

# Matrix inversion and Partial Differential Equation Solving

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# Matrix inversion

⇒ The last time we discussed the method of linear equations solving. The same methods can be used for matrix inversions! The columns of inverse matrix can be found solving:

$$\mathbf{A}\vec{x} = \hat{e}_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

⇒ In order to determine the inverse of a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  we need to choose a temporary matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  such that:

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{MA}$$

with the normalization condition:

$$\|\mathbf{H}\| = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \sum_{j=1}^n |h_{ij}| < 1$$

where  $\mathbf{I}$  is a unit matrix.

⇒ Next we Neumann expand the  $(\mathbf{MA})^{-1}$  matrix:

$$(\mathbf{MA})^{-1} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H})^{-1} = \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{H} + \mathbf{H}^2 + \dots$$

⇒ The inverse matrix we get from the equation:

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{M} = (\mathbf{MA})^{-1}\mathbf{M}$$

# Matrix inversion, basic method

⇒ For the  $(i, j)$  element of the matrix  $(MA)^{-1}$  we have:

$$(MA)_{ij}^{-1} = \delta_{ij} + h_{ij} + \sum_{i_1=1}^n h_{ii_1} h_{i_1j} + \sum_{i_1=1}^n \sum_{i_2=1}^n h_{ii_1} h_{i_1i_2} h_{i_2j} + \dots$$

⇒ The algorithm: We choose freely a probability matrix  $P = (p_{ij})$  with the conditions:

$$p_{i,j} \geq 0, \quad p_{ij} = 0 \Leftrightarrow h_{ij} = 0, \quad p_{i,0} = 1 - \sum_{j=1}^n p_{ij} > 0$$

⇒ We construct a random walk for the state set  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ :

1. In the initial moment ( $t = 0$ ) we start in the state  $i_0 = i$ .
2. If in the moment  $t$  the point is in the  $i_t$  state, then in the time  $t + 1$  he will be in state  $i_{t+1}$  with the probability  $p_{i_t, t+1}$ .
3. We stop the walk if we end up in the state 0.

# Matrix inversion, basic method

⇒ For the observed trajectory  $\gamma_k = (i, i_1, \dots, j_k, 0)$  we assign the value of:

$$X(\gamma_k) = \frac{h_{ii_1} h_{i_1 i_2} \dots h_{i_{k-1} i_k} h_{i_k 0} \delta_{i_k j}}{p_{ii_1} p_{i_1 i_2} \dots p_{i_{k-1} i_k} p_{i_k 0} p_{i_k 0}}$$

⇒ The mean of all observed  $X(\gamma_k)$  is an unbiased estimator of the  $(MA)_{ij}^{-1}$ .

Prove:

- The probability of observing the  $\gamma_k$  trajectory:

$$P(\gamma_k) = p_{ii_1} p_{i_1 i_2} \dots p_{i_{k-1} i_k} p_{i_k 0}$$

- From this point we follow the prove of the previous lecture (Neumann-Ulan) and prove that:

$$E\{X(\gamma_k)\} = (MA)^{-1}$$

⇒ A different estimator for the  $(MA)_{ij}^{-1}$  element is the Wasow estimator:

$$X^*(\gamma_k) = \sum_{m=0}^k \frac{h_{ii_1} h_{i_1 i_2} \dots h_{i_{m-1} i_m} \delta_{i_m j}}{p_{ii_1} p_{i_1 i_2} \dots p_{i_{m-1} i_m}}$$

# Matrix inversion, dual method

⇒ On the set of states  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, n\}$  we set a binned p.d.f.

$$q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n \text{ such that } q_i > 0, i = 1, 2, 3 \dots n \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^n q_i = 1.$$

⇒ The choose arbitrary the probability matrix  $P$  (usual restrictions apply):

- The initial point we choose with the probability  $q_i$ .
- If in the moment  $t$  the point is in the  $i_t$  state, then in the time  $t + 1$  he will be in state  $i_{t+1}$  with the probability  $p_{i_t, t+1}$ .
- The walk ends when we reach 0 state.
- For the trajectory we assign a matrix:

$$Y(\gamma_k) = \frac{h_{i_1 i_1} h_{i_2 i_1} \dots h_{i_k i_{k-1}}}{p_{i_1 i_1} p_{i_2 i_1} \dots p_{i_k i_{k-1}}} \frac{1}{q_{i_0} p_{i_k 0}} e_{i_k i_0} \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$$

⇒ The mean of  $Y(\gamma)$  is an unbiased estimator of the  $(MA)^{-1}$  matrix.

⇒ The Wasow estimator reads:

$$Y^* = \sum_{m=0}^k \frac{h_{i_1 i_1} h_{i_2 i_1} \dots h_{i_m i_{m-1}}}{p_{i_1 i_1} p_{i_2 i_1} \dots p_{i_m i_{m-1}}} e_{i_m i_0} \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$$

# Partial differential equations, intro

⇒ Let say we are want to describe a point that walks on the  $\mathbb{R}$  axis:

- At the beginning ( $t = 0$ ) the particle is at  $x = 0$
- If in the  $t$  the particle is in the  $x$  then in the time  $t + 1$  it walks to  $x + 1$  with the known probability  $p$  and to the point  $x - 1$  with the probability  $q = 1 - p$ .
- The moves are independent.

⇒ So let's try to described the motion of the particle.

⇒ The solution is clearly a probabilistic problem. Let  $\nu(x, t)$  be a probability that at time  $t$  particle is in position  $x$ . We get the following equation:

$$\nu(x, t + 1) = p\nu(x - 1, t) + q\nu(x + 1, t)$$

with the initial conditions:

$$\nu(0, 0) = 1, \quad \nu(x, 0) = 0 \text{ if } x \neq 0.$$

⇒ The above functions describes the whole system (every  $(t, x)$  point).

# Partial differential equations, intro

⇒ Now in differential equation language we would say that the particle walks in steps of  $\Delta x$  in times:  $k\Delta t$ ,  $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ :

$$\nu(x, t + \Delta) = p\nu(x - \Delta x, t) + q\nu(x + \Delta x, t).$$

⇒ To solve this equation we need to expand the  $\nu(x, t)$  function in the Taylor series:

$$\begin{aligned} \nu(x, t) + \frac{\partial \nu(x, t)}{\partial t} \Delta t &= p\nu(x, t) - p \frac{\partial \nu(x, t)}{\partial x} \Delta x + \frac{1}{2} p \frac{\partial^2 \nu(x, t)}{\partial x^2} (\Delta x)^2 \\ &+ q\nu(x, t) - q \frac{\partial \nu(x, t)}{\partial x} \Delta x + \frac{1}{2} q \frac{\partial^2 \nu(x, t)}{\partial x^2} (\Delta x)^2 \end{aligned}$$

⇒ From which we get:

$$\frac{\partial \nu(x, t)}{\partial t} \Delta t = -(p - q) \frac{\partial \nu(x, t)}{\partial x} \Delta x + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \nu(x, t)}{\partial x^2} (\Delta x)^2$$

⇒ Now We divide the equation by  $\Delta t$  and take the  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ :

$$(p - q) \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} \rightarrow 2c, \quad \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{\Delta t} \rightarrow 2D,$$

⇒ We get the Fokker-Planck equation for the diffusion with current:

$$\frac{\partial \nu(x, t)}{\partial t} = -2c \frac{\partial \nu(x, t)}{\partial x} + D \frac{\partial^2 \nu(x, t)}{\partial x^2}$$

⇒ The  $D$  is the diffusion coefficient,  $c$  is the speed of current. For  $c = 0$  it is a symmetric distribution.



# Laplace equation, Dirichlet boundary conditions

- ⇒ The aforementioned example show the way to solve the partial differential equation using Markov Chain MC.
- ⇒ We will see how different classes of partial differential equations can be approximated with a Markov Chain MC, which expectation value is the solution of the equation.
- ⇒ The Laplace equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_2^2} + \dots + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_k^2} = 0$$

The  $u(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$  function that is a solution of above equation we call harmonic function. If one knows the values of the harmonic function on the edges  $\Gamma(D)$  of the  $D$  domain one can solve the equation.

## The Dirichlet boundary conditions:

Find the values of  $u(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$  inside the  $D$  domain knowing the values of the edge are given with a function:

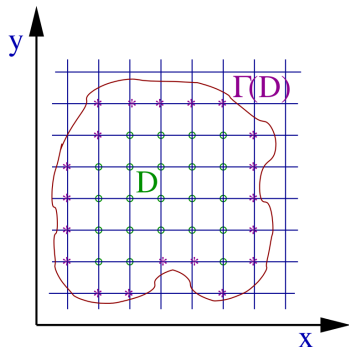
$$u(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) \in \Gamma(D)$$

- ⇒ Now I am lazy so I put  $k = 2$  but it's the same for all  $k$ !

# Laplace equation, Dirichlet boundary conditions

⇒ We will put the Dirichlet boundary condition as a discrete condition:

- The domain  $D$  we put a lattice with distance  $h$ .
- Some points we treat as inside (denoted with circles). Their form a set denoted  $D^*$ .
- The other points we consider as the boundary points and they form a set  $\Gamma(D)$ .



⇒ We express the second derivatives with the discrete form:

$$\frac{\frac{u(x+h)-u(x)}{h} - \frac{u(x)-u(x-h)}{h}}{h} = \frac{u(x+h) - 2u(x) + u(x-h)}{h^2}$$

⇒ Now we choose the units so  $h = 1$ .

# Laplace equation, Dirichlet boundary conditions

The Dirichlet condition in the discrete form:

Find the  $u^*$  function which obeys the differential equation:

$$U^*(x, y) = \frac{1}{4} [u^*(x-1, y) + u^*(x+1, y) + u^*(x, y-1) + u^*(x, y+1)]$$

in all points  $(x, y) \in D^*$  with the condition:

$$u^*(x, y) = f^*(x, y), \quad (x, y) \in \Gamma(D^*)$$

where  $f^*(x, y)$  is the discrete equivalent of  $f(x, y)$  function.

⇒ We consider a random walk over the lattice  $D^* \cup \Gamma(D^*)$ .

- In the  $t = 0$  we are in some point  $(\xi, \eta) \in D^*$
- If at the  $t$  the particle is in  $(x, y)$  then at  $t + 1$  it can go with equal probability to any of the four neighbour lattices:  $(x-1, y)$ ,  $(x+1, y)$ ,  $(x, y-1)$ ,  $(x, y+1)$ .
- If the particle at some moment gets to the edge  $\Gamma(D^*)$  then the walk is terminated.
- For the particle trajectory we assign the value of:  $\nu(\xi, \eta) = f^*(x, y)$ , where  $(x, y) \in \Gamma(D^*)$ .

# Laplace equation, Dirichlet boundary conditions

⇒ Let  $p_{\xi,\eta}(x, y)$  be the probability of particle walk that starting in  $(\xi, \eta)$  to end the walk in  $(x, y)$ .

⇒ The possibilities:

1. The point  $(\xi, \eta) \in \Gamma(D^*)$ . Then:

$$p_{\xi,\eta}(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1, & (x, y) = \xi, \eta \\ 0, & (x, y) \neq \xi, \eta \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

2. The point  $(\xi, \eta) \in D^*$ :

$$p_{\xi,\eta}(x, y) = \frac{1}{4} [p_{\xi-1,\eta}(x, y) + p_{\xi+1,\eta}(x, y) + p_{\xi,\eta-1}(x, y) + p_{\xi,\eta+1}(x, y)] \quad (2)$$

this is because to get to  $(x, y)$  the particle has to walk through one of the neighbours:  $(x-1, y)$ ,  $(x+1, y)$ ,  $(x, y-1)$ ,  $(x, y+1)$ .

⇒ The expected value of the  $\nu(\xi, \eta)$  is given by equation:

$$E(\xi, \eta) = \sum_{(x,y) \in \Gamma^*} p_{\xi,\eta}(x, y) f^*(x, y) \quad (3)$$

where the summing is over all boundary points

## Laplace equation, Dirichlet boundary conditions

⇒ Now multiplying the 2 by  $f^*(x, y)$  and summing over all edge points  $(x, y)$ :

$$E(\xi, \eta) = \frac{1}{4} [E(\xi - 1, \eta) + E(\xi + 1, \eta) + E(\xi, \eta - 1) + E(\xi, \eta + 1)]$$

⇒ Putting now 1 to 3 one gets:

$$E(x, y) = f^*(x, y), \quad (\xi, \eta) \in \Gamma(D^*)$$

⇒ Now the expected value solves identical equation as our  $u^*(x, y)$  function. From this we conclude:

$$E(x, y) = u^*(x, y)$$

⇒ The algorithm:

- We put a particle in  $(x, y)$ .
- We observe it's walk up to the moment when it's on the edge  $\Gamma(D^*)$ .
- We calculate the value of  $f^*$  function in the point where the particle stops.
- Repeat the walk  $N$  times taking the average afterwards.

**Important:**

One can show the the error does not depend on the dimensions!

## Example

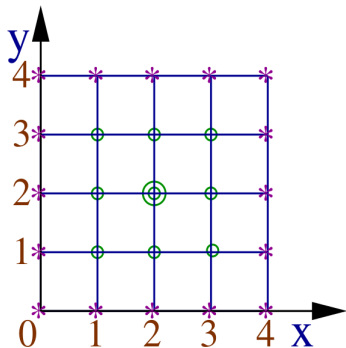
Let function  $u(x, y)$  be a solution of Laplace equation in the square:  $0 \leq x, y \leq 4$  with the boundary conditions:

$$u(x, 0) = 0, \quad u(4, y) = y, \quad u(x, 4) = x, \quad u(0, y) = 0$$

⇒ Find the  $u(2, 2)$ !

⇒ The exact solution:  $u(x, y) = xy/4$  so  $u(2, 2) = 1$ .

- We transform the continuous problem to a discrete one with  $h = 1$ .
- Perform a random walk starting from  $(2, 2)$  which ends on the edge assigning as a result the appropriate values of the edge conditions as an outcome.



⇒ E9.1 Implement the above example and find  $u(2, 2)$ .

# Parabolic equation

⇒ We are looking for a function  $u(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k, t)$ , which inside the  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^k$  obeys the parabolic equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_2^2} + \dots + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_k^2} = c \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$$

with the boundary conditions:

$$u(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k, t) = g(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k, t), \quad (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_k) \in \Gamma(D)$$

and with the initial conditions:

$$u(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k, 0) = h(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k, t), \quad (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_k) \in D$$

⇒ In the general case the boundary conditions might have also the derivatives.

⇒ We will find the solution to the above problem using random walk starting from 1-dim case and then generalize it for n-dim.

# Parabolic equation, 1-dim

⇒ We are looking for a function  $u(x, t)$ , which satisfies the equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = c \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$$

with the boundary conditions:

$$u(0, t) = f_1(t), \quad u(a, t) = f_2(t)$$

and with the initial conditions:

$$u(x, 0) = g(x).$$

⇒ The above equation can be seen as describing the temperature of a line with time. We know the initial temperature in different points and we know that the temperature on the end points is know.

⇒ The above problem can be discreteized:

$$x = kh, \quad h = \frac{a}{n}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, n \quad t = jl, \quad j = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, \quad l = \text{const}$$

⇒ The differential equation:

$$\frac{u(x+h, t-l) - 2u(x, t-l) + u(x-h, t-l)}{h^2} = c \frac{u(x, t) - u(x, t-l)}{l}$$



## Parabolic equation, 1-dim

⇒ The steps we choose such that:  $ch^2 = 2l$ .

⇒ Then we obtain the equation:

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2}u(x + h, t - l) + \frac{1}{2}u(x - h, t - l)$$

⇒ The value of function  $u$  in the point  $x$  and  $t$  can be evaluated with the arithmetic mean form points:  $x+h$  and  $x-h$  in the previous time step. ⇒ The algorithm estimating the function in the time  $\tau$  and point  $\xi$ :

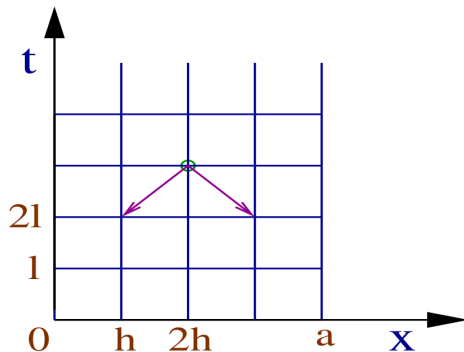
- The particle we put in the point  $\xi$  and a "weight" equal  $\tau$ .
- If in a given time step  $t$  particle is at  $x$  then with 50 : 50 chances it can go to  $x - h$  or  $x + h$  and time  $t - l$ .
- The particle ends the walk in two situations:
  - If it reaches the  $x = 0$  or  $x = a$ . In this case we assign to a given trajectory a value of  $f_1(t)$  or  $f_2(t)$ , where  $t$  is the actual "weight".
  - If the "weight" of the particle is equal zero. in this case we assign as a value of the trajectory the  $g(x)$ , where  $x$  is the actual position of the particle.

## Parabolic equation, 1-dim

⇒ Repeat the above procedure  $N$  times. The expected value of a function  $u$  in  $(\xi, \tau)$  point is the mean of observed values.

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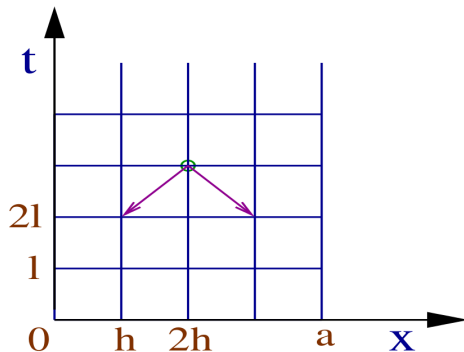


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# Parabolic equation, n-dim generalization

⇒ We still choose the  $k$  and  $l$  values accordingly to:

$$\frac{ch^2}{l} = 2k$$

where  $k$  is the number of space dimensions.

⇒ We get:

$$u(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) = \frac{1}{2k} \{u(x_1 + h, x_2, \dots, x_k, t - l) - u(x_1 - h, x_2, \dots, x_k, t - l) \\ + \dots + u(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k + h, t - l) + u(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k - h, t - l)\}$$

⇒ The  $k$  dimension problem we can solve in the same way as 1dim.

⇒ In each point we have  $2k$  possibility to move(left-right) in each of the dimensions.  
The probability has to be  $\frac{1}{2k}$ .

# Backup