

Homogeneous Multigrid for the Hybridizable Discontinuous Galerkin Method

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Linear Systems

$$\underline{\underline{A}} \underline{x} = \underline{b}$$

- Linear systems of equations are ubiquitous in computational science and often arise from finite discretizations of partial differential equations.
- Consequentially, the ability to efficiently solve these systems is of great importance, and research in this direction has become a fundamental part of linear algebra in modern times.
- Techniques used to solve linear systems can be classified as direct and iterative methods.
- Most direct methods [1] can be interpreted as variations of the famous Gauss Elimination algorithm, which generates exact solutions at the cost of $O(n^3)$ for a dense $n \times n$ matrix.
- However, the matrices that arise from the discretization of physical systems often possess special structures that can be utilized to devise more efficient algorithms

Multigrid Algorithm

$$\underline{\underline{A}} \underline{\underline{x}} = \underline{\underline{b}}$$

- Developed over the last 25 years – Introduced in the 1970s [1,2]
- State of the art for linear elliptic problems
- Possibility of solving a linear system in a fixed number of iterations
- Good introduction to multigrid methods - Bramble *Multigrid Methods* 2019

What's a smoother?

An iterative method is called a smoother if the high frequency components of the error decay faster than low frequency components

Examples: Gauss Seidel, Weighted Jacobi, Successive Overrelaxation (SOR)

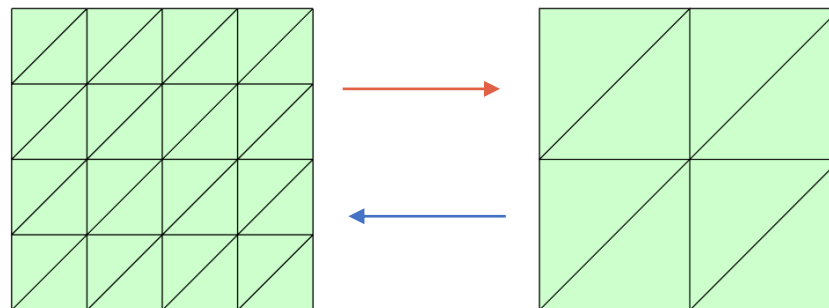
Fundamental Ideas

- High frequency components of the error are removed in a few iterations
- Switching to a coarse grid makes the previously low frequency components, high-frequency components (“smooth becomes rough”)

Two-Grid Algorithm

Key Ingredients :

1. Smoother
2. Restriction Operator
3. Prolongation Operator



$$\underline{\underline{A}} \underline{x} - \underline{\underline{A}} \underline{x}^{est} = \underline{b} - \underline{\underline{A}} \underline{x}^{est} \implies \underline{\underline{A}} (\underline{x} - \underline{x}^{est}) = \underline{\underline{A}} \underline{e} = \underline{r}$$

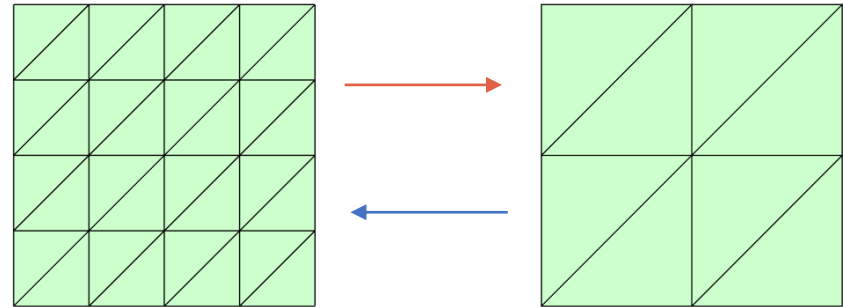
Algorithm One cycle of a two-grid algorithm

- 1: Choose an initial guess \underline{x}_h^0
 - 2: Relax ν_1 iterations of $\underline{\underline{A}}_h \underline{x}_h^0 = \underline{b}_h \rightarrow \underline{x}_h^{1/3}$ ▷ Pre-smoothing iterations
 - 3: Compute the residual as $\underline{r}_h = \underline{b}_h - \underline{\underline{A}}_h \underline{x}_h^{1/3}$ ▷ Coarse grid correction
 - 4: Restrict residual to coarse grid as $\underline{r}_{2h} = \underline{I}_{2h}^h \underline{r}_h$
 - 5: Compute coarse grid error as $\underline{\underline{A}}_{2h} \underline{e}_{2h} = \underline{r}_{2h} \rightarrow \underline{e}_{2h}$
 - 6: Prolongate error to fine grid as $\underline{e}_h = \underline{I}_h^{2h} \underline{e}_{2h}$
 - 7: Correct $\underline{x}_h^{2/3} = \underline{x}_h^{1/3} + \underline{e}_h$
 - 8: Relax ν_2 iterations of $\underline{\underline{A}}_h \underline{x}_h^{2/3} = \underline{b}_h \rightarrow \underline{x}_h^1$ ▷ Post-smoothing iterations
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V-Cycle Algorithm

Key Ingredients :

1. Smoother
2. Restriction Operator
3. Prolongation Operator



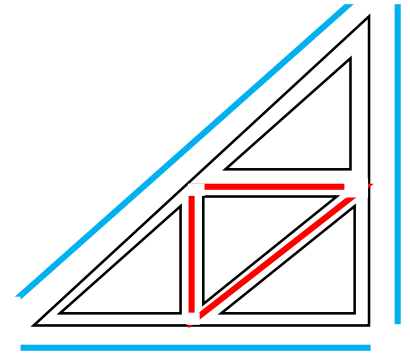
Algorithm 4.2 One cycle of a V-cycle algorithm

- 1: Choose an initial guess \underline{x}_h^0 $\triangleright VG_h(\underline{x}_h^n, \underline{b}_h) \rightarrow \underline{x}_h^{n+1}$
 - 2: Relax ν_1 iterations of $\underline{A}_h \underline{x}_h^0 = \underline{b}_h \rightarrow \underline{x}_h^{1/3}$ \triangleright Pre-smoothing iterations
 - 3: Compute the residual as $\underline{r}_h = \underline{b}_h - \underline{A}_h \underline{x}_h^{1/3}$
 - 4: Restrict residual to coarse grid as $\underline{r}_{2h} = \underline{I}_{2h}^h \underline{r}_h$
 - 5: **if** h corresponds to coarsest grid **then**
 - 6: $\underline{x}_h^{2/3} = \underline{x}_h^{1/3}$
 - 7: Skip to step 13
 - 8: **else**
 - 9: Compute coarse grid error as $VG_h(0, \underline{r}_{2h}) \rightarrow \underline{e}_{2h}$ \triangleright Coarse grid correction
 - 10: Prolongate error to fine grid as $\underline{e}_h = \underline{I}_h^{2h} \underline{e}_{2h}$
 - 11: Correct $\underline{x}_h^{2/3} = \underline{x}_h^{1/3} + \underline{e}_h$
 - 12: **end if**
 - 13: Relax ν_2 iterations of $\underline{A}_h \underline{x}_h^{2/3} = \underline{b}_h \rightarrow \underline{x}_h^1$ \triangleright Post-smoothing iterations = 0
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Multigrid for HDG

Difficulty with HDG:

- Numerical trace defined on the edge space
- Finer meshes have edges that are not refinements of the coarse mesh



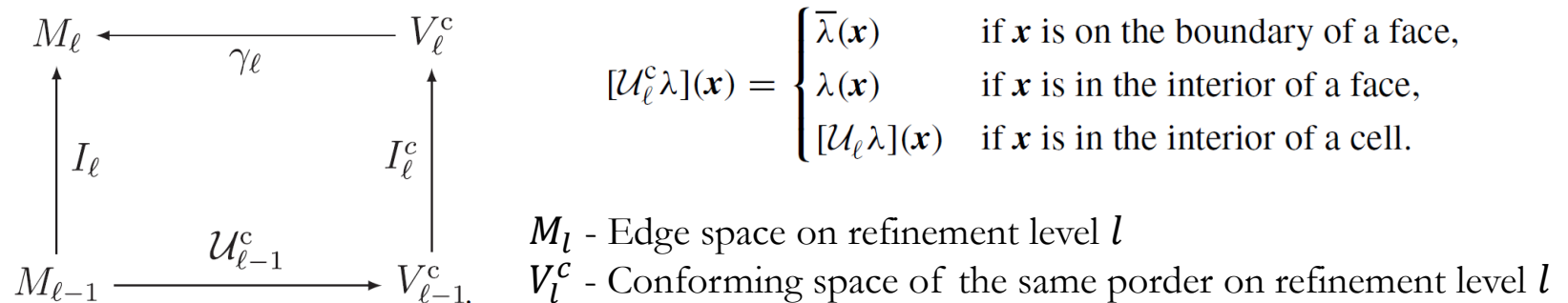
Different approaches to resolve issue

1. Two-level multigrid scheme with a coarse space that consists of a piece-wise linear conforming (CG) FEM space [1,2]

$$u_\ell = \mathcal{U}_\ell \lambda + \mathcal{U}_\ell f,$$

2. Homogeneous HDG multigrid proposed in [3]

$$q_\ell = \mathcal{Q}_\ell \lambda + \mathcal{Q}_\ell f.$$



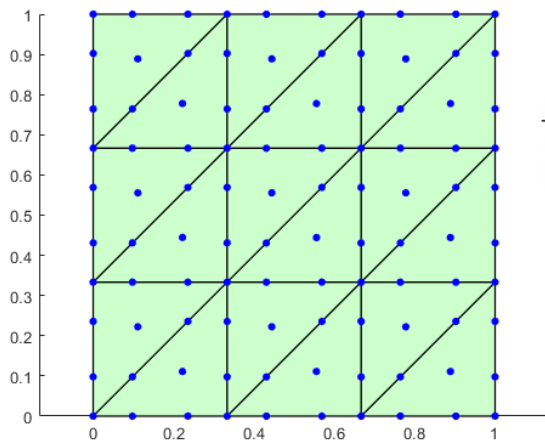
Injection and Restriction

Convection-Diffusion Equation

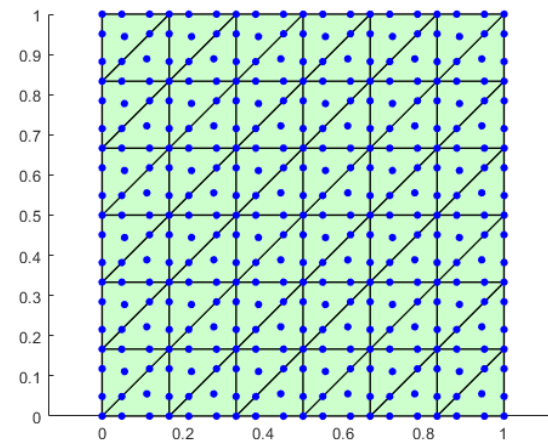
$$\begin{aligned} -\kappa \nabla^2 u + \nabla \cdot (\underline{c}u) &= f, & \text{in } \Omega \\ u &= 0, & \text{on } \Gamma \end{aligned}$$

$$\kappa = 1 \quad \underline{c} = (10, 10) \quad f = 1$$

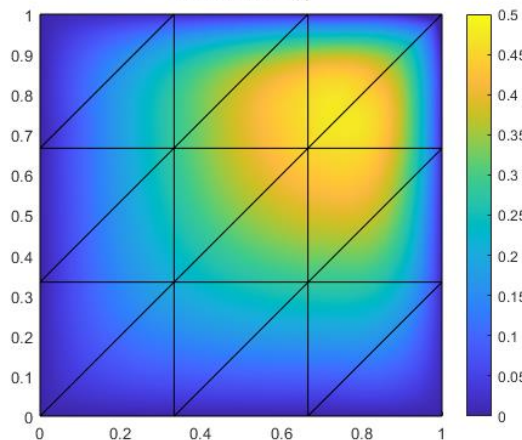
Coarse Grid



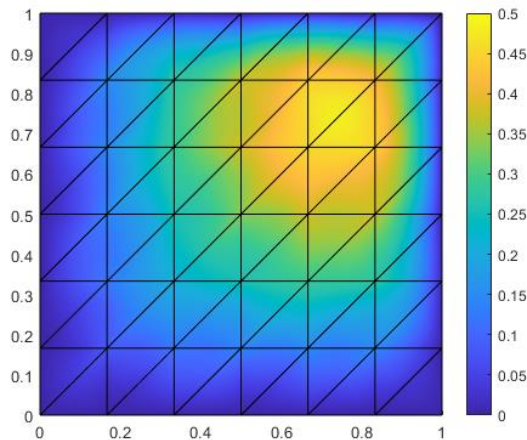
Fine Grid



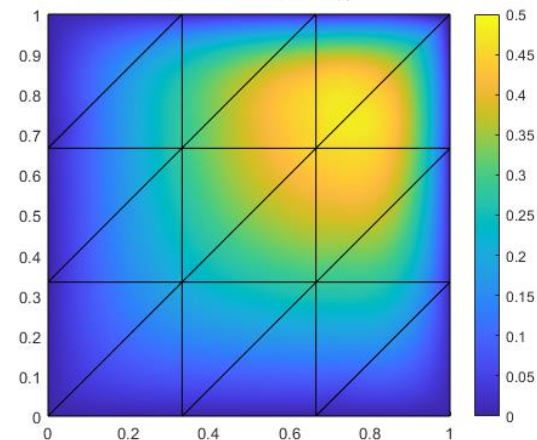
Initial u_h



Prolonged u_h



Restricted u_h



As a sanity check, here we solve the equation, prolong the numerical trace to a finer mesh and reconstruct u_h on this grid. Then, we restrict the numerical trace from the finer grid back to the coarser grid and reconstruct the u_h .

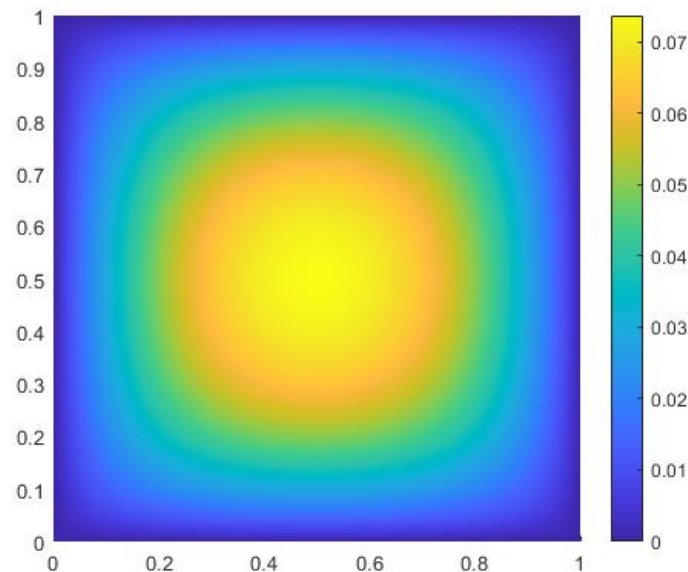
Numerical Results

Test Case : Poisson equation with $f = 1$ and homogeneous boundary conditions

Mesh level		$h = 0.354$	$h = 0.177$	$h = 0.088$	$h = 0.044$
$p = 1$	$\tau = 1$	82	308	1211	4816
$p = 2$	$\tau = 1$	113	435	1721	6860
$p = 3$	$\tau = 1$	147	581	2315	9249
$p = 4$	$\tau = 1$	186	722	2863	11422

Table 2: Number of iterations when using a Gauss Seidel iterative method

The number of iterations until convergence shoots up rapidly with resolution



Numerical Results

Test Case : Poisson equation with $f = 1$ and homogeneous boundary conditions

We see that the number of iterations until convergence is almost constant for our implementation

Current Work

Smoother		Two smoothing steps				Four smoothing steps			
Mesh level		$h = 0.354$	$h = 0.177$	$h = 0.088$	$h = 0.044$	$h = 0.354$	$h = 0.177$	$h = 0.088$	$h = 0.044$
$p = 1$	$\tau = \frac{1}{h}$	16	34	57	69	10	25	48	65
	$\tau = 1$	16	33	56	69	9	24	47	64
$p = 2$	$\tau = \frac{1}{h}$	29	39	51	56	12	27	42	48
	$\tau = 1$	31	39	51	56	12	27	41	48
$p = 3$	$\tau = \frac{1}{h}$	54	57	62	69	14	24	29	31
	$\tau = 1$	62	75	96	153	14	23	29	31
$p = 4$	$\tau = \frac{1}{h}$	90	82	77	72	18	35	48	54
	$\tau = 1$	105	99	95	90	18	35	48	54

Table 1: Number of iterations with two and four smoothing steps as a function of polynomial order, grid size and stability parameter value

TABLE 1 *Numbers of iterations with one and two smoothing steps for $f \equiv 1$. The polynomial degree of the HDG method is p*

Smoother		One step						Two steps					
Mesh level		1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
$p = 1$	$\tau = \frac{1}{h}$	33	39	38	36	35	35	17	20	19	19	18	18
	$\tau = 1$	33	39	36	35	34	33	17	19	18	18	17	17
$p = 2$	$\tau = \frac{1}{h}$	13	12	11	10	10	09	08	07	07	06	06	05
	$\tau = 1$	13	12	11	10	10	09	08	07	07	06	06	05
$p = 3$	$\tau = \frac{1}{h}$	24	25	25	25	25	25	15	15	15	15	15	15
	$\tau = 1$	24	25	25	25	25	25	15	15	15	15	15	15

Lu et al 2021