

# Equation-Free function toolbox for Matlab/Octave: Full Developers Manual

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## **Abstract**

This ‘equation-free toolbox’ empowers the computer-assisted analysis of complex, multiscale systems. Its aim is to enable you to use microscopic simulators to perform system level tasks and analysis. The methodology bypasses the derivation of macroscopic evolution equations by using only short bursts of microscale simulations which are often the best available description of a system ([Kevrekidis & Samaey 2009](#), [Kevrekidis et al. 2004](#), [2003](#), e.g.). This suite of functions should empower users to start implementing such methods—but so far we have only just started.

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# 1 Introduction

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This Developers Manual contains line-by-line descriptions of the code in each function in the toolbox, and each example. For basic descriptions of each function, quick start guides, and some basic examples, see the User Manual.

**Users** Place this toolbox’s folder in a path searched by MATLAB/Octave. Then read the section that documents the function of interest.

**Blackbox scenario** Assume that a researcher/practitioner has a detailed and *trustworthy* computational simulation of some problem of interest. The simulation may be written in terms of micro-positional coordinates  $\vec{x}_i(t)$  in ‘space’ at which there are micro-field variable values  $\vec{u}_i(t)$  for indices  $i$  in some (large) set of integers and for time  $t$ . In lattice problems the positions  $\vec{x}_i$  would be fixed in time (unless employing a moving mesh on the microscale); in particle problems the positions would evolve. The positional coordinates are  $\vec{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$  where for spatial problems integer  $d = 1, 2, 3$ , but it may be more when solving for a distribution of velocities, or pore sizes, or trader’s beliefs, etc. The micro-field variables could be in  $\mathbb{R}^p$  for any  $p = 1, 2, \dots, \infty$ .

Further, assume that the computational simulation is too expensive over all the desired spatial domain  $\mathbb{X} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ . Thus we aim a toolbox to simulate only on macroscale distributed patches.

**Contributors** The aim of this project is to collectively develop a MATLAB/Octave toolbox of equation-free algorithms. Initially the algorithms will be simple, and the plan is to subsequently develop more and more capability.

MATLAB appears the obvious choice for a first version since it is widespread, reasonably efficient, supports various parallel modes, and development costs are reasonably low. Further it is built on BLAS and LAPACK so potentially the cache and superscalar CPU are well utilised. Let’s develop functions that work for both MATLAB/Octave. [Appendix A](#) outlines some details for contributors.

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## 2 Quick start

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This section may be used in conjunction with the many examples in later sections to help apply the toolbox functions to a particular problem, or to assist in distinguishing between the various functions.

### 2.1 Cheat sheet: Projective Integration

This section pertains to the Projective Integration (PI) methods of [Chapter 3](#). The PI approach is to greatly accelerate computations of a system exhibiting multiple time scales.

The PI toolbox presents several ‘main’ functions that could separately be called to perform PI, as well as several optional wrapper functions that may be called. This section helps to distinguish between the top-level PI functions, and helps to tell which of the optional functions may be needed at a glance. [Chapter 3](#) fully details each function.

The cheat sheet consists of two flow charts. [Figure 2.1](#) overviews constructing a PI simulation. [Figure 2.2](#) roughly guides which of the top-level PI functions should be used.

### 2.2 Cheat sheet: constructing patches

This section pertains to the Patch approach, [Chapter 4](#), to solving PDEs, lattice systems, or agent/particle microscale simulators.

The Patch toolbox requires that one configure patches, couple the patches and interface the coupled patches with a time integrator. [Figure 2.3](#) overviews the chief functions involved and their interactions.

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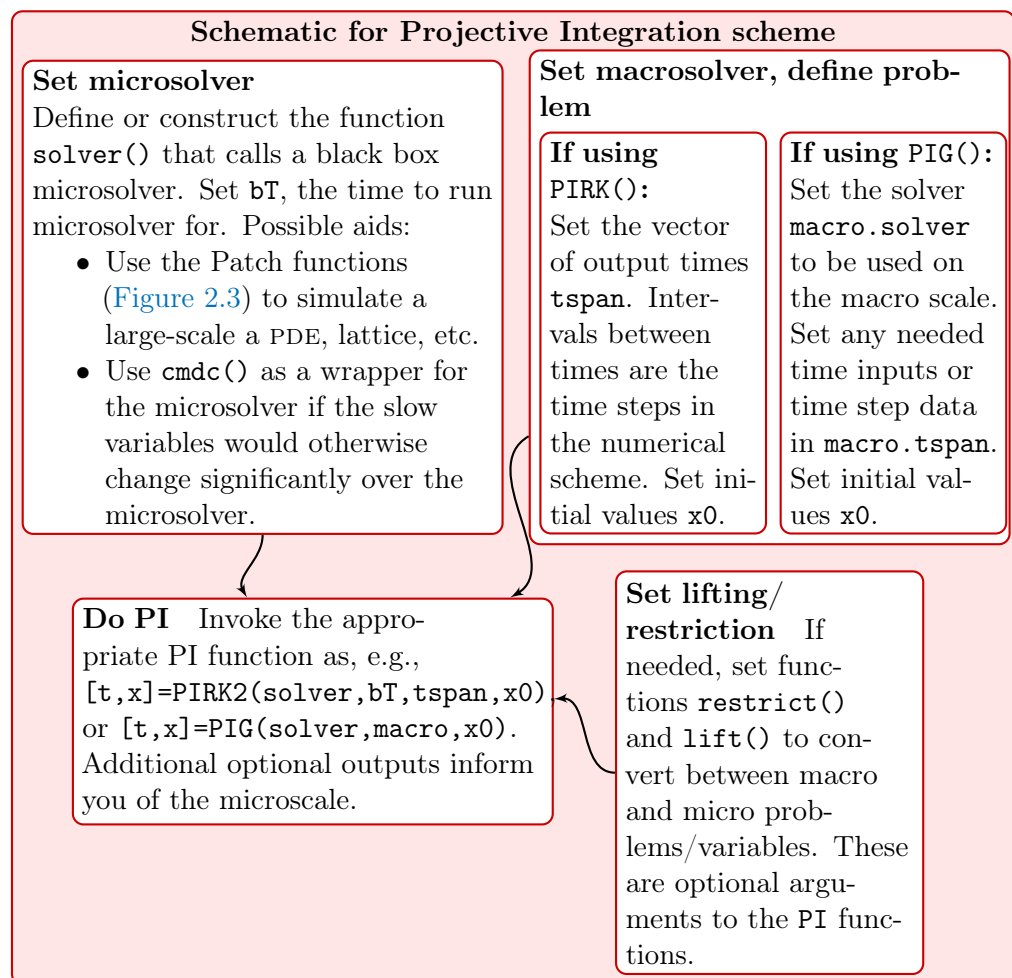


Figure 2.2

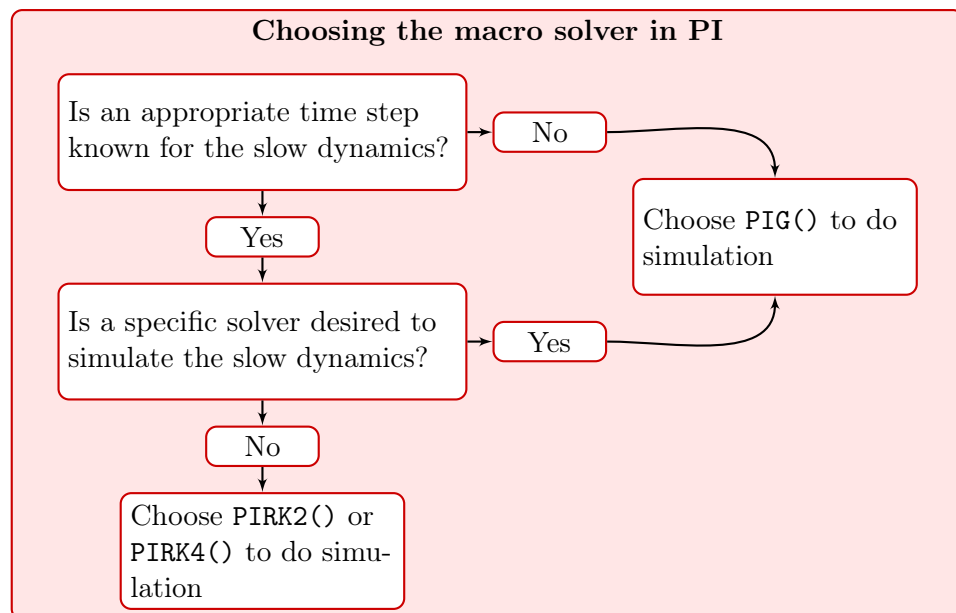
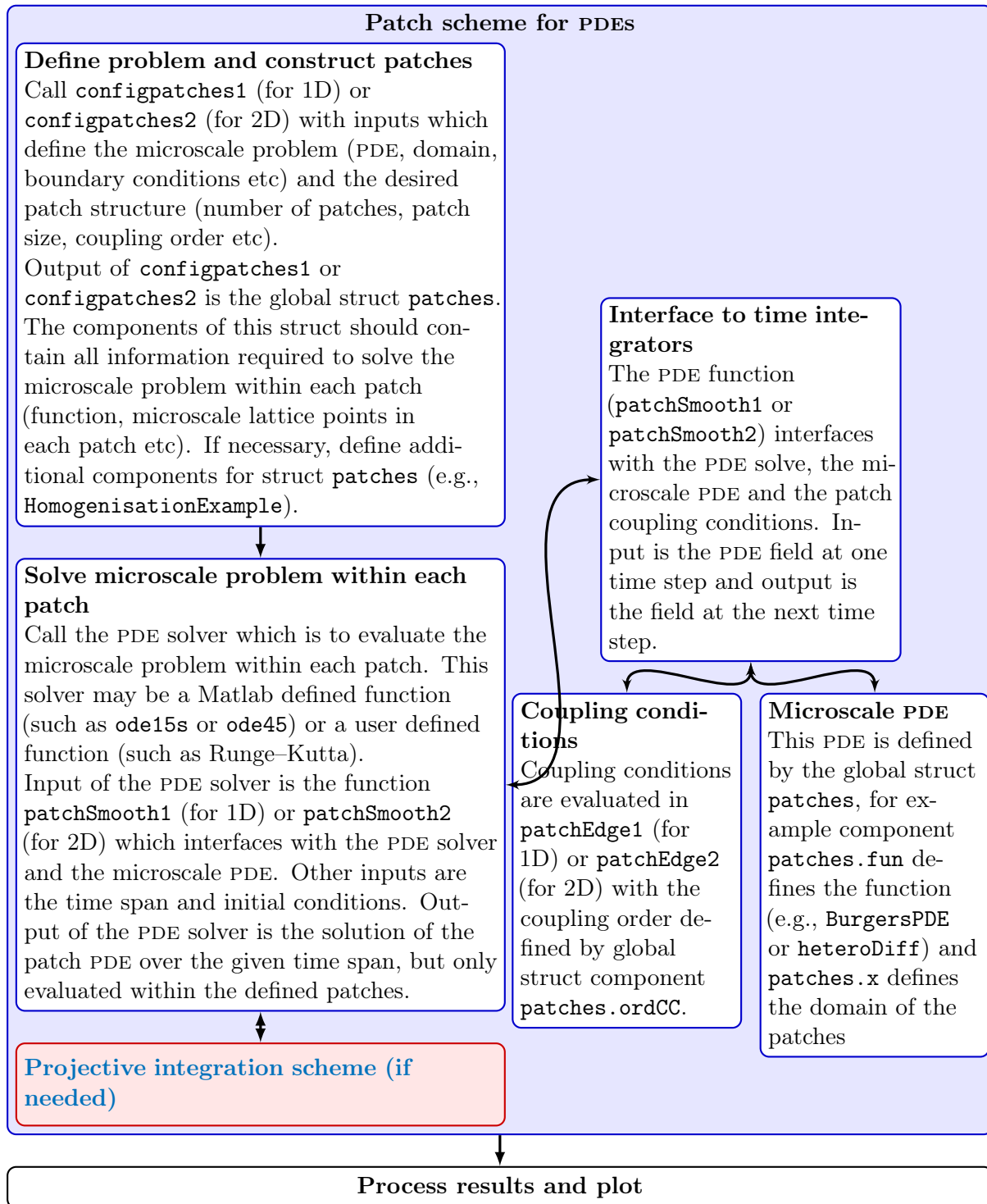


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## 3 Projective integration of deterministic ODEs

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This section provides some good projective integration functions (Gear & Kevrekidis 2003a,b, Givon et al. 2006, ?, e.g.). The goal is to enable computationally expensive dynamic simulations to be run over long time scales.

**Scenario** When you are interested in a complex system with many interacting parts or agents, you usually are primarily interested in the self-organised emergent macroscale characteristics. Projective integration empowers us to efficiently simulate such long-time emergent dynamics. We suppose you have coded some accurate, fine scale simulation of the complex system, and call such code a microsolver.

The Projective Integration section of this toolbox consists of several functions. Each function implements over the long-time scale a variant of a standard numerical method to simulate the emergent dynamics of the complex system. Each function has standardised inputs and outputs.

### Main functions

- Projective Integration by second or fourth order Runge–Kutta, `PIRK2()` and `PIRK4()` respectively. These schemes are suitable for precise simulation of the slow dynamics, provided the time period spanned by an application of the microsolver is not too large.
- Projective Integration with a General solver, `PIG()`. This function enables a Projective Integration implementation of any solver with macroscale time steps. It does not matter whether the solver is a standard Matlab or Octave algorithm, or one supplied by the user. As explored in later examples, `PIG()` should only be used in very stiff systems.
- ‘Constraint-defined manifold computing’, `cdmc()`. This helper function, based on the method introduced in ?, iteratively applies the microsolver and projects the output backwards in time. The result is to constrain the fast variables close to the slow manifold, without advancing the current time by the duration of an application of the microsolver. This function can be used to reduce errors related to the simulation length of the microsolver in either the `PIRK` or `PIG` functions. In particular, it enables `PIG()` to be used on problems that are not particularly stiff.

The above functions share dependence on a user-specified ‘microsolver’, that accurately simulates some problem of interest.

The following sections describe the `PIRK2()` and `PIG()` functions in detail, providing an example for each. Then `PIRK4()` is very similar to `PIRK2()`. Descriptions for the minor functions follow, and an example of the use of `cdmc()`.

### 3.1 `PIRK2()`: projective integration of second order accuracy

This Projective Integration scheme implements a macroscale scheme that is analogous to the second-order Runge–Kutta Improved Euler integration.

```
18 function [x, tms, xms, rm, svf] = PIRK2(microBurst, bT, tSpan, x0)
```

**Input** If there are no input arguments, then this function applies itself to the Michaelis–Menton example: see the code in [Section 3.1.1](#) as a basic template of how to use.

- `microBurst()`, a user-coded function that computes a short-time burst of the microscale simulation.

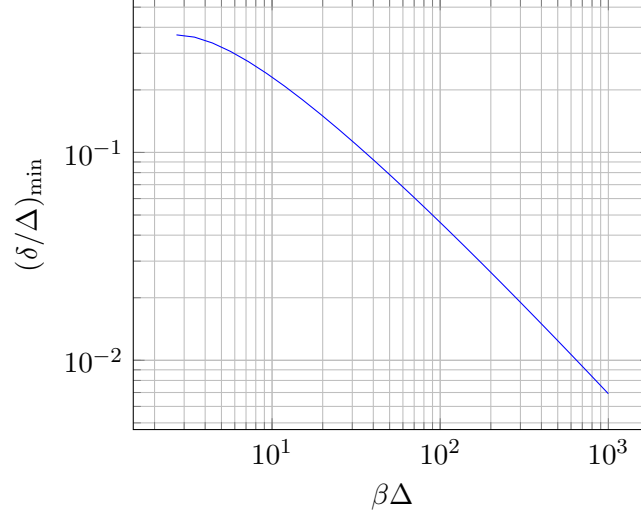
```
[tOut, xOut] = microBurst(tStart, xStart, bT)
```

- Inputs: `tStart`, the start time of a burst of simulation; `xStart`, the row  $n$ -vector of the starting state; `bT`, the total time to simulate in the burst.
- Outputs: `tOut`, the column vector of solution times; and `xOut`, an array in which each *row* contains the system state at corresponding times.
- `bT`, a scalar, the minimum amount of time needed for simulation of the `microBurst` to relax the fast variables to the slow manifold.
- `tSpan` is an  $\ell$ -vector of times at which the user requests output, of which the first element is always the initial time. `PIRK2()` does not use adaptive time stepping; the macroscale time steps are (nearly) the steps between elements of `tSpan`.
- `x0` is an  $n$ -vector of initial values at the initial time `tSpan(1)`. Elements of `x0` may be `NaN`: they are included in the simulation and output, and often represent boundaries in space fields.

**Choose a long enough burst length** Suppose: you have some desired relative accuracy  $\varepsilon$  that you wish to achieve (e.g.,  $\varepsilon \approx 0.01$  for two digit accuracy); the slow dynamics of your system occurs at rate/frequency of magnitude about  $\alpha$ ; and the rate of *decay* of your fast modes are faster than the lower bound  $\beta$  (e.g., if the fast modes decay roughly like  $e^{-12t}$ ,  $e^{-34t}$ ,  $e^{-56t}$  then  $\beta \approx 12$ ). Then choose

1. a macroscale time step,  $\Delta = \text{diff}(\text{tSpan})$ , such that  $\alpha\Delta \approx \sqrt{6\varepsilon}$ , and
2. a microscale burst length,  $\delta = \text{bT} \gtrsim \frac{1}{\beta} \log(\beta\Delta)$  (see [Figure 3.1](#)).

Figure 3.1: Need macroscale step  $\Delta$  such that  $|\alpha\Delta| \lesssim \sqrt{6\varepsilon}$  for given relative error  $\varepsilon$  and slow rate  $\alpha$ , and then  $\delta/\Delta \gtrsim \frac{1}{\beta\Delta} \log \beta\Delta$  determines the minimum required burst length  $\delta$  for given fast rate  $\beta$ .



**Output** If there are no output arguments specified, then a plot is drawn of the computed solution  $\mathbf{x}$  versus  $\mathbf{tSpan}$ .

- $\mathbf{x}$ , an  $\ell \times n$  array of the approximate solution vector. Each row is an estimated state at the corresponding time in  $\mathbf{tSpan}$ . The simplest usage is then  $\mathbf{x} = \text{PIRK2}(\text{microBurst}, \mathbf{bT}, \mathbf{tSpan}, \mathbf{x0})$ .

However, microscale details of the underlying Projective Integration computations may be helpful. `PIRK2()` provides two to four optional outputs of the microscale bursts.

- $\mathbf{tms}$ , optional, is an  $L$  dimensional column vector containing microscale times of burst simulations, each burst separated by `NaN`;
- $\mathbf{xms}$ , optional, is an  $L \times n$  array of the corresponding microscale states—this data is an accurate simulation of the state and may help visualise more details of the solution.
- $\mathbf{rm}$ , optional, a struct containing the ‘remaining’ applications of the `microBurst` required by the Projective Integration method during the calculation of the macrostep:
  - $\mathbf{rm.t}$  is a column vector of microscale times; and
  - $\mathbf{rm.x}$  is the array of corresponding burst states.

The states  $\mathbf{rm.x}$  do not have the same physical interpretation as those in  $\mathbf{xms}$ ; the  $\mathbf{rm.x}$  are required in order to estimate the slow vector field during the calculation of the Runge–Kutta increments, and do not in general resemble the true dynamics.

- $\mathbf{svf}$ , optional, a struct containing the Projective Integration estimates of the slow vector field.

- `svf.t` is a  $2\ell$  dimensional column vector containing all times at which the Projective Integration scheme is extrapolated along microBurst data to form a macrostep.
- `svf.dx` is a  $2\ell \times n$  array containing the estimated slow vector field.

### 3.1.1 If no arguments, then execute an example

```
158 if nargin==0
```

**Example code for Michaelis–Menton dynamics** The Michaelis–Menten enzyme kinetics is expressed as a singularly perturbed system of differential equations for  $x(t)$  and  $y(t)$  (encoded in function `MMburst` in the next paragraph):

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -x + (x + \frac{1}{2})y \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{1}{\epsilon} [x - (x + 1)y].$$

With initial conditions  $x(0) = 1$  and  $y(0) = 0$ , the following code computes and plots a solution over time  $0 \leq t \leq 6$  for parameter  $\epsilon = 0.05$ . Since the rate of decay is  $\beta \approx 1/\epsilon$  we choose a burst length  $\epsilon \log(\Delta/\epsilon)$  as here the macroscale time step  $\Delta = 1$ .

```
178 epsilon = 0.05
179 ts = 0:6
180 bT = epsilon*log((ts(2)-ts(1))/epsilon)
181 [x,tms,xms] = PIRK2(@MMburst, bT, ts, [1;0]);
182 figure, plot(ts,x,'o:',tms,xms)
183 title('Projective integration of Michaelis--Menten enzyme kinetics')
184 xlabel('time t'), legend('x(t)','y(t)')
```

Upon finishing execution of the example, exit this function.

```
190 return
191 end%if no arguments
```

**Example function code for a burst of ODEs** Integrate a burst of length `bT` of the ODEs for the Michaelis–Menten enzyme kinetics at parameter  $\epsilon$  inherited from above. Code ODEs in function `dMMdt` with variables  $x = \mathbf{x}(1)$  and  $y = \mathbf{x}(2)$ . Starting at time `ti`, and state `xi` (row), we here simply use `ode23` to integrate in time.

```
205 function [ts, xs] = MMburst(ti, xi, bT)
206     dMMdt = @(t,x) [ -x(1)+(x(1)+0.5)*x(2)
207                     1/epsilon*( x(1)-(x(1)+1)*x(2) ) ];
208     [ts, xs] = ode23(dMMdt, [ti ti+bT], xi);
209 end
```

### 3.1.2 The projective integration code

Determine the number of time steps and preallocate storage for macroscale estimates.

```

226 nT=length(tSpan);
227 x=nan(nT,length(x0));

```

Get the number of expected outputs and set logical indices to flag what data should be saved.

```

235 nArgs=nargout();
236 saveMicro = (nArgs>1);
237 saveFullMicro = (nArgs>3);
238 saveSvf = (nArgs>4);

```

Run a preliminary application of the microBurst on the initial conditions to help relax to the slow manifold. This is done in addition to the microBurst in the main loop, because the initial conditions are often far from the attracting slow manifold. Require the user to input and output rows of the system state.

```

251 x0 = reshape(x0,1,[]);
252 [relax_t,relax_x0] = microBurst(tSpan(1),x0,bT);

```

Use the end point of the microBurst as the initial conditions.

```

260 tSpan(1) = tSpan(1)+bT;
261 x(1,:)=relax_x0(end,:);

```

If saving information, then record the first application of the microBurst. Allocate cell arrays for times and states for outputs requested by the user, as concatenating cells is much faster than iteratively extending arrays.

```

271 if saveMicro
272     tms = cell(nT,1);
273     xms = cell(nT,1);
274     tms{1} = reshape(relax_t,[],1);
275     xms{1} = relax_x0;
276     if saveFullMicro
277         rm.t = cell(nT,1);
278         rm.x = cell(nT,1);
279         if saveSvf
280             svf.t = nan(2*nT-2,1);
281             svf.dx = nan(2*nT-2,length(x0));
282         end
283     end
284 end

```

### Loop over the macroscale time steps

```

292 for jT = 2:nT
293     T = tSpan(jT-1);

```

If two applications of the microBurst would cover one entire macroscale time-step, then do so (setting some internal states to NaN); else proceed to projective step.

```

301     if 2*abs(bT)>=abs(tSpan(jT)-T) & bT*(tSpan(jT)-T)>0
302         [t1,xm1] = microBurst(T, x(jT-1,:), tSpan(jT)-T);

```

```

303         x(jT,:) = xm1(end,:);
304         t2=nan; xm2=nan(1,size(xm1,2));
305         dx1=xm2; dx2=xm2;
306     else

```

Run the first application of the microBurst; since this application directly follows from the initial conditions, or from the latest macrostep, this microscale information is physically meaningful as a simulation of the system. Extract the size of the final time step.

```

317     [t1,xm1] = microBurst(T, x(jT-1,:), bT);
318     del = t1(end)-t1(end-1);

```

Check for round-off error.

```

324     xt=[reshape(t1(end-1:end),[],1) xm1(end-1:end,:)];
325     roundingTol=1e-8;
326     if norm(diff(xt))/norm(xt,'fro') < roundingTol
327         warning(['significant round-off error in 1st projection at T=' num2str(T)
328     end

```

Find the needed time step to reach time tSpan(n+1) and form a first estimate dx1 of the slow vector field.

```

337     Dt = tSpan(jT)-T-bT;
338     dx1 = (xm1(end,:)-xm1(end-1,:))/del;

```

Project along dx1 to form an intermediate approximation of x; run another application of the microBurst and form a second estimate of the slow vector field.

```

348     xint = xm1(end,:) + (Dt-bT)*dx1;
349     [t2,xm2] = microBurst(T+Dt, xint, bT);
350     del = t2(end)-t2(end-1);
351     dx2 = (xm2(end,:)-xm2(end-1,:))/del;

```

Check for round-off error.

```

357     xt=[reshape(t2(end-1:end),[],1) xm2(end-1:end,:)];
358     if norm(diff(xt))/norm(xt,'fro') < roundingTol
359         warning(['significant round-off error in 2nd projection at T=' num2str(T)
360     end

```

Use the weighted average of the estimates of the slow vector field to take a macrostep.

```

368     x(jT,:) = xm1(end,:) + Dt*(dx1+dx2)/2;

```

Now end the if-statement that tests whether a projective step saves simulation time.

```

376     end

```

If saving trusted microscale data, then populate the cell arrays for the current loop iterate with the time steps and output of the first application of the microBurst. Separate bursts by NaNs.

```

386         if saveMicro
387             tms{jT} = [reshape(t1,[],1); nan];
388             xms{jT} = [xm1; nan(1,size(xm1,2))];

```

If saving all microscale data, then repeat for the remaining applications of the microBurst.

```

396         if saveFullMicro
397             rm.t{jT} = [reshape(t2,[],1); nan];
398             rm.x{jT} = [xm2; nan(1,size(xm2,2))];

```

If saving Projective Integration estimates of the slow vector field, then populate the corresponding cells with times and estimates.

```

407             if saveSvf
408                 svf.t(2*jT-3:2*jT-2) = [t1(end); t2(end)];
409                 svf.dx(2*jT-3:2*jT-2,:) = [dx1; dx2];
410             end
411         end
412     end

```

Terminate the main loop:

```

418 end

```

Overwrite  $x(1,:)$  with the specified initial condition  $tSpan(1)$ .

```

427 x(1,:) = reshape(x0,1,[]);

```

For additional requested output, concatenate all the cells of time and state data into two arrays.

```

435 if saveMicro
436     tms = cell2mat(tms);
437     xms = cell2mat(xms);
438     if saveFullMicro
439         rm.t = cell2mat(rm.t);
440         rm.x = cell2mat(rm.x);
441     end
442 end

```

### 3.1.3 If no output specified, then plot simulation

```

450 if nArgs==0
451     figure, plot(tSpan,x,'o:')
452     title('Projective Simulation with PIRK2')
453 end

```

This concludes PIRK2().

```

460 end

```



### 3.2 PIG(): Projective Integration via a General macroscale integrator

This is an approximate Projective Integration scheme when the macroscale integrator is any coded scheme. The advantage is that one may use MATLAB/Octave's inbuilt integration functions, with all their sophisticated error control and adaptive time-stepping, to do the macroscale simulation.

Unlike the PIRKn functions, PIG() does not estimate the slow vector field at the times expected by any user-specified scheme, but instead provides an estimate of the slow vector field at a slightly different time, after an application of the micro-burst simulator. Consequently PIG() will incur an additional global error term proportional to the burst length of the microscale simulator. For that reason, PIG() should be used with

- either very stiff problems, in which the burst length of the micro-burst can be short,
- or the ‘constraint defined manifold’ based micro-burst provided by `cdmc()`, that attempts to project the variables onto the slow manifold without affecting the time.

```
36 function [t,x,tms,xms,svf] = PIG(macroInt,microBurst,tSpan,x0,lift,restrict)
```

The inputs and outputs are a little different to the two PIRKn functions.

#### Inputs:

- `microBurst()` is a function that produces output from the user-specified code for a burst of microscale simulation. The function must know how long a burst it is to use. Usage

$$[tbs,xbs] = \text{microBurst}(tb0,xb0)$$

*Inputs:* `tb0` is the start time of a burst; `xb0` is the vector state at the start of a burst.

*Outputs:* `tbs`, the vector of solution times; and `xbs`, the corresponding states.

- `macroInt()`, the numerical method that the user wants to apply on a slow-time macroscale. Either use a standard MATLAB/Octave integration function (such as `ode23` or `ode45`), or code this solver as a standard MATLAB/Octave integration function. That is, if you code you own, then it must be

$$[ts,xs] = \text{macroInt}(f,tSpan,x0)$$

where function  $f(t,x)$  notionally evaluates the time derivatives  $d\vec{x}/dt$  at ‘any’ time; `tSpan` is either the macro-time interval, or the vector of times at which a macroscale value is to be returned; and `x0` are the initial values of  $\vec{x}$  at time `tSpan(1)`. Then the  $i$ th row of `xs`, `xs(i,:)`, is to be the vector  $\vec{x}(t)$  at time  $t = ts(i)$ . Remember that in PIG() the function  $f(t,x)$  is to be estimated by Projective Integration burst.

- **tSpan**, a vector of times at which the user requests output, of which the first element is always the initial time. If **macroInt** can adaptively select time steps (e.g., **ode45**), then **tSpan** can consist of an initial and final time only.
- **x0**, the vector of initial values at the initial time **tSpan(1)**.

**Output** If there are no output arguments specified, then a plot is drawn of the computed solution **x** versus **t**. Most often you would only store the first two output results of **PIG()**, via say **[t,x] = PIG(...)**.

- **t**, an  $\ell$ -vector of times at which **macroInt** produced results.
- **x**, an  $\ell \times n$  array of the computed solution: the  $i$ th row of **x**, **x(i,:)**, is to be the vector  $\vec{x}(t)$  at time  $t = \mathbf{t}(i)$ .

However, microscale details of the underlying Projective Integration computations may be helpful, and so **PIG()** some optional outputs of the microscale bursts.

- **tms**, optional, is an  $L$  dimensional column vector containing microscale times of burst simulations, each burst separated by **NaN**;
- **xms**, optional, is an  $L \times n$  array of the corresponding microscale states—this data is an accurate simulation of the state and may help visualise more details of the solution.
- **svf**, optional, a struct containing the Projective Integration estimates of the slow vector field.
  - **svf.t** is a  $2\ell$  dimensional column vector containing all times at which the Projective Integration scheme is extrapolated along microsolver data to form a macrostep.
  - **svf.dx** is a  $2\ell \times n$  array containing the estimated slow vector field.

### 3.2.1 If no arguments, then execute an example

```
132 if nargin==0
```

As a basic example, consider a singularly perturbed system of differential equations for  $\vec{x}(t) = (x_1(t), x_2(t))$ :

$$\frac{dx_1}{dt} = \cos(x_1) \sin(x_2) \cos(t) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dx_2}{dt} = \frac{1}{\epsilon} [\cos(x_1) - x_2].$$

With initial conditions  $\vec{x}(0) = (1, 0)$ , the following code computes and plots a solution of the system over time  $0 \leq t \leq 6$  for parameter  $\epsilon = 10^{-3}$ .

First we code the right-hand side function of the microscale system of ODEs.

```
149 epsilon = 1e-3;
150 dxdt=@(t,x) [ cos(x(1))*sin(x(2))*cos(t)
151               (cos(x(1))-x(2))/epsilon ];
```

Second, we code microscale bursts, here using the standard `ode45()`. Since the rate of decay is  $\beta \approx 1/\epsilon$  we choose a burst length  $2\epsilon \log(1/\epsilon)$  as here we do not know the macroscale time step invoked by `marcoInt()`, so blithely use  $\Delta = 1$ , and then double the usual formula for safety.

```
163 bT = 2*epsilon*log(1/epsilon)
164 microBurst = @(tb0,xb0) ode45(dxdt,[tb0 tb0+bT],xb0);
```

Third, invoke PIG to use `ode23()`, say, on the macroscale slow evolution. Integrate the micro-bursts over  $0 \leq t \leq 6$  from initial condition  $\vec{x} = (1, 0)$ . (You could set `tSpan=[0 -6]` to integrate backwards in time with forward bursts.)

```
174 tSpan = [0 6];
175 lift = @(x) [x; 0.5];
176 restrict = @(x) x(1);
177 [ts,xs,tms,xms] = PIG('ode23',microBurst,tSpan,1, lift, restrict);
```

Plot output of this projective integration.

```
183 figure, plot(ts,xs,'o:',tms,xms)
184 title('Projective integration of singular perturbed ODE')
185 xlabel('time t'), legend('x_1(t)','x_2(t)')
```

Upon finishing execution of the example, exit this function.

```
191 return
192 end%if no arguments
```

Find the number of time steps at which output is expected, and the number of variables.

```
207 nT=length(tSpan)-1;
208 nx = length(lift(x0));
```

Get the number of expected outputs and set logical indices to flag what data should be saved. If no lifting/restriction operators were set, assign them.

```
217 nArgs=nargout();
218 saveMicro = (nArgs>1);
219 saveSvf = (nArgs>2);
220 if nargin < 5 %no lift/restrict operators
221     lift=@(x) x;
222     restrict=@(x) x;
223 end
```

Run a first application of the `microBurst` on the initial conditions. This is done in addition to the `microBurst` in the main loop, because the initial conditions are often far from the attracting slow manifold.

```
235 x0 = reshape(x0,[],1);
236 [relax_t,x0_micro_relax] = microBurst(tSpan(1),lift(x0));
237 x0_relax = restrict(x0_micro_relax);
```

Update the initial time.

```
244 tSpan(1) = relax_t(end);
```

Allocate cell arrays for times and states for any of the outputs requested by the user. If saving information, then record the first application of the microBurst. Note that it is unknown a priori how many applications of the microBurst will be required; this code may be run more efficiently if the correct number is used in place of `nT+1` as the dimension of the cell arrays.

```
256 if saveMicro
257     tms=cell(nT+1,1); xms=cell(nT+1,1);
258     n=1;
259     tms{n} = reshape(relax_t,[],1);
260     xms{n} = x0_micro_relax;
261
262     if saveSvf
263         svf.t = cell(nT+1,1);
264         svf.dx = cell(nT+1,1);
265     end
266 end
```

The idea of `PIG()` is to use the output from the microBurst to approximate an unknown function  $\mathbf{ff}(\mathbf{t},\mathbf{x})$ , that describes the slow dynamics. This approximation is then used in the system/user-defined ‘coarse solver’ `macroInt()`. The approximation is described in

```
278 function [dx]=genProjection(tt,xx)
```

Run a microBurst from the given initial conditions.

```
284 [t_tmp,x_micro_tmp] = microBurst(tt,reshape(lift(xx),[],1));
```

Compute the standard Projective Integration approximation of the slow vector field.

```
291 del = t_tmp(end)-t_tmp(end-1);
292 dx = ( restrict(x_micro_tmp(end,:))-restrict(x_micro_tmp(end-1,:)) )/del;
```

Save the microscale data, and the Projective Integration slow vector field, if requested.

```
299     if saveMicro
300         n=n+1;
301         tms{n} = [reshape(t_tmp,[],1); nan];
302         xms{n} = [x_micro_tmp; nan(1,nx)];
303         if saveSvf
304             svf.t{n-1} = tt;
305             svf.dx{n-1} = dx;
306         end
307     end
308 end% function genProjection()
```

Define the approximate slow vector field according to Projective Integration.

```
317 ff=@(t,x) genProjection(t,x);
```

Do Projective Integration of `ff()` with the user-specified `microBurst`.

```
326 [t,x]=feval(macroInt,ff,tSpan,x0_relax(end,:))';
```

Overwrite `x(1,:)` and `t(1)`, which the user expect to be `x0` and `tSpan(1)` respectively, with the given initial conditions.

```
335 x(1,:) = x0';
```

```
336 t(1) = tSpan(1);
```

For each additional requested output, concatenate all the cells of time and state data into two arrays. Then, return the two arrays in a cell.

```
345 if saveMicro
```

```
346     tms = cell2mat(tms);
```

```
347     xms = cell2mat(xms);
```

```
348     if saveSvf
```

```
349         svf.t = cell2mat(svf.t);
```

```
350         svf.dx = cell2mat(svf.dx);
```

```
351     end
```

```
352 end
```

### 3.2.2 If no output specified, then plot simulation

```
360 if nArgs==0
```

```
361     figure, plot(t,x,'o:')
```

```
362     title('Projective Simulation via PIG')
```

```
363 end
```

This concludes `PIG()`.

```
371 end
```

### 3.3 PIRK4(): projective integration of fourth order accuracy

This Projective Integration scheme implements a macrosolver analogous to the fourth order Runge–Kutta method.

```
16 function [x, tms, xms, rm, svf] = PIRK4(solver, bT, tSpan, x0)
```

See [Section 3.1](#) as the inputs and outputs are the same as `PIRK2()`.

**If no arguments, then execute an example**

```
27 if nargin==0
```

**Example of Michaelis–Menton backwards in time** The Michaelis–Menten enzyme kinetics is expressed as a singularly perturbed system of differential equations for  $x(t)$  and  $y(t)$  (encoded in function `MMburst`):

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -x + (x + \frac{1}{2})y \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{1}{\epsilon} [x - (x + 1)y].$$

With initial conditions  $x(0) = y(0) = 0.2$ , the following code uses forward time bursts in order to integrate backwards in time to  $t = -5$ . It plots the computed solution over time  $-5 \leq t \leq 0$  for parameter  $\epsilon = 0.1$ . Since the rate of decay is  $\beta \approx 1/\epsilon$  we choose a burst length  $\epsilon \log(|\Delta|/\epsilon)$  as here the macroscale time step  $\Delta = -1$ .

```

48 epsilon = 0.1
49 ts = 0:-1:-5
50 bT = epsilon*log(abs(ts(2)-ts(1))/epsilon)
51 [x,tms,xms,rm,svf] = PIRK4(@MMburst, bT, ts, 0.2*[1;1]);
52 figure, plot(ts,x,'o:',tms,xms)
53 xlabel('time t'), legend('x(t)','y(t)')
54 title('Backwards-time projective integration of Michaelis--Menten')

    Upon finishing execution of the example, exit this function.

60 return
61 end%if no arguments

```

**Example function code for a burst of ODEs** Integrate a burst of length `bT` of the ODEs for the Michaelis–Menten enzyme kinetics at parameter  $\epsilon$  inherited from above. Code ODEs in function `dMMdt` with variables  $x = x(1)$  and  $y = x(2)$ . Starting at time `ti`, and state `xi` (row), we here simply use `ode23` to integrate in time.

```

75 function [ts, xs] = MMburst(ti, xi, bT)
76     dMMdt = @(t,x) [ -x(1)+(x(1)+0.5)*x(2)
77                     1/epsilon*( x(1)-(x(1)+1)*x(2) ) ];
78     [ts, xs] = ode23(dMMdt, [ti ti+bT], xi);
79 end

```

### Input

- `solver()`, a function that produces output from the user-specified code for microscale simulation.

`[tOut, xOut] = solver(tStart, xStart, tSim)`

- Inputs: `tStart`, the start time of a burst of simulation; `xStart`, the row  $n$ -vector of the starting state; `tSim`, the total time to simulate in the burst.
- Outputs: `tOut`, the column vector of solution times; and `xOut`, an array in which each *row* contains the system state at corresponding times.

- `bT`, a scalar, the minimum amount of time needed for simulation of the microsolver to relax the fast variables to the slow manifold.
- `tSpan` is an  $\ell$ -vector of times at which the user requests output, of which the first element is always the initial time. `PIRK4()` does not use adaptive time stepping; the macroscale time steps are (nearly) the steps between elements of `tSpan`.

- **x0** is an  $n$ -vector of initial values at the initial time **tSpan**(1). Elements of **x0** may be **NaN**: they are included in the simulation and output, and often represent boundaries in space fields.

**Output** If there are no output arguments specified, then a plot is drawn of the computed solution **x** versus **tSpan**.

- **x**, an  $\ell \times n$  array of the approximate solution vector. Each row is an estimated state at the corresponding time in **tSpan**. The simplest usage is then **x** = **PIRK4**(**solver**,**bT**,**tSpan**,**x0**).

However, microscale details of the underlying Projective Integration computations may be helpful. **PIRK4**() provides two to four optional outputs of the microscale bursts.

- **tms**, optional, is an  $L$  dimensional column vector containing microscale times of burst simulations, each burst separated by **NaN**;
- **xms**, optional, is an  $L \times n$  array of the corresponding microscale states—this data is an accurate simulation of the state and may help visualise more details of the solution.
- **rm**, optional, a struct containing the ‘remaining’ applications of the microsolver required by the Projective Integration method during the calculation of the macrostep:
  - **rm.t** is a column vector of microscale times; and
  - **rm.x** is the array of corresponding burst states.

The states **rm.x** do not have the same physical interpretation as those in **xms**; the **rm.x** are required in order to estimate the slow vector field during the calculation of the Runge–Kutta increments, and do not in general resemble the true dynamics.

- **svf**, optional, a struct containing the Projective Integration estimates of the slow vector field.
  - **svf.t** is a  $4\ell$  dimensional column vector containing all times at which the Projective Integration scheme is extrapolated along microsolver data to form a macrostep.
  - **svf.dx** is a  $4\ell \times n$  array containing the estimated slow vector field.

### 3.3.1 The projective integration code

Determine the number of time steps and preallocate storage for macroscale estimates.

```

176 nT=length(tSpan);
177 x=nan(nT,length(x0));

```

Get the number of expected outputs and set logical indices to flag what data should be saved.

```

185 nArgs=nargout();
186 saveMicro = (nArgs>1);
187 saveFullMicro = (nArgs>3);
188 saveSvf = (nArgs>4);

```

Run a preliminary application of the microsolver on the initial conditions to help relax to the slow manifold. This is done in addition to the microsolver in the main loop, because the initial conditions are often far from the attracting slow manifold. Require the user to input and output rows of the system state.

```

201 x0 = reshape(x0,1,[]);
202 [relax_t,relax_x0] = solver(tSpan(1),x0,bT);

```

Use the end point of the microsolver as the initial conditions.

```

210 tSpan(1) = tSpan(1)+bT;
211 x(1,:)=relax_x0(end,:);

```

If saving information, then record the first application of the microsolver. Allocate cell arrays for times and states for outputs requested by the user, as concatenating cells is much faster than iteratively extending arrays.

```

221 if saveMicro
222     tms = cell(nT,1);
223     xms = cell(nT,1);
224     tms{1} = reshape(relax_t,[],1);
225     xms{1} = relax_x0;
226     if saveFullMicro
227         rm.t = cell(nT,1);
228         rm.x = cell(nT,1);
229         if saveSvf
230             svf.t = nan(4*nT-4,1);
231             svf.dx = nan(4*nT-4,length(x0));
232         end
233     end
234 end

```

### Loop over the macroscale time steps

```

242 for jT = 2:nT
243     T = tSpan(jT-1);

```

If four applications of the microsolver would cover the entire macroscale time-step, then do so (setting some internal states to NaN); else proceed to projective step.

```

252     if 4*abs(bT)>=abs(tSpan(jT)-T) & bT*(tSpan(jT)-T)>0
253         [t1,xm1] = solver(T, x(jT-1,:), tSpan(jT)-T);
254         x(jT,:) = xm1(end,:);
255         t2=nan; xm2=nan(1,size(xm1,2));
256         t3=nan; t4=nan; xm3=xm2; xm4 = xm2; dx1=xm2; dx2=xm2;
257     else

```



Run the first application of the microsolver; since this application directly follows from the initial conditions, or from the latest macrostep, this microscale information is physically meaningful as a simulation of the system. Extract the size of the final time step.

```
268     [t1,xm1] = solver(T, x(jT-1,:), bT);
269     del = t1(end)-t1(end-1);
```

Check for round-off error.

```
275     xt=[reshape(t1(end-1:end),[],1) xm1(end-1:end,:)];
276     roundingTol=1e-8;
277     if norm(diff(xt))/norm(xt,'fro') < roundingTol
278         warning(['significant round-off error in 1st projection at T=' num2str(T)
279         end
```

Find the needed time step to reach time `tSpan(n+1)` and form a first estimate `dx1` of the slow vector field.

```
288     Dt = tSpan(jT)-T-bT;
289     dx1 = (xm1(end,:)-xm1(end-1,:))/del;
```

Project along `dx1` to form an intermediate approximation of `x`; run another application of the microsolver and form a second estimate of the slow vector field.

```
299     xint = xm1(end,:) + (Dt/2-bT)*dx1;
300     [t2,xm2] = solver(T+Dt/2, xint, bT);
301     del = t2(end)-t2(end-1);
302     dx2 = (xm2(end,:)-xm2(end-1,:))/del;
303
304     xint = xm1(end,:) + (Dt/2-bT)*dx2;
305     [t3,xm3] = solver(T+Dt/2, xint, bT);
306     del = t3(end)-t3(end-1);
307     dx3 = (xm3(end,:)-xm3(end-1,:))/del;
308
309     xint = xm1(end,:) + (Dt-bT)*dx3;
310     [t4,xm4] = solver(T+Dt, xint, bT);
311     del = t4(end)-t4(end-1);
312     dx4 = (xm4(end,:)-xm4(end-1,:))/del;
```

Check for round-off error.

```
318     xt=[reshape(t2(end-1:end),[],1) xm2(end-1:end,:)];
319     if norm(diff(xt))/norm(xt,'fro') < roundingTol
320         warning(['significant round-off error in 2nd projection at T=' num2str(T)
321         end
```

Use the weighted average of the estimates of the slow vector field to take a macrostep.

```
329     x(jT,:) = xm1(end,:) + Dt*(dx1 + 2*dx2 + 2*dx3 + dx4)/6;
```

Now end the if-statement that tests whether a projective step saves simulation time.

```
337     end
```

If saving trusted microscale data, then populate the cell arrays for the current loop iterate with the time steps and output of the first application of the microsolver. Separate bursts by NaNs.

```
347     if saveMicro
348         tms{jT} = [reshape(t1,[],1); nan];
349         xms{jT} = [xm1; nan(1,size(xm1,2))];
```

If saving all microscale data, then repeat for the remaining applications of the microsolver.

```
357         if saveFullMicro
358             rm.t{jT} = [reshape(t2,[],1); nan;...
359                         reshape(t3,[],1); nan;...
360                         reshape(t4,[],1); nan];
361             rm.x{jT} = [xm2; nan(1,size(xm2,2));...
362                         xm3; nan(1,size(xm2,2));...
363                         xm4; nan(1,size(xm2,2))];
```

If saving Projective Integration estimates of the slow vector field, then populate the corresponding cells with times and estimates.

```
372         if saveSvf
373             svf.t(4*jT-7:4*jT-4) = [t1(end); t2(end); t3(end); t4(end)];
374             svf.dx(4*jT-7:4*jT-4,:) = [dx1; dx2; dx3; dx4];
375         end
376     end
377 end
```

Terminate the main loop:

```
383 end
```

Overwrite  $x(1,:)$  with the specified initial condition  $tSpan(1)$ .

```
392 x(1,:) = reshape(x0,1,[]);
```

For additional requested output, concatenate all the cells of time and state data into two arrays.

```
400 if saveMicro
401     tms = cell2mat(tms);
402     xms = cell2mat(xms);
403     if saveFullMicro
404         rm.t = cell2mat(rm.t);
405         rm.x = cell2mat(rm.x);
406     end
407 end
```

### 3.3.2 If no output specified, then plot simulation

```
415 if nArgs==0
416     figure, plot(tSpan,x,'o:')
```

```

417     title('Projective Simulation with PIRK4')
418 end

    This concludes PIRK4().

425 end

```

### 3.3.3 cdmc()

`cdmc()` iteratively applies the micro-burst and then projects backwards in time to the initial conditions. The cumulative effect is to relax the variables to the attracting slow manifold, while keeping the final time for the output the same as the input time.

```

13 function [ts, xs] = cdmc(microBurst,t0,x0)

```

#### Input

- `microBurst()`, a black box micro-burst function suitable for Projective Integration. See any of `PIRK2()`, `PIRK4()`, or `PIG()` for a description of `microBurst()`.
- `t0`, an initial time
- `x0`, an initial state

#### Output

- `ts`, a vector of times. `tout(end)` will equal `t`.
- `xs`, an array of state estimates produced by `microBurst()`.

This function is a wrapper for the micro-burst. For instance if the problem of interest is a dynamical system that is not too stiff, and which can be simulated by the microBurst `sol(t,x,T)`, one would define

```

cSol = @(t,x) cdmc(sol,t,x)

```

and thereafter use `csol()` in place of `sol()` as the microBurst for any Projective Integration scheme. The original microBurst `sol()` could create large errors if used in a Projective Integration scheme, but the output of `cdmc()` should not.

Begin with a standard application of the micro-burst.

```

41 [ts,xs] = feval(microBurst,t0,x0);
42 bT = ts(end)-ts(1);

```

Project backwards to before the initial time, then simulate just one burst forward to obtain a simulation burst that ends at the original `t0`.

```

50 dxdt = (xs(end,:) - xs(end-1,:))/(ts(end,:) - ts(end-1,:));
51 x0 = xs(end,:)-2*bT*dxdt;
52 t0 = ts(1)-bT;
53 [ts,xs] = feval(microBurst,t0,x0.');
```

### 3.4 Example: PI using Runge–Kutta macrosolvers

This script is a demonstration of the `PIRK()` schemes, that use a Runge–Kutta macrosolver, applied to a simple linear system with some slow and fast directions.

Clear workspace and set a seed.

```
14 clear
15 rng(1)
```

The majority of this example involves setting up details for the macrosolver. We use a simple function `gen_linear_system()` that outputs a function  $f(t, x) = \mathbf{A}\vec{x} + \vec{b}$ , where  $\mathbf{A}$  has some eigenvalues with large negative real part, corresponding to fast variables and some eigenvalues with real part close to zero, corresponding to slow variables. The function `gen_linear_system()` requires that we specify bounds on the real part of the strongly stable eigenvalues,

```
30 fastband = [-5e2; -1e2];
```

and bounds on the real part of the weakly stable/unstable eigenvalues,

```
37 slowband = [-0.002; 0.002];
```

We now generate a random linear system with seven fast and three slow variables.

```
44 f = gen_linear_system(7,3,fastband,slowband);
```

Set the time step size and total integration time of the macrosolver.

```
51 dt = 0.001;
52 bT = 0.05;
```

As a rule of thumb, the time steps `dt` should satisfy  $dt \leq 1/|\text{fastband}(1)|$  and the time to simulate with each application of the macrosolver, `micro.bT`, should be larger than or equal to  $1/|\text{fastband}(2)|$ . We set the integration scheme to be used in the macrosolver. Since the time steps are so small, we just use the forward Euler scheme

```
64 solver='fe';
```

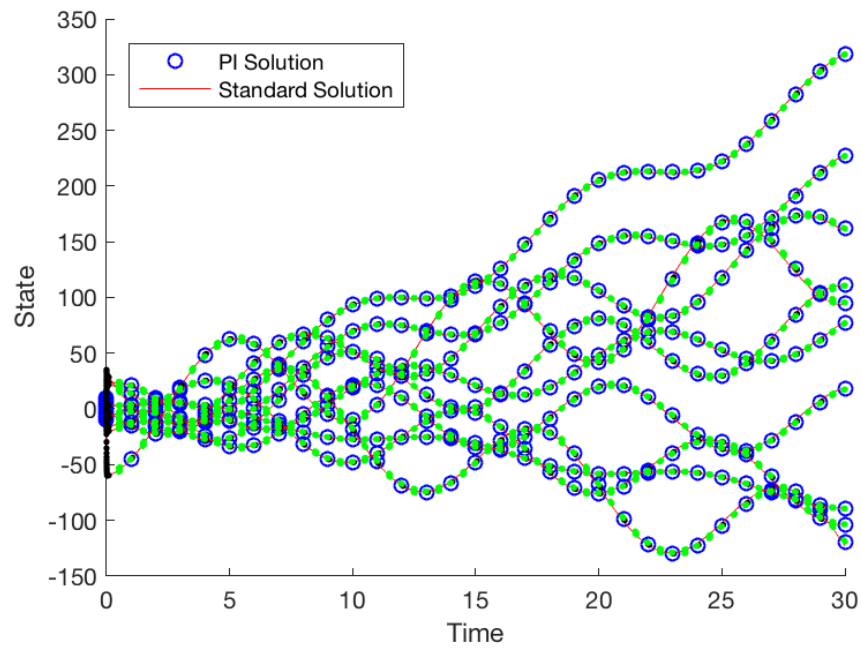
(Other options: `'rk2'` for second order Runge–Kutta, `'rk4'` for fourth order, or any Matlab/Octave integrator such as `'ode45'`.)

A crucial part of the PI philosophy is that it does not assume anything about the macrosolver. For this reason, the macrosolver must be a ‘black box’, which is run by specifying an initial time and state, and a duration to simulate for. All the details of the macrosolver must be set by the user. We generate and save a black box macrosolver.

```
81 bbm = bbgen(solver,f,dt);
82 solver = bbm;
```

Set the macroscale times at which we request output from the PI scheme and the initial conditions.

Figure 3.2: Demonstration of PIRK4(). From initial conditions, the system rapidly transitions to an attracting invariant manifold. The PI solution accurately tracks the evolution of the variables over time while requiring only a fraction of the computations of the standard solver.



```

90 tSpan=0: 1 : 30;
91 IC = linspace(-10,10,10);

```

We implement the PI scheme, saving the coarse states in `x`, the ‘trusted’ applications of the microsolver in `xmicro`, and the additional applications of the microsolver in `xrmicro`. Note that the second and third outputs are optional and do not need to be set.

```

105 [x, tms, xms, rm] = PIRK4(solver, bT, tSpan, IC);

```

For verification, we also compute the trajectories using a standard solver.

```

112 [tt,ode45x] = ode45(f,tSpan([1,end]),IC);

```

Figure 3.2 plots the output.

```

128 tmsr = rm.t; xmsr = rm.x;
129 clf()
130 hold on
131 PI_sol=plot(tSpan,x,'bo');
132 std_sol=plot(tt,ode45x,'r');
133 plot(tms,xms,'k. ');
134 plot(tmsr,xmsr,'g. ');
135 legend([PI_sol(1),std_sol(1)],'PI Solution',...
136        'Standard Solution','Location','NorthWest')
137 xlabel('Time');

```

```

138 ylabel('State');

    Save plot to a file.

144 set(gcf,'PaperPosition',[0 0 14 10])
145 print('-depsc2','PIRK')

```

### 3.5 Example: Projective Integration using General macrosolvers

In this example the Projective Integration-General scheme is applied to a singularly perturbed ordinary differential equation. The aim is to use a standard non-stiff numerical integrator, such as `ode45()`, on the slow, long-time macroscale. For this stiff system, `PIG()` is an order of magnitude faster than ordinary use of `ode45`.

```

16 clear all, close all

    Set time scale separation and model.

23 epsilon = 1e-4;
24 dxdt=@(t,x) [ cos(x(1))*sin(x(2))*cos(t)
25               (cos(x(1))-x(2))/epsilon ];

    Set the 'black box' microsolver to be an integration using a standard solver,
    and set the standard time of simulation for the microsolver.

34 bT = epsilon*log(1/epsilon);
35 microBurst = @(tb0, xb0) ode45(dxdt,[tb0 tb0+bT],xb0);

    Set initial conditions, and the time to be covered by the macrosolver.

43 x0 = [1 1.4];
44 tSpan=[0 15];

    Now time and integrate the above system over tspan using PIG() and, for
    comparison, a brute force implementation of ode45(). Report the time taken
    by each method.

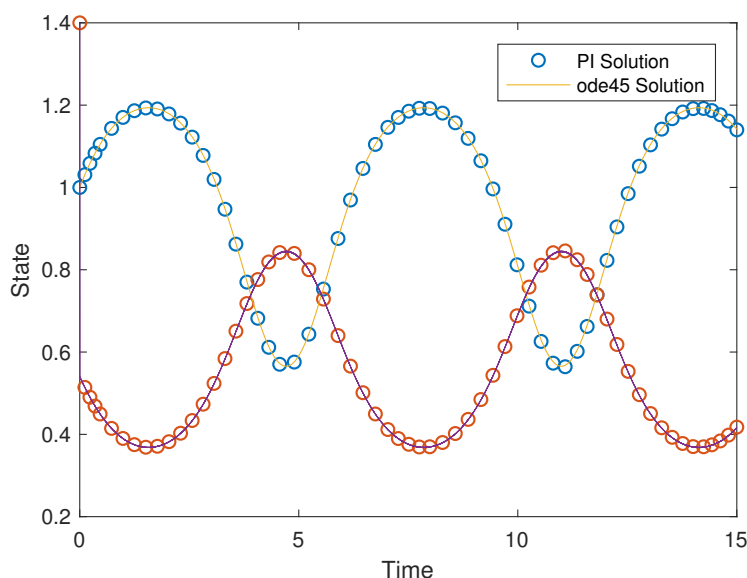
53 tic
54 [ts,xs,tms,xms] = PIG('ode45',microBurst,tSpan,x0);
55 tPIGusingODE45asMacro = toc
56 tic
57 [t45,x45] = ode45(dxdt,tSpan,x0);
58 tODE45alone = toc

    Plot the output on two figures, showing the truth and macrosteps on both,
    and all applications of the microsolver on the first figure.

68 figure
69 h = plot(ts,xs,'o', t45,x45,'-', tms,xms,'.');
70 legend(h(1:2:5),'PI Solution','ode45 Solution','PI microsolver')
71 xlabel('Time'), ylabel('State')
72
73 figure
74 h = plot(ts,xs,'o', t45,x45,'-');

```

Figure 3.3: Accurate simulation of a stiff nonautonomous system by `PIG()`. The microsolver is called on-the-fly by the macrosolver `ode45`.



```

75 legend(h([1 3]), 'PI Solution', 'ode45 Solution')
76 xlabel('Time'), ylabel('State')
77 set(gcf, 'PaperPosition', [0 0 14 10]), print('-depsc2', 'PIGExample')

```

Figure 3.3 plots the output.

- The problem may be made more, or less, stiff by changing the time-scale separation parameter  $\epsilon = \text{epsilon}$ . The compute time of `PIG()` is almost independent of  $\epsilon$ , whereas that of `ode45()` is proportional to  $1/\epsilon$ .

But if the problem is insufficiently stiff (larger  $\epsilon$ ), then `PIG()` produces nonsense. This nonsense is overcome by `cdmc()` (Section 3.6).

- The mildly stiff problem in Section 3.4 may be efficiently solved by a standard solver (e.g., `ode45()`). The stiff but low dimensional problem in this example can be solved efficiently by a standard stiff solver (e.g., `ode15s()`). The real advantage of the Projective Integration schemes is in high dimensional stiff problems, that cannot be efficiently solved by most standard methods.

### 3.6 Explore: Projective Integration using constraint-defined manifold computing

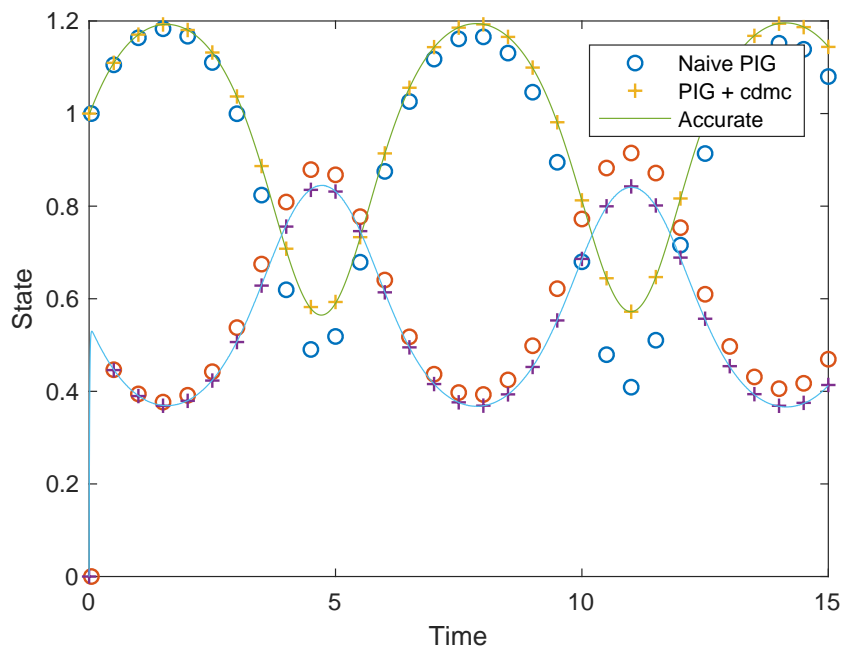
In this example the Projective Integration-General scheme is applied to a singularly perturbed ordinary differential equation in which the time scale separation is not large. The resulting simulation is not accurate. In parallel, we run the same scheme but with `cdmc()` used as a wrapper for the microsolver. This second implementation successfully replicates the true dynamics.

```

16 clear all, close all

```

Figure 3.4: Accurate simulation of a weakly stiff non-autonomous system by `PIG()` using `cdmc()`, and an inaccurate solution using a naive application of `PIG()`.



Set a weak time scale separation and model.

```

23 epsilon = 0.01;
24 dxdt=@(t,x) [ cos(x(1))*sin(x(2))*cos(t)
25               (cos(x(1))-x(2))/epsilon ];

```

Set the ‘naive’ microsolver to be an integration using a standard solver, and set the standard time of simulation for the microsolver.

```

34 bT = epsilon*log(1/epsilon);
35 naiveBurst = @(tb0,xb0) ode45(dxdt,[tb0 tb0+bT],xb0);

```

Create a second struct in which the solver is the output of `cdmc()`.

```

42 cBurst = @(t,x) cdmc(naiveBurst,t,x);

```

Set initial conditions, and the time to be covered by the macrosolver.

```

50 x0 = [1 0];
51 tSpan=0:0.5:15;

```

Simulate using `PIG()` with each of the above microsolvers. Generate a trusted solution using standard numerical methods.

```

61 [nt,nx] = PIG('ode45',naiveBurst,tSpan,x0);
62 [ct,cx] = PIG('ode45',cBurst,tSpan,x0);
63 [t45,x45] = ode45(dxdt,tSpan([1 end]),x0);

```

Figure 3.4 plots the output.

```

79 figure

```



```

80 h = plot(nt,nx,'o', ct,cx,'+', t45,x45,'-');
81 legend(h(1:2:5),'Naive PIG','PIG + cdmc','Accurate')
82 xlabel('Time'), ylabel('State')
83 set(gcf,'PaperPosition',[0 0 14 10]), print('-depsc2','PIGExplore')

```

The source of the error in the standard PIG() scheme is the burst length  $bT$ , that is significant on the slow time scale. Set  $bT$  to  $20 \cdot \epsilon$  or  $50 \cdot \epsilon$ <sup>1</sup> to worsen the error in both schemes. This example reflects a general principle, that most Projective Integration schemes will incur a global error term which is proportional to the simulation time of the microsolver and independent of the order of the microsolver. The PIRK() schemes have been written to minimise, if not eliminate entirely, this error, but by design PIG() works with any user-defined macrosolver and cannot reduce this error. The function `cdmc()` reduces this error term by attempting to mimic the microsolver without advancing time.

### 3.7 To do/discuss

- could implement Projective Integration by ‘arbitrary’ Runge–Kutta scheme; that is, by having the user input a particular Butcher table—surely only specialists would be interested
- can ‘reverse’ the order of projection and microsolver applications with a little fiddling. Then output at each user-requested coarse time is the end point of an application of the microsolver - better predictions for fast variables.
- Can maybe implement microsolvers that terminate a burst when the fast dynamics have settled using, for example, the ‘Events’ function handle in `ode23`.

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<sup>1</sup> this example is quite extreme: at  $bT=50 \cdot \epsilon$ , it would be computationally much cheaper to simulate the entire length of  $tSpan$  using the microsolver alone.

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## 4 Patch scheme for given microscale discrete space system

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The patch scheme applies to spatio-temporal systems where the spatial domain is larger than what can be computed in reasonable time. Then one may simulate only on small patches of the space-time domain, and produce correct macroscale predictions by craftily coupling the patches across unsimulated space (Hyman 2005, Samaey et al. 2005, 2006, Roberts & Kevrekidis 2007, Liu et al. 2015, e.g.).

The spatial structure is to be on a lattice such as obtained from finite difference approximation of a PDE. Usually continuous in time.

**Quick start** For an example, see [Sections 4.1.1](#) and [4.4.1](#) for basic code that uses the provided functions to simulate Burgers’ PDE and a nonlinear ‘diffusion’ PDE.

#### 4.1 configPatches1(): configures spatial patches in 1D

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Makes the struct `patches` for use by the patch/gap-tooth time derivative function `patchSmooth1()`. [Section 4.1.1](#) lists an example of its use.

```

14 function configPatches1(fun,Xlim,BCs,nPatch,ordCC,ratio,nSubP,nEdge)
15 global patches

```

**Input** If invoked with no input arguments, then executes an example of simulating Burgers’ PDE—see [Section 4.1.1](#) for the example code.

- `fun` is the name of the user function, `fun(t,u,x)`, that computes time derivatives (or time-steps) of quantities on the patches.
- `Xlim` give the macro-space domain of the computation: patches are equi-spaced over the interior of the interval `[Xlim(1),Xlim(2)]`.
- `BCs` somehow will define the macroscale boundary conditions. Currently, `BCs` is ignored and the system is assumed macro-periodic in the domain.
- `nPatch` is the number of equi-spaced patches.

- **ordCC** is the ‘order’ of interpolation across empty space of the macroscale mid-patch values to the edge of the patches for inter-patch coupling; currently must be  $geq - 1$ .
- **ratio** (real) is the ratio of the half-width of a patch to the spacing of the patch mid-points: so  $ratio = \frac{1}{2}$  means the patches abut; and  $ratio = 1$  is overlapping patches as in holistic discretisation.
- **nSubP** is the number of equi-spaced microscale lattice points in each patch. Must be odd so that there is a central lattice point.
- **nEdge** is, for each patch, the number of edge values set by interpolation at the edge regions of each patch. May be omitted. The default is one (suitable for microscale lattices with only nearest neighbour interactions).

**Output** The *global* struct **patches** is created and set with the following components.

- **.fun** is the name of the user’s function **fun(u,t,x)** that computes the time derivatives (or steps) on the patchy lattice.
- **.ordCC** is the specified order of inter-patch coupling.
- **.alt** is true for interpolation using only odd neighbouring patches as for staggered grids, and false for the usual case of all neighbour coupling.
- **.Cwtsr** and **.Cwtsl** are the **ordCC**-vector of weights for the inter-patch interpolation onto the right and left edges (respectively) with patch:macroscale ratio as specified.
- **.x** is  $nSubP \times nPatch$  array of the regular spatial locations  $x_{ij}$  of the microscale grid points in every patch.
- **.nEdge** is, for each patch, the number of edge values set by interpolation at the edge regions of each patch.

#### 4.1.1 If no arguments, then execute an example

79 **if nargin==0**

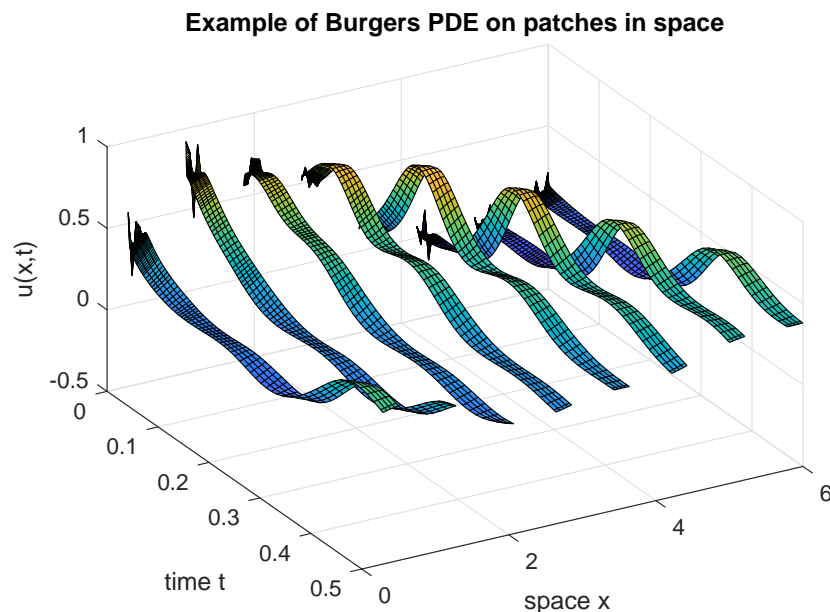
The code here shows one way to get started: a user’s script may have the following three steps (arrows indicate function recursion).

1. **configPatches1**
2. **ode15s** integrator  $\leftrightarrow$  **patchSmooth1**  $\leftrightarrow$  user’s **burgersPDE**
3. process results

Establish global patch data struct to interface with a function coding Burgers’ PDE: to be solved on  $2\pi$ -periodic domain, with eight patches, spectral interpolation couples the patches, each patch of half-size ratio 0.2, and with seven points within each patch.

97 **configPatches1(@BurgersPDE,[0 2\*pi], nan, 8, 0, 0.2, 7);**

Set an initial condition, and integrate in time using standard functions.

Figure 4.1: field  $u(x, t)$  of the patch scheme applied to Burgers' PDE.

```

104 u0=0.3*(1+sin(patches.x))+0.1*randn(size(patches.x));
105 [ts,ucls]=ode15s(@patchSmooth1,[0 0.5],u0(:));

```

Plot the simulation using only the microscale values interior to the patches: set  $x$ -edges to `nan` to leave the gaps. Figure 4.1 illustrates an example simulation in time generated by the patch scheme applied to Burgers' PDE.

```

115 figure(1),clf
116 patches.x([1 end],:)=nan;
117 surf(ts,patches.x(:),ucls'), view(60,40)
118 title('Example of Burgers PDE on patches in space')
119 xlabel('time t'), ylabel('space x'), zlabel('u(x,t)')

```

Upon finishing execution of the example, exit this function.

```

130 return
131 end%if no arguments

```

**Example of Burgers PDE inside patches** As a microscale discretisation of  $u_t = u_{xx} - 30uu_x$ , code  $\dot{u}_{ij} = \frac{1}{\delta x^2}(u_{i+1,j} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i-1,j}) - 30u_{ij}\frac{1}{2\delta x}(u_{i+1,j} - u_{i-1,j})$ .

```

141 function ut=BurgersPDE(t,u,x)
142     dx=diff(x(1:2)); % microscale spacing
143     i=2:size(u,1)-1; % interior points in patches
144     ut=nan(size(u)); % preallocate storage
145     ut(i,:)=diff(u,2)/dx^2 ...
146         -30*u(i,:).*(u(i+1,:)-u(i-1,:))/(2*dx);
147 end

```

### 4.1.2 The code to make patches

Set one edge-value to compute by interpolation if not specified by the user.  
Store in the struct.

```

155 if nargin<8, nEdge=1; end
156 if nEdge>1, error('multi-edge-value interp not yet implemented'), end
157 if 2*nEdge+1>nSubP, error('too many edge values requested'), end
158 patches.nEdge=nEdge;

```

First, store the pointer to the time derivative function in the struct.

```

165 patches.fun=fun;

```

Second, store the order of interpolation that is to provide the values for the inter-patch coupling conditions. Spectral coupling is `ordCC` of 0 and  $-1$ .

```

173 if (ordCC<-1) | ~(floor(ordCC)==ordCC)
174     error('ordCC out of allowed range integer>-2')
175 end

```

For odd `ordCC` do interpolation based upon odd neighbouring patches as is useful for staggered grids.

```

182 patches.alt=mod(ordCC,2);
183 ordCC=ordCC+patches.alt;
184 patches.ordCC=ordCC;

```

Check for staggered grid and periodic case.

```

190 if patches.alt & (mod(nPatch,2)==1)
191     error('Require an even number of patches for staggered grid')
192 end

```

Might as well precompute the weightings for the interpolation of field values for coupling. (Could sometime extend to coupling via derivative values.)

```

200 patches.Cwtsr=zeros(ordCC,1);
201 if patches.alt % eqn (7) in \cite{Cao2014a}
202     patches.Cwtsr(1:2:ordCC)=[1 ...
203         cumprod((ratio^2-(1:2:(ordCC-2)).^2)/4)./ ...
204         factorial(2*(1:(ordCC/2-1)))];
205     patches.Cwtsr(2:2:ordCC)=[ratio/2 ...
206         cumprod((ratio^2-(1:2:(ordCC-2)).^2)/4)./ ...
207         factorial(2*(1:(ordCC/2-1))+1)*ratio/2];
208 else %
209     patches.Cwtsr(1:2:ordCC)=(cumprod(ratio^2- ...
210         (((1:(ordCC/2))-1).^2)./factorial(2*(1:(ordCC/2))-1)/ratio);
211     patches.Cwtsr(2:2:ordCC)=(cumprod(ratio^2- ...
212         (((1:(ordCC/2))-1).^2)./factorial(2*(1:(ordCC/2)))));
213 end
214 patches.Cwtsl=(-1).^((1:ordCC)'-patches.alt).*patches.Cwtsr;

```

Third, set the centre of the patches in a the macroscale grid of patches assuming periodic macroscale domain.

```

221 X=linspace(Xlim(1),Xlim(2),nPatch+1);
222 X=X(1:nPatch)+diff(X)/2;
223 DX=X(2)-X(1);

Construct the microscale in each patch, assuming Dirichlet patch edges, and
a half-patch length of  $\text{ratio} \cdot \text{DX}$ .

231 if mod(nSubP,2)==0, error('configPatches1: nSubP must be odd'), end
232 i0=(nSubP+1)/2;
233 dx=ratio*DX/(i0-1);
234 patches.x=bsxfun(@plus,dx*(-i0+1:i0-1)',X); % micro-grid
235 end% function

Fin.

```

## 4.2 patchSmooth1(): interface to time integrators

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To simulate in time with spatial patches we often need to interface a users time derivative function with time integration routines such as `ode15s` or `PIRK2`. This function provides an interface. It assumes that the sub-patch structure is *smooth* so that the patch centre-values are sensible macroscale variables, and patch edge values are determined by macroscale interpolation of the patch-centre values. Communicate patch-design variables to this function using the previously established global struct `patches`.

```

23 function dudt=patchSmooth1(t,u)
24 global patches

```

### Input

- **u** is a vector of length  $\text{nSubP} \cdot \text{nPatch} \cdot \text{nVars}$  where there are  $\text{nVars}$  field values at each of the points in the  $\text{nSubP} \times \text{nPatch}$  grid.
- **t** is the current time to be passed to the user's time derivative function.
- **patches** a struct set by `configPatches1()` with the following information used here.
  - **.fun** is the name of the user's function `fun(t,u,x)` that computes the time derivatives on the patchy lattice. The array **u** has size  $\text{nSubP} \times \text{nPatch} \times \text{nVars}$ . Time derivatives must be computed into the same sized array, but herein the patch edge values are overwritten by zeros.
  - **.x** is  $\text{nSubP} \times \text{nPatch}$  array of the spatial locations  $x_{ij}$  of the microscale grid points in every patch. Currently it *must* be an equi-spaced lattice on both macro- and microscales.

**Output**

- `dudt` is `nSubP · nPatch · nVars` vector of time derivatives, but with patch edge values set to zero.

Reshape the fields `u` as a 2/3D-array, and sets the edge values from macroscale interpolation of centre-patch values. [Section 4.3](#) describes `patchEdgeInt1()`.

```
68 u=patchEdgeInt1(u);
```

Ask the user function for the time derivatives computed in the array, overwrite its edge values with the dummy value of zero, then return to a to the user/integrator as column vector.

```
78 dudt=patches.fun(t,u,patches.x);
```

```
79 dudt([1 end],:,:)=0;
```

```
80 dudt=reshape(dudt,[],1);
```

Fin.

### 4.3 `patchEdgeInt1()`: sets edge values from interpolation over the macroscale

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Couples 1D patches across 1D space by computing their edge values from macroscale interpolation patch core averaging. This function is primarily used by `patchSmooth1` but is also useful for user graphics. Consequently a spatially discrete system could be integrated in time via the patch or gap-tooth scheme ([Roberts & Kevrekidis 2007](#)). Assumes that the core averaged structure is *smooth* so that these averages are sensible macroscale variables, and patch edge values are determined by macroscale interpolation of the core averaged values (?). Communicate patch-design variables via the global struct `patches`.

```
23 function u=patchEdgeInt1(u)
```

```
24 global patches
```

**Input**

- `u` is a vector of length `nSubP · nPatch · nVars` where there are `nVars` field values at each of the points in the `nSubP × nPatch` grid.
- `patches` a struct set by `configPatches1()` which includes the following.
  - `.x` is `nSubP × nPatch` array of the spatial locations  $x_{ij}$  of the microscale grid points in every patch. Currently it *must* be an equi-spaced lattice on both macro- and microscale.



- `.ordCC` is order of interpolation integer  $\geq -1$ .
- `.alt` in  $\{0,1\}$  is one for staggered grid (alternating) interpolation.
- `.Cwtsr` and `.Cwtsl` define the coupling.

## Output

- `u` is  $nSubP \times nPatch \times nVars$  2/3D array of the fields with edge values set by interpolation of patch core averages.

Determine the sizes of things. Any error arising in the reshape indicates `u` has the wrong size.

```

57 [nSubP,nPatch]=size(patches.x);
58 nVars=round(numel(u)/numel(patches.x));
59 if numel(u)~=nSubP*nPatch*nVars
60     nSubP=nSubP, nPatch=nPatch, nVars=nVars, sizeu=size(u)
61 end
62 u=reshape(u,nSubP,nPatch,nVars);

```

Compute lattice sizes from inside the patches as the edge values may be NaNs, etc.

```

69 dx=patches.x(3,1)-patches.x(2,1);
70 DX=patches.x(2,2)-patches.x(2,1);

```

If the user has not defined the patch core, then we assume it to be a single point in the middle of the patch. For `patches.nCore`  $\neq 1$  the half width ratio is reduced, as described by ?.

```

79 if ~isfield(patches,'nCore')
80     patches.nCore=1;
81 end
82 r=dx*(nSubP-1)/2/DX*(nSubP - patches.nCore)/(nSubP - 1);

```

For the moment assume the physical domain is macroscale periodic so that the coupling formulas are simplest. Should eventually cater for periodic, odd-mid-gap, even-mid-gap, even-mid-patch, Dirichlet, Neumann etc. These index vectors point to patches and their two immediate neighbours.

```

93 j=1:nPatch; jp=mod(j,nPatch)+1; jm=mod(j-2,nPatch)+1;

```

Calculate centre of each patch and the surrounding core. (`nSubP` and `nCore` are both odd)

```

100 i0=round((nSubP+1)/2);
101 c=round((patches.nCore-1)/2);

```

**Lagrange interpolation gives patch-edge values** so compute centred differences of the patch core averages for the macro-interpolation of all fields. Assumes the domain is macro-periodic.

```

111 if patches.ordCC>0 % then non-spectral interpolation
112     if patches.EnsAve

```

```

113     ucore=sum(mean(u((i0-c):(i0+c),j,:),3),1)';
114     dmμ=zeros(patchess.ordCC,nPatch);
115   else
116     ucore=reshape(sum(u((i0-c):(i0+c),j,:),1),nPatch,nVars);
117     dmμ=zeros(patchess.ordCC,nPatch,nVars);
118   end;
119   if patchess.alt % use only odd numbered neighbours
120     dmμ(1,:,:)=(ucore(jp,:)+ucore(jm,:))/2; % \mu
121     dmμ(2,:,:)=(ucore(jp,:)-ucore(jm,:)); % \delta
122     jp=jp(jp); jm=jm(jm); % increase shifts to \pm 2
123   else % standard
124     dmμ(1,j,:)=(ucore(jp,:)-ucore(jm,:))/2; % \mu\delta
125     dmμ(2,j,:)=(ucore(jp,:)-2*ucore(j,:)+ucore(jm,:))/2; % \delta^2
126   end% if odd/even

```

Recursively take  $\delta^2$  of these to form higher order centred differences (could unroll a little to cater for two in parallel).

```

134   for k=3:patchess.ordCC
135     dmμ(k,:,:) = dmμ(k-2,jp,:)-2*dmμ(k-2,j,:)+dmμ(k-2,jm,:);
136   end

```

Interpolate macro-values to be Dirichlet edge values for each patch ([Roberts & Kevrekidis 2007, ?](#)), using weights computed in `configPatches1()`. Here interpolate to specified order.

```

144   if patchess.EnsAve
145     u(nSubP,j,:)=repmat(ucore(j)'.*(1-patchess.alt) ...
146       +sum(bsxfun(@times,patchess.Cwtsr,dmμ)), [1,1,nVars]) ...
147     -sum(u((nSubP-patchess.nCore+1):(nSubP-1),:,:),1);
148     u(1,j,:)=repmat(ucore(j)'.*(1-patchess.alt) ...
149       +sum(bsxfun(@times,patchess.Cwtsl,dmμ)), [1,1,nVars]) ...
150     -sum(u(2:patchess.nCore,:,:),1);
151   else
152     u(nSubP,j,:)=ucore(j,:).*(1-patchess.alt) ...
153     + reshape(-sum(u((nSubP-patchess.nCore+1):(nSubP-1),j,:),1) ...
154       +sum(bsxfun(@times,patchess.Cwtsr,dmμ)),nPatch,nVars);
155     u(1,j,:)=ucore(j,:).*(1-patchess.alt) ...
156     +reshape(-sum(u(2:patchess.nCore,j,:),1) ...
157       +sum(bsxfun(@times,patchess.Cwtsl,dmμ)),nPatch,nVars);
158   end;

```

**Case of spectral interpolation** Assumes the domain is macro-periodic. As the macroscale fields are  $N$ -periodic, the macroscale Fourier transform writes the centre-patch values as  $U_j = \sum_k C_k e^{ik2\pi j/N}$ . Then the edge-patch values  $U_{j\pm r} = \sum_k C_k e^{ik2\pi/N(j\pm r)} = \sum_k C'_k e^{ik2\pi j/N}$  where  $C'_k = C_k e^{ikr2\pi/N}$ . For `nPatch` patches we resolve ‘wavenumbers’  $|k| < \text{nPatch}/2$ , so set row vector  $\mathbf{k}s = k2\pi/N$  for ‘wavenumbers’  $k = (0, 1, \dots, k_{\max}, -k_{\max}, \dots, -1)$  for odd  $N$ , and  $k = (0, 1, \dots, k_{\max}, \pm(k_{\max} + 1), -k_{\max}, \dots, -1)$  for even  $N$ .

```

174   else% spectral interpolation

```

Deal with staggered grid by doubling the number of fields and halving the number of patches (configPatches1 tests there are an even number of patches). Then the patch-ratio is effectively halved. The patch edges are near the middle of the gaps and swapped.

```

184     if patches.alt % transform by doubling the number of fields
185         v=nan(size(u)); % currently to restore the shape of u
186         u=cat(3,u(:,1:2:nPatch,:),u(:,2:2:nPatch,:));
187         altShift=reshape(0.5*[ones(nVars,1);-ones(nVars,1)],1,1,[]);
188         iV=[nVars+1:2*nVars 1:nVars]; % scatter interp to alternate field
189         r=r/2; % ratio effectively halved
190         nPatch=nPatch/2; % halve the number of patches
191         nVars=nVars*2; % double the number of fields
192     else % the values for standard spectral
193         altShift=0;
194         iV=1:nVars;
195     end

```

Now set wavenumbers.

```

201     kMax=floor((nPatch-1)/2);
202     ks=2*pi/nPatch*(mod((0:nPatch-1)+kMax,nPatch)-kMax);

```

Test for reality of the field values, and define a function accordingly.

```

209     if imag(u(i0,:,:))==0, uclean=@(u) real(u);
210     else uclean=@(u) u;
211     end

```

Compute the Fourier transform of the patch centre-values for all the fields. If there are an even number of points, then zero the zig-zag mode in the FT and add it in later as cosine.

```

220     Ck=fft(u(i0,:,:));
221     if mod(nPatch,2)==0
222         Czz=Ck(1,nPatch/2+1,:)/nPatch;
223         Ck(1,nPatch/2+1,:)=0;
224     end

```

The inverse Fourier transform gives the edge values via a shift a fraction  $r$  to the next macroscale grid point. Enforce reality when appropriate.

```

232     u(nSubP,:,iV)=uclean(ifft(bsxfun(@times,Ck ...
233         ,exp(1i*bsxfun(@times,ks,altShift+r)))));
234     u( 1,:,iV)=uclean(ifft(bsxfun(@times,Ck ...
235         ,exp(1i*bsxfun(@times,ks,altShift-r)))));

```

For an even number of patches, add in the cosine mode.

```

241     if mod(nPatch,2)==0
242         cosr=cos(pi*(altShift+r+(0:nPatch-1)));
243         u(nSubP,:,iV)=u(nSubP,:,iV)+uclean(bsxfun(@times,Czz,cosr));
244         cosr=cos(pi*(altShift-r+(0:nPatch-1)));

```

```

245     u( 1,:,iV)=u( 1,:,iV)+uclean(bsxfun(@times,Czz,cosr));
246     end

```

Restore staggered grid when appropriate. Is there a better way to do this??

```

253 if patches.alt
254     nVars=nVars/2; nPatch=2*nPatch;
255     v(:,1:2:nPatch,:)=u(:, :, 1:nVars);
256     v(:,2:2:nPatch,:)=u(:, :, nVars+1:2*nVars);
257     u=v;
258 end
259 end% if spectral

```

Fin, returning the 2/3D array of field values.

#### 4.4 configPatches2(): configures spatial patches in 2D

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Makes the struct `patches` for use by the patch/gap-tooth time derivative function `patchSmooth2()`. [Section 4.4.1](#) lists an example of its use.

```

17 function configPatches2(fun,Xlim,BCs,nPatch,ordCC,ratio,nSubP,nEdge)
18 global patches

```

**Input** If invoked with no input arguments, then executes an example of simulating a nonlinear diffusion PDE relevant to the lubrication flow of a thin layer of fluid—see [Section 4.4.1](#) for the example code.

- `fun` is the name of the user function, `fun(t,u,x,y)`, that computes time derivatives (or time-steps) of quantities on the patches.
- `Xlim` array/vector giving the macro-space domain of the computation: patches are equi-spaced over the interior of the rectangle  $[Xlim(1), Xlim(2)] \times [Xlim(3), Xlim(4)]$ : if of length two, then use the same interval in both directions, otherwise `Xlim(1:4)` give the interval in each direction.
- `BCs` somehow will define the macroscale boundary conditions. Currently, `BCs` is ignored and the system is assumed macro-periodic in the domain.
- `nPatch` determines the number of equi-spaced patches: if scalar, then use the same number of patches in both directions, otherwise `nPatch(1:2)` give the number in each direction.

- **ordCC** is the ‘order’ of interpolation across empty space of the macroscale mid-patch values to the edge of the patches for inter-patch coupling: currently must be in  $\{0\}$ .
- **ratio** (real) is the ratio of the half-width of a patch to the spacing of the patch mid-points: so **ratio** =  $\frac{1}{2}$  means the patches abut; and **ratio** = 1 would be overlapping patches as in holistic discretisation: if scalar, then use the same ratio in both directions, otherwise **ratio**(1:2) give the ratio in each direction.
- **nSubP** is the number of equi-spaced microscale lattice points in each patch: if scalar, then use the same number in both directions, otherwise **nSubP**(1:2) gives the number in each direction. Must be odd so that there is a central lattice point.
- **nEdge** is, for each patch, the number of edge values set by interpolation at the edge regions of each patch. May be omitted. The default is one (suitable for microscale lattices with only nearest neighbours interactions).

**Output** The *global* struct **patches** is created and set with the following components.

- **.fun** is the name of the user’s function **fun(u,t,x,y)** that computes the time derivatives (or steps) on the patchy lattice.
- **.ordCC** is the specified order of inter-patch coupling.
- **.alt** is true for interpolation using only odd neighbouring patches as for staggered grids, and false for the usual case of all neighbour coupling—not yet implemented.
- **.Cwtsr** and **.Cwtsl** are the **ordCC**-vector of weights for the inter-patch interpolation onto the right and left edges (respectively) with patch:macroscale ratio as specified.
- **.x** is **nSubP**(1)  $\times$  **nPatch**(1) array of the regular spatial locations  $x_{ij}$  of the microscale grid points in every patch.
- **.y** is **nSubP**(2)  $\times$  **nPatch**(2) array of the regular spatial locations  $y_{ij}$  of the microscale grid points in every patch.
- **.nEdge** is, for each patch, the number of edge values set by interpolation at the edge regions of each patch.

#### 4.4.1 If no arguments, then execute an example

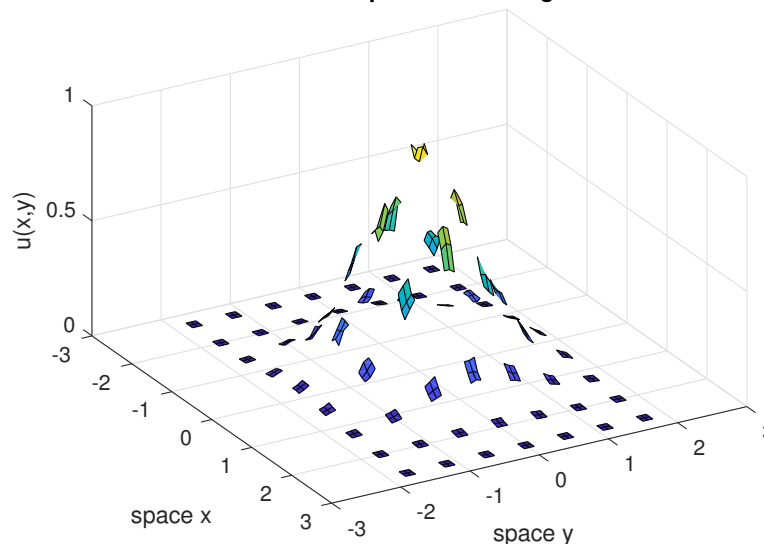
```
100 if nargin==0
```

The code here shows one way to get started: a user’s script may have the following three steps (arrows indicate function recursion).

1. **configPatches2**
2. **ode15s** integrator  $\leftrightarrow$  **patchSmooth2**  $\leftrightarrow$  user’s **nonDiffPDE**
3. process results

Figure 4.2: initial field  $u(x, y, t)$  at time  $t = 0$  of the patch scheme applied to a nonlinear ‘diffusion’ PDE: [Figure 4.3](#) plots the computed field at time  $t = 3$ .

### Nonlinear diffusion PDE on patches: solving with initial condition



Establish global patch data struct to interface with a function coding a nonlinear ‘diffusion’ PDE: to be solved on  $6 \times 4$ -periodic domain, with  $9 \times 7$  patches, spectral interpolation couples the patches, each patch of half-size ratio 0.25, and with  $5 \times 5$  points within each patch.

```
120 nSubP = 5;
121 configPatches2(@nonDiffPDE,[-3 3 -2 2], nan, [9 7], 0, 0.25, nSubP);
```

Set a Gaussian initial condition using auto-replication of the spatial grid.

```
128 x=reshape(patches.x,nSubP,1,[],1);
129 y=reshape(patches.y,1,nSubP,1,[],);
130 u0=exp(-x.^2-y.^2);
131 u0=u0.*(0.9+0.1*rand(size(u0)));
```

Initiate a plot of the simulation using only the microscale values interior to the patches: set  $x$  and  $y$ -edges to `nan` to leave the gaps. Start by showing the initial conditions of [Figure 4.2](#) while the simulation computes.

```
141 figure(1), clf
142 x=patches.x; y=patches.y;
143 x([1 end],:)=nan; y([1 end],:)=nan;
144 u = reshape(permute(u0,[1 3 2 4]), [numel(x) numel(y)]);
145 hsurf = surf(x(:),y(:),u');
146 axis([-3 3 -3 3 -0.001 1]), view(60,40)
147 title('Nonlinear diffusion PDE on patches: solving with initial condition')
148 xlabel('space x'), ylabel('space y'), zlabel('u(x,y)')
149 drawnow
```

Integrate in time using standard functions.

```
163 disp('Wait while we simulate h_t=(h^3)_xx+(h^3)_yy')
```

Figure 4.3: field  $u(x, y, t)$  at time  $t = 3$  of the patch scheme applied to a nonlinear ‘diffusion’ PDE with initial condition in [Figure 4.2](#).

```

164 [ts,ucts]=ode15s(@patchSmooth2,[0 3],u0(:));

    Animate the computed simulation to end with Figure 4.3.

171 for i=1:length(ts)
172     u = patchEdgeInt2(ucts(i,:));
173     u = reshape(permute(u,[1 3 2 4]), [numel(x) numel(y)]);
174     hsurf.ZData = u';
175     title(['Nonlinear diffusion PDE on patches: time = ' num2str(ts(i))])
176     pause(0.1)
177 end

    Upon finishing execution of the example, exit this function.

192 return
193 end%if no arguments

```

**Example of nonlinear diffusion PDE inside patches** As a microscale discretisation of  $u_t = \nabla^2(u^3)$ , code  $\dot{u}_{ijkl} = \frac{1}{\delta x^2}(u_{i+1,j,k,l}^3 - 2u_{i,j,k,l}^3 + u_{i-1,j,k,l}^3) + \frac{1}{\delta y^2}(u_{i,j+1,k,l}^3 - 2u_{i,j,k,l}^3 + u_{i,j-1,k,l}^3)$ .

```

204 function ut=nonDiffPDE(t,u,x,y)
205     dx=diff(x(1:2)); dy=diff(y(1:2)); % microscale spacing
206     i=2:size(u,1)-1; j=2:size(u,2)-1; % interior points in patches
207     ut=nan(size(u)); % preallocate storage
208     ut(i,j, :, :)=diff(u(:,j, :, :).^3,2,1)/dx^2 ...
209                     +diff(u(i, :, :, :).^3,2,2)/dy^2;
210 end

```

#### 4.4.2 The code to make patches

Initially duplicate parameters as needed.

```

224 if numel(Xlim)==2, Xlim= repmat(Xlim,1,2); end
225 if numel(nPatch)==1, nPatch= repmat(nPatch,1,2); end
226 if numel(ratio)==1, ratio= repmat(ratio,1,2); end
227 if numel(nSubP)==1, nSubP= repmat(nSubP,1,2); end

```

Set one edge-value to compute by interpolation if not specified by the user.  
Store in the struct.

```

235 if nargin<8, nEdge=1; end
236 if nEdge>1, error('multi-edge-value interp not yet implemented'), end
237 if 2*nEdge+1>nSubP, error('too many edge values requested'), end
238 patches.nEdge=nEdge;

```

First, store the pointer to the time derivative function in the struct.

```

247 patches.fun=fun;

```

Second, store the order of interpolation that is to provide the values for the inter-patch coupling conditions. Spectral coupling is ordCC of 0 and  $-1$ .

```

256 if ~ismember(ordCC,[0])
257     error('ordCC out of allowed range [0]')
258 end

```

For odd ordCC do interpolation based upon odd neighbouring patches as is useful for staggered grids.

```

265 patches.alt=mod(ordCC,2);
266 ordCC=ordCC+patches.alt;
267 patches.ordCC=ordCC;

```

Might as well precompute the weightings for the interpolation of field values for coupling. (Could sometime extend to coupling via derivative values.)

```

283 ratio=ratio(:)'; % force to be row vector
284 if patches.alt % eqn (7) in \cite{Cao2014a}
285     patches.Cwtsr=[1
286         ratio/2
287         (-1+ratio.^2)/8
288         (-1+ratio.^2).*ratio/48
289         (9-10*ratio.^2+ratio.^4)/384
290         (9-10*ratio.^2+ratio.^4).*ratio/3840
291         (-225+259*ratio.^2-35*ratio.^4+ratio.^6)/46080
292         (-225+259*ratio.^2-35*ratio.^4+ratio.^6).*ratio/645120 ];
293 else %
294     patches.Cwtsr=[ratio
295         ratio.^2/2
296         (-1+ratio.^2).*ratio/6
297         (-1+ratio.^2).*ratio.^2/24
298         (4-5*ratio.^2+ratio.^4).*ratio/120

```



```

299     (4-5*ratio.^2+ratio.^4).*ratio.^2/720
300     (-36+49*ratio.^2-14*ratio.^4+ratio.^6).*ratio/5040
301     (-36+49*ratio.^2-14*ratio.^4+ratio.^6).*ratio.^2/40320 ];
302 end
303 patches.Cwtsr=patches.Cwtsr(1:ordCC,:);
304 % should avoid this next implicit auo-replication
305 patches.Cwtsl=(-1).^((1:ordCC)'-patches.alt).*patches.Cwtsr;

Third, set the centre of the patches in a the macroscale grid of patches
assuming periodic macroscale domain.

314 X=linspace(Xlim(1),Xlim(2),nPatch(1)+1);
315 X=X(1:nPatch(1))+diff(X)/2;
316 DX=X(2)-X(1);
317 Y=linspace(Xlim(3),Xlim(4),nPatch(2)+1);
318 Y=Y(1:nPatch(2))+diff(Y)/2;
319 DY=Y(2)-Y(1);

Construct the microscale in each patch, assuming Dirichlet patch edges, and
a half-patch length of  $\text{ratio}(1) \cdot DX$  and  $\text{ratio}(2) \cdot DY$ .

327 nSubP=nSubP(:)'; % force to be row vector
328 if mod(nSubP,2)==[0 0], error('configPatches2: nSubP must be odd'), end
329 i0=(nSubP(1)+1)/2;
330 dx=ratio(1)*DX/(i0-1);
331 patches.x=bsxfun(@plus,dx*(-i0+1:i0-1)',X); % micro-grid
332 i0=(nSubP(2)+1)/2;
333 dy=ratio(2)*DY/(i0-1);
334 patches.y=bsxfun(@plus,dy*(-i0+1:i0-1)',Y); % micro-grid
335 end% function

Fin.

```

## 4.5 patchSmooth2(): interface to time integrators

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To simulate in time with spatial patches we often need to interface a users time derivative function with time integration routines such as `ode15s` or `PIRK2`. This function provides an interface. It assumes that the sub-patch structure is *smooth* so that the patch centre-values are sensible macroscale variables, and patch edge values are determined by macroscale interpolation of the patch-centre values. Communicate patch-design variables to this function via the previously established global struct `patches`.

```

23 function dudt=patchSmooth2(t,u)
24 global patches

```

**Input**

- **u** is a vector of length  $\text{prod}(\text{nSubP}) \cdot \text{prod}(\text{nPatch}) \cdot \text{nVars}$  where there are **nVars** field values at each of the points in the  $\text{nSubP}(1) \times \text{nSubP}(2) \times \text{nPatch}(1) \times \text{nPatch}(2)$  grid.
- **t** is the current time to be passed to the user's time derivative function.
- **patches** a struct set by `configPatches2()` with the following information used here.
  - **.fun** is the name of the user's function `fun(t,u,x,y)` that computes the time derivatives on the patchy lattice. The array **u** has size  $\text{nSubP}(1) \times \text{nSubP}(2) \times \text{nPatch}(1) \times \text{nPatch}(2) \times \text{nVars}$ . Time derivatives must be computed into the same sized array, but herein the patch edge values are overwritten by zeros.
  - **.x** is  $\text{nSubP}(1) \times \text{nPatch}(1)$  array of the spatial locations  $x_{ij}$  of the microscale grid points in every patch. Currently it *must* be an equi-spaced lattice on both macro- and microscale.
  - **.y** is similarly  $\text{nSubP}(2) \times \text{nPatch}(2)$  array of the spatial locations  $y_{ij}$  of the microscale grid points in every patch. Currently it *must* be an equi-spaced lattice on both macro- and microscale.

**Output**

- **dudt** is  $\text{prod}(\text{nSubP}) \cdot \text{prod}(\text{nPatch}) \cdot \text{nVars}$  vector of time derivatives, but with patch edge values set to zero.

Reshape the fields **u** as a 4/5D-array, and sets the edge values from macroscale interpolation of centre-patch values. [Section 4.6](#) describes `patchEdgeInt2()`.

```
76 u=patchEdgeInt2(u);
```

Ask the user function for the time derivatives computed in the array, overwrite its edge values with the dummy value of zero, then return to a to the user/integrator as column vector.

```
86 dudt=patches.fun(t,u,patches.x,patches.y);
87 dudt([1 end],:,:,:) = 0;
88 dudt(:,[1 end],:,:) = 0;
89 dudt=reshape(dudt,[],1);
```

Fin.

## 4.6 patchEdgeInt2(): sets 2D patch edge values from 2D macroscale interpolation

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Couples 2D patches across 2D space by computing their edge values via macroscale interpolation. Assumes that the sub-patch structure is *smooth* so that the patch centre-values are sensible macroscale variables, and patch edge values are determined by macroscale interpolation of the patch-centre values. Communicate patch-design variables via the global struct `patches`.

```
20 function u=patchEdgeInt2(u)
21 global patches
```

### Input

- `u` is a vector of length `nx · ny · Nx · Ny · nVars` where there are `nVars` field values at each of the points in the `nx × ny × Nx × Ny` grid on the `Nx × Ny` array of patches.
- `patches` a struct set by `configPatches2()` which includes the following information.
  - `.x` is `nx × Nx` array of the spatial locations  $x_{ij}$  of the microscale grid points in every patch. Currently it *must* be an equi-spaced lattice on both macro- and microscale.
  - `.y` is similarly `ny × Ny` array of the spatial locations  $y_{ij}$  of the microscale grid points in every patch. Currently it *must* be an equi-spaced lattice on both macro- and microscale.
  - `.ordCC` is order of interpolation, currently only `{0}`.
  - `.Cwtsr` and `.Cwtsl`—not yet used

### Output

- `u` is `nx × ny × Nx × Ny × nVars` array of the fields with edge values set by interpolation.

Determine the sizes of things. Any error arising in the reshape indicates `u` has the wrong size.

```
66 [ny,Ny] = size(patches.y);
67 [nx,Nx] = size(patches.x);
68 nVars = round(numel(u)/numel(patches.x)/numel(patches.y));
69 if numel(u) ~= nx*ny*Nx*Ny*nVars
70     nSubP=[nx ny], nPatch=[Nx Ny], nVars=nVars, sizeu=size(u)
71 end
72 u = reshape(u,[nx ny Nx Ny nVars]);
```

With Dirichlet patches, the half-length of a patch is  $h = dx(n_\mu - 1)/2$  (or  $-2$  for specified flux), and the ratio needed for interpolation is then  $r = h/\Delta X$ . Compute lattice sizes from inside the patches as the edge values may be NaNs, etc.

```

82 dx = patches.x(3,1)-patches.x(2,1);
83 DX = patches.x(2,2)-patches.x(2,1);
84 rx = dx*(nx-1)/2/DX;
85 dy = patches.y(3,1)-patches.y(2,1);
86 DY = patches.y(2,2)-patches.y(2,1);
87 ry = dy*(ny-1)/2/DY;

```

For the moment assume the physical domain is macroscale periodic so that the coupling formulas are simplest. Should eventually cater for periodic, odd-mid-gap, even-mid-gap, even-mid-patch, dirichlet, neumann, ?? These index vectors point to patches and their two immediate neighbours.

```

98 %i=1:Nx; ip=mod(i,Nx)+1; im=mod(j-2,Nx)+1;
99 %j=1:Ny; jp=mod(j,Ny)+1; jm=mod(j-2,Ny)+1;

```

The centre of each patch (as nx and ny are odd) is at

```

106 i0 = round((nx+1)/2);
107 j0 = round((ny+1)/2);

```

**Lagrange interpolation gives patch-edge values** So compute centred differences of the mid-patch values for the macro-interpolation, of all fields. Assumes the domain is macro-periodic.

```

117 if patches.ordCC>0 % then non-spectral interpolation
118 error('non-spectral interpolation not yet implemented')
119 dmu=nan(patches.ordCC,nPatch,nVars);
120 % if patches.alt % use only odd numbered neighbours
121 % dmu(1, :, :)=(u(i0,jp,:)+u(i0,jm,:))/2; % \mu
122 % dmu(2, :, :) = u(i0,jp,:)-u(i0,jm,:); % \delta
123 % jp=jp(jp); jm=jm(jm); % increase shifts to \pm 2
124 % else % standard
125 dmu(1, :, :)=(u(i0,jp,:)-u(i0,jm,:))/2; % \mu\delta
126 dmu(2, :, :)=(u(i0,jp,:)-2*u(i0,j,:)+u(i0,jm,:)); % \delta^2
127 % end% if odd/even

```

Recursively take  $\delta^2$  of these to form higher order centred differences (could unroll a little to cater for two in parallel).

```

135 for k=3:patches.ordCC
136 dmu(k, :, :)=dmu(k-2,jp,:)-2*dmu(k-2,j,:)+dmu(k-2,jm,:);
137 end

```

Interpolate macro-values to be Dirichlet edge values for each patch ([Roberts & Kevrekidis 2007](#)), using weights computed in `configPatches2()` . Here interpolate to specified order.

```

145 u(nSubP,j,:)=u(i0,j,:)*(1-patches.alt) ...
146 +sum(bsxfun(@times,patches.Cwtsr,dmu));
147 u( 1,j,:)=u(i0,j,:)*(1-patches.alt) ...
148 +sum(bsxfun(@times,patches.Cwtsl,dmu));

```

**Case of spectral interpolation** Assumes the domain is macro-periodic. We interpolate in terms of the patch index  $j$ , say, not directly in space. As the macroscale fields are  $N$ -periodic in the patch index  $j$ , the macroscale Fourier transform writes the centre-patch values as  $U_j = \sum_k C_k e^{ik2\pi j/N}$ . Then the edge-patch values  $U_{j\pm r} = \sum_k C_k e^{ik2\pi/N(j\pm r)} = \sum_k C'_k e^{ik2\pi j/N}$  where  $C'_k = C_k e^{ikr2\pi/N}$ . For  $N$  patches we resolve ‘wavenumbers’  $|k| < N/2$ , so set row vector  $\mathbf{ks} = k2\pi/N$  for ‘wavenumbers’  $k = (0, 1, \dots, k_{\max}, -k_{\max}, \dots, -1)$  for odd  $N$ , and  $k = (0, 1, \dots, k_{\max}, \pm(k_{\max} + 1) - k_{\max}, \dots, -1)$  for even  $N$ .

169 **else% spectral interpolation**

Deal with staggered grid by doubling the number of fields and halving the number of patches (`configPatches2` tests there are an even number of patches). Then the patch-ratio is effectively halved. The patch edges are near the middle of the gaps and swapped.

```

179 % if patches.alt % transform by doubling the number of fields
180 % error('staggered grid not yet implemented')
181 % v=nan(size(u)); % currently to restore the shape of u
182 % u=cat(3,u(:,1:2:nPatch,:),u(:,2:2:nPatch,:));
183 % altShift=reshape(0.5*[ones(nVars,1);-ones(nVars,1)],1,1,[]);
184 % iV=[nVars+1:2*nVars 1:nVars]; % scatter interp to alternate field
185 % r=r/2; % ratio effectively halved
186 % nPatch=nPatch/2; % halve the number of patches
187 % nVars=nVars*2; % double the number of fields
188 % else % the values for standard spectral
189     altShift = 0;
190     iV = 1:nVars;
191 % end

```

Now set wavenumbers in the two directions. In the case of even  $N$  these compute the  $+$ -case for the highest wavenumber zig-zag mode,  $k = (0, 1, \dots, k_{\max}, +(k_{\max} + 1) - k_{\max}, \dots, -1)$ .

```

200 kMax = floor((Nx-1)/2);
201 krx = rx*2*pi/Nx*(mod((0:Nx-1)+kMax,Nx)-kMax);
202 kMay = floor((Ny-1)/2);
203 kry = ry*2*pi/Ny*(mod((0:Ny-1)+kMay,Ny)-kMay);

```

Test for reality of the field values, and define a function accordingly.

```

210 if imag(u(i0,j0,:,:))==0, uclean = @(u) real(u);
211 else uclean = @(u) u; end

```

Compute the Fourier transform of the patch centre-values for all the fields. If there are an even number of points, then zero the zig-zag mode in the FT and add it in later as cosine.

```

220 Ck = fft2(squeeze(u(i0,j0,:,:,:)));

```

The inverse Fourier transform gives the edge values via a shift a fraction  $\mathbf{rx}/\mathbf{ry}$  to the next macroscale grid point. Initially preallocate storage for all the IFFTs that we need to cater for the zig-zag modes when there are an even number of patches in the directions.

```

231 nFTx = 2-mod(Nx,2);
232 nFTy = 2-mod(Ny,2);
233 unj = nan(1,ny,Nx,Ny,nVars,nFTx*nFTy);
234 u1j = nan(1,ny,Nx,Ny,nVars,nFTx*nFTy);
235 uin = nan(nx,1,Nx,Ny,nVars,nFTx*nFTy);
236 ui1 = nan(nx,1,Nx,Ny,nVars,nFTx*nFTy);

```

Loop over the required IFFTs.

```

242 iFT = 0;
243 for iFTx = 1:nFTx
244 for iFTy = 1:nFTy
245 iFT = iFT+1;

```

First interpolate onto  $x$ -limits of the patches. (It may be more efficient to product exponentials of vectors, instead of exponential of array—only for  $N > 100$ . Can this be vectorised further??)

```

254 for jj = 1:ny
255 ks = (jj-j0)*2/(ny-1)*kry; % fraction of kry along the edge
256 unj(1,jj,:,:,iV,iFT) = ifft2( bsxfun(@times,Ck ...
257 ,exp(1i*bsxfun(@plus,altShift+krx',ks))));
258 u1j(1,jj,:,:,iV,iFT) = ifft2( bsxfun(@times,Ck ...
259 ,exp(1i*bsxfun(@plus,altShift-krx',ks))));
260 end

```

Second interpolate onto  $y$ -limits of the patches.

```

266 for i = 1:nx
267 ks = (i-i0)*2/(nx-1)*krx; % fraction of krx along the edge
268 uin(i,1,:,:,iV,iFT) = ifft2( bsxfun(@times,Ck ...
269 ,exp(1i*bsxfun(@plus,ks',altShift+kry))));
270 ui1(i,1,:,:,iV,iFT) = ifft2( bsxfun(@times,Ck ...
271 ,exp(1i*bsxfun(@plus,ks',altShift-kry))));
272 end

```

When either direction have even number of patches then swap the zig-zag wavenumber to the conjugate.

```

279 if nFTy==2, kry(Ny/2+1) = -kry(Ny/2+1); end
280 end% iFTy-loop
281 if nFTx==2, krx(Nx/2+1) = -krx(Nx/2+1); end
282 end% iFTx-loop

```

Put edge-values into the  $u$ -array, using `mean()` to treat a zig-zag mode as cosine. Enforce reality when appropriate via `uclean()`.

```

290 u(end,:,:,iV) = uclean( mean(unj,6) );
291 u( 1 ,:,:,iV) = uclean( mean(u1j,6) );
292 u(:,end,:,:,iV) = uclean( mean(uin,6) );
293 u(:, 1 ,:,:,iV) = uclean( mean(ui1,6) );

```

Restore staggered grid when appropriate. Is there a better way to do this??

---

```
300 %if patches.alt
301 %  nVars=nVars/2;  nPatch=2*nPatch;
302 %  v(:,1:2:nPatch,:)=u(:, :, 1:nVars);
303 %  v(:,2:2:nPatch,:)=u(:, :, nVars+1:2*nVars);
304 %  u=v;
305 %end
306 end% if spectral
307 end% function patchEdgeInt2
```

Fin, returning the 4/5D array of field values with interpolated edges.

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## Appendix A Create, document and test algorithms

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For developers to create and document the various functions, we use an idea due to Neil D. Lawrence of the University of Sheffield:

- Each class of toolbox functions is located in separate directories in the repository, say `Dir`.
- Create a LaTeX file `Dir/funs.tex`: establish as one LaTeX section that `\input{Dir/*.m}`s the files of the functions in the class, example scripts of use, and possibly test scripts, [Table A.1](#).
- Each such `Dir/funs.tex` file is to be included from the main LaTeX file `Doc/eqnFreeDevMan.tex` so that people can most easily work on one section at a time:
  - put `\include{funs}` into `Doc/eqnFreeDevMan.tex`;
  - to include we have to use a soft link so at the command line in the directory `Doc` execute `ln -s ../Dir/funs.tex` <sup>1</sup>
- Each toolbox function is documented as a separate section, with tests and examples as separate sections.
- Each function-section and test-section is to be created as a MATLAB/Octave `Dir/*.m` file, say `Dir/fun1.m`, so that users simply invoke the function in MATLAB/Octave as usual by `fun1(...)`.

Some editors may need to be told that `fun1.m` is a LaTeX file. For example, TexShop on the Mac requires one to execute in a Terminal

```
defaults write TexShop OtherTeXExtensions -array-add "m"
```

- [Table A.2](#) gives the template for the `Dir/*.m` function-sections. The format for a example/test-section is similar.
- Any figures from examples should be generated and then saved for later inclusion with the following (which finally works properly for MATLAB 2017+)

```
set(gcf,'PaperPosition',[0 0 14 10])
print('-depsc2',filename)
```

Include with `\includegraphics[scale=0.85]{filename}`

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<sup>1</sup> Such soft links are necessary for at least my Mac OSX and hopefully will work for other developers. Further, it has the advantage that auxiliary files are also located in the `Doc` directory.



Table A.1: example `Dir/*.tex` file to typeset in the master document a function-section, say `fun.m`, and maybe the test/example-sections.

```

1 % input *.m files for ... Author, date
2 %!TEX root = ../Doc/eqnFreeDevMan.tex
3 \chapter{...}
4 \label{sec:...}
5 \localtableofcontents
6 introduction...
7 \input{../Dir/fun.m}
8 \input{../Dir/funExample.m}
9 ...
10 \begin{devMan}
11 \section{To do}
12 ...
13 \section{Miscellaneous tests}
14 \input{../Dir/funTest.m}
15 ...
16 \end{devMan}

```

Table A.2: template for a function-section `Dir/*.m` file.

```

1 % Short explanation for users typing "help fun"
2 % Author, date
3 %!TEX root = ../Doc/eqnFreeDevMan.tex
4 %{
5 \section{\texttt{...}: ...}
6 \label{sec:...}
7 \localtableofcontents
8 Overview LaTeX explanation.
9 \begin{matlab}
10 %}
11 function ...
12 %{
13 \end{matlab}
14 \paragraph{Input} ...
15 \paragraph{Output} ...
16 \begin{devMan}
17 Repeated as desired:
18 LaTeX between end-matlab and begin-matlab
19 \begin{matlab}
20 %}
21 Matlab code between %} and %{
22 %{
23 \end{matlab}
24 Concluding LaTeX before following final lines.
25 \end{devMan}
26 %}

```

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## Appendix B Aspects of developing a ‘toolbox’ for patch dynamics

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This appendix documents sketchy further thoughts on aspects of the development.

### B.1 Macroscale grid

The patches are to be distributed on a macroscale grid: the  $j$ th patch ‘centred’ at position  $\vec{X}_j \in \mathbb{X}$ . In principle the patches could move, but let’s keep them fixed in the first version. The simplest macroscale grid will be rectangular (`meshgrid`), but we plan to allow a deformed grid to secondly cater for boundary fitting to quite general domain shapes  $\mathbb{X}$ . And plan to later allow for more general interconnect networks for more topologies in application.

### B.2 Macroscale field variables

The researcher/practitioner has to know an appropriate set of macroscale field variables  $\vec{U}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{\vec{U}}}$  for each patch. For example, first they might be a simple average over a core of a patch of all of the micro-field variables; second, they might be a subset of the average micro-field variables; and third in general the macro-variables might be a nonlinear function of the micro-field variables (such as temperature is the average speed squared). The core might be just one point, or a sizeable fraction of the patch.

The mapping from microscale variable to macroscale variables is often termed the restriction.

In practice, users may not choose an appropriate set of macro-variables, so will eventually need to code some diagnostic to indicate a failure of the assumed closure.

### B.3 Boundary and coupling conditions

The physical domain boundary conditions are distinct from the conditions coupling the patches together. Start with physical boundary conditions of periodicity in the macroscale.

Second, assume the physical boundary conditions are that the macro-variables are known at macroscale grid points around the boundary. Then the issue is to adjust the interpolation to cater for the boundary presence and shape. The coupling conditions for the patches should cater for the range of Robin-like boundary conditions, from Dirichlet to Neumann. Two possibilities arise: direct imposition of the coupling action (Roberts & Kevrekidis 2007), or control by the action.

Third, assume that some of the patches have some edges coincident with the boundary of the macroscale domain  $\mathbb{X}$ , and it is on these edges that macroscale physical boundary conditions are applied. Then the interpolation from the core of these edge patches is the same as the second case of prescribed boundary macro-variables. An issue is that each boundary patch should be big enough to cater for any spatial boundary layers transitioning from the applied boundary condition to the interior slow evolution.

Alternatively, we might have the physical boundary condition constrain the interpolation between patches.

Often microscale simulations are easiest to write when ‘periodic’ in microscale space. To cater for this we should also allow a control at perhaps the quartiles of a micro-periodic simulator.

### B.4 Mesotime communication

Since communication limits large scale parallelism, a first step in reducing communication will be to implement only updating the coupling conditions when necessary. Error analysis indicates that updating on times longer the microscale times and shorter than the macroscale times can be effective (Bunder et al. 2016). Implementations can communicate one or more derivatives in time, as well as macroscale variables.

At this stage we can effectively parallelise over patches: first by simply using Matlab’s `parfor`. Probably not using a GPU as we probably want to leave GPUs for the black box to utilise within each patch.

### B.5 Projective integration

To take macroscale time steps, invoke several possible projective integration schemes: simple Euler projection, Heun-like method, etc (Samaey et al. 2010). Need to decide how long a microscale burst needs to be.

Should not need an implicit scheme as the fast dynamics are meant to be only in the micro variables, and the slow dynamics only in the macroscale variables. However, it could be that the macroscale variables have fast oscillations and it is only the amplitude of the oscillations that are slow. Perhaps need to detect and then fix or advise.

A further stage is to implement a projective integration scheme for stochastic macroscale variables: this is important because the averaging over a core of microscale roughness will almost invariably have at least some stochastic legacy effect. [Calderon \(2007\)](#) did some useful research on stochastic projective intergration.

## B.6 Lift to many internal modes

In most problems the number of macroscale variables at any given position in space,  $d_{\vec{J}}$ , is less than the number of microscale variables at a position,  $d_{\vec{u}}$ ; often much less ([Kevrekidis & Samaey 2009](#), e.g.). In this case, every time we start a patch simulation we need to provide  $d_{\vec{u}} - d_{\vec{J}}$  data at each position in the patch: this is lifting. The first methodology is to first guess, then run repeated short bursts with reinitialisation, until the simulation reaches a slow manifold. Then run the real simulation.

If the time taken to reach a local quasi-equilibrium is too long, then it is likely that the macroscale closure is bad and the macroscale variables need to be extended.

A second step is to cater for cases where the slow manifold is stochastic or is surrounded by fast waves: when it is hard to detect the slow manifold, or the slow manifold is not attractive.

## B.7 Macroscale closure

In some circumstances a researcher/practitioner will not code the appropriately set of macroscale variables for a complete closure of the macroscale. For example, in thin film fluid dynamics at low Reynolds number the only macroscale variable is the fluid depth; however, at higher Reynolds number, circa ten, the inertia of the fluid becomes important and the macroscale variables must additionally include a measure of the mean lateral velocity/momentum ([Roberts & Li 2006](#), e.g.).

At some stage we need to detect any flaw in the closure, and perhaps suggest additional appropriate macroscale variables, or at least their characteristics. Indeed, a poor closure and a stochastic slow manifold are really two faces of the same problem: the problem is that the chosen macroscale variables do not have a unique evolution in terms of themselves. A good resolution of the issue will account for both faces.

## B.8 Exascale fault tolerance

Matlab is probably not an appropriate vehicle to deal with real exascale faults. However, we should cater by coding procedures for fault tolerance

and testing them at least synthetically. Eventually provide hooks to a user routine to be invoked under various potential scenarios. The nature of fault tolerant algorithms will vary depending upon the scenario, even assuming that each patch burst is executed on one CPU (or closely coupled CPUs): if there are much more CPUs than patches, then maybe simply duplicate all patch simulations; if much less CPUs than patches, then an asynchronous scheduling of patch bursts should effectively cater for recomputation of failed bursts; if comparable CPUs to patches, then more subtle action is needed.

Once mesotime communication and projective integration is provided, a recomputation approach to intermittent hardware faults should be effective because we then have the tools to restart a burst from available macroscale data. Should also explore proceeding with a lower order interpolation that misses the faulty burst—because an isolated lower order interpolation probably will not affect the global order of error (it does not in approximating some boundary conditions ([Gustafsson 1975](#), [Svard & Nordstrom 2006](#)))

## B.9 Link to established packages

Several molecular/particle/agent based codes are well developed and used by a wide community of researchers. Plan to develop hooks to use some such codes as the microscale simulators on patches. First, plan to connect to LAMMPS ([Plimpton et al. 2016](#)). Second, will evaluate performance, issues, and then consider what other established packages are most promising.

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