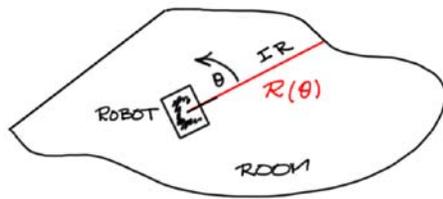


# Differentiation

# Motivation

## Robotic Perimeter Estimation



Perimeter =

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \left( \left( \frac{dR}{d\theta} \right)^2 + R^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} d\theta$$

~~direct differentiation of "noisy" data~~  
 $\downarrow$   
 "average": filtering, regression, ...

## Nonlinear Dynamical Systems: Pendulum



$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = \omega, \quad \text{fit to data } \theta(0) = \theta_0$$

$$\frac{d\omega}{dt} = -\frac{g}{L} \sin\theta - b\omega - c|\omega|\omega, \quad \omega(0) = 0$$

$(\theta(t), \omega(t))$

$\theta_0 \ll 1$   $\rightarrow$   $(\theta_{LIN}(t), \omega_{LIN}(t))$

$\theta_0 \not\ll 1$   $\rightarrow$   $(\tilde{\theta}_{\Delta t}(t), \tilde{\omega}_{\Delta t}(t))$

discretization

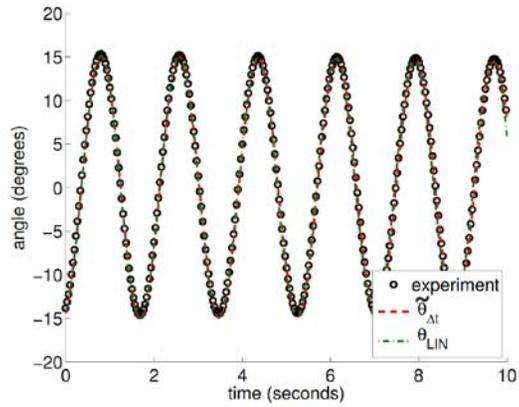
$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} \approx \frac{\tilde{\theta}(t+\Delta t) - \tilde{\theta}(t)}{\Delta t}$$

$$\frac{d\omega}{dt} \approx \frac{\tilde{\omega}(t+\Delta t) - \tilde{\omega}(t)}{\Delta t}$$

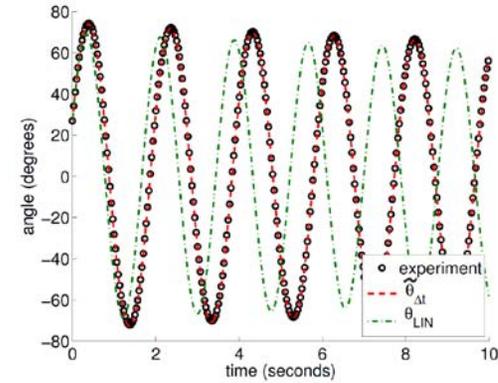
differential  $\rightarrow$  algebraic

small  $\theta_0$  :

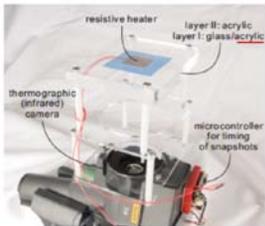
Yano, Penn



$\theta_0$  large :



## "Material Vision"



Penn, Tom

$$\rho c \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = k \left( \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} \right)$$

$$q_{in} = k \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \text{ on patch}$$

$$T = T_{amb} \text{ at } t=0$$

$$T(t, x, y, z; k, \rho c)$$

$$\tilde{T}_{\Delta t, \Delta x, \Delta y, \Delta z}(t, x, y, z; k, \rho c)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \approx \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)_{\Delta t}, \quad \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \approx \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \right)_{\Delta x}, \dots$$

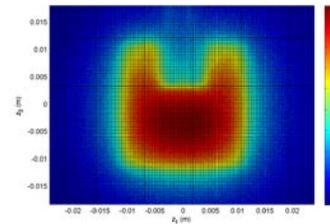
experiment

model

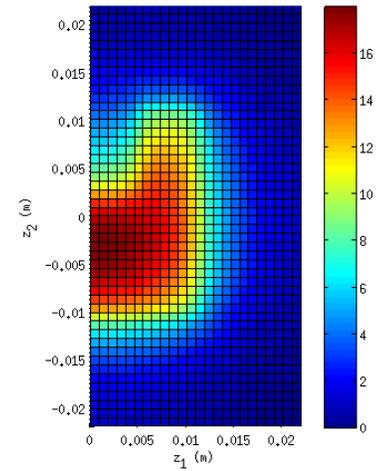
$$T_{exp}(t, x, y, z; k^*, \rho c^*) \rightarrow \text{COMPARE} \leftarrow \tilde{T}_{\Delta t, \Delta x, \Delta y, \Delta z}(t, x, y, z; k, \rho c)$$

$(k_{est}, \rho c_{est})$

material type



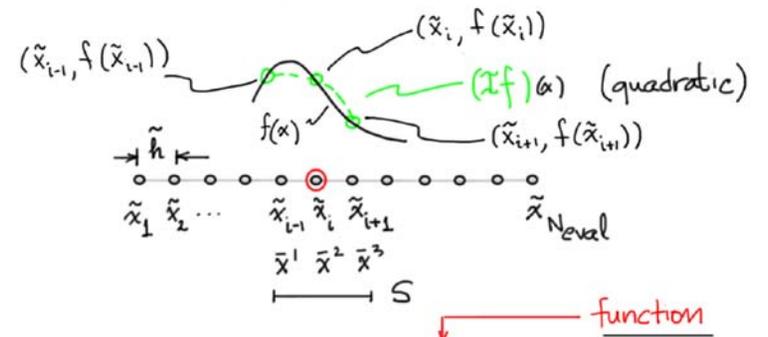
experiment  
 $(k^*, \rho c^*)$



model  
 $(k_{est}, \rho c_{est})$

from Interpolation  
to Differentiation

Given  $f(\tilde{x}_i)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq N_{eval}$  - values at points:

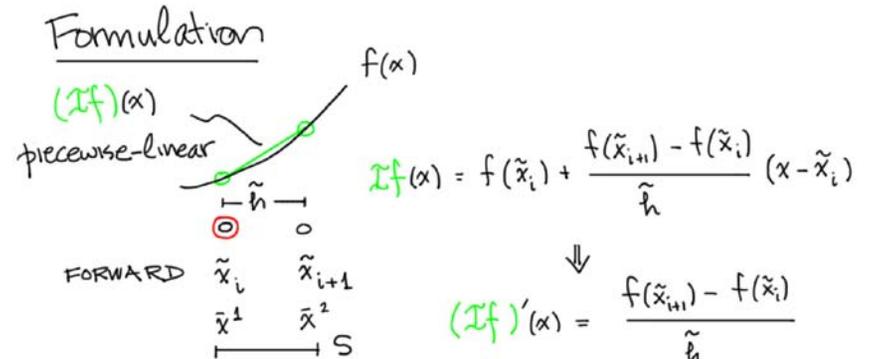


$$f'(\tilde{x}_i) \approx f'_h(\tilde{x}_i) = (If)'(\tilde{x}_i)$$

$$f''(\tilde{x}_i) \approx f''_h(\tilde{x}_i) = (If)''(\tilde{x}_i)$$

$$\vdots$$

First Derivative:  
Forward Difference



$$f'_h(\tilde{x}_i) = (If)'(\tilde{x}_i) = \frac{f(\tilde{x}_{i+1}) - f(\tilde{x}_i)}{\tilde{h}}$$

FINITE DIFFERENCE

## Error Analysis

$$\tilde{x}_{i+1} = \tilde{x}_i + \tilde{h}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(\tilde{x}_{i+1}) &= f(\tilde{x}_i + \tilde{h}) \\ &= f(\tilde{x}_i) + f'(\tilde{x}_i)\tilde{h} + \frac{1}{2}f''(\xi)\tilde{h}^2 \end{aligned} \quad \text{Taylor series}$$

$\tilde{x}_i \leq \xi \leq \tilde{x}_{i+1}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| f'(\tilde{x}_i) - \left( \frac{f(\tilde{x}_{i+1}) - f(\tilde{x}_i)}{\tilde{h}} \right) \right| \\ &= \left| f'(\tilde{x}_i) - \left( \frac{[f(\tilde{x}_i) + f'(\tilde{x}_i)\tilde{h} + \frac{1}{2}f''(\xi)\tilde{h}^2] - f(\tilde{x}_i)}{\tilde{h}} \right) \right| \end{aligned}$$

$$= \left| \frac{1}{2}f''(\xi)\tilde{h} \right|$$

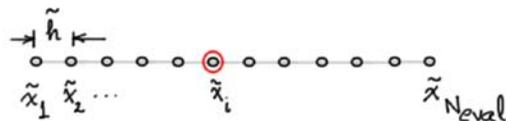
$$\leq \frac{1}{2} \max_{\tilde{x}_i \leq x \leq \tilde{x}_{i+1}} |f''(x)| \tilde{h}$$

exact for  $f(x)$  linear

$$\leq C \tilde{h}^1 \quad p=1: \text{first order (vs. interpolant error)}$$

DEMO

## Operation Count



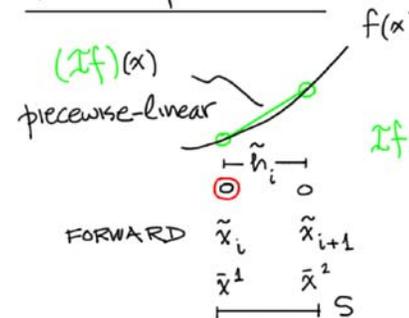
$$f'_h(\tilde{x}_i) = (\mathcal{I}f)'(\tilde{x}_i) = \frac{f(\tilde{x}_{i+1}) - f(\tilde{x}_i)}{\tilde{h}}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq N_{total} - 1$$

(i) evaluate  $f(\tilde{x}_i)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq N_{total}$

(ii) calculate finite difference:  $2 N_{total}$  FLOPs

## Non-Uniform Grid:

mesh



$$\mathcal{I}f(x) = f(\tilde{x}_i) + \frac{f(\tilde{x}_{i+1}) - f(\tilde{x}_i)}{\tilde{h}_i} (x - \tilde{x}_i)$$

$$(\mathcal{I}f)'(x) = \frac{f(\tilde{x}_{i+1}) - f(\tilde{x}_i)}{\tilde{h}_i}$$

$$f'_h(\tilde{x}_i) = (\mathcal{I}f)'(\tilde{x}_i) = \frac{f(\tilde{x}_{i+1}) - f(\tilde{x}_i)}{\tilde{h}_i}$$

and

$$\left| f'(\tilde{x}_i) - f'_h(\tilde{x}_i) \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} \max |f''| \cdot \tilde{h}_i^1$$

Some  
First-Derivative  
Finite Difference  
Formulas

<u><math>\mathcal{I}</math></u>	<u>"stencil"</u>	<u>formula</u>	<u>order</u>
linear	$\begin{array}{c} \circ \tilde{h} \circ \\ \tilde{x}_i \quad \tilde{x}_{i+1} \end{array}$	$\frac{f(\tilde{x}_{i+1}) - f(\tilde{x}_i)}{\tilde{h}}$	$p=1$ FORWARD DIFFERENCE
linear	$\begin{array}{c} \circ \tilde{h} \circ \\ \tilde{x}_{i-1} \quad \tilde{x}_i \end{array}$	$\frac{f(\tilde{x}_i) - f(\tilde{x}_{i-1})}{\tilde{h}}$	$p=1$ BACKWARD DIFFERENCE
quadratic	$\begin{array}{c} \circ \tilde{h} \circ \tilde{h} \circ \\ \tilde{x}_{i-1} \quad \tilde{x}_i \quad \tilde{x}_{i+1} \end{array}$	$\frac{f(\tilde{x}_{i+1}) - f(\tilde{x}_{i-1})}{2\tilde{h}}$ uniform mesh	$p=2$ CENTERED DIFFERENCE

A  
Second Derivative  
Finite Difference  
Formula

(CENTERED)

<u><math>\mathcal{I}</math></u>	<u>stencil</u>	<u>formula: <math>f''_h</math></u>	<u>order</u>
quadratic	$\begin{array}{c} \circ \tilde{h} \circ \tilde{h} \circ \\ \tilde{x}_{i-1} \quad \tilde{x}_i \quad \tilde{x}_{i+1} \end{array}$	$\frac{f(\tilde{x}_{i-1}) - 2f(\tilde{x}_i) + f(\tilde{x}_{i+1}))}{\tilde{h}^2}$ ----- uniform mesh -----	$p=2$

## Noisy Functions

Say we wish to approximate

$$f'(x)$$

but we only have access to

$$g(x) = f(x) + \underbrace{\epsilon \sin kx}_{\text{amplitude}}$$

← wavelength  $\frac{2\pi}{k}$

Then

$$g'_h(\tilde{x}_i) \rightarrow g'(\tilde{x}_i) = f'(\tilde{x}_i) + \epsilon k \cos kx.$$

Say  $\epsilon = .01, k = 100$

$$\neq f'(\tilde{x}_i) \quad \leftarrow \text{large error}$$

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