

Additional Notes and Solution Manual For:  
Multigrid Methods  
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## 1 Addendums/Clarifications/Derivations

### 1.1 Assembly of the linear system in two dimensions (Page 3)

Our second order finite difference equation for the two dimensional Poisson's equation is given by

$$\frac{-v_{i-1,j} + 2v_{i,j} - v_{i+1,j}}{h_x^2} + \frac{-v_{i,j-1} + 2v_{i,j} - v_{i,j+1}}{h_y^2} = f_{i,j},$$

with boundary conditions given by  $v_{i,j} = 0$  if  $i = 0$  or  $i = M$  or  $j = 0$  or  $j = N$ . Here we will assume that  $v_{i,j}$  is represented in a standard “matrix” notation, with  $i$  the row index and  $j$  the column index. Focusing our attention on operations that first operate on a fixed *row* or  $i$  index we we have have the following rearrangement of the above, where we first consider the index  $i$  with no increment or decrement, then the index  $i$  decremented by one, and finally the index  $i$  incremented by one, giving

$$-\frac{v_{i,j-1}}{h_y^2} + \left(\frac{2}{h_x^2} + \frac{2}{h_y^2}\right)v_{i,j} - \frac{v_{i,j+1}}{h_y^2} - \frac{v_{i-1,j}}{h_x^2} - \frac{v_{i+1,j}}{h_x^2} = f_{i,j}.$$

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Now focusing on the  $i$ th row we can write the difference equation for this row *only* as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
& \begin{pmatrix} 2\left(\frac{1}{h_x^2} + \frac{1}{h_y^2}\right) & \frac{-1}{h_y^2} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \frac{-1}{h_y^2} & 2\left(\frac{1}{h_x^2} + \frac{1}{h_y^2}\right) & \frac{-1}{h_y^2} & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{-1}{h_y^2} & 2\left(\frac{1}{h_x^2} + \frac{1}{h_y^2}\right) & \frac{-1}{h_y^2} & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{-1}{h_y^2} & 2\left(\frac{1}{h_x^2} + \frac{1}{h_y^2}\right) & \frac{-1}{h_y^2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_{i,1} \\ v_{i,2} \\ v_{i,3} \\ \vdots \\ v_{i,N-1} \end{pmatrix} \\
+ & \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{h_x^2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{h_x^2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{h_x^2} & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{h_x^2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_{i-1,1} \\ v_{i-1,2} \\ v_{i-1,3} \\ \vdots \\ v_{i-1,N-1} \end{pmatrix} \\
+ & \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{h_x^2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{h_x^2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{h_x^2} & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{h_x^2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_{i+1,1} \\ v_{i+1,2} \\ v_{i+1,3} \\ \vdots \\ v_{i+1,N-1} \end{pmatrix} \\
= & \begin{pmatrix} f_{i,1} \\ f_{i,2} \\ f_{i,3} \\ \vdots \\ f_{i,N-1} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, M-1.
\end{aligned}$$

Now the first matrix above is a tridiagonal matrix of size  $N-1$  by  $N-1$  with entries of  $\frac{1}{h_x^2}$  on sub and superdiagonal and elements

$$2\left(\frac{1}{h_x^2} + \frac{1}{h_y^2}\right),$$

on the diagonal. Now defining the vector's  $\mathbf{v}_i$  to be all of the unknowns in the  $i$  row, i.e.  $v_{i,1}, v_{i,2}, \dots, v_{i,N-1}$ , (similarly for  $\mathbf{f}_i$ ), we can write the above equations in a block matrix form as

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & \tilde{I} & & & \\ \tilde{I} & A & \tilde{I} & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & A & \\ & & & \tilde{I} & A \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1 \\ \mathbf{v}_2 \\ \mathbf{v}_3 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{v}_{M-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{f}_1 \\ \mathbf{f}_2 \\ \mathbf{f}_3 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{f}_{M-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

which provides the global matrix structure for *all* of the unknowns. In the above we have defined the matrix  $\tilde{I}$  as

$$\tilde{I} = -\frac{1}{h_x^2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

and the matrix  $A$  as

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2\left(\frac{1}{h_x^2} + \frac{1}{h_y^2}\right) & \frac{-1}{h_y^2} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \frac{-1}{h_y^2} & 2\left(\frac{1}{h_x^2} + \frac{1}{h_y^2}\right) & \frac{-1}{h_y^2} & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{-1}{h_y^2} & 2\left(\frac{1}{h_x^2} + \frac{1}{h_y^2}\right) & \frac{-1}{h_y^2} & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{-1}{h_y^2} & 2\left(\frac{1}{h_x^2} + \frac{1}{h_y^2}\right) & \frac{-1}{h_y^2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

## 1.2 The Weighted Jacobi Method (Page 10)

Using an intermediate state  $v_j^*$  given by the direct Jacobi method i.e.

$$v_j^* = \frac{1}{2}(v_{j-1}^{(0)} + v_{j+1}^{(0)} + h^2 f_j),$$

we computing the true update  $v_j^{(1)}$  as a weighted update of the original unknown  $v_j^{(0)}$  and the intermediate state  $v_j^*$  we have

$$v_j^{(1)} = (1 - \omega)v_j^{(0)} + \omega v_j^* = (1 - \omega)v_j^{(0)} + \frac{\omega}{2}(v_{j-1}^{(0)} + v_{j+1}^{(0)} + h^2 f_j)$$

When written in matrix form (by remembering the definition of  $D$ ,  $L$ , and  $U$  for the test problem considered here) we have

$$v^{(1)} = ((1 - \omega)I + \omega D^{-1}(L + U)) v^{(0)} + \omega D^{-1}f,$$

which is the matrix update formula for the weighted Jacobian iteration scheme.

## 1.3 The Weighted Jacobi Method Applied to A (Page 19)

From the manipulations in the book, the iteration matrix for the weighted Jacobi method is given by

$$P_\omega = (1 - \omega)I + \omega D^{-1}(L + U)$$

# Problem Solutions

## Problem 1.1 (a problem with periodic boundary conditions)

Our differential equation for this problem is given by

$$-u''(x) + \sigma u(x) = f(x),$$

with boundary conditions  $u'(0) = u'(1) = 0$ . A second order, finite difference spatial discretization of this equation in the interior of our domain gives

$$-\frac{v_{i-1} - 2v_i + v_{i+1}}{h_x^2} + \sigma v_i = f_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, N-1.$$

Grouping terms this simplifies to

$$-\frac{1}{h_x^2}v_{i-1} + \left(\frac{2}{h_x^2} + \sigma\right)v_i - \frac{1}{h_x^2}v_{i+1} = f_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, N-1. \quad (1)$$

Using a second order centered approximation to the derivative at  $x = x_0$  gives

$$u_x(x_0 = 0) \approx \frac{u(x_1) - u(x_{-1})}{2h_x} = 0$$

which simplifies to give our first discrete boundary condition  $v_1 = v_{-1}$ . For the node  $x_N$  a second order centered difference approximation of the derivative at  $x = 1$  will give

$$u_x(x_N = 1) \approx \frac{u(x_{N+1}) - u(x_{N-1})}{2h_x} = 0,$$

which simplifies to give our second discrete boundary condition  $v_{N+1} = v_{N-1}$ . We note that this problem (as specified) provides no equation for the unknowns  $v_0$  and  $v_N$ . If we assume that Equation 1 also holds at  $i = 0$  and  $i = N$ , we can evaluate it at  $i = 0$  to obtain

$$-\frac{1}{h_x^2}v_{-1} + \left(\frac{2}{h_x^2} + \sigma\right)v_0 - \frac{1}{h_x^2}v_1 = f_0,$$

with our periodicity condition  $v_{-1} = v_1$  the above becomes

$$\left(\frac{2}{h_x^2} + \sigma\right)v_0 - \frac{2}{h_x^2}v_1 = f_0.$$

Evaluating Equation 1 at  $i = N$  we have

$$-\frac{1}{h_x^2}v_{N-1} + \left(\frac{2}{h_x^2} + \sigma\right)v_N - \frac{1}{h_x^2}v_{N+1} = f_N$$

which using  $v_{N+1} = v_{N-1}$  becomes

$$-\frac{2}{h_x^2}v_{N-1} + \left(\frac{2}{h_x^2} + \sigma\right)v_N = f_N.$$

Thus the system of equations to solve for the unknowns  $v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{N-1}, v_N$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{2}{h_x^2} + \sigma\right)v_0 - \frac{2}{h_x^2}v_1 &= f_0 \\ -\frac{1}{h_x^2}v_{i-1} + \left(\frac{2}{h_x^2} + \sigma\right)v_i - \frac{1}{h_x^2}v_{i+1} &= f_i \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N-2, N-1 \\ -\frac{2}{h_x^2}v_{N-1} + \left(\frac{2}{h_x^2} + \sigma\right)v_N &= f_N \end{aligned}$$

This system has  $N + 1$  unknowns and additional information would have to be provided to uniquely specify a solution.

## Problem 1.2 (two dimensional diffusion with an advection term)

The equation we desire to discretize is given by

$$-\epsilon(u_{xx} + u_{yy}) + au_x = f(x, y).$$

Note that the terms  $u_{xx} + u_{yy}$  have been discretized earlier, see subsection 1.1. Using a second order centered difference for each derivative (including the advection term) we obtain

$$-\epsilon \left( \frac{u_{i-1,j} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i+1,j}}{h_x^2} + \frac{u_{i,j-1} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i,j+1}}{h_y^2} \right) + a \left( \frac{u_{i+1,j} - u_{i-1,j}}{2h_x} \right) = f(x_i, y_j),$$

for indexes  $i$  and  $j$  that satisfy

$$1 \leq i \leq M-1 \quad \text{and} \quad 1 \leq j \leq N-1,$$

and boundary conditions  $v_{i,j} = 0$  if  $i = 0$ ,  $i = M$ ,  $j = 0$ , or  $j = N$ . Grouping the unknowns together the above simplifies to

$$\left(\frac{-\epsilon}{h_x^2} - \frac{a}{2h_x}\right)v_{i-1,j} + \left(\frac{2\epsilon}{h_x^2} + \frac{2\epsilon}{h_y^2}\right)v_{i,j} + \left(-\frac{\epsilon}{h_x^2} + \frac{a}{2h_x}\right)v_{i+1,j} - \frac{\epsilon}{h_y^2}v_{i,j-1} - \frac{\epsilon}{h_y^2}v_{i,j+1} = f(x_i, y_j).$$

As in subsection 1.1, we write the above difference equation focusing on the  $i$ th row *only*. This gives

$$\begin{aligned}
& \begin{pmatrix} 2\epsilon \left( \frac{1}{h_x^2} + \frac{1}{h_y^2} \right) & \frac{-\epsilon}{h_y^2} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \frac{-\epsilon}{h_x^2} & 2\epsilon \left( \frac{1}{h_x^2} + \frac{1}{h_y^2} \right) & \frac{-\epsilon}{h_y^2} & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{-\epsilon}{h_y^2} & 2\epsilon \left( \frac{1}{h_x^2} + \frac{1}{h_y^2} \right) & \frac{-\epsilon}{h_y^2} & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{-\epsilon}{h_x^2} & 2\epsilon \left( \frac{1}{h_x^2} + \frac{1}{h_y^2} \right) & \frac{-\epsilon}{h_y^2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_{i,1} \\ v_{i,2} \\ v_{i,3} \\ \vdots \\ v_{i,N-1} \end{pmatrix} \\
+ & \begin{pmatrix} \left( -\frac{\epsilon}{h_x^2} - \frac{a}{2h_x} \right) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \left( -\frac{\epsilon}{h_x^2} - \frac{a}{2h_x} \right) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & 0 & \left( -\frac{\epsilon}{h_x^2} - \frac{a}{2h_x} \right) & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \left( -\frac{\epsilon}{h_x^2} - \frac{a}{2h_x} \right) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_{i-1,1} \\ v_{i-1,2} \\ v_{i-1,3} \\ \vdots \\ v_{i-1,N-1} \end{pmatrix} \\
+ & \begin{pmatrix} \left( -\frac{\epsilon}{h_x^2} + \frac{a}{2h_x} \right) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \left( -\frac{\epsilon}{h_x^2} + \frac{a}{2h_x} \right) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & 0 & \left( -\frac{\epsilon}{h_x^2} + \frac{a}{2h_x} \right) & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \left( -\frac{\epsilon}{h_x^2} + \frac{a}{2h_x} \right) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_{i+1,1} \\ v_{i+1,2} \\ v_{i+1,3} \\ \vdots \\ v_{i+1,N-1} \end{pmatrix} \\
= & \begin{pmatrix} f_{i,1} \\ f_{i,2} \\ f_{i,3} \\ \vdots \\ f_{i,N-1} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, M-1.
\end{aligned}$$

Now the first matrix above is the *same* tridiagonal matrix of size  $N-1$  by  $N-1$  as we found earlier (modulo the factor of  $\epsilon$ ). As before we can define the vector's  $\mathbf{v}_i$  to be all of the unknowns in the  $i$  row, i.e.  $v_{i,1}, v_{i,2}, \dots, v_{i,N-1}$ , (similarly for  $\mathbf{f}_i$ ), with this definition we can write the above equations in a block matrix form as

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & \tilde{I}_u & & & \\ \tilde{I}_l & A & \tilde{I} & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & A & \tilde{I}_u \\ & & & & \tilde{I}_l & A \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1 \\ \mathbf{v}_2 \\ \mathbf{v}_3 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{v}_{M-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{f}_1 \\ \mathbf{f}_2 \\ \mathbf{f}_3 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{f}_{M-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

which provides the global matrix structure for *all* of the unknowns. This is a block tridiagonal matrix with block dimension  $(M-1) \times (M-1)$  and blocks of size  $(N-1) \times (N-1)$  giving a total matrix size of  $(M-1)(N-1) \times (M-1)(N-1)$ . In the above we have defined the matrices  $\tilde{I}_l$ , and  $\tilde{I}_u$  as

$$\tilde{I}_l = - \left( \frac{\epsilon}{h_x^2} + \frac{a}{2h_x} \right) I_{N-1, N-1} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{I}_u = - \left( \frac{\epsilon}{h_x^2} - \frac{a}{2h_x} \right) I_{N-1, N-1},$$

here  $I_{N-1,N-1}$  is the  $N - 1 \times N - 1$  identity matrix, and the matrix  $A$  as

$$A = \epsilon \begin{pmatrix} 2\left(\frac{1}{h_x^2} + \frac{1}{h_y^2}\right) & \frac{-1}{h_y^2} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \frac{-1}{h_y^2} & 2\left(\frac{1}{h_x^2} + \frac{1}{h_y^2}\right) & \frac{-1}{h_y^2} & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{-1}{h_y^2} & 2\left(\frac{1}{h_x^2} + \frac{1}{h_y^2}\right) & \frac{-1}{h_y^2} & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{-1}{h_y^2} & 2\left(\frac{1}{h_x^2} + \frac{1}{h_y^2}\right) & \frac{-1}{h_y^2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Note the  $\epsilon$  in this matrix definition. This result could also have been obtained simply by noting that the derivative term when approximated by second order differences as

$$au_x \approx a \frac{u_{i+1,j} - u_{i-1,j}}{2h_x}$$

would add a term proportionate to

$$\frac{a}{2h_x},$$

to each of the diagonal matrices  $\tilde{I}$ 's in the block tridiagonal representation, as was verified above.

## Problem 2.1 (the derivation of the residual equation)

For a linear system  $Au = f$  with exact solution  $u$  and an approximate solution  $v$  the algebraic error is defined as  $e = u - v$ , so our exact solution  $u$  in terms of the error and the approximate solution is

$$u = e + v.$$

Putting this into  $Au = f$  we have that  $A(e + v) = f$ , or  $Ae = f - Av$ . Using the definition of the residual of  $r = f - Av$  we have that

$$Ae = r,$$

or the residual equation.

## Problem 2.2 (the weighted Jacobi method in terms of the residual)

The weighted Jacobi method is given by

$$v^{(1)} = ((1 - \omega)I + \omega D^{-1}(L + U)) v^{(0)} + \omega D^{-1}f.$$

This can be simplified by grouping all terms with an  $\omega$  acting on  $v^{(0)}$  as follows

$$v^{(1)} = v^{(0)} - \omega (I - D^{-1}(L + U)) v^{(0)} + \omega D^{-1}f.$$

From this expression, we will write the matrix operator  $I - D^{-1}(L + U)$  (found above) in terms of the residual and in doing so derive the requested expression. Towards this direction we recall the definition of the residual for an approximate solution  $v$  given by  $r = f - Av$ . Solving for  $Av$  we have  $Av = f - r$ . Splitting the coefficient matrix  $A$  into its standard diagonal, lower and upper triangular parts as  $A = D - L - U$ , this equation becomes,  $(D - L - U)v = f - r$ . Multiplying this by  $D^{-1}$  on both sides we have

$$(I - D^{-1}(L + U))v = D^{-1}(f - r).$$

From which we can simplify the definition of the weighted Jacobi update expressed in terms of the operator  $I - D^{-1}(L + U)$  giving

$$v^{(1)} = v^{(0)} - \omega D^{-1}(f - r^{(0)}) + \omega D^{-1}f = v^{(0)} + \omega D^{-1}r^{(0)}.$$

Which was the expression we desired to obtain.

## Problem 2.4-2.5 (eigenvalues and vectors for the model problem)

In general, for banded matrices, where the values on each band are constant, *explicit* formulas for the eigenvalues and eigenvectors can be obtained from the theory of finite differences. We will demonstrate this theory for the -1,2,-1 tridiagonal model problem matrix considered here. Here we will let the unknown vector be denoted by  $w$ . In addition, because we will use the symbol  $i$  for the imaginary unit ( $\sqrt{-1}$ ), rather than the usual “ $i$ ” subscript convention we will let our independent variable (ranging over components of the vector) be denoted  $t$ . Thus notationally  $w_i \equiv w(t)$ . Converting our eigenvector equation  $Aw = \lambda w$  into a *system* of equations we have that  $w(t)$ , must satisfy

$$-w(t - 1) + 2w(t) - w(t + 1) = \lambda w(t) \quad \text{for } t = 1, 2, \dots, N - 1,$$

with boundary conditions on  $w(t)$  taken such that  $w(0) = 0$  and  $w(N) = 0$ . Then the above equation can be written as

$$w(t - 1) - (2 - \lambda)w(t) + w(t + 1) = 0.$$

Substituting  $w(t) = m^t$  into the above we get

$$m^2 - (2 - \lambda)m + 1 = 0.$$

Solving this quadratic equation for  $m$  gives

$$m = \frac{(2 - \lambda) \pm \sqrt{(2 - \lambda)^2 - 4}}{2}$$

From this expression if  $|2 - \lambda| \geq 2$  the expression under the square root is positive and the two roots are both *real*. With two real roots, the only solution that satisfies the boundary conditions is the trivial one ( $w(t) = 0$ ). If  $|2 - \lambda| < 2$  then  $m$  is a complex number and the boundary conditions can be satisfied non-trivially. To further express this, define  $\theta$  such that

$$2 - \lambda = 2 \cos(\theta)$$



then the expression for  $m$  (in terms of  $\theta$ ) becomes

$$m = \frac{2 \cos(\theta) \pm \sqrt{4 \cos^2(\theta) - 4}}{2} = \cos(\theta) \pm \sqrt{\cos^2(\theta) - 1}$$

or

$$m = \cos(\theta) \pm i \sin(\theta) = e^{\pm i\theta}$$

from the theory of finite differences the solution  $w(t)$  is a linear combination of the two fundamental solutions or

$$w(t) = Ae^{i\theta t} + Be^{-i\theta t}. \quad (2)$$

Imposing the two homogeneous boundary condition we have the following system that must be solved for  $A$  and  $B$

$$\begin{aligned} A + B &= 0 \\ Ae^{i\theta N} + Be^{-i\theta N} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Putting the first equation into the second gives

$$B(e^{i\theta N} - e^{-i\theta N}) = 0$$

Since  $B$  cannot be zero (else the eigenfunction  $w(t)$  is identically zero) we must have  $\theta$  satisfy

$$\sin(\theta N) = 0$$

Thus  $\theta N = \pi n$  or

$$\theta = \frac{\pi n}{N} \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, \dots, N - 1$$

Tracing  $\theta$  back to the definition of  $\lambda$  we have that

$$\lambda = 2 - 2 \cos(\theta) = 2 - 2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi n}{N}\right)$$

Using the trigonometric identity

$$1 - \cos(\psi) = 2 \sin\left(\frac{\psi}{2}\right)^2$$

we get

$$\lambda_n = 4 \sin\left(\frac{\pi n}{2N}\right)^2 \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, N - 1$$

For the eigenvalues of the  $-1, 2, -1$  discrete one dimensional discrete Laplacian. We note that there are  $N - 1$  eigenvalues. To evaluate the eigenvectors we go back to Eq. 2 using our new definition of  $\theta$ . We get that

$$\begin{aligned} w(t) &\propto e^{i\theta t} - e^{-i\theta t} \\ &\propto \sin(\theta t) \\ &\propto \sin\left(\frac{\pi n}{N}t\right) \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, N - 1 \end{aligned}$$

Here the range of  $t$  is formally given by  $t = 1, 2, \dots, N - 1$ , but if  $w(t)$  is evaluated at the points  $t = 0$  and  $t = N$ , the correct boundary conditions are obtained and thus the domain of the functions  $w(t)$  can be extended to include these points.

We can explicitly evaluate some of the  $\lambda$ 's for  $N = 64$  for example we find that

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_1 &= 4 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2(64)}\right)^2 \approx 0 \\ \lambda_2 &= 9.6 \cdot 10^{-3} \\ \lambda_{N-2} &\approx 4.0 \\ \lambda_{N-1} &\approx 4.0\end{aligned}$$

In the book, the functional form for the eigenvectors was supplied (i.e.  $w(t)$  was given) and another approach to evaluating the eigenvalues is to simply substitute the given  $w(t)$  into the discrete Laplacian and solve for the resulting  $\lambda$  using trigonometric relationships to simplify the combination of trigonometric functions that results.

### **Problem 2.6 (the eigensystem for the weighted Jacobi method)**