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The paper is inspired by the GNN theorem stating that in an  $n$ -dimensional ball, all the solutions  $u$  of the  $f$ -inhomogeneous Laplace equation (with Dirichlet boundary conditions) are radially symmetric for all the reasonable  $f$ . The text pays attention to the similar (approximate) inheritance of the symmetry for the discretized versions of the same equation (using cubic mesh of size  $h$ ). The authors start from the reminder of an elementary  $n = 1$  counterexample (one can only expect an approximate inheritance of the symmetry) and they offer some precise results contrasting the defects  $O(h)$  and  $O(1/|\log h|)$  of symmetry at  $n = 1$  and  $n > 1$ .