

# Guaranteed and robust a posteriori error estimator for a singularly perturbed problem

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# Outline

- ▶ Diffusion reaction problem:  $-\Delta u + \kappa^2 u = f$  in  $\Omega$   
 $u = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega$
- ▶ Finite elements:  $u_h \in V_h$
- ▶ A posteriori error estimator:  $e = u - u_h$ 
  - ▶ Guaranteed upper bound:  $\|e\| \leq \eta$
  - ▶ Robust:  $\exists C > 0, C \neq C(h, \kappa) : C\eta \leq \|e\|$

	upper bound	no constant	local (fast)	robust
Equlib res (1993)	-	+	+	-
Robust flux (1999)	-	+	+	+
Err majorant (1997)	+	-	-	+
NEW	+	+	+	+

# Model Problem

- ▶ Classical formulation:  $\kappa = \text{const.} > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta u + \kappa^2 u &= f && \text{in } \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \\ u &= 0 && \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Weak formulation:

$$V = H_0^1(\Omega), \quad B(u, v) = \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx + \int_{\Omega} \kappa^2 u v \, dx$$

$$u \in V : \quad B(u, v) = \int_{\Omega} fv \, dx \quad \forall v \in V$$

- ▶ Linear triangular FEM:

$$V_h = \{v_h \in V : v_h|_K \in P^1(K), K \in \mathcal{T}_h\}$$

$$u_h \in V_h : \quad B(u_h, v_h) = \int_{\Omega} fv_h \, dx \quad \forall v_h \in V_h$$

# Local Neumann Problems

- ▶  $e = u - u_h$
- ▶ Residual equation:  $e \in V :$

$$B(e, v) = \int_{\Omega} fv \, dx - B(u_h, v) \quad \forall v \in V$$

- ▶ Local Neumann problem:  $\varepsilon_K \in V(K) :$

$$B_K(\varepsilon_K, v) = \int_K fv \, dx - B_K(u_h, v) + \int_{\partial K} g_K v \, ds \quad \forall v \in V(K)$$

- ▶  $V(K) = \{v \in H^1(K) : v = 0 \text{ on } \partial K \cap \partial \Omega\} \quad K \in \mathcal{T}_h$

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# Properties of $\varepsilon_K$

**Theorem 1:** If  $g_K|_\gamma + g_{K^*}|_\gamma = 0$  for  $\gamma = \partial K \cap \partial K^*$

$$\text{then } \|e\|^2 \leq \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \|\varepsilon_K\|_K^2.$$

**Notation:**  $\|v\|^2 = B(v, v)$        $\|v\|_K^2 = B_K(v, v)$

**Proof:**  $e = u - u_h$

$$\begin{aligned} B(e, v) &= \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \left( \int_K fv \, dx - B_K(u_h, v) + \int_{\partial K} g_K v \, ds \right) \\ &= \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} B_K(\varepsilon_K, v) \leq \left( \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \|\varepsilon_K\|_K^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \|v\| \end{aligned}$$

□

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**Theorem 2:** If  $g_K = \partial u / \partial \mathbf{n}_K$  then  $\|e\|^2 = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \|\varepsilon_K\|_K^2$ .

**Proof:**

►  $\kappa^2 > 0 \Rightarrow u = \varepsilon_K + u_h$

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►  $\kappa^2 = 0 \Rightarrow u = \varepsilon_K + u_h + C_K$  and  $\|u - u_h\|_K = \|\varepsilon_K\|_K$



# Construction of fluxes $g_K$

Exists fast algorithm [M. Ainsworth, I. Babuška 1999]:

- ▶  $g_K|_\gamma + g_{K^*}|_\gamma = 0$
- ▶  $g_K|_\gamma \in P^1(\gamma), \quad \gamma \subset \partial K, \quad K \in \mathcal{T}_h,$
- ▶ robust

$$\|\varepsilon_K\|_K \preceq \|e\|_{\tilde{K}} + \min(h_K, \kappa^{-1}) \|f - \Pi f\|_{L^2(\tilde{K})}$$

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$$\|e\|^2 \leq \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \|\varepsilon_K\|_K^2 \leq \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \eta_K^2(\mathbf{y}_K)$$

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- **Theorem 3:** If  $\mathbf{y}_K = \nabla(u_h + \varepsilon_K)$  then  $\|\varepsilon_K\|_K = \eta_K(\mathbf{y}_K)$ .
- Proof:
  - $f - \kappa^2 u_h + \operatorname{div} \mathbf{y}_K = f - \kappa^2 u_h + \Delta(u_h + \varepsilon_K) = \kappa^2 \varepsilon_K$
  - $\mathbf{y}_K - \nabla u_h = \nabla \varepsilon_K$

□

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# Choice of $\mathbf{y}_K$

(a)  $\mathbf{y}_K$  uniquely given by  $g_K$ :

- ▶  $g_K|_\gamma \in P^1(\gamma) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \exists! \bar{\mathbf{y}}_K \in [P^1(K)]^2 : \bar{\mathbf{y}}_K \cdot \mathbf{n}_K = g_K$

(b) Minimize  $\eta_K^2(\mathbf{y}_K)$  over  $\mathbf{W}^2(K) \subset \mathbf{H}(\text{div}, K)$

- ▶  $\mathbf{W}^2(K) := \bar{\mathbf{y}}_K + \mathbf{W}_0^2(K)$

- ▶  $\mathbf{W}_0^2(K) := \{ \mathbf{y} \in [P^2(K)]^2 : \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{n}_K = 0 \text{ on } \partial K \setminus \partial\Omega \}$

- ▶  $B^*(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{w}) := \int_K \operatorname{div} \mathbf{y} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{w} dx + \int_K \kappa^2 \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{w} dx$

- ▶  $\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_K = \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_K^0 + \bar{\mathbf{y}}_K, \quad \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_K^0 \in \mathbf{W}_0^2(K)$

- ▶ Find  $\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_K^0 \in \mathbf{W}_0^2(K)$ :

$$B^*(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_K^0 + \bar{\mathbf{y}}_K, \mathbf{w}) = - \int_K f \operatorname{div} \mathbf{w} dx \quad \forall \mathbf{w} \in \mathbf{W}_0^2(K)$$

# Robustness for $\kappa \rightarrow \infty$

## Theorem 4:

$f \in L^\infty(\Omega)$ ,  $\nabla \varepsilon_K \in H(\text{div}, K)$ , regular family of triangulations  
 $\Rightarrow \exists C > 0$  (independent of  $h$  and  $\kappa$ ):

$$\eta_K^2(\bar{\mathbf{y}}_K) \leq C \left[ \|\varepsilon_K\|_K^2 + \kappa^{-2} + \min(h^{-4}\kappa^{-4}, h^3\kappa^{-1}) \right]$$

**Remark:** If  $\kappa \rightarrow \infty$ :  $\|e\|^2 \simeq \sum_K \|\varepsilon_K\|_K^2 \simeq \kappa^{-2}$

$$\Rightarrow I_{\text{eff}}^2 = \frac{\eta^2(\bar{\mathbf{y}})}{\|e\|^2} \simeq \frac{\eta^2(\bar{\mathbf{y}})}{\kappa^{-2}} \preceq 1 + \min(h^{-4}\kappa^{-2}, h^3\kappa)$$

# Data oscillations

$$\|\varepsilon_K\|_K^2 \leq \left( \left\| \frac{1}{\kappa} (\bar{f}_K - \kappa^2 u_h + \operatorname{div} \mathbf{y}_K) \right\|_{0,K} + \operatorname{osc}_K(f) \right)^2 \\ + \left( \|\mathbf{y}_K - \nabla u_h\|_{0,K} + \operatorname{osc}_K(f) \right)^2 \equiv (\eta_K^{\text{osc}}(\mathbf{y}_K))^2$$

$$\operatorname{osc}_K(f) = \min(h_K/\pi, \kappa^{-1}) \|f - \bar{f}_K\|_{0,K}$$

(a)  $\bar{f}_K \in P^0(K) : \quad \int_K (f - \bar{f}_K) \bar{v} = 0 \quad \forall \bar{v} \in P^0(K)$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \bar{f}_K = |K|^{-1} \int_K f \, dx$$

(b)  $\bar{f}_K \in P^1(K) : \quad \int_K (f - \bar{f}_K) \bar{v} = 0 \quad \forall \bar{v} \in P^1(K)$

# Numerical examples

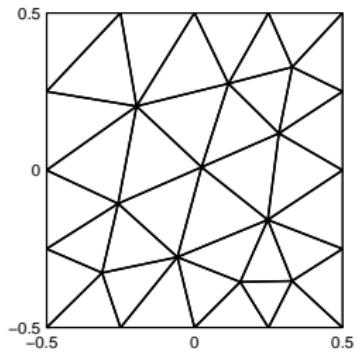
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## Example (A)

$$\Omega = (-1/2, 1/2)^2$$

$$f = \cos(\pi x) \cos(\pi y)$$

$$u = \frac{\cos(\pi x) \cos(\pi y)}{\pi^2 + \kappa^2}$$

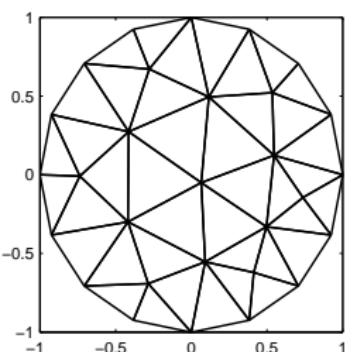


## Example (B)

$$\Omega = \{(x, y) : r < 1\}$$

$$f = 1 \quad r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$u = \frac{1}{\kappa^2} \left( 1 - \frac{I_0(\kappa r)}{I_0(\kappa)} \right)$$



# Results – $I_{\text{eff}}$

$\eta_K(\bar{\mathbf{y}}_K) \dots$  linear  $\bar{\mathbf{y}}_K$

Example (A)

$\kappa$	no osc	const osc	linear osc
0	3.78	1.73	3.80
$10^{-3}$	3513.02	1.73	3478.19
$10^{-2}$	351.31	1.73	347.86
$10^{-1}$	35.16	1.73	34.85
1	3.78	1.79	3.80
10	1.60	4.68	1.85
$10^2$	1.52	10.30	2.14
$10^3$	1.37	10.51	2.00
$10^4$	1.35	10.51	1.99
$10^5$	1.35	10.50	1.98
$10^6$	1.35	10.50	1.98

Example (B)

$\kappa$	no osc
0	—
$10^{-3}$	1.05
$10^{-2}$	1.05
$10^{-1}$	1.05
1	1.14
10	1.85
$10^2$	1.64
$10^3$	1.66
$10^4$	1.67
$10^5$	1.67
$10^6$	1.67

# Results – $I_{\text{eff}}$

$\eta_K(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_K) \dots$  quadratic  $\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_K$ , minimization

Example (A)

$\kappa$	no osc	const osc	linear osc
0	1.46	1.73	1.42
$10^{-3}$	493.75	1.72	1.41
$10^{-2}$	49.39	1.72	1.41
$10^{-1}$	5.12	1.72	1.41
1	1.46	1.75	1.42
10	1.49	4.14	1.75
$10^2$	1.24	10.24	1.86
$10^3$	1.17	10.39	1.79
$10^4$	1.17	10.38	1.78
$10^5$	1.17	10.38	1.78
$10^6$	1.17	10.38	1.78

Example (B)

$\kappa$	no osc
0	—
$10^{-3}$	1.05
$10^{-2}$	1.05
$10^{-1}$	1.05
1	1.05
10	1.54
$10^2$	1.37
$10^3$	1.41
$10^4$	1.42
$10^5$	1.42
$10^6$	1.42

# Conclusions



$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta u + \kappa^2 u &= f && \text{in } \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \\ u &= 0 && \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{aligned}$$

$$|u - u_h|^2 \leq \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \left( \left\| \frac{1}{\kappa} (f - \kappa^2 u_h + \operatorname{div} \mathbf{y}_K) \right\|_{0,K}^2 + \|\mathbf{y}_K - \nabla u_h\|_{0,K}^2 \right)$$

- ▶ No constants
- ▶ Completely computable
- ▶ Guaranteed upper bound
- ▶ Elementwise local
- ▶ Robust for  $\kappa \rightarrow \infty, \kappa \rightarrow 0, h \rightarrow 0$

Thank you for your attention

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