

# Numerical solution of PDEs.

(1)

Prototypical problem:

$$\text{ND} \begin{cases} -\Delta u = f & \text{in } \Omega \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$

Heat equation, Elasticity, Maxwell, etc.

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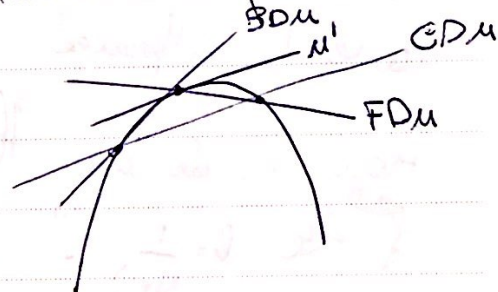
Finite Difference: Approximate the Differential Operators:

Finite Element: " " Functional Spaces

$\text{1D}$ ,  $\text{FD}$   $\frac{u(x+h) - u(x)}{h} \approx u'(x)$

$\text{BD}$   $-\frac{u(x-h) + u(x)}{h} \approx u'(x)$

$\text{CD}$   $\frac{u(x+h) - u(x-h)}{h} \approx u'(x)$



Error? Taylor expansion: (assume  $u \in C^\infty$ )

$$u(x+h) = u(x) + u'(x)h + \frac{u''(\xi)}{2}h^2$$

$$\rightarrow \text{FD: } |u' - \text{FD}u| = \left| \frac{u''(\xi)}{2} \right| h$$

$$\text{BD} = \text{FD}$$

$\text{CD}$ : two points...

$$\begin{aligned} u(x-h) &= u(x) - u'(x)h + \frac{u''(\xi)}{2}h^2 - \frac{u'''(\xi)}{6}h^3 \\ u(x+h) - u(x-h) &= 2u'(x)h + \frac{u''(\xi)}{3}h^3 - \frac{u'''(\xi)}{6}h^3 \end{aligned}$$

for  $u''$ ?

Use Taylor Directly:

$$u(x+h) = u(x) + u'(x)h + \frac{u''(x)}{2}h^2 + \frac{u'''(x)}{6}h^3 + \dots$$

$$u(x-h) = u(x) - u'(x)h + \frac{u''(x)}{2}h^2 - \frac{u'''(x)}{6}h^3 + \dots$$

$$u(x+h) + u(x-h) = 2u(x) + u''(x)h^2 + O(h^4)$$

$$\Rightarrow u''(x) = \frac{u(x+h) - 2u(x) + u(x-h)}{h^2} + O(h^2)$$

centered difference scheme approximation —

How do we use this? split  $[0,1]$  in  $N$  intervals of size  $h = \frac{1}{(N+1)}$ . Sample the above in all internal points

(first and last are zero) — we get

$$x^i = ih$$

$$i = 1 \dots N-1$$

$$x^0 = 0, x^{N+1} = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{h^2} (u^{i+1} - 2u^i + u^{i-1}) = f^i \quad i = 1 \dots N-1$$

$$\Rightarrow A_h u = f \quad A_h := \frac{1}{h^2} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 & & \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ & & & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Error?  $\rightarrow$  Taylor up to order 4!!

what happens if  $u$  is not  $C^4$ ? How about  $H^4$ ? No

$$A_h \text{ is SPD: } v^T A_h v := -2v_1^2 + 2v_2^2 - 2v_3^2 + \dots$$

# Galerkin Method (~~or Finite Element~~)

(2)

(PV) find  $u \in H_0^1([a,b])$  s.t.

$$\int_0^1 u' v' = \int_0^1 f v \quad \forall v \in H_0^1([0,1])$$

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$$H_0^1 := \left\{ u \text{ s.t. } \int_0^1 u'^2 < +\infty, \int_0^1 u' < +\infty, u|_{0,1} = 0 \right\}$$

Hilbert with scalar products

$$(u, v) = \int_0^1 u' v' \quad \text{or} \quad (u, v) = \int_0^1 u v + \int_0^1 u' v'$$

they are equivalent norms in  $H_0^1$ , i.e.  $\exists c_1, c_2$  s.t.

$$|u|_1 \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} c_1 \|u\|_1 \stackrel{(2)}{\leq} c_2 |u|_1$$

$$\|u\|_1 \leq \frac{c_2}{c_1} |u|_1 \leq \frac{c_1}{c_2} \|u\|_1$$

① is obvious, for ② we use Poincaré inequality

Uniqueness:  $\exists u_1 \neq u_2$  s.t. (PV)

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^1 (u_1 - u_2)' v' = 0 \quad \forall v \Rightarrow \text{i.e. also for } v = u_1 - u_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \|u_1 - u_2\|^2 = 0 \Rightarrow u_1 = u_2 \quad \text{Absurd.}$$



Existence? We prove it for an abstract problem:

find  $u \in V$  s.t.

$$(P) \quad a(u, v) = F(v) \quad \forall v \in V$$

(a)  $V$  Hilbert

(b)  $a(u, v)$  bilinear, continuous, coercive form:

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad a(\alpha u + \beta v, w) &= \alpha a(u, w) + \beta a(v, w) \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R} \\ a(u, \alpha w + \beta v) &= \alpha a(u, w) + \beta a(u, v) \quad \forall u, v, w \in V \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad a(u, v) \leq C \|u\|_V \|v\|_V \quad \forall u, v \in V$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad a(u, u) \geq \alpha \|u\|^2 \quad \forall u \in V$$

(c)  $L(v)$  continuous and linear on  $V$

$$\bullet |L(v)| \leq \|L\| \|v\|_V$$

$$\bullet L(\alpha v + \beta w) = \alpha L(v) + \beta L(w)$$

If (a) + (b) + (c)  $\Rightarrow \exists!$  solution to (P) and

$$\|u\|_V \leq C_F$$

so a  $\epsilon$ -minimizer  $\Rightarrow PV \Leftrightarrow$  find  $u$  s.t.

$$J(u) \leq J(v) \quad \forall v \in V$$

$$J(u) := \frac{1}{2} a(u, u) - L(u)$$

Goal: proof of Lax Milgram for separable (3) spaces.  
(constructive)

Take  $V_N$ , finite dimensional, <sup>of dim N</sup> s.t.  $V_N \subset V$

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( $V$  is Hilbert  $\rightarrow$  ~~space~~ Normed, Complete, Vector space, with inner product)

write  $PV$  in  $V_N$

find  $u_N \in V_N$  s.t.

$$a(u_N, v_N) = F(v_N) \quad \forall v_N \in V_N$$

Let  $\{\varphi_i\}_{i=1}^N$  be a <sup>orthonormal</sup> basis for  $V_N$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_j a(u^j \varphi^j, \varphi^i) = F(\varphi^i)$$

$$\Rightarrow A_N u = f \quad \begin{aligned} A_{ij} &:= a(\varphi^j, \varphi^i) \\ f_i &:= F(\varphi^i) \end{aligned}$$

$A$  is a matrix, positive definite:  $u^T A_N u \geq \alpha \|u\|^2 = \alpha \sum_i u^i \varphi^i$   <sup>$\alpha(\sum u^i)^2$</sup>   
 $\rightarrow A$  is invertible  $\Rightarrow \exists! u_N$  s.t.  $A_N u = f$ .

if  $V$  is separable, then  $\forall \epsilon \exists N$  s.t.  $\|u - \tilde{u}_N\|_V < \epsilon$

what can we say about  $u_N$  and  $\tilde{u}_N$ ?

$$a(u - u_N, v_N) = 0 \quad (v_N \subset V_N \subset V)$$

$$a(u, v) = F(v) \quad \forall v \in V$$

$$a(u_N, v) = F(v) \quad \forall v \in V_N$$

$$(*) \quad a(u - u_N, v) = 0 \quad \forall v \in V_N$$

coercivity:

$$\alpha \|u - u_N\|_V^2 \leq a(u - u_N, u - u_N) + a(u - u_N, u_N) - a(u - u_N, u_N) \quad \text{O O} \quad \text{O O} \\ \leq a(u - u_N, u - u_N) \leq M \|u - u_N\| \|u - u_N\|$$

if  $u = u_N \Rightarrow$  trivial

$$\Rightarrow \text{assume } u \neq u_N \Rightarrow \|u - u_N\|_V \leq \frac{M}{\alpha} \|u - u_N\|_V \quad \underline{\underline{\forall V_N}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|u - u_N\|_V \leq \frac{M}{\alpha} \inf_{v \in V_N} \|u - v\|$$

in particular, if  $\|u - \tilde{u}_N\|_V \leq \varepsilon$  ( $V$  is separable)

$$\text{then } \|u - \tilde{u}_N\|_V \leq \frac{M}{\alpha} \varepsilon \quad \Rightarrow \quad \underline{\underline{u_N \rightarrow u}}$$

And we can quantify  $\|u - u_N\|_V$

How to choose the spaces  $V_N$ ? Finite Elements

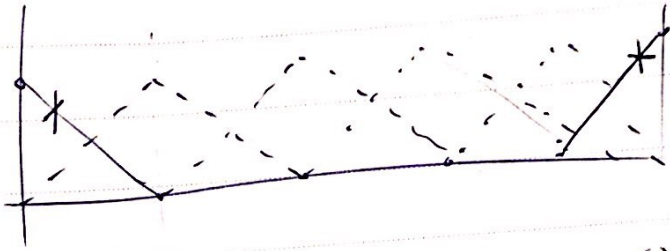


Given  $N$ , consider  $h = \frac{1}{(N+1)}$ , and the space

$$V_N := \{u \in C^0([0,1]), \text{ s.t. } u|_{J_h, J_{h+1}} \in \mathcal{P}^k(J_h, J_{h+1}) \quad \forall J=0, \dots, N-2\}$$

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Basis  $\varphi_i :=$



We want the evaluation of  $\varphi_i(x_J) = \delta_{ij}$   $\varphi_i(0) = \varphi_i(1) = 0$

$$\varphi_i \in V_N \text{ s.t. } \varphi_i(x_J) = \delta_{ij}, \quad \varphi_i(0) = \varphi_i(1) = 0$$

$$A_{ij} := a(\varphi_j, \varphi_i) = \int_0^1 \varphi_j' \varphi_i' \quad \varphi_j' = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{h} & \text{if } x \in x_i, x_{i+1} \\ -\frac{1}{h} & \text{if } x \in x_{i-1}, x_i \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow A_{ij} \quad i=j: \Rightarrow \frac{1}{h^2} \cdot 2h = \frac{2}{h}$$

$$i=j-1 \Rightarrow \frac{-1}{h^2} \cdot h = -\frac{1}{h}$$

$$i=j+1 = \frac{-1}{h^2} \cdot h = -\frac{1}{h}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{h} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & & \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ & & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

uguale, a meno di  $h$ ,  
a FD!