

# Generalized Multiscale Finite Element Method (GMsFEM) in Deal.II

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## Abstract

In the multiscale finite element method, we utilize two sets of refinements. The first refinement is applied to the global domain, resulting in a relatively coarse grid. Inside each coarse element, we perform an additional refinement to obtain the fine grid, which has a higher number of degrees of freedom than the coarse grid. The main objective of the multiscale finite element method is to construct coarse grid basis functions that can achieve the same accuracy as the fine grid basis functions. Various methods of constructing these basis functions have been thoroughly studied in the literature [4]. In this documentation, we will focus on the Generalized Multiscale Finite Element Method (GMsFEM) [3], implemented using the Deal.II library [2]. Additionally, this documentation serves as the final report for the MATH 676 course at Texas A&M University.

## 1 Multiscale Finite Element Methods

Our objective is to solve the partial differential equation:

$$\mathcal{L}(u) = f \quad \text{in} \quad [0, 1]^d. \quad (1)$$

The refinement from the global domain to the coarse level is known as the global refinement times ( $g$ ), while the refinement from the coarse grid to the fine grid is called the local refinement times ( $l$ ). Under the refinement setting of deal.ii we have the following data for meshes.

	mesh size	dofs
fine	$h = 1/2^{g+l}$	$\mathcal{O}(2^{(g+l)d})$
coarse	$H = 1/2^g$	$\mathcal{O}(2^{gd})$

Our goal is to construct the coarse grid basis functions which can obtain the same accuracy as the fine grid basis functions when solving (1). As the degree of freedom is greatly reduced in the coarse grid, computation saving is provided. Figure 1 shows examples for a coarse grid, a fine grid, and a coarse basis function.

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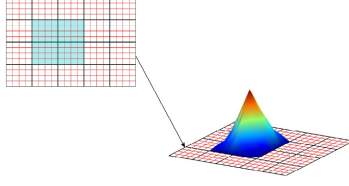


Figure 1: A first example

## 2 GMsFEM

In the coarse grid, every coarse node  $v_i$  has a coarse block  $\omega_i$  which consists of the 4 coarse element which has  $v_i$  as one of their vertices. For every coarse block  $\omega_i$ , we solve a local cell problem.

### 2.1 Local cell problem

We first define the following two bilinear inner products

$$a_{\omega_i}(v, w) = \int_{\omega_i} \kappa \nabla v \cdot \nabla w, \quad s_{\omega_i}(v, w) = \int_{\omega_i} \tilde{\kappa} v w,$$

where  $\tilde{\kappa}$  can choose to be  $\kappa/H^2$  or just  $\kappa$  in GMsFEM. At this step, we have two option, we can solve the following spectral problem in the fine grid basis function space (within  $\omega_i$ ), i.e. we find  $\lambda$  and  $v$  such that

$$a_{\omega_i}(v, w) = \lambda s_{\omega_i}(v, w), \quad \forall w \in V_H^{\omega_i}.$$

Or we can construct the snapshot basis  $\psi_l^{\omega_i}$  by solving

$$-\nabla \cdot (\kappa(x) \nabla \psi_l^{\omega_i}) = 0, \quad \text{in } \omega_i; \quad \psi_l^{\omega_i} = \delta_l^h \text{ in } \partial\omega_i.$$

The characteristic function  $\delta_l^h$  is 1 at the fine node  $v_l$  and is 0 at every other fine nodes on the boundary. Then in the snapshot space, we solve the spectral problem

$$a_{\omega_i}(v, w) = \lambda s_{\omega_i}(v, w), \quad \forall w \in V_{H, \text{snap}}^{\omega_i}.$$

After that, we need to convert the vector  $v$  back to the fine grid coordinate system using the snapshot basis. The basic idea of snapshot basis is to find out the more important basis and use them to solve the spectral problem.

After solving the spectral problem, we rearrange the eigenvalues and select the eigenvectors corresponding to the smallest eigenvalues. We can choose  $J$  eigenvectors from one  $\omega_i$ . Then we multiply the basis functions with a partition of unity and get the coarse basis functions.

### 2.2 Back to global domain

As the dofs in the local cell and the global domain has two totally different set of numbering, we need to construct a map and map the basis in local cells back to the global domain. Then we have the coarse space  $V_H = \{\psi_j^{\omega_i} : 0 \leq j \leq J, \omega_i \subset \Omega\}$ . After this mapping, we assemble every coarse basis function to a matrix  $R$ . Every column of  $R$  is a basis function and every entry of

$R$  stands for their coordinates. Then we compute the coarse matrices in the following way. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
A_{coarse_{ij}} &= a(\psi_j, \psi_i) = a\left(\sum_{k=1}^N \psi_{jk} \phi_k, \sum_{m=1}^N \psi_{im} \phi_m\right) \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^N \psi_{jk} \left( \sum_{m=1}^N \psi_{im} a(\phi_k, \phi_m) \right) = \sum_{k=1}^N \psi_{jk} \sum_{m=1}^N R_{mi} * A_{fine_{mk}} \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^N \psi_{jk} \sum_{m=1}^N R'_{im} * A_{fine_{mk}} = \sum_{k=1}^N \psi_{jk} (R' * A_{fine})_{ik} \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^N (R' * A_{fine})_{ik} \psi_{jk} = \sum_{k=1}^N (R' * A_{fine})_{ik} R_{kj} = (R' * A_{fine} * R)_{ij}
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
A_{coarse} &= R' * A_{fine} * R \\
M_{coarse} &= R' * M_{fine} * R \\
F_{coarse} &= R' * F_{fine}
\end{aligned}$$

In this way, we convert everything into the coarse space and the coarse matrices are used to find the coarse solution. After  $u_{coarse}$  is found, we will use  $Ru_{coarse}$  to map it back to the fine grid so that we can compare it with the fine grid solution.

The relative  $L^2$  error is calculated by

$$(u_{fine} - u_{coarse}) * M_{fine} * (u_{fine} - u_{coarse}) / (u_{fine} * M_{fine} * u_{fine}) * 100\%.$$

The relative energy error is computed by

$$(u_{fine} - u_{coarse}) * A_{fine} * (u_{fine} - u_{coarse}) / (u_{fine} * A_{fine} * u_{fine}) * 100\%.$$

### 3 Code Explanation

The codes consist of two files, one is GMSFEM.cc and local\_cell\_problem.h.

#### 3.1 GMSFEM.cc

##### 3.1.1 Save and load data

The first two functions are copied from [1].

The following code is used to save a Eigen::MatrixXd matrix. You just have to provide the fileName (should end with ".csv") and the matrix. In this way, we can avoid duplicate computation.

```

1 // save the basis function
2 void saveData(std::string fileName, Eigen::MatrixXd matrix)
3 {
4     //https://eigen.tuxfamily.org/dox/structEigen_1_1IOFormat.html
5     const static Eigen::IOFormat CSVFormat(Eigen::FullPrecision, Eigen::
DontAlignCols, ",", "\n");

```

```

6
7     std::ofstream file(fileName);
8     if (file.is_open())
9     {
10         file << matrix.format(CSVFormat);
11         file.close();
12     }
13 }

```

The following function is used to load the saved matrix.

```

1 // load the basis functions
2 Eigen::MatrixXd openData(std::string fileToOpen)
3 {
4
5     // the input is the file: "fileToOpen.csv":
6     // a,b,c
7     // d,e,f
8     // This function converts input file data into the Eigen matrix format
9
10
11
12     // the matrix entries are stored in this variable row-wise. For example if
13     // we have the matrix:
14     // M=[a b c
15     //    d e f]
16     // the entries are stored as matrixEntries=[a,b,c,d,e,f], that is the
17     // variable "matrixEntries" is a row vector
18     // later on, this vector is mapped into the Eigen matrix format
19     std::vector<double> matrixEntries;
20
21
22     // in this object we store the data from the matrix
23     std::ifstream matrixDataFile(fileToOpen);
24
25     // this variable is used to store the row of the matrix that contains commas
26     std::string matrixRowString;
27
28     // this variable is used to store the matrix entry;
29     std::string matrixEntry;
30
31     // this variable is used to track the number of rows
32     int matrixRowNumber = 0;
33
34
35     while (getline(matrixDataFile, matrixRowString)) // here we read a row by
36     // row of matrixDataFile and store every line into the string variable
37     // matrixRowString
38     {
39         std::stringstream matrixRowStringStream(matrixRowString); //convert
40         // matrixRowString that is a string to a stream variable.
41
42         while (getline(matrixRowStringStream, matrixEntry, ',')) // here we read
43         // pieces of the stream matrixRowStringStream until every comma, and store the
44         // resulting character into the matrixEntry
45         {
46             matrixEntries.push_back(stod(matrixEntry)); //here we convert the
47             // string to double and fill in the row vector storing all the matrix entries
48         }
49         matrixRowNumber++; //update the column numbers
50     }
51
52     // here we convert the vector variable into the matrix and return the

```

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44     resulting object,
    // note that matrixEntries.data() is the pointer to the first memory
    location at which the entries of the vector matrixEntries are stored;
45     return Eigen::Map<Eigen::Matrix<double, Eigen::Dynamic, Eigen::Dynamic,
Eigen::RowMajor>>(matrixEntries.data(), matrixRowNumber, matrixEntries.size
() / matrixRowNumber);
46
47 }

```

### 3.1.2 Right Hand Side Function

The following codes defines a class RightHandSide which contains one Function RightHandSide. The code should be self-explanatory. In here, we have two kind of source terms

$$f = 2\pi \sin(\pi x) \sin(\pi y),$$

$$f = 10 \exp[-B * ((x - 0.5)^2 + (y - 0.5)^2)].$$

```

1  template <int dim>
2  class RightHandSide : public Function<dim>
3  {
4  public:
5      virtual double value(const Point<dim> & p,
6                          const unsigned int component = 0) const override;
7  };
8
9  template <int dim>
10 double RightHandSide<dim>::value(const Point<dim> & p,
11                                 const unsigned int /*component*/ const
12 {
13     // f = 2 \pi sin(\pi x) sin(\pi y)
14     double return_value = 2.0 * M_PI;
15     for (unsigned int i = 0; i < dim; ++i)
16         return_value *= sin(M_PI * p(i));
17
18     // double return_value;
19     // return_value = 10.0 * exp( - 500.0 * ((p(0) - 0.5) * (p(0) - 0.5) + (p(1) -
20         0.5) * (p(1) - 0.5)));
21     return return_value;
22 }

```

### 3.1.3 Class GMsFEM

The main class GMsFEM contains two public function GMsFEM() and run(). There are five private functions. The function buildPOU() is used to generate the partition of unity which is needed in the local cell problem. We construct the coarse basis functions in build\_coarse\_basis(). Fine grid solution is calculated in fine\_sol(). The fine grid solution is considered as the reference solution to compute the accuracy of our method. The coarse\_sol() function will utilize the coarse basis calculated before to compute the coarse solution. The output\_results() function just do some routine output work.

```

1  template <int dim>
2  class GMsFEM
3  {
4  public:

```

```

5   GMSFEM();
6   void run();
7
8 private:
9   void buildPOU();
10  void build_coarse_basis();
11  void fine_sol();
12  void coarse_sol();
13  void output_results() const;
14 }

```

We have a central control panel which can be used to adjust some parameters. The current code only support `cube_start = 0` and `cube_end = 1`. The `loc_refine_times` and `global_refine_times` are explained in Section 1. The `total_refine_times` is the number of refinement to get the fine grid starting from the global domain. If `compute_snapshot_flag = 0`, we will use the first option discussed in Section 2.1 and the second option when it equals 1. We have an option to decide whether you want to compute the  $R$  matrix or load it from a file. Remember to change the file names before running the code. `n_of_loc_basis` controls how many basis functions we use from each local cell. The `max_number_of_basis_computed` is used to test error with respect to different `n_of_loc_basis`. It is needed when loading the  $R$  matrix from a file. This variable is useless if `compute_Rms = true`.

```

1 // central control panel
2 const double cube_start = 0;
3 const double cube_end = 1;
4 int loc_refine_times = 3;
5 int global_refine_times = 3;
6 int total_refine_times = loc_refine_times + global_refine_times;
7
8 int compute_snapshot_flag = 0; // 0: don't compute; 1: compute
9 bool compute_Rms = true; // true: compute, false: load from file
10 // don't forget to change the name!
11 std::string saveFileName = "Rms.csv";
12 std::string loadFileName = "Rms44.csv";
13 // the first number is global refine times, the second number is local refine
    times
14
15 unsigned int max_number_of_basis_computed = 5;
16 unsigned int n_of_loc_basis = 5;
17 // central control panel

```

There are some other private variables I want to explain a little bit. Please see the comments.

```

1 // number of coarse element in one row
2 int Nx = (int) pow(2, global_refine_times);
3 // the length of the coarse side
4 double coarse_side = (cube_end - cube_start) / Nx;
5
6 // number of fine element in a coarse element in a row
7 int nx = (int) pow(2, loc_refine_times);
8 // the length of the fine side
9 double fine_side = coarse_side / nx;
10
11 // the dof of the coarse sol
12 int coarse_size = (Nx - 1) * (Nx - 1) * n_of_loc_basis;
13 // the dof of the fine sol
14 int fine_size = (Nx * nx + 1) * (Nx * nx + 1);

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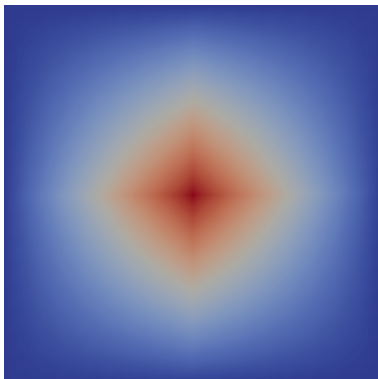
**GMsFEM()** The GMsFEM() function pass 1 to the finite element and indicates that we will use  $Q_1$  basis function. Then it pass the triangulation to the dof\_handler.

```
1 template <int dim>
2 GMsFEM<dim>::GMsFEM()
3   : fe(1)
4   , dof_handler(triangulation)
5 {}
```

**buildPOU()** The code here generates a partition of unity that is needed to construct the coarse basis function.

```
1 // build bilinear basis functions
2 template <int dim>
3 void GMsFEM<dim>:: buildPOU()
4 {
5     int size1 = (int) round(pow(2, loc_refine_times + 1)) + 1;
6     int size2 = (int) round(pow(2, loc_refine_times)) + 1;
7     double side = 1.0 / (size2 - 1);
8
9     POU.resize(size1, size1);
10    Eigen::MatrixXd topleft(size2, size2);
11    Eigen::MatrixXd topright(size2, size2);
12    Eigen::MatrixXd botleft(size2, size2);
13    Eigen::MatrixXd botright(size2, size2);
14    for (int i = 0; i < size2; i++) {
15        for (int j = 0; j < size2; j++) {
16            double y = (size2 - 1 - i) * side;
17            double x = j * side;
18            topleft(i, j) = x * (1.0 - y);
19            topright(i, j) = (1.0 - x) * (1.0 - y);
20            botleft(i, j) = x * y;
21            botright(i, j) = (1.0 - x) * y;
22        }
23    }
24
25    // partition of unity
26
27    POU.block(0, 0, size2, size2) = topleft;
28    POU.block(0, size2, size2, size2 - 1) = topright.rightCols(size2 - 1);
29    POU.block(size2, 0, size2 - 1, size2) = botleft.bottomRows(size2 - 1);
30    POU.bottomRightCorner(size2 - 1, size2 - 1) = botright.bottomRightCorner(size2
        - 1, size2 - 1);
31
32 }
```

The generated function is



This function is 1 at the center and 0 on the boundary. The functions in the top-left, top-right, bottom-left, and bottom-right regions are  $Q_1$  functions.

**build\_coarse\_basis** Please see the comments.

```

1
2 template <int dim>
3 void GmsFEM<dim>:: build_coarse_basis()
4 {
5 // initialize the size for Rms
6 Rms.resize(fine_size, coarse_size);
7
8 // decide to compute Rms or load Rms from file
9 if (compute_Rms == true) {
10 std::cout << "Start to build coarse grid basis functions. " << std::endl;
11
12 // get the interior coarse degrees of freedom
13 // and store it in coarse_centers
14 std::vector<Point<dim>> coarse_centers;
15 for (int i = 1; i < Nx; i++) {
16     for (int j = 1; j < Nx; j++) {
17
18         // coordinates of coarse nodes
19         Point<dim> coarse_center(i * coarse_side, j * coarse_side);
20         coarse_centers.push_back(coarse_center);
21     }
22 }
23
24 // define the type for convenience
25 using iterator_type = Triangulation<2>::cell_iterator;
26 using active_type    = Triangulation<2>::active_cell_iterator;
27
28 // coarse_patches stores the fine cells for each local cell problem
29 std::vector<std::vector<active_type>> coarse_patches;
30 // one coarse_center = one coarse_patch = one local cell problem
31 coarse_patches.resize(coarse_centers.size());
32
33 // collect the fine cells of each  $\omega_i$  into coarse_patches
34 for (active_type cell : triangulation.active_cell_iterators()) {
35     // std::cout << "cell center: " << cell->center() << std::endl;
36     Point<dim> cell_center = cell->center();
37     for (unsigned long i = 0; i < coarse_centers.size(); i++) {
38         Point<dim> coarse_center = coarse_centers[i];
39         // we do the collection based on the distance
40         // between the cell_center and the coarse_center
41         if (abs(cell_center[0] - coarse_center[0]) < coarse_side &&
42             abs(cell_center[1] - coarse_center[1]) < coarse_side ) {
43             coarse_patches[i].push_back(cell);
44
45         }
46     }
47 }
48
49 // index for storing the coarse basis in the correct column
50 int Rms_i = 0;
51
52 // loop over the coarse_centers and solve the local cell problem
53 for (unsigned long i = 0; i < coarse_centers.size(); i++)
54 {
55     // get the corresponding coarse patch
56     std::vector<active_type> coarse_patch = coarse_patches[i];

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57 // get the coordinate of the coarse_center
58 Point<dim> coarse_center = coarse_centers[i];
59 // initialize the patch to global mapping
60 std::map<active_type, active_type> patch_to_global_triangulation_map;
61 // initialize the triangulation for patch
62 Triangulation<dim> patch_triangulation;
63
64 // use the coarse_patch to build triangulation and also construct the map
65 GridTools::build_triangulation_from_patch<Triangulation<2>>>(
66     coarse_patch, patch_triangulation, patch_to_global_triangulation_map);
67
68
69 // call the local cell problem solver with patch_triangulation
70 Local<dim> local_cell_problem;
71 local_cell_problem.setUp(patch_triangulation, n_of_loc_basis, POU,
72 coarse_center, fine_side, coarse_side, compute_snapshot_flag);
73 Eigen::MatrixXd loc_basis_return = local_cell_problem.run();
74 // obtain the local coarse basis
75
76 // change it to vector<Vector<>> so that we can use the map
77 std::vector<Vector<double>> loc_basis;
78 for (int j = 0; j < loc_basis_return.cols(); j++) {
79     Vector<double> loc_basis_col(loc_basis_return.rows());
80
81     for (int i = 0; i < loc_basis_return.rows(); i++) {
82         loc_basis_col(i) = loc_basis_return(i, j);
83     }
84     loc_basis.push_back(loc_basis_col);
85 }
86
87 // for each basis from the local cell problem
88 for (unsigned int i = 0; i < n_of_loc_basis; i++) {
89
90     // initialize a global basis_function
91     Vector<double> basis_function;
92     basis_function.reinit(dof_handler.n_dofs());
93
94     // initialize a temp_values vector for each cell
95     Vector<double> temp_values;
96     temp_values.reinit(dof_handler.get_fe().n_dofs_per_cell());
97
98     // get the dof_handler and triangulation used in the local_cell_problem
99     const auto &patch_dof_handler = local_cell_problem.get_dof_handler();
100     const auto &patch_triangulation =
101         local_cell_problem.get_triangulation();
102
103     // for each pair inside the map
104     for(auto pair : patch_to_global_triangulation_map) {
105         // build patch_cell for each pair
106         // pair.first is the cell in local cell problem
107         const typename DoFHandler<dim>::cell_iterator patch_cell(
108             &patch_triangulation, pair.first->level(),
109             pair.first->index(), &patch_dof_handler);
110
111         // pair.second is the corresponding cell in the global domain
112         const typename DoFHandler<dim>::cell_iterator global_cell(
113             &dof_handler.get_triangulation(), pair.second->level(),
114             pair.second->index(), &dof_handler);
115
116         // obtain the values from loc_basis[i] to temp_values
117         patch_cell->get_dof_values(loc_basis[i], temp_values);
118         // assign temp_values to the global basis_function

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118     global_cell->set_dof_values(temp_values, basis_function);
119
120     }
121     // in this way, we map every local basis function to a global basis
function.
122
123     // collect the basis function to Rms
124     Eigen::VectorXd basis_function_temp((Nx * nx + 1) * (Nx * nx + 1));
125     for (unsigned int k = 0; k < basis_function.size(); k++) {
126         basis_function_temp(k) = basis_function[k];
127     }
128     Rms.col(Rms_i) = basis_function_temp;
129
130     // The following code are used to check if the mapping from local to
global is correct.
131     // // check basis functions
132
133     // Vector<double> basis(Rms.rows());
134
135     // for (unsigned int j = 0; j < Rms.rows(); j++) {
136     //     basis[j] = Rms(j, Rms_i);
137     // }
138     // // std::cout << "Rms_i = " << Rms_i << std::endl;
139     // // std::cout << basis << std::endl;
140
141     // DataOut<dim> data_out;
142     // data_out.attach_dof_handler(dof_handler);
143     // data_out.add_data_vector(basis, "basis");
144     // data_out.build_patches();
145     // std::ofstream out("basis-global.vtk");
146     // data_out.write_vtk(out);
147     // // check basis functions
148
149     Rms_i += 1;
150
151
152     }
153     // // check basis functions
154     // if (Rms_i >= 2) {
155     //     break;
156     // }
157     // // check basis functions
158
159 }
160
161 // save Rms to avoid computing it again
162 saveData(saveFileName, Rms);
163
164 std::cout << "Finish building coarse basis. " << std::endl;
165
166 } else {
167     // load Rms from a file
168     std::cout << "Start loading coarse basis. " << std::endl;
169     Eigen::MatrixXd Rms_loaded = openData(loadFileName);
170     std::cout << "Finish loading coarse basis. " << std::endl;
171
172
173     // test accuracy with different number of local basis
174     if (n_of_loc_basis < max_number_of_basis_computed) {
175         Eigen::MatrixXd Rms_temp;
176         Rms_temp.resize(fine_size, coarse_size);
177

```

```

178   int Rms_temp_i = 0;
179   for (int i = 0; i < Rms_loaded.cols(); i += max_number_of_basis_computed) {
180       for (unsigned int j = 0; j < n_of_loc_basis; j++) {
181           Rms_temp.col(Rms_temp_i) = Rms_loaded.col(i + j);
182           Rms_temp_i++;
183       }
184   }
185 }
186
187 Rms = Rms_temp;
188 } else if (n_of_loc_basis == max_number_of_basis_computed) {
189     Rms = Rms_loaded;
190 } else {
191     std::cout << "n_of_loc_basis > max_number_of_basis_computed !" << std::endl;
192     std::cout << "can not do it with loading!" << std::endl;
193     std::cout << "change compute_Rms to true !" << std::endl;
194 }
195 }
196 // test accuracy with different number of local basis
197
198 }

```

**fine\_sol()** This function consists of make\_fine\_grid, setup\_system, assemble\_system, and solve. Everything is nearly the same as the functions in the dealii tutorial. So I will skip the explanation here.

**coarse\_sol()** Please see the comments.

```

1 // get coarse grid matrices and solutions and calculate error
2 template <int dim>
3 void GmsFEM<dim>::coarse_sol()
4 {
5     // convert Rms to dealii type FullMatrix Rms1
6     Rms1.reinit(fine_size, coarse_size);
7     for (int i = 0; i < Rms.rows(); i++) {
8         for (int j = 0; j < Rms.cols(); j++) {
9             Rms1(i, j) = Rms(i, j);
10        }
11    }
12
13    // convert sparse matrix to full matrix
14    FullMatrix<double> A_fineDense;
15    A_fineDense.copy_from(A_fine);
16
17    std::cout << "check point 1, this step takes time, keep waiting." << std::endl;
18
19    // A_coarse = R^T * A_fine * R
20    FullMatrix<double> A_coarse(coarse_size, coarse_size);
21    FullMatrix<double> R_T_A_fine(coarse_size, fine_size);
22    Rms1.Tmmult(R_T_A_fine, A_fineDense);
23    R_T_A_fine.mmult(A_coarse, Rms1);
24    std::cout << "check point 2" << std::endl;
25
26    // F_coarse = R^T * F_fine;
27    Vector<double> rhs_coarse(coarse_size);
28    Rms1.Tvmult(rhs_coarse, rhs_fine);
29
30    // solve sol_coarse using coarse matrices
31    std::cout << "Start to solve coarse solution." << std::endl;

```

```

32 Vector<double> sol_coarse_temp(coarse_size);
33
34 SolverControl solver_control_coarse(10000, 1e-8);
35 SolverCG<Vector<double>> solver_coarse(solver_control_coarse);
36 solver_coarse.solve(Acoarse, sol_coarse_temp, rhs_coarse, PreconditionIdentity
    ());
37
38 std::cout << " " << solver_control_coarse.last_step()
39 << " CG iterations needed in coarse method to obtain convergence."
    << std::endl;
40
41 // convert the coarse grid solution back to fine grid;
42 // sol_coarse = R * sol_coarse_temp
43 sol_coarse.reinit(fine_size);
44 Rms1.vmult(sol_coarse, sol_coarse_temp);
45
46 // difference = sol_fine - sol_coarse
47 Vector<double> difference = sol_fine;
48 difference.add(-1.0, sol_coarse);
49
50 // get error; relative L2error =
51 // difference' * Mfine * difference / (sol_fine' * Mfine * sol_fine)
52 double L2error;
53 double numerator;
54 Vector<double> Mfine_times_difference(fine_size);
55 Mfine.vmult(Mfine_times_difference, difference);
56 numerator = difference * Mfine_times_difference;
57
58 double denominator;
59 Vector<double> Mfine_times_sol_fine(fine_size);
60 Mfine.vmult(Mfine_times_sol_fine, sol_fine);
61 denominator = sol_fine * Mfine_times_sol_fine;
62
63 L2error = numerator / denominator;
64
65 std::cout << "the relative L2 error is : " << L2error << std::endl;
66
67
68 // get error; relative Energy error =
69 // difference' * Afine * difference / (sol_fine' * Afine * sol_fine)
70 double Error;
71
72 double Enumerator;
73 Vector<double> Afine_times_difference(fine_size);
74 Afine.vmult(Afine_times_difference, difference);
75 Enumerator = difference * Afine_times_difference;
76
77 double Edominator;
78 Vector<double> Afine_times_sol_fine(fine_size);
79 Afine.vmult(Afine_times_sol_fine, sol_fine);
80 Edominator = sol_fine * Afine_times_sol_fine;
81
82 Error = Enumerator / Edominator;
83
84 std::cout << "the relative Energy error is : " << Error << std::endl;
85
86
87 }

```

**output\_results()** This function outputs the plots for fine and coarse grid solutions. The procedure is quite standard.

```

1 template <int dim>
2 void GMSFEM<dim>::output_results() const
3 {
4     DataOut<dim> data_out;
5
6     data_out.attach_dof_handler(dof_handler);
7
8     data_out.add_data_vector(sol_fine, "sol_fine");
9
10    data_out.build_patches();
11
12    std::ofstream out("sol_fine.vtk");
13
14    data_out.write_vtk(out);
15
16
17    DataOut<dim> data_out1;
18
19    data_out1.attach_dof_handler(dof_handler);
20
21    data_out1.add_data_vector(sol_coarse, "sol_coarse");
22
23    data_out1.build_patches();
24
25    std::ofstream out1("sol_coarse.vtk");
26
27    data_out1.write_vtk(out1);
28
29
30
31 }
```

**run()** The run() function runs the above functions in order. Remember that we should run fine\_sol() before build\_coarse\_basis() as we need the refined triangulation.

```

1 template <int dim>
2 void GMSFEM<dim>::run()
3 {
4     std::cout << "Solving problem in " << dim << " space dimensions."
5               << std::endl;
6
7     buildPOU();
8     fine_sol();
9     build_coarse_basis();
10    coarse_sol();
11    output_results();
12 }
```

**main()** The main function creates a GMSFEM object named GMSFEM\_2d and call the run function.

```

1 int main()
2 {
3     {
4         GMSFEM<2> GMSFEM_2d;
5         GMSFEM_2d.run();
6     }
7 }
```

```

6   }
7
8   return 0;
9 }

```

## 3.2 local\_cell\_problem.h

### 3.2.1 BoundaryValues

In this code, we use the Dirichlet boundary condition. The GMSFEM also works for other boundary conditions.

### 3.2.2 kappa()

This function defines the  $\kappa$  that we used in the equation

$$-\nabla \cdot (\kappa(x) \nabla u) = f.$$

The plot for the kappa that we use is shown in the numerical results section.

### 3.2.3 class Local

```

1
2 template <int dim>
3 class Local
4 {
5 public:
6     Local();
7     Eigen::MatrixXd run();
8
9     // accept the variables from the GMSFEM class
10    // and assign them to the variables inside this class
11    void setUp(Triangulation<dim> &input_triangulation, unsigned int
        input_n_of_loc_basis,
12                Eigen::MatrixXd input_POU, Point<dim> input_coarse_center,
13                double input_fine_side, double input_coarse_side, int
        input_compute_snapshot_flag)
14    {
15        triangulation.copy_triangulation(input_triangulation);
16        n_of_loc_basis = input_n_of_loc_basis;
17        POU = input_POU;
18        coarse_center = input_coarse_center;
19        fine_side = input_fine_side;
20        coarse_side = input_coarse_side;
21        compute_snapshot_flag = input_compute_snapshot_flag;
22    }
23
24    // return the triangulation and dof_handler used in the local cell
25    // they are needed for the mapping between local and global
26    const Triangulation<dim> &get_triangulation() const { return triangulation; }
27    const DoFHandler<dim> &get_dof_handler() const { return dof_handler; }
28
29 private:
30     void make_grid();
31     void setup_system();
32     void assemble_system();

```

```

33 void solve();
34 void output_results() const;
35
36 // definition of needed variables
37 Triangulation<dim> triangulation; // consider &
38 FE_Q<dim> fe;
39 DoFHandler<dim> dof_handler;
40
41 SparsityPattern sparsity_pattern;
42 SparseMatrix<double> Alocal;
43 SparseMatrix<double> Slocal;
44
45 Vector<double> system_rhs;
46
47 Eigen::MatrixXd POU;
48 Point<dim> coarse_center;
49 double fine_side;
50 double coarse_side;
51 int compute_snapshot_flag;
52 unsigned int n_of_loc_basis;
53 Eigen::MatrixXd loc_basis;
54 };

```

The functions Local(), make\_grid(), setup\_system(), assemble\_system() are standard and similar to the functions in the dealii tutorial. The only thing I want to mention is that

$$a_{\omega_i}(v, w) = \int_{\omega_i} \kappa \nabla v \cdot \nabla w, \quad s_{\omega_i}(v, w) = \int_{\omega_i} \tilde{\kappa} v w.$$

The corresponding codes are

```

1 cell_matrixA(i, j) +=
2   (current_coefficient * // kappa(x_q)
3    fe_values.shape_grad(i, q_index) * // grad phi_i(x_q)
4    fe_values.shape_grad(j, q_index) * // grad phi_j(x_q)
5    fe_values.JxW(q_index)); // dx
6
7 cell_matrixS(i, j) +=
8   (current_coefficient * // kappa(x_q)
9    fe_values.shape_value(i, q_index) * // phi_i(x_q)
10   fe_values.shape_value(j, q_index) * // phi_j(x_q)
11   fe_values.JxW(q_index)); // dx

```

**solve()** This function is used to obtain the local basis functions.

```

1
2 template <int dim>
3 void Local<dim>::solve()
4 {
5
6   // this is a map with key-value = boundary_index-boundary_value
7   std::map<types::global_dof_index, double> boundary_values;
8
9   // create a temporary object to avoid changing Alocal
10  SparseMatrix<double> Alocaltemp;
11  Alocaltemp.reinit(sparsity_pattern);
12  Alocaltemp.copy_from(Alocal);
13
14  // convert the dealii type matrix Alocal, Slocal to Eigen::MatrixXd type
15  FullMatrix<double> AlocalDense(Alocal.m(), Alocal.n());
16  AlocalDense.copy_from(Alocal);

```

```

17 FullMatrix<double> SlocalDense(Slocal.m(), Slocal.n());
18 SlocalDense.copy_from(Slocal);
19 Eigen::MatrixXd Alocal0(Alocal.m(), Alocal.n());
20 Eigen::MatrixXd Slocal0(Alocal.m(), Alocal.n());
21 for (unsigned long i = 0; i < AlocalDense.m(); i++) {
22     for (unsigned long j = 0; j < AlocalDense.n(); j++) {
23
24         Alocal0(i, j) = AlocalDense[i][j];
25         Slocal0(i, j) = SlocalDense[i][j];
26     }
27 }
28
29 // this is for the  $\tilde{\kappa}$  in the  $s(\cdot, \cdot)$ 
30 // but actually this does not affect the spectral problem at all
31 Slocal0 = Slocal0 / coarse_side / coarse_side;
32
33
34 Eigen::MatrixXd loc_basis0;
35
36 // compute snapshot basis and solve the spectral problem in the snapshot space
37 if (compute_snapshot_flag == 1) {
38     // this is needed to know the index of the boundary nodes
39     // we can also use Functions::ZeroFunction<2>(), for BoundaryValues<dim>()
40     VectorTools::interpolate_boundary_values(dof_handler,
41                                             0,
42                                             BoundaryValues<dim>(),
43                                             boundary_values);
44
45
46     // define the coordinate matrix for the snapshot bases
47     Eigen::MatrixXd Rsnap(Alocal.m(), boundary_values.size());
48     int j = 0;    // column index for Rsnap
49
50     // define the  $\delta_l^h$  (see Section 2)
51     for (auto keyValuePair = boundary_values.begin(); keyValuePair !=
52          boundary_values.end(); keyValuePair++) {
53         keyValuePair->second = 1.0;
54         for (auto otherPair = boundary_values.begin(); otherPair !=
55              boundary_values.end(); otherPair++) {
56             if (otherPair->first == keyValuePair->first) continue;
57             otherPair->second = 0.0;
58         }
59
60         // for each  $\delta_l^h$ , we solve  $Au = 0$  and obtain the snapshot basis
61         // this is actually expensive, we can find  $A(\text{interior}, \text{interior})^{-1}$ 
62         // and use it for different boundary
63         // not sure how to do this in dealii, will figure it out.
64         Vector<double> solution;
65         solution.reinit(dof_handler.n_dofs());
66
67         MatrixTools::apply_boundary_values(boundary_values,
68                                           Alocaltemp,
69                                           solution,
70                                           system_rhs, false);
71
72         SolverControl solver_control(2000, 1e-5);
73         SolverCG<Vector<double>> solver(solver_control);
74
75         solver.solve(Alocaltemp, solution, system_rhs, PreconditionIdentity());
76
77         for (auto i = 0; i < Rsnap.rows(); i++) {
78             Rsnap(i,j) = solution[i];
79         }
80     }
81 }

```



```

77     }
78     j++;
79
80 }
81
82
83
84 // Asnap = R^T * Alocal0 * R (see Section 2)
85 Eigen::MatrixXd Asnap = Rsnap.transpose() * Alocal0 * Rsnap;
86 Eigen::MatrixXd Ssnap = Rsnap.transpose() * Slocal0 * Rsnap;
87
88
89 // to ensure the matrices are symmetric
90 // they are symmetric originally, only some machine error difference
91 Asnap = (Asnap + Asnap.transpose()) / 2;
92 Ssnap = (Ssnap + Ssnap.transpose()) / 2;
93
94 // we use this eigen solver in Eigen
95 // it solves  $Av = \lambda S v$ 
96 // it will arrange the eigenvalue to be increasing
97 Eigen::GeneralizedSelfAdjointEigenSolver<Eigen::MatrixXd> ges;
98
99 ges.compute(Asnap, Ssnap);
100
101 // collect the first n_of_loc_basis eigenvectors
102 // and use Rsnap to map it back to the fine grid
103 loc_basis0 = Rsnap * ges.eigenvectors().leftCols(n_of_loc_basis);
104
105
106
107 } else {
108
109     // if we don't compute snapshot,
110     // we can solve the spectral problem directly in the fine grid.
111     Alocal0 = (Alocal0 + Alocal0.transpose()) / 2;
112     Slocal0 = (Slocal0 + Slocal0.transpose()) / 2;
113     Eigen::GeneralizedSelfAdjointEigenSolver<Eigen::MatrixXd> ges;
114     ges.compute(Alocal0, Slocal0);
115
116     loc_basis0 = ges.eigenvectors().leftCols(n_of_loc_basis);
117
118
119 }
120
121
122
123 // these codes are used to find the coordinates of the dofs
124 MappingQ<dim> mapping(1);
125 std::map<types::global_dof_index, Point<dim>> support_points;
126 auto fe_collection = dof_handler.get_fe_collection();
127
128 DoFTools::map_dofs_to_support_points(mapping, dof_handler, support_points);
129
130 // we need to multiply the eigenvectors with the partition of unity
131 // we use the coordinates of the coarse_center and the dof to locate the
132 // position of the dof.
133 // And find the correct POU value to multiply
134 Eigen::VectorXd POUvector(support_points.size());
135
136 // the dof may locates in the left or bottom of the coarse_center
137 // the index in POU are all positive
138 // we need to shift the position

```

```

138  int move_position = POU.cols() / 2;
139
140  for (auto support_point : support_points) {
141      Point<dim> coordinates = support_point.second;
142      int positionx = (int) round((coordinates(0) - coarse_center[0]) / fine_side)
        + move_position;
143      int positiony = (int) round((coordinates(1) - coarse_center[1]) / fine_side)
        + move_position;
144      POUvector(support_point.first) = POU(POU.rows() - 1 - positiony, positionx);
145  }
146
147
148  // multiply the eigenvectors with the partition of unity
149  loc_basis = loc_basis0.array().colwise() * POUvector.array();
150 }

```

**output\_results()** This function in this local cell problem is used to check if the local basis functions are correct.

**run()** This function sets up the order of running every function and returns the local basis functions to the GMsFEM class.

## 4 Numerical Results

First we want to verify that our mapping from local cell to the global domain is correct. Figure 2 shows a basis function in the global domain and the local cell. From these two plots, we find that the function restricted to cell of the global domain exactly match the basis in the local cell in the right plot. These two plots show that our mapping is correct.

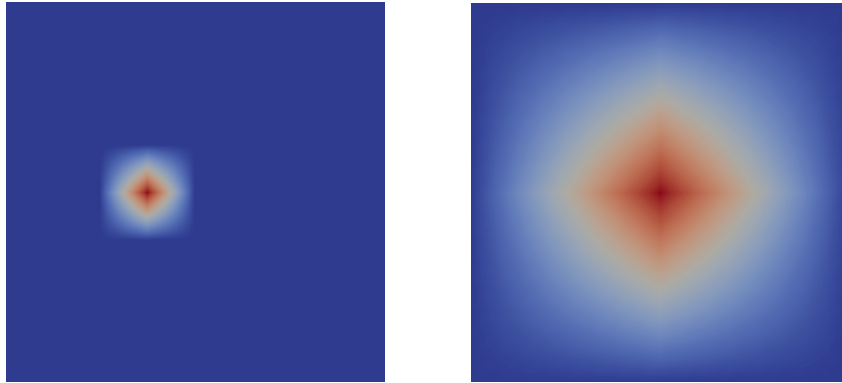


Figure 2: Global ⇔ Local

We will compare the coarse and fine solution and compute the relative error. The left plot in Figure 3 presents the  $\kappa(x)$  that we use.  $\kappa(x)$  contains many high contrast regions. The  $\kappa$  value in the yellow regions is 10000 while is 1 in the blue areas. The right plot shows the source term  $f$ . The exact formula for  $f$  is

$$f = 2\pi \sin(\pi x) \sin(\pi y).$$

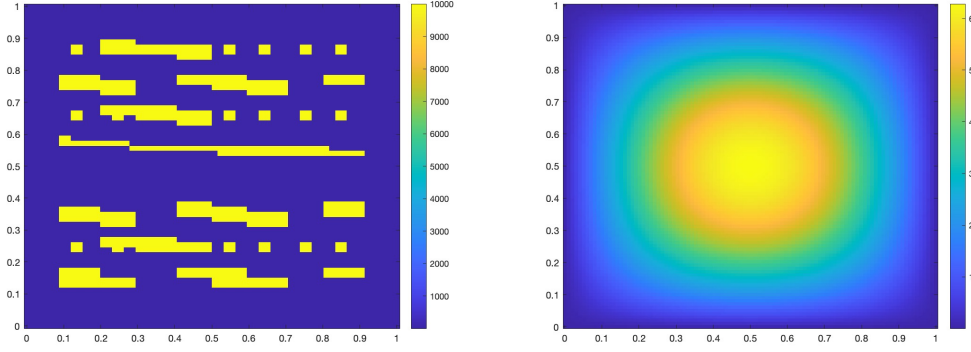


Figure 3: Left:  $\kappa$ . Right: source term  $f$ .

In our first example, the option `compute_snapshot_flag` is set to be false. Both the `global_refine_time` and `local_refine_time` is 4. We show some basis functions to illustrate our algorithm. We pick a local cell randomly. The eigenvector corresponding to the smallest eigenvalue for every spectral problem is a constant vector with every entry being the same. So after multiplying the eigenvector with the partition of unity, the final basis function is a scale of the partition of unity.

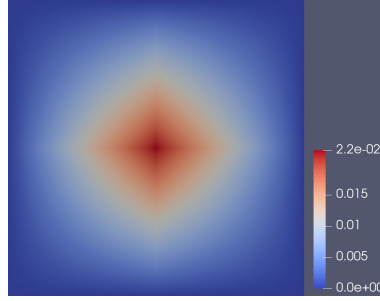


Figure 4: Basis function corresponding to the smallest eigenvalue.

The following four plots show the basis functions corresponding to the second, third, fourth, and fifth eigenvalue. We can see that in the high-value regions, the basis functions tend to be flat. The reason behind this phenomena is that the flow move much faster in these regions.

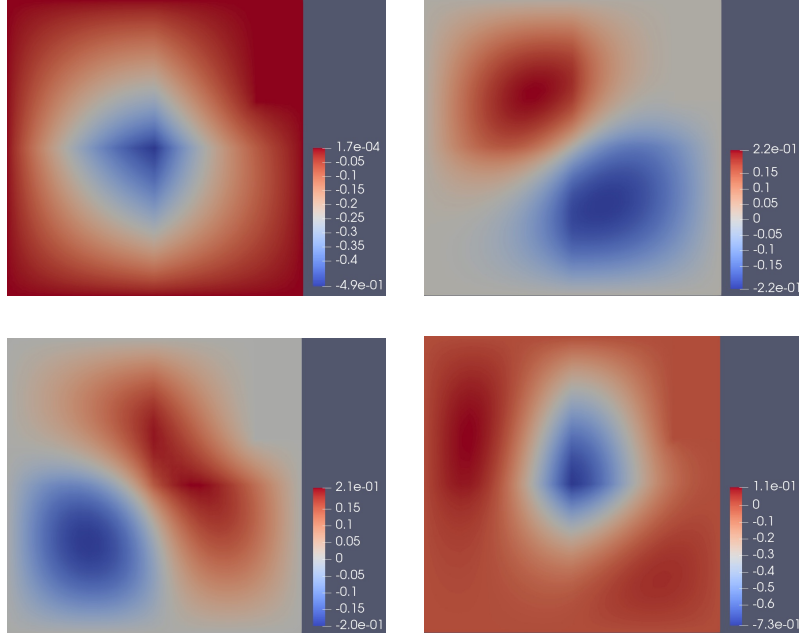


Figure 5: Basis functions.

The solution obtained using the fine grid basis functions and the coarse grid basis functions are presented in Figure 6. The `n_of_loc_basis` is set to be 5. These two plots resemble each other. To be more precise, we compute the errors. The relative  $L^2$  error equals 0.0154% and the relative energy error is 1.151%. Such small errors indicate that our GMsFEM can obtain the same accuracy as the fine grid basis functions.

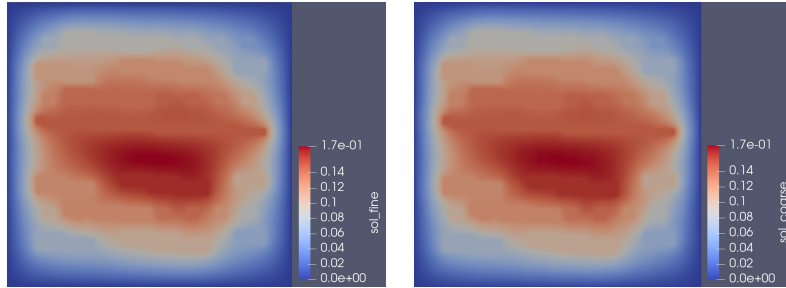


Figure 6: Left: fine solution. Right: coarse solution.

We want to test our method using different number of local basis functions. The error data is shown in the table below. We can see that the error is quite large when  $n = 1$ . As we add more basis from each local cell, the error drops down.

n	$L^2$ error	Energy error
1	27.23%	51.58%
2	3.66%	17.61%
3	0.26%	4.92%
4	0.11%	3.19%
5	0.0154%	1.151%

We want to test our method with respect to different source terms. The source term we use is

$$f = 10 * \exp[-B * ((x - 0.5)^2 + (y - 0.5)^2)].$$

The function with  $B = 1$  and  $B = 500$  is shown in the left and right plot in Figure 7, respectively. The function becomes more and more singular as  $B$  increases.

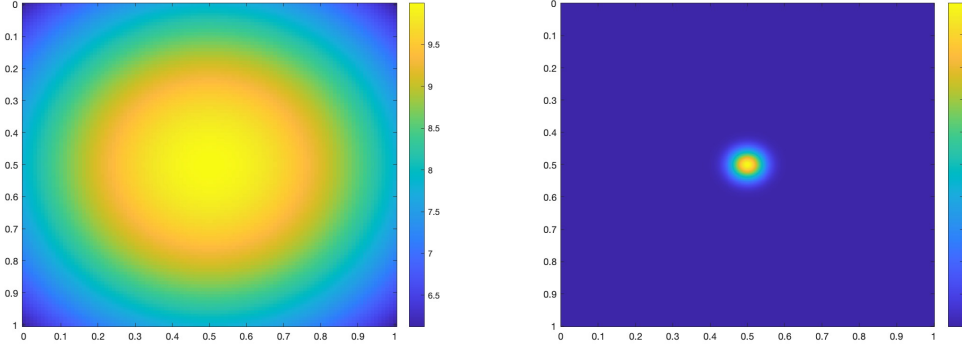


Figure 7: Left:  $B = 1$ . Right:  $B = 500$

We have `global_refine_times = 4`, `local_refine_times = 4` and `n_of_loc_basis = 5`. We show the error data below.

B	$L^2$ error	Energy error
1	0.0148%	1.13%
10	0.0158%	1.17%
50	0.0166%	1.18%
100	0.0161%	1.09%
200	0.0158%	1.04%
500	0.0182%	1.37%

From the table, we find that when the source term becomes more singular, the error does not change too much and our method obtain high accuracy. We show the fine and coarse solution when  $B = 500$  in Figure 8. The solution profiles are similar to each other.

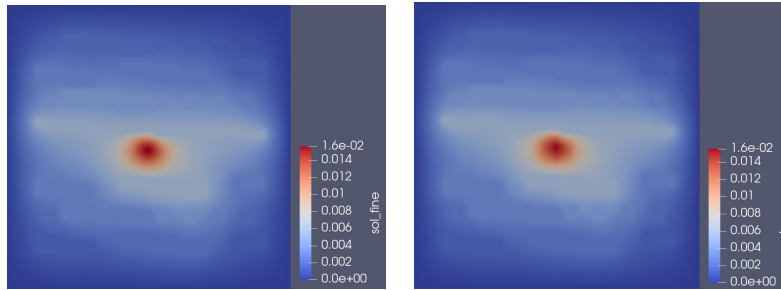


Figure 8: Left: fine solution. Right: coarse solution.

To be complete, we show a case when `compute_snapshot_flag = true`. We have `global_refine_times = 4`, `local_refine_times = 3` and `n_of_loc_basis = 5`. The source term in Figure 3 is used. The fine and coarse solution are shown in Figure 9.

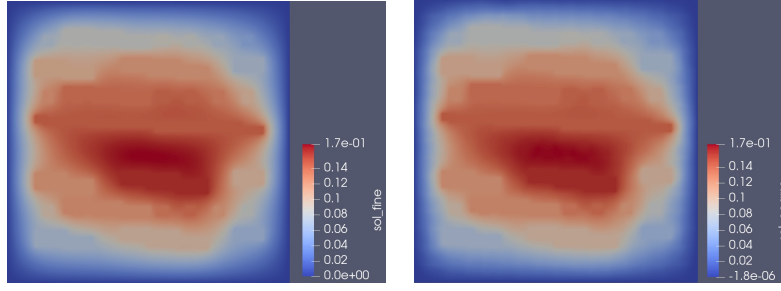


Figure 9: Left: fine solution. Right: coarse solution.

The relative  $L^2$  error is 0.0516% and the relative energy error is 2.11%. We can see that the scheme where we solve the spectral problem in the snapshot space also works well.

## 5 Conclusion

We find that GMsFEM can obtain the same accuracy as the fine grid basis functions. Indeed, the preparation of basis functions takes time. But the preparation is a one-time cost. After the basis functions are constructed, the media properties are extracted and we can reuse it to solve many equations.

## 6 Future Work

I am working on the parallel computing for local cell problems. Once it is done, we will solve multiple local cell problems in different threads at the same time, which accelerate the computation a lot. One more possible work is to make the code compatible for 3D cases. As the dimension increases, the computation saving in our method is more significant than 2D cases.

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