

nearPeriodDiffEqui1: errors in patch scheme for equilibrium of a 1D heterogeneous diffusion with nearly correct period

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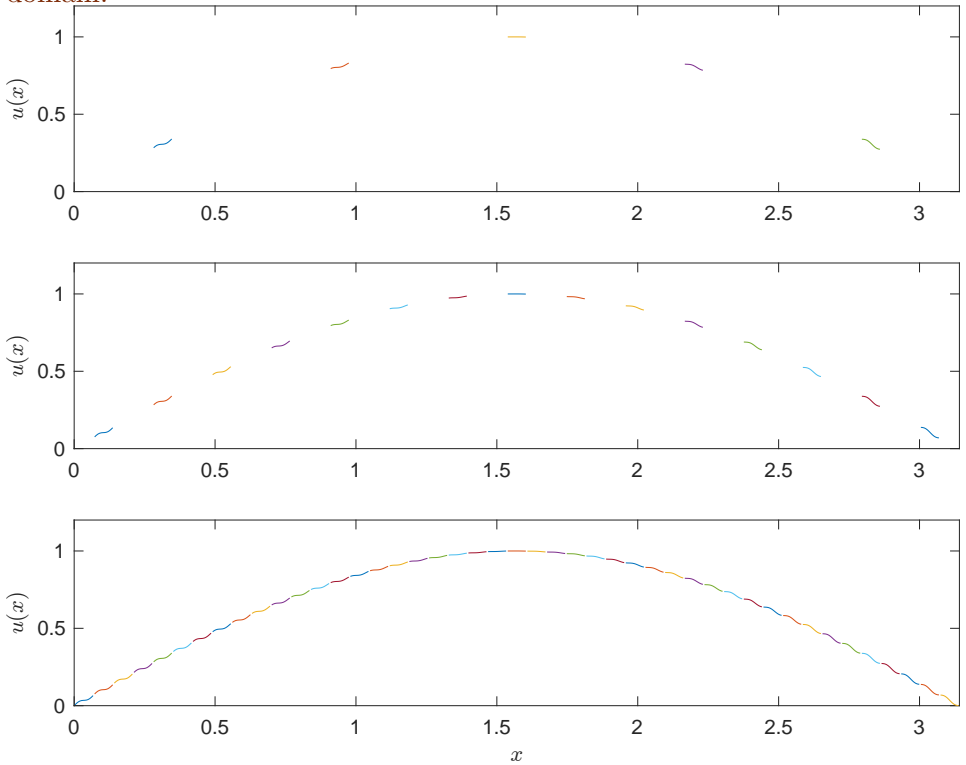
Explore heterogeneous diffusion in 1D on patches to compare with approach in arxiv:2308.07563 by authors CDE. The microscale period ϵ is to be a little different from the cell (patch) size η . Then explore accuracy via forced equilibria. Here we use cells that are patches in the *equation-free patch scheme* (e.g., Roberts et al. 2023; Bunder, Kevrekidis, and Roberts 2021; Samaey, Roberts, and Kevrekidis 2010). We invoke functions from the *Equation-Free Toolbox* (Maclean, Bunder, and Roberts 2021).

Suppose the spatial microscale lattice is at points x_i , with constant spacing dx . With dependent variables $u_i(t)$, let's seek the equilibrium of the forced the microscale lattice diffusion system

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{dx^2} \delta[c_{i-1/2} \delta u_i] - u_i + f_i, \quad (1)$$

in terms of the centred difference operator δ , and for some time-constant forcing f_i . The system has a microscale heterogeneity via the coefficients $c_{i+1/2}$ which has periodicity ϵ in x . Instead of varying cell-size for fixed heterogeneity period, here we explore results for various periods ϵ at fixed cell-size η .

Figure 1: example solutions of heterogeneous diffusion equilibrium with forcing $f(x) = \sin x$. By symmetry the plot shows half the domain. As shown, solve with 10, 30, 90 patches/cells. The bottom 90 patch equilibrium is the exact reference solution. The top two equilibria are for patch ratios $r = 1/9, 1/3$ respectively: computation is done only on the fraction r of the domain.



0.1 Code various numbers of patches over domain

Establish system of length 2π . Explore various number of patches.

```

71 %}
72 clear all
73 Xlim = [-pi pi]
74 lMax = 3
75 nPatches = 10 * 3.^(0:lMax-1)
76 maxDetune = 100
77 %{

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Set up microgrid parameters, and set strength of heterogeneity (abs-value less than one). CDE used cell size $\eta/\epsilon \in [1, 50]$, and at least 4096 points, so here with, say, 90 cells that is over 45 points per cell (per patch). For computational speed, use less.

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85 %}
86 mPerPatch = 12
87 eta = diff(Xlim)/nPatches(lMax)
88 dx = eta/mPerPatch
89 heteroAmp = 0.9 % 0.9 is close to CDE's (4.1a)
90 %{

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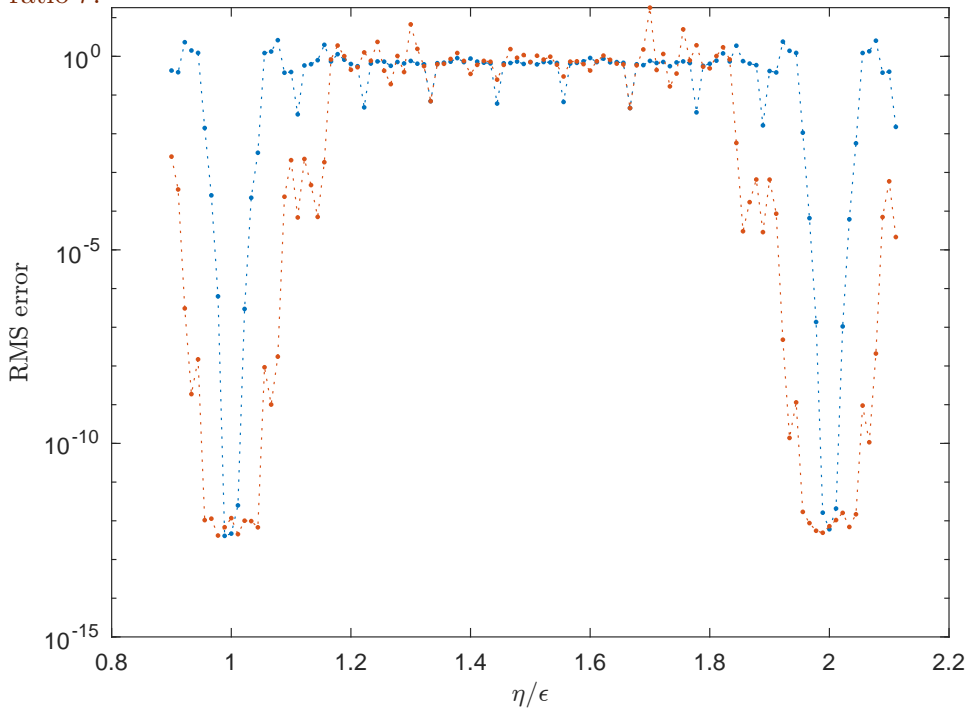
Loop over cell to heterogeneity ratios The micro-scale heterogeneity must be 2π -periodic over the macroscale domain, so in general has to be of the following form for integer **nDetune** (positive means smaller period, as shown by CDE, negative means larger).

```

99 %}
100 RmsErrs = []; etaEps = [];
101 for nDetune = -9:maxDetune
102 epsilon = 2*pi/(2*pi/eta+nDetune)
103 %{

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Figure 2: errors in equilibrium as function of cell-size η to heterogeneity periodicity ϵ : blue dots are $r = 1/9$; red dots are $r = 1/3$. The errors are RMS of the difference between solutions, such as in Figure 1, in the five common patches/cells. The errors are essentially zero in the vicinity of the ideal integer ratio for η/ϵ . The low error valleys appear broader for larger ratio r .



Consequently, the heterogeneity

$$\begin{aligned}\cos(2\pi x/\epsilon) &= \cos[2\pi x/\eta + 2\pi(1/\epsilon - 1/\eta)x] \\ &= \cos(2\pi x/\eta) \cos(kx) - \sin(2\pi x/\eta) \sin(kx) \\ &\text{for wavenumber } k := 2\pi(1/\epsilon - 1/\eta).\end{aligned}$$

So the discrepancy between cell-size and heterogeneous-period can be viewed as a modulation of precise cell-periodicity by ‘macroscale’ modulation of wavenumber k . That is, the discrepancy may be viewed as an example of a “functionally graded material”. In the patch scheme such modulations are resolved on patches of spacing H provided their wavenumber $k < \pi/H$. That is, patch-resolution requires

$$\begin{aligned}2\pi(1/\epsilon - 1/\eta) &< \pi/H \\ \iff \eta/\epsilon - 1 &< (\eta/H)/2 \\ \iff \eta/\epsilon &< 1 + r/2\end{aligned}$$

where $r := \eta/H$ is the patch ratio. For example, for $r = \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{9}$ we need $\frac{\eta}{\epsilon} < \frac{7}{6}, \frac{19}{18} \approx 1.17, 1.06$ in order to realise accuracy—see [Figure 2](#).

The sides of the valleys for $r = 1/3$ in [Figure 2](#) appear to be affected by higher-harmonic structures developing in the equilibrium solution, and these structures are then relatively poorly resolved.

0.2 Code to create the patch schemes

Establish the global data struct `patches` for the microscale heterogeneous lattice diffusion system (1) solved on 2π -periodic domain. Use spectral interpolation for best accuracy.

```

164 %}
165 global patches
166 us=[];
167 for nPatch = nPatches
168     nSubP = mPerPatch+2;
169     configPatches1(@heteroDiff,Xlim,'periodic',nPatch ...

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170         ,0,dx,nSubP,'EdgyInt',true);
171     %{

```

Set the microscale heterogeneity with harmonic mean one, and set the forcing so solution should have amplitude near one. Choose forcing anti-symmetric to ensure solution effectively satisfies BCs of $u = 0$ at $x = 0, \pi$.

```

178     %}
179     xMid = ( patches.x(1:end-1,:,:,:) + patches.x(2:end,:,:,:) )/2;
180     patches.cs = 1./(1+ heteroAmp*cos(2*pi*xMid/epsilon) );
181     % xMid=squeeze(xMid)
182     % xMicro=squeeze(patches.x)
183     % cMicro = squeeze(patches.cs)
184     patches.f = 2*sin(patches.x); % sign or sin
185     xs=squeeze(patches.x);
186     %{

```

Solve for equilibrium The linear system is of the form $\vec{f}(\vec{u}) = J\vec{u} + \vec{f}_0$. Get the constant term in the system by evaluating at zero.

```

196     %}
197     u0 = 0*patches.x;
198     f0 = patchSys1(1,u0);
199     %{

```

Put NaNs on the patch-edges, to then find all micro-grid points interior to the patches, and hence are the variables in \vec{u} .

```

205     %}
206     u0([1 end],,:,:)=nan;
207     i=find(~isnan(u0));
208     nJac=length(i);
209     %{

```

Create Jacobian J column by column: since linear we numerically differentiate with unit vectors.

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214     %}

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215     Jac=nan(nJac);
216     for j=1:nJac
217         u0(i)=((1:nJac)==j);
218         dudt= (patchSys1(0,u0)-f0);
219         Jac(:,j)=dudt(i);
220     end
221     assert(rcond(Jac)>1e-9,'Jacobian seems too ill-conditioned')
222     %{

Solve linear system.

226     %}
227     u0(i) = -sparse(Jac)\f0(i);
228     ueq = squeeze(u0);
229     %{

Check the residual.

233     %}
234     res = patchSys1(1,u0);
235     normRes = norm(res(i));
236     assert(normRes<1e-8,"norm of the residual is too big")
237     %{

Plot one example equilibrium for comparison

241     %}
242     if nDetune==1
243         figure(1)
244         subplot(1Max,1,find(nPatch==nPatches))
245         j=find(xs(2,:)>0);
246         plot(xs(:,j),ueq(:,j))
247         ylim([min(0,min(min(ueq(:,j)))) max(1.2,max(max(ueq(:,j))))]),
248         xlim([0 pi])
249         ylabel("$u(x)$")
250         if nPatch==nPatches(end),
251             xlabel("$x$"), drawnow
252             %set(gca,'position',[.2 .2 r r])

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253         exportgraphics(gcf,mfilename+"ueq.pdf" ...
254         , 'ContentType', 'vector')
255         end%if
256     end%if nDetune
257     %{
        Use common patches for quantitative comparison
261     %}
262         if nPatch==nPatches(1), J=find(xs(2,:)>0);
263         else J=3*J-1;
264         end
265         us = cat(3,us,ueq(:,J));
266     %{
        End of the for-loop over the number of patches. Here compute the errors in
        the patch solutions compared to the full-domain exact solution.
273     %}
274     end%for nPatch
275     uErrs = us-us(:,:,end);
276     rmsErrs = reshape( rms(uErrs,[1 2],'omitnan') ,1,[]);
277     log10rmsErrs = log10(rmsErrs)
278     RmsErrs = [RmsErrs; rmsErrs];
279     etaEps = [etaEps; eta/epsilon];
280     %{
        At end of loop over detuning parameters, plot errors as function of the cell
        to periodicity ratio.
286     %}
287     end%for nDetune
288     figure(2)
289     semilogy(etaEps,RmsErrs,'.:')
290     xlabel("$\eta/\epsilon$")
291     ylabel("RMS error")
292     set(gca,'position',[.2 .2 .64 .64])
293     exportgraphics(gcf,mfilename+"Err.pdf" ...

```



```

294         , 'ContentType', 'vector')
295     %}

```

End of the main script.

0.3 heteroDiff(): heterogeneous diffusion

This function codes the lattice heterogeneous diffusion inside the patches. For 2D input arrays `u` and `x` (via edge-value interpolation of `patchSys1`, ??), computes the time derivative ?? at each point in the interior of a patch, output in `ut`. The array of diffusivities c_i have previously been stored in struct `patches.cs`.

```

314 %}
315 function ut = heteroDiff(t,u,patches)
316     dx = diff(patches.x(2:3)); % space step
317     i = 2:size(u,1)-1; % interior points in a patch
318     ut = nan+u; % preallocate output array
319     ut(i, :, :, :) = diff(patches.cs(:,1, :, :). * diff(u)) / dx^2 ...
320                       - u(i, :, :, :) + patches.f(i, :, :, :);
321 end% function
322 %}

```

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