Tutorial – 3

OE6020 – Meshfree methods applied to hydrodynamics

Least Square finite difference (LSFD) method

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Problem: Consider the problem of a 2D Poisson equation in a square domain $(0 \le x \le 1, 0 \le y \le 1)$. The governing equation and boundary condition are defined by

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = -2\pi^2 \sin(\pi x) \cdot \sin(\pi y)$$

Boundary condition: u = 1 + x on $\partial \Omega$.

The analytical solution for this problem is $u(x, y) = 1 + x + \sin(\pi x)\sin(\pi y)$

Solution: The functional value near a node 0 can be approximated by functional value and it's derivatives at node 0 by using the 2D Taylor expansion as follows,

$$\phi = \phi_0 + \Delta x \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}\right)_0 + \Delta y \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}\right)_0 + \frac{1}{2} (\Delta x)^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2}\right)_0 + \frac{1}{2} (\Delta y)^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2}\right)_0 + (\Delta x \Delta y) \left(\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x \partial y}\right)_0$$

$$\frac{1}{6} (\Delta x)^3 \left(\frac{\partial^3 \phi}{\partial x^3}\right)_0 + \frac{1}{6} (\Delta y)^3 \left(\frac{\partial^3 \phi}{\partial y^3}\right)_0 + \frac{1}{2} (\Delta x)^2 (\Delta y) \left(\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2 \partial y}\right)_0 + \frac{1}{2} (\Delta y)^2 (\Delta x) \left(\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2 \partial x}\right)_0 + \cdots$$

The above functional approximation in the neighbourhood of node 0 can be expressed using optimal approximation of derivative vector (say b) at node 0 as reported by $H.Ding\ et.al[1]$

$$\boldsymbol{b} = d\phi = (S^T S)^{-1} S^T \Delta \phi \tag{1}$$

where
$$S_j^T = [\Delta x_j, \Delta y_j, \frac{1}{2}(\Delta x_j)^2, \frac{1}{2}(\Delta y_j)^2, (\Delta x_j \Delta y_j), \frac{1}{6}(\Delta x_j)^3, \frac{1}{6}(\Delta y_j)^3, \frac{1}{2}(\Delta x_j)^2(\Delta y_j), \frac{1}{2}(\Delta y_j)^2(\Delta x_j)]$$

$$d\phi_{j} = \left[\left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \right)_{0}, \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \right)_{0}, \left(\frac{\partial^{2} \phi}{\partial x^{2}} \right)_{0}, \left(\frac{\partial^{2} \phi}{\partial y^{2}} \right)_{0}, \left(\frac{\partial^{2} \phi}{\partial x \partial y} \right)_{0}, \left(\frac{\partial^{3} \phi}{\partial x^{3}} \right)_{0}, \left(\frac{\partial^{3} \phi}{\partial y^{3}} \right)_{0}, \left(\frac{\partial^{2} \phi}{\partial x^{2} \partial y} \right)_{0}, \left(\frac{\partial^{2} \phi}{\partial y^{2} \partial x} \right)_{0} \right]$$

Introducing weighting function in least square approximation assumes square of the errors to be uniformly distributed across supporting domain. The usage of weighting function serves as a preconditioner in the estimation of derivative vector in such as way that,

$$d\phi = (S^T W S)^{-1} S^T W \Delta \phi \tag{2}$$

where W is an $n \times n$ diagonal matrix at n supporting points.

 $W = diag(W_1, W_2, W_3, \dots, W_n)$. To avoid the singularity of S^TS matrix, H.Ding[1] proposed scaling matrix to scale the local distance $(\Delta x_i, \Delta y_i)$ using radius of support domain d_0 .

Scaling matrix
$$D = diag[\frac{1}{d_0}, \frac{1}{d_0}, \frac{1}{d_0^2}, \frac{1}{d_0^2}, \frac{1}{d_0^3}, \frac{1}{d_0^3}, \frac{1}{d_0^3}, \frac{1}{d_0^3}, \frac{1}{d_0^3}]$$
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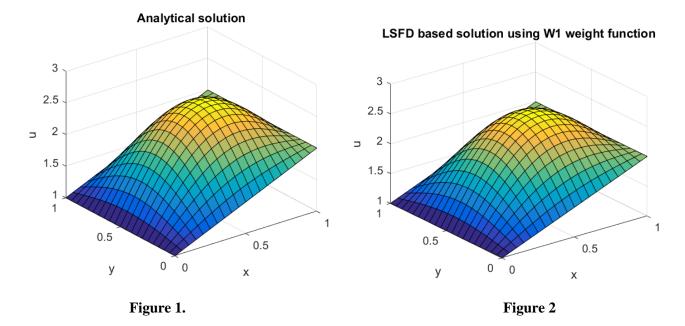
Thus equation (2), is rewritten using scaling as

$$d\phi = D(\bar{S}^T W \bar{S})^{-1} \bar{S}^T W \Delta \phi \tag{3}$$

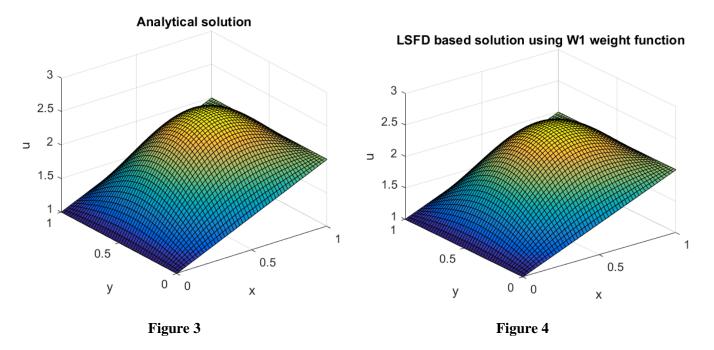
where $\bar{S} = SD$

Results: Following figures show a close resemblance between analytical solution and LSFD based solution for given 2D Poisson equation. W1 weight function gives slightly superior results as compared to W0,W2,W3,W4 weight functions, hence are shown in figure below. Refer Appendix –A for weighting functions

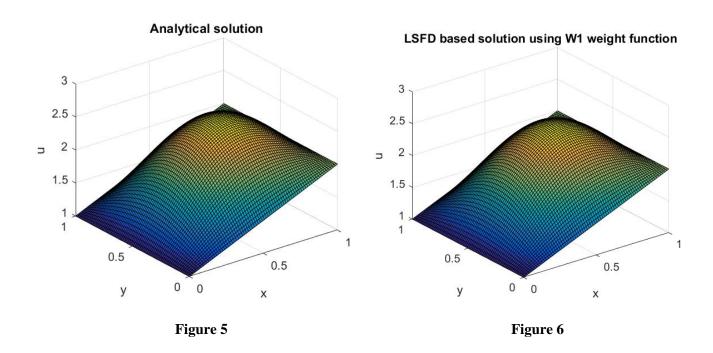
21 x 21 Grid



51 x 51 Grid



76 x 76 Grid



101 x 101 Grid

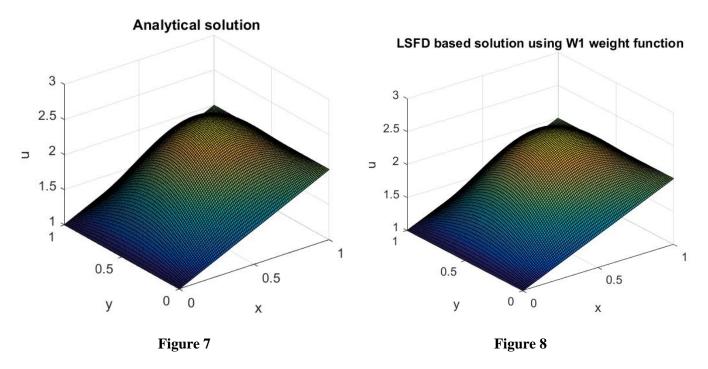
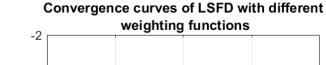


Table 1. Comparison of $log_{10}(err)$ for the solution of given Poisson equation with different weighting functions

Grid Spacing →		0.0500	0.0200	0.0133	0.0100
LSFD	W0	-2.4056	-3.1930	-3.5520	-3.7415
	W1	-2.7060	-3.4945	-3.8507	-4.0400
	W2	-2.4266	-3.2132	-3.5720	-3.7623
	W3	-2.6662	-3.4548	-3.8110	-4.0007
	W4	-2.5599	-3.3440	-3.7019	-3.8975

As noted in Table 1 and Figure 9. For a given grid size, W1 weight function yields superior performance as compared to other weighting functions. Also, as seen from Figure 9, all the weight functions converge with same convergence rate (2.0104). This also means, weighting functions have no significant effect on convergence rate, but it does help in improving numerical accuracy slightly.



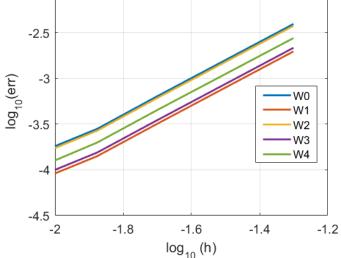


Figure 9

References:

1) Development of least square based two dimensional finite difference schemes and their application to simulate natural convection in a cavity. H. Ding, C.Shu, K.S.Yeo, D.Xu. Computer & Fluids 33(2004) 137-154. doi:10.1016/S0045-7930(03)00036-7

Appendix - A

Weight functions used in LSFD based solution for given Poisson equation are as follows:

- i) $W_{0i} = 1$ (equivalent to no weighting)
- $W_{1i} = \sqrt{\frac{4}{\pi}} \left(1 r_i^2 \right)^4$ ii)
- iii)
- $W_{2i} = 1/r_i$ $W_{3i} = 1 6r_i^2 + 8r_i^3 3r_i^4$ $W_{4i} = 1/r_i^4$ iv)
- v)

Appendix – B (i) MATLAB Code for LSFD based solution for given 2D-Poisson equation

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Lx = 1; Ly = 1;
                         % length of domain
Nx = 101; Ny = 101;
                        % grid points in x andy direction
[x,y] = meshgrid(linspace(0,Lx,Nx),linspace(0,Ly,Ny));
nx = length(x); ny = length(y);
g = (-2*pi*pi).*sin(pi*x).*sin(pi*y); % function on RHS of given Poisson equation
f = 1 + x + \sin(pi*x).*\sin(pi*y); % analytical solution
dx = Lx/(Nx-1);
                dy = Ly/(Ny-1);
Flag = 2; % flag for kernel function
                       % 1-W0 , 2-W1, 3-W2, 4-W3, 5-W5
                     % field variable set to zeros
u = zeros(nx,nv);
\mbox{\ensuremath{\$}} Apply boundary conditions \mbox{\ensuremath{\dots}} . 
 u = 1+x on boundary
u(1,:) = 1+x(1,:);
                                 u(end,:) = 1+x(end,:);
u(2:end-1,1) = 1+x(2:end-1,1); u(2:end-1,end) = 1+x(2:end-1,end);
% matrix of boundary(1)/non-boundary point(0)
U = zeros(nx, ny);
% Apply boundary conditions
U(1,:) = 1;
                         U(end,:) = 1;
U(2:end-1,1) = 1; U(2:end-1,end) = 1;
U = U(:);
            u = [u, U]; % first column ..value..... second column boundary or not
u = u (:);
% 1 for boundary point... 0 for interior point
r0 = zeros(nx*ny,1);
index = zeros(nx*ny,1);
for i = 1:nx*ny
    d0 = zeros(1,nx*ny);
    index(i) = i;
    for j = 1:nx*ny
        dx = x(i) - x(j);
                           dy = y(i) - y(j);
        d0(j) = sqrt(dx^2 + dy^2);
    end
    r0(i) = 0.03*max(d0); % radius of support domain
end
k = 1; % index iterating on 1:nn for A matrix n B vector
u = [u,index]; % third column has index of the point/node in grid
indexA = find(u(:,2)==0); % indexes for A values actually \
nn = length(indexA);
A = zeros(nn,nn);
B = zeros(nn, 1);
for i = 1:nx*ny
    if(u(i,2) == 0)
                     % select interior points only
        count = 0;
        Wii = [];
                   Sii = []; Uii = [];
        for j = 1:nx*ny
            dx = x(i) - x(j);
                                 dy = y(i) - y(j);
            if(dx\sim=0 \mid \mid dy\sim=0)
                                                      % excluding the point itself from
neighbourhood
                 rj = sqrt(dx^2 + dy^2)/r0(i);
                Wj = weight_func(rj,Flag);
                sj =
[dx;dy;0.5*(dx^2);0.5*(dy^2);dx*dy;(dx^3)/6;(dy^3)/6;0.5*(dx^2)*dy;0.5*dx*(dy^2)];
                 if(W\dot{\gamma} \sim = 0)
                    Wii = [Wii, Wj];
                                      % to construct weight matrices
                    Sii = [Sii, sj];
                    Uii = [Uii;u(j,1),u(j,2),u(j,3)]; % field values of node along with
boundary, index
                    count = count + 1; % counts number of supporting points in the domain of
i'th point
                 end
            end
        end
        if (count<9)</pre>
            error('Less number of points in support domain than 9');
        Wi = diag(Wii); % diagonal matrix of weights
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D = [r0(i), r0(i), (r0(i))^2, (r0(i))^2, (r0(i))^2, (r0(i))^3, (r0(i))^3, (r0(i))^3, (r0(i))^3];
        % Sii is of size 9 x n; Sii' - n x 9...
                                                            Wi--> n \times n
        D= inv(diag(D)); % scaling matrix inverted
        Sii = Sii'*D; %(400 x 9)

sii = Sii'; %( 9 x n)
        C = D*inv(sii*Wi*Sii)*(sii*Wi); % coefficient matrix of 9 x n (where n is number of
unknowns)
% compute A and B matrix for given poisson equation
        while (k \le nn)
            [a,b] = computeAB(C(3,:),C(4,:),g(i),Uii,indexA,nn);
            A(k,:) = a;
            A(k,k) = -1*(sum(C(3,:)) + sum(C(4,:)));
            B(k,1) = b;
            k = k+1;
            break;
        end
    end
end
sol = A \setminus B;
u = reshape(u(:,1),Nx,Ny);
sol =reshape(sol,Nx-2,Ny-2);
u(2:end-1,2:end-1) = sol;
rel err = norm(u(:)-f(:))/norm(f(:))
kk = log10 (rel err)
figure(1)
surf(x, y, f)
xlabel('x'); ylabel('y'); zlabel('u');
title('Analytical solution')
figure(2)
surf(x,y,u)
xlabel('x');ylabel('y'); zlabel('u');
title('LSFD based solution using W1 weight function')
Appendix – B
              (ii) weight function
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function Wi = weight func(ri,Flag)
switch(Flag)
    case 1
        if (ri>=0 && ri<=1)</pre>
            Wi = 1; % no weighting
        else
            Wi = 0;
        end
        if(ri>=0 && ri<=1) % best as per literature</pre>
            Wi = sqrt(4/pi)*((1-ri^2)^4);
        else
            Wi = 0;
        end
    case 3
                               %W2
        if (ri>=0 && ri<=1)</pre>
            Wi = 1/ri;
        else
            Wi=0;
                              8W3
    case 4
        if(ri>=0 && ri<=1) % same as quartic spline</pre>
            Wi = 1 - (6*(ri^2)) + (8*(ri^3)) - (3*(ri^4));
        else
            Wi = 0;
        end
    case 5
                              %W4
        if(ri>=0 && ri<=1)</pre>
            Wi = 1/ri^4;
        else
            Wi = 0;
        end
end
end
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Appendix – B (iii) compute A matrix and B vector in final Ax = B form

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function [a,b] = computeAB(C3,C4,g,Uii,indexA,nn)
a = zeros(1,nn);

b = g - C3*Uii(:,1) - C4*Uii(:,1); % vector with g , and contributions from known boundary conditions

for i = 1:length(C3) % OR C4 or Uii... doesn't matter

   if (Uii(i,2)==0) % considering only interior points
      % fill the entries of A matrix... in this function ..it fills each
      j = find(indexA==Uii(i,3));
      a(j) = C3(i) + C4(i);

   end
end
end
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