

DG-SG method for Maxwell Equation

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1. DG method

For the simple example of partial differential equation,

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = f$$

First multiply both side by a test function v , and integrate it over the domain K ,

$$\int_K \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} v + \int_K \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} v = \int_K f v$$

Then we can use the integration by parts formula,

$$\int_K \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} v + \int_{\partial K} \hat{u} v - \int_K u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \int_K f v$$

Since we are using the orthonormal basis function ϕ , we can represent u, v, f by

$$u = \sum_i u_i \phi_i \quad v = \sum_i \phi_i \quad f = \sum_i f_i \phi_i$$

And we can denote $[u_1, u_2, \dots]^T$ by u_h , and $[f_1, f_2, \dots]^T$ by f_h

Since the basis function set is orthonormal, if $i \neq j$,

$$\int_K \phi_i \phi_j = 0$$

Then we can change

$$\int_K \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} v \quad \text{to} \quad \frac{d}{dt} I u_h, \quad \int_K f v \quad \text{to} \quad I f_h$$

where I is the identity matrix

Here we use the central flux

$$\hat{u} = \frac{1}{2}(u^+ + u^-)$$

And we can also convert

$$\int_{\partial K} \frac{1}{2}(\phi_i^+ + \phi_i^-)\phi_j - \int_K \phi_i \frac{\partial \phi_j}{\partial x}$$

to matrix A using Gaussian quadrature formula

Then the partial differential equation can be changed to the linear multiplication,

$$\frac{d}{dt}u_h = -A * u_h + f_h$$

Hence we can use the explicit time advanced method

$$\frac{u_h^{(t+1)} - u_h^{(t)}}{\Delta t} = -A * u_h^{(t)} + f_h$$

2. Sparse Grid

We consider the interval $\Omega = [0, 1]$, then the n -th level grid Ω_n consists of 2^n uniform cells

$$I_j^n = (2^{-n}j, 2^{-n}(j+1)), j = 0, \dots, 2^n - 1$$

we can define

$$V_k^n := \{v : v \in P^k(I_j^n), \forall j = 0, \dots, 2^n - 1\}$$

to be the usual piecewise polynomials of degree at most k . Then we have

$$V_k^0 \subset V_k^1 \subset V_k^2 \subset \dots$$

We can now define the multiwavelet subspace W_k^n , $n = 1, 2, \dots$

$$V_k^{n-1} \oplus W_k^n = V_k^n, W_k^n \perp V_k^{n-1}$$

as the orthogonal complement of V_k^{n-1} in V_k^n with respect to the L^2 inner product

Now, for a multi-index $l = [l_1, l_2, \dots, l_d] \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$, the l^1 and l^∞ norms are defined as

$$|\alpha|_1 := \sum_{m=1}^d \alpha_m, \quad |\alpha|_\infty := \max_{1 \leq m \leq d} \alpha_m$$

where d is the dimension and \mathbb{N}_0^d denotes the set of nonnegative integers

We define the tensor-product mesh grid

$$\Omega_l = \Omega_{l_1} \otimes \Omega_{l_2} \otimes \dots \otimes \Omega_{l_d}$$

Based on the tensor product construction, we have

$$\mathbf{W}_k^l = W_{k,x_1}^{l_1} \times W_{k,x_2}^{l_2} \times \dots \times W_{k,x_d}^{l_d}$$

Also based on the one-dimensional hierarchical decomposition, we have

$$\mathbf{V}_k^l = V_{k,x_1}^{l_1} \times V_{k,x_2}^{l_2} \times \dots \times V_{k,x_d}^{l_d} = \bigoplus_{j_1 \leq l_1, \dots, j_d \leq l_d} \mathbf{W}_k^j$$

$$\mathbf{V}_k^N = V_{k,x_1}^N \times V_{k,x_2}^N \times \dots \times V_{k,x_d}^N = \bigoplus_{|l|_\infty \leq N} \mathbf{W}_k^j$$

Where \mathbf{V}_k^N is denoted if we use $h_N = 2^{-N}$ in each direction

And the sparse finite element approximation space $\hat{\mathbf{V}}_k^N$ is defined on Ω_N by

$$\hat{\mathbf{V}}_k^N = \bigoplus_{|l|_1 \leq N} \mathbf{W}_k^j$$

The degrees of freedom of sparse grid space scales as

$$\mathcal{O}((k+1)^d 2^N N^{d-1})$$

which is significantly less than that of traditional space with

$$\mathcal{O}((2^N(k+1))^d)$$

This is the key for computational savings and reduction in high dimensions.

3. Maxwell Equation

As for the Maxwell Equation,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} + \nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= 0 \\ \epsilon\mu \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} - \nabla \times \mathbf{B} &= -\mu \mathbf{J}\end{aligned}$$

And for piecewise functions, we introduce the jumps and averages as follows

For any edge $e = K^+ \cap K^-$, with \mathbf{n}^\pm as the outward unit normal to ∂K^\pm

the jumps across e are defined as

$$\begin{aligned}[\mathbf{U}]_{\mathbf{n}} &= \mathbf{U}^+ \cdot \mathbf{n}^+ + \mathbf{U}^- \cdot \mathbf{n}^- \\ [\mathbf{U}]_{\boldsymbol{\tau}} &= \mathbf{U}^+ \times \mathbf{n}^+ + \mathbf{U}^- \times \mathbf{n}^-\end{aligned}$$

and the averages are

$$\{\mathbf{U}\} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{U}^+ + \mathbf{U}^-)$$

Use the similar idea we introduced above

the semi-discrete DG methods for Maxwell equation are defined by following

$$\int_K \partial_t \mathbf{B}_h \cdot \mathbf{V} \, d\mathbf{x} = - \int_K \mathbf{E}_h \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{V} \, d\mathbf{x} - \int_{\partial K} \widehat{\mathbf{n}} \times \widehat{\mathbf{E}}_h \cdot \mathbf{V} \, ds$$

$$\int_K \epsilon \mu \partial_t \mathbf{E}_h \cdot \mathbf{V} \, d\mathbf{x} = \int_K \mathbf{B}_h \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{U} \, d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\partial K} \widehat{\mathbf{n}} \times \widehat{\mathbf{B}}_h \cdot \mathbf{U} \, ds - \int_K \mu \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{U} \, d\mathbf{x}$$

where $\mathbf{E}_h, \mathbf{B}_h, \mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V}$ are from the wavelet sparse grid basis

and all hat functions denote the numerical fluxes.

4. Numerical Flux

central flux : $\hat{\mathbf{E}}_h = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{E}_h^+ + \mathbf{E}_h^-), \hat{\mathbf{B}}_h = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{B}_h^+ + \mathbf{B}_h^-)$

alternating flux : $\hat{\mathbf{E}}_h = \mathbf{E}_h^+, \hat{\mathbf{B}}_h = \mathbf{B}_h^-$ or $\hat{\mathbf{E}}_h = \mathbf{E}_h^-, \hat{\mathbf{B}}_h = \mathbf{B}_h^+$

upwind flux : $\hat{\mathbf{E}}_h = \{\mathbf{E}_h\} + \frac{1}{2}[\mathbf{B}_h]_\tau, \hat{\mathbf{B}}_h = \{\mathbf{B}_h\} - \frac{1}{2}[\mathbf{E}_h]_\tau$

Let $\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{E}_h$, $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{B}_h$,

$$-\sum_K \int_K \mu \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{E}_h \, d\mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \sum_K \left(\int_K (\epsilon \mu |\mathbf{E}_h|^2 + |\mathbf{B}_h|^2) \, d\mathbf{x} \right. \\ \left. - \int_{\partial K} ([\mathbf{E}_h \times \mathbf{B}_h] + \hat{\mathbf{B}}_h \times [\mathbf{E}_h]_\tau - \hat{\mathbf{E}}_h \times [\mathbf{B}_h]_\tau) \, ds \right)$$

And since for central flux and alternating flux,

$$[\mathbf{E}_h \times \mathbf{B}_h] + \hat{\mathbf{B}}_h \times [\mathbf{E}_h]_\tau - \hat{\mathbf{E}}_h \times [\mathbf{B}_h]_\tau = 0$$

Then we have energy conservation

$$-\sum_K \int_K \mu \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{E}_h \, d\mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \sum_K \left(\int_K (\epsilon \mu |\mathbf{E}_h|^2 + |\mathbf{B}_h|^2) \, d\mathbf{x} \right)$$

And for upwind flux, the energy is decreasing,

$$-\sum_K \int_K \mu \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{E}_h \, d\mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \sum_K \left(\int_K (\epsilon \mu |\mathbf{E}_h|^2 + |\mathbf{B}_h|^2) \, d\mathbf{x} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\partial K} (|[\mathbf{E}_h]_\tau|^2 + |[\mathbf{B}_h]_\tau|^2) \, ds \right)$$

Table 1: The accuracy of order for central flux

deg	level	$l - \infty$ error	order	$l - 2$ error	order
2	3	3.477E-03		9.847E-03	
2	4	1.999E-03	0.799	9.020E-03	0.127
2	5	1.336E-03	0.581	7.767E-03	0.216
2	6	5.509E-04	1.279	5.017E-03	0.631
2	7	2.882E-04	0.935	2.781E-03	0.851

Table 2: The accuracy of order for alternating flux

deg	level	$l - \infty$ error	order	$l - 2$ error	order
2	3	4.948E-03		2.195E-02	
2	4	3.293E-03	0.587	1.529E-02	0.521
2	5	1.332E-03	1.306	9.257E-03	0.724
2	6	7.036E-04	0.921	5.265E-03	0.814
2	7	2.626E-04	1.422	2.623E-03	1.006



