

Lecture 7:

In discrete case, a differential equation can be discretized as:

$$\text{where } \vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} u(x_1) \\ u(x_2) \\ \vdots \\ u(x_N) \end{pmatrix} = \text{values of } u \text{ at } N \text{ points } \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N\}$$
$$D \vec{u} = \vec{g}$$

$$\vec{g} = \begin{pmatrix} g(x_1) \\ g(x_2) \\ \vdots \\ g(x_N) \end{pmatrix} = \text{values of } g \text{ at } N \text{ points } \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N\}$$

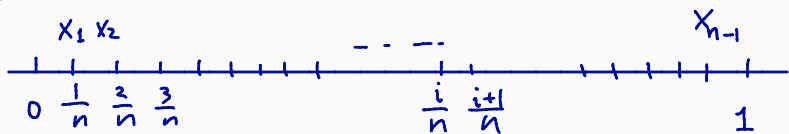
$D = N \times N$ matrix approximating the differential operator.

Question: Can we "transform" \vec{u} and \vec{g} to turn the (BIG) linear system to SIMPLE algebraic equation?

Answer: YES! Discrete Fourier Transform!!

$$\frac{d^2 f}{dx^2}(x) = g(x) \quad 0 < x < 1 \quad \text{with } f(0) = 1 \quad ; \quad f(1) = 2.$$

Discretize $(0, 1)$:



Approximation of $\frac{d^2 f}{dx^2}$:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_{i+1}) &\approx f(x_i) + \frac{1}{n} f'(x_i) + \frac{1}{2!} \frac{1}{n^2} f''(x_i) \\ + f(x_{i-1}) &\approx f(x_i) - \frac{1}{n} f'(x_i) + \frac{1}{2!} \frac{1}{n^2} f''(x_i) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{Taylor's expansion})$$

$$f(x_{i+1}) + f(x_{i-1}) \approx 2f(x_i) + \frac{1}{n^2} f''(x_i)$$

$$\therefore \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2}(x_i) \approx \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - 2f(x_i) + f(x_{i-1}))}{\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)}$$

$$\therefore \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2}(x_i) = g(x_i) \Leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - 2f(x_i) + f(x_{i-1}))}{\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)} = g(x_i) \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} \right.$$

$$D\vec{f} = \vec{g} \quad ; \quad \vec{f} = \begin{pmatrix} f(x_1) \\ f(x_2) \\ \vdots \\ f(x_{n-1}) \end{pmatrix} \quad ; \quad \vec{g} = \begin{pmatrix} g(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ g(x_{n-1}) \end{pmatrix} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \vdots \\ \left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right) \\ \vdots \end{array} \right. \quad \text{for } i=1, 2, \dots, n-1$$

Question: Extension to discrete case (Computational Math.)

Answer: Discrete Fourier Transform

Goal: ① Define discrete Fourier Transform (DFT)

② Use DFT to solve discretized differential eqt.

Definition: (Discrete Fourier Transform) Given $f_0, f_1, \dots, f_{n-1} \in \mathbb{C}$,

then the discrete Fourier Transform (DFT) is defined as:

$$\vec{c} = \begin{pmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^n \quad \text{where} \quad c_k = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} f_j e^{-i\left(\frac{2jk\pi}{n}\right)} \quad \text{for } k=0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$$

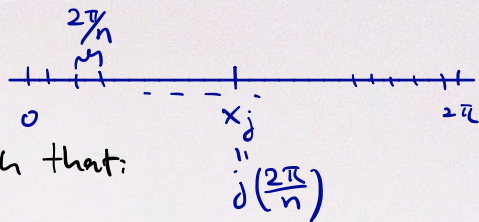
The inverse discrete Fourier Transform recovers the original signal:

$$f_j = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} c_k e^{i\left(\frac{2jk\pi}{n}\right)} \quad \text{for } j=0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$$

Motivation 1: Let $f(x)$ defined on $[0, 2\pi]$

Approximate $f(x)$ by:

$$F_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} C_k e^{ikx}, \quad x \in [0, 2\pi] \text{ such that:}$$



$$F_n(x_j) = f(x_j) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} f_j, \quad x_j = \frac{2\pi}{n} \cdot j \quad (\text{for all } j=0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1)$$

$$(X) \begin{cases} F_n(x_0) = C_0 + C_1 + C_2 + \dots + C_{n-1} = f_0 \\ F_n(x_1) = C_0 + C_1 e^{ix_1} + C_2 e^{i2x_1} + \dots + C_{n-1} e^{i(n-1)x_1} = f_1 \\ \vdots \\ F_n(x_{n-1}) = C_0 + C_1 e^{ix_{n-1}} + C_2 e^{i2x_{n-1}} + \dots + C_{n-1} e^{i(n-1)x_{n-1}} = f_{n-1} \end{cases}$$

Let $w = e^{i\frac{2\pi}{n}} = e^{ix_1}$, $w^2 = e^{i\frac{4\pi}{n}} = e^{ix_2}$, $w^3 = e^{ix_3}$, ... etc.

\therefore (*) can be written as:

$$A_w = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & w & w^2 & \dots & w^{n-1} \\ 1 & w^2 & w^4 & \dots & w^{2(n-1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & w^{n-1} & w^{2(n-1)} & \dots & w^{(n-1)^2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f_0 \\ f_1 \\ f_2 \\ \vdots \\ f_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore (A_w \overline{A_w})_{j,k} &= 1 \cdot 1 + w^j \overline{w^k} + w^{2j} \overline{w^{2k}} + \dots + w^{(n-1)j} \overline{w^{(n-1)k}} \\ &= 1 + e^{\frac{2\pi i(j-k)}{n}} + e^{\frac{4\pi i(j-k)}{n}} + \dots + e^{\frac{2\pi i(n-1)(j-k)}{n}} \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{1 - (e^{\frac{2\pi i(j-k)}{n}})^n}{1 - e^{\frac{2\pi i(j-k)}{n}}} = 1 & \text{if } j=k \\ 0 & \text{if } j \neq k \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore A_w \overline{A_w} = nI = \overline{A_w} A_w$$

We have:

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} = A_w^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} f_0 \\ \vdots \\ f_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\overline{A_w}}{n} \begin{pmatrix} f_0 \\ f_1 \\ \vdots \\ f_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore c_k = \frac{1}{n} (f_0 + e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{n} k} f_1 + \dots + e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{n} k(n-1)} f_{n-1})$$

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for $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$

Remark: Comp cost for DFT?

n^2 multiplication
+
 $(n-1)n$ addition

$= O(n^2)$

Remark: Computational cost for DFT is:

$$n^2 \text{ multiplication} = \mathcal{O}(n^2)$$

$$+ n(n-1) \text{ addition}$$

Example: Consider $f(t) = 5 + 2 \cos(t - \frac{\pi}{2}) + 3 \cos(2t)$.

f is 2π -periodic. Divide $[0, 2\pi]$ by 4 partitions. Find the DFT of f (discretized by 4 points).

$$f_0 = f(0) = 8; \quad f_1 = f\left(\frac{2\pi}{4}\right) = 4; \quad f_2 = f\left(\frac{4\pi}{4}\right) = 8; \quad f_3 = f\left(\frac{6\pi}{4}\right) = 0$$

$$\therefore \text{DFT: } C_k = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{j=0}^3 f_j e^{-i\left(\frac{2jk\pi}{4}\right)} \quad \text{for } k=0, 1, 2, 3 \quad \text{or}$$

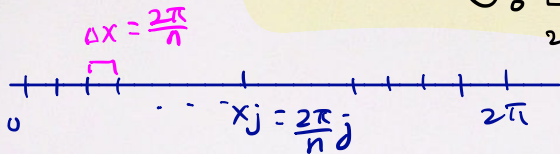
$$\begin{pmatrix} C_0 \\ C_1 \\ C_2 \\ C_3 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -i & -1 & i \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & i & -1 & -i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} f_0 \\ f_1 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -i & -1 & i \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & i & -1 & -i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 4 \\ 8 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -i \\ 3 \\ i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\omega = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{4}}$$

Motivation 2: Fourier Transform \leftrightarrow Fourier Series extended to related $(-\infty, \infty)$

Fourier coefficients: $C_k = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \underbrace{f(x)}_{2\pi\text{-periodic}} e^{-ikx} dx$

Divide:



We can approximate the integration:

$$C_k \approx \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} f(x_j) e^{-ikx_j} \Delta x = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} f_j e^{-i \frac{2\pi}{n} j k} \left(\frac{2\pi}{n} \right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} f_j e^{-i \frac{2jk\pi}{n}} \quad \text{for } k=0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$$

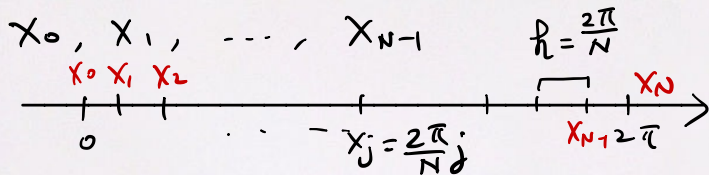
= DFT

DFT = approximation of (complex) Fourier coefficient.

DFT and numerical diff eqt

Consider: $\frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} = f$ for $x \in [0, 2\pi]$ with periodic boundary condition $u(0) = u(2\pi)$

Suppose f is measured only at N discrete points:



Let $\vec{f} = \begin{pmatrix} f(x_0) \\ f(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ f(x_{N-1}) \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} f_0 \\ f_1 \\ \vdots \\ f_{N-1} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^N$ and $\vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} u(x_0) \\ u(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ u(x_{N-1}) \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} u_0 \\ u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_{N-1} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^N$

(unknown)

By Taylor's expansion,

$$u(x_j + h) \approx u(x_j) + h u'(x_j) + \frac{h^2}{2} u''(x_j) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$u(x_j - h) \approx u(x_j) - h u'(x_j) + \frac{h^2}{2} u''(x_j) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$(1) + (2) : u''(x_j) \approx \frac{u(x_{j-1}) - 2u(x_j) + u(x_{j+1}))}{h^2}$$

$$\therefore u''(x_j) \approx \frac{u_{j-1} - 2u_j + u_{j+1}}{h^2} \quad (\text{Central difference approximation})$$

$$\text{Thus: } \begin{pmatrix} u''(x_0) \\ u''(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ u''(x_{N-1}) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\approx \tilde{D} \vec{u} \quad \text{where}$$

$$\tilde{D} = \frac{1}{h^2}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \boxed{1} & & & & \\ & -2 & 1 & & \\ & 1 & -2 & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & -2 \\ & & & & & \boxed{1} \end{pmatrix}$$

for $j=0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1$

(Use the fact that $u_0 = u_N, u_{-1} = u_{N-1}$)

$\therefore \frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} = f$ can be discretized as $\boxed{\tilde{D} \vec{u} = \vec{f}}$ (Linear System)
MxN \Rightarrow
Numerical differential eqt

Remark: \tilde{D} is B/G matrix!!

Goal: Design numerical spectral method to solve $\tilde{D} \vec{u} = \vec{f}$.

Need to: Determine eigenvalues / eigenvectors of \tilde{D}