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# Chapter 1

## Finite Difference Scheme for Numerical Solution

### 1.1 Numerically Verifying Order of Accuracy

From lecture, we went through the derivation of the 4th order compact scheme for  $\frac{du}{dx}$ . A simple periodic function is then chosen to verify the scheme. Starting with  $u = \sin(2\pi x) \implies \frac{du}{dx}_{ana} = 2\pi \cos(2\pi x)$  and  $u = \cos(2\pi x) \implies \frac{du}{dx}_{ana} = -2\pi \sin(2\pi x)$ . We get the following plot,

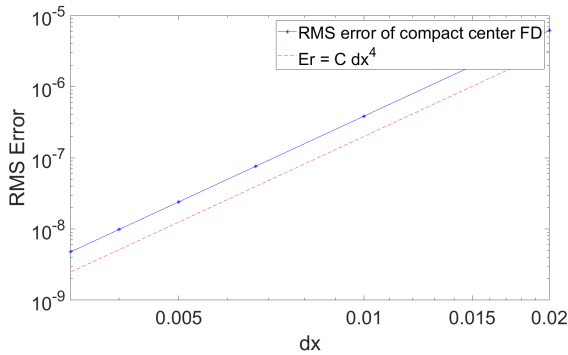


Figure 1.1: Log-Log plot for  $y = \sin(2\pi x)$

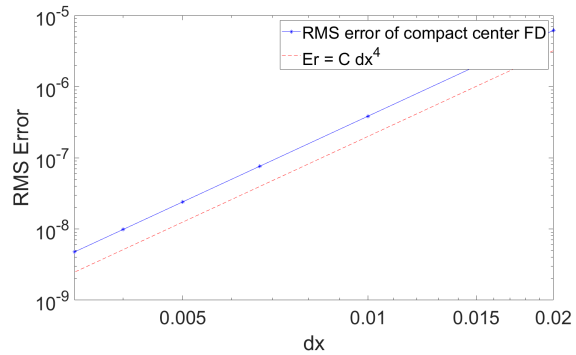


Figure 1.2: Log-Log plot for  $y = \cos(2\pi x)$

The graphs show similar results that the log of both the RMS and the scheme are parallel.

### 1.2 Derive and Verify OoA of Central Finite Difference Scheme of $\frac{d^2u}{dx^2}$

For deriving the 4th order OoA convectional (centre) finite difference scheme for  $\frac{d^2u}{dx^2}$ , we start with the following 5 points,  $u_j$  and its surrounding 4 points, and the Taylor series expansion,

$$\begin{aligned}
u_{j-2} &= u_j - u'_j 2\Delta x + u''_j \frac{(2\Delta x)^2}{2!} - u'''_j \frac{(2\Delta x)^3}{3!} + u_j^{(4)} \frac{(2\Delta x)^4}{4!} - u_j^{(5)} \frac{(2\Delta x)^5}{5!} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x)^6 \\
u_{j-1} &= u_j - u'_j \Delta x + u''_j \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{2!} - u'''_j \frac{(\Delta x)^3}{3!} + u_j^{(4)} \frac{(\Delta x)^4}{4!} - u_j^{(5)} \frac{(\Delta x)^5}{5!} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x)^6 \\
u_{j+1} &= u_j + u'_j \Delta x + u''_j \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{2!} + u'''_j \frac{(\Delta x)^3}{3!} + u_j^{(4)} \frac{(\Delta x)^4}{4!} + u_j^{(5)} \frac{(\Delta x)^5}{5!} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x)^6 \\
u_{j+2} &= u_j + u'_j 2\Delta x + u''_j \frac{(2\Delta x)^2}{2!} + u'''_j \frac{(2\Delta x)^3}{3!} + u_j^{(4)} \frac{(2\Delta x)^4}{4!} + u_j^{(5)} \frac{(2\Delta x)^5}{5!} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x)^6
\end{aligned}$$

Adding multiplier to 3 equations, they become,

$$\begin{aligned}
u_{j-2} &= u_j - u'_j 2\Delta x + u''_j \frac{(2\Delta x)^2}{2!} - u'''_j \frac{(2\Delta x)^3}{3!} + u_j^{(4)} \frac{(2\Delta x)^4}{4!} - u_j^{(5)} \frac{(2\Delta x)^5}{5!} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x)^6 \\
\alpha[u_{j-1}] &= \alpha \left[ u_j - u'_j \Delta x + u''_j \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{2!} - u'''_j \frac{(\Delta x)^3}{3!} + u_j^{(4)} \frac{(\Delta x)^4}{4!} - u_j^{(5)} \frac{(\Delta x)^5}{5!} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x)^6 \right] \\
\beta[u_{j+1}] &= \beta \left[ u_j + u'_j \Delta x + u''_j \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{2!} + u'''_j \frac{(\Delta x)^3}{3!} + u_j^{(4)} \frac{(\Delta x)^4}{4!} + u_j^{(5)} \frac{(\Delta x)^5}{5!} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x)^6 \right] \\
\gamma[u_{j+2}] &= \gamma \left[ u_j + u'_j 2\Delta x + u''_j \frac{(2\Delta x)^2}{2!} + u'''_j \frac{(2\Delta x)^3}{3!} + u_j^{(4)} \frac{(2\Delta x)^4}{4!} + u_j^{(5)} \frac{(2\Delta x)^5}{5!} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x)^6 \right]
\end{aligned}$$

Adding them up and setting  $u'_j, u'''_j, u_j^{(4)}$  and  $u_j^{(5)}$  to be zero, we get,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -\frac{4}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \\ -\frac{4}{15} \end{bmatrix} + \alpha \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -\frac{1}{6} \\ \frac{1}{24} \\ -\frac{1}{120} \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1}{6} \\ \frac{1}{24} \\ \frac{1}{120} \end{bmatrix} + \gamma \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ \frac{4}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{4}{15} \end{bmatrix}$$

After solving, we get  $\alpha = -16, \beta = -16$ , and  $\gamma = 1$ . This gives us the following equation,

$$\begin{aligned}
u_{j-2} - 16u_{j-1} - 16u_{j+1} + u_{j+2} &= -30u_j - 12u''_j(\Delta x)^2 + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x)^6 \\
-12u''_j(\Delta x)^2 &= u_{j-2} - 16u_{j-1} + 30u_j - 16u_{j+1} + u_{j+2} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x)^6 \\
u''_j &= -\frac{1}{12(\Delta x)^2}(u_{j-2} - 16u_{j-1} + 30u_j - 16u_{j+1} + u_{j+2}) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x)^4
\end{aligned}$$

Then, construct the **A** matrix and suppose  $u = \sin(2\pi x) \implies \frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} = -(2\pi)^2 \sin(2\pi x)$ , the verification

plot of the RMS and the log scale is,

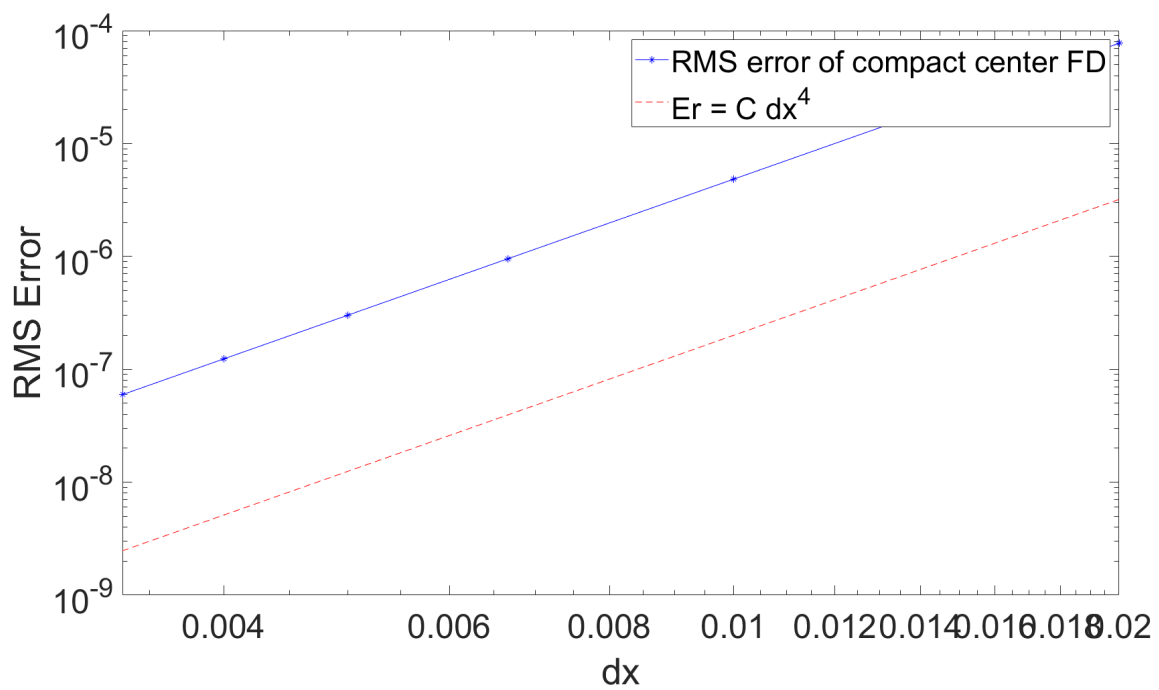


Figure 1.3: Log-Log plot for  $y = \sin(2\pi x)$ ,  $\frac{d^2 u}{dx^2}$ , 5 points

### 1.3 Derive and Verify Compact Central Finite Difference Scheme of $\frac{d^2 u}{dx^2}$

For the compact scheme, we will only be using the points  $u_{j-1}$ ,  $u_j$ , and  $u_{j+1}$ . We will be utilising the following Taylor series expansions,

$$\begin{aligned} u_{j-1} &= u_j - u'_j \Delta x + u''_j \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{2!} - u'''_j \frac{(\Delta x)^3}{3!} + u^{(4)}_j \frac{(\Delta x)^4}{4!} - u^{(5)}_j \frac{(\Delta x)^5}{5!} + \dots \\ u_{j+1} &= u_j + u'_j \Delta x + u''_j \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{2!} + u'''_j \frac{(\Delta x)^3}{3!} + u^{(4)}_j \frac{(\Delta x)^4}{4!} + u^{(5)}_j \frac{(\Delta x)^5}{5!} + \dots \\ u'_{j-1} &= u'_j - u''_j \Delta x + u'''_j \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{2!} - u^{(4)}_j \frac{(\Delta x)^3}{3!} + u^{(5)}_j \frac{(\Delta x)^4}{4!} - u^{(6)}_j \frac{(\Delta x)^5}{5!} + \dots \\ u'_{j+1} &= u'_j + u''_j \Delta x + u'''_j \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{2!} + u^{(4)}_j \frac{(\Delta x)^3}{3!} + u^{(5)}_j \frac{(\Delta x)^4}{4!} + u^{(6)}_j \frac{(\Delta x)^5}{5!} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Getting the extra steps to generate more data to be utilised,

$$\begin{aligned} u_{j-1} &= u_j - u'_j \Delta x + u''_j \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{2!} - u'''_j \frac{(\Delta x)^3}{3!} + u^{(4)}_j \frac{(\Delta x)^4}{4!} - u^{(5)}_j \frac{(\Delta x)^5}{5!} + \dots \\ u_{j+1} &= u_j + u'_j \Delta x + u''_j \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{2!} + u'''_j \frac{(\Delta x)^3}{3!} + u^{(4)}_j \frac{(\Delta x)^4}{4!} + u^{(5)}_j \frac{(\Delta x)^5}{5!} + \dots \\ \beta u''_{j-1} &= \beta u''_j - \beta u'''_j \Delta x + \beta u^{(4)}_j \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{2!} - \beta u^{(5)}_j \frac{(\Delta x)^3}{3!} + \beta u^{(6)}_j \frac{(\Delta x)^4}{4!} - \beta u^{(7)}_j \frac{(\Delta x)^5}{5!} + \dots \\ \beta u''_{j+1} &= \beta u''_j + \beta u'''_j \Delta x + \beta u^{(4)}_j \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{2!} + \beta u^{(5)}_j \frac{(\Delta x)^3}{3!} + \beta u^{(6)}_j \frac{(\Delta x)^4}{4!} + \beta u^{(7)}_j \frac{(\Delta x)^5}{5!} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Adding them together,

$$u_{j-1} + u_{j+1} + \beta u''_{j-1} + \beta u''_{j+1} = 2u_j + 2\beta u''_j + 2u''_j \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{2!} + 2\beta u^{(4)}_j \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{2!} + 2u^{(4)}_j \frac{(\Delta x)^4}{4!} + 2\beta u^{(6)}_j \frac{(\Delta x)^4}{4!} + \dots$$

Setting  $2\beta \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{2!} + 2\frac{(\Delta x)^4}{4!} = 0$ , we get  $\beta = -\frac{(\Delta x)^2}{12}$ . Substituting it back,

$$\begin{aligned}
u_{j-1} + u_{j+1} - \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{12} [u''_{j-1} + u''_{j+1}] &= 2u_j - u''_j \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{6} + u''_j (\Delta x)^2 - u_j^{(6)} \frac{(\Delta x)^6}{144} + \dots \\
u_{j-1} - 2u_j + u_{j+1} &= \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{12} [u''_{j-1} + u''_{j+1}] - u''_j \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{6} + u''_j (\Delta x)^2 - u_j^{(6)} \frac{(\Delta x)^6}{144} + \dots \\
\frac{144}{(\Delta x)^2} [u_{j-1} - 2u_j + u_{j+1}] &= 12u''_{j-1} + 120u''_j + 12u''_{j+1} - u_j^{(6)} (\Delta x)^4 \\
12u''_{j-1} + 120u''_j + 12u''_{j+1} &= \frac{144}{(\Delta x)^2} [u_{j-1} - 2u_j + u_{j+1}] + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x)^4
\end{aligned}$$

Running the code for verification, we get the following graph,

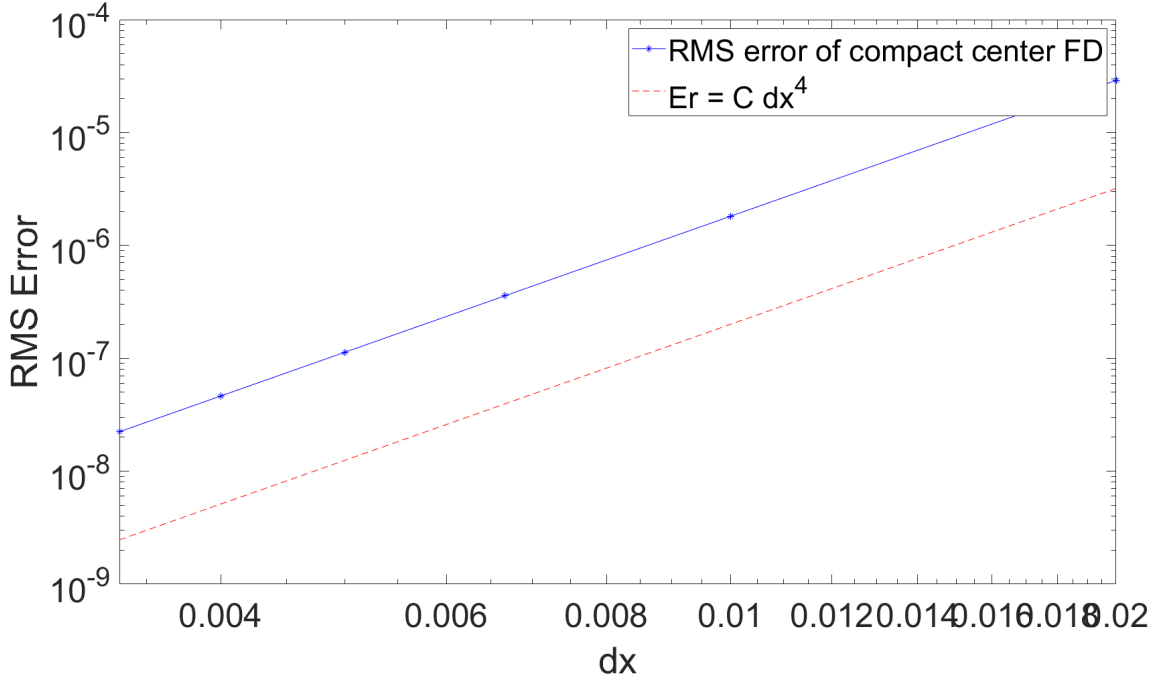


Figure 1.4: Log-Log plot for  $y = \sin(2\pi x)$ ,  $\frac{d^2 u}{dx^2}$ , compact

## 1.4 Solving the ODE

The ODE given is,  $u'' + u' = -4\pi^2 C \sin(2\pi x) + 2\pi C \cos(2\pi x)$  with  $C = 58$ . This ODE then becomes,  $u'' + u' = -232\pi^2 \sin(2\pi x) + 116\pi \cos(2\pi x)$ . Using the above finite difference schemes, D1 and D2 matrices are for the differential part, and the vector matrix will be the right hand side.

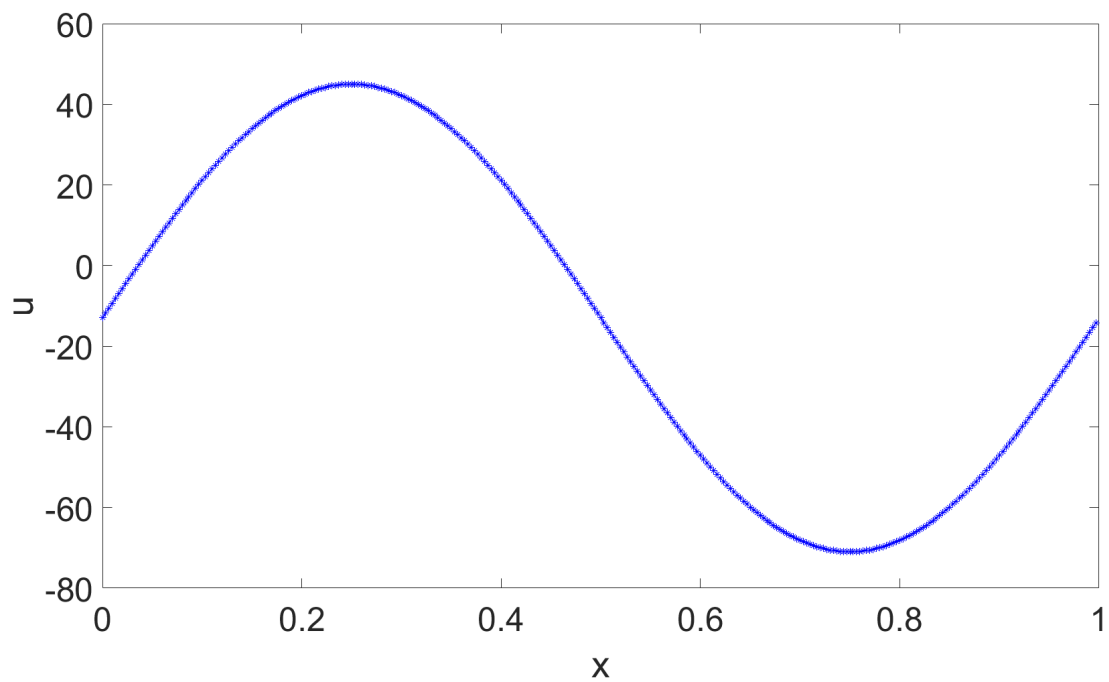


Figure 1.5: Solution without fixed constant

Along with the graph, is the following warning message, *Warning: Matrix is close to singular or badly scaled. Results may be inaccurate. RCOND = 1.367751e-19.* Setting  $u(1) = 0$  for the initial condition, the solution becomes,

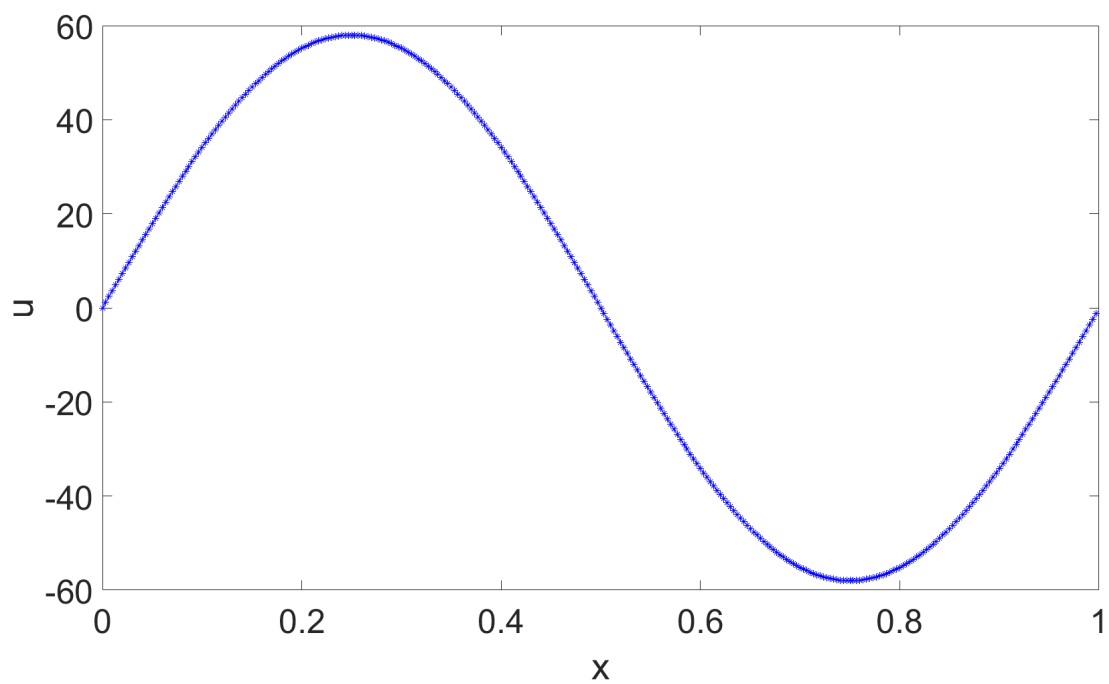


Figure 1.6: Solution with fixed constant

The solution corresponds with the original ODE, and the initial condition of  $u(1) = 0$ .