

dG Space-Time Methods for Parabolic Problems

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Heat Equation

$$\partial_t u - \Delta u = f \quad \text{in } Q := \Omega \times (0, T) \quad (1)$$

$$u(x, t) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Sigma_D := \Gamma_D \times (0, T) \quad (2)$$

$$\nabla u \cdot n_x = g_N \quad \text{in } \Sigma_N := \Gamma_N \times (0, T) \quad (3)$$

$$u(x, 0) = u_0(x) \quad \text{in } \Sigma_0 := \Omega_0 \times \{0\} \quad (4)$$

dG Notations

On common interfaces Γ_{kl} :

$$v_k := v(x, t)|_{\tau_k}$$

$$[[v]] := v_k n_k + v_l n_l$$

$$[[v]]_t := v_k n_k^t + v_l n_l^t$$

$$[[v]]_x := v_k n_k^x + v_l n_l^x$$

$$\langle v \rangle := \frac{1}{2}(v_k + v_l)$$

$$\{v\}^{\text{up}} := \begin{cases} v_k & \text{if } n_k^t > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } n_k^t = 0 \\ v_l & \text{if } n_k^t < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\{v\}^{\text{down}} := \begin{cases} v_k & \text{if } n_k^t < 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } n_k^t = 0 \\ v_l & \text{if } n_k^t > 0 \end{cases}$$

dg Space-Time Formulation

Find $u_h \in S_h^p(\tau_N)$ such that $A(u_h, v_h) := a(u_h, v_h) + b(u_h, v_h) = \langle f, v_h \rangle_Q + \langle u_0, v_h \rangle_{\Sigma_0} + \langle g_N, v_h \rangle_{\Sigma_N}$ with

$$\begin{aligned}
 a(u_h, v_h) &:= \sum_{l=1}^N \int_{\tau_l} \nabla u_h \cdot \nabla v_h \, dx \\
 &\quad - \sum_{\Gamma_{kl}} \int_{\Gamma_{kl}} \langle \nabla u_h \rangle \cdot \llbracket v_h \rrbracket_x \, ds - \sum_{\Gamma_{kl}} \int_{\Gamma_{kl}} \llbracket u_h \rrbracket_x \cdot \langle \nabla v_h \rangle \, ds \\
 &\quad + \sum_{\Gamma_{kl}} \frac{\sigma}{\bar{h}_{kl}} \int_{\Gamma_{kl}} \llbracket u_h \rrbracket_x \cdot \llbracket v_h \rrbracket_x \, ds \\
 b(u_h, v_h) &:= - \sum_{l=1}^N \int_{\tau_l} u_h \partial_t v_h \, dx + \int_{\Sigma_T} u_h v_h \, ds \\
 &\quad + \sum_{\Gamma_{kl}} \int_{\Gamma_{kl}} \{u_h\}^{\text{up}} \llbracket v_h \rrbracket_t \, ds
 \end{aligned}$$

Some Energy Norms

$$\|u\|_A^2 := \sum_{l=1} \|\nabla u\|_{L^2(\tau)}^2 + \sum_{\Gamma_{kl}} \frac{\sigma}{\bar{h}_{kl}} \|[[u]]_x\|_{L^2(\Gamma_{kl})}^2$$

$$\|u\|_{A,*}^2 := \|u\|_A^2 + \sum_{\Gamma_{kl}} \bar{h}_{kl} \|\langle \nabla u \rangle\|_{L^2(\Gamma_{kl})}^2$$

$$\|u\|_B^2 := \sum_{l=1} h_l \|\partial_t u\|_{L^2(\tau)}^2 + \|u\|_{\Sigma_0}^2 + \|u\|_{\Sigma_T}^2 + \sum_{\Gamma_{kl}} \|[[u]]_t\|_{L^2(\Gamma_{kl})}^2$$

$$\|u\|_{B,*}^2 := \sum_{l=1} h_l^{-1} \|u\|_{L^2(\tau)}^2 + \|u\|_{\Sigma_T}^2 + \sum_{\Gamma_{kl}} \|\{u\}^{\text{up}}\|_{L^2(\Gamma_{kl})}^2$$

Existence & Uniqueness: Overview

1. Lower / Upper bound of a wrt. $\|\cdot\|_A$
2. Upper bound for b wrt. $\|\cdot\|_B$
3. Lower bound for b
4. Coercivity of A wrt. $\|\cdot\|_{DG}$
5. \implies existence & uniqueness

For error estimates wrt. $\|\cdot\|_{DG}$:

6. Inf-sup for b wrt to $\|\cdot\|_B$
7. Boundedness and
8. inf-sup for A in the DG-norm

Inverse Inequalities and Other Relations

Assumptions:

- Quasi-uniformity
- Shape regular and local mesh grading: $h_l \sim h_k$

Lemma 1 (Inverse Inequalities)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|v_h\|_{L^2(\Gamma_{kl})} &\leq c_I h^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|v_h\|_{L^2(\tau)} \\
 \|\nabla v_h\|_{L^2(\Gamma_{kl})} &\leq c_I h^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla v_h\|_{L^2(\tau)} \\
 \|v_h\|_{H^1(\Gamma_{kl})} &\leq c_I h^{-1} \|v_h\|_{L^2(\tau)} \\
 \|v_h\|_{H^1(\tau)} &\leq c_I h^{-1} \|v_h\|_{L^2(\tau)}
 \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Lemma 2

$$\sum_{\Gamma_{kl}} h \|\langle \nabla u_h \rangle\|_{L^2(\Gamma_{kl})}^2 \leq c_K \sum_{l=1}^N \|\nabla u_h\|_{L^2(\tau)}^2$$

First Boundedness & Coercivity Results

Lemma 3

We have:

$$a(u, v_h) \leq c_2^a \|u\|_{A,*} \|v_h\|_A,$$

$$b(u, v_h) \leq \|u\|_{B,*} \|v_h\|_B$$

and (if σ suff. large)

$$a(u_h, u_h) \geq \frac{1}{2} \|u_h\|_A^2$$

Proof.

Cauchy-Schwarz, lemma 2 and Young's inequality (for coercivity). □

Lower Bound for b

Lemma 4

$$\{u_h\}^{up} \llbracket u_h \rrbracket_t - \frac{1}{2} \llbracket u_h^2 \rrbracket_t = \frac{1}{2} |n_k^t| \llbracket u_h \rrbracket^2$$

Lemma 5

$$b(u_h, u_h) \geq \frac{1}{2} \left[\|u\|_{\Sigma_0}^2 + \|u\|_{\Sigma_T}^2 + \sum_{\Gamma_{kl}} \|\llbracket u_h \rrbracket_t\|_{L^2(\Gamma_{kl})}^2 \right]$$

Proof.

1/2-trick, Gauss' theorem and prev. lemma. □

Existence and Uniqueness

From the previous results we get

Theorem 6

$$\begin{aligned}
 A(u_h, u_h) &\geq \frac{1}{2} \left[\|u_h\|_A^2 + \|u\|_{\Sigma_0}^2 + \|u\|_{\Sigma_T}^2 + \sum_{\Gamma_{kl}} \|[[u_h]]_t\|_{L^2(\Gamma_{kl})}^2 \right] \\
 &:= \frac{1}{2} \|u_h\|_{\tilde{D}G}^2
 \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

- if $|\Gamma_D| > 0$, then $\|\cdot\|_{\tilde{D}G}$ is a norm
- \implies existence and uniqueness of the discrete problem
- pure Neumann: $\forall v_h : A(u_h, v_h) = 0 \implies u_h = 0$

Inf-Sup Condition for b

Lemma 7

$$b(u_h, u_h + \delta w_h) \geq c_1^b \|u_h\|_B^2, \text{ with } \delta := (c_g^{-1} 2c_f^2 c_{R_2} c_g^3)^{-1}$$

Lemma 8

$$\|w_h\|_B \leq c_f^b \|u_h\|_B$$

Theorem 9

$$\sup_{0 \neq v_h} \frac{b(u_h, v_h)}{\|v_h\|_B} \geq c_S^b \|u_h\|_B$$

Proof.

Using $v_h := u_h + \delta w_h$ with $w_h := h \partial_t u_h$, lemma 7 and 8 □

$$b(u_h, v_h) := - \sum_{l=1}^N \int_{\tau_l} u_h \partial_t v_h \, dx + \int_{\Sigma_T} u_h v_h \, ds + \sum_{\Gamma_{kl}} \int_{\Gamma_{kl}} \{u_h\}^{\text{up}} [[v_h]]_t \, ds$$

$$\|u\|_B^2 := \sum_{l=1}^N h \|\partial_t u\|_{L^2(\tau)}^2 + \|u\|_{\Sigma_0}^2 + \|u\|_{\Sigma_T}^2 + \sum_{\Gamma_{kl}} \|[[u]]_t\|_{L^2(\Gamma_{kl})}^2$$

Inf-Sup Condition for A

Lemma 10

$$\|w_h\|_A \leq c_I^a \|u_h\|_A$$

Theorem 11

If σ suff. large, then it holds that: $\sup_{0 \neq v_h} \frac{A(u_h, v_h)}{\|v_h\|_{DG}} \geq c_S^A \|u_h\|_{DG}$

Theorem 12

$A(u, v_h) \leq c_2^A \|u\|_{DG,*} \|v_h\|_{DG}$, for $s > \frac{3}{2}$

Proof.

Using stability and boundedness estimates from before. □

$$\begin{aligned} \|u\|_{DG}^2 &:= \|u\|_A^2 + \|u\|_B^2 \\ \|u\|_{DG,*}^2 &:= \|u\|_{A,*}^2 + \|u\|_{B,*}^2 \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

$$\|u\|_A^2 := \sum_{l=1}^L \|\nabla u\|_{L^2(\tau)}^2 + \sum_{\Gamma_{kl}} \frac{\sigma}{h_{kl}} \|\llbracket u \rrbracket_x\|_{L^2(\Gamma_{kl})}^2$$

Error Estimates

Theorem 13

Let τ_N be quasi-uniform, $u \in H^s$, $s \geq 2$, σ sufficiently large and u_h the solution of the discrete problem. Then we have:

$$\|u - u_h\|_{DG} \leq ch^{\min\{s,p+1\}-1} |u|_{H^s(\tau_N)}$$

Proof.

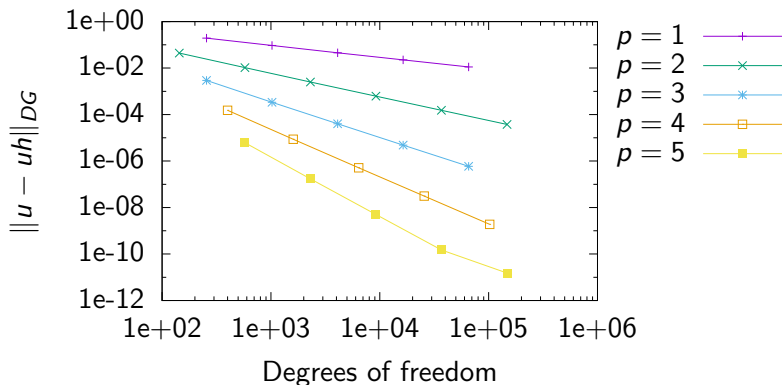


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Numerical Results

$$u(x, t) := \cos(\pi t) \sin(\pi x)$$



Thank you for your attention!