Programming Practicals with FEniCS

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Part 1. Steady-state models

1 Linear advection-diffusion equation

We consider the following stationary linear advection-diffusion equation:

$$-\operatorname{d}iv(\lambda \,\nabla u(x)) + w(x) \cdot \nabla u(x) = f(x) \text{ in } \Omega; \quad \Omega = [0, L_x] \times [0, L_y]. \quad (1)$$

Where : u(x) is the unknown scalar field; w(x) is a given velocity field. The diffusivity λ may depends on x. One has : $\lambda \in L^{\infty}(\Omega)$; $\lambda > 0$.

The variable u can represent e.g. a chemical specie concentration in the atmosphere, w the wind.

The velocity expression w is given. Its expression is upon your own choice.

The boundary of Ω is decomposed as follows: $\partial \Omega = \Gamma_{in} \cup \Gamma_{wall} \cup \Gamma_{out}$. Then equation above is closed with the following B.C.:

$$u$$
 given on Γ_{in} ; $\partial_n u = 0$ on Γ_{wall} ; $-\lambda \partial_n u = c \ u$ on Γ_{out} (2)

with c a given parameter, c > 0.

For each practical, you can upload on the course Moodle page a Python-FEniCS code.

1.1 Goal: to stabilize the advection term

1.1.1 Mathematical analysis

- a) Write the weak formulation of the BVP.
- b) Derive conditions such that this BVP is well-posed.

1.1.2 FE solution without stabilization

- a) Implement the numerical model in FeniCS by using P_k -Lagrange FE. (To do so, start from the Python-Fenics code available on the course Moodle page).
- b) Compute and plot out the local values of the dimensionless Peclet number Pe and $Pe_h = hPe$.
- c) Highlight the instability phenomena if $Pe_h \geq 1$ and if no stabilisation term is introduced in the weak formulation.

1.1.3 Artificial diffusion & "sharp" test case

- a) Implement the SUPG (and the SD) stabilisation methods presented in the course manuscript.
- b) Build up a case where the solution u_h presents a sharp boundary layer. Compare the two solutions obtained by using SUPG and SD.

1.2 Goal-oriented mesh refinement

- a) Consider (and implement) a particular model output.
- b) Highlight the accuracy improvement when using a mesh refinement procedure related to this model outut.

The latter will be based on the method already implemented in a Fenics code (see Moodle page).

2 Non-linear model

In this section, we consider the same stationary advection-diffusion as before but the diffusivity λ depends here on the solution u.... The equation reads :

$$-\operatorname{div}(\lambda(u) \ \nabla u(x)) + w(x) \cdot \nabla u(x) = f(x) \text{ in } \Omega; \ \Omega = [0, L_x] \times [0, L_y]. \ (3)$$

The equation is closed with the same BC as before, see (2).

The diffusivity λ is a differentiable function. We have : $\lambda : u \in V \mapsto \lambda(u) \in L^{\infty}(\Omega), \quad \lambda(u) > 0.$

The diffusivity expression can be for example:

$$\lambda(u) = \lambda_0 u^m$$
 with $m \ge 1$

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2.1 Build a non linear solver

- a) Write the (non linear) weak formulation of the BVP.
- b) This non linear BVP is solved by the Newton-Raphson method. Derive the equations to be solved at each iteration.
 - c) Detail the algorithm to implement.

Implement your home-developed non-linear solver based on this Newton-Raphson algorithm.

Recall. Start from the Python-Fenics code(s) available on the course Moodle page.

- d) Implement the "black-box" non-linear solver proposed in FEniCS.
- d) Propose a strategy to validate your computational code.
- e) Compare the obtained solutions, including with the linear BVP one (solved by using your algorithm).

Compare the CPU-time between the different cases.

Part 2. Unsteady models

We consider the same non-linear BVP as before but in its unsteady version. The equation reads :

$$\partial_t u(x,t) - \operatorname{div}(\lambda(u(x,t)) \nabla u(x,t)) + w(x) \cdot \nabla u(x,t) = f(x,t) \text{ in } \Omega \times [0,T]. \tag{4}$$

The equation is closed with the same BC as before, see (2), and an Initial Condition $u(x,0) = u_0(x) \ \forall x$.

3 Build a higher-order solver

3.1 Task 1 : Set up a meaningful physical BVP

Based on this model, imagine a physical problem you aim at simulating. You will detail all the data of your problem.

3.2 Task 2: build a higher-order solver

- a) Implement the model using a higher-order FE scheme : RKq in time and P_k -Lagrange in space.
- You will synthetically write the equations which are coded and the global algorithm(s).
- b) Explain synthetically how you can show the actual order of your computational code.
- b) Starting from your I.C., show that you can recover the steady-state solution computed by the non-linear solver developed in the previous part. Detail your procedure (including criteria of convergence etc).