

# Assignment 2

## Given Information

Consider the following boundary-value problem:

$$-\frac{d^2 u_i}{dx^2} = f_i, \quad x \in (-1, 1); \quad u_i(-1) = -6, \quad u_i(1) = -2, \quad i = 1, 2; \quad (1)$$

with the source functions

$$f_1(x) = -6x + 2, \quad f_2(x) = -12x^2 - 6x + 2, \quad x \in [-1, 1]. \quad (2)$$

### Problem 1

Find the exact solutions  $u_1^{ex}(x)$  and  $u_2^{ex}(x)$  of the problem (1) corresponding to  $f_1(x)$  and  $f_2(x)$  given in (2).

### Solution

To solve the second-order equation analytically, we need to integrate  $f_i(x)$  twice to obtain the  $u_i^{ex}$

$$u_i = \int \left[ \int -f_i(x) dx \right] dx$$

$$u_1 = \int \left[ \int -(-6x + 2) dx \right] dx$$

Upon solving and applying boundary conditions,  $u_1^{ex} = x^3 - x^2 + x - 3$

$$u_2 = \int \left[ \int -(-12x^2 - 6x + 2) dx \right] dx$$

Upon solving and applying boundary conditions,  $u_2^{ex} = x^4 + x^3 - x^2 + x - 4$

### Problem 2

Discretize the problem (1) using the Finite-Difference Method (FDM) on a uniform grid obtained by dividing the  $[-1, 1]$  interval into  $n=5$  sub-intervals of equal length.

### Solution

(a) The step size  $h = \frac{x_N - x_0}{n} = \frac{1 - (-1)}{5} = 0.4$

(b) Dividing into 5 intervals, we get in total 6 points.  $x_0$  and  $x_5$  are the 2 boundary points,  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$  are the 4 internal points.

(c) The value of the function  $u_i$  at the 4 internal points are the unknown, as we have the value of the function at points  $x_0$  and  $x_5$ .

(d) The FD Approximation of the second derivative of  $-u_{i,j}$  is:

$$-u_{i,j}'' = \frac{-u_{i,j+1} + 2u_{i,j} - u_{i,j-1}}{h^2} + \mathcal{O}(h^2)$$

Where  $i = 1, 2$  and  $j = 1, 2, 3, 4$

(e) The FD Approximation Equations for the points  $j = 1, 2, 3, 4$ :

$$-u_{i,1}'' = \frac{-u_{i,2} + 2u_{i,1} - u_{i,0}}{h^2} = f_i(x_1 = -0.6)$$

$$-u_{i,2}'' = \frac{-u_{i,3} + 2u_{i,2} - u_{i,1}}{h^2} = f_i(x_2 = -0.2)$$

$$-u''_{i,3} = \frac{-u_{i,4} + 2u_{i,3} - u_{i,2}}{h^2} = f_i(x_3 = 0.2)$$

$$-u''_{i,4} = \frac{-u_{i,5} + 2u_{i,4} - u_{i,3}}{h^2} = f_i(x_4 = 0.6)$$

Where  $i = 1, 2$  for the two source functions  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ . For the function  $f_1$ , the set of equations are:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{-u_{i,2} + 2u_{i,1}}{h^2} &= f_i(x_1 = -0.6) + \frac{u_{i,0}}{h^2} \\ \frac{-u_{i,3} + 2u_{i,2} - u_{i,1}}{h^2} &= f_i(x_2 = -0.2) \\ \frac{-u_{i,4} + 2u_{i,3} - u_{i,2}}{h^2} &= f_i(x_3 = 0.2) \\ \frac{2u_{i,4} - u_{i,3}}{h^2} &= f_i(x_4 = 0.6) + \frac{u_{i,5}}{h^2} \end{aligned}$$

(f) In matrix form  $\mathbf{Au} = \mathbf{f}$ :

$$\frac{1}{(0.4)^2} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} u_{1,1} \\ u_{1,2} \\ u_{1,3} \\ u_{1,4} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(-0.6) + \frac{u_{1,0}}{h^2} \\ f_1(-0.2) \\ f_1(+0.2) \\ f_1(+0.6) + \frac{u_{1,5}}{h^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Similarly, for the function  $f_2$ :

$$\frac{1}{(0.4)^2} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} u_{2,1} \\ u_{2,2} \\ u_{2,3} \\ u_{2,4} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_2(-0.6) + \frac{u_{2,0}}{h^2} \\ f_2(-0.2) \\ f_2(+0.2) \\ f_2(+0.6) + \frac{u_{2,5}}{h^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Matrix } A = \frac{1}{(0.4)^2} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 12.5 & -6.25 & 0 & 0 \\ -6.25 & 12.5 & -6.25 & 0 \\ 0 & -6.25 & 12.5 & -6.25 \\ 0 & 0 & -6.25 & 12.5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(g) Calculating the eigenvalues and eigenvectors:  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$ . Upon solving:

$$\lambda^4 - 50\lambda^3 + 820.313\lambda^2 - 4882.81\lambda + 7629.39 = 0$$

Table 1: Eigenvalues of Matrix  $A$

	Eigenvalue
$\lambda_1$	$3.125(3 - \sqrt{5}) = 2.3872875703$
$\lambda_2$	$3.125(5 - \sqrt{5}) = 8.6372875703$
$\lambda_3$	$3.125(3 + \sqrt{5}) = 16.36271243$
$\lambda_4$	$3.125(5 + \sqrt{5}) = 22.61271243$

(h) The eigenvalue of the negative second derivative can be found from a similar treatment we performed in the previous matrix, which gives us the equation:

$$-\frac{d^2 u_i}{dx^2} = \lambda u_i$$

Where  $x \in [0, L]$  with  $u_i(0) = u_i(L) = 0$ , which is the boundary condition for  $u_i$ .

The eigenvalues of the Discrete Finite Difference Laplacian matrix  $A$  of the order  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  can be given by:

$$\lambda_i = \frac{4}{h^2} \sin^2 \left( \frac{\pi i}{2n} \right)$$

Where  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1$ . When  $h \rightarrow 0$

$$\lambda_i = \left( \frac{\pi i}{L} \right)^2$$

The 4 smallest eigenvalues can be found by substituting  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . The domain varies from -1 to 1, so  $L = 1 - (-1) = 2$ . Populating the table after calculating the eigenvalues:

Table 2: Eigenvalues of Matrix  $A$  and Negative Second Derivative Operator

	Eigenvalue of A	Eigenvalue of Operator
$\lambda_1$	2.3872875703	2.4674011002
$\lambda_2$	8.6372875703	9.8696044010
$\lambda_3$	16.36271243	22.2066099024
$\lambda_4$	22.61271243	39.4784176043

### Problem 3

Check your Python environment. Enter the following lines in an ASCII text called `assignment-2.py`

### Solution

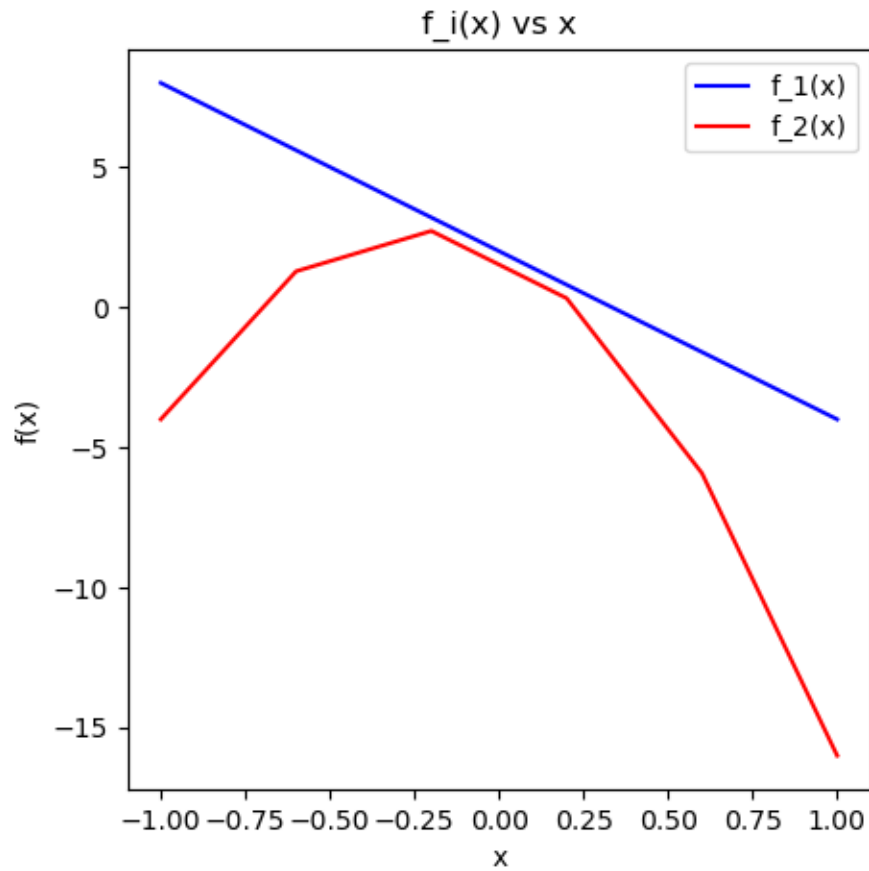
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**Problem 4**

Construct a uniform grid and display the source functions and the exact solutions.

**Solution**

Implementing the steps mentioned in (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f):



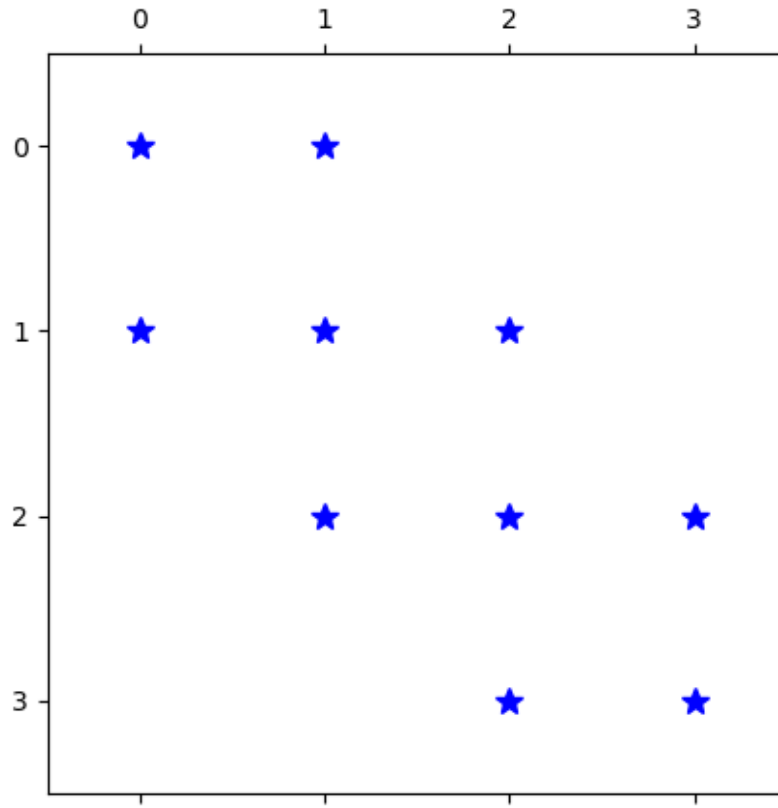
**Problem 5**

Assemble the Finite-Difference (negative) Laplacian matrix.

**Solution**

(a) For  $n = 5$ , we got a  $4 \times 4$   $A$  matrix. For any  $n$ , we will have  $n + 1$  points, out of which  $n - 1$  points are internal points. Therefore, dimensions of Matrix  $A$  is  $(n - 1) \times (n - 1)$

Implementing the steps mentioned in (b), (c):



(d) After computing eigenvalues using `np.linalg.eig()`:

Table 3: Eigenvalues of Matrix  $A$  with the newly computed values and the operator values

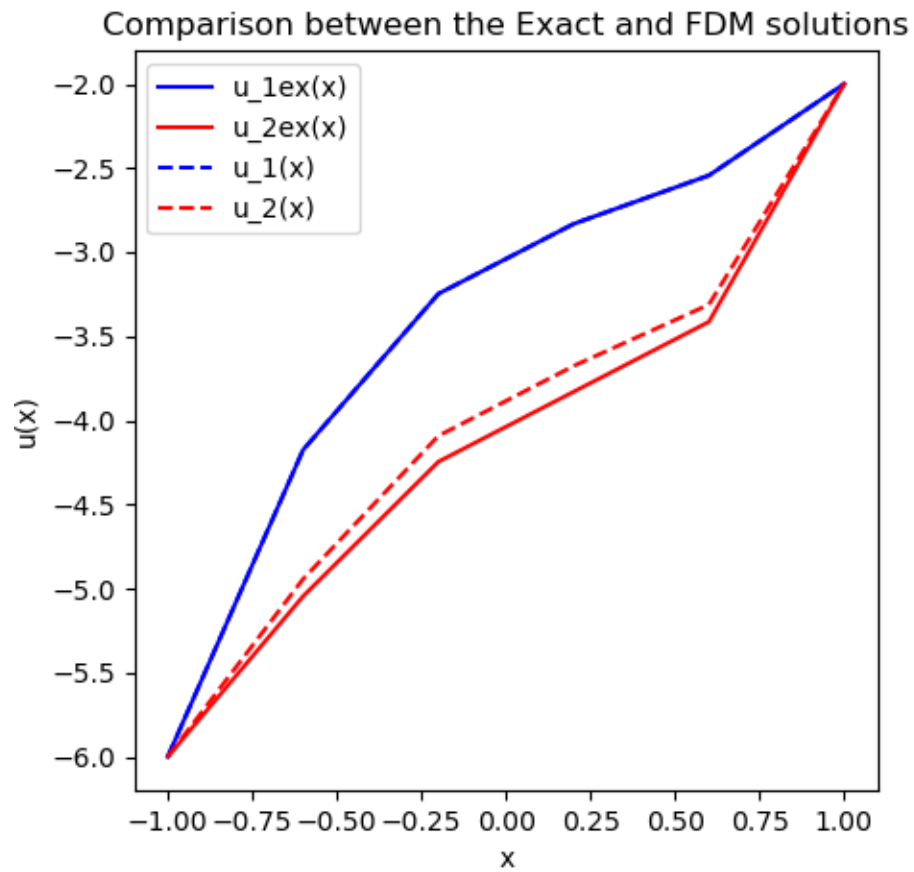
	Eigenvalues (Analytical)	Eigenvalue of Operator	Eigenvalues (Python)
$\lambda_1$	2.3872875703	2.4674011002	2.38728757
$\lambda_2$	8.6372875703	9.8696044010	8.63728757
$\lambda_3$	16.36271243	22.2066099024	16.36271243
$\lambda_4$	22.61271243	39.4784176043	22.61271243

**Problem 6**

Solve the linear algebraic problem.

**Solution**

The graph below shows the plots of the exact solution and FDM solution of both  $u_1$  and  $u_2$ . Since the two solutions for  $u_1$  almost coincide, the dotted blue line is not visible.



**Problem 7**

Analyze your results.

**Solution**

(a) Global error in the case of FDM is calculated using Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE)

$$\epsilon = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} |u_i - u_i^{ex}|^2}$$

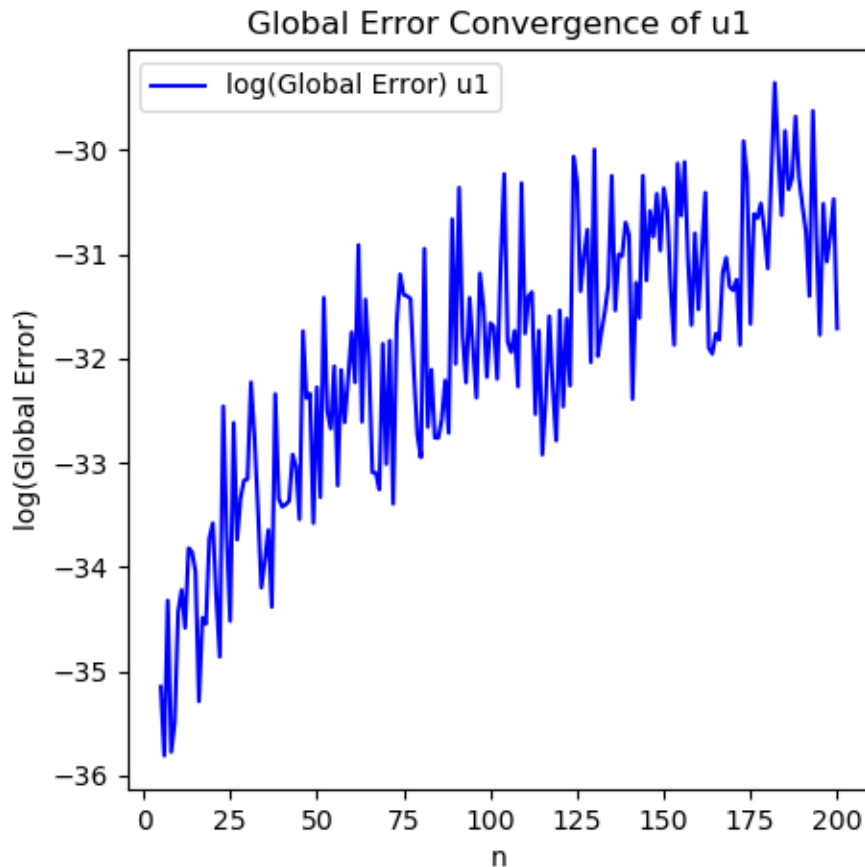
Upon computing for our case where  $N=5$ , Global Error for  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  is:

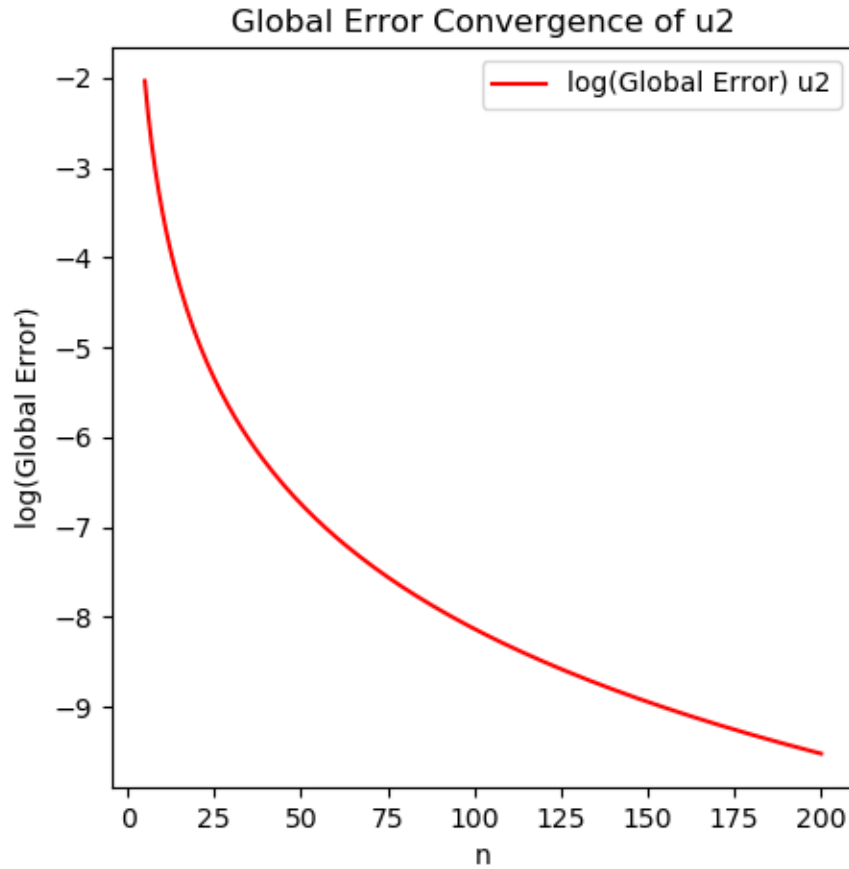
$$\epsilon_1 = 5.438959822042073 * 10^{-16}$$

$$\epsilon_2 = 0.13053489954797415$$

The error in the case of  $u_1$  is very small because the source function is linear and the approximation performed in FDM is also linear. Whereas, in the case of  $u_2$ , the source function is a second-degree polynomial and hence we observe a higher error. As the order of the actual function of  $u_2$  is higher than that of  $u_1$ , the error due to linearization rises.

(b) After iterating till  $n = 200$ , the following are the plots for the Global Error of  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  in logarithmic scale:





For  $u_1$ , we observe that the global error oscillates although it's a small value. We can also see that there is no convergence. This is because of the way python works. The python compiler stores small errors in the order of -16. This causes a floating point error which is responsible for the oscillations. As this is accumulated for increasing  $n$ , the error increases.

For  $u_2$ , we see a decay in the global error as  $n$  increases. This is an expected behavior as we are decreasing the step size, the linear approximation is made smoother and starts getting closer to the exact values of the function.