

# NSPDE/ANA 2022 - Lecture 2

## Last lecture:

- Basic facts on PDEs: types of PDEs, characteristics, Cauchy problem, well posedness
- Lax-Richtmyer equivalence: stability+consistency => convergence

## Today:

- The Poisson BVP
- Maximum principle
- Divided differences
- Finite Difference for two-points BVP
- A priori analysis (partially)

- Notes online
- Larsson Thomee
- Evans

Gauss-Green Theorem

$$\text{Let } \omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d \text{ open and bounded, } \omega \in \mathcal{C}^1. \quad \downarrow \text{boundary}$$
$$\forall u \in \mathcal{C}^1(\omega)$$

$$\int_{\omega} u x_i dx = \int_{\partial\omega} u \underline{n}_i dS \quad i=1, \dots, d$$

Corollaries:

$$\int_{\omega} \nabla u \cdot \underline{n} dx = \int_{\partial\omega} u \underline{n} dS$$

$$\int_{\omega} \Delta u \, dx = \int_{\omega} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \, dS \quad u \in C^2(\omega)$$

$$\int_{\omega} (\nabla u) \cdot (\nabla v) \, dx = - \int_{\omega} (\Delta u) v \, dx + \int_{\omega} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} v \, dS \quad u, v \in C^2(\omega)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = n \cdot \nabla u$$

Def: The function  $u \in C^2(\omega)$  is harmonic if

$$\Delta u = 0 \text{ in } \omega.$$

Theorem (mean-value formula): [Evans]

$u \in C^2(\Omega)$  is harmonic if and only if

$$u(x) = \frac{1}{|B_r(x)|} \int_{B_r(x)} u \, dS \quad \forall x \in \Omega$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{|B_r(x)|} \int_{B_r(x)} u \, dS \right)$$

We also have

$$u(x) = \frac{1}{|B_r(x)|} \int_{B_r(x)} u \, dx$$

$\forall \omega \in \mathbb{R}^d, \forall x$

for each ball  $B_r(x) \subset \Omega$ .

Theorem (Strong Maximum Principle):

Let  $u \in C^2(\Omega) \cap C(\bar{\Omega})$  harmonic in  $\Omega$

Then,

$$(i) \quad \max_{\bar{\Omega}} u = \max_{\Omega} u \quad (\text{max. princ})$$

(ii) If  $\Omega$  connected and  $\exists x_0 \in \Omega$  s.t.

$$u(x_0) = \max_{\bar{\Omega}} u$$

then  $u \equiv \text{const}$  in  $\Omega$

(by replacing  $u \rightarrow -u \Rightarrow \max \rightarrow \min$ )

Proof : (ii) suppose  $x_0 \in \Omega : u(x_0) = \max_{\bar{\Omega}} u =: M$ .

Take  $B_{x_0}(r) \subset \Omega$ , then

$$M = u(x_0) = \int_{B_{x_0}(r)} u \, dx \leq M$$

$$\Rightarrow u \equiv M \text{ in } B_{x_0}(r)$$

Consider the set  $\{x \in \Omega : u(x) = M\}$ . This set is, at the same time, open and relatively closed in  $\Omega$ , so it must be equal to  $\Omega$  or  $\Omega$  is connected.

(ii) follows from (i).

We now consider

BVP  $\begin{cases} \Delta u = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \\ u = g & \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{cases}$

$\uparrow$  Dirichlet boundary condition

Corollary (Positivity): Let  $\Omega$  connected,  
 $u \in C^2(\Omega) \cap C(\bar{\Omega})$  solution of BVP.

- If  $g \geq 0$ , then  $u \geq 0$  in  $\Omega$
- If  $\begin{cases} g \geq 0 \\ g(x) > 0 \exists x \in \partial\Omega \end{cases}$ , then  $u > 0$  in  $\Omega$

Corollary (Uniqueness): Let  $g \in C(\partial\Omega)$ ,  $f \in C(\Omega)$

Then, there exists at most one solution  
 $u \in C^2(\Omega) \cap C(\bar{\Omega})$  of

(P)  $\begin{cases} -\Delta u = f & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u = g & \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{cases}$

Proof: let  $u, \tilde{u}$  solutions, consider  $w_{\pm} = \pm(u - \tilde{u})$

$$\Rightarrow \omega \equiv 0$$

Theorem [Larsson-Thomée]: Let  $u \in \mathcal{C}^2(\Omega) \cap \mathcal{C}(\bar{\Omega})$  solve (P). Then

$$\|u\|_{\mathcal{C}(\bar{\Omega})} \leq \|\tilde{g}\|_{\mathcal{C}(\partial\Omega)} + c \|\Delta u\|_{\mathcal{C}(\Omega)}$$

Corollary: (continuous dependence on data) If  $u, \tilde{u}$  solve (P) with data  $f, g$  and  $\tilde{f}, \tilde{g}$ , respectively, then

$$\|u - \tilde{u}\|_{\mathcal{C}(\bar{\Omega})} \leq \|\tilde{g} - g\|_{\mathcal{C}(\partial\Omega)} + c \|f - \tilde{f}\|_{\mathcal{C}(\Omega)}$$

Comment:

Let P a problem, with sol.  $u$

Let  $P_N$  be the discrete problem,  $u_N$  its solution

example  $P_N$  problem where data is truncated

Let  $\tilde{u}$  be the exact sol. to  $P_N$

Then

$$\|u - u_n\| \leq \|u - \tilde{u}\| + \underbrace{\|\tilde{u} - u_n\|}_{\text{"problem rep. error}} + \underbrace{\|\tilde{u} - \tilde{u}_n\|}_{\text{numerical approx. error}}$$

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Finite Difference for the two  
points BVP

$$(TP) \begin{cases} -u'' = f & \text{in } (a, b) \\ u(a) = 0 = u(b) & \text{(homogeneous D.)} \end{cases}$$

Define, 2<sup>nd</sup> divided difference op.

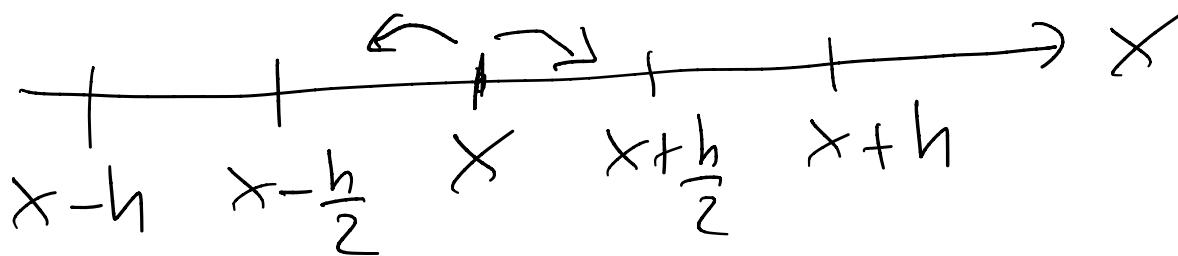
$$\delta_h^2 u(x) = S_h(S_h u(x))$$

$$h \in \mathbb{R}, h > 0$$

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

where

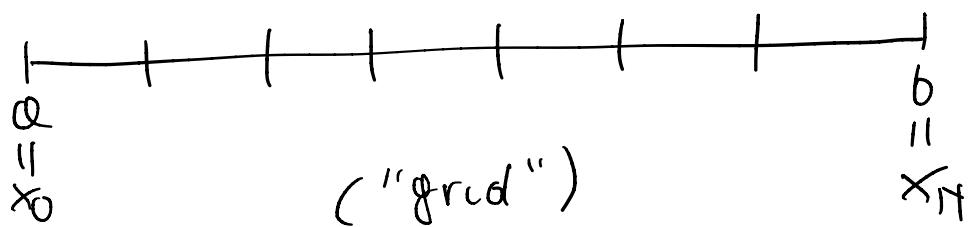
$$\delta_h(x) = \frac{u(x+1/2) - u(x-1/2)}{h} \underset{\curvearrowright}{\approx} u'(x)$$



Finite Difference Method:

- fix  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , set  $h = 1/N$

$$x_i = x_0 + hi \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, N, \quad x_0 = a$$



- Define discrete function:

$$\left\{ u_i \right\}_{i=0}^N$$

• FD method :

$$u''(x_i) \begin{cases} U_0 = 0 \\ -\frac{U_{i+1} - 2U_i + U_{i-1}}{h^2} = f_i = f(x_i) \\ U_N = 0 \end{cases} \quad \forall i=1, \dots, N-1.$$

Theorem: (Discrete Maximum Principle - DMP):

Let  $V = \{V_i\}_{i=0}^N$  grid function, and

$$\mathcal{L}_h V_i := -\frac{V_{i+1} - 2V_i + V_{i-1}}{h^2}, \quad i=1, \dots, N-1$$

If  $\mathcal{L}_h V_i \leq 0 \quad \forall i$ , then

$$\max_{0 \leq i \leq N} V_i = \max \{ V_0, V_N \}$$

Proof: By contradiction, let  $V_n = \max_{1 \leq n \leq N} V_i$ , and suppose  $V_n > V_0$  and/or  $V_n > V_N$

$$0 \leq -h^2 \mathcal{L}_h V_n = V_{n+1} - 2V_n + V_{n-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2V_n \leq V_{n+1} + V_{n-1}$$

$$\therefore v_n \leq \frac{v_{n+1} + v_{n-1}}{2} \leq v_n$$

$$\Rightarrow v_n = \frac{v_{n+1} + v_{n-1}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow v_n = v_{n+1} = v_{n-1}$$

by repeating the argument until reach boundary  
we conclude  $v \equiv \text{const}$  !

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## FINITE DIFFERENCES

Def : (Divided Difference operators)

Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  bounded,  $h > 0$ .  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\delta_{h,+} f(x) := \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \quad \text{FD (forward difference)}$$

$$\delta_{h,-} f(x) := \frac{f(x) - f(x-h)}{h} \quad \text{BD (backward difference)}$$

$$\delta_h f(x) := \frac{f(x+h/2) - f(x-h/2)}{h} \quad \text{CD (central difference)}$$

note: the approximation theory point of view

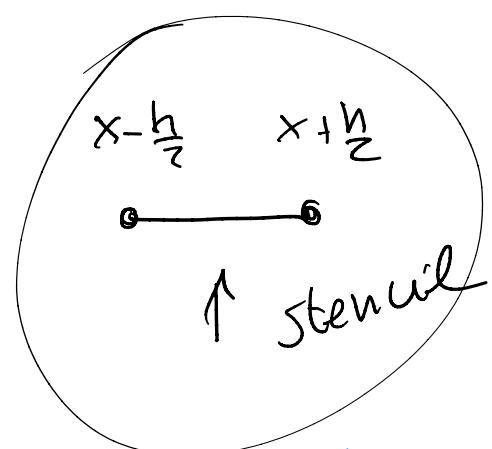
1) construct a linear interpolant

2) differentiate the interpolant

example: CD is obtained  $\{x + h/2, x - h/2\}$

$$1) P_1(y) = f(x + \frac{h}{2}) \frac{y - (x - \frac{h}{2})}{h} + f(x - \frac{h}{2}) \frac{(x + \frac{h}{2}) - y}{h}$$

$$2) P_1'(x) = \frac{f(x + \frac{h}{2}) - f(x - \frac{h}{2})}{h}$$



Lemma: Let  $f \in C^2([a, b])$ ,  $a < b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $h > 0$

$$\bullet |f'(x) - S_{h,+} f(x)| = \left| \frac{h}{2} f''(\xi) \right| \stackrel{\text{error identity}}{\leq} \frac{h}{2} \max_{y \in [a,b]} |f''(y)| \quad \text{error bound}$$

$\exists \xi \in (x, x+h)$

$$\bullet |f'(x) - S_{h,-} f(x)| = \left| \frac{h}{2} f''(\xi) \right| \leq \frac{h}{2} \quad \text{II}$$

$\exists \xi \in (x-h, x)$

if  $f \in C^3([a, b])$ , then

$$\bullet |f'(x) - S_h f(x)| = \left| \frac{h^2}{48} (f'''(\xi_1) + f'''(\xi_2)) \right| \leq \frac{h^3}{24} \max_y |f'''(y)|$$

$\exists \xi_1, \xi_2 \in (x - \frac{h}{2}, x + \frac{h}{2})$

Def: Given  $g, g_n$  we say  $g_n$  converges to  $g$  if  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} |g(x) - g_h(x)| = 0$

and convergence is of order  $P$

if  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|g(x) - g_n(x)|}{h^P} \in \mathbb{R}$

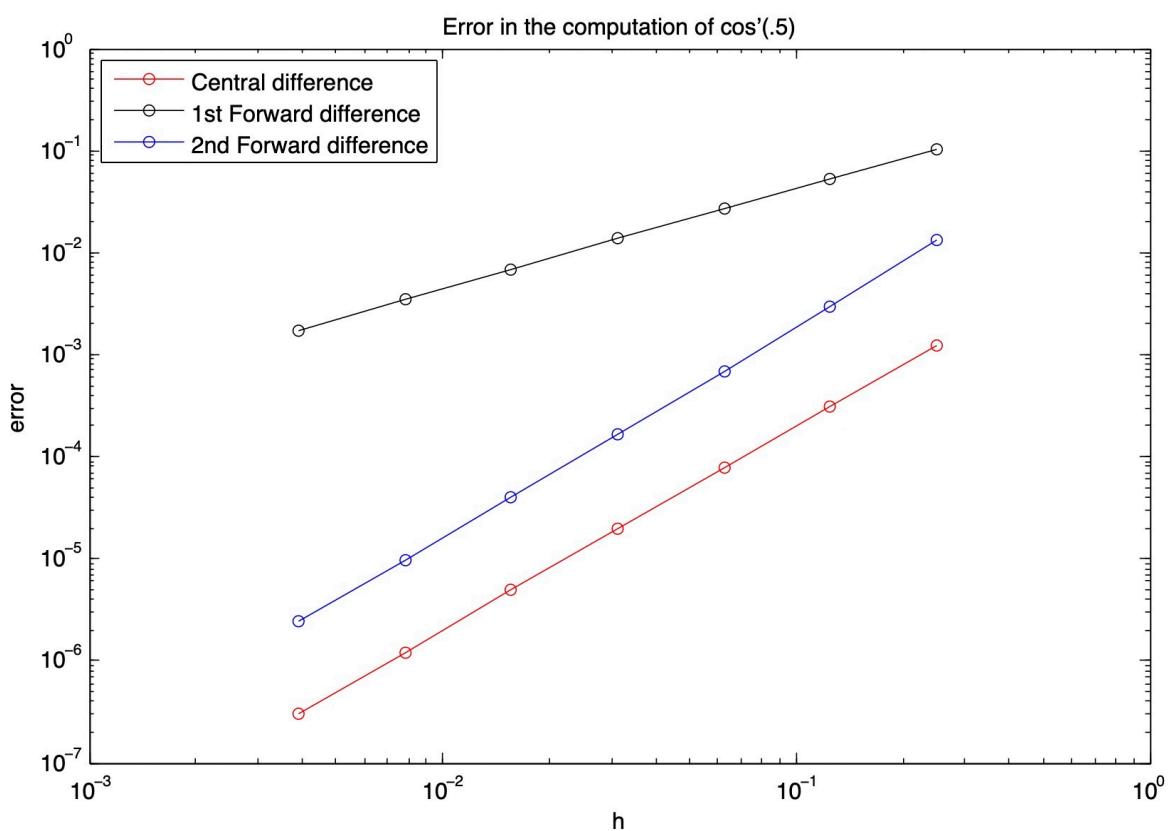
and write  $|g(x) - g_n(x)| = O(h^P)$

higher order one-sided approx. of 1<sup>st</sup> derivative:

$$\delta_{h,+2} f(x) = \frac{1}{2h} (-f(x+2h) + 4f(x+h) - 3f(x)) = \left( \delta_{h,+} - \frac{h}{2} \delta_{h,+}^2 \right) f(x)$$

$2^{\text{nd}}$  order

$$\delta_{h,-1} f(x) = \dots$$



Central difference for 2<sup>nd</sup> derivative:

$$\delta_h^2 f(x) = \frac{f(x+h) - 2f(x) + f(x-h)}{h^2}$$

Lemma:  $f \in C^4([a,b])$ ,  $h > 0$ ,  $x \in [a+h, b-h]$

$$|f''(x) - \delta_h^2 f(x)| = \left| \frac{h^2}{24} (f^{(iv)}(\xi_1) + f^{(iv)}(\xi_2)) \right| \leq \frac{h^2}{12} \max_y |f^{(iv)}(y)|$$

$$= O(h^2)$$

FD on discrete functions  $U = \{U_i\}_{i=0}^N$

on a grid  $\{x_i\}_{i=0}^N$ , we can compute the FD formulas in matrix form:

FD

$$\frac{1}{h} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & & & & 0 \\ & -1 & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} U = V \quad V[1:N-1]$$

give the FD formula at the internal grid points

CD  
(with step)  
 $\frac{1}{2h}$

$$\frac{1}{2h} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & & & & \\ -1 & 0 & & & & & \\ 0 & & \ddots & & & & \\ & & & \ddots & & & \\ & & & & 0 & & \\ & & & & & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} U = V$$

2<sup>nd</sup> Central

$$\frac{1}{h^2} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 & & & & 0 & \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & & & & \\ & 1 & -2 & \ddots & & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & & \\ & & & & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ & & & & & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} U = V$$

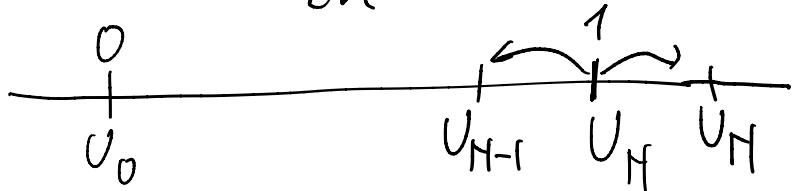
Different boundary conditions:

Consider

$$\begin{cases} -u'' = f & \text{in } \Omega = (0, 1) \\ u(0) = u_0, \quad u'(1) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$\uparrow \hookrightarrow$  Neumann b.c.

$$\begin{cases} u_0 = u_0 \\ -\frac{u_{i+1} - 2u_i + u_{i-1}}{h^2} = f_i \quad i=1, \dots, N-1 \\ -\frac{u_{N+1} - 2u_N + u_{N-1}}{h^2} = f_N \\ u'(x_N) = 0 \quad \left. \frac{u_{N+1} - u_{N-1}}{2h} \right. = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow 2 \frac{u_N - u_{N-1}}{h^2} = f_N$$



or  $A \tilde{U} = F$

$U = U[1:N]$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & & \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & \\ & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ & & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, F = \begin{bmatrix} -h^2 f_1 - u_0 \\ -h^2 f_2 \\ \vdots \\ -h^2 f_N \end{bmatrix}$$

More general two-point BVPs

Let  $a(x) > 0$ ,  $c(x) \geq 0$  on  $\Omega = (0, 1)$

$$(P) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} u'' - au' + bu + cu = f \quad \text{in } \Omega \\ u(0) = u_0 \quad ; \quad u(1) = u_1 \end{array} \right.$$

FD method. Define  $a_i = a(x_i)$ ,  $b_i = b(x_i)$ ,  $c_i = c(x_i)$   
with  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^N$  the grid points,

$$-a_i \frac{U_{i+1} - 2U_i + U_{i-1}}{h^2} + b_i \frac{U_{i+1} - U_{i-1}}{2h} + c_i U_i = f_i$$

$$\therefore U_i \\ \text{so, } U_i = \frac{-(a_i - \frac{1}{2}h b_i) U_{i+1} + (2a_i + h^2 c_i) U_i - (a_i + \frac{1}{2}h b_i) U_{i-1}}{h^2}$$

A priori analysis

Def (Truncation error) Define trunc.  
error or

$$T(x) = L_u(x) - S_h u(x)$$

$$T_i := T(x_i) \quad \forall i$$

In our case,

$$\begin{aligned} T(x) &= f(x) - \int_h u(x) \\ &= f(x) - \left( -\alpha(x) \sum_{z_h}^2 u(z) + b(x) \sum_{z_h} u(z) + c(x) u(x) \right) \\ &\quad \text{insert error eq. and use the PDE} \\ &\Rightarrow \alpha(x) \frac{h^2}{24} (u^{(4)}(\xi_1) + u^{(4)}(\xi_2)) + b(x) \frac{h^2}{12} (u^{(3)}(\xi_1) + u^{(3)}(\xi_2)) \end{aligned}$$

$$|T(x)| \leq \left( \frac{h^2}{12} \|\alpha\|_\infty + \frac{h^2}{6} \|b\|_\infty \right) \|u\|_{C^4}$$

$$\Rightarrow T(x) = \mathcal{O}(h^2) \quad \text{the method is consistent} \quad \blacksquare$$