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PART TIME PROGRAMME

MAT 507: PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

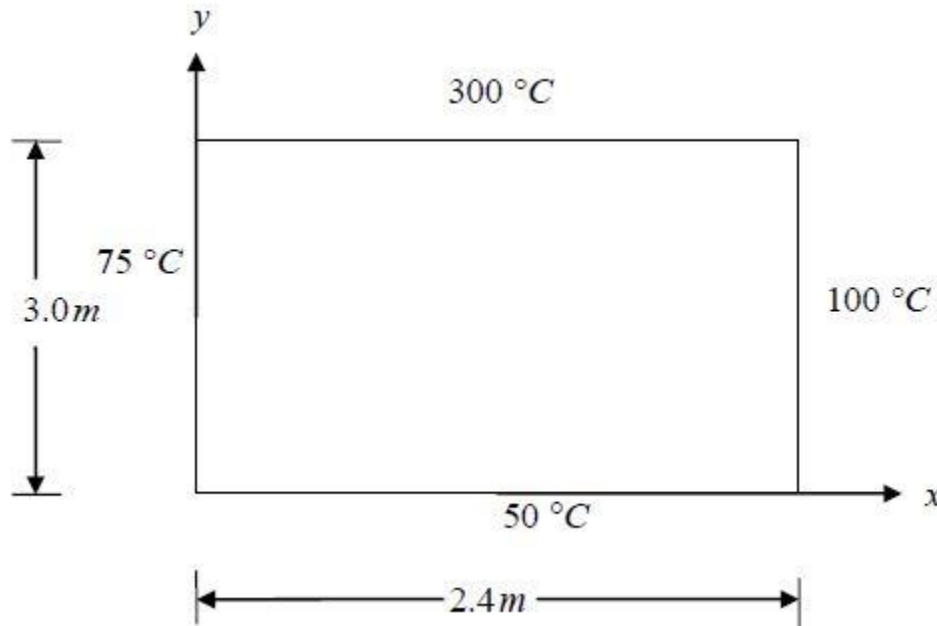
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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer any THREE Questions

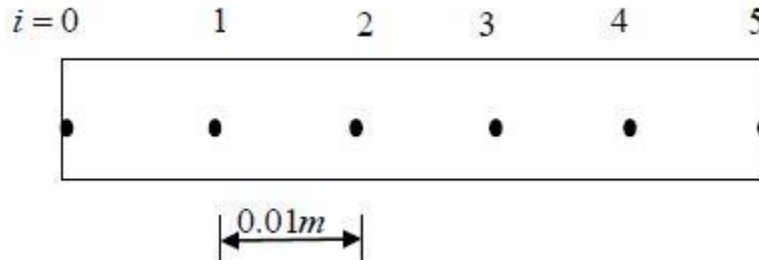
- Q1. A plate $2.4\text{m} \times 3.0\text{m}$ is subjected to the temperature as shown in the figure below. Use a square grid of length of 0.6m . Assume the initial temperature at all interior nodes to be 0°C .



- a) Using the **Gauss-Seidel method**, find the temperature at the interior nodes **8marks**

- b) Find the maximum absolute relative error at the end of the second iteration **12 marks**

Q2. A rod of steel is subjected to a temperature of 100°C on the left end and 25°C on the right end. If the rod is of length 0.05m , use **Crank-Nicolson method** to find the temperature distribution in the rod from $t = 0$ to $t = 6\text{s}$. Use $\Delta x = 0.01\text{m}$, $\Delta t = 3\text{s}$. Below is the schematic diagram showing the node representation in the model. **20marks**



Given that, $k = 54 \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m-K}}$, $\rho = 7800 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$, $C = 490 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{kg-K}}$.

Q3. a) Given that $U(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}}$, show that $U(x, y, z)$ is a solution of the partial differential equation $U_{xx} + U_{yy} + U_{zz} = 0$, for $(x, y, z) \neq (0,0,0)$. **12 marks**

b) State the following functions under Parabolic, Hyperbolic or Elliptic partial differential equations, giving reasons. **8marks**

i) $U(x, y) = \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2} + 2 \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x \partial y} - 3 \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial y^2} = 0$.

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

iii) $\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2}$.

iv) $\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2}$.

Q4. A second order partial differential equation is given by the relation;

$$\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x \partial y} = y \cos x.$$

a) Find the general solution of the equation **8 marks**

b) Find the particular solution which satisfies the condition $U(x, 0) = x$ and $U(\pi, y) = y^2$. **12 marks**

- Q5. A rectangular plate of dimensions $2.4\text{m} \times 3.0\text{m}$ is subjected to the temperatures as shown in the figure below. Using a square grid of length 0.6m . Use the **Gauss-Seidel with successive over the relaxation method** with a weighting factor of 1.4 to find the temperature at the interior nodes. Conduct only the first iterations at all the interior nodes. Assume the initial temperature at all interior nodes to be 0°C .

20marks

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