

Convection-Diffusion + Nonlinearities

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Recap

Time dependent Robin boundary value problem

- ▶ Choose final time $T > 0$. Regard functions $(x, t) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t u - \nabla \cdot \kappa \nabla u &= f && \text{in } \Omega \times [0, T] \\ \kappa \nabla u \cdot \vec{n} + \alpha(u - g) &= 0 && \text{on } \partial\Omega \times [0, T] \\ u(x, 0) &= u_0(x) && \text{in } \Omega\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ This is an initial boundary value problem
- ▶ This problem has a weak formulation in the Sobolev space $L^2([0, T], H^1(\Omega))$, which then allows for a Galerkin approximation in a corresponding subspace
- ▶ We will proceed in a simpler manner: first, perform a finite difference discretization in time, then perform a finite element (finite volume) discretization in space.
 - ▶ Rothe method: first discretize in time, then in space
 - ▶ Method of lines: first discretize in space, get a huge ODE system

Time discretization

- ▶ Choose time discretization points $0 = t_0 < t_1 \cdots < t_N = T$, let

$$\tau_i = t_i - t_{i-1}$$

For $i = 1 \dots N$, solve

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{u_i - u_{i-1}}{\tau_i} - \nabla \cdot \kappa \nabla u_\theta &= f \quad \text{in } \Omega \times [0, T] \\ \kappa \nabla u_\theta \cdot \vec{n} + \alpha(u_\theta - g) &= 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega \times [0, T] \end{aligned}$$

where $u_\theta = \theta u_i + (1 - \theta)u_{i-1}$

- ▶ $\theta = 1$: backward (implicit) Euler method
- ▶ $\theta = \frac{1}{2}$: Crank-Nicolson scheme
- ▶ $\theta = 0$: forward (explicit) Euler method
- ▶ Note that the explicit Euler method does not involve the solution of a PDE system. What do we have to pay for this ?

Weak formulation

- ▶ Weak formulation: search $u \in H^1(\Omega)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\tau_i} \int_{\Omega} u_i v \, dx + \theta \left(\int_{\Omega} \kappa \nabla u_i \nabla v \, dx + \int_{\partial\Omega} \alpha u_i v \, ds \right) = \\ \frac{1}{\tau_i} \int_{\Omega} u_{i-1} v \, dx + (1 - \theta) \left(\int_{\Omega} \kappa \nabla u_{i-1} \nabla v \, dx + \int_{\partial\Omega} \alpha u_{i-1} v \, ds \right) \\ + \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx + \int_{\partial\Omega} \alpha g v \, ds \quad \forall v \in H^1(\Omega) \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Matrix formulation (in case of constant coefficients, $A_i = A$)

$$\frac{1}{\tau_i} M u_i + \theta A_i u_i = \frac{1}{\tau_i} M u_{i-1} + (1 - \theta) A_i u_{i-1} + F$$

- ▶ M : mass matrix, A : stiffness matrix

Mass matrix

- ▶ Mass matrix $M = (m_{ij})$:

$$m_{ij} = \int_{\Omega} \phi_i \phi_j \, dx$$

- ▶ Self-adjoint, coercive bilinear form $\Rightarrow M$ is symmetric, positive definite
- ▶ For a family of quasi-uniform, shape-regular triangulations the condition number $\kappa(M)$ is bounded by a constant independent of h :

$$\kappa(M) \leq c$$

Mass matrix M-Property ?

- ▶ For P^1 -finite elements, all integrals $m_{ij} = \int_{\Omega} \phi_i \phi_j dx$ are zero or positive, so we get positive off diagonal elements.
- ▶ No M -Property!

Stiffness matrix condition number + row sums

- ▶ Stiffness matrix $A = (a_{ij})$:

$$a_{ij} = a(\phi_i, \phi_j) = \int_{\Omega} \nabla \phi_i \nabla \phi_j \, dx$$

- ▶ bilinear form $a(\cdot, \cdot)$ is self-adjoint, therefore A is symmetric, positive definite
- ▶ Condition number estimate for P^1 finite elements on quasi-uniform triangulation:

$$\kappa(A) \leq ch^{-2}$$

- ▶ Row sums:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij} &= \sum_{j=1}^N \int_{\Omega} \nabla \phi_i \nabla \phi_j \, dx = \int_{\Omega} \nabla \phi_i \nabla \left(\sum_{j=1}^N \phi_j \right) \, dx \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \nabla \phi_i \nabla (1) \, dx \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Stiffness matrix entry signs

Local stiffness matrices

$$s_{ij} = \int_K \nabla \lambda_i \nabla \lambda_j \, dx = \frac{|K|}{2|K|^2} (y_{i+1} - y_{i+2}, x_{i+2} - x_{i+1}) \begin{pmatrix} y_{j+1} - y_{j+2} \\ x_{j+2} - x_{j+1} \end{pmatrix}$$

- ▶ Main diagonal entries must be positive
- ▶ Local contributions from element stiffness matrices: Scalar products of vectors orthogonal to edges. These are nonpositive if the angle between the edges are $\leq 90^\circ$
- ▶ *weakly acute triangulation*: all triangle angles are less than $\leq 90^\circ$
- ▶ in fact, for constant coefficients, in $2D$, Delaunay is sufficient!
- ▶ All rows sums are zero $\Rightarrow A$ is singular
- ▶ Matrix becomes irreducibly diagonally dominant if we add at least one positive value to the main diagonal, e.g. from Dirichlet BC or *lumped* mass matrix $\Rightarrow M$ - Matrix
- ▶ Adding a mass matrix yields a positive definite matrix and thus nonsingularity, but *destroys* M -property

Back to time dependent problem

Assume M diagonal, $A = S + D$, where S is the stiffness matrix, and D is a nonnegative diagonal matrix. We have

$$\begin{aligned}(Su)_i &= \sum_j s_{ij} u_j = s_{ii} u_i + \sum_{i \neq j} s_{ij} u_j \\ &= \left(-\sum_{i \neq j} s_{ij}\right) u_i + \sum_{i \neq j} s_{ij} u_j \\ &= \sum_{i \neq j} -s_{ij} (u_i - u_j)\end{aligned}$$

Forward Euler

$$\frac{1}{\tau_i} M u_i = \frac{1}{\tau_i} M u_{i-1} + A_i u_{i-1}$$

$$u_i = u_{i-1} + \tau_i M^{-1} A_i u_{i-1} = (I + \tau M^{-1} D + \tau M^{-1} S) u_{i-1}$$

- ▶ Entries of $\tau M^{-1} A) u_{i-1}$ are of order $\frac{1}{h^2}$, and so we can expect stability only if τ balances $\frac{1}{h^2}$, i.e.

$$\tau \leq Ch^2$$

- ▶ A more thorough stability estimate proves this situation

Backward Euler

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{\tau_i} M u_i + A u_i &= \frac{1}{\tau_i} M u_{i-1} \\ (I + \tau_i M^{-1} A) u_i &= u_{i-1} \\ u_i &= (I + \tau_i M^{-1} A)^{-1} u_{i-1}\end{aligned}$$

But here, we can estimate that

$$\|(I + \tau_i M^{-1} A)^{-1}\|_{\infty} \leq 1$$

- ▶ We get this stability independent of the time step.
- ▶ Another theory is possible using L^2 estimates and positive definiteness

Discrete maximum principle

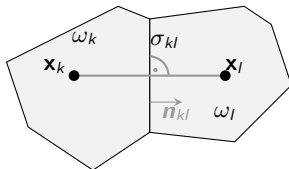
Assuming $v \geq 0$ we can conclude $u \geq 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{\tau}Mu + (D + S)u &= \frac{1}{\tau}Mv \\ (\tau m_i + d_i)u_i + s_{ii}u_i &= \tau m_i v_i + \sum_{i \neq j} (-s_{ij})u_j \\ u_i &= \frac{1}{\tau m_i + d_i + \sum_{i \neq j} (-s_{ij})} (\tau m_i v_i + \sum_{i \neq j} (-s_{ij})u_j) \\ &\leq \frac{\tau m_i v_i + \sum_{i \neq j} (-s_{ij})u_j}{\tau m_i + d_i + \sum_{i \neq j} (-s_{ij})} \max(\{v_i\} \cup \{u_j\}_{j \neq i}) \\ &\leq \max(\{v_i\} \cup \{u_j\}_{j \neq i})\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Provided, the right hand side is zero, the solution in a given node is bounded by the value from the old timestep, and by the solution in the neighboring points.
- ▶ No new local maxima can appear during time evolution
- ▶ There is a continuous counterpart which can be derived from weak solution
- ▶ M-property is crucial for the proof.

The finite volume idea revisited

- ▶ Assume Ω is a polygon
- ▶ Subdivide the domain Ω into a finite number of **control volumes** :
$$\bar{\Omega} = \bigcup_{k \in \mathcal{N}} \bar{\omega}_k$$
such that
 - ▶ ω_k are open (not containing their boundary) convex domains
 - ▶ $\omega_k \cap \omega_l = \emptyset$ if $\omega_k \neq \omega_l$
 - ▶ $\sigma_{kl} = \bar{\omega}_k \cap \bar{\omega}_l$ are either empty, points or straight lines
 - ▶ we will write $|\sigma_{kl}|$ for the length
 - ▶ if $|\sigma_{kl}| > 0$ we say that ω_k, ω_l are neighbours
 - ▶ neighbours of ω_k : $\mathcal{N}_k = \{l \in \mathcal{N} : |\sigma_{kl}| > 0\}$
- ▶ To each control volume ω_k assign a **collocation point**: $\mathbf{x}_k \in \bar{\omega}_k$ such that
 - ▶ **admissibility condition**: if $l \in \mathcal{N}_k$ then the line $\mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{x}_l$ is orthogonal to σ_{kl}
 - ▶ if ω_k is situated at the boundary, i.e. $\gamma_k = \partial\omega_k \cap \partial\Omega \neq \emptyset$, then $\mathbf{x}_k \in \partial\Omega$



- ▶ Now, we know how to construct this partition
 - ▶ obtain a boundary conforming Delaunay triangulation
 - ▶ construct restricted Voronoi cells

Finite volumes for time dependent problem

Search function $u : \Omega \times [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $u(x, 0) = u_0(x)$ and

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t u - \nabla \cdot \lambda \nabla u &= 0 & \text{in } \Omega \times [0, T] \\ \lambda \nabla u \cdot \mathbf{n} + \alpha(u - w) &= 0 & \text{on } \Gamma \times [0, T]\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Given control volume ω_k , integrate equation over space-time control volume

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= \int_{\omega_k} \left(\frac{1}{\tau} (u - v) - \nabla \cdot \lambda \nabla u \right) d\omega = - \int_{\partial\omega_k} \lambda \nabla u \cdot \mathbf{n}_k d\gamma + \frac{1}{\tau} \int_{\omega_k} (u - v) d\omega \\ &= - \sum_{L \in \mathcal{N}_k} \int_{\sigma_{kl}} \lambda \nabla u \cdot \mathbf{n}_{kl} d\gamma - \int_{\gamma_k} \lambda \nabla u \cdot \mathbf{n} d\gamma - \frac{1}{\tau} \int_{\omega_k} (u - v) d\omega \\ &\approx \frac{|\omega_k|}{\tau} (u_k - v_k) + \sum_{L \in \mathcal{N}_k} \frac{|\sigma_{kl}|}{h_{kl}} (u_k - u_l) + |\gamma_k| \alpha (u_k - w_k)\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Here, $u_k = u(\mathbf{x}_k)$, $w_k = w(\mathbf{x}_k)$, $f_k = f(\mathbf{x}_k)$
- ▶ $\frac{1}{\tau_i} M u_i + A u_i = \frac{1}{\tau_i} M u_{i-1}$

Convection-Diffusion

The convection - diffusion equation

Search function $u : \Omega \times [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $u(x, 0) = u_0(x)$ and

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t u - \nabla \cdot (D \nabla u - u \mathbf{v}) &= 0 && \text{in } \Omega \times [0, T] \\ (D \nabla u - u \mathbf{v}) \mathbf{n} + \alpha(u - w) &= 0 && \text{on } \Gamma \times [0, T]\end{aligned}$$

► Here:

- u : species concentration
- D : diffusion coefficient
- \mathbf{v} : velocity of medium (e.g. fluid)

$$\frac{|\omega_k|}{\tau} (u_k - v_k) + \sum_{L \in \mathcal{N}_k} \frac{|\sigma_{kl}|}{h_{kl}} g_{kl}(u_k, u_l) + |\gamma_k| \alpha(u_k - w_k) = f_k$$

Let $v_{kl} = \frac{1}{|\sigma_{kl}|} \int \sigma_{kl} \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{kl} d\gamma$

Finite volumes for convection - diffusion II

- ▶ Central difference flux:

$$\begin{aligned}g_{kl}(u_k, u_l) &= D(u_k - u_l) - h_{kl} \frac{1}{2}(u_k + u_l)v_{kl} \\ &= (D - \frac{1}{2}h_{kl}v_{kl})u_k - (D + \frac{1}{2}h_{kl}v_{kl})u_l\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ M-Property (sign pattern) only guaranteed for $h \rightarrow 0$!
- ▶ Upwind flux:

$$\begin{aligned}g_{kl}(u_k, u_l) &= D(u_k - u_l) + \begin{cases} h_{kl}u_k v_{kl}, & v_{kl} < 0 \\ h_{kl}u_l v_{kl}, & v_{kl} > 0 \end{cases} \\ &= (D + \tilde{D})(u_k - u_l) - h_{kl} \frac{1}{2}(u_k + u_l)v_{kl}\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ M-Property guaranteed unconditionally !
- ▶ Artificial diffusion $\tilde{D} = \frac{1}{2}h_{kl}|v_{kl}|$

Finite volumes for convection - diffusion: exponential fitting

Project equation onto edge $x_K x_L$ of length $h = h_{kl}$, integrate once - $q = -v_{kl}$

$$c' + cq = j$$

$$c|_0 = c_K$$

$$c|_h = c_L$$

Solution of the homogeneous problem:

$$c' = -cq$$

$$c'/c = -q$$

$$\ln c = c_0 - qx$$

$$c = K \exp(-qx)$$

Exponential fitting II

Solution of the inhomogeneous problem: set $K = K(x)$:

$$K' \exp(-qx) - qK \exp(-qx) + qK \exp(-qx) = j$$

$$K' = j \exp(qx)$$

$$K = K_0 + \frac{1}{q}j \exp(qx)$$

Therefore,

$$c = K_0 \exp(-qx) + \frac{1}{q}j$$

$$c_K = K_0 + \frac{1}{q}j$$

$$c_L = K_0 \exp(-qh) + \frac{1}{q}j$$

Exponential fitting III

Use boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned}K_0 &= \frac{c_K - c_L}{1 - \exp(-qh)} \\c_K &= \frac{c_K - c_L}{1 - \exp(-qh)} + \frac{1}{q}j \\j &= qc_K - \frac{q}{1 - \exp(-qh)}(c_K - c_L) \\&= q\left(1 - \frac{1}{1 - \exp(-qh)}\right)c_K - \frac{q}{\exp(-qh) - 1}c_L \\&= q\left(\frac{-\exp(-qh)}{1 - \exp(-qh)}\right)c_K - \frac{q}{\exp(-qh) - 1}c_L \\&= \frac{-q}{\exp(qh) - 1}c_K - \frac{q}{\exp(-qh) - 1}c_L \\&= \frac{B(-qh)c_L - B(qh)c_K}{h}\end{aligned}$$

where $B(\xi) = \frac{\xi}{\exp(\xi) - 1}$: Bernoulli function

Exponential fitting IV

- ▶ Upwind flux:

$$g_{kl}(u_k, u_l) = D(B(\frac{v_{kl}h_{kl}}{D})u_k - B(\frac{-v_{kl}h_{kl}}{D})u_l)$$

- ▶ Allen+Southwell 1955
- ▶ Scharfetter+Gummel 1969
- ▶ Ilin 1969
- ▶ Chang+Cooper 1970
- ▶ Guaranteed M property!

Exponential fitting: Artificial diffusion

- ▶ Difference of exponential fitting scheme and central scheme
- ▶ Use: $B(-x) = B(x) + x \Rightarrow$

$$B(x) + \frac{1}{2}x = B(-x) - \frac{1}{2}x = B(|x|) + \frac{1}{2}|x|$$

$$\begin{aligned}D_{art}(u_k - u_l) &= D(B(\frac{vh}{D})u_k - B(\frac{-vh}{D})u_l) - D(u_k - u_l) + h\frac{1}{2}(u_k + u_l)v \\ &= D(\frac{vh}{2D} + B(\frac{vh}{D}))u_k - D(\frac{-vh}{2D} + B(\frac{-vh}{D})u_l) - D(u_k - u_l) \\ &= D(\frac{1}{2}|\frac{vh}{D}| + B(|\frac{vh}{D}|) - 1)(u_k - u_l)\end{aligned}$$

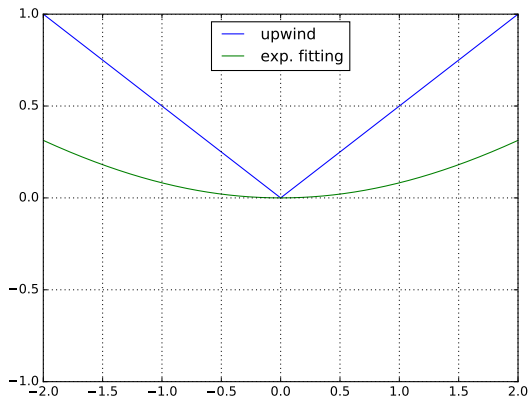
- ▶ Further, for $x > 0$:

$$\frac{1}{2}x \geq \frac{1}{2}x + B(x) - 1 \geq 0$$

- ▶ Therefore

$$\frac{|vh|}{2} \geq D_{art} \geq 0$$

Exponential fitting: Artificial diffusion II



Comparison of artificial diffusion functions $\frac{1}{2}|x|$ (upwind)
and $\frac{1}{2}|x| + B(|x|) - 1$ (exp. fitting)

Convection-Diffusion implementation: central differences

```
F=0;
U=0;
for (int k=0, l=1;k<n-1;k++,l++)
{
    double g_kl=D - 0.5*(v*h);
    double g_lk=D + 0.5*(v*h);
    M(k,k)+=g_kl/h;
    M(k,l)-=g_kl/h;
    M(l,l)+=g_lk/h;
    M(l,k)-=g_lk/h;
}
M(0,0)+=1.0e30;
M(n-1,n-1)+=1.0e30;
F(n-1)=1.0e30;
```

Convection-Diffusion implementation: upwind scheme

```
F=0;
U=0;
for (int k=0, l=1;k<n-1;k++,l++)
{
    double g_kl=D;
    double g_lk=D;
    if (v<0) g_kl=-v*h;
    else g_lk+=v*h;

    M(k,k)+=g_kl/h;
    M(k,l)-=g_kl/h;
    M(l,l)+=g_lk/h;
    M(l,k)-=g_lk/h;
}

M(0,0)+=1.0e30;
M(n-1,n-1)+=1.0e30;
F(n-1)=1.0e30;
```

Convection-Diffusion implementation: exponential fitting scheme

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inline double B(double x)
{
    if (std::fabs(x)<1.0e-10) return 1.0;
    return x/(std::exp(x)-1.0);
}

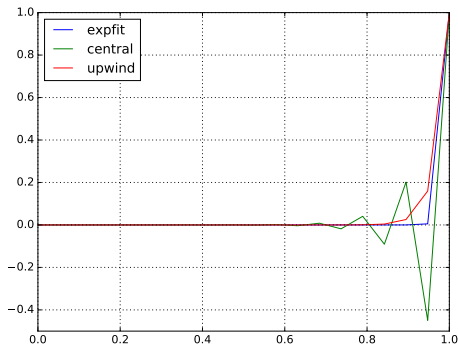
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F=0;
U=0;
for (int k=0, l=1;k<n-1;k++,l++)
{
    double g_kl=D* B(v*h/D);
    double g_lk=D* B(-v*h/D);
    M(k,k)+=g_kl/h;
    M(k,l)-=g_kl/h;
    M(l,l)+=g_lk/h;
    M(l,k)-=g_lk/h;
}

M(0,0)+=1.0e30;
M(n-1,n-1)+=1.0e30;
F(n-1)=1.0e30;
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Convection-Diffusion test problem, $N=20$

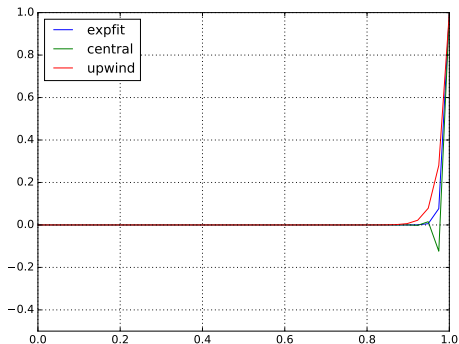
- ▶ $\Omega = (0, 1)$, $-\nabla \cdot (D\nabla u + uv) = 0$, $u(0) = 0$, $u(1) = 1$
- ▶ $V = 1$, $D = 0.01$



- ▶ Exponential fitting: sharp boundary layer, for this problem it is exact
- ▶ Central differences: unphysical
- ▶ Upwind: larger boundary layer

Convection-Diffusion test problem, $N=40$

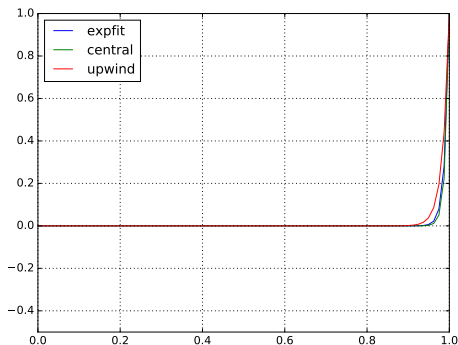
- ▶ $\Omega = (0, 1)$, $-\nabla \cdot (D\nabla u + uv) = 0$, $u(0) = 0$, $u(1) = 1$
- ▶ $V = 1$, $D = 0.01$



- ▶ Exponential fitting: sharp boundary layer, for this problem it is exact
- ▶ Central differences: unphysical, but less "wiggles"
- ▶ Upwind: larger boundary layer

Convection-Diffusion test problem, $N=80$

- ▶ $\Omega = (0, 1)$, $-\nabla \cdot (D\nabla u + uv) = 0$, $u(0) = 0$, $u(1) = 1$
- ▶ $V = 1$, $D = 0.01$



- ▶ Exponential fitting: sharp boundary layer, for this problem it is exact
- ▶ Central differences: grid is fine enough to yield M-Matrix property, good approximation of boundary layer due to higher convergence order
- ▶ Upwind: “smearing” of boundary layer

1D convection diffusion summary

- ▶ upwinding and exponential fitting unconditionally yield the M -property of the discretization matrix
- ▶ exponential fitting for this case (zero right hand side, 1D) yields exact solution. It is anyway “less diffusive” as artificial diffusion is optimized
- ▶ central scheme has higher convergence order than upwind (and exponential fitting) but on coarse grid it may lead to unphysical oscillations
- ▶ for 2/3D problems, sufficiently fine grids to stabilize central scheme may be prohibitively expensive
- ▶ local grid refinement may help to offset artificial diffusion

Convection-diffusion and finite elements

Search function $u : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla(\cdot D \nabla u - u \mathbf{v}) &= f \quad \text{in } \Omega \\ u &= u_D \text{ on } \partial\Omega \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Assume \mathbf{v} is divergence-free, i.e. $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$.
- ▶ Then the main part of the equation can be reformulated as

$$-\nabla(\cdot D \nabla u) + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla u = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

yielding a weak formulation: find $u \in H^1(\Omega)$ such that $u - u_D \in H_0^1(\Omega)$ and $\forall w \in H_0^1(\Omega)$,

$$\int_{\Omega} D \nabla u \cdot \nabla w \, dx + \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla u \, w \, dx = \int_{\Omega} f w \, dx$$

- ▶ Galerkin formulation: find $u_h \in V_h$ with bc. such that $\forall w_h \in V_h$

$$\int_{\Omega} D \nabla u_h \cdot \nabla w_h \, dx + \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla u_h \, w_h \, dx = \int_{\Omega} f w_h \, dx$$

Convection-diffusion and finite elements II

- ▶ Galerkin ansatz has similar problems as central difference ansatz in the finite volume/finite difference case *Rightarrow* stabilization ?
- ▶ Most popular: streamline upwind Petrov-Galerkin

$$\int_{\Omega} D \nabla u_h \cdot \nabla w_h \, dx + \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla u_h w_h \, dx + S(u_h, w_h) = \int_{\Omega} f w_h \, dx$$

with

$$S(u_h, w_h) = \sum_K \int_K (-\nabla \cdot (D \nabla u_h - u_h \mathbf{v}) - f) \delta_K \mathbf{v} \cdot w_h \, dx$$

where $\delta_K = \frac{h_K^v}{2|\mathbf{v}|} \xi\left(\frac{|\mathbf{v}| h_K^v}{D}\right)$ with $\xi(\alpha) = \coth(\alpha) - \frac{1}{\alpha}$ and h_K^v is the size of element K in the direction of \mathbf{v} .

Convection-diffusion and finite elements III

- ▶ Many methods to stabilize, *none* guarantees M-Property even on weakly acute meshes ! (V. John, P. Knobloch, Computer Methods in Applied Mechanics and Engineering, 2007)

- ▶ Comparison paper:

M. Augustin, A. Caiazzo, A. Fiebach, J. Fuhrmann, V. John, A. Linke, and R. Umla, "An assessment of discretizations for convection-dominated convection-diffusion equations," *Comp. Meth. Appl. Mech. Engrg.*, vol. 200, pp. 3395–3409, 2011:

- if it is necessary to compute solutions without spurious oscillations: use FVM, taking care on the construction of an appropriate grid might be essential for reducing the smearing of the layers,
- if sharpness and position of layers are important and spurious oscillations can be tolerated: often the SUPG method is a good choice.

- ▶ Topic of ongoing research



Nonlinear problems

Nonlinear problems: motivation

- ▶ Assume nonlinear dependency of some coefficients of the equation on the solution. E.g. nonlinear diffusion problem

$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla \cdot (D(u) \nabla u) &= f \quad \text{in } \Omega \\ u &= u_D \text{ on } \partial\Omega \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ FE+FV discretization methods lead to large nonlinear systems of equations

Nonlinear problems: caution!

This is a significantly more complex world:

- ▶ Possibly multiple solution branches
- ▶ Weak formulations in L^p spaces
- ▶ No direct solution methods
- ▶ Narrow domains of definition (e.g. only for positive solutions)

Finite element discretization for nonlinear diffusion

- ▶ Find $u_h \in V_h$ such that for all $w_h \in V_h$:

$$\int_{\Omega} D(u_h) \nabla u_h \cdot \nabla w_h \, dx = \int_{\Omega} f w_h \, dx$$

- ▶ Use appropriate quadrature rules for the nonlinear integrals
- ▶ Discrete system

$$A(u_h) = F(u_h)$$

Finite volume discretization for nonlinear diffusion

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= \int_{\omega_k} (-\nabla \cdot D(u)\nabla u - f) d\omega \\&= - \int_{\partial\omega_k} D(u)\nabla u \cdot \mathbf{n}_k d\gamma - \int_{\omega_k} f d\omega && \text{(Gauss)} \\&= - \sum_{L \in \mathcal{N}_k} \int_{\sigma_{kl}} D(u)\nabla u \cdot \mathbf{n}_{kl} d\gamma - \int_{\gamma_k} D(u)\nabla u \cdot \mathbf{n} d\gamma - \int_{\omega_k} f d\omega \\&\approx \sum_{L \in \mathcal{N}_k} \frac{\sigma_{kl}}{h_{kl}} \mathbf{g}_{kl}(u_k, u_l) + |\gamma_k| \alpha(u_k - v_k) - |\omega_k| \bar{f}_k\end{aligned}$$

with

$$\mathbf{g}_{kl}(u_k, u_l) = \begin{cases} D(\frac{1}{2}(u_k + u_l))(u_k - u_l) \\ \text{or} \\ D(u_k) - D(u_l) \end{cases}$$

where $\mathcal{D}(u) = \int_0^u D(\xi) d\xi$ (from exact solution ansatz at discretization edge)

- ▶ Discrete system

$$A(u_h) = F(u_h)$$

Iterative solution methods: fixed point iteration

- ▶ Let $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
- ▶ Problem: $A(u) = f$:

Assume $A(u) = M(u)u$, where for each u , $M(u) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a linear operator.

- ▶ Fixed point iteration scheme:
 1. Choose initial value u_0 , $i \leftarrow 0$
 2. For $i \geq 0$, solve $M(u_i)u_{i+1} = f$
 3. Set $i \leftarrow i + 1$
 4. Repeat from 2) until converged
- ▶ Convergence criteria:
 - ▶ residual based: $\|A(u) - f\| < \varepsilon$
 - ▶ update based $\|u_{i+1} - u_i\| < \varepsilon$
- ▶ Large domain of convergence
- ▶ Convergence may be slow
- ▶ Smooth coefficients not necessary

Iterative solution methods: Newton method

- ▶ Let $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
- ▶ Solve

$$A(u) = \begin{pmatrix} A_1(u_1 \dots u_n) \\ A_2(u_1 \dots u_n) \\ \vdots \\ A_n(u_1 \dots u_n) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ \vdots \\ f_n \end{pmatrix} = f$$

- ▶ Jacobi matrix (Frechet derivative) for given u : $A'(u) = (a_{kl})$ with

$$a_{kl} = \frac{\partial}{\partial u_l} A_k(u_1 \dots u_n)$$

- ▶ Iteration scheme

1. Choose initial value u_0 , $i \leftarrow 0$
2. Calculate residual $r_i = A(u_i) - f$
3. Calculate Jacobi matrix $A'(u_i)$
4. Solve update problem $A'(u_i)h_i = r_i$
5. Update solution: $u_{i+1} = u_i - h_i$
6. Set $i \leftarrow i + 1$
7. Repeat from 2) until converged

- ▶ Convergence criteria:

- ▶ residual based: $\|r_i\| < \varepsilon$
- ▶ update based $\|h_i\| < \varepsilon$

- ▶ Limited domain of convergence

- ▶ Slow initial convergence

- ▶ Fast (quadratic) convergence close to solution

Newton method II

- ▶ Remedies for small domain of convergence: damping
 1. Choose initial value u_0 , $i \leftarrow 0$,
damping parameter $d < 1$:
 2. Calculate residual $r_i = A(u_i) - f$
 3. Calculate Jacobi matrix $A'(u_i)$
 4. Solve update problem $A'(u_i)h_i = r_i$
 5. Update solution: $u_{i+1} = u_i - dh_i$
 6. Set $i \leftarrow i + 1$
 7. Repeat from 2) until converged
- ▶ Damping slows convergence
- ▶ Better way: increase damping parameter during iteration:
 1. Choose initial value u_0 , $i \leftarrow 0$,
damping parameter d_0 ,
damping growth factor $\delta > 1$
 2. Calculate residual $r_i = A(u_i) - f$
 3. Calculate Jacobi matrix $A'(u_i)$
 4. Solve update problem $A'(u_i)h_i = r_i$
 5. Update solution: $u_{i+1} = u_i - d_i h_i$
 6. Update damping parameter: $d_{i+1} = \min(1, \delta d_i)$
Set $i \leftarrow i + 1$
 7. Repeat from 2) until converged

Newton method III

- ▶ Even if it converges, in each iteration step we have to solve linear system of equations
- ▶ can be done iteratively, e.g. with the LU factorization of the Jacobi matrix from first solution step
- ▶ iterative solution accuracy may be relaxed, but this may diminish quadratic convergence
- ▶ Quadratic convergence yields very accurate solution with no large additional effort: once we are in the quadratic convergence region, convergence is very fast
- ▶ Monotonicity test: check if residual grows, this is often a sign that the iteration will diverge anyway.

Newton method IV

- ▶ Embedding method for parameter dependent problems.
- ▶ Solve $A(u_\lambda, \lambda) = f$ for $\lambda = 1$.
- ▶ Assume $A(u_0, 0)$ can be easily solved.
- ▶ Parameter embedding method:
 1. Solve $A(u_0, 0) = f$
choose step size δ Set $\lambda = 0$
 2. Solve $A(u_{\lambda+\delta}, \lambda + \delta) = 0$ with initial value u_λ . Possibly decrease δ to achieve convergence
 3. Set $\lambda \leftarrow \lambda + \delta$
 4. Possibly increase δ
 5. Repeat from 2) until $\lambda = 1$
- ▶ Parameter embedding + damping + update based convergence control go a long way to solve even strongly nonlinear problems!