

Lecture 5 (9/14/21)

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Setting

$$(1) \begin{cases} L[u] = -a(x) \partial_x^2 u + b(x) \partial_x u + c(x) u = f(x) & x \in \Omega = (0,1) \\ u(0) = \alpha, \quad u(1) = \beta \end{cases}$$

and

$$(2) \quad L_h[\underline{u}_h] = \underline{F}_h$$

Theorem (stability) The discrete solution $\underline{u} = \underline{u}_h \in \mathbb{R}^I$ of (2) satisfies

$$\|\underline{u}\|_\infty \leq \max\{|\alpha|, |\beta|\} + \Lambda \|\underline{F}\|_\infty$$

where $\Lambda > 0$ is a constant that depends on coeffs and Ω .

Error Analysis

Goal is to combine stability and consistency to derive error estimates

Theorem (error estimate) Let u be the solution of (1) and \underline{u} be solution of (2). Then

$$\|\underline{u} - \underline{u}_h\|_\infty \leq C \begin{cases} h^2 \|u\|_{W_\infty^4(\Omega)} & \text{centered diffs} \\ h \|u\|_{W_\infty^3(\Omega)} & \text{upwinding} \end{cases}$$

where $\underline{u} = (u(x_i))_{i=1}^I$.

Proof Recall consistency

$$\begin{aligned} L_h[\underline{u}]_i &= \underbrace{L[u](x_i)}_{=f(x_i)} + \underbrace{\tau_i(u)}_{\text{truncation error}} \end{aligned}$$

Also

$$L_h[\underline{u}]_i = f(x_i)$$

and since L_h is linear we get

$$(3) \quad L_h[\underline{u} - \underline{u}_h]_i = \tau_i(u)$$

and $u(0) - u_0 = \alpha - \alpha = 0, \quad u(1) - u_{I+1} = \beta - \beta = 0.$

Apply Stability Theorem to deduce assertion. ▀

Remark (Lax Principle) For linear PDE's we get $\sqrt{2}$
 stability + consistency \Rightarrow convergence.

Neumann BC We still have 2nd order problem

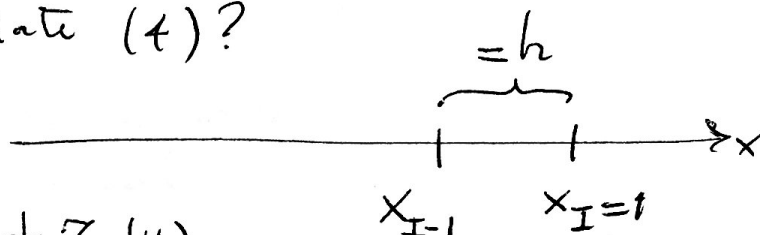
$$L[u] = f \quad \Omega = (0, 1)$$

with mixed BC

$$u(0) = \alpha, \quad \boxed{u'(1) = \beta} \quad (4)$$

Q Now do we approximate (4)?

Approach 1



$$(5) \beta = u'(1) = \frac{u(x_I) - u(x_{I-1}))}{h} + \underbrace{\tau_I(u)}_{\text{truncation error} = O(h)}$$

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backward difference

Set I -th equation

$$\frac{U_I - U_{I-1}}{h} = \beta$$

In matrix form

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & & \\ \times & \times & \times & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & \times & \times & \times \\ & & & \times & \times & \times \end{bmatrix}$$

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tridiagonal
 nonsymmetric
 (symmetrizable)

Remark Truncation error is $O(h)$ because of (5)
 regardless of other consistency terms.

Approach 2 Introduce a ghost node $x_{I+1} = 1 + h \notin \Omega$
 and enforce diff eq at $x = x_I$

$$(L_h[U])_I = -a_I \frac{U_{I+1} - 2U_I + U_{I-1}}{h^2} + b_I \frac{U_{I+1} - U_{I-1}}{2h} + c_I U_I = f_I = f(1)$$

and centered diffs for Neumann condition

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$$\frac{U_{I+1} - U_{I-1}}{2h} = \beta \quad (= u'(1) + O(h^2))$$

Eliminate variable U_{I+1} to get one single eq involving U_I and U_{I-1} . This is formally second order.

Approach 3 Use 2nd order backward differences

$$\frac{1}{h} \left(\frac{3}{2} U_I - 2U_{I-1} + \frac{1}{2} U_{I-2} \right) = \beta$$

Remarks

1. Truncation error is second order
2. K is no longer tridiagonal.

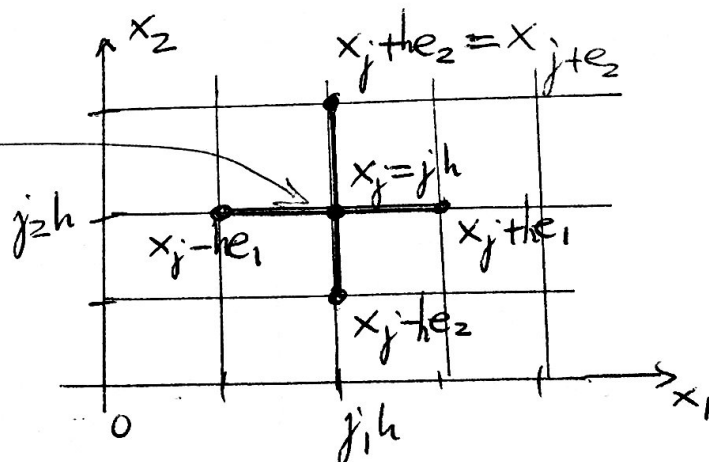
Exercise (stability) construction of barrier functions and discrete max principle (HW#1, Pb5).

Poisson Equation in 2d Let $\Omega = (0,1)^2$ and u solve

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = -(\partial_{x_1}^2 u + \partial_{x_2}^2 u) = f & \Omega \\ u = g & \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$

Assume we have a uniform cartesian lattice $x_j = jh$ where $j = (j_1, j_2) \in \mathbb{N}^2$

5-point stencil



We perform dimensional splitting

$$\partial_{x_1}^2 u(x_j) = \frac{u(x_{j+e_1}) - 2u(x_j) + u(x_{j-e_1}))}{h^2} + \underbrace{\mathcal{Z}_1(u(x_j))}_{= O(h^2)}$$

$$\partial_{x_2}^2 u(x_j) = \frac{u(x_{j+e_2}) - 2u(x_j) + u(x_{j-e_2}))}{h^2} + \mathcal{Z}_2(u(x_j))$$

Adding

$$f(x_j) = -\Delta u(x_j) = \frac{1}{h^2} \left(-u(x_{j+e_1}) - u(x_{j+e_2}) + 4u(x_j) - u(x_{j-e_2}) - u(x_{j-e_1}) \right) + O(h^2)$$

truncation error \longrightarrow

Matrix Formulation $u(x_j) \rightarrow U_j$

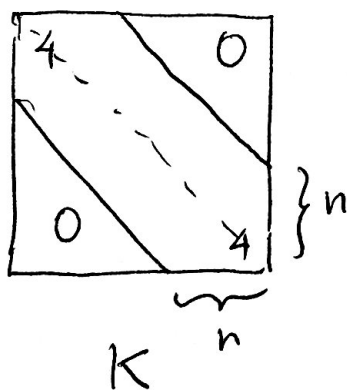
$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{h^2} (-U_{j+e_1} - U_{j+e_2} + 4U_j - U_{j-e_2} - U_{j-e_1}) = f_j = f(x_j) & x_j \in \Omega \\ U_j = g_j = g(x_j) & x_j \in \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$

$$K = \frac{1}{h^2} \begin{bmatrix} & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ j \rightarrow & & -1 & \dots & -1 & 4 & -1 & \dots & -1 \\ & & \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_n & & \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_n & & & & \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$$

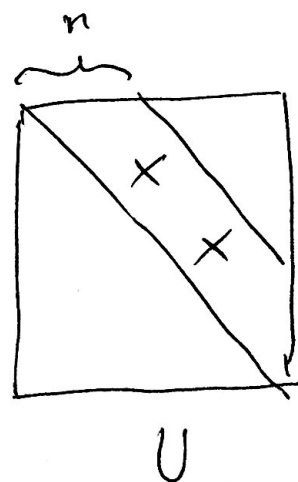
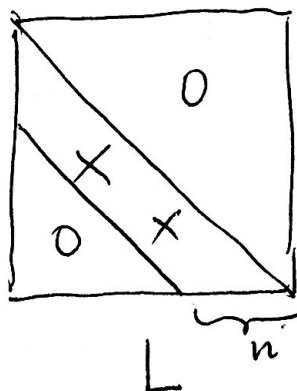
\uparrow_j

$N \approx n^2$ ($n = \frac{1}{h}$ # intervals in each direction)

- K has 5 diagonals
- band of K is n



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fill-in

- Mean value property: take $f=0$

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$$U_j = \frac{1}{4} (U_{j+e_1} + U_{j+e_2} + U_{j-e_1} + U_{j-e_2})$$

- K is an M -matrix

$$k_{ii} > 0, \quad k_{ij} \leq 0 \quad j \neq i \quad \sum_j k_{ij} \geq 0$$

Properties

Exercise 1 Show DMP: if $-\Delta_h \underline{U} \leq \underline{0}$ in Ω , $\underline{U} = \underline{0}$ on $\partial\Omega$, then

$$\underline{U} \leq \underline{0} \text{ in } \Omega$$

Exercise 2 (stability) Show

$$\|\underline{U}\|_\infty \leq \|\underline{g}\|_\infty + \Lambda \|\Delta_h[\underline{U}]\|_\infty$$

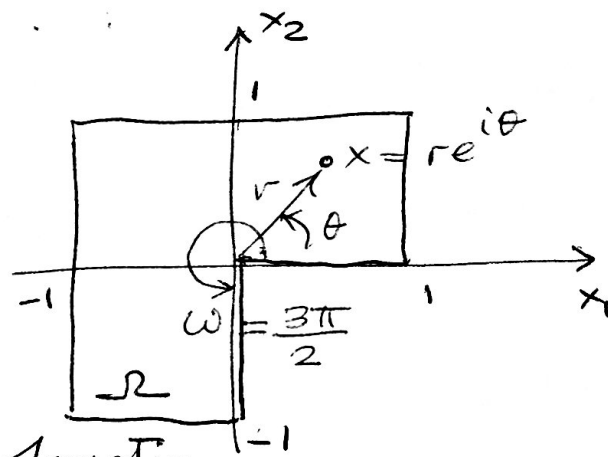
Exercise 3 (error estimate) Show

$$(6) \quad \|\underline{u} - \underline{U}\|_\infty \leq Ch^2 \|\underline{u}\|_{W_\infty^2(\Omega)}$$

Remark (limitation of theory): Consider L-shaped domain. The solution of

$$-\Delta u = 0 \quad \Omega$$

in polar coordinates reads



$$u(r, \theta) = r^\gamma \sin(\gamma\theta) + \text{smooth function}$$

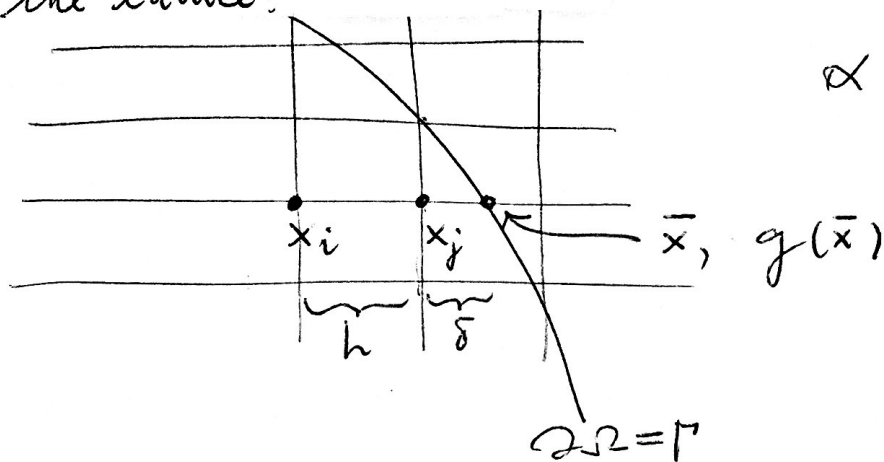
where $\gamma = \frac{\pi}{\omega} < 1$

- u is not even $C^1(\bar{\Omega})$
- regularity of (6) is unrealistic.

Curved Domains (Larsson-Thomée p.48)

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Q: How to approximate the Poisson eq when $\partial\Omega$ cuts through the lattice?



- 5-point stencil of x_j does not belong to Ω
- convex combination of u_i and $\bar{u} = g(\bar{x})$:

$$U_j = \alpha U_i + (1-\alpha) \bar{u}$$

- define (for theory)

$$\mathcal{L}_h U_j = U_j - \alpha U_i - (1-\alpha) \bar{u}$$

and note that $\mathcal{L}_h U_j = 0$ but if we apply \mathcal{L}_h to true solution

$$\mathcal{L}_h u(x_j) = u(x_j) - \alpha u(x_i) - (1-\alpha) g(\bar{x}) = \underbrace{O(h^2)}_{\text{truncation error}}$$

Def (i) Ω_h interior nodes (stencil is contained in Ω)

(ii) ω_h nodes in $\Omega \setminus \Omega_h$

(iii) Γ_h nodes in $\partial\Omega$ which are either neighbors of points in Ω_h or \bar{x} associated with ω_h .

Discrete Problem

$$(4) \begin{cases} -\Delta_h U_j = f_j & \text{in } \Omega_h \\ \mathcal{L}_h U_j = 0 & \text{in } \omega_h \\ U_j = g(x_j) & \text{on } \Gamma_h \end{cases} \quad \text{non-symmetric}$$

Lemma (discrete stability) Let $\underline{v} = (v_j)$ be the ⁶ discrete solution of (4). Then

$$(5) \quad \|\underline{v}\|_{\ell^\infty(\Omega_h \cup \omega_h)} \leq 2 \left(\|\underline{v}\|_{\ell^\infty(\Gamma_h)} + \|\ell_h \underline{v}\|_{\ell^\infty(\omega_h)} + \Lambda \|\Delta_h \underline{v}\|_{\ell^\infty(\Omega_h)} \right)$$

Proof We proceed in three steps.

1. Using the auxiliary vector $\underline{v} + C\underline{v}$ where $v_j = |x_j|^2$ and the discrete maximum principle in Ω_h , we obtain as in 1d

$$(6) \quad \|\underline{v}\|_{\ell^\infty(\Omega_h)} \leq \|\underline{v}\|_{\ell^\infty(\Gamma_h \cup \omega_h)} + \Lambda \|\Delta_h [\underline{v}]\|_{\ell^\infty(\Omega_h)}.$$

2. For $x_j \in \omega_h$ we have

$$v_j = \ell_h[v_j] + \alpha_j v_i + (1 - \alpha_j) \bar{v}_j \quad (0 < \alpha_j \leq \frac{1}{2})$$

whence

$$(7) \quad \|\underline{v}\|_{\ell^\infty(\omega_h)} \leq \|\ell_h[\underline{v}]\|_{\ell^\infty(\omega_h)} + \frac{1}{2} \|\underline{v}\|_{\ell^\infty(\Omega_h \cup \omega_h)} + \|\underline{v}\|_{\ell^\infty(\Gamma_h)}$$

3. Combining (6) and (7) gives

$$\|\underline{v}\|_{\ell^\infty(\Omega_h \cup \omega_h)} \leq \|\ell_h[\underline{v}]\|_{\ell^\infty(\omega_h)} + \frac{1}{2} \|\underline{v}\|_{\ell^\infty(\Omega_h \cup \omega_h)} + \|\underline{v}\|_{\ell^\infty(\Gamma_h)} + \Lambda \|\Delta_h[\underline{v}]\|_{\ell^\infty(\Omega_h)}$$

and yields (5). ■

Exercise : Prove the following error estimate

$$\|\underline{v} - \underline{u}\|_{\ell^\infty(\Omega_h \cup \omega_h)} \leq ch^2 \|u\|_{C^4(\bar{\Omega})}.$$