

Introduction to Numerical Differential Equations

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Some examples of differential equations

- A one-dimensional differential equation

$$\begin{aligned}(a(x)u')' + \kappa^2(x)u &= f(x), \quad x \in \Omega := (0, 1) \\ \lambda_0^L u(0) + \lambda_1^L u'(0) &= g_0, \quad \lambda_0^R u(1) + \lambda_1^R u'(1) = g_1.\end{aligned}$$

- The 2D Poisson equation with a variable coefficient

$$\begin{aligned}-\nabla \cdot (a(x)\nabla u(x)) &= f(x), & x \in \Omega &:= (0, 1)^2, \\ u(x) &= 0, & x \in \partial\Omega.\end{aligned}$$

- The 2D Helmholtz equation

$$\begin{aligned}-\Delta u - \kappa^2 u &= f, \quad \text{in } \Omega := (0, 1)^2, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} - i\kappa u &= g, \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega.\end{aligned}$$

Some examples of differential equations

- The 1D heat equation

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u(x, t)}{\partial t} &= k \frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial x^2}, & x \in (0, L), \quad t > 0, \\ u(0, t) &= u(L, t) = 0, & t > 0, \\ u(x, 0) &= f(x), & x \in (0, L).\end{aligned}$$

- The 1D wave equation

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial t^2} &= a^2 \frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial x^2}, & x \in (0, L), \quad t > 0, \\ u(0, t) &= u(L, t) = 0, & t > 0, \\ u(x, 0) &= f(x), & x \in (0, L), \\ u_t(x, 0) &= g(x), & x \in (0, L),\end{aligned}$$

Outline of today's lecture

- Finite difference method
- Wavelet Galerkin method
- Physics-informed neural network
- Neural operator

A simple example of 1D FDM

Consider the following 1D Poisson equation

$$-u'' = f \text{ in } (0, 1), \quad u(0) = u(1) = 0.$$

Let $x_j = j/N$, where $j = 0, \dots, N$, $x_0 := 0$, and $x_N := 1$, be a uniform grid that partitions $[0, 1]$ with a grid size $h = 1/N$. By Taylor expansions,

$$-u''(x_j) = \frac{-1u(x_{j+1}) + 2u(x_j) - 1u(x_{j-1}))}{h^2} + \mathcal{O}(h^2), \quad h \rightarrow 0.$$

To find the approximated value for $u(x_j)$, denoted by u_j , we need to solve

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & & & \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & & \\ & -1 & 2 & -1 & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ & & & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ & & & & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ \vdots \\ u_{N-2} \\ u_{N-1} \end{bmatrix} = h^2 \begin{bmatrix} f(x_1) \\ f(x_2) \\ f(x_3) \\ \vdots \\ f(x_{N-2}) \\ f(x_{N-1}) \end{bmatrix}.$$

A simple example of 2D FDM

The 2D Poisson equation with a variable coefficient

$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla \cdot (a(x)\nabla u(x)) &= f(x), & x \in \Omega &:= (0, 1)^2, \\ u(x) &= 0, & x \in \partial\Omega. \end{aligned}$$

Let $(x_i, y_j) = (i/N, j/N)$, where $i, j = 0, \dots, N$, $x_0 = y_0 = 0$, and $x_N = y_N = 1$, be a uniform grid that partitions $[0, 1]^2$ with a grid size $h = 1/N$ for each axis.

Let $u_{i,j}$ denote the approximated value for $u(x_i, y_j)$. A second-order finite difference scheme reads

$$\begin{aligned} -a_{i-1/2,j}u_{i-1,j} - a_{i,j-1/2}u_{i,j-1} - a_{i+1/2,j}u_{i+1,j} - a_{i,j+1/2}u_{i,j+1} \\ + (a_{i+1/2,j} + a_{i-1/2,j} + a_{i,j+1/2} + a_{i,j-1/2})u_{i,j} = h^2 f(x_i, y_j), \end{aligned}$$

where $a_{i+1/2,j} = \frac{1}{2}(a_{i+1,j} + a_{i,j})$, $a_{i-1/2,j} = \frac{1}{2}(a_{i,j} + a_{i-1,j})$, and $a_{i,j+1/2}$, $a_{i,j-1/2}$ are defined similarly.

The linear system has a block triadiagonal structure. [Let's do a demo.](#)

1D model problem

Consider the following 1D heterogeneous Helmholtz equation

$$\mathcal{L}u := (a(x)u')' + \kappa^2(x)u = f(x), \quad x \in \Omega := (0, 1)$$

$$\mathcal{B}_0 u(0) := \lambda_0^L u(0) + \lambda_1^L u'(0) = g_0,$$

$$\mathcal{B}_1 u(1) := \lambda_0^R u(1) + \lambda_1^R u'(1) = g_1,$$

where $f \in L_2(\Omega)$ and $a(x), \kappa(x)$ are bounded piecewise smooth functions such that $\text{ess-inf}_{x \in \Omega} a(x) > 0$.

Arbitrarily accurate 1D compact FDM

Propn Suppose a, κ^2, f, u are analytic functions satisfying the model problem for all $x \in (0, 1)$.

For any point $x_b \in (0, 1)$, we have

$$u^{(j)}(x_b) = E_{j,0}u(x_b) + E_{j,1}u'(x_b) + \sum_{\ell=0}^{j-2} F_{j,\ell}f^{(\ell)}(x_b), \quad j \geq 2,$$

where $E_{j,0}, E_{j,1}, F_{j,\ell}$ only depend on $a(x_b), a'(x_b), \dots, a^{(j-1)}(x_b)$ and $\kappa^2(x_b), [\kappa^2]'(x_b), \dots, [\kappa^2]^{(j-2)}(x_b)$ for $j \geq 2$ and $\ell \in \mathbb{N}_0$.

For sufficiently small h ,

$$u(x_b + h) = u(x_b)E_0(h) + u'(x_b)hE_1(h) + \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} h^{\ell+2}f^{(\ell)}(x_b)F_{\ell}(h) \quad \text{with}$$

$$E_0(h) := 1 + \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \frac{E_{j,0}}{j!} h^j, \quad E_1(h) := 1 + \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \frac{E_{j,1}}{j!} h^{j-1}, \quad F_{\ell}(h) := \sum_{j=\ell+2}^{\infty} \frac{F_{j,\ell}}{j!} h^{j-\ell-2}.$$

Arbitrarily accurate 1D compact FDM



Thm Suppose a, κ^2, f are smooth functions. Let $M, \tilde{M} \in \mathbb{N}$ with $M \geq \tilde{M}$, $0 < h < 1$, and $x_b \in (0, 1)$ such that $(x_b - h, x_b + h) \subset (0, 1)$. Then, for every solution u of $\mathcal{L}u = f$,

$$\frac{c_{-1}(h)u(x_b - h) + c_0(h)u(x_b) + c_1(h)u(x_b + h)}{h^2} - \sum_{\ell=0}^{\tilde{M}-1} d_\ell(h)h^\ell f^{(\ell)}(x_b) = \mathcal{O}(h^{\tilde{M}}),$$

where $h \rightarrow 0$ and for $\ell = 0, \dots, \tilde{M} - 1$,

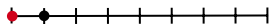
$$c_1(h) = \frac{\alpha(h)}{E_1(h)} + \mathcal{O}(h^{M+1}), \quad c_{-1}(h) = \frac{\alpha(h)}{E_1(-h)} + \mathcal{O}(h^{M+1}),$$

$$c_0(h) = -c_1(h)E_0(h) - c_{-1}(h)E_0(-h) + \mathcal{O}(h^{M+2}),$$

$$d_\ell(h) = c_1(h)F_\ell(h) + (-1)^\ell c_{-1}(h)F_\ell(-h) + \mathcal{O}(h^{\tilde{M}-\ell}), \quad h \rightarrow 0,$$

and α is smooth with $\alpha(0) \neq 0$.

Arbitrarily accurate 1D compact FDM



Thm Suppose a, κ^2, f are smooth. Let $M, \tilde{M} \in \mathbb{N}$ with $M \geq \tilde{M}$, $0 < h < 1$, and $x_b \in [0, 1)$ with $(x_b, x_b + h) \subset (0, 1)$. Define

$$\mathcal{B}^+ u(x_b) := \lambda_0 u(x_b +) + \lambda_1 u'(x_b +) \quad \text{with} \quad \lambda_0, \lambda_1 \in \mathbb{C}.$$

Then, for every solution u of $\mathcal{L}u = 0$,

$$\frac{c_0^{\mathcal{B}^+}(h)u(x_b) + c_1^{\mathcal{B}^+}(h)u(x_b + h)}{h} - \sum_{\ell=0}^{\tilde{M}-2} d_\ell^{\mathcal{B}^+}(h)h^{\ell+1}f^{(\ell)}(x_b +) - \mathcal{B}^+ u(x_b) = \lambda(h^{\tilde{M}}),$$

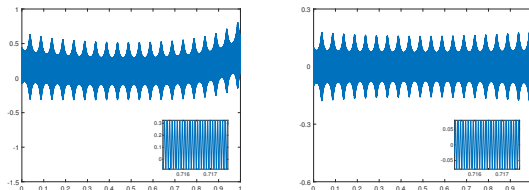
where $h \rightarrow 0$ and

$$c_1^{\mathcal{B}^+}(h) = \frac{\lambda_1}{E_1(h)} + \mathcal{O}(h^M), \quad c_0^{\mathcal{B}^+}(h) = h\lambda_0 - c_1^{\mathcal{B}^+}(h)E_0(h) + \mathcal{O}(h^{M+1}),$$

$$d_\ell^{\mathcal{B}^+}(h) = c_1^{\mathcal{B}^+}(h)F_\ell(h) + \mathcal{O}(h^{\tilde{M}-\ell-1}), \quad \ell = 0, \dots, \tilde{M} - 2, \quad h \rightarrow 0.$$

Example

Consider the model problem with $a = 1.1 + \sin(40\pi x)$, $\kappa = 10^5 \left(1 - (x - 0.5)^2\right)$, $f = 10^9(x^7 + 1)$, and the boundary conditions $\sqrt{1.1}u'(0) + i75000u(0) = -1$ and $\sqrt{1.1}u'(1) - i75000u(1) = 0$.



		DAT using the compact FDM with order $M = 6$				DAT using the compact FDM with order $M = 8$			
N	ℓ	$\frac{\ u_N - u_{2N-1}\ _\infty}{\ u_{2N-1}\ _\infty}$	$\frac{\ u'_N - u'_{2N-1}\ _\infty}{\ u'_{2N-1}\ _\infty}$	Local CN	Link CN	$\frac{\ u_N - u_{2N-1}\ _\infty}{\ u_{2N-1}\ _\infty}$	$\frac{\ u'_N - u'_{2N-1}\ _\infty}{\ u'_{2N-1}\ _\infty}$	Local CN	Link CN
$2^{18} + 1$	0	4.8707×10^{-1}	7.6812×10^{-1}	5.53×10^6	—	6.7606×10^{-3}	1.0602×10^{-2}	5.66×10^6	—
	16	4.8707×10^{-1}	7.6812×10^{-1}	2.74×10^5	7.71×10^6	6.7606×10^{-3}	1.0602×10^{-2}	5.25×10^5	1.20×10^7
$2^{19} + 1$	0	7.1208×10^{-3}	1.1068×10^{-2}	1.47×10^7	—	2.2709×10^{-5}	3.5577×10^{-5}	1.42×10^7	—
	17	7.1208×10^{-3}	1.1068×10^{-2}	4.39×10^1	1.16×10^7	2.2709×10^{-5}	3.5577×10^{-5}	4.39×10^1	1.19×10^7
$2^{20} + 1$	0	1.0754×10^{-4}	1.6712×10^{-4}	6.21×10^7	—	8.6824×10^{-8}	1.3591×10^{-7}	5.98×10^7	—
	18	1.0754×10^{-4}	1.6712×10^{-4}	4.47×10^1	1.19×10^7	8.6814×10^{-8}	1.3589×10^{-7}	4.47×10^1	1.19×10^7
$2^{21} + 1$	0	1.6652×10^{-6}	2.5876×10^{-6}	2.23×10^8	—	1.9291×10^{-9}	2.9177×10^{-9}	2.23×10^8	—
	19	1.6652×10^{-6}	2.5877×10^{-6}	4.49×10^1	1.19×10^7	1.8549×10^{-9}	2.8085×10^{-9}	4.49×10^1	1.19×10^7

2D model problem

Let $\Omega := (l_1, l_2) \times (l_3, l_4)$ and ψ be a smooth two-dimensional function. Consider a smooth curve $\Gamma_I := \{(x, y) \in \Omega : \psi(x, y) = 0\}$, which partitions Ω into

$$\Omega^+ := \{(x, y) \in \Omega : \psi(x, y) > 0\} \quad \text{and} \quad \Omega^- := \{(x, y) \in \Omega : \psi(x, y) < 0\}.$$

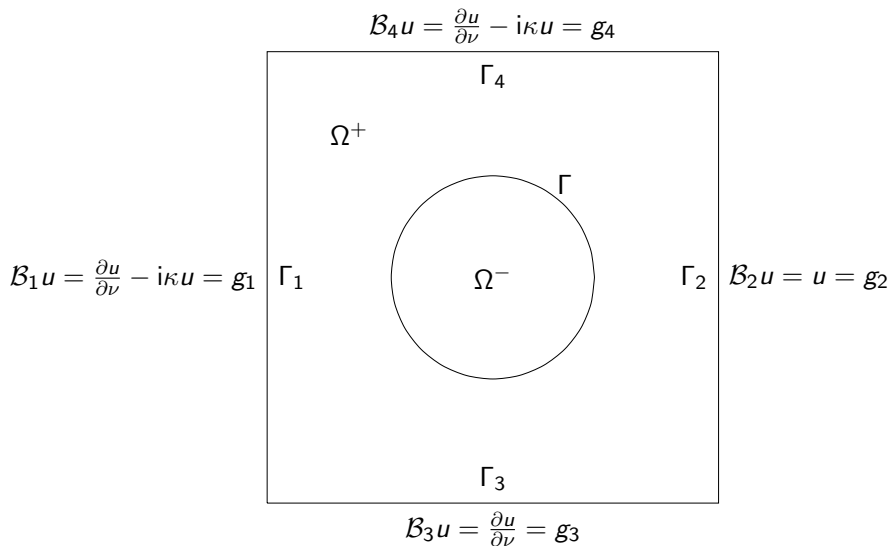
Our model problem is

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u + \kappa^2 u = f & \text{in } \Omega \setminus \Gamma, \\ [u] = g_D, \quad [\nabla u \cdot \nu] = g_N & \text{on } \Gamma, \\ \mathcal{B}_1 u = g_1 \text{ on } \Gamma_1 := \{l_1\} \times (l_3, l_4), \quad \mathcal{B}_2 u = g_2 \text{ on } \Gamma_2 := \{l_2\} \times (l_3, l_4), \\ \mathcal{B}_3 u = g_3 \text{ on } \Gamma_3 := (l_1, l_2) \times \{l_3\}, \quad \mathcal{B}_4 u = g_4 \text{ on } \Gamma_4 := (l_1, l_2) \times \{l_4\}, \end{cases}$$

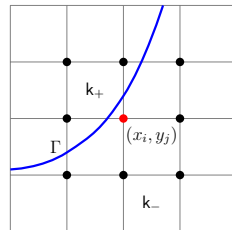
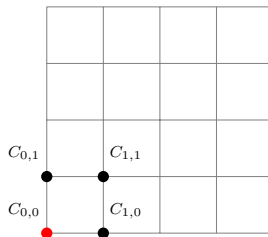
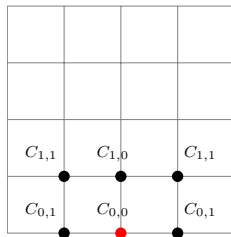
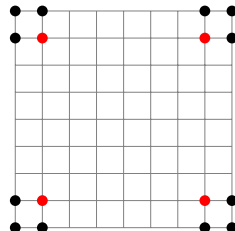
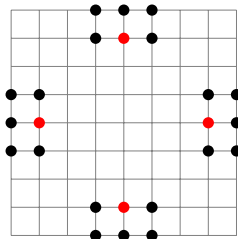
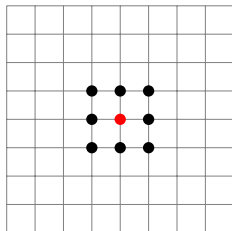
where $\mathcal{B}_j \in \{\mathbf{I}_d$ (Dirichlet), $\frac{\partial}{\partial \nu}$ (Neumann), $\frac{\partial}{\partial \nu} - i\kappa \mathbf{I}_d$ (radiation)\} and for any point $(x_0, y_0) \in \Gamma$,

$$\begin{aligned} [u](x_0, y_0) &:= \lim_{\substack{(x, y) \in \Omega^+, \\ (x, y) \rightarrow (x_0, y_0)}} u(x, y) - \lim_{\substack{(x, y) \in \Omega^-, \\ (x, y) \rightarrow (x_0, y_0)}} u(x, y), \\ [\nabla u \cdot \nu](x_0, y_0) &:= \lim_{\substack{(x, y) \in \Omega^+, \\ (x, y) \rightarrow (x_0, y_0)}} \nabla u(x, y) \cdot \nu - \lim_{\substack{(x, y) \in \Omega^-, \\ (x, y) \rightarrow (x_0, y_0)}} \nabla u(x, y) \cdot \nu. \end{aligned}$$

2D model problem



Construction of interior, edge, and corner stencils

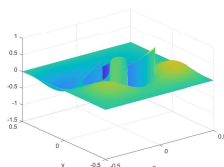
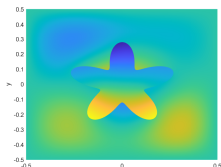


Example

Suppose $\Omega = (-1/2, 1/2)^2$ with $(\kappa_+, \kappa_-) \in \{(10, 1), (1, 100)\}$, the source term is $f_+ = \sin(2\pi x) \sin(2\pi y)$, $f_- = \cos(2\pi x) \cos(2\pi y)$, and the boundary conditions are

$$\begin{aligned} g &= \sin(\theta), & g_\Gamma &= \cos(\theta), & \text{for } \theta &\in [0, 2\pi), \\ u(-1/2, y) &= 0, & \text{and } u(1/2, y) &= 0 & \text{for } y &\in (-1/2, 1/2), \\ u(x, -1/2) &= 0, & \text{and } u(x, 1/2) &= 0 & \text{for } x &\in (-1/2, 1/2). \end{aligned}$$

$\kappa_+ = 10$ and $\kappa_- = 1$						$\kappa_+ = 1$ and $\kappa_- = 100$					
J	$\frac{2\pi}{h\kappa_+}$	$\ u_h - u_{h/2}\ _2$	order	$\ u_h - u_{h/2}\ _\infty$	order	J	$\frac{2\pi}{h\kappa_-}$	$\ u_h - u_{h/2}\ _2$	order	$\ u_h - u_{h/2}\ _\infty$	order
6	40.2	8.2461E-01		3.6325E+00		7	8.0	3.5212E-02		2.6626E-01	
7	80.4	8.0665E-03	6.7	4.4579E-02	6.3	8	16.1	9.6191E-04	5.2	6.9248E-03	5.3
8	160.8	9.3400E-05	6.4	6.5308E-04	6.1	9	32.2	2.4508E-05	5.3	1.5983E-04	5.4
9	321.7	3.0871E-06	4.9	2.2701E-05	4.8	10	64.3	8.0117E-07	4.9	5.2179E-06	4.9
10	643.4	1.9575E-08	7.3	2.2072E-07	6.7						

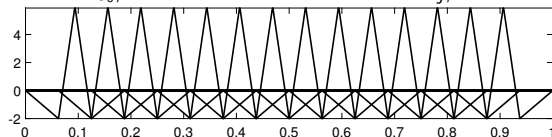


Preliminaries on wavelets

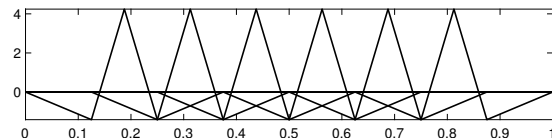
Let $\phi := (\phi^1, \dots, \phi^r)^\top$ and $\psi := (\psi^1, \dots, \psi^s)^\top$ be vectors of functions in $L_2(\mathbb{R})$. For $J \in \mathbb{Z}$, a **wavelet system** $\mathcal{B}_{J_0}(\phi; \psi)$ is defined to be

$$\mathcal{B}_{J_0}(\phi; \psi) := \{\phi_{J_0;k}^\ell : k \in \mathbb{Z}, \ell = 1, \dots, r\} \cup \{\psi_{j;k}^\ell : j \geq J_0, k \in \mathbb{Z}, \ell = 1, \dots, s\},$$

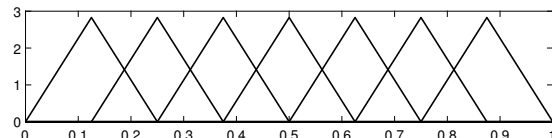
where $\phi_{J_0;k}^\ell := 2^{J_0/2} \phi^\ell(2^{J_0} \cdot -k)$ and $\psi_{j;k}^\ell := 2^{j/2} \psi^\ell(2^j \cdot -k)$.



$$\{2^2 \psi(2^4 \cdot -k), k = 1, \dots, 14\}$$



$$\{2^{3/2} \psi(2^3 \cdot -k), k = 1, \dots, 6\}$$



$$\{2^{3/2} \phi(2^3 \cdot -k), k = 1, \dots, 7\}$$

Preliminaries on wavelets

We say that $\mathcal{B}_{J_0}(\phi; \psi)$ is a Riesz basis of $L_2(\mathbb{R})$ if the linear span of $\mathcal{B}_{J_0}(\phi; \psi)$ is dense in $L_2(\mathbb{R})$ and $\mathcal{B}_{J_0}(\phi; \psi)$ is a Riesz sequence in $L_2(\mathbb{R})$, i.e., there exist positive constants C_1 and C_2 such that

$$C_1 \sum_{h \in \mathcal{B}_{J_0}(\phi; \psi)} |c_h|^2 \leq \left\| \sum_{h \in \mathcal{B}_{J_0}(\phi; \psi)} c_h h \right\|_{L_2(\mathbb{R})}^2 \leq C_2 \sum_{h \in \mathcal{B}_{J_0}(\phi; \psi)} |c_h|^2$$

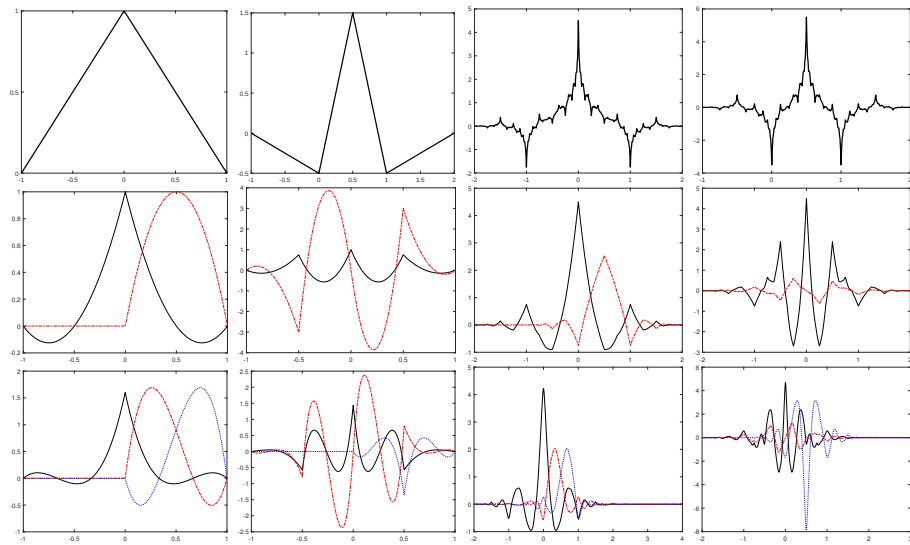
for all finitely supported sequences $\{c_h\}_{h \in \mathcal{B}_{J_0}(\phi; \psi)}$.

We say that $\{\phi; \psi\}$ is a Riesz wavelet in $L_2(\mathbb{R})$ if $\mathcal{B}_{J_0}(\phi; \psi)$ is a Riesz basis of $L_2(\mathbb{R})$.

Let $\tilde{\phi} := (\tilde{\phi}^1, \dots, \tilde{\phi}^r)^\top$ and $\tilde{\psi} := (\tilde{\psi}^1, \dots, \tilde{\psi}^s)^\top$ be vectors of functions in $L_2(\mathbb{R})$. We say that $(\{\tilde{\phi}; \tilde{\psi}\}, \{\phi; \psi\})$ is a biorthogonal wavelet in $L_2(\mathbb{R})$ if both $\{\tilde{\phi}; \tilde{\psi}\}$ and $\{\phi; \psi\}$ are Riesz bases in $L_2(\mathbb{R})$ such that $\mathcal{B}_{J_0}(\tilde{\phi}; \tilde{\psi})$ and $\mathcal{B}_{J_0}(\phi; \psi)$ are biorthogonal to each other in $L_2(\mathbb{R})$.

Three examples of biorthogonal wavelets

Left to right: $\phi, \psi, \tilde{\phi}$, and $\tilde{\psi}$. Each row represents an example.



Fundamental result on biorthogonal wavelets

Thm: Let $\phi, \tilde{\phi}$ be $r \times 1$ vectors of compactly supported distributions and $\psi, \tilde{\psi}$ be $s \times 1$ vectors of compactly supported distributions on $\mathbb{R}$. Then $(\{\tilde{\phi}; \tilde{\psi}\}, \{\phi; \psi\})$ is a biorthogonal wavelet in $L_2(\mathbb{R})$ iff

- (1) $\phi, \tilde{\phi} \in (L_2(\mathbb{R}))^r$ and $\widehat{\phi}(0) \widehat{\tilde{\phi}}(0)^T = 1$.
- (2) ϕ and $\tilde{\phi}$ are biorthogonal to each other: $\langle \phi, \tilde{\phi}(\cdot - k) \rangle = \delta(k) I_r$ for all $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.
- (3) There exist $a, \tilde{a}, b, \tilde{b} \in (l_0(\mathbb{Z}))^{r \times r}$ (finitely supported sequences)

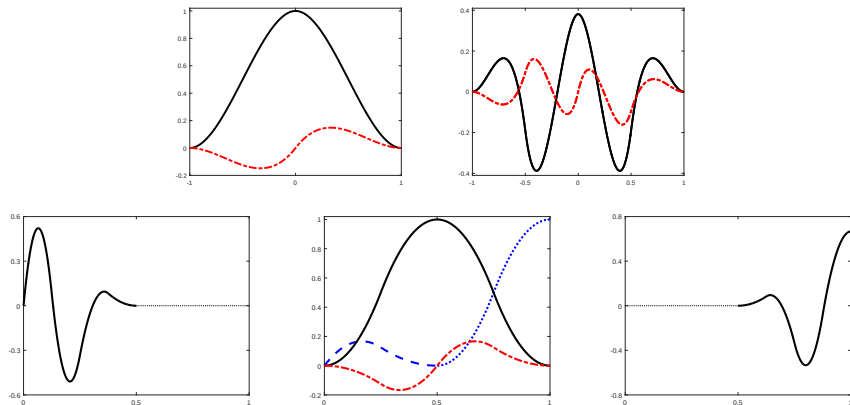
$$\begin{aligned}\phi &= 2 \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} a(k) \phi(2 \cdot - k), & \psi &= 2 \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} b(k) \phi(2 \cdot - k), \\ \tilde{\phi} &= 2 \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \tilde{a}(k) \tilde{\phi}(2 \cdot - k), & \tilde{\psi} &= 2 \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \tilde{b}(k) \tilde{\phi}(2 \cdot - k),\end{aligned}$$

and $(\{\tilde{a}; \tilde{b}\}, \{a; b\})$ is a biorthogonal wavelet filter bank, i.e., $s = r$ and

$$\begin{bmatrix} \widehat{\tilde{a}}(\xi) & \widehat{\tilde{a}}(\xi + \pi) \\ \widehat{\tilde{b}}(\xi) & \widehat{\tilde{b}}(\xi + \pi) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{a}(\xi)^T & \widehat{b}(\xi)^T \\ \widehat{a}(\xi + \pi)^T & \widehat{b}(\xi + \pi)^T \end{bmatrix} = I_{2r}, \quad \xi \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- (4) Every element in ψ and $\tilde{\psi}$ has at least one vanishing moment.

One more example of a wavelet system



Define $\Phi_1 := \{\phi_{1;0}^L, \phi_{1;1}^L, \phi_{1;1}^R\}$,

$\Psi_j := \{\psi_{j;0}^L\} \cup \{\psi_{j;k} : 1 \leq k \leq 2^j - 1\} \cup \{\psi_{j;2^j-1}^R\}$, $j \geq J_0$, and

$\mathcal{B}_{1,J}^{1D} := \Phi_1 \cup \bigcup_{j=J_0}^{J-1} \Psi_j$.

Example

Consider the following differential equation:

$$-u'' + 5u = f \text{ on } (0, 1), \quad u(0) = 0, \quad u'(1) = 0,$$

where the exact solution is $u(x) = 100(1 - e^{-x}) - 100e^{-1}x$. Let

$$u_J := \sum_{\eta \in \mathcal{B}_{1,J}^{1D}} c_\eta \eta.$$

The coefficients c_η can be found by solving the following linear system

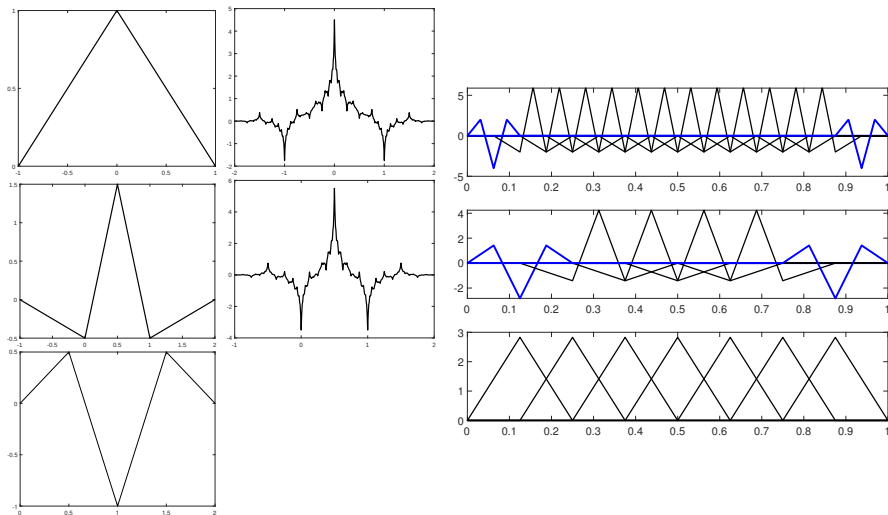
$$\langle u'_J, v \rangle + \langle u_J, v \rangle = \langle f, v \rangle, \quad v \in \mathcal{B}_{1,J}^{1D}.$$

Level	Size	Iteration	κ	$\ e_n\ _{L_\infty}$	$\ e_n\ _{L_2}$	$\log_2 \frac{\ e_{n-1}\ _{L_2}}{\ e_n\ _{L_2}}$
5	128	15	3.2106	4.2213e-07	1.8141e-07	3.0089
6	256	15	3.2106	5.2757e-08	2.2607e-08	3.0044
7	512	15	3.2106	6.5948e-09	2.8215e-09	3.0022
8	1024	15	3.2106	8.2152e-10	3.5243e-10	3.0011
9	2048	16	3.2106	1.1396e-10	4.5919e-11	2.9402

How about the 2D case?

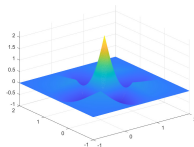
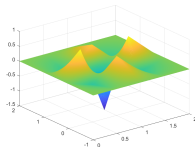
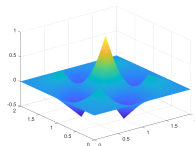
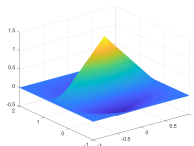
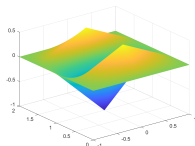
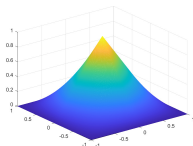
- Any compactly supported biorthogonal wavelet can be adapted to the unit interval.
- Use tensor product.
- Use the weak formulation to obtain an approximated solution.

Biorthogonal wavelet in $H_0^1(\Omega)$ from the 2D hat function



Biorthogonal wavelet in $H_0^1(\Omega)$ from the 2D hat function

Below are plots of some generators of $\mathcal{B}_{J_0}^{H_0^1(\Omega)}$:



Wavelets in $L_2(\mathcal{I})$, $\mathcal{I} := (0, 1)$.

Given a compactly supported biorthogonal wavelet $(\{\tilde{\phi}; \tilde{\psi}\}, \{\phi; \psi\})$ in $L_2(\mathbb{R})$, we construct a biorthogonal wavelet $(\tilde{\mathcal{B}}^{1D}, \mathcal{B}^{1D})$ in $L_2(\mathcal{I})$

$$\mathcal{B}_{J_0}^{1D} := \Phi_{J_0} \cup \bigcup_{j=J_0}^{\infty} \Psi_j \subseteq L_2(\mathcal{I}), \quad \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{J_0}^{1D} := \tilde{\Phi}_{J_0} \cup \bigcup_{j=J_0}^{\infty} \tilde{\Psi}_j \subseteq L_2(\mathcal{I}),$$

where $J_0 \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\Phi_{J_0} = \{\phi_{J_0,0}^L\} \cup \{\phi_{J_0,k} : n_{l,\phi} \leq k \leq 2^{J_0} - n_{h,\phi}\} \cup \{\phi_{J_0,2^{J_0}-1}^R\},$$

$$\Psi_j = \{\psi_{j,0}^L\} \cup \{\psi_{j,k} : n_{l,\psi} \leq k \leq 2^j - n_{h,\psi}\} \cup \{\psi_{j,2^j-1}^R\}, \quad j \geq J_0,$$

$\phi^R := \phi^L(1 - \cdot)$, $\psi^R := \psi^L(1 - \cdot)$, and $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{J_0}^{1D}$ is similarly defined by adding $\sim$ to each element in $\mathcal{B}^{1D}$.

Wavelets in Sobolev spaces

Thm Let $(\{\tilde{\phi}; \tilde{\psi}\}, \{\phi; \psi\})$ be any compactly supported biorthogonal wavelet in $L_2(\mathbb{R})$ such that every entry of ϕ belongs to $H^1(\mathbb{R})$. Let $(\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{J_0}^{1D,x}, \mathcal{B}_{J_0}^{1D,x})$ and $(\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{J_0}^{1D,y}, \mathcal{B}_{J_0}^{1D,y})$ be biorthogonal wavelets in $L_2(\mathcal{I})$ from $(\{\tilde{\phi}; \tilde{\psi}\}, \{\phi; \psi\})$ such that

$$\mathcal{B}_{J_0}^{1D,x} \subseteq \{f \in H^1(\mathcal{I}) : f(0) = f(1) = 0\},$$

$$\mathcal{B}_{J_0}^{1D,y} \subseteq \{f \in H^1(\mathcal{I}) : f(0) = 0\}.$$

Define $\mathcal{B}_{J_0}^{2D} := \Phi_{J_0}^{2D} \cup \bigcup_{j=J_0}^{\infty} \Psi_j^{2D}$ with

$$\Phi_{J_0}^{2D} := \{\Phi_{J_0}^x \otimes \Phi_{J_0}^y\} \quad \text{and} \quad \Psi_j^{2D} := \{\Phi_j^x \otimes \Psi_j^y, \Psi_j^x \otimes \Phi_j^y, \Psi_j^x \otimes \Psi_j^y\},$$

and define $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{J_0}^{2D}$ similarly using the dual functions. Then, $(\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{J_0}^{2D}, \mathcal{B}_{J_0}^{2D})$ is a biorthogonal wavelet basis in $L_2(\Omega)$ and

$$\mathcal{B}_{J_0}^{\mathcal{H}} := [2^{-J_0} \Phi_{J_0}^{2D}] \cup \bigcup_{j=J_0}^{\infty} [2^{-j} \Psi_j^{2D}]$$

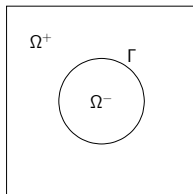
is a Riesz basis of the Sobolev space

$$\mathcal{H}(\Omega) := \{u \in H^1(\Omega) : u = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega \setminus \Gamma\}.$$

Elliptic interface problems

Consider the following problem

$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla \cdot (a \nabla u) &= f \quad \text{in } \Omega \setminus \Gamma, \\ \llbracket u \rrbracket &= g, \quad \llbracket a \nabla u \cdot \nu \rrbracket = g_\Gamma \quad \text{on } \Gamma, \\ u &= g_b \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega, \end{aligned}$$



where $\Omega := (0, 1)^2$, Γ is a smooth interface curve,

$$\llbracket v \rrbracket(x) := \lim_{y \in \Omega^+, y \rightarrow x} v(y) - \lim_{z \in \Omega^-, z \rightarrow x} v(z) \quad \text{for } x \in \Gamma,$$

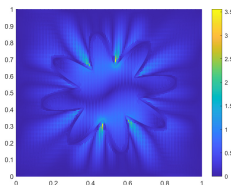
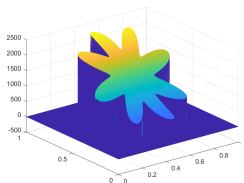
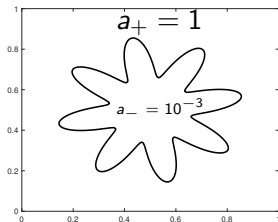
$a \in L_\infty(\Omega)$ with $\text{ess-inf}_{x,y \in \Omega} a(x,y) > 0$, $f \in L_2(\Omega)$, $g_\Gamma \in H^{-1/2}(\Gamma)$, and $g, g_b \in H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega)$.

Example

Let $a_+ = 1$, $a_- = 10^{-3}$, and f, g, g_Γ, g_b be chosen so that

$$u_+ = \cos(4x - 2), \quad u_- = 10^3 \sin(4y - 2) + 1500.$$

This makes $g, g_\Gamma \neq 0$ on Γ , and $g_b \neq 0$ on $\partial\Omega$.



J	N_J	$B_{3,J}^{S,H_0^1(\Omega)}$ (ours)						$B_{3,J}^{2D,H_0^1(\Omega)}$ (traditional) or Φ_J^{2D} (FEM)					
		cond	$\frac{\ u-u_J\ _2}{\ u\ _2}$	order	$\frac{\ \nabla u - \nabla u_J\ _2}{\ \nabla u\ _2}$	order	N_J	$\frac{\ u-u_J\ _2}{\ u\ _2}$	order	$\frac{\ \nabla u - \nabla u_J\ _2}{\ \nabla u\ _2}$	order		
4	4585	5.33E+3	1.27E-1		3.85E-1		225	2.47E-1		7.19E-1			
5	22857	8.23E+3	3.01E-2	1.79	1.98E-1	0.828	961	1.82E-1	0.417	5.30E-1	0.420		
6	97497	9.71E+3	7.79E-3	1.86	9.27E-2	1.05	3969	9.62E-2	0.900	3.51E-1	0.580		
7	398713	1.08E+4	1.58E-3	2.26	4.71E-2	0.961	16129	5.24E-2	0.866	2.44E-1	0.519		

Neural networks

For a given activation function σ , the function $\phi : \mathbb{R}^{d_{\text{in}}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d_{\text{out}}}$ is a σ network with $L \in \mathbb{N}$ layers if

$$\phi := \mathcal{L}_L \circ \sigma \circ \mathcal{L}_{L-1} \circ \sigma \circ \cdots \circ \sigma \circ \mathcal{L}_1 \circ \sigma \circ \mathcal{L}_0,$$

where

- $\mathcal{L}_i(y_i) := W_i y_i + b_i$, $W_i \in \mathbb{R}^{N_{i+1} \times N_i}$, $y_i \in \mathbb{R}^{N_i}$, $b_i \in \mathbb{R}^{N_{i+1}}$,
- $N_0 = d_{\text{in}}$, $N_{L+1} = d_{\text{out}}$,
- $b_i \in \mathbb{R}^{N_{i+1}}$, and
- the activation function is applied elementwise.

Let θ denote all trainable parameters in the network. In what follows, we use ϕ_θ to emphasize the dependence on θ .

Physics-informed neural networks (PINN)

Original paper: Raissi, Perdikaris, and Karniadakis (2019).

Consider the following PDE:

$$\begin{aligned}u_t + \mathcal{L}[u] &= 0, & x \in \Omega, \ t \in [0, T], \\u(x, 0) &= g(x), & x \in \partial\Omega, \\\mathcal{B}[u] &= 0, & x \in \partial\Omega, \ t \in [0, T],\end{aligned}$$

where

- $\mathcal{L}[\cdot]$ is a linear or nonlinear differential operator, and
- $\mathcal{B}[\cdot]$ is a boundary operator such as Dirichlet, Neumann, Robin, or periodic boundary conditions.

Physics-informed neural networks (PINN)

Define the PDE residuals as

$$\mathcal{R}_\theta(x, t) := \frac{\partial \phi_\theta(x, t)}{\partial t} + \mathcal{L}[\phi_\theta](x, t).$$

Suppose that $\{x_{\text{ic}}^i\}_{i=1}^{N_{\text{ic}}} \subset \partial\Omega$, $\{x_{\text{bc}}^i, t_{\text{bc}}^i\}_{i=1}^{N_{\text{bc}}} \subset \partial\Omega \times [0, T]$, and $\{x_r^i, t_r^i\}_{i=1}^{N_r} \subset \Omega \times [0, T]$.

Then, we minimize the following sum of loss functions

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = \mathcal{L}_{\text{ic}}(\theta) + \mathcal{L}_{\text{bc}}(\theta) + \mathcal{L}_r(\theta),$$

where

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{ic}}(\theta) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{ic}}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{ic}}} |\phi_\theta(x_{\text{ic}}^i, 0) - g(x_{\text{ic}}^i)|^2, \quad \mathcal{L}_{\text{bc}}(\theta) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{bc}}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{bc}}} |\mathcal{B}[\phi_\theta](x_{\text{bc}}^i, t_{\text{bc}}^i)|^2,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_r(\theta) = \frac{1}{N_r} \sum_{i=1}^{N_r} |\mathcal{R}_\theta(x_r^i, t_r^i)|^2.$$

Let's do a demo.

Neural operators: DeepONet

Original paper: Lu, Jin, Pang, Zhang, and Karniadakis (2021).

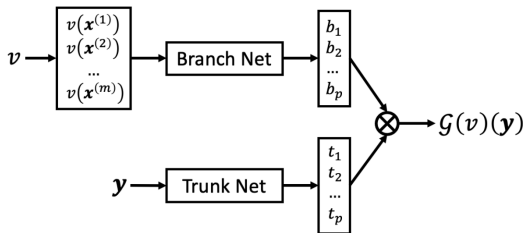
DeepONet aims to approximate an operator (the mapping from functions to functions). Define the target nonlinear operator as

$$\mathcal{G} : v \mapsto u,$$

where

$$v : x \mapsto v(x) \in \mathbb{R}, \quad x \in D \subset \mathbb{R}^d, \quad \text{and} \quad u : y \mapsto u(y) \in \mathbb{R}, \quad y \in D' \subset \mathbb{R}^{d'}.$$

The vanilla DeepONet has two parts: branch and trunk networks.



Neural operators: DeepONet

Consider the following PDE

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}[u; k] &= f, & x \in \Omega, \\ \mathcal{B}[u] &= g, & x \in \partial\Omega,\end{aligned}$$

where $\mathcal{L}$ is a differential operator, $\mathcal{B}$ is the boundary operator, and $k = k(x)$ parameterizes $\mathcal{L}$.

Goal: use DeepONet to approximate the solution operator $\mathcal{G} : k, f \mapsto u$.

How to train?

- Generate many $(\tilde{k}, \tilde{f})$ pairs, say M pairs.
- For each pair, use classical discretization method to obtain an approximated solution, $\tilde{u}$.
- Train the DeepONet by using $\{(\tilde{k}_i, \tilde{f}_i)\}_{i=1}^M$ as inputs and $\{\tilde{u}_i\}_{i=1}^M$ as the output.

Let's do a demo.