

# **Finite Difference Discretization of Elliptic Equations: 1D Problem**

**Lectures 2 and 3**

## Model Problem

## Boundary Value Problem (BVP)

$$-u_{xx}(x) = f(x)$$

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$$x \in (0, 1), \quad u(0) = u(1) = 0, \quad f \in C^0$$

N2

N3

Describes many simple physical phenomena (e.g.):

- Deformation of an elastic bar
- Deformation of a string under tension
- Temperature distribution in a bar

N4

N5

N6

## Model Problem

## Solution Properties

- The solution  $u(x)$  always **exists**
- $u(x)$  is always “**smoother**” than the data  $f(x)$
- If  $f(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x$ , then  $u(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x$
- $\|u\|_{\infty} \leq (1/8)\|f\|_{\infty}$  N7
- Given  $f(x)$  the solution  $u(x)$  is **unique** N8

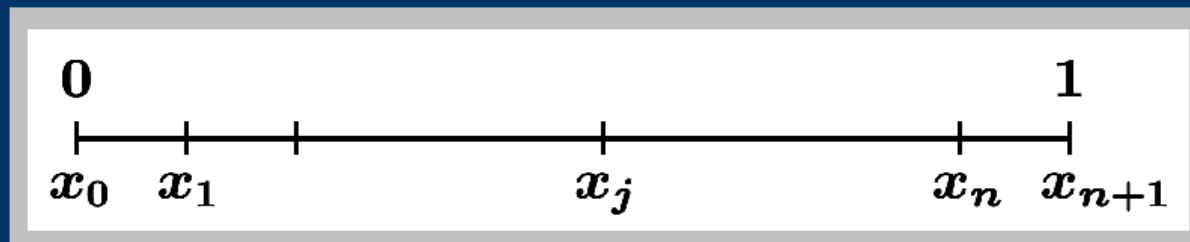
# Numerical Solution

## Finite Differences

### Discretization

Subdivide interval  $(0, 1)$  into  $n + 1$  equal subintervals

$$\Delta x = \frac{1}{n + 1}$$



$$x_j = j\Delta x, \quad \hat{u}_j \approx u_j \equiv u(x_j)$$

$$\text{for } 0 \leq j \leq n + 1$$

# Numerical Solution

## Finite Differences

### Approximation

For example ...

$$\begin{aligned}v''(x_j) &\approx \frac{1}{\Delta x} (v'(x_{j+1/2}) - v'(x_{j-1/2})) \\ &\approx \frac{1}{\Delta x} \left( \frac{v_{j+1} - v_j}{\Delta x} - \frac{v_j - v_{j-1}}{\Delta x} \right) \\ &= \frac{v_{j+1} - 2v_j + v_{j-1}}{\Delta x^2}\end{aligned}$$

for  $\Delta x$  small

# Numerical Solution

## Finite Differences

### Equations...

$-u_{xx} = f$  suggests ...

$$-\frac{\hat{u}_{j+1} - 2\hat{u}_j + \hat{u}_{j-1}}{\Delta x^2} = f(x_j) \quad 1 \leq j \leq n$$

$$\hat{u}_0 = \hat{u}_{n+1} = 0$$

$\implies$

$$\boxed{A \underline{\hat{u}} = \underline{f}}$$

# Numerical Solution

## Finite Differences

...Equations

$$A = \frac{1}{\Delta x^2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \cdots & \vdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \cdots & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \underline{\hat{u}} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{u}_1 \\ \hat{u}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{u}_{n-1} \\ \hat{u}_n \end{pmatrix}, \quad \underline{f} = \begin{pmatrix} f(x_1) \\ f(x_2) \\ \vdots \\ f(x_{n-1}) \\ f(x_n) \end{pmatrix}$$

**(Symmetric)**

$$\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \quad \underline{\hat{u}}, \underline{f} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

# Numerical Solution

## Finite Differences

### Solution

Is  $A$  non-singular ?

For any  $\underline{v} = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}^T$

$$\underline{v}^T A \underline{v} = \frac{1}{\Delta x^2} (v_1^2 + \sum_{i=2}^n (v_i - v_{i-1})^2 + v_n^2)$$

Hence  $\underline{v}^T A \underline{v} > 0$ , for any  $\underline{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$  ( $A$  is **SPD**) **N9**

$A \underline{\hat{u}} = \underline{f}$  :  $\underline{\hat{u}}$  exists and is unique **N10**



# Numerical Solution

## Finite Differences

Example...

$$-u_{xx} = (3x + x^2)e^x, \quad x \in (0, 1)$$

with

$$u(0) = u(1) = 0.$$

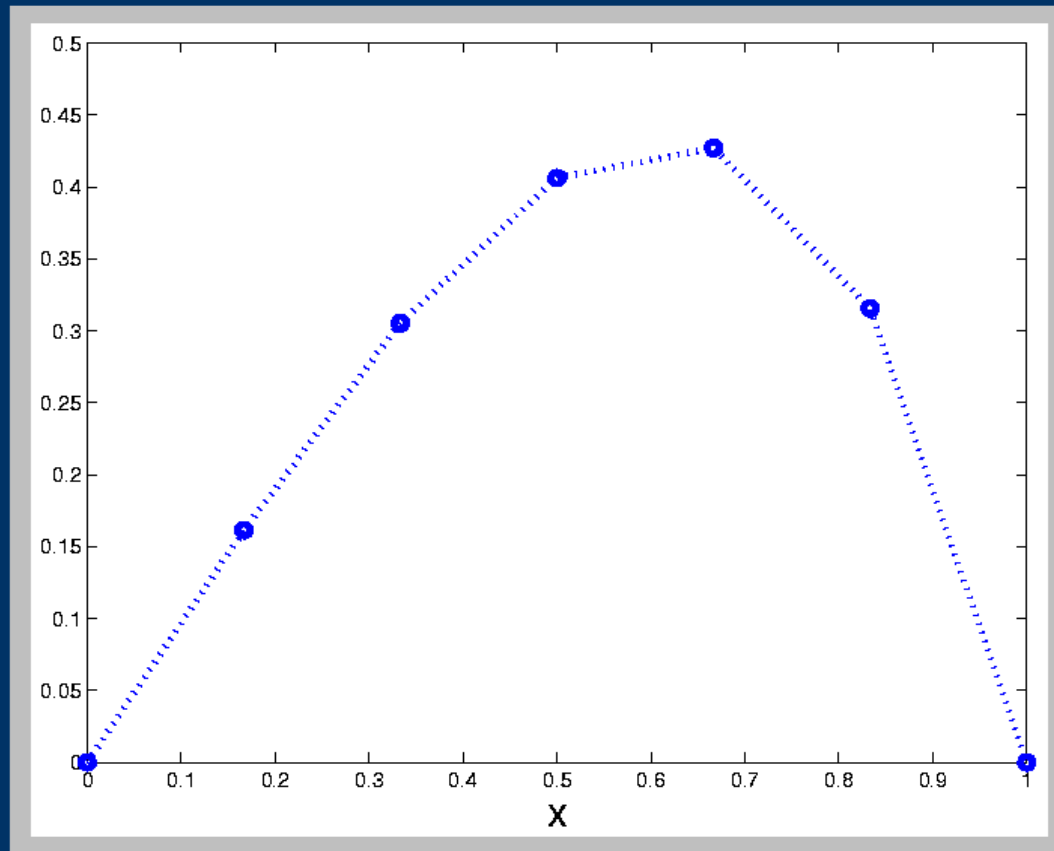
Take  $n = 5$ ,  $\Delta x = 1/6 \dots$

# Numerical Solution

## Finite Differences

### ...Example

$\hat{u}$



1. Does the discrete solution  $\hat{u}$  retain the qualitative properties of the continuous solution  $u(x)$ ?
2. Does the solution become more accurate when  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$ ?
3. Can we make  $|u(x_j) - \hat{u}_j|$  for  $0 \leq j \leq n + 1$  arbitrarily small?

# Discretization Error Analysis

## Properties of $A^{-1}$

Let

$$A^{-1} = \{\alpha_{ij}\}_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}$$

- Non-negativity

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$$\alpha_{ij} \geq 0, \quad \text{for} \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq n$$

- Boundedness

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$$0 \leq \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_{ij} \leq \frac{1}{8}, \quad \text{for} \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

# Discretization Error Analysis

## Qualitative Properties of $\hat{u}$

$$f \geq 0 \rightarrow \hat{u} \geq 0$$

$$\underline{\hat{u}} = A^{-1} \underline{f}$$

If

$$f_j = f(x_j) \geq 0, \quad \text{for } 1 \leq j \leq n$$

Then

$$\hat{u}_i = \sum_j \alpha_{ij} f_j \geq 0, \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

# Discretization Error Analysis

## Qualitative Properties of $\hat{u}$

### Discrete Stability

$$\underline{\hat{u}} = A^{-1} \underline{f}$$

$$\|\underline{\hat{u}}\|_{\infty} = \max_i |\hat{u}_i| = \max_i \left( \left| \sum_j \alpha_{ij} f_j \right| \right)$$

$$\leq \max_i \left( \sum_j \alpha_{ij} \right) \max_i |f_i|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{8} \|\underline{f}\|_{\infty}$$

Discretization  
Error Analysis

For any  $v \in \mathcal{C}^4$  we can show that

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$$\frac{v(x_{j+1}) - 2v(x_j) + v(x_{j-1}))}{\Delta x^2} = v''(x_j) + \frac{\Delta x^2}{12} v^{(4)}(x_j + \theta \Delta x) \quad -1 \leq \theta \leq 1$$

Take  $u \equiv v$  ( $-u'' = f$ )

$$\frac{u(x_{j+1}) - 2u(x_j) + u(x_{j-1}))}{\Delta x^2} = f(x_j) + \underbrace{-\frac{\Delta x^2}{12} u^{(4)}(x_j + \theta_j \Delta x)}_{\tau_j}$$

# Discretization Error Analysis

Let  $e_j = u(x_j) - \hat{u}_j$  be the **discretization error**.

$$\frac{u(x_{j+1}) - 2u(x_j) + u(x_{j-1}))}{\Delta x^2} = f(x_j) + \tau_j$$

$$\frac{\hat{u}_{j+1} - 2\hat{u}_j + \hat{u}_{j-1}}{\Delta x^2} = f(x_j)$$

Subtracting

$$\frac{e_{j+1} - 2e_j + e_{j-1}}{\Delta x^2} = \tau_j, \quad 1 \leq j \leq n$$

and  $e_0 = e_{n+1} = 0$



## Error Equation

## Discretization Error Analysis

$$\underline{A} \underline{e} = \underline{\tau}$$

$$\underline{e} = \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ e_N \end{pmatrix}, \quad \underline{\tau} = \frac{\Delta x^2}{12} \begin{pmatrix} u^{(4)}(x_1 + \theta_1 \Delta x) \\ u^{(4)}(x_2 + \theta_2 \Delta x) \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ u^{(4)}(x_N + \theta_N \Delta x) \end{pmatrix}$$

# Discretization Error Analysis

## Convergence

Using the discrete stability estimate on  $\mathbf{A} \underline{e} = \underline{\tau}$

$$\|\underline{e}\|_{\infty} \leq \frac{1}{8} \|\underline{\tau}\|_{\infty}$$

or

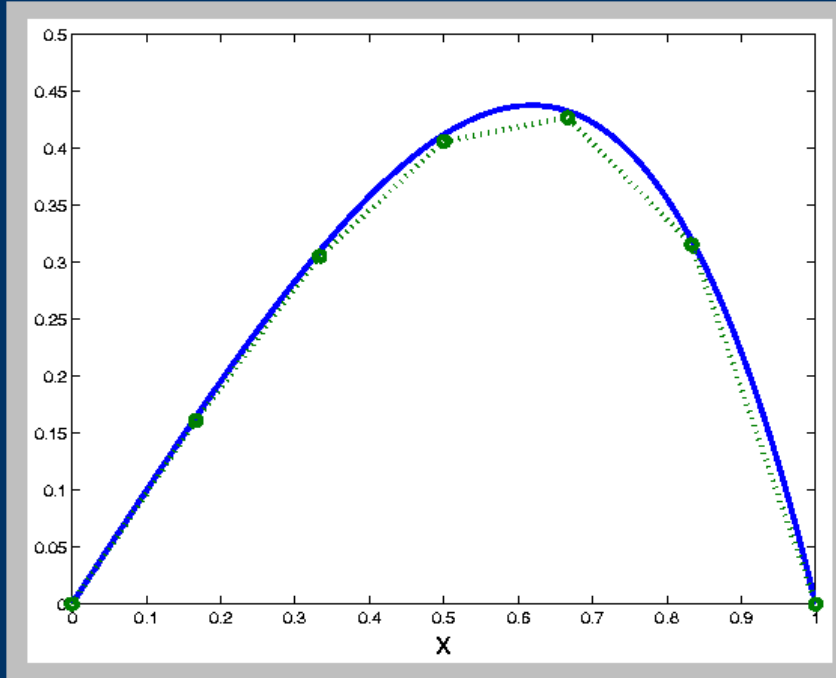
$$\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |u(x_i) - \hat{u}_i| \leq \frac{\Delta x^2}{96} \max_{0 \leq x \leq 1} |u^{(4)}(x)|$$

## A-priori Error Estimate

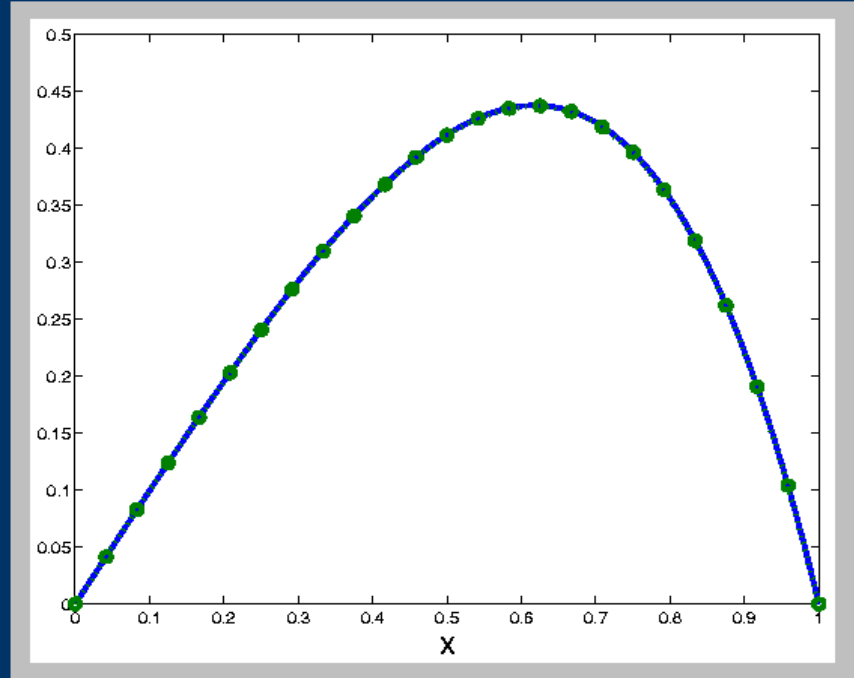
# Discretization Error Analysis

## Numerical Example

$$-u_{xx} = (3x + x^2)e^x, \quad x \in (0, 1), \quad u(0) = u(1) = 0$$



$$\Delta x = 1/6$$



$$\Delta x = 1/24$$

# Discretization Error Analysis

## Numerical Example

EXAMPLE :  $-u_{xxx} = (3x + x^2)e^x, x \in (0, 1)$

$n + 1$	$\ \underline{u} - \hat{\underline{u}}\ _\infty$
3	0.0227
6	0.0059
12	0.0015
24	$3.756e - 04$
48	$9.404e - 05$
96	$2.350e - 05$
192	$5.876e - 06$

Asymptotically,

$$\|\underline{u} - \hat{\underline{u}}\|_\infty \approx C \Delta x^\alpha$$

$$C = 0.216623$$

$$\alpha = 2.000$$

# Discretization Error Analysis

- For a simple model problem we can produce numerical approximations of **arbitrary accuracy**.
- An **a-priori error estimate** gives the asymptotic dependence of the solution error on the discretization size  $\Delta x$ .

Consider a linear elliptic **differential equation**

$$\mathcal{L} u = f$$

and a **difference scheme**

$$\hat{\mathcal{L}} \hat{u} = \hat{f}$$

## Generalizations

The difference scheme is **consistent** with the differential equation if:

For **all** smooth functions  $v$

$$(\hat{\mathcal{L}}\underline{v} - \hat{f})_j - (\mathcal{L}v - f)_j \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{for } j = 1, \dots, n$$

when  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$ .

$$(\hat{\mathcal{L}}\underline{v} - \hat{f})_j - (\mathcal{L}v - f)_j = \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^p) \text{ for all } j$$

$$\Rightarrow p \text{ is order of accuracy}$$

## Generalizations

$$(\hat{\mathcal{L}}\underline{u} - \hat{\underline{f}})_j - \underbrace{(\mathcal{L}u - f)_j}_{=0} = \tau_j, \quad \text{for } j = 1, \dots, n$$

or,

$$\hat{\mathcal{L}}\underline{u} - \hat{\underline{f}} = \underline{\tau}.$$

The truncation error results from inserting the exact solution into the difference scheme.

$$\text{Consistency} \Rightarrow \|\underline{\tau}\|_{\infty} = \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^p)$$



## Generalizations

Original scheme

$$\hat{\mathcal{L}} \underline{\hat{u}} = \underline{\hat{f}}$$

Consistency

$$\hat{\mathcal{L}} \underline{u} = \underline{\hat{f}} + \underline{\tau}$$

The error  $\underline{e} = \underline{u} - \underline{\hat{u}}$  satisfies

$$\hat{\mathcal{L}} \underline{e} = \underline{\tau} .$$

Matrix norm

$$\|M\|_{\infty} = \sup_{\underline{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{\|M\underline{v}\|_{\infty}}{\|\underline{v}\|_{\infty}}$$

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The difference scheme is **stable** if

$$\|\hat{\mathcal{L}}^{-1}\|_{\infty} \leq C \quad (\text{independent of } \Delta x)$$

## Generalizations

$$\begin{aligned}
\|M\|_\infty &= \sup_{\|\underline{v}\|_\infty=1} \|M\underline{v}\|_\infty \\
&= \sup_{\|\underline{v}\|_\infty=1} \left( \max_i \left| \sum_{j=1}^n m_{ij} v_j \right| \right) \\
&= \max_i \left( \sup_{\|\underline{v}\|_\infty=1} \left| \sum_{j=1}^n m_{ij} v_j \right| \right) \quad v_j = \text{sign}(m_{ij}) \\
&= \max_i \sum_{j=1}^n |m_{ij}| \quad \text{(max row sum)}
\end{aligned}$$

## Generalizations

Error equation

$$\underline{e} = \hat{\mathcal{L}}^{-1} \underline{\tau}$$

Taking norms

$$\|\underline{e}\|_{\infty} = \|\hat{\mathcal{L}}^{-1} \underline{\tau}\|_{\infty}$$

$$\leq \|\hat{\mathcal{L}}^{-1}\|_{\infty} \|\underline{\tau}\|_{\infty}$$

$$\leq \underbrace{\|\hat{\mathcal{L}}^{-1}\|_{\infty} C}_{C_1} \Delta x^p = C_1 \Delta x^p$$

Consistency + Stability  $\Rightarrow$  Convergence

Convergence

$$\|\underline{e}\|_{\infty} \leq$$

Stability

$$\|\hat{\mathcal{L}}^{-1}\|_{\infty} \cdot$$

Consistency

$$\|\underline{\tau}\|_{\infty}$$

## Model Problem

# The Eigenvalue Problem

### Statement

Find nontrivial  $(u, \lambda)$  such that

$$-u_{xxx} = \lambda u, \quad x \in (0, 1)$$

$$u(0) = u(1) = 0;$$

denote solutions  $(u^k, \lambda^k)$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ , with

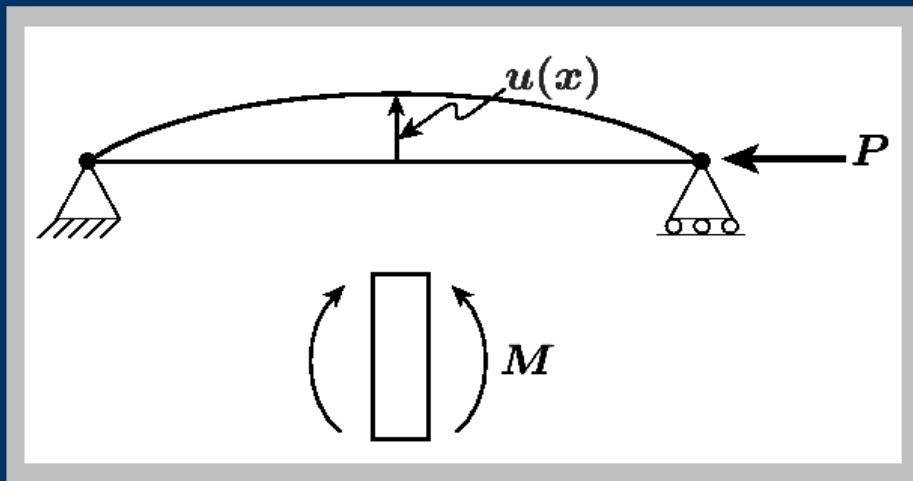
$$0 \leq \lambda^1 \leq \lambda^2 \leq \dots$$

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# The Eigenvalue Problem

## Application

### Axially Loaded Beam



- “Small” Deflection  
 $EIu_{xx} = M_{internal}$
- External Force  
 $M_{external} = -Pu$

$$\text{Equilibrium} \Rightarrow u_{xx} + \frac{P}{EI}u = 0$$

$$\lambda = P/EI$$

$$-u_{xx} = \lambda u, \quad u(0) = u(1) = 0$$

# The Eigenvalue Problem

$$-u_{xx} - \lambda u = 0$$

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$$u = A \sin \sqrt{\lambda} x + B \cos \sqrt{\lambda} x$$

$$u(0) = 0 \Rightarrow B = 0$$

$$u(1) = 0 \Rightarrow A = 0 \text{ or } \lambda = k^2 \pi^2, k = 1, 2, \dots$$



# The Eigenvalue Problem

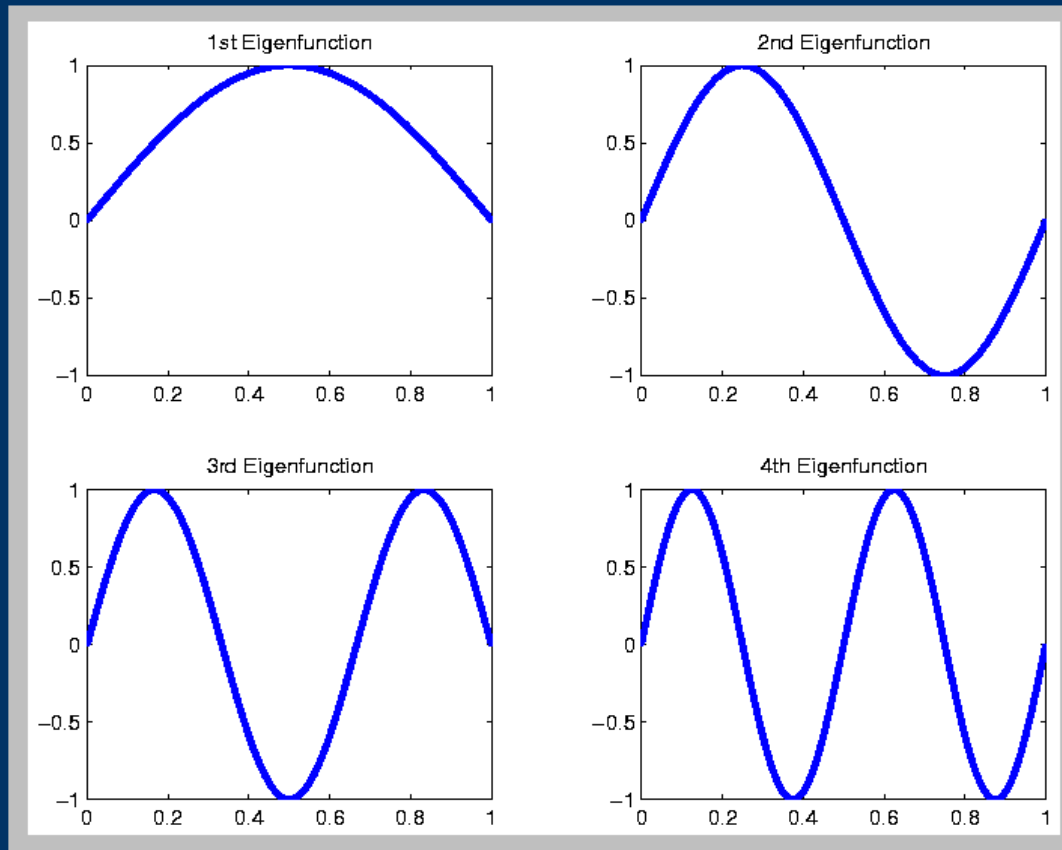
Thus (choose  $A = 1$ )

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u^k &= \sin k\pi x \\ \lambda^k &= k^2\pi^2 \end{aligned} \right\} k = 1, 2, \dots$$

Larger  $k \Rightarrow$  more oscillatory  $u^k \Rightarrow$  larger  $\lambda$ .

# The Eigenvalue Problem

## Exact Solution

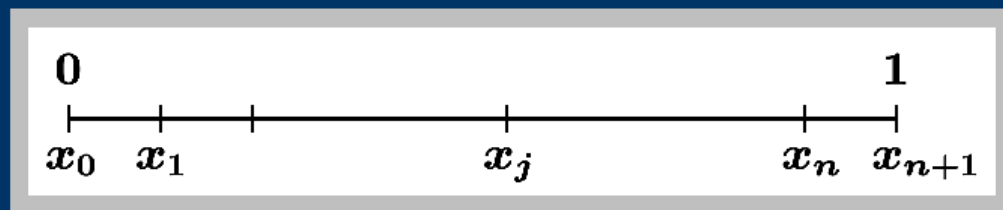


# The Eigenvalue Problem

## Discrete Equations

### Difference Formulas

$$-u_{xxx} = \lambda u, \quad u(0) = u(1) = 0$$



$$\Delta x = \frac{1}{n+1}$$

$$\frac{-1}{\Delta x^2} (\hat{u}_{j-1} - 2\hat{u}_j + \hat{u}_{j+1}) = \hat{\lambda} \hat{u}_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, n$$

$$\hat{u}_0 = \hat{u}_{n+1} = 0$$

# The Eigenvalue Problem

## Discrete Equations

### Matrix Form

$$A = \frac{1}{\Delta x^2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \cdots & \vdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \cdots & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \underline{\hat{u}} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{u}_1 \\ \hat{u}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{u}_{n-1} \\ \hat{u}_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$n \times n$  **SPD**

$$A \underline{\hat{u}} = \hat{\lambda} \underline{\hat{u}} \Rightarrow \underline{\hat{u}}^k, \hat{\lambda}^k, k = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

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## Error Analysis

# The Eigenvalue Problem

Analytical Solution:  $\hat{u}^k, \hat{\lambda}^k \dots$

Claim that

$$\hat{u}^k \equiv u^k$$

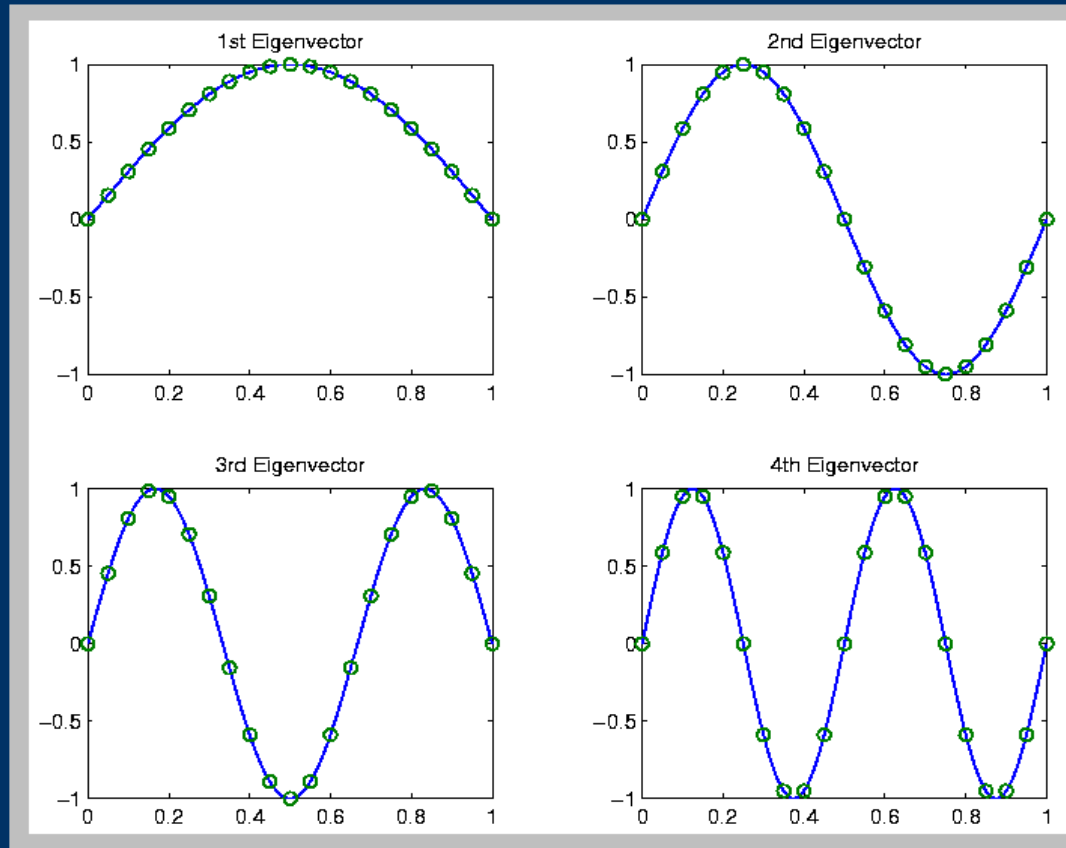
$$\begin{aligned}\hat{u}_j^k &= u^k(x_j) = \sin(k\pi x_j) \\ &= \sin(k\pi j \Delta x) = \sin\left(\frac{k\pi j}{n+1}\right), \quad j = 1, \dots, n\end{aligned}$$

Note  $\hat{u}_0^k = \hat{u}_{n+1}^k = 0$  since  $\sin(0) = \sin(k\pi) = 0$ .

# The Eigenvalue Problem

## Error Analysis

...Analytical Solution:  $\hat{u}^k, \hat{\lambda}^k$  ...



## Error Analysis

# The Eigenvalue Problem

...Analytical Solution:  $\hat{u}^k, \hat{\lambda}^k$  ...

What are  $\hat{\lambda}^k$  ?

$$-\frac{1}{\Delta x^2} \{ \hat{u}_{j-1}^k - 2\hat{u}_j^k + \hat{u}_{j+1}^k \}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\Delta x^2} \{ \sin(k\pi(x_j - \Delta x)) - 2\sin(k\pi x_j) + \sin(k\pi(x_j + \Delta x)) \}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\Delta x^2} \underbrace{\{ \sin(k\pi x_j - k\pi \Delta x) + \sin(k\pi x_j + k\pi \Delta x) \}}_{2 \cos(k\pi \Delta x) \sin(k\pi x_j)} - 2\sin(k\pi x_j)$$

## Error Analysis

# The Eigenvalue Problem

...Analytical Solution:  $\underline{\hat{u}}^k, \hat{\lambda}^k$

Thus:

$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{1}{\Delta x^2} \{ \hat{u}_{j-1}^k - 2\hat{u}_j^k + \hat{u}_{j+1}^k \} \\ &= -\frac{1}{\Delta x^2} \{ 2 \cos(k\pi \Delta x) \sin(k\pi x_j) - 2 \sin(k\pi x_j) \} \\ &= \frac{2}{\Delta x^2} \{ 1 - \cos(k\pi \Delta x) \} \sin(k\pi x_j). \end{aligned}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{15em}}_{\hat{\lambda}^k} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{15em}}_{\hat{u}_j^k}$

$$A \underline{\hat{u}}^k = \hat{\lambda}^k \underline{\hat{u}}^k$$



Low modes

For fixed  $k$ ,  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\lambda}^k &= \frac{2}{\Delta x^2} \{1 - \cos(k\pi \Delta x)\} \\ &= \frac{2}{\Delta x^2} \left\{1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}k^2\pi^2 \Delta x^2 + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^4)\right)\right\} \\ &= k^2\pi^2 + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^2)\end{aligned}$$

**second-order convergence,  $\hat{\lambda}^k \rightarrow \lambda^k$ .**

## Error Analysis

...Conclusions...

## The Eigenvalue Problem

High modes:

For  $k = n$ ,

$$\Delta x = \frac{1}{n+1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\lambda}^n &= \frac{2}{\Delta x^2} \left\{ 1 - \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{n+1}\right) \right\} \\ &= 4(n+1)^2 \quad \text{as } \Delta x \rightarrow 0 \\ &\neq n^2\pi^2 = \lambda^n.\end{aligned}$$

High modes ( $k \approx n$ ) **are not** accurate.

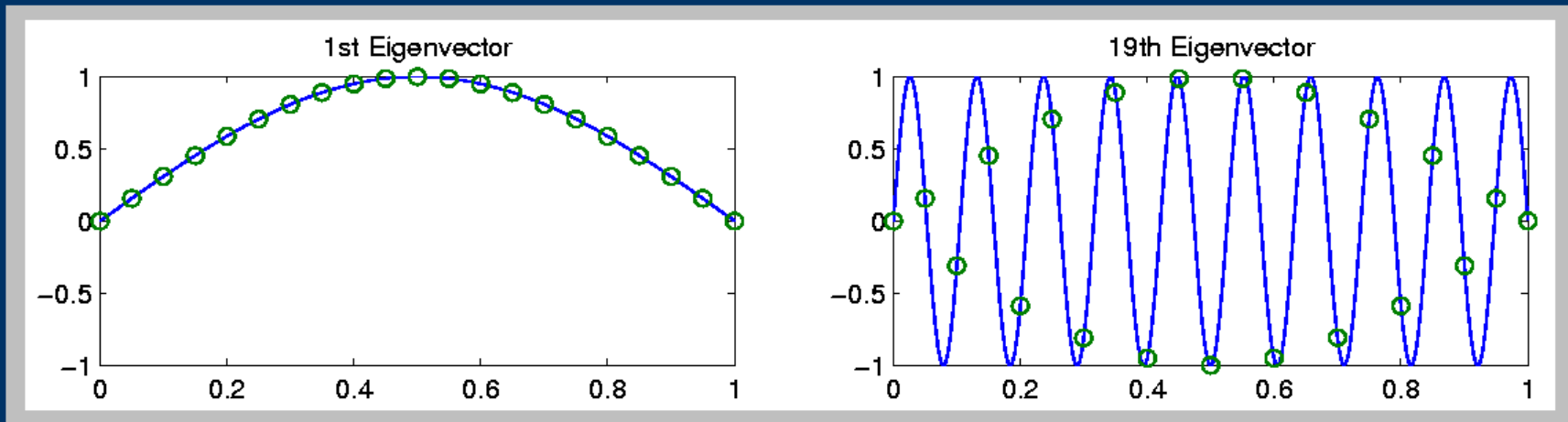
# The Eigenvalue Problem

## Error Analysis

...Conclusions...

Low modes vs. high modes

Example :  $n = 19$ ,  $\Delta x = 1/20$



# The Eigenvalue Problem

## Error Analysis

...Conclusions...

Low modes vs. high modes

$$k \ll n$$

$$k \approx n$$

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$\hat{u}^k$  resolved

$\hat{\lambda}^k$  accurate

$$\hat{\lambda}^k - \lambda^k \sim \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^2)$$

$\hat{u}^k$  not resolved

$\hat{\lambda}^k$  not accurate

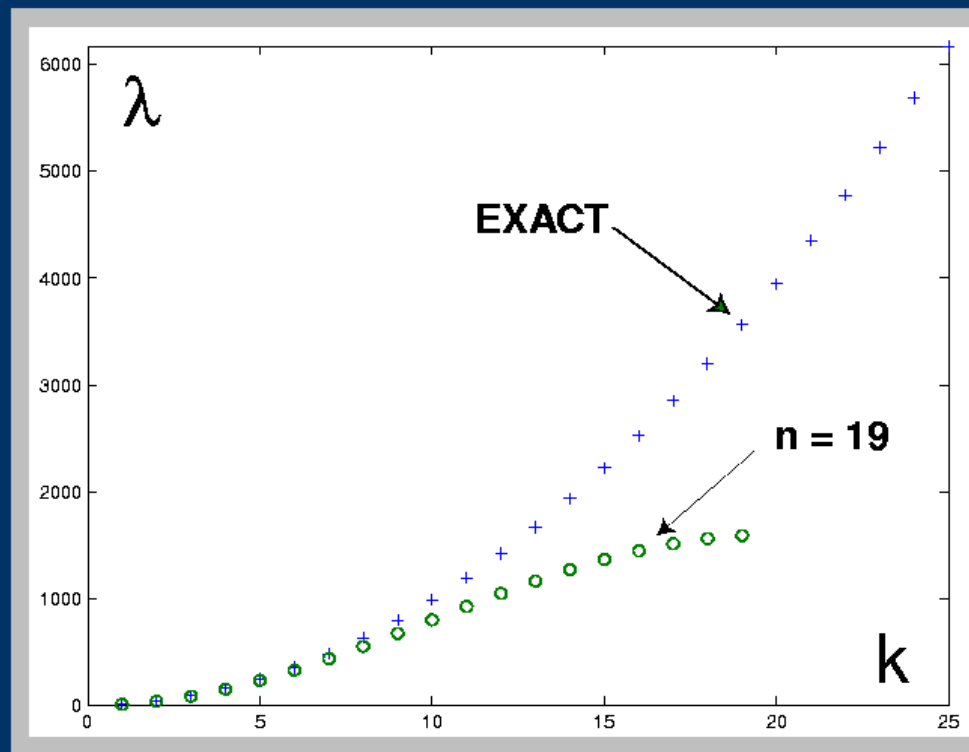
$$\hat{\lambda}^k - \lambda^k \text{ is } \mathcal{O}(1)$$

BUT: as  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$ ,  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , so any fixed mode  $k$  converges.

# The Eigenvalue Problem

## Error Analysis

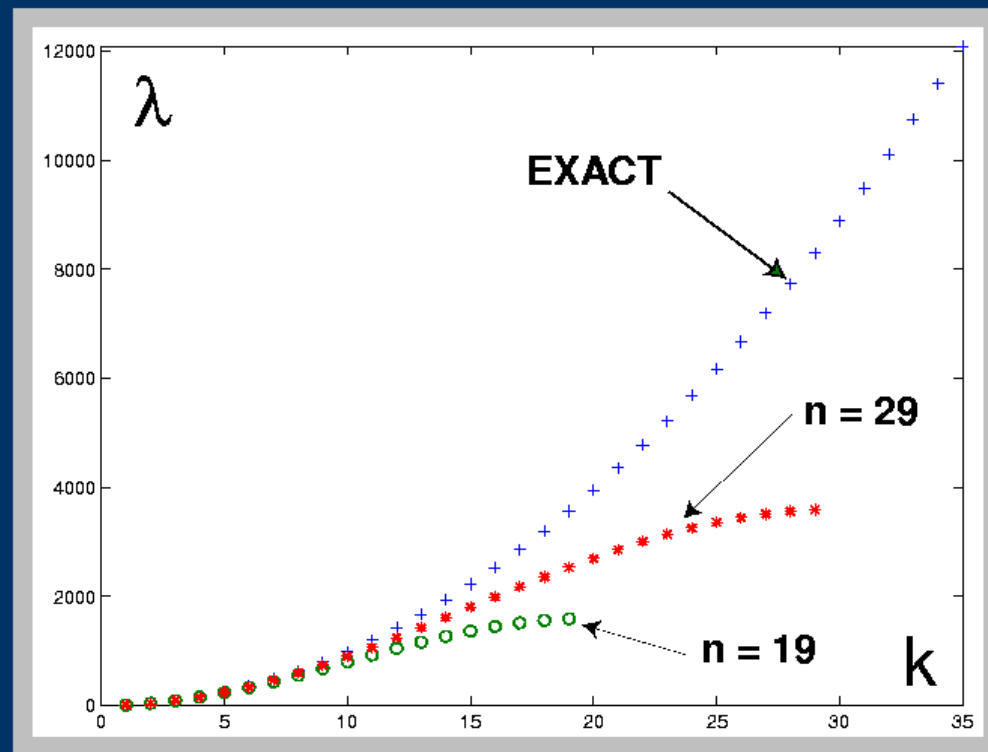
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# The Eigenvalue Problem

## Error Analysis

### ...Conclusions



# The Eigenvalue Problem

## Condition Number of $A$

For a SPD matrix  $M$ , the condition number  $\kappa_M$  is given by

$$\kappa_M = \frac{\text{maximum eigenvalue of } M}{\text{minimum eigenvalue of } M}.$$

Thus, for our  $A$  matrix,

$$\kappa_A \rightarrow \frac{4n^2}{\pi^2} \text{ as } \Delta x \rightarrow 0$$

**grows** (in  $\mathbb{R}^1$ ) as number of grid points squared. **N20**

Importance: understanding solution procedures.

# The Eigenvalue Problem

Link to  $-u_{xx} = f$

...Discretization...

Recall:  $-u_{xx} = f \Rightarrow$

$$-\frac{1}{\Delta x^2}(\hat{u}_{j-1} - 2\hat{u}_j + \hat{u}_{j+1}) = f_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, n$$

$$\hat{u}_0 = \hat{u}_{n+1} = 0$$

or

$$\underline{A}\hat{\underline{u}} = \underline{f}.$$



# The Eigenvalue Problem

Link to  $-u_{xxx} = f$

...Discretization

Error equation:  $\underline{e} = \underline{u} - \underline{\hat{u}}$

$$\underline{A}\underline{e} = \underline{\tau},$$

$$|\tau_j| \leq \max_{x \in (0,1)} \frac{\Delta x^2}{12} u^{(4)}(x) \equiv c_\tau \Delta x^2, \quad \text{for } j = 1, \dots$$

→ **0** as  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$  (**consistency**).

# The Eigenvalue Problem

Link to  $-u_{xxx} = f$

Norm Definition

We will use the “modified”  $\|\cdot\|_2$  norm

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$$\|\underline{v}\|^2 \equiv \Delta x \sum_{i=1}^n \underline{v}^T \underline{v} \quad \text{for } \underline{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\|\underline{v}\| = \sqrt{\Delta x} \|\underline{v}\|_2$$

Thus, from consistency

$$\|\underline{\tau}\| \leq c_\tau \Delta x^2.$$

# The Eigenvalue Problem

Link to  $-u_{xxx} = f$

$\| \cdot \|$  Convergence...

Ingredients:

1. Rayleigh Quotient:

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$$\hat{\lambda}^1 \leq \frac{\underline{v}^T \mathbf{A} \underline{v}}{\underline{v}^T \underline{v}} \leq \hat{\lambda}^n, \quad \text{for all } \underline{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

2. Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality:

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$$\underline{v}^T \underline{w} \leq (\underline{v}^T \underline{v})^{\frac{1}{2}} (\underline{w}^T \underline{w})^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \text{for all } \underline{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

# The Eigenvalue Problem

Link to  $-u_{xxx} = f$

... $\|\cdot\|$  Convergence...

Convergence proof:

$$\underline{A}\underline{e} = \underline{\tau}$$

$$\underline{e}^T \underline{A}\underline{e} = \underline{e}^T \underline{\tau}$$

$$\underbrace{\hat{\lambda}^1(\underline{e}^T \underline{e})}_{\times \Delta x} \leq \underbrace{(\underline{e}^T \underline{e})^{\frac{1}{2}}}_{\Delta x^{1/2}} \underbrace{(\underline{\tau}^T \underline{\tau})^{\frac{1}{2}}}_{\Delta x^{1/2}}$$

$$\hat{\lambda}^1 \|\underline{e}\|^2 \leq \|\underline{e}\| \|\underline{\tau}\|$$

# The Eigenvalue Problem

Link to  $-u_{xx} = f$

... $\| \cdot \|$  Convergence...

$$\Rightarrow \|\underline{e}\| \leq \frac{1}{\hat{\lambda}_1} \|\tau\| \leq \frac{c_\tau}{\hat{\lambda}_1} \Delta x^2$$

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# The Eigenvalue Problem

Link to  $-u_{xxx} = f$

... $\|\cdot\|$  Convergence...

## Alternative Derivation

Since

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$$\|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\|_2 = \frac{1}{\hat{\lambda}^1}$$

From error equation

$$\|\underline{e}\|_2 \leq \|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\|_2 \|\underline{\tau}\|_2.$$

Multiplying by  $\sqrt{\Delta x}$

$$\|\underline{e}\| \leq \frac{1}{\hat{\lambda}^1} \|\underline{\tau}\|.$$