

Exercise 5 for the lecture  
**NUMERICS III**  
SoSe 2015

**Due: till Tuesday, 26. May**

**Problem 1**

Show that the weights  $\alpha_Z, \alpha_W, \alpha_O, \alpha_N, \alpha_S$  of the standard five-point finite difference approximation of the Laplace operator satisfy

$$\alpha_Z < 0, \quad \alpha_W, \alpha_O, \alpha_N, \alpha_S > 0, \quad \alpha_Z + \alpha_W + \alpha_O + \alpha_N + \alpha_S = 0.$$

**Problem 2**

The difference star of the nine-point formula is given by

$$\Delta_9 u(x) = \sum_{i,j=-1}^1 S_{i+2,j+2} u\left(x + \begin{pmatrix} i \\ j \end{pmatrix} h\right) \quad \text{with} \quad S = \frac{1}{6h^2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -4 & -1 \\ -4 & 20 & -4 \\ -1 & -4 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Show that under sufficient regularity assumptions, for  $\Delta u = \text{const}$  it holds that

$$\Delta u(x) - \Delta_9 u(x) = \mathcal{O}(h^4).$$

**Problem 3** (8 programming points)

Approximate the solution of the following BVP conditions

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta u &= f && \text{in } \Omega_i \\ u &= 0 && \text{on } \partial\Omega_i, \end{aligned}$$

$i = 1, 2$ , using the Shortley-Weller method (finite differences):

- a) Let  $\Omega_1 = (0, 1) \times (0, 1)$  and  $f = 1$  on the disc around the point  $(0.5, 0.5)$  with radius  $r = 0.3$ , and  $f = 0$  elsewhere. Calculate numerically the approximate solution for different mesh sizes and compare your results with a reference solution (on a very fine grid, e.g. with step size  $h = 1/50$ ). Which order of accuracy does your method have in the  $L^2$  norm and in the  $L^\infty$  norm?
- b) Consider the Dirichlet problem from above on the domain  $\Omega_2 = \Omega_1 \setminus \Omega$ , where  $\Omega = (0.5, 1) \times (0.5, 1)$ . What do you observe?

#### Problem 4

Consider the boundary value problem

$$\begin{aligned}
 -\Delta u &= f && \text{in } \Omega \\
 u &= g_D && \text{on } \Gamma_D \\
 \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} &= g_N && \text{on } \Gamma_N.
 \end{aligned}$$

Derive a consistent finite difference approximation for an arbitrary domain  $\Omega$  with boundary  $\partial\Omega = \Gamma_D \cup \Gamma_N$ , where the normal  $n$  is given for all  $x \in \partial\Omega$ .