DISCONTINUOUS PETROV-GALERKIN (DPG) METHOD WITH OPTIMAL TEST FUNCTIONS Fundamentals

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- Act 4: Ultraweak Variational Formulation

The Big (Functional Analysis) Picture



U,V - Hilbert spaces, b(u,v) - bilinear (sesquilinear) continuous form on $U\times V,$

$$|b(u,v)| \leq \underbrace{\|b\|}_{=:M} \|u\|_U \|v\|_V,$$

l(v) - linear (antilinear) continuous functional on V,

 $|l(v)|| \le ||l||_{V'} ||v||$

The abstract variational problem:

$$\begin{cases} u \in U \\ b(u,v) = l(v) \quad \forall v \in V \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{array}{c} Bu = l \quad B : U \to V' \\ < Bu, v \ge b(u,v) \quad v \in V \end{cases}$$

If b satisfies the inf-sup condition ($\Leftrightarrow B$ is bounded below),

$$\inf_{\|u\|_U=1} \sup_{\|v\|_V=1} |b(u,v)| =: \gamma > 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \sup_{v \in V} \frac{|b(u,v)|}{\|v\|_V} \ge \gamma \|u\|_U$$

and l satisfies the compatibility condition:

$$l(v) = 0 \quad \forall v \in V_0$$

where

$$V_{\mathbf{0}} := \mathcal{N}(B') = \{ v \in V : b(u, v) = \mathbf{0} \quad \forall u \in U \}$$

then the variational problem has a unique solution u that satisfies the stability estimate:

$$||u|| \le \frac{1}{\gamma} ||l||_{V'}.$$

Proof: Direct interpretation of Banach Closed Range Theorem*.

*see e.g. Oden, D, Functional Analysis, Chapman & Hall, 2nd ed., 2010, p.518

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and convergence

$$\|u - u_h\|_U \le \frac{M}{\gamma_h} \inf_{w_h \in U_h} \|u - w_h\|_U$$

(Uniform) discrete stability and approximability imply convergence.

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Recall that the Riesz operator $R_V: V \to V'$ is an isometry. Then:

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{v} \frac{|b(u_{h},v)|}{\|v_{h}\|} &= \|Bu_{h}\|_{V'} = \|\underbrace{R_{V}^{-1}Bu_{h}}_{=v_{h}}\|_{V} = \frac{(R_{V}^{-1}Bu_{h},v_{h})_{V}}{\|v\|_{V}} \\ &= \frac{\langle Bu_{h},v_{h}\rangle}{\|v\|_{V}} = \frac{b(u_{h},v_{h})}{\|v\|_{V}} \end{aligned}$$

Variational definition of v_h : $\begin{cases} v_h \in V \\ (v, \delta v)_V = b(u_h, \delta v) & \forall \delta v \in V . \end{cases}$

The operator $T := R_V^{-1}B : U_h \to V$ will be called the *trial to test operator*.

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DPG is a Minimum Residual Method

With the optimal test functions in place, $\gamma_h \ge \gamma$, and the Galerkin method is automatically stable. Trade now the original norm in U for an *energy norm*[§]:

$$||u||_E := ||R_V^{-1}Bu||_V = ||Bu||_{V'} = \sup_{v \in V} \frac{|b(u,v)|}{||v||_V}$$

Two points:

- With respect to the new, energy norm, both continuity constant M and inf-sup constant γ are unity.
- ► The use of optimal test functions (their construction is independent of the choice of trial norm) implies that γ_h ≥ γ = 1.

Thus, by the Babuška Theorem,

$$\|u-u_h\|_E \leq \underbrace{\frac{M}{\gamma_h}}_{=1} \inf_{w_h \in U_h} \|u-w_h\|_E.$$

In other words, FE solution u_h is the best approximation of the exact solution u in the energy norm. We have arrived through a back door at a *Minimum Residual Method*.

[§]Residual norm really...

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The minimum residual method, with the residual measured in the dual test norm, is *the most stable* Petrov-Galerkin method you can have.

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Minimum residual method reformulated:

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▶ The energy norm of the FE error $u - u_h$ equals the residual and can be computed,

$$||u - u_h||_E = ||Bu - Bu_h||_{V'} = ||l - Bu_h||_{V'} = ||R_V^{-1}(l - Bu_h)||_V = ||\psi||_V$$

where the error representation function ψ comes from

$$\begin{cases} \psi \in V \\ (\psi, \delta v)_V = \langle l - Bu_h, \delta v \rangle = l(\delta v) - b(u_h, \delta v), \quad \delta v \in V \end{cases}$$

No need for a-posteriori error estimation, note the connection with implicit a-posteriori error estimation techniques **

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- Being a Ritz method, DPG does not experience any preasymptotic limitations.

You cannot compute the optimal test functions!
Take a finite-dimensional enriched test space: $\tilde{V} \subset V$, dim $\tilde{V} >>$ dim U_h , and invert the Riesz operator approximately,

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{v}_h \in \tilde{V} \\ (\tilde{v}_h, \widetilde{\delta v})_V = b(u_h, \widetilde{\delta v}) \quad \forall \widetilde{\delta v} \in \tilde{V} \,. \end{cases}$$

This leads to an approximate trial to test operator:

$$\tilde{T} : U_h \to \tilde{V} \quad \tilde{T}u_h := \tilde{v}_h$$

and approximate optimal test space:

$$\tilde{V}_h := \tilde{T}U_h$$
.

Some stability must be lost. How much ?

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{\psi} \in \tilde{V}, \, \tilde{u}_h \in U_h \\ (\tilde{\psi}, \tilde{\delta\psi})_V - b(\tilde{u}_h, \tilde{\delta\psi}) &= -l(\tilde{\delta\psi}) \quad \tilde{\delta\psi} \in \tilde{V} \\ b(\delta u_h, \tilde{\psi}) &= 0 \qquad \delta u_h \in U_h \end{cases}$$

The (discrete) inf sup condition must be satisfied:

$$\sup_{\delta \tilde{\psi} \in \tilde{V}} \frac{|b(u_h, \tilde{\delta \psi})|}{\|\delta \tilde{\psi}\|} \geq \gamma_h \|u_h\|$$

Back to square one ??

Coming up with a Fortin operator

$$\tilde{\Pi}\,:\,V\to\tilde{V}$$

such that

 $\|\tilde{\Pi}v\|_V \le C \|v\|_V$

and

$$b(u_h, \tilde{\Pi}v - v) = 0 \quad \forall u_h \in U_h$$

solves the problem ^{††}

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^{††}J. Gopalakrishnan and W. Qiu. "An analysis of the practical DPG method.", *Math. Comp.*, 2013 (posted May 31, 2013).

Broken Test Spaces and Primal DPG Method

Primal DPG method

Standard assumptions: $\Omega \subset I\!\!R^N$ Lipschitz domain,



Primal DPG method

Given $f \in L^2(\Omega)$, consider the model problem,

$$\left(egin{array}{cc} u &= 0 & ext{on } {\sf \Gamma} := \partial \Omega \ -\Delta u &= f & ext{in } \Omega \end{array}
ight.$$

Multiply the PDE with a test function v, integrate over each element K, integrate by parts and sum up over all elements,

$$\sum_{K} \int_{K} \boldsymbol{\nabla} \boldsymbol{u} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla} \boldsymbol{v} + \sum_{K} \int_{\partial K} \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{u}}{\partial n} \, \boldsymbol{v} = \sum_{K} \int f \, \boldsymbol{v}$$

The boundary term represents jumps,

$$\sum_{K} \int_{\partial K} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} v = \sum_{e} \int_{e} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n_{e}} [v]_{e}$$

where

$$[v]_e = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} v_+ - v_- & e \subset \Omega \\ v & e \subset \Gamma \end{array} \right.$$

This leads to the variational problem:

$$\begin{cases} u \in H^1(\Omega), \, \hat{t} \in H^{-1/2}(\Gamma_h) \\ (\nabla u, \nabla_h v) - \langle \hat{t}, v \rangle_{\Gamma_h} = (f, v) \quad v \in H^1(\Omega_h) \end{cases}$$

where

$$H^{-1/2}(\Gamma_h) =$$
trace of $H(\operatorname{div}, \Omega)$ on Γ_h

equipped with the quotient norm.

Theorem ^{‡‡}

The variational problem above is well posed with a mesh independent inf-sup constant $\gamma.$

^{‡‡}L. Demkowicz and J. Gopalakrishnan. "A primal DPG method without a first order reformulation", *Comput. Math. Appl.*, 66(6):1058–1064, 2013

The test norm is *localizable*, i.e.



The (approximate) inversion of the Riesz operator is done locally (elementwise)

DPG element stiffness matrix and load vector

$$u_h = \sum_{i=1}^N u_i e_i, \quad v_h \approx \sum_{j=1}^M v_j g_j, \quad M >> N$$

Computation of (approximate) optimal test function $v = Te_i$,



or

$$\boldsymbol{v} = \boldsymbol{G}^{-1} \boldsymbol{B} \delta \boldsymbol{u}$$

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Condensing out error indication function ψ ,

$$\psi = G^{-1}(Bu-b)$$

we get again,

$$B^T G^{-1} B u = G^{-1} B b$$

Primal DPG Formulation for the Poisson problem

Group unknown (watch for the overloaded symbol):

$$u_h := (\underbrace{u_h}_{\text{field}}, \underbrace{\hat{t}_h}_{\text{flux}})$$

Mixed system:

$$\left(egin{array}{ccc} G & -B_1 & -B_2 \ B_1^T & 0 & 0 \ B_2^T & 0 & 0 \end{array}
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where B_1, B_2 correspond to $(\nabla u_h, \nabla_h \tilde{v})$ and $-\langle \hat{t}_h, \tilde{v} \rangle$, resp. Eliminate ψ to get the DPG system:

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc} \boldsymbol{B}_1^T \boldsymbol{G}^{-1} \boldsymbol{B}_1 & \boldsymbol{B}_1^T \boldsymbol{G}^{-1} \boldsymbol{B}_2 \\ \boldsymbol{B}_2^T \boldsymbol{G}^{-1} \boldsymbol{B}_1 & \boldsymbol{B}_2^T \boldsymbol{G}^{-1} \boldsymbol{B}_2 \end{array}\right) \left(\begin{array}{c} \boldsymbol{u} \\ \boldsymbol{t} \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c} \boldsymbol{B}_1^T \boldsymbol{G}^{-1} \boldsymbol{b} \\ \boldsymbol{B}_2^T \boldsymbol{G}^{-1} \boldsymbol{b} \end{array}\right)$$

Primal DPG method

Neglecting the error steming from the approximation of optimal test function (computation of residual), we have,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \|u - u_h\|_{H^1(\Omega)}^2 & + \|\hat{t} - \hat{t}_h\|_{H^{-1/2}(\Gamma_h)}^2 \end{pmatrix}^{1/2} \\ \leq \frac{1}{\gamma} \underbrace{\inf_{w_h, r_h} \left(\|u - w_h\|_{H^1(\Omega)}^2 + \|\hat{t} - r_h\|_{H^{-1/2}(\Gamma_h)}^2 \right)^{1/2}}_{\text{best approximation error}}$$

Additionally,

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\|u - u_h\|_{H^1(\Omega)}^2 &+ \|\hat{t} - \hat{t}_h\|_{H^{-1/2}(\Gamma_h)}^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\gamma} \underbrace{\sup_{v \in H^1(\Omega_h)} \frac{|(\nabla u_h, \nabla_h v) - \langle \hat{t}_h, v \rangle_{\Gamma_h}|}{\|v\|_{H^1(\Omega_h)}}}_{\text{computable residual}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\gamma} \left(\sum_K \|\psi_K\|_{H^1(K)}^2 \right)^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

2D convergence rates



Poisson problem Reaction-dominated diffusion Convection-dominated diffusion

div-grad problems

Maxwell equations - curl-curl problem

All examples have been implemented within hp3d, a general 3D FE code supporting:

- coupled problems involving H^1 , H(curl) and H(div)-conforming elements.
- hybrid meshes consisting of hexas, tets, prisms and pyramids,
- ► anisotropic *hp*-refinements.

Ask me about the code ...

Hexahedral meshes H^1 element for field u_h :

$$\mathcal{P}^p\otimes\mathcal{P}^p\otimes\mathcal{P}^p,$$

Trace of H(div) element:

$$(\mathcal{P}^p\otimes\mathcal{P}^{p-1}\otimes\mathcal{P}^{p-1}) imes(\mathcal{P}^{p-1}\otimes\mathcal{P}^p\otimes\mathcal{P}^{p-1}) imes(\mathcal{P}^{p-1}\otimes\mathcal{P}^p)$$

for flux \hat{t}_h , and the enriched element:

$$\mathcal{P}^{p+\Delta p}\otimes\mathcal{P}^{p+\Delta p}\otimes\mathcal{P}^{p+\Delta p},$$

for test function v_h .

In reported experiments: $p = 1, 2, 3, \Delta p = 2$.

Poisson problem, smooth solution, uniform refinements

Rectangular domain $\Omega = (0, 1) \times (0, 2) \times (0, 1)$, Smooth solution: $u = \sin \pi x \sin \pi y \sin \pi z$ Boundary condition: u = 0.



Residual versus H^1 error.

Poisson problem, manufactured shock solution

BC: $u = u_0$.



Shock solution, uniform and h-adaptive refinements, p = 1



Convergence history for the residual and H^1 error

Shock solution, uniform and h-adaptive refinements, p = 2



Convergence history for the residual and H^1 error

Shock solution, uniform and h-adaptive refinements, p = 3



Convergence history for the residual and H^1 error

Shock solution, p = 3, Mixed BC

Mixed BC: trace: bottom, top, flux: sides.



Convergence history for the residual and H^1 error

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Reaction-dominated diffusion, p = 2.

$$\begin{cases} u = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma \\ -\epsilon^2 \Delta u + u = 1 & \text{in } \Omega \end{cases}$$



 $\epsilon = 0.01$, left: solution after 7 iterations, right: convergence history

Convection-dominated diffusion, p = 2.



 $\epsilon = 0.01$, left: solution after 5 iterations, right: convergence history

Assume

$$J_S^{\rm imp} = n \times H^{imp}$$

and look for the unknown surface current on the skeleton also in the same form.

$$\begin{split} E &\in H(\operatorname{curl}, \Omega), \ n \times E = n \times E^{\operatorname{imp}} \text{ on } \Gamma_1 \\ \hat{h} &\in \operatorname{tr}_{\Gamma_h} H(\operatorname{curl}, \Omega), \ n \times \hat{h} = n \times (-i\omega H^{imp}) \text{ on } \Gamma_2 \\ (\frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \times E, \nabla_h \times F) + ((-\omega^2 \epsilon + i\omega \sigma)E, F) + \langle n \times \hat{h}, F \rangle_{\Gamma_h} = -i\omega (J^{\operatorname{imp}}, F) \\ &\forall F \in H(\operatorname{curl}, \Omega_h) \,. \end{split}$$

Hexahedral meshes H(curl) element for electric field E:

$$(\mathcal{P}^{p-1}\otimes\mathcal{P}^p\otimes\mathcal{P}^p) imes(\mathcal{P}^p\otimes\mathcal{P}^{p-1}\otimes\mathcal{P}^p) imes(\mathcal{P}^p\otimes\mathcal{P}^p\otimes\mathcal{P}^{p-1})$$

and trace of the same element for flux (surface current) \hat{h} . Same element for the enriched space but with order $p + \Delta p$. In reported experiments: p = 2, $\Delta p = 2$.

DPG Supports Adaptivity with No Preasymptotic Behavior

A 3D Maxwell example

Take a cube $(0,2)^3$



Divide it into eight smaller cubes and remove one:



Fichera corner microwave

Attach a waveguide:



Cut the waveguide and use the lowest propagating mode for BC along the cut.



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Robust DPG Method: Controlling the Convergence (Trial) Norm

The simplest singular perturbation problem: reaction-dominated diffusion

L.D. and I. Harari, "Primal DPG Method for Reaction dominated Diffusion", in preparation.

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The simplest singular perturbation problem: Reaction-dominated diffusion

$$\begin{cases} u = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma \\ -\epsilon^2 \Delta u + c(x)u &= f & \text{in } \Omega \end{cases}$$

where $0 < c_0 \le c(x) \le c_1$. Standard variational formulation:

$$\begin{cases} u \in H^1(\Omega) \\ \epsilon^2(\nabla u, \nabla v) + (cu, v) = (f, v) \quad v \in H^1(\Omega) \end{cases}$$

Standard Galerkin method delivers the best approximation error in the energy norm:

$$||u||_{\epsilon^k}^2 := \epsilon^k ||\nabla u||^2 + ||c^{1/2}u||^2, \quad k = 2$$

Fact: Under favorable regularity conditions, the solution is *uniformly* bounded in data f in a "balanced" norm :

$$||u||_{\epsilon}^{2} := \epsilon ||\nabla u||^{2} + ||c^{1/2}u||^{2}$$

i.e.

$$\|u\|_{\epsilon} \lesssim \|f\|_{\text{appropriate}}$$

Question: Can we select the test norm in such a way that the DPG method will be *robust* in the balanced norm ?

$$\|u - u_h\|_{\epsilon} + \|\hat{t} - \hat{t}_h\|_{?} \lesssim \inf_{w_h} \|u - w_h\|_{\epsilon} + \inf_{\hat{r}_h} \|\hat{t} - \hat{r}_h\|_{?}$$

R. Lin and M. Stynes, "A balanced finite element method for singularly perturbed reaction-diffusion problems", SIAM J. Numer. Anal., 50(5): 2729–2743, 2012.

A bit of history: Optimal test functions of Barret and Morton

For each $w \in U_h$, determine the corresponding v_w that solves the auxiliary variational problem:

$$\begin{cases} v_w \in H^1_0(\Omega) \\ \underbrace{\epsilon^2(\nabla \delta u, \nabla v_w) + (c \, \delta u, v_w)}_{\text{the bilinear form we have}} = \underbrace{\epsilon(\nabla \delta u, w) + (c \, \delta u, w)}_{\text{the bilinear form we want}} \quad \forall \delta u \in H^1_0(\Omega) \end{cases}$$

With the optimal test functions, the Galerkin orthogonality for the original form changes into Galerkin orthogonality in the desired, "balanced" norm:

$$\epsilon^{2}(\boldsymbol{\nabla}(u-u_{h}),\boldsymbol{\nabla}v_{w})+(c(u-u_{h}),v_{w})=0 \quad \Longrightarrow \ \boldsymbol{\epsilon}(\boldsymbol{\nabla}(u-u_{h}),\boldsymbol{\nabla}v_{u})+(c(u-u_{h}),w)=0$$

Consequently, the PG solution delivers the best approximation error in the desired norm.

J.W. Barret and K. W. Morton, "Approximate Symmetrization and Petrov-Galerkin Methods for Diffusion-Convection Problems", Comp. Meth. Appl. Mech and Engng., 46, 97 (1984).

L. D. and J. T. Oden, "An Adaptive Characteristic Petrov-Galerkin Finite Element Method for Convection-Dominated Linear and Nonlinear Parabolic Problems in One Space Variable", Journal of Computational Physics, 68(1): 188–273, 1986.

Theorem

Let v_u be the Barret-Morton optimal test function corresponding to u. Let $\|v_u\|_V$ be a test norm such that

$$\|v_u\|_V \lesssim \|u\|_{\epsilon}$$

Then

$$\|u - u_h\|_{\epsilon} \lesssim \|u - u_h\|_E = \inf_{w_h \in U_h} \|u - w_h\|_E \le BAE$$
 estimate

Proof:

$$\begin{split} \|u\|_{\epsilon}^{2} &= \epsilon(\nabla u, \nabla u) + (cu, u) = \epsilon^{2}(\nabla u, \nabla v_{u}) + (cu, v_{u}) \\ &= b((u, \hat{t}), v_{u}) \leq \frac{b((u, \hat{t}), v_{u})}{\|v_{u}\|_{V}} \|v_{u}\|_{V} \\ &\leq \sup_{v} \frac{b((u, \hat{t}), v_{u})}{\|v\|_{V}} \|v_{u}\|_{V} = \|(u, \hat{t})\|_{E} \|v_{u}\|_{V} \\ &\lesssim \|(u, \hat{t})\|_{E} \|u\|_{\epsilon} \end{split}$$

L. D., M. Heuer, "Robust DPG Method for Convection-Dominated Diffusion Problems," SIAM J. Num. Anal, 51: 2514-2537, 2013.

The point: Construction of the optimal test norm is reduced to the stability (robustness) analysis for the Barret-Morton test functions.

Lemma	
Let	$\ v\ _V^2 := \epsilon^3 \ \nabla v\ ^3 + \ c^{1/2}v\ ^2$
Then	$\ v_u\ \lesssim \ u\ _\epsilon$

In order to avoid boundary layers in the optimal test functions (that we cannot resolve using simple enriched space) we scale the reaction term with a mesh-dependent factor:

$$\|v\|_{V,mod}^{2} := \epsilon^{3} \|\nabla v\|^{3} + \min\{1, \frac{\epsilon^{3}}{h^{2}}\} \|c^{1/2}v\|^{2}$$

Manufactured solution of Lin and Stynes, $\epsilon = 10^{-1}$



The functions exhibits strong boundary layers invisible in this scale.

Range: (-0.6,0.6)

Manufactured solution of Lin and Stynes, $\epsilon = 10^{-1}$



Zoom on the north boundary layer.

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Optimal mesh for $\epsilon = 10^{-1}$



Optimal *h*-adaptive mesh and numerical solution for $\epsilon = 10^{-1}$







Lin/Stynes example,
$$\epsilon = 10^0, 10^{-1}, 10^{-2}, 10^{-3}$$
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Lin/Stynes example,
$$\epsilon = 10^0, 10^{-1}, 10^{-2}, 10^{-3}, 10^{-4}$$
.



Question: Can we select the test norm in such a way that the DPG method would deliver high accuracy in a preselected subdomain, e.g. $(0, \frac{1}{2})^2 \subset (0, 1)^2$? Answer: Yes!



Optimal mesh and the corresponding pointwise error (range (-0.001 - 0.001)).

Ultraweak Variational Formulation

2D Convection-Dominated Diffusion (Confusion) Problem

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{rl} -\epsilon \Delta u + {\rm div}(\beta u) &= f & \mbox{ in } \Omega \\ \\ u &= u_0 & \mbox{ on } \Gamma \end{array} \right.$$

or, equivalently,

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{\epsilon}\boldsymbol{\sigma} - \boldsymbol{\nabla} u &= 0 \quad \text{ in } \Omega\\ -\mathsf{div}(\boldsymbol{\sigma} - \boldsymbol{\beta} u) &= f \quad \text{ in } \Omega\\ u &= u_0 \quad \text{ on } \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$

Ultraweak (DPG) Variational Formulation



$$\begin{split} & \mathsf{Elements}: K \\ & \mathsf{Edges}: e \\ & \mathsf{Skeleton}: \Gamma_h = \bigcup_K \partial K \\ & \mathsf{Internal \ skeleton}: \Gamma_h^0 = \Gamma_h - \partial \Omega \end{split}$$

Take an element K. Multiply the equations with test functions τ , v:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{\epsilon}\boldsymbol{\sigma}\cdot\boldsymbol{\tau} - \boldsymbol{\nabla}\boldsymbol{u}\cdot\boldsymbol{\tau} &= \boldsymbol{0} \\ -\mathsf{div}(\boldsymbol{\sigma} - \boldsymbol{\beta}\boldsymbol{u})\boldsymbol{v} &= f\boldsymbol{v} \end{cases}$$

Integrate over the element K:

$$\begin{cases} \int_{K} \frac{1}{\epsilon} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} - \boldsymbol{\nabla} u \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} &= 0\\ -\int_{K} \operatorname{div}(\boldsymbol{\sigma} - \boldsymbol{\beta} u) v &= f v \end{cases}$$

Integrate by parts (relax) *both* equations:

$$\begin{cases} \int_{K} \frac{1}{\epsilon} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} + \int_{K} u \operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\tau} - \int_{\partial K} u \tau_{n} &= 0\\ \int_{K} (\boldsymbol{\sigma} - \boldsymbol{\beta} u) \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla} v - \int_{\partial K} q \operatorname{sgn}(\boldsymbol{n}) v &= \int_{K} f v \end{cases}$$

where $q = (oldsymbol{\sigma} - oldsymbol{eta} u) \cdot oldsymbol{n}_e$ and

$$\mathsf{sgn}(oldsymbol{n}) = \left\{egin{array}{cc} 1 & ext{if} \ oldsymbol{n} = oldsymbol{n}_e \ -1 & ext{if} \ oldsymbol{n} = -oldsymbol{n}_e \end{array}
ight.$$

Declare traces and fluxes to be independent unknowns, common for adjacent elements:

$$\begin{cases} \int_{K} \frac{1}{\epsilon} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} + \int_{K} u \operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\tau} - \int_{\partial K} \hat{\boldsymbol{u}} \tau_{n} &= 0\\ -\int_{K} (\boldsymbol{\sigma} - \boldsymbol{\beta} u) \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla} v + \int_{\partial K} \hat{\boldsymbol{q}} \operatorname{sgn}(\boldsymbol{n}) v &= \int_{K} f v \end{cases}$$

Use BC to eliminate the known traces

$$\begin{cases} \int_{K} \frac{1}{\epsilon} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} + \int_{K} u \operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\tau} - \int_{\partial K - \partial \Omega} \hat{\boldsymbol{u}} \tau_{n} &= \int_{\partial K \cap \partial \Omega} u_{0} \tau_{n} \\ - \int_{K} (\boldsymbol{\sigma} - \boldsymbol{\beta} u) \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla} v + \int_{\partial K} \hat{\boldsymbol{q}} \operatorname{sgn}(\boldsymbol{n}) v &= \int_{K} f v \end{cases}$$

Abstract Notation

Integration by parts:

$$(Au, v) = (u, A_h^* v) - \langle \hat{u}, v \rangle_{\Gamma_h}$$

where (watch for overloaded symbols...)

$$u = (\boldsymbol{\sigma}, u)$$

$$v = (\boldsymbol{\tau}, v)$$

$$Au = (\frac{1}{\epsilon}\boldsymbol{\sigma} - \boldsymbol{\nabla}u, -\operatorname{div}(\boldsymbol{\sigma} - \boldsymbol{\beta}u))$$

$$A_{h}^{*}v = (\frac{1}{\epsilon}\boldsymbol{\tau} + \boldsymbol{\nabla}_{h}v, \operatorname{div}_{h}\boldsymbol{\tau} - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla}_{h}v)$$

$$\langle \hat{u}, v \rangle_{\Gamma_{h}} = \int_{\Gamma_{h}} (u[\tau_{n}] + \underbrace{\sigma_{n} - \beta_{n}u}_{\operatorname{fux}}[v])$$

$$\hat{u} = (\underbrace{\hat{u}}_{\operatorname{trace}}, \underbrace{\hat{q}}_{\operatorname{flux}}) \text{ with } \hat{u} = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma$$

DPG variational formulation:

$$\underbrace{(\underline{u}, A_h^* v) - \langle \hat{u}, v \rangle_{\Gamma_h}}_{b((u, \hat{u}), v)} = \underbrace{(f, v) + \langle \widetilde{u_0}, v \rangle_{\Gamma}}_{l(v)}$$

Functional Setting for the Confusion Problem

General Functional setting:

- ► $u \in L^2(\Omega)$,
- ▶ broken graph space for *v*,

$$H_{A^*}(\Omega_h) := \{ v \in L^2(\Omega_h) : A_h^* v \in L^2(\Omega_h) \}$$

 \blacktriangleright trace space for \hat{u} with minimum energy extension norm:

$$\|\hat{u}\|^2 = \inf_{u:u\mid_{\Gamma_h}=\hat{u}} (\|u\|^2 + \|Au\|^2)$$

Confusion problem: Group variables: Solution $(u, \sigma, \hat{u}, \hat{q})$:

field variables:
$$u, \sigma_1, \sigma_2 \in L^2(\Omega_h)$$

traces: $\hat{u} \in \tilde{H}^{1/2}(\Gamma_h^0)$
fluxes: $\hat{q} \in H^{-1/2}(\Gamma_h)$

Test function $(\boldsymbol{\tau}, v)$:

$$oldsymbol{ au} \in oldsymbol{H}(\mathsf{div}, \Omega_h) \ v \in H^1(\Omega_h)$$

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As the determination of optimal test functions is done element-wise, the method fits into the standard FE technology.
 Standard FEM: Input: bilinear and linear form, trial and test shape functions, Output: element stiffness matrix and load vector,
 DPG: Input: bilinear and linear form, trial shape functions, test norm, Output: element stiffness matrix and load vector

Theorem If the original operator A with homogenous BC is bounded below,

 $\|A\| \geq \gamma \|u\|$

and the data u_0 comes from the trace space for the graph norm space, then the DPG formulation is well posed as well, with a mesh-independent inf-sup constant of order γ .

Corollary: If γ is independent of the singular perturbation parameter (ϵ for the confusion problem), then the DPG method is robust,

$$\|u - u_h\| + \|\hat{u} - \hat{u}_h\| \lesssim \inf_{w_h, \hat{w}_h} \{\|u - w_h\| + \|\hat{u} - \hat{w}_h\|\}$$

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Construction of an optimal test norm

Bad news: the graph test norm may not be feasible **Good news:** There is a systematic approach for determining alternate test norms

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We want the L^2 robustness in u:

$\|u\| \lesssim \|(u, \boldsymbol{\sigma}, \hat{u}, \hat{q})\|_E$

 $(a \lesssim b \text{ means that there exists a constant } C$, independent of ϵ such that $a \leq Cb$). This implies

$$\begin{aligned} \|u - u_h\| &\lesssim \|(u - u_h, \boldsymbol{\sigma} - \boldsymbol{\sigma}_h, \hat{u} - \hat{u}_h, \hat{q} - \hat{q}_h)\|_E \\ &= \underbrace{\inf_{(u_h, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_h, \hat{u}_h, \hat{q}_h)} \|(u - u_h, \boldsymbol{\sigma} - \boldsymbol{\sigma}_h, \hat{u} - \hat{u}_h, \hat{q} - \hat{q}_h)\|_E}_{\text{Best Approximation Error (BAE)}} \\ &\leq C(\epsilon)h^p \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{split} b((u, \boldsymbol{\sigma}, \hat{u}, \hat{q}), (v, \boldsymbol{\tau})) &= (\boldsymbol{\sigma}, \frac{1}{\epsilon} \boldsymbol{\tau} + \boldsymbol{\nabla} v)_{\Omega_h} + (u, \mathsf{div} \boldsymbol{\tau} - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla} v)_{\Omega_h} \\ &- \langle \hat{u}, \tau_n \rangle_{\Gamma_h^0} - \langle \hat{q}, v \rangle_{\Gamma_h} \end{split}$$

Choose a test function (v, τ) such that

$$\left\{ egin{array}{ll} v\in H^1_0(\Omega), \ oldsymbol{ au}\in oldsymbol{H}({
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Then

$$\begin{split} |u||^{2} &= b((u, \boldsymbol{\sigma}, \hat{u}, \hat{q}), (v, \boldsymbol{\tau})) = \frac{b((u, \boldsymbol{\sigma}, \hat{u}, \hat{q}), (v, \boldsymbol{\tau}))}{\|(v, \boldsymbol{\tau})\|_{V}} \|(v, \boldsymbol{\tau})\|_{V} \\ &\leq \sup_{(v, \boldsymbol{\tau})} \frac{b((u, \boldsymbol{\sigma}, \hat{u}, \hat{q}), (v, \boldsymbol{\tau}))}{\|(v, \boldsymbol{\tau})\|_{V}} \|(v, \boldsymbol{\tau})\|_{V} = \|(u, \boldsymbol{\sigma}, \hat{u}, \hat{q})\|_{E} \|(v, \boldsymbol{\tau})\|_{V} \end{split}$$

Consequently, we need to select the test norm in such a way that

 $\|(v, \boldsymbol{\tau})\|_V \lesssim \|u\|$

This gives,

$$\|u\|^2 \lesssim \|(u, \boldsymbol{\sigma}, \hat{u}, \hat{q})\|_E \|u\|$$

Dividing by ||u||, we get what we wanted. **The point:** Construction of a robust DPG reduces to the classical stability analysis for the adjoint equation! Theorem (Generalization of Erickson-Johnson Theorem)

$$\frac{\|v\|}{\|\boldsymbol{\beta}\cdot\boldsymbol{\nabla}v\|_{w},\sqrt{\epsilon}\|\boldsymbol{\nabla}v\|} \\ \|\operatorname{div}\boldsymbol{\tau}\|_{w+\epsilon}, \frac{1}{\epsilon}\|\boldsymbol{\beta}\cdot\boldsymbol{\tau}\|_{w}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon}}\|\boldsymbol{\tau}\| \\ \end{array} \right\} \lesssim \|u\|$$

where w = O(1) is a weight vanishing on the inflow boundary that satisfies some "mild" assumptions.

The terms on the left-hand side are our "Lego" blocks with which we can build different test norms.

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Graph norm:

$$\|(v, \boldsymbol{\tau})\|_{graph}^2 := \|v\|^2 + \|\frac{1}{\epsilon}\boldsymbol{\tau} + \boldsymbol{\nabla}v\|^2 + \|\mathsf{div}\boldsymbol{\tau} - \boldsymbol{\beta}\cdot\boldsymbol{\nabla}v\|^2$$

Mesh dependent weighted norm:

$$\begin{split} \|(v, \boldsymbol{\tau})\|_{w}^{2} &:= \min\{\frac{\epsilon}{h^{2}}, 1\} \|v\|^{2} + \|\boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla} v\|_{w}^{2} + \epsilon \|\boldsymbol{\nabla} v\|^{2} \\ &+ \min\{\frac{1}{\epsilon}, \frac{1}{h^{2}}\} \|\boldsymbol{\tau}\|_{w+\epsilon}^{2} + \|\mathsf{div}\boldsymbol{\tau}\|_{w+\epsilon}^{2} \end{split}$$

Remark: Both *u*-robust norms are also L^2 -robust in σ , as well as in traces and fluxes measured in minimum extension energy norms.

Pros and cons for both test norms

 The quasi-optimal test norm produces strong boundary layers that need to be resolved, also in 1D,



Left: τ and v components of the optimal test function corresponding to trial function u = 1 and element size h = 0.25, along with the optimal hp subelement mesh. Right: $10 \times \text{zoom on the left end of the element.}$

Determining optimal test functions is expensive.

- The weighted test norms produce no boundary layers. Solving for the optimal test functions is inexpensive (done with enriched space Δp = 2).
- Quasi-optimal test norm yields better estimates for the best approximation error measured in the energy norm.
$$\Omega = (0,1)^2, \quad \beta = (1,0), f = 0, \qquad u_0 = \begin{cases} \sin \pi y & \text{on } x = 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The problem can be solved analytically using separation of variables.



Velocity u and "stresses" σ_x, σ_y (using scale for σ_y) for $\epsilon = 0.01$.

2D: Weighted Norm

hp-adaptivity: $h_{min} = 2\epsilon, p_{max} = 5, w = x$.



 $\epsilon = 10^{-2}, 10^{-3}, 10^{-4}$. Left: convergence in energy error. Right: convergence in relative L^2 -error for the field variables (in percent of their L^2 -norm).

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2D model problem with a "discontinuous" inflow data, $\epsilon = 0.01$. Velocity u and "stresses" σ_x, σ_y (using scale for σ_y).

2D: Example II, Weighted Norm, $\epsilon = 10^{-4}$



 $\Delta p = 2, 3$. Left: convergence in energy error. Right: convergence in relative L^2 -error for the field variables (in percent of their L^2 -norm).

2D: Example II, Weighted Norm, $\epsilon = 10^{-4}$



 $\Delta p = 2, 3$. Ratio of L^2 and energy norms.

Good Boundary Conditions are Essential

For inflow boundary condition

 $\beta_n u - \sigma_n = u_0$

and wall outflow boundary condition,



Mesh/pointwise error for $\epsilon = 1e - 2$.

DPG delivers

 $\|u\| + \|\sigma\| \lesssim \|(u,\sigma,\hat{u},\hat{q})\|_E$

using test norms without the weight, e.g.,

$$\|(v, \boldsymbol{\tau})\|^2 := \underbrace{\epsilon \|v\|^2 + \|\boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla} v\|^2}_{\text{convection}} + \underbrace{\epsilon \|\boldsymbol{\nabla} v\|^2 + \|\boldsymbol{\tau}\|^2 + \|\mathsf{div}\boldsymbol{\tau}\|^2}_{\text{diffusion}}$$

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Confusion Revisited



Extrapolation to Compressible Navier-Stokes Equations: Carter's flat plate problem



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Initial Mesh (p = 2):





Mesh 1:





Mesh 2:





Mesh 3:





Mesh 4:





Mesh 5:





Mesh 7:





Mesh 8:





Mesh 9:





Mesh 10:







Heat flux along the plate

 Wave propagation problems (sonars, full wave form inversion in geomechanics, cloaking)

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