


# Tutorial for MOLE


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# Preface

This manual is for newcomers to Mimetic Operator's Library Enhanced [9] (MOLE) with a foundation in Numerical Analysis for Partial Differential Equations (PDEs). The library is growing with examples implemented with sparse matrix data structures in GNU Octave/ MATLAB, and C++. In addition, most of these examples are provided using a Python module called pyMOLE [3]. Therefore, understanding this implementation of mimetic operators will allow users to translate the algorithms into other high-performance scientific programming languages such as Julia, Fortran, Rust and C.

The main goal of this document is to provide clear and complete explanations of these examples to help users understand the core concepts and applications of the library. We would like to thank Professor Miguel Dumett of the Computational Science Research Center at San Diego State University and the National University of Trujillo for organizing MOLE courses.



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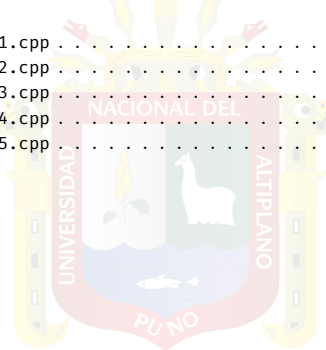


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**Part I.**

# **Foundations of Mimetic Difference Operators**

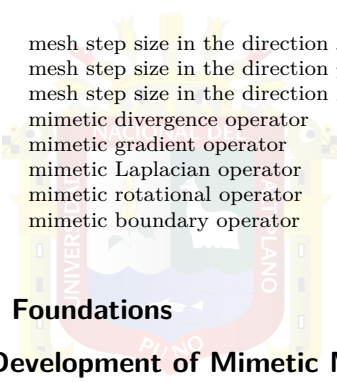


# 1. Mathematical and Numerical Foundations

## 1.1. Introduction and Objectives

[21].

## 1.2. Notation and Prerequisites



$\Delta x$	mesh step size in the direction $x$
$\Delta y$	mesh step size in the direction $y$
$\Delta z$	mesh step size in the direction $z$
$\mathbf{D}$	mimetic divergence operator
$\mathbf{G}$	mimetic gradient operator
$\mathbf{L}$	mimetic Laplacian operator
$\mathbf{C}$	mimetic rotational operator
$\mathbf{B}$	mimetic boundary operator

## 1.3. Theoretical Foundations

## 1.4. Historical Development of Mimetic Methods

MOLE is an open-source library that implements high-order mimetic operators [9]. Let  $\Omega = [a, b]$ .

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$$\mathbf{G}f_d = \vec{0}.$$

$$\mathbf{D}\vec{v}_d = 0.$$

$$\mathbf{C}\mathbf{G}f = 0.$$

$$\mathbf{D}\mathbf{C}\vec{v} = 0.$$

$$\mathbf{D}\mathbf{G}f_d = \mathbf{L}f_d.$$

$$\int_{\Omega} f \mathbf{D}\vec{v} \, dV + \int_{\Omega} \vec{v} \cdot (\mathbf{G}f) \, dV = \int_{\partial\Omega} f \vec{v} \cdot \vec{n} \, dS.$$

$$\langle \mathbf{D}\vec{v}, f \rangle_Q + \langle \mathbf{G}f, \vec{v} \rangle_P = \langle \mathbf{B}\vec{v}, f \rangle.$$

$$\langle Q\mathbf{D}\vec{v}, f \rangle + \langle P\mathbf{G}f, \vec{v} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{B}\vec{v}, f \rangle.$$

$$\langle Q\mathbf{D}\vec{v} + \mathbf{G}^T P\vec{v}, f \rangle = \langle \mathbf{B}\vec{v}, f \rangle.$$

$$Q\mathbf{D}\vec{v} + \mathbf{G}^T P\vec{v} = \mathbf{B}\vec{v}.$$

$$Q\mathbf{D} + \mathbf{G}^T P = \mathbf{B}.$$

$$\int_0^1 \frac{dv}{dx} f \, dx + \int_0^1 \frac{df}{dx} \, dx = v(1) f(1) - v(0) f(0).$$

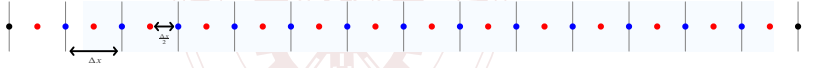


Figure 1.1.: 1D Staggered grid.

$$D^{(2)} = \frac{1}{h} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1c} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{r1} & \cdots & a_{rc} \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & \cdots & b_{1q} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{p1} & \cdots & b_{pq} \end{bmatrix} A \otimes B := \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}B & \cdots & a_{1c}B \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{r1}B & \cdots & a_{rc}B \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$D_{xy}^{(k)} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{I}_n \otimes D_x^{(k)} & D_y^{(k)} \otimes \hat{I}_m \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$D_{xyz}^{(k)} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{I}_o \otimes \hat{I}_n \otimes D_x^{(k)} & \hat{I}_o \otimes D_y^{(k)} \otimes \hat{I}_m & D_z^{(k)} \otimes \hat{I}_n \otimes \hat{I}_m \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$G_{xy}^{(k)} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{I}_n^T \otimes G_x^{(k)} \\ G_y^{(k)} \otimes \hat{I}_m^T \end{bmatrix}.$$

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$$G_{xyz}^{(k)} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{I}_o^T \otimes \hat{I}_n^T \otimes G_x^{(k)} \\ \hat{I}_o^T \otimes G_y^{(k)} \otimes \hat{I}_m^T \\ G_z^{(k)} \otimes \hat{I}_n^T \otimes \hat{I}_m^T \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$D = DR.$$

$$G = LG$$

Let's consider an uniform mesh

$$x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_{n-1} < x_n$$

$$\text{of } \Omega = [a, b].$$

$$i=0,\ldots,N.$$

$$x_i=i+i\Delta x$$

$$\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n}$$

$$x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{x_i+x_{i+1}}{2}$$

$$u = \left(u_0, u_{\frac{1}{2}}, u_{\frac{3}{2}}, \ldots, u_{n-\frac{1}{2}}, u_n\right), \; v = (v_0, v_1, \ldots, v_{n-1}, v_n).$$

$$u_i = \frac{u_{i+\frac{1}{2}}-u_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}{h_i}, \; 1 \leq i \leq N-1$$

$$G\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_0 \\ u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_{n-1} \\ u_n \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{h} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{8}{3} & 3 & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



## 2. Core Mimetic Operators

### 2.1. Divergence operator

#### 2.1.1. 1D Formulation

Orden 2

Orden 4

Orden 6

Orden 8

#### 2.1.2. 2D Formulation

#### 2.1.3. 3D Formulation

### 2.2. Gradient Operator

#### 2.2.1. 1D Formulation

Orden 2

Orden 4

Orden 6

Orden 8

#### 2.2.2. 2D Formulation

#### 2.2.3. 3D Formulation

### 2.3. Laplacian Operator

#### 2.3.1. 1D Formulation

#### 2.3.2. 2D Formulation

#### 2.3.3. 3D Formulation

### 2.4. Interpolation Operators

### 2.5. Boundary Condition Implementation

#### 2.5.1. 1D Boundary Handling

#### 2.5.2. 2D/3D Boundary Handling

Let be  $f, g: \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are scalar fields. Let be  $\vec{v}, \vec{w}: \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  are vector fields.



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$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{\Omega} fg \, dV.$$

$$\langle \vec{v}, \vec{w} \rangle = \int_{\Omega} \vec{v} \vec{w} \, dV.$$

$$\langle \mathbf{D}\vec{v}, f \rangle + \langle \vec{v}, \mathbf{G}f \rangle = \int_{\partial\Omega} f \vec{v} \cdot \vec{n} \, dS.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{G}: \mathbb{R}^{n+2} &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \\ f &\longmapsto \mathbf{G}f. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{D}: \mathbb{R}^{n+1} &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \\ \vec{v} &\longmapsto \mathbf{D}\vec{v}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{B}: \mathbb{R}^{n+2} &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \\ \vec{v} &\longmapsto \mathbf{B}\vec{v}. \end{aligned}$$

### Teorema 1

Let be  $f = [f_0 \quad f_{\frac{1}{2}} \quad f_{\frac{3}{2}} \quad \cdots \quad f_{n-\frac{1}{2}} \quad f_n]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n+2}$  a discretized function defined at the cell centers and at the boundary of the 1D mesh. Let be  $v = [v_0 \quad v_1 \quad \cdots \quad v_n]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  a discretized function defined on the nodes of the 1D mesh.

- $\mathbf{G}f = 0 \iff f = c.$
- $\mathbf{D}\vec{v} = 0 \iff \vec{v} = c.$

*Proof.*

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{D}\vec{v} &= \frac{v_{i+1} - v_i}{\Delta x}. \\ 0 &= \frac{v_{i+1} - v_i}{\Delta x}. \end{aligned}$$

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$$\mathbf{G}f = \frac{f_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - f_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Delta x}.$$

■



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$$\mathbf{G}_x u = \mathbf{G}u \left( x_i, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}} \right) = \mathbf{G}_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}.$$

$$\mathbf{G}_y u = \mathbf{G}u \left( x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_j \right) = \mathbf{G}_{i+\frac{1}{2},j}.$$

$$\mathbf{D}_{\vec{v}} \left( x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}} \right) = \mathbf{D}\vec{v}_{i+\frac{1}{2},j+\frac{1}{2}}.$$



## 3. Code Core Mimetic Operators

### 3.1. Divergence operator

#### 3.1.1. 1D Formulation

Orden 2

Orden 4

Orden 6

Orden 8

The one-dimensional mimetic divergence operator  $div(k, m, k)$ , where  $k$ : order of accuracy,  $m$ : number of cells and  $dx$ : step size. The operator  $div$  is a matrix of order  $m + 2$  by  $m + 1$ . Where  $k$  can take values 2, 4, 6 and 8;  $m > 2 * k + 1$ , that is:

if  $k = 2$ , then the minimum value it takes  $m = 5$

if  $k = 4$ , then the minimum value it takes  $m = 9$

if  $k = 6$ , then the minimum value it takes  $m = 13$

if  $k = 8$ , then the minimum value it takes  $m = 17$

Octave script 3.1.: Program div.m

Example: If  $K = 2$ ,  $m = 5$  and  $dx = 1$ , then the divergence matrix is of order 7 by 6.

$$D = \left( \frac{1}{dx} \right) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.1)$$

C++ script 3.1.: Program divergence.h

**Line 1 and 55:** In this part the code defines the function  $D = div(k, m, dx)$   
**Line 15:** The assert command is the function used to verify the validity

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of an expression. In this case,  $k \geq 2$ . **Line 16:** Verify the validity of an expression. In this case, let  $k$  be an even number.

**Line 17:** Verify that  $m \geq 2 * k + 1$ .

**Line 19:** The command  $D = \text{sparse}(m + 2, m + 1)$  creates a sparse matrix of order  $m + 2$  by  $m + 1$ .

**Line 21 and 53:** The switch command is used to perform a multiple comparison,  $k$  in this case analyzing for the different values that  $k$  can take, the maximum being 8.

**Line 22:** The case when  $k=2$

**Line 23 to 24:** The main diagonal takes values of -1 from the second column onwards, and below the main diagonal it takes values of 1 from the first column to the last column; the other components are zeros.

**Line 27:** The case when  $k=4$

**Line 28:** Define a vector  $A$  with 1 row and 5 columns with the indicated fractional values.

**Line 29:**  $D(2, 1 : 5) = A$  refers to row 2 and the first 5 columns of matrix  $D$ . Then, vector  $A$  is placed at those positions in matrix  $D$ .

**Line 30:** The `fliplr(A)` command reverses the order of the elements of  $A$ , and then multiplies by -1.

**Line 32:**  $D(i, i - 2 : i + 1) = [1/24 - 9/89/8 - 1/24]$  at each iteration of the loop, a 4-valued vector is being assigned to a portion of row  $i$  of matrix  $D$ .

**Line 36:** Defines the matrix  $A$  of order 2 by 7.

**Line 38:** In  $D(2 : 3, 1 : 7) = A$  assigns matrix  $A$  to rows 2 and 3 of matrix  $D$ , and columns 1 to 7 of matrix  $D$ . That is, the elements of  $A$  are placed into that submatrix of  $D$ .

**Line 39:** In  $D(m : m + 1, m - 5 : \text{end}) = -\text{rot90}(A, 2)$  `rot90(A, 2)` rotates matrix  $A$  180 degrees, which is equivalent to rotating it counterclockwise twice by 90 degrees. It is then multiplied by -1 and assigned to a subsegment of matrix  $D$  located in rows  $m$  to  $m+1$  and columns from  $m-5$  to the end.

**Line 40:** In this for loop, index  $i$  is traversed from 4 to  $m - 1$ . At each iteration, a vector of specific values is assigned to a subarray within  $D$ . The subarray affects rows  $i$  and columns from  $i-3$  to  $i+2$ . The sequence of values assigned is:  $[-3/64025/384 - 75/6475/64 - 25/3843/640]$ , This is repeated for each value of  $i$  between 4 and  $m - 1$ .

**Line 45:** The matrix  $A$  is defined as  $3 \times 9 \times 9$ , and its elements are fractions. This matrix will be used to fill specific portions of another matrix  $D$ .

**Line 48:**  $D(2 : 4, 1 : 9) = A$  matrix  $A$  are assigned to rows 2, 3, and 4, and columns 1 through 9 of matrix  $D$ . In other words, rows 2 through 4 of  $D$  (3 rows) and the first 9 columns of  $D$  are filled with values from matrix  $A$ .

### 3. Code Core Mimetic Operators

Python script 3.1.: Program div1D.py

#### 3.1.2. 2D Formulation

Octave script 3.2.: Program div2D.m

**Line 1 and 29:** In this part the code defines the function  $D = \text{div2D}(k, m, dx, n, dy)$  where  $k$  is the order of accuracy,  $m$  is the number of points on the  $x$ -axis,  $dx$  is the step size on the  $x$ -axis,  $n$  is the number of cells on the  $y$ -axis,  $dy$  is the step size on the  $y$ -axis

**Line 16:** Calculates the divergence in one dimension on the  $x$ -axis  $Dx = \text{div}(k, m, dx)$  this command is calling divergence in 1D.

**Line 17:** Calculates the divergence in one dimension on the  $y$ -axis  $Dy = \text{div}(k, n, dy)$  this command is calling divergence in 1D.

**Line 19:**  $Im = \text{sparse}(m + 2, m)$  is a sparse matrix of size  $m + 2$  by  $m$ .

**Line 20:**  $In = \text{sparse}(n + 2, n)$  is a sparse matrix of size  $n + 2$  by  $n$ .

**linea 22**  $Im$  has size  $(m + 2)$  by  $m$  as seen on line 19. Then the command  $\text{speye}(m, m)$  creates a sparse identity matrix of size  $m$  by  $m$ . and  $Im(2 : m + 1, :)$  selects from row 2 to row  $m + 1$ , all columns. Finally, this puts the identity inside  $Im$  but starting at row 2, leaving row 1 and row  $m + 2$  as zeros.

**linea 23**  $In$  has size  $(n + 2)$  by  $n$  as seen on line 19. Then the command  $\text{speye}(n, n)$  creates a sparse identity matrix of size  $n$  by  $n$ . and  $In(2 : n + 1, :)$  selects from row 2 to row  $n + 1$ , all columns. Finally, this puts the identity inside  $In$  but starting at row 2, leaving row 1 and row  $n + 2$  as zeros.

**linea 25** In this part  $Sx = \text{kron}(In, Dx)$ ; This is a sparse 1D differential operator, using the Kronecker product using  $\text{kron}$ . This operator applies  $Dx$  in the  $x$  direction, repeating for each row in  $y$ . Derivatives in  $x$  for each row of the 2D mesh. Where the size of  $Sx$  is:  $(n + 2) * m$  by  $n * m$ , since  $Dx$  is  $m$  by  $m$  and  $In$  is  $(n + 2)$  by  $n$ .

**linea 26** In this part  $Sy = \text{kron}(Dy, Im)$ ; This is a sparse 1D differential operator, using the Kronecker product using  $\text{kron}$ . This operator applies  $Dy$  in the  $y$  direction, repeating for each row in  $y$ . Derivatives in  $y$  for each row of the 2D mesh. Where the size of  $Sy$  is:  $n * (m + 2)$  by  $n * m$ .

**linea 28**  $D$  is the horizontal concatenation of the two matrices  $Sx$  and  $Sy$ , the order of the matrix  $D$  being, the number of rows is  $(n + 2)$  by  $n$  and columns is  $2 * n^2$

#### 3.1.3. 3D Formulation

Octave script 3.3.: Program div3D.m

**Line 1 and 38:** In this part the code defines the function  $D = \text{div3D}(k, m, dx, n, dy, o, dz)$  where  $k$  is the order of accuracy,  $m$  is the number of points on the  $x$ -axis,  $dx$  is the step size on the  $x$ -axis,  $n$  is the number of cells on the  $y$ -axis,  $dy$  is the step size on the  $y$ -axis,  $o$  is the number of cells on the  $z$ -axis,  $dz$  is the step size on the  $z$ -axis.

**Line 18:**  $Im = \text{sparse}(m + 2, m)$  is equal to the code of div2D line 19.

**Line 19:**  $Im(2 : (m + 2) - 1, :) = \text{speye}(m, m)$  is equal to the code of div2D line 22.

**Line 21:**  $Dx = \text{div}(k, m, dx)$  This is calling for divergence in one dimension, on the  $x$ -axis.

**Line 23:**  $In = \text{sparse}(n + 2, n)$  is equal to the code of div2D line 20.

**Line 24:**  $In(2 : (n + 2) - 1, :) = \text{speye}(n, n)$  is equal to the code of div2D line 23.

**Line 26:**  $Dy = \text{div}(k, n, dy)$  This is calling for divergence in one dimension, on the  $y$ -axis.

**Line 28:**  $Io = \text{sparse}(o + 2, o)$  is equal to the code of div2D line 20.

**Line 29:**  $Io(2 : (o + 2) - 1, :) = \text{speye}(o, o)$  is equal to the code of div2D line 23.

**Line 31:**  $Dz = \text{div}(k, o, dz)$  This is calling for divergence in one dimension, on the  $z$ -axis.

**Line 33:**  $Sx = \text{kron}(\text{kron}(Io, In), Dx)$  applies the derivative at  $x$ , keeping  $y$  and  $z$  fixed using the Kronecker product, the 1D operator is expanded to operate on the entire 3D mesh.

**Line 34:**  $Sy = \text{kron}(\text{kron}(Io, Dy), Im)$  applies the derivative at  $y$ , keeping  $x$  and  $z$  fixed using the Kronecker product, the 1D operator is expanded to operate on the entire 3D mesh.

**Line 35:**  $Sz = \text{kron}(\text{kron}(Dz, In), Im)$  applies the derivative at  $z$ , keeping  $x$  and  $y$  fixed using the Kronecker product, the 1D operator is expanded to operate on the entire 3D mesh.

### 3. Code Core Mimetic Operators

linea 28  $D$  is the horizontal concatenation of the three matrices  $S_x$ ,  $S_y$  and  $S_z$ .

## 3.2. Gradient Operator

### 3.2.1. 1D Formulation

Orden 2

Orden 4

Orden 6

Orden 8

Octave script 3.4.: Program grad.m

C++ script 3.2.: Program gradient.h

Python script 3.2.: Program grad1D.py

### 3.2.2. 2D Formulation

Octave script 3.5.: Program grad2D.m

### 3.2.3. 3D Formulation

Octave script 3.6.: Program grad3D.m

### *3. Code Core Mimetic Operators*

Octave script 3.7.: Program lap.m

C++ script 3.3.: Program laplacian.h

Python script 3.3.: Program lap1D.py

Octave script 3.8.: Program lap2D.m

Octave script 3.9.: Program lap3D.m

## **3.3. Laplacian Operator**

### **3.3.1. 1D Formulation**

### **3.3.2. 2D Formulation**

### **3.3.3. 3D Formulation**

## **3.4. Interpolation Operators**

Octave script 3.10.: Program interpol.m

Octave script 3.11.: Program interpol2D.m

Octave script 3.12.: Program interpol3D.m

## **3.5. Boundary Condition Implementation**

### **3.5.1. 1D Boundary Handling**

Octave script 3.13.: Program addBC1D.m

### 3.5.2. 2D/3D Boundary Handling

Let be  $f, g: \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are scalar fields. Let be  $\vec{v}, \vec{w}: \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  are vector fields.

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{\Omega} fg \, dV.$$

$$\langle \vec{v}, \vec{w} \rangle = \int_{\Omega} \vec{v} \vec{w} \, dV.$$

$$\langle \mathbf{D}\vec{v}, f \rangle + \langle \vec{v}, \mathbf{G}f \rangle = \int_{\partial\Omega} f \vec{v} \cdot \vec{n} \, dS.$$

$$\mathbf{G}: \mathbb{R}^{n+2} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$$

$$f \mapsto \mathbf{G}f.$$

$$\mathbf{D}: \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\vec{v} \mapsto \mathbf{D}\vec{v}.$$

$$\mathbf{B}: \mathbb{R}^{n+2} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$$

$$\vec{v} \mapsto \mathbf{B}\vec{v}.$$

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Let be  $f = [f_0 \quad f_{\frac{1}{2}} \quad f_{\frac{3}{2}} \quad \cdots \quad f_{n-\frac{1}{2}} \quad f_n]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n+2}$  a discretized function defined at the cell centers and at the boundary of the 1D mesh. Let be  $v = [v_0 \quad v_1 \quad \cdots \quad v_n]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  a discretized function defined on the nodes of the 1D mesh.

- $\mathbf{G}f = 0 \iff f = c.$
- $\mathbf{D}\vec{v} = 0 \iff \vec{v} = c.$

*Proof.*

•

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{D}\vec{v} &= \frac{v_{i+1} - v_i}{\Delta x}. \\ 0 &= \frac{v_{i+1} - v_i}{\Delta x}. \end{aligned}$$



### 3. Code Core Mimetic Operators

$$\mathbf{G}f = \frac{f_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - f_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Delta x}.$$

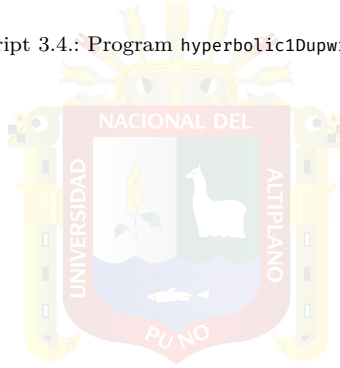
$$\mathbf{G}_x u = \mathbf{G}u(x_i, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) = \mathbf{G}_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}.$$

$$\mathbf{G}_y u = \mathbf{G}u(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) = \mathbf{G}_{i+\frac{1}{2},j}.$$

$$\mathbf{D}\vec{v}(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) = \mathbf{D}\vec{v}_{i+\frac{1}{2},j+\frac{1}{2}}.$$

### 3.6. Compact operators

C++ script 3.4.: Program hyperbolic1Dupwind.cpp



### 3. Code Core Mimetic Operators

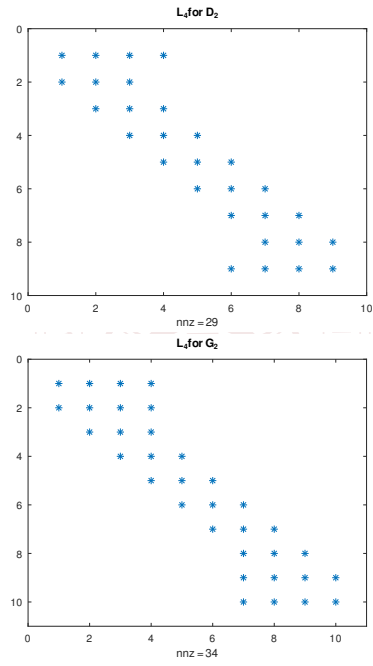


Figure 3.1.: .

## 4. Numerical Methods for Differential Equations

### 4.1. Ordinary Differential Equations (ODEs)

#### 4.1.1. Initial Value Problems

Consider the Initial Value Problem

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dy}{dt} = f(t, y), & t \in [0, T]. \\ y(0) = y_0. \end{cases}$$

**Backward Euler Method**

$$f(t_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) = \frac{dy}{dt} \approx \frac{y_{n+1} - y_n}{\Delta t} \Rightarrow y_{n+1} = y_n + f(t_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) \Delta t.$$

The local truncation error is  $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2)$ . The Butcher table is  $\begin{array}{c|c} 1 & 1 \\ \hline & 1 \end{array}$ .

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dy}{dt} = y \sin t^2, & t \in [0, 5]. \\ y(0) = 2. \end{cases}$$

$$S(x) := \int_0^x \sin(t^2) dt = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{4n+3}}{(2n+1)!(4n+3)}.$$

We integrate and obtain the general solution.

$$\begin{aligned} \iint \frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} dx dx &= \iint e^x dx dx. \\ \int \frac{du}{dx} dx &= \int (e^x + C_1) dx. \\ u(x) &= e^x + C_1 x + C_2. \end{aligned}$$

Now, let's apply the Robin boundary conditions.

$$\begin{cases} 0 = u(0) - \left(\frac{du}{dx}\right)_{x=0} = e^0 + C_1(0) + C_2 - (e^0 + C_1) = C_2 - C_1. \\ 2e = u(1) + \left(\frac{du}{dx}\right)_{x=1} = e^1 + C_1(1) + C_2 + (e^1 + C_1) = 2e + 2C_1 + C_2. \end{cases} \quad (4.1)$$

El sistema (4.1) tiene como solución  $C_1 = C_2 = 0$ .  $\therefore$  la solución de (6.1) es  $u(x) = e^x$ .

Only the methods used in the tutorials: Verlet, RK4, Explicit Euler

#### 4. Numerical Methods for Differential Equations

```
1  #!/usr/bin/env -S octave -qf
2  % Solves ODE using backward Euler method
3
4  h = .05; % Step-size
5  t = 0:h:5; % Calculates up to y(5)
6  y = zeros(size(t));
7  y(1) = 2; % Initial condition
8  f = @(t, y) sin(t)^2 * y; % f(t, y)
9
10 for i = 1:length(t) - 1; % Stages
11     old_y = y(i);
12     y(i + 1) = fzero(@(y) y - h * f(t(i + 1), y) - old_y, old_y); % Backward Euler
13 end
```

Octave script 4.1.: Program backward\_euler.m

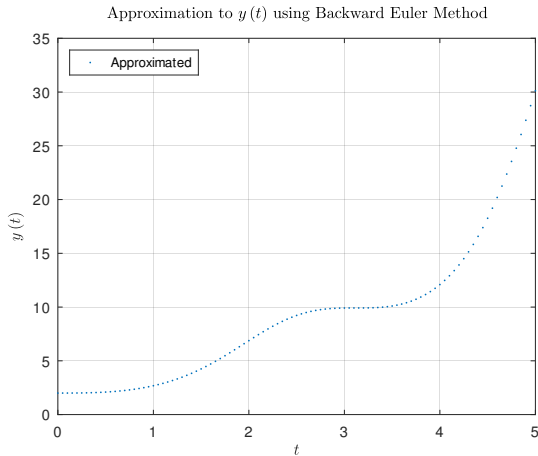


Figure 4.1.: Numerical solution by the Backward Euler Method.

- <https://docs.octave.org/v9.4.0/Ranges.html>
- <https://docs.octave.org/v9.4.0/Solvers.html#XREFfzero>
- <https://docs.octave.org/v9.4.0/Object-Sizes.html#XREFsize>
- <https://docs.octave.org/v9.4.0/Object-Sizes.html#XREFlength>
- <https://docs.octave.org/v9.4.0/Trigonometry.html#XREFsin>
- <https://docs.octave.org/v9.4.0/Special-Utility-Matrices.html#XREFzeros>

#### 4. Numerical Methods for Differential Equations

##### Explicit Runge-Kutta 2

$$\tilde{y}_{n+1} = y_n + f(t_n, y_n) \Delta t.$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{\Delta t}{2} (f(t_n, y_n) + f(\tilde{y}_{n+1}, t_{n+1})).$$

The local truncation error is  $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2)$ . The Butcher table is 
$$\begin{array}{c|cc} 0 & & \\ \hline 1 & 1 & \\ & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{array}.$$

```

1  #!/usr/bin/env -S octave -qf
2  % Solves ODE using explicit RK2 method
3
4  h = .05; % Step-size
5  t = 0:h:5; % Calculates up to y(5)
6  y = zeros(size(t));
7  y(1) = 2; % Initial condition
8  f = @(t, y) sin(t)^2 * y; % f(t, y)
9
10 for i = 1:length(t) - 1; % Stages
11     k1 = f(t(i), y(i));
12     k2 = f(t(i) + h / 2, y(i) + h / 2 * k1);
13     y(i + 1) = y(i) + h * k2; % y(i + 1)
14 end

```

Octave script 4.2.: Program RK2.m

2nd-order approximation to  $y(t)$  using RK2 Method

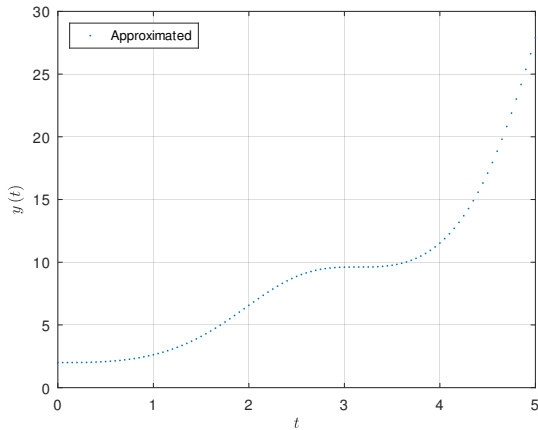


Figure 4.2.: Numerical solution by the Runge-Kutta 2 Method.

#### 4. Numerical Methods for Differential Equations

##### Explicit Runge-Kutta 4

$$\begin{aligned}
 k_1 &= f(t_n, y_n). \\
 k_2 &= f\left(t_n + \frac{\Delta t}{2}, y_n + \Delta t \frac{k_1}{2}\right). \\
 k_3 &= f\left(t_n + \frac{\Delta t}{2}, y_n + \frac{\Delta k_2}{2}\right). \\
 k_4 &= f(t_n + \Delta t, y_n + \Delta t k_3). \\
 y_{n+1} &= y_n + \frac{1}{6} (k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4).
 \end{aligned}$$

The local truncation error is  $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^4)$ . The Butcher table is

0				
$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$			
$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$		
1	0	0	1	
	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{4}{6}$	$\frac{4}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$

```

1  #!/usr/bin/env -S octave -qf
2  % Solves ODE using explicit RK4 method
3
4  h = .05; % Step-size
5  t = 0:h:5; % Calculates up to y(5)
6  y = zeros(size(t));
7  y(1) = 2; % Initial condition
8  f = @(t, y) sin(t)^2 * y; % f(t, y)
9
10 for i = 1:length(t) - 1 % Stages
11     k1 = f(t(i), y(i));
12     k2 = f(t(i) + h / 2, y(i) + h / 2 * k1);
13     k3 = f(t(i) + h / 2, y(i) + h / 2 * k2);
14     k4 = f(t(i) + h, y(i) + h * k3);
15     y(i + 1) = y(i) + h / 6 * (k1 + 2 * k2 + 2 * k3 + k4); % y(i + 1)
16 end

```

Octave script 4.3.: Program RK4.m

#### 4. Numerical Methods for Differential Equations

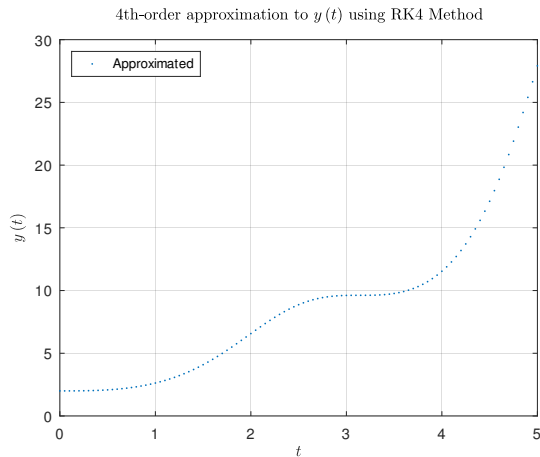


Figure 4.3.: Numerical solution by the Runge-Kutta 4 Method.

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##### 4.1.2. Boundary Value Problems

#### 4.2. Partial Differential Equations (PDEs)

##### 4.2.1. Hyperbolic Equation (transport)

##### 4.2.2. Parabolic Equation (Diffusion)

##### 4.2.3. Elliptic Equation (Poisson)

von Neumann Stability Analysis

Convergence and Error Estimation

#### 4. Numerical Methods for Differential Equations

```

1 // RK2.cpp
2
3 // Description:
4 // This program solves a first-order ordinary differential equation (ODE) of the
5 // form:
6 //  $dy/dt = \sin^2(t) * y$ 
7 // using the second-order Runge-Kutta (RK2) method. The solution is computed
8 // over the time interval [0, 5] with an initial condition  $y(0) = 2.0$ .
9
10 #include <armadillo>
11 #include <cmath> // For sin()
12 #include <fstream> // For file output
13 #include <iomanip> // For setprecision
14 #include <iostream>
15 #include <sstream> // For string streams
16
17 // Function prototype for f(t, y)
18 double f(double t, double y);
19
20 int main()
21 {
22     constexpr double h = 0.1; // Step size
23     constexpr double t_start = 0.0; // Initial time
24     constexpr double t_end = 5.0; // Final time
25
26     int n_steps = static_cast<int>((t_end - t_start) / h) + 1;
27
28     // MOLE's vec type for vectors
29     arma::vec t(n_steps); // Time vector
30     arma::vec y(n_steps); // Solution vector
31
32     // Initial conditions
33     t(0) = t_start;
34     y(0) = 2.0;
35
36     // Populate the time vector
37     for (int i = 1; i < n_steps; ++i) {
38         t(i) = t(i - 1) + h;
39     }
40
41     // RK2 Method
42     for (int i = 0; i < n_steps - 1; ++i) {
43         const double k1 = f(t(i), y(i)); // Slope at the beginning
44         const double k2 =
45             f(t(i) + h / 2.0, y(i) + h / 2.0 * k1); // Slope at midpoint
46         y(i + 1) = y(i) + h * k2; // Update solution
47     }
48
49     // Set the output stream to fixed-point notation with 6 decimal places
50     std::cout << std::fixed << std::setprecision(6);
51
52     // Create a GNUplot script file
53     std::ofstream plot_script("plot.gnu");
54     if (!plot_script) {
55         std::cerr << "Error: Failed to create GNUplot script.\n";
56         return 1;
57     }
58     plot_script << "set title 'RK2 Solution to ODE'\n";
59     plot_script << "set xlabel 't'\n";
60     plot_script << "set ylabel 'y'\n";
61     plot_script << "plot '-' using 1:2 with lines\n";
62
63     // Print the time and solution values to the standard output & gnuplot script
64     for (int i = 0; i < n_steps; ++i) {
65         // output to stdout
66         std::cout << t(i) << " " << y(i) << "\n";
67         // AND output to plot_script (plot.gnu)
68         plot_script << t(i) << " " << y(i) << "\n";
69     }
70     plot_script.close();
71
72     // Execute GNUplot using the script
73     if (system("gnuplot -persist plot.gnu") != 0) {
74         std::cerr << "Error: Failed to execute GNUplot.\n";
75         return 1;
76     }
77     return 0;
78 }
79
80 // Function definition for f(t, y)
81 double f(double t, double y) { return std::pow(std::sin(t), 2) * y; }

```



## **Part II.**

# **Practical Exercises with MOLE**



## 5. Getting Started

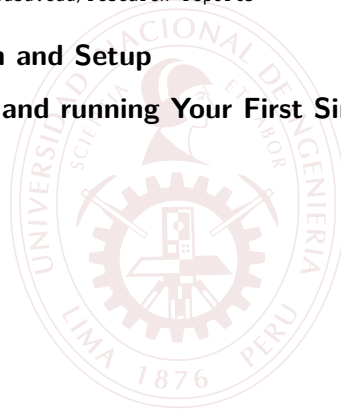
MOLE is a high-quality (C++ and GNU Octave) library that implements high-order mimetic methods to solve 1D, 2D and 3D spatial dimensions for PDEs. It provides discrete analogs of the most common vector calculus operators

The official website is <https://csrc-sdsu.github.io/mole>. After skimming the description and reading the papers you will find out that this method never uses a ghost points.

<https://www.csrc.sdsu.edu/research-reports>

### 5.1. Installation and Setup

### 5.2. Compiling and running Your First Simulation



## 6. 1D Case Studies

### 6.1. Hyperbolic Problems: Transport Equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + c \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0.$$

```
9
10
11 {
12     // Create a sparse matrix of size (m+1) x (m+1)
13     arma::sp_mat S(m + 1, m + 1);
14     if (type == "backward") {
15         // Backward difference
16         S.diag(-1) = -arma::ones<vec>(m); // Sub-diagonal
17         S.diag(0) = arma::ones<vec>(m + 1); // Main diagonal
18         S(0, m - 1) = -1; // Wrap-around for periodic boundary
19         S /= dx;
20     }
21     else if (type == "forward") {
22         // Forward difference
23         S.diag(0) = -arma::ones<vec>(m + 1); // Main diagonal
24         S.diag(1) = arma::ones<vec>(m); // Super-diagonal
25         S(m, 1) = 1; // Wrap-around for periodic boundary
26         S /= dx;
27     }
28     else { // "centered"
29         // Centered difference
30         S.diag(-1) = -arma::ones<vec>(m); // Sub-diagonal
31         S.diag(1) = arma::ones<vec>(m); // Super-diagonal
32         S(0, m - 1) = -1; // Wrap-around for periodic boundary
33         S(m, 1) = 1; // Wrap-around for periodic boundary
34         S /= (2 * dx);
35     }
36 }
```

C++ script 6.1.: Program hyperbolic1Dupwind.cpp

#### 6.1.1. Animating the Transport Equation

### 6.2. Elliptic Problems: Poisson Equation

Python script 6.1.: Program elliptic1D.py

## 6. 1D Case Studies

```

1  #!/usr/bin/env -S octave -qf
2  % Solves the 1D Poisson Equation with Robin Boundary Conditions and a
3  % non-constant forcing right hand side using the Mimetic Method with
4  % MOLE in Octave / MATLAB.
5  %
6  %      Δu = f
7  %
8  % u : Vertical Displacement of a membrane
9  % f : Forcing right hand side
10 % Δ : Laplace Operator
11
12 addpath('/usr/share/mole/matlab/')
13
14 west = 0; % Domain's limits
15 east = 1;
16
17 k = 6; % Operator's order of accuracy
18 m = 2 * k + 1; % Minimum number of cells to attain the desired accuracy
19 dx = (east - west) / m; % Step length
20
21 L = lap(k, m, dx); % 1D Mimetic laplacian operator
22 L_before_name = sprintf("L_before.h5");
23 save("-hdf5", L_before_name, "L")
24 figure('visible', 'off');
25 spy(L);
26 saveas(gcf, "elliptic1Dsparsebefore.pdf", 'pdfcrop')
27
28 % Impose Robin BC on laplacian operator
29 a = 1;
30 b = 1;
31 L = L + robinBC(k, m, dx, a, b);
32 L_after_name = sprintf("L_after.h5");
33 save("-hdf5", L_after_name, "L")
34 spy(L);
35 saveas(gcf, "elliptic1Dsparseafter.pdf", 'pdfcrop')
36
37 % 1D Staggered grid
38 grid = [west west + dx / 2:dx:east - dx / 2 east];
39 save("-hdf5", "grid")
40
41 % RHS
42 U = exp(grid)';
43 U(1) = 0; % West BC
44 U(end) = 2 * exp(1); % East BC
45 tic
46 U = L \ U; % Solve a linear system of equations
47 toc
48 save("-hdf5", "U")
49 % Plot result
50 plot(grid, U, 'o')
51 hold on
52 plot(grid, exp(grid))
53 legend('Approximated', 'Analytical', 'Location', 'NorthWest')

```

Octave script 6.1.: Program elliptic1D.m

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} = e^x, \text{ para } x \in [0, 1]. \\ 0 = u(0) - \left( \frac{du}{dx} \right)_{x=0}. \\ 2e = u(1) + \left( \frac{du}{dx} \right)_{x=1}. \end{cases} \quad (6.1)$$

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- En la línea 1 encontramos el *shebang*<sup>1</sup>, esto permite ejecutar un script de Octave `./elliptic1D.m` con la opción de modo de procesamiento por lotes (batch), para esto se necesita tener permisos de ejecución (por ejemplo, `chmod +x elliptic1D.m`).
- En las líneas 2 al 10 tenemos un comentario sobre el Program de modo que ayude al codificador a obtener un contexto del problema a resolver.
- En la línea 12, la función `addpath` agrega el directorio `"/usr/share/mole/matlab/"` a la ruta de búsqueda de la función. Allí se encuentran el conjunto de scripts Octave / MATLAB de la biblioteca MOLE. Vea el Program ??.
- En las líneas 14 y 15, se inicializan los identificadores `west` (oeste, izquierda), `east` (este, derecha) con los valores de 0 y 1, respectivamente, estos representan los valores de frontera del dominio espacial en (6.1).
- En la línea 21, llamamos a la función `lap`, este genera un operador Laplaciano discreto extendido que requiere como argumentos obligatorios el orden de precisión `k`, el número de celdas `m` y el tamaño de paso `dx`.

$$L = L^{(k)} = D^{(k)}G^{(k)} = DG, \quad (\Delta = \nabla \cdot \nabla),$$

donde  $D$  y  $G$  son los operadores miméticos de divergencia y gradiente, respectivamente. Dado que  $D \in \mathbb{R}^{(m+2) \times (m+1)}$  y  $G \in \mathbb{R}^{(m+1) \times (m+2)}$ , entonces  $L \in \mathbb{R}^{(m+2) \times (m+2)}$ .

- En la línea 22, con la función `figure` desactivamos que se muestre la figura en la pantalla, preferimos solamente guardar la gráfica.
- En la línea 23, con la función `spy` graficamos (no se mostrará) el patrón de dispersidad de  $L$ .
- En la línea 24, con la función `saveas` guardamos esta gráfica en formato PDF y recortado.
- En la línea 29, llamamos a la función `robinBC`, este requiere como argumentos obligatorios el orden de precisión `k`, el número de celdas `m`, el tamaño de paso `dx`, el coeficiente Dirichlet `a` y el coeficiente Neumann `b`. Esta función devuelve una matriz en  $\mathbb{R}^{(m+2) \times (m+2)}$ . Actualizamos la matriz  $L$  según el Algoritmo 1.

---

**Algorithm 1:** Actualizaciones del operador Laplaciano discreto extendido.

---

```

1  $A \leftarrow L$ ;
2  $F \leftarrow f$ ;
3  $A \leftarrow A + R_G$ ;
4  $U \leftarrow \text{solve}(A, F)$ ;

```

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<sup>1</sup>[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shebang\\_\(Unix\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shebang_(Unix))

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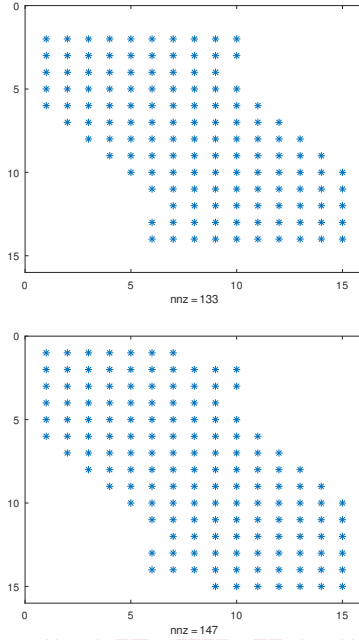


Figure 6.1.: Izquierda: Representación dispersa de  $L$  hasta la línea 21. La primera y la última fila son vectores de ceros. Derecha: Representación dispersa de  $L$  hasta la línea 29. La matriz  $L \in \mathbb{R}^{15 \times 15}$ .

- En la línea 34, creamos la malla escalonada unidimensional, note que los puntos internos son los centros de las celdas equiespaciados por  $dx$ . La distancia entre el extremo izquierdo y el posterior punto malla, así como del extremo derecho y el anterior punto malla es  $dx/2$ .
- En las líneas 35 y 43, guardamos save la malla computacional y la solución en el formato HDF5 para posterior post procesamiento.
- En las líneas 39 y 40, aplicamos las condiciones de frontera Robin, empleamos la función `exp`. El signo menos que antecede al coeficiente Neumann `b` se debe a que en el borde izquierdo de la malla el vector normal hacia afuera apunta hacia la izquierda, mientras que en el borde derecho el vector normal hacia afuera apunta hacia la derecha.
- En la línea 42, resolvemos el sistema de ecuaciones lineales disperso con la función `mldivide`.

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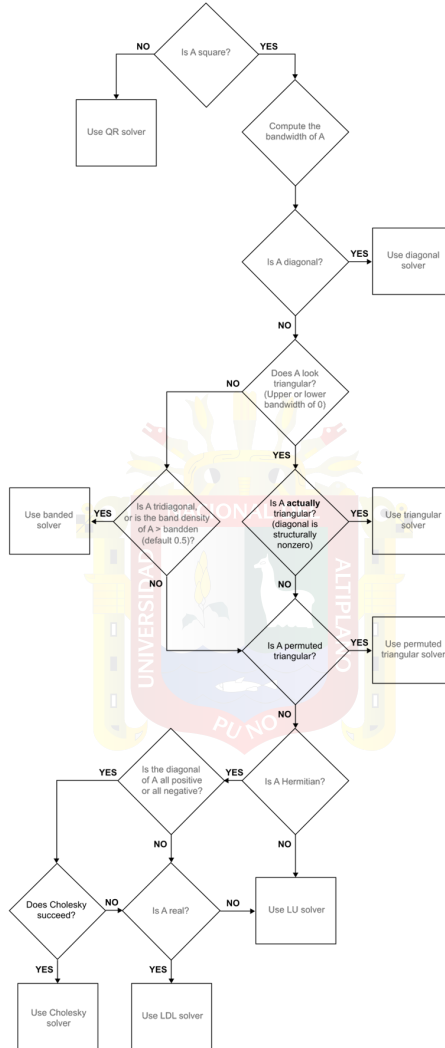


Figure 6.2.: Diagrama de flujo del solucionador `mldivide` para matrices dispersas que emplea MATLAB. Recuperado de <https://www.mathworks.com/help/matlab/ref/double.mldivide.html>.

## Resultados del Program 6.1

En primer lugar, mostramos la gráfica a escala 1:1 de la solución exacta y de la solución mimética obtenida en el Program 6.1.

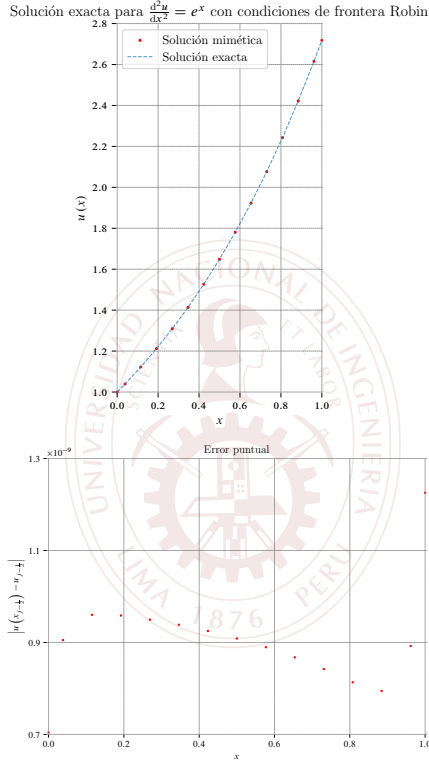


Figure 6.3.: Izquierda: Solución de (6.1) usando  $k=6$  y  $m=2k+1=13$ . Derecha: Error en la malla escalonada  $\{0, \dots, x_{j-\frac{1}{2}}, \dots, 1\}$

En segundo lugar, mostramos una gráfica del error en cada punto de la malla computacional dada por

$$\text{Error de } u \text{ en } x_{j-\frac{1}{2}} = |u(x_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) - u_{j-\frac{1}{2}}|.$$

Por último, mostramos la tabla de los errores y el orden de convergencia numérico.



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$\Delta x$	Error $\ell_1$	Orden
$1.562 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.410 \times 10^{-2}$	-
$1.535 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.464 \times 10^{-2}$	-0.678

Table 6.1.: Tabla de errores de aproximación de  $U$  en  $x_{j-\frac{1}{2}}$  y el orden convergencia numérico obtenido.

### 6.3. Diffusion Equation in 1D

Given the one-dimensional heat equation

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \kappa \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, & (x, t) \in (a, b) \times (0, \infty). \\ u(x, 0) = f(x), & x \in [a, b]. \\ u(a, t) = \alpha(t), & t \in (0, \infty), \\ u(b, t) = \beta(t), & t \in (0, \infty), \end{cases} \quad (6.2)$$

where  $\kappa$  is the thermal diffusivity.

The 1D heat equation code by mimetic methods

In the one-dimensional heat equation in the parabolic1D.m code, the PDE being solved is given by:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \kappa \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, & (x, t) \in (0, 1) \times (0, 1). \\ u(x, 0) = 0, & x \in [0, 1]. \\ u(0, t) = 100., & t \in (0, 1), \\ u(1, t) = 100., & t \in (0, 1), \end{cases} \quad (6.3)$$

**Line 9:** In this part the code defines the value of the diffusion coefficient  $\kappa = 1$ .

**Line 10:** Define the left side  $a = 0$  of the domain of the variable  $x$ .

**Line 11:** Define the right hand side  $b = 1$  of the domain of the variable  $x$ .

**Line 13:** The Operator's order of accuracy  $k = 2$ .

**Line 14:**  $m$  is the number of cells, where  $m$  can take values  $m \geq 2*k + 1$ ; in this case  $m = 2*(2) + 1 = 5$ .

**Line 15:** In this line the step size in  $x$  is defined, defined as  $dx = (b-a)/m$ , en this case, replacing it, we have  $dx = \frac{1-0}{5} = \frac{1}{5}$

**Line 17:** End time  $t = 1$ .

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**Line 18:** Von Neumann stability criterion for  $k = 2$ , we have  $dt = \frac{(dx)^2}{3\kappa}$ , in this exercise the step in time is given by:  $dt = \frac{1}{75}$

**Line 20:**  $L = \text{lap}(k, m, dx)$  1D mimetic Laplacian operator is of order  $m + 2$  so  $m + 2$  for this exercise is of order 7 by 7, where  $k = 2$ ,  $m = 5$  and  $\frac{1}{5}$ , then  $L = \text{lap}(2, 5, \frac{1}{5})$ .

**Line 23:** The initial condition value  $u(x, 0) = 0$  is a matrix of order  $m + 2$  by 1, in this case 7 by 1.

**Line 25:** The boundary condition is on the left side  $u(a, t) = u(0, t) = 100$

**Line 26:** The boundary condition on the right side  $u(b, t) = u(1, t) = 100$

**Line 29:** The mesh used in the mimetic method grid =  $[west \ west + dx/2 : dx : east - dx/2 \ east]$ , then grid =  $[a \ a + \frac{dx}{2} : dx : b - \frac{dx}{2} \ b]$ , in this exercise the mesh is given by:

$$\text{grid} = [0 \ \frac{1}{10} : \frac{1}{5} : \frac{9}{10} \ 1] = \{0, \frac{1}{10}, \frac{3}{10}, \frac{5}{10}, \frac{7}{10}, \frac{9}{10}, 1\}$$

**Line 31:** If `explicit=1` then the PDE will be solved in time by the explicit method, and if `explicit=0` then the PDE will be solved by the implicit method.

**Line 33 to 50:** In this section we have the explicita solution of the PDE and the graph.

**Line 36:** The value of  $L$  is obtained by:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \kappa \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad (6.4)$$

Discretizing  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$  by forward finite differences, and  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$  by applying mimetic methods

$$\frac{u_i^{n+1} - u_i^n}{dt} = \kappa L u_i^n \quad (6.5)$$

then clearing  $u_i^{n+1}$  we obtain:

$$u_i^{n+1} = u_i^n + \kappa dt L u_i^n \quad (6.6)$$

Factoring  $u_i^n$  we have:

$$u_i^{n+1} = (I + \kappa dt L) u_i^n \quad (6.7)$$

where  $I$  is the identity matrix of general order  $m + 2$  by  $m + 2$ , for this exercise of order 7 by 7, being

$$L = (\kappa dt L + I)$$

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being in the code:  $L = \alpha * dt * L + \text{speye}(\text{size}(L))$ ; finally to obtain the solution

$$u_i^{n+1} = L * u_i^n \quad (6.8)$$

in the code on line 47 we have  $U = L * U$ .

**Line 39:** The iteration starts for  $t = 0$  until  $t = t/dt + 1$ , in this exercise  $t/dt + 1 = 75 + 1 = 76$ .

**Line 40 and 60:** The graph of the mesh on the  $x$  axis by grid and the solution of the PDE  $U$ .

**Line 41 and 62:** In this line the graph is on the  $x$  axis from 0 to 1 and on the  $y$  axis from 0 to 105.

**Line 42 and 63:** In this line prints the different times ( $i * dt$ ) for explicit method, with two decimal (.2f).

**Line 43 and 64:** Use the title command to display the title designated on line 42.

**Line 44 and 65:** Label the  $x$ -axis in this exercise as  $x$ .

**Line 45 and 66:** Label the  $y$ -axis in this exercise as  $T$ .

**Line 46 and 67:** Shows the graph for the different times with a pause of 0.01.

**Line 50 to 71:** In this section we have the implicita solution of the PDE and the graph.

**Line 53:** The value of  $L$  is obtained by:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \kappa \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad (6.9)$$

Discretizing  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$  by forward finite differences, and  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$  by applying mimetic methods

$$\frac{u_i^{n+1} - u_i^n}{dt} = \kappa L u_i^{n+1} \quad (6.10)$$

then clearing  $u_i^{n+1}$  we obtain:

$$u_i^{n+1}(I - \kappa dt L) = u_i^n \quad (6.11)$$

where  $I$  is the identity matrix of general order  $m + 2$  by  $m + 2$ , for this exercise of order 7 by 7, being

$$L = (-\kappa dt L + I)$$

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being in the code:  $L = -\alpha * dt * L + \text{speye}(\text{size}(L))$ .

**Line 54:** In this line  $dL = \text{decomputation}(L)$  the matrix  $L$  is decomposed into lower triangular matrix  $L$  and upper triangular matrix  $U$  using LU decomposition method.

**Line 68:** In this line solve the  $u^{n+1} = (dL)^{-1} * u^n$ , thus finding the solution  $U = dL \setminus U$ .

### 6.3.1. Time Evolution of Diffusion

### 6.4. Stationary Convection-Diffusion Equation in 1D



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```

1  #!/usr/bin/env -S octave -qf
2  % Solves the 1D Heat equation with Dirichlet boundary conditions
3
4  clc
5  close all
6
7  addpath('/usr/share/mole/matlab/')
8
9  alpha = 1; % Thermal diffusivity
10 west = 0; % Domain's limits
11 east = 1;
12
13 k = 2; % Operator's order of accuracy
14 m = 2*k+1; % Minimum number of cells to attain the desired accuracy
15 dx = (east-west)/m;
16
17 t = 1; % Simulation time
18 dt = dx^2/(3*alpha); % von Neumann stability criterion for explicit scheme, if k > 2 then /(4*alpha)
19
20 L = lap(k, m, dx); % 1D Mimetic laplacian operator
21
22 % IC
23 U = zeros(m+2, 1);
24 % BC
25 U(1) = 100;
26 U(end) = 100;
27
28 % 1D Staggered grid
29 grid = [west west+dx/2: dx :east-dx/2 east];
30
31 explicit = 1; % 0 = Implicit scheme
32
33 if explicit
34     tic
35     % Explicit
36     L = alpha*dt*L + speye(size(L));
37
38     % Time integration loop
39     for i = 0 : t/dt+1
40         plot(grid, U, 'o-')
41         axis([0 1 0 105])
42         str = sprintf('Explicit \t t = %.2f', i*dt);
43         title(str)
44         xlabel('x')
45         ylabel('T')
46         pause(0.01)
47         U = L*U; % Apply the operator
48     end
49     toc
50 else
51     tic
52     % Implicit
53     L = -alpha*dt*L + speye(size(L));
54     dL=decomposition(L)
55     %This line precomputes the LU decomposition of L and stores it as a
56     %decomposition object. Because it's being stored as a decomposition
57     %object. Matlab knows not to bother with LU factorizing L every time we
58     %run \, which means that solving the system is sped up.
59     %
60     for i = 0 : t/dt+1
61         plot(grid, U, 'o-')
62         axis([0 1 0 105])
63         str = sprintf('Implicit \t t = %.2f', i*dt);
64         title(str)
65         xlabel('x')
66         ylabel('T')
67         pause(0.01)
68         U = dL\U;
69     end
70     toc
71 end

```

Octave script 6.2.: Program parabolic1D.m

## 7. 2D and 3D Case Studies

### 7.1. Extending Operators to Higher Dimensions

### 7.2. Heat Transfer in 2D

### 7.3. Fluid Flow in 3D

### 7.4. Convection-diffusion

Given the three-dimensional convection diffusion equation

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{v}u) = \nabla \cdot (D\nabla u) + R, & \mathbf{x} \in \Omega, t > 0 \\ u(\mathbf{x}, 0) = \bar{\alpha}, & \mathbf{x} \in \Omega. \\ u(\mathbf{x}, t) = \bar{\alpha}_0, & t > 0, \mathbf{x} \in \partial\Omega \end{cases} \quad (7.1)$$

where  $\Omega$  is the three-dimensional domain with boundary  $\partial\Omega$ .

**Line 11:** The Operator's order of accuracy  $k = 2$ .

**Line 12:**  $m$  is the number of cells on the x-axis, where  $m$  can take values  $m = 101$ .

**Line 13:**  $m$  is the number of cells on the y-axis, where  $m$  can take values  $m = 51$ .

**Line 14:**  $m$  is the number of cells on the z-axis, where  $m$  can take values  $m = 101$ .

**Line 17 and 18:** The domain on the x-axis,  $a = 0 \leq x \leq 101 = b$

**Line 19 and 20:** The domain on the y-axis,  $c = 0 \leq y \leq 51 = d$

**Line 21 and 22:** The domain on the z-axis,  $e = 0 \leq z \leq 101 = f$

**Line 25:** The spatial step sizes on the x-axis,  $dx = (b - a)/m$ , this case  $dx = 1$ .

**Line 26:** The spatial step sizes on the y-axis,  $dy = (d - c)/n$ , this case  $dy = 1$ .

**Line 27:** The spatial step sizes on the z-axis,  $dz = (f - e)/o$ , this case  $dz = 1$ .

## 7. 2D and 3D Case Studies

```

1  #!/usr/bin/env -S octave -qf
2  % convection_diffusion.m | Solves convection-diffusion equation using MOLE
3
4  clc
5  close all
6  format short
7
8  addpath('/usr/share/mole/matlab/')
9
10 % Mimetic operator's parameters
11 k = 2;
12 m = 101;
13 n = 51;
14 o = 101;
15
16 % Domain's dimensions
17 a = 0;
18 b = 101;
19 c = 0;
20 d = 51;
21 e = 0;
22 f = 101;
23
24 % Spatial step sizes
25 dx = (b - a) / m;
26 dy = (d - c) / n;
27 dz = (f - e) / o;
28
29 % Mimetic operators
30 D = div3D(k, m, dx, n, dy, o, dz);
31 G = grad3D(k, m, dx, n, dy, o, dz);
32 I = interpol3D(m, n, o, 1, 1, 1);

```

Octave script 7.1.: Program convection\_diffusion.m

**Line 30:** three-dimensional mimetic divergence operator  $\text{div3D}(k, m, dx, n, dy, o, dz) = \text{div3D}(2, 101, 1, 51, 1, 101, 1)$

**Line 31:** three-dimensional mimetic gradient operator  $\text{grad3D}(k, m, dx, n, dy, o, dz) = \text{grad3D}(2, 101, 1, 51, 1, 101, 1)$

**Line 32:** The three-dimensional mimetic interpolation operator  $\text{interpol3D}(m, n, o, c1, c2, c3)$ . Where  $c1$  : Left interpolation coeff,  $c2$  : Bottom interpolation coeff,  $c3$  : Front interpolation coeff.

**Line 35:**  $\text{size}(G, 1)$  calculates the size of matrix G, 1 indicates that it calculates the number of rows in matrix G. Then  $\text{zeros}(a, 1)$  is a zeros matrix of  $a$  rows and 1 column

### 7.5. Advanced Applications: Coupled PDEs

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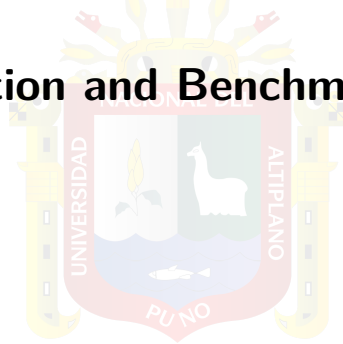
```
33 % Pore velocity vector
34 V = zeros(size(G, 1), 1);
35 % Density vector
36 C = zeros(m + 2, n + 2, o + 2);
37
38
39 % Impose initial conditions -----
40 bottom = 10; % Well
41 top = 15; % Well
42 seal = 40; % Shale
43
44 % Velocity field -----
45 y = ones(m, n + 1, o);
46 y(:, seal, :) = 0;
47 y(:, seal + 5, :) = 0;
48 y = y(:);
49 V(((m + 1) * n * o + 1):((m + 1) * n * o + numel(y))) = y; % Shale
50
51 % Density -----
52 C(ceil((m + 2) / 2), bottom:top, ceil((o + 2) / 2)) = 1; % ceil((o+2)/2)
53 C = C(:);
54 idx = find(C);
55
```

Octave script 7.2.: Program convection\_diffusion.m



### **Part III.**

## **Validation and Benchmarking**



## **8. Operator Validation**

### **8.1. Divergence Operator Tests**

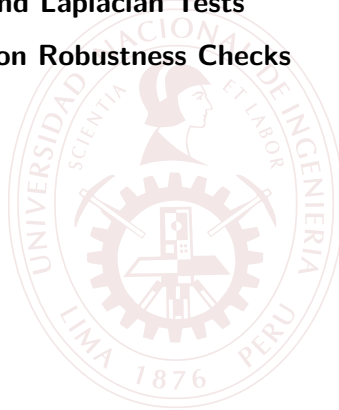
#### **8.1.1. Accuracy in 1D**

#### **8.1.2. Conservation in 2D**

#### **8.1.3. Boundary Compliance in 3D**

### **8.2. Gradient and Laplacian Tests**

### **8.3. Interpolation Robustness Checks**



## 9. Application-Driven Tests

### 9.1. Stability Analysis for PDE Solvers

MOLE uses GoogleTest framework.

```
1  /**
2   * Nullity test of Divergence operator
3   */
4
5  #include <gtest/gtest.h>
6  #include <mole/divergence.h>
7  #include <mole/operators.h>
8
9  void run_nullity_test(int k, Real tol)
10 {
11     int m = 2 * k + 1;
12     Real dx = 1;
13
14     Divergence D(k, m, dx);
15     arma::vec field(m + 1, arma::fill::ones);
16     arma::vec sol = D * field;
17
18     EXPECT_NEAR(arma::norm(sol), 0, tol);
19 }
20
21 TEST(DivergenceTests, Nullity)
22 {
23     Real tol = 1e-10;
24     for (int k : {2, 4, 6}) {
25         run_nullity_test(k, tol);
26     }
27 }
28
29 int main(int argc, char **argv)
30 {
31     ::testing::InitGoogleTest(&argc, argv);
32     return RUN_ALL_TESTS();
33 }
```

C++ script 9.1.: Program test1.cpp

## 9. Application-Driven Tests

```
1  #!/usr/bin/env -S octave-cli -qf
2  % Nullity test of Divergence operator
3
4  addpath('/usr/share/mole/matlab/')
5
6  tol = 1e-10;
7
8  for k = [2, 4, 6, 8]; % Different orders of accuracy
9      m = 2 * k + 1;
10     dx = 1 / m;
11     D = div(k, m, dx);
12     field = ones(m + 1, 1);
13     sol = D * field;
14
15     if (norm(sol) > tol)
16         fprintf("Test FAILED!\n");
17     end
18
19 end
20
21 fprintf("Test PASSED!\n");
```

Octave script 9.1.: Program test1.m

```
1  /**
2   * Nullity test of Gradient operator
3   */
4
5  #include <gtest/gtest.h>
6  #include <mole/gradient.h>
7  #include <mole/operators.h>
8
9  void run_nullity_test(int k, Real tol)
10 {
11     int m = 2 * k + 1;
12     Real dx = 1;
13
14     Gradient G(k, m, dx);
15     arma::vec field(m + 2, arma::fill::ones);
16     arma::vec sol = G * field;
17
18     ASSERT_LT(arma::norm(sol), tol)
19         << "Gradient Nullity Test failed for k = " << k;
20 }
21
22 TEST(GradientTests, Nullity)
23 {
24     Real tol = 1e-10;
25     for (int k : {2, 4, 6, 8}) {
26         run_nullity_test(k, tol);
27     }
28 }
```

C++ script 9.2.: Program test2.cpp

## 9. Application-Driven Tests

```
1  #!/usr/bin/env -S octave-cli -qf
2  % Nullity test of Gradient operator
3
4  addpath('/usr/share/mole/matlab/')
5
6  tol = 1e-10;
7
8  for k = [2, 4, 6, 8]; % Different orders of accuracy
9      m = 2 * k + 1;
10     dx = 1 / m;
11     G = grad(k, m, dx);
12     field = ones(m + 2, 1);
13     sol = G * field;
14
15     if (norm(sol) > tol)
16         fprintf("Test FAILED!\n");
17     end
18
19 end
20
21 fprintf("Test PASSED!\n");
```

Octave script 9.2.: Program test2.m

```
1  /**
2   * Nullity test of Laplacian operator
3   */
4  #include <gtest/gtest.h>
5  #include <mole/laplacian.h>
6  #include <mole/operators.h>
7
8  void run_nullity_test(int k, Real tol)
9  {
10     int m = 2 * k + 1;
11     Real dx = 1;
12
13     Laplacian L(k, m, dx);
14     arma::vec field(m + 2, arma::fill::ones);
15     arma::vec sol = L * field;
16
17     ASSERT_LT(arma::norm(sol), tol)
18         << "Laplacian Nullity Test failed for k = " << k;
19 }
20
21 TEST(LaplacianTests, Nullity)
22 {
23     Real tol = 1e-10;
24     for (int k : {2, 4, 6}) {
25         run_nullity_test(k, tol);
26     }
27 }
```

C++ script 9.3.: Program test3.cpp

## 9. Application-Driven Tests

```
1  #!/usr/bin/env -S octave-cli -qf
2  % Nullity test of Laplacian operator
3
4  addpath('/usr/share/mole/matlab/')
5
6  tol = 1e-10;
7
8
9  for k = [2, 4, 6, 8]; % Different orders of accuracy
10     m = 2 * k + 1;
11     dx = 1 / m;
12     L = lap(k, m, dx);
13     field = ones(m + 2, 1);
14     sol = L * field;
15
16     if (norm(sol) > tol)
17         fprintf("Test FAILED!\n");
18     end
19
20 end
21
22 fprintf("Test PASSED!\n");
```

Octave script 9.3.: Program test3.m

```
1  /**
2   * Energy test
3   */
4
5  #include <algorithm>
6  #include <gtest/gtest.h>
7  #include <mole/Laplacian.h>
8  #include <mole/operators.h>
9
10 TEST(EnergyTests, EigenvalueTest)
11 {
12     int k = 4;
13     Real a = -5;
14     Real b = 5;
15     int m = 500;
16     arma::vec grid = arma::linspace(a, b, m);
17     Real dx = grid(1) - grid(0);
18     Real tol = 1e-10;
19
20     Laplacian L(k, m - 2, dx);
21
22     std::transform(grid.begin(), grid.end(), grid.begin(),
23                   [](Real x) { return x * x; });
24
25     arma::sp_mat V(m, m);
26     V.diag(0) = grid;
27
28     arma::sp_mat H = -0.5 * (arma::sp_mat)L + V;
29     arma::cx_vec eigval;
30     arma::eig_gen(eigval, (mat)H);
31
32     eigval = arma::sort(eigval);
33     arma::vec expected{1, 3, 5, 7, 9};
34
35     for (int i = 0; i < expected.size(); ++i) {
36         ASSERT_LT(std::norm(std::real(eigval(i)) / eigval(0)) - expected(i)), tol)
37             << "Energy Test failed for eigenvalue index " << i;
38     }
39 }
```

C++ script 9.4.: Program test4.cpp

## 9. Application-Driven Tests

```
1  #!/usr/bin/env -S octave-cli -qf
2  % Energy test
3
4  addpath('/usr/share/mole/matlab/')
5
6  % Parameters
7  k = 4;
8  a = -5;
9  b = 5;
10 m = 500;
11 grid = linspace(a, b, m);
12 dx = grid(2) - grid(1);
13 tol = 1e-6;
14
15 % Laplacian
16 L = lap(k, m - 2, dx);
17
18 % Transform grid using an anonymous function
19 grid = arrayfun(@d(x) x^2, grid);
20
21 % Potential matrix V
22 V = spdiags(grid', 0, m, m); % Transpose grid to match dimension
23
24 % Hamiltonian H
25 H = -0.5 * L + V;
26
27 % Eigenvalue computation
28 eigval = eig(full(H)); % Convert sparse matrix to full for eig function
29 eigval = sort(eigval);
30
31 % Expected eigenvalues
32 expected = [1, 3, 5, 7, 9];
33
34 % Test for failure
35 failed = false;
36
37 for i = 1:length(expected)
38
39     if (abs(real(eigval(i) / eigval(1)) - expected(i)) > tol)
40         fprintf(2, 'Test FAILED!\n');
41         failed = true;
42     end
43 end
44
45 if ~failed
46     fprintf(1, 'Test PASSED!\n');
47 end
48
```

Octave script 9.4.: Program test4.m

## 9. Application-Driven Tests

```

1  /**
2   * Poisson accuracy test
3   */
4  #define ARMA_DONT_USE_WRAPPER
5  // #define ARMA_USE_SUPERLU
6  #include <gtest/gtest.h>
7  #include <mole/laplacian.h>
8  #include <mole/operators.h>
9
10 void run_test(int k, arma::vec grid_sizes)
11 {
12     Real west = 0; // Domain's limits
13     Real east = 1;
14
15     arma::vec errors(grid_sizes.size());
16
17     for (int i = 0; i < grid_sizes.size(); ++i) {
18         int m = grid_sizes(i); // Number of cells
19         Real dx = (east - west) / m; // Step length
20
21         Laplacian l(k, m, dx);
22         RobinBC BC(k, m, dx, 1, 1);
23         L = L + BC;
24
25         arma::vec grid(m + 2);
26         grid(0) = west;
27         grid(1) = west + dx / 2.0;
28         for (int j = 2; j <= m; j++) {
29             grid(j) = grid(j - 1) + dx;
30         }
31         grid(m + 1) = east;
32
33         arma::vec U = arma::exp(grid);
34         U(0) = 0; // West BC
35         U(m + 1) = 2 * std::exp(1); // East BC
36
37         #ifdef EIGEN
38             arma::vec computed_solution = Utils::spsolve_eigen(L, U);
39         #elif LAPACK
40             arma::vec computed_solution = arma::spsolve(L, U, "lapack"); // Will use LAPACK
41         #else
42             arma::vec computed_solution = arma::spsolve(L, U); // Will use SuperLU
43         #endif
44
45         arma::vec analytical_solution = arma::exp(grid);
46         errors(i) = arma::max(arma::abs(computed_solution - analytical_solution));
47     }
48
49     arma::vec order(errors.size() - 1);
50     for (int i = 0; i < errors.size() - 1; ++i) {
51         order(i) = std::log2(errors(i) / errors(i + 1));
52         ASSERT_GE(order(i), k - 0.5) << "Poisson Test failed for k = " << k;
53     }
54 }
55
56 TEST(PoissonTests, Accuracy)
57 {
58     arma::vec grid_sizes = {20, 40};
59     for (int k : {2, 4, 6}) {
60         run_test(k, grid_sizes);
61     }

```

C++ script 9.5.: Program test5.cpp



## 9. Application-Driven Tests

```

1  #!/usr/bin/env -S octave-cli -qf
2  % Poisson accuracy test
3
4  addpath('/usr/share/mole/matlab/')
5
6  west = 0; % Domain's limits
7  east = 1;
8  grid_sizes = [20, 40]; % Grid sizes to test
9
10 for k = [2, 4, 6]; % Different orders of accuracy
11
12     errors = zeros(size(grid_sizes));
13
14     for i = 1:numel(grid_sizes)
15         m = grid_sizes(i); % Number of cells
16         dx = (east - west) / m; % Step length
17         L = lap(k, m, dx); % 1D Mimetic Laplacian operator
18
19         % Impose Robin BC on Laplacian operator
20         a = 1;
21         b = 1;
22         L = L + robinBC(k, m, dx, a, b);
23
24         % 1D Staggered grid
25         grid = [west west + dx / 2:dx:east - dx / 2 east];
26
27         % RHS
28         U = exp(grid)';
29         U(1) = 0; % West BC
30         U(end) = 2 * exp(1); % East BC
31
32         % Solve a linear system of equations
33         computed_solution = L \ U;
34
35         % Compute error using L2 norm
36         analytical_solution = exp(grid);
37         errors(i) = max(abs(computed_solution' - analytical_solution));
38     end
39
40     % Compute order of accuracy
41     order = zeros(numel(errors) - 1, 1);
42
43     for i = 1:numel(errors) - 1
44         order(i) = log2(errors(i) / errors(i + 1));
45
46         if order(i) - k < -0.5
47             fprintf("Test FAILED for k = %d!\n", k);
48             return
49         end
50     end
51
52 end
53
54 fprintf("Test PASSED!\n");
55

```

Octave script 9.5.: Program test5.m

## A. Installation Notes

To work through this tutorial requires to have a working installation of MOLE. It relies on `armadillo` [18], a C++ library that provides data structures for sparse matrices. We explain the step-by-step process for Arch Linux and Ubuntu Linux, as both systems have been successfully tested by us.

### A.1. Arch Linux

This distribution is supported by a proactive group of developers, package maintainers and support staff that try to provide the latest stable software releases. The steps are outlined in the Program A.1.

```
1  #!/bin/bash
2
3  # [1/5] Update the system and install developer tools
4  sudo pacman --needed --noconfirm -Syu base-devel git
5  # [2/5] Optionally install Intel MKL as a replacement for LAPACK linear algebra library
6  sudo pacman -S intel-oneapi-mkl # or depending on your needs: intel-oneapi-basekit, intel-oneapi-hpckit,
   ↳ lapack, blas-openblas
7
8  # [3/5] Install armadillo from https://aur.archlinux.org/armadillo.git
9  git clone https://aur.archlinux.org/armadillo.git
10 pushd armadillo
11 makepkg -s --noconfirm
12 popd
13
14 # [4/5] Install MOLE C++/Octave from https://aur.archlinux.org/libmole.git
15 git clone https://aur.archlinux.org/libmole.git
16 pushd libmole
17 makepkg -s --noconfirm
18 popd
19
20 # [5/5] Install utilities
21 sudo pacman -S ffmpeg gtest python-matplotlib python-scipy texlive
```

Program code A.1.: Steps for a system-wide installation both C++ and Octave MOLE library via `installerarchlinux.sh`.

### A.2. Ubuntu Linux

This Debian-derived distribution is managed by Canonical Ltd. Each 2 years they launch a Long Term Support(LTS) release. The steps are outlined in the Program A.3.

## A. Installation Notes

```

1  #!/bin/bash
2
3  docker run -it --rm ghcr.io/carlosal1015/mole_examples/libmole-git # or libmole instead of libmole-git
4  docker images
5  REPOSITORY TAG IMAGE ID CREATED SIZE
6  ghcr.io/carlosal1015/mole_examples/libmole-git latest a86fb0fef044 3 hours ago 2.16GB
7  ghcr.io/carlosal1015/mole_examples/libmole latest d20a1ec0091b 3 hours ago 2.14GB

```

Program code A.2.: Pull container based on Arch Linux with set up MOLE library via `docker.sh`.

```

1  #!/bin/bash
2
3  sudo apt-get update
4  sudo apt-get --no-install-recommends --yes install \
5  build-essential cmake git octave \
6  libarmadillo-dev libsUPERLU-dev libeigen3-dev \
7  ffmpeg libgtest-dev python3-matplotlib python3-scipy texlive-full
8  sudo apt-get install --reinstall ca-certificates
9
10 git clone --filter=blob:none --depth=1 https://github.com/csrsd-sdsu/mole.git
11 sed -i '/^if(POLICY/,+51 s/^/#/' mole/CMakeLists.txt
12 sed -i '/^set(LINK_LIBS/,+3 s/^/#/' mole/CMakeLists.txt
13 sed -i '961 set(LINK_LIBS ${ARMADILLO_LIBRARIES} ${OpenBLAS_LIBRARIES} ${LAPACK_LIBRARY}
14    <-> ${SUPERLU_INSTALL_DIR}/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libsUPERLU.so)' mole/CMakeLists.txt
15 sed -i '/^include(/,+9 s/^/#/' mole/tests/cpp/CMakeLists.txt
16
17 cmake \
18 -S mole \
19 -B build \
20 -DBUILD_SHARED_LIBS=TRUE \
21 -DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=None \
22 -DCMAKE_CXX_STANDARD=14 \
23 -DCMAKE_CXX_COMPILER=g++ \
24 -DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=/usr \
25 -Wno-dev
26 cmake --build build --target mole_C++
27 sudo cmake --build build --target install
28 sudo install -d /usr/include/mole
29 sudo install mole/src/cpp/*.h /usr/include/mole

```

Program code A.3.: Steps for a system-wide installation both C++ and Octave MOLE library via `installerubuntu.sh`.

Even if you are using Windows, the Docker Desktop WSL 2 backend is ideal for using MOLE via Program A.2 or installing Arch Linux on WSL 2 and following the Program A.1.

## B. MOLE Documentation

We split the MOLE documentation in three categories:

### B.1. C++ API Reference

C++ MOLE documentation

It contains API C++ Reference.

**General MOLE documentation** It contains general information and examples.

### B.2. Octave API Reference

Octave MOLE documentation

It contains API GNU/Octave Reference.

### B.3. Python API Reference

pyMOLE documentation

It contains API Python Reference.

```
C++ docs #include <iostream>
#include <cmath>
#include <vector>.
```

```
Octave docs addpath("/usr/share/").
```

**MATLAB docs** .

## C. Sparse Linear Algebra Libraries

Intel MKL docs .

Openblas docs .

Netlib Lapack docs .

SuperLU docs .

Eigen docs .

Armadillo docs .

Gtest docs .

SciPy sparse docs .

Matplotlib docs .

HDF5 for Python docs .

### C.1. Armadillo

We follow this gentle *Introduction to Armadillo*.

#### C.1.1. Vectors

#### C.1.2. Matrices

Dense Matrices

Sparse Matrices

Solvers

### C.2. Eigen

### C.3. SciPy Sparse

See `pymole`.

### C.4. Sparse Arrays Julia

See



## C. Sparse Linear Algebra Libraries

```
1  #define ARMA_DONT_USE_WRAPPER
2  #include <armadillo>
3  #include <iostream>
4
5  int main()
6  {
7      // Show Armadillo version
8      std::cout << "Armadillo version: " << ARMA_VERSION_MAJOR << "."
9      << ARMA_VERSION_MINOR << "." << ARMA_VERSION_PATCH << " "
10     << ARMA_VERSION_NAME " ";
11
12     int n = 5;
13     int m = 4;
14
15     std::cout
16     // Vector of n entries
17     << arma::vec(n)
18     << "\n"
19     // Vector of m entries of 2s
20     << arma::vec(m).fill(2)
21     << "\n"
22     // Declare and fill a vector with random values from a uniform
23     // distribution.
24     << arma::vec(n).randu()
25     << "\n"
26     // Declare and fill a vector with the values 0.1, 0.2 and 0.3.
27     << arma::vec("0.0 0.1 0.2");
28
29     std::cout
30     // Matrix of n times m entries
31     << arma::mat(n, m)
32     << "\n"
33     // Matrix of n times m entries of 2s
34     << arma::mat(n, m).fill(2.)
35     << "\n"
36     // Declare and fill a matrix with random values from a uniform
37     // distribution
38     << arma::mat(n, m).randn()
39     << "\n"
40     // Declare and fill a vector with the values 0.0, 0.1 and 0.2.
41     << arma::mat("0.0 0.1 0.2 ; 1.0 1.1 1.2 ; 2.0 2.1 2.2");
42
43     arma::mat A = arma::mat("0.0 0.1 0.2 ; 1.0 1.1 1.2 ; 2.0 2.1 2.2");
44     arma::vec x = arma::vec("20. 10. 30.");
45     arma::uvec x_sort_indices =
46     arma::sort_index(x); // Get index ordering that sorts x.
47     x = x(x_sort_indices);
48     A = A.cols(x_sort_indices);
49
50     // A.save(filename);
51     // B = arma::mat(); // Initialize an arma::mat variable
52     // B.load(filename); // Load content of arma::mat A stored earlier into
53     // arma::mat B.
54
55     return 0;
56 }
```

Program code C.1.: Program 1.cc

### C.5. Fortran Sparse

### C.6. Sparse Linear Algebra in Rust

### C.7. PETSc sparse matrices in C

## **D. Visualizing Results with Matplotlib**

### **D.1. Static Plots**

### **D.2. Animating Time-Dependent Solutions**

### **D.3. Exporting Data from MOLE for visualization**

### **D.4. Visualizing 2D/3D Results**



## D. Visualizing Results with Matplotlib

```
def U(
    x: ArrayW[np.float64], a: float = 1.0, b: float = 1.0, c: float = 1.0
) -> ArrayW[np.float64]:
    """Params
    a: height of the curve's peak
    b: position of the center of the peak
    c: width of the bell

    See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaussian\_function
    """

    return a * np.exp(-np.divide(np.power(x - b, 2), 2 * np.power(c, 2)))
```

```
a: float = 5
b: float = 2
c: float = 0.2
speed: float = 0.5
fig: Figure
ax: Axes
fig, ax = plt.subplots(layout="constrained")
(ln,) = ax.plot(
    [],
    [],
    color="DarkBlue",
    label="Exacta",
    linestyle="solid",
    linewidth=0.5,
)
ax.set_xlim(left=x[0], right=x[-1])
ax.set_ylim(bottom=0, top=U(x=x, a=a).max())
ax.grid(c="gray", linewidth=0.1, linestyle="dashed")
ax.set_xlabel(xlabel=r"$x$ (m)")
ax.set_ylabel(ylabel=r"$y$ (m)")
ax.legend(loc="upper left")
ax.set_aspect("equal", adjustable="box")
ax.spines["bottom"].set_color("none")
ax.spines["top"].set_alpha(alpha=0.8)
ax.spines["top"].set_edgecolor(color="gray")
ax.spines["top"].set_linewidth(w=0.5)
ax.spines["left"].set_alpha(alpha=0.8)
ax.spines["left"].set_edgecolor(color="gray")
ax.spines["left"].set_linewidth(w=0.5)
ax.spines["right"].set_alpha(alpha=0.8)
ax.spines["right"].set_edgecolor(color="gray")
ax.spines["right"].set_linewidth(w=0.5)
```

```
def init():
    ln.set_data(x, U(x=x, a=a, b=b, c=c))

    return (ln,)
```

```
def update(frame):
    ln.set_data(x, U(x=x - speed * frame * dt, a=a, b=b, c=c))
    ax.set_title(
        label=r"Travel wave $U\left(x - ct\right)=U\left(x, t=\left\{frame * \Delta t: .2f\right\}s\right)$ with $c=(speed)$",
        c= " "
        + r"$\unit{\metre\per\second}$",
        loc="center",
        fontsize=12,
        wrap=True,
    )

    return (ln,)
```

```
anim = FuncAnimation(
    fig=fig,
    func=update,
    frames=tqdm(iterable=range(t.size), file=sys.stdout, colour="green"),
    interval=1,
    init_func=init,
    blit=True,
).save(
    filename="animation.mkv",
    writer=FFMpegWriter(
```



## E. Supplementary Methods

### E.1. Vector Calculus Theorems

Vector Fields are maps of the form

$$F: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

Scalar fields are maps of the form

$$\phi: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

The gradient of a scalar field is a vector field, defined as

$$\nabla \phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x^i} \mathbf{e}_i$$

Given Cartesian coordinates  $x^i$  with  $i = 1, \dots, n$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the gradient of  $\phi$  is defined as

$$\nabla \phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x^i} \mathbf{e}_i.$$

A vector field  $\mathbf{F}$  is called conservative if it can be written as

$$\mathbf{F} = \nabla \phi.$$

Given two vectors, a derivative acting on vector fields known as the divergence

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} = \left( \mathbf{e}_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right) \cdot (\mathbf{e}_j F_j) = \frac{\partial F_i}{\partial x^i}$$

where  $\mathbf{e}_i \cdot \mathbf{e}_j = \delta_{ij}$ . Note that the gradient of a scalar field gave a vector field. Now the divergence of a vector field gives a scalar field. If  $\mathbf{F}: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ , we can take cross product.

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{F} = () \times () = \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial F_j}{\partial x^i} \mathbf{e}_k$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{F} = \left( \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x^3}, \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x^3} - \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial x^1}, \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x^1} - \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x^2} \right) = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{e}_1 & \mathbf{e}_2 & \mathbf{e}_3 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} & \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} & \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} \\ F_1 & F_2 & F_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\nabla (\alpha \phi + \psi) = \alpha \nabla \phi + \nabla \psi.$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\alpha \mathbf{F} + \mathbf{G}) = \alpha \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{G}.$$

$$\nabla \times (\alpha \mathbf{F} + \mathbf{G}) = \alpha \nabla \times \mathbf{F} + \nabla \times \mathbf{G}.$$

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for any scalar fields  $\phi$  and  $\psi$ , vector fields  $\mathbf{F}$  and  $\mathbf{G}$ , and any constant  $\alpha$ .

$$\nabla(\phi\psi) = \phi\nabla\psi + \psi\nabla\phi.$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\phi\mathbf{F}) = (\nabla\phi) \cdot \mathbf{F} + \phi(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F})$$

$$\nabla \times (\phi\mathbf{F}) = (\nabla\phi) \times \mathbf{F} + \phi(\nabla \times \mathbf{F})$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\phi\mathbf{F}) = \frac{\partial(\phi F_i)}{\partial x^i} = \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x^i} F_i + \phi \frac{\partial F_i}{\partial x^i} = (\nabla\phi) \cdot \mathbf{F} + \phi(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}).$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{F} \times \mathbf{G}) = (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) \cdot \mathbf{G} - \mathbf{F} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{G}).$$

$$\mathbf{F} \cdot \nabla = F_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$$

$$\mathbf{F} \times \nabla = \mathbf{e}_k \epsilon_{ijk} F_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}$$

$$\nabla(\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{G}) = \mathbf{F} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{G}) + \mathbf{G} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) + (\mathbf{F} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{G} + (\mathbf{G} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{F}.$$

$$\nabla \times (\mathbf{F} \times \mathbf{G}) = (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{G}) \mathbf{F} - (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}) \mathbf{G} + (\mathbf{G} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{F} - (\mathbf{F} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{G}.$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{F} = 0 \iff \mathbf{F} = \nabla\phi \iff \oint_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{x} = 0.$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} = 0 \iff \mathbf{F} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}.$$

The Laplacian is a second order differential operator defined by

$$\nabla^2 = \nabla \cdot \nabla = \frac{d^3}{d(x^i)^2 dx^i}$$

$$\nabla^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}.$$

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}) - \nabla^2 \mathbf{F}.$$

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{F} = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}) - \nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{F})$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \left( \mathbf{J} + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} \right)$$

## E. Supplementary Methods

$$df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} du + \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} dv + \frac{\partial f}{\partial w} dw = \nabla f \cdot (h_u \mathbf{e}_u du + h_v \mathbf{e}_v dv + h_w \mathbf{e}_w dw)$$

$$\nabla = \frac{1}{h_u} \mathbf{e}_u \frac{\partial}{\partial u} + \frac{1}{h_v} \mathbf{e}_v \frac{\partial}{\partial v} + \frac{1}{h_w} \mathbf{e}_w \frac{\partial}{\partial w}$$

$$F(u, v, w) = F_u \mathbf{e}_u + F_v \mathbf{e}_v + F_w \mathbf{e}_w$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} = \frac{1}{h_u h_v h_w} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial u} (h_v h_w F_u) + \frac{\partial}{\partial v} (h_u h_w F_v) + \frac{\partial}{\partial w} (h_u h_v F_w) \right)$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{F} = \frac{1}{h_u h_v h_w} \begin{vmatrix} h_u \mathbf{e}_u & h_v \mathbf{e}_v & h_w \mathbf{e}_w \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \\ h_u F_u & h_v F_v & h_w F_w \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\nabla^2 f = \nabla \cdot \nabla f = \frac{1}{h_u h_v h_w} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \left( \frac{h_v h_w}{h_u} \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \left( \frac{h_u h_w}{h_v} \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \left( \frac{h_u h_v}{h_w} \frac{\partial f}{\partial w} \right) \right]$$

$$\nabla^2 f = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2}.$$

$$\nabla^2 f = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \left( \rho \frac{\partial f}{\partial \rho} \right) + \frac{1}{\rho^2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2}.$$

$$\nabla^2 f = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \phi^2}.$$

### E.1.1. The Divergence Theorem

For a smooth vector field  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})$  over  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,

$$\int_V \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} dV = \int_S \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

where  $V$  is a bounded region whose boundary  $\partial V = S$  is a piecewise smooth closed surface. The integral on the right-hand side is taken with the normal  $\mathbf{n}$  pointing outward.

$$\int_V \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} dV \approx V \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}).$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} = \lim_{V \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{V} \int_S \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

$$\int_S \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_V \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} dV.$$

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We introduce the density  $\rho(\mathbf{x}, t)$  of the conserved object. The total electric charge in some region  $V$  is then given by the integral

$$Q = \int_V \rho \, dV.$$

The conservation of charge is captured by the following statement: there exists a vector field  $\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}, t)$  such that

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} = 0$$

This is known as the continuity equation and  $\mathbf{J}$  is called the current density.

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} = \int_V \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} \, dV = - \int_V \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} \, dV = - \int_S \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{S}.$$

The continuity equation plays an important role in Fluid Dynamics where the mass is conserved. In that case,  $\rho(\mathbf{x}, t)$  is the density of the fluid and the current is  $\mathbf{J} = \rho \mathbf{u}$  where  $\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, t)$  is the velocity field. The continuity equation then read as

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) = 0.$$

In many circumstances, liquids can be modelled as incompressible, meaning that  $\rho(\mathbf{x}, t)$  is a constant in both space and time. In these circumstances, we have  $\dot{\rho} = \nabla \rho = 0$  and the continuity equation tell us that the velocity field is necessarily solenoidal:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

There is a close connection between conserved quantities and the idea of diffusion. We will illustrate this with the idea of energy conservation. The story takes slightly different from depending on the context, but here we will think of the energy contained in a hot gas. First, since energy is conserved there is necessarily a corresponding continuity equation.

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} = 0$$

where  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{x}, t)$  is the energy density of the gas, and  $\mathbf{J}$  is the heat current which tell us how energy is transported from one region of space to another. First, the energy density in a gas is proportional to the temperature of the gas

$$\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{x}, t) = c_V T(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

where  $c_V$  is the specific heat capacity.

$$\mathbf{J} = -\kappa \nabla T$$

where  $\kappa$  is called the thermal conductivity. This relation is known as Fick's law.

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Let  $P(x, y)$  and  $Q(x, y)$  be smooth functions on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Then

$$\int_A \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA = \oint_C (P dx + Q dy)$$

where  $A$  is a bounded region in the plane and  $C = \partial A$  is a piecewise smooth, non-intersecting closed curve which is traversed anti-clockwise.

### E.1.2. The Stokes Theorem

Stoke's theorem is an extension of Green's theorem, but where the surface is no longer restricted to lie in a plane.

Let  $S$  be a smooth surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with boundary  $C = \partial S$  a piecewise smooth curve. For any smooth vector field  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})$ , we have

$$\int_S \nabla \times \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{x}$$

$$\int_S \nabla \times \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S} \approx \mathbf{A} \mathbf{n} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}).$$

$$\mathbf{n} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) = \lim_{A \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{A} \int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{x}.$$

In other words, at any given point, the value of  $\nabla \times \mathbf{F}$  in the direction  $\mathbf{n}$  tell us about the circulation of  $\mathbf{F}$  in the plane normal to  $\mathbf{n}$ .

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{F} = 0 \implies \oint_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{x} = 0$$

for all closed curve  $C$ .

### E.1.3. Tensor Fields

A tensor field over  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is the assignment of a tensor  $T_{i_1, \dots, i_k}(\mathbf{x})$  to every point  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ . This is a generalization of a vector field

$$\mathbf{F}: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

to a map of the kind

$$T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

with  $m$  the number of components of the tensor.

## E.2. Method of characteristics

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Let's consider the problem of

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u + c \partial_x u = 0, & x \in (0, 1), t > 0. \\ u(0, t) = u(1, t), & t > 0. \\ u(x, 0) = g(x), & x \in [0, 1]. \end{cases}$$

Consider the problem for the explicit form of linear first-order PDEs in two independent variables

$$\begin{cases} a(x, y) \partial_x u + b(x, y) \partial_y u = c_1(x, y) u + c_2(x, y), \\ u(x, y) \text{ given for } (x, y) \in \Gamma. \end{cases}$$

to be solved in some domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  with data given on some curve  $\Gamma \subset \overline{\Omega}$ . Often the  $\Gamma \subset \partial\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  it will just be one of the coordinate axes.

We find the characteristics, i.e., the curves which follow these directions, by solving

$$\frac{dx}{ds} = a(x(s), y(s)), \quad \frac{dy}{ds} = b(x(s), y(s)).$$

Now suppose  $u$  is a solution to the PDE. Let  $z(s)$  denote the values of the solution  $u$  along a characteristic; i.e.,

$$z(s) := u(x(s), y(s)).$$

Then by the chain rule, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dz}{ds} &= \partial_x u(x(s), y(s)) \frac{dx}{ds} + \partial_y u(x(s), y(s)) \frac{dy}{ds} \\ \frac{dz}{ds} &= \partial_x u(x(s), y(s)) a(x(s), y(s)) + \partial_y u(x(s), y(s)) b(x(s), y(s)). \\ \frac{dz}{ds} &= c_1(x(s), y(s)) z(s) + c_2(x(s), y(s)). \end{aligned}$$

### Definición 1: Characteristics equations

There are three *dependent variables*  $x, y$  and  $z$  and one *independent variable*  $s$ .

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{ds}(s) &= a(x(s), y(s)). \\ \frac{dy}{ds}(s) &= b(x(s), y(s)). \\ \frac{dz}{ds}(s) &= c_1(x(s), y(s)) z(s) + c_2(x(s), y(s)). \end{cases}$$

$$a(x, y) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + b(x, y) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = c_1(x, y) u + c_2(x, y), u \text{ given for } (x, y) \in \Gamma$$

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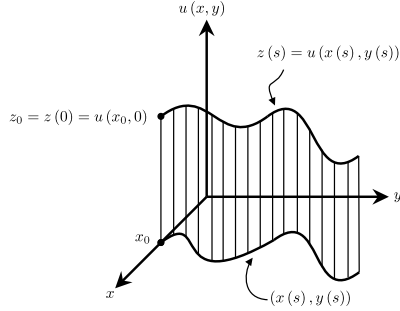


Figure E.1.: The solution  $u$  is described by the surface defined by  $z = u(x, y)$ . From any point  $x_0$  on the  $x$ -axis, there is a curve  $(x(s), y(s))$  in the  $xy$ -plane, upon which we can calculate the solution  $z = u(x(s), y(s))$ . Knowing only the structure of the PDE,  $x_0$  and  $z_0$  we can solve ODEs to find the part of the solution surface which lies above the curve.

where we have a linear PDE in the independent variables  $x$  and  $y$  with a given functions  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  of  $(x, y)$ .  $\Gamma \subset \partial\Omega$ . We find the characteristics, i.e., the curves which follow these directions, by solving

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{ds} &= a(x(s), y(s)) . \\ \frac{dy}{ds} &= b(x(s), y(s)) . \\ z(s) &= u(x(s), y(s)) . \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{dz}{ds} = c_1(x(s), y(s)) z(s) + c_2(x(s), y(s)) .$$

### E.3. Method of separation of variables

## F. Code Repositories and Resources





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