

# Exercise Sheet 3

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## 1 Fourier-Galerking Approximation: Exercise 1

### 1.1 Derivation

We are considering the variable coefficient problem

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \sin(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (1)$$

with periodic boundary condition.

We assume that  $u(x, t)$  is periodic in  $x \in [0, 2\pi]$  and use a truncated Fourier series to define

$$u_N = \sum_{n=0}^N \hat{u}_n(t) \phi_n(x) = \sum_{n=-\frac{N}{2}}^{\frac{N}{2}} \hat{u}_n(t) e^{inx} \quad (2)$$

where the continuous expansion coefficients  $\hat{u}_n$  are defined as (see Lecture 8)

$$\hat{u}_n(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} u(x, t) e^{-inx} dx. \quad (3)$$

We can now substitute  $u_N$  into the PDE (1):

$$\frac{\partial u_N}{\partial t} + \sin(x) \frac{\partial u_N}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (4)$$

Computing each term

- *Time derivative:*

$$\frac{\partial u_N}{\partial t} = \sum_{n=-\frac{N}{2}}^{\frac{N}{2}} \frac{d\hat{u}_n}{dt} e^{inx} \quad (5)$$

- *Spatial derivative:*

$$\frac{\partial u_N}{\partial x} = \sin(x) \sum_{n=-\frac{N}{2}}^{\frac{N}{2}} \hat{u}_n \frac{d}{dx} [e^{inx}] = \sum_{n=-\frac{N}{2}}^{\frac{N}{2}} in \hat{u}_n \sin(x) e^{inx} \quad (6)$$

The Residual is now given as follows

$$R_N(x, t) = \frac{\partial u_N}{\partial t} - \mathcal{L}u_N = \frac{\partial u_N}{\partial t} + \sin(x) \frac{\partial u_N}{\partial x} \quad (7)$$

We enforce  $(R_N, \psi_m)_w = 0, \forall m \in [-N/2, N/2]$ , where  $\psi_m = \frac{1}{\gamma_m} \phi_m$ , so that  $(\phi_m, \psi_n)_w = \delta_{mn}$ .

$$(R_N, \psi_m)_w = \int_0^{2\pi} \left( \frac{\partial u_N}{\partial t} - \mathcal{L}u_N \right) \overline{\psi_m} w dx = \int_0^{2\pi} \left( \frac{\partial u_N}{\partial t} + \sin(x) \frac{\partial u_N}{\partial x} \right) \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-imx} = 0 \quad (8)$$

Choosing  $w(x) = 1$ , and using orthonormal basis  $\psi_m(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{imx}$ , we have:

$$(\phi_n, \psi_m)_w = \int_0^{2\pi} e^{inx} \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-imx} dx = \delta_{nm}. \quad (9)$$

We now plugin the results of (5) and (6) into (8) we get

$$(R_N, \psi_m)_w = \int_0^{2\pi} \left( \sum_{n=-\frac{N}{2}}^{\frac{N}{2}} \frac{d\hat{u}_n}{dt} e^{inx} + \sin(x) \sum_{n=-\frac{N}{2}}^{\frac{N}{2}} in \hat{u}_n e^{inx} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-imx} dx. \quad (10)$$

First lets simplify the first term inside the integral

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \sum_{n=-\frac{N}{2}}^{\frac{N}{2}} \frac{d\hat{u}_n}{dt} e^{inx} \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-imx} dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n=-\frac{N}{2}}^{\frac{N}{2}} \frac{d\hat{u}_n}{dt} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{i(n-m)x} dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n=-\frac{N}{2}}^{\frac{N}{2}} \frac{d\hat{u}_n}{dt} 2\pi \delta_{nm} = \frac{d\hat{u}_m}{dt} \quad (11)$$

For the second term we can rewrite sine as

$$\sin(x) = \frac{e^{ix} - e^{-ix}}{2i} \quad (12)$$

and then substitute it into the second term

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} \sum_{n=-\frac{N}{2}}^{\frac{N}{2}} in\hat{u}_n \sin(x) e^{inx} \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-imx} dx &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n=-\frac{N}{2}}^{\frac{N}{2}} in\hat{u}_n \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{e^{ix} - e^{-ix}}{2i} e^{i(n-m)x} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n=-\frac{N}{2}}^{\frac{N}{2}} in\hat{u}_n \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{e^{i(n-m+1)x} - e^{i(n-m-1)x}}{2i} dx \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

using the orthogonality property again, this integral becomes non-zero only when:

$$\begin{aligned} n - m + 1 &= 0 \Rightarrow n = m - 1 \\ n - m - 1 &= 0 \Rightarrow n = m + 1 \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Therefore the second term becomes

$$i(m-1)\hat{u}_{m-1} \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\int_0^{2\pi} e^0 dx}{2i} - i(m+1)\hat{u}_{m+1} \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\int_0^{2\pi} e^0 dx}{2i} = \frac{1}{2} [(m-1)\hat{u}_{m-1} - (m+1)\hat{u}_{m+1}] \quad (15)$$

Now we can combine both terms, resulting in

$$\frac{d\hat{u}_m}{dt} + \frac{1}{2} [(m-1)\hat{u}_{m-1} - (m+1)\hat{u}_{m+1}] = 0 \quad (16)$$

Rearranging this result leads to our systems of ODEs for the Fourier-Galerking approximation

$$\frac{d\hat{u}_m}{dt} = \frac{(m+1)\hat{u}_{m+1} - (m-1)\hat{u}_{m-1}}{2} \quad (17)$$

and the initial condition is given as

$$\hat{u}_m(0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} g(x) e^{-imx} dx \quad (18)$$

## 1.2 Is $P_N u = u_N$ ?

If we apply the Fourier-Galerking Approximation to the equation satisfied by the exact solution  $u$ , we get

$$\frac{d\hat{u}_m}{dt} = \frac{(m+1)\hat{u}_{m+1} - (m-1)\hat{u}_{m-1}}{2} + \epsilon_T \quad (19)$$

where  $\epsilon_T$  is the truncation error. In order for the  $P_N u = u_N$  to hold  $\epsilon_T$  has to be 0.

$$P_N \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \sin(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial P_N u}{\partial t} + P_N \left( \sin(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) = P_N(0) = 0 \quad (20)$$

The Problem is that in general

$$P_N \left( \sin(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) \neq \sin(x) \frac{\partial P_N u}{\partial x} \quad (21)$$

because when we are multiplying  $\sin(x) = \frac{e^{ix} - e^{-ix}}{2i}$  with  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} in\hat{u}_n e^{inx}$  it creates frequencies that are outside our truncated space, created by the projection into finite space by  $P_N$ .

## 2 Fourier-Galerkin Approximation: Exercise 2

We are considering the variable coefficient problem

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \sin(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (22)$$

with Dirichlet boundary conditions

$$u(0, t) = u(\pi, t) = 0 \quad (23)$$

For our Basis function we choose the sine as our basis due to it naturally satisfying the boundary condition

$$\sin(nx)|_{x=0} = \sin(nx)|_{x=\pi} = 0 \quad (24)$$

therefore we define for the approximation

$$u_N(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^N \hat{u}_n(t) \sin(nx) \quad (25)$$

If we now follow the Galerking Approach first we substitute our approximation  $u_N$  into the PDE:

$$\frac{\partial u_N}{\partial t} + \sin(x) \frac{\partial u_N}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (26)$$

The residual is then given as

$$R_N(x, t) = \frac{\partial u_N}{\partial t} + \sin(x) \frac{\partial u_N}{\partial x} \quad (27)$$

Computing each term we get:

- *Time derivative:*

$$\frac{\partial u_N}{\partial t} = \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{d\hat{u}_n(t)}{dt} \sin(nx) \quad (28)$$

- *Spatial derivative:*

$$\frac{\partial u_N}{\partial x} = \sum_{n=1}^N \hat{u}_n(t) n \cos(nx) \quad (29)$$

Therefore the residual becomes

$$R_N(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{d\hat{u}_n(t)}{dt} \sin(nx) + \sin(x) \sum_{n=1}^N \hat{u}_n(t) n \cos(nx) \quad (30)$$

For the final step we want to make the residual orthogonal to the basis function. Hence for sine functions on the interval  $[0, \pi]$  with weight function  $w(x) = 1$ , we have:

$$(\phi_n, \psi_m)_w = \int_0^\pi \sin(mx) \frac{2}{\pi} \sin(nx) dx = \delta_{mn} \quad (31)$$

Therefore,  $\gamma_m = \frac{\pi}{2}$  and our test functions should be:

$$\psi_m = \frac{2}{\pi} \sin(mx) \quad (32)$$

We require that the residual is orthogonal to these test functions:  $(R_N, \psi_m)_w = 0$  for all  $m \in [1, N]$  This gives us:

$$(R_N, \psi_m)_w = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \left( \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{d\hat{u}_n(t)}{dt} \sin(nx) + \sin(x) \sum_{n=1}^N \hat{u}_n(t) n \cos(nx) \right) \sin(mx) dx = 0 \quad (33)$$

Looking at each term individually we get

- *First term* with applied orthogonality property:

$$\frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{d\hat{u}_n(t)}{dt} \sin(nx) \sin(mx) dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{d\hat{u}_m(t)}{dt} = \frac{d\hat{u}_m(t)}{dt} \quad (34)$$

- *Second term:*

$$\frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^N \hat{u}_n(t) n \int_0^{\pi} \sin(x) \cos(nx) \sin(mx) dx \quad (35)$$

To evaluate the integral, we use the trigonometric identity:

$$\sin(a) \cos(b) = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(a+b) + \sin(a-b)] \quad (36)$$

in our case this results in:

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(x) \cos(nx) &= \frac{1}{2} [\sin(x+nx) + \sin(x-nx)] = \frac{1}{2} [\sin((n+1)x) + \sin((1-n)x)] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [\sin((n+1)x) - \sin((n-1)x)] \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

since  $\sin((1-n)x) = -\sin((n-1)x)$  for  $n > 1$ . We can now use another identity:

$$\sin(a) \sin(b) = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(a-b) - \cos(a+b)] \quad (38)$$

resulting in the following two integrals

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\pi} \sin((n+1)x) \sin(mx) dx &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi} [\cos((n+1-m)x) - \cos((n+1+m)x)] dx \\ \int_0^{\pi} \sin((n-1)x) \sin(mx) dx &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi} [\cos((n-1-m)x) - \cos((n-1+m)x)] dx \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

Evaluating these cosine integrals we note that

$$\int_0^{\pi} \cos(kx) dx = \begin{cases} \pi & \text{if } k = 0 \\ \frac{\sin(k\pi)}{k} = 0 & \text{if } k \neq 0 \end{cases} \quad (40)$$

This means that the integrals are non-zero only when:

$$\begin{aligned} n+1-m &= 0 \Rightarrow n = m-1 \\ n+1+m &= 0 \text{ (not possible for positive } n, m) \\ n-1-m &= 0 \Rightarrow n = m+1 \\ n-1+m &= 0 \text{ (not possible for positive } n, m) \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

Evaluating these conditions by using the identities introduces before:

- When  $n = m-1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2}{\pi} \hat{u}_{m-1}(t) \int_0^{\pi} \sin(x) \cos((m-1)x) \sin(mx) dx &= \frac{2}{\pi} \hat{u}_{m-1}(t) \int_0^{\pi} \sin(x) \cos((m-1)x) \sin(mx) dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \hat{u}_{m-1}(t) \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi} \sin(mx)^2 - (\cos(2x) - \cos((2m-2)x)) dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \hat{u}_{m-1}(t) \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - 0 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (m-1) \hat{u}_{m-1}(t) \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

Note that for any non-zero integer  $k$ ,  $\int_0^{\pi} \cos(kx) dx = 0$ . Since 2 and  $2m-2$  are non zero integers for  $m > 1$  therefore the term which includes the two cosine term evaluates to zero.

- When  $n = m+1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2}{\pi} \hat{u}_{m+1}(t) \int_0^{\pi} \sin(x) \cos((m+1)x) \sin(mx) dx &= \frac{2}{\pi} \hat{u}_{m+1}(t) \int_0^{\pi} \sin(x) \cos((m+1)x) \sin(mx) dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \hat{u}_{m+1}(t) \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi} (\cos(2x) - \cos((2m+2)x)) - \sin(mx)^2 dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \hat{u}_{m+1}(t) \frac{1}{2} \left( 0 - \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (m+1) \hat{u}_{m+1}(t) \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

Note that the same argument can be made for this term Since 2 and  $2m+2$  are non zero integers therefore the term which includes the two cosine term evaluates to zero.

If we now combine both terms we end up with following ODE system

$$\frac{d\hat{u}_m(t)}{dt} = \frac{1}{2}[(m+1)\hat{u}_{m+1}(t) - (m-1)\hat{u}_{m-1}(t)] \quad (44)$$

For the initial condition, we project the initial function  $g(x)$  onto our basis:

$$\hat{u}_m(0) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi g(x) \sin(mx) dx \quad (45)$$

This completes the Fourier-Galerkin approximation for the given variable coefficient problem with Dirichlet boundary conditions.

### 3 Tau Approximation

We are considering the variable coefficient problem

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \sin(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (46)$$

with Dirichlet boundary conditions

$$u(0, t) = u(\pi, t) = 0. \quad (47)$$

The solution approximation is given by:

$$u_N(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{N+N_b} \hat{u}_n(t) \cos(nx) \quad (48)$$

where  $N_b = 2$  is the number of boundary conditions.

Important to note is that the basis function  $\cos(nx)$  does not on its own satisfy the boundary conditions. The residual is then given as

$$R_N(x, t) = \frac{\partial u_N}{\partial t} + \sin(x) \frac{\partial u_N}{\partial x} \quad (49)$$

Computing each term we get:

- *Time derivative:*

$$\frac{\partial u_N}{\partial t} = \sum_{n=0}^{N+2} \frac{d\hat{u}_n(t)}{dt} \cos(nx) \quad (50)$$

- *Spatial derivative:*

$$\frac{\partial u_N}{\partial x} = \sum_{n=0}^{N+2} -\hat{u}_n(t) n \sin(nx) \quad (51)$$

Substituting both terms back into the residual results in

$$R_N(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{N+2} \frac{d\hat{u}_n(t)}{dt} \cos(nx) - \sin(x) \sum_{n=0}^{N+2} \hat{u}_n(t) n \sin(nx) \quad (52)$$

We choose as the test function  $\psi_m(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} \cos(mx)$  for  $m \in [0, N]$  with weight function  $w(x) = 1$

$$(\phi_n, \psi_m)_w = \int_0^\pi \cos(mx) \frac{2}{\pi} \cos(nx) dx = \delta_{mn} \quad (53)$$

We require that the residual is orthogonal to these test functions:  $(R_N, \psi_m)_w = 0$  for all  $m$

This gives us:

$$(R_N, \psi_m)_w = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \left( \sum_{n=0}^{N+2} \frac{d\hat{u}_n(t)}{dt} \cos(nx) - \sin(x) \sum_{n=0}^{N+2} \hat{u}_n(t) n \sin(nx) \right) \cos(mx) dx = 0 \quad (54)$$

Looking at each term individually

- *First term:*

$$\frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=0}^{N+2} \frac{d\hat{u}_n(t)}{dt} \int_0^\pi \cos(nx) \cos(mx) dx \quad (55)$$

Using the orthogonally property of cosine functions

$$\int_0^\pi \cos(nx) \cos(mx) dx = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{2} & \text{if } n = m \neq 0 \\ \pi & \text{if } n = m = 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } n \neq m \end{cases} \quad (56)$$

Resulting in

$$\frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=0}^{N+2} \frac{d\hat{u}_n(t)}{dt} \int_0^\pi \cos(nx) \cos(mx) dx = \begin{cases} \frac{d\hat{u}_m(t)}{dt} & \text{if } m \neq 0 \\ 2 \frac{d\hat{u}_0(t)}{dt} & \text{if } m = 0 \end{cases} \quad (57)$$

- *Second Term:*

$$-\frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=0}^{N+2} \hat{u}_n(t) n \int_0^\pi \sin(x) \sin(nx) \cos(mx) dx \quad (58)$$

We can rewrite the integral as follows:

$$\int_0^\pi \sin(x) \sin(nx) \cos(mx) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\pi [\cos((n-1)x) - \cos((n+1)x)] \cos(mx) dx \quad (59)$$

splitting up this integral leads to

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\pi \cos((n-1)x) \cos(mx) dx &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\pi [\cos((n-1+m)x) + \cos((n-1-m)x)] dx \\ \int_0^\pi \cos((n+1)x) \cos(mx) dx &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\pi [\cos((n+1+m)x) + \cos((n+1-m)x)] dx \end{aligned} \quad (60)$$

For a cosine integral:

$$\int_0^\pi \cos(kx) dx = \begin{cases} \pi & \text{if } k = 0 \\ \frac{\sin(k\pi)}{k} = 0 & \text{if } k \neq 0 \end{cases} \quad (61)$$

Therefore these integrals are non-zero only when:

$$\begin{aligned} (n-1+m) = 0 &\Rightarrow n = 1-m \\ (n-1-m) = 0 &\Rightarrow n = m+1 \\ (n+1+m) = 0 &\Rightarrow n = -(m+1) \text{ (impossible for } n, m \geq 0) \\ (n+1-m) = 0 &\Rightarrow n = m-1 \end{aligned} \quad (62)$$

Therefore for  $m \geq 1$  the only non-zero contributions come from

$$\begin{aligned} -n = m+1: & \frac{m+1}{2} \hat{u}_{m+1} \\ -n = m-1: & \frac{m-1}{2} \hat{u}_{m-1} \end{aligned}$$

For  $m = 0$  the non-zero term is

$$-n = 1: -\frac{1}{2} \hat{u}_1$$

Combining both terms for  $m \geq 1$  we end up with

$$\frac{\hat{u}_m(t)}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} [(m+1)\hat{u}_{m+1}(t) - (m-1)\hat{u}_{m-1}(t)] \quad (63)$$

and for  $m = 0$

$$\frac{\hat{u}_0(t)}{dt} = \frac{1}{4} \hat{u}_1(t) \quad (64)$$

Applying the boundary conditions then results in

1.  $u_N(0, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{N+2} \hat{u}_n(t) \cos(0) = \sum_{n=0}^{N+2} \hat{u}_n(t) = 0$
2.  $u_N(\pi, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{N+2} \hat{u}_n(t) \cos(m\pi) = \sum_{n=0}^{N+2} (-1)^n \hat{u}_n(t) = 0$

which provide additional constraints and the initial conditions are for  $m \in [0,$

$$\hat{u}_m(0) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi g(x) \cos(mx) dx \quad (65)$$

## 4 Fourier-Collocation Approximation for Burgers Equation

For this exercise we consider Burgers' equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial u^2}{\partial x} = \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad (66)$$

with periodic boundary conditions.

We introduce a grid with  $N + 1$  equidistant grid points (Odd Method)

$$x_j = \frac{2\pi j}{N+1}, \quad j = 0, \dots, N \quad (67)$$

We use the trigonometric polynomial to approximate the solution:

$$u_N(x, t) = \sum_{n=-\frac{N}{2}}^{\frac{N}{2}} \tilde{u}_n(t) e^{inx} = \sum_{j=0}^N u_N(x_j, t) h_j(x) \quad (68)$$

where  $h_j(x)$  is defined as

$$h_j(x) = \frac{1}{N} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{N+1}{2}(x - x_j)\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{x - x_j}{2}\right)} \quad (69)$$

these functions have the property  $h_j(x_k) = \delta_{jk}$  at the collocation points.

The residual at each collocation point is

$$R_N(x_j, t) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial u^2}{\partial x} - \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad (70)$$

For  $N + 1$  equations we require

$$R_N(x_j, t) = 0 \quad j = 0, \dots, N \quad (71)$$

Computing each term in the residual

- *Time Derivative:*

$$\frac{\partial u_N}{\partial t}(x_j, t) = \frac{du_N(x_j, t)}{dt} \quad (72)$$

- *Second Spatial Derivative:* Using the Odd method's second order differentiation matrix  $\tilde{D}^{(2)} = \tilde{D} \cdot \tilde{D}$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u_N}{\partial x^2}(x_j, t) = \sum_{k=0}^N \tilde{D}_{jk}^{(2)} u_N(x_k, t) \quad (73)$$

- *Nonlinear Spatial Derivative:*

$$\frac{\partial u^2}{\partial x} = \sum_{k=0}^N \tilde{D}_{jk} [u_N(x_k, t)]^2 \quad (74)$$

Substituting this back into the equation we can derive the system of  $N + 1$  ODEs

$$\frac{du_N(x_j, t)}{dt} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^N \tilde{D}_{jk} [u_N(x_k, t)]^2 + \epsilon \sum_{k=0}^N \tilde{D}_{jk}^{(2)} u_N(x_k, t) \quad (75)$$

and  $N + 1$  initial conditions

$$u_N(x_j, 0) = g(x_j) \quad \forall j = 0, \dots, N \quad (76)$$