

8. Exercise sheet for Numerik für Differentialgleichungen auf Oberflächen

Exercise 19. Assume that the surface and its evolution is sufficiently smooth. Prove the following geometric estimates:

$$\begin{aligned} \|d\|_{L^\infty(\Gamma_h(t))} &\leq ch^2, & \|1 - \delta_h\|_{L^\infty(\Gamma_h(t))} &\leq ch^2, \\ \|v - v_h\|_{L^\infty(\Gamma_h(t))} &\leq ch, & \text{and} \\ \|(\partial_h^\bullet)^\ell d\|_{L^\infty(\Gamma_h(t))} &\leq ch^2, & \|(\partial_h^\bullet)^\ell \delta_h\|_{L^\infty(\Gamma_h(t))} &\leq ch^2. \end{aligned}$$

Hint. For the last estimate use the formula

$$\delta_h(x) = v(x) \cdot v_h(x) \prod_{j=1}^m (1 - d(x, t) \kappa_j(x)) \quad (x \in \Gamma_h(t)),$$

where $K_j(x) = \frac{\kappa_j(y(x, t))}{1 + d(x, t) \kappa_j(y(x, t))}$ with κ_j being the principle curvatures.

** You can try to prove this expression.

Exercise 20. Consider the lifted material points

$$y(t) = y(x(t), t) \in \Gamma(t),$$

with $x(t) \in \Gamma_h(t)$, for $0 \leq t \leq T$.

The velocity of the lifted material points is, counter-intuitively, not the lift of the discrete velocity V_h . Derive an expression for this material velocity, denoted by v_h , which gives the ODE for the material points:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} y(t) &= v_h(y(t), t) \\ y(0) &= y^0 \in \Gamma^0. \end{aligned}$$

Hint. Use the definition of the lift:

$$y(t) = x(t) - v(y(t), t) d(x, t).$$

Exercise *. Let $1 \leq k \leq 5$, and consider the values

$$u^{n-1}, u^{n-2}, \dots, u^{n-k}$$

be given, and which approximate $u(t_{n-j})$, on equidistant steps with $\tau > 0$. Find an approximation to the unknown

$$u(t_n).$$

Hint. Try the special cases $k = 1$ and/or $k = 2$.

Programming exercise 3. Consider the parabolic problem on the evolving surface $\Gamma(t)$, with velocity v given by `func_v.m` (bouncing–ellipsoid example),

$$\begin{aligned} \partial^\bullet u + u \nabla_{\Gamma(t)} \cdot v - \Delta_{\Gamma(t)} u &= f && \text{on } \Gamma(t) \text{ for } [0, T], \\ u(\cdot, 0) &= u^0 && \text{on } \Gamma^0 = \{|x| = 1\}. \end{aligned}$$

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

$$u(x, t) = e^{-6t} x_1 x_2.$$

The functions `func_sol.m` and `func_f.m` are given.

(b) Approximate the above problem using surface finite elements as a space discretisations, combined with a k -step BDF method.

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

Evolve the discrete surface as discussed in A17.

(c) Use the 3-step BDF method to solve the corresponding fully discretised until with $T = 1$. 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 $N\tau = 1$):

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

- 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!

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

Bonus: Do the same using an implicit Runge–Kutta methods (Radau IIA $s = 2$).

The functions and the grid arrays can be found at https://na.uni-tuebingen.de/ex/surfPDE_ss18/PA3.zip.

Discussed on the tutorials on 03.07.2018. The programming exercise is due on 11.07.2018, 12 s.t.