

# Heiko: Numerical Analysis.

Contents of the course: • Solving PDE (on computer)

- ⇒ How? — Finite element methods  
 — Finite difference methods  
 — Time-stepping schemes  
 — Numerical linear algebra  
 (...)

⇒ Do these methods work?  
 — How to use theorems/analysis to improve them.

In this course we are going to study model problems:  
Laplace  $\Delta u = f$  where  $\Delta u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_2^2} + \dots + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_n^2}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

Heat  $\partial_t u - \Delta u = f$

Wave  $\partial_t^2 u - \Delta u = f$

and their nonlinear variants.

Dirichlet b.c.

Today:  $\partial_x^2 u = f(x)$  in  $0 \leq x \leq L=1$  with  $u(0) = u(L) = 0$

→ Given  $f$ , find  $u$ .

Most naive approach: Analysis text book.

Provided  $u$  is differentiable twice

$$u'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{u(x+h) - u(x)}{h}$$

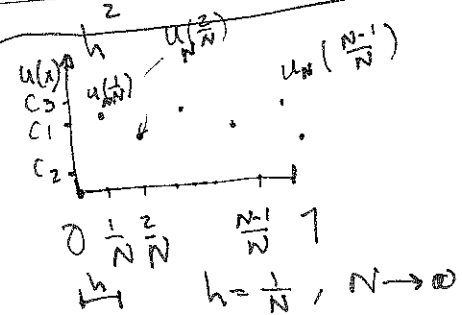
$$u''(x) = (u')'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{u(x+h) - 2u(x) + u(x-h)}{h^2}$$

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

$(*) = f(x)$

$$c_j = u_N \left( \frac{j}{N} \right)$$

Decompose  $\Sigma_{0,1} = \bigcup_{i=0}^{N-1} \Sigma \left[ \frac{i}{N}, \frac{i+1}{N} \right]$



Hope: (sometimes true)  $u_N \left( \frac{j}{N} \right) \rightarrow u$

Let's see how to compute  $u_N$ : Use  $\square$

$$u''(h) \approx \frac{u(2h) - 2u(h) + u(0)}{h^2} \approx \frac{c_2 - 2c_1 + c_0}{h^2}$$

and because  $u(0) = u(1) = 0 \Rightarrow c_0 = c_N = 0 \Rightarrow u''(h) \approx \frac{c_2 - 2c_1}{h^2}$

$$u''(2h) \approx \frac{u(3h) - 2u(2h) + u(h)}{h^2} \approx \frac{c_3 - 2c_2 + c_1}{h^2}$$

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$$u''(jh) \approx \frac{c_{j+1} - 2c_j + c_{j-1}}{h^2} = f(jh) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{h^2} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 1 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_{N-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f(h) \\ f(2h) \\ \vdots \\ f((N-1)h) \end{bmatrix}$$

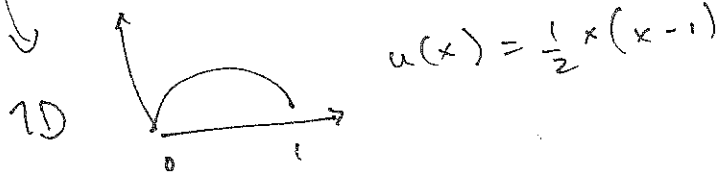
In matrix notation

PDE  $\begin{cases} \partial_x^2 u = f & \text{in } \Omega = ]0,1[ \\ u(0) = u(1) = 0 \end{cases} \rightsquigarrow \text{(Linear) Algebra}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \vec{c} = \vec{F}$$

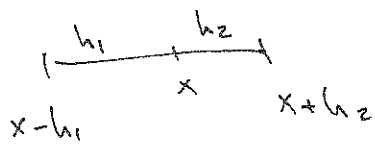
Method above: "finite difference method"

(advantage: easy in easy geometries + for smooth solutions)



Finite difference (unequal discret.)

$$\partial_x^2 u \approx \frac{2u(x+h_2) - 2u(x) + 2u(x-h_1)}{h_2(h_1+h_2)}$$



Basic problem: what if the solution is not  $C^2$ ?

case of re-entrant corner



Second Part : Obtain the same linear algebra problem for  $2^2 x u = -1$  from different point of view: FEM

$$u(0) = u(1) = 0$$

Physically : Nature does not care about PDES, but it minimises energy. Find "equilibrium" of a physical system.  $\Rightarrow$  Numerical method: Discretise physical system  $\rightarrow$  minimise discrete energy.

Then :  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  bounded, open set. Define  $E(u) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (\nabla u)^2 - \int_{\Omega} f u$

for suitably nice  $u$  (all  $u$  for which this makes sense  $\rightarrow H^1(\Omega)$ )

Then the following are equivalent:

(1)  $u$  solves  $-\Delta u = f$  in  $\Omega$   
 $u = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega$

(2)  $u$  minimises  $E(u)$  ~~over  $H_0^1(\Omega)$~~  among all functions of finite energy which vanish on  $\partial\Omega$ .

Notation :  $H_0^1(\Omega) = \left\{ v : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : \begin{array}{l} \text{measurable} \\ \int_{\Omega} v^2 < \infty, \int_{\Omega} (\nabla v)^2 < \infty \\ v = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega \end{array} \right\}$

Proof :  $\forall h \in H_0^1(\Omega) : E(u+h) - E(u) =$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (\nabla(u+h))^2 - \int_{\Omega} f(u+h) - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (\nabla u)^2$$

$$+ \int_{\Omega} f u$$

$$= \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla h + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (\nabla h)^2 - \int_{\Omega} f h$$

integ. by parts  $\rightarrow$

$$= - \int_{\Omega} (\Delta u) h + \int_{\partial\Omega} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \cdot h + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (\nabla h)^2$$

$\uparrow$   
 $h = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega$

$$\rightarrow E(u+h) - E(u) = - \int_{\Omega} (\Delta u + f) h + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (\nabla h)^2$$

①  $\Rightarrow$  ② :  $E(u+h) - E(u) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (\nabla h)^2 \geq 0 \quad \forall h \in H_0^1(\Omega)$   
 we conclude that  $E(u)$  is really the minimum energy.

$$\Rightarrow \forall v \in H_0^1(\Omega) \Rightarrow E(v) \geq E(u)$$

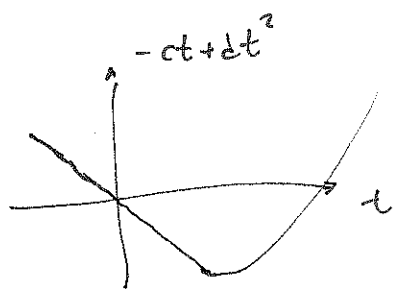
②  $\Rightarrow$  ① :  $E(u+th) - E(u) \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}, \forall h \in H_0^1(\Omega)$

$$= -t \int_{\Omega} (\Delta u + f) h + \frac{t^2}{2} \int_{\Omega} (\nabla h)^2 = -ct + dt^2 \geq 0$$

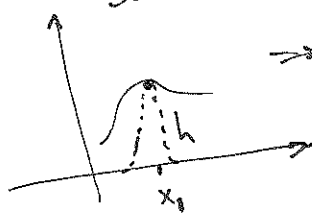
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 by assumpt. ②

$\Rightarrow 0 = c$  (the only way that  $\geq 0$  is for  $c=0$ )

$$\Rightarrow c = \int_{\Omega} (\Delta u + f) h$$



Assume  $\Delta u + f \neq 0$  in  $x_0$



$$\Rightarrow \int_{\Omega} (\Delta u + f) h > 0 \quad \nabla$$

Conclusion:  $\Delta u + f = 0 \Rightarrow$  ① is satisfied  $\square$ .