

# FEM FOR COUPLED TRANSPORT EQUATIONS

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**ABSTRACT.** This is the explanation of the discretization of two transport equations coupled at the boundary (using the finite element method) and of a  $2 \times 2$  hyperbolic system. The corresponding code is in the files `transport_diag_wf1.m`, as well as `transport_nodiag_wf1.m` and `transport_nodiag_wf2.m`. Our choice of discretization is done in view of extending this method to a more complicated model: the Intrinsic Geometrically Exact Beam model, which is also a first-order system of partial differential equations (treated in the repositories <https://github.com/chrdz/GEB-diversSimu> and <https://github.com/chrdz/GEB-Feedback>).

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**Notation.** Let  $m, n \in \{1, 2, \dots\}$ . The inner product in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is denoted  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ . Here, the identity and null matrices are denoted by  $\mathbf{I}_n \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and  $\mathbf{0}_{n,m} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ , and we use the abbreviation  $\mathbf{0}_n = \mathbf{0}_{n,n}$ . If there is no confusion, we omit the subscript and write  $\mathbf{I}$  and  $\mathbf{0}$  instead.

## 1. SPATIAL DISCRETIZATION

We consider a one-dimensional spatial domain  $(0, \ell)$  with  $\ell > 0$ . We place  $N_x$  points  $\{x_k\}_{k=1}^{N_x}$  on the interval  $[0, \ell]$ , such that  $x_1 = 0$  and  $x_{N_x} = \ell$ . The number  $N_x$  is even, and each interval  $[x_{2e-1}, x_{2e+1}]$  for  $e \in \{1, 2, \dots, N_e\}$  constitute an element, which contains

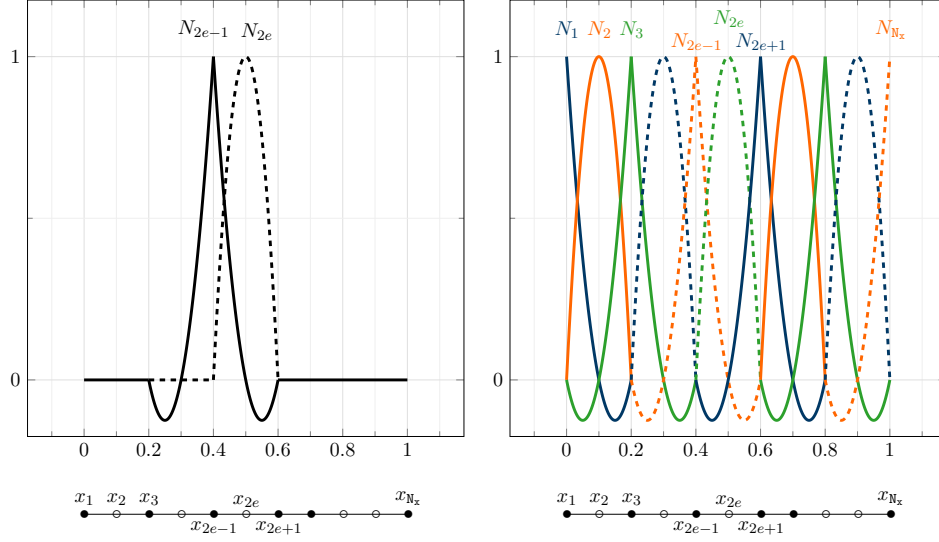


FIGURE 1. Left: two kinds of shape functions. Right: shape functions over the whole interval.

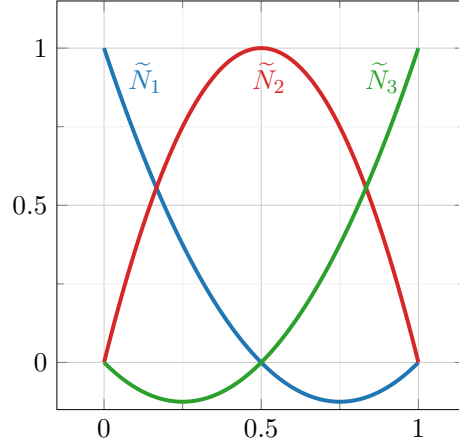


FIGURE 2. Reference element.

the points  $x_{2e-1}, x_{2e}, x_{2e+1}$ . Thus, the length of the element  $e$  is  $\mathbf{h}_e = x_{2e+1} - x_{2e-1}$ , and  $\mathbf{N}_x = 2\mathbf{N}_e + 1$ . Let

$$n(i, k) := 2(k - 1) + i, \quad \mathbf{N}_{\text{tot}} := 2\mathbf{N}_x.$$

Let  $\mathbf{N}: [0, \ell] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2 \times \mathbf{N}_{\text{tot}}}$  be defined by

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{N}_1 \\ \mathbf{N}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{N} = \begin{bmatrix} N_1 & 0 & N_2 & 0 & N_3 & 0 & \dots & 0 & N_{\mathbf{N}_x} & 0 \\ 0 & N_1 & 0 & N_2 & 0 & N_3 & \dots & N_{\mathbf{N}_x-1} & 0 & N_{\mathbf{N}_x} \end{bmatrix}.$$

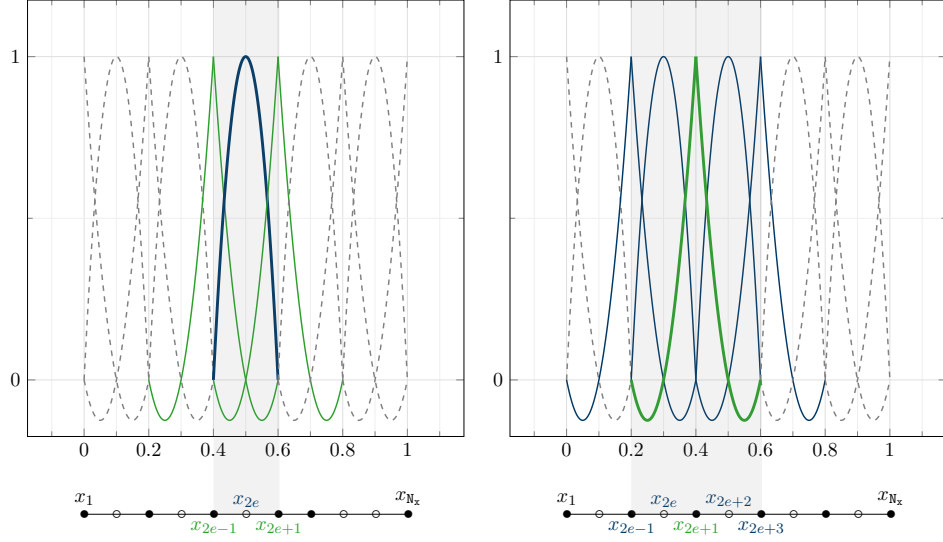


FIGURE 3. Left: shape function whose support intersect that of  $N_{2e}$ . Right: shape functions whose support intersect that of  $N_{2e+1}$ .

At the moment, we do not take into account the homogeneous Dirichlet boundary condition. We use the approximation

$$\begin{aligned} y(x, t) &\approx \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{k=1}^{N_x} N_k(x) \bar{\mathbf{e}}_i \mathbf{y}_{n(i,k)}(t) \\ &= \mathbf{N}(x) \mathbf{y}(t), \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

and similarly  $\psi(x) \approx \mathbf{N}(x) \boldsymbol{\psi}$ . For any element  $\omega^e := [x_{2e-1}, x_{2e+1}]$  for  $e \in \{1, \dots, N_e\}$ , only three shape functions are nonzero and are given by

$$[N_{2e-1}, N_{2e}, N_{2e+1}] = \tilde{\mathbf{N}} \left( \frac{x - x_{2e-1}}{x_{2e+1} - x_{2e-1}} \right),$$

where  $\tilde{\mathbf{N}}$  is defined by

$$[\tilde{N}_1(\xi), \tilde{N}_2(\xi), \tilde{N}_3(\xi)] = \tilde{\mathbf{N}}(\xi) = [(1 - \xi)(1 - 2\xi), 4\xi(1 - \xi), \xi(2\xi - 1)].$$

## 2. TWO TRANSPORT EQUATIONS COUPLED AT THE BOUNDARY

**2.1. The model.** For  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 > 0$  and  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ , consider the system

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t y^1 + \lambda_1 \partial_x y^1 = 0 & \text{in } (0, \ell) \times (0, T) \\ \partial_t y^2 - \lambda_2 \partial_x y^2 = 0 & \text{in } (0, \ell) \times (0, T) \\ y^1(0, t) = 0 & t \in (0, T) \\ y^2(\ell, t) = k y^1(\ell, t) & t \in (0, T) \\ (y^1, y^2)(x, 0) = (y^{10}, y^{20})(x) & x \in (0, \ell). \end{cases}$$

**2.2. The weak formulation.** Left-multiply by  $x$ -dependent function  $\psi^\top = (\psi^1, \psi^2)^\top$  and integrate over  $(0, \ell)$ , to obtain

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \int_0^\ell \left\langle \psi, \begin{bmatrix} y^1(t) \\ y^2(t) \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle dx \right) + \int_0^\ell \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} \psi^1 \\ \psi^2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} \partial_x \begin{bmatrix} y^1(t) \\ y^2(t) \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle dx = 0.$$

We use integration by parts on the latter term, to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \left( \int_0^\ell \left\langle \psi, \begin{bmatrix} y^1(t) \\ y^2(t) \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle dx \right) + \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} \psi^1(\ell) \\ \psi^2(\ell) \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y^1(\ell, t) \\ y^2(\ell, t) \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle \\ & - \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} \psi^1(0) \\ \psi^2(0) \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y^1(0, t) \\ y^2(0, t) \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle - \int_0^\ell \left\langle \partial_x \begin{bmatrix} \psi^1 \\ \psi^2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y^1(t) \\ y^2(t) \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle dx = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Using the boundary conditions satisfied by  $y$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \left( \int_0^\ell \left\langle \psi, \begin{bmatrix} y^1(t) \\ y^2(t) \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle dx \right) + \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} \psi^1(\ell) \\ \psi^2(\ell) \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & -k\lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y^1(\ell, t) \\ y^1(\ell, t) \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle \\ & - \langle \psi^2(0), -\lambda_2 y^2(0, t) \rangle - \int_0^\ell \left\langle \partial_x \begin{bmatrix} \psi^1 \\ \psi^2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y^1(t) \\ y^2(t) \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle dx = 0. \end{aligned}$$

which also writes as

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \left( \int_0^\ell \left\langle \psi, \begin{bmatrix} y^1(t) \\ y^2(t) \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle dx \right) + \langle \psi^1(\ell) \lambda_1 - \psi^2(\ell) k \lambda_2, y^1(\ell, t) \rangle \\ & - \langle \psi^2(0), -\lambda_2 y^2(0, t) \rangle - \int_0^\ell \left\langle \partial_x \begin{bmatrix} \psi^1 \\ \psi^2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y^1(t) \\ y^2(t) \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle dx = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Consider the functional space  $V = \{ \psi \in H^1(0, \ell; \mathbb{R}^2) : \psi^1(0) = 0 \}$  and let

$$\bar{\mathbf{e}}_1 := \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{\mathbf{e}}_2 := \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We choose the following weak formulation

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Find } y = (y^1, y^2)^\top \in C^0(0, T; V) \text{ such that: for all } \psi \in V, \\ & \frac{d}{dt} \left( \int_0^\ell \langle \psi, y(t) \rangle dx \right) + \lambda_1 \langle \bar{\mathbf{e}}_1^\top \psi(\ell), \bar{\mathbf{e}}_1^\top y(\ell, t) \rangle - k\lambda_2 \langle \bar{\mathbf{e}}_2^\top \psi(\ell), \bar{\mathbf{e}}_1^\top y(\ell, t) \rangle \\ & + \lambda_2 \langle \bar{\mathbf{e}}_2^\top \psi(0), \bar{\mathbf{e}}_2^\top y(0, t) \rangle - \int_0^\ell \left\langle \frac{d}{dx} \psi, \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} y(t) \right\rangle dx = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

**2.3. The semi-discretization.** We semi-discretize in space by using the approximation

$$\mathbf{V} = \{ \psi \in C^0([0, \ell]; \mathbb{R}^2) : \psi|_{[x_\alpha, x_{\alpha+1}]} \in (\mathbb{P}_2)^2 \text{ for all } \alpha \in \{1, \dots, N_e - 1\}, \psi^1(0) = 0 \}.$$

We inject the approximation (1) into the weak form. This yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \boldsymbol{\psi}^\top \left( \int_0^\ell \mathbf{N}^\top \mathbf{N} dx \right) \frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{y}(t) + \lambda_1 \boldsymbol{\psi}^\top \mathbf{N}(\ell)^\top \bar{\mathbf{e}}_1 \bar{\mathbf{e}}_1^\top \mathbf{N}(\ell) \mathbf{y}(t) - k\lambda_2 \boldsymbol{\psi}^\top \mathbf{N}(\ell)^\top \bar{\mathbf{e}}_2 \bar{\mathbf{e}}_1^\top \mathbf{N}(\ell) \mathbf{y}(t) \\ & + \lambda_2 \boldsymbol{\psi}^\top \mathbf{N}(0)^\top \bar{\mathbf{e}}_2 \bar{\mathbf{e}}_2^\top \mathbf{N}(0) \mathbf{y}(t) - \boldsymbol{\psi}^\top \left( \int_0^\ell \frac{d\mathbf{N}^\top}{dx} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{N} dx \right) \mathbf{y}(t) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

which also writes as

$$\mathcal{M} \frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{y}(t) + \mathcal{K} \mathbf{y}(t) = 0 \quad (3)$$

for  $\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{K} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_{\text{tot}} \times N_{\text{tot}}}$  defined by

$$\mathcal{M} = \int_0^\ell \mathbf{N}^\top \mathbf{N} dx \quad (4)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{K} = & \int_0^\ell \frac{d\mathbf{N}^\top}{dx} \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{N} dx + \lambda_1 \mathbf{N}(\ell)^\top \bar{\mathbf{e}}_1 \bar{\mathbf{e}}_1^\top \mathbf{N}(\ell) \\ & - k\lambda_2 \mathbf{N}(\ell)^\top \bar{\mathbf{e}}_2 \bar{\mathbf{e}}_1^\top \mathbf{N}(\ell) + \lambda_2 \mathbf{N}(0)^\top \bar{\mathbf{e}}_2 \bar{\mathbf{e}}_2^\top \mathbf{N}(0). \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\mathbf{N}^\top \mathbf{N} = \sum_{i=1}^2 \mathbf{N}_i^\top \mathbf{N}_i, \quad \frac{d\mathbf{N}^\top}{dx} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{N} = \sum_{i=1}^2 (-1)^i \lambda_i \frac{d\mathbf{N}_i^\top}{dx} \mathbf{N}_i,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{N}(x_k)^\top \bar{\mathbf{e}}_i \bar{\mathbf{e}}_j^\top \mathbf{N}(x_k) &= \mathbf{N}_i(x_k)^\top \mathbf{N}_j(x_k) \\ &= \mathbf{e}_{n(i,k)}^\top \mathbf{e}_{n(j,k)}. \end{aligned}$$

We compute that

$$\mathcal{M} = \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{e=1}^{N_e} \int_{\omega^e} \mathbf{N}_i^\top \mathbf{N}_i dx$$

which also writes as

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{M} = & \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{e=1}^{N_e} \left( \int_{\omega^e} (N_{2e-1})^2 dx \right) \mathbf{e}_{n(i,2e-1)} \mathbf{e}_{n(i,2e-1)}^\top + \left( \int_{\omega^e} (N_{2e})^2 dx \right) \mathbf{e}_{n(i,2e)} \mathbf{e}_{n(i,2e)}^\top \\
& + \left( \int_{\omega^e} (N_{2e+1})^2 dx \right) \mathbf{e}_{n(i,2e+1)} \mathbf{e}_{n(i,2e+1)}^\top \\
& + \left( \int_{\omega^e} N_{2e-1} N_{2e} dx \right) (\mathbf{e}_{n(i,2e-1)} \mathbf{e}_{n(i,2e)}^\top + \mathbf{e}_{n(i,2e)} \mathbf{e}_{n(i,2e-1)}^\top) \\
& + \left( \int_{\omega^e} N_{2e-1} N_{2e+1} dx \right) (\mathbf{e}_{n(i,2e-1)} \mathbf{e}_{n(i,2e+1)}^\top + \mathbf{e}_{n(i,2e+1)} \mathbf{e}_{n(i,2e-1)}^\top) \\
& + \left( \int_{\omega^e} N_{2e} N_{2e+1} dx \right) (\mathbf{e}_{n(i,2e)} \mathbf{e}_{n(i,2e+1)}^\top + \mathbf{e}_{n(i,2e+1)} \mathbf{e}_{n(i,2e)}^\top).
\end{aligned}$$

and a change of variable yields

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{M} = & \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{e=1}^{N_e} \mathbf{h}_e \left[ \left( \int_0^1 (\tilde{N}_1)^2 d\xi \right) \mathbf{e}_{n(i,2e-1)} \mathbf{e}_{n(i,2e-1)}^\top + \left( \int_0^1 (\tilde{N}_2)^2 d\xi \right) \mathbf{e}_{n(i,2e)} \mathbf{e}_{n(i,2e)}^\top \right. \\
& + \left( \int_0^1 (\tilde{N}_3)^2 d\xi \right) \mathbf{e}_{n(i,2e+1)} \mathbf{e}_{n(i,2e+1)}^\top \\
& + \left( \int_0^1 \tilde{N}_1 \tilde{N}_2 d\xi \right) (\mathbf{e}_{n(i,2e-1)} \mathbf{e}_{n(i,2e)}^\top + \mathbf{e}_{n(i,2e)} \mathbf{e}_{n(i,2e-1)}^\top) \\
& + \left( \int_0^1 \tilde{N}_1 \tilde{N}_3 d\xi \right) (\mathbf{e}_{n(i,2e-1)} \mathbf{e}_{n(i,2e+1)}^\top + \mathbf{e}_{n(i,2e+1)} \mathbf{e}_{n(i,2e-1)}^\top) \\
& \left. + \left( \int_0^1 \tilde{N}_2 \tilde{N}_3 d\xi \right) (\mathbf{e}_{n(i,2e)} \mathbf{e}_{n(i,2e+1)}^\top + \mathbf{e}_{n(i,2e+1)} \mathbf{e}_{n(i,2e)}^\top) \right].
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, we will construct the mass matrix the following way.

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**Algorithm 1:** Building the matrix  $\mathcal{M}$ .

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1 Initialize  $\mathcal{M}$  as a zero matrix
2 for  $i = 1, 2$  do
3   for  $e = 1, \dots, N_e$  do
4      $\text{idx} = [n(i, 2e-1), n(i, 2e), n(i, 2e+1)]$ 
5      $\mathcal{M}(\text{idx}, \text{idx}) = \mathcal{M}(\text{idx}, \text{idx}) + \mathbf{h}_e \mathcal{M}^e$ 

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Here, the element mass matrix  $\mathcal{M}^e \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  is given by

$$\mathcal{M}^e = \int_0^1 (\tilde{\mathbf{N}})^\top \tilde{\mathbf{N}} d\xi = \frac{1}{30} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 16 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Similarly, the stiffness matrix takes the form

$$\mathcal{K} = \sum_{i=1}^2 (-1)^i \lambda_i \sum_{e=1}^{N_e} \int_{\omega^e} \frac{d\mathbf{N}_i}{dx} dx + \lambda_1 \mathbf{e}_{n(1, \mathbf{N}_x)} \mathbf{e}_{n(1, \mathbf{N}_x)}^\top - k \lambda_2 \mathbf{e}_{n(2, \mathbf{N}_x)} \mathbf{e}_{n(1, \mathbf{N}_x)}^\top + \lambda_2 \mathbf{e}_{n(2, 1)} \mathbf{e}_{n(2, 1)}^\top$$

which also writes as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{K} = & \sum_{i=1}^2 (-1)^i \lambda_i \sum_{e=1}^{N_e} \left[ \left( \int_{\omega^e} \frac{dN_{2e-1}}{dx} N_{2e-1} dx \right) \mathbf{e}_{n(i, 2e-1)} \mathbf{e}_{n(i, 2e-1)}^\top \right. \\ & + \left( \int_{\omega^e} \frac{dN_{2e}}{dx} N_{2e} dx \right) \mathbf{e}_{n(i, 2e)} \mathbf{e}_{n(i, 2e)}^\top + \left( \int_{\omega^e} \frac{dN_{2e+1}}{dx} N_{2e+1} dx \right) \mathbf{e}_{n(i, 2e+1)} \mathbf{e}_{n(i, 2e+1)}^\top \\ & + \left( \int_{\omega^e} \frac{dN_{2e-1}}{dx} N_{2e} dx \right) \mathbf{e}_{n(i, 2e-1)} \mathbf{e}_{n(i, 2e)}^\top + \left( \int_{\omega^e} \frac{dN_{2e}}{dx} N_{2e-1} dx \right) \mathbf{e}_{n(i, 2e)} \mathbf{e}_{n(i, 2e-1)}^\top \\ & + \left( \int_{\omega^e} \frac{dN_{2e-1}}{dx} N_{2e+1} dx \right) \mathbf{e}_{n(i, 2e-1)} \mathbf{e}_{n(i, 2e+1)}^\top + \left( \int_{\omega^e} \frac{dN_{2e+1}}{dx} N_{2e-1} dx \right) \mathbf{e}_{n(i, 2e+1)} \mathbf{e}_{n(i, 2e-1)}^\top \\ & + \left. \left( \int_{\omega^e} \frac{dN_{2e}}{dx} N_{2e+1} dx \right) \mathbf{e}_{n(i, 2e)} \mathbf{e}_{n(i, 2e+1)}^\top + \left( \int_{\omega^e} \frac{dN_{2e+1}}{dx} N_{2e} dx \right) \mathbf{e}_{n(i, 2e+1)} \mathbf{e}_{n(i, 2e)}^\top \right] \\ & + \lambda_1 \mathbf{e}_{n(1, \mathbf{N}_x)} \mathbf{e}_{n(1, \mathbf{N}_x)}^\top - k \lambda_2 \mathbf{e}_{n(2, \mathbf{N}_x)} \mathbf{e}_{n(1, \mathbf{N}_x)}^\top + \lambda_2 \mathbf{e}_{n(2, 1)} \mathbf{e}_{n(2, 1)}^\top. \end{aligned}$$

The definition of the shape functions together with a change of variables yields that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{K} = & \sum_{i=1}^2 (-1)^i \lambda_i \sum_{e=1}^{N_e} \left[ \left( \int_0^1 \frac{d\tilde{N}_1}{d\xi} \tilde{N}_1 d\xi \right) \mathbf{e}_{n(i, 2e-1)} \mathbf{e}_{n(i, 2e-1)}^\top \right. \\ & + \left( \int_0^1 \frac{d\tilde{N}_2}{d\xi} \tilde{N}_2 d\xi \right) \mathbf{e}_{n(i, 2e)} \mathbf{e}_{n(i, 2e)}^\top + \left( \int_0^1 \frac{d\tilde{N}_3}{d\xi} \tilde{N}_3 d\xi \right) \mathbf{e}_{n(i, 2e+1)} \mathbf{e}_{n(i, 2e+1)}^\top \\ & + \left( \int_0^1 \frac{d\tilde{N}_1}{d\xi} \tilde{N}_2 d\xi \right) \mathbf{e}_{n(i, 2e-1)} \mathbf{e}_{n(i, 2e)}^\top + \left( \int_0^1 \frac{d\tilde{N}_2}{d\xi} \tilde{N}_1 d\xi \right) \mathbf{e}_{n(i, 2e)} \mathbf{e}_{n(i, 2e-1)}^\top \\ & + \left( \int_0^1 \frac{d\tilde{N}_1}{d\xi} \tilde{N}_3 d\xi \right) \mathbf{e}_{n(i, 2e-1)} \mathbf{e}_{n(i, 2e+1)}^\top + \left( \int_0^1 \frac{d\tilde{N}_3}{d\xi} \tilde{N}_1 d\xi \right) \mathbf{e}_{n(i, 2e+1)} \mathbf{e}_{n(i, 2e-1)}^\top \\ & + \left( \int_0^1 \frac{d\tilde{N}_2}{d\xi} \tilde{N}_3 d\xi \right) \mathbf{e}_{n(i, 2e)} \mathbf{e}_{n(i, 2e+1)}^\top + \left( \int_0^1 \frac{d\tilde{N}_3}{d\xi} \tilde{N}_2 d\xi \right) \mathbf{e}_{n(i, 2e+1)} \mathbf{e}_{n(i, 2e)}^\top \Big] \\ & + \lambda_1 \mathbf{e}_{n(1, \mathbf{N}_x)} \mathbf{e}_{n(1, \mathbf{N}_x)}^\top - k \lambda_2 \mathbf{e}_{n(2, \mathbf{N}_x)} \mathbf{e}_{n(1, \mathbf{N}_x)}^\top + \lambda_2 \mathbf{e}_{n(2, 1)} \mathbf{e}_{n(2, 1)}^\top. \end{aligned}$$

So we will construct the stiffness matrix the following way.

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**Algorithm 2:** Building the matrix  $\mathcal{K}$ .

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1 Initialize  $\mathcal{K}$  as a zero matrix
2 for  $i = 1, 2$  do
3   for  $e = 1, \dots, N_e$  do
4      $\text{idx} = [n(i, 2e - 1), n(i, 2e), n(i, 2e + 1)]$ 
5      $\mathcal{K}(\text{idx}, \text{idx}) = \mathcal{K}(\text{idx}, \text{idx}) + (-1)^i \lambda_i \mathcal{K}^e$ 
6  $\mathcal{K}(n(1, N_x), n(1, N_x)) = \mathcal{K}(n(1, N_x), n(1, N_x)) + \lambda_1$ 
7  $\mathcal{K}(n(2, N_x), n(1, N_x)) = \mathcal{K}(n(2, N_x), n(1, N_x)) - k \lambda_2$ 
8  $\mathcal{K}(n(2, 1), n(2, 1)) = \mathcal{K}(n(2, 1), n(2, 1)) + \lambda_2$ 

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Here, the element stiffness matrix  $\mathcal{K}^e \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  is given by

$$\mathcal{K}^e = \int_0^1 \left( \frac{d\tilde{\mathbf{N}}}{d\xi} \right)^T \tilde{\mathbf{N}} d\xi = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -4 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 & -4 \\ -1 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Up to now, the boundary condition  $y^1(0, \cdot) \equiv 0$  has not been taken into account. One will then have to remove the first row and column of the obtained matrices (i.e. extract sub-matrices from  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{K}$ ), which amounts to removing the first equation of the obtained ODE. The actual number of unknowns will be  $N_f := 2N_x - 1$  and the  $y(x_k, t)$  will correspond to the  $f(i, k)$ -th component of the new (smaller) unknown state  $\mathbf{y}$ , where  $f(i, k) := 2(k - 1) + i - 1$ . More precisely, we proceed as follows.

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**Algorithm 3:** Applying the Dirichlet boundary conditions.

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1  $\text{dof} = 2 : N_{\text{tot}}$ 
2  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}(\text{dof}, \text{dof})$ 
3  $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{K}(\text{dof}, \text{dof})$ 

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### 3. $2 \times 2$ LINEAR HYPERBOLIC SYSTEM

**3.1. The model.** Consider the system

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t y + A \partial_x y = 0 & \text{in } (0, \ell) \times (0, T) \\ y^1(0, t) = 0 & t \in (0, T) \\ y^2(\ell, t) = f(t) & t \in (0, T) \\ (y^1, y^2)(x, 0) = (y^{10}, y^{20})(x) & x \in (0, \ell), \end{cases}$$

where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**3.2. Working with the physical variables.** In Section 3.2 we work with the unknown state  $\mathbf{y}$  (rather than diagonalizing the system as in Section 3.3).



3.2.1. *Weak formulation.* The code corresponding to this subsection is given in the file `transport_nodiag_wf1.m`.

We define the matrices  $\Pi^1$  and  $\Pi^2$ , and space  $V$  by

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi^1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \Pi^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \\ V &= \{\psi \in H^1(0, \ell; \mathbb{R}^2) : \Pi^1 \psi(0) = 0\};\end{aligned}$$

Integrating by parts, one has for any  $\psi \in V$

$$\int_0^\ell \langle \psi, A \partial_x y \rangle dx = - \int_0^\ell \left\langle \frac{d\psi}{dx}, Ay \right\rangle dx + [\langle \psi, Ay \rangle]_0^\ell,$$

and one may compute that

$$\begin{aligned}[\langle \psi, Ay \rangle]_0^\ell &= [\langle \Pi^1 \psi, \Pi^2 y \rangle + \langle \Pi^2 \psi, \Pi^1 y \rangle]_0^\ell \\ &= \langle \Pi^1 \psi(\ell), f(t) \rangle + \langle \Pi^2 \psi(\ell), \Pi^1 y(\ell) \rangle.\end{aligned}$$

We choose the following weak form: find  $y \in C^0(0, T; V)$  such that for all  $\psi \in V$  one has

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \int_0^\ell \langle \psi, y(t) \rangle dx \right) - \int_0^\ell \left\langle \frac{d\psi}{dx}, Ay \right\rangle dx + \langle \Pi^1 \psi(\ell), f(t) \rangle + \langle \Pi^2 \psi(\ell), \Pi^1 y(\ell) \rangle = 0.$$

3.2.2. *The semi-discretization.* We inject the approximation (1) into the weak form. This yields the ODE

$$\mathcal{M} \frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{y}(t) + \mathcal{K} \mathbf{y}(t) + \mathcal{W} f(t) = 0 \tag{5}$$

where  $\mathcal{M} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_{\text{tot}} \times N_{\text{tot}}}$  is defined by (4),  $\mathcal{K} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_{\text{tot}} \times N_{\text{tot}}}$  is defined by

$$\mathcal{K} = - \int_0^\ell \frac{d\mathbf{N}^\top}{dx} A \mathbf{N} dx + \langle \Pi^2 \mathbf{N}(\ell), \Pi^1 \mathbf{N}(\ell) \rangle,$$

and  $\mathcal{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_{\text{tot}}}$  is defined by

$$\mathcal{W} = (\Pi^1 \mathbf{N}(\ell))^\top.$$

The matrix  $\mathcal{M}$  may be built as before. On the other hand one may compute that  $\langle \Pi^2 \mathbf{N}(\ell), \Pi^1 \mathbf{N}(\ell) \rangle = e_{n(2, Nx)} e_{n(1, Nx)}^\top$  and  $(\Pi^1 \mathbf{N}(\ell))^\top = e_{n(1, N_x)}$ . Hence,  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $\mathcal{W}$  can be built as follows.

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**Algorithm 4:** Building the matrices  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $\mathcal{W}$ .

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1 Initialize  $\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{W}$  as zero matrices
2 for  $i = 1, 2$  do
3   for  $j = 1, 2$  do
4     for  $e = 1, \dots, N_e$  do
5        $\text{idxRow} = [n(i, 2e - 1), n(i, 2e), n(i, 2e + 1)]$ 
6        $\text{idxCol} = [n(j, 2e - 1), n(j, 2e), n(j, 2e + 1)]$ 
7        $\mathcal{K}(\text{idxRow}, \text{idxCol}) = \mathcal{K}(\text{idxRow}, \text{idxCol}) - A_{i,j} \mathcal{K}^e$ 
8  $\mathcal{K}(n(2, N_x), n(1, N_x)) = \mathcal{K}(n(2, N_x), n(1, N_x)) + 1$ 
9  $\mathcal{W}(n(1, N_x), 1) = 1$ 

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Finally, we remove the first equation of the obtained ODE since the value of the state is known to be equal to zero at  $x = 0$ .

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**Algorithm 5:** Applying the Dirichlet boundary conditions.

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1  $\text{dof} = 2 : N_{\text{tot}}$ 
2  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}(\text{dof}, \text{dof})$ 
3  $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{K}(\text{dof}, \text{dof})$ 
4  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{W}(\text{dof}, 1)$ 

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**3.3. Working with the diagonal variables.** Let us consider the change of variable  $r = Ly$  for  $L \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  defined by

$$L = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Note that the inverse  $L^{-1}$  of this matrix is such that  $L^{-1} = L = L^\top$ . We have chosen this matrix  $L$  in such a way that  $LAL^\top = \mathbf{D}$  for  $\mathbf{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  defined by

$$\mathbf{D} = \text{diag}(1, -1).$$

Then, the new state  $r = (r^-, r^+)^\top$  is solution to the equivalent system

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t r + \mathbf{D} \partial_x r = 0 & \text{in } (0, \ell) \times (0, T) \\ r^+(0, t) = r^-(0, t) & t \in (0, T) \\ r^-(\ell, t) = -r^+(\ell, t) + \sqrt{2}f(t) & t \in (0, T) \\ r(x, 0) = Ly^0(x) & x \in (0, \ell). \end{cases}$$

**3.3.1. Weak formulation.** To complete.

This time we choose the following functional space  $V$

$$V = H^1(0, \ell; \mathbb{R}^2)$$

where no boundary condition is included in the definition of  $V$ .

Using integration by parts, one has for any  $\varphi = (\varphi^+, \varphi^-)^\top \in V$

$$\int_0^\ell \langle \varphi, \mathbf{D} \partial_x r \rangle dx = - \int_0^\ell \left\langle \frac{d\varphi}{dx}, \mathbf{D} r \right\rangle dx + [\langle \varphi, \mathbf{D} r \rangle]_0^\ell,$$

Using the boundary condition satisfied by  $r$ , we obtain

$$[\langle \varphi, \mathbf{D} r \rangle]_0^\ell = \dots$$

3.3.2. *The semi-discretization.* **To complete.**

#### 4. TIME DISCRETIZATION

We have obtained the linear ODE

$$\mathcal{M} \frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{y}(t) + \mathcal{K} \mathbf{y}(t) = 0,$$

and now want to discretize it in time. For the time integration, we use an implicit midpoint rule. Let the time interval be divided into  $N_t$  points  $\{t_k\}_{k=1}^{N_t}$  with  $t_1 = 0$  and  $t_{N_t} = T$ , and let  $h_t = \frac{T}{N_t-1}$  be the time step. For an ODE of the form,

$$\frac{d\mathbf{y}(t)}{dt} = f(\mathbf{y}(t)),$$

the implicit midpoint rule yields the following time discretization

$$\mathbf{y}^{k+1} = \mathbf{y}^k + h_t f\left(\frac{\mathbf{y}^k + \mathbf{y}^{k+1}}{2}\right)$$

for  $k \in \{1, \dots, N_t\}$ . Here,  $f(\zeta) = -\mathcal{M}^{-1} \mathcal{K} \zeta$ . Consequently, the scheme reads

$$\left(\mathcal{M} + \frac{h_t}{2} \mathcal{K}\right) \mathbf{y}^{k+1} = \left(\mathcal{M} - \frac{h_t}{2} \mathcal{K}\right) \mathbf{y}^k.$$