

# Project

Due on August 7th, 2022

Consider the following ordinary differential equation for  $u$ :

$$-u''(x) + \pi^2 \cos^2(\pi x)u(x) = f(x) \quad x \in [0, 1] \quad (1)$$

with boundary conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} u(0) &= 0, \\ u(1) &= 0. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

1. Consider  $f(x) = \pi^2 \sin(\pi x) \cosh(\sin(\pi x))$ , and check that the function  $u(x) = \sinh(\sin(\pi x))$  is the solution to the boundary value problem (BVP) (1)+(2).

**solution.** Consider  $u(x) = \sinh(\sin(\pi x))$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} u(0) &= \sinh(0) = 0, \\ u(1) &= \sinh(0) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

and

$$u'(x) = \cosh(\sin(\pi x))\pi \cos(\pi x) \quad (4)$$

$$u''(x) = \pi^2 \sinh(\sin(\pi x))\pi \cos^2(\pi x) - \pi^2 \cosh(\sin(\pi x))\sin(\pi x) \quad (5)$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} & -u'' + \pi^2 \cos^2(\pi x) \\ &= \pi^2 \sin(\pi x) \cosh(\sin(\pi x)) - \pi^2 \sinh(\sin(\pi x))\pi \cos^2(\pi x) \\ & \quad + \pi^2 \cos^2(\pi x) \sinh(\sin(\pi x)) \\ &= \pi^2 \sin(\pi x) \cosh(\sin(\pi x)) = f(x) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

2. We want to solve this BVP numerically. We begin by discretizing the interval  $[0, 1]$ . For this, consider the gridpoints:

$$x_i = ih, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, n+1, \quad h = \frac{1}{n+1}. \quad (7)$$

Note that  $h_i = x_{i+1} - x_i = h$  for all  $i$ . Now we approximate the second derivative. Show that if  $g$  has four continuous derivatives, then

$$\frac{g_{i+1} - 2g_i + g_{i-1}}{h^2} = g''_i + O(h^2), \quad (8)$$

where  $g_i = g(x_i)$ .

**solution.** According to the Taylor expansion, we have the following equations:

$$g_{i+1} - g_i = g'_i h + \frac{1}{2!} g''_i h^2 + \frac{1}{3!} g'''_i h^3 + O(h^4) \quad (9)$$

$$g_{i-1} - g_i = -g'_i h + \frac{1}{2!} g''_i h^2 - \frac{1}{3!} g'''_i h^3 + O(h^4) \quad (10)$$

(9)+(10)

$$g_{i+1} - 2g_i + g_{i-1} = h^2 g''_i + O(h^4) \quad (11)$$

that is:

$$\frac{g_{i+1} - 2g_i + g_{i-1}}{h^2} = g''_i + O(h^2) \quad (12)$$

**3.** Consider now the linear system of equations

$$-\frac{g_{i+1} - 2g_i + g_{i-1}}{h^2} + \pi^2 \cos^2(\pi x_i) g_i = f(x_i) \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \quad (13)$$

Show that this can be rewritten in matrix form as

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{g} = \mathbf{f},$$

where  $\mathbf{g} = (g_1, \dots, g_n)^T$ ,  $\mathbf{f} = (f_1, \dots, f_n)^T$ , and the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is tridiagonal, with entries:

$$a_{i,j} = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{h^2} & |i-j| = 1, \\ \frac{2}{h^2} + \pi^2 \cos^2(\pi x_i) & i = j, \\ 0 & \text{Otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

**solution.**

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{h^2} + \pi^2 \cos^2(\pi x_1) & -\frac{1}{h^2} & & \\ -\frac{1}{h^2} & \frac{2}{h^2} + \pi^2 \cos^2(\pi x_2) & -\frac{1}{h^2} & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & -\frac{1}{h^2} & \frac{2}{h^2} + \pi^2 \cos^2(\pi x_n) \end{pmatrix} \quad (15)$$

so according to the

$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{1}{h^2} g_{i+1} + \left( \frac{2}{h^2} + \pi^2 \cos^2(\pi x_i) \right) g_i - \frac{1}{h^2} g_{i-1} \\ & = -\frac{g_{i+1} - 2g_i + g_{i-1}}{h^2} + \pi^2 \cos^2(\pi x_i) g_i = f(x_i) \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

and

$$g_0 = g_n = 0 \quad (17)$$

4. Show that Scheme (13) is second-order accurate.

**solution.** If  $g(x)$  is the exact solution to the problem(1)+(2), that is:

$$-g''(x) + \pi^2 \cos^2(\pi x)g(x) = f(x) \quad (18)$$

according to the Taylor expansion

$$-\frac{g_{i+1} - 2g_i + g_{i-1}}{h^2} + \pi^2 \cos^2(\pi x_i) + O(h^2) = f(x_i) \quad (19)$$

compaired with (13),the local truncation error of (13) is  $O(h^2)$

5. Solve the system of equations (13). Use the following values:  $n = 10, 20, 40, 80, 160, 320$ . For each  $h = 1/(n + 1)$ , compute the error

$$e(h) = \sup_{1 \leq i \leq n} |g_i - u(x_i)| \quad (20)$$

and do a log-log plot of  $e(h)$ , that is, plot  $\log(e(h))$  as a function of  $\log(h)$ . Show, using this plot, that  $e(h) = O(h^2)$ , consistent with 4.

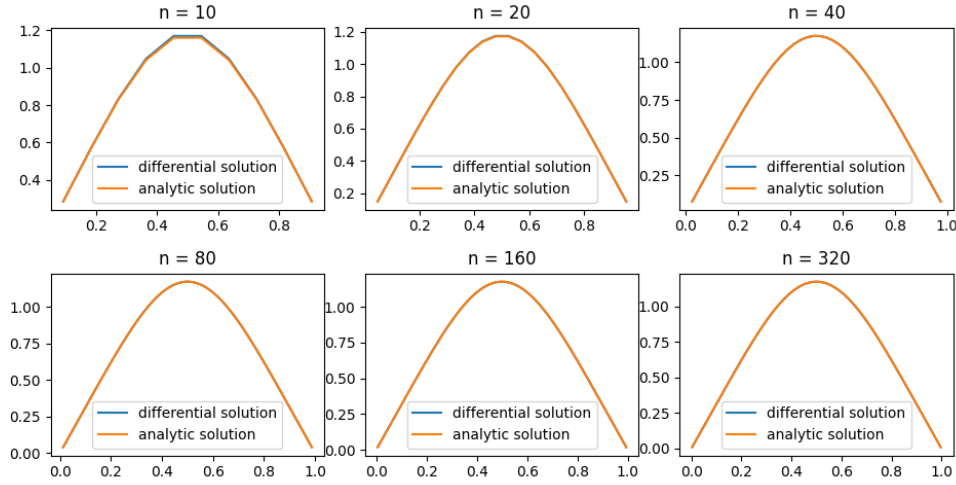


Figure 1: solution

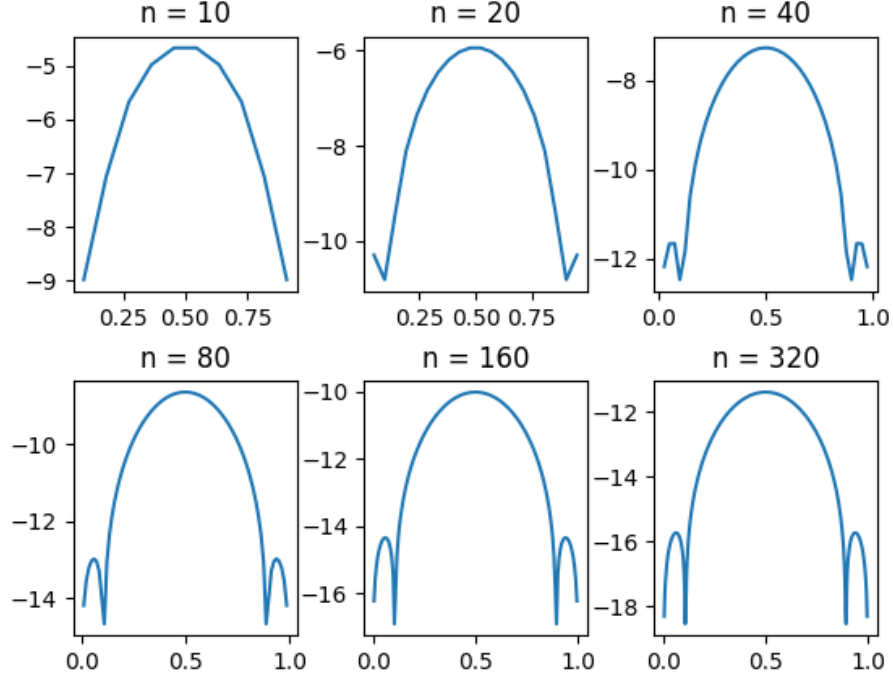


Figure 2: error

**solution.**

**6.** Consider a neural network solution in the following form

$$u_{\text{NN}}(x) = x(1-x) \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} u_i \sin(w_i x + b_i) \right), \quad (21)$$

which satisfies the boundary condition. The loss function in the least-squares sense is

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \left( -u''_{\text{NN}}(x_i) + \pi^2 \cos^2(\pi x_i) u_{\text{NN}}(x_i) - f(x_i) \right)^2. \quad (22)$$

Use Adam or stochastic gradient descent method to find the optimal set of parameters  $\{u_i, w_i, b_i\}_{i=1}^{n-1}$ . Use the following values:  $n = 10, 20,$

40, 80, 160, 320. For each  $n$ , compute the error

$$e(n) = \sup_{1 \leq i \leq n} |u_{\text{NN}}(x_i) - u(x_i)|. \quad (23)$$

What is the conclusion we can draw for the neural network solution?  
Compare this result with that of the second-order difference scheme.

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