

# LECTURE 8

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## SPECTRAL METHODS

The ingredient of the above methods

Different weak formulations of PDE

• Galerkin:

$$\text{Find } u \in H \int \nabla u \nabla v = \int f v \quad \forall v \in H$$

Note  $u, v$  belong to the same space  $H$ .

• Weighted residual:

$$\text{Find } u \in U \int (\Delta u - f) w v = 0 \quad \forall v \in V$$

Note  $u, v$  belong to different spaces.

• Spectral collocation

$$V = \text{span} \{ \delta x_i \mid i \in \{1, \dots, N\} \}$$

$$\forall i \quad f(x_i) = \Delta u(x_i)$$

$$U = \text{span} \{ \sin(kx) \mid k \in \{1, \dots, N\} \}$$

$$x_j = jh \quad h = \frac{2\pi}{N}$$



How accurately you can calculate a smooth function  $u \in C^\infty$

Last time:

If you use this approximation

$$\text{eg. } u(x) = \ln(2 + \sin(x)) \approx \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} u(x_i) \Lambda_i(x)$$

$$\Lambda_i(x_j) = \begin{cases} 0 & i \neq j \\ 1 & i = j \end{cases} = \frac{1}{N} \sin\left(N \frac{x - x_j}{2^j}\right) \cot\left(\frac{x - x_j}{2^j}\right)$$

Calculate

$$\partial_x u \approx \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} u(x_i) \partial_x \Lambda_i =$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} \sin\left(N \frac{x - x_j}{2^j}\right) \cot\left(\frac{x - x_j}{2^j}\right) \in \mathcal{U}$$

$$\approx D \tilde{u} \quad \text{where} \quad \tilde{u} = \begin{pmatrix} u(x_0) \\ \vdots \\ u(x_{N-1}) \end{pmatrix}$$

The accuracy was really good but recall the matrix  $D$  is dense

This gives very accurate results, even for small  $N$ . Why?

Can we use this to solve PDE?

② We can use these formulations, if we use appropriate  $U, V$

Today's  
Lecture



## Main Theorem about Fourier interpolation.

- Define the interpolation operator:

$$I_N u(x) := \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} u(x_i) \Lambda_i(x)$$

Then, for  $u \in H^m(0, 2\pi) = \{u: (0, 2\pi) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}: u, \partial_x u, \dots, \partial_x^m u \in L^2\}$

$$\| \partial_x^l (I_N u - u) \|_{L^2(0, 2\pi)} \leq C_m \| \partial_x^m u \|_{L^2}$$

- If  $u \in C^\infty(0, 2\pi) \Rightarrow$  you can choose  $m$  arbitrarily  
( $m$  smooth as you want).

$$\| \partial_x (I_N u - u) \|_{L^2} \leq C_m N^{1-m}$$

The error will decrease faster than  $N^m \neq m$ .

Using that  $H^1(0, 2\pi) \subseteq C(0, 2\pi)$   
and recall Sobolev inequality from previous lect.

- $\max_x | \partial_x^l (I_N u(x) - u(x)) | \leq C N^{l+1-m} \| \partial_x^m u \|_{L^2}$

$\Rightarrow$  The pointwise error of using the trigonometric interpolation  $\rightarrow 0$  faster than  $N^m \neq m$ .



# Proof

- Use Fourier techniques

standard Fourier coefficient:

$$\hat{u}_k = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} u(x) e^{-ikx} dx \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{Coefficients of } I_N u(x) = \sum_{k=-N}^N \tilde{u}_k e^{ikx} \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Observation. (Exercise)

$$\tilde{u}_k = \frac{1}{2Nc_k} \sum_{j=0}^{2N-1} u(x_j) e^{+ikx_j} \quad k \in \{-N, -N+1, \dots, N-1, N\}$$

where 
$$c_k = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } |k| \leq N \\ 2 & \text{if } |k| > N \end{cases}$$

Claim: 
$$c_k \tilde{u}_k = \hat{u}_k + \sum_{|p| > 0} \hat{u}_{k+2pn}$$

Indeed, 
$$u(x_j) = \sum_{|p| > 0} \hat{u}_p e^{ipx_j}$$

so that from the observation

$$c_k \tilde{u}_k = \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{j=0}^{2N-1} \left\{ \sum_{|p| > 0} \hat{u}_p e^{i(p-k)x_j} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{|p| > 0} \hat{u}_p \left( \sum_{j=0}^{2N-1} e^{i(p-k)x_j} \right) = \begin{cases} \hat{u}_k & \text{if } p=k \\ 0 & \text{if } p \neq k \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow c_k \tilde{u}_k = \sum_{|p| > 0} \hat{u}_{k+2pn} = \hat{u}_k + \sum_{|p| > 0} \hat{u}_{k+2pn}$$

The piece of algebra shows the claim.



Remaining steps:

① Show that  $\hat{u}_k$  decreases very quickly:

$$\|u - \sum_{k=-N}^N \hat{u}_k e^{ikx}\|_{H^j(0, 2\pi)} \leq C_N^{j-m} \|u\|_{H^m} \quad \forall m \geq j$$

NH Fourier approximation

② Use claim to prove main Theorem for  $\tilde{u}_k \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{T})$

Proof of ①

Write down norms in terms of Fourier coeff.

$$\|v\|_{H^j(0, 2\pi)}^2 = \|v\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\partial^j v\|_{L^2}^2$$

Parseval's identity

$$\sum_k |\hat{v}_k|^2 + \sum_k |(\partial^j \hat{v})_k|^2 = \sum_k (1 + |k|^2)^j |\hat{u}_k|^2$$

From definition of Fourier coefficient

$$(\partial^j \hat{v})_k = (\pm ik)^j \hat{v}_k$$



To show:

$$\sum_{|k| > N} (1+|k|^{2j}) |\hat{u}_k|^2 \leq CN^{j-m} \sum_k (1+|k|^{2m}) |\hat{u}_k|^2$$

For the left hand side,

$$\sum_{|k| > N} (1+|k|^{2j}) |\hat{u}_k|^2 \leq N^{2(j-m)} \sum_{|k| > N} \frac{|k|^{2m} (1+|k|^{2j}) |\hat{u}_k|^2}{|k|^{2j}}$$

$$\leq 2N^{2(j-m)} \sum_{|k| > N} |k|^{2m} |\hat{u}_k|^2$$

$$\leq 2N^{2(j-m)} \underbrace{\left[ \sum_k (1+|k|^{2m}) |\hat{u}_k|^2 \right]}_{\|u\|_{H^m}^2}$$

$\Rightarrow$  ①

For ② one uses claim to translate decay of  $\hat{u}_k$ .

### Refinement of main Theorem

If  $u$  extends to an analytic function then

$$\|u - I_N u\|_{L^2} \leq e^{-cN} C \text{ for } C > 0$$

$$\max_x |u(x) - I_N u(x)|$$

error decays exponentially fast



Hope: If the special method for PDE satisfies some version of Cea's Lemma i.e.

$$\|FE \text{ error}\| \leq C \| \text{error of best approx.} \|$$

Then the fast best approximation implies fast convergence of the numerical method.

Question: Does Cea's Lemma hold?

Need version for  $a: U \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  bilinear with  $U, V$  different (Hilbert) spaces

Theorem (Babuska) Generalization of Lax-Milgram

$U, V$  Hilbert spaces

$a: U \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  bilinear form:  $|a(u, v)| \leq C \|u\|_U \|v\|_V$   
 $F: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  linear continuous

inf-sup condition: (generalizes coercivity)

$$\exists \alpha > 0: \inf_{u \in U} \sup_{v \in V} \frac{|a(u, v)|}{\|u\|_U \|v\|_V} \geq \alpha$$

so called Ladyzhenskaya Babuska a Biezzi condition  
transposed inf-sup condition:

$$\sup_{u \in U} |a(u, v)| > 0 \quad \forall v \in V$$

Then:

there exists a unique solution  $u \in U$  to  $a(u, v) = F(v) \quad \forall v \in V$  and  $\|u\|_U \leq \alpha^{-1} \|F\|_V$



○ If  $U_n \subseteq U$   $V_n \subseteq V$  st inf-sup condition and transposed inf-sup condition still hold for  $U_n, V_n$  then also the

Problem:

Find  $u_n \in U_n$  st  $a(u_n, v_n) = F(v_n) \forall v_n \in V_n$   
admits a unique solution  $u_n \in U_n$

Cea's Lemma

○ If  $U, V$   $u, v$  satisfy the above conditions then  $\|u - u_n\|_{L_2} \leq C \|u - \tilde{u}_n\| \forall \tilde{u}_n \in U_n$

Numerical error  $\leq C \cdot$  Best approximation error