

Consider $\nabla^2 u = f$, discretization by the spectral method and solved using multigrid.

Discretizing the domain by the Spectral Method and solving using multigrid yields a solution with a fourier representation that is arbitrarily accurate up to k coefficients (when using, e.g. gmres to find unknowns). To get higher accuracy, one can refine the grid further. Using an initial guess for some of the unknowns from the coarse grid, low frequency errors are still small, but high frequency errors are possibly high.

Now consider the buffer zone introduced by segmental refinement, which can be represented as a new grid with two boundary conditions encoding the error by this buffer zone. The boundary will thus be functions with fourier coefficients of k or greater since the coarser grid was accurate up to k coefficients.

We must demonstrate that the solution to this grid with boundary values of frequency k will decay to discretization error by the time it leaves the buffer zone. On this finer grid, then, we will have error introduced by discretization of frequency $2k$ or higher, combined with the error that is introduced by the buffer zone and decays to discretization error. Overall, this function will still be accurate up to coefficients of $2k$.

Inductively, we will see that at every level of refinement, we get accuracy up to coefficients of $(2^n)k$ because at the previous level, we had $(2^{n-1})k$ orders of accuracy.

Remark: We must show that the fourier coefficients of solutions to these laplace equations decay at a certain rate in order to show that solving up to (2^n) coefficients will yield a sum that decays very quickly as we take a shorter and shorter tail of the sum. Each of the functions $\sin(kx)$ exist on the buffer zone boundary. Assume that the boundary has finite energy, meaning it exists in L^2 , this implies that the sum of fourier coefficients converges by Parseval's Theorem.

First, we must show that on a unit grid with one nonhomogenous boundary condition, the function decays exponentially away from the boundary.

Consider the following PDE.

$$\nabla^2 \Phi(x, y) = 0 \tag{1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(x, 0) &= 0 & \Phi(0, y) &= 0 \\ \Phi(L, y) &= 0 & \Phi(x, L) &= g(x). \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Now we must apply the nonhomogeneous boundary condition $\Phi(x, L) = g(x)$ to help us find the coefficients B_n .

$$\Phi(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi y}{L}\right)$$

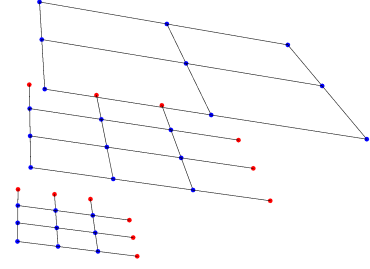


Figure 1: Blue:grid points to be calculated. Red:fixed boundary estimates

$$B_n = \frac{\frac{2}{L}}{\sinh(\frac{n\pi}{L})} \int_0^1 g(x) \sin(n\pi x) dx \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } C &= \max\left(\int_0^1 [g(x) \sin(\frac{n\pi x}{L})] dx\right) \\ \text{Let } \Phi_n(x, y) &= \frac{\frac{2}{L}}{\sinh(n\pi)} \int_0^1 [g(x) \sin(\frac{n\pi x}{L})] dx \sin(\frac{n\pi x}{L}) \sinh(\frac{n\pi y}{L}) \\ |\Phi_n(x, y)| &\leq \frac{2C * \sin \frac{n\pi y}{L}}{L \sinh(n\pi)} \leq \frac{2Ce^{\frac{n\pi y}{L}}}{L * e^{n\pi}} \leq \frac{4Ce^{\frac{n\pi y}{L}}}{e^{n\pi}} = \frac{4C}{L} e^{\frac{n\pi(y-L)}{L}} \end{aligned}$$

Let $d = L - y$ be the distance from the boundary.

$$\begin{aligned} |\Phi_n(x, y)| &\leq \frac{4C}{L} e^{\frac{-n\pi d}{L}} \\ |\Phi(x, y)| &\leq \frac{4C * e^{\frac{-n_0\pi d}{L}}}{L * (1 - e^{\frac{-\pi d}{L}})} < \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d &> \ln\left(\frac{\epsilon * L(1 - e^{\frac{-\pi d}{L}})}{4C}\right) * \frac{L}{-n_0 * \pi} \\ \text{Let } L &= 2^{-k} \\ d &> \frac{-\ln\epsilon + k\ln(2) - \ln(1 - e^{\frac{-\pi d}{L}}) - \ln 4C}{2^k n_0 \pi} \end{aligned}$$

This bound needs to be improved. $\frac{\ln(\frac{\epsilon}{2C})}{-\pi}$ could be very large.

We just need epsilon up to the resolution of the grid. We need to start summing at some n . This will make d more reasonable. Maybe try getting $|\Phi_n| < \frac{\epsilon}{n^2}$ instead of ϵ^n . Get the bound on d by biggest fourier coefficient of g and biggest fourier coefficient of forcing f . Ask Dr. Symmes if we can estimate largest fourier coefficient efficiently.

The coarse grid has to be fine enough to make this needed d reasonable, and it depends on the boundary conditions. This is the point: coarse grid must still be fine. And we can't get geometric decay. So we just want each coefficient's error to get smaller.

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Ideally we'd like the sum of boundaries at each level needed to sum to some moderate amount. That way we need no communication when solving each level.

If we just need quadratic convergence, i.e. $|\Phi_n(x, y)| < \frac{\epsilon}{n^2}$, then the distance requirement changes to $d \geq \frac{\ln C + 2\ln n - \ln \epsilon}{2\pi n}$. By choosing a sufficiently fine coarse grid, we can make this distance requirement reasonable.