

Lecture 8: Recap:

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:

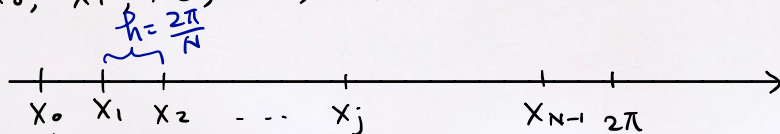
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Recall:

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 =

$$x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{N-1}$$



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 $\vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} u(x_0) \\ u(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ u(x_{N-1}) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_0 \\ u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_{N-1} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^N$ (unknown)

Then:
$$\begin{pmatrix} u''(x_0) \\ u''(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ u''(x_{N-1}) \end{pmatrix} \approx \tilde{D} \vec{u} \quad \text{where} \quad \tilde{D} = \frac{1}{h^2} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 & & & & & \\ & 1 & -2 & 1 & & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & & & \\ & & & \ddots & \ddots & & \\ & & & & \ddots & & \\ & & & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & & & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

$\mathbb{M}_{N \times N}(\mathbb{R})$

Conclusion:

$$\frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} = f \quad \text{can be discretized as} \quad \boxed{\tilde{D} \vec{u} = \vec{f}} \quad (\text{Linear System})$$

Thus, $\frac{d^2u}{dx^2} = f$ can be discretized as $\tilde{D} \vec{u} = \vec{f}$ (Linear System)

Remark: Note that \tilde{D} can be a very BIG matrix.

Goal: Design the numerical spectral method. We need to:

① Determine eigenvalues / eigenvectors of \tilde{D}

② Rank of \tilde{D} (to understand the sol. of linear system)

In continuous case, e^{ikx} is an eigenfunction of $\frac{d^2}{dx^2}$, that is periodic.

In discrete case, define:

$$\underbrace{e^{ikx}}_{\in \mathbb{C}^N} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} e^{ikx_0} \\ e^{ikx_1} \\ \vdots \\ e^{ikx_{N-1}} \end{pmatrix}$$

(Capture the values of e^{ikx} at N discrete points)

Claim: $\overrightarrow{e^{ikx}}$ is an eigenvector of \tilde{D}

Proof: For each j , $(\tilde{D} \overrightarrow{e^{ikx}})_j = \frac{e^{ikx_{j-1}} - 2e^{ikx_j} + e^{ikx_{j+1}}}{h^2}$

$$= e^{ikx_j} \left(\frac{e^{-ikh} - 2 + e^{ikh}}{h^2} \right)$$

$$1 - 2\sin^2 \frac{kh}{2}$$

$$= e^{ikx_j} \left(\frac{2\cos^2 \frac{kh}{2} - 2}{h^2} \right)$$

$$= e^{ikx_j} \left(\frac{\cancel{\cos kh} - i\cancel{\sin kh} - 2 + \cancel{\cos kh} + i\cancel{\sin kh}}{h^2} \right)$$

$$= \left(-\frac{4\sin^2 \frac{kh}{2}}{h^2} \right) e^{ikx_j}$$

Let $-\lambda_k^2 = \left(-\frac{4\sin^2 \frac{kh}{2}}{h^2} \right)$. Then: $\tilde{D} \overrightarrow{e^{ikx}} = -\lambda_k^2 \overrightarrow{e^{ikx}}$

Claim: $\{e^{ikx}\}_{k=0}^{N-1}$ is a basis of \mathbb{C}^N (consisting of eigenvectors)

Pf: $\left(\begin{array}{c|c|c|c} e^{i0x} & e^{i1x} & \dots & e^{i(N-1)x} \end{array} \right) = A\omega = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \vdots & \omega & \dots & \omega^{N-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ 1 & \omega^{N-1} & \dots & \omega^{(N-1)^2} \end{pmatrix}; \omega = e^{i\frac{2\pi}{N}}$

Numerical Spectral method

Since $\{ \overrightarrow{e^{ikx}} \}_{k=0}^{N-1}$ is a basis. We can write:

$$\vec{u} = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \hat{u}_k \overrightarrow{e^{ikx}} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{f} = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \hat{f}_k \overrightarrow{e^{ikx}}$$

In other words, for each j , $f_j = f(x_j) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \hat{f}_k (e^{ikx})_j = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \hat{f}_k e^{ikx_j} = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \hat{f}_k e^{i2\pi k \frac{j}{n}}$

$\therefore \hat{f}_k$ can be determined by DFT.

To solve $\frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} = f$, we approximate it by

$$\tilde{D} \vec{u} = \vec{f}.$$

Now, $\tilde{D}\vec{u} = \vec{f}$ becomes:

$$\tilde{D} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \hat{u}_k \overrightarrow{e^{ikx}} \right) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \hat{f}_k \overrightarrow{e^{ikx}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \hat{u}_k \underbrace{\tilde{D} \overrightarrow{e^{ikx}}}_{(-\lambda_k^2) \overrightarrow{e^{ikx}}} = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \hat{f}_k \overrightarrow{e^{ikx}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \hat{u}_k (-\lambda_k^2) \overrightarrow{e^{ikx}} = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \hat{f}_k \overrightarrow{e^{ikx}}$$

Comparing coefficients, we get

$$\underbrace{-\lambda_k^2}_{\text{known}} \underbrace{\hat{u}_k}_{\text{unknown}} = \underbrace{\hat{f}_k}_{\text{known}} \quad \text{for } k=0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1$$

(algebraic equation)