

6. Exercise sheet for Numerik für Differentialgleichungen auf Oberflächen

Exercise 12. Let the evolving surface $\Gamma(t)$ be given by the following distance function

$$d(x, t) = \frac{x_1^2}{a(t)} + x_2^2 + x_3^2 - 1^2,$$

where $a(t) = 1 + \sin(2\pi t)/4$.

- (a) Compute the normal vector $\nu_{\Gamma(t)}$ and the normal velocity v .
- (b) What is the evolution of the surface over the time interval $[0, 1]$?
- (c) How would you visualise this evolving surface? Write a simple pseudo-code.

Exercise 13. Prove the first Leibniz formula from below. Let u be a function (such that all the following quantities exist), then the following equalities hold

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Gamma(t)} u = \int_{\Gamma(t)} \partial^\bullet u + \int_{\Gamma(t)} u (\nabla_{\Gamma(t)} \cdot v)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Gamma(t)} |\nabla_{\Gamma(t)} u|^2 = \int_{\Gamma(t)} \nabla_{\Gamma(t)} u \cdot \nabla_{\Gamma(t)} \partial^\bullet u + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Gamma(t)} |\nabla_{\Gamma(t)} u|^2 (\nabla_{\Gamma(t)} \cdot v) - \int_{\Gamma(t)} \mathcal{D}(v) \nabla_{\Gamma(t)} u \cdot \nabla_{\Gamma(t)} u,$$

where $\mathcal{D}(v) = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla_{\Gamma(t)} v + (\nabla_{\Gamma(t)} v)^T)$.

Hint. Recall the following definitions and facts. Let $X(\cdot, t) : \Omega \rightarrow \Gamma(t)$ be a parametrisation from $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ (note that $\Omega \neq \Gamma^0$), of the surface $\Gamma(t)$ evolving according to the ODE $\partial_t X(\vartheta, t) = v(X(\vartheta, t), t)$. The Riemannian metric and related quantities are

$$g_{ij} = \partial_{\vartheta_i} X \cdot \partial_{\vartheta_j} X, \quad g = \det(g_{ij}), \quad g^{ij} = (g_{ij})^{-1}.$$

For a function $u(\cdot, t) : \Gamma(t) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ we define $U(\vartheta, t) = u(X(\vartheta, t), t)$. Tangential gradient and divergence are given by

$$(\nabla_{\Gamma} u)(X(\vartheta)) = \sum_{i,j} g^{ij} \partial_{\vartheta_i} X \partial_{\vartheta_j} U \quad \text{and} \quad (\nabla_{\Gamma} \cdot v)(X(\vartheta)) = \sum_{i,j} g^{ij} \partial_{\vartheta_i} X \cdot \partial_{\vartheta_j} V.$$

An integral over a Riemannian manifold is defined by

$$\int_{\Gamma(t)} u = \int_{\Omega} U(\vartheta, t) \sqrt{g} d\vartheta.$$

The determinant satisfies the Euler relation

$$\partial_t \sqrt{g} = \sqrt{g} \sum_{i,j} g^{ij} \partial_{\vartheta_i} X \cdot \partial_{\vartheta_j} V.$$

Exercise 14. For a weak solution u , with initial value $u^0 \in H^1(\Gamma^0)$ and $f = 0$, the energy equations hold:

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Gamma(t)} |u|^2 + \int_{\Gamma(t)} |\nabla_{\Gamma(t)} u|^2 = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{\Gamma(t)} |u|^2 (\nabla_{\Gamma(t)} \cdot v)$$

$$\int_{\Gamma(t)} |\partial^\bullet u|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Gamma(t)} |\nabla_{\Gamma(t)} u|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Gamma(t)} |\nabla_{\Gamma(t)} u|^2 (\nabla_{\Gamma(t)} \cdot v) - \int_{\Gamma(t)} \mathcal{D}(v) \nabla_{\Gamma(t)} u \cdot \nabla_{\Gamma(t)} u - \int_{\Gamma(t)} u \partial^\bullet u (\nabla_{\Gamma(t)} \cdot v),$$

with $\mathcal{D}(v) = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla_{\Gamma(t)} v + (\nabla_{\Gamma(t)} v)^T)$.

Prove the first energy equation using the weak formulation and the Leibniz formula. (Try the second one as an extra exercise, if you like.)

Exercise 15. Prove that for a weak solution u , with initial value $u^0 \in H^1(\Gamma^0)$ and $f = 0$, the a priori estimates also hold, for $t_0 \in [0, T]$,

$$(a) \quad \sup_{t \in (0, t_0)} \|u(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Gamma(t))}^2 + \int_0^{t_0} \|\nabla_{\Gamma(t)} u(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Gamma(t))}^2 dt \leq c \|u^0\|_{L^2(\Gamma^0)}^2,$$

$$(b) \quad \int_0^{t_0} \|\partial^\bullet u(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Gamma(t))}^2 dt + \sup_{t \in (0, t_0)} \|\nabla_{\Gamma(t)} u(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Gamma(t))}^2 \leq c \|u^0\|_{H^1(\Gamma^0)}^2.$$

Hint. Use the energy equations, then estimate the right-hand sides, and use Gronwall's inequality.

Programming exercise 2. Consider the parabolic problem on Γ the sphere of unit radius:

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t u - \Delta_\Gamma u &= f && \text{on } \Gamma \text{ for } [0, 1], \\ u(\cdot, 0) &= u^0 && \text{on } \Gamma. \end{aligned}$$

(a) Assume that the exact solution is given to be, with $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$,

$$u(x, t) = e^{-t} x_1 x_2.$$

Compute the right-hand side function corresponding to the PDE. Create the functions `func_sol.m` and `func_f.m` with them. (Use vector operations!)

(b) Approximate the above problem using surface finite elements as a space discretisations, combined with efficient time integrators (given below).

To assemble the mass and stiffness matrices use the already implemented function `[A,M]=surface_assembly(Elements,Nodes)` from PA1.

Implement the time discretisations:

- general Runge–Kutta methods (given by its Butcher tableau in `Butcher_tableau.m`);
- and BDF methods of order $k \leq 5$ (given by its coefficients in `BDF_tableau.m`).

Use the exercises 10 and 11. As initial data use the (SFEM) interpolation of the exact solution.

(c) Use the 3 stage Radau IIA method and the 3-step BDF method to solve the corresponding fully discretised problem over the time interval $[0, 1]$. Using all meshes from PA1

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sphere_elements_j.txt} & && j = 0, \dots, 5, \\ \text{Sphere_nodes_j.txt} & && \end{aligned}$$

and all the time step sizes $\tau = 0.2, 0.1, 0.05, 0.025, 0.0125$.

Compute the following errors of the numerical solution, when compared to the exact solution given by `func_sol.m` from above.

As an output generate two convergence plots* using the errors measured in the L^2 norm and the H^1 semi-norm at step N (with $N\tau = 1$):

$$\begin{aligned} \|(u_h^N)^\ell - u(t_N)\|_{L^2(\Gamma)}^2 &\approx \|e^N\|_M^2 = (e^N)^T M e^N, \\ \|\nabla((u_h^N)^\ell - u(t_N))\|_{L^2(\Gamma)}^2 &\approx \|e^N\|_A^2 = (e^N)^T A e^N. \end{aligned}$$

- In the first figure plot the error curves for each mesh against the step size.
- In the second figure plot the error curves for each time step size against the mesh width.

* As discussed before. Also see the example files (for second order finite elements)!

Bonus question: Explain the behaviour of the convergence plots. Does the "flattening out" of the curves contradict the convergence theory?

The functions and the grid arrays can be found at https://na.uni-tuebingen.de/ex/surfPDE_ss18/PA2.zip.

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