Energy stable discontinuous Galerkin formulations and discrete differential operators

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Abstract

We show that, for non-linear hyperbolic conservation laws which admit a skew-symmetric splitting, energy stable discontinuous Galerkin (DG) methods can be constructed in a straightforward manner based on discrete DG gradient and divergence operators. In particular, we show that these formulations remain energy stable for both curvilinear geometries and inexact quadrature. Examples of energy stable formulations are given for variable advection, Burgers' equation, and a Burgers'-like system, and it is shown that the construction of DG methods based on discrete differential operators recover known entropy-conservative fluxes.

1 Introduction

[1]

Lifting operators and discrete gradients [2, 3]

2 Discrete differential operators

We assume that the domain Ω is decomposed into non-overlapping elements D^k. We define the mesh $\Omega_h = \cup D^k$ and the corresponding global approximation space $V_h(\Omega_h) = \bigoplus V_h\left(D^k\right)$, where $V_h\left(D^k\right)$ is the approximation space over a single patch. Furthermore, we introduce the jump and average of discontinuous functions across element interfaces. Let $D^{k,+}$ denote the neighboring element of across a face f of D^k, and let u^+, u^- denote the values of u on $D^{k,+}$ and D^k, respectively. The jump of u across f is then defined as

$$\llbracket u \rrbracket = u^+ - u^-, \qquad \{\{u\}\} = \frac{u^+ + u^-}{2}.$$

The jump and average of vector fields are defined component-wise using the jumps and averages of components.

2.1 Discrete inner products

In order to define discrete differential operators, we first introduce the L^2 inner product on $V_h\left(\Omega_h\right)$

$$(u,v)_\Omega = \sum_{D^k} \int_{D^k} uv \, \mathrm{d}x = \sum_{D^k} \int_{\widehat{D}} uvJ \, \mathrm{d}\widehat{x}.$$

In practice, these integrals are computed using quadrature, such that

$$\int_{\widehat{D}} uv = \sum_{i=1}^{N_q} u(\boldsymbol{x}_i)v(\boldsymbol{x}_i)w_i,$$

where N_q is the number of quadrature points. The only assumptions we make upon this quadrature is that it is sufficiently accurate such that

1. The quadrature induces an equivalent inner product over the reference element $\widehat{D}$

2. Integration by parts holds (with respect to the reference coordinates $\widehat{x}$).

We also introduce the L^2 projection $\Pi_N : L^2(\Omega) \to P^N$ such that

$$(\Pi_N u, v)_\Omega = (u, v)_\Omega.$$

2.2 Discrete derivatives

We introduce two discrete DG derivatives in this section. The first is the implicit definition used in [3]

Definition 2.1. The discontinuous Galerkin differentiation operator $D^i : L^2(\Omega) \to V_h$ is defined implicitly as follows:

$$\left(D^i u, v\right)_{\Omega_h} = \sum_{D^k} \left(\left(-u, \frac{\partial v}{\partial \boldsymbol{x}_i}\right)_{L^2(D^k)} + \langle \{\!\{u\}\!\}, v\boldsymbol{n}_i \rangle_{L^2(\partial D^k)} \right).$$

We note that, for $u, v \in V_h$, integration by parts yields an equivalent definition of D^i found in [4, 5]

$$\left(D^i u, v\right)_{\Omega_h} = \sum_{D^k} \left(\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial \boldsymbol{x}_i}, v\right)_{L^2(D^k)} + \frac{1}{2} \langle [\![u]\!], v\boldsymbol{n}_i \rangle_{L^2(\partial D^k)} \right).$$

However, for $u \notin V_h$, these two definitions are not equivalent. This motivates the definition of a *discrete* DG differentiation operator:

Definition 2.2. The discrete discontinuous Galerkin differentiation operator $D_h^i : L^2(\Omega) \to V_h$ is defined as $D_h^i = D^i \Pi_N$.

The main property of

3 Notes

Begin with the gradient. Multiplication by $\boldsymbol{v}$ and integration by parts gives

$$\sum_{D^k} (\nabla u, \boldsymbol{v})_{L^2(D^k)} = \sum_{D^k} (-u, \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{v})_{L^2(D^k)} + \langle u, \boldsymbol{v} \cdot \boldsymbol{n} \rangle_{L^2(\partial D^k)}.$$

We replace the values of u with $\{\!\{u\}\!\}$ on each element boundary to define the global DG gradient operator ∇_h

$$\sum_{D^k} (\nabla_h u, \boldsymbol{v})_{L^2(D^k)} := \sum_{D^k} (-u, \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{v})_{L^2(D^k)} + \langle \{\!\{u\}\!\}, \boldsymbol{v} \cdot \boldsymbol{n} \rangle_{L^2(\partial D^k)}.$$

Integrating by parts again and the introduction of the lift operator shows that

$$\nabla_h u = \nabla u + \frac{1}{2} L\left([\![u]\!]\boldsymbol{n}\right)$$

where L is the lift operator.

The DG divergence operator is similarly defined as

$$\sum_{D^k} (\nabla_h \cdot \boldsymbol{u}, v)_{L^2(D^k)} := \sum_{D^k} (-\boldsymbol{u}, \nabla v)_{L^2(D^k)} + \langle \{\!\{\boldsymbol{u}\}\!\} \cdot \boldsymbol{n}, v \rangle_{L^2(\partial D^k)}.$$

and

$$\nabla_h \cdot u = \nabla \cdot u + \frac{1}{2} L\left([\![\boldsymbol{u}]\!] \cdot \boldsymbol{n}\right)$$

and it can be shown that
$$(\nabla_h u, \boldsymbol{v}) = (-u, \nabla_h \cdot \boldsymbol{v}).$$
We will incorporate boundary conditions in a stable way in the following sections.

When the support of v is limited to a single element, we have
$$(\nabla_h \cdot \boldsymbol{u}, v \mathbb{1}_{D^k}) = (\boldsymbol{u}, \nabla \cdot v \mathbb{1}_{D^k}) + \langle \{\!\{\boldsymbol{u}\}\!\} \cdot \boldsymbol{n}, v \rangle_{\partial D^k}.$$
and as a result when $v = 1$
$$(\nabla_h \cdot \boldsymbol{u}, \mathbb{1}_{D^k}) = \int_{\partial D^k} \{\!\{\boldsymbol{u}\}\!\} \cdot \boldsymbol{n}$$

4 Variable advection

A split formulation for advection is
$$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}, v\right) + \frac{1}{2}\left(\nabla_h \cdot \Pi_N\left(\boldsymbol{\beta} u\right), v\right) + \frac{1}{2}\left(\boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \nabla_h u, v\right) + \frac{1}{2}\left(\left(\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\beta}\right) u, v\right) = 0.$$

Taking $v = u$ yields and using $(\nabla_h u, \boldsymbol{v}) = (-u, \nabla_h \cdot \boldsymbol{v})$ yields the energy statement
$$\frac{1}{2}\|u\|^2 + \frac{1}{2}\left(\nabla_h \cdot \Pi_N\left(\boldsymbol{\beta} u\right), u\right) - \frac{1}{2}\left(u, \nabla_h \cdot \Pi_N\left(\boldsymbol{\beta} u\right)\right) = \frac{1}{2}\left(-\left(\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\beta}\right) u, u\right),$$

implying that $\frac{1}{2}\|u\|^2 = 0$ if $\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\beta} = 0$, or that the method is energy conserving. The only difference in this formulation is the introduction of Π_N, which can be defined at a discrete level using any quadrature scheme for which a discrete projection is well-defined.

5 Local conservation

Writing this in non-conservative form raises the question of local conservation. Integrating the original equation over D^k and using Gauss' theorem gives
$$\int_{D^k} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \int_{\partial D^k} \beta_n u = 0.$$
Taking $v = 1$ on D^k yields
$$\int_{D^k} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2}\left(\nabla_h \cdot \Pi_N\left(\boldsymbol{\beta} u\right), \mathbb{1}_{D^k}\right) + \frac{1}{2}\left(\boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \nabla_h u, \mathbb{1}_{D^k}\right) + \frac{1}{2}\left(\left(\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\beta}\right) u, \mathbb{1}_{D^k}\right) = 0.$$
The first term gives
$$\left(\nabla_h \cdot \Pi_N\left(\boldsymbol{\beta} u\right), \mathbb{1}_{D^k}\right) = \int_{\partial D^k} \{\!\{\Pi_N\left(\boldsymbol{\beta} u\right)\}\!\} \cdot \boldsymbol{n}.$$
The second term gives
$$\left(\boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \nabla_h u, \mathbb{1}_{D^k}\right) = \left(\nabla u, \boldsymbol{\beta}\right)_{D^k} + \frac{1}{2}\langle [\![u]\!], \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \boldsymbol{n}\rangle = \left(u, -\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\beta}\right)_{D^k} + \langle \{\!\{u\}\!\}, \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \boldsymbol{n}\rangle$$

through integration by parts and an assumption that $\boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \boldsymbol{n}$ is periodic. Cancelling volume terms, we end up with the statement of local conservation
$$\int_{D^k} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2}\int_{\partial D^k} \left(\{\!\{\Pi_N\left(\boldsymbol{\beta} u\right)\}\!\} + \left(\Pi_N\left(\boldsymbol{\beta}\right) \{\!\{u\}\!\}\right)\right) \cdot \boldsymbol{n} = 0$$

which is a discrete version of the continuous statement of local conservation.

Penalization can be added by adding any positive-definite stabilization term (upwind, penalty, Lax-Friedrichs) through the regular divergence flux.

It's probably better to formulate this using continuous DG derivatives, recover flux terms, then discretize that - the flux terms *should* still cancel out after discretization, right?

6   Discrete DG derivatives

Methods based on discrete DG derivatives also work.

The discrete DG derivative-based method is not consistent in the sense that Galerkin orthogonality does not hold exactly. The difference lies in the flux terms. Assume $\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\beta} = 0$, then

$$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}, v\right) + \frac{1}{2}\left(-\boldsymbol{\beta}u, \nabla_h v\right) + \frac{1}{2}\left(\boldsymbol{\beta}\cdot\nabla_h u, v\right) = 0.$$

$$\left(\nabla_h \cdot \Pi_N\left(\boldsymbol{\beta}u\right), v\right) = \sum_{D^k}\left(-\boldsymbol{\beta}u, \nabla v\right)_{L^2(D^k)} + \left\langle\left\{\left\{\Pi_N\left(\boldsymbol{\beta}u\right)\right\}\right\}\cdot\boldsymbol{n}, v\right\rangle_{L^2(\partial D^k)}$$

$$\left(\nabla_h u, \boldsymbol{\beta}v\right) = \sum_{D^k}\left(-u, \nabla\cdot\left(\boldsymbol{\beta}v\right)\right)_{L^2(D^k)} + \left\langle\boldsymbol{\beta}\cdot\boldsymbol{n}\left\{\left\{u\right\}\right\}, v\right\rangle_{L^2(\partial D^k)}.$$

The latter term is consistent; the former is not due to the presence of $\left\{\left\{\Pi_N\left(\boldsymbol{\beta}u\right)\right\}\right\}\cdot\boldsymbol{n}$ in the flux term. The consistency error should then be $O(h^{N+1/2})$ using a trace inequality for L^2 projections.

Can also write the inconsistent term as

$$\left(-\boldsymbol{\beta}u, \nabla_h v\right)$$

but this results in the same inconsistent flux term due to the fact that ∇_h is only defined for test functions in the polynomial space.

Note: can also use interpolants in a stable manner if using D_h. Unlike SEM, this still requires an extra matvec per RHS evaluation because of the lack of diagonality of the mass matrix. Reduces number of steps by one (no interpolation to quadrature points) but does not reduce number of total matvecs.

For curvilinear coordinates,

7   Extension to other hyperbolic problems

Example: acoustic wave equation, simply discretize by replacing $\nabla, \nabla\cdot$ with discrete versions. Automatically skew symmetric and energy stable via integration by parts. Also, can show why WADG works: discretize based on discrete divergence, then test with $T_{c^2}^{-1}p$ and use identities. Note - I think this requires the use of the strictly discrete version.

Example: Burgers' equation

Example: Kinetic energy preserving splitting of Euler (assumes exact time discretization). Doesn't seem to help much without extra viscosity?

Example: Entropy splitting of Buckley-Leverett?

Example: Entropy splitting of Euler (note - cannot extend to Navier-Stokes in an entropy-stable fashion due to fact that heat flux matrix is not symmetrizable w.r.t. homogeneous flux function, though viscous terms are. This impacts only boundary conditions.)

8   Standard entropy stability estimates

Given a nonlinear conservation law

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial f(u)}{\partial x} = 0$$

DG formulation is usually

$$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}, v\right) + \left(D_h f, v\right) = 0.$$

Taking $v = u$ gives

$$\frac{1}{2} \|u\|^2 + \int_{D^k} u D_h f = 0.$$

Continuous entropy stability relies on the introduction of F, G such that

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial u} = u \frac{\partial f}{\partial u}, \qquad \frac{\partial G}{\partial u} = f, \qquad F = uf - G.$$

Then, relying on product and chain rules

$$\int_{D^k} u \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \int_{D^k} \frac{\partial (uf)}{\partial x} - f \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \int_{D^k} \frac{\partial (uf)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial G}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \int_{D^k} \frac{\partial (uf - G)}{\partial x} = \int_{D^k} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = \int_{\partial D^k} F.$$

These boundary terms can be made to cancel with appropriately defined numerical fluxes, resulting in entropy conservative schemes. The challenge in reproducing this in the discrete case is the lack of a product and chain rule for inexact quadratures. Jameson deals with this by introducing an integrated flux

$$G = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^{1} f\left(\{\!\{u\}\!\} + \theta [\![u]\!]\right) \mathrm{d}\theta.$$

for which finite volume schemes satisfy (in a rough sense)

$$[\![G]\!] = \{\!\{G\}\!\} [\![u]\!].$$

Fischer and Carpenter (also Gassner and co-workers) use a similar idea but combine a symmetric two-point flux approximation with properties of SBP matrices to get

$$2\left(W, DF\right) = (W, DF) - (DW, F) + \langle W, F \rangle = \sum_i \sum_j (W_i - W_j)(MD)_{ij} F(U_i, U_j) + \langle W, F \rangle.$$

9 Entropy splitting

It's currently unclear how to extend the symmetric two-point flux approximation to quadrature-based DG methods.

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