

# Towards Adaptive FEM for nonlinear ADR Problems

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# Outline

- 1 Time-dependent ADR problem
- 2 Error indicators
- 3 Adaptive algorithm
- 4 Numerical Experiments

# Problem statement

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- ①  $a(x, u, \nabla u) = D\nabla u$ ,  $b(x, u, \nabla u) = c \cdot \nabla u + s(u) - f$
- ②  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  - a convex polygonal domain with a Lipschitz boundary  $\Gamma$
- ③ The final time  $T$  is arbitrary
- ④  $a(x, u, \nabla u)$  and  $b(x, u, \nabla u)$  must be continuously differentiable

# Weak formulation (theoretical limit)

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$$W^p(a, b; V, W) = \{u \in L^p(a, b; V) : u_t \in L^p(a, b; W)\} \quad (4)$$

with the norm

$$\|u\|_{W^p(a,b;V,W)} = \left\{ \int_a^b \|u(\cdot, t)\|_V^p dt + \int_a^b \|u_t(\cdot, t)\|_W^p dt \right\}^{1/p}, \quad p < \infty \quad (5)$$

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Find  $u \in W^r(0, T; W_0^{1,\rho}(\Omega), W^{-1,\pi}(\Omega))$ ,  $r, p, \rho, \pi \in (1, \infty)$ ,

such that  $\forall v \in L^{p'}(0, T; W_0^{1,\pi'}(\Omega))$ :

$$0 = \int_0^T (\partial_t u, v) dt + \int_0^T \{(a(x, u, \nabla u), \nabla v) + (b(x, u, \nabla u), v)\} dt \quad (6)$$

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Find  $u \in L^2(0, T; V)$ ,

such that for almost every  $t \in (0, T)$  and  $\forall v \in L^2(0, T; V)$ :

- $\partial_t u \in L^2(0, T; H^{-1}(\Omega))$

- $u(\cdot, 0) = u_0 \in H^{-1}(\Omega)$

- $\int_0^T \{(\partial_t u, v) + (D\nabla u, \nabla v) + (c \cdot \nabla u, v) + (s(u), v)\} dt = \int_0^T (f, v) dt$

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## Theoretical aspects

### Notation

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## Assumptions

- ① Finite elements are triangles or parallelograms or mixed
- ② There are no hanging nodes
- ③ No anisotropic elements
- ④ No too abrupt or too strong coarsening

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$$u_h^0 = \pi_0 u_0, \quad (9)$$

for  $n = 1, \dots, N$ ,  $\forall v_h \in X_{h,n}$ :

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- ①  $E_\Omega := \eta_h^n$  – spatial error indicator
- ②  $E_T := ((\tilde{\eta}_h^n)^p + \|\nabla \tilde{u}_h^n\|_{0,\pi}^p)^{1/p}$  – temporal error indicator
- ③  $\tilde{u}_h^n$  – the solution of the auxiliary discrete Poisson problem
- ④  $\|u\|_{0,\pi}^p := \int_{\Omega} |u(x)|^\pi dx$

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Element norm

$$\|u\|_{0,\pi;K}^\pi := \int_K |u(x)|^\pi dx \quad (15)$$

Edge norm

$$\|u\|_{\pi;E}^\pi := \int_E |u(x)|^\pi ds(x) \quad (16)$$

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Edge residuals  $R_E, E \in \tilde{\mathcal{E}}_{h,n}$

$$R_E = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } E = \partial K \cap \partial K' \subset \Gamma \\ [n_E \cdot D \nabla u_h^{n\theta}]_E = \frac{1}{2} \left( n_E \cdot D \nabla u_h^{n\theta} \Big|_{\partial K} - n_E \cdot D \nabla u_h^{n\theta} \Big|_{\partial K'} \right) & \text{if } E \not\subset \Gamma, \end{cases} \quad (18)$$

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- ①  $u_h^n$  – the solution corresponding to  $t_n$ ,
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- ③  $\tau_n = t_n - t_{n-1}$  – current time step.
- ④  $S^1(\tilde{T}_{h,n})$  – the space of continuous piecewise linear finite element functions corresponding to  $\tilde{T}_{h,n}$

# Temporal error estimator

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$$\tilde{\eta}_h^n = \left\{ \sum_{K \in \tilde{\mathcal{T}}_{h,n}} h_K^\pi \| \tilde{R}_K + \Delta \tilde{u}_h^n \|_{0,\pi;K}^\pi + \sum_{E \in \tilde{\mathcal{E}}_{h,n}} h_E \| [n_E \cdot (\nabla \tilde{u}_h^n - \tilde{R}_E)]_E \|_{\pi;E}^\pi \right\}^{1/\pi} \quad (21)$$

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## ③ Edge residual

$$\tilde{R}_E = D \nabla (u_h^n - u_h^{n-1}) \quad (23)$$

## ④ $\tilde{u}_h^n$ – the unique solution of the auxiliary discrete Poisson problem.

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## Prescribe

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# Time and space adaptive algorithm

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## Step 5.

if  $E_T < TOL_{time,min}/(2T)$  then  $\tau^n := \delta_2 \tau^n$

# Why deal.II?

- Pretty good documentation!
- Edge residuals
- Coarsening (which Femlab is not capable of)
- different mesh smoothing strategies

# Parameter Values in Experiments

## Prescribe

### parameters for spatial adaptation:

- ①  $TOL_{space} = 10$
- ②  $TOL_{coarse} = 2.5$
- ③  $S_{space} = \text{fixed number } (r = .15, c = 0.)$
- ④  $M_{space} = \text{patch level 1}$

### parameters for time step regulation:

- ①  $TOL_{time,max} = 10$
- ②  $TOL_{time,min} = 3.7$
- ③  $\delta_1 = .5$
- ④  $\delta_2 = 2$

# Linear Test Equation

$$\partial_t u - \nabla^2 u = f(x, t) \quad \forall x = (x_1, x_2) \in \Omega \times (0, T] \quad (24)$$

$$u(t = 0) = u_0 \quad (25)$$

$$u\Big|_{\partial\Omega} = g \quad (26)$$

The inhomogeneity  $f$ , spatial domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ , final time  $T$ , initial condition  $u_0$  and boundary condition  $g$  are specified in the examples.

# Example 1 - Gaussian Clock

- Linear test equation
- Desired solution:

$$u(x, t) = e^{-h(x,t)} \quad (27)$$

$$h(x, t) = 5 [x_1 - 2 \cos(t)]^2 + [x_2 - 2 \sin(t)]^2 \quad (28)$$

- Equation data:

$$f = \partial_t u - \nabla^2 u$$

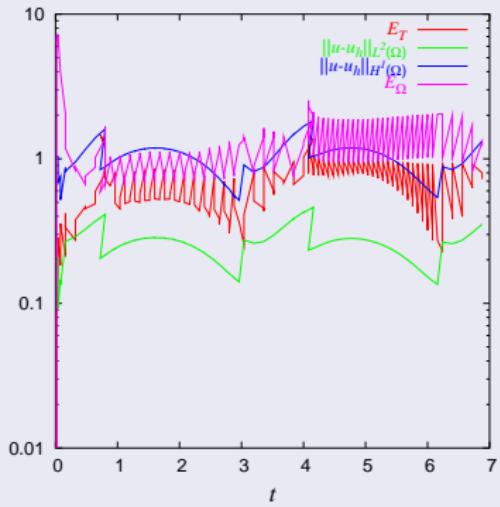
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$$g = u(x, t) \Big|_{\partial\Omega \times (0, T]}$$

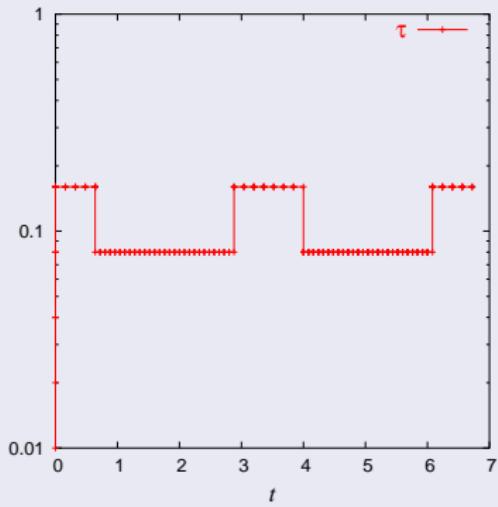
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# Example 1 - Solver Performance

Error history



Time step history



# Example 2 - Oscillating Gaussian

- Linear test equation
- Desired solution:

$$u(x, t) = e^{-h(x,t)} \quad (29)$$

$$h(x, t) = \sigma_1(t) [x_1 - 2 \cos(t)]^2 + \sigma_2(t) [x_2 - 2 \sin(t)]^2 \quad (30)$$

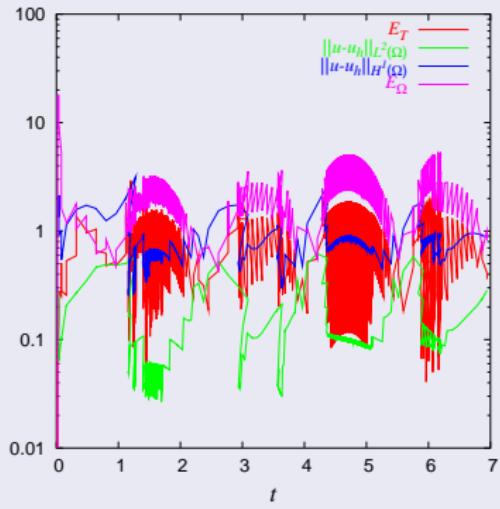
$$\sigma_1(t) = 10 [1.1 + \cos(4t)] \quad (31)$$

$$\sigma_2(t) = .75 [1.5 + .5 \sin(3t)] \quad (32)$$

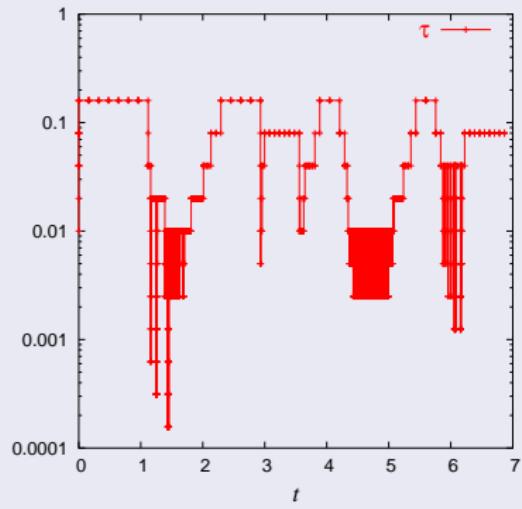
- Equation data:  
Analogously to Example 1.

# Example 2 - Solver Performance

Error history



Time step history



# Example 3 - Gaussian Clock quadratic elements

- Linear test equation
- Desired solution:

$$u(x, t) = e^{-h(x,t)} \quad (33)$$

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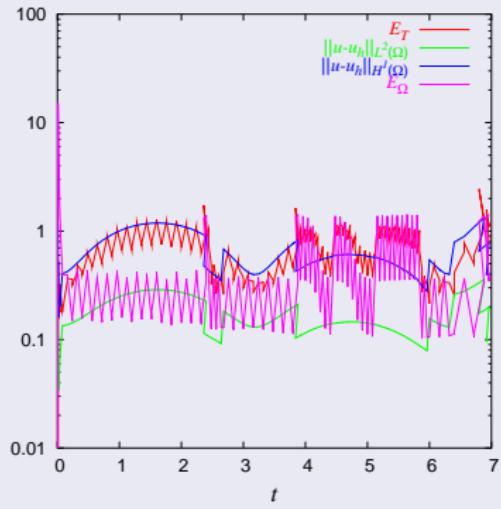
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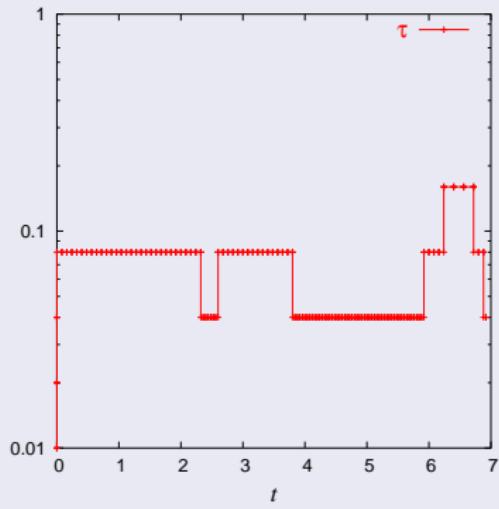
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Time step history



# Example 4 - Gaussian Clock cubic elements

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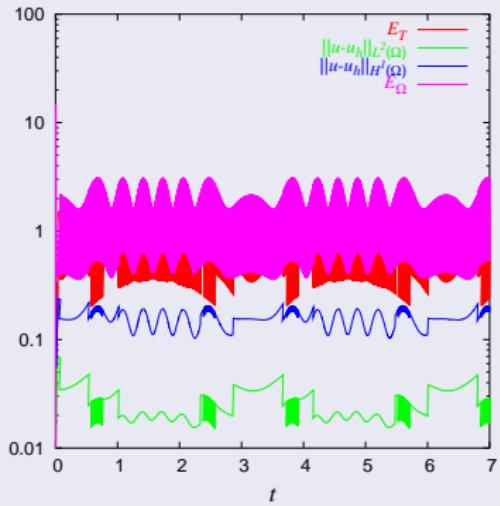
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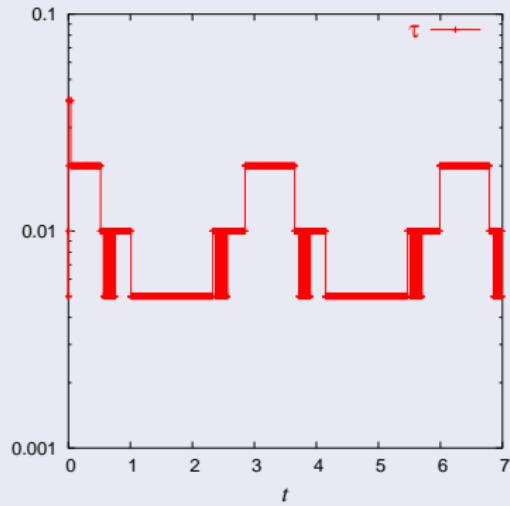
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# Example 4 - Solver Performance

Error history



Time step history



# Example 5 - Gaussian Clock cubic elements

- Linear test equation
- Desired solution:

$$u(x, t) = e^{-h(x,t)} \quad (37)$$

$$h(x, t) = 5 [x_1 - 2 \cos(t)]^2 + [x_2 - 2 \sin(t)]^2 \quad (38)$$

- Equation data:

$$f = \partial_t u - \nabla^2 u$$

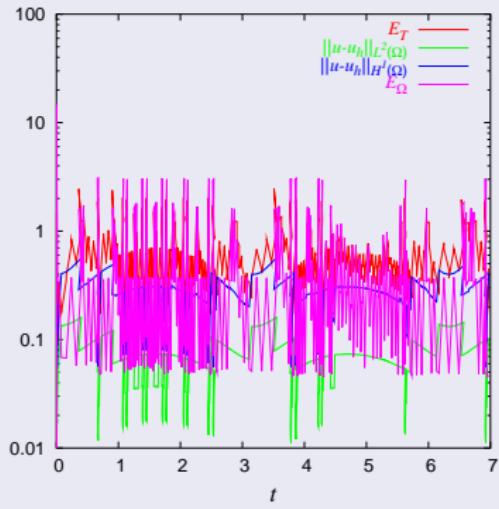
$$u_0 = u(x, 0)$$

$$g = u(x, t) \Big|_{\partial\Omega \times (0, T]}$$

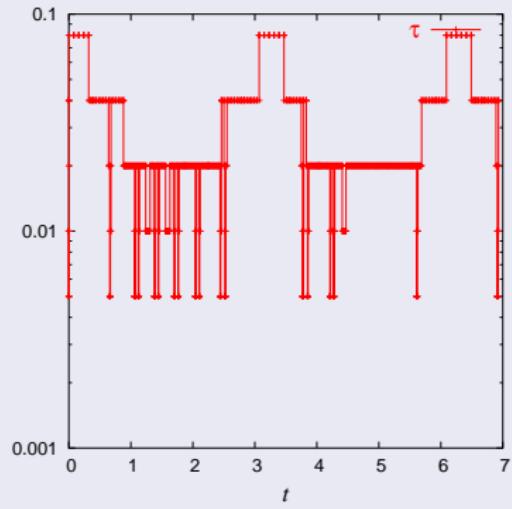
$$T = 7$$

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# Finally

Thank you for your attention!