

# Additional Material from Chapter 11

- Solving a system of linear equations using iterative methods

# Relationship of Matrices to Linear Equations

A system of linear equations can be written in matrix form:

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$$

Matrix **A** holds the *a* constants

**x** is a vector of the unknowns

**b** is a vector of the *b* constants.

# Solving a System of Linear Equations

$$\begin{array}{rcccccc} a_{n-1,0}x_0 + a_{n-1,1}x_1 + a_{n-1,2}x_2 & \dots & + a_{n-1,n-1}x_{n-1} & = & b_{n-1} \\ & \cdot & & & \\ & \cdot & & & \\ & \cdot & & & \\ a_{2,0}x_0 + a_{2,1}x_1 + a_{2,2}x_2 & \dots & + a_{2,n-1}x_{n-1} & = & b_2 \\ a_{1,0}x_0 + a_{1,1}x_1 + a_{1,2}x_2 & \dots & + a_{1,n-1}x_{n-1} & = & b_1 \\ a_{0,0}x_0 + a_{0,1}x_1 + a_{0,2}x_2 & \dots & + a_{0,n-1}x_{n-1} & = & b_0 \end{array}$$

which, in matrix form, is

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$$

Objective is to find values for the unknowns,  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}$ , given values for  $a_{0,0}, a_{0,1}, \dots, a_{n-1,n-1}$ , and  $b_0, \dots, b_n$ .

# Solving a System of Linear Equations

## Dense matrices

**Gaussian Elimination** - parallel time complexity  $O(n^2)$

## Sparse matrices

**By iteration** - depends upon iteration method and number of iterations but typically  $O(\log n)$

- Jacobi iteration
- Gauss-Seidel relaxation (not good for parallelization)
- Red-Black ordering
- Multigrid

# Iterative Methods

Time complexity of direct method at  $O(N^2)$  with  $N$  processors, is significant.

Time complexity of iteration method depends upon:

- the type of iteration,
- number of iterations
- number of unknowns, and
- required accuracy

but can be less than the direct method especially for a few unknowns i.e a sparse system of linear equations.

# Jacobi Iteration

Iteration formula -  $i$ th equation rearranged to have  $i$ th unknown on left side:

$$x_i^k = \frac{1}{a_{i,i}} \left[ b_i - \sum_{j \neq i} a_{i,j} x_j^{k-1} \right]$$

Superscript indicates iteration:

$x_i^k$  is  $k$ th iteration of  $x_i$ ,  $x_j^{k-1}$  is  $(k-1)$ th iteration of  $x_j$ .

# Example of a Sparse System of Linear Equations

## Laplace's Equation

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

Also need to specify a domain

$$0 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$0 \leq y \leq 1$$

And also to specify  $f(x,y)$  on the edges of the domain

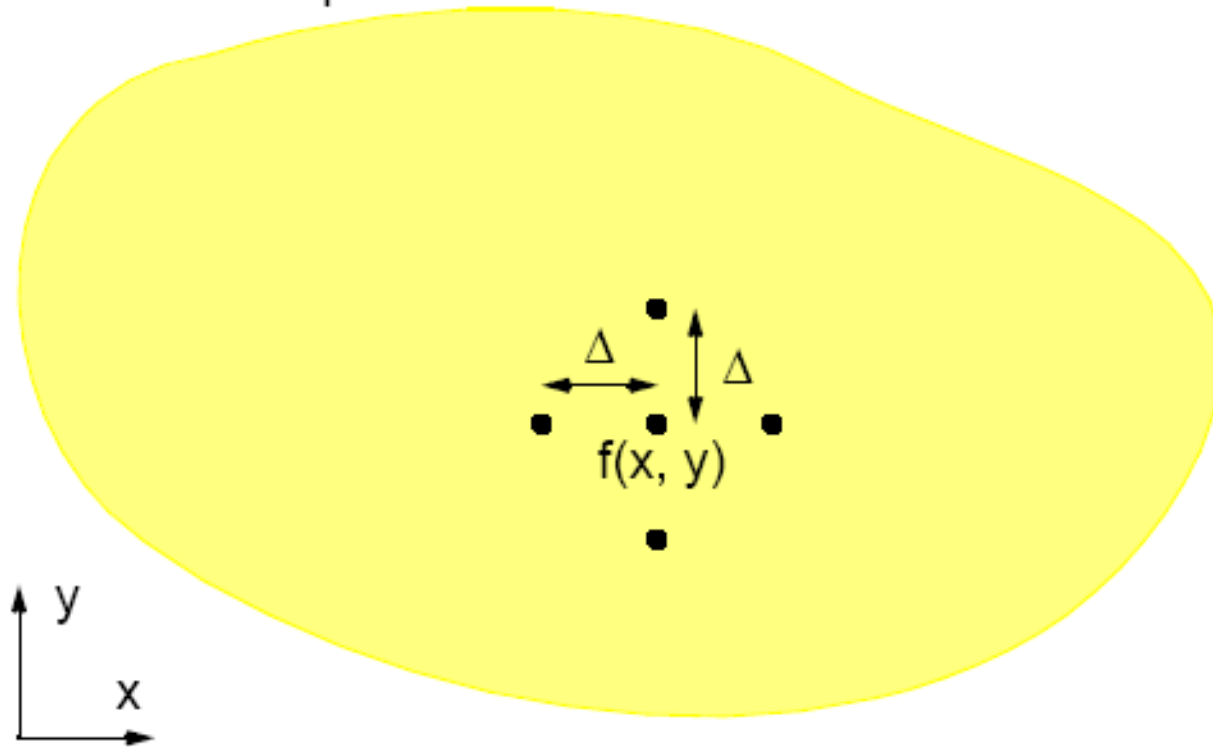
Solve for  $f$  over the two-dimensional x-y space.

For a computer solution, *finite difference* methods are appropriate

Two-dimensional solution space is “discretized” into a large number of solution points.

# Finite Difference Method

Solution space





# Method of Manufactured Solutions

A way to construct solutions for equations so that you can test numerical accuracy

E.G consider  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$ ,  $u$  known on boundaries

We may not always know an exact solution  $u(x,y)$  so suppose

We know an approximate solution  $v(x,y)$  we can then test the

Accuracy of our code by solving the equation that  $v(x,y)$  does satisfy

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

E.G if  $v(x, y) = 6x^3 + 3y^2$  then  $\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} = 36x + 6$

**This is called the method of manufactured solutions**

For analytical solutions see course web page

If distance between points,  $\Delta$ , made small enough:

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \approx \frac{1}{\Delta^2} [f(x + \Delta, y) - 2f(x, y) + f(x - \Delta, y)]$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \approx \frac{1}{\Delta^2} [f(x, y + \Delta) - 2f(x, y) + f(x, y - \Delta)]$$

Substituting into Laplace's equation, we get

$$\frac{1}{\Delta^2} [f(x + \Delta, y) + f(x - \Delta, y) + f(x, y + \Delta) + f(x, y - \Delta) - 4f(x, y)] = 0$$

Rearranging, we get

$$f(x, y) = \frac{[f(x - \Delta, y) + f(x, y - \Delta) + f(x + \Delta, y) + f(x, y + \Delta)]}{4}$$

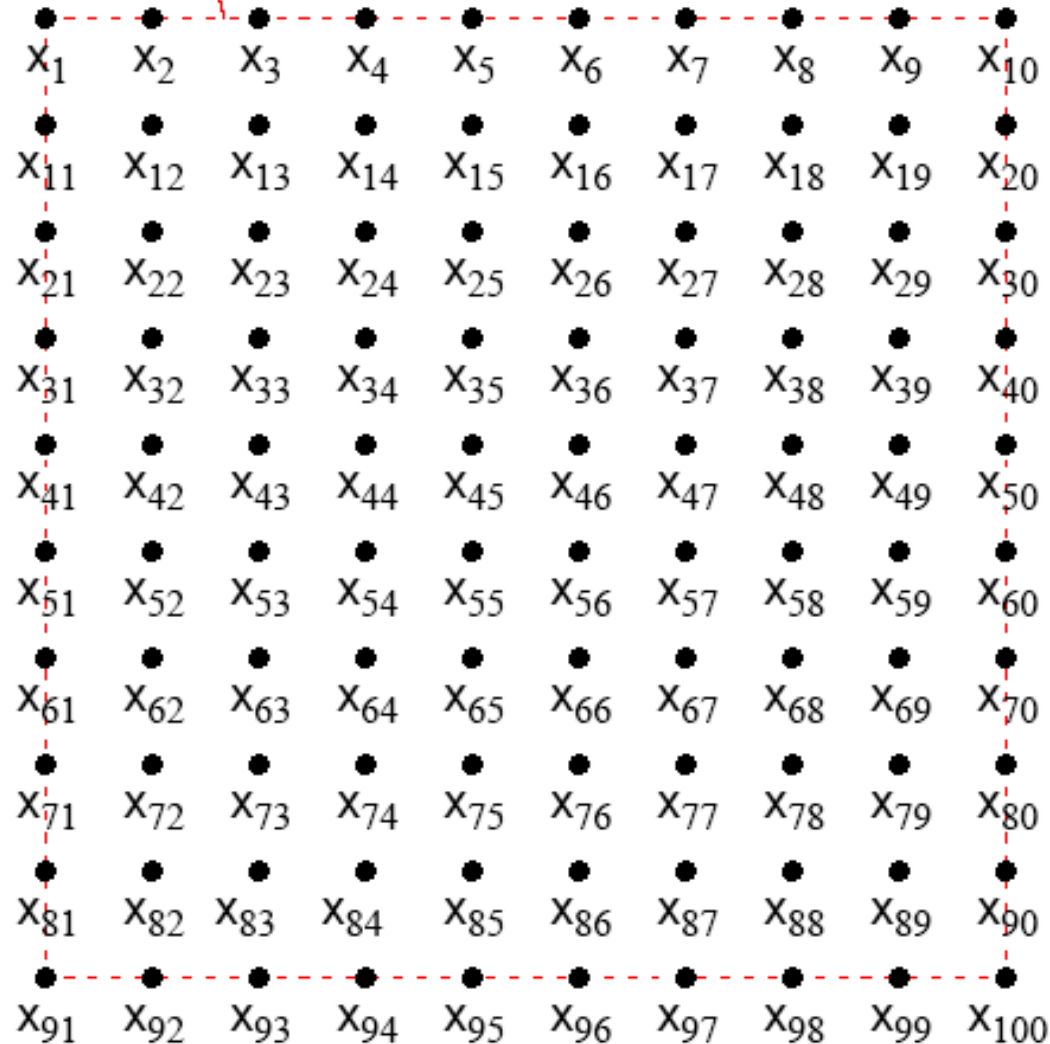
Rewritten as an iterative formula:

$$f^k(x, y) = \frac{[f^{k-1}(x - \Delta, y) + f^{k-1}(x, y - \Delta) + f^{k-1}(x + \Delta, y) + f^{k-1}(x, y + \Delta)]}{4}$$

$f^k(x, y)$  -  $k$ th iteration,  $f^{k-1}(x, y)$  -  $(k - 1)$ th iteration.

# Natural Order

Boundary points (see text)



# Relationship with a General System of Linear Equations

Using natural ordering,  $i$ th point computed from  $i$ th equation:

$$x_i = \frac{x_{i-n} + x_{i-1} + x_{i+1} + x_{i+n}}{4}$$

or

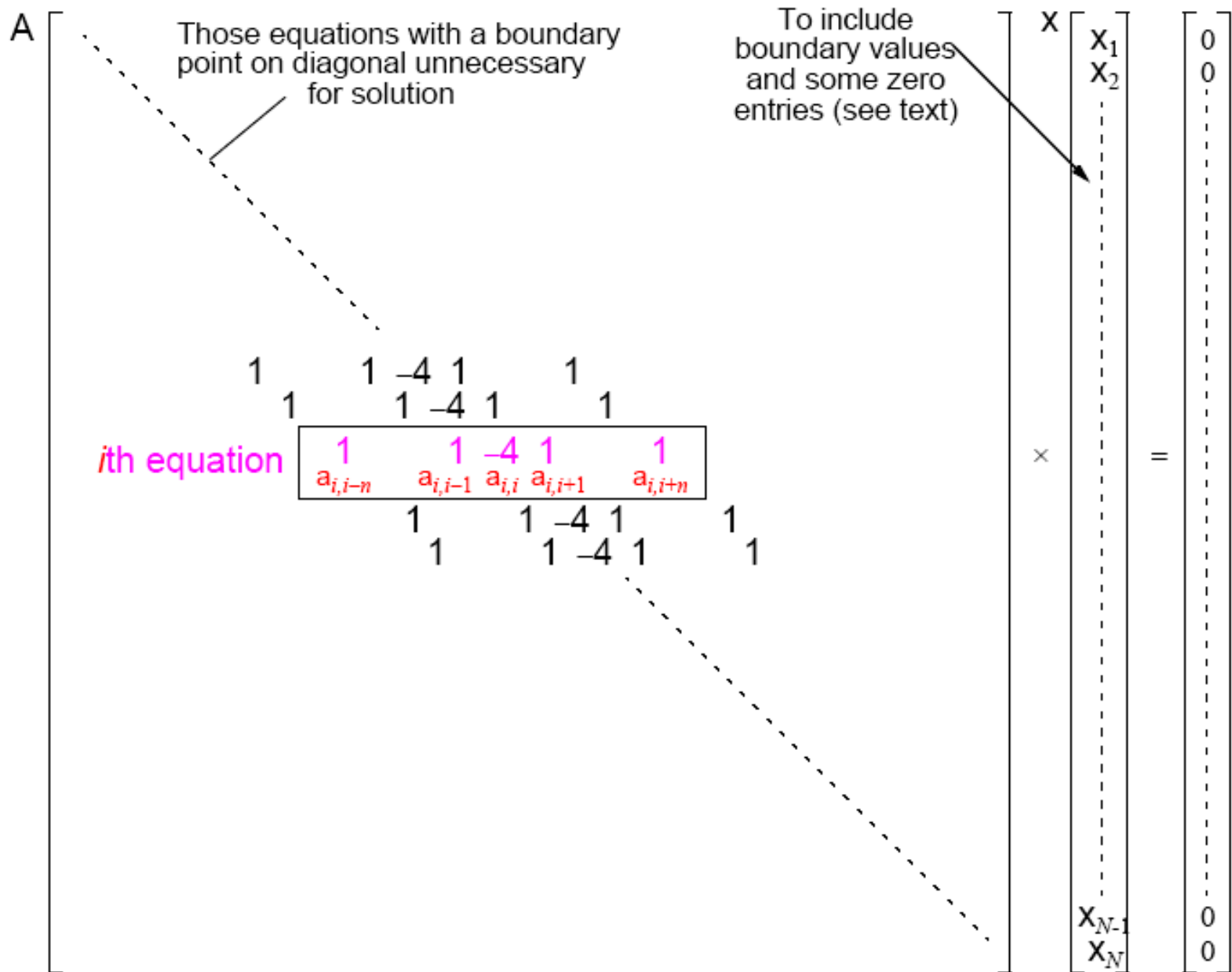
$$x_{i-n} + x_{i-1} - 4x_i + x_{i+1} + x_{i+n} = 0$$

*which is a linear equation with five unknowns* (except those with boundary points).

In general form, the  $i$ th equation becomes:

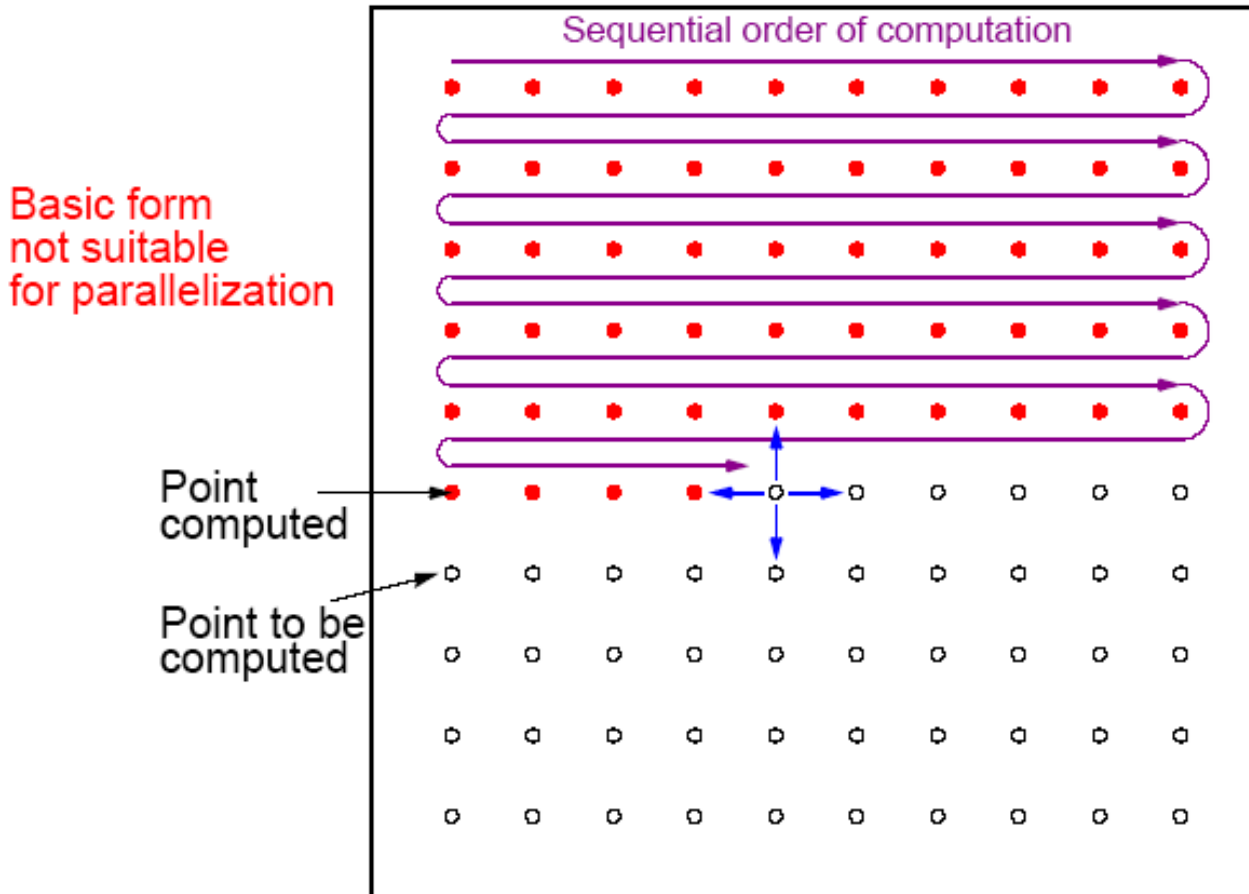
$$a_{i,i-n}x_{i-n} + a_{i,i-1}x_{i-1} + a_{i,i}x_i + a_{i,i+1}x_{i+1} + a_{i,i+n}x_{i+n} = 0$$

where  $a_{i,i} = -4$ , and  $a_{i,i-n} = a_{i,i-1} = a_{i,i+1} = a_{i,i+n} = 1$ .



# Gauss-Seidel Relaxation

Uses some newly computed values to compute other values in that iteration.



# Gauss-Seidel Iteration Formula

$$x_i^k = \frac{1}{a_{i,i}} \left[ b_i - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_{i,j} x_j^k - \sum_{j=i+1}^N a_{i,j} x_j^{k-1} \right]$$

where the superscript indicates the iteration.

With natural ordering of unknowns, formula reduces to

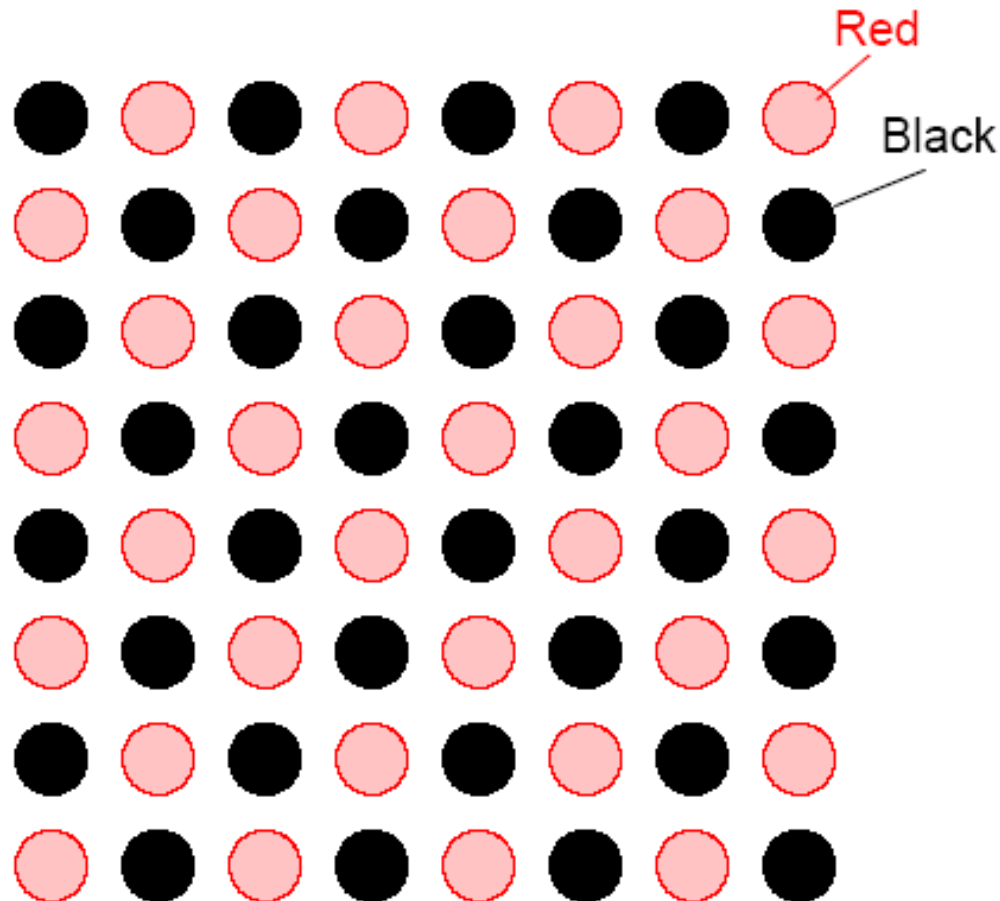
$$x_i^k = (-1/a_{i,i}) [a_{i,i-n} x_{i-n}^k + a_{i,i-1} x_{i-1}^k + a_{i,i+1} x_{i+1}^{k-1} + a_{i,i+n} x_{i+n}^{k-1}]$$

At the  $k$ th iteration, two of the four values (before the  $i$ th element) taken from the  $k$ th iteration and two values (after the  $i$ th element) taken from the  $(k-1)$ th iteration. We have:

$$f^k(x, y) = \frac{[f^k(x - \Delta, y) + f^k(x, y - \Delta) + f^{k-1}(x + \Delta, y) + f^{k-1}(x, y + \Delta)]}{4}$$

# Red-Black Ordering

First, black points computed. Next, red points computed. Black points computed simultaneously, and red points computed simultaneously.





# Red-Black Parallel Code

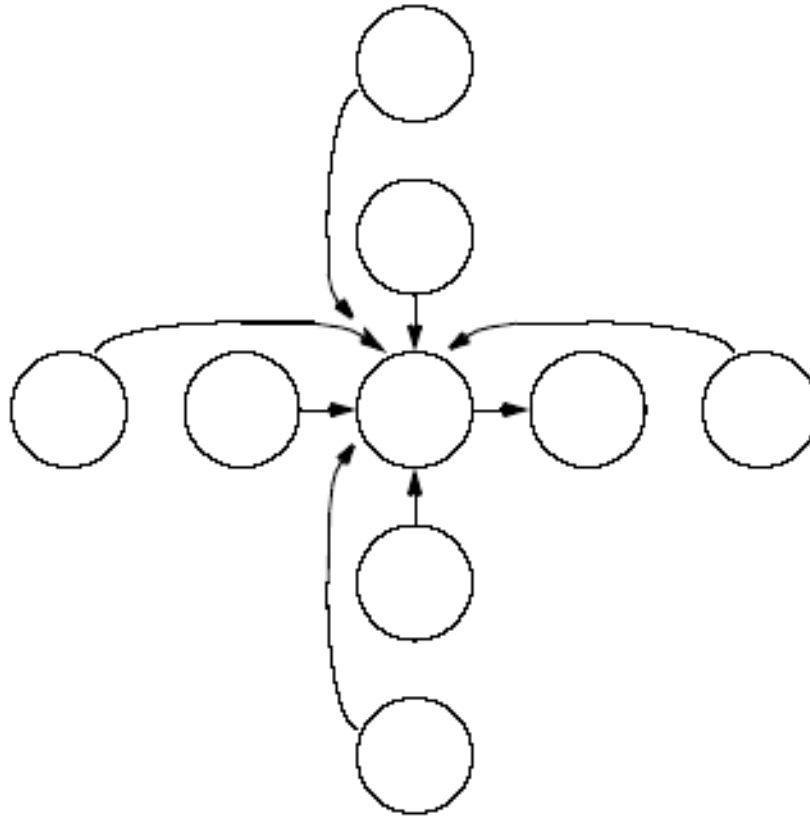
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forall (i = 1; i < n; i++)
  forall (j = 1; j < n; j++)
    if ((i + j) % 2 == 0) /* compute red points */
      f[i][j] = 0.25*(f[i-1][j] + f[i][j-1] + f[i+1][j] + f[i][j+1]);
forall (i = 1; i < n; i++)
  forall (j = 1; j < n; j++)
    if ((i + j) % 2 != 0) /* compute black points */
      f[i][j] = 0.25*(f[i-1][j] + f[i][j-1] + f[i+1][j] + f[i][j+1]);
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# Higher-Order Difference Methods

More distant points could be used in the computation. The following update formula:

$$f^k(x, y) = \frac{1}{60} \left[ 16f^{k-1}(x-\Delta, y) + 16f^{k-1}(x, y-\Delta) + 16f^{k-1}(x+\Delta, y) + 16f^{k-1}(x, y+\Delta) \right. \\ \left. - f^{k-1}(x-2\Delta, y) - f^{k-1}(x, y-2\Delta) - f^{k-1}(x+2\Delta, y) - f^{k-1}(x, y+2\Delta) \right]$$

# Nine-point stencil



# Overrelaxation

Improved convergence obtained by adding factor  $(1 - \omega)x_i$  to Jacobi or Gauss-Seidel formulae. Factor  $\omega$  is the *overrelaxation parameter*.

## Jacobi overrelaxation formula

$$x_i^k = \frac{\omega}{a_{ii}} \left[ b_i - \sum_{j \neq i} a_{ij} x_j^{k-1} \right] + (1 - \omega) x_i^{k-1}$$

where  $0 < \omega < 1$ .

## Gauss-Seidel successive overrelaxation

$$x_i^k = \frac{\omega}{a_{ii}} \left[ b_i - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_{ij} x_j^k - \sum_{j=i+1}^N a_{ij} x_j^{k-1} \right] + (1 - \omega) x_i^{k-1}$$

where  $0 < \omega \leq 2$ . If  $\omega = 1$ , we obtain the Gauss-Seidel method.