

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
DIGITAL COMPUTER

ILLINOIS CODE G1 - 78

TITLE Laplace's Equation - Liebmann Method (DOI Only)  
TYPE Open  
NUMBER OF WORDS 5 through 46. Grid points and key words may fill memory  
TEMPORARY STORAGE 0 - 8  
ACCURACY Arbitrarily set at  $10^{-5}$ , but may be changed by user.  
DURATION 3PQ milliseconds, where P = number of interior points  
Q = number of times over grid

For rectangular regions and 5 - place accuracy Q is roughly approximated by

$$\left| \frac{5}{\log_{10} K^*} \right| ,$$

where  $K^* = [1 - \pi^2/4 ([N-1]^{-2} + [M-1]^{-2})]^2$ ,

N = number of columns,

M = number of rows.

DESCRIPTION

This code gives the solution  $V(x,y)$ , corresponding to given boundary values, of the difference equation  $V_{xx} + V_{yy} = 0$ , which approximates Laplace's equation

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

The solution is found for all interior grid points of an arbitrary closed region. The scheme used is that of Liebmann, which requires an initial approximation for each interior point and then improves the approximation by taking for a new value at a point the average of the previous function values at the four neighboring points of the grid. When successive approximations at every point of the grid fail to change by more than a predetermined amount, the present values of V are taken as the solution. For an initial approximation the interior points are taken as linear interpolations between the boundary points marking each horizontal sequence of interior points.

The maximum number of boundary and interior points depends on the complexity of the boundary but is limited to about 950 for very simple boundaries. First, the boundary should be enclosed in a rectangular grid of  $M$  rows and  $N$  columns, preferably with  $N \geq M$ . Known boundary points, of course, should correspond to points of the grid. If a given interior point has a sequence position  $i$  in the  $M \times N$  grid (reading from left to right and top to bottom) then its neighbors have the positions  $i - N$ ,  $i - 1$ ,  $i + 1$ ,  $i + N$ . Since the exterior points will not be stored it is necessary to find the actual addresses of the points in sequential positions  $i$ ,  $i - N$ , and  $i + N$ . This is done as follows: in preparing the problem a count is made of the number of points in each sequence of interior, boundary, and exterior points, with the sequences arranged in the same order as they are on the grid. These are called temporary key words and are placed on the tape after 00 65K as 20 nF 00 F, 30 nF 00 F, 40 nF 00 F for interior, boundary, exterior sequences, respectively, where  $n$  is the number of points in a sequence. A tally should be kept of the total number of boundary and interior points, for this number plus the number of sequences of interior points may not exceed 950. The tape of temporary key words must be terminated with 00 F 00 F. It is placed in the memory in locations (65 ff) later occupied by the function values at the grid points. Temporary key words are operated on to form the addresses of locations  $i$ ,  $i - N$ ,  $i + N$ , for each  $i$  which starts a sequence of interior points, and to place them into one word. These words are called the key words and are put into the memory in sequence starting at any location following the space required for the grid points. A suggested position is at address  $j = [998 \text{ minus number of sequences of interior points}]$ . Key words are of the form  $[m \times 2^{-9} + p \times 2^{-19} + q \times 2^{-39}]$ , where  $N(m)$ ,  $N(p)$ ,  $N(q)$  are the  $(i - N)$ th,  $i$  - th,  $(i + N)$  - th numbers of the grid, respectively.

Without loss of generality all boundary point values are required to lie in the range  $0 \leq V < 1/4$ . Then the interior points are also within this range and the boundary point values may be marked by entering them as negative values. Requiring a maximum of  $1/4$  permits adding the four points to be averaged without chance of overflow. The boundary point

values are written as S followed by up to 11 decimal digits and are placed on the tape in sequential order except that after the first boundary point following a sequence of n interior points the number K (n + 1), where (n + 1) must be a 3 - decimal digit number, is inserted. This list is terminated by the character N. Input of this tape places in order the boundary point values and fills in all sequences of interior point values by linear interpolations between the boundary values marking each sequence. Boundary point values are stored as their negatives; interior points are unchanged.

Parameters required are (1) N, the number of columns, to be placed in location 3 in the form  $N \times 2^{-19}$ , and (2) j, the address for the start of the key words, to be placed in location 4 in the form  $j \times 2^{-39}$ . The print parameters are (1) N (3) =  $k \times 2^{-39}$ , where k is the number of decimal places to be printed, and (2) N (4) =  $s \times 2^{-39}$ , where s is the address of the last point to be printed.

The complete routine for solving the problem requires the following tapes:

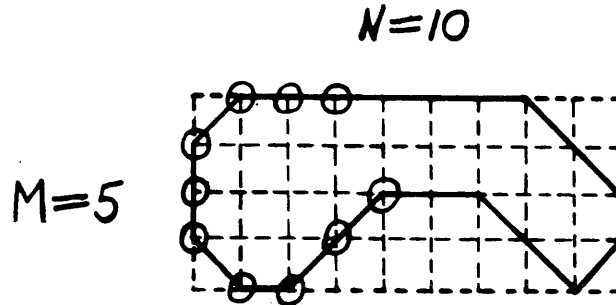
1. Decimal Order Input ( X1 - 18 )
2. Temporary key words (in 65 ff) and parameters
3. Routine to form key words (in 10 - 64), followed by 26 10N
4. Decimal number sequence input ( N3 - 23 ) and modification (in 26 - 46). N3 is obsolete, but it has been copied into G1 and no copy is required by the programmer.
5. Boundary input routine (in 5 - 25), followed by 26 28N
6. Boundary points, followed by N
7. Parameters again and routine evaluating interior points (in 10 - 38), followed by 24 10N
8. Print parameters, print routine, and Single Column print ( P6 - 25 ) (in 10 - 28), followed by 24 10N

The order listed must be adhered to although only 2, 6, and parameters need to be constructed for each problem. Codes 4 and 5 overwrite 3, 7 overwrites 4 and 5, and 8 overwrites 7.

Relative location 28 in the code for evaluating interior points (fixed location 38) contains the constant which determines the accuracy and thus the stopping point of the routine. This has been set arbitrarily.

at  $5 \times 10^{-6}$  to give five-place accuracy, but may be varied at the discretion of the user by setting  $N(38F) = 5 \times 10^{-(n+1)}$ , (where  $n$  is the number of decimal places of accuracy desired) after input of the routine for evaluating interior points, but before its execution.

An example follows:



Suppose the encircled boundary points have the value 10 and the others the value (-2). First add 2 to the function to get it non-negative throughout the region. Then scale by a factor of 50 so that the function values  $V$  are all in the range ( $0 \leq V \leq .24$ ). The temporary keys are 40 1F 00 F, 30 7F 00 F, 40 2F 00 F, 30 1F 00 F, 20 7F 00 F, 30 1F 00 F, 40 1F 00 F, 30 1F 00 F, 20 3F 00 F, 30 3F 00 F, 20 2F 00 F, 30 2F 00 F, 20 2F 00 F, 30 1F 00 F, 40 3F 00 F, 30 1F 00 F, 20 1F 00 F, 30 1F 00 F, 40 1F 00 F, 30 2F 00 F, 40 5F 00 F, 30 1F 00 F, 00 F 00 F. Parameters are  $N(3) = 10 \times 2^{-19}$  and  $N(4) = [998 - 5] \times 2^{-39} = 993 \times 2^{-39}$ . The list of boundary points is S24, S24, S24, S, S, S, S, S24, S, K008, S24, S24, K004, S, S, S, K003, S24, S24, K003, S, S, K002, S24, S24, S, N.

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LOCATION	ORDER		NOTES	PAGE 1 G 1
	00 10K			
0	41 7F		N(7) = N(8) = 0	
	40 8F			
1	50 (65)F	From 46'	Q = current temporary key	
	01 3F			
2	L0 52L		Test for end of temporary keys	
	36 4L	No		
3	41 ( )F	By 41	Insert 0 at end of keys	
	24 999F		Read in "boundary input"	
4	L0 52L	From 2'	Test for interior sequence	
	L0 52L			
5	36 47L	No		
	41 5F	Yes	N(5) = N(6) = 0	
6	40 6F			
	L5 7F			
7	L0 8F		N(0) = [number of interior parts + number of boundary points] 2 <sup>-19</sup>	
	26 8L			
8	40 F			
	L5 1L		Plant address of current temporary key	
9	46 26L			
	46 42L			
10	L0 51L		plant address of previous temporary key	
	46 11L			
11	50 ( )F	By 10' 17'		
	01 3F	From 17'	Test for exterior sequence	
12	L0 53L			
	36 18L	Yes		
13	11 3F	No		
	L5 5F	From 20	N(5) = [number of points we have backed up] . 2 <sup>-19</sup>	
14	S4 F			
	40 5F			
15	L0 3F		Have we backed up a row?	
	32 20L	Yes		
16	L5 1L	No	Plant address of previous temporary key	
	L0 51L			

SECTION	ORDER		NOTES	PAGE 2	G 1
	46 11L				
	26 11L				
18	11 3F	From 12'			
	L5 6F				
19	S4 F				
	40 6F				
20	22 13L				
	L5 54L	From 15'			
21	L4 F				
	40 1F				
22	L0 3F				
	L4 6F				
23	00 10F				
	L4 1F				
24	40 1F				
	41 5E				
25	41 6F				
	26 26L				
26	50 ( )F	By 9, $\pi$			
	01 3F	From 32'			
27	L0 53L	Yes			
	36 33L				
28	11 3F	No			
	L5 5F	From 35			
29	S4 F				
	40 5F				
30	L0 3F				
	32 35L	Yes			
31	L5 26L	No			
	L4 51L				
32	46 26L				
	26 26L				
33	11 3F	From 27'			
	L5 6F				
34	S4 F				
	40 6F				

$N(6) = [\text{number of exterior points we have backed up}] \cdot 2^{-19}$

$A = [\text{address of first mesh word}] \cdot 2^{-19}$

$N(1) = m \cdot 2^{-9} + p \cdot 2^{-19}$

$N(5) = N(6) = 0$

Test for exterior sequence

$N(5) = [\text{number of points we have progressed}] \cdot 2^{-19}$

Have we progressed a row?

Plant address of next temporary key

$N(6) = [\text{number of exterior parts we have progressed}] \cdot 2^{-19}$

LOCATION	ORDER		NOTES	PAGE 3	G 1
35	22 28L				
	L5 1F	From 30'			
36	L4 3F			$N(1) = m \cdot 2^{-9} + p \cdot 2^{-19} + q \cdot 2^{-39}$	
	L0 6F				
37	10 20F				
	42 1F			= key word	
38	L5 1F				
	26 39L			Store key word	
39	40 ( )S4				
	L5 39L				
40	L4 51L				
	46 39L			Plant addresses for next key word	
41	46 3L				
	26 42L				
42	50 ( )F	By 9'			
	00 3F			$Q = [\text{number of parts in present interior sequence}] \cdot 2^{-16}$	
43	11 3F	From 48			
	L5 7F	From 50'			
44	S4 F				
	40 7F				
45	L5 1L				
	L4 51L			Set address for next temporary key	
46	46 1L				
	26 1L				
47	L0 52L	From 5		Test for boundary sequence	
	32 48L	No			
48	26 43L	Yes			
	11 3F	From 47'			
49	L5 8F				
	S4 F			$N(8) = [\text{number of exterior points}] \times 2^{-19}$	
50	40 8F				
	22 43L				
51	00 1F			2 <sup>-19</sup>	
	00 F				
52	00 F				
	00 1F			2 <sup>-39</sup>	

LOCATION	ORDER		NOTES	PAGE 4 G 1
53	00 F		4 x 2 <sup>-39</sup>	
54	00 4F		47 x 2 <sup>-19</sup>	
	00 47F			
	00 F			
	26 10N			
	<u>BOUNDARY INPUT</u>			
	00 26K			
	DNSI Code N3		26 - 46F	
	00 36K			
36	66 1F			
	26 5F			
37	40 (47)F		Modification to DNSI code (N3)	
	L5 37F			
38	L4 32F			
	46 37F			
39	L5 2F			
	L0 45F			
40	40 1F			
	34 999F		Read in "Evaluate interior points" routine	
	00 5K			
0	S5 1F			
	32 1L		interior points or boundary points	
1	26 37F			
	40 1F		$N(1) = 10^{-3} (n + 1)$	
2	L5 37F		Get address of interior points	
	L0 20L			
3	46 7L			
	46 10E		Plant first interior point address	
4	46 14L			
	L0 20L			
5	46 6L		Plant left hand boundary point address	
	46 13L			
6	L5 ( )F	By 5		
	50 21L			
7	L0 ( )F	By 3	Find functional increment per interior point	
	40 4F			



LOCATION	ORDER		NOTES	PAGE 5	G 1
8	75 4F 66 1F				
9	S5 F 40 4F				
10	L5 ( )F 40 3F	By 3'	N(3) = right hand boundary point		
11	L5 21L I2 1F		Count to n and test		
12	40 1F 36 18L				
13	L7 ( )F I4 4F	By 5', 15'	Form initial values for interior points		
14	40 ( )F L5 14L	By 4, 16'			
15	46 13L I4 20L				
16	46 14L 00 63F		Set addresses in loop		
17	00 63F 26 11L				
18	L5 14L 46 37L		Prepare to store right hand boundary point		
19	L5 3F 26 37F				
20	00 1F		$2^{-19} + 2^{-39}$		
21	// 00 1F // 00F 0000L // 00000 1000J // 26 28N		$10^{-3} + 10^{-9}$		
EVALUATE INTERIOR POINTS .					
0	00 10K 41 6F L3 ( )S4	By 23'	N(6) = 0 Test for end of grid		
1	32 19L L5 ( )S4	By 23'	N(2) = current key word		

LOCATION	ORDER		NOTES	PAGE 6
2	40 2F			
	46 7L			
3	46 14L		Plant p, q	
	42 11L			
4	14 25L			
	46 13L		Plant p + 1	
5	10 26L			
	46 12L		Plant p - 1	
6	10 30F			
	42 12L		Plant m	
7	L5 (p)F	By 2'	$N(p) = N(4)$	
	40 4F			
8	36 11L		Test for boundary point	
	L5 L	Yes		
9	14 25L		Plant key work addresses	
	42 L			
10	42 1L			
	22 L		End of row	
11	19 37F	From 8		
	L7 (q)F	By 3'		
12	L6 (p-1)F	By 5'	$N_{i+1}(p) = 1/4 [N_{i+1}(m) + N_1(q) +$	
	L6 (m)F	By 6'	$(p-1) + N_1(p+1)]$	
13	L6 (p+1)F	By 4'		
	10 2F			
14	40 (p)F			
	10 4F			
15	40 4F		$N(6) = \sum  N_{i+1}(p) - N_1(p) $	
	L7 4F			
16	L4 6F			
	40 6F			
17	36 18L		Test for overflow	
	40 27L	Yes	$N(27L) < 0$	
18	L5 2F			
	L4 25L		Step m, p, q by 1	
19	26 2L			
	L1 27L	From 1		

LOCATION	ORDER	NOTES	PAGE 7
20	36 22L	No	Test for overflow
21	L5 28L		Test for end
	L0 6F		Read in print routines
	34 999F		
22	49 27L	From 20	Reset $N(27L) \geq 0$
	L5 24L		
23	42 L		
	42 1L		Reset addresses and start over on grid
24	26 L		
	OF S4		Address used
25	00 1025F		$2^{-9} + 2^{-19} + 2^{-29} + 2^{-39}$
	00 1025F		
26	00 1026F		
	00 1025F		$2^{-9} + 2 \cdot 2^{-19} + 2^{-29} + 2^{-39}$
27	40 F		
	00 F		1/2
28	00F 00000		
	005 000000J		$5 \cdot 10^{-6}$
	24 10N		
<u>PRINT ROUTINE</u>			
	00 10K		
0	L5 (47)F		Argument to "single column print"
	50 L		
1	26 16F		
	19 18F		
2	L4 L		Step address for new argument
	46 L		
3	L0 5L		Test for end
	32 4L		
4	26 L		Print next point
	00 F		final stop
5	L5 1S4		End constant
	50 L		
	00 16K		
Single Column Print (P 6)			
	24 10N		