

## TASK 2: Discretization of convection/diffusion

Derive a proper variational formulation of the convection/diffusion problem. Derive sufficient conditions that make the problem well-posed. Discuss why oscillations appear for standard Galerkin methods and show how SUPG methods resolve these problems. Discuss also approximation properties in light of Cea's lemma.

The convection–diffusion equation is a combination of the diffusion and convection (advection) equations, and describes physical phenomena where particles, energy, or other physical quantities are transferred inside a physical system due to two processes

$$\begin{aligned}\mu \nabla^2 u + v \cdot \nabla u &= f \in \Omega \\ u &= g \in \partial\Omega\end{aligned}$$

- $u$  = Is the
- $\mu \nabla^2 u$  = Diffusion term, distribution of concentration due to concentration difference (Ink in glass..)
- $\mu$  = Dynamic viscosity
- $v \cdot \nabla u$  = Convection(Advection), distribution of concentration due to fluid flow
- $v$  = Can be fluid flow average, etc..

### Singular Perturbation problem

Consequence  $\mu \rightarrow 0$ , boundary conditions can't be satisfied. Changes the very nature of problem. Practical situations  $\mu > 0$ , but small in the sense that  $\mu \ll |v|$ . This results in an overdetermined problem. (Also if  $\mu$  goes to 0). For such problem where  $\mu \ll |v|$ , solution will be similar to  $\mu = 0$ , EXCEPT close to **NON-inflow boundary**. Here we will typically have a boundary layer. We will also observe that the discretized problem, will result in unphysical oscillations starting at this boundary layer.

## 0.1 1D con-diff problem

$$\begin{aligned} u_x - \mu u_{xx} &= 0 \\ u(0) &= 0 \quad u(1) = 1 \\ u_e(x) &= \frac{e^{\frac{-x}{\mu}} - 1}{e^{\frac{-1}{\mu}} - 1} \end{aligned}$$

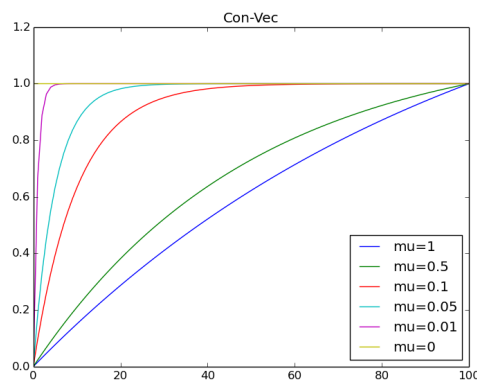
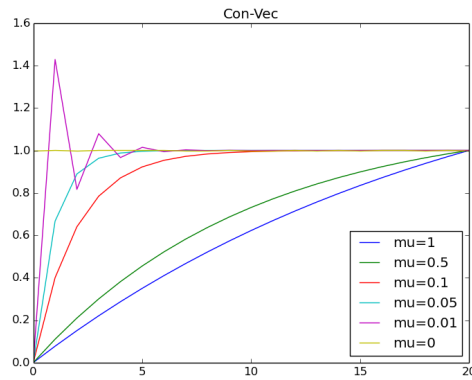
For  $\mu \rightarrow 0$  both  $e^{\frac{-x}{\mu}}$  and  $e^{\frac{-1}{\mu}}$  and  $u(x) \approx 1$  unless  $x \approx 0$ . Close to the inflow boundary  $x = 0$ , there will be a boundary layer where  $u$  has exponential growth.

### Galerkin method

Find  $u \in H_{0,1}^1$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 (u_x v - \mu u_{xx} v) dx &= 0 \\ \langle -u_x, v \rangle - \mu \langle \nabla u, \nabla v \rangle &= 0 \quad \forall v \in H_{0,0}^1 \end{aligned}$$

CONVEC N = 20 and N = 100



Observe oscillations for low choice of N. WHY DO THIS HAPPEND? Explain with FDM.

Using central difference

$$\frac{\mu}{h^2} [u_{i+1} - 2u_i + u_{i-1}] - \frac{v}{2h} [u_{i+1} - u_{i-1}] = 0$$

$$u_0 = 0 \quad u_N = 1$$

for  $\mu = 0$

$$\frac{v}{2h} [u_{i+1} - u_{i-1}] = 0 \quad u_{i+1} = u_{i-1} \quad \text{SOURCE OSCILLATIONS}$$

**THE CURE** Introduce an artificial diffusion term.

drop central difference scheme, use upwind such that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x_i) &= \frac{u_{i+1} - u_i}{h} \quad v < 0 \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} &= \frac{u_i - u_{i-1}}{h} \quad v > 0 \end{aligned}$$

- **PROS** = Oscillations disappear
- **CONS** = 1 order convergence

**POINT!** Show relation to **upwind** and **artificial diffusion** Observe

$$\frac{u_{i+1} - u_{i-1}}{2h} \quad \text{Central Scheme, 1. order convergence}$$