

Exercise 4.1: We consider the pure transport problem

$$\begin{aligned}\beta \cdot \nabla u &= f && \text{in } \Omega, \\ u &= u_0 && \text{on } \Gamma_-, \end{aligned}$$

where $\Omega = (0, 1)^2$ and $\Gamma_- = \{ x \in \partial\Omega \mid \beta(x) \cdot n(x) < 0 \}$. Here $n(x)$ is the outer unit normal vector in the coordinates $x \in \partial\Omega$. $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^2$ is the direction of transport.

In Exercise 3.3 we learned that the Galerkin discretization of the convection diffusion problem has instabilities for small values of ε . One possibility to overcome this problem was the so called streamline diffusion method. That means artificial diffusion is added in direction of β . To keep the variational formulation consistent we add the following terms for stabilization:

$$\sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \delta_K (-\varepsilon \Delta u + \beta \cdot \nabla u - f, \beta \cdot \nabla \varphi)_K \quad \text{with} \quad \delta_K = \delta_0 \min \left\{ \frac{h_K^2}{\varepsilon}, \frac{h_K}{\|\beta\|} \right\}.$$

Here δ_0 is constant. Usually one takes $\delta_0 = 0.1$ and h_K the diameter of the cell K .

In the case of a pure transport problem the stabilization term reduces to

$$\sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \delta_K (\beta \cdot \nabla u - f, \beta \cdot \nabla \varphi)_K \quad \text{with} \quad \delta_K = \delta_0 \frac{h_K}{\|\beta\|}.$$

Solve the transport problem on a sequence of globally refined meshes with parameters $\beta = (\cos 13^\circ, \sin 13^\circ)^T$, $f \equiv 0$ and

$$u_0(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } x_1 = 0, \ x_2 \geq \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}.$$

How does Γ_- look like in this case?

Exercise 4.2: Another possibility to overcome the problems with instabilities that occur in convection dominated problems is to use discontinuous Galerkin methods ("DG methods"). In the case of a pure transport problem

$$\begin{aligned}\beta \cdot \nabla u &= f && \text{in } \Omega \\ u &= u_0 && \text{on } \Gamma_- \end{aligned}$$

(nomenclature like in Exercise 4.1) the variational formulation reads: Find $u_h \in V_h$ such that for all $\varphi_h \in V_h$ we have:

$$\sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \left\{ -(u_h, \beta \cdot \nabla \varphi_h)_K + (\beta \cdot n u_h, \varphi_h)_{\partial K_+} + (\beta \cdot n u_h^-, \varphi_h)_{\partial K_- \setminus \Gamma_-} \right\} = (f, \varphi_h) - (\beta \cdot n u_0, \varphi_h)_{\Gamma_-}.$$

Here $\partial K_- = \{ x \in \partial K \mid \beta(x) \cdot n(x) < 0 \}$ denotes the inflow boundary and $\partial K_+ = \partial K \setminus \partial K_-$ denotes the outflow boundary of a cell K . Furthermore let u_h^- be the value of the function u_h on the neighbouring cell (recall that the function u_h does not necessarily have to be continuous across cell edges).

Solve the transport problem on a sequence of globally refined grids with a DG method where

$$V_h := \left\{ v \in L^2(\Omega) \mid v|_K \in Q_1(K) \right\},$$

with parameters $\beta = (\cos 13^\circ, \sin 13^\circ)^T$, $f \equiv 0$ and

$$u_0(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } x_1 = 0, \ x_2 \geq \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}.$$