

Discontinuous Galerkin Methods

Study and Application to PDEs

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Motivation

- Variants of DGM used to effectively solve diffusion (e.g. the heat equation) and pure convection (e.g. in a convection transport equation) problems
- Heat eqn: $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \alpha \nabla^2 u$
- Convection Transport Eqn: $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\vec{v}u)$



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- Can support high order local approximation which varies over the mesh
- Leads to block diagonal mass matrices, even for high order polynomial approximation in time dependent problem



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Notations used

- Domain is Ω which is a bounded, open set in \mathbb{R}^2 with Lipschitz continuous boundary $\partial\Omega$
- Γ_D on $\partial\Omega$ is the Dirichlet condition prescribed boundary
- Γ_N on $\partial\Omega$ is the Neumann condition prescribed boundary
- $\Gamma_N \cup \Gamma_D = \partial\Omega$ and $\Gamma_N \cap \Gamma_D = \phi$
- P_h is a partition of domain Ω , it numbers N_e partitions in this domain
- $\Omega = \bigcup_{K_i \in P_h} K_i$, $K_i \cap K_j = \phi$, $i \neq j$
- Set of edges $E_h = \text{set of } \gamma_l, l = 1, 2, \dots, N_\gamma$
- $E_h = E_{h,D} \cup E_{h,N} \cup E_{h,int}$



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DGM Formulation - Poisson's Equation

Poisson's Equation

$$-\Delta u + cf = u \text{ in } \Omega$$

Boundary conditions

- $u = u_o$ on Γ_D
- $\vec{n} \cdot \nabla u = g$ on Γ_N



Weak Formulation

- Multiply PDE by test function v and integrate over Ω
- $\int_{\Omega} (\nabla \cdot \nabla u + cu) v dx = \int_{\Omega} f v dx$
- Decomposing the above integrals into element contributions (unlike classical FEM approach) and integrating by parts :

$$\sum_{K \in P_h} \int_K (\nabla u \cdot \nabla v + cuv) dx - \sum_{K \in P_h} \int_{\partial K} ((\vec{n}) \cdot \nabla u) v ds = \sum_{K \in P_h} \int_K f v dx$$

- Boundary integral is defined on each boundary element as follows:

$$\sum_{K \in P_h} \int_{\partial K} (\vec{n} \cdot \nabla u) v ds = \int_{\Gamma_D} (\vec{n} \cdot \nabla u) v ds + \int_{\Gamma_N} (\vec{n} \cdot \nabla u) v ds +$$

$$\sum_{\gamma_{ij} \in E_{h,int}} \int_{\gamma_{ij}} (\vec{n} \cdot \nabla u)_i v_i + (\vec{n} \cdot \nabla u)_j v_j ds$$



Simplifying

- Using $ac - bd = 1/2(a + b)(c - d) + 1/2(a - b)(c + d)$

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$$\vec{n} \cdot (\nabla u)_i v_i - \vec{n} \cdot (\nabla)_j v_j = \langle \vec{n} \cdot \nabla u \rangle [v] + [\text{vec} n \cdot \nabla u] \langle v \rangle$$

- Where: Jump is

$$[v] = v_i - v_j$$

and average is

$$\langle v \rangle = \frac{v_i + v_j}{2}$$



Simplifying (Continued)

- An edge lying on Γ_D has

$$[v] = v = v$$

and

$$\langle v \rangle = v$$

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- Allowing us to combine interior and Dirichlet boundary conditions in one term :

$$\int_{\Gamma_{int} \cup \Gamma_D} \langle \vec{n} \cdot \nabla u \rangle [v] + [\vec{n} \cdot \nabla u] \langle v \rangle ds$$



Variational Form

$$\sum_{K \in P_h} \int_K (\nabla u \cdot \nabla v + cuv) dx - \int_{\Gamma_{int} \cup \Gamma_D} \langle \vec{n} \cdot \nabla u \rangle ds = \sum_{K \in P_h} \int_K f v dx + \int_{\Gamma_N} g v ds$$



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- Bilinear form :

$$B(u, v) = \sum_{K \in P_h} \int_K (\nabla u \cdot \nabla v + cuv) dx$$

and

$$F(v) = \sum_{K \in P_h} \int_K f v dx + \int_{\Gamma_N} g v ds$$



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- Also Bilinear form for Boundaries Γ_D and Γ_{int} is :

$$J(u, v) = \int_{\Gamma_D \cup \Gamma_{int}} \langle \vec{n} \cdot \nabla u \rangle [v] ds$$



- A general discontinuous weak formulation of the Poisson Equation hence reads :

$$B(u, v) - J(u, v) = F(v), \forall v \in H^2(P_h)$$



Introduction of a new linear form

- Observation : $u \in H^1(\Omega) \cap H^2(P_h)$, the jump $[u]$ vanishes on each γ_{ij} :

$$\int_{\gamma_{ij}} v[u] ds = 0, \forall v \in L^2(\gamma_{ij})$$

- Follows that :

$$\int_{\Gamma_{int}} \langle \vec{n} \cdot \nabla v \rangle [u] ds = 0, \forall v \in H^2(P_h)$$

- Dirichlet B.C. applied will give :

$$\int_{\Gamma_D} (\vec{n} \cdot \nabla v) u ds = \int_{\Gamma_D} (\vec{n} \cdot \nabla v) u_0 ds, \forall v \in H^2(P_h)$$



- The new linear form defined as :

$$J_0(v) = \int_{\Gamma_D} (\vec{n} \cdot \nabla v) u_0 ds, \forall v \in H^2(P_h)$$

- We observe $u = u_0$ on Γ_D ,

$$J(u, v) = J_0(v), \forall v \in H^2(P_h)$$



IMPORTANT

- We will, hence forth, only discuss the discrete formulation of different methods (and assume that the continuous form is similar, with the exception of the domains where the answer for u is searched in)



- $B_-(u, v) = B(u, v) - J(u, v) - J(v, u)$
- $F_-(v) = F(v) - J_0(v)$
- GEM consists of finding $u_h \in V^{hp}$ such that :

$$B_-(u, v) = F_-(v), \forall v \in V^{hp}$$



Symmetric Interior Penalty Galerkin Method

- Penalty terms added to ensure continuity of solution at the interface of elements
- Let σ be penalty parameter depending on length of edges γ_{ij} and γ and the polynomial degree used in elements i.e $\sigma = \sigma(h, p)$
- Introducing Penalty terms

$$J^\sigma(u, v) = \int_{\Gamma_{int} \cup \Gamma_D} \sigma[u][v] ds$$

and

$$J_0^\sigma(v) = \int_{\Gamma_D} \sigma u_0 v ds$$

- $B_-(u, v)^\sigma = B(u, v) - J(u, v) - J(v, u) + J^\sigma(u, v)$
- $F_-^\sigma(v) = F(v) - J_0(v) + J_0(v)^\sigma$



- SIPG Problem is find $u_h \in V^{hp}$ such that :

$$B_-(u, v)^\sigma = F_-^\sigma(v), \forall v \in V^{hp}$$



Discontinuous hp Galerkin FEM - DGM

- $B_+(u, v) = B(u, v) - J(u, v) + J(v, u)$
- $F_+(v) = F(v) + J_0(v)$
- DGM consists of finding $u_h \in V^{hp}$ such that :

$$B_+(u, v) = F_+(v), \forall v \in V^{hp}$$



Non-Symmetric Interior Penalty Galerkin Method (NIPG)

- $B_-(u, v)^\sigma = B(u, v) - J(u, v) + J(v, u) + J^\sigma(u, v)$
- $F_+^\sigma(v) = F(v) + J_0(v) + J_0(v)^\sigma$
- NIPG Problem is find $u_h \in V^{hp}$ such that :

$$B_+(u, v)^\sigma = F_+^\sigma(v), \forall v \in V^{hp}$$



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Numerical Implementation

Open the report.

