

So far, we have a simple test problem:

$$\begin{cases} u''(x) = f(x) \\ u(0) = \alpha \\ u(1) = \beta \end{cases} \quad 2\text{pt BVP}$$

\Downarrow

$$u''(x) \approx \frac{u(x-h) - 2u(x) + u(x+h)}{h^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{u(x-h) - 2u(x) + u(x+h)}{h^2} \approx f(x)$$

$$\begin{cases} u(0) = \alpha \\ u(1) = \beta \end{cases}$$



To compute an approximation of u at h we need

$$u''(h) \approx \frac{u(0) - 2u(h) + u(2h)}{h^2}$$

— we know $u(0) = \alpha$

— we don't know $u(2h)$.

To compute $u(2h)$

$$u''(2h) \approx \frac{u(h) - 2u(2h) + u(3h)}{h^2}$$

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- We don't know any of these values explicitly.

We can approach the same idea from the other boundary $u(1) = \beta$ is given. and we can write

$$u''(1-h) \approx \frac{u(1-2h) - 2u(1-h) + u(1)}{h^2}$$

The analogous problem exists.

- We know $u(1)$
- We don't know $u(1-2h)$ and $u(1-h)$.

One last concern exists:



If we are not careful we will not match out in the middle of our domain.

If we use

$$h = \frac{1-0}{m+1} = \frac{b-a}{m+1}$$

we will be able to avoid this minor issue



Define points where an approximation is to be computed via

$$h = \frac{1}{m+1} \Rightarrow x_j = j \times h$$

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- We know $u(x_0) = u(0) = \alpha$ and $u(x_{m+1}) = u(1) = \beta$
- We don't know $u(x_j) = u(jh) = ?$

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Define some notation.

$$u(x_j) \approx U_j \quad \Rightarrow \quad u''(x_j) \approx \frac{U_{j-1} - 2U_j + U_{j+1}}{h^2} \quad \text{John, m}$$

when

$$\frac{U_{j-1} - 2U_j + U_{j+1}}{h^2} = f(x_j) = f_j$$

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The matrix equation

$$AU = F$$

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \\ \vdots \\ U_m \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \frac{1}{h^2} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & & 0 \\ & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ & & \ddots & \ddots \\ 0 & & & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F = \begin{bmatrix} f(x_1) = \frac{1}{h^2} \\ f(x_2) \\ \vdots \\ f(x_m) \\ f(x_{m+1}) = \frac{1}{h^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

This is a fairly easy system of equations to solve

Let's do some coding: Thomas Alg.

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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} & 0 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & a_{n-1,n} \\ & & & a_{n,n-1} & a_{n,n} \end{bmatrix}$$

Note $A^T = A$ in this case.

Full routine $Ax=b$

for $k=1, m-1$

for $i=k+1, m$

$$\text{factor} = a_{i,k} / a_{k,k}$$

for $j=k+1, m$

$$a_{i,j} = a_{i,j} - \text{factor} * a_{k,j}$$

end

$$F_i = F_i - \text{factor} * b_k$$

end

end

This can be truncated for efficiency.

for $k=1, m-1$

$$\text{factor} = a_{k+1,k} / a_{k,k}$$

$$a_{k+1,k+1} = a_{k+1,k+1} - \text{factor} * a_{k,k+1}$$

$$b_{k+1} = b_{k+1} - \text{factor} * b_k$$

end

This cuts the computational effort by a bunch

Back substitution

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a'_{11} & a'_{12} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & a'_{22} & a'_{23} & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a'_{33} & a'_{34} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & a'_{mm} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & a'_{m+1,m} \end{bmatrix} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} b'_1 \\ b'_2 \\ \vdots \\ b'_m \\ b'_m \end{bmatrix}$$

So

$$U_m = b'_m / a'_{m,m}$$

$$U_{m-1} = (b'_{m-1} - a'_{m-1,m} \cdot U_m) / a'_{m-1,m-1}$$

$$U_{m-2} = (b'_{m-2} - a'_{m-2,m-1} \cdot U_{m-1}) / a'_{m-2,m-2}$$

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$$U_k = (b'_k - a'_{k,k+1} \cdot U_{k+1}) / a'_{k,k}$$

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$$U_1 = (b'_1 - a'_{1,1+1} \cdot U_2) / a'_{1,1}$$

The code:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} U_m = b'_m / a'_{m,m} \\ \text{for } k = m-1, \dots, 1 \\ \quad U_k = (b'_k - a'_{k,k+1} \cdot U_{k+1}) / a'_{k,k} \\ \text{end} \end{array} \right.$$

Storage consideration. Too many zeros! We can get by using arrays / vectors for this example. (6)

Define 3 vectors:

$$\begin{cases} ad - A \text{ diagonal} \\ al - \text{first sub diagonal} \\ as - \text{first super diagonal} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} ad[i] = -2/i \\ al[1] = 1/2 \\ al[i] = 1/i^2 \end{cases}$$

$$b[i] = 1/i^3$$

So, with this we can do the following

for $k=1, m-1$ ↙ l_{min}

$$factor = al[k] / ad[k]$$

$$ad[k+1][k+1] = ad[k+1][k+1] - factor * as[k]$$

$$b[k+1] = b[k+1] - factor * b[k]$$

end

$$U[m] = b[m] / ad[m]$$

for $k=m-1, 1$

$$U[k] = (b[k] - as[k] * U[k+1]) / ad[k]$$

end