

# Variational discretization of PDE constrained optimal control problems with measure controls

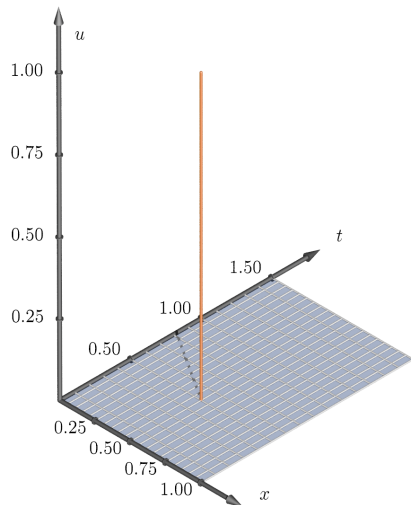
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# Motivation

**Goal: preserve sparsity  
on the discrete level**



# Problem formulation

Parabolic control problem (from [2])

$$\min_{(u_0, u) \in \mathcal{M}(\bar{\Omega}_c) \times \mathcal{M}(\bar{Q}_c)} J(u_0, u) = \frac{1}{q} \|y - y_d\|_{L^q(Q)}^q + \alpha \|u\|_{\mathcal{M}(\bar{Q}_c)} + \beta \|u_0\|_{\mathcal{M}(\bar{\Omega}_c)}, \quad (P)$$

where  $y$  solves the state equation:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t y - \Delta y & = u & \text{in } Q = \Omega \times (0, T) \\ y(x, 0) & = u_0 & \text{in } \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d \\ y(x, t) & = 0 & \text{on } \Sigma = \Gamma \times (0, T) \end{cases}$$

Theorem ([2, Theorem 2.7])

*Problem (P) has at least one solution  $(\bar{u}, \bar{u}_0) \in \mathcal{M}(\bar{Q}_c) \times \mathcal{M}(\bar{\Omega}_c)$  for every  $1 \leq q < \min\left\{2, \frac{d+2}{d}\right\}$ . If  $q > 1$  the solution is unique.*

[2] Casas, E., & Kunisch, K. (2016)

# Problem formulation

## Optimality conditions

Theorem ([2, Theorem 3.1])

Let  $(\bar{u}, \bar{u}_0)$  denote a solution to (P) with associated state  $\bar{y}$ . Then there exists an element  $w \in L^2(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega)) \cap C(\bar{Q})$  satisfying

$$\begin{cases} -\partial_t w - \Delta w & = \bar{g} & \text{in } Q, \\ w(x, T) & = 0 & \text{in } \Omega, \\ w(x, t) & = 0 & \text{on } \Sigma, \end{cases}$$

where

$$\bar{g} \begin{cases} = |\bar{y} - y_d|^{q-2} (\bar{y} - y_d) & , \text{ if } 1 < q < \min \left\{ 2, \frac{d+2}{d} \right\}, \\ \in \text{sign}(\bar{y} - y_d) & , \text{ if } q = 1. \end{cases}$$

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[2] Casas, E., & Kunisch, K. (2016)

# Problem formulation

## Optimality conditions

Theorem (continued)

$w$  also fulfills:

$$\begin{cases} \int_{\bar{Q}_c} w \, d\bar{u} + \alpha \|\bar{u}\|_{\mathcal{M}(\bar{Q}_c)} = 0, \\ \|w\|_{\mathcal{C}(\bar{Q}_c)} \begin{cases} = \alpha & , \text{ if } \bar{u} \neq 0, \\ \leq \alpha & , \text{ if } \bar{u} = 0 \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \int_{\bar{\Omega}_c} w(0) \, d\bar{u}_0 + \alpha \|\bar{u}_0\|_{\mathcal{M}(\bar{\Omega}_c)} = 0, \\ \|w(0)\|_{\mathcal{C}(\bar{\Omega}_c)} \begin{cases} = \beta & , \text{ if } \bar{u}_0 \neq 0, \\ \leq \beta & , \text{ if } \bar{u}_0 = 0 \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

Furthermore  $w$  is unique if  $q > 1$ .

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[2] Casas, E., & Kunisch, K. (2016)

# Problem formulation

## Sparsity structure

Remark ([2, Corollary 3.2])

Let  $(\bar{u}, \bar{u}_0)$  denote a solution to (P) with associated state  $\bar{y}$ . Then we have the following sparsity structure:

$$\text{Supp}(\bar{u}^+) \subset \{(x, t) \in \bar{Q}_c : w(x, t) = -\alpha\}$$

$$\text{Supp}(\bar{u}^-) \subset \{(x, t) \in \bar{Q}_c : w(x, t) = +\alpha\}$$

$$\text{Supp}(\bar{u}_0^+) \subset \{x \in \bar{\Omega}_c : w(x, 0) = -\beta\}$$

$$\text{Supp}(\bar{u}_0^-) \subset \{x \in \bar{\Omega}_c : w(x, 0) = +\beta\}$$

where  $\bar{u} = \bar{u}^+ - \bar{u}^-$  and  $\bar{u}_0 = \bar{u}_0^+ - \bar{u}_0^-$  are the Jordan decompositions.

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[2] Casas, E., & Kunisch, K. (2016)

## Fenchel predual (based on [3])

- $W := \{w \in L^p(Q) : \partial_t w, \partial_x w, \partial_x^2 w \in L^p(Q), w|_{\bar{\Omega} \times \{T\}} = w|_{\Gamma \times [0, T]} = 0\}$
- $W \hookrightarrow \mathcal{C}(\bar{Q})$ ,  $\Phi : W \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(\bar{\Omega}_c) \times \mathcal{C}(\bar{Q}_c)$  embedding and restriction,  $\frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{p} = 1$ ,
- $L := -(\partial_t + \Delta) : W \rightarrow L^p(Q)$  the adjoint operator of the state equation

The **Fenchel predual** of (P) is:

$$\min_{w \in W_q} K(w) := \frac{1}{p} \|Lw\|_{L^p(Q)}^p + \langle Lw, y_d \rangle_{L^p(Q), L^q(Q)} + \ell_{\alpha, \beta}(\Phi w), \quad (P^*)$$

with  $\ell_{\alpha, \beta} : \mathcal{C}(\bar{\Omega}_c) \times \mathcal{C}(\bar{Q}_c) \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$

$$\ell_{\alpha, \beta}(f_0, f) := \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } \|f\|_{\mathcal{C}(\bar{Q}_c)} \leq \alpha \text{ and } \|f_0\|_{\mathcal{C}(\bar{\Omega}_c)} \leq \beta, \\ \infty, & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

→ existence and uniqueness (for  $q > 1$ ) of solutions

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[3] Clason, C., & Kunisch, K. (2011)

## Variational discretization (based on [6])

$$\min_{(u_0, u) \in \mathcal{M}(\bar{\Omega}_c) \times \mathcal{M}(\bar{Q}_c)} J_\sigma(u_0, u) := \frac{1}{q} \|y_\sigma(u_0, u) - y_d\|_{L^q(Q_h)}^q \quad (P_\sigma) \\ + \alpha \|u\|_{\mathcal{M}(\bar{Q}_c)} + \beta \|u_0\|_{\mathcal{M}(\bar{\Omega}_c)}$$

### Petrov-Galerkin method

- discrete state space:
  - piecewise linear and continuous finite elements in space
  - piecewise constant functions w.r.t. time
- discrete test space:
  - piecewise linear and continuous finite elements in space
  - piecewise linear and continuous functions w.r.t. time
- control space is not discretized
- yields Crank-Nicholson scheme with implicit Euler step<sup>[4],[5]</sup>

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[4] Daniels, N. von, Hinze, M., & Vierling, M. (2015)

[5] Goll, C., Rannacher, R., & Wollner, W. (2015)

[6] Hinze, M. (2005)



## Variational discretization

discrete optimality system delivers:

$$\|\bar{w}_\sigma\|_\infty \leq \alpha,$$

$$\|\bar{w}_{0,h}\|_\infty \leq \beta,$$

$$\text{supp}(\bar{u}^+) \subset \left\{ (x, t) \in \bar{Q}_c : \bar{w}_\sigma(x, t) = -\alpha \right\},$$

$$\text{supp}(\bar{u}^-) \subset \left\{ (x, t) \in \bar{Q}_c : \bar{w}_\sigma(x, t) = +\alpha \right\},$$

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in the generic setting:

$$\text{supp}(\bar{u}) \subset \{(x_j, t_k)\} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{supp}(\bar{u}_0) \subset \{(x_j)\}.$$

induced discrete control space: dirac measures in space **and** time  $U_h \times \mathcal{U}_\sigma$

$$\min_{(u_0, u) \in \mathcal{M}(\bar{\Omega}_c) \times \mathcal{M}(\bar{Q}_c)} J_\sigma(u_0, u) := \frac{1}{q} \|y_\sigma(u_0, u) - y_d\|_{L^q(Q_h)}^q \quad (P_\sigma)$$

$$+ \alpha \|u\|_{\mathcal{M}(\bar{Q}_c)} + \beta \|u_0\|_{\mathcal{M}(\bar{\Omega}_c)},$$

where  $y_\sigma(u_0, u) = L_\sigma^{-*}(\Phi_h^* \mathcal{Y}_h u_0 + \Phi_\sigma^* \mathcal{Y}_\sigma u)$ .

$(\mathcal{Y}_h \oplus \mathcal{Y}_\sigma) : \mathcal{M}(\bar{\Omega}_c) \times \mathcal{M}(\bar{Q}_c) \rightarrow U_h \times U_\sigma$ ,  $(\Phi_h \oplus \Phi_\sigma)^* : U_h \times U_\sigma \rightarrow W_\sigma^*$ ,  $L_\sigma^{-*} : W_\sigma^* \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}_\sigma$

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where  $y_\sigma(u_0, u) = L_\sigma^{-*}(\Phi_h^* \Upsilon_h u_0 + \Phi_\sigma^* \Upsilon_\sigma u)$ .

$(\Upsilon_h \oplus \Upsilon_\sigma) : \mathcal{M}(\bar{\Omega}_c) \times \mathcal{M}(\bar{Q}_c) \rightarrow U_h \times U_\sigma$ ,  $(\Phi_h \oplus \Phi_\sigma)^* : U_h \times U_\sigma \rightarrow \mathcal{W}_\sigma^*$ ,  $L_\sigma^{-*} : \mathcal{W}_\sigma^* \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}_\sigma$

- multiple solutions  $(\hat{u}_0, \hat{u}) \in \mathcal{M}(\bar{\Omega}_c) \times \mathcal{M}(\bar{Q}_c)$
- unique solution  $(\bar{u}_{0,h}, \bar{u}_\sigma) \in U_h \times U_\sigma$  for  $q > 1$
- $(\Upsilon_h \hat{u}_0, \Upsilon_\sigma \hat{u}) = (\bar{u}_{0,h}, \bar{u}_\sigma)$  for all solutions  $(\hat{u}_0, \hat{u}) \in \mathcal{M}(\bar{\Omega}_c) \times \mathcal{M}(\bar{Q}_c)$  (similar to [1])

# Variational discretization - Convergence

## Theorem

Let  $(\bar{u}_{0,h}, \bar{u}_\sigma)$  be the unique solution of  $(P_\sigma)$  belonging to  $U_h \times \mathcal{U}_\sigma$ ,  $\Gamma$  of class  $\mathcal{C}^{1,1}$ ,  $1 < q < \min\{2, \frac{d+2}{d}\}$  and  $\sigma = (\tau, h)$  the discretization parameter consisting of temporal ( $\tau$ ) and spatial ( $h$ ) gridsizes .

If  $\{(\bar{u}_{0,h}, \bar{u}_\sigma)\}_\sigma$  is a sequence of such solutions with associated states  $\{\bar{y}_\sigma\}_\sigma$  the following convergence properties hold:

$$\lim_{|\sigma| \rightarrow 0} \|\bar{y} - \bar{y}_\sigma\|_{L^q(Q)} = 0,$$

$$(\bar{u}_{0,h}, \bar{u}_\sigma) \xrightarrow{*} (\bar{u}_0, \bar{u}) \text{ as } |\sigma| \rightarrow 0 \text{ in } \mathcal{M}(\bar{\Omega}_c) \times \mathcal{M}(\bar{Q}_c),$$

$$\lim_{|\sigma| \rightarrow 0} (\|\bar{u}_{0,h}\|_{\mathcal{M}(\bar{\Omega}_c)}, \|\bar{u}_\sigma\|_{\mathcal{M}(\bar{Q}_c)}) = (\|\bar{u}_0\|_{\mathcal{M}(\bar{\Omega}_c)}, \|\bar{u}\|_{\mathcal{M}(\bar{Q}_c)}),$$

where  $(\bar{u}_0, \bar{u})$  is the unique solution of  $(P_\sigma)$  and  $\bar{y}$  associated state.

proof similar to the convergence proof in [2]

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[2] Casas, E., & Kunisch, K. (2016)

## Full Discretization (from [2])

$$\min_{(u_{0h}, u_\sigma) \in \mathcal{U}_\sigma \times U_h} J_{\text{DG}}(u_{0h}, u_\sigma) := \frac{1}{q} \|y_\sigma(u_{0h}, u_\sigma) - y_d\|_{L^q(Q_h)}^q \quad (P_\sigma) \\ + \alpha \|u_\sigma\|_{\mathcal{M}(\bar{Q}_c)} + \beta \|u_{0h}\|_{\mathcal{M}(\bar{\Omega}_c)}$$

### Discontinuous Galerkin method

- discrete state and test space:
  - piecewise linear and continuous finite elements in space
  - piecewise constant functions w.r.t. time
- discrete control space:
  - dirac measures concentrated in the finite element nodes in space
  - piecewise constant functions w.r.t. time
- yields Euler time stepping scheme

→ similar convergence properties

# Computational Results

## Numerical setup

- $\Omega = (0, 1)$  and  $T = 1, 5$
- $Q_c = (\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}) \times (\frac{1}{4}, \frac{5}{4})$
- $u_0 = 0$ ,  $q = \frac{4}{3}$  and  $p = 4$

$$\min_{u \in \mathcal{M}(\bar{Q}_c)} J_\sigma(u) = \frac{1}{q} \|y_\sigma - y_d\|_{L^q(Q_h)}^q + \alpha \|u\|_{\mathcal{M}(\bar{Q}_c)}, \quad (P_\sigma)$$

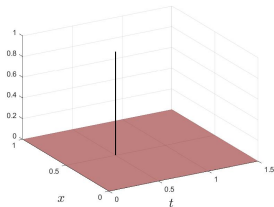
where  $y_\sigma$  solves the state equation:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t y_\sigma - \Delta y_\sigma & = u & \text{in } Q = \Omega \times (0, T) \\ y_\sigma(x, 0) & = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \subset \mathbb{R} \\ y_\sigma(x, t) & = 0 & \text{on } \Sigma = \Gamma \times (0, T) \end{cases}$$

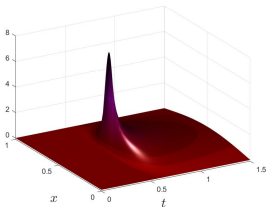
# Computational Results

Source Location

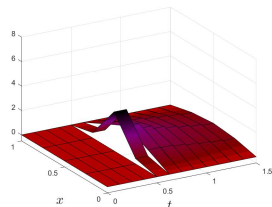
Control  
( $x = 0.5, t = 0.5$ )



Desired state  
(solution of PDE)



Discrete desired state  
( $4 \times 12$  grid,  $\tau = \frac{h}{2}$ )

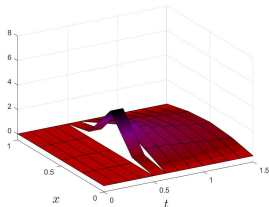




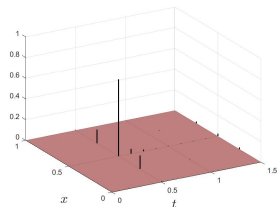
# Computational Results

## Source Location - Variational Discretization

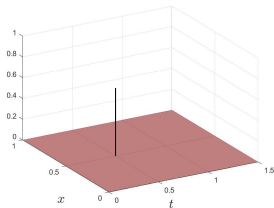
Desired state  $y_d$



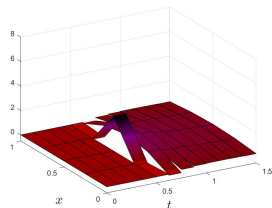
Associated control ( $\alpha = 0$ )



Optimal control for  $\alpha = \frac{1}{3}$



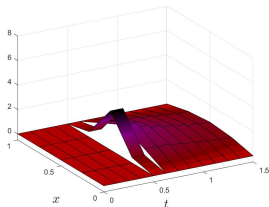
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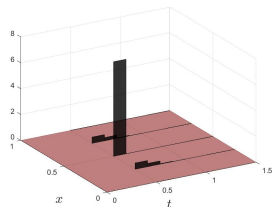
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Source Location - Discontinuous Galerkin

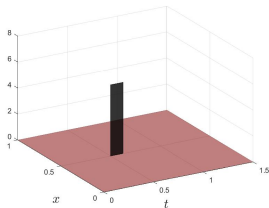
Desired state  $y_d$



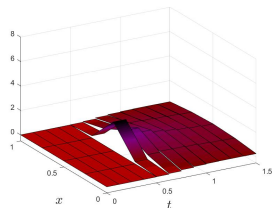
Associated control ( $\alpha = 0$ )



Optimal control for  $\alpha = \frac{1}{3}$



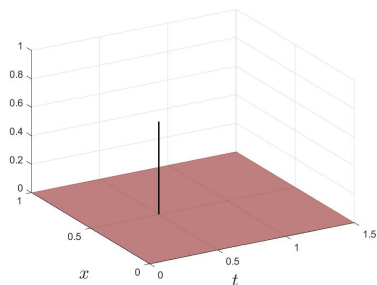
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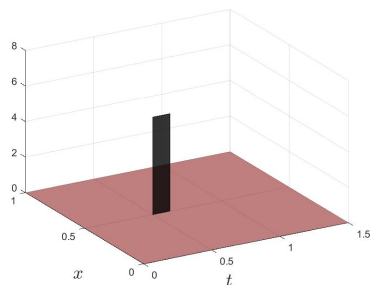
Source Location

Optimal control  $\bar{u}_\sigma$  for  $\alpha = \frac{1}{3}$   
(variational discretization)



$$\|\bar{u}_\sigma\|_{\mathcal{M}(\bar{Q}_c)} = 0.6518 \text{ and} \\ \text{supp}(\bar{u}_\sigma) = \{(0.5, 0.5)\}$$

Optimal control  $\bar{u}_{\text{DG}}$  for  $\alpha = \frac{1}{3}$   
(discontinuous Galerkin)



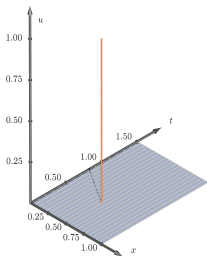
$$\|\bar{u}_{\text{DG}}\|_{\mathcal{M}(\bar{Q}_c)} = 0.6845 \text{ and} \\ \text{supp}(\bar{u}_{\text{DG}}) = \{0.5\} \times (0.5, 0.625]$$

# Computational Results

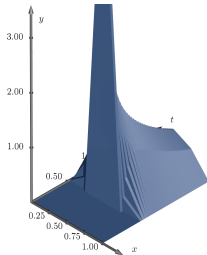
## Convergence

$$\text{Fenchel duality : } y_d = L^{-*} \Phi^* u - |Lw|^{p-2} Lw$$

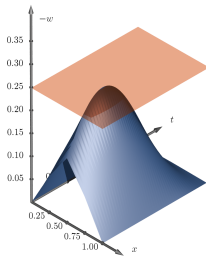
control  $u = \delta_{\bar{x}, \bar{t}}$



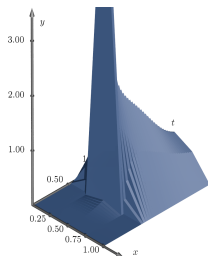
interpolated  
associated state  
 $y(u) = L^{-*} \Phi^* u$



adjoint state  
 $-w(\bar{x}, \bar{t}) = \alpha,$   
 $|w| < \alpha$  else



desired state  $y_d$

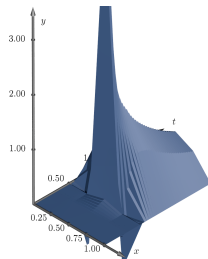
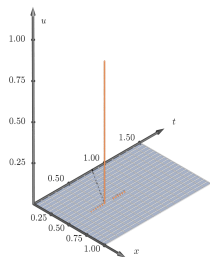


$$(\bar{x}, \bar{t}) = (0.5, 0.5), \alpha = 0.25$$

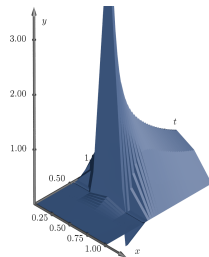
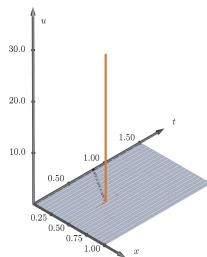
# Computational Results

Convergence - solutions on  $4 \times 48$  grid

Variational discretization



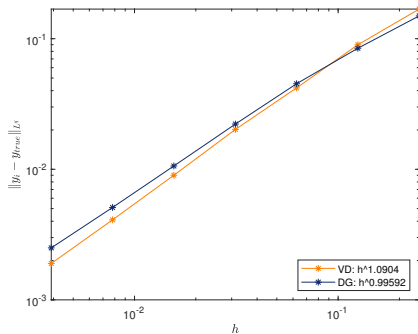
Discontinuous Galerkin



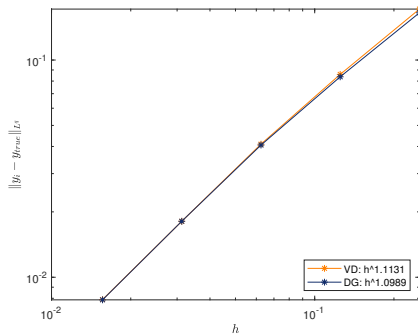
# Computational Results

## Convergence - state convergence

$$\lim_{|\sigma| \rightarrow 0} \|\bar{y} - \bar{y}_\sigma\|_{L^q(Q)} = 0$$



$$\tau = \frac{h}{2}$$

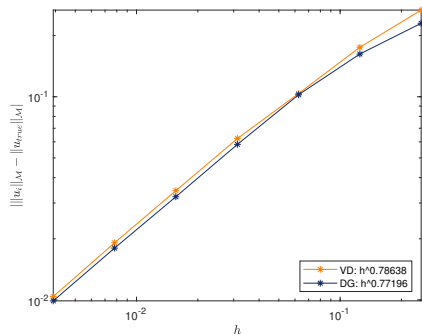


$$\tau = \frac{h^2}{2}$$

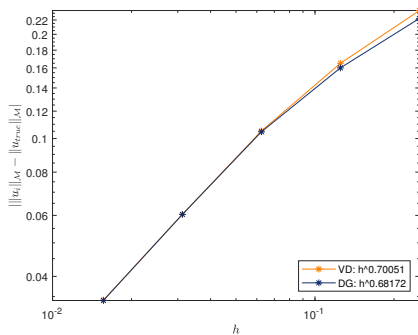
# Computational Results

Convergence - convergence of measure norms

$$\lim_{|\sigma| \rightarrow 0} \|\bar{u}_\sigma\|_{\mathcal{M}(\bar{Q}_c)} = \|\bar{u}\|_{\mathcal{M}(\bar{Q}_c)}$$



$$\tau = \frac{h}{2}$$



$$\tau = \frac{h^2}{2}$$

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