

Multi-dimensional Parallel Discontinuous Galerkin Method

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Abstract

- Discontinuous Galerkin Method (DG-FEM) is a class of Finite Element Method (FEM) for finding approximation solutions to systems of differential equations that can be used to simulate scientific transport phenomena.
- The goal of my project is to implement DG-FEM in 3D to solve a set of partial differential equations in parallel on HPC platform

Discontinuous Galerkin Method (DG-FEM)

For a Poisson's equation:

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = f & \text{in } \Omega \\ u = g_d & \text{on } \Gamma_D \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \vec{n}} = g_d & \text{on } \Gamma_D \end{cases}$$

a test functions v can be choose to transform the equation into the weak form of the differential equation:

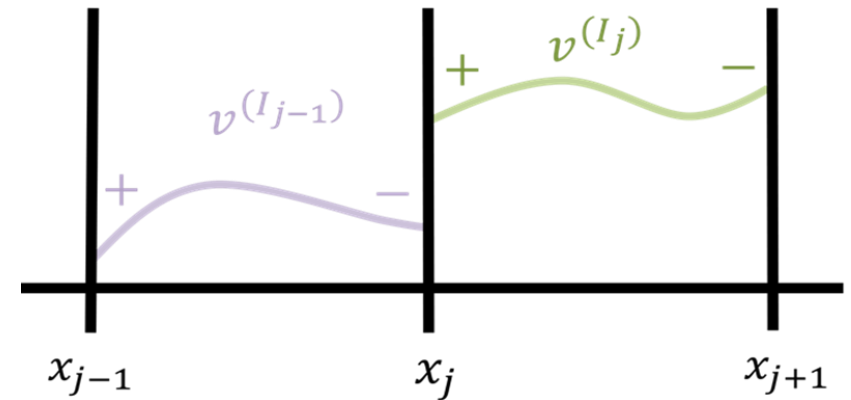
$$-\int_{\Omega} \Delta u v dx = \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v dx - \int_{\partial\Omega} (\nabla u \cdot \mathbf{n}) v ds = \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v dx - \int_{\partial\Omega} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \mathbf{n}} v ds = \int_{\Omega} f v dx$$

DG-FEM chooses test functions that are discontinuous across adjacent elements, resulting jump conditions on the shared boundaries.

Why DG-FEM

Discontinuity between element boundaries
provides local support and leads to :

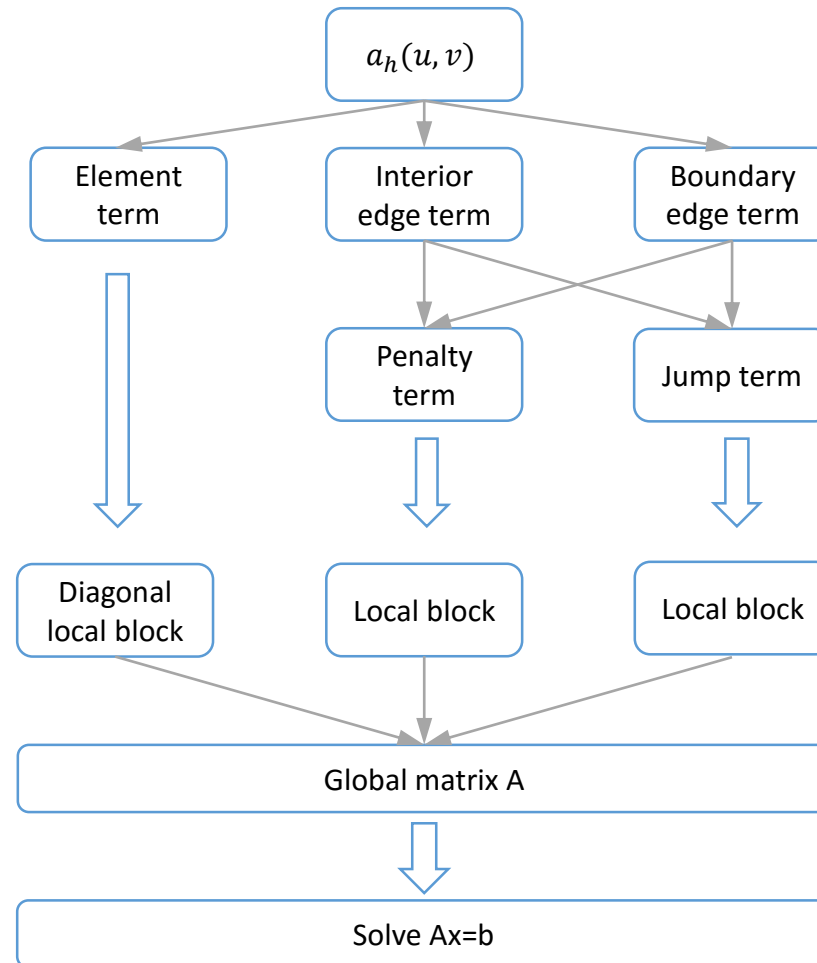
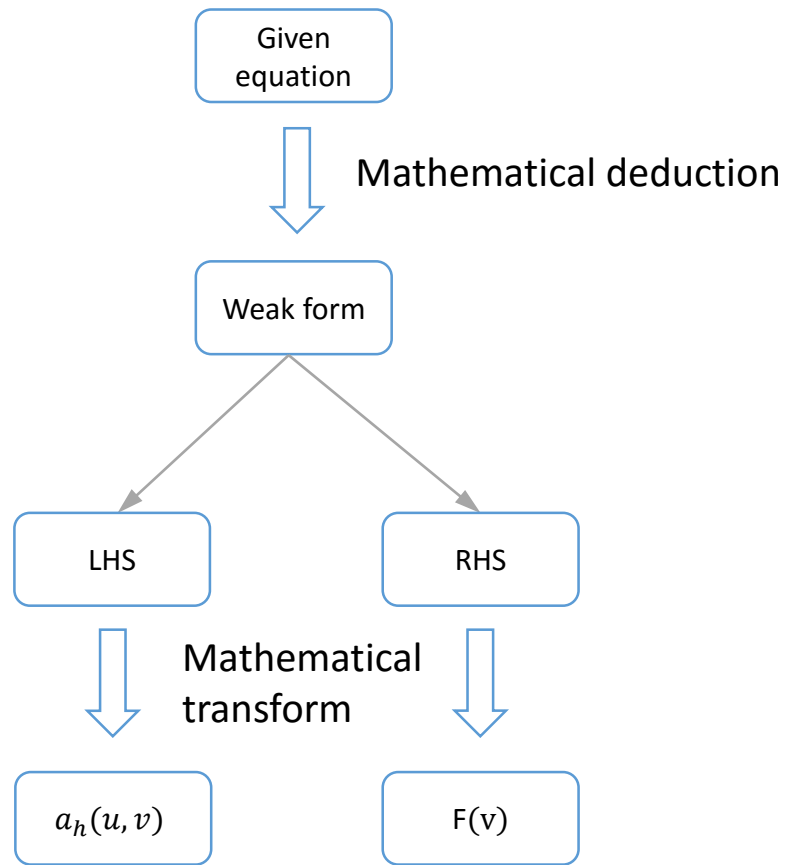
- Local refinement
- Complex geometries
- Parallelization
- Higher-order accuracy



An example of test function on 1D

(v_+ , v_- : test function values on element boundaries)

How DG works



Divided into three parts

Computed in parallel

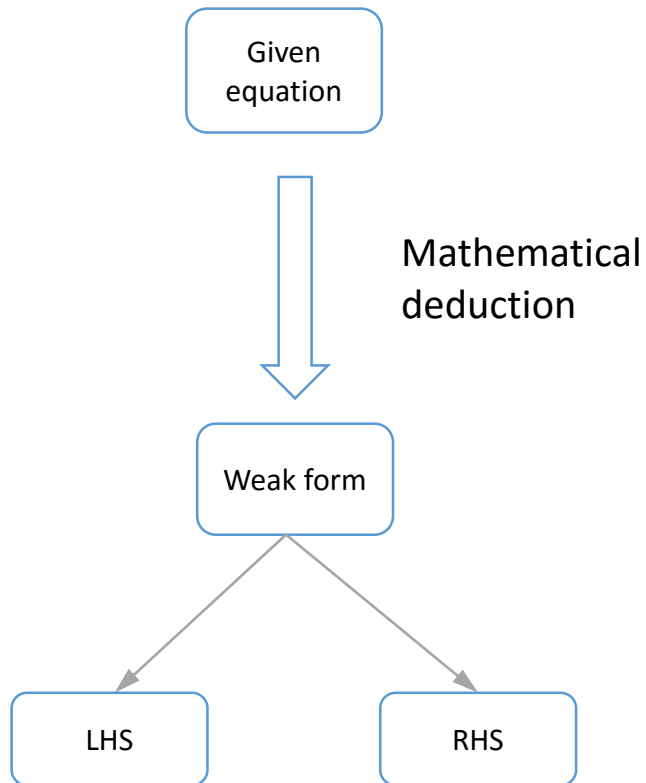
Combine all local blocks

Use *Trilinos* to finish parallel solving

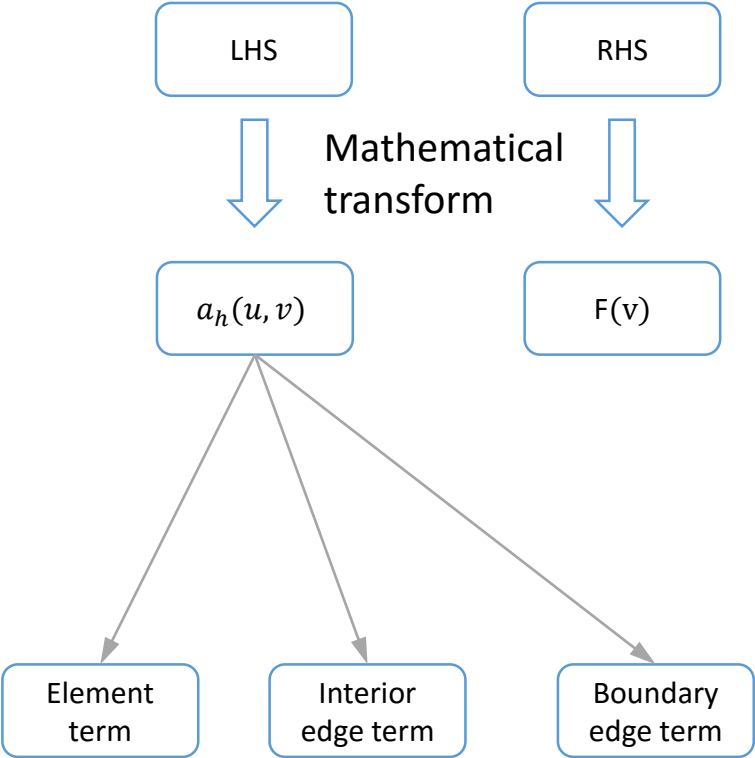
Get the weak form of the equation

Weak formulation using test function v :

$$\begin{aligned}
 -\int_{\Omega} \Delta u v dx &= -\sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_K \Delta u v dx \\
 &= \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_K \nabla u \cdot \nabla v dx - \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_{\partial K} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \mathbf{n}} v ds \\
 &= \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_K \nabla u \cdot \nabla v dx - \sum_{e_h \in \mathcal{E}_h^D} \int_{e_h} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \mathbf{n}} v ds - \sum_{e_h \in \mathcal{E}_h^N} \int_{e_h} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \mathbf{n}} v ds \\
 &\quad - \sum_{e_h \in \mathcal{E}_h^I} \int_{e_h} \left(\frac{\partial u^+}{\partial \mathbf{n} \mathbf{n}^+} v^+ + \frac{\partial u^-}{\partial \mathbf{n} \mathbf{n}^-} v^- \right) ds \\
 &= \int_{\Omega} f v dx
 \end{aligned}$$



Bilinear Function for Stiffness Matrix



Bilinear Function for Stiffness Matrix:

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_h(u, v) \equiv & \underbrace{\sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} (\nabla u, \nabla v)_K}_{\text{element term}} - \underbrace{\sum_{e_h \in \mathcal{E}_h^I} \left(\langle \{\partial_n u\}, [v] \rangle_{e_h} + \langle \{\partial_n v\}, [u] \rangle_{e_h} \right)}_{\text{jump term}} - \underbrace{\frac{\gamma}{|e_h|} \langle [u], [v] \rangle_{e_h}}_{\text{penalty term}} \\
 & - \sum_{e_h \in \mathcal{E}_h^D} \left(\langle \partial_n u, v \rangle_{e_h} + \langle \partial_n v, u \rangle_{e_h} - \frac{\gamma}{|e_h|} \langle u, v \rangle_{e_h} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

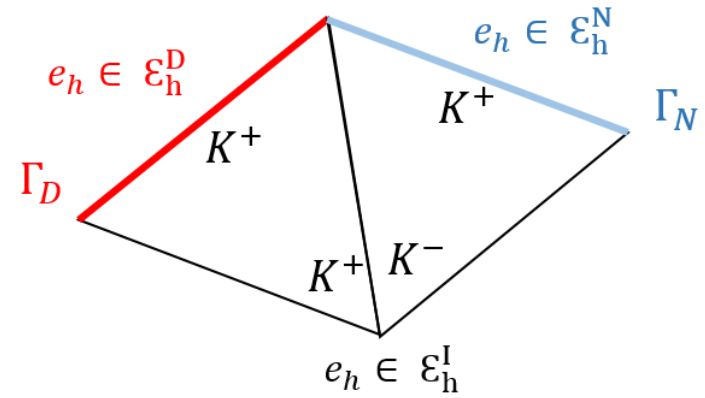
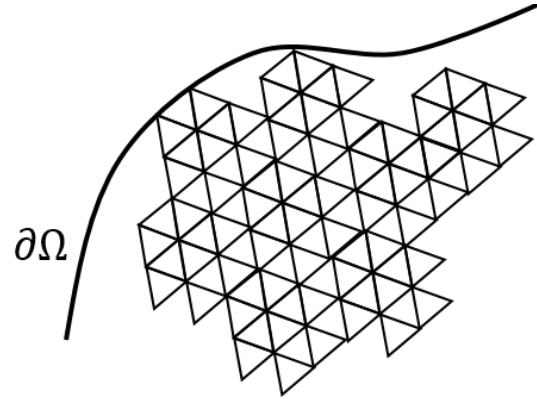
— :element term
 — :jump term
 — :penalty term

Solving Linear System:

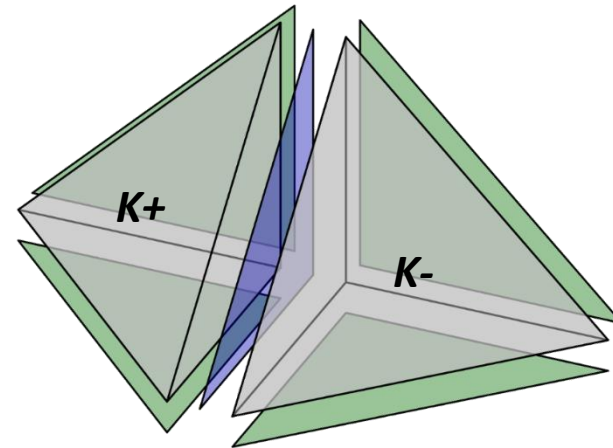
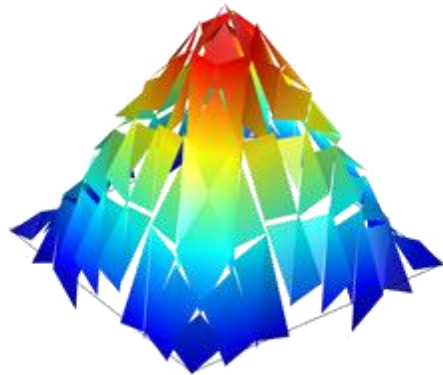
$$\sum_{j=1}^{j=M} \underbrace{a(\phi_j, \phi_i)}_{S_{ij}} \alpha_j = \underbrace{\int f \phi_i}_{r_i} + \text{symmetric term} + \text{penalty term}$$

Multi-dimensional jump term

2D:



3D:



Sample result

1D Jump term:

Local matrices

$\begin{pmatrix} -8.00 & 4.00 \\ 4.00 & 0.00 \end{pmatrix}$	(Boundary node)
$\begin{pmatrix} 0.00 & 2.00 & -2.00 & 0.00 \\ 2.00 & -4.00 & 4.00 & -2.00 \\ -2.00 & 4.00 & -4.00 & 2.00 \\ 0.00 & -2.00 & 2.00 & 0.00 \end{pmatrix}$	
$\begin{pmatrix} 0.00 & 4.00 \\ 4.00 & -8.00 \end{pmatrix}$	(Boundary node)

-8.00	6.00	-2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6.00	-4.00	4.00	-2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
-2.00	4.00	-4.00	4.00	-2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	-2.00	4.00	-4.00	4.00	-2.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	-2.00	4.00	-4.00	4.00	-2.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	-2.00	4.00	-4.00	4.00	-2.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-2.00	4.00	-4.00	6.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-2.00	6.00	-8.00

Future works

- Extend the partial differential equation to some time-dependent equations
- Expand the equation to parallel code, which can be scaled on existing supercomputers.

Q & A