
HOMEWORK 3

EXERCISE

Let us consider the following wave propagation problem in $(0, L) \times (0, T]$:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, t) + \frac{\partial F(u)}{\partial x}(x, t) = 0 & \text{in } (0, L) \times (0, T], \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x) & \text{in } (0, L), \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where $F(u) = \frac{u^2}{2}$ and u_0 is a given function, regular enough. Consider the following boundary conditions

$$u(0, t) = \phi(t) \quad t \in (0, T]. \quad (2)$$

for a regular enough function ϕ .

1. Write the discontinuous Galerkin formulation for problem (1)–(2) by considering \mathbb{P}^0 finite element. Write the semidiscretized problem under the form:

$$\begin{cases} M\dot{\mathbf{u}}_h(t) = \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{u}_h(t), t), & t \in (0, T) \\ \mathbf{u}_h(0) = \mathbf{u}_h^0, \end{cases}$$

$\mathbf{u}_h(t)$ being the vector of degrees of freedom, $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{u}_h(t), t)$ the vector resulting from the discretization of the flux term $-\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}$ and M the mass matrix.

2. Starting from the provided code `DGSEM_1D_BURGER` implement the 3rd order Runge-Kutta scheme

$$\begin{cases} M(\mathbf{u}_h^* - \mathbf{u}_h^n) = \Delta t \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{u}_h^n, t^n), \\ M(\mathbf{u}_h^{**} - (\frac{3}{4}\mathbf{u}_h^n + \frac{1}{4}\mathbf{u}_h^*)) = \frac{1}{4}\Delta t \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{u}_h^*, t^{n+1}), \\ M(\mathbf{u}_h^{n+1} - (\frac{1}{3}\mathbf{u}_h^n + \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{u}_h^{**})) = \frac{2}{3}\Delta t \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{u}_h^{**}, t^{n+1/2}) \end{cases}$$

for the solution of problem (1)–(2). Consider the following data:

- (a) $L = 10, h = 0.02,$
- (b) $T = 3, \Delta t = 0.01,$
- (c) $\phi(t) = 0, u_0(x) = e^{-(x-3)^2}.$

Report your results and comment on them

3. Compute analytically the critical time t_c being the first instant where characteristics lines intersect. Compute numerically σ being the speed of propagation of the discontinuity after t_c . Report the results and comment on them.