

# Spectral methods with Python

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# Differentiation Matrices.

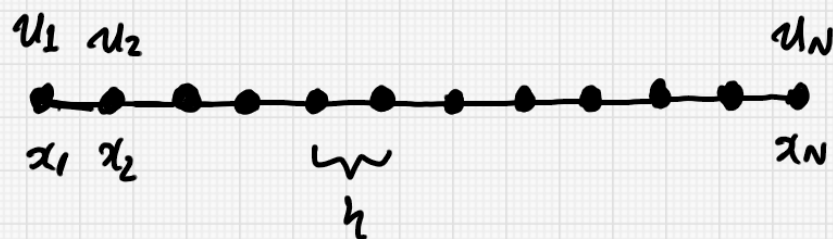
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Given  $\{x_j\}$  and corresponding  $\{u(x_j)\}$   
we want approximate the derivative  
of  $u$ .

FIRST IDEA FINITE DIFFERENCES

Consider a **uniform grid**  $\{x_1, \dots, x_N\}$   
and  $\{u_1, \dots, u_N\}$



Let  $w_j \approx u'(x_j)$  and use  
the second-order difference  
approximation

$$w_j = \frac{u_{j+1} - u_{j-1}}{2h} \quad (1.1)$$

HW: show that  
this finite difference  
approximation to  $u'(x_j)$   
is of second order

$\mathcal{O}(h^2)$

For simplicity we assume that the problem is periodic and

$$u_0 = u_N, u_1 = u_{N+1}, \dots$$

then for each  $j = 1, \dots, N$

$$w_j = \frac{u_{j+1} - u_{j-1}}{2h}, \quad \text{that is,}$$

for the given grid

$$w_1 = \frac{1}{2h} (u_2 - u_0) = \frac{1}{2h} (u_2 - u_N)$$

$$w_2 = \frac{1}{2h} (u_3 - u_1)$$

$$w_3 = \frac{1}{2h} (u_4 - u_2)$$

$\vdots$

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$$w_{N-1} = \frac{1}{2h} (u_N - u_{N-2})$$

$$w_N = \frac{1}{2h} (u_1 - u_N)$$

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therefore we can represent

$w_j$  as a Matrix product  
 $j = 1, \dots, N$

$$\begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ \vdots \\ w_{N-1} \\ w_N \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2N} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & \dots & \dots & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ -1 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & \dots & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Results that this matrix is  
 Toeplitz and circulant, that is

$$a_{ij} = (i-j) \pmod{N}.$$

HW02.

Consult the circulant matrix definition  
 from

PHILIP J. DAVIS, Circulant Matrices  
 pg. 66.

Prove the following theorem: Let  $\pi = \text{circ}(0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$   
 Let  $A \in M_{N \times N}(\mathbb{R})$ , then  $A$  is circulant iff  $A\pi = \pi A$



An alternative approach.  
to derive that

$$w_j = \frac{u_{j+1} - u_{j-1}}{2h} \quad \text{and.}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ w_N \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2h} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & & & & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & & & \\ & -1 & 0 & 1 & & \\ & & -1 & 0 & 1 & \ddots \\ & & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ & & & & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ & & & & & -1 & 0 \\ & & & & & & -1 & 0 \\ & & & & & & & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ u_N \end{pmatrix}$$

is by the following process of  
local interpolation and differentiation

For  $j=1, 2, \dots, N$

Let  $p_j$  be the unique polynomial of  
degree  $\leq 2$  with  $p_j(x_{j-1}) = u_{j-1}$

$p_j(x_j) = u_j$ , and  $p_j(x_{j+1}) = u_{j+1}$

Set  $w_j = p_j'(x_j)$

Results that for fixed  $j$

$$p_j(x) = u_{j-1} a_{-1}(x) + u_j a_0(x) + u_{j+1} a_1(x)$$

where

$$a_{-1}(x) := \frac{(x-x_j)(x-x_{j+1})}{2h^2}$$

$$a_0(x) := -\frac{(x-x_{j-1})(x-x_{j+1})}{h^2}$$

$$a_1(x) := \frac{(x-x_{j-1})(x-x_j)}{2h^2}$$

HW 03.

Obtain  $p_j'(x) \Big|_{x=x_j}$  to deduce

$$w_j = \frac{u_{j+1} - u_{j-1}}{2h^2}$$

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the fourth-order analogue:

For  $j=1, \dots, N$

- Let  $p_j$  be the unique polynomial of degree  $\leq 4$  with.

$$p_j(x_{j\pm 2}) = u_{j\pm 2}$$

$$p_j(x_{j\pm 1}) = u_{j\pm 1}$$

$$p_j(x_j) = u_j$$

- Set  $w_j = p_j'(x_j)$

Again, assuming periodicity of the data, we can prove that

$$(1.3) \quad \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_N \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{h} \begin{bmatrix} \ddots & -1/12 & & & \\ & \ddots & 2/3 & & \\ & & \ddots & 0 & \\ & & & \ddots & -2/3 \\ & & & & \ddots & 1/12 \\ -1/12 & & & & & \\ 2/3 & -1/12 & & & & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_N \end{bmatrix}$$

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Prove that the matrix (1.3) is a pentadiagonal circulant matrix.

The matrices in (1.2) and (1.3) are examples of differentiation matrices.

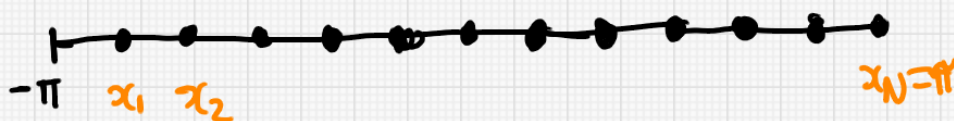
HW 05

Show that (1.3) is a circulant matrix and deduce its entries.

CEO1. Convergence of fourth order finite differences.

- Open and run pol.ipynb.

This notebook illustrates the behaviour of 1.3. We take  $u(x) = e^{\sin(x)}$  over a given periodic data on the domain  $[-\pi, \pi]$



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The notebook compares the  
finite difference approximation  
 $w_j$  with the exact derivative  
 $e^{\sin(x_j)} \cos(x_j)$

This is our first and last example  
that does not illustrate a spectral  
method!

Instead we ask that document  
(give a simple and clear explanation) about  
some python functions.

- \* coo\_matrix
- \* norm
- \* semilog
- \* loglog

We have looked at second- and  
fourth-order finite differences, and  
this suggest the considering higher  
orders will lead to circulant  
matrices of increasing bandwidth.  
The idea of spectral methods is to take this  
process to the limit!!!, at least

in principle, and work with a differentiation formula of infinite order and infinite bandwidth - i.e., a **dense matrix** see:

B. Fornberg, On a Fourier method for the integration of hyperbolic equations, SIAM J. Numer. Anal. 12 (1975), 509 - 528

Later we shall show that in this limit, for an infinite equispaced grid, one obtains the following infinite matrix

$$D := \frac{1}{h} \begin{pmatrix} \ddots & \vdots & & \\ \ddots & \frac{1}{3} & & \\ \ddots & -\frac{1}{2} & \ddots & \\ \ddots & 1 & \ddots & \\ \ddots & 0 & \ddots & \\ \ddots & -1 & \ddots & \\ \ddots & -\frac{1}{2} & \ddots & \\ \ddots & -\frac{1}{3} & \ddots & \\ & \vdots & & \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.4)$$

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This is a skew-symmetric ( $D^T = -D$ ) doubly infinite Toeplitz matrix, also known as Laurent operator.

See P. R. Halmos, A Hilbert Space Problem Book, 2nd ed. Springer, 1974.

H. Widom Toeplitz matrices, in I. I. Hirschmann, Jr., ed., Studies in Real and Complex Analysis, Math. Assoc. Amer., 1965.

Of course, in practice one does not work with an infinite matrix. For a finite grid, here is the design principle for spectral collocation methods:

- Let  $p$  a single function (independent of  $j$ ) such that  $p(x_j) = u_j \quad j = 1, \dots, N$
- Set  $w_j = p'(x_j)$ .

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We are free to choose  $p$  to fit the problem at hand. For a periodic domain, the natural choice is a trigonometric polynomial on an equispaced grid. For non-periodic domains, algebraic polynomials on irregular grids are the right choice, the Chebyshev methods.

In order to illustrate the performance of a spectral method, consider the differentiation matrix of NKN

$$D_N = \begin{bmatrix} \vdots & & & & \\ \ddots & \frac{1}{2} \cot \frac{3h}{2} & & & \\ & -\frac{1}{2} \cot \frac{2h}{2} & & & \\ & \frac{1}{2} \cot \frac{1h}{2} & & & \\ & 0 & & & \\ & -\frac{1}{2} \cot \frac{1}{2} h & & \ddots & \\ & \frac{1}{2} \cot h & & \ddots & \\ & -\frac{1}{2} \cot \frac{3}{2} h & & \ddots & \\ \vdots & & & & \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.5)$$

HW 05.

Show that this matrix is indeed circulant and Toeplitz.

run notebook p02.ipynb

we use  $D_N$  instead the fourth -  
order finite difference.

HW06

Plot in a same figure and axis  
the error of both approximations in  
order to compare the performance of  
the spectral approximation and finite  
difference.

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