

Equation-Free function toolbox for Matlab/Octave

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Abstract

This ‘equation-free toolbox’ facilitates the computer-assisted analysis of complex, multiscale systems. Its aim is to enable 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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3 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 discrete system 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 [Section 3.1.1](#) for basic code that uses the provided functions to simulate Burgers’ PDE.

3.1 `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 3.1.1](#) lists an example of its use.

```
17 function configPatches1(fun,Xlim,BCs,nPatch,ordCC,ratio,nSubP)
18 global patches
```

Input If invoked with no input arguments, then executes an example of simulating Burgers’ PDE—see [Section 3.1.1](#) 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 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 in $\{-1,0,\dots,8\}$.

- **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.

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.

3.1.1 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 2π -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.

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

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

```
105 u0=0.3*(1+sin(patches.x))+0.1*randn(size(patches.x));
106 [ts,ucts]=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 7](#) illustrates an example simulation in time generated by the patch scheme applied to Burgers' PDE.

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

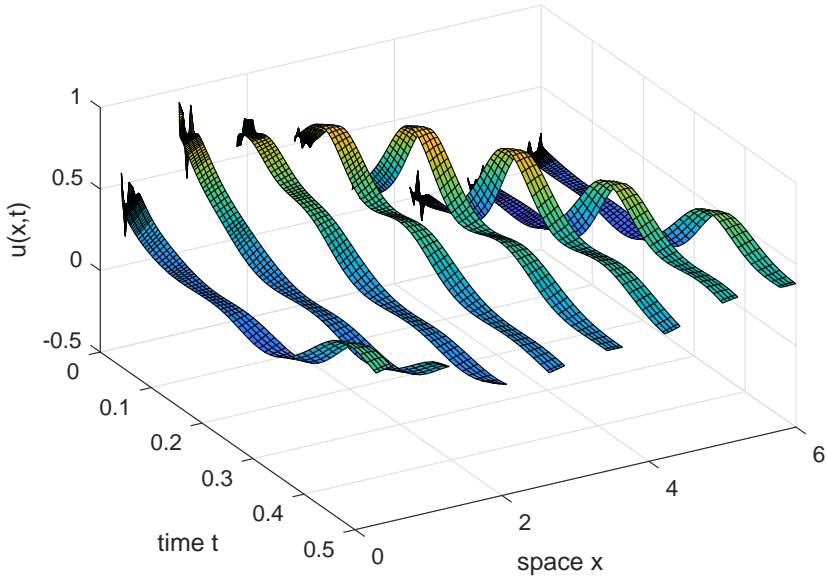
Upon finishing execution of the example, exit this function.

```
132 return
133 end%if no arguments
```

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

```
144 function ut=BurgersPDE(t,u,x)
145     dx=diff(x(1:2)); % micro-scale spacing
146     i=2:size(u,1)-1; % interior points in patches
147     ut=nan(size(u)); % preallocate storage
148     ut(i,:)=diff(u,2)/dx^2 ...
149         -30*u(i,:).*(u(i+1,:)-u(i-1,:))/(2*dx);
150 end
```

Figure 7: field $u(x,t)$ of the patch scheme applied to Burgers' PDE.
Example of Burgers PDE on patches in space



3.1.2 The code to make patches

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 .

```
174 if ~ismember(ordCC,[-1:8])
175     error('ordCC out of allowed range [-1:8]')
176 end
```

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

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



```
185 patches.ordCC=ordCC;
```

Check for staggered grid and periodic case.

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

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

```
201 if patches.alt % eqn (7) in \cite{Cao2014a}
202     patches.Cwtsr=[1
203         ratio/2
204         (-1+ratio^2)/8
205         (-1+ratio^2)*ratio/48
206         (9-10*ratio^2+ratio^4)/384
207         (9-10*ratio^2+ratio^4)*ratio/3840
208         (-225+259*ratio^2-35*ratio^4+ratio^6)/46080
209         (-225+259*ratio^2-35*ratio^4+ratio^6)*ratio/645120 ];
210 else %
211     patches.Cwtsr=[ratio
212         ratio^2/2
213         (-1+ratio^2)*ratio/6
214         (-1+ratio^2)*ratio^2/24
215         (4-5*ratio^2+ratio^4)*ratio/120
216         (4-5*ratio^2+ratio^4)*ratio^2/720
217         (-36+49*ratio^2-14*ratio^4+ratio^6)*ratio/5040
218         (-36+49*ratio^2-14*ratio^4+ratio^6)*ratio^2/40320 ];
219 end
220 patches.Cwtsr=patches.Cwtsr(1:ordCC);
221 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.

```
230 X=linspace(Xlim(1),Xlim(2),nPatch+1);
231 X=X(1:nPatch)+diff(X)/2;
```

```
232 DX=X(2)-X(1);
```

Construct the microscale in each patch, assuming Dirichlet patch edges, and a half-patch length of `ratio · DX`.

```
240 if mod(nSubP,2)==0, error('configPatches1: nSubP must be odd'), end
241 i0=(nSubP+1)/2;
242 dx=ratio*DX/(i0-1);
243 patches.x=bsxfun(@plus,dx*(-i0+1:i0-1)',X); % micro-grid
244 end% function

Fin.
```

3.2 patchSmooth1(): interface to time integrators

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 `nSubP · nPatch · nVars` where there are `nVars` field values at each of the points in the `nSubP × 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

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

`nSubP × nPatch × nVars`. Time derivatives must be computed into the same sized array, but herein the patch edge values are overwritten by zeros.

- `.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 micro-scales.

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 3.3](#) describes `patchEdgeInt1()`.

```
67 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.

```
77 dudt=patches.fun(t,u,patches.x);
78 dudt([1 end],:,:)=0;
79 dudt=reshape(dudt,[],1);
```

Fin.

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

Couples patches across space by computing their edge values from macroscale interpolation. Consequently a spatially discrete system could be integrated in time via the patch or gap-tooth scheme ([Roberts & Kevrekidis 2007](#)). 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`.

```
22 function u=patchEdgeInt1(u)
23 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()` with the following information.
 - `.fun` is the name of the user's function `fun(t,u,x)` that computes the time derivatives (or time-steps) on the patchy lattice. The array `u` has size `nSubP × nPatch × nVars`. Time derivatives must be computed into the same sized array, but the patch edge values are overwritten by zeros.
 - `.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 micro-scales.
 - `.ordCC` is order of interpolation, currently in $\{0, 2, 4, 6, 8\}$.
 - `.alt` in $\{0, 1\}$ is one for staggered grid (alternating) interpolation.
 - `.Cwtsr` and `.Cwtsl`

Output

- `u` is `nSubP × nPatch × 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.

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

```
68 [nSubP,nPatch]=size(patches.x);
69 nVars=round(numel(u)/numel(patches.x));
70 if numel(u)~=nSubP*nPatch*nVars
71     nSubP=nSubP, nPatch=nPatch, nVars=nVars, sizeu=size(u)
72 end
73 u=reshape(u,nSubP,nPatch,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.

```
83 dx=patches.x(3,1)-patches.x(2,1);
84 DX=patches.x(2,2)-patches.x(2,1);
85 r=dx*(nSubP-1)/2/DX;
```

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.

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

The centre of each patch (as `nSubP` is odd) is at

```
102 i0=round((nSubP+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.

```
112 if patches.ordCC>0 % then non-spectral interpolation
113     dmu=nan(patches.ordCC,nPatch,nVars);
114     if patches.alt % use only odd numbered neighbours
115         dmu(1,:,:)=(u(i0,jp,:)+u(i0,jm,:))/2; % \mu
116         dmu(2,:,:)= u(i0,jp,:)-u(i0,jm,:); % \delta
117         jp=jp(jp); jm=jm(jm); % increase shifts to \pm2
118     else % standard
```

```

119     dmu(1, :, :) = (u(i0, jp, :) - u(i0, jm, :)) / 2; % \mu\delta
120     dmu(2, :, :) = (u(i0, jp, :) - 2*u(i0, j, :) + u(i0, jm, :)); % \delta^2
121 end% if odd/even

```

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

```

129 for k=3:patches.ordCC
130     dmu(k, :, :) = dmu(k-2, jp, :) - 2*dmu(k-2, j, :) + dmu(k-2, jm, :);
131 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.

```

139 u(nSubP, j, :) = u(i0, j, :)*(1-patches.alt) ...
140     + sum(bsxfun(@times, patches.Cwtsr, dmu));
141 u( 1, j, :) = u(i0, j, :)*(1-patches.alt) ...
142     + sum(bsxfun(@times, patches.Cwtsl, dmu));

```

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 `ks` = $k2\pi/N$ for ‘wavenumbers’ $k = (0, 1, \dots, k_{\max}, -k_{\max}, \dots, -1)$.

```

159 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.

```

169 if patches.alt % transform by doubling the number of fields
170     v = nan(size(u)); % currently to restore the shape of u
171     u = cat(3, u(:, 1:2:nPatch, :), u(:, 2:2:nPatch, :));
172     altShift = reshape(0.5*[ones(nVars, 1); -ones(nVars, 1)], 1, 1, []);

```

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

53

```
173     iV=[nVars+1:2*nVars 1:nVars]; % scatter interp to alternate fields
174     r=r/2; % ratio effectively halved
175     nPatch=nPatch/2; % halve the number of patches
176     nVars=nVars*2; % double the number of fields
177     else % the values for standard spectral
178         altShift=0;
179         iV=1:nVars;
180     end
```

Now set wavenumbers.

```
186     kMax=floor((nPatch-1)/2);
187     ks=2*pi/nPatch*(mod((0:nPatch-1)+kMax,nPatch)-kMax);
```

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

```
194     if imag(u(i0,:,:))==0, uclean=@(u) real(u);
195         else uclean=@(u) u;
196     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.

```
205     Ck=fft(u(i0,:,:));
206     if mod(nPatch,2)==0
207         Czz=Ck(1,nPatch/2+1,:)/nPatch;
208         Ck(1,nPatch/2+1,:)=0;
209     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.

```
217     u(nSubP,:,iV)=uclean(ifft(bsxfun(@times,Ck ...
218         ,exp(1i*bsxfun(@times,ks,altShift+r)))));
219     u( 1,:,iV)=uclean(ifft(bsxfun(@times,Ck ...
220         ,exp(1i*bsxfun(@times,ks,altShift-r)))));
```

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

```

226     if mod(nPatch,2)==0
227         cosr=cos(pi*(altShift+r+(0:nPatch-1)));
228         u(nSubP,:,iV)=u(nSubP,:,iV)+uclean(bsxfun(@times,Czz,cosr));
229         cosr=cos(pi*(altShift-r+(0:nPatch-1)));
230         u( 1,:,iV)=u( 1,:,iV)+uclean(bsxfun(@times,Czz,cosr));
231     end

```

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

```

238 if patches.alt
239     nVars=nVars/2;  nPatch=2*nPatch;
240     v(:,1:2:nPatch,:)=u(:, :, 1:nVars);
241     v(:,2:2:nPatch,:)=u(:, :, nVars+1:2*nVars);
242     u=v;
243 end
244 end% if spectral

```

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

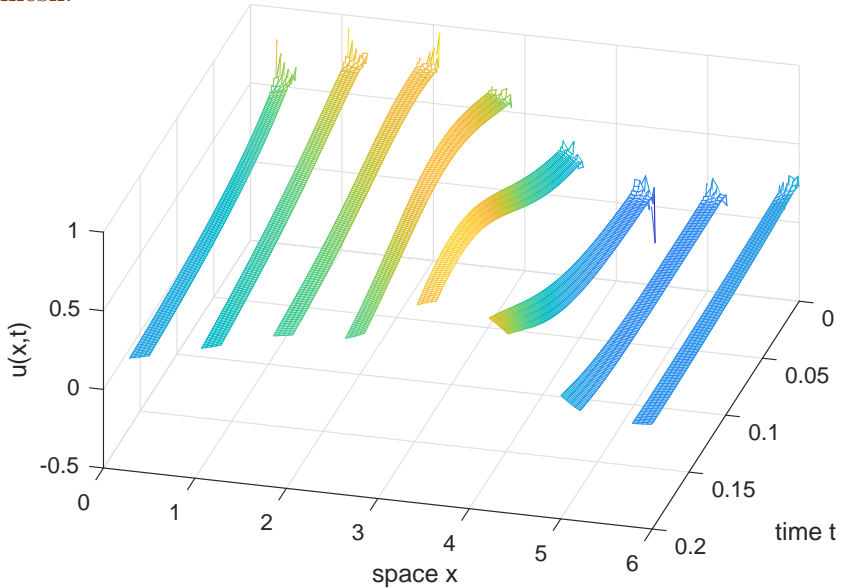
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Figure 7 shows an example simulation in time generated by the patch scheme function applied to Burgers' PDE. This code similarly applies the Equation-Free functions to a microscale space-time map (Figure 8), a map that happens to be derived as a micro-scale space-time discretisation of Burgers' PDE. Then this example applies projective integration to simulate further in time.

Figure 8: a short time simulation of the Burgers' map (Section 3.4.2) on patches in space. It requires many very small time steps only just visible in this mesh.



3.4.1 Script code to simulate a micro-scale space-time map

This first part of the script implements the following gap-tooth scheme (arrows indicate function recursion).

1. `configPatches1`
2. `burgerBurst` \leftrightarrow `patchSmooth1` \leftrightarrow `burgersMap`
3. process results

Establish global data struct for the Burgers' map (Section 3.4.2) solved on 2π -periodic domain, with eight patches, each patch of half-size ratio 0.2, with seven points within each patch, and say fourth order interpolation provides edge-values that couple the patches.

45 `clear all`

```

46 global patches
47 nPatch = 8
48 ratio = 0.2
49 nSubP = 7
50 interpOrd = 4
51 Len = 2*pi
52 configPatches1(@burgersMap,[0 Len],nan,nPatch,interpOrd,ratio,nSubP)

```

Set an initial condition, and simulate a burst of the micro-scale space-time map over a time 0.2 using the function `burgerBurst()` (Section 3.4.3).

```

60 u0 = 0.4*(1+sin(patches.x))+0.1*randn(size(patches.x));
61 [ts,us] = burgerBurst(0,u0,0.2);

```

Plot the simulation. Use only the microscale values interior to the patches via `nan` in the x -edges to leave gaps.

```

69 figure(1),clf
70 xs = patches.x; xs([1 end],:) = nan;
71 mesh(ts,xs(:),us')
72 xlabel('time t'), ylabel('space x'), zlabel('u(x,t)')
73 view(105,45)
74 set(gcf,'paperposition',[0 0 14 10])
75 print('-depsc2','ps1BurgersMapU')

```

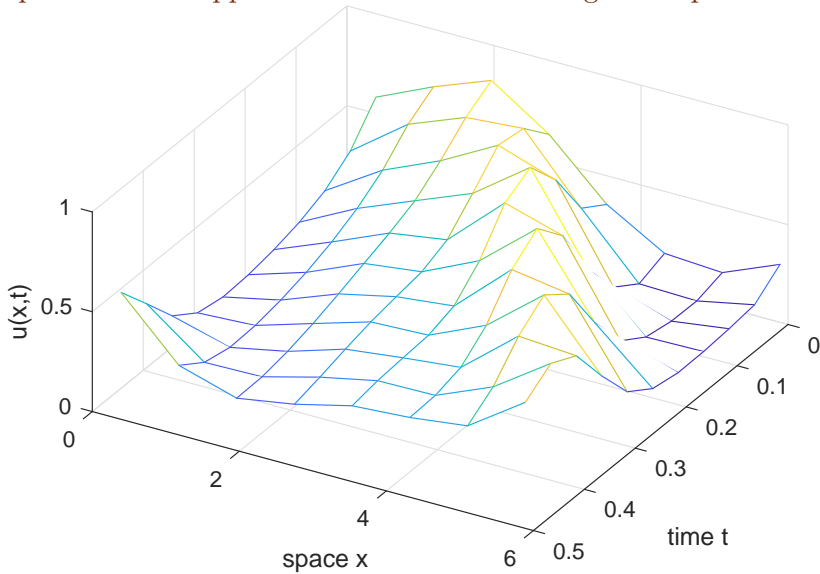
Use projective integration Around the micro-scale burst `burgerBurst()`, wrap the projective integration function `PIRK2()` of Section 2.2. Figure 9 shows the macroscale prediction of the patch centre values on macro-scale time-steps.

This second part of the script implements the following design.

1. `configPatches1` (done in first part)
2. `PIRK2` \leftrightarrow `burgerBurst` \leftrightarrow `patchSmooth1` \leftrightarrow `burgersMap`
3. process results

Mark that edge of patches are not to be used in the projective extrapolation by setting initial values to NaN.

Figure 9: macro-scale space-time field $u(x, t)$ in a basic projective integration of the patch scheme applied to the micro-scale Burgers' map.



```
107 u0([1 end], :) = nan;
```

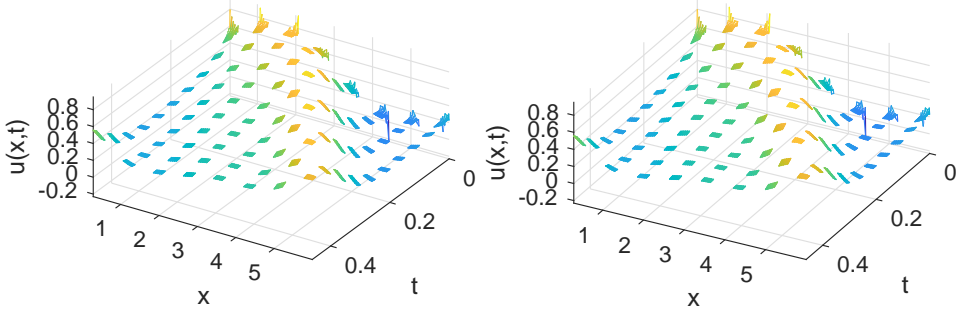
Set the desired macro-scale time-steps, and micro-scale burst length over the time domain. Then projectively integrate in time using `PIRK2()` which is (roughly) second-order accurate in the macro-scale time-step.

```
116 ts = linspace(0,0.5,11);
117 bT = 3*(ratio*Len/nPatch/(nSubP/2-1))^2
118 addpath('.../ProjInt')
119 [us,tss,uss] = PIRK2(@burgerBurst,bT,ts,u0(:));
```

Plot the macroscale predictions of the mid-patch values to give the macroscale mesh of [Figure 9](#).

```
126 figure(2),clf
127 mid = (nSubP+1)/2;
128 mesh(ts,xs(mid,:),us(:,mid:nSubP:end)')
```

Figure 10: the field $u(x,t)$ during each of the microscale bursts used in the projective integration. View this stereo pair cross-eyed.



```

129 xlabel('time t'), ylabel('space x'), zlabel('u(x,t)')
130 view(120,50)
131 set(gcf,'paperposition',[0 0 14 10])
132 print('-depsc2','ps1BurgersU')

```

Then plot the microscale mesh of the microscale bursts shown in [Figure 10](#) (a stereo pair). The details of the fine microscale mesh are almost invisible.

```

146 figure(3),clf
147 for k = 1:2, subplot(2,2,k)
148     mesh(tss,xs(:),uss')
149     ylabel('x'),xlabel('t'),zlabel('u(x,t)')
150     axis tight, view(126-4*k,50)
151 end
152 set(gcf,'paperposition',[0 0 17 12])
153 print('-depsc2','ps1BurgersMicro')

```

3.4.2 burgersMap(): discretise the PDE microscale

This function codes the microscale Euler integration map of the lattice differential equations inside the patches. Only the patch-interior values mapped (`patchSmooth1` overrides the edge-values anyway).

```

170 function u = burgersMap(t,u,x)
171     dx = diff(x(2:3));    dt = dx^2/2;
172     i = 2:size(u,1)-1;
173     u(i,:) = u(i,:) +dt*( diff(u,2)/dx^2 ...
174         -20*u(i,:).*(u(i+1,:)-u(i-1,:))/(2*dx) );
175 end

```

3.4.3 `burgerBurst()`: code a burst of the patch map

```

185 function [ts, us] = burgerBurst(ti, ui, bT)

```

First find and set the number of micro-scale time-steps.

```

191     global patches
192     dt = diff(patches.x(2:3))^2/2;
193     ndt = ceil(bT/dt -0.2);
194     ts = ti+(0:ndt)'*dt;

```

Apply the microscale map over all time-steps in the burst, using `patchSmooth1` (Section 3.2) as the interface that provides the interpolated edge-values of each patch. Store the results in rows to be consistent with ODE and projective integrators.

```

204     us = nan(ndt+1,numel(ui));
205     us(1,:) = reshape(ui,1,[]);
206     for j = 1:ndt
207         ui = patchSmooth1(ts(j),ui);
208         us(j+1,:) = reshape(ui,1,[]);
209     end

```

Linearly interpolate (extrapolate) to get the field values at the final time of the burst. Then return.

```

216     ts(ndt+1) = ti+bT;
217     us(ndt+1,:) = us(ndt,:) ...
218         + diff(ts(ndt:ndt+1))/dt*diff(us(ndt:ndt+1,:));
219 end

```

Fin.

3.5 HomogenisationExample: simulate heterogeneous diffusion in 1D on patches

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Figure 11 shows an example simulation in time generated by the patch scheme function applied to heterogeneous diffusion. That such simulations of heterogeneous diffusion makes valid predictions was established by Bunder et al. (2017) who proved that the scheme is accurate when the number of points in a patch is one more than an even multiple of the microscale periodicity.

Consider a lattice of values $u_i(t)$, with lattice spacing dx , and governed by the heterogeneous diffusion

$$\dot{u}_i = [c_{i-1/2}(u_{i-1} - u_i) + c_{i+1/2}(u_{i+1} - u_i)]/dx^2. \tag{1}$$

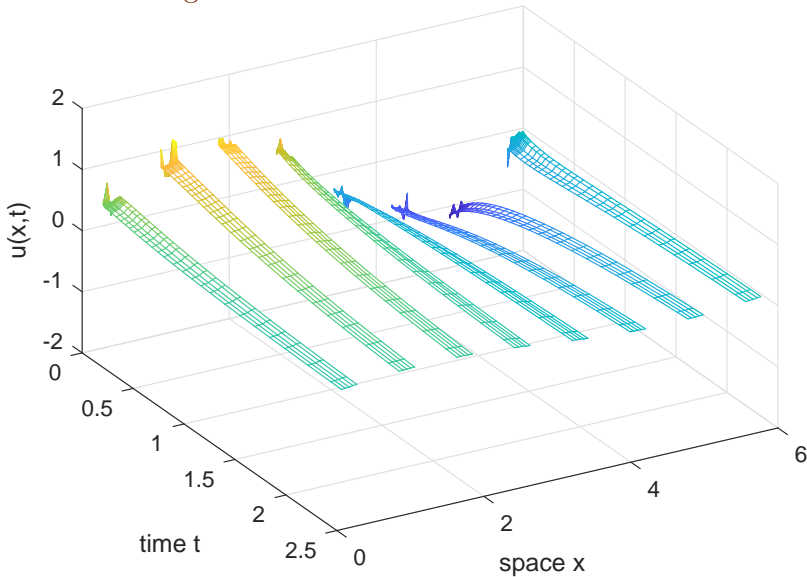
In this 1D space, the macroscale, homogenised, effective diffusion should be the harmonic mean of these coefficients.

3.5.1 Script to simulate via stiff or projective integration

This first part of the script implements the following gap-tooth scheme (arrows indicate function recursion).

- 1. configPatches1
- 2. ode15s ↔ patchSmooth1 ↔ heteroDiff
- 3. process results

Figure 11: the diffusing field $u(x, t)$ in the patch (gap-tooth) scheme applied to microscale heterogeneous diffusion.



Set the desired microscale periodicity, and microscale diffusion coefficients (with subscripts shifted by a half).

```

46 clear all
47 mPeriod = 3
48 cDiff = exp(randn(mPeriod,1))
49 cHomo = 1/mean(1./cDiff)

```

Establish global data struct for heterogeneous diffusion solved on 2π -periodic domain, with eight patches, each patch of half-size 0.2, and the number of points in a patch being one more than an even multiple of the microscale periodicity (which [Bunder et al. \(2017\)](#) showed is accurate). Quadratic (fourth-order) interpolation provides values for the inter-patch coupling conditions.

```

62 global patches
63 nPatch = 8

```

```

64 ratio = 0.2
65 nSubP = 2*mPeriod+1
66 Len = 2*pi;
67 configPatches1(@heteroDiff,[0 Len],nan,nPatch,4,ratio,nSubP);

```

A user can add information to the global data struct `patches` in order to communicate to the time derivative function. Here include the diffusivity coefficients, replicated to fill up a patch.

```

76 patches.c = repmat(cDiff,(nSubP-1)/mPeriod,1);

```

Conventional integration in time Set an initial condition, and here integrate forward in time using a standard method for stiff systems—because of the simplicity of linear problems this method works quite efficiently here. Integrate the interface `patchSmooth1` (Section 3.2) to the microscale differential equations.

```

89 u0 = sin(patches.x)+0.2*randn(nSubP,nPatch);
90 [ts,ucts] = ode15s(@patchSmooth1, [0 2/cHomo], u0(:));

```

Plot the simulation in Figure 11.

```

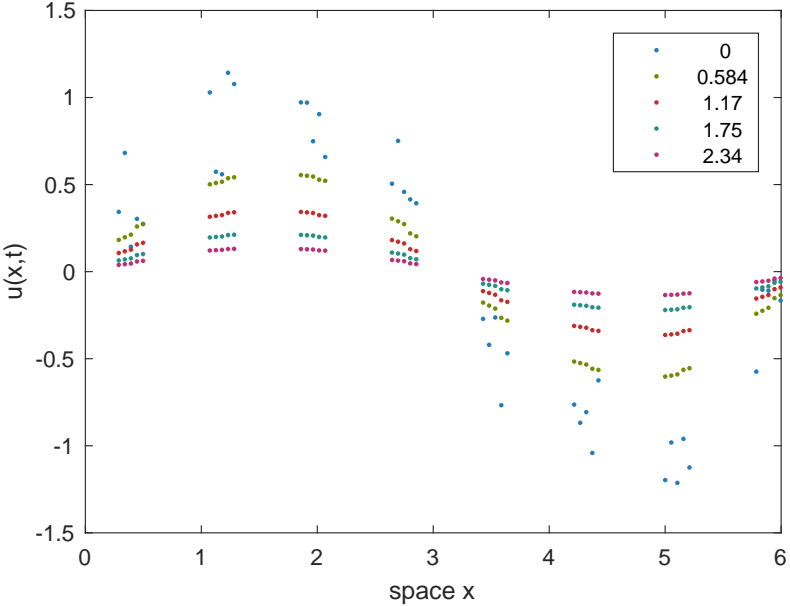
96 figure(1),clf
97 xs = patches.x; xs([1 end],:) = nan;
98 mesh(ts,xs(:),ucts'), view(60,40)
99 xlabel('time t'), ylabel('space x'), zlabel('u(x,t)')
100 set(gcf,'paperposition',[0 0 14 10])
101 print('-depsc2','ps1HomogenisationCtsU')

```

Use projective integration in time Now take `patchSmooth1`, the interface to the time derivatives, and wrap around it the projective integration `PIRK2` (Section 2.2), of bursts of simulation from `heteroBurst` (Section 3.5.3), as illustrated by Figure 12.

This second part of the script implements the following design, where the micro-integrator could be, for example, `ode23` or `rk2int`.

Figure 12: field $u(x,t)$ shows basic projective integration of patches of heterogeneous diffusion.



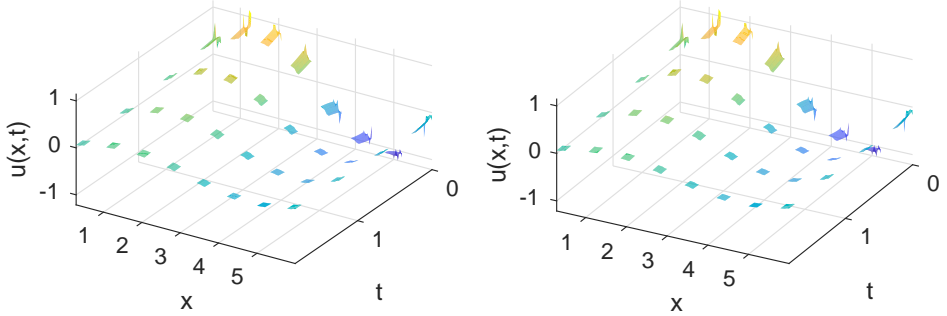
1. configPatches1 (done in first part)
2. PIRK2 \leftrightarrow heteroBurst \leftrightarrow micro-integrator \leftrightarrow patchSmooth1 \leftrightarrow heteroDiff
3. process results

Mark that edge of patches are not to be used in the projective extrapolation by setting initial values to NaN.

129 `u0([1 end], :) = nan;`

Set the desired macro- and micro-scale time-steps over the time domain: the macroscale step is in proportion to the effective mean diffusion time on the macroscale; the burst time is proportional to the intra-patch effective diffusion time; and lastly, the microscale time-step is proportional to the diffusion time between adjacent points in the microscale lattice.

Figure 13: stereo pair of the field $u(x, t)$ during each of the microscale bursts used in the projective integration.



```

141 ts = linspace(0,2/cHomo,5)
142 bT = 3*( ratio*Len/nPatch )^2/cHomo
143 addpath(' ../ProjInt', ' ../RKint')
144 [us,tss,uss] = PIRK2(@heteroBurst, bT, ts, u0(:));

```

Plot the macroscale predictions to draw [Figure 12](#).

```

151 figure(2),clf
152 plot(xs(:),us','.')
153 ylabel('u(x,t)'), xlabel('space x')
154 legend(num2str(ts',3))
155 set(gcf,'paperposition',[0 0 14 10])
156 print('-depsc2','ps1HomogenisationU')

```

Also plot a surface detailing the microscale bursts as shown in [Figure 13](#).

```

169 figure(3),clf
170 for k = 1:2, subplot(2,2,k)
171     surf(tss,xs(:),uss', 'EdgeColor','none')
172     ylabel('x'), xlabel('t'), zlabel('u(x,t)')
173     axis tight, view(126-4*k,45)
174 end
175 set(gcf,'paperposition',[0 0 17 12])
176 print('-depsc2','ps1HomogenisationMicro')

```

End of the script.

3.5.2 heteroDiff(): heterogeneous diffusion

This function codes the lattice heterogeneous diffusion inside the patches. For 2D input arrays **u** and **x** (via edge-value interpolation of **patchSmooth1**, Section 3.2), computes the time derivative (1) at each point in the interior of a patch, output in **ut**. The column vector (or possibly array) of diffusion coefficients c_i have previously been stored in struct **patches**.²

```

197 function ut = heteroDiff(t,u,x)
198     global patches
199     dx = diff(x(2:3)); % space step
200     i = 2:size(u,1)-1; % interior points in a patch
201     ut = nan(size(u)); % preallocate output array
202     ut(i,:) = diff(bsxfun(@times,patches.c,diff(u)))/dx^2 ;
203 end% function

```

3.5.3 heteroBurst(): a burst of heterogeneous diffusion

This code integrates in time the derivatives computed by **heteroDiff** from within the patch coupling of **patchSmooth1**. Try three possibilities:

- **ode23** generates ‘noise’ that is unsightly at best and may be ruinous;
- **ode15s** does not cater for the NaNs in some components of **u**;
- **rk2int** simple specified step integrator behaves consistently, and so appears best.

```

224 function [ts, ucts] = heteroBurst(ti, ui, bT)
225     switch 'rk2'
226     case '23', [ts,ucts] = ode23 (@patchSmooth1,[ti ti+bT],ui(:));
227     case '15s', [ts,ucts] = ode15s(@patchSmooth1,[ti ti+bT],ui(:));
228     case 'rk2', ts = linspace(ti,ti+bT,100)';

```

²Use **bsxfun()** as pre-2017 Matlab versions may not support auto-replication.

```
229         ucts = rk2int(@patchSmooth1,ts,ui(:));
230     end
231 end
Fin.
```

3.6 waterWaveExample: simulate a water wave PDE on patches

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Figure 14 shows an example simulation in time generated by the patch scheme function applied to a simple wave PDE. The inter-patch coupling is realised by spectral interpolation to the patch edges of the mid-patch values.

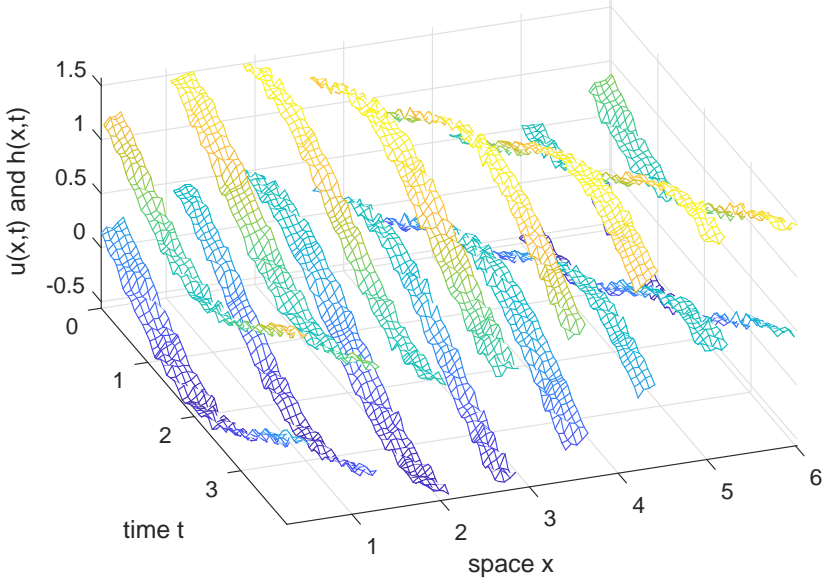
This approach, based upon the differential equations coded in Section 3.6.2, may be adapted by a user to a wide variety of 1D wave and near-wave systems. For example, the differential equations of Section 3.6.3 describes the nonlinear microscale simulator of the nonlinear shallow water wave PDE derived from the Smagorinski model of turbulent flow (Cao & Roberts 2012, 2016a).

Often, wave-like systems are written in terms of two conjugate variables, for example, position and momentum density, electric and magnetic fields, and water depth $h(x, t)$ and mean lateral velocity $u(x, t)$ as herein. The approach developed in this section applies to any wave-like system in the form

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} = -c_1 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + f_1[h, u] \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -c_2 \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} + f_2[h, u], \tag{2}$$

where the brackets indicate that the nonlinear functions f_ℓ may involve various spatial derivatives of the fields $h(x, t)$ and $u(x, t)$. For example, Section 3.6.3 encodes a nonlinear Smagorinski model of turbulent shallow

Figure 14: water depth $h(x, t)$ (above) and velocity field $u(x, t)$ (below) of the gap-tooth scheme applied to the simple wave PDE (2), linearised. The micro-scale random component to the initial condition has long lasting effects on the simulation—but the macroscale wave still propagates.



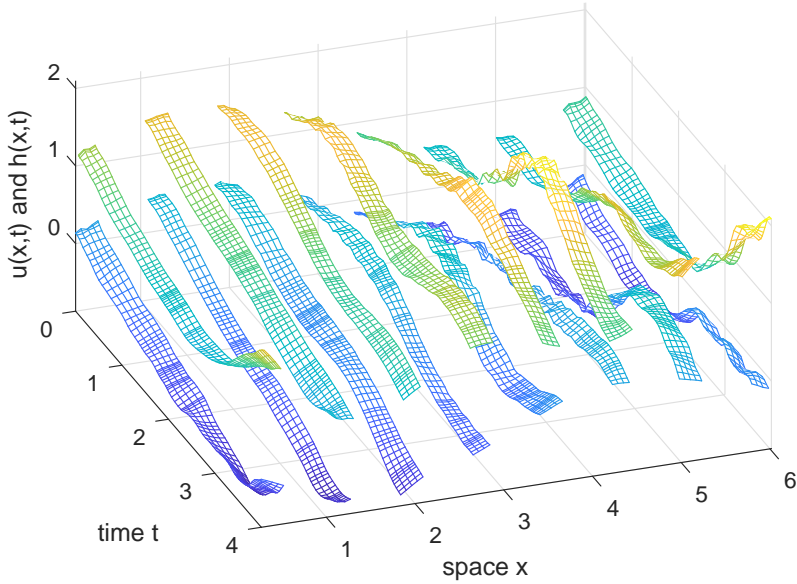
water (Cao & Roberts 2012, 2016a, e.g.) along an inclined flat bed: let x measure position along the bed and in terms of fluid depth $h(x, t)$ and depth-averaged lateral velocity $u(x, t)$ the model PDEs are

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial(hu)}{\partial x}, \quad (3a)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 0.985 \left(\tan \theta - \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \right) - 0.003 \frac{u|u|}{h} - 1.045u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + 0.26h|u| \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad (3b)$$

where $\tan \theta$ is the slope of the bed. Equation (3a) represents conservation of the fluid. The momentum PDE (3b) represents the effects of turbulent bed drag $u|u|/h$, self-advection $u\partial u/\partial x$, nonlinear turbulent dispersion $h|u|\partial^2 u/\partial x^2$, and gravitational hydrostatic forcing $\tan \theta - \partial h/\partial x$. Figure 15 shows one simulation of this system—for the same initial condition

Figure 15: water depth $h(x, t)$ (above) and velocity field $u(x, t)$ (below) of the gap-tooth scheme applied to the Smagorinski shallow water wave PDEs (3). The micro-scale random initial component decays where the water speed is non-zero due to ‘turbulent’ dissipation.



as Figure 14.

For such wave systems, let’s implement a staggered microscale grid and staggered macroscale patches as introduced by [Cao & Roberts \(2016b\)](#) in their Figures 3 and 4, respectively.

3.6.1 Script code to simulate wave systems

This script implements the following gap-tooth scheme (arrows indicate function recursion).

1. `configPatches1`, and add micro-information
2. `ode15s` \leftrightarrow `patchSmooth1` \leftrightarrow `simpleWavePDE`

3. process results
4. ode15s \leftrightarrow patchSmooth1 \leftrightarrow waterWavePDE
5. process results

Establish the global data struct **patches** for the PDEs (2) (linearised) solved on 2π -periodic domain, with eight patches, each patch of half-size ratio 0.2, with eleven points within each patch, and third-order interpolation to provide edge-values for the inter-patch coupling conditions (higher order interpolation is smoother for smooth initial conditions).

```

70 clear all
71 global patches
72 nPatch = 8
73 ratio = 0.2
74 nSubP = 11 %of the form 4*n-1
75 Len = 2*pi;
76 configPatches1(@simpleWavePDE,[0 Len],nan,nPatch,-1,ratio,nSubP);

```

Identify which microscale grid points are h or u values on the staggered micro-grid. Also store the information in the struct **patches** for use by the time derivative function.

```

84 uPts = mod( bsxfun(@plus,(1:nSubP)',(1:nPatch)) ,2);
85 hPts = find(1-uPts);
86 uPts = find(uPts);
87 patches.hPts = hPts; patches.uPts = uPts;

```

Set an initial condition of a progressive wave, and check evaluation of the time derivative. The capital letter **U** denotes an array of values merged from both u and h fields on the staggered grids (possibly with some optional micro-scale wave noise).

```

95 U0 = nan(nSubP,nPatch);
96 U0(hPts) = 1+0.5*sin(patches.x(hPts));
97 U0(uPts) = 0+0.5*sin(patches.x(uPts));
98 U0 = U0+0.02*randn(nSubP,nPatch);

```

Conventional integration in time Integrate in time using standard MATLAB/Octave stiff integrators. Here do the two cases of the simple wave and the water wave equations in the one loop.

```
107 for k = 1:2
```

When using `ode15s` we subsample the results because sub-grid scale waves do not dissipate and so the integrator takes very small time steps for all time.

```
113 [ts,Ucts] = ode15s(@patchSmooth1,[0 4],U0(:));
114 ts = ts(1:5:end);
115 Ucts = Ucts(1:5:end,:);
```

Plot the simulation.

```
121 figure(k),clf
122 xs = patches.x; xs([1 end],:) = nan;
123 mesh(ts,xs(hPts),Ucts(:,hPts)'),hold on
124 mesh(ts,xs(uPts),Ucts(:,uPts)'),hold off
125 xlabel('time t'), ylabel('space x'), zlabel('u(x,t) and h(x,t)')
126 axis tight, view(70,45)
```

Print the output.

```
132 set(gcf,'paperposition',[0 0 14 10])
133 if k==1, print('-depsc2','ps1WaveCtsUH')
134 else print('-depsc2','ps1WaterWaveCtsUH')
135 end
```

For the second time through the loop, change to the Smagorinski turbulence model (3) of shallow water flow, keeping other parameters and the initial condition the same.

```
142 patches.fun = @waterWavePDE;
143 end
```

Use projective integration As yet a simple implementation appears to fail, so it needs more exploration and thought. End of the main script.

3.6.2 simpleWavePDE(): simple wave PDE

This function codes the staggered lattice equation inside the patches for the simple wave PDE system $h_t = -u_x$ and $u_t = -h_x$. Here code for a staggered microscale grid of staggered macroscale patches: the array

$$U_{ij} = \begin{cases} u_{ij} & i + j \text{ even,} \\ h_{ij} & i + j \text{ odd.} \end{cases}$$

The output **Ut** contains the merged time derivatives of the two staggered fields. So set the micro-grid spacing and reserve space for time derivatives.

```

236 function Ut = simpleWavePDE(t,U,x)
237     global patches
238     dx = diff(x(2:3));
239     Ut = nan(size(U));  ht = Ut;
```

Compute the PDE derivatives at interior points of the patches.

```

245     i = 2:size(U,1)-1;
```

Here ‘wastefully’ compute time derivatives for both PDEs at all grid points—for ‘simplicity’—and then merges the staggered results. Since $\dot{h}_{ij} \approx -(u_{i+1,j} - u_{i-1,j})/(2 \cdot dx) = -(U_{i+1,j} - U_{i-1,j})/(2 \cdot dx)$ as adding/subtracting one from the index of a h -value is the location of the neighbouring u -value on the staggered micro-grid.

```

252     ht(i,:) = -(U(i+1,:)-U(i-1,:))/(2*dx);
```

Since $\dot{u}_{ij} \approx -(h_{i+1,j} - h_{i-1,j})/(2 \cdot dx) = -(U_{i+1,j} - U_{i-1,j})/(2 \cdot dx)$ as adding/subtracting one from the index of a u -value is the location of the neighbouring h -value on the staggered micro-grid.

```

258     Ut(i,:) = -(U(i+1,:)-U(i-1,:))/(2*dx);
```

Then overwrite the unwanted \dot{u}_{ij} with the corresponding wanted \dot{h}_{ij} .

```

264     Ut(patches.hPts) = ht(patches.hPts);
265 end
```

3.6.3 waterWavePDE(): water wave PDE

This function codes the staggered lattice equation inside the patches for the nonlinear wave-like PDE system (3). Also, regularise the absolute value appearing in the PDEs via the one-line function `rabs()`.

```

277 function Ut = waterWavePDE(t,U,x)
278     global patches
279     rabs = @(u) sqrt(1e-4+u.^2);

```

As before, set the micro-grid spacing, reserve space for time derivatives, and index the patch-interior points of the micro-grid.

```

285     dx = diff(x(2:3));
286     Ut = nan(size(U));  ht = Ut;
287     i = 2:size(U,1)-1;

```

Need to estimate h at all the u -points, so into \mathbf{V} use averages, and linear extrapolation to patch-edges.

```

293     ii = i(2:end-1);
294     V = Ut;
295     V(ii,:) = (U(ii+1,:)+U(ii-1,:))/2;
296     V(1:2,:) = 2*U(2:3,:)-V(3:4,:);
297     V(end-1:end,:) = 2*U(end-2:end-1,:)-V(end-3:end-2,:);

```

Then estimate $\partial(hu)/\partial x$ from u and the interpolated h at the neighbouring micro-grid points.

```

303     ht(i,:) = -(U(i+1,:).*V(i+1,:)-U(i-1,:).*V(i+1,:))/(2*dx);

```

Correspondingly estimate the terms in the momentum PDE: u -values in \mathbf{U}_i and $\mathbf{V}_{i\pm 1}$; and h -values in \mathbf{V}_i and $\mathbf{U}_{i\pm 1}$.

```

309     Ut(i,:) = -0.985*(U(i+1,:)-U(i-1,:))/(2*dx) ...
310         -0.003*U(i,:).*rabs(U(i,:)./V(i,:)) ...
311         -1.045*U(i,:).*(V(i+1,:)-V(i-1,:))/(2*dx) ...
312         +0.26*rabs(V(i,:).*U(i,:)).*(V(i+1,:)-2*U(i,:)+V(i-1,:))/dx^2/2;

```

where the mysterious division by two in the second derivative is due to using the averaged values of u in the estimate:

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_{xx} &\approx \frac{1}{4\delta^2}(u_{i-2} - 2u_i + u_{i+2}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{4\delta^2}(u_{i-2} + u_i - 4u_i + u_i + u_{i+2}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\delta^2}\left(\frac{u_{i-2} + u_i}{2} - 2u_i + \frac{u_i + u_{i+2}}{2}\right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\delta^2}(\bar{u}_{i-1} - 2u_i + \bar{u}_{i+1}).
 \end{aligned}$$

Then overwrite the unwanted \dot{u}_{ij} with the corresponding wanted \dot{h}_{ij} .

```

325     Ut(patches.hPts) = ht(patches.hPts);
326 end
Fin.
```

3.7 To do

- Testing is so far only qualitative. Need to be quantitative.
- Multiple space dimensions.
- Heterogeneous microscale via averaging regions.
- Parallel processing versions.
- ??
- Adapt to maps in micro-time? Surely easy, just an example.

3.8 Miscellaneous tests

3.8.1 patchEdgeInt1test: test the spectral interpolation

A script to test the spectral interpolation of function `patchEdgeInt1()`
Establish global data struct for the range of various cases.

```

13 clear all
14 global patches
15 nSubP=3
16 i0=(nSubP+1)/2; % centre-patch index

```

Test standard spectral interpolation Test over various numbers of patches, random domain lengths and random ratios.

```

24 for nPatch=5:10
25     nPatch=nPatch
26     Len=10*rand
27     ratio=0.5*rand
28     configPatches1(@sin,[0,Len],nan,nPatch,0,ratio,nSubP);
29     kMax=floor((nPatch-1)/2);

```

Test single field Set a profile, and evaluate the interpolation.

```

37 for k=-kMax:kMax
38     u0=exp(1i*k*patches.x*2*pi/Len);
39     ui=patchEdgeInt1(u0(:));
40     normError=norm(ui-u0);
41     if abs(normError)>5e-14
42         normError=normError
43         error(['failed single var interpolation k=' num2str(k)])
44     end
45 end

```

Test multiple fields Set a profile, and evaluate the interpolation. For the case of the highest wavenumber, squash the error when the centre-patch values are all zero.

```

54 for k=1:nPatch/2
55     u0=sin(k*patches.x*2*pi/Len);
56     v0=cos(k*patches.x*2*pi/Len);
57     uvi=patchEdgeInt1([u0(:);v0(:)]);

```

```

58     normuError=norm(uvi(:,:,1)-u0)*norm(u0(i0,:));
59     normvError=norm(uvi(:,:,2)-v0)*norm(v0(i0,:));
60     if abs(normuError)+abs(normvError)>2e-13
61         normuError=normuError, normvError=normvError
62         error(['failed double field interpolation k=' num2str(k)])
63     end
64 end

```

End the for-loop over various geometries.

```

71 end

```

Now test spectral interpolation on staggered grid Must have even number of patches for a staggered grid.

```

79 for nPatch=6:2:20
80     nPatch=nPatch
81     ratio=0.5*rand
82     nSubP=3; % of form 4*N-1
83     Len=10*rand
84     configPatches1(@simpleWavepde,[0,Len],nan,nPatch,-1,ratio,nSubP);
85     kMax=floor((nPatch/2-1)/2)

```

Identify which microscale grid points are h or u values.

```

91 uPts=mod( bsxfun(@plus,(1:nSubP)',(1:nPatch)) ,2);
92 hPts=find(1-uPts);
93 uPts=find(uPts);

```

Set a profile for various wavenumbers. The capital letter **U** denotes an array of values merged from both u and h fields on the staggered grids.

```

100 fprintf('Single field-pair test.\n')
101 for k=-kMax:kMax
102     U0=nan(nSubP,nPatch);
103     U0(hPts)=rand*exp(+1i*k*patches.x(hPts)*2*pi/Len);
104     U0(uPts)=rand*exp(-1i*k*patches.x(uPts)*2*pi/Len);
105     Ui=patchEdgeInt1(U0(:));

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106     normError=norm(Ui-U0);
107     if abs(normError)>5e-14
108         normError=normError
109         error(['failed single sys interpolation k=' num2str(k)])
110     end
111 end

```

Test multiple fields Set a profile, and evaluate the interpolation. For the case of the highest wavenumber zig-zag, squash the error when the alternate centre-patch values are all zero. First shift the x -coordinates so that the zig-zag mode is centred on a patch.

```

121 fprintf('Two field-pairs test.\n')
122 x0=patches.x((nSubP+1)/2,1);
123 patches.x=patches.x-x0;
124 for k=1:nPatch/4
125     U0=nan(nSubP,nPatch); V0=U0;
126     U0(hPts)=rand*sin(k*patches.x(hPts)*2*pi/Len);
127     U0(uPts)=rand*sin(k*patches.x(uPts)*2*pi/Len);
128     V0(hPts)=rand*cos(k*patches.x(hPts)*2*pi/Len);
129     V0(uPts)=rand*cos(k*patches.x(uPts)*2*pi/Len);
130     UVi=patchEdgeInt1([U0(:);V0(:)]);
131     normuError=norm(UVi(:,1:2:nPatch,1)-U0(:,1:2:nPatch))*norm(U0(i0,2
132         +norm(UVi(:,2:2:nPatch,1)-U0(:,2:2:nPatch))*norm(U0(i0,1:2:nPa
133     normvError=norm(UVi(:,1:2:nPatch,2)-V0(:,1:2:nPatch))*norm(V0(i0,2
134         +norm(UVi(:,2:2:nPatch,2)-V0(:,2:2:nPatch))*norm(V0(i0,1:2:nPa
135     if abs(normuError)+abs(normvError)>2e-13
136         normuError=normuError, normvError=normvError
137         error(['failed double field interpolation k=' num2str(k)])
138     end
139 end

End for-loop over patches

146 end

```

Finish If no error messages, then all OK.

```
157 fprintf('\nIf you read this, then all tests were passed\n')
```

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