

## 10) BVPs

Typical: second-order linear ODE

$$u''(x) + p(x)u'(x) + q(x)u(x) = r(x) \quad \rightarrow \text{project}$$

o [ Note:  $x$ , not  $t$ .

with Dirichlet

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} u(a) = u_a \\ - \text{ or } - \\ u'(a) = v_a \\ - \text{ or } - \\ \alpha u(a) + \beta u'(a) = w_a \end{array} \right\} \text{and} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} u(b) = u_b \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} \right.$$

Neumann boundary conditions (BCs)

Robin

Fully general version:

$$\text{ODE: } y'(x) = f(y(x))$$

$$y: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\text{BCs: } g(y(a), y(b)) = 0$$

$$g: \mathbb{R}^{2n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

- o [ Recall: rewrite higher order ODE as first order system
- o [ Does a first-order, scalar BVP make sense?

Example: Linear BCs

$$B_a y(a) + B_b y(b) = c$$

- o [ Q: Is this Dirichlet / Neumann / ... ?  
A: Can't tell without looking at  $B_a, B_b$ .

## 10.1 Existence, Uniqueness, Conditioning

General, nonlinear case: Harder than root finding

o [ Couldn't say much there either.

Special - case to linear BVP:

$$\textcircled{\otimes} \begin{cases} y'(x) = A(x)y(x) + b(x) \\ B_a y(a) + B_b y(b) = c \end{cases}$$

To solve, consider homogeneous IVPs:

$$y_i'(x) = A(x)y_i(x)$$

with initial conditions  $y_i(a) = e_i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow i$

Build fundamental solution matrix  $Y(x) = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$

$$\text{Let } Q := B_a Y(a) + B_b Y(b).$$

Then  $\textcircled{\otimes}$  has unique solution iff  $Q$  is non-singular.

$$\text{Let } \Phi(x) := Y(x) Q^{-1}$$

combine columns!

Observe:  $\Phi(x)c$  solves homogeneous problem ( $\textcircled{\otimes}$  with  $b(x) = 0$ ).

Define Green's Function

$$G(x,y) := \begin{cases} \Phi(x) B_a \Phi^{-1}(y) & y \leq x \\ -\Phi(x) B_b \Phi^{-1}(y) & x < y \end{cases}$$

Then

$$\textcircled{xx} \quad y(x) = \Phi(x) c + \int_a^b G(x,y) b(y) dy$$

↑ ODE RHS  
"kernel" of the integral

Conditioning: how easy.

- ① write without  $\Delta s$
- ② insert  $\Delta s$

$$\textcircled{xx} \quad \|\Delta y\|_\alpha \leq \underbrace{\max(\|\Phi\|_\infty, \|G\|_\infty)}_k \left( \underbrace{\|\Delta c\|_1}_{\text{vector norms}} + \int \underbrace{\|\Delta b(y)\|_1}_{\text{vector norms}} dy \right)$$

function norms

For perturbed problem  $(b(y) + \Delta b(y), c + \Delta c)$ ,  $\textcircled{xx}$  gives bound on change in  $y$ .

○ [ Also: continuous dependence on data: well-posed.

○ [ Can verify that  $\textcircled{xx}$  is solution by plug'n'chug.

[ Uniqueness is the only unproven bit.

○ [ Is this a computational procedure? → project

## 10.2 Numerical methods

Idea: can already solve IVPs.

Problem: Don't know all left BCs

Shooting method

Demo

○ [ What about systems? (Cannons are aimed in 2D!)

Downsides:

- can be unstable even if ODE is stable
- can fail

Demo sparse matrices

## Finite difference method

Idea: Replace  $u'$  and  $u''$  with finite differences.

For example: second-order centered

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

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

Demo

o [ What happens for a nonlinear ODE?

## Collocation method

LEFT OUT

ODE:  $\otimes$   $y'(x) = f(y(x))$

BCs:  $\otimes$   $g(y(a), y(b)) = 0$

Step I: Pick a basis (example: Chebyshev polynomials)

$$v(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i T_i(x)$$

*unknowns* (with arrow pointing to  $\alpha_i$ )

Goal:  $v(x) \approx u(x)$

o [ Can't enforce this. Why? (with arrow pointing to goal)

Step II: Demand that  $\otimes, \otimes$  satisfied at some points  $x_1, \dots, x_n$

→ (non-) linear system

Example:  $u''(x) = 3x$   $u(0) = 2$   $u(1) = 4$

(still left out)

Step I: Pick a basis

$$v(x) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x + \alpha_2 x^2 + \alpha_3 x^3$$

Step II: Enforce ODE

$$v'(x) = \alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 x + 3\alpha_3 x^2$$

$$v''(x) = 2\alpha_2 + 6\alpha_3 x$$

o [ Where?

Pick collocation points.

o [ How many?

$$v''\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = 2\alpha_2 + 6\alpha_3 \frac{1}{3} = 3 \cdot \frac{1}{3}$$

$$v''\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = 2\alpha_2 + 6\alpha_3 \frac{2}{3} = 3 \cdot \frac{2}{3}$$

Step III: Enforce BCs

$$v(0) = \alpha_0 = 2$$

$$v(1) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 = 4$$

# Galerkin / Finite Element method

Book: least squares **LEFT OUT**

Example:  $u''(x) = f(x)$  <sup>← given RHS</sup>  $u(a) = u(b) = 0$

Step I: Pick basis.

$$v(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \varphi_i(x)$$

<sup>← unknowns</sup>

Step II: Find residual.

$$0 \approx r(x) := v''(x) - f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \varphi_i''(x) - f(x)$$

↑ won't be exactly satisfied. So: satisfy in a restricted sense.

Step III: Demand that residual is orthogonal to some test functions.

$$\int_a^b r(x) \psi_j(x) dx = 0 \quad j=1 \dots n$$

<sup>How many?</sup>  
○

What to pick? Recycle basis!  $\psi_j := \varphi_j$  "Galerkin method"



Have:  $\int_a^b v(x) \varphi_j(x) dx = \int_a^b v''(x) \varphi_j(x) dx - \int_a^b f(x) \varphi_j(x) dx \stackrel{!}{=} 0$

Two derivatives? Ugh. Idea: Integrate by parts!

$$\int_a^b v''(x) \varphi_j(x) dx = \underbrace{[v'(x) \varphi_j(x)]_a^b}_{=0 \text{ if } \varphi_j(a) = \varphi_j(b) = 0} - \int v'(x) \varphi_j'(x) dx$$

Get:

$$- \int_a^b v'(x) \varphi_j'(x) dx = \int f(x) \varphi_j(x) dx$$

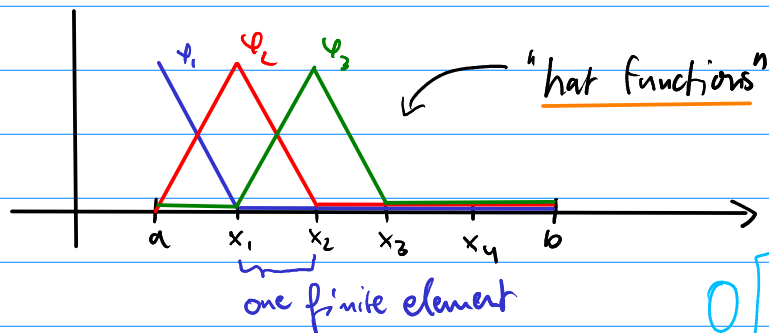
Plug in basis for  $v$ :

$$\int_a^b \left( \sum_i \alpha_i \varphi_i(x) \right) \varphi_j'(x) dx = \int f(x) \varphi_j(x) dx$$

$$\sum_i \underbrace{\left( \int_a^b \varphi_i(x) \varphi_j'(x) dx \right)}_{S_{ji} \text{ "stiffness matrix"}} \alpha_i = \int f(x) \varphi_j(x) dx$$

Pick basis:

- could use "global" basis (eg. Chebyshev polynomials)
- or so-called "finite element" basis



o [ Why these?

Now: Can compute stiffness mat, RHS, solve! 😊