

Convergence of adaptive FEM for elliptic eigenvalue problems

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Model Problem

Let Ω be a polygonal domain bounded in \mathbb{R}^2

Problem: seek eigenpairs (λ, \mathbf{u}) of the problem

$$\begin{cases} -\nabla \cdot \mathcal{A}(\nabla \mathbf{u}) = \lambda \mathcal{B} \mathbf{u} & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \mathbf{u} = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{cases}$$

$\underline{a} \leq \xi^T \mathcal{A}(x) \xi \leq \bar{a}$ for all $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^2$ with $|\xi| = 1$ and for all $x \in \Omega$,

$\underline{b} \leq \mathcal{B}(x) \leq \bar{b}$ for all $x \in \Omega$.

Variational Problem: seek eigenpairs $(\lambda, \mathbf{u}) \in \mathbb{R} \times H_0^1(\Omega)$ such that

$$a(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \lambda(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})_{0, \mathcal{B}\Omega} \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{v} \in H_0^1(\Omega),$$

where

$$a(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) := \int_{\Omega} \mathcal{A} \nabla \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} dx, \quad |||\mathbf{u}|||_{\Omega} := a(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u})^{1/2}.$$

$$(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})_{0, \mathcal{B}, \Omega} := \int_{\Omega} \mathcal{B} \mathbf{u} \mathbf{v} dx.$$

Meshes and Discrete Problems

Define:

- \mathcal{T}_n conforming and shape regular triangulation of Ω
- \mathcal{F}_n is the set of the edges of the triangles in the interior of \mathcal{T}_n ,
- \mathcal{V}_n space of piecewise linear functions over \mathcal{T}_n .

Problem: seek eigenpairs $(\lambda_n, u_n) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathcal{V}_n$ such that

$$a(u_n, v_n) = \lambda_n(u_n, v_n)_{0, \mathcal{B}, \Omega} \quad \text{for all } v_n \in \mathcal{V}_n.$$

Reliability for Eigenfunctions

Theorem (Reliability for eigenfunctions)

Let (λ, u) be a simple eigenvalue of the continuous problem and let (λ_n, u_n) be the correspondent computed eigenpair. Then we have for $e_n = u - u_n$ that

$$|||e_n|||_{\Omega} \leq C \eta_n + G_n,$$

where

$$G_n = \frac{1}{2}(\lambda + \lambda_n) \frac{(e_n, e_n)_{0, \mathcal{B}, \Omega}}{|||e_n|||_{\Omega}}.$$

[R. Verfürth (1996). *A Review of Posteriori Error Estimation and Adaptive Mesh Refinement Techniques*. Wiley-Teubner]

Residual

Definition (Jump)

$$[g]_f(x) := \left(\lim_{\substack{\tilde{x} \in \tau_1(f) \\ \tilde{x} \rightarrow x}} g(\tilde{x}) - \lim_{\substack{\tilde{x} \in \tau_2(f) \\ \tilde{x} \rightarrow x}} g(\tilde{x}) \right), \quad \text{with } x \in f.$$

Definition (Residual)

$$R_I(u, \lambda)(x) := (\nabla \cdot \mathcal{A} \nabla u + \lambda \mathcal{B} u)(x), \quad \text{with } x \in \text{int}(\tau), \quad \tau \in \mathcal{T}_n,$$

$$R_F(u)(x) := [\vec{n}_f \cdot \mathcal{A} \nabla u]_f(x), \quad \text{with } x \in \text{int}(f), \quad f \in \mathcal{F}_n.$$

$$\eta_n := \left\{ \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{T}_n} H_\tau^2 \| R_I(u_n, \lambda_n) \|_{0,\tau}^2 + \sum_{f \in \mathcal{F}_n} H_f \| R_F(u_n) \|_{0,f}^2 \right\}^{1/2},$$

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Reliability for Eigenvalues

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$$|\lambda_n - \lambda| \leq C' \eta_n^2 + G'_n,$$

where

$$G'_n = \eta_n \frac{1}{2} (\lambda + \lambda_n) \frac{(e_n, e_n)_{0, \mathcal{B}, \Omega}}{\|e_n\|_{\Omega}} + \frac{1}{2} (\lambda - \lambda_n) (e_n, e_n)_{0, \mathcal{B}, \Omega}.$$

Theorem (Efficiency)

Let (λ, u) be a simple eigenpair of the continuous problem and let (λ_n, u_n) be the corresponding computed eigenpairs. Then we have that the global residual estimator is bounded by the energy norm of the error as:

$$\eta_n \leq C' |||e_n|||_{\Omega} + \|H_{\tau}(\lambda_n u_n - \lambda u)\|_{0,\mathcal{B},\Omega}.$$

Marking Strategy 1

Set the parameter $0 < \theta < 1$:

mark the sides in a minimal subset $\hat{\mathcal{I}}_n$ of \mathcal{I}_n such that

$$\left(\sum_{\tau \in \hat{\mathcal{I}}_n} \eta_{\tau,n}^2 \right)^{1/2} \geq \theta \eta_n,$$

where

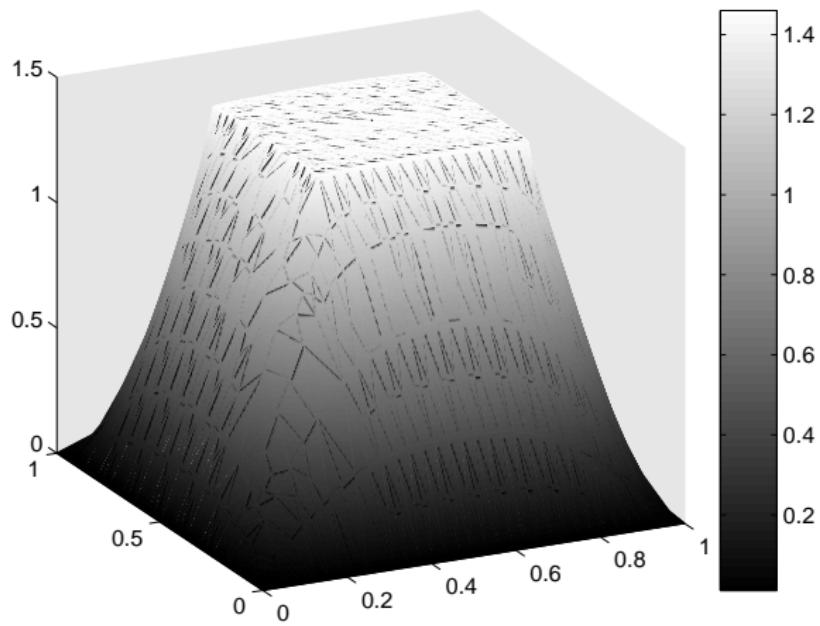
$$\eta_{\tau,n}^2 := H_\tau^2 \|R_I(u_n, \lambda_n)\|_{0,\tau}^2 + \sum_{f \in \partial\tau} \frac{1}{2} H_f \|R_F(u_n)\|_{0,f}^2.$$

Mesh Adaptivity Algorithm

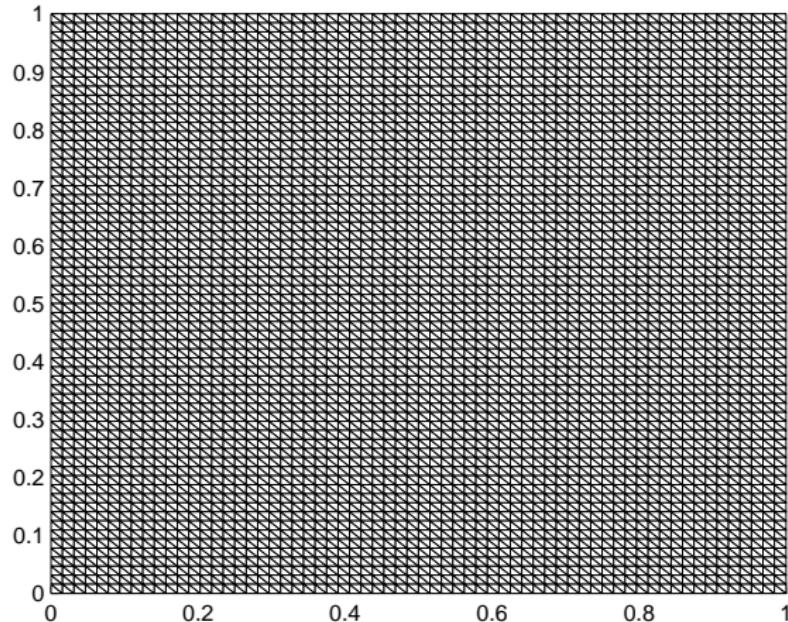
- ① Set tol , $0 < \theta < 1$ and \mathcal{T}_0
- ② Loop
- ③ Compute (λ_n, u_n) on \mathcal{T}_n
- ④ Marking strategy 1
- ⑤ Refine the mesh
- ⑥ End Loop if $\eta_n \leq \text{tol}$

Solution

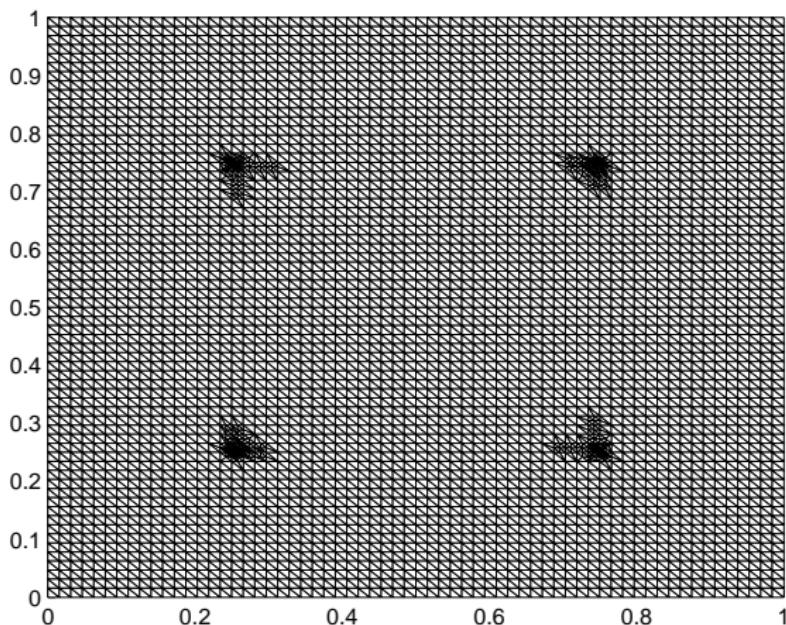
$$\mathcal{B} = 1, \quad \mathcal{A} = \{1, 10000\}.$$



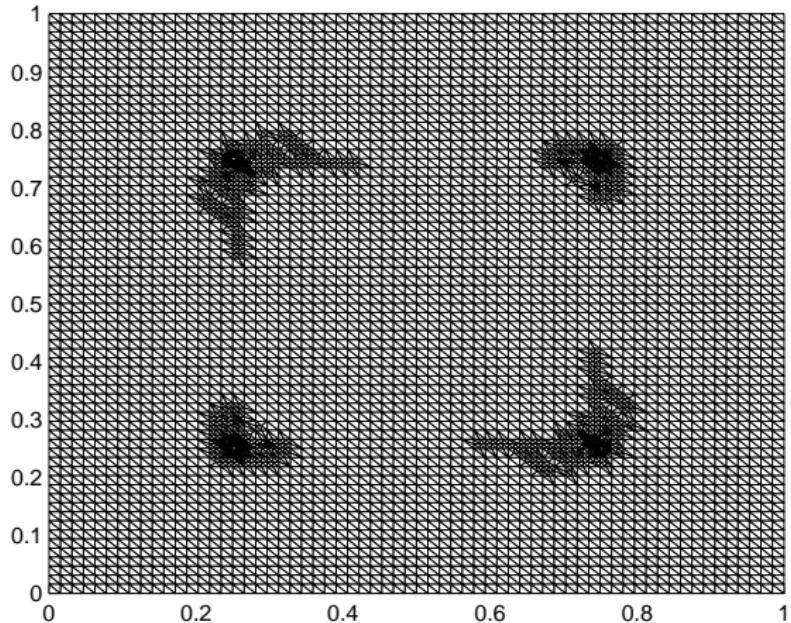
Uniform Mesh



Refined Mesh



Refined Mesh



Numerics

$$\mathcal{B} = 1, \quad \mathcal{A} = \{1, 10000\}.$$

Uniform			Adaptive					
			$\theta = 0.5$			$\theta = 0.8$		
$ \lambda - \lambda_n $	N	n	$ \lambda - \lambda_n $	N	n	$ \lambda - \lambda_n $	N	n
1.1071	81	1	1.1071	81	1	1.1071	81	1
0.3521	289	2	0.2766	673	5	0.2244	799	3
0.1168	1089	3	0.0948	2080	8	0.0990	2235	4
0.0399	4225	4	0.0315	6039	11	0.0180	12375	6
0.0136	16641	5	0.0148	12607	13	0.0065	29148	7
0.0042	66049	6	0.0038	37126	16	0.0020	65387	8

Table: Comparison between uniform refinement and the adaptive method for the smallest eigenvalue of the generic elliptic eigenvalue problem with discontinuous coefficients.

Oscillations

[P. Morin, R. H. Nochetto and K. G. Siebert (2000). Data oscillation and convergence of adaptive FEM. *SIAM J. Numer. Anal.* 38]

Oscillations:

$$\text{osc}(v_n, \mathcal{T}_n) := \left(\sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{T}_n} \|H_\tau(v_n - P_n v_n)\|_\tau^2 \right)^{1/2},$$

where $(P_n v_n)|_\tau := \frac{1}{|\tau|} \int_\tau v_n$

Marking Strategy 2

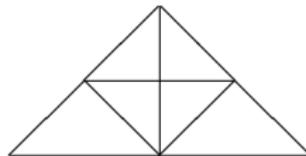
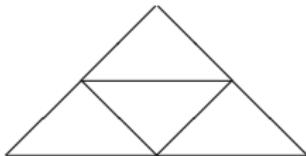
Set the parameter $0 < \tilde{\theta} < 1$:

mark the sides in a minimal subset $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}_n$ of \mathcal{T}_n such that

$$\text{osc}(u_n, \tilde{\mathcal{T}}_n) \geq \tilde{\theta} \text{ osc}(u_n, \mathcal{T}_n).$$

Then we take the union of $\hat{\mathcal{T}}_n \cup \tilde{\mathcal{T}}_n$ and we refine all the elements in the union.

Bisection5



- ➊ Split any edge
- ➋ Split one of the new edge

PROS:

- ➊ A new node on each edge
- ➋ A new node in the interior of the element

Mesh Adaptivity Algorithm

- 1 Require $0 < \theta < 1$, $0 < \tilde{\theta} < 1$ and \mathcal{T}_0
- 2 Loop
- 3 Compute (λ_n, u_n) on \mathcal{T}_n
- 4 Marking strategy 1
- 5 Marking strategy 2
- 6 Refine the mesh
- 7 End Loop

Convergence for Linear Problems

$$-\nabla \cdot (\mathcal{A} \nabla u) = f.$$

[P. Morin, R. H. Nochetto and K. G. Siebert (2000). Data oscillation and convergence of adaptive FEM. *SIAM J. Numer. Anal.* 38]

- osc decreases refining the mesh.

$$\text{osc}(f, \mathcal{T}_{n+1}) \leq \alpha \text{ osc}(f, \mathcal{T}_n), \quad \text{with } \alpha < 1.$$

- The decay of osc triggers the convergence in the energy norm.

$$a(u_n, u_n)^{1/2} \leq C_0 p^n, \quad \text{with } p < 1.$$

Convergence for Eigenvalue Problems

$$-\nabla \cdot (\mathcal{A} \nabla u) = \mathcal{B} \lambda u.$$

[S. Giani and I. G. Graham (2007). A convergent adaptive method for elliptic eigenvalue problems. *submitted for publication*]

- The decay of osc depends on the behavior of the error.

$$\text{osc}(u_{n+1}, \mathcal{T}_{n+1}) \leq \tilde{\alpha} \text{osc}(u_n, \mathcal{T}_n) + C'' a(u - u_n, u - u_n)^{1/2}.$$

- The decay of the error depends on the behavior of osc .

$$|||u - u_{n+1}|||_{\Omega}^2 \leq \beta_n |||u - u_n|||_{\Omega}^2 + C''' \text{osc}(\lambda_n u_n, \mathcal{T}_n)^2.$$

- The error and the quantity osc are linked together.

If H_0 is small enough:

$$|||u - u_n|||_{\Omega} \leq C_0 p^n, \quad |\lambda - \lambda_n| \leq C_1 p^{2n},$$

$$\text{osc}(u_n, \mathcal{T}_n) \leq C_3 p^n, \quad \text{with } p < 1.$$