

1 Problem 3

1.1 Definitions

a few definitions will be made:

$$\begin{aligned}x &\equiv x_i \\x + h &\equiv x_{i+1} \\u(x_i) &\equiv u_i \\f(x_i) &\equiv f_i\end{aligned}$$

1.2 Taylor series

The Taylor expansion is defined for a function $u(x)$ around the region $x = a$:

$$u(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{u^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x - a)^n$$

alternatively it can be expressed

$$u(x) = u(a) + u'(a)(x - a) + O(h) \quad (1)$$

Where $O(h)$ is the error function. for $a = x - h$, 1 becomes

$$\begin{aligned}u(x) &= u(x - h) + u'(x - h)(x - (x - h)) + O(h) \\&= u(x - h) + u'(x - h)h + O(h) \\&\Rightarrow u_i = u'_{i-1}h + u_{i-1} + O(h) \\&\Rightarrow u'_{i-1} = \frac{u_i - u_{i-1}}{h} + O(h) \\&\Rightarrow u_i = \frac{u_{i+1} - u_i}{h} + O(h)\end{aligned}$$

Alternatively for $a = x + h$

$$\begin{aligned}u(x) &= u(x + h) - u'(x + h)h + O(h) \\&\Rightarrow u_i = u_{i+1} - u'_{i+1}h + O(h) \\&\Rightarrow u'_{i+1} = \frac{u_{i+1} - u_i}{h} \\&\Rightarrow u'_i = \frac{u_i - u_{i-1}}{h}\end{aligned}$$

1.3 Solving for second derivative of u

$$u(x) = u() \quad (2)$$

A Deriving first derivative for u , from taylor expansion of $u(x)$ around $x = x + h$

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