Discontinuous Galerkin and Finite Difference Methods for the Acoustic Equations with Smooth Coefficients

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# M.A. work: DG vs FDPh.D. work: joint source and model inversion

Why DG?

- viable numerical method for forward modeling (discontinuous media)
- outperforms FD methods when using mesh aligning techniques for complex discontinuous media (Wang 2010)
- Why smooth media?
  - smooth trends in bulk modulus and density are observed in real data
  - relevant for seismic imaging, i.e., the inverse problem

Comparison between FD and DG in smooth media has not been done before ... as far as we are aware.

Limited comparison

- DG code is serial and in Matlab
- FD code is serial and in IWAVE (implemented in C)

What kind of comparison?

- counting FLOPs for a prescribed accuracy
- benefits to this type of comparison (hardware independent, and limits to FLOP rates)

Acoustic Equations (pressure-velocity form):

$$\rho(\mathbf{x})\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t}(\mathbf{x},t) + \nabla p(\mathbf{x},t) = 0$$
(1a)

$$\beta(\boldsymbol{x})\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{p}}{\partial t}(\boldsymbol{x},t) + \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{v}(\boldsymbol{x},t) = f(\boldsymbol{x},t)$$
(1b)

for 
$$\boldsymbol{x} = [\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y}]^T \in \Omega$$
 and  $t \in [0, T]$ ,

*p* = pressure

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$$\mathbf{v} = [\mathbf{v}_x, \mathbf{v}_y]^T = \text{velocity fields}$$

•  $\rho = \text{density}$ 

$$\beta = \text{compressibility} = 1/\kappa$$

**f**( $\boldsymbol{x}, t$ ) = source term

Considering homogeneous boundary and initial conditions.

2-2k staggered FD method applied to 2D acoustic wave equation in first order form:

$$(v_{x})_{i+\frac{1}{2}j}^{n+1} = (v_{x})_{i+\frac{1}{2}j}^{n} + \Delta t \frac{1}{(\rho)_{i+\frac{1}{2}j}} \left\{ -D_{x}^{h,(k)}(\rho)_{i+\frac{1}{2}j}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} \right\}$$
$$(v_{y})_{ij+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} = (v_{y})_{ij+\frac{1}{2}}^{n} + \Delta t \frac{1}{(\rho)_{ij+\frac{1}{2}}} \left\{ -D_{y}^{h,(k)}(\rho)_{ij+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} \right\}$$
$$(\rho)_{ij}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} = (\rho)_{ij}^{n-\frac{1}{2}} + \Delta t \frac{1}{(\beta)_{ij}} \left\{ -D_{x}^{h,(k)}(v_{x})_{ij}^{n} - D_{y}^{h,(k)}(v_{y})_{ij}^{n} + (f)_{ij}^{n} \right\},$$
where  $\rho_{ij}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} = \rho(ih, jh, (n+\frac{1}{2})\Delta t)$ , and  
 $D_{x}^{h,(k)}f(x_{0}) := \frac{1}{h}\sum_{n=1}^{k} a_{n}^{(k)} \left\{ f\left(x_{0} + \left(n - \frac{1}{2}\right)h\right) - f\left(x_{0} - \left(n - \frac{1}{2}\right)h\right) \right\}.$ 

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#### FD Methods: Staggered Grid FD



Figure 1: Staggered grid points for 2D acoustics.

#### DG Methods: Semi-Discrete Scheme

Define:

- $\mathcal{T}_h = \text{triangulation/mesh}$
- $\mathcal{W}_h$  = approximation space (piecewise polynomial)
- $\{\ell_i^{(\tau)}\}_{i=1}^{N^*}$  = local basis functions on triangle  $\tau \in \mathscr{T}_h$ , where  $N^* := \frac{1}{2}(N+1)(N+2)$  for polynomial order N (Lagrange polynomials)

From PDE to **strong formulation**: find  $p, v_x, v_y \in \mathcal{W}_h$  such that

$$\int_{\tau} \rho \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial t} w \, d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\tau} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} w \, d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\partial \tau} \hat{n}_x (p^* - p) w \, d\sigma = 0$$

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for all  $w \in \mathscr{W}_h$  and all  $\tau \in \mathscr{T}_h$ .

**Numerical flux**  $p^*$ : provides numerical stability and transmits information between elements (upwind flux)

#### DG Methods: Semi-Discrete Scheme

After introducing basis functions, solve for coefficients  $\mathbf{v}_{x}^{(\tau)}, \mathbf{v}_{y}^{(\tau)}, \mathbf{p}^{(\tau)} \implies$  Semi-discrete scheme:

$$\boldsymbol{M}[\boldsymbol{\rho}]\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{v}_{X}^{(\tau)}(t)+\boldsymbol{S}^{X}\mathbf{p}^{(\tau)}(t)+\sum_{\boldsymbol{e}\in\partial\tau}\hat{n}_{X}\boldsymbol{M}^{(\boldsymbol{e})}\left((\mathbf{p}^{(\boldsymbol{e})})^{*}-\mathbf{p}^{(\boldsymbol{e})}\right)(t)=0,$$

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for each  $\tau \in \mathscr{T}_h$ .

DG operators:

weighted mass matrix 
$$M[\omega]_{ij} := \int_{\tau} \omega \ell_i^{(\tau)} \ell_j^{(\tau)} d\mathbf{x}$$
, in  $\mathbb{R}^{N^* \times N^*}$   
edge mass matrix  $M^{(e)}_{ij} := \int_{e} \ell_i^{(\tau)} \ell_j^{(e)} d\sigma$ , in  $\mathbb{R}^{N^* \times (N+1)}$   
 $\alpha$ -stiffness matrix  $S^{\alpha}_{ij} := \int_{\tau} \ell_i^{(\tau)} \frac{\partial \ell_j^{(\tau)}}{\partial \alpha} d\mathbf{x}$ , in  $\mathbb{R}^{N^* \times N^*}$   
for  $\omega \in \{\rho, \beta\}$  and  $\alpha \in \{x, y\}$ .

### Numerical Experiments

- 2-2 and 2-4 FD staggered grid schemes; implemented in C, IWAVE (Symes et al., 2009)
- RK-DG with N = 2,4; implemented in Matlab (Hesthaven & Warburton, 2007)
  - considered upwind flux
  - considered quadrature-free and quadrature-based implementations
  - considered mesh refinement for lower velocity zones
  - triangular meshes
- Numerical results were compared to a highly discretized 2-4 FD solution (h = 0.5m, dt = 0.0442ms)
- Comparing FLOP count for achieving prescribed accuracy (RMS < 5%, max < 6%)</p>

#### Numerical Experiments: Defining Error

**Relative error:** 

$$E_h(\boldsymbol{x}_r) = \frac{\|\boldsymbol{\rho}_h(\boldsymbol{x}_r, \cdot) - \boldsymbol{\rho}(\boldsymbol{x}_r, \cdot)\|}{\|\boldsymbol{\rho}(\boldsymbol{x}_r, \cdot)\|},$$

with *p* is a high fidelity solution (2-4 FD with  $h_x = h_y = 0.5m$ ), where

$$\|\boldsymbol{p}(\boldsymbol{x}_r,\cdot)\| = \left(\sum_i |\boldsymbol{p}(\boldsymbol{x}_r,t_i)|^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Accuracy conditions:

 $RMS E_h(\boldsymbol{x}_r) < 5\%$  $\max E_h(\boldsymbol{x}_r) < 6\%$ 

#### Numerical Experiments

For all simulations:

**source term**  $f(\mathbf{x}, t) = \chi(\mathbf{x})\Psi(t)$ , where

$$\Psi(t) = \Psi(t; t_c, f_{peak}) =$$
Ricker wavelet  
 $\chi(\mathbf{x}) = \chi(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{x}_c, d_x) =$ cosine bump function

with  $f_{peak} = 10 \text{ Hz}$  and  $d_x = [50 \text{ m}, 50 \text{ m}]$ density is assumed to be constant,  $\rho = 2.3 \text{ g/cm}^3$ 



Figure 2: ( $\Leftarrow$ ) sample  $\Psi$ ; ( $\Rightarrow$ ) sample  $\chi$ .

## Numerical Experiments: Negative-Lens Velocity Model



Figure 3: ( $\Leftarrow$ ) Velocity model; ( $\Rightarrow$ ) traces of **p** 

#### Results: Negative-Lens Velocity Model

- discretization parameters (*dt*, *h*) tuned to satisfy accuracy conditions (*RMS* < 5%, *max* < 6%)</p>
- GPW =  $c_{min}/(f_{peak}h)$  [FD] or  $N \times c_{min}/(f_{peak}h)$  [DG]

	dt[ms]	h[m]	GPW	GFLOPs
FD 2-2	0.838	6	33.33	0.6296
FD 2-4	1.565	15	13.33	0.0820
no mesh ref.				
DG N=2, Q-free	1.003	40	10	19.72
DG N=2, with Q	0.963	60	6.66	7.72
DG N=4, Q-free	0.655	50	16	99.92
DG N=4, with Q	1.199	80	10	19.99
mesh ref.				
DG N=2, Q-free	0.983	80:40	10	7.44
DG N=2, with Q	0.852	100:50	8	3.61
DG N=4, Q-free	0.655	100:50	16	32.19
DG N=4, with Q	1.205	150:75	10.66	8.29

Table 1: Results for negative-lens test case.

#### Numerical Experiments: Mixed Model



Figure 4: ( $\Leftarrow$ ) velocity model; ( $\Rightarrow$ ) traces of **p** 

### Results: Mixed Model



Figure 5: Relative errors for mixed velocity model.

	dt[ms]	h[m]	GPW	GFLOPs
FD 2-2	0.742	6	33.33	1.4308
FD 2-4	1.130	8	25	0.7793
DG	1.038	112.5:56.25	14.22	25.68

Table 2: Results for mixed test case.

	hom.	linear	lens	mixed
GFLOP (DG/FD)	119	76	44	33

Table 3: Approximate GFLOP ratios between best of DG over FD, for each test case.

- smaller FLOP counts for quadrature vs quadrature-free DG
- overall FD methods yield smaller FLOP counts than DG, at the least by a factor of 33 for the mixed model test case

Overview:

- Goal of thesis is to compare DG and FD in the context of 2D acoustics, with smooth coefficients.
- Incorporated methodology for dealing with variable media (quadrature vs quadrature-free DG and mesh refinement).
- Limited comparison due to implementations of numerical methods (DG in Matlab and FD in C).
- Comparison is done by looking at FLOP counts.

On FLOP count ...

 20% ~ 30% peak machine performance<sup>1</sup> can be achieved for FD methods, via vectorization and cache optimization (*Zhou 2014*)

 $\Longrightarrow$  GFLOP count is a crude metric for computation time

$$T_{FD} = \frac{GFLOPs}{0.2 * GLFOPs/sec}$$
$$\implies T_{DG}/T_{FD} = \frac{33 * GFLOPs}{\varepsilon * GFLOPs/sec} / \frac{GFLOPs}{0.2 * GFLOPs/sec}$$
$$= 33 \frac{0.2}{\varepsilon} \ge 6.6$$

<sup>1</sup>Sandy Bridge Xeon E5-2660 processor

On accuracy condition ....

What if you want higher accuracy?

- recall, FD schemes were  $O(\Delta t^2)$  while RK-DG was  $O(\Delta t^4)$ ⇒ FD will not scale as well as RK-DG
- increase the time discretization (Lax-Wendroff schemes)
  - $\Longrightarrow$  expect increase in FLOP count for new FD methods
  - $\implies$  How will FD compare to RK-DG?

*Idea:* Joint source-model inversion, for anisotropic sources, via variable projection.

- source estimation and representation
  - an accurate estimation of source wavelet is crucial for the reconstruction of impedance profiles (Delprat & Lailly 2005)
  - anisotropy is real!
    - $p-\tau$  data set from Gulf of Mexico (Minkoff & Symes 1997)
- variable projection (VP) method (Golub & Pereyra 1973)
  - reduces dimensionality of problem while perserving global minimizer
  - better conditioned problem in most instances (Ruhe & Wedin 1980)
  - outperforms alternating direction and simultaneous descent (*Rickett 2013*)

Source representation: multipole-point-source approximation (Santosa & Symes 2000)

$$f_{j}(\boldsymbol{\eta},t) = \sum_{n=0}^{N} (-1)^{n} F_{j;k_{1}\cdots k_{n}}^{(n)}(t) \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta_{k_{1}}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta_{k_{n}}} \delta(\boldsymbol{\eta}-\boldsymbol{\eta}^{*})$$
$$\implies u_{i}(\boldsymbol{x},t) = \int dV(\boldsymbol{\eta}) f_{j}(\boldsymbol{\eta},t) * G_{ij}(\boldsymbol{x},t;\boldsymbol{\eta})$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{N} F_{j;k_{1}\cdots k_{n}}^{(n)}(t) * G_{ij,k_{1}\cdots k_{n}}(\boldsymbol{x},t;\boldsymbol{\eta}^{*})$$

where

$$G_{ij,k_1\cdots k_n}(\boldsymbol{x},t;\boldsymbol{\eta}^*) := \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta_{k_1}}\cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta_{k_n}}G_{ij}(\boldsymbol{x},t;\boldsymbol{\eta})\Big|_{\boldsymbol{\eta}=\boldsymbol{\eta}^*}$$

and  $\mathbf{F}^{(n)}$  is the *n*<sup>th</sup> degree force moment tensor, related to the seismic moment tensor from earthquake source representation.

#### Future Work (Ph.D.)

source paramters **f** (i.e.,  $\mathbf{F}^{(n)}$ ), model parameters *m* 

OLS Formulation: minimize J<sub>OLS</sub>[f, m],

$$J_{OLS}[\mathbf{f}, m] := \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r} \sum_{k} \left| u_{i_r}(\mathbf{x}_r, \omega_k) - d(\mathbf{x}_r, \omega_k) \right|^2$$
  
$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r} \sum_{k} \left| \sum_{n=0}^{N} F_{j;k_1 \cdots k_n}^{(n)}(\omega_k) G_{i_r j, k_1 \cdots k_n}(\mathbf{x}_r, \omega_k; \mathbf{\eta}^*) - d(\mathbf{x}_r, \omega_k) \right|^2$$
  
$$= \frac{1}{2} \left\| \mathbf{G}[m] \mathbf{f} - \mathbf{d} \right\|^2$$

#### **VP Formulation:** minimize $J_{VP}[m]$ ,

$$J_{VP}[m] := J_{OLS}[\mathbf{f}(m), m],$$

where

$$\mathbf{f}(m) := \underset{\mathbf{f}}{\operatorname{argmin}} J_{OLS}[\mathbf{f}, m].$$

#### **Questions:**

How difficult is the joint inversion problem, via VP method, in comparison to the non-reduced problem and the ideal case where source is known?

The key is in the Hessian? ...

Can source parameters be determined? Uniquely? Stably? What data do I need?

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