

Discontinuous Galerkin methods and applications

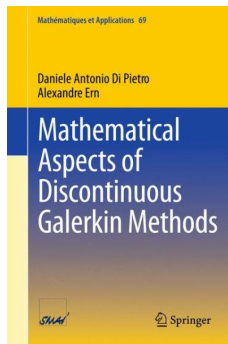
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Introduction I

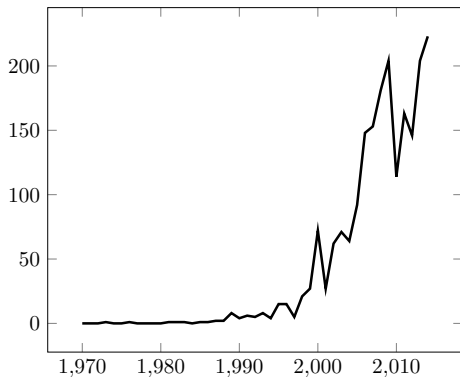
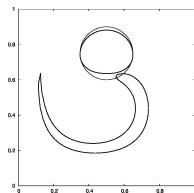
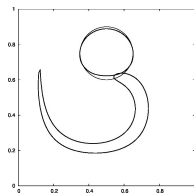


Figure: Entries with the keyword “discontinuous Galerkin” in MathSciNet

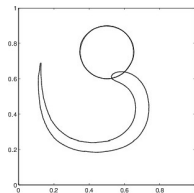
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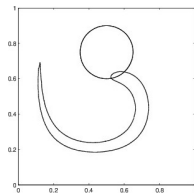
(a) SUPG (4800)



(b) SUPG (13300)



(c) dG-P3 (5120)



(d) dG-P3 (13520)

Figure: Accuracy in advective problems [Di Pietro et al., 2006]

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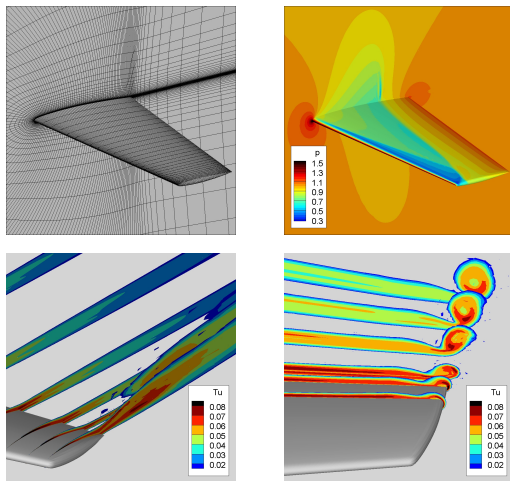


Figure: Compressible flow on Onera M6 wing profile [Bassi, Crivellini, DP, & Rebay, 2006]

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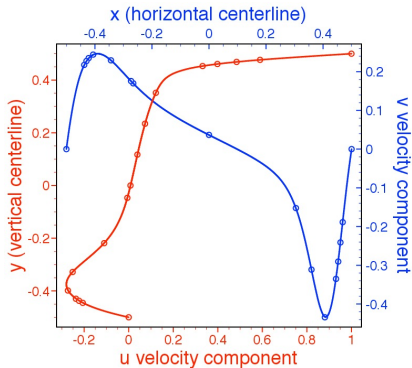
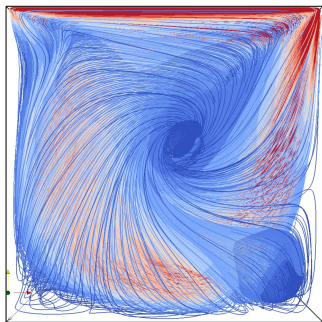


Figure: High-order accuracy in convection-dominated flows (3d lid-driven cavity, [Botti and Di Pietro, 2011])

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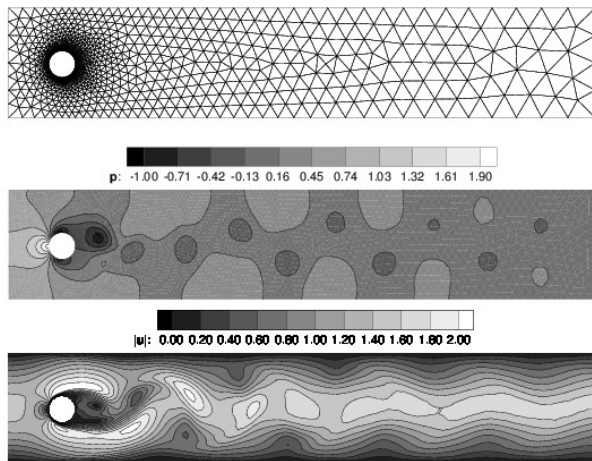
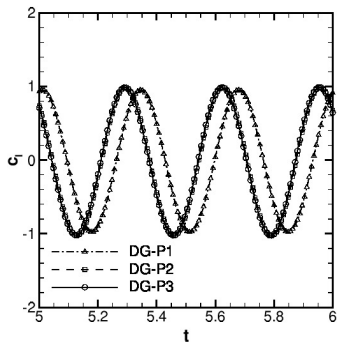
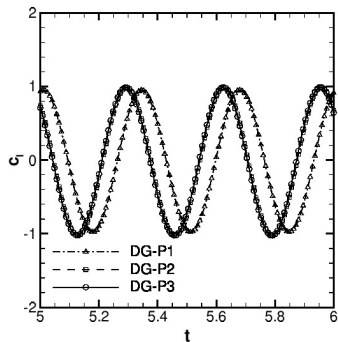


Figure: Transient incompressible flows, Turek cylinder [Bassi, Crivellini, DP, & Rebay, 2007]

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(a) Lift coefficient



(b) Drag coefficient

Figure: High-order in space-time

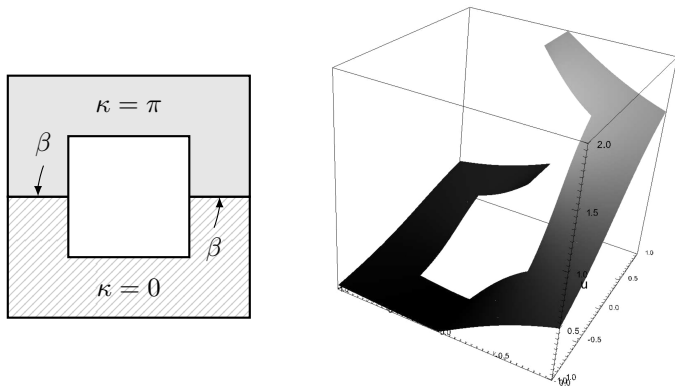
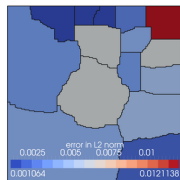
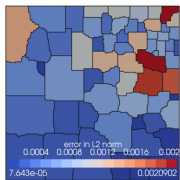


Figure: Degenerate advection-diffusion [Di Pietro et al., 2008]

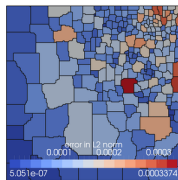
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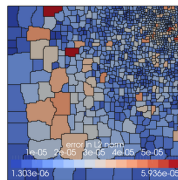
(a) 15 el.



(b) 63 el.



(c) 250 el.



(d) 1024 el.

Figure: Adaptive derefinement [Bassi, Botti, Colombo, DP, Tesini, 2012]

The origins: First-order PDEs

- [Reed and Hill, 1973], dG for steady neutron transport
- [Lesaint and Raviart, 1974], first error estimate
- [Johnson and Pitkäranta, 1986], improved estimate
- [Cockburn and Shu, 1989], explicit Runge–Kutta dG methods

The origins: Second-order PDES

- [Nitsche, 1971], boundary penalty methods
- [Babuška and Zlámal, 1973], Interior Penalty for bcs
- [Arnold, 1982], Symmetric Interior Penalty (SIP) dG method
- [Bassi and Rebay, 1997], compressible Navier–Stokes equations
- [Arnold et al., 2002], unified analysis

Part I

Basic concepts

- 1 Broken spaces and operators
- 2 Abstract nonconforming error analysis
- 3 Mesh regularity

Definition (Mesh)

A **mesh** \mathcal{T} of Ω is a finite collection of disjoint open polyhedra $\mathcal{T} = \{T\}$ s.t. $\bigcup_{T \in \mathcal{T}} \bar{T} = \bar{\Omega}$. Each $T \in \mathcal{T}$ is called a **mesh element**.

Definition (Element diameter, meshsize)

Let \mathcal{T} be a mesh of Ω . For all $T \in \mathcal{T}$, h_T denotes the **diameter** T , and the **meshsize** is defined as

$$h := \max_{T \in \mathcal{T}} h_T.$$

We use the notation \mathcal{T}_h for a mesh \mathcal{T} with meshsize h .

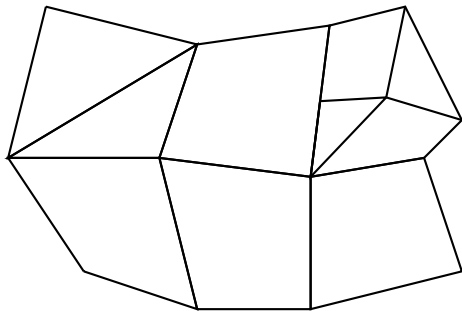


Figure: Example of mesh

Definition (Mesh faces)

A closed subset F of $\bar{\Omega}$ is a **mesh face** if $|F|_{d-1} > 0$ and

- either $\exists T_1, T_2 \in \mathcal{T}_h, T_1 \neq T_2$, s.t. $F = \partial T_1 \cap \partial T_2$ (**interface**);
- or $\exists T \in \mathcal{T}_h$ s.t. $F = \partial T \cap \partial\Omega$ (**boundary face**).

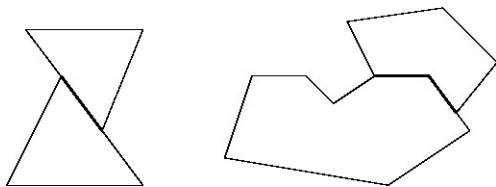


Figure: Examples of interfaces

Faces, averages, and jumps IV

- **Interfaces** are collected in \mathcal{F}_h^i , **boundary faces** in \mathcal{F}_h^b , and

$$\mathcal{F}_h := \mathcal{F}_h^i \cup \mathcal{F}_h^b.$$

- For all $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$ we let

$$\mathcal{F}_T := \{F \in \mathcal{F}_h \mid F \subset \partial T\},$$

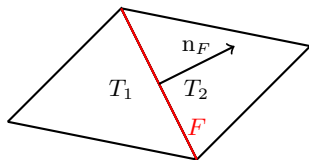
and we set

$$N_\partial := \max_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \text{card}(\mathcal{F}_T)$$

- Symmetrically, for all $F \in \mathcal{F}_h$, we let

$$\mathcal{T}_F := \{T \in \mathcal{T}_h \mid F \subset \partial T\}$$

Faces, averages, and jumps V



Definition (Interface averages and jumps)

Assume $v : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ smooth enough to admit a **possibly two-valued trace on all interfaces**. Then, for all $F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i$ we let

$$\{v\} := \frac{1}{2}(v|_{T_1} + v|_{T_2}), \quad \llbracket v \rrbracket := v|_{T_1} - v|_{T_2}.$$

For all $F \in \mathcal{F}_h^b$ with $F \subset \partial T$ we conventionally set $\{v\} = \llbracket v \rrbracket = v|_T$.

Broken polynomial spaces I

k	$d = 1$	$d = 2$	$d = 3$
0	1	1	1
1	2	3	4
2	3	6	10
3	4	10	20

Table: Dimension of \mathbb{P}_d^k for $1 \leq d \leq 3$ and $0 \leq k \leq 3$

Discontinuous Galerkin methods hinge on **broken polynomial spaces**,

$$\mathbb{P}_d^k(\mathcal{T}_h) := \{v \in L^2(\Omega) \mid \forall T \in \mathcal{T}_h, v|_T \in \mathbb{P}_d^k(T)\}$$

Hence, the number of DOFs is

$$\dim(\mathbb{P}_d^k(\mathcal{T}_h)) = \text{card}(\mathcal{T}_h) \times \text{card}(\mathbb{P}_d^k) = \text{card}(\mathcal{T}_h) \times \frac{(k+d)!}{k!d!}$$

Broken polynomial spaces II

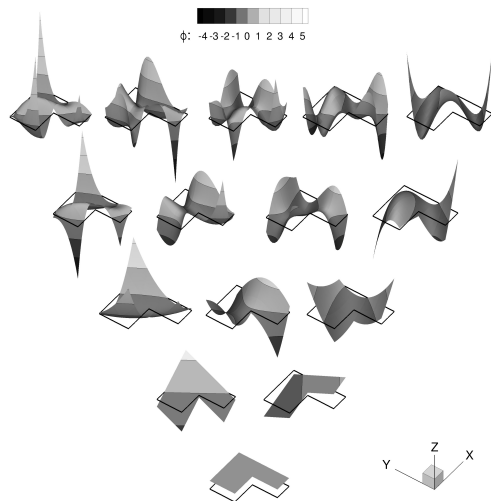


Figure: Orthonormal polynomial basis functions for an L-shaped element

- With $v : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ Lebesgue measurable and $1 \leq p \leq +\infty$, we set

$$\|v\|_{L^p(\Omega)} := \left(\int_{\Omega} |v|^p \right)^{1/p} \quad \forall 1 \leq p < +\infty,$$

and, for $p = +\infty$,

$$\|v\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} := \inf\{M > 0 \mid |v(x)| \leq M \text{ a.e. } x \in \Omega\}$$

- In either case, we define the **Lebesgue space**

$$L^p(\Omega) := \{v \text{ Lebesgue measurable} \mid \|v\|_{L^p(\Omega)} < +\infty\}$$

- Equipped with $\|\cdot\|_{L^p(\Omega)}$, $L^p(\Omega)$ is a **Banach space** for all p

- Let ∂_i denote the **distributional partial derivative** with respect to x_i
- For a d -uple $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_d) \in \mathbb{N}^d$ we note

$$\partial^\alpha v := \partial_1^{\alpha_1} \dots \partial_d^{\alpha_d} v$$

- For an integer $m \geq 0$ we define the **Sobolev space**

$$H^m(\Omega) = \{v \in L^2(\Omega) \mid \forall \alpha \in A_d^m, \partial^\alpha v \in L^2(\Omega)\},$$

$$\text{with } A_d^m := \{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^d \mid |\alpha|_{\ell^1} \leq m\}$$

- $H^m(\Omega)$ is a **Hilbert space** when equipped with the scalar product

$$(v, w)_{H^m(\Omega)} := \sum_{\alpha \in A_d^m} (\partial^\alpha v, \partial^\alpha w)_{L^2(\Omega)},$$

- The corresponding norm is

$$\|v\|_{H^m(\Omega)} := \left(\sum_{\alpha \in A_d^m} \|\partial^\alpha v\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

- The case $m = 1$ will be of particular importance in what follows

- We formulate **local regularity** in terms of **broken Sobolev spaces**

$$H^m(\mathcal{T}_h) := \{v \in L^2(\Omega) \mid \forall T \in \mathcal{T}_h, v|_T \in H^m(T)\}$$

- Clearly, $H^m(\Omega) \subset H^m(\mathcal{T}_h)$
- We record for future use that

functions in $H^1(\mathcal{T}_h)$ have trace in $L^2(\partial T)$ for all $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$

Broken Sobolev spaces and broken gradient II

Definition (Broken gradient)

The **broken gradient** $\nabla_h : H^1(\mathcal{T}_h) \rightarrow [L^2(\Omega)]^d$ is defined s.t.

$$\forall v \in H^1(\mathcal{T}_h), \quad (\nabla_h v)|_T := \nabla(v|_T) \quad \forall T \in \mathcal{T}_h.$$

Lemma (Characterization of $H^1(\Omega)$)

A function $v \in H^1(\mathcal{T}_h)$ belongs to $H^1(\Omega)$ if and only if

$$[[v]] = 0 \quad \forall F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i.$$

Moreover it holds, for all $v \in H^1(\Omega)$,

$$\nabla_h v = \nabla v \text{ in } [L^2(\Omega)]^d.$$

Abstract nonconforming error analysis I

- Let V be a function space s.t., with dense and continuous injections,

$$V \hookrightarrow L^2(\Omega) \equiv L^2(\Omega)' \hookrightarrow V'$$

- Let $a \in \mathcal{L}(V \times V, \mathbb{R})$ and $f \in V'$
- We consider the model **linear problem**

Find $u \in V$ s.t. $a(u, w) = \langle f, w \rangle_{V', V}$ for all $w \in V$	(II)
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Abstract nonconforming error analysis II

- Fix $k \geq 0$ and set $V_h := \mathbb{P}_d^k(\mathcal{T}_h)$. In general, V_h is **nonconforming**:

$$V_h \not\subset V$$

- With $a_h \in \mathcal{L}(V_h \times V_h, \mathbb{R})$, $l_h \in \mathcal{L}(V_h, \mathbb{R})$, a **dG method** for (II) reads

$$\boxed{\text{Find } u_h \in V_h \text{ s.t. } a_h(u_h, w_h) = l_h(w_h) \text{ for all } w_h \in V_h} \quad (\Pi_h)$$

- **When is (Π_h) a good approximation of (II)?**

Abstract nonconforming error analysis III

- Let $\|\cdot\|$ and $\|\cdot\|_*$ denote two norms on a subspace V_{*h} of $V + V_h$
- We formulate conditions to bound the **error in the stability norm**

$$\|u - u_h\|$$

by the **best approximation error in V_h** in the boundedness norm

$$\inf_{y_h \in V_h} \|u - y_h\|_*$$

- In the analysis of dG methods we often have

$$\|\cdot\| \neq \|\cdot\|_*$$

Abstract nonconforming error analysis IV

Definition (Discrete stability)

We say that the discrete bilinear form a_h enjoys **discrete stability** on V_h if there is $C_{\text{sta}} > 0$ **independent of h** s.t.

$$\forall v_h \in V_h, \quad C_{\text{sta}} \|v_h\| \leq \sup_{w_h \in V_h \setminus \{0\}} \frac{a_h(v_h, w_h)}{\|w_h\|}, \quad (\text{inf-sup})$$

or, equivalently,

$$C_{\text{sta}} \leq \inf_{v_h \in V_h \setminus \{0\}} \sup_{w_h \in V_h \setminus \{0\}} \frac{a_h(v_h, w_h)}{\|v_h\| \|w_h\|}.$$

Stability answers the question: **Can we solve the discrete problem?**

- A sufficient condition for discrete stability is **coercivity**,

$$\boxed{\forall v_h \in V_h, \quad C_{\text{sta}} \|v_h\|^2 \leq a_h(v_h, v_h)}$$

- Discrete coercivity implies (inf-sup) since, for all $v_h \in V_h \setminus \{0\}$,

$$C_{\text{sta}} \|v_h\| \leq \frac{a_h(v_h, v_h)}{\|v_h\|} \leq \sup_{w_h \in V_h \setminus \{0\}} \frac{a_h(v_h, w_h)}{\|w_h\|}$$

Abstract nonconforming error analysis VI

- For consistency we need to **plug u into the first argument of a_h**
- However, in most cases **a_h cannot be extended to $V \times V_h$**

Assumption (Regularity of the exact solution)

We assume that there is $V_* \subset V$ s.t.

- a_h can be extended to $V_* \times V_h$ and
- the exact solution u is s.t. $u \in V_*$.

Definition (Consistency)

The discrete problem (Π_h) is **consistent** if for the exact solution $u \in V_*$,

$$a_h(u, w_h) = l_h(w_h) \quad \forall w_h \in V_h. \quad (\text{cons.})$$

When consistency holds, u_h is the **a_h -orthogonal projection of u**

$$a_h(u - u_h, w_h) = 0 \quad \forall w_h \in V_h.$$

Consistency answers the question: **Is the discrete problem representative of the continuous one?**

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- If $u \in V_*$, the error satisfies $u - u_h \in V_{*h}$ with

$$V_{*h} := V_* + V_h$$

- We introduce a second norm $\|\cdot\|_*$ s.t.

$$\forall v \in V_{*h}, \quad \|v\| \leq \|v\|_*$$

Definition (Boundedness)

The discrete bilinear form a_h is **bounded** in $V_{*h} \times V_h$ if there is C_{bnd} **independent of h** s.t.

$$\forall (v, w_h) \in V_{*h} \times V_h, \quad |a_h(v, w_h)| \leq C_{\text{bnd}} \|v\|_* \|w_h\|.$$

Theorem (Abstract error estimate)

Let u solve (II) and assume $u \in V_*$. Then, assuming *discrete stability*, *consistency*, and *boundedness*, it holds

$$\|u - u_h\| \leq \left(1 + \frac{C_{\text{bnd}}}{C_{\text{sta}}}\right) \inf_{y_h \in V_h} \|u - y_h\|_* \quad (\text{est.})$$

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$$\inf_{y_h \in V_h} \|u - y_h\| \leq \|u - u_h\| \leq C \inf_{y_h \in V_h} \|u - y_h\|_*$$

Definition (Optimal, quasi-optimal, and suboptimal error estimate)

We say that the above error estimate is

- **optimal** if $\|\cdot\| = \|\cdot\|_*$
- **quasi-optimal** if $\|\cdot\| \neq \|\cdot\|_*$, but the lower and upper bounds converge, for smooth u , at the same convergence rate as $h \rightarrow 0$
- **suboptimal** if the upper bound converges more slowly

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Proof.

- Let $y_h \in V_h$. Owing to **discrete stability** and **consistency**,

$$\begin{aligned}\|u_h - y_h\| &\leq C_{\text{sta}}^{-1} \sup_{w_h \in V_h \setminus \{0\}} \frac{a_h(u_h - y_h, w_h)}{\|w_h\|} \\ &= C_{\text{sta}}^{-1} \sup_{w_h \in V_h \setminus \{0\}} \frac{a_h(u - y_h, w_h) + \cancel{a_h(u_h - u, w_h)}}{\|w_h\|}\end{aligned}$$

- Hence, using **boundedness**,

$$\|u_h - y_h\| \leq C_{\text{sta}}^{-1} C_{\text{bnd}} \|u - y_h\|_*$$

- Estimate (est.) then results from the triangle inequality, the fact that $\|u - y_h\| \leq \|u - y_h\|_*$, and that y_h is arbitrary in V_h

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Roadmap for the design of dG methods

- 1 Extend the continuous bilinear form to $V_{*h} \times V_h$ by replacing

$$\nabla \leftarrow \nabla_h$$

- 2 Check for **stability**
 - Remove bothering terms **in a consistent way**
 - If necessary, tighten stability by **penalizing jumps**
- 3 If things have been properly done, **consistency** is preserved
- 4 Prove **boundedness** by appropriately selecting $\|\cdot\|_*$

Mesh regularity I

- To prove discrete stability, consistency, and boundedness we need basic results such as **trace** and **inverse inequalities**
- For convergence, V_h must enjoy **approximation properties**

$$\inf_{y_h \in V_h} \|u - y_h\|_* \leq C_u h^l$$

This requires **regularity assumptions** on the mesh sequence

$$\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}} := (\mathcal{T}_h)_{h \in \mathcal{H}}$$

Definition (Shape and contact regularity)

The mesh sequence $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}$ is **shape-** and **contact-regular** if for all $h \in \mathcal{H}$, \mathcal{T}_h admits a matching simplicial submesh \mathfrak{S}_h s.t.

- (i) There is a $\varrho_1 > 0$, independent of h , s.t.

$$\forall T' \in \mathfrak{S}_h, \quad \varrho_1 h_{T'} \leq r_{T'},$$

with $r_{T'}$ radius of the largest ball inscribed in T' ;

- (ii) There is $\varrho_2 > 0$, independent of h s.t.

$$\forall T \in \mathcal{T}_h, \forall T' \in \mathfrak{S}_T, \quad \varrho_2 h_T \leq h_{T'}.$$

If \mathcal{T}_h is itself matching and simplicial, the only requirement is shape-regularity with parameter $\varrho_1 > 0$ independent of h .

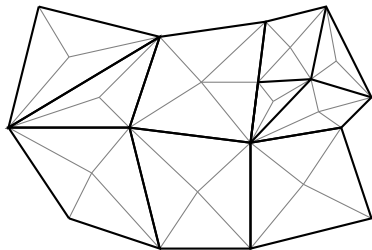


Figure: Mesh \mathcal{T}_h and matching simplicial submesh \mathfrak{S}_h

- We wish to have **optimal approximation properties** for

$$(\mathbb{P}_d^k(\mathcal{T}_h))_{h \in \mathcal{H}},$$

- Since we consider continuous problems posed in a space V s.t.

$$V \hookrightarrow L^2(\Omega) \equiv L^2(\Omega)' \hookrightarrow V',$$

it is natural to focus on the **L^2 -orthogonal projector** π_h^k s.t.

$$\boxed{\forall v \in L^2(\Omega), \quad (\pi_h^k v - v, w_h)_{L^2(\Omega)} = 0 \quad \forall w_h \in \mathbb{P}_d^k(\mathcal{T}_h)}$$

- This also allows to deal naturally with **polyhedral elements**

Lemma (Optimal polynomial approximation [Dupont and Scott, 1980])

Let \mathcal{T}_h denote a shape- and contact-regular mesh sequence. Then, for all $h \in \mathcal{H}$, all $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$, and all polynomial degree k , it holds

$$\forall s \in \{0, \dots, k+1\}, \forall m \in \{0, \dots, s\}, \forall v \in H^s(T),$$
$$|v - \pi_h^k v|_{H^m(T)} \leq C_{\text{app}} h_T^{s-m} |v|_{H^s(T)},$$

where C_{app} is independent of both T and h .

Part II

Scalar first-order PDES

4 The continuous setting

5 Centered fluxes

6 Upwind fluxes

The continuous problem I

- We consider the following **steady advection-reaction** problem:

$$\begin{cases} \beta \cdot \nabla u + \mu u = f & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega^-, \end{cases}$$

where $f \in L^2(\Omega)$ and

$$\partial\Omega^\pm := \{x \in \partial\Omega \mid \pm \beta(x) \cdot n(x) > 0\}$$

- We further assume

$$\mu \in L^\infty(\Omega), \quad \beta \in [\text{Lip}(\Omega)]^d, \quad \Lambda := \mu - \frac{1}{2} \nabla \cdot \beta \geq \mu_0$$

- As a starting point, we need a suitable **weak formulation**

Traces and continuous IBP formula I

- The natural space to look for the solution is the **graph space**

$$V := \{v \in L^2(\Omega) \mid \beta \cdot \nabla v \in L^2(\Omega)\}$$

- V is a **Hilbert space** when equipped with the inner product

$$(v, w)_V := (v, w)_{L^2(\Omega)} + (\beta \cdot \nabla v, \beta \cdot \nabla w)_{L^2(\Omega)}$$

- To deal with BCs, we study the traces of functions in V in the space

$$L^2(|\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}|; \partial\Omega) := \left\{ v \text{ is measurable on } \partial\Omega \mid \int_{\partial\Omega} |\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}| v^2 < \infty \right\}$$

Traces and continuous IBP formula II

Assumption (Inflow/outflow separation)

We assume henceforth *inflow/outflow separation*,

$$\text{dist}(\partial\Omega^-, \partial\Omega^+) := \min_{(x,y) \in \partial\Omega^- \times \partial\Omega^+} |x - y| > 0.$$

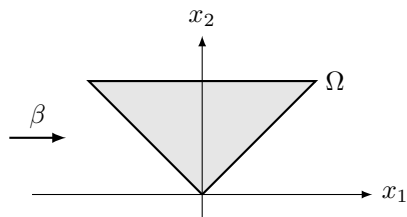


Figure: Counter-example for inflow/outflow separation

Lemma (Traces and integration by parts)

In the above framework, the *trace operator*

$$\gamma : C^0(\overline{\Omega}) \ni v \mapsto \gamma(v) := v|_{\partial\Omega} \in L^2(|\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}|; \partial\Omega)$$

extends continuously to V , i.e., there is C_γ s.t., for all $v \in V$,

$$\|\gamma(v)\|_{L^2(|\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}|; \partial\Omega)} \leq C_\gamma \|v\|_V.$$

Moreover, the following IBP formula holds true: For all $v, w \in V$,

$$\int_{\Omega} [(\beta \cdot \nabla v)w + (\beta \cdot \nabla w)v + (\nabla \cdot \beta)vw] = \int_{\partial\Omega} (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n})\gamma(v)\gamma(w).$$

- We introduce the following bilinear form:

$$a(v, w) := \int_{\Omega} \mu vw + \int_{\Omega} (\beta \cdot \nabla v) w + \int_{\partial\Omega} (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n})^{\ominus} vw,$$

where

$$x^{\oplus} := \frac{1}{2} (|x| + x), \quad x^{\ominus} := \frac{1}{2} (|x| - x)$$

- For all $v, w \in V$, the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality together with the bound $\|\gamma(v)\|_{L^2(|\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}|; \partial\Omega)} \leq C_{\gamma} \|v\|_V$ yield **boundedness for a**

$$|a(v, w)| \leq \left(1 + \|\mu\|_{L^{\infty}(\Omega)}^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \|v\|_V \|w\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + C_{\gamma}^2 \|v\|_V \|w\|_V$$

Lemma (L^2 -coercivity of a)

The bilinear form a is L^2 -coercive on V , namely,

$$\forall v \in V, \quad a(v, v) \geq \mu_0 \|v\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \int_{\partial\Omega} \frac{1}{2} |\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}| v^2.$$

$$a(v, w) := \int_{\Omega} \mu v w + \int_{\Omega} (\beta \cdot \nabla v) w + \int_{\partial\Omega} (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n})^{\ominus} v w,$$

Proof.

For all $v \in V$, IBP yields

$$\begin{aligned} a(v, v) &= \int_{\Omega} \left(\mu - \frac{1}{2} \nabla \cdot \beta \right) v^2 + \int_{\partial\Omega} \frac{1}{2} (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}) v^2 + \int_{\partial\Omega} (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n})^{\ominus} v^2 \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \Lambda v^2 + \int_{\partial\Omega} \frac{1}{2} |\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}| v^2 \\ &\geq \mu_0 \|v\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \int_{\partial\Omega} \frac{1}{2} |\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}| v^2, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the assumption $\Lambda \geq \mu_0 > 0$ to conclude. \square

$$\text{Find } u \in V \text{ s.t. } a(u, w) = \int_{\Omega} fw \text{ for all } w \in V \quad (\text{II})$$

Lemma (Well-posedness and characterization of (II))

Problem (II) is well-posed and its solution $u \in V$ is s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} \beta \cdot \nabla u + \mu u &= f && \text{a.e. in } \Omega, \\ u &= 0 && \text{a.e. in } \partial\Omega^-. \end{aligned}$$

- Weak formulation with **weakly enforced homogeneous inflow BCs**
- Extensions possible to **inhomogeneous BCs** and **systems**

Roadmap for the design of dG methods

- 1 Extend the continuous bilinear form to $V_{*h} \times V_h$ by replacing

$$\nabla \leftarrow \nabla_h$$

- 2 Check for **stability**
 - Remove bothering terms **in a consistent way**
 - If necessary, tighten stability by **penalizing jumps**
- 3 If things have been properly done, **consistency** is preserved
- 4 Prove **boundedness** by appropriately selecting $\|\cdot\|_*$

Assumption (Regularity of exact solution and space V_*)

We assume that there is a partition $P_\Omega = \{\Omega_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq N_\Omega}$ of Ω into disjoint polyhedra s.t.

$$u \in V_* := V \cap H^1(P_\Omega).$$

Additionally, we set

$$V_{*h} := V_* + V_h.$$

Lemma (Jumps of u across interfaces)

If $u \in V_*$, then, for all $F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i$,

$$(\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}_F)[[u]]_F(x) = 0 \quad \text{for a.e. } x \in F.$$

- Let $V_h := \mathbb{P}_d^k(\mathcal{T}_h)$, $k \geq 1$
- Our starting point is the (consistent) extension of a to $V_{*h} \times V_h$,

$$a_h^{(0)}(v, w_h) := \int_{\Omega} \left\{ \mu v w_h + (\beta \cdot \nabla_h v) w_h \right\} + \int_{\partial\Omega} (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n})^{\ominus} v w_h$$

We **mimic L^2 -coercivity** at the discrete level by introducing additional **consistent** terms that vanish when we plug u into the first argument

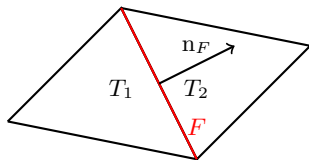
- Element-by-element IBP yields, for all $v_h \in V_h$,

$$\begin{aligned} a_h^{(0)}(v_h, v_h) &= \int_{\Omega} \left\{ \mu v_h^2 + (\beta \cdot \nabla_h v_h) v_h \right\} + \int_{\partial\Omega} (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n})^{\ominus} v_h^2 \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \mu v_h^2 + \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_T (\beta \cdot \nabla v_h) v_h + \int_{\partial\Omega} (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n})^{\ominus} v_h^2 \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \mu v_h^2 + \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_T \frac{1}{2} (\beta \cdot \nabla v_h^2) + \int_{\partial\Omega} (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n})^{\ominus} v_h^2 \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \Lambda v_h^2 + \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_{\partial T} \frac{1}{2} (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}_T) v_h^2 + \int_{\partial\Omega} (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n})^{\ominus} v_h^2, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used $\Lambda := \mu - \frac{1}{2} \nabla \cdot \beta$

- Let us focus on the boundary terms

Heuristic derivation IV



- Using the continuity of $(\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}_F)$ across all $F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i$,

$$\sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_{\partial T} \frac{1}{2} (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}_T) v_h^2 = \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i} \int_F \frac{1}{2} (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}_F) \llbracket v_h^2 \rrbracket + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^b} \int_F \frac{1}{2} (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}) v_h^2$$

- For all $\mathcal{F}_h^i \ni F = \partial T_1 \cap \partial T_2$, $v_i = v_h|_{T_i}$, $i \in \{1, 2\}$, it holds

$$\frac{1}{2} \llbracket v_h^2 \rrbracket = \frac{1}{2} (v_1^2 - v_2^2) = \frac{1}{2} (v_1 - v_2)(v_1 + v_2) = \llbracket v_h \rrbracket \{ \{ v_h \} \}$$

- As a result,

$$\begin{aligned} a_h^{(0)}(v_h, v_h) &= \int_{\Omega} \Lambda v_h^2 + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i} \int_F (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}_F) \llbracket v_h \rrbracket \{v_h\} \\ &\quad + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^b} \int_F \frac{1}{2} (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}) v_h^2 + \int_{\partial\Omega} (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n})^{\ominus} v_h^2, \end{aligned}$$

- Combining the two rightmost terms, we arrive at

$$a_h^{(0)}(v_h, v_h) = \int_{\Omega} \Lambda v_h^2 + \boxed{\sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i} \int_F (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}_F) \llbracket v_h \rrbracket \{v_h\}} + \int_{\partial\Omega} \frac{1}{2} |\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}| v_h^2$$

- The boxed term is **nondefinite**

Heuristic derivation VI

- A natural idea is to modify $a_h^{(0)}$ as follows:

$$a_h^{\text{cf}}(v, w_h) := \int_{\Omega} \left\{ \mu v w_h + (\beta \cdot \nabla_h v) w_h \right\} + \int_{\partial\Omega} (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n})^{\ominus} v w_h \\ - \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i} \int_F (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}_F) \llbracket v \rrbracket \{ w_h \}$$

- The highlighted term is **consistent** since $u \in V_*$ implies

$$(\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}_F) \llbracket u \rrbracket_F(x) = 0 \quad \text{for a.e. } x \in F$$

- Moreover, it ensures **L^2 -coercivity** since, this time,

$$a_h^{\text{cf}}(v_h, v_h) = \int_{\Omega} \Lambda v_h^2 + \int_{\partial\Omega} \frac{1}{2} |\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}| v_h^2 \quad \forall v_h \in V_h$$

Heuristic derivation VII

$$\int_{\Omega} \left\{ \mu v_h w_h + (\beta \cdot \nabla_h v_h) w_h \right\}, \int_{\partial\Omega} (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n})^{\ominus} v_h w_h$$

$$\sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i} \int_F (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}_F) [[v_h]] \{w_h\}$$

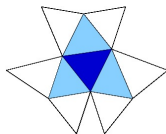
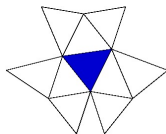


Figure: Stencil of the different terms

Heuristic derivation VIII

$$\|v\|_{\text{cf}}^2 := \tau_c^{-1} \|v\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \int_{\partial\Omega} \frac{1}{2} |\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}| v^2, \quad \tau_c := \{\max(\|\mu\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)}, L_\beta)\}^{-1}$$

Lemma (Consistency and discrete coercivity)

The discrete bilinear form a_h^{cf} satisfies the following properties:

(i) **Consistency**, i.e., assuming $u \in V_*$,

$$a_h^{\text{cf}}(u, v_h) = \int_{\Omega} f v_h \quad \forall v_h \in V_h;$$

(ii) **Coercivity** on V_h with $C_{\text{sta}} := \min(1, \tau_c \mu_0)$,

$$\forall v_h \in V_h, \quad a_h^{\text{cf}}(v_h, v_h) \geq C_{\text{sta}} \|v_h\|_{\text{cf}}^2.$$

Lemma (Boundedness)

It holds

$$\forall (v, w_h) \in V_{*h} \times V_h, \quad a_h^{\text{cf}}(v, w_h) \leq C_{\text{bnd}} \|v\|_{\text{cf},*} \|w_h\|_{\text{cf}},$$

with C_{bnd} independent of h **and of μ and β** , and with $\beta_c := \|\beta\|_{[L^\infty(\Omega)]^d}$,

$$\|v\|_{\text{cf},*}^2 := \|v\|_{\text{cf}}^2 + \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_c \|\beta \cdot \nabla v\|_{L^2(T)}^2 + \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_c \beta_c^2 h_T^{-1} \|v\|_{L^2(\partial T)}^2.$$

$$\text{Find } u_h \in V_h \text{ s.t. } a_h^{\text{cf}}(u_h, v_h) = \int_{\Omega} f v_h \text{ for all } v_h \in V_h \quad (\Pi_h^{\text{cf}})$$

Theorem (Error estimate)

Let u solve (II) and let u_h solve (Π_h^{cf}) with $V_h = \mathbb{P}_d^k(\mathcal{T}_h)$, $k \geq 1$. Then, it holds,

$$\|u - u_h\|_{\text{cf}} \leq C \inf_{y_h \in V_h} \|u - y_h\|_{\text{cf},*},$$

with C independent of h and depending on the data only via the factor

$$C_{\text{sta}}^{-1} = \{\min(1, \tau_c \mu_0)\}^{-1}.$$

Corollary (Convergence rate for smooth solutions)

Assume $u \in H^{k+1}(\Omega)$. Then, it holds

$$\|u - u_h\|_{\text{cf}} \leq C_u h^k,$$

with $C_u = C \|u\|_{H^{k+1}(\Omega)}$ and C independent of h and depending on the data only through the factor $\{\min(1, \tau_c \mu_0)\}^{-1}$.

Proof.

It suffices to let $y_h = \pi_h^k u$ in the error estimate and use the **approximation properties** of the sequence of discrete spaces $(V_h)_{h \in \mathcal{H}}$. \square

- This estimate is **suboptimal** by $\frac{1}{2}$ power of h
- Indeed, in the inequalities

$$\inf_{y_h \in V_h} \|u - y_h\|_{\text{cf}} \leq \|u - u_h\|_{\text{cf}} \leq C \inf_{y_h \in V_h} \|u - y_h\|_{\text{cf},*},$$

the upper bound **converges more slowly** than the lower bound

- Also bothering: **no convergence for FV ($k = 0$)!**

$$\begin{aligned} \|v\|_{\text{cf}}^2 &:= \tau_c^{-1} \|v\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \int_{\partial\Omega} \frac{1}{2} |\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}| v^2, \\ \|v\|_{\text{cf},*}^2 &:= \|v\|_{\text{cf}}^2 + \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_c \|\beta \cdot \nabla v\|_{L^2(T)}^2 + \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_c \beta_c^2 h_T^{-1} \|v\|_{L^2(\partial T)}^2. \end{aligned}$$

$$a_h^{\text{cf}}(v, w_h) := \int_{\Omega} \left\{ \mu v w_h + (\beta \cdot \nabla_h v) w_h \right\} + \int_{\partial\Omega} (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n})^{\ominus} v w_h \\ - \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i} \int_F (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}_F) \llbracket v \rrbracket \{ \{ w_h \} \}$$

Lemma (Equivalent expression for a_h^{cf})

For all $(v, w_h) \in V_{*h} \times V_h$, it holds

$$a_h^{\text{cf}}(v, w_h) = \int_{\Omega} \left\{ (\mu - \nabla \cdot \beta) v w_h - v (\beta \cdot \nabla_h w_h) \right\} \\ + \int_{\partial\Omega} (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n})^{\oplus} v w_h + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i} \int_F (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}_F) \{ \{ v \} \} \llbracket w_h \rrbracket.$$

- IBP of the advective term leads to

$$\begin{aligned} a_h^{\text{cf}}(v, w_h) &= \int_{\Omega} \left\{ (\mu - \nabla \cdot \beta) v w_h - v (\beta \cdot \nabla_h w_h) \right\} \\ &\quad + \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_{\partial T} (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}_T) v w_h + \int_{\partial \Omega} (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n})^{\ominus} v w_h \\ &\quad - \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i} \int_F (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}_F) \llbracket v \rrbracket \{ w_h \} \end{aligned}$$

- Exploiting the continuity of $\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}_F$ we obtain

$$\sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_{\partial T} (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}_T) v w_h = \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i} \int_F (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}_F) \llbracket v w_h \rrbracket + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^b} \int_F (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}) v w_h$$

- To conclude we use the **magic formula**

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket vw_h \rrbracket &= v_1 w_1 - v_2 w_2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(v_1 - v_2)(w_1 + w_2) + \frac{1}{2}(v_1 + v_2)(w_1 - w_2) \\ &= \llbracket v \rrbracket \{\!\!\{ w_h \}\!\!\} + \{\!\!\{ v \}\!\!\} \llbracket w_h \rrbracket, \end{aligned}$$

where $v_i := v|_{T_i}$ and $w_i := w_h|_{T_i}$ for $i \in \{1, 2\}$

- We now consider a point of view closer to **finite volumes**
- Let $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$ and $\xi \in \mathbb{P}_d^k(T)$
- For a set $S \subset \Omega$, denote by χ_S the **characteristic function** of S s.t.

$$\chi_S(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in S, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- With the goal of setting $v_h = \xi \chi_T$ in (Π_h^{cf}) observe that

$$[[\xi \chi_T]] = \epsilon_{T,F} \xi \quad \text{with} \quad \epsilon_{T,F} := \mathbf{n}_T \cdot \mathbf{n}_F$$

$$a_h^{\text{cf}}(u_h, v_h) = \int_{\Omega} \left\{ (\mu - \nabla \cdot \beta) u_h v_h - u_h (\beta \cdot \nabla_h v_h) \right\} \\ + \int_{\partial\Omega} (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n})^{\oplus} u_h v_h + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i} \int_F (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}_F) \{u_h\} [v_h].$$

- Letting $v_h = \xi \chi_T$ in the alternative form for a_h (cf. above) we infer

$$a_h(u_h, \xi \chi_T) = \int_T \left\{ (\mu - \nabla \cdot \beta) u_h \xi - u_h (\beta \cdot \nabla \xi) \right\} + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} \epsilon_{T,F} \int_F \phi_F(u_h) \xi = \int_T f \xi,$$

where **centered numerical flux** $\phi_F(u_h)$ given by

$$\phi_F(u_h) := \begin{cases} (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}_F) \{u_h\} & \text{if } F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i, \\ (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n})^{\oplus} u_h & \text{if } F \in \mathcal{F}_h^b \end{cases}$$

- For $\xi|_T \equiv 1$ we recover the usual FV **local conservation**: $\forall T \in \mathcal{T}_h$,

$$\int_T (\mu - \nabla \cdot \beta) u_h + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} \int_F \epsilon_{T,F} \phi_F(u_h) = \int_T f$$

- We next modify the numerical flux to recover **quasi-optimality**

- The error estimate for centered fluxes is suboptimal
- This can be improved by **tightening stability** with a least-square penalization of interface jumps
- In terms of fluxes, this approach amounts to introducing **upwind**
- As a side benefit, we can estimate the **advective derivative error**

- We consider the new bilinear form

$$a_h^{\text{upw}}(v_h, w_h) := a_h^{\text{cf}}(v_h, w_h) + s_h(v_h, w_h),$$

where, for $\eta > 0$, we have introduced the **stabilization bilinear form**

$$s_h(v_h, w_h) = \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i} \int_F \frac{\eta}{2} |\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}_F| \llbracket v_h \rrbracket \llbracket w_h \rrbracket$$

- This term is **consistent** under the regularity assumption since

$$(\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}_F) \llbracket u \rrbracket = 0 \quad \forall F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i$$

- More explicitly, recalling the expression of a_h^{cf} ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_h^{\text{upw}}(v_h, w_h) &:= \int_{\Omega} \left\{ \mu v_h w_h + (\beta \cdot \nabla_h v_h) w_h \right\} + \int_{\partial\Omega} (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n})^{\ominus} v_h w_h \\
 &\quad - \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i} \int_F (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}_F) \llbracket v_h \rrbracket \{ w_h \} + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i} \int_F \frac{\eta}{2} |\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}_F| \llbracket v_h \rrbracket \llbracket w_h \rrbracket
 \end{aligned}$$

- Or, after element-by-element IBP,

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_h^{\text{upw}}(v_h, w_h) &= \int_{\Omega} \left\{ (\mu - \nabla \cdot \beta) v_h w_h - v_h (\beta \cdot \nabla_h w_h) \right\} + \int_{\partial\Omega} (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n})^{\oplus} v_h w_h \\
 &\quad + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i} \int_F (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}_F) \{ v_h \} \llbracket w_h \rrbracket + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i} \int_F \frac{\eta}{2} |\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}_F| \llbracket v_h \rrbracket \llbracket w_h \rrbracket
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \left\{ \mu v_h w_h + (\beta \cdot \nabla_h v_h) w_h \right\}, \int_{\partial\Omega} (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n})^{\ominus} v_h w_h$$

$$\sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i} \int_F (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}_F) [[v_h]] \{w_h\},$$

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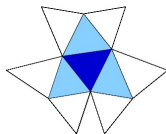
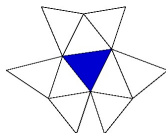


Figure: Stencil of the different terms

$$\text{Find } u_h \in V_h \text{ s.t. } a_h^{\text{upw}}(u_h, v_h) = \int_{\Omega} f v_h \text{ for all } v_h \in V_h \quad (\Pi_h^{\text{upw}})$$

$$\|v\|_{\text{uwb}}^2 := \|v\|_{\text{cf}}^2 + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i} \int_F \frac{\eta}{2} |\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}_F| |v|^2$$

Lemma (Consistency and discrete coercivity)

The discrete bilinear form a_h^{upw} satisfies the following properties:

- (i) **Consistency**, i.e., assuming $u \in V_*$,

$$a_h^{\text{upw}}(u, v_h) = \int_{\Omega} f v_h \quad \forall v_h \in V_h,$$

- (ii) **Coercivity** on V_h with $C_{\text{sta}} = \min(1, \tau_c \mu_0)$,

$$\forall v_h \in V_h, \quad a_h^{\text{upw}}(v_h, v_h) \geq C_{\text{sta}} \|v_h\|_{\text{uwb}}^2.$$

- Proceeding as for a_h^{cf} we infer for all $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$,

$$a_h(u_h, \xi_{\mathcal{X}T}) = \int_T \left\{ (\mu - \nabla \cdot \beta) u_h \xi - u_h (\beta \cdot \nabla \xi) \right\} + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} \epsilon_{T,F} \int_F \phi_F(u_h) \xi = \int_T f \xi,$$

where, this time, the numerical flux is s.t.

$$\phi_F(u_h) = \begin{cases} \beta \cdot \mathbf{n}_F \{ \{ u_h \} \} + \frac{\eta}{2} |\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}_F| [[u_h]] & \text{if } F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i, \\ (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n})^\oplus u_h & \text{if } F \in \mathcal{F}_h^b \end{cases}$$

- The choice $\eta = 1$ leads to the classical **upwind fluxes**

$$\phi_F(u_h) = \begin{cases} \beta \cdot \mathbf{n}_F u_h^\uparrow & \text{if } F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i, \\ (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n})^\oplus u_h & \text{if } F \in \mathcal{F}_h^b \end{cases}$$

- We define the stronger norm ($\beta_c := \|\beta\|_{[L^\infty(\Omega)]^d}$)

$$\|v\|_{\text{uw}\sharp}^2 := \|v\|_{\text{uw}b}^2 + \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \beta_c^{-1} h_T \|\beta \cdot \nabla v\|_{L^2(T)}^2$$

- We assume that the model is **well-resolved** and that **reaction is not dominant**

$$h \leq \beta_c \tau_c$$

Lemma (Discrete inf-sup condition for a_h^{upw})

There is $C'_{\text{sta}} > 0$, independent of h , μ , and β , s.t.

$$\forall v_h \in V_h, \quad C'_{\text{sta}} C_{\text{sta}} \|v_h\|_{\text{uw}\sharp} \leq \mathfrak{S} := \sup_{w_h \in V_h \setminus \{0\}} \frac{a_h^{\text{upw}}(v_h, w_h)}{\|w_h\|_{\text{uw}\sharp}},$$

with $C_{\text{sta}} = \min(1, \tau_c \mu_0) \leq 1$ denoting the L^2 -coercivity constant.

Lemma (Boundedness)

It holds

$$\forall (v, w_h) \in V_{*h} \times V_h, \quad |a_h^{\text{upw}}(v, w_h)| \leq C_{\text{bnd}} \|v\|_{\text{uw}\sharp, *} \|w_h\|_{\text{uw}\sharp},$$

with C_{bnd} independent of h , μ , and β and

$$\|v\|_{\text{uw}\sharp, *}^2 := \|v\|_{\text{uw}\sharp}^2 + \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \beta_c \left(h_T^{-1} \|v\|_{L^2(T)}^2 + \|v\|_{L^2(\partial T)}^2 \right).$$

Error estimates based on inf-sup stability IV

Theorem (Error estimate)

Let u solve (II) and let u_h solve (Π_h^{upw}) where $V_h = \mathbb{P}_d^k(\mathcal{T}_h)$ with $k \geq 0$. Then, it holds

$$\|u - u_h\|_{\text{uw}\sharp} \leq C \inf_{y_h \in V_h} \|u - y_h\|_{\text{uw}\sharp, *},$$

with C independent of h and depending on the data only through the factor $\{\min(1, \tau_c \mu_0)\}^{-1}$.

Corollary (Convergence rate for smooth solutions)

Assume $u \in H^{k+1}(\Omega)$. Then, it holds

$$\|u - u_h\|_{\text{uw}\sharp} \leq C_u h^{k+1/2},$$

with $C_u = C \|u\|_{H^{k+1}(\Omega)}$ and C independent of h and depending on the data only through the factor $\{\min(1, \tau_c \mu_0)\}^{-1}$.

Part III

Scalar second-order PDEs

7 Setting

8 Heuristic derivation

9 Convergence analysis

10 Liftings and discrete gradients

Setting I

- For $f \in L^2(\Omega)$ we consider the model problem for viscous terms

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta u &= f && \text{in } \Omega, \\ u &= 0 && \text{on } \partial\Omega, \end{aligned}$$

- The weak formulation reads with $V := H_0^1(\Omega)$,

$$\text{Find } u \in V \text{ s.t. } a(u, v) = \int_{\Omega} f v \text{ for all } v \in V, \quad (\text{II})$$

where

$$a(u, v) := \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v$$

Setting II

- The well-posedness of (II) hinges on **Poincaré's inequality**,

$$\forall v \in H_0^1(\Omega), \quad \|v\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq C_\Omega \|\nabla v\|_{[L^2(\Omega)]^d}$$

- Indeed, a classical result is the **coercivity** of a ,

$$\forall v \in H_0^1(\Omega), \quad a(v, v) \geq \frac{1}{1 + C_\Omega^2} \|v\|_{H^1(\Omega)}^2$$

Lemma (Continuity of the potential and of the diffusive flux)

Letting $[[v]]_F = \{\{v\}\}_F = v$ for all $F \in \mathcal{F}_h^b$, it holds

$$\begin{aligned} [[u]] &= 0 & \forall F \in \mathcal{F}_h, \\ [[\nabla u] \cdot \mathbf{n}_F] &= 0 & \forall F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i. \end{aligned}$$

Assumption (Regularity of exact solution and space V_*)

We assume for the exact solution the regularity $u \in V_*$ with

$$V_* := V \cap H^2(\Omega).$$

This implies, in particular, that the traces of both u and $\nabla u \cdot \mathbf{n}_F$ are *square-integrable*. We set

$$V_{*h} := V_* + V_h.$$

Roadmap for the design of dG methods

- 1 Extend the continuous bilinear form to $V_{*h} \times V_h$ by replacing

$$\nabla \leftarrow \nabla_h$$

- 2 Check for **stability**
 - Remove bothering terms **in a consistent way**
 - If necessary, tighten stability by **penalizing jumps**
- 3 If things have been properly done, **consistency** is preserved
- 4 Prove **boundedness** by appropriately selecting $\|\cdot\|_*$

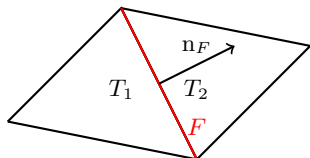
Symmetric Interior Penalty: Heuristic derivation I

- We derive a dG method based on the space

$$V_h := \mathbb{P}_d^k(\mathcal{T}_h), \quad k \geq 1$$

- For all $(v, w_h) \in V_{*h} \times V_h$ we set, replacing $\nabla \leftarrow \nabla_h$,

$$a_h^{(0)}(v, w_h) := \int_{\Omega} \nabla_h v \cdot \nabla_h w_h = \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_T \nabla v \cdot \nabla w_h$$



- Integrating by parts element-by-element we arrive at

$$a_h^{(0)}(v, w_h) = - \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_T (\Delta v) w_h + \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_{\partial T} (\nabla v \cdot \mathbf{n}_T) w_h$$

- The second term in the RHS can be reformulated as follows:

$$\sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_{\partial T} (\nabla v \cdot \mathbf{n}_T) w_h = \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i} \int_F [(\nabla_h v) w_h] \cdot \mathbf{n}_F + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^b} \int_F (\nabla v \cdot \mathbf{n}_F) w_h$$

- Moreover, letting $a_i = (\nabla v)|_{T_i}$, $b_i = w_h|_{T_i}$, $i \in \{1, 2\}$,

$$\begin{aligned} [(\nabla_h v)w_h] &= a_1 b_1 - a_2 b_2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(a_1 + a_2)(b_1 - b_2) + (a_1 - a_2)\frac{1}{2}(b_1 + b_2) \\ &= \{\{\nabla_h v\}\}[w_h] + [(\nabla_h v)]\{\{w_h\}\}. \end{aligned}$$

- As a result, and accounting also for boundary faces,

$$\sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_{\partial T} (\nabla v \cdot \mathbf{n}_T) w_h = \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h} \int_F \{\{\nabla_h v\}\} \cdot \mathbf{n}_F [w_h] + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i} \int_F [(\nabla_h v)] \cdot \mathbf{n}_F \{\{w_h\}\}$$

- In conclusion,

$$\begin{aligned} a_h^{(0)}(v, w_h) &= - \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_T (\Delta v) w_h + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h} \int_F \{\{\nabla_h v\}\} \cdot \mathbf{n}_F [w_h] \\ &\quad + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i} \int_F \llbracket \nabla_h v \rrbracket \cdot \mathbf{n}_F \{w_h\} \end{aligned}$$

- To check consistency, set $v = u$. For all $w_h \in V_h$,

$$a_h^{(0)}(u, w_h) = \int_{\Omega} f w_h + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h} \int_F \{\{\nabla u\}\} \cdot \mathbf{n}_F [w_h]$$

- Hence, to obtain consistency we modify $a_h^{(0)}$ as follows:

$$a_h^{(1)}(v, w_h) := \int_{\Omega} \nabla_h v \cdot \nabla_h w_h - \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h} \int_F \{\{\nabla_h v\}\} \cdot \mathbf{n}_F [w_h]$$

- A desirable property is **symmetry** since
 - it simplifies the solution of the linear system
 - it is used to prove **optimal L^2 error estimates**
- Thus, we consider the following symmetric modification of $a_h^{(1)}$:

$$a_h^{\text{cs}}(v, w_h) := \int_{\Omega} \nabla_h v \cdot \nabla_h w_h - \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h} \int_F (\{\{\nabla_h v\}\} \cdot \mathbf{n}_F \llbracket w_h \rrbracket + \llbracket v \rrbracket \{\{\nabla_h w_h\}\} \cdot \mathbf{n}_F)$$

- Element-by-element integration by parts yields

$$\begin{aligned} a_h^{\text{cs}}(v, w_h) &= - \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_T (\Delta v) w_h + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i} \int_F \llbracket \nabla_h v \rrbracket \cdot \mathbf{n}_F \{w_h\} \\ &\quad - \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h} \int_F \llbracket v \rrbracket \{ \nabla_h w_h \} \cdot \mathbf{n}_F \end{aligned}$$

- This shows that a_h^{cs} retains consistency since

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket \nabla_h u \rrbracket_F \cdot \mathbf{n}_F &= 0 && \text{for all } F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i, \\ \llbracket u \rrbracket_F &= 0 && \text{for all } F \in \mathcal{F}_h \end{aligned}$$

- For all $v_h \in V_h$ it holds

$$a_h^{\text{CS}}(v_h, v_h) = \|\nabla_h v_h\|_{[L^2(\Omega)]^d}^2 - 2 \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h} \int_F \{\{\nabla_h v_h\}\} \cdot \mathbf{n}_F \llbracket v_h \rrbracket$$

- The boxed term is **nondefinite**
- We further modify a_h^{CS} as follows: For all $(v, w_h) \in V_{*h} \times V_h$,

$$a_h^{\text{SIP}}(v, w_h) := a_h^{\text{CS}}(v, w_h) + s_h(v, w_h),$$

with the stabilization bilinear form

$$s_h(v, w_h) := \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h} \frac{\eta}{h_F} \int_F \llbracket v \rrbracket \llbracket w_h \rrbracket$$

- We aim at asserting coercivity in the norm

$$\forall v \in V_{*h}, \quad \|v\|_{\text{sip}} := \left(\|\nabla_h v\|_{[L^2(\Omega)]^d}^2 + |v|_{\mathbb{J}}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

with **jump seminorm**

$$|v|_{\mathbb{J}}^2 := \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h} \frac{1}{h_F} \|[[v]]\|_{L^2(F)}^2$$

- We anticipate the following **discrete Poincaré's inequality**:

$$\boxed{\forall v_h \in V_h, \quad \|v_h\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq \sigma_2 \|v_h\|_{\text{sip}},}$$

with $\sigma_2 > 0$ is independent of h

The choice for s_h is justified by the following result.

Lemma (Bound on consistency and symmetry terms)

For all $(v, w_h) \in V_{*h} \times V_h$,

$$\left| \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h} \int_F \{\{\nabla_h v\}\} \cdot \mathbf{n}_F \llbracket w_h \rrbracket \right| \leq \left(\sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} h_F \|\nabla v|_T \cdot \mathbf{n}_F\|_{L^2(F)}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} |w_h|_J.$$

Moreover, if $v = v_h \in V_h$,

$$\left| \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h} \int_F \{\{\nabla_h v_h\}\} \cdot \mathbf{n}_F \llbracket w_h \rrbracket \right| \leq C_{\text{tr}} N_{\partial}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h v_h\|_{[L^2(\Omega)]^d} |v_h|_J.$$

Lemma (Discrete coercivity)

For all $\eta > \underline{\eta} := C_{\text{tr}}^2 N_{\partial}$ it holds

$$\forall v_h \in V_h, \quad a_h^{\text{sip}}(v_h, v_h) \geq C_{\eta} \|v_h\|_{\text{sip}}^2,$$

with $C_{\eta} := (\eta - C_{\text{tr}}^2 N_{\partial})(1 + \eta)^{-1}$.

$$a_h^{\text{sip}}(v, w_h) = \int_{\Omega} \nabla_h v \cdot \nabla_h w_h - \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h} \int_F (\{\{\nabla_h v\}\} \cdot \mathbf{n}_F [w_h] + [v] \{\{\nabla_h w_h\}\} \cdot \mathbf{n}_F) \\ + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h} \frac{\eta}{h_F} \int_F [v][w_h],$$

- Using the bound on consistency and symmetry terms,

$$a_h^{\text{sip}}(v_h, v_h) \geq \|\nabla_h v_h\|_{[L^2(\Omega)]^d}^2 - 2C_{\text{tr}} N_{\partial}^{1/2} \|\nabla_h v_h\|_{[L^2(\Omega)]^d} |v_h|_J + \eta |v_h|_J^2$$

- For all $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^+$, $\eta > \beta^2$, $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, it holds

$$x^2 - 2\beta xy + \eta y^2 \geq \frac{\eta - \beta^2}{1 + \eta} (x^2 + y^2)$$

- Let $\beta = C_{\text{tr}} N_{\partial}^{1/2}$, $x = \|\nabla_h v_h\|_{[L^2(\Omega)]^d}$, $y = |v_h|_J$ to conclude

Lemma (Boundedness)

There is C_{bnd} , independent of h , s.t.

$$\forall (v, w_h) \in V_{*h} \times V_h, \quad a_h^{\text{sip}}(v, w_h) \leq C_{\text{bnd}} \|v\|_{\text{sip},*} \|w_h\|_{\text{sip}}.$$

where

$$\|v\|_{\text{sip},*} := \left(\|v\|_{\text{sip}}^2 + \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} h_T \|\nabla v|_T \cdot \mathbf{n}_T\|_{L^2(\partial T)}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Basic energy error estimate I

$$\text{Find } u_h \in V_h \text{ s.t. } a_h^{\text{sip}}(u_h, v_h) = \int_{\Omega} f v_h \text{ for all } v_h \in V_h$$

Theorem (Energy error estimate)

Assume $u \in V_*$ and $\eta > \underline{\eta}$. Then, there is C , independent of h , s.t.

$$\|u - u_h\|_{\text{sip}} \leq C \inf_{v_h \in V_h} \|u - v_h\|_{\text{sip},*}$$

Corollary (Convergence rate in $\|\cdot\|_{\text{sip}}$ -norm)

Additionally assume $u \in H^{k+1}(\Omega)$. Then, it holds

$$\|u - u_h\|_{\text{sip}} \leq C_u h^k,$$

with $C_u = C \|u\|_{H^{k+1}(\Omega)}$ and C independent of h .

- The above estimate shows that **convergence requires $k \geq 1$**
- For an extension to the lowest-order case, cf. [Di Pietro, 2012]

- Using the broken Poincaré inequality of [Brenner, 2004] one can infer

$$\|u - u_h\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq \sigma'_2 C_u h^k$$

- This estimate is **suboptimal by one power in h**
- An optimal estimate can be recovered exploiting **symmetry**
- Further regularity **for the problem** needs to be assumed

Definition (Elliptic regularity)

Elliptic regularity holds true for the model problem (II) if there is C_{ell} , only depending on Ω , s.t., for all $\psi \in L^2(\Omega)$, the solution to the problem,

$$\text{Find } \zeta \in H_0^1(\Omega) \text{ s.t. } a(\zeta, v) = \int_{\Omega} \psi v \text{ for all } v \in H_0^1(\Omega),$$

is in V_* and satisfies

$$\|\zeta\|_{H^2(\Omega)} \leq C_{\text{ell}} \|\psi\|_{L^2(\Omega)}.$$

Elliptic regularity holds, e.g., if the domain Ω is convex [Grisvard, 1992]

L^2 -norm error estimate III

Theorem (L^2 -norm error estimate)

Let $u \in V_*$ solve (II) and assume elliptic regularity. Then, there is C , independent of h , s.t.

$$\|u - u_h\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq Ch \|u - u_h\|_{\text{sip},*}.$$

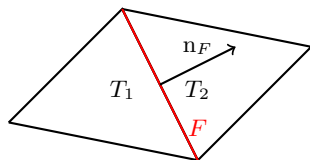
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Additionally assume $u \in H^{k+1}(\Omega)$. Then, it holds

$$\|u - u_h\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq C_u h^{k+1}.$$

with $C_u = C \|u\|_{H^{k+1}(\Omega)}$ and C independent of h .

- **Liftings** map jumps onto vector-valued functions defined on elements
- Liftings play a key role in several developments
 - Flux and mixed formulations
 - Computable lower bound for η
 - Convergence for nonlinear problems
- Key application: dG methods for the Navier–Stokes problem



- For an integer $l \geq 0$, we define the (local) lifting operator

$$r_F^l : L^2(F) \longrightarrow [\mathbb{P}_d^l(\mathcal{T}_h)]^d,$$

as follows: For all $\varphi \in L^2(F)$,

$$\int_{\Omega} r_F^l(\varphi) \cdot \tau_h = \int_F \{\tau_h\} \cdot n_F \varphi \quad \forall \tau_h \in [\mathbb{P}_d^l(\mathcal{T}_h)]^d$$

- We observe that $\text{supp}(r_F^l) = \bigcup_{T \in \mathcal{T}_F} \bar{T}$

- For all $l \geq 0$ and $v \in H^1(\mathcal{T}_h)$, we define the **(global) lifting**

$$\mathbf{R}_h^l(\llbracket v \rrbracket) := \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h} \mathbf{r}_F^l(\llbracket v \rrbracket) \in [\mathbb{P}_d^l(\mathcal{T}_h)]^d$$

- $\mathbf{R}_h^l(\llbracket v \rrbracket)$ maps the jumps of v into a global, vector-valued volumic contribution which is **homogeneous to a gradient**

- For $l \geq 0$, we define the **discrete gradient operator**

$$G_h^l : H^1(\mathcal{T}_h) \longrightarrow [L^2(\Omega)]^d,$$

as follows: For all $v \in H^1(\mathcal{T}_h)$,

$$G_h^l(v) := \nabla_h v - R_h^l(\llbracket v \rrbracket)$$

- The discrete gradient **accounts for inter-element and boundary jumps**

Lemma (Bound on discrete gradient)

Let $l \geq 0$. For all $v \in H^1(\mathcal{T}_h)$, it holds

$$\|G_h^l(v)\|_{[L^2(\Omega)]^d} \leq (1 + C_{\text{tr}}^2 N_\partial)^{\frac{1}{2}} \|v\|_{\text{sip}}.$$

Reformulation of a_h^{sip} I

- Let $l \in \{k-1, k\}$ and set $V_h = \mathbb{P}_d^k(\mathcal{T}_h)$ with $k \geq 1$
- It holds for all $v_h, w_h \in V_h$,

$$a_h^{\text{cs}}(v_h, w_h) = \int_{\Omega} \nabla_h v_h \cdot \nabla_h w_h - \int_{\Omega} \nabla_h v_h \cdot \mathbf{R}_h^l(\llbracket w_h \rrbracket) - \int_{\Omega} \nabla_h w_h \cdot \mathbf{R}_h^l(\llbracket v_h \rrbracket)$$

- Indeed $\nabla_h v_h \in [\mathbb{P}_d^l(\mathcal{T}_h)]^d$ with $l \geq k-1$,

$$\forall F \in \mathcal{F}_h, \quad \int_F \{\{\nabla_h v_h\}\} \cdot \mathbf{n}_F \llbracket w_h \rrbracket = \int_{\Omega} \nabla_h v_h \cdot \mathbf{r}_F^l(\llbracket w_h \rrbracket)$$

- Using the definition of discrete gradients,

$$a_h^{\text{cs}}(v_h, w_h) = \int_{\Omega} G_h^l(v_h) \cdot G_h^l(w_h) - \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{R}_h^l(\llbracket v_h \rrbracket) \cdot \mathbf{R}_h^l(\llbracket w_h \rrbracket)$$

Reformulation of a_h^{sip} II

- Plugging the above expression into a_h^{sip} ,

$$a_h^{\text{sip}}(v_h, w_h) = \int_{\Omega} G_h^l(v_h) \cdot G_h^l(w_h) + \hat{s}_h^{\text{sip}}(v_h, w_h),$$

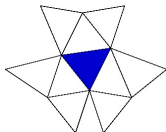
with

$$\hat{s}_h^{\text{sip}}(v_h, w_h) := \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h} \frac{\eta}{h_F} \int_F \llbracket v_h \rrbracket \llbracket w_h \rrbracket - \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{R}_h^l(\llbracket v_h \rrbracket) \cdot \mathbf{R}_h^l(\llbracket w_h \rrbracket)$$

- Dropping the negative term in \hat{s}_h^{sip} leads to the **Local Discontinuous Galerkin (LDG) method** of [Cockburn and Shu, 1998]
- This method has the drawback of having a significantly **larger stencil**

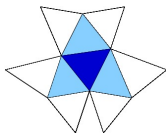
Reformulation of a_h^{sip} III

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla_h v_h \cdot \nabla_h w_h$$



$$\int_{\Omega} \left(\nabla_h v_h \cdot \mathbf{R}_h^l(\llbracket w_h \rrbracket) + \nabla_h w_h \cdot \mathbf{R}_h^l(\llbracket v_h \rrbracket) \right),$$

$$\sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h} \frac{\eta}{h_F} \int_F \llbracket v_h \rrbracket \llbracket w_h \rrbracket$$



$$\int_{\Omega} \mathbf{R}_h^l(\llbracket u_h \rrbracket) \cdot \mathbf{R}_h^l(\llbracket v_h \rrbracket), \int_{\Omega} G_h^l(v_h) \cdot G_h^l(w_h)$$

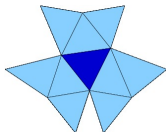


Figure: Stencil of the different terms

Lemma (Coercivity (alternative form))

For all $v_h \in V_h$,

$$\|G_h(v_h)\|_{[L^2(\Omega)]^d}^2 + (\eta - C_{\text{tr}}^2 N_\partial) |v_h|_J^2 \leq a_h(v_h, v_h).$$

Proof.

Observe that

$$a_h(v_h, v_h) = \|G_h(v_h)\|_{[L^2(\Omega)]^d}^2 + \eta |v_h|_J^2 - \|R_h(\llbracket v_h \rrbracket)\|_{[L^2(\Omega)]^d}^2,$$

and use the L^2 -stability of R_h to conclude. □

- Let $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$, $\xi \in \mathbb{P}_d^k(T)$. Element-by-element IBP yields

$$\int_T f \xi = - \int_T (\Delta u) \xi = \int_T \nabla u \cdot \nabla \xi - \int_{\partial T} (\nabla u \cdot \mathbf{n}_T) \xi.$$

- Hence, letting $\Phi_F(u) := -\nabla u \cdot \mathbf{n}_F$ and $\epsilon_{T,F} = \mathbf{n}_T \cdot \mathbf{n}_F$,

$$\int_T \nabla u \cdot \nabla \xi + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} \epsilon_{T,F} \int_F \Phi_F(u) \xi = \int_T f \xi.$$

- Our goal is to identify a similar **local conservation** property for u_h

Numerical fluxes II

- Using $v_h = \xi \chi_T$ as test function we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_T f \xi &= a_h^{\text{siP}}(u_h, \xi \chi_T) = \int_T \nabla u_h \cdot \nabla \xi - \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} \int_F \{(\nabla \xi) \chi_T\} \cdot \mathbf{n}_F [u_h] \\ &\quad - \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} \int_F \{\{\nabla_h u_h\}\} \cdot \mathbf{n}_F [\xi \chi_T] + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} \int_F \frac{\eta}{h_F} [u_h] [\xi \chi_T] \end{aligned}$$

- Let $l \in \{k-1, k\}$. For all $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$ and all $\xi \in \mathbb{P}_d^k(T)$,

$$\int_T G_h^l(u_h) \cdot \nabla \xi + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} \epsilon_{T,F} \int_F \phi_F(u_h) \xi = \int_T f \xi,$$

with

$$\phi_F(u_h) := \underbrace{-\{\{\nabla_h u_h\}\} \cdot \mathbf{n}_F}_{\text{consistency}} + \underbrace{\frac{\eta}{h_F} [u_h]}_{\text{penalty}}$$

- Taking $\xi \equiv 1$ we infer the FV flux conservation property,

$$\sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} \epsilon_{T,F} \int_F \phi_F(u_h) = \int_T f$$

Also in the elliptic case local conservation holds **on the computational mesh** (as opposed to vertex- or face-centered dual mesh)

Part IV

Applications in fluid dynamics

11 Stokes

12 Navier–Stokes

The Stokes problem I

- We consider the flow of a highly viscous fluid
- The governing Stokes equations read

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta u + \nabla p &= f && \text{in } \Omega, \\ \nabla \cdot u &= 0 && \text{in } \Omega, \\ u &= 0 && \text{on } \partial\Omega, \\ \langle p \rangle_{\Omega} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

The Stokes problem II

- Let $L_0^2(\Omega) := \{v \in L^2(\Omega) \mid \langle v \rangle_\Omega = 0\}$ and set

$$U := [H_0^1(\Omega)]^d, \quad P := L_0^2(\Omega), \quad X := U \times P$$

- We equip U , P , and X with the following norms

$$\|v\|_U := \|v\|_{[H^1(\Omega)]^d} := \left(\sum_{i=1}^d \|v_i\|_{H^1(\Omega)}^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\|q\|_P := \|q\|_{L^2(\Omega)},$$

$$\|(v, q)\|_X := (\|v\|_U^2 + \|q\|_P^2)^{1/2}$$

The Stokes problem III

- For all $(u, p), (v, q) \in X$ let

$$a(u, v) := \int_{\Omega} \nabla u : \nabla v, \quad b(v, q) := - \int_{\Omega} q \nabla \cdot v, \quad B(v) := \int_{\Omega} f \cdot v,$$

- The weak formulation reads: Find $(u, p) \in X$ s.t.

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{ll} a(u, v) + b(v, p) = B(v) & \forall v \in U, \\ -b(u, q) = 0 & \forall q \in P \end{array}} \quad (\Pi_S)$$

- (Π_S) is a **constrained energy minimization problem**
- The pressure is the Lagrange multiplier of the incompressibility constraint

The Stokes problem IV

- Equivalently, defining the bilinear form $S \in \mathcal{L}(X \times X, \mathbb{R})$ s.t.

$$S((u, p), (v, q)) := a(u, v) + b(v, p) - b(u, q),$$

we can formulate the problem as

Find $(u, p) \in X$ s.t. $S((u, p), (v, q)) = B(v)$ for all $(v, q) \in X$
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The Stokes problem V

- Well-posedness hinges on the **coercivity of a** and on the **inf-sup on b**

$$\inf_{q \in P \setminus \{0\}} \sup_{v \in U \setminus \{0\}} \frac{b(v, q)}{\|v\|_U \|q\|_P} \geq \beta_\Omega > 0$$

- Equivalently,

$$\forall q \in P, \quad \beta_\Omega \|q\|_P \leq \sup_{v \in U \setminus \{0\}} \frac{b(v, q)}{\|v\|_U}$$

The Stokes problem VI

Lemma (Surjectivity of the divergence operator from U to P)

Let $\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $d \geq 1$, be a connected domain. Then, there exists $\beta_\Omega > 0$ s.t. for all $q \in P$, there is $v \in U$ satisfying

$$q = \nabla \cdot v \quad \text{and} \quad \beta_\Omega \|v\|_U \leq \|q\|_P.$$

Proof.

See, e.g., [Girault and Raviart, 1986]. □

Proof of the continuous inf-sup condition

Let $q \in P$ and let $v \in U$ denote its velocity lifting. The case $v = 0$ is trivial, so let us suppose $v \neq 0$:

$$\begin{aligned}\|q\|_P^2 &= \int_{\Omega} q \nabla \cdot v = -b(v, q) \\ &\leq \sup_{w \in U \setminus \{0\}} \frac{b(w, q)}{\|w\|_U} \|v\|_U \\ &\leq \beta_{\Omega}^{-1} \sup_{w \in U \setminus \{0\}} \frac{b(w, q)}{\|w\|_U} \|q\|_P,\end{aligned}$$

and the conclusion follows.

Equal-order discretization I

- For an integer $k \geq 1$ define the following spaces:

$$U_h := [\mathbb{P}_d^k(\mathcal{T}_h)]^d, \quad P_h := \mathbb{P}_d^k(\mathcal{T}_h) \cap L_0^2(\Omega), \quad X_h := U_h \times P_h$$

- Discrete pressure-velocity coupling: For all $(v_h, q_h) \in X_h$, set

$$\begin{aligned} b_h(v_h, q_h) &:= - \int_{\Omega} (\nabla_h \cdot v_h) q_h + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h} \int_F \llbracket v_h \rrbracket \cdot \mathbf{n}_F \{q_h\} = - \int_{\Omega} D_h^l(v_h) q_h \\ &= \int_{\Omega} v_h \cdot \nabla q_h - \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i} \int_F \{v_h\} \cdot \mathbf{n}_F [q_h], \end{aligned}$$

with $l = k$ and

$$D_h^l(v_h) := \text{tr}(G_h^l(v_h)) = \nabla_h \cdot v_h - \text{tr}(R_h^l(\llbracket v_h \rrbracket))$$

- Extending b_h to $[H^1(\mathcal{T}_h)]^d \times H^1(\mathcal{T}_h)$, **consistency** is expressed as

$$\forall (v, q_h) \in U \times P_h, \quad b_h(v, q_h) = - \int_{\Omega} q_h \nabla \cdot v,$$

$$\forall (v_h, q) \in U_h \times H^1(\Omega), \quad b_h(v_h, q) = \int_{\Omega} v_h \cdot \nabla q,$$

since, for all $v \in U$ and all $q \in H^1(\Omega)$,

$$[[v]] = 0 \quad \forall F \in \mathcal{F}_h$$

$$[[q]] = 0 \quad \forall F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i$$

Lemma (Discrete generalized inf-sup condition)

There is $\beta > 0$ independent of h s.t. s.t.

$$\forall q_h \in P_h, \quad \beta \|q_h\|_P \leq \sup_{v_h \in U_h \setminus \{0\}} \frac{b_h(v_h, q_h)}{\|v_h\|_{dG}} + |q_h|_p,$$

where

$$|q_h|_p^2 := \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i} h_F \|[[q_h]]\|_{L^2(F)}^2.$$

Equal-order discretization IV

- We stabilize the **pressure-velocity coupling** using the bilinear form

$$\forall (p_h, q_h) \in P_h, \quad s_h(p_h, r_h) := \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i} h_F \int_F \llbracket p_h \rrbracket \llbracket q_h \rrbracket$$

- The discrete counterpart of S is $S_h \in \mathcal{L}(X_h \times X_h, \mathbb{R})$ s.t.

$$S_h((u_h, p_h), (v_h, q_h)) := a_h(u_h, v_h) + b_h(v_h, p_h) - b_h(u_h, q_h) + s_h(p_h, q_h),$$

where

$$a_h(w, v) := \sum_{i=1}^d a_h^{\text{sip}}(w_i, v_i)$$

Equal-order discretization V

- The discrete problem reads: Find $(u_h, p_h) \in X_h$ s.t.

$$\boxed{S_h((u_h, p_h), (v_h, q_h)) = B(v_h) \quad \forall (v_h, q_h) \in X_h} \quad (\Pi_{S,h})$$

- Equivalently: Find $(u_h, p_h) \in X_h$ s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} a_h(u_h, v_h) + b_h(v_h, p_h) &= B(v_h) & \forall v_h \in U_h, \\ -b_h(u_h, q_h) + s_h(p_h, q_h) &= 0 & \forall q_h \in P_h \end{aligned}$$

- This corresponds to a linear system of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_h & \mathbf{B}_h \\ -\mathbf{B}_h^t & \mathbf{C}_h \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{U}_h \\ \mathbf{P}_h \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{F}_h \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Equip X_h with the the following norm:

$$\|(v_h, q_h)\|_S^2 := \|v_h\|_{\text{vel}}^2 + \|q_h\|_P^2 + |q_h|_p^2,$$

where

$$\|v\|_{\text{vel}}^2 := \sum_{i=1}^d \|v_i\|_{\text{sip}}^2$$

- Owing to partial coercivity,

$$\forall (v_h, q_h) \in X_h, \quad \alpha \|v_h\|_{\text{vel}}^2 + |q_h|_p^2 \leq S_h((v_h, q_h), (v_h, q_h))$$

Lemma (Discrete inf-sup for S_h)

There is $c_S > 0$ independent of h s.t., for all $(v_h, q_h) \in X_h$,

$$c_S \|(v_h, q_h)\|_S \leq \sup_{(w_h, r_h) \in X_h \setminus \{0\}} \frac{S_h((v_h, q_h), (w_h, r_h))}{\|(w_h, r_h)\|_S}.$$

Proof.

Consequence of the **coercivity of a_h** and the **discrete inf-sup on b_h** . \square

Convergence to smooth solutions I

Assumption (Regularity of the exact solution and space X_*)

We assume that the exact solution (u, p) is in $X_* := U_* \times P_*$ where

$$U_* := U \cap [H^2(\Omega)]^d, \quad P_* := P \cap H^1(\Omega).$$

Additionally, we set

$$U_{*h} := U_* + U_h, \quad P_{*h} := P_* + P_h, \quad X_{*h} := X_* + X_h.$$

Lemma (Jumps of ∇u and p across interfaces)

Assume $(u, p) \in X_*$. Then,

$$[[\nabla u]] \cdot \mathbf{n}_F = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad [[p]] = 0 \quad \forall F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i.$$

Lemma (Consistency)

Assume that $(u, p) \in X_*$. Then,

$$S_h((u, p), (v_h, q_h)) = \int_{\Omega} f \cdot v_h \quad \forall (v_h, q_h) \in X_h.$$

Convergence to smooth solutions III

- We have proved an inf-sup condition for S_h
- It remains to investigate the boundedness of S_h
- Defining the augmented norm

$$\|(v, q)\|_{\text{sto},*}^2 := \|(v, q)\|_{\text{sto}}^2 + \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} h_T \|\nabla v|_{T \cdot \mathbf{n}_T}\|_{L^2(\partial T)}^2 + \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} h_T \|q\|_{L^2(\partial T)}^2,$$

for all $\forall (v, q) \in X_{*h}$, $(w_h, r_h) \in X_h$, with C_{bnd} independent of h ,

$$\boxed{S_h((v, q), (w_h, r_h)) \leq C_{\text{bnd}} \|(v, q)\|_{\text{sto},*} \|(w_h, r_h)\|_{\text{sto}}}$$

Convergence to smooth solutions IV

Theorem ($\|\cdot\|_{\text{sto}}$ -norm error estimate and convergence rate)

Then, there is C , independent of h , s.t.

$$\|(u - u_h, p - p_h)\|_{\text{sto}} \leq C \inf_{(v_h, q_h) \in X_h} \|(u - v_h, p - q_h)\|_{\text{sto},*}.$$

Moreover, if $(u, p) \in [H^{k+1}(\Omega)]^d \times H^k(\Omega)$,

$$\|(u - u_h, p - p_h)\|_{\text{sto}} \leq C_{u,p} h^k,$$

with $C_{u,p} = C (\|u\|_{[H^{k+1}(\Omega)]^d} + \|p\|_{H^k(\Omega)})$.

Convergence to minimal regularity solutions I

Theorem (Convergence to minimal regularity solutions)

Let $(u_{\mathcal{H}}, p_{\mathcal{H}}) := ((u_h, p_h))_{h \in \mathcal{H}}$ solve $(\Pi_{S,h})$ on the admissible mesh sequence $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}$. Then, as $h \rightarrow 0$,

$$\begin{aligned}u_h &\rightarrow u && \text{strongly in } [L^2(\Omega)]^d, \\G_h(u_h) &\rightarrow \nabla u && \text{strongly in } [L^2(\Omega)]^{d,d}, \\ \nabla_h u_h &\rightarrow \nabla u && \text{strongly in } [L^2(\Omega)]^{d,d}, \\ |u_h|_{\mathcal{J}} &\rightarrow 0, \\ p_h &\rightarrow p && \text{strongly in } L^2(\Omega), \\ |p_h|_p &\rightarrow 0,\end{aligned}$$

where $(u, p) \in X$ is the unique solution to (Π_S) .

Lemma (A priori estimate)

The problem $(\Pi_{S,h})$ is well-posed with the following a priori estimate:

$$\|(u_h, p_h)\|_S \leq \frac{\sigma_2}{c_S} \|f\|_{[L^2(\Omega)]^d}.$$

- A priori estimate + **discrete Rellich theorem** [DP & Ern, 10]: convergence of $(u_{\mathcal{H}}, p_{\mathcal{H}})$ up to a subsequence
- Test using regular functions and conclude using density that the limit solves (Π_S)
- Use **continuous uniqueness** to infer that the whole sequence converges
- Use **partial coercivity** to prove convergence of the gradients

The incompressible Navier–Stokes problem I

- The Navier–Stokes problem reads

$$\begin{aligned} -\nu\Delta u + (u\cdot\nabla)u + \nabla p &= f && \text{in } \Omega, \\ \nabla\cdot u &= 0 && \text{in } \Omega, \\ u &= 0 && \text{on } \partial\Omega, \\ \langle p \rangle_{\Omega} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

- The nonlinear advection term is the physical source of **turbulence**
- Uniqueness holds only under a suitable **small data assumption**

The incompressible Navier–Stokes problem II

- We introduce the trilinear form $t \in \mathcal{L}(U \times U \times U, \mathbb{R})$ is such that

$$t(w, u, v) := \int_{\Omega} (w \cdot \nabla u) \cdot v = \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i,j=1}^d w_j (\partial_j u_i) v_i.$$

- The weak formulation reads: Find $(u, p) \in X$ s.t., for all $(v, q) \in X$,

$$\boxed{\nu a(u, v) + b(v, p) + t(u, u, v) - b(u, q) = B(v)} \quad (\Pi_{\text{NS}})$$

Lemma (Skew-symmetry of trilinear form)

Letting

$$t'(w, u, v) := t(w, u, v) + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (\nabla \cdot w) u \cdot v,$$

it holds, for all $w \in U$,

$$\boxed{\forall v \in U, \quad t'(w, v, v) = 0.}$$

Moreover, if $w \in V := \{v \in U \mid \nabla \cdot v = 0\}$,

$$\forall v \in U, \quad t(w, v, v) = 0.$$

The incompressible Navier–Stokes problem IV

- Let $w \in U$. We observe that, for all $v \in U$,

$$t(w, v, v) + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (\nabla \cdot w) |v|^2 = \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} w \cdot \nabla |v|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (\nabla \cdot w) |v|^2 = \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} \nabla \cdot (w |v|^2),$$

- The divergence theorem yields

$$t(w, v, v) + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (\nabla \cdot w) |v|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\partial\Omega} (w \cdot \mathbf{n}) |v|^2 = 0,$$

since $(w \cdot \mathbf{n})$ vanishes on $\partial\Omega$ thus proving the first point

- The second point is an immediate consequence of the first

The incompressible Navier–Stokes problem V

- As a consequence, letting $(v, q) = (u, p)$ in (Π_{NS}) ,

$$\nu \|\nabla u\|_{[L^2(\Omega)]^{d,d}}^2 = \int_{\Omega} f \cdot u,$$

where we have used $\nabla \cdot u = 0$

- This shows that **convection does not influence energy balance**

Design of the discrete trilinear form I

- Our starting point is, for $w_h, u_h, v_h \in U_h$,

$$t_h^{(0)}(w_h, u_h, v_h) := \int_{\Omega} (w_h \cdot \nabla_h u_h) \cdot v_h + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (\nabla_h \cdot w_h) u_h \cdot v_h$$

- Skew-symmetry: For all $w_h, v_h \in U_h$, element-wise IBP yields,

$$t_h^{(0)}(w_h, v_h, v_h) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h} \int_F \llbracket w_h \rrbracket \cdot \mathbf{n}_F \{v_h \cdot v_h\} + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i} \int_F \{w_h\} \cdot \mathbf{n}_F \llbracket v_h \rrbracket \cdot \{v_h\}$$

- We modify $t_h^{(0)}$ as

$$t_h(w_h, u_h, v_h) := \int_{\Omega} (w_h \cdot \nabla_h u_h) \cdot v_h - \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i} \int_F \{w_h\} \cdot \mathbf{n}_F \llbracket u_h \rrbracket \cdot \{v_h\} + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (\nabla_h \cdot w_h) (u_h \cdot v_h) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h} \int_F \llbracket w_h \rrbracket \cdot \mathbf{n}_F \{u_h \cdot v_h\}$$

Lemma (Skew-symmetry of discrete trilinear form)

For all $w_h \in U_h$, it holds

$$\forall v_h \in U_h, \quad t_h(w_h, v_h, v_h) = 0.$$

Design of the discrete trilinear form III

- Let

$$N_h((u_h, p_h), (v_h, q_h)) := \nu a_h(u_h, v_h) + b_h(v_h, p_h) - b_h(u_h, q_h) + t_h(u_h, u_h, v_h)$$

- The discrete problem reads: Find $(u_h, p_h) \in X_h$ s.t.

$$\boxed{N_h((u_h, p_h), (v_h, q_h)) = B(v_h) \quad \forall (v_h, q_h) \in X_h} \quad (\Pi_{\text{NS},h})$$

- The existence of a solution to $(\Pi_{\text{NS},h})$ can be proved by a **topological degree argument**

Lemma (A priori estimate)

There are c_1, c_2 independent of h such that

$$\|(u_h, p_h)\|_S \leq c_1 \|f\|_{[L^2(\Omega)]^d} + c_2 \|f\|_{[L^2(\Omega)]^d}^2.$$

Also in this case, this a priori estimate is instrumental to apply the **discrete Rellich theorem** of [DP & Ern, 10]

Convergence to minimal regularity solutions

Theorem (Convergence to minimal regularity solutions)

Let $(u_{\mathcal{H}}, p_{\mathcal{H}}) := ((u_h, p_h))_{h \in \mathcal{H}}$ solve $(\Pi_{\text{NS},h})$ on the admissible mesh sequence $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}$. Then, as $h \rightarrow 0$ and up to a subsequence,

$$\begin{aligned}u_h &\rightarrow u && \text{strongly in } [L^2(\Omega)]^d, \\G_h(u_h) &\rightarrow \nabla u && \text{strongly in } [L^2(\Omega)]^{d,d}, \\ \nabla_h u_h &\rightarrow \nabla u && \text{strongly in } [L^2(\Omega)]^{d,d}, \\ |u_h|_{\mathcal{J}} &\rightarrow 0, \\ p_h &\rightharpoonup p && \text{weakly in } L^2(\Omega), \\ |p_h|_p &\rightarrow 0.\end{aligned}$$

Moreover, under the small data condition, the whole sequence converges.

- Let $\Omega = (-0.5, 1.5) \times (0, 2)$
- We consider Kovasznay's solution

$$u_1 = 1 - e^{-\pi x_2} \cos(2\pi x_2),$$

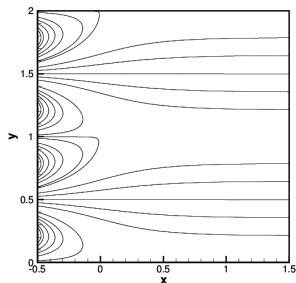
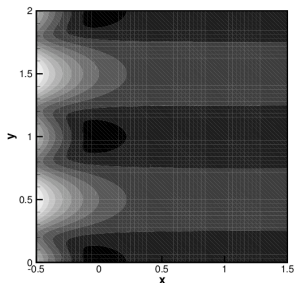
$$u_2 = -\frac{1}{2} e^{\pi x_1} \sin(2\pi x_2),$$

$$p = -\frac{1}{2} e^{\pi x_1} \cos(2\pi x_2) - \tilde{p},$$

with $\tilde{p} \simeq -0.920735694$, $\nu = \frac{1}{3\pi}$ and $f = 0$

- \mathcal{T}_h is a family of uniformly refined triangular meshes, with h ranging from 0.5 down to 0.03125

Numerical validation II



h	$\ e_{h,u}\ _{[L^2(\Omega)]^d}$	order	$\ e_{h,p}\ _{L^2(\Omega)}$	order	$\ e_h\ _S$	order
h_0	$8.87e - 01$	–	$1.62e + 00$	–	$1.19e + 01$	–
$h_0/2$	$2.39e - 01$	1.89	$6.11e - 01$	1.41	$7.26e + 00$	0.71
$h_0/4$	$5.94e - 02$	2.01	$2.01e - 01$	1.60	$3.68e + 00$	0.98
$h_0/8$	$1.59e - 02$	1.90	$7.40e - 02$	1.44	$1.85e + 00$	0.99
$h_0/16$	$4.17e - 03$	1.93	$3.14e - 02$	1.23	$9.25e - 01$	1.00

A variation with a simple physical interpretation I

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t u + \nabla \cdot (-\nu \nabla u + F(u, p)) &= f, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \nabla \cdot u &= 0, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u &= 0, & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \\ \int_{\Omega} p &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$F_{ij}(u, p) := u_i u_j + p \delta_{ij}$$

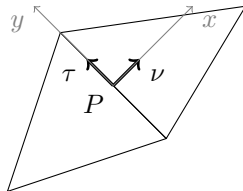
A variation with a simple physical interpretation II

- Let $F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i$, $P \in F$ and define

$$u_\nu := u \cdot \mathbf{n}_F, \quad u_\tau := u \cdot \tau_F$$

- Restricting the problem to the normal direction we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{h_F^2}{c^2} \partial_t p + \partial_x u_\nu &= 0, \\ \partial_t u_\nu + \partial_x (u_\nu^2 + p) &= 0, \\ \partial_t u_\tau + \partial_x (u_\nu u_\tau) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$



- To recover a hyperbolic problem we add an **artificial compressibility term**
- The inviscid flux can be obtained as the solution associated Riemann problem with initial datum (u_h^+, p_h^+) , (u_h^-, p_h^-) at P

A variation with a simple physical interpretation III

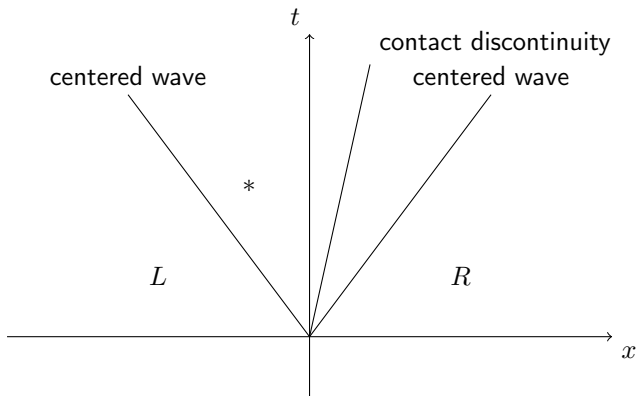


Figure: Structure of the Riemann problem.

A variation with a simple physical interpretation IV

- The exact solution can be found using the **Riemann invariants** (*rarefactions*) and the **Rankine-Hugoniot jump conditions** (*shocks*)
- Following a similar procedure, it is possible to write the Riemann problem associated to the **Stokes** equations
- Let (u^*, p^*) be the solution We define the inviscid flux as

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{F}(u_h^+, p_h^+; u_h^-, p_h^-) &:= F(u^*, p^*) = u_i^* u_j^* + p^* \delta_{ij}, \\ \hat{u}(u_h^+, p_h^+; u_h^-, p_h^-) &:= u^*.\end{aligned}$$

- In the Stokes case, an explicit expression is available for the fluxes

Numerical Fluxes for the Linearized Problems

- We introduce the **pressure flux** $\hat{p} = p^*$ so that $(\hat{u}, \hat{p}) = (u^*, p^*)$
- In the **Stokes** case we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{u} &:= \{ \{ u_h \} \} + \frac{h_F}{2c} \llbracket p_h \rrbracket \mathbf{n}_F, \\ \hat{p} &:= \{ \{ p_h \} \} + \frac{c}{2h_F} \llbracket u_h \rrbracket \cdot \mathbf{n}_F\end{aligned}$$

- Take $c = 2$ and compare with the numerical fluxes for the method we have analyzed!

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