

Motivating example :  $\text{cd} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$   $\oplus f(\pm 1) = 0$

Q: Kernel representation of  $\text{cd}^{-1}$  ?

$$\begin{cases} Af = g \\ f(\pm 1) = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} f = \text{cd}^{-1}g \\ f(\pm 1) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \begin{aligned} f_1 &= f \\ f_2 &= f' \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} f'_1 \\ f'_2 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} g \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_1(-1) \\ f_2(-1) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_1(1) \\ f_2(1) \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \int_{-1}^1 K(x, \xi) g(\xi) d\xi \\ &= [\text{cd}^{-1}g](x) \end{aligned}$$

② Do eigenvalue decomposition of  $\text{cd}$  and use the fact that  $\text{cd}$  is self-adjoint w.r.t.

$$\langle f, g \rangle_w = \int_{-1}^1 f(x) g(x) e^{-x} dx$$

$$\text{cd} v_n = \lambda_n v_n$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= [\text{cd}^{-1}g](x) = \\ &\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\lambda_n} v_n(x) \langle v_n, g \rangle_w = \\ &\int_{-1}^1 \underbrace{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n(x) v_n(\xi)}_{K(x, \xi)} e^{-\xi} g(\xi) d\xi \end{aligned}$$

What should we do for problems that are not as

simple, meaning that the operator  $cd$  is such that eigenvalue decomposition of  $cd$  is difficult.

Here, we use tools for numerically solving these problems.

Spectral methods use global information to approximate derivative operators. We end up having full matrices. Error decays exponentially with the number of discretization points,  $\mathcal{O}(c^{-N})$

vs.

Finite-difference methods use local information. The underlying matrices are sparse. Error decays as  $\mathcal{O}(n^{-p})$  where  $N$  is the number of discretization points, and  $p$  is an integer  $p > 0$ .

vs.

Pseudo-spectral methods Accuracy similar to

spectral methods. Computationally easier than spectral methods (close to finite-differences).

## Example

operator  $U(y) \frac{d^2}{dy^2} +$

- Finite-differences @  $\bar{y}$

$$\Delta y = \frac{2}{N}$$

$$U(\bar{y}) \frac{+ (\bar{y} + \Delta y) - 2 \cdot + (\bar{y}) + + (\bar{y} - \Delta y)}{(\Delta y)^2}$$

In matrix form:

$$\mathcal{O}((\Delta y)^2) = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{N^2}\right)$$

$\text{diag}(U) \cdot T \cdot \Psi$

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Toeplitz  $\frac{1}{(\Delta y)^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 & & \\ -2 & 1 & -2 & 1 & \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & -2 & \ddots \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$

- In Pseudo-spectral:

$\text{diag}(U) \cdot D_2 \cdot \Psi$

$$\Psi = \begin{bmatrix} + (\bar{y} - \Delta y) \\ + (\bar{y}) \\ + (\bar{y} + \Delta y) \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$