

## Finite Differences for Helmholtz/Poisson-Problem

The *Finite Difference Method* (FDM) is a numerical method to solve *Partial Differential Equations* (PDEs) approximately.

### Poisson Problem

We want to solve the Poisson equation

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta u(x, y) &= f(x, y), & (x, y) &\in [0, L]^2 \\ u(x, 0) &= b(x), & x &\in [0, L] \\ u(x, L) &= t(x), & x &\in [0, L] \\ u(L, y) &= r(y), & y &\in [0, L] \\ u(0, y) &= l(y), & y &\in [0, L] \end{aligned}$$

on a unit-square with  $L = 1$ . The domain is discretized uniformly with  $N$  grid-points per dimensions leading to  $h = \frac{1}{N-1}$ .

We discretize the Laplacian using central finite differences with second order as

$$\Delta u(x, y) = \frac{-u(x+h, y) - u(x-h, y) + 4u(x, y) - u(x, y+h) - u(x, y-h)}{h^2} + \mathcal{O}(h^2)$$

such that the stencil for node values reads

$$u_{i,j} \approx \frac{-u_{i+1,j} - u_{i-1,j} + 4u_{i,j} - u_{i,j+1} - u_{i,j-1}}{h^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [-\Delta u_h]_{\xi} = \frac{1}{h^2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \xi \in \Omega_h$$

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In [1]: using LinearAlgebra
using SparseArrays
using Plots
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### Domain and Boundary Conditions

The domain  $\bar{\Omega} [0, L]^2$  is split into the nodes  $\{(x_i, y_j)\}_{i,j=0\dots N} \in \bar{\Omega}_h$  with

$$x_i = \frac{L}{N-1}, \quad y_j = \frac{L}{N-1}$$

The interior nodes are  $\{(x_i, y_j)\}_{i,j=1\dots N-1} \in \Omega_h$ . We further need boundary conditions for all four sides of the unit square.

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In [2]: struct UnitSquare
    N::Int64
    h::Float64
    xh::Array{Float64,1}
    yh::Array{Float64,1}
    function UnitSquare(N)
        h = 1/(N-1)
        xh = range(0, 1, step=h)
        yh = range(0, 1, step=h)
        N = new(N, h, xh, yh)
    end
end

struct UnitSquareBCs
    bot
    right
    top
    left
end
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## Discretization of Poisson Problem

### TODO

- Explain Matrix structure and RHS
- Define Kronecker product and Kronecker sum

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In [3]: function Δh(Ω::UnitSquare)
    ⊗ = kron
    dxx = spdiags(-1⇒ones(Ω.N-3), 0⇒-2ones(Ω.N-2), 1⇒ones(Ω.N-3))
    dyy = spdiags(-1⇒ones(Ω.N-3), 0⇒-2ones(Ω.N-2), 1⇒ones(Ω.N-3))
    return 1/Ω.h2 * (I(Ω.N-2) ⊗ dxx + dyy ⊗ I(Ω.N-2))
end

function bh(Ω::UnitSquare, f, bcs::UnitSquareBCs)
    N = Ω.N
    xInt = Ω.xh[2:end-1]
    yInt = Ω.yh[2:end-1]

    fh = vec(f.(xInt,yInt'))
    bh = 1/Ω.h2 .* vec(bcs.bot.(xInt))
    rh = 1/Ω.h2 .* vec(bcs.right.(yInt))
    th = 1/Ω.h2 .* vec(bcs.top.(xInt))
    lh = 1/Ω.h2 .* vec(bcs.left.(yInt))

    bvec = zeros((N-2)2)
    bvec += fh
    bvec[1 : 1 : N-2] += bh
    bvec[(N-2)*(N-2-1)+1 : 1 : end] += rh
    bvec[(N-2) : (N-2) : end] += th
    bvec[1 : (N-2) : end] += lh

    return bvec
end

function solvePoisson(Ω::UnitSquare, f, bcs::UnitSquareBCs)
    A = -Δh(Ω)
    b = bh(Ω, f, bcs)
    return (A) \ b
end

function plotSol(Ω::UnitSquare, u, bcs::UnitSquareBCs, edgeAvg=true)
    pyplot()
    N = Ω.N
    uMat = zeros(N,N)
    uMat[2:end-1,2:end-1] = reshape(u, (N-2, N-2))
    uMat[2:N-1,1] = vec(bcs.bot.(Ω.xh[2:end-1]))
    uMat[2:N-1,N] = vec(bcs.top.(Ω.xh[2:end-1]))
    uMat[N,2:N-1] = vec(bcs.right.(Ω.yh[2:end-1]))
    uMat[1,2:N-1] = vec(bcs.left.(Ω.yh[2:end-1]))
    if edgeAvg
        uMat[1,1] = 0.5 * (uMat[1,2] + uMat[2,1])
        uMat[1,N] = 0.5 * (uMat[1,N-1] + uMat[2,N])
        uMat[N,1] = 0.5 * (uMat[N-1,1] + uMat[N,2])
        uMat[N,N] = 0.5 * (uMat[N-1,N] + uMat[N-1,N])
    else
        uMat[1,1] = uMat[1,N] = uMat[N,1] = uMat[N,N] = 0
    end
    Plots.surface(Ω.xh, Ω.yh, uMat', camera=(35, 35), title="Discrete Solution")
end
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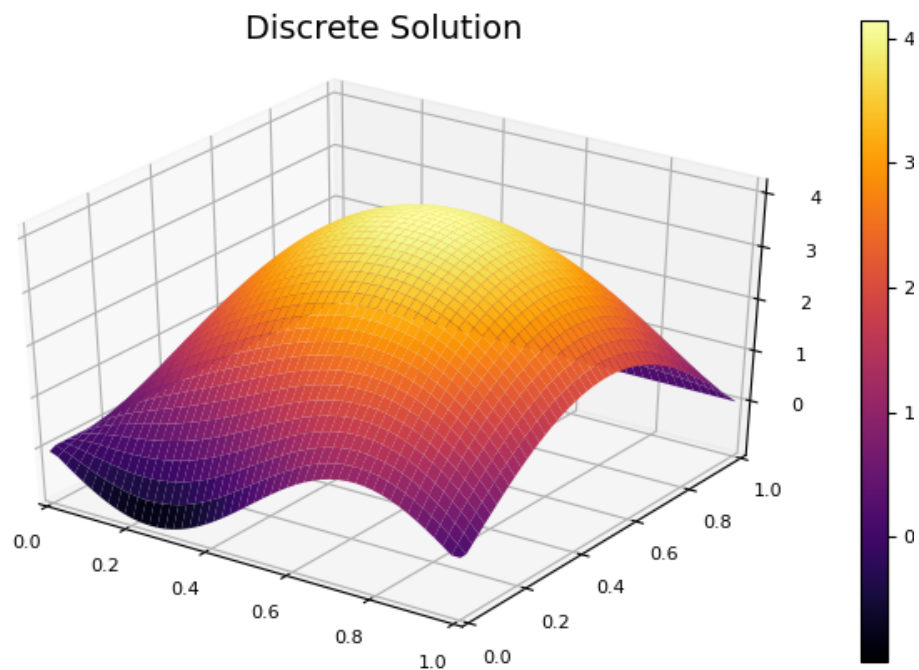
Out[3]: plotSol (generic function with 2 methods)

## Experiments

- Show a solution with inhomogenous boundary conditions and source
- Discuss maximum principle (no source!)

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In [4]: Ω = UnitSquare(50)
bcs = UnitSquareBCs(x -> -sin(2pi*x), y -> 2sin(pi*y), x -> 0, y -> 0)
f(x,y) = 50
u = solvePoisson(Ω, f, bcs)
plotSol(Ω, u, bcs)
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Out[4]:



## Conditioning of System Matrix

We know from the lecture that

$$\kappa_2(A) = \frac{\lambda_{\max}}{\lambda_{\min}} = \frac{2}{\pi h^2} (1 + \mathcal{O}(h^2))$$

We observe this numerically.

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In [5]: using Printf
condArray = Vector{Float64}()
hArray = Vector{Float64}()
for exp = 2:5
    N = 2^exp
    Ω = UnitSquare(2^exp)
    A = Array(Δh(Ω))
    condNum = cond(A)
    h = Ω.h
    @printf "%.5f %.5f\n" h condNum
    append!(condArray, condNum)
    append!(hArray, h)
end
plot(
    hArray, [condArray, 0.5 ./ (hArray.^2)],
    xaxis="Meshsize h", :log, yaxis="κ₂(A)", :log, label=["κ(A)" "O(1/h^
2)"], marker = (:circle, 2),
    title="Condition Number of Laplacian Matrix"
)

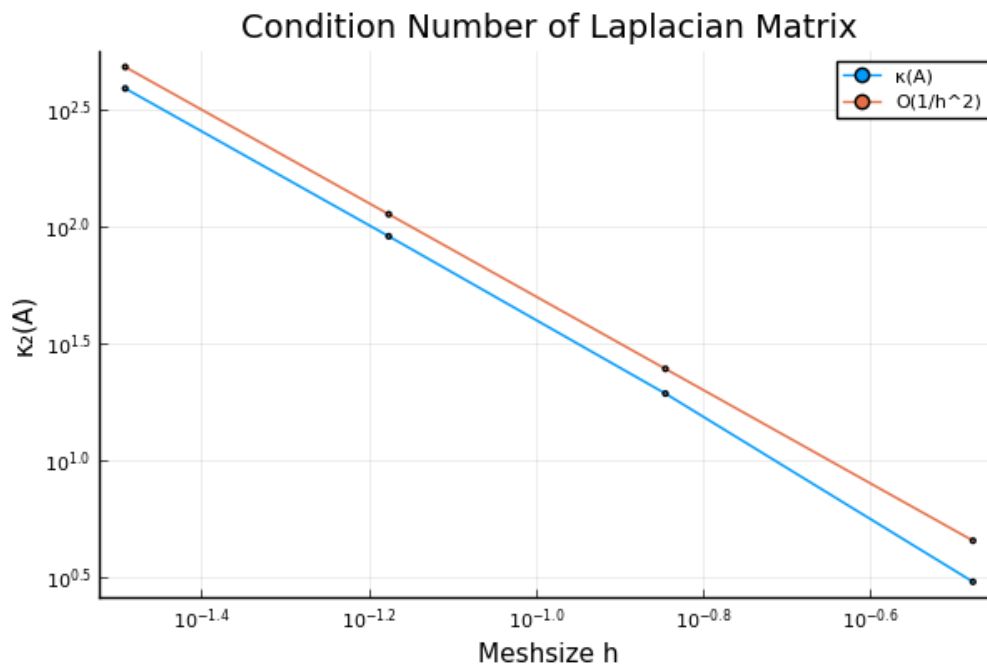
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0.33333 3.00000
0.14286 19.19567
0.06667 90.52313
0.03226 388.81213

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Out[5]:



## Helmholtz Problem

- Derivation comes from the Wave equation, details in the lecture
- Important in Physics: Electromagnetic waves?

We now quickly consider the Helmholtz problem (positive Laplace plus identity term) as

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta u(x, y) + k^2 u(x, y) &= f(x, y), & (x, y) \in [0, L]^2 \\ u(x, 0) &= b(x), & x \in [0, L] \\ u(x, L) &= t(x), & x \in [0, L] \\ u(L, y) &= r(y), & y \in [0, L] \\ u(0, y) &= l(y), & y \in [0, L]\end{aligned}$$

with the wavenumber  $k$ . The discretization is similar to the Poisson problem. We again use 2nd-order central differences and add an diagonal term  $k^2$ . The resulting stencil reads

$$[\Delta u_h]_\xi + k^2 [I_h]_\xi = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -4 + k^2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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In [6]: function solveHelmholtz(Ω::UnitSquare, f, k::Number, bcs::UnitSquareBCs)
        A = Δh(Ω) + k^2 * I((Ω.N-2)^2)
        b = bh(Ω, f, bcs)
        return (A) \ b
    end
    Ω = UnitSquare(75)
    bcsHelm = UnitSquareBCs(x -> 0, y -> 0, x -> 0, y -> 0)
    f(x,y) = sqrt((x-0.5)^2+(y-0.5)^2) < 0.37 ? 1 : 0
    u = solveHelmholtz(Ω, f, 25, bcsHelm)
    plotSol(Ω, u, bcsHelm)
```

Out[6]:

Discrete Solution

