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Numerical Methods for
Differential Equations in Physics

Spatial Discretization

Difference with temporal discretization:

find all values $f(x_0), f(x_1), \dots, f(x_N)$ simultaneously

Methods

✓ **Finite Differences**

Finite Volumes

Finite Elements

Spectral \implies $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \checkmark \text{ Pseudospectral} \\ \text{Spectral Elements} \end{array} \right.$

Finite Differences

First derivative

Centered

$$\frac{du}{dx} \approx \frac{u(x + \Delta x) - u(x - \Delta x)}{2\Delta x}$$

Right

$$\frac{du}{dx} \approx \frac{u(x + \Delta x) - u(x)}{\Delta x}$$

Left

$$\frac{du}{dx} \approx \frac{u(x) - u(x - \Delta x)}{\Delta x}$$

General three point formula:

$$u' \approx au(x + \Delta x) + bu(x) + cu(x - \Delta x)$$

Taylor series:

$$u(x + \Delta x) = u(x) + \Delta x u'(x) + \frac{\Delta x^2}{2} u''(x) + \frac{\Delta x^3}{6} u'''(x) + \frac{\Delta x^4}{24} u''''(x)$$

$$u(x) = u(x)$$

$$u(x - \Delta x) = u(x) - \Delta x u'(x) + \frac{\Delta x^2}{2} u''(x) - \frac{\Delta x^3}{6} u'''(x) + \frac{\Delta x^4}{24} u''''(x)$$

$$\text{Sum} = (a + b + c)u + (a - c)\Delta x u' + (a + c)\frac{\Delta x^2}{2} u'' + (a - c)\frac{\Delta x^3}{6} u'''$$

$$\text{Term in } u'' \quad 0 = a + c \quad \implies c = -a$$

$$\text{Term in } u \quad 0 = a + b + c \quad \implies b = 0$$

$$\text{Term in } u' \quad 1 = \Delta x(a - c) \quad \implies a = -c = 1/(2\Delta x)$$

$$\text{Term in } u''' \quad (a - c)u''' \Delta x^3/6 \quad \implies \text{Error} = u''' \Delta x^2/6$$

Centered difference formula is second-order accurate

Second derivative: $u'' \approx au(x + \Delta x) + bu(x) + cu(x - \Delta x)$

$$\text{Sum} = (a + b + c)u + (a - c)\Delta xu' + (a + c)\frac{\Delta x^2}{2}u'' + (a - c)\frac{\Delta x^3}{6}u'''$$

$$\text{Term in } u' \quad 0 = (a - c) \quad \implies c = a$$

$$\text{Term in } u'' \quad 1 = (a + c)\Delta x^2/2 \quad \implies a = 1/\Delta x^2$$

$$\text{Term in } u \quad 0 = a + b + c \quad \implies b = -2/\Delta x^2$$

$$\text{Term in } u''' \quad 0 = (a - c)$$

$$\text{Term in } u'''' \quad (a + c)u''''\Delta x^4/24 \quad \implies \text{Error} = u''''\Delta x^2/12$$

$$\frac{d^2u}{dx^2} = \frac{u(x + \Delta x) - 2u(x) + u(x - \Delta x)}{\Delta x^2} + O(\Delta x^2)$$

Spectral Methods: Differentiation

$$f(x) = \sum_k f_k \phi_k(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \sum_k f_k \phi'_k(x) = \sum_k f_k \sum_\ell D_{\ell,k} \phi_\ell(x) \\ &= \sum_\ell \left(\sum_k D_{\ell,k} f_k \right) \phi_\ell(x) = \sum_\ell (Df)_\ell \phi_\ell(x) \end{aligned}$$

Choice of basis functions ϕ depends on boundary conditions.

**Periodic boundary conditions over $[0, 2\pi) \implies$
truncated Fourier series**

$$u(x) = \sum_{k=-N/2+1}^{N/2} \hat{u}_k e^{ikx} \quad u \text{ real} \implies \hat{u}_{-k} = \hat{u}_k^*$$

Derivatives become multiplications:

$$u'(x) = \sum_k ik \hat{u}_k e^{ikx} \quad u''(x) = - \sum_k k^2 \hat{u}_k e^{ikx}$$

In terms of trigonometric functions: N values $\{u(x_j), x_j \equiv 2\pi j/N\}$.

$$\text{For } \begin{cases} k = 0 & \sin(kx) = 0 \\ k = N/2 & \sin(kx_j) = \sin\left(\frac{N}{2} \frac{2\pi j}{N}\right) = \sin(\pi j) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{For } \begin{cases} k = 0 & \cos(kx) = 1 \\ k = N/2 & \cos(kx_j) = \cos\left(\frac{N}{2} \frac{2\pi j}{N}\right) = \cos(\pi j) = (-1)^j \end{cases}$$

$\frac{N}{2} - 1$ sine coefficients s_k , $\frac{N}{2} + 1$ cosine coefficients c_k , total = N .

Differentiation from function values (“physical space”)

$$\{u(x_j)\} \xRightarrow{\text{FFT}} \{\hat{u}_k\} \xRightarrow{\text{mult}} \{\widehat{Du}_k = ik\hat{u}_k\} \xRightarrow{\text{IFFT}} \{(Du)(x_j)\}$$

Operation count: $O(N \log N)$ due to FFTs

Normalization

Discrete FT

$$\hat{u}_k = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=-N/2+1}^{N/2} u(x_j) e^{-ikx_j}$$

$$\hat{u}_k(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{j=-N/2+1}^{N/2} u(x_j) e^{-ikx_j}$$

$$\hat{u}_k = \sum_{j=-N/2+1}^{N/2} u(x_j) e^{-ikx_j}$$

Inverse FT

$$u(x_j) = \sum_{k=-N/2+1}^{N/2} \hat{u}_k e^{ikx_j}$$

$$u(x_j) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k=-N/2+1}^{N/2} \hat{u}_k e^{ikx_j}$$

$$u(x_j) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=-N/2+1}^{N/2} \hat{u}_k e^{ikx_j}$$

where $x_j = 2\pi j/N$.

More generally, $x_j = Lj/N$ and need factors $2\pi/L$, $(2\pi/L)^2$ in derivatives.

Ordering

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{u}_{k+N} &= \sum u(x_j) e^{-i(k+N)2\pi j/N} = \sum u(x_j) e^{-ik2\pi j/N} e^{-iN2\pi j/N} \\ &= \sum e^{-ik2\pi j/N} e^{-i2\pi j} = \hat{u}_{k+N} = \sum u(x_j) e^{-ik2\pi j/N} = \hat{u}_k\end{aligned}$$

So Fourier coefficients are N -periodic

$$u(x_j) = \sum_{k=-N/2+1}^{N/2} \hat{u}_k e^{ikx_j} = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \hat{u}_k e^{ikx_j}$$

Subroutine output:

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} \hat{u}_0 & \hat{u}_1 & \dots & \hat{u}_{N/2} & \hat{u}_{N/2+1} & \dots & \hat{u}_{N-1} \\ \hat{u}_0 & \hat{u}_1 & \dots & \hat{u}_{N/2} & \hat{u}_{-N/2+1} & \dots & \hat{u}_{-1} \\ \hat{u}_0 & \hat{u}_1 & \dots & \hat{u}_{N/2} & \hat{u}_{N/2-1}^* & \dots & \hat{u}_1^* & \text{if real} \end{array}$$

Will sometimes want to shift and plot output as:

$$\hat{u}_{-N/2+1} \quad \dots \quad \hat{u}_{-1} \quad \hat{u}_0 \quad \hat{u}_1 \quad \dots \quad \hat{u}_{N/2}$$

Convergence of Fourier series as $N \rightarrow \infty$

Interval is $0 \leq x \leq L = 2\pi$ (for simplicity).

$$\hat{u}_k = \int_0^{2\pi} u(x) e^{-ikx} dx$$

Integration by parts (for $k \neq 0$)

$$\begin{aligned} u &\rightarrow u(x) & du &\rightarrow u'(x) dx \\ dv &\rightarrow e^{-ikx} dx & v &\rightarrow \frac{1}{-ik} e^{-ikx} \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{u}_k = \left[u(x) \frac{1}{-ik} e^{-ikx} \right]_0^{2\pi} - \int_0^{2\pi} dx \frac{1}{-ik} e^{-ikx} u'(x) dx$$

If $u(2\pi) = u(0)$ then surface term vanishes:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{u}_k &= \frac{1}{ik} \int_0^{2\pi} dx e^{-ikx} u'(x) && \text{Integrate by parts again:} \\ &= \frac{1}{ik} \left(\left[u'(x) \frac{1}{-ik} e^{-ikx} \right]_0^{2\pi} - \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{-ik} e^{-ikx} u''(x) dx \right) \end{aligned}$$

If $u'(2\pi) = u'(0)$ then surface term vanishes:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{u}_k &= -\frac{1}{k^2} \int_0^{2\pi} dx e^{-ikx} u''(x) && \text{Integrate by parts again:} \\ &= -\frac{1}{k^2} \left(\left[u''(x) \frac{1}{-ik} e^{-ikx} \right]_0^{2\pi} - \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{-ik} e^{-ikx} u'''(x) dx \right)\end{aligned}$$

If $u''(2\pi) = u''(0)$ then surface term vanishes:

$$\hat{u}_k = -\frac{1}{ik^3} \int_0^{2\pi} dx e^{-ikx} u'''(x) \quad \text{Etc.}$$

If $u^{(p)}(x)$ is periodic and continuous for all p , then

convergence of Fourier coefficients \hat{u}_k is faster than $\frac{1}{k^p}$ for any power p .

Error from truncating series at $|k| \leq \frac{N}{2}$ is less than $O\left(\frac{1}{N^p}\right)$ for any p .

This is called exponential convergence.

Much faster convergence than finite differences:

Largest wavenumber $\frac{N}{2} \iff$ Smallest wavelength $\lambda = \frac{4\pi}{N}$

Need at least 4 points per wavelength $\implies \Delta x = \frac{\lambda}{4} = \frac{\pi}{N}$

Error for p -th order finite difference scheme is

$$(\Delta x)^p \sim \left(\frac{\pi}{N}\right)^p \sim O\left(\frac{1}{N^p}\right)$$

More about accuracy: eigenvalue problem

$u'' = \lambda u$ with periodic boundary conditions over $[0, 2\pi]$

Eigenfunctions are $\sin kx$, $\cos kx$ and eigenvalues are $-k^2$

Act with the second-order finite-difference operator on $\sin kx$:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\Delta x^2} (\sin(k(x + \Delta x)) - 2 \sin(kx) + \sin(k(x - \Delta x))) \\ &= \frac{1}{\Delta x^2} [\sin(kx) \cos(k\Delta x) + \sin(k\Delta x) \cos(kx) - 2 \sin(kx) \\ & \quad + \sin(kx) \cos(k\Delta x) - \sin(k\Delta x) \cos(kx)] \\ &= \frac{2}{\Delta x^2} [\cos(k\Delta x) - 1] \sin(kx) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\sin(kx)$ is an eigenvector of the finite-difference second derivative,

but with eigenvalue

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2}{\Delta x^2} [\cos(k\Delta x) - 1] &= \frac{2}{\Delta x^2} \left[1 - \frac{(k\Delta x)^2}{2} + \frac{(k\Delta x)^4}{24} + \dots - 1 \right] \\ &= -k^2 \left[1 - \frac{(k\Delta x)^2}{12} + \dots \right] \end{aligned}$$

Spectral Methods: Multiplication

$$u(x) = \sum_{k=-N/2+1}^{N/2} \hat{u}_k e^{ikx} \quad v(x) = \sum_{\ell=-N/2+1}^{N/2} \hat{v}_\ell e^{i\ell x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} w(x) = (uv)(x) &= \sum_{k=-N/2+1}^{N/2} \hat{u}_k e^{ikx} \sum_{\ell=-N/2+1}^{N/2} \hat{v}_\ell e^{i\ell x} \\ &= \sum_{k=-N/2+1}^{N/2} \sum_{\ell=-N/2+1}^{N/2} e^{i(k+\ell)x} \hat{u}_k \hat{v}_\ell \\ &= \sum_{m=-N+2}^N e^{imx} \sum_{k=-N/2+|m|}^{N/2-|m|} \hat{u}_k \hat{v}_{m-k} = \sum_{m=-N+2}^N e^{imx} \hat{w}_m \end{aligned}$$

Convolution: takes time $O(N^2)$.

In two dimensions (x, y) , takes time $O(N_x^2 N_y^2)$.

Pseudo-spectral method

Derivatives carried out in spectral space

$$f(x) = \sum_k f_k \phi_k(x) \implies f'(x) = \sum_k (Df)_k \phi_k(x) \quad \text{Cost } O(N)$$

Multiplications carried out in physical space

$$(fg)(x_j) = f(x_j)g(x_j) \quad \text{Cost } O(N)$$

FFTs to go between spectral and physical representations Cost $O(N \log N)$

$$\{u(x_j)v(x_j), j = 0, \dots, N-1\} \implies \{\widehat{(uv)}_k, -N/2+1 \leq k \leq N/2\}$$

In two dimensions (x, y) , costs are $O(N_x N_y)$ and $O(N_x N_y \log(N_x N_y))$

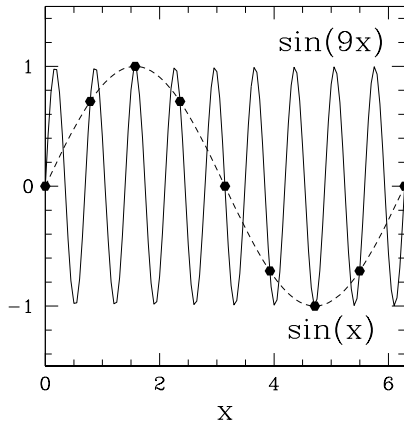
Aliasing

$$u(x) = \sum_{k=-N/2+1}^{N/2} \hat{u}_k e^{ikx} \quad v(x) = \sum_{\ell=-N/2+1}^{N/2} \hat{v}_\ell e^{i\ell x}$$

Exact product $w(x) \equiv (uv)(x) = \sum_{k=-N+1}^N \hat{w}_k e^{ikx} \quad k \in [-N, N]$

Aliasing when transform using N instead of $2N$ function values:

$$\{u(x_j)v(x_j), j = 0, \dots, N-1\} \implies \{\widehat{(uv)}_k, -N/2+1 \leq k \leq N/2\}$$

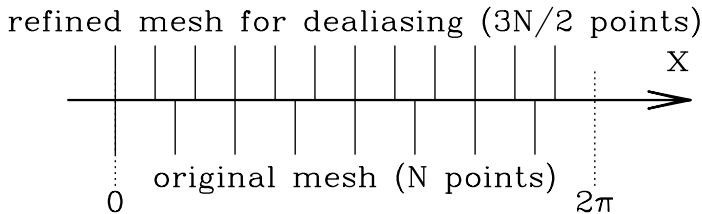
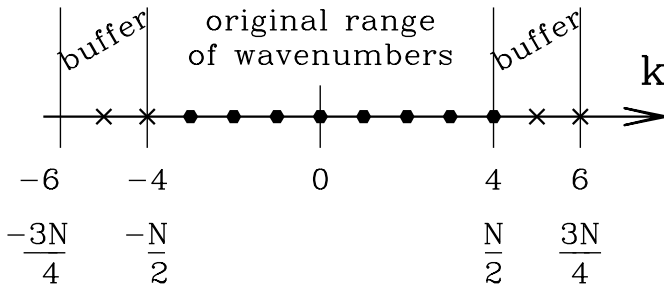


We accept that we cannot represent wavenumbers k with $|k| > N/2$.

But high-wavenumber components are not set to zero: they are misinterpreted as low-wavenumber components!

Sampling at $x_j = 2\pi j/8$, $\sin(9x)$ is misinterpreted as $\sin(x)$.

De-aliasing



$$\begin{aligned}
 & \{\hat{u}_k, \hat{v}_k, |k| \leq N/2\} \\
 & \quad \Downarrow \text{pad buffer with zeros} \\
 & \{\hat{u}_k, \hat{v}_k, |k| \leq 3N/4\} \\
 & \quad \Downarrow \text{IFFT} \\
 & \{u(x_j), v(x_j), j \in [0, 3N/2]\} \\
 & \quad \Downarrow \text{pointwise multiplication} \\
 & \{w(x_j) = u(x_j)v(x_j), j \in [0, 3N/2]\} \\
 & \quad \Downarrow \text{FFT} \\
 & \{\hat{w}_k, |k| \leq 3N/4\} \\
 & \quad \Downarrow \text{truncate to original resolution} \\
 & \{\hat{w}_k, |k| \leq N/2\}
 \end{aligned}$$

De-aliasing is often not necessary since for high k , \hat{u}_k (which would be misinterpreted as low k) has small magnitude due to spectral convergence.

When not to use Fourier series?

If $u^{(n)}$ is not periodic (or, if forced to be periodic, is discontinuous), then decay of \hat{u}_k with k is like $O(1/k^n)$.

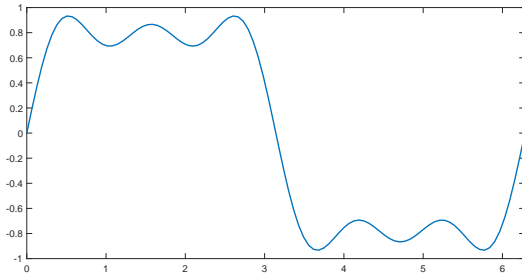
Example: Square wave

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \begin{cases} \pi/4 & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq \pi \\ -\pi/4 & \text{for } \pi \leq x \leq 2\pi \end{cases} \\ &= \sin(x) + \frac{1}{3} \sin(3x) + \frac{1}{5} \sin(5x) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

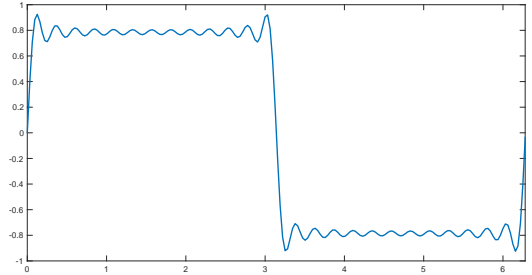
f is discontinuous and so coefficients \hat{f}_k decay like $1/k$ (not very fast).

Gibb's phenomenon

Square-wave Fourier series:



$$\sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j\text{ odd}}}^5 \frac{\sin(jx)}{j}$$



$$\sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j\text{ odd}}}^{25} \frac{\sin(jx)}{j}$$

Although
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{x=0}^{2\pi} dx \left| \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j\text{ odd}}}^n \frac{\sin(jx)}{j} - f(x) \right|^2 = 0$$

we also have
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{0 \leq x \leq 2\pi} \left| \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j\text{ odd}}}^n \frac{\sin(jx)}{j} - f(x) \right| \approx 0.18 \times \frac{\pi}{4} \neq 0$$

Non-periodic problems/functions \implies use polynomials

(e.g. Dirichlet boundary conditions)

Lagrange polynomials: formalism for interpolation through $\{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_N\}$:

$$\ell_k(x) \equiv \prod_{\substack{j=0 \\ j \neq k}}^N \frac{x - x_j}{x_k - x_j}$$

$$\ell_k(x_j) = \delta_{j,k}$$

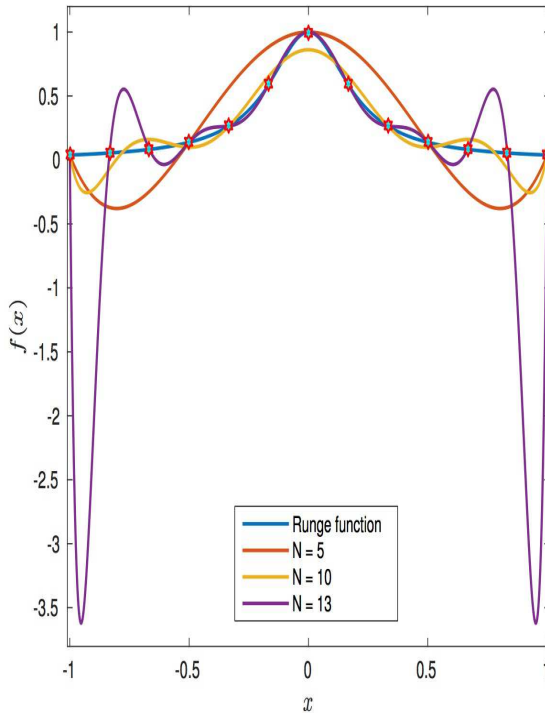
Interpolating polynomial:

$$P(x) \equiv \sum_{k=0}^N f(x_k) \ell_k(x)$$

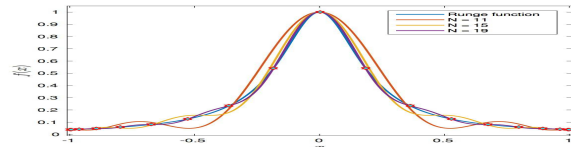
$$P(x_j) = \sum_{k=0}^N f(x_k) \delta_{j,k} = f(x_j)$$

Runge phenomenon. Example of $f(x) = 1/(1 + 25x^2)$

Equi-spaced points, $N = 5, 10, 13$



Chebyshev points, $N = 11, 15, 19$



Sample f at $n + 1$ equally spaced points x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n and interpolate n^{th} -order polynomial through $(x_j, f(x_j)) \implies$ oscillations of increasing amplitude as n increases

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{-1 \leq x \leq 1} \left| \sum_{j=0}^n f(x_j) \ell_j(x) - f(x) \right| = \infty$$

Should cluster points at boundaries

Physical reason: boundary layers

Mathematical reason: equispaced points lead to Runge phenomenon

Chebyshev points and Chebyshev functions

$$-1 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$$

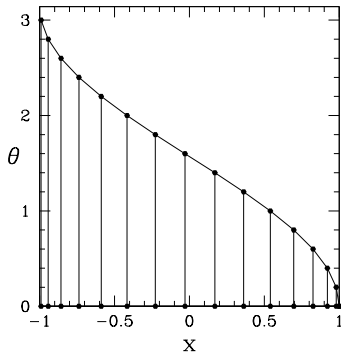
$$x_j = \cos \theta_j$$

$$\theta_j = \frac{\pi j}{N}, \quad j = 0, \dots, N$$

$$T_n(x) = \cos(n \cos^{-1}(x))$$

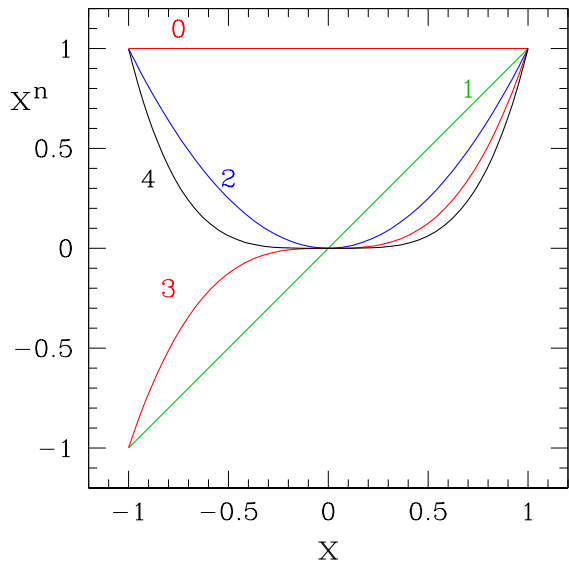
$$T_n(\cos \theta) = \cos(n\theta)$$

Chebyshev points are clustered at boundaries:

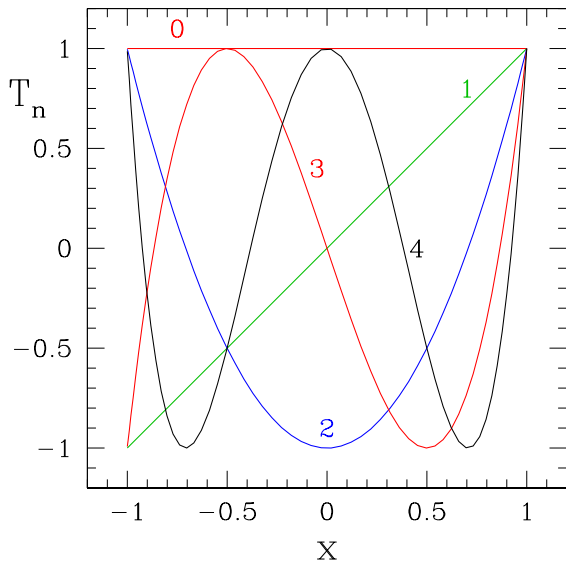


$$\begin{aligned} x_{j+1} - x_j &\sim \Delta\theta \left. \frac{dx}{d\theta} \right|_{\theta_j} = -\frac{\pi}{N} \sin \theta_j \\ &= -\frac{\pi}{N} \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \pi/N & \text{for } \theta = \pi/N \\ 1 & \text{for } \theta = \pi/2 \end{array} \right\} = -\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\pi/N)^2 \\ (\pi/N) \end{array} \right. \end{aligned}$$

$$x_{j+1} - x_j = 2/N \text{ for equally spaced grid on } [-1, 1]$$



**Monomials increasingly flat
except at boundaries**



Chebyshev polynomials

Differentiation of Chebyshev series (“in Chebyshev space”)

$$u(x) = \sum_{n=0}^N \hat{u}_n T_n(x)$$

$$\frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} = \sum_{n=0}^N \hat{u}_n T_n''(x) = \sum_{m=0}^N \hat{v}_m T_m(x)$$

$$= \sum_{m=0}^N \left(\sum_{\substack{n=m+2 \\ n+\text{meven}}}^N \frac{1}{c_m} n(n^2 - m^2) \hat{u}_n \right) T_m \text{ where } c_m = \begin{cases} 2 & m = 0, N \\ 1 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$\hat{v}_m = \sum_{\substack{n=m+2 \\ n+\text{meven}}}^N \frac{1}{c_m} n(n^2 - m^2) \hat{u}_n \equiv \sum_{n=0}^N R_{m,n} \hat{u}_n$$

There exists a banded matrix B with three non-zero diagonals such that BR is diagonal \iff Recursion relation

$$Rf = g$$

$$BRf = Bg$$

$$4m(m^2 - 1)f_m = (m + 1)c_{m-2}g_{m-2} - 2mg_m + (m - 1)g_{m+2}$$

Differentiation of values on Cheb points (“in physical space”)

$$u(x_j) = \sum_{n=0}^N \hat{u}_n T_n(x_j)$$

$$u(\cos \theta_j) = v(\theta_j) = \sum_{n=0}^N \hat{u}_n \cos(n\theta_j)$$

$\{v(\theta_j)\}$ and $\{\hat{u}_n\}$ are related by the cosine transform.

$$\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{d\theta}{dx} \frac{du}{d\theta}$$
$$x = \cos(\theta)$$

$$\frac{dx}{d\theta} = -\sin \theta = -\sqrt{1 - \cos^2(\theta)} = -\sqrt{1 - x^2}$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}} \sum_{n=0}^N \hat{u}_n(-n) \sin(n\theta_j)$$

$$\{u(x_j)\} \implies \{\hat{u}_n\}$$

$$\{\hat{u}_n\} \implies \{-n\hat{u}_n\}$$

$$\{-n\hat{u}_n\} \implies \left\{ \frac{du}{d\theta}(x_j) \right\}$$

cosine transform

multiplication

inverse sine transform

$$\left\{ \frac{du}{d\theta}(x_j) \right\} \implies \left\{ \frac{du}{dx}(x_j) = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x_j^2}} \frac{du}{d\theta}(x_j) \right\}$$

multiplication

Trigonometric transforms take time $O(N \log N)$

Multiplications take time $O(N)$

Solving Differential Equations:

Must impose Boundary Conditions

$$u'' = g \quad \text{on } [-1, 1]$$

Impose

$$\alpha_-(t) u(-1, t) + \beta_-(t) \partial_x u(-1, t) = \gamma_-(t)$$

$$\alpha_+(t) u(1, t) + \beta_+(t) \partial_x u(1, t) = \gamma_+(t)$$

Dirichlet: $\beta = 0, \alpha = 1$

Homogeneous: $\gamma = 0$

Neumann: $\alpha = 0, \beta = 1$

Inhomogeneous $\gamma \neq 0$

Equation at boundaries is replaced by boundary condition

Finite-difference second-derivative matrix, Dirichlet BCs:

$$\frac{1}{\Delta x^2} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & & & \\ & 1 & -2 & 1 & \\ & & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u(x_0) \\ u(x_1) \\ u(x_2) \\ \vdots \\ u(x_N) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} g(x_0) \\ g(x_1) \\ g(x_2) \\ \vdots \\ g(x_N) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\Delta x^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ \hline 1 & -2 & 1 & & \\ & 1 & -2 & 1 & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & 1 \\ \hline & & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u(x_0) \\ u(x_1) \\ u(x_2) \\ \vdots \\ u(x_N) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_- \\ g(x_1) \\ g(x_2) \\ \vdots \\ \gamma_+ \end{pmatrix}$$

Finite-difference second-derivative matrix, periodic BCs, $x_N = x_0$

$$\frac{1}{\Delta x^2} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & & & \\ & 1 & -2 & 1 & \\ & & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u(x_1) \\ u(x_2) \\ u(x_3) \\ \vdots \\ u(x_N) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} g(x_1) \\ g(x_2) \\ g(x_3) \\ \vdots \\ g(x_N) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\implies \frac{1}{\Delta x^2} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & & & 1 \\ \hline & 1 & -2 & 1 & \\ & & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ & & & \ddots & \\ \hline & 1 & & & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u(x_1) \\ u(x_2) \\ u(x_3) \\ \vdots \\ u(x_N) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} g(x_1) \\ g(x_2) \\ g(x_3) \\ \vdots \\ g(x_N) \end{pmatrix}$$

Chebyshev second-derivative matrix in physical space, Dirichlet BCs:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{Chebyshev second} \\ \text{derivative operator} \\ \text{in physical space} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u(x_0) \\ u(x_1) \\ u(x_2) \\ \vdots \\ u(x_N) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} g(x_0) \\ g(x_1) \\ g(x_2) \\ \vdots \\ g(x_N) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\implies \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \text{Chebyshev second} \\ \text{derivative operator} \\ \text{in physical space} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u(x_0) \\ u(x_2) \\ u(x_3) \\ \vdots \\ u(x_N) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_- \\ g(x_1) \\ g(x_2) \\ \vdots \\ \gamma_+ \end{pmatrix}$$

Rows enforcing differential equation at boundary points are replaced by BCs. Called “collocation”.

Chebyshev second-derivative matrix in spectral space, Dirichlet BCs:

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} \text{Chebyshev second} \\ \text{derivative operator} \\ \text{in spectral space} \end{array} \right] \begin{pmatrix} \hat{u}_0 \\ \hat{u}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{u}_{N-1} \\ \hat{u}_N \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{g}_0 \\ \hat{g}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{g}_{N-1} \\ \hat{g}_N \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{Chebyshev second} \\ \text{derivative operator} \\ \text{in spectral space} \\ \hline 1 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad \dots \quad 1 \\ 1 \quad -1 \quad 1 \quad \dots \quad 1 \end{array} \right] \begin{pmatrix} \hat{u}_0 \\ \hat{u}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{u}_{N-1} \\ \hat{u}_N \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{g}_0 \\ \hat{g}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \gamma_+ \\ \gamma_- \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T_n(1) = 1 \quad T_n(-1) = (-1)^n$$

Rows enforcing differential equation for highest order polynomials are replaced by BCs. Called “tau”.

**Permute so that boundary conditions are at top of matrix
(helps with diagonal dominance and use of recursion relation)**

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \hline & \text{Chebyshev second} & & & \\ & \text{derivative operator} & & & \\ & \text{in spectral space} & & & \end{array} \right] \begin{pmatrix} \hat{u}_0 \\ \hat{u}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{u}_{N-1} \\ \hat{u}_N \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_+ \\ \gamma_- \\ \hat{g}_0 \\ \hat{g}_1 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

Fourier: periodic boundary conditions incorporated into representation

Chebyshev: can also incorporate homogeneous BCs into representation

$$\phi_n(x) \equiv \begin{cases} T_n(x) - T_0(x) & \text{for } n \text{ even} \\ T_n(x) - T_1(x) & \text{for } n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

Rewrite differential operator using new functions:

$$u(x) = \sum_{n=2}^N \hat{u}_n \phi_n(x)$$

How to solve linear systems directly?

LU decomposition \iff Gaussian elimination

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} & a_{44} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ l_{21} & 1 & & \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & 1 & \\ l_{41} & l_{42} & l_{43} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & u_{13} & u_{14} \\ & u_{22} & u_{23} & u_{24} \\ & & u_{33} & u_{34} \\ & & & u_{44} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ l_{21} & 1 & & \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & 1 & \\ l_{41} & l_{42} & l_{43} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \underbrace{\left[\begin{pmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & u_{13} & u_{14} \\ & u_{22} & u_{23} & u_{24} \\ & & u_{33} & u_{34} \\ & & & u_{44} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \\ f_4 \end{pmatrix} \right]}_h = \begin{pmatrix} g_1 \\ g_2 \\ g_3 \\ g_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & u_{13} & u_{14} \\ & u_{22} & u_{23} & u_{24} \\ & & u_{33} & u_{34} \\ & & & u_{44} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \\ f_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \\ h_3 \\ h_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find $f_4 = h_4/u_{44}$, then $f_3 = (h_3 - u_{34}f_4)/u_{33}, \dots$

LU decomposition preserves bandedness

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & & & \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & & \\ & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} & \\ & & a_{43} & a_{44} & \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ \ell_{21} & 1 & & & \\ & \ell_{32} & 1 & & \\ & & \ell_{43} & 1 & \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & & & \\ & u_{22} & u_{23} & & \\ & & u_{33} & u_{34} & \\ & & & u_{44} & \end{pmatrix}$$

For $N \times N$ matrix, operation count is

$O(N^3)$ for LU decomposition and $O(N^2)$ for backsolve.

For $N \times N$ matrix with J diagonal bands, operation count is

$O(J^2N)$ for LU decomposition and $O(JN)$ for backsolve.

LU decomposition is done once, backsolve done for each right-hand-side.

Recall tau method for imposing BCs on $u'' = g$ on $[-1, 1]$ with Cheb poly:

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \hline \text{Chebyshev second} \\ \text{derivative operator} \\ \text{in spectral space} \end{array} \right] \begin{pmatrix} \hat{u}_0 \\ \hat{u}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{u}_{N-1} \\ \hat{u}_N \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_+ \\ \gamma_- \\ \hat{g}_0 \\ \hat{g}_1 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

Odd and even Cheb polynomials are decoupled.

Can decouple BCs: $u(\pm 1) = \gamma_{\pm} \implies \frac{1}{2}(u(1) \pm u(-1)) = \frac{1}{2}(\gamma_+ \pm \gamma_-)$

$$T_n(\pm 1) = (\pm 1)^n \implies \frac{1}{2}(T_n(1) + T_n(-1)) = \frac{1}{2}(1 + (-1)^n) = \begin{cases} 1 & n \text{ even} \\ 0 & n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

$$\implies \left[\begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \hline \text{Chebyshev second} \\ \text{derivative operator} \\ \text{in spectral space} \end{array} \right] \begin{pmatrix} \hat{u}_0 \\ \hat{u}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{u}_{N-1} \\ \hat{u}_N \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (\gamma_+ + \gamma_-) / 2 \\ (\gamma_+ - \gamma_-) / 2 \\ \hat{g}_0 \\ \hat{g}_1 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

Even/odd decoupling: $N \times N$ matrix \implies Two $N/2 \times N/2$ matrices

Matrix-vector mult or solve takes time $N^2 \implies 2(N/2)^2 = N^2/2$

Second-derivative Chebyshev matrix R is upper triangular.

There exists a banded matrix B with three non-zero diagonals such that BR is diagonal \iff Recursion relation

$$Rf = g$$

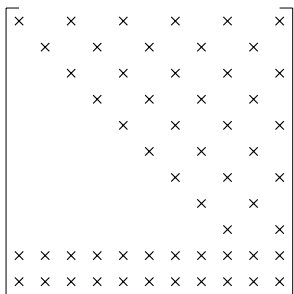
$$BRf = Bg$$

$$4m(m^2 - 1)f_m = (m + 1)c_{m-2}g_{m-2} - 2mg_m + (m - 1)g_{m+2}$$

Matrix-vector mult or solve takes time $[2(N/2)^2] \implies [2(N/2)3] = 3N$

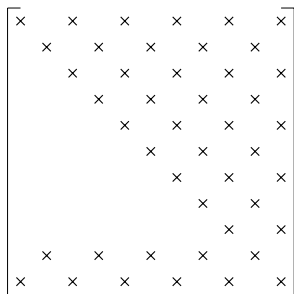
Time for LU decomposition is reduced even more:

$$N^3 \implies 2(N/2)^3 \implies 2(N/2)3^2 = 9N$$



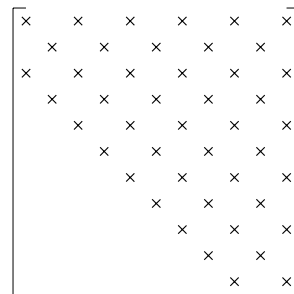
Cheb 2nd deriv

$$u(\pm 1) = \gamma_{\pm}$$

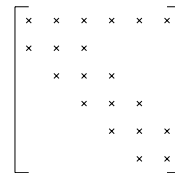
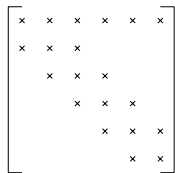
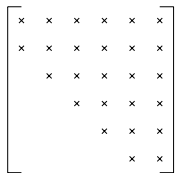
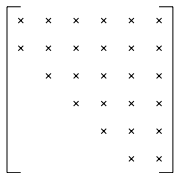


Cheb 2nd deriv

$$u(1) \pm u(-1) = \gamma_+ \pm \gamma_-$$



Permute BCs to top



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