

3. Assignment „Numerische Mathematik für Ingenieure II“

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A problem where finite differences on a nonuniform grid are helpful

1. Exercise: Update of difference formula for nonuniform grid **6 points**

Let $\bar{\Omega} = [0, 1]$ and the grid $\bar{\Omega}^h = \{x_0, \dots, x_N\}$ where $0 = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_N = 1$. Now fix $i = 1, \dots, N-1$ and use $h_i := x_i - x_{i-1}$ to define the adapted differences

$$\begin{aligned} (D^- u)_i &:= \frac{u_i - u_{i-1}}{x_i - x_{i-1}} = \frac{u_i - u_{i-1}}{h_i}, \\ (D^+ u)_i &:= \frac{u_{i+1} - u_i}{x_{i+1} - x_i} = \frac{u_{i+1} - u_i}{h_{i+1}}, \\ (D^0 u)_i &:= \frac{u_{i+1} - u_{i-1}}{x_{i+1} - x_{i-1}} = \frac{u_{i+1} - u_{i-1}}{h_i + h_{i+1}}. \end{aligned}$$

where $u_i = u(x_i)$ and $u \in C^4(\bar{\Omega})$. For $h_i = \text{constant}$ for all i such a $\bar{\Omega}^h$ is called *uniform grid*, otherwise it is called *nonuniform grid*.

(a) Derive a formula for the second derivative of $u''(x_i)$ which uses $\{u_{i-1}, u_i, u_{i+1}\}$, i.e.

$$u''(x_i) = \alpha_i u_{i-1} + \beta_i u_i + \gamma_i u_{i+1} + R$$

where $\alpha_i, \beta_i, \gamma_i$ depend on h_i, h_{i+1} .

(b) What is the order p of the remainder for general h_i, h_{i+1} , i.e., $|R| < C_1 h^p$?

(c) Under which special conditions on h_i, h_{i+1} is the order of the remainder better?

Hint: Use Taylor's series as in the lecture.

2. Programming exercise: Elliptic boundary value problem **6 points**

Implement a finite difference scheme for the problem

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad -au''(x) + bu'(x) + cu(x) &= f(x), \quad x \in (0, 1) \\ u(0) &= \alpha, \quad u(1) = \beta, \end{aligned}$$

for a given arbitrary nonuniform mesh $\mathbf{xh} = \bar{\Omega}^h$ with constants a, b, c, α, β .

(a) Specify the resulting set of linear equations $\mathbf{Lh} * \mathbf{uh} = \mathbf{fh}$ using D^+ or D^- or D^0 as an approximation for the first order derivative in a compact form.

(b) Write a MATLAB function `[Lh, fh] = a03ex02getPDE(xh, f, consts, flag)` where the model parameters are contained in `consts=[a b c alpha beta]` and $f_i = f(x_i)$ for $i = 0..N$. The character `flag` selects the approximation for u' : `'-'` for D^- , `'+'` for D^+ and `'0'` for D^0 .

Assume $N = \text{length}(\mathbf{xh}) - 1$, then the function should either return a sparse $\mathbb{R}^{N+1 \times N+1}$ or a sparse $\mathbb{R}^{N-1 \times N-1}$ matrix \mathbf{Lh} depending on whether you choose $\mathbf{Lh}, \mathbf{fh}, \mathbf{uh}$ to represent the full or reduced problem (your choice).

3. Programming exercise: Singularly perturbed boundary-value problem **8 points**

Explanation: Consider the elliptic boundary value problem (1) with $a = \varepsilon, b = 1, c = 0, \alpha = \beta = 0, f(x) = 1$, where we are interested in small but positive values of ε . Simply setting

$a = 0$ does not help, because the solution (if exists) is not close to the one for $0 < a = \varepsilon \ll 1$ and it changes the order of the PDE. This basically defines a singularly perturbed problem. The exact solution for this problem

$$u_\varepsilon(x) = x - \frac{e^{-(1-x)/\varepsilon} - e^{-1/\varepsilon}}{1 - e^{-1/\varepsilon}},$$

is shown in the figure below. As we see $u_0(x) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} u_\varepsilon(x) = x$ for $0 \leq x < 1$, but $u_0(x)$ does not satisfy the boundary conditions at $x = 1$ in a smooth way. Thereby the solution creates a thin region near $x = 1$ (also known as boundary layer) where u_ε changes rapidly. The width of the region depends on ε and thereby derivatives of u_ε become large as $x \rightarrow 1$ and $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$. That means that the constant $u^{(k)}(\xi)h^{k-2}$ ($k > 2$) in the remainder of the difference quotient for u'' is big. In order to make the remainder small we need to make h very very small.

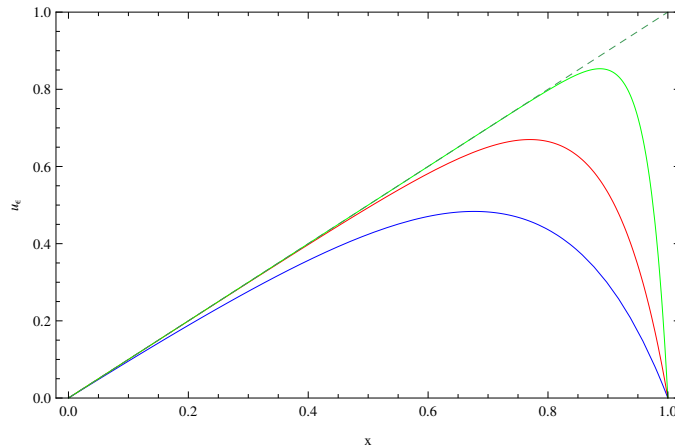


Figure: $u_\varepsilon(x)$ for $\varepsilon = \{1/5, 1/10, 1/30\}$ (blue, red, green) and the function $u_0(x) = x$ (dashed)

- Use the function from the previous programming exercise and write a function `uh=a03ex03solve(eps,xh,flag)` which returns the solution of the singularly perturbed problem for given `eps`= ε , grid `xh`, and approximation for the first derivative selected by `flag` as in the previous exercise.
- Write a function `[err,uex] = a03ex03error(eps,xh,uh)` that returns the error `err` between `uh` and the restricted exact solution, which is also to be returned as `uex`.
- Write a function `xh = a03ex03shishkin(k,sigma)` that generates a column vector of size $2k+1$ describing a “Shishkin” grid `xh` that is defined by

$$\text{xh}(i) = \begin{cases} (i-1)H & \text{for } i = 1, \dots, k \\ (1 - \text{sigma}) + (i - k - 1)h & \text{for } i = k + 1, \dots, 2k + 1 \end{cases}$$

where $H = (1 - \text{sigma})/k$ and $h = \text{sigma}/k$.

- Write a script `a03ex03experiment.m` that plots the exact and approximated solution for `eps`=0.001 and all $k \in \{5, 50, 500, 5000\}$ on a
 - uniform grid with $h = 1/(2k)$ and forward difference operator D^+ (`flag='+'`).
 - uniform grid with $h = 1/(2k)$ and central difference operator D^0 (`flag='0'`).
 - uniform grid with $h = 1/(2k)$ and backward difference operator D^- (`flag='-'`).
 - non-uniform Shishkin grid with `sigma=4*eps*log(2*k)` and central difference operator D^0 (`flag='0'`).

Use the command `figure(1), figure(2), figure(3), figure(4)` to group plots corresponding to i,ii,iii,iv in plot 1,2,3,4. Results with different k but same operator should go into the same figure. Use the command `title` to add information about the error for different k and the used operator.

Remark: If we write h in this exercise, we mean $h = \max_{\{i-1, i, i+1\}} h_i$.

total sum: 20 points