

Problem Set 5

(Out Thu 11/11/2010, Due Tue 11/30/2010)

Problem 11

Consider (again) the steady-state convection-diffusion equation

$$-\varepsilon u_{xx} + u_x = 1$$

in $] -1, 1[$ with $u(-1) = 0 = u(1)$.

- (1) Write a spectral code based on Chebyshev points that approximates the solution. Test your code for $\varepsilon \in \{10^{-1}, 10^{-2}, 10^{-3}, 10^{-4}, 10^{-5}\}$, and show for each value of ε the error convergence. Give sufficient attention to small numbers of grid points, and explain the observed error behavior as the resolution increases.
- (2) Design a scheme for this problem that is spectrally accurate, and works with a small number of grid points even for $\varepsilon \leq 10^{-5}$.

Problem 12

Write a finite difference method for the Stokes problem

$$\begin{cases} -\nabla^2 \vec{u} + \nabla p = \vec{f} & \text{in } \Omega \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \\ \vec{u} = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$

where $\Omega =]0, 1[^2$. Use your code to compute the velocity fields for the following force fields

- (1) $\vec{f}(\vec{x}) = (\vec{x} - \vec{x}_0) \exp(-50\|\vec{x} - \vec{x}_0\|^2)$, where $\vec{x}_0 = (0.4, 0.3)$.
- (2) $\vec{f}(\vec{x}) = (0, x_1(1 - x_1))$
- (3) $\vec{f}(\vec{x}) = (x_1(1 - x_1), 0)$ (Here, be careful to interpret the results correctly.)

Feel free to use the code `mit18086_navierstokes.m` as a starting point.