

The Discontinuous Petrov Galerkin (DPG) Method with Optimal Test Functions: Lecture 2

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The philosophy

Numerical methods achieve stability in many different ways.

- Standard finite element method: coercivity & conformity
- Mixed methods: balanced pair of spaces
- SUPG methods: artificially added streamline diffusion
- DG methods: upwind stabilization & jump penalization
- HDG methods: difference between interior & interface unknowns
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- DPG methods: stability by automatic test space design

Outline of Lecture 2

- 1 Petrov-Galerkin schemes
- 2 Ideal & practical DPG methods
- 3 A priori error analysis
- 4 Least-squares interpretation
- 5 Interpretation as a mixed method
- 6 A posteriori error estimate

“Petrov-Galerkin” schemes (PG)

PG schemes are distinguished by different **trial** and **test** (Hilbert) spaces.

The problem: $\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{P.D.E.} + \\ \text{boundary conditions.} \end{array} \right.$

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Variational form: $\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Find } x \text{ in a trial space } X \text{ satisfying} \\ \quad \quad \quad b(x, y) = \ell(y) \\ \text{for all } y \text{ in a test space } Y. \end{array} \right.$

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Discretization: $\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Find } x_h \text{ in a discrete trial space } X_h \subset X \text{ satisfying} \\ \quad \quad \quad b(x_h, y_h) = \ell(y_h) \\ \text{for all } y_h \text{ in a discrete test space } Y_h \subset Y. \end{array} \right.$

For PG schemes, $X_h \neq Y_h$ in general.

Historical remarks

- 1 [B. G. Galerkin, 1915] “Series occurring in various questions concerning the elastic equilibrium of rods and plates”, *Vestnik Inzhenerov* (*Engineer's Bulletin*).
- 2 [G. I. Petrov, 1940] “Application of the method of Galerkin to a problem involving the stationary flow of a viscous fluid. *Prikl. Matem. i Mekh.* (*Journal of Applied Mathematics and Mechanics*).
- 3 [S. G. Mikhlin, 1950] “Variational methods of solution of problems of mathematical physics”, *Uspekhi Mat. Nauk* (*Russian Math. Surveys*).

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ПРИМЕНЕНИЕ МЕТОДА ГАЛЕРКИНА К ЗАДАЧЕ ОБ УСТОЙЧИВОСТИ ТЕЧЕНИЯ ВЯЗКОЙ ЖИДКОСТИ

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При исследовании распространения колебаний в плоском прямолинейном потоке вязкой жидкости и устойчивости таких течений задача приводится к краевой задаче для уравнения:

$$L(\varphi) = \varphi^{IV}(y) - 2\alpha^2 \varphi''(y) +$$

(A)

Petrov's paper

1. Имеем линейное уравнение

$$L(\varphi) - f = 0 \quad (1.1)$$

⋮

φ_s — система функций, удовлетворяющая граничным условиям нашей задачи,

v_i — полная система ортогональных функций.

Подставим в уравнение (1.1) линейную комбинацию:

$$\varphi^{(n)} = \sum_{s=1}^n a_s \varphi_s; \quad (1.2)$$

⋮

Получим n уравнений для определения n коэффициентов a_s :

$$\int_0^1 L(\varphi^{(n)}) v_i dy - \int_0^1 f v_i dy = 0. \quad (1.4)$$

Petrov's paper

системы, стремящиеся к точному при $n \rightarrow \infty$. Если функции v_i взять те же, что и φ_i , то уравнения (1.4) будут уравнениями метода Галеркина^[7].

В некоторых случаях удобно пользоваться другой системой функций, так как функции v_i не должны обязательно удовлетворять граничным условиям.

Требование ортогональности принято нами только для удобства вывода

"... If functions v_i are taken to be the same as φ_i , then (1.4) is the equation of Galerkin's method.

In some cases, it can be useful to employ another set of v_i , since v_i need not satisfy the boundary conditions ..."

However, there is no example, or analysis, in the rest of the paper with $v_i \neq \varphi_i$.

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В статье [13] Г. И. Петров предложил некоторое обобщение метода Галёркина. Это обобщение состоит в следующем: решая уравнение

$$Au - f = 0, \quad (1)$$

мы вводим две координатные последовательности $\{\tau_n\}$ и $\{\psi_n\}$; приближённое решение строим в виде

$$u_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \psi_k$$

и определяем коэффициенты a_k из условия, чтобы левая часть уравнения (1) после подстановки в неё u_n вместо u была ортогональна к $\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_n$. Как и в предшествующих параграфах, мы примем, что $A = A_0 + K$, где A_0 — положительно-определённый самосопряжённый оператор, и $T = A_0^{-1}K$ — вполне-непрерывен в соответствующем пространстве H_0 . Далее, мы будем считать, что $\psi_n \in D_A$ и $\varphi_n \in H_0$. Мы сформулируем, не приводя доказательства, результат Н. И. Польского [16], относящийся к проблеме сходимости обобщённого метода Галёркина.

Обозначим через L_n и M_n подпространства H_0 , натянутые на элементы $\psi_1, \psi_2, \dots, \psi_n$ и $\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_n$ соответственно, и через P_n — оператор проектирования на M_n . Допустим, что для любого $u \in L_n$ выполняется неравенство

$$|u| \leq C |P_n u|, \quad (2)$$

где C — постоянная, которая не зависит от n . Тогда все теоремы §§ 19 и 21 остаются в силе. Условие (2) не только достаточно, но в некотором смысле и необходимо: если оно не выполнено, то, как показывают примеры, может случиться, что либо u_n невозможно построить при бесконечном множестве значений n , либо u_n не стремится к решению уравнения (1).

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Mikhlin's review

- Mikhlin refers to Petrov's contribution as the
“*generalized Galerkin method*”.
- Mikhlin says that an analysis of such methods was performed in an early dissertation:
 - ▶ [N. I. Pol'sky, 1949] “On the convergence of approximation methods of Galerkin type”, *Kiev State University*, Ph. D. dissertation (hand written).
- If anyone knows more about the analysis in this dissertation, please contact me!

Elements of modern theory

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- Is there a way to find a stable **test** space for *any* given **trial** space?

The best test space & ideal DPG method

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$$\sup_{y \in Y} \frac{|b(x, y)|}{\|y\|_Y} = \sup_{y \in Y} \frac{|(Tx, y)_Y|}{\|y\|_Y}$$

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DPG Idea: If the discrete test space contains the optimal test functions, exact inf-sup condition \implies discrete inf-sup condition.

Quasioptimality of the ideal DPG Method

Assumption [U]

Uniqueness

$$\{y \in Y : b(x, y) = 0 \text{ for all } x \in X\} = \{0\}.$$

Assumption [I]

Inf-Sup

$$\exists c_1 > 0 : \quad \forall x \in X, \quad c_1 \|x\|_X \leq \sup_{0 \neq y \in Y} \frac{|b(x, y)|}{\|y\|_Y} \leq \|b\| \|x\|_X.$$

Theorem

[Demkowicz+G 2011]

Assumptions [U+I] \implies

$$\|x - x_h\|_X \leq \frac{\|b\|}{c_1} \inf_{w_h \in X_h} \|x - w_h\|_X.$$

Proof: Since the discrete inf-sup condition holds, apply Babuška's theorem. □

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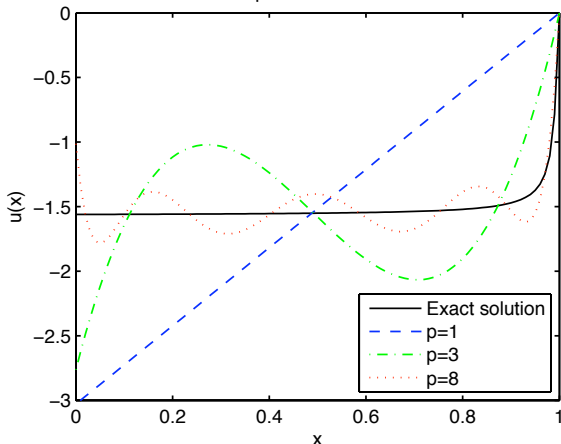
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$$\text{Ideal DPG: } \begin{cases} \text{Find } (u_p, \hat{u}_1) \in X_h \equiv P_p \times \mathbb{R}, \text{ satisfying} \\ b((u_p, \hat{u}_1), v) = \ell(v), & \text{for all } v \in Y_h^{\text{opt}} = T(X_h). \end{cases}$$

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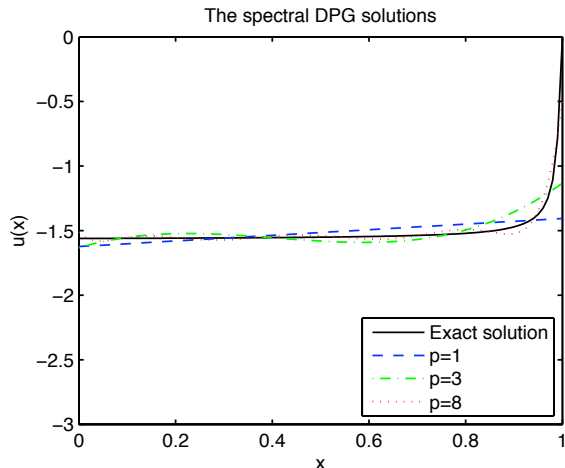
The spectral DG solutions



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- **DPG is more stable.** Solution oscillates an order of magnitude less.

The importance of “D” in “DPG”

- The ideal DPG method requires us to compute the *optimal test space* $Y_h^{\text{opt}} = T(X_h)$ where $T : X \mapsto Y$ is defined by

$$(Tw, y)_Y = b(w, y), \quad \text{for all } y \in Y, w \in X.$$

- Application of T decouples into element-by-element calculations when Y admits DG functions,
- When Y is infinite-dimensional, we must further approximate T to get a practical method.

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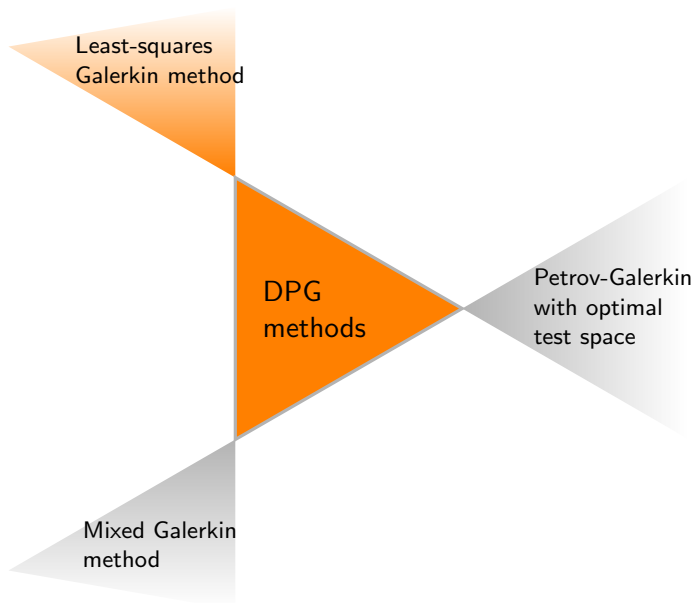
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$$x_h^r = \arg \min_{z_h \in X_h} \|\ell - Bz_h\|_{Y_h^*}.$$

Here $B : X \rightarrow Y^*$ is the operator generated by the form $b(x, y)$, i.e., $b(x, y) = (Bx)(y)$ for all $x \in X, y \in Y$.

Three avenues to DPG methods



Equivalent Least-Squares method

Find $x_h \in X_h$ satisfying

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Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} b(x - x_h, T_h z_h) = 0 &\iff (T_h(x - x_h), T_h z_h)_Y = 0 \\ &\iff x_h = \arg \min_{z_h \in X_h} \|T_h(x - z_h)\|_Y \quad (T_h = R_{Y_h}^{-1} B) \\ &\iff x_h = \arg \min_{z_h \in X_h} \|B(x - z_h)\|_{Y_h^*}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Assumptions for error analysis

Let $b(x, y) = (Bx)(y)$, the sesquilinear form on $X \times Y$ generated by B .

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Assumption [F]

Fortin Operator

\exists continuous linear $\Pi : Y \rightarrow Y_h$ such that

$$b(z_h, y - \Pi y) = 0 \quad \text{for all } z_h \in X_h, y \in Y.$$

A priori error analysis

Theorem

[G+Qiu 2013]

Assumptions **[U + I + F]** \implies

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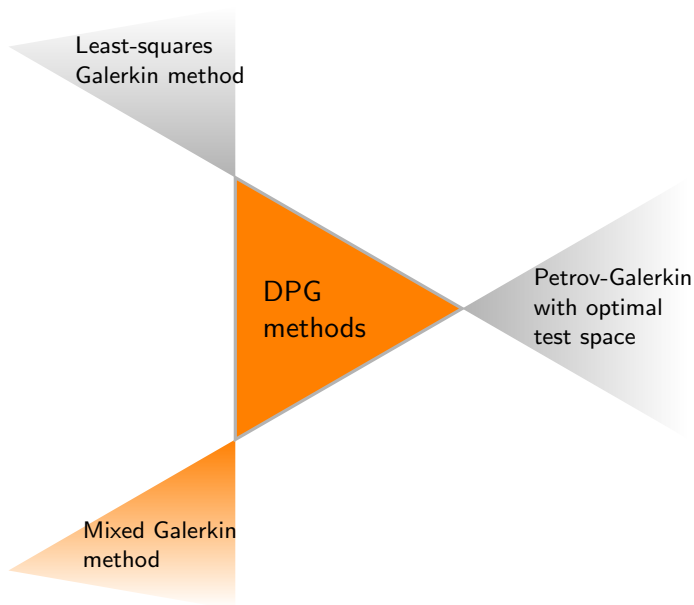
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Now apply the Babuška's theorem. □

The avenue of mixed methods



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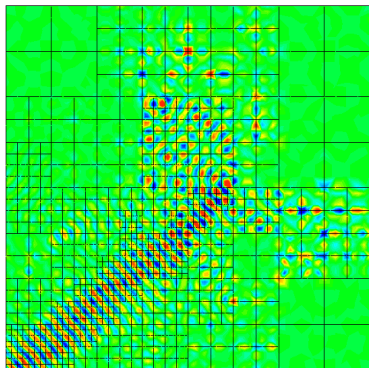
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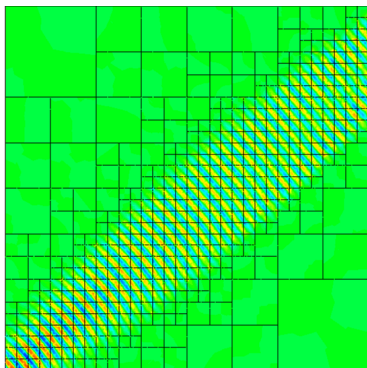
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$$\begin{aligned} b(z_h, e_h) &= (T_h z_h, e_h)_Y = (T_h z_h, R_{Y_h}^{-1}(\ell - Bx_h))_Y \\ &= (T_h z_h, T_h(x - x_h))_Y = b(x - x_h, T_h z_h) = 0. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

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Adaptive DPG applied to the Helmholtz equation



Standard finite elements



DPG method

Experiment: Use an adaptive algorithm with standard FEM and DPG methods, for simulating a Gaussian beam solution of Helmholtz equation.

Estimating error

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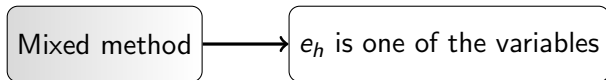
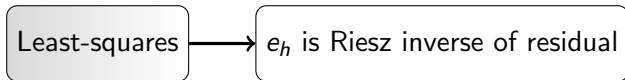
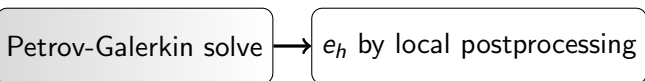
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When Y_h consists of DG functions:

- e_h can be computed element-by-element

$$(e_h, y)_Y = \ell(y) - b(x_h, y), \quad \text{for all } y \in Y_h.$$

- Its element-wise norm serves as a local error indicator.

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[Carstensen+Demkowicz+G 2014]

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□

Remarks on the theorem

- The proof never used the fact the x_h is the DPG solution.
- Hence the theorem holds in fact for any $\tilde{x}_h \in X_h$, such as an inexactly computed solution. The residual $\tilde{\eta} = \|\ell - B\tilde{x}_h\|_{Y_h^*}$ can be used for error estimation.
- The reliability estimate

$$c_1 \|x - x_h\|_X \leq \eta^2 + \left(\eta \|II\| + \text{osc}(\ell) \right)^2$$

was improved to

$$c_1 \|x - x_h\|_X \leq \eta^2 + \left(\eta \sqrt{\|II\|^2 - 1} + \text{osc}(\ell) \right)^2$$

by [[Keith+Vazirastaneh+Demkowicz 2017](#)] when II is a projection.

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