

A Roadmap to Well Posed and Stable Problems in Computational Physics

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Well posed problems

$$\begin{aligned}W_t + \mathcal{P}W &= \mathbf{F}, & \mathbf{x} \in \Omega, & \quad t \geq 0 \\ \mathcal{L}W &= \mathbf{g}, & \mathbf{x} \in \partial\Omega, & \quad t \geq 0 \\ W &= \mathbf{f}, & \mathbf{x} \in \Omega, & \quad t = 0\end{aligned}$$

Definition 1. The initial boundary value problem with $\mathbf{F}=\mathbf{g}=0$ is well posed if a unique smooth solution exists that satisfies the estimate

$$\|W(\cdot, t)\|_{\Omega}^2 \leq K_1^c(t) \|\mathbf{f}\|_{\Omega}^2$$

Definition 2. The initial boundary value problem is strongly well posed, if it is well-posed and satisfies

$$\|W(\cdot, t)\|_{\Omega}^2 \leq K_2^c(t) \left(\|\mathbf{f}\|_{\Omega}^2 + \int_0^t (\|\mathbf{F}(\cdot, \tau)\|_{\Omega}^2 + \|\mathbf{g}(\tau)\|_{\partial\Omega}^2) d\tau \right)$$

Stable problems

$$\begin{aligned}(W_j)_t + \mathcal{Q}W_j &= \mathbf{F}_j, & \mathbf{x}_j \in \Omega, & \quad t \geq 0 \\ \mathcal{M}W_j &= \mathbf{g}_j, & \mathbf{x}_j \in \partial\Omega, & \quad t \geq 0 \\ W_j &= \mathbf{f}_j, & \mathbf{x}_j \in \Omega, & \quad t = 0.\end{aligned}$$

Definition 3. The semi-discrete approximation with $\mathbf{F}_j = \mathbf{g}_j = 0$ is stable for every \mathbf{f}_j if the solution satisfies the estimate

$$\|W_j(t)\|_{\Omega_h}^2 \leq K_1^d(t) \|\mathbf{f}_j\|_{\Omega_h}^2$$

Definition 4. The semi-discrete approximation is strongly stable, if it is stable and satisfies

$$\|W_j(t)\|_{\Omega}^2 \leq K_2^d(t) \left(\|\mathbf{f}_j\|_{\Omega_h}^2 + \int_0^t (\|\mathbf{F}_j(\cdot, \tau)\|_{\Omega_h}^2 + \|\mathbf{g}_j(\tau)\|_{\partial\Omega_h}^2) d\tau \right)$$

Initial observation

- Well-posedness and Stability are similar concepts.
 - Energy estimates required in both.
 - Well-posedness additionally demand: uniqueness and existence.
- Should be possible to develop most of the theory on the continuous side.
 - Easier to work with the continuous problems.
 - When done, generalize to the discrete case.

Nonlinear vs linear theory

- The linear theory is complete.
 - An energy estimate bounds the solution.
 - Uniqueness and error estimates follows.
 - Existence is given by using a minimal number of boundary conditions.
- The theory for "almost linear" (smooth) nonlinear problems is complete.
 - The linearization and localisation principles
- The fully nonlinear theory is incomplete.
 - Energy (entropy) estimates bounds (maybe) the solution.
 - Uniqueness, error estimates and existence are generally not known.

Motivation and strategy

- Well-posedness of the continuous problem is a fundamental requirement in numerical calculations (otherwise, convergence to what?).
- Well-posedness depends almost only on the boundary/interface conditions.
- Discretization techniques on SBP- SAT form (FD, FEM, SEM, DG, FR) add technical difficulties, not fundamental ones.
- We focus on the PDE + boundary conditions and derive boundary procedures that lead to a well posed continuous problem.
- Energy stability for the discrete approximation will follow almost automatically.

The roadmap

1. **The symmetrization:** The energy method requires symmetric matrices such that Integration-By-Parts (IBP) can be performed.
2. **The continuous energy method:** By multiplying with the solution, integrating over the domain and using IBP, the energy rate involving an indefinite boundary term is obtained.
3. **The number of boundary conditions:** The number of boundary conditions is equal to the number of eigenvalues with negative sign in the boundary term.
4. **The form of the boundary conditions:** The variables that correspond to negative eigenvalues are specified in terms of the corresponding positive ones and data.
5. **The weak implementation:** The boundary conditions are imposed using penalty terms such that the boundary term becomes negative semi-definite for zero boundary data.
6. **The discrete approximation:** The problem is discretized using Summation-By-Parts (SBP) operators and penalty terms from the continuous problem.
7. **The discrete energy method:** Stability is proved by using the energy method and making sure that the discrete energy rate mimics the continuous one.

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1. The symmetrization

Take a non-symmetric system of equations

$$V_t + \tilde{A}V_x + \tilde{B}V_y + \tilde{C}V_z = \tilde{F}_x + \tilde{G}_y + \tilde{H}_z$$

Multiply with a symmetrizer S such that a symmetrized system is obtained:

$$U_t + \bar{A}U_x + \bar{B}U_y + \bar{C}U_z = \bar{F}_x + \bar{G}_y + \bar{H}_z$$

Choose S such that:

$$U = S^{-1}V, \bar{A} = S^{-1}\tilde{A}S, \bar{B} = S^{-1}\tilde{B}S, \bar{C} = S^{-1}\tilde{C}S \text{ and } \bar{D}_{ij} = S^{-1}\tilde{D}_{ij}S.$$

For more details, see: Abarbanel & Gottlieb JCP 1981

The prototype problem

$$\begin{aligned}
 U_t + \bar{A}U_x + \bar{B}U_y + \bar{C}U_z &= \bar{F}_x + \bar{G}_y + \bar{H}_z, & (x, y, z) \in \Omega, & \quad t \geq 0 \\
 HU &= g, & (x, y, z) \in \delta\Omega, & \quad t \geq 0 \\
 U &= f, & (x, y, z) \in \Omega, & \quad t = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 F &= D_{11}U_x + D_{12}U_y + D_{13}U_z \\
 G &= D_{21}U_x + D_{22}U_y + D_{23}U_z \\
 H &= D_{31}U_x + D_{32}U_y + D_{33}U_z
 \end{aligned}
 \quad
 D_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & X & X & X & X \\ 0 & X & X & X & X \\ 0 & X & X & X & X \\ 0 & X & X & X & X \end{bmatrix}
 \quad
 F, G, H = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ X \\ X \\ X \\ X \end{bmatrix}$$

An incompletely parabolic system of equations.

2. The continuous energy method

$$\|U\|_t^2 + 2DI_c = BT$$

$$DI_c = \int_{\Omega} \begin{bmatrix} U_x \\ U_y \\ U_z \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \bar{D}_{11} & \bar{D}_{12} & \bar{D}_{13} \\ \bar{D}_{21} & \bar{D}_{22} & \bar{D}_{23} \\ \bar{D}_{31} & \bar{D}_{32} & \bar{D}_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_x \\ U_y \\ U_z \end{bmatrix} dx dy dz > 0.$$

$$BT = - \oint_{\partial\Omega} U^T AU - 2U^T F ds$$

How do we choose the boundary operator H to bound BT ?

Blocking it up

$$BT = - \oint_{\partial\Omega} U^T A U - 2U^T F ds$$

$$\longrightarrow A = n_1 \tilde{A} + n_2 \tilde{B} + n_3 \tilde{C}, \quad F = n_1 \bar{F} + n_2 \bar{G} + n_3 \bar{H} \longleftarrow$$

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad F = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ F_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{12}^T & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$U^T A U - 2U^T F = \begin{bmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \\ F_2 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & 0 \\ A_{12}^T & A_{22} & -I \\ 0 & -I & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \\ F_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Indefinite

A rotation

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \\ F_2 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & 0 \\ A_{12}^T & A_{22} & -I \\ 0 & -I & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \\ F_2 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \end{bmatrix}^T R^T \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & 0 \\ A_{12}^T & A_{22} & -I \\ 0 & -I & 0 \end{bmatrix} R \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \tilde{A}_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -(\tilde{A}_{22})^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \end{bmatrix} &= R^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \\ F_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} U_1 + (A_{11})^{-1} A_{12} U_2 \\ U_2 - (\tilde{A}_{22})^{-1} F_2 \\ F_2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Block-diagonal to diagonal

$$\begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \tilde{A}_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -(\tilde{A}_{22})^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{A}_{22} = A_{22} - A_{12}^T (A_{11})^{-1} A_{12} \quad \tilde{A}_{22} = \tilde{A}_{22}^T \implies$$

$$A_{22} = X \Lambda_{22} X^T \text{ where } \Lambda_{22} = \text{diag}(\Lambda_{22}^+, \Lambda_{22}^-) \text{ and } X = [X_+, X_-]$$

$$BT = - \oint_{\delta\Omega} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ X_+^T w_2 \\ X_-^T w_2 \\ X_+^T w_3 \\ X_-^T w_3 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Lambda_{22}^+ & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \Lambda_{22}^- & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -(\Lambda_{22}^+)^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -(\Lambda_{22}^-)^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ X_+^T w_2 \\ X_-^T w_2 \\ X_+^T w_3 \\ X_-^T w_3 \end{bmatrix} ds$$

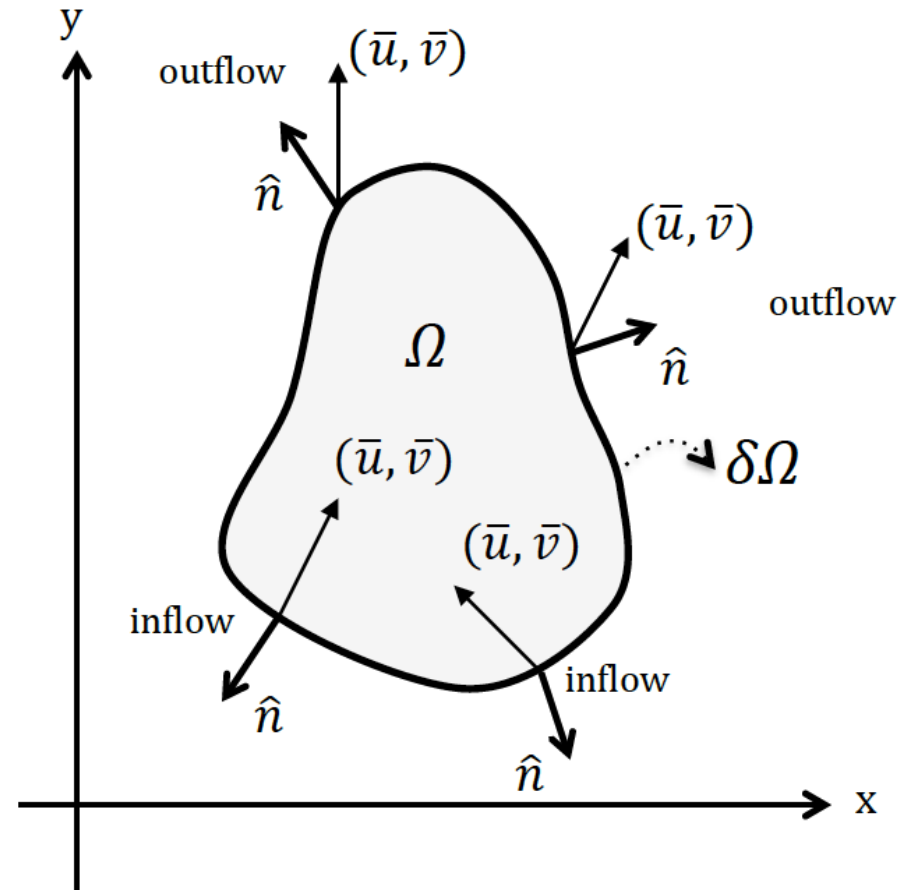
3. The number of boundary conditions

$$BT = - \oint_{\delta\Omega} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ X_+^T w_2 \\ X_-^T w_2 \\ X_+^T w_3 \\ X_-^T w_3 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Lambda_{22}^+ & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \Lambda_{22}^- & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -(\Lambda_{22}^+)^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -(\Lambda_{22}^-)^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ X_+^T w_2 \\ X_-^T w_2 \\ X_+^T w_3 \\ X_-^T w_3 \end{bmatrix} ds$$

- The number of boundary conditions is equal to the number of negative entries in A_{11} , Λ_{22}^+ and $-(\Lambda_{22}^-)^{-1}$
- That number varies only with A_{11} since the the total number of entries in Λ_{22}^+ and $-(\Lambda_{22}^-)^{-1}$ is constant and equal to the number of eigenvalues in \tilde{A}_{22} .
- The number depends on the original matrices in the problem.

The Navier-Stokes and Euler equations

- In the Navier-Stokes equations, $A_{11} = (\bar{u}, \bar{v}, \bar{w}) \cdot \hat{n}$ and the number of boundary conditions depends only on the direction of the flow,
- The fact that the number of boundary conditions is independent of the speed (sub or supersonic) of the flow is quite different from the case for the Euler equations.
- In the limit of infinite Reynolds numbers we get the number of boundary conditions for the Euler equations.



4. The form of the boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned}
 BT &= - \oint_{\delta\Omega} \begin{bmatrix} 1_+(\gamma^+)w_1 \\ X_+^T w_2 \\ X_-^T w_3 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \gamma^+ & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Lambda_{22}^+ & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -(\Lambda_{22}^-)^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1_+(\gamma^+)w_1 \\ X_+^T w_2 \\ X_-^T w_3 \end{bmatrix} ds \\
 &\quad - \oint_{\delta\Omega} \begin{bmatrix} 1_-(\gamma^-)w_1 \\ X_-^T w_2 \\ X_+^T w_3 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \gamma^- & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Lambda_{22}^- & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -(\Lambda_{22}^+)^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1_-(\gamma^-)w_1 \\ X_-^T w_2 \\ X_+^T w_3 \end{bmatrix} ds \\
 &= - \oint_{\delta\Omega} \begin{bmatrix} W^+ \\ W^- \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \Lambda^+ & 0 \\ 0 & \Lambda^- \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} W^+ \\ W^- \end{bmatrix} ds
 \end{aligned}$$

Specify the variables that can cause growth

$$\|U\|_t^2 + 2DI_c = - \oint_{\delta\Omega} \begin{bmatrix} W^+ \\ W^- \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \Lambda^+ & 0 \\ 0 & \Lambda^- \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} W^+ \\ W^- \end{bmatrix} ds.$$

Proposition 1. The general form of the boundary condition that bound BT and lead to well-posedness is

$$W^- = RW^+ + g$$

R is a matrix with the number of rows equal to the number of boundary conditions and g is given boundary data.

In terms of the original formulation, we have:

$$HU = (H^- - RH^+)U, \quad H^-U = W^-, \quad H^+U = W^+$$

Remark: The boundary operator H depends on the original matrices in the problem.

Strong homogeneous boundary conditions

$$\|U\|_t^2 + 2DI_c = - \oint_{\delta\Omega} (W^+)^T (R^T \Lambda^- R + \Lambda^+) (W^+) ds$$

Proof of Proposition 1: *The right-hand-side is bounded if R such that*

$$R^T \Lambda^- R + \Lambda^+ \geq 0$$

Remark: *For strongly imposed boundary conditions, some variables are replaced. Here for example only W^+ is present.*

5. The weak implementation

$$\|U\|_t^2 + 2DI_c = - \oint_{\delta\Omega} \begin{bmatrix} W^+ \\ W^- \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \Lambda^+ & 0 \\ 0 & \Lambda^- \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} W^+ \\ W^- \end{bmatrix} \\ + U^T \Sigma (W^- - RW^+) + (U^T \Sigma (W^- - RW^+))^T ds$$

Introduce Σ such that $\Sigma = (H^-)^T \Lambda^- \implies$

$$\|U\|_t^2 + 2DI_c = - \oint_{\delta\Omega} (W^+)^T (R^T \Lambda^- R + \Lambda^+) (W^+) ds \\ + \oint_{\delta\Omega} (W^- - RW^+)^T \Lambda^- (W^- - RW^+) ds$$

Proof of Proposition 1. *The right-hand-side is bounded.*

Weak homogeneous boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned}\|U\|_t^2 + 2DI_c = & - \oint_{\delta\Omega} (W^+)^T (R^T \Lambda^- R + \Lambda^+) (W^+) \\ & + \oint_{\delta\Omega} (W^- - RW^+)^T \Lambda^- (W^- - RW^+) ds\end{aligned}$$

Remark: The weak imposition of boundary conditions produces the strong energy estimate with an additional damping term.

Remark: For weakly imposed boundary conditions, all variables are kept and present in the energy estimate.

Strong non-homogeneous boundary conditions

$$\|U\|_t^2 + 2DI_c = - \oint_{\delta\Omega} \begin{bmatrix} W^+ \\ g \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} R^T \Lambda^- R + \Lambda^+ & R^T \Lambda^- \\ \Lambda^- R & \Lambda^- \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} W^+ \\ g \end{bmatrix} ds$$

Add and subtract $g^T G g$ where G is a positive definite bounded matrix

$$\begin{aligned} \|U\|_t^2 + 2DI_c = & - \oint_{\delta\Omega} \begin{bmatrix} W^+ \\ g \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} R^T \Lambda^- R + \Lambda^+ & R^T \Lambda^- \\ \Lambda^- R & G \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} W^+ \\ g \end{bmatrix} ds \\ & + \oint_{\delta\Omega} g^T (G + |\Lambda^-|) g ds. \end{aligned}$$

We have an estimate in terms of data if:

$$G \geq (\Lambda^- R)(R^T \Lambda^- R + \Lambda^+)^{-1}(\Lambda^- R)^T \quad R^T \Lambda^- R + \Lambda^+ > 0$$

Weak non-homogeneous boundary conditions

$$\|U\|_t^2 + 2DI_c = - \oint_{\delta\Omega} \begin{bmatrix} W^+ \\ W^- \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \Lambda^+ & 0 \\ 0 & \Lambda^- \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} W^+ \\ W^- \end{bmatrix} ds$$

$$+ \oint_{\delta\Omega} U^T \Sigma (W^- - RW^+ - g) + (U^T \Sigma (W^- - RW^+ - g))^T ds$$

Introduce $\Sigma = (H^-)^T \Lambda^- \Rightarrow$

$$\|U\|_t^2 + 2DI_c = - \oint_{\delta\Omega} \begin{bmatrix} W^+ \\ W^- \\ g \end{bmatrix}^T \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \Lambda^+ & R^T \Lambda^- & 0 \\ \Lambda^- R & -\Lambda^- & \Lambda^- \\ 0 & \Lambda^- & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_M \begin{bmatrix} W^+ \\ W^- \\ g \end{bmatrix} ds$$

Weak non-homogeneous boundary conditions

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} -R^T \Lambda^- R & R^T \Lambda^- & -R^T \Lambda^- \\ \Lambda^- R & -\Lambda^- & \Lambda^- \\ -\Lambda^- R & \Lambda^- & -\Lambda^- \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} R^T \Lambda^- R + \Lambda^+ & 0 & R^T \Lambda^- \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \Lambda^- R & 0 & G \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -G + \Lambda^- \end{bmatrix}$$

The second and third matrices OK from strong analysis. Must make sure that the first matrix is positive semi-definite.

$$\begin{bmatrix} -R^T \Lambda^- R & R^T \Lambda^- & -R^T \Lambda^- \\ \Lambda^- R & -\Lambda^- & \Lambda^- \\ -\Lambda^- R & \Lambda^- & -\Lambda^- \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I \end{bmatrix}^T (C_0 \otimes \Lambda^-) \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I \end{bmatrix}, \quad C_0 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & +1 & -1 \\ +1 & -1 & +1 \\ -1 & +1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

C_0 has eigenvalues $(-3, 0, 0)$ and hence the first matrix is positive semi-definite.

Weak non-homogeneous boundary conditions

The rest term due to the first matrix (the deviation from the strong case) is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{R} &= - \oint_{\delta\Omega} \begin{bmatrix} W^+ \\ W^- \\ g \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I \end{bmatrix}^T (C_0 \otimes \Lambda^-) \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} W^+ \\ W^- \\ g \end{bmatrix} ds \\
 &= - \oint_{\delta\Omega} \begin{bmatrix} RW^+ \\ W^- \\ g \end{bmatrix}^T (X \Gamma X^T \otimes \Lambda^-) \begin{bmatrix} RW^+ \\ W^- \\ g \end{bmatrix} ds \\
 &= - \oint_{\delta\Omega} \begin{bmatrix} W^- - RW^+ - g \\ RW^+ + W^- \\ RW^+ - W^- + 2g \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \otimes \Lambda^- \begin{bmatrix} W^- - RW^+ - g \\ RW^+ + W^- \\ RW^+ - W^- + 2g \end{bmatrix} ds \\
 &= + \oint_{\delta\Omega} (W^- - RW^+ - g)^T \Lambda^- (W^- - RW^+ - g) ds \leq 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Strong and weak non-homogeneous boundary conditions

The results for the homogeneous cases generalize to the non-homogeneous cases. However, we must strengthen the condition on R to

$$R^T \Lambda^- R + \Lambda^+ > 0$$

Remark: The weak imposition of boundary conditions produces the strong energy estimate with an additional damping term.

Differences and similarities between weak and strong boundary conditions

- For strongly imposed boundary conditions, some variables are replaced in the energy estimate.
- For weakly imposed boundary conditions, all variables are present in the energy estimate.
- Weak boundary conditions produce strong energy estimates with an additional damping term.

6. The discrete approximation

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_t &+ (D_x \otimes I_y \otimes I_z \otimes A)V + (I_x \otimes D_y \otimes I_z \otimes B)V + (I_x \otimes I_y \otimes D_z \otimes C)V \\
 &= (D_x \otimes I_y \otimes I_z \otimes I_M)F + (I_x \otimes D_y \otimes I_z \otimes I_M)G + (I_x \otimes I_y \otimes D_z \otimes I_M)H \\
 &+ \frac{(E_N P_x^{-1} \Sigma \otimes I_y \otimes I_z \otimes I_M)((\tilde{H}^+ - \tilde{R}\tilde{H}^-)V - e_{N_x} \otimes g)}{f}. \\
 V(0) &= f.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{F} &= (\tilde{I} \otimes \bar{D}_{11})V_x + (\tilde{I} \otimes \bar{D}_{12})V_y + (\tilde{I} \otimes \bar{D}_{13})V_z \\
 \tilde{G} &= (\tilde{I} \otimes \bar{D}_{21})V_x + (\tilde{I} \otimes \bar{D}_{22})V_y + (\tilde{I} \otimes \bar{D}_{23})V_z \\
 \tilde{H} &= (\tilde{I} \otimes \bar{D}_{31})V_x + (\tilde{I} \otimes \bar{D}_{32})V_y + (\tilde{I} \otimes \bar{D}_{33})V_z, \\
 \tilde{I} &= (I_x \otimes I_y \otimes I_z)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$V_x = (D_x \otimes I_y \otimes I_z \otimes I_M)V,$$

$$V_y = (I_x \otimes D_y \otimes I_z \otimes I_M)V,$$

$$V_z = (I_x \otimes I_y \otimes D_z \otimes I_M)V.$$

With the weak
penalty term at
 $x=1, i=N$.

7. The discrete energy method

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \|V\|_{P_{xyz}}^2 + 2DI_d = & - \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{W}^+ \\ \tilde{W}^- \end{bmatrix}_N^T \left(P_{yz} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} \Lambda^+ & 0 \\ 0 & \Lambda^- \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{W}^+ \\ \tilde{W}^- \end{bmatrix}_N \\ & + V^T \tilde{\Sigma} (E_N \otimes P_y \otimes P_z \otimes I_M) (\tilde{W}^- - \tilde{R} \tilde{W}^+) \\ & + (\tilde{W}^- - \tilde{R} \tilde{W}^+)^T (E_N \otimes P_y \otimes P_z \otimes I_M) \tilde{\Sigma}^T V \end{aligned}$$

$$\|V\|_{P_{xyz}}^2 = V^T (P_x \otimes P_y \otimes P_z \otimes I_M) V$$

$$DI_d = \begin{bmatrix} V_x \\ V_y \\ V_z \end{bmatrix}^T P_{xyz} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{I} \otimes \bar{D}_{11} & \tilde{I} \otimes \bar{D}_{12} & \tilde{I} \otimes \bar{D}_{13} \\ \tilde{I} \otimes \bar{D}_{21} & \tilde{I} \otimes \bar{D}_{22} & \tilde{I} \otimes \bar{D}_{23} \\ \tilde{I} \otimes \bar{D}_{31} & \tilde{I} \otimes \bar{D}_{32} & \tilde{I} \otimes \bar{D}_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_x \\ V_y \\ V_z \end{bmatrix} > 0$$

Weak homogeneous boundary conditions

The "continuous" choice $\Sigma = (H^-)^T (I \otimes \Lambda^-) \implies$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \|V\|_{P_{xyz}}^2 + 2DI_d = & -(\tilde{W}_N^+)^T (P_{yz} \otimes (R^T \Lambda^- R + \Lambda^+)) (\tilde{W}_N^+) \\ & + (\tilde{W}_N^- - R\tilde{W}_N^+)^T (P_{yz} \otimes \Lambda^-) (\tilde{W}_N^- - R\tilde{W}_N^+) \end{aligned}$$

Compare with the continuous estimate.

$$\begin{aligned} \|U\|_t^2 + 2DI_c = & - \oint_{\delta\Omega} (W^+)^T (R^T \Lambda^- R + \Lambda^+) (W^+) ds \\ & + \oint_{\delta\Omega} (W^- - RW^+)^T \Lambda^- (W^- - RW^+) ds \end{aligned}$$

Remark: *The same result as in the continuous case, with an additional term that adds a small amount of dissipation.*

Weak non-homogeneous boundary conditions

All the results generalize: $\Sigma = (H^-)^T (I \otimes \Lambda^-) \implies$

Proposition 2. The semi-discrete approximation with weak homogeneous or non-homogeneous boundary conditions and the same penalty matrix as in the continuous case, is stable or strongly stable.

Remark: The discrete estimates mimic the continuous ones term by term, and the approximations are stable. This implies strict stability, i.e. the discrete energy grows or decays with the same rate as the continuous one.

Remark:.. The derivation in the weak cases is completely analogous to the continuous derivation. Both the boundary conditions and the penalty matrix are already derived.

Summary and conclusions

- We have provided "A Roadmap for Well Posed and Stable Problems in Computational Physics".
- It is valid for most (if not all) problems in computational physics.
- The general boundary conditions lead to strongly well posed problems both for the weak and strong imposition.
- The well-posedness analysis lead directly to energy-stability of numerical approximations on SBP-SAT form.
- The key to a good numerical method is knowledge of well-posedness of the PDE!