## Oblig 1 FYS 4150

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## 1 The exercises

Project 1a)

$$-\frac{v_{i+1} + v_{i-1} - 2v_i}{h^2} = f_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n,$$
(1)

where  $f_i = f(x_i)$ .

Rewriting the Equation 1 as a linear set of equations of the form

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \tilde{\mathbf{b}}$$

where **A** is an  $n \times n$  tridiagonal matrix which we rewrite as

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix},$$

and  $\tilde{b}_i = h^2 f_i$ .

Writing out the equations:

$$i = 1 : -v_0 + 2v_1 - v_2 = f_1 h^2$$

$$i = 2 : -v_1 + 2v_2 - v_3 = f_2 h^2$$

$$\vdots$$

$$i = n : -v_{n-1} + 2v_n - v_{n+1} = f_n h^2$$

where  $v_0 = 0$  and  $v_{n+1} = 0$ .

Adding some zeros to the equations for illustrative purposes:

$$\begin{array}{lll} i=1: & 2v_1-v_2+0+0+0+0+\cdots+0=f_1h^2\\ i=2: & -v_1+2v_2-v_3+0+0+\cdots+0=f_2h^2\\ i=3: & 0-v_2+2v_3-v_4+0+\cdots+0=f_3h^2\\ \vdots & \vdots\\ i=n-1: & 0+\cdots+0-v_{n-2}+2v_{n-1}-v_n=f_{n-1}h^2\\ i=n: & 0+\cdots+0+0+0-v_{n-1}+2v_n=f_nh^2 \end{array}$$

We can now recognize the equations as a product between a matrix an a vector that equals another vector.

Defining vectors that fit:

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} \qquad \qquad \tilde{\mathbf{b}} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 h^2 \\ f_2 h^2 \\ \vdots \\ f_n h^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrix is the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ . Then we have:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ \vdots \\ v_{n-1} \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1h^2 \\ f_2h^2 \\ f_3h^2 \\ \vdots \\ f_{n-1}h^2 \\ f_nh^2 \end{bmatrix} \Longrightarrow \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \tilde{\mathbf{b}}$$

Putting the solution into the Poisson equation:

The Poisson equation:

$$-u''(x) = f(x)$$

In this case  $f(x) = 100e^{-10x}$ .

The solution and derivatives:

$$u(x) = 1 - (1 - e^{-10})x - e^{-10x}$$
$$u'(x) = (1 - e^{-10}) + 10e^{-10x}$$
$$u''(x) = -100e^{-10x}$$

The solution is a solution of the Poisson equation:

$$-u''(x) = -(-100)e^{-10x} = 100e^{-10x} = f(x)$$

**Project 1b)** A list of what we are supposed to do from the exercise text:

- Set up the general algorithm (assuming different values for the matrix elements) for solving this set of linear equations.
- Find also the precise number of floating point operations needed to solve the above equations.
- Code the above algorithm and solve the problem for matrices of the size  $10 \times 10$ ,  $100 \times 100$  and  $1000 \times 1000$ . That means that you select n = 10, n = 100 and n = 1000 grid points.
- Compare your results (make plots) with the closed-form solution for the different number of grid points in the interval  $x \in (0,1)$ . The different number of grid points corresponds to different step lengths h.

**Project 1c)** A list of what we are supposed to do from the exercise text:

- Use thereafter the fact that the matrix has identical matrix elements along the diagonal and identical (but different) values for the non-diagonal elements. Specialize your algorithm to the special case and find the number of floating point operations for this specific tri-diagonal matrix.
- Compare the CPU time with the general algorithm from the previous point for matrices up to  $n = 10^6$  grid points.

**Project 1d)** A list of what we are supposed to do from the exercise text:

• Compute the relative error in the data set i = 1, ..., n, by setting up

$$\epsilon_i = log_{10} \left( \left| \frac{v_i - u_i}{u_i} \right| \right),$$

as function of  $log_{10}(h)$  for the function values  $u_i$  and  $v_i$ . For each step length extract the max value of the relative error.

• Increase n to  $n = 10^7$  and make a table of the results and comment your results. You can use either the algorithm from b) or c).

## **Project 1e)** A list of what we are supposed to do from the exercise text:

- Compare your results with those from the LU decomposition codes for the matrix of sizes  $10 \times 10$ ,  $100 \times 100$  and  $1000 \times 1000$  (use the library functions provided on the webpage of the course. Alternatively, if you use armadillo as a library, you can use the similar function for LU decomposition. The armadillo function for the LU decomposition is called LU while the function for solving linear sets of equations is called solve. Use for example the unix function time when you run your codes and compare the time usage between LU decomposition and your tridiagonal solver. Alternatively, you can use the functions in C++, Fortran or Python that measure the time used)
- Make a table of the results and comment the differences in execution time.
- How many floating point operations does the LU decomposition use to solve the set of linear equations?
- Answer: Can you run the standard LU decomposition for a matrix of the size  $10^5 \times 10^5$ ?
- Comment your results.

To compute the elapsed time in c++ you can use the following statements (see comment)