

# Applied Mathematics: an introduction to Scientific Computing by Numerical Analysis

## Lecture 10 - Introduction to PDEs - Finite Differences in 1D

Luca Heltai <[luca.heltai@sissa.it](mailto:luca.heltai@sissa.it)>

International School for Advanced Studies ([www.sissa.it](http://www.sissa.it))

Mathematical Analysis, Modeling, and Applications ([math.sissa.it](http://math.sissa.it))

Theoretical and Scientific Data Science ([datascience.sissa.it](http://datascience.sissa.it))

Master in High Performance Computing ([www.mhpc.it](http://www.mhpc.it))

SISSA mathLab ([mathlab.sissa.it](http://mathlab.sissa.it))



### 1D - Poisson Problem

Given  $f$ , Find the function  $u$  s.t.

$$\textcircled{1} \begin{cases} -u'' = f & \text{in } (0,1) \\ u(0) = u(1) = 0 \end{cases}$$

- elasticity
- heat
- maxwell

....

Strong formulation  $\textcircled{1}$  :  $f \in C^0([0,1])$ , seek for  
 $u \in C^2([0,1])$

# FINITE DIFFERENCES

FD: Approximate differential operators with "finite diff."  
 = difference between the value of the function at points

simplest case: choose a step size  $h = \frac{b-a}{(N-1)} = \frac{1}{(N-1)}$

for  $u \in C([0,1])$  define  $u^i := u(x_i) = u(ih)$   $i \in [0, N)$   
range(N)

Replace  $\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)(x_i) := D_u^{F/B/C}$

$$[D_u^F]^i := \frac{u^i - u^{i-1}}{h} \quad i \in [1, N)$$

$$[D_u^B]^i := \frac{u^{i+1} - u^i}{h} \quad i \in [0, N-1)$$

$$[CFD_u^I]^i = [D_u^C]^i := \frac{u^{i+1} - u^{i-1}}{2h} \quad i \in [1, N-1)$$

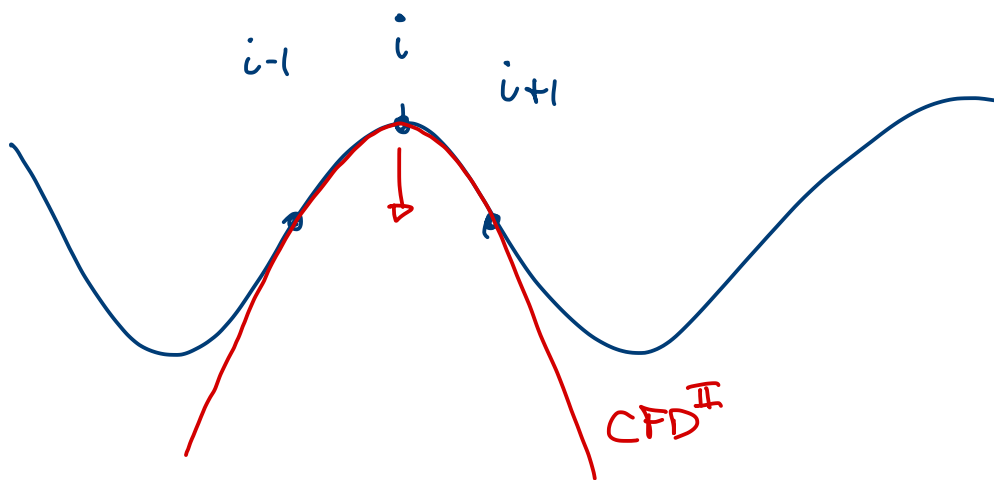
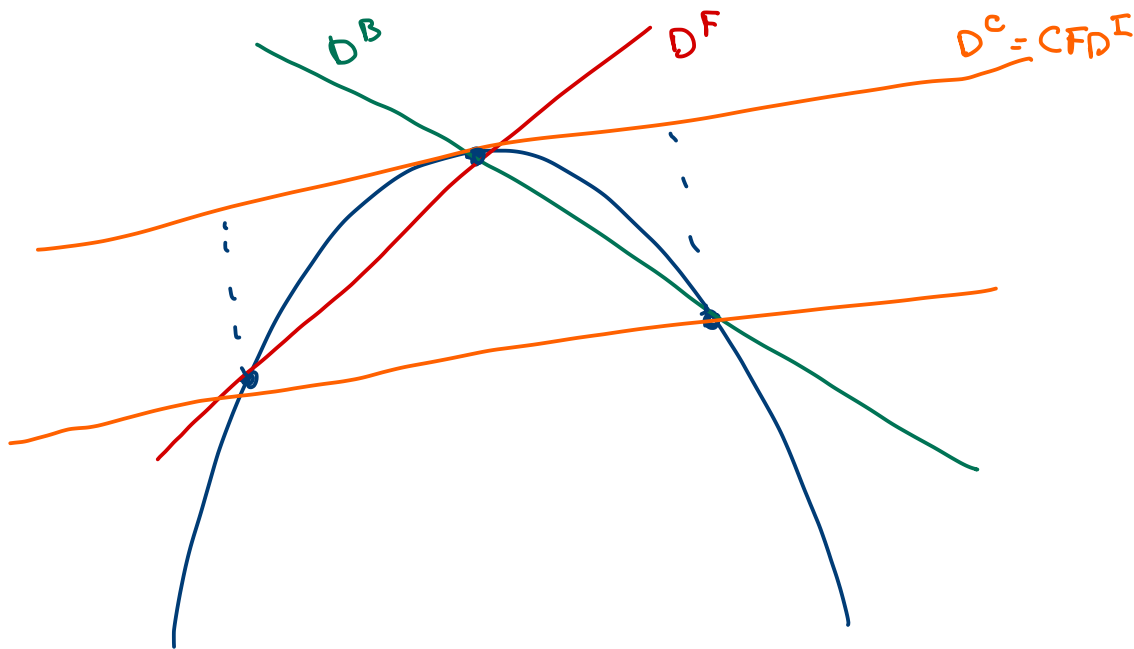
For second order derivatives:

$$D^F D^B \quad / \quad D^B D^F \quad / \quad D^F D^F \quad / \quad D^B D^B \quad / \quad \dots$$

$$[CFD_u^{II}]^i := \frac{u^{i-1} - 2u^i + u^{i+1}}{h^2} = \frac{(u^{i+1} - u^i) - (u^i - u^{i-1})}{h^2}$$

$$[CFD_u^{II}]^i = [D^F [D^B] u]^i = [D^B [D^F] u]^i$$

$$[D^F]^i = [D^B]^{i-1} \quad [D^B]^i = [D^F]^{i+1}$$



$$-u''(x) = f(x) \quad \text{in } [0, 1] \equiv \Omega$$

$$u(0) = u(1) = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega$$

— CFD<sup>II</sup>

$$-\left[\text{CFD}^{\text{II}} u\right]^i = f_i \quad i \in [1, N-1)$$

$$u^0 = u^{N-1} = 0$$

$$-\text{CFD}^{\text{II}} u^i = \frac{-u^{i-1} + 2u^i - u^{i+1}}{h^2} = f_i$$

$$\sum_{j=0}^{N-1} A_{ij} u^j = f_i$$

$$A_{ij} = \begin{cases} 2/h^2 & i=j, \quad j \neq 0, N-1 \\ -1/h^2 & |i-j|=1 \quad j \neq 0, N-1 \end{cases}$$

$$u^0 = u^{N-1} = 0 \rightarrow A_{ii} = 1 \quad i=0, i=N-1 \quad f_i = 0$$

$$A := \frac{1}{h^2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & \\ & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ & & \ddots & \ddots \\ & & & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ & & & & 1 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$f := \begin{pmatrix} u_0 = 0/h^2 \\ f(x_1) \\ f(x_2) \\ \vdots \\ f(x_{N-2}) \\ u_{N-1} = 0/h^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$u^i := A^{ij} f_j$$

$$A^{ij} A_{jk} = \delta^i_k$$

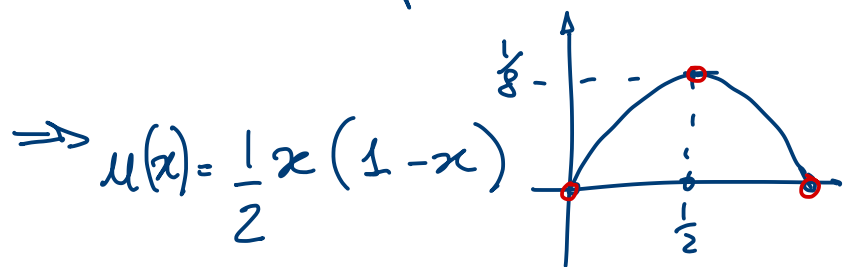
3 points

$$0, \frac{1}{2}, 1$$

$$f = 1$$

$$-u'' = 1$$

$$u(0) = u(1) = 0$$



$$\left( \frac{u^0}{h^2} = \frac{0}{h^2} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{u^0 + 2u^1 - u^2}{h^2} \right) = 1$$

$$\frac{u^2}{h^2} = \frac{0}{h^2}$$

$$u^1 = \frac{h^2}{2} = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$A = \frac{1}{h^2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u^0 \\ u^1 \\ u^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0/h^2 \\ 1 \\ 0/h^2 \end{pmatrix}$$