```
clear; close all;
```

# Solve Poisson Equation

Consider the 2D Poisson equation with only Dirichlet boundary conditions:

$$u_t - \Delta u = f$$
 on  $\Omega$   
 $u = g$  on  $\partial \Omega$   
 $u = u_0$   $t = 0$ 

where

$$g = \sin(x)\cos(y)\cos(t)$$
.

and

$$f = \sin(x)\cos(y)(-\sin(t) + 2\cos(t)).$$

```
global f g
f = @(x,y,t) sin(x).*cos(y).*(-sin(t)+2*cos(t));
g = @(x,y,t) sin(x).*cos(y).*cos(t);
```

Note that one true solution is u = g if  $u_0(x, y) = g(x, y, 0)$ .

```
u_true = g;
```

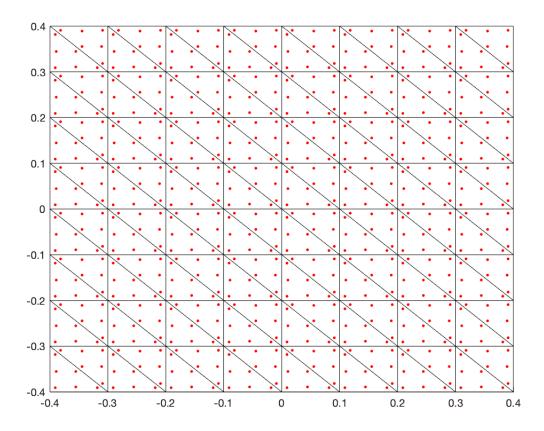
#### **Domain**

First we define our domain  $\Omega$  and generate a function space on it with finite element of choice:

```
addpath('..') import MatFem.* domain = [-0.4\ 0.4\ -0.4\ 0.4]; % define a domain with -0.4\le x\le 0.4, -0.4\le y\le 0.4 % NOTE: if we choose too large a mesh, each mesh grid will have little communication, which less to poor observability. shape = [8\ 8]; % 8\times 8 grids mesh = rectMesh(domain, shape);
```

Now let's construct a degree 2 function space with 9 quadrature points in each element:

```
global V
V = MatFem.mesh2spc(mesh, 1, 4); % P1 element with degree 4 quadrature
figure()
V.plot()
```



% title('Function space of degree 2 element and degree 4 quadrature points')

#### **Variational form**

With backward-Euler, the variational form at time t is

$$\int_{\Omega} (u_t v + \Delta t \nabla u_t \cdot \nabla v) = \int_{\Omega} (\Delta t \; f v + u_{t-\Delta t} v).$$

The left hand side matrix then can be assembled as

To see what assemble does, run

```
% help assemble
```

### **Boundary Condition**

Boundary conditions can be defined as

```
global bc
bc = MatFem.rectBndCond(V, 'd', domain); % 'd' means dirichlet. This creates Dirichlet boundar
[~, A] = bc.applyDir('d', 0, [], A); % apply Dirichlet boundary conditions to A. The value
```

#### Solution

Now let us solve the system.

We'd like to write a function F s.t.  $u_t = F(u_{t-\Delta t}, t)$ .

Definition code is placed at the end of the file.

Now let's examine the solution. Given initial value  $u_0 = g(t = 0)$ , our solution should be close to g.

```
T = 1;
u = V.project(@(x,y)u_true(x,y,0)); % initial condition
for t = dt:dt:T
    u = F(u, t); % solve for next state
end
MatFem.errorNorm(V, u, @(x,y)u_true(x,y,T), 'L2')
```

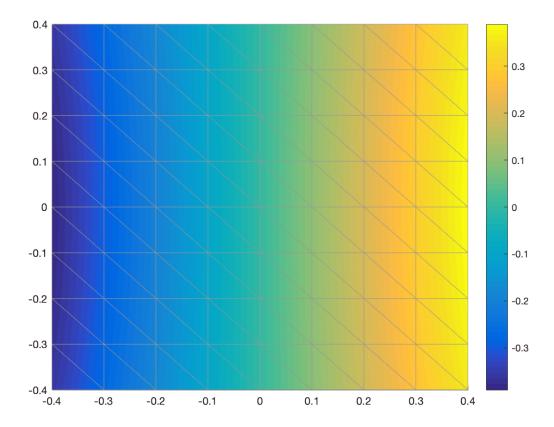
```
ans = 1.9745e-04
```

A more rigorous test would be to examin convergence rate. But it is not our focus here.

# **Data Assimilation**

Suppose we are trying to recover the initial state  $u_0 = g(t = 0)$ .

```
V.plotu(@(x,y)u_true(x,y,0))
```



#### **Bases**

The number of bases in our function space V

```
V.nb

ans = 81
```

However the Dirichlet boundaries reduces some of them. In order to find all valid bases, we can apply Dirichlet Boundary conditions

```
global bases
bases = ones(V.nb, 1);
bases = bc.applyDir('d', 0, bases);
bases = logical(bases);
```

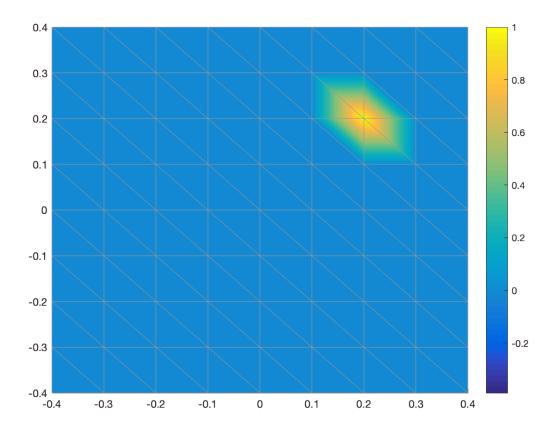
Now the number of bases is

```
nb = sum(bases)
nb = 49
```

We can write a function to map a vector  $[\alpha_1,\alpha_2,\ldots,\alpha_{nb}]$  to a function in our function space V with value 0 at all Dirichlet boundaries. See the function alphas 2V at the end of this file. And the function V2alphas is vice versa.

Now the  $i^{th}$  base function is:

```
i = 41;
basei = zeros(nb,1);
basei(i) = 1;
C1 = alphas2V(basei);
V.plotu(C1)
```



In fact, if we stack all base functions into one matrix, it would be

```
alphas = eye(nb);
C = alphas2V(alphas);
```

#### **Observations**

Now let's assume *g* describes true states, but we don't know it yet.

We made some observations every  $^{2\Delta t}$ , at positions (-0.2, -0.2), (-0.2, 0), (-0.2, 0.2), (0, -0.2), (0, 0), (0, 0.2), (0.2, -0.2), (0.2, 0), (0.2, 0.2) and we have some error in our observations.

```
data = zeros(nobst * nsensor, 1);
for i = 1:nobst
    data((nsensor*(i-1)+1):(nsensor*i)) = reshape(g(X,Y,dt*ndtobs*i), nsensor, 1) + randn(nsensor)
```

In order to do data assimilation, we also need to define a function for numerical observations. To do that, we need an interpolation function in our finite element package that can evaluate a function given a vector u and location (x, y). This is not implemented in my MatFem. So for now I'll just hard code the observation in observe at the end of this file.

#### Homogenize

Consider the homogenized Poisson system:

$$u_t - \Delta u = 0$$
 on  $\Omega$   
 $u = 0$  on  $\partial \Omega$   
 $u = u_0$   $t = 0$ 

Because of the linearity of this system, if  $u_1, u_2$  are two solutions to this system corresponding to initial conditions  $u_{01}, u_{02}$ , then for any  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in R$ ,  $\alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2$  is a solution corresponding to initial condition  $\alpha_1 u_{01} + \alpha_2 u_{02}$ .

Moreover, if  $u^*$  is a solution to the inhomogeneous system with initial condition  $u_0^*$ , then  $\sum_i \alpha_i u_i + u^*$  is a solution to the inhomogeneous system with initial condition  $\sum_i \alpha_i u_{0i} + u_0^*$ .

A solution to the homogenized system is written in function Fh. See the end of this file.

We randomly select an initial condition for inhomogeneous system

```
u0star = zeros(V.nb, 1);
u0star = bc.applyDir('d', @(x,y)g(x,y,0), u0star);
```

Note that a smooth  $u_0^*$  is better. Here we just leave it as it is for simplicity.

If we observe this solution, we can get a set of data

```
inhodata = zeros(nobst * nsensor, 1);
ustar = u0star;
for i = 1:(nobst*ndtobs)
    t = i * dt;
    ustar = F(ustar, t); % solve for $\tilde{C_i^0}$ at time $t$.
    if mod(i, ndtobs) == 0
        inhodata((1+nsensor*(i/ndtobs-1)):(nsensor*i/ndtobs)) = observe(ustar);
    end
end
```

Subtracting real data by this one, we get the data that should be observed by homogeneous system.

```
homodata = data - inhodata;
```

# Solve for $\widetilde{C}_i$

Now by using the homogeneous solver and the bases we introduced above, we can solve for  $\widetilde{C}_i^0$  and  $\widetilde{C}_i$ .

The  $i^{\,\mathrm{th}}$  column of numdata corresponds to  $\widetilde{C}_i.$ 

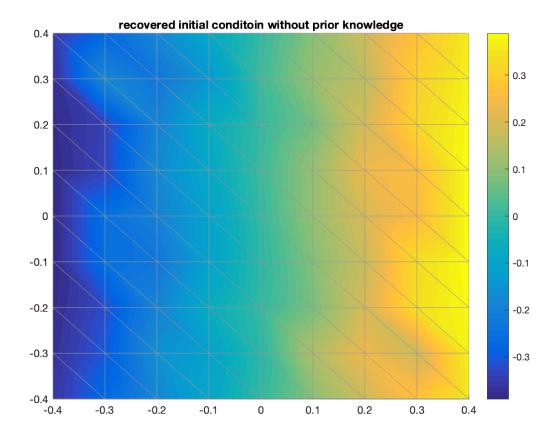
## Solve for $u_0$

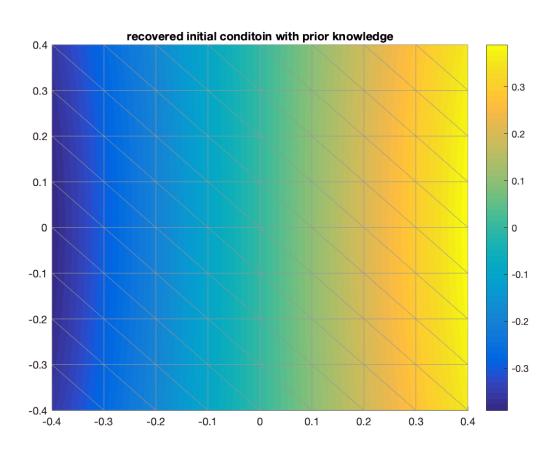
Now we are ready to solve for all  $\alpha_i$ . We expect numdata \* alphas = homodata. So

```
alphas = numdata \ homodata;
```

The guess of our initial condition is then

```
u0 = alphas2V(alphas) + u0star;
```





```
title('recovered initial conditoin without prior knowledge');
MatFem.errorNorm(V, u0, @(x,y)u_true(x,y,0), 'L2')
ans = 0.0145
```

# Solve for $u_0$ with prior $oldsymbol{eta}$

If we have some prior knowledge  $\beta = u_0$ , given weight  $\kappa = 0.01$ , then the least square solve becomes

```
beta = V.project(@(x,y)u_true(x,y,0));
kappa = 0.01;

alphas = (numdata' * numdata + kappa * eye(nb)) \ (numdata' * homodata + kappa * V2alphas(beta
u0 = alphas2V(alphas) + u0star;
figure();
V.plotu(u0)
title('recovered initial conditoin with prior knowledge');
MatFem.errorNorm(V, u0, @(x,y)u_true(x,y,0), 'L2')
```

**Functions** 

ans = 3.5642e-04

```
function u = F(u \text{ old}, t)
    % Solve the poisson system for 1 timestep.
    import MatFem.assemble
    global V bc Auv f g A dt
    b = dt * assemble(V, [0 0], @(x,y)f(x,y,t)); % \Delta t * integrate(f*v)
    b = b + Auv * u old; % Auv * u_old gives integrate(u_old*v)
    b = bc.applyDir('d', @(x,y)q(x,y,t), b); % apply boundary condition
    u = A \setminus b;
end
function u = Fh(u \text{ old})
    % Solve the homogenized poisson system for 1 timestep.
    import MatFem.assemble
    global bc Auv A
    b = Auv * u old;
    b = bc.applyDir('d', 0, b);
    u = A \setminus b;
end
function v = alphas2V(alphas)
    % Map a vector of alphas to a function with
        v = \sum i alpha i \phi i
    % where \phi i is one basis of the functionspace V.
    % This function is vectorized. `alphas` can be a 2D array
    % with each column represent a vector of alphas.
    qlobal bases
    v = zeros(size(bases, 1), size(alphas, 2));
    v(bases,:) = alphas;
```

```
end
function alphas = V2alphas(v)
    % Map a vector in our function space to alphas.
    % I.e., remove all Dirichlet boundaries.
    global bases
    alphas = v(bases,:);
end
function data = observe(v)
    % Observe a state v in function space V.
    % Corresponds to sensors at locations:
          [-0.2 0 0.2] x [-0.2 0 0.2] (Cartesian product)
    % Vectorized so that alphas can be a row of vector of alphas.
    pos = [9 11 13 23 25 27 37 39 41]; % You can use the codes in section *Bases* to examine to
    alphas = V2alphas(v);
    data = alphas(pos, :);
end
```