

Discontinuous Galerkin Methods for Nonlinear Wave Interactions

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and can be generalised to the

- Elastodynamics equations: $u_{tt} - (W'(u_x))_x = 0$
- Incompressible Euler equations $\vec{u}_t + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \vec{u} = -\nabla p$, $\nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0$ (Olver, 1982, Math. Ana. Comp.)

Existing schemes

KdV has been thoroughly investigated numerically, see (Sanz-Serna, 1982, J. Comput. Phys.) for a finite difference scheme, and (Karakashian and Makridakis, 2015, Math. Comp.) for a discontinuous finite element scheme.

The physical behaviour of solutions is also well understood for this problem, so in addition performing numerical analysis we can verify solution behaviour in the eyeball norm.



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Main example

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$$u(t, x) = \frac{1}{2} c \operatorname{sech}^2 \left(\frac{\sqrt{c}}{2} (x - ct - p) \right),$$

where c denotes wavespeed, and p denotes the initial position of the soliton.

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$$v := \frac{\delta}{\delta u} H[u],$$

allowing us to rewrite our Hamiltonian PDE as the system

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Note that KdV has two Hamiltonian formulations, the second is

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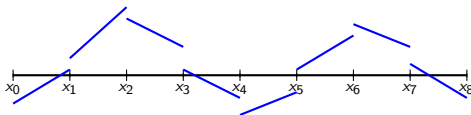
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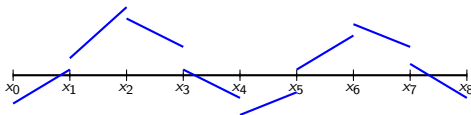
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We will denote spatially discretisation by capitalisation, and temporal discretisation by superscripts, i.e.,

- $u(t, x)$ is a continuous function
- $U(t, x)$ is a spatially discrete function
- $u^n(x)$ is a temporally discrete function
- $U^n(x)$ is a fully discrete function

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$$a_h(W, \psi) = \int_{\Omega} W_x \psi_x \, dx$$

$$- \int_{\mathcal{E}} [[W]]\{\psi_x\} + [[\psi]]\{W_x\} \, dS$$

$$+ \int_{\mathcal{E}} \frac{\sigma}{h} [[W]][[\psi]] \, dS,$$

$\forall \psi \in \mathbb{V}_q$ for $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}$ sufficiently large. This bilinear form is known as the symmetric interior penalty method.

Semi-discrete numerical scheme

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A semi-discrete a priori bound

The semi-discrete scheme satisfies the bound

$$\|U - u\|_{H_h^1} \leq Ch^q.$$

Fully discrete numerical scheme

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i.e.,

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Conserved quantities

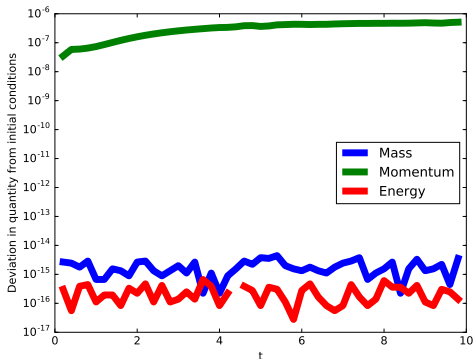


Figure: The deviation in discrete mass, momentum and energy from their value at $t = 0$. We chose $x_l = 0$, $x_r = 40$, $h = 0.8$ and $\tau = 0.005$ for the 1-soliton solution to KdV $\frac{1}{2}\text{sech}^2\left(\frac{1}{2}(x - 20 - t)\right)$.

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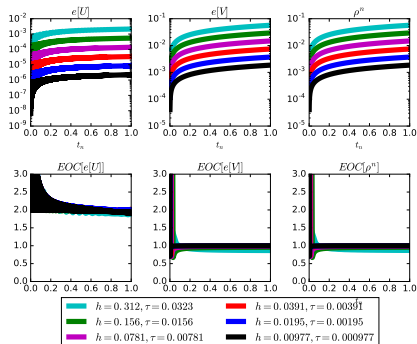


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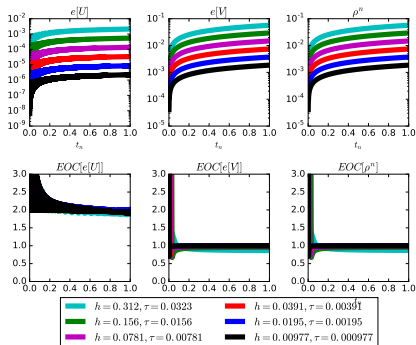


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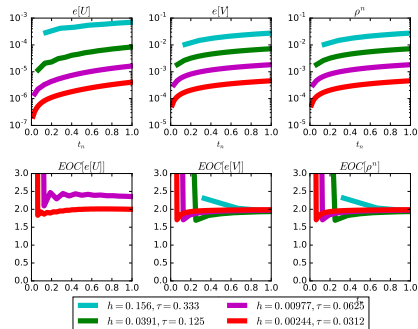


Figure: $h = \tau^{\frac{1}{2}}$

KdV soliton simulations



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$$H_1 = \frac{1}{4} |\vec{u}|^4 - |\vec{u}_x|^2$$

$$H_2 = |\vec{u}|^2.$$

cvmKdV as a system

With a view to conserve the energy of our problem we introduce the first variation of the energy $\frac{1}{4} |\vec{u}|^4 - |\vec{u}_x|^2$ as the auxiliary variable

$$\vec{w} = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{u}|^2 \vec{u} + \vec{u}_{xx},$$

leading us to write vmKdV as

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{u}_t + \vec{w}_x &= 0 \\ \vec{w} - \frac{1}{2} |\vec{u}|^2 \vec{u} - \vec{u}_{xx} &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

Spatially discrete scheme for cvmKdV

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$$u_1(t, x) = \frac{2a_1\mu}{\cosh \xi + a_0 \sinh \xi}$$
$$u_2(t, x) = \frac{2a_2\mu}{\cosh \xi + a_0 \sinh \xi}$$

where $\vec{u} = (u_1, u_2)^T$ solves our spatially discrete scheme for vmKdV.

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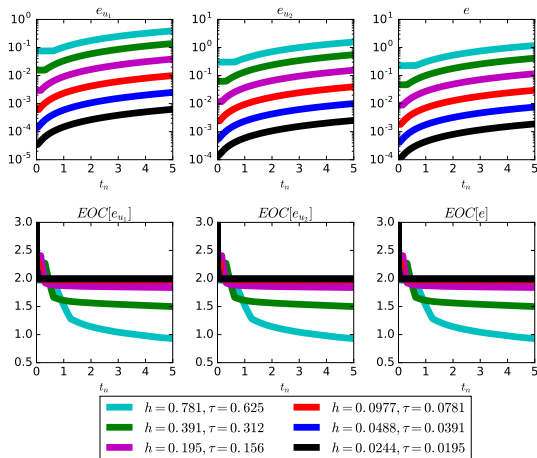


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