

3.4 Accuracy and Stability

The 5 point stencil for a 2-D Poisson boundary value problem consists of the equations:

$$\frac{1}{h^2} [V_{i,j-1} + V_{i+1,j} - 4V_{ij} + V_{i-1,j} + V_{i,j+1}] = f_{ij} \quad (1.1)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} i=1, \dots, m \\ j=1, \dots, m \end{array} \right\} \text{interior points}$$

This is assuming:

- Dirichlet boundary condition at the boundary $\partial\Omega$.
- Boundary $\partial\Omega$ is a square region. Otherwise, (1.1) is still valid, but we need special treatment at points on $\partial\Omega$.
- Number of grid points $m+2$ points is the same in both directions.

Recall that the more general case, when

- $\Delta x \neq \Delta y$
- $\partial\Omega$ rectangular region (not necessarily square)
- Not same number of points in both direction

$$\theta_y V_{i,j-1} + \theta_x V_{i+1,j} - V_{ij} + \theta_x V_{i-1,j} + \theta_y V_{i,j+1} = \theta_{xy} f_{ij}$$

where $\theta_x = \frac{\Delta y^2}{2(\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2)}$, $\theta_y = \frac{\Delta x^2}{2(\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2)}$, $\theta_{xy} = \frac{\Delta x^2 \Delta y^2}{2(\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2)}$

$$i=1, \dots, m_x \quad j=1, \dots, m_y \quad (1.2)$$

The more general stencil (1.2) reduces to (1.1) when $\Delta x = \Delta y$ (Verify this).

the linear system obtained from (1.1) is

$$\boxed{A \vec{U} = \vec{F}} \quad (2.1)$$

where (for row-ordering)

$$A = \frac{1}{h^2} \begin{bmatrix} T & I & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ I & T & I & & & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & I & T \end{bmatrix}_{m^2 \times m^2}, \quad T \equiv \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & -4 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & & & 1 \\ 0 & \dots & 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}_{m \times m}$$

For Dirichlet condition

$$\boxed{U(x, y) = 0, \quad (x, y) \in \partial \Omega}$$

$(x, y) \in \partial \Omega$

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{m \times m}$$

$$\vec{U} = \begin{bmatrix} U_{11} \\ U_{21} \\ \vdots \\ U_{m1} \\ U_{12} \\ U_{22} \\ \vdots \\ U_{m2} \\ \vdots \\ U_{1m} \\ U_{2m} \\ \vdots \\ U_{mm} \end{bmatrix}_{m^2 \times 1}$$

$$\vec{F} = \begin{bmatrix} f_{11} \\ f_{21} \\ \vdots \\ f_{m1} \\ f_{12} \\ \vdots \\ f_{m2} \\ \vdots \\ f_{1m} \\ \vdots \\ f_{mm} \end{bmatrix}_{m^2 \times 1}$$

The local truncation error τ_{ij} of (1.1) is obtained by substituting the soln. $u(x,y)$ of

$$\nabla^2 u = f$$

into (1.1) and by splitting it into the second order centered differences in x and y .
In fact,

$$\begin{aligned}\tau_{ij} &= \frac{1}{h^2} \left[\underbrace{u_{i-1,j} - 2u_{ij} + u_{i+1,j}}_{\Delta^2_x u} + \underbrace{u_{i,j-1} - 2u_{ij} + u_{i,j+1}}_{\Delta^2_y u} \right] - f_{ij} \\ &= \frac{h^2}{12} [u_{xxxx} + u_{yyyy}] + O(h^4).\end{aligned}$$

Defining global error

$$\tilde{E} = \tilde{U} - \tilde{u}$$

we obtain

$$A\tilde{E} = A\tilde{U} - A\tilde{u} = \tilde{F} - (\tilde{F} + \tilde{\tau}) = -\tilde{\tau}$$

The method will be of second order (globally) if it is stable in some norm, equivalent to say

$$\|(A^h)^{-1}\| \leq C, \text{ for all } h \leq h_0$$

Substituting the exact solution u_{ij} into (1.1)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{h^2} (u_{i,j-1} - 2u_{ij} + u_{i,j+1} + u_{i-1,j} - 2u_{ij} + u_{i+1,j}) - f_{ij} \\
 &= (u_{xx})_{ij} + \frac{h^2}{12} (u_{4x})_{ij} + (u_{yy})_{ij} + \frac{h^2}{12} (u_{4y})_{ij} + O(h^4) - f_{ij} \\
 &= \cancel{(\nabla^2 u)_{ij} = f_{ij}} + \frac{h^2}{12} [u_{4x} + u_{4y}]_{ij} + O(h^4) - \cancel{f_{ij}} \\
 &= \frac{h^2}{12} [u_{4x} + u_{4y}]_{ij} + O(h^4) = \tau_{ij}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{1}{h^2} [u_{i,j-1} - 2u_{ij} + u_{i,j+1} + u_{i-1,j} - 2u_{ij} + u_{i+1,j}]$$

$$= f_{ij} + \tau_{ij}$$

and

$$A \vec{u} = \vec{F} + \vec{\tau}, \text{ where}$$

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$$\vec{F} = \begin{bmatrix} f_{11} \\ f_{21} \\ \vdots \\ f_{m1} \\ f_{12} \\ \vdots \\ f_{m2} \\ \vdots \\ f_{1m} \\ f_{2m} \\ \vdots \\ f_{mm} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{\tau} = \begin{bmatrix} \tau_{11} \\ \tau_{21} \\ \vdots \\ \tau_{m1} \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \tau_{1m} \\ \tau_{2m} \\ \vdots \\ \tau_{mm} \end{bmatrix}$$

In this case, it is convenient to use the 2-norm.

The eigenvalues of A can be computed explicitly.

Eigenvectors:

$$u_{ij}^{p,q} = \sin(p\pi i h) \sin(q\pi j h) \quad (4.1)$$

$$p, q = 1, \dots, m, \quad i, j = 1, \dots, m.$$

Eigenvalues:

$$\lambda_{p,q} = \frac{2}{h^2} \left[(\cos(p\pi h) - 1) + (\cos(q\pi h) - 1) \right] \quad (4.2)$$

This result is expected if we consider the continuous case:

Eigenvalue Problem:

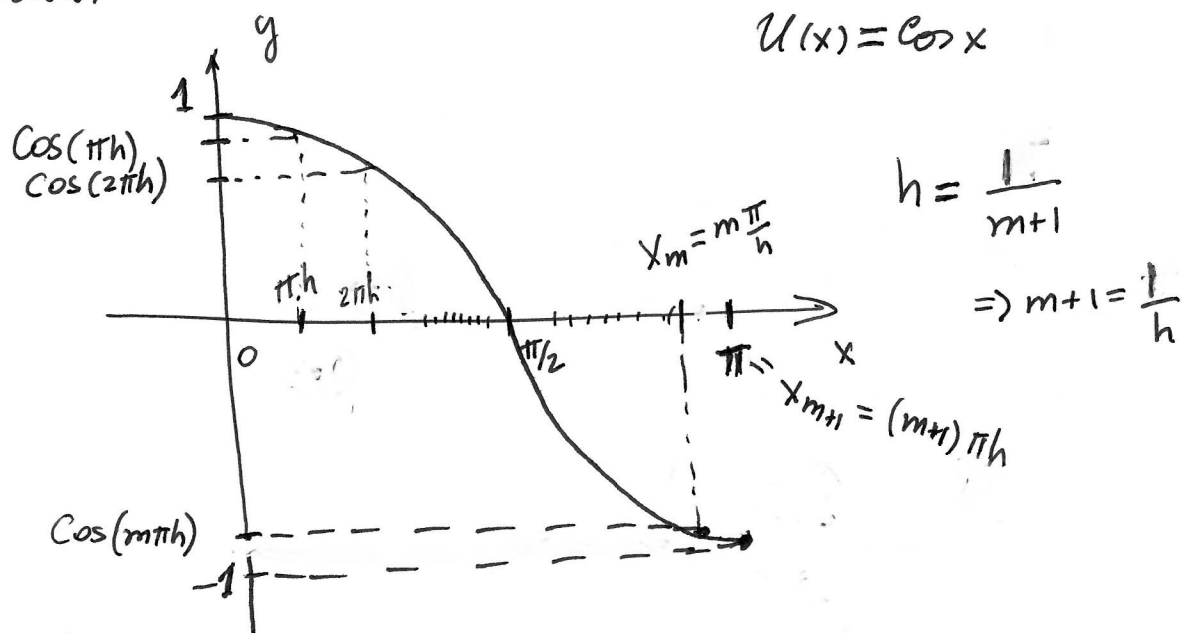
$$\begin{cases} \nabla^2 u = u_{xx} + u_{yy} = \lambda u, & 0 < x, y < 1. \\ u(x, y) = 0, & (x, y) \in \text{Bdry } \square \end{cases} \quad (4.3)$$

$$\text{Eigenvalues: } \lambda_{p,q} = -(p\pi)^2 - (q\pi)^2$$

$$\text{Eigenvectors: } u_{p,q}(x, y) = \sin(p\pi x) \sin(q\pi y). \quad (4.4)$$

We can easily verify that (4.3) and (4.4) are obtained from (4.1) and (4.2) when $h \rightarrow 0$.

Consider



Finding out the smallest and larger eigenvalues $\lambda_{p,q}$

$p, q = 1, 2, \dots, m$

Notice that

$$0 \leq \pi h \leq p\pi h \leq m\pi h \leq (m+1)\pi h = \pi$$

$$\Rightarrow |\cos(\pi h) - 1| \leq |\cos(p\pi h) - 1| \leq |\cos(\pi) - 1| = 2$$

then $|\lambda_1| = |\cos(\pi h) - 1|$ smallest eigenvalue in magnitude

$|\lambda_m| = |\cos(m\pi h) - 1|$ largest. " " "

Back to 2D-case.

$$u_{ij}^{p,q} = \sin(p\pi ih) \sin(q\pi jh)$$

$$\lambda_{p,q} = \frac{2}{h^2} \left[\cos(p\pi h - 1) + \cos(q\pi h - 1) \right]$$

$$p, q = 1, \dots, m$$

$$i, j = 1, \dots, m.$$

Similar to the 1-D case

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{p,q} &= \frac{2}{h^2} \left[\cancel{1} - \frac{1}{2} p^2 \pi^2 h^2 + \frac{1}{4!} p^4 \pi^4 h^4 + \dots - \cancel{1} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \cancel{1} - \frac{1}{2} q^2 \pi^2 h^2 + \frac{1}{4!} q^4 \pi^4 h^4 + \dots - \cancel{1} \right] \\ &= -(p^2 + q^2) \pi^2 + O(h^2). \end{aligned}$$

So for $h \ll 1$

$$|\lambda_{p,q}| \approx (p^2 + q^2) \pi^2$$

And $\lambda_{1,1}$ is the eigenvalue with smallest magnitude.

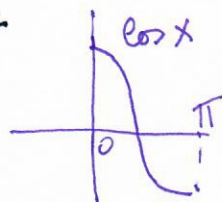
And $\lambda_{m,m}$ is " " " largest magnitude.

Therefore

$$\|(A^h)^{-1}\| = \left(\min_{1 \leq p, q \leq m} \lambda_{p,q} \right)^{-1} = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \leq C.$$

As a consequence, the method is stable and it is also convergent of $O(h^2)$.

For the matrix A given by (1.1) or (3.12) in book



$$u_{ij}^{p,q} = \sin(p\pi ih) \sin(q\pi jh) \quad \text{eigenveets}$$

$$\lambda_{p,q} = \frac{2}{h^2} [(\cos(p\pi h) - 1) + (\cos(q\pi h) - 1)] \quad \text{Eigenvalues}$$

$p, q = 1, 2, \dots, m$

Eigens. strictly negative $\Rightarrow A$ is negative definite

$$h = \frac{1}{m+1}$$

Eigenv. closest to the origin for any h

$$\lambda_{1,1} = -2\pi^2 + \mathcal{O}(h^2)$$

A^h is symmetric.

$$\Rightarrow \| (A^h)^{-1} \|_2 = \rho((A^h)^{-1}) = \frac{1}{|\lambda_{1,1}|} \approx + \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \Rightarrow \text{FDM is stable in } \|\cdot\|_2.$$

Comment on Cond. # = $K_2(A) = \|A\|_2 \|A^{-1}\|_2$

Largest eigenv. of $A = \lambda_{m,m} \approx -\frac{18}{h^2} \Rightarrow \|A\|_2 = \frac{18}{h^2}$

$$\Rightarrow K_2(A) \approx \frac{4}{\pi^2 h^2} = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{h^2}\right) \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } h \rightarrow 0.$$

Very bad conditioned!

$$\lambda_{m,m} = -2m^2\pi^2 \approx -2\left(\frac{1}{h}\right)^2\pi^2 = -\frac{2\pi^2}{h^2} \approx -\frac{18}{h^2}$$

Then $K_2(A^h) \approx \|A\|_2 \|A^{-1}\|_2 = \frac{18}{h^2} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi^2}\right) \approx \frac{9}{h^2\pi^2} = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{h^2}\right)$

$\downarrow h \rightarrow 0$
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