

Lecture Outline for Friday, Nov. 8, 2024

1. SoV solution to wave equation in cylindrical coordinates

$$u(r, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [A_n \cos(v\alpha_n t) + B_n \sin(v\alpha_n t)] J_0(\alpha_n r) \quad \text{with} \quad \sqrt{\lambda_n} = \alpha_n = \frac{x_n}{c}$$

$$A_n = \frac{\langle f(r), J_0(\alpha_n r) \rangle}{\|J_0(\alpha_n r)\|^2} \quad B_n = \frac{\langle g(r), J_0(\alpha_n r) \rangle}{v\alpha_n \|J_0(\alpha_n r)\|^2}$$

- a. What does the result mean? How are the eigenvalues used and interpreted?

$$\text{Vibration frequencies: } \omega_n = 2\pi f_n = v\alpha_n = \frac{vx_n}{c} \rightarrow f_n = \frac{vx_n}{2\pi c}$$

where $x_1 = 2.4048$, $x_2 = 5.5201$, $x_3 = 8.6537$, $x_4 = 11.7915$, etc.

Frequencies are proportional to x_n , but...

$$x_2 = 2.29x_1, \quad x_3 = 3.59x_1, \quad x_4 = 4.89x_1, \quad \dots \text{ (no harmonic relationships)}$$

- b. *Matlab* simulation

- c. Are there standing waves? How do they compare to the vibrating string case?

2. Next: Numerical solution of PDEs using finite differences

- a. First derivative approximations:

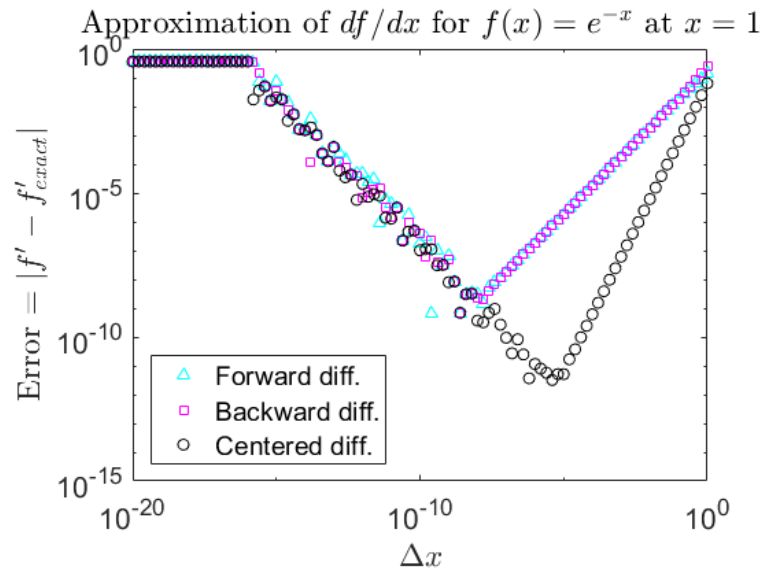
i. Forward difference: $\frac{df(x_o)}{dx} \approx \frac{f(x_o + \Delta x) - f(x_o)}{\Delta x}$

ii. Backward difference: $\frac{df(x_o)}{dx} \approx \frac{f(x_o) - f(x_o - \Delta x)}{\Delta x}$

iii. Centered difference: $\frac{df(x_o)}{dx} \approx \frac{f(x_o + 0.5\Delta x) - f(x_o - 0.5\Delta x)}{\Delta x}$

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iv. Error comparison (Δx larger to the right in graph):



b. Second derivative approximation:
$$\frac{d^2 f(x_o)}{dx^2} \approx \frac{f(x_o + \Delta x) - 2f(x_o) + f(x_o - \Delta x)}{\Delta x^2}$$

c. Example: For $f(x) = e^x$, approximate $f'(1.2)$ using finite differences with $\Delta x = 0.1$, 0.05, and 0.01.

d. Example: For $f(x) = e^x$, approximate $f'(1.2)$ using centered finite differences with $\Delta x = 0.1$, 0.05, and 0.01. Exact result (to 5 sig. digs.) is $f'(1.2) = 3.3201$.

i. $\Delta x = 0.1$:
$$f'(1.2) \approx \frac{f(1.2 + 0.05) - f(1.2 - 0.05)}{0.1} = \frac{e^{1.25} - e^{1.15}}{0.1} = 3.3215$$

ii. $\Delta x = 0.05$:
$$f'(1.2) \approx \frac{f(1.2 + 0.025) - f(1.2 - 0.025)}{0.05} = \frac{e^{1.225} - e^{1.175}}{0.05} = 3.3205$$

iii. $\Delta x = 0.01$:
$$f'(1.2) \approx \frac{f(1.2 + 0.005) - f(1.2 - 0.005)}{0.01} = \frac{e^{1.205} - e^{1.195}}{0.01} = 3.3201$$

3. Application: Finite difference solution of the heat equation

$$c \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}, \quad \text{where } c = \text{thermal diffusivity}$$

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a. Questions:

- i. What do finite difference approximations look like when there is more than one independent variable?
- ii. How many solution points (in x and in t) do we select?
- iii. What do we do about the boundaries?

b. Finite difference approximations of partial derivatives (hold nondifferentiated variable constant)

$$\frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial x^2} \approx \frac{u(x + \Delta x, t) - 2u(x, t) + u(x - \Delta x, t)}{\Delta x^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial u(x, t)}{\partial t} \approx \frac{u(x, t + \Delta t) - u(x, t)}{\Delta t}$$

c. Note that the x -derivative is approximated using a centered difference and the time derivative by a forward difference. We will see why very soon.

d. Heat equation expressed using finite differences

$$c \frac{u(x + \Delta x, t) - 2u(x, t) + u(x - \Delta x, t)}{\Delta x^2} = \frac{u(x, t + \Delta t) - u(x, t)}{\Delta t}$$