

APMA4302 Homework 2

Cameron Rodriguez

February 24, 2026

1

1.1

Given $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{b}$ and $\mathbf{A}\hat{\mathbf{u}} = \hat{\mathbf{b}}$, we have

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{u} - \hat{\mathbf{u}}) = \mathbf{b} - \hat{\mathbf{b}} \quad (1)$$

Multiply both sides by \mathbf{A}^{-1} (\mathbf{A} is invertible)

$$(\mathbf{u} - \hat{\mathbf{u}}) = \mathbf{A}^{-1}(\mathbf{b} - \hat{\mathbf{b}}) \quad (2)$$

Take the norm of both sides

$$\|\mathbf{u} - \hat{\mathbf{u}}\| = \|\mathbf{A}^{-1}(\mathbf{b} - \hat{\mathbf{b}})\| \quad (3)$$

Employ the given inequality $\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\| \leq \|\mathbf{A}\| \|\mathbf{x}\|$

$$\|\mathbf{u} - \hat{\mathbf{u}}\| \leq \|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\| \|\mathbf{b} - \hat{\mathbf{b}}\| \quad (4)$$

Multiply both sides by $\|\mathbf{b}\|$ (and note that $\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}\| = \|\mathbf{b}\|$)

$$\|\mathbf{b}\| \|\mathbf{u} - \hat{\mathbf{u}}\| \leq \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\| \|\mathbf{b} - \hat{\mathbf{b}}\| \quad (5)$$

Again employ the given inequality $\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\| \leq \|\mathbf{A}\| \|\mathbf{x}\|$

$$\|\mathbf{b}\| \|\mathbf{u} - \hat{\mathbf{u}}\| \leq \|\mathbf{A}\| \|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\| \|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{b} - \hat{\mathbf{b}}\| \quad (6)$$

Substitute $\kappa(\mathbf{A}) = \|\mathbf{A}\| \|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\|$ and divide both sides by $\|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{b}\|$

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{u} - \hat{\mathbf{u}}\|}{\|\mathbf{u}\|} \leq \kappa(\mathbf{A}) \frac{\|\mathbf{b} - \hat{\mathbf{b}}\|}{\|\mathbf{b}\|} \quad (7)$$

Eq. (7) above is the final result.

1.2

Starting from $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{r}$, multiply both sides by \mathbf{A}^{-1} and take the norm of each side

$$\|\mathbf{e}\| = \|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{r}\| \quad (8)$$

Multiply both sides by $\|\mathbf{b}\|$ (and note that $\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}\| = \|\mathbf{b}\|$)

$$\|\mathbf{b}\| \|\mathbf{e}\| = \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{r}\| \quad (9)$$

Employ the given inequality $\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\| \leq \|\mathbf{A}\| \|\mathbf{x}\|$

$$\|\mathbf{b}\| \|\mathbf{e}\| \leq \|\mathbf{A}\| \|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{r}\| \quad (10)$$

Substitute $\kappa(\mathbf{A}) = \|\mathbf{A}\| \|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\|$ and divide both sides by $\|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{b}\|$

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{e}\|}{\|\mathbf{u}\|} \leq \kappa(\mathbf{A}) \frac{\|\mathbf{r}\|}{\|\mathbf{b}\|} \quad (11)$$

For the left side of the inequality, follow the same steps as above, starting again from $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{r}$. First, take the norm of both sides and multiply each side by $\|\mathbf{u}\|$ (and note that $\|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{b}\| = \|\mathbf{u}\|$)

$$\|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{b}\| \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{e}\| = \|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{r}\| \quad (12)$$

Employ the given inequality $\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\| \leq \|\mathbf{A}\| \|\mathbf{x}\|$

$$\|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\| \|\mathbf{b}\| \|\mathbf{A}\| \|\mathbf{e}\| \geq \|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{r}\| \quad (13)$$

Substitute $\kappa(\mathbf{A}) = \|\mathbf{A}\| \|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\|$ and divide both sides by $\|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{b}\|$

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{e}\|}{\|\mathbf{u}\|} \geq \frac{1}{\kappa(\mathbf{A})} \frac{\|\mathbf{r}\|}{\|\mathbf{b}\|} \quad (14)$$

Eqs. (11) and (14) above are the final result.

2

2.1

Finding the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of \mathbf{A} amounts to solving the problem

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v} \quad (15)$$

Which can be rewritten as

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I}\lambda)\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0} \quad (16)$$

The following relation results from each row of the above linear equation

$$-\mathbf{v}_{i-1} + (2 - h^2\lambda)\mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{v}_{i+1} = \mathbf{0} \quad (17)$$

Given the nature of the problem, it is reasonable to assume a sine-wave solution, $\mathbf{v} = \sin(i\theta)$. The homogeneous boundary condition for $i = 0$ is satisfied automatically

$$\mathbf{v}_0 = \sin(0 \cdot \theta) = 0 \quad (18)$$

And the homogeneous boundary condition for $i = n$ can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{v}_n = \sin(n \cdot \theta) = 0 \quad (19)$$

For Eq. (19) to be true, we must have $\theta = \frac{j\pi}{n}$. Therefore, we get the final definition for the eigenvectors of \mathbf{A}

$$\mathbf{v}_j = \sin\left(\frac{j\pi}{n}i\right) \quad (20)$$

Which is the solution we set out to show.

2.2

Plugging the sinusoid solution $\mathbf{v} = \sin(i\theta)$ into Eq. (17) gives

$$-\sin(\theta i - \theta) + (2 - h^2\lambda) \sin(i\theta) - \sin(\theta i + \theta) = 0 \quad (21)$$

Simplify and employ the trigonometric identity $\sin(A + B) + \sin(A - B) = 2 \sin(A) \cos(B)$

$$-2 \sin(i\theta) \cos(\theta) + (2 - h^2\lambda) \sin(i\theta) = 0 \quad (22)$$

Pull the $\sin(i\theta)$ out of the expression

$$\sin(i\theta) \left[-2 \cos(\theta) + (2 - h^2 \lambda) \right] = 0 \quad (23)$$

For this expression to be true for all i , we have

$$-2 \cos(\theta) + 2 - h^2 \lambda = 0 \quad (24)$$

Simplify again and employ the trigonometric identity $1 - \cos(2\alpha) = 2 \sin^2(\alpha)$

$$\lambda = \frac{4}{h^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \quad (25)$$

Since we know that $\theta = \frac{j\pi}{n}$, we have

$$\lambda_j = \frac{4}{h^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{j\pi}{2n}\right) \quad (26)$$

Which is the final eigenvalue expression.

2.3

The condition number of the matrix \mathbf{A} can be expressed as the ratio of its largest eigenvalue divided by its smallest eigenvalue. For the smallest eigenvalue, we have

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{4}{h^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{1 \cdot \pi}{2n}\right) \quad (27)$$

As $n \rightarrow \infty$, we can use the small angle approximation $\sin(\alpha) = \alpha$

$$\lambda_1 \approx \frac{4}{h^2} \left(\frac{\pi}{2n}\right)^2 \quad (28)$$

Which can be simplified as

$$\lambda_1 \approx \frac{\pi^2}{(hn)^2} \quad (29)$$

For the largest eigenvalue, we have

$$\lambda_{n-1} = \frac{4}{h^2} \sin^2 \left[\frac{(n-1) \cdot \pi}{2n} \right] \quad (30)$$

Which simplifies to

$$\lambda_{n-1} = \frac{4}{h^2} \sin^2 \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{2n} \right) \quad (31)$$

As $n \rightarrow \infty$, $\sin^2 \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{2n} \right) \rightarrow \sin^2 \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right) = 1$. Therefore, we have

$$\lambda_{n-1} \approx \frac{4}{h^2} \quad (32)$$

After dividing the largest eigenvalue by the smallest eigenvalue, we have

$$\kappa(\mathbf{A}) \approx \frac{\frac{4}{h^2}}{\frac{\pi^2}{h^2 n^2}} = \frac{4n^2}{\pi^2} = O(n^2) \quad (33)$$

Which is the behavior we expected.

3

3.1

Given the manufactured solution $u(x) = \sin(k\pi x) + c(x - \frac{1}{2})^3$, we substitute into the BVP given and get

$$f(x) = \left[\gamma + (k\pi)^2 \right] \sin(k\pi x) + c\gamma \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^3 - 6c \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right) \quad (34)$$

3.2

The result is illustrated in Figure 1 below.

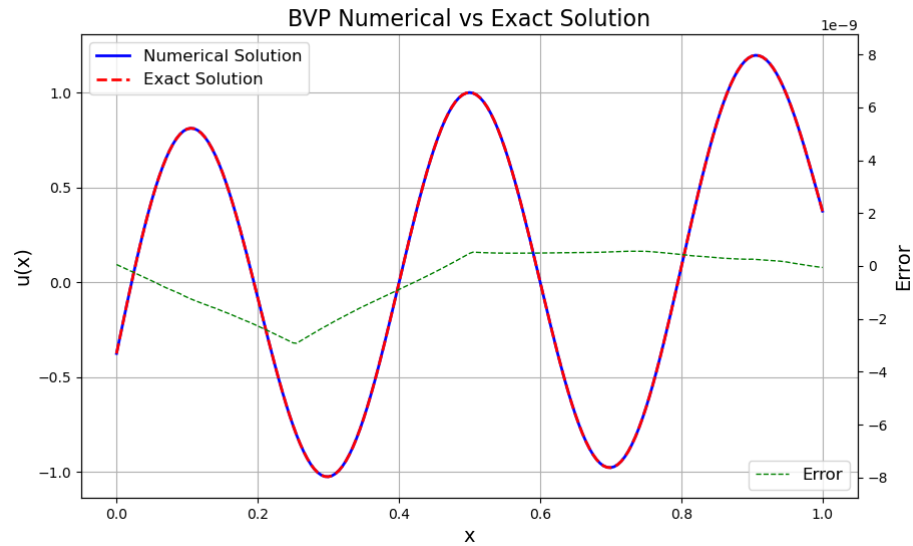


Figure 1: The exact (red) and numerical (blue) solutions to the given BVP, as well as the error between them (green). The error is on the order of 10^{-9}

3.3

The result is illustrated in Figure 2 below.

4

4.1

Jacobi pre-conditioned Richardson: 10,000 iterations to convergence.

4.2

Unconditioned conjugate gradient with 1 processor: 102 iterations to convergence.

4.3

Unconditioned conjugate gradient with $c = 0$ (explain your results): 1 iteration to convergence.

4.4

icc pre-conditioned conjugate gradient with 1 processor (explain this result): 1 iteration to convergence.

4.5

Block Jacobi pre-conditioned conjugate gradient with 4 processors: 2 iterations to convergence.

4.6

Mumps direct solver: 1 iteration to convergence (for both processor amounts).

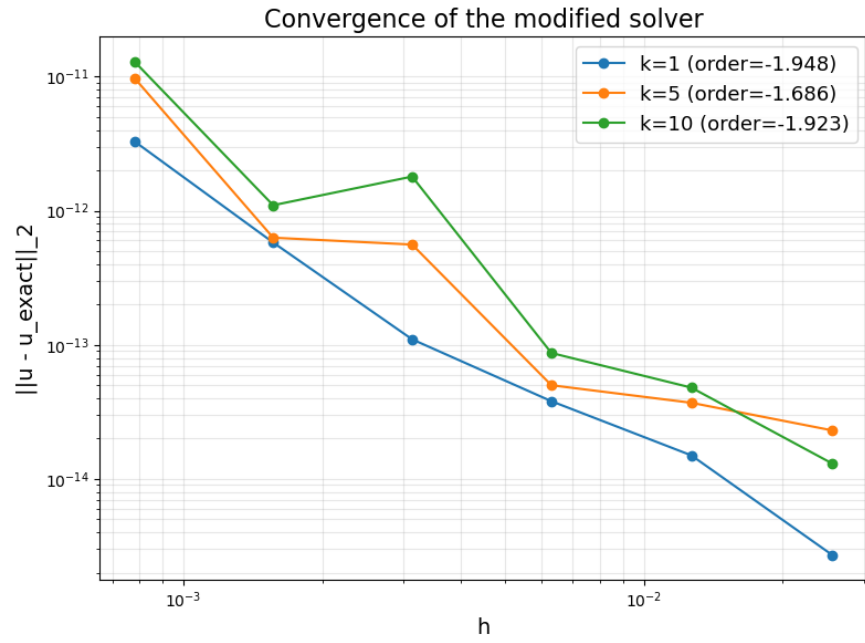


Figure 2: The convergence behavior as a function of h for $k = 1$, $k = 5$, and $k = 10$. The convergence rates are given in the legend.