

Finite volume methods for dissipative problems

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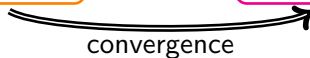
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- 1 Introduction to the finite volume method
- 2 Dissipative problems and long time behavior
- 3 Finite volume schemes and long time behavior

Lecture 1 :

Introduction to
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For which type of equations ?

□ EYMARD, GALLOUËT, HERBIN, 2000

⇒ Discretization in space of conservation laws

$$\operatorname{div}\mathbf{J} = g.$$

⇒ For evolutive equations

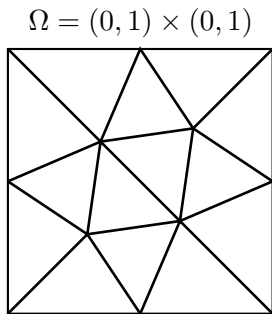
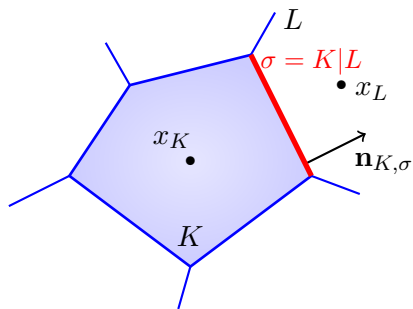
$$\partial_t u + \operatorname{div}\mathbf{J} = g,$$

finite difference method for the time discretization.

Fluxes

- Diffusion fluxes : $\mathbf{J} = \nabla u$, $\mathbf{J} = \nabla r(u)$, $\mathbf{J} = \mathbb{K}\nabla u, \dots$
- Convection fluxes : $\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{v}u$, $\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{v}f(u)$, $\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{F}(u), \dots$
- Every combination...

Mesh : definitions and notations



- \mathcal{T} : set of control volumes K (open, convex, polygonal)

$$\bar{\Omega} = \bigcup_{K \in \mathcal{T}} \bar{K}, \quad h = \max_{K \in \mathcal{T}} \text{diam}(K)$$

- \mathcal{E} : set of edges σ
- \mathcal{P} : set of points $x_K \in K$

Space of approximate solution

⇒ Reconstruction of piecewise constant approximate solutions

Discrete unknowns

$$(u_K)_{K \in \mathcal{T}}$$

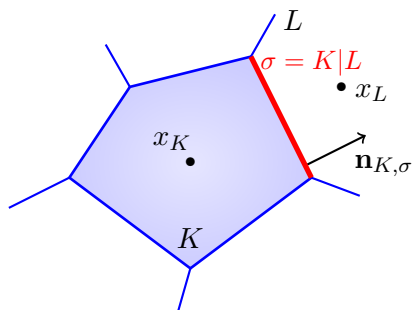
Approximate solution

$$u_{\mathcal{T}} = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}} u_K \mathbf{1}_K$$

Space of approximate solutions

$$X(\mathcal{T}) = \left\{ u_{\mathcal{T}} = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}} u_K \mathbf{1}_K \right\}$$

How to get a finite volume scheme?



Integration over each cell K of

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{J} = g$$

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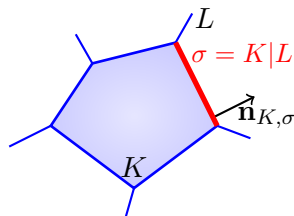
$$\sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}_K} \int_{\sigma} \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{K,\sigma} = \int_K g$$

Finite volume scheme

$$\sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}_K} \mathcal{F}_{K,\sigma} = m(K)g_K \text{ for all } K \in \mathcal{T},$$

$$\text{with } \begin{cases} \mathcal{F}_{K,\sigma} \text{ "good" approximation of } \int_{\sigma} \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{K,\sigma}, \\ g_K = \frac{1}{m(K)} \int_K g \quad (\text{or an approximation}). \end{cases}$$

Crucial properties of the numerical fluxes



Conservativity of the numerical fluxes

$$\mathcal{F}_{K,\sigma} + \mathcal{F}_{L,\sigma} = 0 \quad \forall \sigma = K|L.$$

Consistency of the numerical fluxes

- $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{K,\sigma}$: evaluation of the numerical flux for an exact and smooth solution of the problem
- $\tilde{\mathbf{J}}$: exact flux

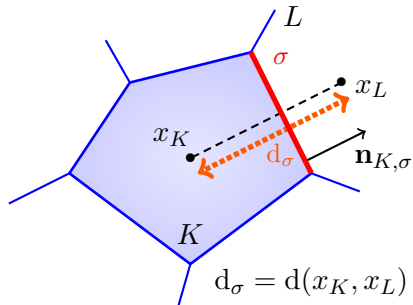
$$\frac{1}{m(\sigma)} \left(\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{K,\sigma} - \int_{\sigma} \tilde{\mathbf{J}} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{K,\sigma} \right) = O(h).$$

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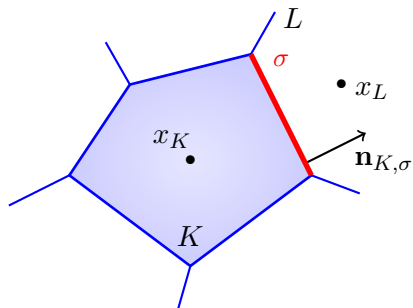
$$\int_{\sigma} \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{K,\sigma} = - \int_{\sigma} \nabla u \cdot \mathbf{n}_{K,\sigma}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{K,\sigma} = -m(\sigma) \frac{u_L - u_K}{d(x_K, x_L)} = -\frac{m(\sigma)}{d_\sigma} (u_L - u_K).$$

- Conservativity : OK
- Consistency : OK... if $(x_K x_L) \perp \sigma$

\Rightarrow Admissible mesh : $\forall \sigma = K|L, (x_K x_L) \perp \sigma$

Convection flux : $\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{v}u$



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$$\int_{\sigma} \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{K,\sigma} = \int_{\sigma} \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{K,\sigma} u$$

$$v_{K,\sigma} = \frac{1}{m(\sigma)} \int_{\sigma} \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{K,\sigma}$$

Centered fluxes

$$\mathcal{F}_{K,\sigma} = m(\sigma) v_{K,\sigma} \frac{u_K + u_L}{2}$$

Upwind fluxes

$$\mathcal{F}_{K,\sigma} = m(\sigma) v_{K,\sigma} \begin{cases} u_K & \text{if } v_{K,\sigma} \geq 0 \\ u_L & \text{if } v_{K,\sigma} \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

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- Conservativity OK ($v_{K,\sigma} + v_{L,\sigma} = 0$)
- Consistency OK
 - ⇒ Without any assumption on the mesh.
 - ⇒ But : well-known instability problems with the centered scheme for pure convection equations.
 - ⇒ A monotony hypothesis is needed in this case.

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Theoretical reminder

Problem under study

Ω regular bounded open subset of \mathbb{R}^d , $f \in L^2(\Omega)$

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = f & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma = \partial\Omega. \end{cases}$$

Theorem

There exists a unique $u \in H_0^1(\Omega)$ such that

$$\forall v \in H_0^1(\Omega) \quad \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v = \int_{\Omega} f v.$$

Proof : application of Lax-Milgram lemma.

Theoretical reminder

Key points

→ Poincaré inequality : $\exists C_P(\Omega)$ such that $\forall u \in H_0^1(\Omega)$

$$\int_{\Omega} |u|^2 \leq C_P(\Omega) \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2.$$

→ $|u|_{H_0^1(\Omega)} = \left(\int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 \right)^{1/2}$ is a norm on $H_0^1(\Omega)$.

Qualitative properties

- Monotony : $v = u^-$ in the weak formulation

$$f \geq 0 \text{ a.e.} \implies u \geq 0 \text{ a.e.}$$

- Energy estimate : $v = u$ in the weak formulation

$$\int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 \leq C_P(\Omega) \int_{\Omega} f^2$$

Finite element scheme / finite volume scheme

Conformal finite element scheme

- Approximation of $H_0^1(\Omega)$ by finite-dimension subspaces :

$$(V_n)_{n \geq 0} \text{ such that } V_n \subset H_0^1(\Omega) \quad \forall n$$

The scheme :

$$\forall v_n \in V_n \quad \int_{\Omega} \nabla u_n \cdot \nabla v_n = \int_{\Omega} f v_n.$$

- Poincaré inequality can be applied.
- Compact embedding of $H^1(\Omega)$ into $L^2(\Omega)$.

Finite volume scheme

$$X(\mathcal{T}) \not\subset H^1(\Omega)$$

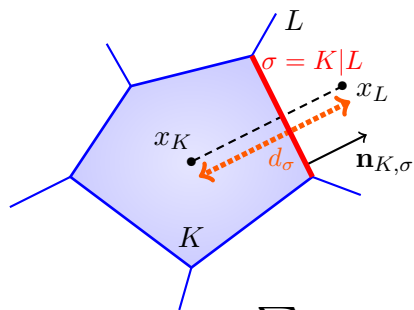
- Discrete counterpart of Poincaré inequality ?
- Compactness arguments must be adapted.

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The scheme



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$$\mathcal{F}_{K,\sigma} \approx - \int_{\sigma} \nabla u \cdot \mathbf{n}_{K,\sigma}$$

$$\sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}_K} \mathcal{F}_{K,\sigma} = m(K) f_K \quad \forall K \in \mathcal{T},$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{K,\sigma} = \begin{cases} -\frac{m(\sigma)}{d_{\sigma}} (u_L - u_K) & \text{if } \sigma \in \mathcal{E}_{int}, \sigma = K|L, \\ -\frac{m(\sigma)}{d_{\sigma}} (0 - u_K) & \text{if } \sigma \in \mathcal{E}_{ext}. \end{cases}$$

$$(d_{\sigma} = d(x_K, \sigma) \text{ if } \sigma \in \mathcal{E}_{ext})$$

Matricial form of the scheme

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}_K} \mathcal{F}_{K,\sigma} = m(K)f_K & \forall K \in \mathcal{T} \\ \mathcal{F}_{K,\sigma} = -\tau_\sigma(u_{K,\sigma} - u_K) & \forall K \in \mathcal{T}, \forall \sigma \in \mathcal{E}_K. \end{cases}$$

with $\tau_\sigma = \frac{m(\sigma)}{d_\sigma}$ and $u_{K,\sigma} = \begin{cases} u_L & \text{if } \sigma \in \mathcal{E}_{K,int}, \sigma = K|L, \\ 0 & \text{if } \sigma \in \mathcal{E}_{K,ext}. \end{cases}$

Linear system of equations $\mathbb{A}U = B$

- Unknown : $U = (U_K)_{K \in \mathcal{T}}$,
- Right hand side : $B = (B_K)_{K \in \mathcal{T}}$ with $B_K = m(K)f_K$,
- Matrix : $\mathbb{A} = (\mathbb{A}_{K,L})_{K \in \mathcal{T}, L \in \mathcal{T}}$

$$\mathbb{A}_{K,K} = \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}_K} \tau_\sigma$$

$$\mathbb{A}_{K,L} = -\tau_\sigma \text{ if } \exists \sigma = K|L, 0 \text{ else}$$

Properties of the matrix \mathbb{A}

Proposition 1 : \mathbb{A} is a positive definite symmetric matrix

→ Calculation of $U^T \mathbb{A} U$ for $U \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{T}|}$

$$\begin{aligned} U^T \mathbb{A} U &= \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}} u_K (\mathbb{A} U)_K \\ &= \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}} u_K \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}_K} \mathcal{F}_{K,\sigma} \\ &= \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}} u_K \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}_K} (-\tau_\sigma (u_{K,\sigma} - u_K)) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}_{int}, \\ \sigma = K|L}} \tau_\sigma (u_L - u_K)^2 + \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}} \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}_{K,ext}} \tau_\sigma u_K^2 \end{aligned}$$

→ $U^T \mathbb{A} U \geq 0 \forall U \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{T}|}$ and $U^T \mathbb{A} U = 0 \implies U = 0$.

→ Existence and uniqueness of a solution.

Properties of the matrix \mathbb{A}

Proposition 2 : \mathbb{A} is monotone : $B \geq 0 \implies U \geq 0$

\implies Calculation of $(U^-)^T \mathbb{A} U$ for $U \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{T}|}$ ($s^- = \min(s, 0)$)

$$\begin{aligned}(U^-)^T \mathbb{A} U &= \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}} u_K^- (\mathbb{A} U)_K \\ &= \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}} u_K^- \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}_K} \mathcal{F}_{K, \sigma} \\ &= \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}} u_K^- \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}_K} (-\tau_\sigma (u_{K, \sigma} - u_K)) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}_{int}, \\ \sigma = K|L}} \tau_\sigma (u_L^- - u_K^-) (u_L - u_K) \\ &\quad + \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}} \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}_{K, ext}} \tau_\sigma (u_K^-)^2\end{aligned}$$

$\implies B \geq 0 \implies (U^-)^T B = (U^-)^T \mathbb{A} U \leq 0 \implies U^- = 0$ and $U \geq 0$.

Discrete energy estimate ?

$$\mathbb{A}U = B \implies U^T \mathbb{A}U = U^T B$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\substack{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}_{int}, \\ \sigma = K|L}} \tau_\sigma (u_L - u_K)^2 + \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}} \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}_{K,ext}} \tau_\sigma u_K^2 &= \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}} m(K) f_K u_K \\ &\leq \left(\sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}} m(K) f_K^2 \right)^{1/2} \left(\sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}} m(K) u_K^2 \right)^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

Discrete Poincaré inequality ? (admitted yet)

$$\sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}} m(K) u_K^2 \leq C_P^d \left(\sum_{\substack{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}_{int}, \\ \sigma = K|L}} \tau_\sigma (u_L - u_K)^2 + \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}} \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}_{K,ext}} \tau_\sigma u_K^2 \right)$$

Discrete energy estimate ?

$(u_K)_{K \in \mathcal{T}}$ solution to the scheme satisfies :

$$\left(\sum_{\substack{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}_{int}, \\ \sigma = K|L}} \tau_\sigma (u_L - u_K)^2 + \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}} \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}_{K,ext}} \tau_\sigma u_K^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq C_P^d \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}.$$

Norms on $X(\mathcal{T})$ $u_{\mathcal{T}} = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}} u_K \mathbf{1}_K$

$$\|u_{\mathcal{T}}\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}} m(K) u_K^2$$

$$|u_{\mathcal{T}}|_{1,2,\Gamma,\mathcal{T}}^2 = \sum_{\substack{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}_{int}, \\ \sigma = K|L}} \tau_\sigma (u_L - u_K)^2 + \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}} \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}_{K,ext}} \tau_\sigma u_K^2$$

→ Discrete H^1 estimate for the approximate solution.

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Construction of a sequence of approximate solutions

Sequence of meshes $(\mathcal{T}_n, \mathcal{E}_n, \mathcal{P}_n)_{n \geq 0}$

- Admissible meshes,
- $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h_n = 0$.

Sequence of approximate solutions $(u_n)_{n \geq 0}$

$$u_n = u_{\mathcal{T}_n} \in X(\mathcal{T}_n).$$

Discrete H^1 estimate

There exists C , not depending on n , such that

$$|u_n|_{1,2,\Gamma,\mathcal{T}_n} \leq C \quad \forall n \geq 0.$$

Main result

Theorem

Let

- $(\mathcal{T}_n, \mathcal{E}_n, \mathcal{P}_n)_{n \geq 0}$ a sequence of admissible meshes, with $\lim h_n = 0$,
- $(u_n)_{n \geq 0}$ a sequence of approximate solutions given by the finite volume scheme.

Then,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = u \text{ in } L^2(\Omega)$$

with

- $u \in H_0^1(\Omega)$,
- and u is the unique solution to the Poisson equation :

$$\forall v \in H_0^1(\Omega) \quad \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v = \int_{\Omega} f v.$$

Proof of the theorem : the main steps

- ⇒ Compactness :
 - Consequence of the discrete H^1 estimate,
 - Application of Riesz-Fréchet-Kolmogorov theorem.
- ⇒ Strong convergence in $L^2(\Omega)$ of a subsequence.
- ⇒ Let u be the limit : $u \in H_0^1(\Omega)$.
- ⇒ Passage to the limit in the numerical scheme to show that u is a weak solution.
- ⇒ Uniqueness of the solution \implies convergence of the whole sequence.

About the compactness step

Compactness theorem by Kolmogorov

Let Ω a bounded domain of \mathbb{R}^N , $N \geq 1$.

Let $A \subset L^q(\Omega)$, $1 \leq q < +\infty$.

A is relatively compact in $L^q(\Omega)$ if and only if there exists $\{p(u), u \in A\} \subset L^q(\mathbb{R}^N)$ such that :

- 1 $p(u) = u$ a.e. in Ω , for all $u \in A$,
- 2 $\{p(u), u \in A\}$ is bounded in $L^q(\mathbb{R}^N)$,
- 3 $\|p(u)(\cdot + \eta) - p(u)(\cdot)\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^N)} \rightarrow 0$ when η tends to 0, uniformly with respect to $u \in A$.

Application to the scheme

$A = \{u_{\mathcal{T}}; \text{ solution to the scheme on } (\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{P})\} \subset L^2(\Omega)$

$$p(u_{\mathcal{T}}) = \begin{cases} u_{\mathcal{T}} & \text{on } \Omega \\ 0 & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^N \setminus \Omega \end{cases}$$

- 1 satisfied by definition
- 2 $\{p(u_{\mathcal{T}}), u_{\mathcal{T}} \in A\}$ is bounded in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^N)$:

$$\|p(u_{\mathcal{T}})\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^N)} = \|u_{\mathcal{T}}\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$$

- 3 It can be proved that

$$\|p(u_{\mathcal{T}})(\cdot + \eta) - p(u_{\mathcal{T}})(\cdot)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^N)}^2 \leq |\eta|(|\eta| + 2h)|u_{\mathcal{T}}|_{1,2,\Gamma,\mathcal{T}}^2.$$

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