



Chapter 6 Elliptic Equation



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6-1 General Remarks

- The governing equations in fluid mechanics and heat transfer can be reduced to elliptic form for particular applications. Such examples are the steady-state heat conduction equation, velocity potential equation for incompressible, inviscid flow, and the stream function equation.
- Typical elliptic equations in a two-dimensional Cartesian system are Laplace's equations,

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

and Poisson's equation

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

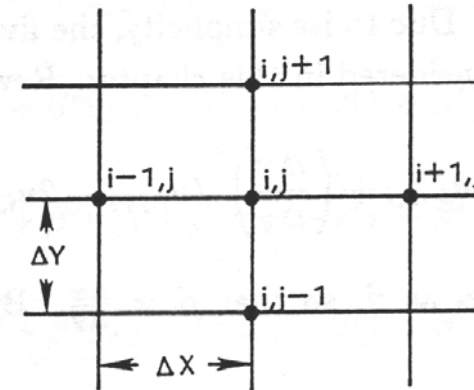
6-2 Finite Difference Formulations (1)

- Five-point formula---central difference

Laplace's equations: $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$

F.D. $\Rightarrow \frac{u_{i+1,j} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i-1,j}}{(\Delta x)^2} + \frac{u_{i,j+1} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i,j-1}}{(\Delta y)^2} = 0$

which is accurate to $O[(\Delta x)^2, (\Delta y)^2]$



6-2 Finite Difference Formulations (2)

- General form for five-point formula

$$u_{i+1,j} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i-1,j} + \left(\frac{\Delta x}{\Delta y}\right)^2 (u_{i,j+1} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i,j-1}) = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow u_{i+1,j} + u_{i-1,j} + \beta^2 (u_{i,j+1} + u_{i,j-1}) - 2(1 + \beta^2)u_{i,j} = 0 \dots \quad (5-1)$$
$$\left(\beta = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta y}\right)$$
$$\text{if } \Delta x = \Delta y \Rightarrow \beta = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow u_{i+1,j} + u_{i-1,j} + u_{i,j+1} + u_{i,j-1} - 4u_{i,j} = 0 \dots \quad (5-2)$$

6-2 Finite Difference Formulations (3)

■ From eqs. (1) and (2), we can get

$$u_{i,j} = \frac{u_{i+1,j} + u_{i-1,j} + \beta^2(u_{i,j+1} + u_{i,j-1})}{2(1 + \beta^2)} \dots \quad (5-3a)$$

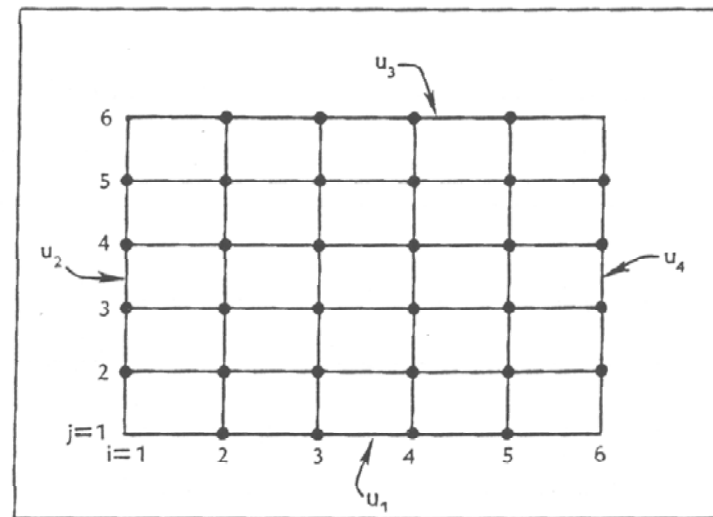
$$u_{i,j} = \frac{u_{i+1,j} + u_{i-1,j} + u_{i,j+1} + u_{i,j-1}}{4} \dots \quad (5-3b)$$

6-2 Finite Difference Formulations (4)

- In order to explore various solution procedures, first consider a square domain with Dirichlet B.C.s. For instance, a simple 6x6 grid system subject to the following B.C.s. is considered:

$$x=0 \quad u=u_2, \quad y=0 \quad u=u_1$$

$$x=L \quad u=u_4, \quad y=H \quad u=u_3$$



6-2 Finite Difference Formulations (5)

- The interior grid points produces sixteen equations with sixteen unknowns.
The equations are:

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_{3,2} + u_{1,2} + \beta^2 u_{2,3} + \beta^2 u_{2,1} - 2(1 + \beta^2)u_{2,2} &= 0 \\
 u_{4,2} + u_{2,2} + \beta^2 u_{3,3} + \beta^2 u_{3,1} - 2(1 + \beta^2)u_{3,2} &= 0 \\
 u_{5,2} + u_{3,2} + \beta^2 u_{4,3} + \beta^2 u_{4,1} - 2(1 + \beta^2)u_{4,2} &= 0 \\
 u_{6,2} + u_{4,2} + \beta^2 u_{5,3} + \beta^2 u_{5,1} - 2(1 + \beta^2)u_{5,2} &= 0 \\
 u_{3,3} + u_{1,3} + \beta^2 u_{2,4} + \beta^2 u_{2,2} - 2(1 + \beta^2)u_{2,3} &= 0 \\
 u_{4,3} + u_{2,3} + \beta^2 u_{3,4} + \beta^2 u_{3,2} - 2(1 + \beta^2)u_{3,3} &= 0 \\
 u_{5,3} + u_{3,3} + \beta^2 u_{4,4} + \beta^2 u_{4,2} - 2(1 + \beta^2)u_{4,3} &= 0 \\
 u_{6,3} + u_{4,3} + \beta^2 u_{5,4} + \beta^2 u_{5,2} - 2(1 + \beta^2)u_{5,3} &= 0 \\
 u_{3,4} + u_{1,4} + \beta^2 u_{2,5} + \beta^2 u_{2,3} - 2(1 + \beta^2)u_{2,4} &= 0 \\
 u_{4,4} + u_{2,4} + \beta^2 u_{3,5} + \beta^2 u_{3,3} - 2(1 + \beta^2)u_{3,4} &= 0 \\
 u_{5,4} + u_{3,4} + \beta^2 u_{4,5} + \beta^2 u_{4,3} - 2(1 + \beta^2)u_{4,4} &= 0 \\
 u_{6,4} + u_{4,4} + \beta^2 u_{5,5} + \beta^2 u_{5,3} - 2(1 + \beta^2)u_{5,4} &= 0 \\
 u_{3,5} + u_{1,5} + \beta^2 u_{2,6} + \beta^2 u_{2,4} - 2(1 + \beta^2)u_{2,5} &= 0 \\
 u_{4,5} + u_{2,5} + \beta^2 u_{3,6} + \beta^2 u_{3,4} - 2(1 + \beta^2)u_{3,5} &= 0 \\
 u_{5,5} + u_{3,5} + \beta^2 u_{4,6} + \beta^2 u_{4,4} - 2(1 + \beta^2)u_{4,5} &= 0 \\
 u_{6,5} + u_{4,5} + \beta^2 u_{5,6} + \beta^2 u_{5,4} - 2(1 + \beta^2)u_{5,5} &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 \alpha & 1 & 0 & 0 & \beta^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 1 & \alpha & 1 & 0 & 0 & \beta^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 1 & \alpha & 1 & 0 & 0 & \beta^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
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 \end{bmatrix}
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 \end{bmatrix}
 =
 \begin{bmatrix}
 -u_{1,2} - \beta^2 u_{2,1} \\
 -\beta^2 u_{3,1} \\
 -\beta^2 u_{4,1} \\
 -u_{6,2} - \beta^2 u_{5,1} \\
 -u_{1,3} \\
 0 \\
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 -u_{6,3} \\
 -u_{1,4} \\
 0 \\
 0 \\
 -u_{6,4} \\
 -u_{1,5} - \beta^2 u_{3,6} \\
 -\beta^2 u_{3,6} \\
 -\beta^2 u_{4,6} \\
 -u_{6,5} - \beta^2 u_{5,6}
 \end{bmatrix}
 \quad (5-7)$$

where $\alpha = -2(1 + \beta^2)$.

The matrix formulation has two noteworthy features. First, it is a pentadiagonal matrix with nonadjacent diagonals; and second, the elements in the main diagonal in each row are the largest. These features are important when developing solution procedures.

6-2 Finite Difference Formulations (6)

■ Solution algorithms:

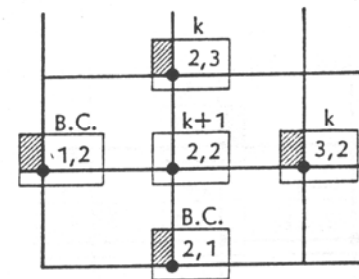
(1) The Gauss-Seidel Iteration Method (point-by-point iteration method):

(a) The finite difference equation is given by

$$u_{i,j} = \frac{1}{2(1 + \beta^2)} \left[u_{i+1,j} + u_{i-1,j} + \beta^2 (u_{i,j+1} + u_{i,j-1}) \right]$$

(b) For the computation of the first point, say (2,2), it follows that

$$u_{2,2}^{k+1} = \frac{1}{2(1 + \beta^2)} \left[u_{3,2}^k + \underline{u_{1,2}} + \beta^2 (\underline{u_{2,3}} + \underline{u_{2,1}}) \right]$$



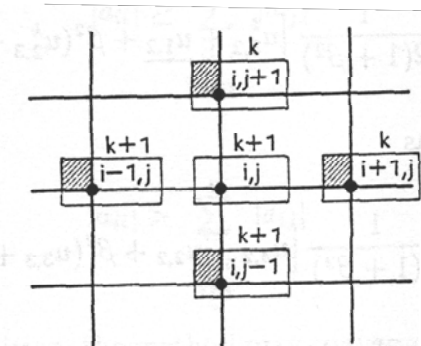
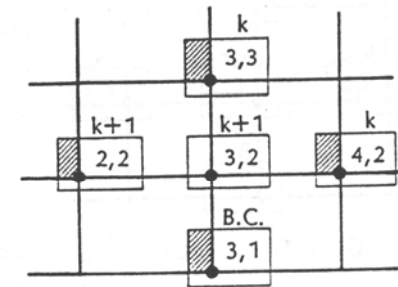
6-2 Finite Difference Formulations (7)

(c) For point (3,2), one has

$$u_{3,2}^{k+1} = \frac{1}{2(1+\beta^2)} \left[u_{4,2}^k + u_{2,2}^{k+1} + \beta^2 (u_{2,3}^k + u_{3,1}^{k+1}) \right]$$

(d) The general formulation is

$$u_{i,j}^{k+1} = \frac{1}{2(1+\beta^2)} \left[u_{i+1,j}^k + u_{i-1,j}^{k+1} + \beta^2 (u_{i,j+1}^k + u_{i,j-1}^{k+1}) \right]$$



6-2 Finite Difference Formulations (8)

(2) SOR Method:

$$u_{i,j}^{k+1} = u_{i,j}^k + \frac{\omega}{2(1+\beta^2)} \left[u_{i+1,j}^k + u_{i-1,j}^{k+1} + \beta^2 (u_{i,j+1}^k + u_{i,j-1}^{k+1}) - 2(1+\beta^2)u_{i,j}^k \right]$$

or

$$u_{i,j}^{k+1} = (1-\omega)u_{i,j}^k + \frac{\omega}{2(1+\beta^2)} \left[u_{i+1,j}^k + u_{i-1,j}^{k+1} + \beta^2 (u_{i,j+1}^k + u_{i,j-1}^{k+1}) \right]$$

What is the optimum value of ω ?

One such relation, for the solution of elliptic equations in a rectangular domain subject to Dirichlet B.C.s with constant step size, is

$$\omega_{opt} = \frac{2 - 2\sqrt{1-a}}{a}, \quad a = \left[\frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{IM-1}\right) + \beta^2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{JM-1}\right)}{1 + \beta^2} \right]^2$$

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6-2 Finite Difference Formulations (9)

(3) Line-by-line iteration method:

(a) In this formulation, it results in three unknowns at points $(i-1,j)$, (i,j) , and $(i+1,j)$. It becomes

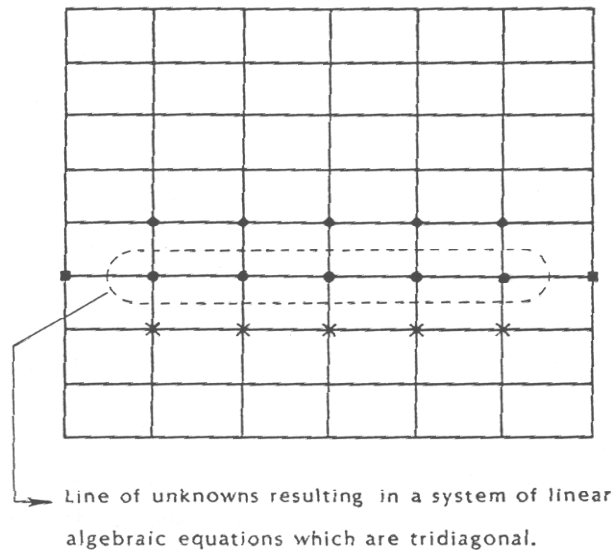
$$u_{i-1,j}^{k+1} - 2(1 + \beta^2)u_{i,j}^{k+1} + u_{i+1,j}^{k+1} = -\beta^2 u_{i,j+1}^k - \beta^2 u_{i,j-1}^{k+1}$$

(b) This equation, applied to all i at constant j , results in a system of linear equations which, in compact form, has a tridiagonal matrix coefficient. The solution of each row at constant j can be solved by TDMA method.

6-2 Finite Difference Formulations (10)

(c) Grid points employed in the line-by line iteration method.

- Boundary Conditions
- × Known values at $k+1$ iteration level
- Values at $k+1$ iteration being computed
- ◆ Known values at k iteration level



6-2 Finite Difference Formulations (11)

(4) Line-by line SOR method:

$$\omega u_{i-1,j}^{k+1} - 2(1 + \beta^2)u_{i,j}^{k+1} + \omega u_{i+1,j}^{k+1} = \\ - (1 - \omega)[2(1 + \beta^2)]u_{i,j+1}^k - \omega\beta^2(u_{i,j+1}^k u_{i,j-1}^{k+1})$$

There is no simple way to determine the value of optimum ω .

In practice, trial and error is used to compute ω_{opt} for a particular problem.

6-2 Finite Difference Formulations (12)

(5) The Alternating Direction Implicit (ADI) Method:

- (a) An iteration cycle is considered complete once the resulting tridiagonal system is solved for all rows and then followed by columns, or vice versa. It follows

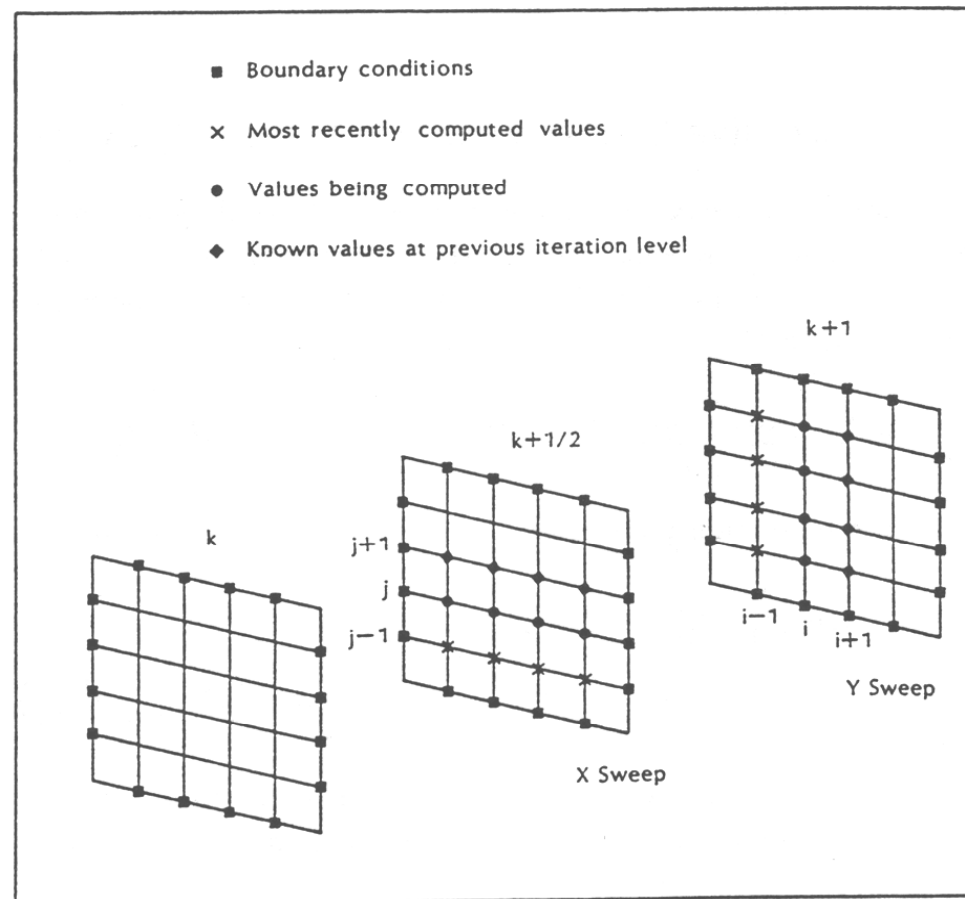
$$u_{i-1,j}^{k+\frac{1}{2}} - 2\left(1 + \beta^2\right)u_{i,j}^{k+\frac{1}{2}} + u_{i+1,j}^{k+\frac{1}{2}} = -\beta^2 u_{i,j+1}^k - \beta^2 u_{i,j-1}^{k+\frac{1}{2}}$$

and

$$\beta^2 u_{i,j-1}^{k+1} - 2\left(1 + \beta^2\right)u_{i,j}^{k+1} + u_{i,j+1}^{k+1} = -u_{i+1,j}^{k+\frac{1}{2}} - u_{i-1,j}^{k+1}$$

6-2 Finite Difference Formulations (13)

(b) Grid points used in ADI method:



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6-2 Finite Difference Formulations (14)

(c) ADI with SOR Method:

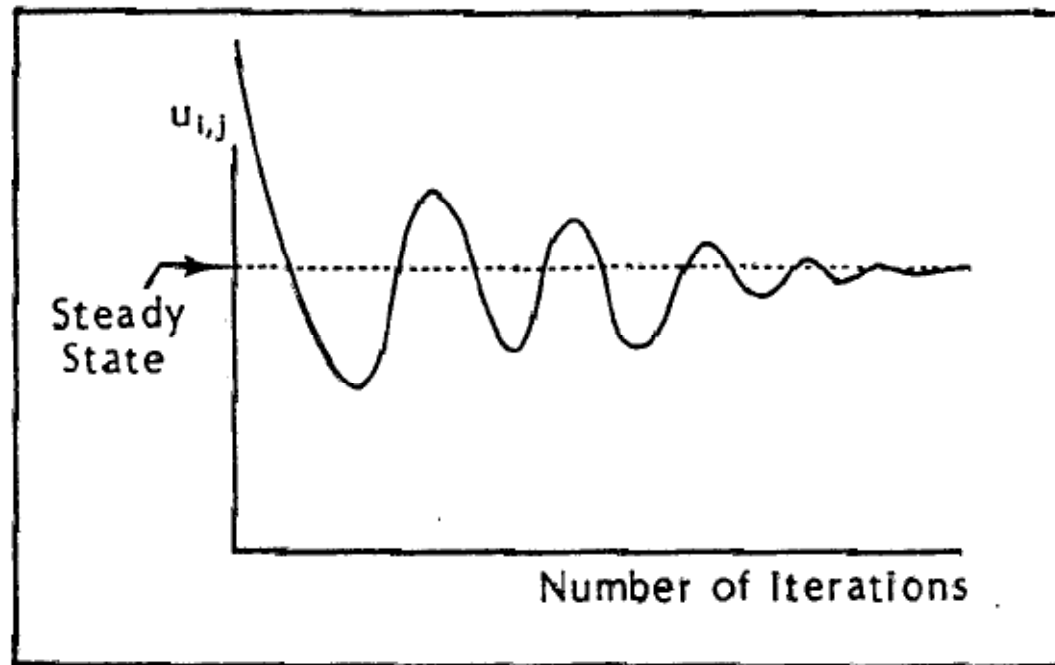
$$\omega u_{i-1,j}^{k+\frac{1}{2}} - 2(1+\beta^2)u_{i,j}^{k+\frac{1}{2}} + \omega u_{i+1,j}^{k+\frac{1}{2}} = \\ - (1-\omega)[2(1+\beta^2)]u_{i,j}^k - \omega\beta^2\left(u_{i,j+1}^k + u_{i,j-1}^{k+\frac{1}{2}}\right)$$

and

$$\omega\beta^2 u_{i,j-1}^{k+1} - 2(1+\beta^2)u_{i,j}^{k+1} + \omega\beta^2 u_{i,j+1}^{k+1} = \\ - (1-\omega)[2(1+\beta^2)]u_{i,j}^{k+\frac{1}{2}} - \omega\left(u_{i+1,j}^{k+\frac{1}{2}} + u_{i-1,j}^{k+1}\right)$$

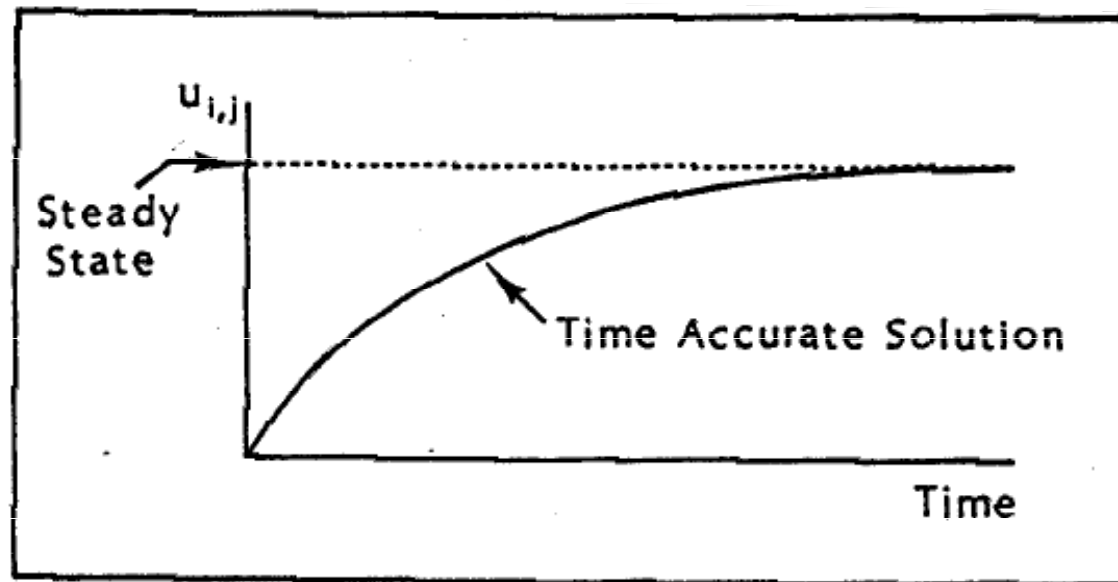
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6-2 Finite Difference Formulations (15)



An iterative solution for steady-state problem

6-2 Finite Difference Formulations (16)



A time accurate solution