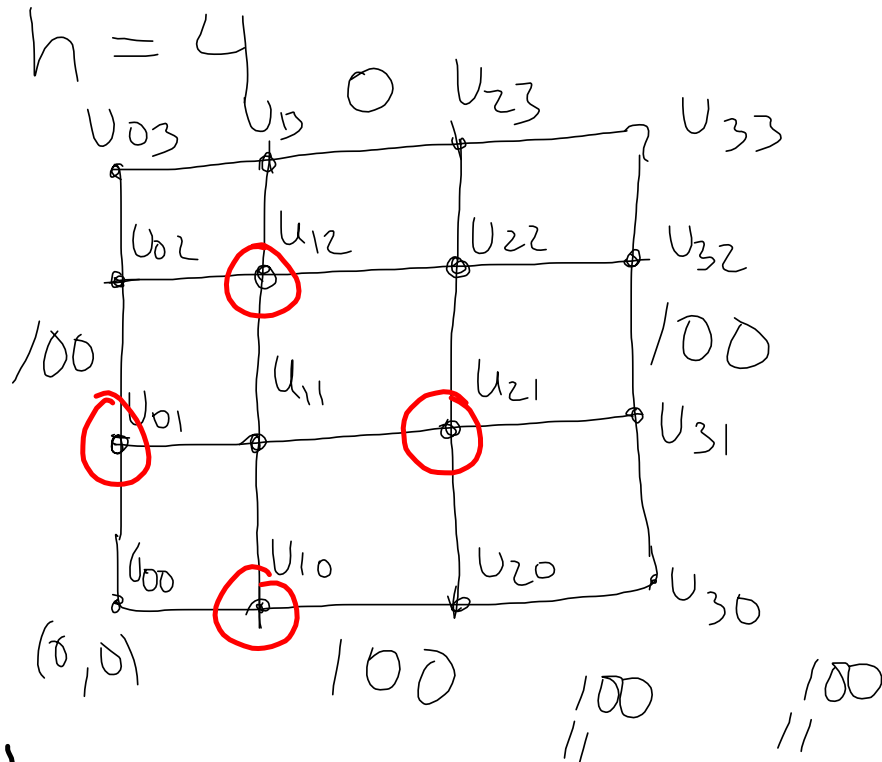
$$u_t = c^2 (u_{xx} + u_{yy})$$

↑
0 (indep. of time
= steady-state)

$$\leadsto u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$$

(Laplace equation)

$$u_{i+1,j} + u_{i,j+1} + u_{i-1,j} + u_{i,j-1} - 4u_{i,j} \approx 0$$



$$1) u_{21} + u_{12} + u_{01} + u_{10} - 4u_{11} = 0$$

$$2) u_{31}^{100} + u_{22} + u_{11} + u_{20}^{100} - 4u_{21} = 0$$

$$3) u_{32}^{100} + u_{23}^{100} + u_{12} + u_{21} - 4u_{22} = 0$$

$$4) u_{22} + u_{13}^{100} + u_{02} + u_{11} - 4u_{12} = 0$$

$$1) -4u_{11} + u_{21} + u_{12} = -200$$

$$2) u_{11} - 4u_{21} + \quad + u_{22} = -200$$

$$3) u_{11} \quad - 4u_{12} + u_{22} = -100$$

$$4) \quad u_{21} + u_{12} - 4u_{22} = -100$$

Solve this system
(by iteration methods
or directly)

$$u_{11} = u_{21} = 87.5$$

$$u_{12} = u_{22} = 62.5$$

Parabolic equations

In this case, one needs additional conditions to ensure convergence when $h \rightarrow 0$.

1D Heat equation

$$(*) \quad u_t = c^2 u_{xx} \quad u(x, t)$$

This models the temperature in a bar of length L
($0 \leq x \leq L$) at time $t \geq 0$.

Initial conditions

$$u(x, 0) = f(x)$$

Boundary conditions

$$u(0, t) = 0 \quad u(L, t) = 0$$

Applying the difference equations and replacing in (*) we have

$$u_t = \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{u(x, t+k) - u(x, t)}{k}$$

$$\approx \frac{u_{i,j+1} - u_{i,j}}{k} \quad (\text{forward difference})$$

$$u_t = c^2 u_{xx}$$

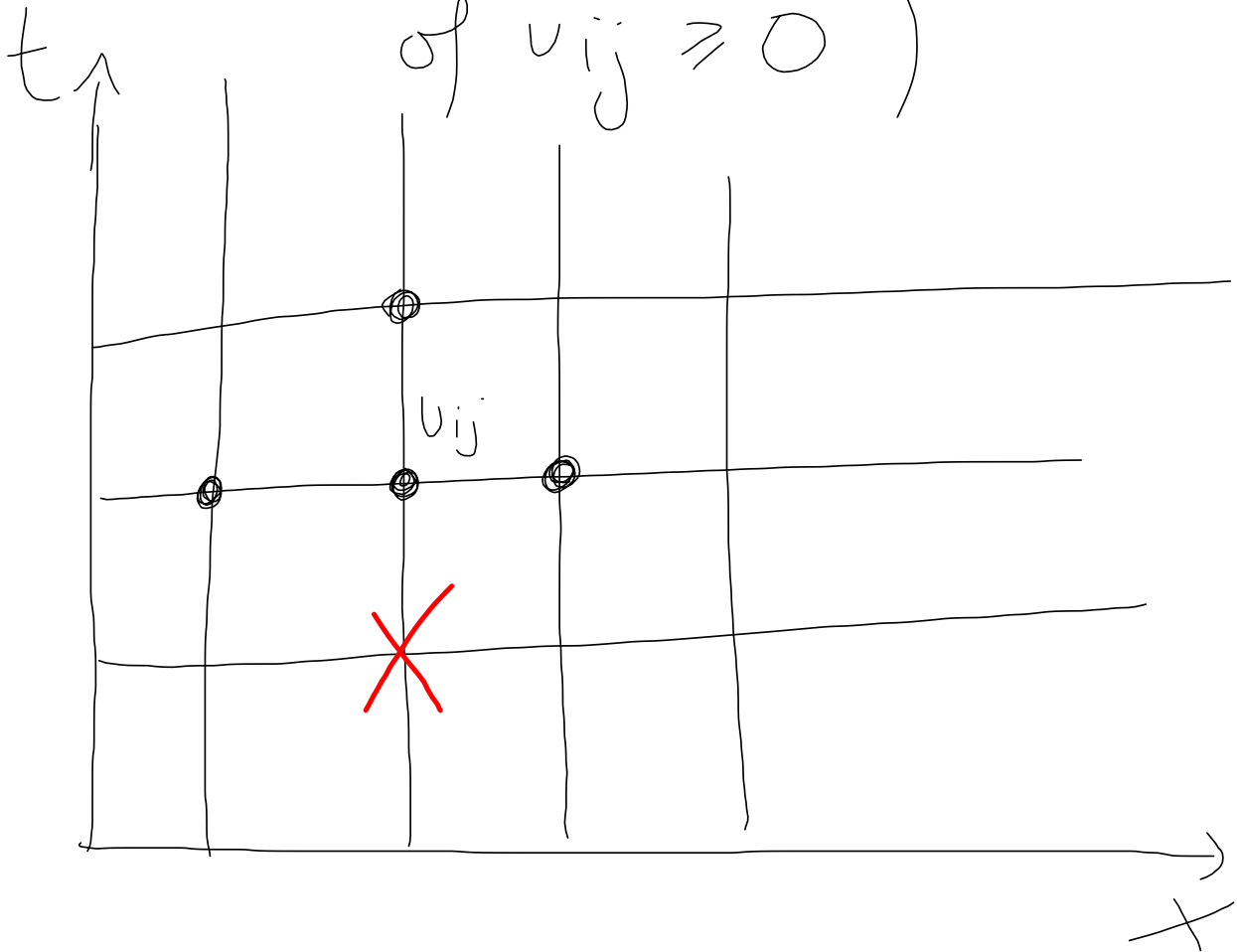
$$\Rightarrow \frac{u_{i,j+1} - u_{i,j}}{k} = c^2 \frac{u_{i+1,j} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i-1,j}}{h^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow u_{i,j+1} = (1 - 2r)u_{i,j} + r(u_{i+1,j} + u_{i-1,j})$$

$$r = \frac{c^2 k}{h^2}$$

The method converges
if $r \leq 1/2$.

(\Leftrightarrow coefficient in front
of $u_{ij} \geq 0$)



Example: Approximate the solution of the heat equation at $t=1$, $c=1$, $h=1$, $k=0.5$ in a bar of length 3 and initial temperature $f(x) = x(1-0.1x) = u(x,0)$

$$u_t = u_{xx}$$

In this case, we have

$$r = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{k}{h^2} \quad \checkmark$$

