

06-convection-diffusion

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1 Finite Differences for the Convection-Diffusion Equation

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The *Finite Difference Method* (FDM) is a numerical method to solve *Partial Differential Equations* (PDEs) approximately. We use second-order central finite differences for the diffusion term and investigate stability issue related to the discretization of the first-order advection term.

1.1 Convection-Diffusion Problem

We want to solve the Convection-Diffusion equation

$$\begin{aligned} -\epsilon \Delta u(x, y) + v \cdot \nabla u(x, y) &= f(x, y), & (x, y) &\in [0, L_x] \times [0, L_y] \\ u(x, 0) &= b(x), & x &\in [0, L] \\ u(x, L) &= t(x), & x &\in [0, L] \\ u(L, y) &= r(y), & y &\in [0, L] \\ u(0, y) &= l(y), & y &\in [0, L] \end{aligned}$$

on a rectangle with $\epsilon > 0$ and $v \in \mathbb{R}^2$. The domain is discretized structurally with N_x and N_y grid-points per dimension leading to $h_x = \frac{1}{N_x-1}$ and $h_y = \frac{1}{N_y-1}$.

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[1]: using LinearAlgebra
      using SparseArrays
      using PyPlot
      using Plots
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1.2 Domain and Boundary Conditions

The domain $\bar{\Omega} [0, L_x] \times [0, L_y]$ is split into the nodes $\{(x_i, y_j)\}_{i,j=0\dots N} \in \bar{\Omega}_h$ with

$$x_i = \frac{L_x}{N_x - 1}, \quad y_j = \frac{L_y}{N_y - 1}$$

The interior nodes are $\{(x_i, y_j)\}_{i,j=1\dots N-1} \in \Omega_h$. We further need boundary conditions for all four sides of the unit square.

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[2]: struct Rectangle
      Lx::Float64
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Ly::Float64
Nx::Int64
Ny::Int64
hx::Float64
hy::Float64
xh::Array{Float64,1}
yh::Array{Float64,1}
function Rectangle(Lx, Ly, Nx, Ny)
    hx = Lx/(Nx-1)
    hy = Ly/(Ny-1)
    xh = range(0, Lx, step=hx)
    yh = range(0, Ly, step=hy)
    N = new(Lx, Ly, Nx, Ny, hx, hy, xh, yh)
end
end

struct UnitSquareUniform
    function UnitSquareUniform(N)
        h = 1/(N-1)
        xh = range(0, 1, step=h)
        yh = range(0, 1, step=h)
        N = Rectangle(1., 1., N, N)
    end
end

test = UnitSquareUniform(10)
display(test)

struct RectangleBCs
    bot
    right
    top
    left
end

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Rectangle(1.0, 1.0, 10, 10, 0.1111111111111111, 0.1111111111111111, [0.0, 0.1111111111111111, 0.2222222222222222, 0.3333333333333333, 0.4444444444444444, 0.5555555555555556, 0.6666666666666667, 0.7777777777777778, 0.8888888888888889, 1.0])

1.3 Discretization Laplacian and First-Order Advection Term

We discretize the Laplacian using central finite differences with second order as

$$\Delta u(x, y) = \frac{-u(x+h, y) - u(x-h, y) + 4u(x, y) - u(x, y+h) - u(x, y-h)}{h^2} + \mathcal{O}(h^2)$$

such that the stencil for node values reads

$$u_{i,j} \approx \frac{-u_{i+1,j} - u_{i-1,j} + 4u_{i,j} - u_{i,j+1} - u_{i,j-1}}{h^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [-\Delta u_h]_\xi = \frac{1}{h^2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \xi \in \Omega_h$$

We either use central finite differences or the upwind finite differences for the convection term (with $v_1^+ := \max(0, v_1)$ and $v_1^- := \min(0, v_1)$):

$$[v \cdot \nabla u_h^{up}]_\xi = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{v_2^-}{h_y} & 0 \\ \frac{-v_1^+}{h_x} & \frac{|v_1|}{h_x} + \frac{|v_2|}{h_y} & \frac{v_1^-}{h_x} \\ 0 & \frac{-v_2^+}{h_y} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[v \cdot \nabla u_h^{central}]_\xi = \frac{1}{h^2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & v_2 & 0 \\ -v_1 & 0 & v_1 \\ 0 & -v_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ (FIXME: only for } h_x = h_y \text{)}$$

TODO: Explain RHS vector and source vector

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[3]: function Δ (Ω::Rectangle)
    = kron
    dxx = spdiagm(-1=>ones(Ω.Nx-3), 0=>-2ones(Ω.Nx-2), 1=>ones(Ω.Nx-3))
    dyy = spdiagm(-1=>ones(Ω.Ny-3), 0=>-2ones(Ω.Ny-2), 1=>ones(Ω.Ny-3))
    return 1/Ω.hx^2 * I(Ω.Ny-2) dxx + 1/Ω.hy^2 * dyy I(Ω.Nx-2)
end

function v∘ (Ω::Rectangle, v, use_upwind)
    = kron
    if use_upwind
        v1dxLoc = 1/Ω.hx * spdiagm(
            -1=>-max(0, v[1])*ones(Ω.Nx-3),
            0=>abs(v[1])*ones(Ω.Nx-2),
            1=>min(0, v[1])*ones(Ω.Nx-3)
        )
        v2dyLoc = 1/Ω.hy * spdiagm(
            -1=>-max(0, v[2])*ones(Ω.Ny-3),
            0=>abs(v[2])*ones(Ω.Ny-2),
            1=>min(0, v[2])*ones(Ω.Ny-3)
        )
    else
        # central as default
        v1dxLoc = 1/Ω.hx^2 * spdiagm(
            -1=>-v[1]*ones(Ω.Nx-3),
            1=>v[1]*ones(Ω.Nx-3)
        )
        v2dyLoc = 1/Ω.hy^2 * spdiagm(
            -1=>-v[2]*ones(Ω.Ny-3),
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        1=>v[2]*ones(Ω.Ny-3)
    )
end
return I(Ω.Ny-2) v1dxLoc + v2dyLoc I(Ω.Nx-2)
end

function b(Ω::Rectangle, f, bcs::RectangleBCs)
    Nx = Ω.Nx
    Ny = Ω.Ny
    xInt = Ω.xh[2:end-1]
    yInt = Ω.yh[2:end-1]

    fh = vec(f.(xInt,yInt'))
    bh = 1/Ω.hy^2 .* vec(bcs.bot.(xInt))
    rh = 1/Ω.hx^2 .* vec(bcs.right.(yInt))
    th = 1/Ω.hy^2 .* vec(bcs.top.(xInt))
    lh = 1/Ω.hx^2 .* vec(bcs.left.(yInt))

    bvec = zeros((Nx-2)*(Ny-2))
    bvec += fh
    bvec[1 : 1 : Nx-2] += bh
    bvec[(Nx-2)*(Ny-2-1)+1 : 1 : end] += th
    bvec[(Nx-2) : (Nx-2) : end] += rh
    bvec[1 : (Nx-2) : end] += lh

    return bvec
end

function solveConvDiff(Ω::Rectangle, f, v, , use_upwind, bcs::RectangleBCs)
    A = -*Δ(Ω) + v∘(Ω, v, use_upwind)
    b = b(Ω, f, bcs)
    return (A) \ b
end

function plotSol(Ω::Rectangle, u, bcs::RectangleBCs, edgeAvg=true)
    pyplot()
    Nx = Ω.Nx
    Ny = Ω.Ny
    uMat = zeros(Nx,Ny)
    uMat[2:end-1,2:end-1] = reshape(u, (Nx-2, Ny-2))
    uMat[2:Nx-1,1] = vec(bcs.bot.(Ω.xh[2:end-1]))
    uMat[2:Nx-1,Ny] = vec(bcs.top.(Ω.xh[2:end-1]))
    uMat[Nx,2:Ny-1] = vec(bcs.right.(Ω.yh[2:end-1]))
    uMat[1,2:Ny-1] = vec(bcs.left.(Ω.yh[2:end-1]))
    if edgeAvg
        uMat[1,1] = 0.5 * (uMat[1,2] + uMat[2,1])
        uMat[1,Ny] = 0.5 * (uMat[1,Ny-1] + uMat[2,Ny])
    end
end

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    uMat[Nx,1] = 0.5 * (uMat[Nx-1,1] + uMat[Nx,2])
    uMat[Nx,Ny] = 0.5 * (uMat[Nx-1,Ny] + uMat[Nx-1,Ny])
else
    uMat[1,1] = uMat[1,Ny] = uMat[Nx,1] = uMat[Nx,Ny] = 0
end
Plots.surface( $\Omega$ .xh,  $\Omega$ .yh, uMat', camera=(35, 35), title="Plot")
end

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[3]: plotSol (generic function with 2 methods)

1.4 Experiments

- Show failure of central diffs for convection-dominated cases
- Show success for upwind diffs for arbitrary cases

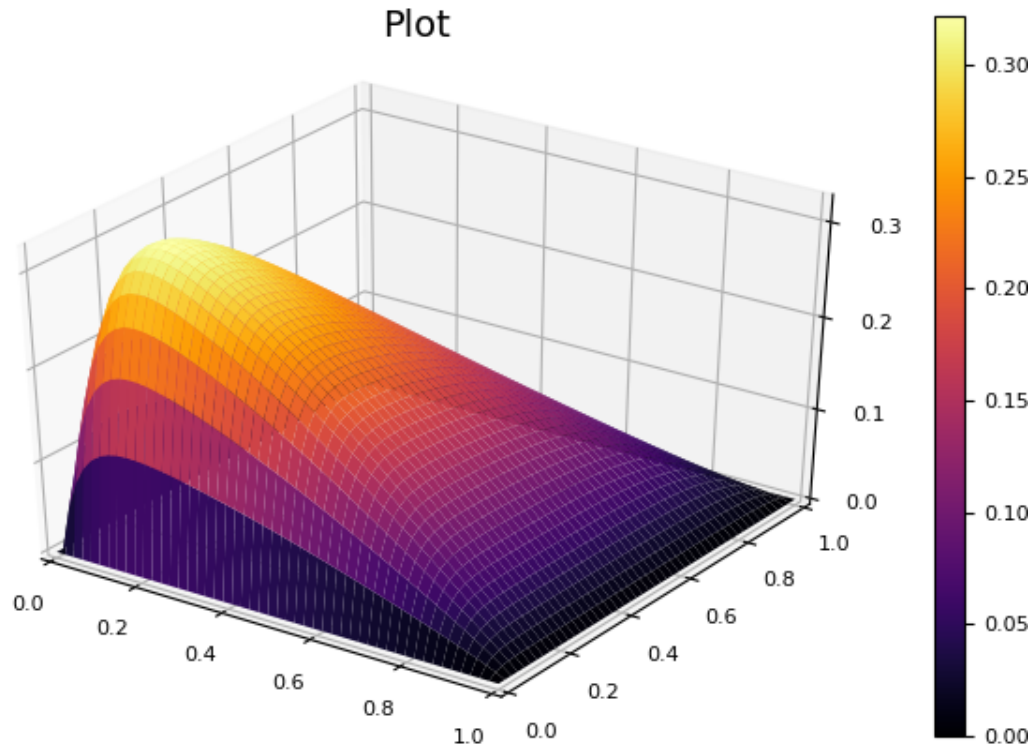
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[4]:  $\Omega$  = UnitSquareUniform(50)
bcs = RectangleBCs(x -> 0, y -> 0, x -> 0, y -> 0)
f(x,y) = 10
v = [-0.2, -0.2]
use_upwind = false

u_stable = solveConvDiff( $\Omega$ , f, v, 1E0, use_upwind, bcs)
plotSol( $\Omega$ , u_stable, bcs)

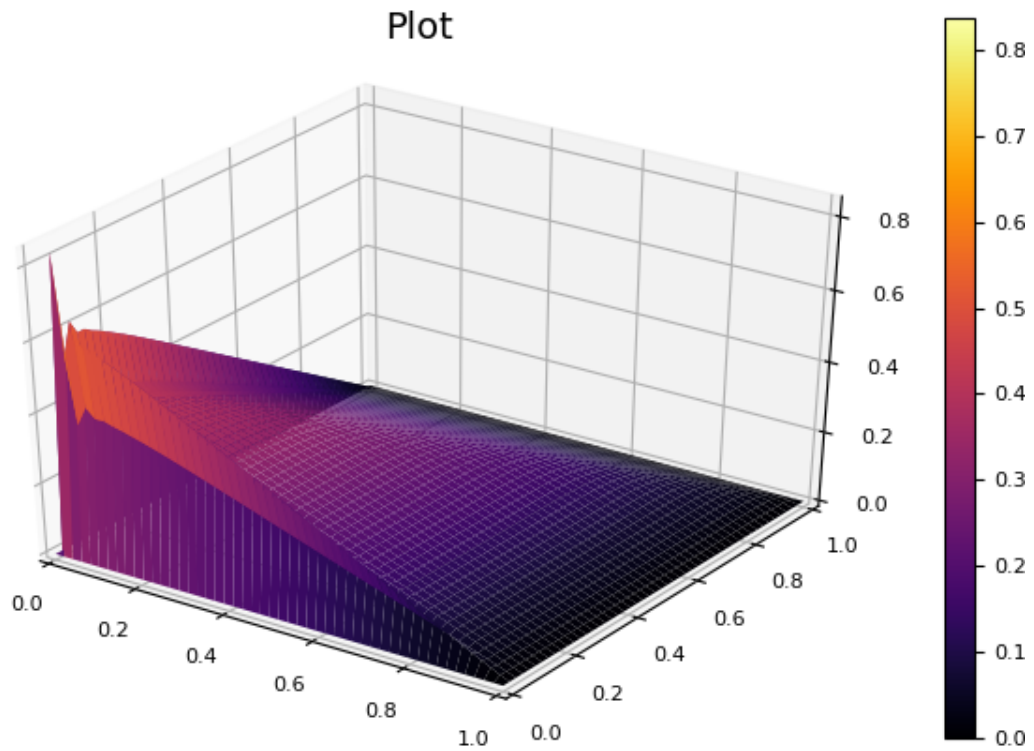
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[5]: u_instable = solveConvDiff( $\Omega$ , f, v, 1E-1, use_upwind, bcs) # lower epsilon/vu  
      ↪ratio  
      plotSol( $\Omega$ , u_instable, bcs)
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[6]:  $\Omega$  = UnitSquareUniform(50)  
      bcs = RectangleBCs(x -> 0, y -> 0, x -> 0, y -> 0)  
      f(x,y) = 10  
      v = [-0.2, -0.2]  
      use_upwind = true  
  
      u_stable = solveConvDiff( $\Omega$ , f, v, 1E-2, use_upwind, bcs)  
      plotSol( $\Omega$ , u_stable, bcs)
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[6]:

Plot

