

Boundary Value Problems - Part IV

Two Neumann boundary conditions (Section 2.12)

Equation: $u''(x) = f(x)$, $0 < x < 1$ Boundary conditions: $\underline{u'(0) = \sigma_0, u'(1) = \sigma_1}$

Extra condition for uniqueness: $\int_0^1 u(x) dx = \gamma$, for some γ .



See homework 3 problem for more detail!

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{h^2} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & \ddots & & & \vdots \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & 0 & 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}}_{A^h} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} u_0 \\ u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ u_m \\ u_{m+1} \end{bmatrix}}_{\underline{u}^h} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} f_0 + \frac{2}{h}\sigma_0 \\ f_1 \\ f_2 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ f_m \\ f_{m+1} - \frac{2}{h}\sigma_1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\underline{f}^h},$$

* Singular linear system: BVP does not have a unique solution

• Existence of solutions:

$$\int_0^1 u''(x) dx = \int_0^1 f(x) dx \Leftrightarrow u'(1) - u'(0) = \int_0^1 f(x) dx$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \underline{\underline{\sigma_1 - \sigma_0 = \int_0^1 f(x) dx.}}$$

compatibility condition.

• If this is satisfied then there exists a solution that is unique up to an additive constant: $u(x) + C$.

General boundary conditions: Robin conditions

Equation: $u''(x) = f(x)$, $0 < x < 1$

Boundary conditions: $\alpha_1 u(0) + \alpha_2 u'(0) = \alpha_3$ and $\beta_1 u(1) + \beta_2 u'(1) = \beta_3$

Given $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3$.

Use fictitious point method:

$$\alpha_1 u_0 + \frac{\alpha_2}{2h} (u_1 - u_{-1}) = \alpha_3$$

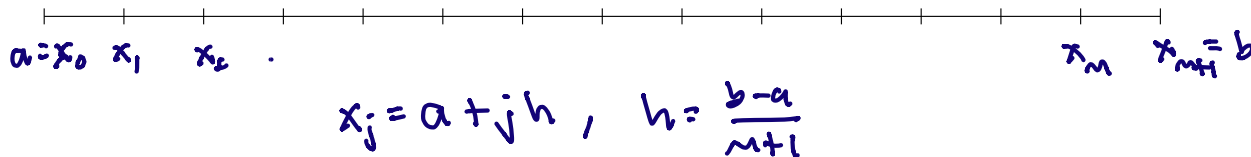
Given $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3$.

Idea:
Solve for u_{-1} and use in the approximation
 $\frac{1}{h^2} (u_{-1} - 2u_0 + u_1) = f_0$

linear General two-point boundary value problem (Section 2.15)

Equation: $u''(x) = p(x)u'(x) + q(x)u(x) + r(x)$, $a < x < b$

Boundary conditions: $u(a) = \alpha$ $u(b) = \beta$



$a = x_0$ x_1 x_2 \dots x_m $x_{m+1} = b$

$x_j = a + jh$, $h = \frac{b-a}{m+1}$

Idea: Write down discrete approximations for each term in the boundary value problem at the grid points

$$\begin{bmatrix} u''(x_1) \\ u''(x_2) \\ u''(x_3) \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ u''(x_{m-1}) \\ u''(x_m) \end{bmatrix} \approx \frac{1}{h^2} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & \ddots & & & \vdots \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}}_{D_2^h} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ u_{m-1} \\ u_m \end{bmatrix}}_{\underline{u}^h} + \frac{1}{h^2} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} p(x_1)u'(x_1) \\ p(x_2)u'(x_2) \\ p(x_3)u'(x_3) \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ p(x_{m-1})u'(x_{m-1}) \\ p(x_m)u'(x_m) \end{bmatrix} \approx \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} p(x_1) & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & p(x_2) & 0 & \ddots & & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & p(x_3) & 0 & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & 0 & p(x_{m-1}) & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & 0 & 0 & p(x_m) \end{bmatrix}}_{P^h} \underbrace{\frac{1}{2h} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & \ddots & & & \vdots \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{D_1^h} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ u_{m-1} \\ u_m \end{bmatrix}}_{\underline{u}^h} + \frac{1}{2h} \begin{bmatrix} p(x_1)\alpha \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ p(x_m)\beta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} q(x_1)u(x_1) \\ q(x_2)u(x_2) \\ q(x_3)u(x_3) \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ q(x_{m-1})u(x_{m-1}) \\ q(x_m)u(x_m) \end{bmatrix} \approx \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} q(x_1) & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & q(x_2) & 0 & \ddots & & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & q(x_3) & 0 & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & 0 & q(x_{m-1}) & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & 0 & 0 & q(x_m) \end{bmatrix}}_{Q^h} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ u_{m-1} \\ u_m \end{bmatrix}}_{\underline{u}^h}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} r(x_1) \\ r(x_2) \\ r(x_3) \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ r(x_{m-1}) \\ r(x_m) \end{bmatrix} = \underline{r}^h$$

Discrete system:

$$D_2^h \underline{u}^h = P^h D_1^h \underline{u}^h + Q^h \underline{u}^h + \underline{r}^h - \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{h^2} + \frac{p(x_1)}{2h} \right) \alpha e_1 - \left(\frac{1}{h^2} - \frac{p(x_m)}{2h} \right) p e_m}_{\underline{f}^h}$$

$$\underbrace{(D_2^h - P^h D_1^h - Q^h)}_{A^h} \underline{u}^h = \underline{f}^h \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \boxed{A^h \underline{u}^h = \underline{f}^h}$$

$$A^h = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{2}{h^2} - q(x_1) & \frac{1}{h^2} - \frac{p(x_1)}{2h} & & & \\ \frac{1}{h^2} + p(x_1) & -\frac{2}{h^2} - q(x_1) & \frac{1}{h^2} - \frac{p(x_2)}{2h} & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \frac{1}{h^2} + p(x_m) \\ & & & & -\frac{2}{h^2} - q(x_m) \end{bmatrix}$$

Theorem

Suppose that p , q , and r are continuous and $q(x) \geq 0$ on $[a, b]$. Then the system $A^h \underline{u}^h = \underline{f}^h$ has a unique solution if $h < 2/L$, where $L = \max_{a \leq x \leq b} |p(x)|$.

Variable coefficient diffusion equation

merit parameter. $\frac{1}{2} = \kappa$

Equation: $(\kappa(x)u'(x))' = f(x)$, $a < x < b$, $\kappa(x) > 0$

Boundary conditions: $u(a) = \alpha$ $u(b) = \beta$

Idea 1: Expand derivatives via the chain rule and discretize

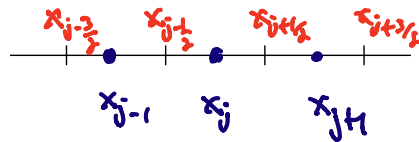
$$\Rightarrow \kappa(x) u''(x) + \kappa'(x) u'(x) = f(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow u''(x) = - \underbrace{\frac{\kappa'(x)}{\kappa(x)}}_{p(x)} u'(x) + \underbrace{\frac{f(x)}{\kappa(x)}}_{r(x)}$$

$$q(x) = 0$$

Idea 2: Discretize the problem directly: staggered differencing

$$h = \frac{b-a}{m+1}, \quad x_j = a + jh$$



$$j=1, 2, \dots, m.$$

Approximate $\kappa(x)u'(x)$ at the $1/2$ integer grid points:

$$\kappa(x)u'(x) \Big|_{x=x_{j-1/2}} = \kappa(x_{j-1/2}) \left(\frac{u_{j-1} + u_j}{h} \right) + \mathcal{O}(h^2)$$

$$\kappa(x)u'(x) \Big|_{x=x_{j+1/2}} = \kappa(x_{j+1/2}) \left(\frac{u_{j+1} - u_j}{h} \right) + \mathcal{O}(h^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow (K(x)u'(x))' \Big|_{x=x_j} = \frac{1}{h} \left[\underbrace{K(x_{j+1/2})}_{K_{j+1/2}} \left(\frac{u_{j+1} - u_j}{h} \right) - \underbrace{K(x_{j-1/2})}_{K_{j-1/2}} \left(\frac{-u_{j-1} + u_j}{h} \right) \right] + O(h^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{h^2} \left[K_{j-1/2} u_{j-1} - (K_{j-1/2} + K_{j+1/2}) u_j + K_{j+1/2} u_{j+1} \right] + O(h^2)$$

Linear system:

$$\frac{1}{h^2} \begin{bmatrix} -(K_{1/2} + K_{3/2}) & K_{3/2} & & & \\ K_{3/2} & -(K_{3/2} + K_{5/2}) & K_{5/2} & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & K_{m-3/2} & -(K_{m-3/2} + K_{m-1/2}) & K_{m-1/2} \\ & & & K_{m-1/2} & -(K_{m-1/2} + K_{m+1/2}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_{m-1} \\ u_m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ \vdots \\ f_{m-1} \\ f_m \end{bmatrix}$$

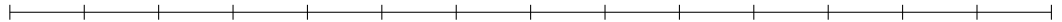
Higher-order finite difference (FD) methods (Section 2.20)

Model Problem:

$$\text{Equation: } u''(x) = f(x), \quad 0 < x < 1 \quad \text{Boundary conditions: } u(0) = \alpha, \quad u(1) = \beta$$

Ideas for getting fourth-order accuracy

1) Wide FD stencils



$$\frac{1}{h^2} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{12} & \frac{4}{3} & -\frac{5}{2} & \frac{4}{3} & -\frac{1}{12} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u(x_{j-2}) \\ u(x_{j-1}) \\ u(x_j) \\ u(x_{j+1}) \\ u(x_{j+2}) \end{bmatrix} = f(x_j) + \mathcal{O}(h^2), \quad j = 2, \dots, m-1$$

$$\frac{1}{h^2} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{5}{6} & -\frac{5}{4} & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{7}{6} & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{12} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u(x_0) \\ u(x_1) \\ u(x_2) \\ u(x_3) \\ u(x_4) \\ u(x_5) \end{bmatrix} = f(x_1) + \mathcal{O}(h^2) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{h^2} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{12} & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{7}{6} & -\frac{1}{3} & -\frac{5}{4} & \frac{5}{6} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u(x_{m-4}) \\ u(x_{m-3}) \\ u(x_{m-2}) \\ u(x_{m-1}) \\ u(x_m) \\ u(x_{m+1}) \end{bmatrix} = f(x_m) + \mathcal{O}(h^2)$$

2) Compact (Implicit) FD stencils (also called “deferred correction”)

