

Recall: • C-S $|(f, g)_L| \leq \|f\|_L \cdot \|g\|_L$

$$\bullet \|f\|_{H^1}^2 = \|f\|_L^2 + \|f'\|_L^2$$

$$\bullet \text{Poincaré: } \|u\|_{L^2(0,1)} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \|u'\|_{L^2(0,1)} \quad \forall u \in H_0^1(0,1)$$

• Poisson's equation

(BVP)
strong
$$\begin{cases} -u''(x) = f(x) & \text{for } x \in (0,1) \\ u(0) = 0, u(1) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Weak/VF Find $u \in H_0^1$ s.t. $(u', v')_L = (f, v)_L \quad \forall v \in H_0^1$

MP Find $u \in H_0^1$ s.t. $F(v) := \frac{1}{2} (v', v')_L - (f, v)_L$ is min. in H_0^1

• Lax - Milgram Th:

$a(\cdot, \cdot)$ bounded, coercive, bilinear form
 $a(u, v) \leq \alpha \|u\|_H \cdot \|v\|_H, \quad a(u, u) \geq \beta \|u\|_H^2$

$\ell(\cdot)$ bounded linear functional
 $|\ell(v)| \leq \gamma \cdot \|v\|_H$

H Hilbert space

$$\hookrightarrow \exists! u \in H \text{ s.t. } a(u, v) = \ell(v) \quad \forall v \in H$$

We now use (LM) in order to show that
the (VF) of Poisson's equation has a unique solution

Th: Let $f \in L^2(0,1)$. Then there exists a unique sol.

to the (VF) of Poisson's eq:

Find $u \in H_0^1(0,1)$ s.t. $(u', v')_{L^2} = (f, v)_{L^2} \quad \forall v \in H_0^1$

Proof:

• Set $a(u, v) := (u', v')_{L^2}$ and $\ell(v) := (f, v)_{L^2}$

for $u, v \in H_0^1$.

• Let us check that $a(\cdot, \cdot)$ is bounded:

$$a(u, v) = (u', v')_{L^2} \leq \|u'\|_{L^2} \cdot \|v'\|_{L^2} \leq \|u\|_{H^1} \cdot \|v\|_{H^1}$$

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Def of $a(\cdot, \cdot)$ C-S Def H^1 -norm

$\rightarrow a(\cdot, \cdot)$ is bounded (with $\alpha=1$).

• Next, we show that $a(\cdot, \cdot)$ is coercive.

Recall that Poincaré tells us $\|u\|_{L^2} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \|u'\|_{L^2} \quad \forall u \in H_0^1$

Consider the following

$$\|u\|_{H^1}^2 = \underbrace{\|u\|_{L^2}^2}_{\text{Def } H^1\text{-norm}} + \underbrace{\|u'\|_{L^2}^2}_{\text{Poincaré}} \leq \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}}_{\text{Poincaré}} \|u'\|_{L^2}^2 + \|u'\|_{L^2}^2 \leq$$

Def H^1 -norm

Poincaré

$$\leq \frac{3}{2} \|u'\|_{L^2}^2 = \frac{3}{2} (u', u')_{L^2} \stackrel{\text{Def } a(\cdot, \cdot)}{=} \frac{3}{2} a(u, u)$$

Def L^2 -norm $\|v\|_{L^2} = \sqrt{(v, v)_{L^2}}$

This shows that $a(\cdot, \cdot)$ is coercive ($\alpha = \frac{3}{2}$).

• Show that $\ell(\cdot)$ is bounded:

$$|\ell(v)| = \underbrace{|(f, v)_{L^2}|}_{\text{Def of } \ell} \leq \underbrace{\|f\|_{L^2}}_{\text{C-S } \leq \gamma < \infty \text{ (} f \in L^2 \text{)}} \cdot \|v\|_{L^2} \leq \gamma \cdot \|v\|_{L^2}$$

Def of ℓ

C-S $\leq \gamma < \infty$ ($f \in L^2$)

$$\leq \gamma \cdot \|v\|_{H^1}$$

Def of H^1 -norm

$$L^2 = \{f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : \|f\|_{L^2} < \infty\}$$

This shows that $\ell(\cdot)$ is bounded

$$\xrightarrow{L^2 M} \exists! u \in H_0^1 \text{ s.t. } a(u, v) = \ell(v) \quad \forall v \in H_0^1$$

$$(u', v')_{L^2} = (f, v)_{L^2}$$

Rem! Δ $a(\cdot, \cdot)$ is coercive in H_0^1 not H^1 !!

Because $a(u, u) = (u', u')_{L^2}$ is zero for

constant function $u \equiv \text{const} \neq 0$ without $\|u\|_{H^1} = 0$.

Chapter III: Numerical methods for IVP

Goal: Present a few basic numerical methods for

Generalisation: $\dot{y}(t) = f(t, y(t))$
(IVP) $\begin{cases} \dot{y}(t) = f(y(t)) & \text{for } 0 < t \leq T \\ y(0) = y_0 \end{cases}$

y_0, t, T are given, unknown $y = ??$

Euler: $y_1 = y_0 + k \cdot f(t_0, y_0)$

1) Motivation: Finite difference schemes

Consider $y: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ differentiable and $t_0 \in \mathbb{R}$.

By definition,

$$\dot{y}(t_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{y(t_0 + h) - y(t_0)}{h}$$

For a fixed (small) $h > 0$, the term $\frac{y(t_0 + h) - y(t_0)}{h}$

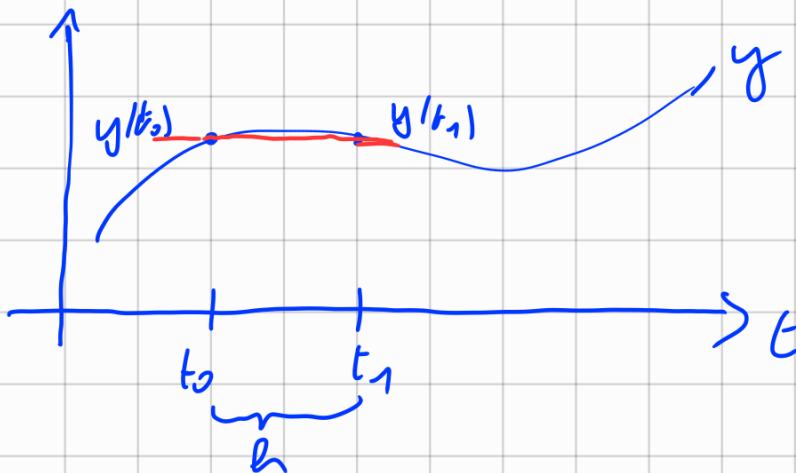
will be a good approximation of $\dot{y}(t_0)$.

Def: $y'(t_0) \approx \frac{y(t_0+h) - y(t_0)}{h}$ which named a forward difference.
approximation

Let us define $t_1 = t_0 + h \Rightarrow$ above reads

$$y'(t_0) \approx \frac{y(t_1) - y(t_0)}{t_1 - t_0}$$

slope of the line connection
 $y(t_1)$ and $y(t_0)$



Similarly, one defines

Backward difference $y'(t_0) \approx \frac{y(t_0) - y(t_0-h)}{h}$

Centered difference $y'(t_0) \approx \frac{y(t_0+h) - y(t_0-h)}{2h}$

2) First numerical schemes for IVP:

Idea (Euler 1768)

Consider $N \in \mathbb{N}$ (BIG), define time step $k = \frac{T}{N}$ (small)

and a grid in time $0 = t_0 < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_N = T$, where

$$t_{n+1} - t_n = k.$$

For $t_0 \leq t \leq t_1 = t_0 + k$, approximate $y(t)$ by

forward difference:
$$y(t) \approx \frac{y(t+k) - y(t)}{k}$$

" $f(y(t))$ by def. of (I.V.P.).

This gives us the approximation

$$y(t+k) \approx y(t) + k \cdot f(y(t))$$

Take $t = t_0$ above:

$$y(t_0+k) \approx y(t_0) + k \cdot f(y(t_0))$$

or

$$y(t_1) \approx y_0 + k \cdot f(y_0) =: y_1$$

exact sol.
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numerical sol.
can compute this!!

$$\hookrightarrow y(t_1) \approx y_1 = y_0 + k \cdot f(y_0)$$

We can repeat this procedure and obtain

Explicit / forward Euler scheme

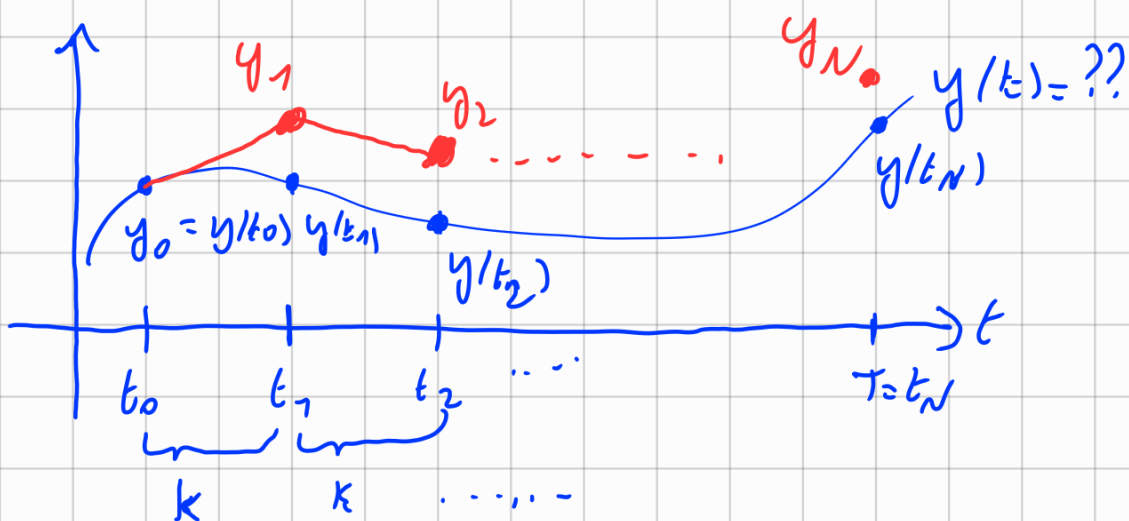
$$t_{n+1} = t_n + k$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + k \cdot f(y_n) \quad \text{for } n = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$$

$$[y_{n+1} = y_n + k f(t_n, y_n)]$$

which provides numerical approximation

$y_n \approx y(t_n)$ on grid t_n for $n = 0, 1, \dots, N$
 numerical exact (??)



Similarly, one defines

Backward/implicit Euler

$$y_{n+1} \equiv y_n + k \cdot f(y_{n+1}) \quad n=0,1,2,\dots,M$$

Solve nonlinear system

Crank-Nicolson scheme

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{k}{2} \left(f(y_n) + f(y_{n+1}) \right)$$

average of f

Chapter IV: A Galerkin FEM for BVP

Goal: Introduce finite element methods (FEM)

1) Space of continuous piecewise linear functions

Consider a partition of the interval $[0,1]$ into

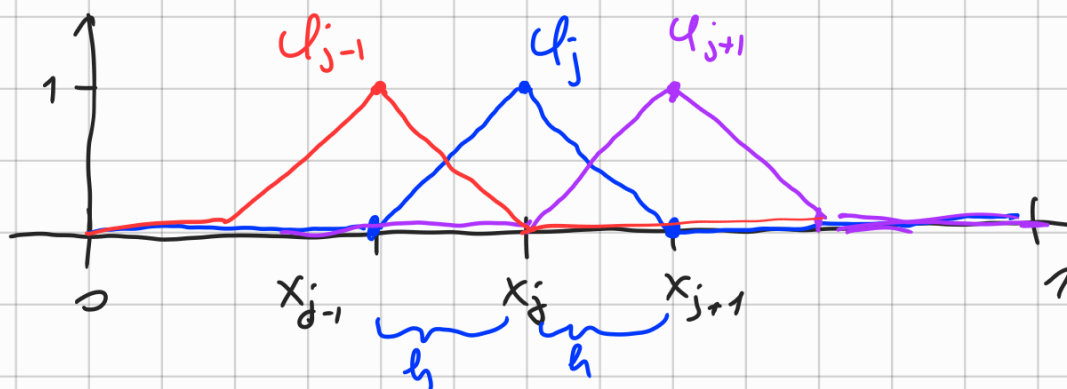
$m+1$ subintervals (x_{j-1}, x_j) :

T_h : $0 = x_0 < x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_m < x_{m+1} = 1$, where

$$h_j = x_j - x_{j-1} \quad \text{for } j=1,2,\dots,m+1.$$

Next, define hat functions $\{\varphi_j\}_{j=0}^{m+1}$ defined by

$$\varphi_j(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x - x_{j-1}}{h_j} & \text{for } x_{j-1} \leq x \leq x_j \\ \frac{x - x_{j+1}}{-h_{j+1}} & \text{for } x_j \leq x \leq x_{j+1} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases} \quad \text{for } j = 1, 2, \dots, m$$



Rem: • " $\varphi_j(x_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i=j \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$ "

• φ_0 and φ_{m+1} are half hat functions



Def: We define the space of continuous piecewise linear functions on $[0, 1]$ by

$$\underline{V_h(0, 1)} = \text{span}(\varphi_0, \varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_{m+1})$$

We note that every $v \in V_n(0,1)$ can be written as

$$v(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{m+1} \zeta_j \ell_j(x)$$

coefficients

$$\zeta_j = v(x_j)$$

hat funct. / Basis

$$\left[\mathbb{R}^n : u = \sum_{j=1}^n \zeta_j e_j \right]$$

→ standard basis