

Discretization of 2nd Order DE: Summary

Goal: Discretize 2nd order equation on $[a, b]$ with h

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = f(x)$$

$$y(a) = c \text{ "fixed"} \quad y(b) = d$$

$$y'(a) = c \text{ "free"} \quad y'(b) = d$$

Pointwise Method:

① Find sample points $x_0 = a, x_1 = a+h, \dots, x_{n+1} = b$

② Write pointwise equations at x_1, \dots, x_n

$$y_k'' + p(x_k)y_k' + q(x_k)y_k = f(x_k)$$

③ Substitute

(second diff) $y_k'' = (1/h)^2 (y_{k+1} - 2y_k + y_{k-1})$

(centered diff) $y_k' = \frac{1}{2h} (y_{k+1} - y_{k-1})$

(boundary cond.) $y(a) = c \rightarrow y_0 = c$ "fixed" $y(b) = d \rightarrow y_{n+1} = d$

(In first & last equation) $y'(a) = c \rightarrow y_0 = y_1 - h \cdot c$ "free" $y'(b) = d \rightarrow y_{n+1} = y_n + h \cdot d$

④ Simplify & convert to matrix equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{Matrix} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f(x_1) - \dots \\ \vdots \\ f(x_n) - \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix Operator Method:

① Find sample points $x_0 = a, x_1 = a+h, \dots, x_{n+1} = b$

② Convert parts of equation to matrices

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{second} \\ \text{diff. matrix} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \text{centered} \\ \text{diff. mat.} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} q(x_k) \text{ on} \\ \text{diag. mat.} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ f(x_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

③ Account for boundary values $\begin{cases} f(x_1) \mapsto f(x_1) - \dots \\ f(x_n) \mapsto f(x_n) - \dots \end{cases}$

Note: Second difference & centered difference matrices change depending on type of boundary values.

$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$
fixed-fixed	free-fixed	free-free

$\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	$\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	$\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
fixed-fixed	free-fixed	free-free

Note: Effect of boundary conditions:

$$y(a) = c \rightarrow y_0 = c$$

vs.

$$y'(a) = c \rightarrow y_0 = y_1 - h \cdot c$$

$$y(b) = d \rightarrow y_{n+1} = d$$

vs.

$$y'(b) = d \rightarrow y_{n+1} = y_n + h \cdot d$$

Ex: $y'' + 4y' + 5xy = 0$ on $[1, 2]$ with $h = 1/5$

with $y(1) = 0$ & $y(2) = 0$
 $y(1) = 3$ & $y(2) = -2$ (in Red)

$1/h = 5$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 25 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + 4 \cdot \frac{5}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ y_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Annotations: $25-10$, 45 , (-70) , $25+10$, (-2) , (3)

Top equation: $25(y_2 - 2y_1 + y_0) + 10(y_2 - y_0) + 6y_1 = 0$
 $y_0 = 3$

Bottom equation: $25(y_5 - 2y_4 + y_3) + 10(y_5 - y_3) + 9y_4 = 0$
 $y_5 = -2$

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with $y'(1) = 0$ & $y'(2) = 0$
 $y'(1) = 3$ & $y'(2) = -2$ (in Red)

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Annotations: $25-10$, (-9) , (-14) , $(-1/5) \cdot 3$, $(1/5) \cdot (-2)$, $25+10$, $free-free$

Top eqn: $25(y_2 - 2y_1 + y_0) + 10(y_2 - y_0) + 6y_1 = 0$
 $y_0 = y_1 - 1/5 \cdot 3$

Bottom eqn: $25(y_5 - 2y_4 + y_3) + 10(y_5 - y_3) + 9y_4 = 0$
 $y_5 = y_4 + 1/5 \cdot (-2)$