

Convergence for Non-Stationary Advection- Diffusion Equation

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Abstract- In this paper, we first consider parabolic advection-diffusion problem. And, we study a characteristic Galerkin method for non-stationary advection diffusion equation. Then, we prove the stability and convergency of these method.

Indexed Terms- Advection- Diffusion Equation, convergency, characteristic Galerkin method.

I. INTRODUCTION

We assume that Ω is a bounded domain in R^n $n=2, 3, \dots$ with Lipschitz boundary and consider the parabolic initial boundary value problem: For each $t \in [0, T]$, we can find $u(t)$ such that

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + Lu &= f \quad \text{in } Q_T = (0, T) \times \Omega \\ u &= 0 \quad \text{on } \sum_T = (0, T) \times \partial\Omega, \\ u &= u_0 \quad \text{on } \Omega, \quad \text{for } t=0, \end{aligned} \right\} (1)$$

Where L is the second-order elliptic operator

$$Lw = -\varepsilon \Delta w + \sum_{i=1}^n D_i(b_i w) + a_0 w. \quad (2)$$

We consider the case in which $\varepsilon = \|b\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)}$.

The "simplified" form considered in (2) is a perfect alias of the most general situation in which L

$$\text{is given by } Lz = -\sum_{i,j=1}^n D_i(a_{ij} D_j z) + \sum_{i=1}^n D_i(b_i z) + a_0 z,$$

whenever the diffusion coefficients a_{ij} are smaller than the advective ones b_i , $i, j = 1, \dots, n$. without loss of generality, we suppose that b is normalized to $\|b\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} = 1$.

We assume that there exist two positive constants μ_0 and μ_1 such that

$$0 < \mu_0 \leq \mu(x) = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{div} b(x) + a_0(x) \leq \mu_1$$

For almost every $x \in \Omega$.

The parabolic advection-diffusion problem (1) can be reformulated in a weak form as follows:

Given $f \in L^2(Q_T)$ and $u_0 \in L^2(\Omega)$, find $u \in L^2(0, T; V) \cap C^0([0, T]; L^2(\Omega))$ such that

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}(u(t), v) + a(u(t), v) &= (f(t), v), \quad \forall v \in V \\ u(0) &= u_0, \end{aligned} \right\} (3)$$

Where $V = H_0^1(\Omega)$.

We write the semi-discrete (continuous in time) approximation of the advection-diffusion initial boundary value problem (3)

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}(u_h(t), v_h) + a(u_h(t), v_h) &= (f(t), v_h), \\ \forall v_h \in V_h, t \in (0, T) \\ u_h(0) &= u_{0,h}. \end{aligned} \right\} (4)$$

Here $V_h \subset H_0^1(\Omega)$ is a suitable finite-dimensional space and $u_{0,h} \in V_h$ is an approximation of the initial datum u_0 .

II. A CHARACTERISTIC GALERKIN METHOD

We define the characteristic lines associated to a vector field $b = b(t, x)$. Being given $x \in \bar{\Omega}$ and $s \in [0, T]$, they are the vector functions

$X = X(t; s, x)$ such that

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{dX}{dt}(t; s, x) &= b(t, X(t; s, x)), \quad t \in (0, T) \\ X(s; s, x) &= x. \end{aligned} \right\} (5)$$

The existence and uniqueness of the characteristic lines for each choice of s and x hold under suitable assumptions on b , for instance b continuous in $[0, T] \times \bar{\Omega}$ and Lipschitz continuous in $\bar{\Omega}$, uniformly with respect to $t \in [0, T]$.

From a geometric point of view, $X(t; s, x)$ provides the position at time t of a particle which has been driven by the field b and that occupied the position x at the time s . The uniqueness result gives in particular that

$$X(t; s, X(s; \tau, x)) = X(t; \tau, x) \quad (6)$$

For each $t, s, \tau \in [0, T]$ and $x \in \bar{\Omega}$.

Hence

$$X(t; s, X(s; t, x)) = X(t; t, x) = x,$$

i.e., for fixed t and s , the inverse function of $x \rightarrow X(s; t, x)$ is given by $y \rightarrow X(t; s, y)$.

Therefore, we define

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \bar{u}(t, y) &= u(t, X(t; 0, y)) \\ \text{or equivalently, } u(t, x) &= \bar{u}(t, X(0; t, x)). \end{aligned} \right\} (7)$$

From (5), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial t}(t, y) &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(t, X(t; 0, y)) + \sum_{i=1}^n D_i u(t, X(t; 0, y)) \frac{dX_i}{dt}(t; 0, y) \\ &= \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + b \cdot \nabla u \right) (t, X(t; 0, y)). \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

We can rewrite the non-stationary advection-diffusion equation as

$$\frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial t} - \varepsilon \Delta \bar{u} + (\operatorname{div} b + \bar{a}_0) \bar{u} = \bar{f} \quad (9) \quad \text{In } Q_T$$

The time derivative is approximated by the backward Euler scheme,

$$\frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial t}(t_{n+1}, y) \cong \frac{\bar{u}(t_{n+1}, y) - \bar{u}(t_n, y)}{\Delta t}. \quad (10)$$

If we set $y = X(0; t_{n+1}, x)$, we have

$$\bar{u}(t_{n+1}, y) = \bar{u}(t_{n+1}, X(0; t_{n+1}, x)) = u(t_{n+1}, x).$$

From (7), we have

$$\bar{u}(t_n, y) = u(t_n, X(t_n; 0, y))$$

$$X(t_n; 0, y) = X(t_n; 0, X(0; t_{n+1}, x)) = X(t_n; t_{n+1}, x). \quad (3.32)$$

Then we obtain

$$\frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial t}(t_{n+1}, X(0; t_{n+1}, x)) \cong \frac{u(t_{n+1}, x) - u(t_n, X(t_n; t_{n+1}, x))}{\Delta t}.$$

We denote a suitable approximation of $X(t_n; t_{n+1}, x)$ by $X^n(x)$, $n = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$, us can write the following implicit discretization scheme for problem ().

If we set $u^0 = u_0$, then for $n = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$ we solve

$$\frac{u^{n+1} - u^n \circ X^n}{\Delta t} - \varepsilon \Delta u^{n+1} + [\operatorname{div} b(t_{n+1}) + a_0] u^{n+1} = f(t_{n+1}) \quad \text{In } \Omega. \quad (11)$$

A boundary condition has to be imposed on $\partial \Omega$. We consider the homogeneous Dirichlet condition $u^{n+1}|_{\partial \Omega} = 0$.

We choose a backward Euler scheme also for discretizing

$$\frac{dX}{dt}(t; t_{n+1}, x) = b(t, X(t; t_{n+1}, x)). \quad (12)$$

$$\int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} \frac{dX}{dt}(t; t_{n+1}, x) dt = \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} b(t; X(t; t_{n+1}, x)) dt.$$

This produces the following approximation of $X(t_n; t_{n+1}, x)$:

$$X_{(1)}^n(x) = x - b(t_{n+1}, x) \Delta t. \quad (13)$$

Here $X_{(1)}^n$ is a second order approximation of $X(t_n; t_{n+1}, x)$, since we are integrating (12) on the time interval (t_n, t_{n+1}) , which has length Δt .

A more accurate scheme is provided by the second order Runge-Kutta scheme,

$$X_{(2)}^n(x) = x - b\left(t_{n+1/2}, x - b(t_{n+1}, x) \frac{\Delta t}{2}\right) \Delta t, \quad (14)$$

$$(3.41)$$

Which gives a third order approximation of $X(t_n; t_{n+1}, x)$.

It is necessary to verify that $X_{(i)}^n(x) \in \Omega$ for each $x \in \bar{\Omega}$, $i = 1, 2$, so that we can compute

$u^n \circ X_{(i)}^n$. we assume that $b(t, x) = 0$ for each $t \in [0, T]$ and $x \in \partial\Omega$.

As a consequence, $X_{(i)}^n(x) = x$ for $x \in \partial\Omega$, $i = 1, 2$. If we denote by $x^* \in \partial\Omega$ the point having minimal distance from $x \in \Omega$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |X_{(1)}^n(x) - x| &= |b(t_{n+1}, x)| \Delta t, \\ &= |b(t_{n+1}, x) - b(t_{n+1}, x^*)| \Delta t, \quad x^* \in \partial\Omega \\ |X_{(1)}^n(x) - x| &\leq \sup_{\substack{x, x^* \in \partial\Omega \\ x \neq x^*}} \frac{|b(t_{n+1}, x) - b(t_{n+1}, x^*)|}{|x - x^*|} \Delta t |x - x^*| \\ &\leq \|b(t_{n+1})\|_{Lip(\bar{\Omega})} |x - x^*| \Delta t, \end{aligned}$$

Where $\|g\|_{Lip(\bar{\Omega})} = \sup_{\substack{x_1, x_2 \in \Omega \\ x_1 \neq x_2}} \frac{|g(x_1) - g(x_2)|}{|x_1 - x_2|}$.

We assume that $\max_{t \in [0, T]} \|b(t)\|_{Lip(\bar{\Omega})} \Delta t < 1$. (15)

Then, we have

$$|X_{(1)}^n(x) - x| < |x - x^*|, \text{ For each } n = 0, 1, \dots, N - 1.$$

It follows that $X_{(1)}^n(x) \in \Omega$ for each $x \in \Omega$. a similar result holds for $X_{(2)}^n(x)$. if we suppose that

$$\operatorname{div} b(t, x) + a_0(x) \geq 0 \quad (16)$$

For each $t \in [0, T]$ and almost every $x \in \Omega$, stability is proven. In fact, multiplying (11) by u^{n+1} and integrating over Ω , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} \frac{(u^{n+1} - u^n \circ X_{(1)}^n)}{\Delta t} u^{n+1} dx - \int_{\Omega} \varepsilon \Delta u^{n+1} u^{n+1} dx \\ + \int_{\Omega} [\operatorname{div} b(t_{n+1}) + a_0] (u^{n+1})^2 dx = \int_{\Omega} f(t_{n+1}) u^{n+1} dx. \end{aligned}$$

By using Gauss-divergence theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} (u^{n+1})^2 dx - \int_{\Omega} (u^n \circ X_{(1)}^n) u^{n+1} dx + \varepsilon \Delta \int_{\Omega} \nabla u^{n+1} \cdot \nabla u^{n+1} dx \\ + \Delta t \int_{\Omega} (\operatorname{div} b(t_{n+1}) + a_0) (u^{n+1})^2 dx = \Delta t \int_{\Omega} f(t_{n+1}) u^{n+1} dx. \end{aligned}$$

By using Hölder's inequality, we have

$$\|u^{n+1}\|_0^2 + \varepsilon \Delta t \|\nabla u^{n+1}\|_0^2 \leq (\|u^n \circ X_{(1)}^n\|_0 + \Delta t \|f(t_{n+1})\|_0) \|u^{n+1}\|_0.$$

(17)

From (15), it follows that the map $X_{(1)}^n$ is injective.

Therefore, we introduce the change of variable $y = X_{(1)}^n(x)$, and setting $Y_{(1)}^n(y) = (X_{(1)}^n)^{-1}(y)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} (u^n \circ X_{(1)}^n)^2 dx &= \int_{X_{(1)}^n(\Omega)} (u^n(X_{(1)}^n(x)))^2 dx \\ \|u^n \circ X_{(1)}^n\|_0^2 &= \int_{X_{(1)}^n(\Omega)} (u^n(y))^2 |\det(\operatorname{Jac} X_{(1)}^n) \circ Y_{(1)}^n(y)|^{-1} dy. \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

On the other hand, from (13), we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\det(\operatorname{Jac} X_{(1)}^n)(x)| &\geq 1 - \Delta t \|\operatorname{Jac} b(t_{n+1})\| \\ &\geq 1 - \Delta t C_1 \|\operatorname{Jac} b(t_{n+1})\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\geq 1 - \Delta t C_1 \max_{t \in [0, T]} \|\operatorname{Jac} b(t)\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \\ &= 1 - C_1 \mu_1^* \Delta t \\ &\geq 1 - C_1 C_2 > 0 \end{aligned}$$

For almost every $x \in \Omega$, provided that (3.42)

$$\mu_1^* \Delta t \leq C_2, \quad (19)$$

Where

$$\mu_1^* = \max_{t \in [0, T]} \|\operatorname{Jac} b(t)\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \text{ and}$$

$C_1 > 0, 0 < C_2 < C_1^{-1}$ are suitable constants. From (18), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|u^n \circ X_{(1)}^n\|_0^2 &\leq \int_{X_{(1)}^n(\Omega)} (u^n(y))^2 (1 - C_1 \mu_1^* \Delta t)^{-1} dy \\ \|u^n \circ X_{(1)}^n\|_0^2 &\leq (1 + \Delta t C_3 \mu_1^*) \|u^n\|_0^2. \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

Therefore condition (19) implies (15) (if C_2 is small enough).

From (17), we finally obtain for each $n = 0, 1, \dots, N - 1$,

$$\|u^{n+1}\|_0 + \varepsilon \Delta t \frac{\|\nabla u^{n+1}\|_0^2}{\|u^{n+1}\|_0} \leq \|u^n \circ X_{(1)}^n\|_0 + \Delta t \|f(t_{n+1})\|_0.$$

by using Poincarè's inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|u^{n+1}\|_0 + \varepsilon \Delta t \|\nabla u^{n+1}\|_0 &\leq \|u^n \circ X_{(1)}^n\|_0 + \Delta t \|f(t_{n+1})\|_0 \\ \left(\|u^{n+1}\|_0^2 + \varepsilon^2 \Delta t^2 \|\nabla u^{n+1}\|_0^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} &\leq (1 + C_3 \mu_1^* \Delta t)^{\frac{1}{2}} \|u^n\|_0 + \Delta t \|f(t_{n+1})\|_0 \\ &\leq (1 + C_3 \mu_1^* \Delta t)^{\frac{n+1}{2}} \|u_0\|_0 + \Delta t \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} (1 + C_3 \mu_1^* \Delta t)^{\frac{n+1-k}{2}} \|f(t_k)\|_0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq \left(\|u_0\|_0 + t_{n+1} \max_{t \in [0, T]} \|f(t)\|_0 \right) \exp \left(\frac{C_3}{2} \mu_1^* t_{n+1} \right). \quad (21)$$

Therefore $L^2(\Omega)$ -stability holds independently of ε .

The convergence of u^n to $u(t_n)$ is proven in a similar way. Defining the error function $\delta^n = u(t_n) - u^n$, from (11), we obtain for $n = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{u(t_{n+1}) - \delta^{n+1} - (u(t_n) \circ X_{(1)}^n - \delta^n \circ X_{(1)}^n)}{\Delta t} \\ & - \varepsilon (\Delta u(t_{n+1}) - \Delta \delta^{n+1}) \\ & + (\text{div } b(t_{n+1}) + a_0) (u(t_{n+1}) - \delta^{n+1}) = f(t_{n+1}), \\ & \frac{u(t_{n+1}) - u(t_n) \circ X_{(1)}^n}{\Delta t} - \varepsilon \Delta u(t_{n+1}) \\ & + (\text{div } b(t_{n+1}) + a_0) u(t_{n+1}) - f(t_{n+1}) \\ & = \frac{\delta^{n+1} - \delta^n \circ X_{(1)}^n}{\Delta t} - \varepsilon \Delta \delta^{n+1} + (\text{div } b(t_{n+1}) + a_0) \delta^{n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$-\frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial t}(t_{n+1}) = -\varepsilon \Delta u(t_{n+1}) + (\text{div } b(t_{n+1}) + a_0) u(t_{n+1}) - f(t_{n+1})$$

and

$$-\frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial t}(t_{n+1}) = - \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(t_{n+1}) + b(t_{n+1}) \cdot \nabla u(t_{n+1}) \right).$$

Then, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\delta^{n+1} - \delta^n \circ X_{(1)}^n}{\Delta t} - \varepsilon \Delta \delta^{n+1} + [\text{div } b(t_{n+1}) + a_0] \delta^{n+1} \\ & = \frac{u(t_{n+1}) - u(t_n) \circ X_{(1)}^n}{\Delta t} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(t_{n+1}) - b(t_{n+1}) \cdot \nabla u(t_{n+1}) \quad (22) \end{aligned}$$

in Ω .

Since

$$X_{(1)}^n(x) - X(t_n; t_{n+1}, x) = O((\Delta t)^2),$$

it shows that the right hand side in (22) is $O(\Delta t)$.

Therefore convergence follows from (21) applied to

δ^n , recalling that $\delta^0 = 0$.

III. CONCLUSION

This paper has presented semi- discrete approximation of the parabolic problem. And the stability and convergency of non- stationary advection- diffusion equation is solved by using characteristic Galerkin method.

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