

A posteriori error estimates based on potential and flux reconstruction for DGMs: algebraic error & easy incorporation of hanging nodes

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Meshes with hanging nodes

- $\mathcal{T}_h$ ($h > 0$): a family of partitions of Ω into a finite number of closed simplices, **hanging nodes allowed**
- ∂K : the boundary of element K
- $\mathcal{F}_K$: the set of the faces of element K
- $\mathcal{F}_h^I = \{\Gamma; \Gamma = \partial K \cap \partial K', K, K' \in \mathcal{T}_h\}$
- $\mathcal{F}_h^B = \{\Gamma; \Gamma \subset \partial\Omega, \exists K \in \mathcal{T}_h : \Gamma \in \mathcal{F}_K\}$
- $\mathcal{F}_h := \mathcal{F}_h^I \cup \mathcal{F}_h^B$
- $h_K = \text{diam}(K)$ for $K \in \mathcal{T}_h$
 ρ_K : the diameter of the largest d -dimensional ball inscribed into K
- For $\Gamma \in \mathcal{F}_h^I$: let K_Γ^L and K_Γ^R be such that $\Gamma \subset \overline{K_\Gamma^L} \cap \overline{K_\Gamma^R}$
- $\mathbf{n}_\Gamma$: a unit normal vector to Γ

Triangulation assumptions

shape regularity: $\exists C_s > 0 : \frac{h_K}{\rho_K} \leq C_s \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h,$

local quasi-uniformity: $\exists C_H > 0 : h_K \leq C_H h_{K'} \forall K, K' \in \mathcal{T}_h$
sharing a face

Notation

- $H^{\mathbf{s}}(\Omega, \mathcal{T}_h) = \{v; v|_K \in H^{s_K}(K) \quad \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h\},$
 $\mathbf{s} := \{s_K\}_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h}, s_K \geq 1$
- $\nabla_h v$: the broken gradient for $v \in H^1(\Omega, \mathcal{T}_h)$
- $[v]_\Gamma$: the jump of v over $\Gamma, \Gamma \in \mathcal{F}_h^I$
- $\langle v \rangle_\Gamma$: the average of v on $\Gamma, \Gamma \in \mathcal{F}_h^I$
- $\langle v \rangle_\Gamma := [v]_\Gamma :=$ the trace of v on $\Gamma, \Gamma \in \mathcal{F}_h^B$
- $P^{p_K}(K)$ is the space of polynomial functions on K of degree at most p_K
- $N_K := \dim(P^{p_K}(K))$
- $S_h^{\mathbf{p}} = \{v; v \in L^2(\Omega), v|_K \in P^{p_K}(K) \quad \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h\},$
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- $N := \dim(S_h^{\mathbf{p}})$

Discontinuous Galerkin formulation

For $u_h, v_h \in S_h^p$, we define:

$$\begin{aligned}
 a(u_h, v_h) &:= \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_K \nabla u_h \cdot \nabla v_h \, d\mathbf{x} - \sum_{\Gamma \in \mathcal{F}_h} \int_{\Gamma} \langle \nabla u_h \cdot \mathbf{n} \rangle [v_h] \, dS \\
 &\quad + \theta \sum_{\Gamma \in \mathcal{F}_h} \int_{\Gamma} \langle \nabla v_h \cdot \mathbf{n} \rangle [u_h] \, dS + \sum_{\Gamma \in \mathcal{F}_h} \int_{\Gamma} \sigma[u_h][v_h] \, dS, \\
 \ell(v_h) &:= \int_{\Omega} f v_h \, d\mathbf{x},
 \end{aligned}$$

- σ : a penalty parameter
- $\theta = -1$, $\theta = 1$, and $\theta = 0$ corresponds to the symmetric, nonsymmetric, and incomplete variants of the DGM, resp.

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- $\{\varphi_j\}_{j=1..N}$: a basis of S_h^p
- $\mathbb{A} = \{\mathbb{A}_{ij}\}_{i,j=1..N} := \{a(\varphi_j, \varphi_i)\}_{i,j=1..N}$
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Definition (Local residual function)

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Error components

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Discretization flux reconstruction

Definition (Discretization flux reconstruction)

Let u_h^i solve (3). For all $K \in \mathcal{T}_h$, $\Gamma \in \mathcal{F}_K$ and $q_h \in P^{p_K}(\Gamma)$,

$$(\mathbf{d}_h^i \cdot \mathbf{n}, q_h)_\Gamma := (-\langle \nabla u_h^i \cdot \mathbf{n} \rangle + \sigma[u_h^i], q_h)_\Gamma \quad (4)$$

and for all $\mathbf{r}_h \in [P^{p_K-1}(K)]^d$,

$$(\mathbf{d}_h^i, \mathbf{r}_h)_K := (-\nabla u_h^i, \mathbf{r}_h)_K + \theta \sum_{\Gamma \in \mathcal{F}_K} w_\Gamma (\mathbf{r}_h \cdot \mathbf{n}, [u_h^i])_\Gamma \quad (5)$$

where $w_\Gamma := \frac{1}{2}$ for interior faces, $w_\Gamma := 1$ for boundary faces.

Algebraic error flux reconstruction

Definition (Algebraic error flux reconstruction)

Let perform additional ν steps of the algebraic iterative solver.
This gives

$$\mathbb{A}U_h^{i+\nu} = F - R^{i+\nu}$$

and

$$a(u_h^{i+\nu}, v_h) = \ell(v_h) - (r_h^{i+\nu}, v_h) \quad \forall v_h \in S_h^p.$$

Let $\mathbf{d}_h^i$ and $\mathbf{d}_h^{i+\nu}$ be given by (4), (5)
(i is replaced by $i + \nu$ in the latter case). Then, we define

$$\mathbf{a}_h^i := \mathbf{d}_h^{i+\nu} - \mathbf{d}_h^i. \tag{6}$$

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Guaranteed a posteriori error estimate

Theorem (Estimate distinguishing individual error components)

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$$\|\nabla_h(u - u_h^i)\| \leq 2^{1/2} \eta_{\text{disc}}^i + \eta_{\text{alg}}^i + \eta_{\text{rem}}^i. \quad (7)$$

Estimators

- $H_0^1(\Omega)$ *nonconformity estimator*:

$$\eta_{\text{PNC},K}^i := \|\nabla(u_h^i - \mathcal{I}_{\text{Av}}(u_h^i))\|_K$$

- *residual estimator*:

$$\eta_{\text{R},K}^i := C_{P,K} h_K \|f - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{t}_h^i - r^{i+\nu}\|_K$$

- $\mathbf{H}(\text{div}, \Omega)$ *nonconformity estimator*:

$$\eta_{\text{FNC},K}^i := \sum_{\Gamma \in \mathcal{F}_K} w_\Gamma h_K^{1/2} C_{\Gamma,K} \|[\mathbf{t}_h^i \cdot \mathbf{n}]\|_\Gamma$$

- *algebraic reminder estimator*:

$$\eta_{\text{rem},K}^i := C_{F,\Omega} h_\Omega \|r^{i+\nu}\|_K$$

Estimators due to error components

- *discretization estimator:*

$$\eta_{\text{disc},K}^i := \eta_{\text{PNC},K}^i + \eta_{\text{R},K}^i + \sum_{\Gamma \in \mathcal{F}_K} w_{\Gamma} h_K^{1/2} C_{\Gamma,K} \|[\mathbf{d}_h^i \cdot \mathbf{n}]\|_{\Gamma} + \|\nabla u_h^i + \mathbf{d}_h^i\|_K$$

- *algebraic estimator:*

$$\eta_{\text{alg},K}^i := \|\mathbf{a}_h^i\|_K + \sum_{\Gamma \in \mathcal{F}_K} w_{\Gamma} h_K^{1/2} C_{\Gamma,K} \|[\mathbf{a}_h^i \cdot \mathbf{n}]\|_{\Gamma}$$

- $\eta_{\cdot}^i := \left\{ \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} (\eta_{\cdot,K}^i)^2 \right\}^{1/2}$

$C_{P,K}$, $C_{\Gamma,K}$, and $C_{F,\Omega}$ come from the Poincaré, trace, and Friedrichs inequalities, resp.

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Local stopping criteria

- $\gamma_{\text{alg}}, \gamma_{\text{rem}} > 0$: user-specified weights
- stop the algebraic solver as soon as

$$\eta_{\text{rem},K}^i \leq \gamma_{\text{rem}}(\eta_{\text{disc},K}^i + \eta_{\text{alg},K}^i) \quad \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h \quad (8)$$

$$\eta_{\text{alg},K}^i \leq \gamma_{\text{alg}}\eta_{\text{disc},K}^i \quad \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h \quad (9)$$

Local efficiency of the estimate

Theorem (*Local efficiency of the estimate*)

Let $u \in H_0^1(\Omega)$ be the weak solution given by (1). Let an i -th algebraic solver step be given and let u_h^i be its output given by (3). Let $\mathbf{t}_h^i = \mathbf{d}_h^i + \mathbf{a}_h^i$, with the discretization flux $\mathbf{d}_h^i$ given by (4), (5) and the algebraic flux $\mathbf{a}_h^i$ given by (6). Let f be a piecewise polynomial of degree $\mathbf{p}$. Let ν be chosen and the algebraic solver stopped as soon as the local stopping criteria (8) and (9) hold. Then, for a generic constant C in particular independent of i and ν ,

$$(\eta_{\text{disc},K}^i)^2 + (\eta_{\text{alg},K}^i)^2 + (\eta_{\text{rem},K}^i)^2 \leq C \|\nabla_h \mathbf{e}_h^i\|_{\mathcal{T}_K}^2 + \sum_{\Gamma \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_K} h_\Gamma^{-1} \|[u_h^i]\|_\Gamma^2,$$

where $\mathcal{T}_K$ denotes the set of the element K with its neighbors and $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_K$ denotes the set of faces that share at least a vertex with K .