

# Multigrid method

## 1D elliptic problem

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## Problem

[Taken from R.J.LeVeque: Finite Difference Methods for Ordinary and Partial Differential Equations - Steady-State and Time-Dependent Problems, SIAM, Philadelphia 2007, chapter 4.6]

### Differential equation

We would like to solve numerically the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2 u(x)}{dx^2} = f(x) \quad (1)$$

with Dirichlet boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned} u(a) &= u_a \\ u(b) &= u_b \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

### Particular problem

As the right-hand-side we will take

$$f(x) = -20 + c \phi''(x) \cos(\phi(x)) - c(\phi'(x))^2 \sin(\phi(x)) \quad (3)$$

where

$$c = 1/2$$

$$\phi(x) = 20 \pi x^3$$

and boundary conditions are

$$\begin{aligned} u(0) &= 1 \\ u(1) &= 3 \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

### The analytic solution

This problem can be solved in the closed form

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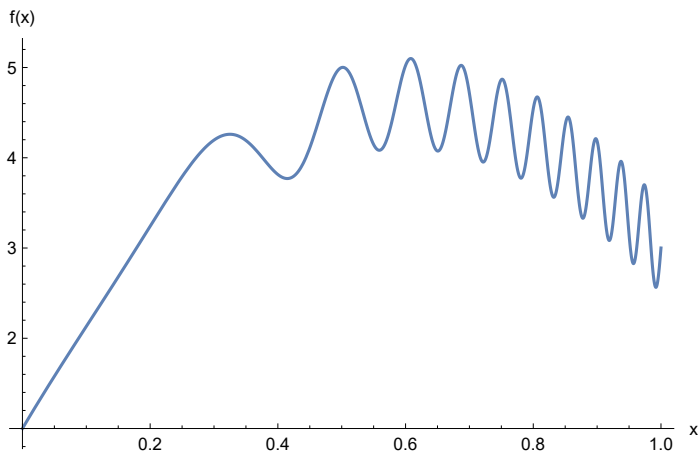
In[62]:= a = 0; b = 1; ua = 1; ub = 3; c = 1 / 2;
phi[x_] = 20 π x^3;
f[x_] = -20 + c ∂x,x φ[x] Cos[φ[x]] - c (∂x φ[x])2 Sin[φ[x]];
sol = Delete[DSolve[{∂x,x U[x] == f[x], U[a] == ua, U[b] == ub}, U[x], x], 0];
(* Delete[... , 0] deletes outer {} *)
u[x_] = Expand[U[x] /. sol]
Plot[u[x], {x, a, b}, AxesLabel → {"x", "f(x)"}]

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$$1 + 12 x - 10 x^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sin[20 \pi x^3]$$

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## Direct numerical solution

We discretize the equation (1) using a standard finite difference formula on the equidistant grid

$$x_j = a + j h \text{ where } h = (b - a) / (n + 1), j = 0, \dots, n + 1$$

i.e. we have to solve the system of  $n$  equations

$$\frac{d^2 u(x_j)}{dx^2} \approx \frac{u(x_{j+1}) - 2u(x_j) + u(x_{j-1}))}{h^2} = f(x_j) \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, n \quad (5)$$

with boundary conditions

$$u(x_0 = a) = u_a, u(x_{n+1} = b) = u_b$$

We can use *Mathematica* to solve this problem directly. For later convenience in gradient methods we actually solve

$$-\frac{d^2 u(x_j)}{dx^2} \approx \frac{-u(x_{j+1}) + 2u(x_j) - u(x_{j-1}))}{h^2} = -f(x_j) \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, n$$

Evaluating the function  $f(x)$  for many  $x_j$  takes a long time in *Mathematica* therefore we calculate it in advance and use the vector  $fx$  in all calculations later. We also calculate the exact solution on the grid as  $ux$  for later use.

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In[7]:= ig = 10; (* the highest level used in multigrid below *)
n = 2ig - 1; h = (b - a) / (n + 1);
Print["Highest number of points: n = ", n]
X = Range[a, b, h];
Xin = X[[2 ;; n + 1]];
(* fx will be a packed array (machine precision) thanks to N[] *)
fx = N[f[Xin]];
ux = N[u[X]];
Highest number of points: n = 1023

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The right-hand-side will be  $-h^2 f(x_j)$  but the first and last element must be modified using Dirichlet's boundary conditions  $u(x_0)$  for

$$-\frac{d^2 u(x_1)}{dx^2} \approx \frac{-u(x_0) + 2u(x_1) - u(x_2)}{h^2} = -f(x_1) \implies 2u(x_1) - u(x_2) = -h^2 f(x_1) + u_a$$

$$-\frac{d^2 u(x_n)}{dx^2} \approx \frac{-u(x_{n-1}) + 2u(x_n) - u(x_{n+1}))}{h^2} = -f(x_n) \implies -u(x_{n-1}) + 2u(x_n) = -h^2 f(x_n) + u_b$$

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In[14]:= rhs = -h2 fx;
rhs[[1]] = rhs[[1]] + ua;
rhs[[n]] = rhs[[n]] + ub;

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Now we are ready to solve the problem on the grid:

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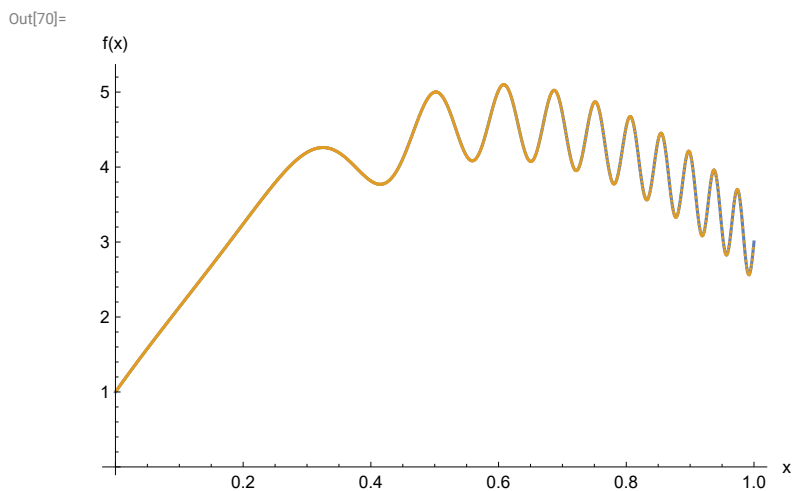
In[17]:= T = SparseArray[{{i_, i_} -> 2.0, {i_, j_} /; Abs[i - j] == 1 -> -1.0}, {n, n}];
xDirect = LinearSolve[T, rhs];

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In[68]:= Print["Maximum error = ", Max[Abs[ux[[2 ;; n + 1]] - xDirect]];
exactSol = Transpose[{X, ux}]; (* for later use in plots *)
ListPlot[{exactSol, Transpose[{Xin, xDirect}]},
  Joined -> {True, False}, AxesLabel -> {"x", "f(x)"}]
Maximum error = 0.00134889730827

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## Multigrid solution - using only the same V-cycle

Multigrid V-cycle algorithm (MGV) starting on the level ( $i$ ) consists of these steps:

1. improving the solution (here using the weighted Jacobi method with  $\omega = 2/3$ )

$$x^{(i)} = \text{Smoothing}(b^{(i)}, x^{(i)}) \quad (6)$$

2. computing the residual

$$r^{(i)} = T^{(i)} x^{(i)} - b^{(i)} \quad (7)$$

3. solving the problem

$$T^{(i)} d^{(i)} = r^{(i)} \quad (8)$$

by recursive restriction on the coarser grids (4 is there because for the coarser grid we get  $(2h)^2$  on the right-hand-side)

$$d^{(i)} = \text{Interpolation}(\text{MGV}(4 \text{ Restriction}(r^{(i)}), 0)) \quad (9)$$

4. correcting the fine grid solution

$$x^{(i)} = x^{(i)} - d^{(i)} \quad (10)$$

5. improving the solution again (usually using the weighted Jacobi method with  $\omega = 2/3$ )

$$x^{(i)} = \text{Smoothing}(b^{(i)}, x^{(i)}) \quad (11)$$

If ( $i$ ) is the lowest level (1) then we solve the problem directly.

The following functions do the particular jobs described above:

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In[22]:= smoothing[b_, x0_, ω_, niter_] :=
  Module[{n, xNew, R, c, ω2},
    n = Length[x0];
    xNew = x0;
    ω2 = 0.5 ω;
    R = SparseArray[{{i_, i_} → (1.0 - ω), {i_, j_} /; Abs[i - j] == 1 → ω2}, {n, n}];
    c = ω2 b;
    Do[
      xNew = R.xNew + c,
      {i, 1, niter}
    ];
    Return[xNew]
  ]
restriction[r_] :=
  Module[{n, P},
    n = Length[r];
    P = SparseArray[{{i_, j_} /; 2 i - 1 == j → 0.25,
      {i_, j_} /; 2 i == j → 0.5, {i_, j_} /; 2 i + 1 == j → 0.25}, {(n - 1) / 2, n}];
    Return[P.r]
  ]
interpolation[r_] :=
  Module[{n, P},
    n = Length[r];
    P = SparseArray[{{i_, j_} /; 2 j - 1 == i → 0.5,
      {i_, j_} /; 2 j == i → 1.0, {i_, j_} /; 2 j + 1 == i → 0.5}, {2 n + 1, n}];
    Return[P.r]
  ]
MGV[b_, u_] :=
  Module[{n, uNew, T, r, d},
    n = Length[b];
    If[n == 1,
      (* direct solution *)
      uNew = 0.5 b,
      (* iterations *)
      uNew = smoothing[b, u, 2.0 / 3.0, 1];
      T = SparseArray[{{i_, i_} → 2.0, {i_, j_} /; Abs[i - j] == 1 → -1.0}, {n, n}];
      r = T.uNew - b;
      d = interpolation[MGV[4.0 restriction[r], ConstantArray[0.0, (n - 1) / 2]]];
      uNew = uNew - d;
      uNew = smoothing[b, uNew, 2.0 / 3.0, 2];
    ];
    Return[uNew];
  ]

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To test one V-cycle we use as an initial guess a straight line satisfying the boundary conditions:

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In[26]:= u0[x_] = InterpolatingPolynomial[{{a, ua}, {b, ub}}, x]
x0 = N[u0[Xin]];
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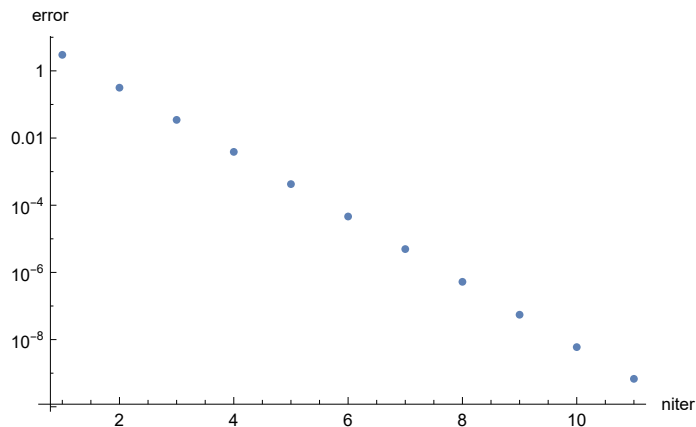
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Out[26]= 1 + 2 x
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Let us apply the V-cycle recursively several times and see how the error is decreased. We compare the iterative solution with the direct one obtained above:

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In[28]:= niter = 10;
xMGV = x0;
errorMGV = ConstantArray[1.0 * 10-20, niter + 1];
errorMGV[[1]] = Max[Abs[xMGV - xDirect]];
Do[
  xMGV = MGVR[rhs, xMGV];
  errorMGV[[i + 1]] = Max[Abs[xMGV - xDirect]],
  {i, 1, niter}
]
eMGV = xMGV - xDirect;
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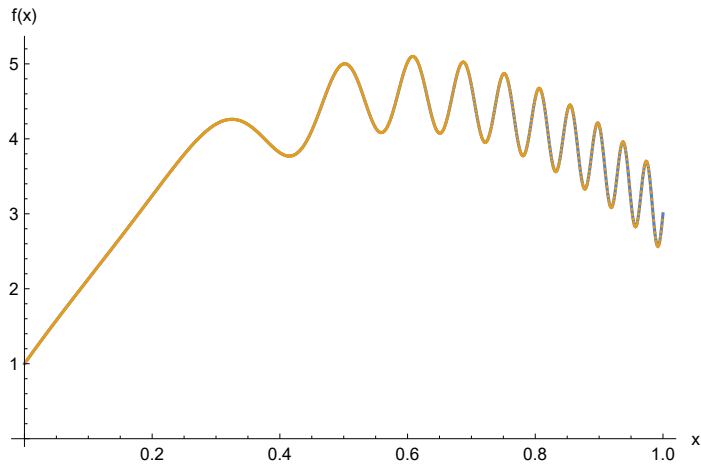
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In[77]:= ListLogPlot[{errorMGV}, PlotRange -> All, AxesLabel -> {"niter", "error"}]
nit1 = 6; nit2 = 10;
rhoMGV = Exp[(Log[errorMGV[[nit2]]] - Log[errorMGV[[nit1]])] / (nit2 - nit1)];
Print["estimated  $\rho(R_{MGV}) =$ ", rhoMGV]
ListPlot[{exactSol, Transpose[{Xin, xMGV}]},
  Joined -> {True, False}, AxesLabel -> {"x", "f(x)"}]
ListPlot[{Transpose[{Xin, eMGV}]}, Joined -> {False}, AxesLabel -> {"x", "error"}]
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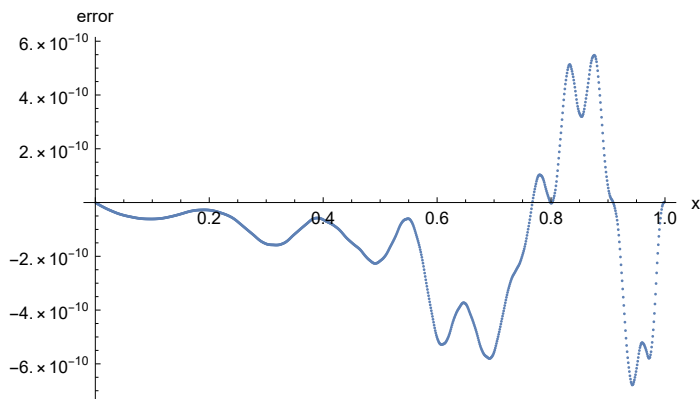


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estimated  $\rho(R_{MGV}) = 0.106649393219$ 
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## Full multigrid solution

The full multigrid starts at the level (1) by solving the problem exactly, then we interpolate the result to the next level and run one V-cycle algorithm (MGV), then we again interpolate to the next level and run another V-cycle etc.

To accomplish this we need a slightly different function for interpolation:

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In[52]:= interpolationWithBoundaries[u_, ua_, ub_] :=
  Module[{n, P},
    n = Length[u];
    P = SparseArray[{{i_, j_} /; 2 j - 1 == i → 0.5,
      {i_, j_} /; 2 j - 2 == i → 1.0, {i_, j_} /; 2 j - 3 == i → 0.5}, {2 n + 1, n + 2}];
    Return[P.Join[{ua}, u, {ub}]]
  ]
FMG[k_, fx_, a_, b_, ua_, ub_] :=
  Module[{n, maxk, i2, h, rhs, u},
    n = Length[fx]; maxk = Log[2, n + 1];
    If[k > maxk, Print["Full multigrid can be run only up to the level (", maxk, ")"];];
    h = (b - a) / 2maxk;
    u = {(-fx[[n + 1] / 2]] + ua + ub) / 2}; (* exact solution at the level (1) *)
    Do[
      i2 = 2i;
      h = (b - a) / i2;
      rhs = -h2 fx[[Range[(n + 1) / i2, n, (n + 1) / i2]]];
      rhs[[1]] = rhs[[1]] + ua;
      rhs[[i2 - 1]] = rhs[[i2 - 1]] + ub;
      u = MGv[rhs, interpolationWithBoundaries[u, ua, ub]],
      {i, 2, Min[k, maxk]}
    ];
    Return[u];
  ]

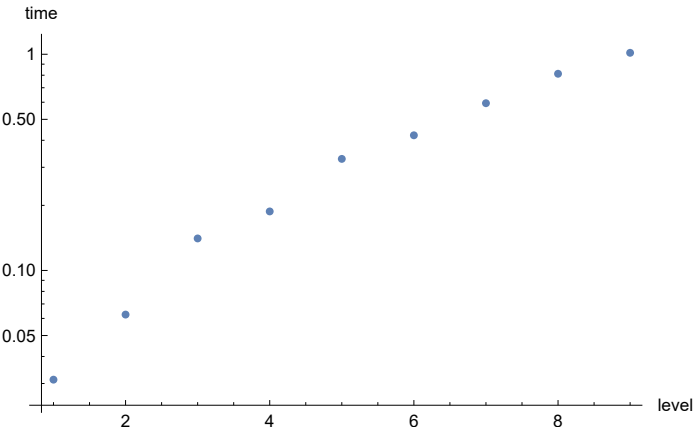
In[54]:= errorFMG = ConstantArray[1.0 × 10-20, ig];
timeFMG = ConstantArray[0, ig];
Do[
  t = Timing[xFMG = FMG[i, fx, a, b, ua, ub]];
  timeFMG[[i]] = t[[1]];
  h = (b - a) / 2i;
  Xin = Range[a + h, b - h, h];
  errorFMG[[i]] = Max[Abs[u[Xin] - xFMG]],
  {i, 1, ig}
];
eFMG = xFMG - xDirect;

In[83]:= ListLogPlot[{timeFMG[[2 ;; ig]], PlotRange → All, AxesLabel → {"level", "time"}}]
ListLogPlot[{errorFMG}, PlotRange → All, AxesLabel → {"level", "error"}}]
ListPlot[{exactSol, Transpose[{Xin, xFMG}]},
  Joined → {True, False}, AxesLabel → {"x", "f(x)"}]
ListPlot[{Transpose[{Xin, eFMG}]}, Joined → {False}, AxesLabel → {"x", "error"}]

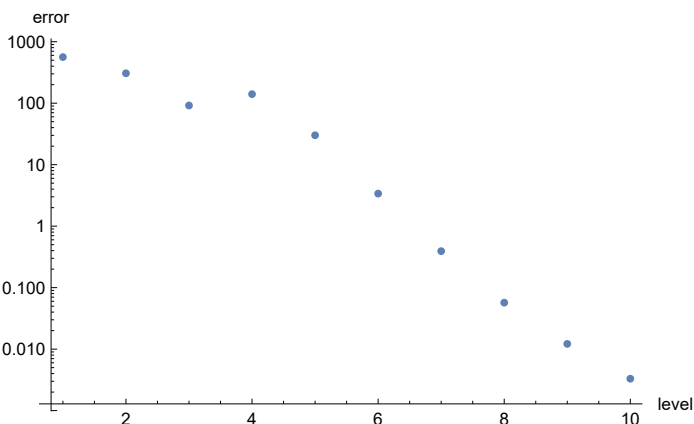
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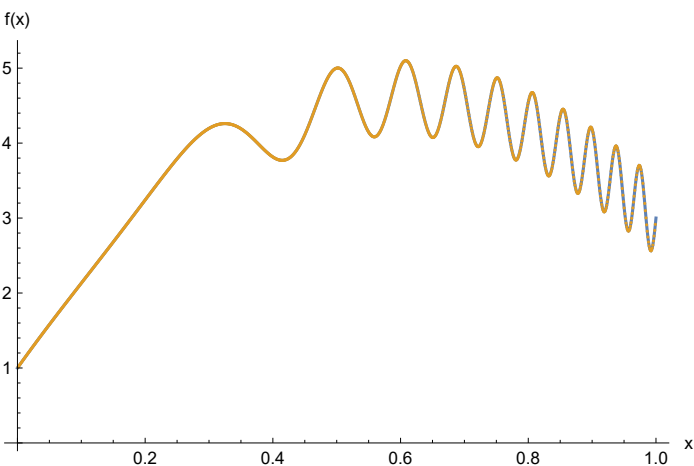
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