

Poisson eq with uniform $f(x)$

$$\varphi(x) = \frac{t}{2}x^2 + \left(\frac{\varphi_b - \varphi_a - \frac{t}{2}L^2}{L} \right)x + \varphi_a \quad \rightarrow \quad \varphi(x) = Kx^2 + hx + c$$

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PARABOLA (polynomial function second-order)

• For every node

2nd order Finite Difference Formula \Rightarrow NO TRUNCATION ERROR (1)
accuracy

$$\left. \frac{d^2\varphi}{dx^2} \right|_k = \frac{\varphi_{k+1} - 2\varphi_k + \varphi_{k-1}}{\Delta x^2} + O(\Delta x^2) \rightarrow \text{EXACT for Polynomials of order up to 2}$$

Note: roundoff error is still present (2)

when $\Delta x \downarrow$ φ_{k+1} is "closer" to $\varphi_k \rightarrow$ numerical cancellation