

# Exact bounds for functional outputs of parabolic problems: application to the transient convection-diffusion-reaction equation

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# Outline of the presentation

- Introduction: certification for PDE's
- Review of output bounds for steady problems
- Bounds for transient problems
  - Model problem: transient convection-reaction-diffusion (discontinuous Galerkin discretization)
  - Bounds guaranteed with respect to space
  - Bounds guaranteed with respect to space and time
- Numerical examples

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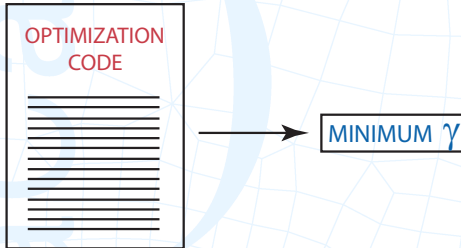
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  - This certificate is a list of numbers (data set)
  - Can be used to prove the correctness of the claim, without access to the original code/method used to compute it

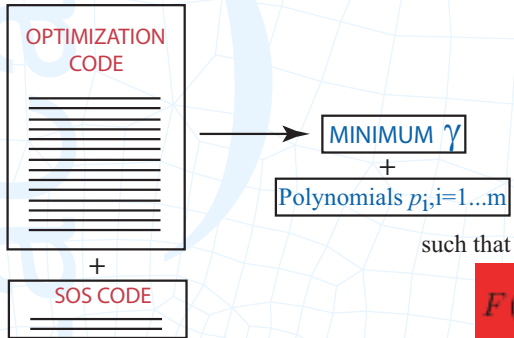
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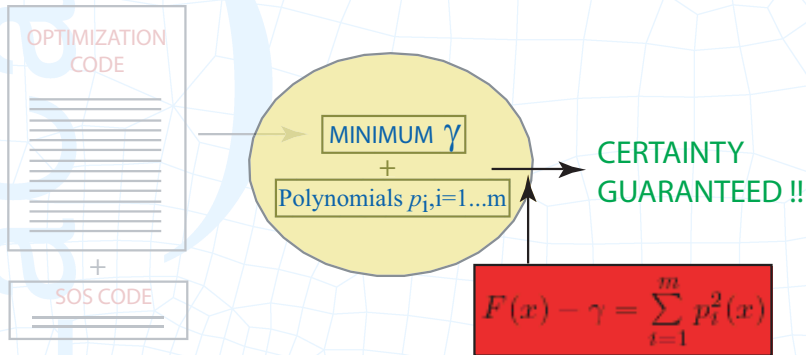
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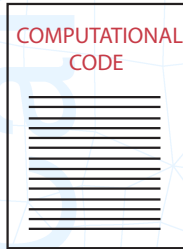
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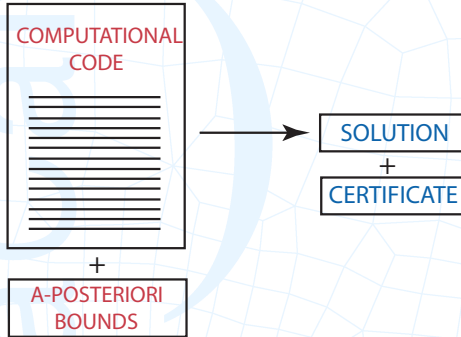
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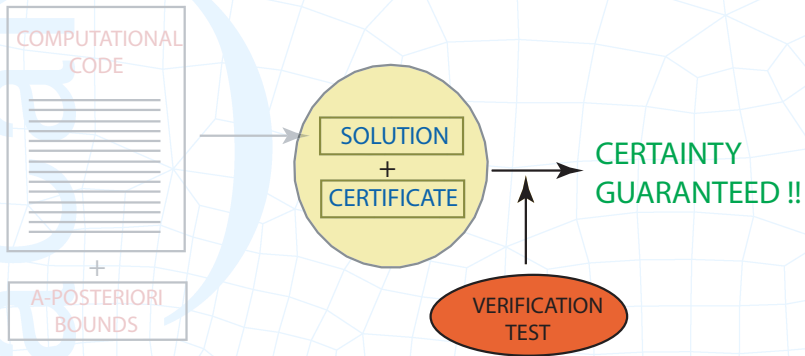
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$a(\cdot, \cdot)$  bilinear coercive *non-symmetric* form.

Output:  $\ell^{\mathcal{O}}(u)$ , where  $\ell^{\mathcal{O}} : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a *linear* functional

Finite element approximation:  $u_H \in \mathcal{V}^H$

Approximation of the Output:  $\ell^{\mathcal{O}}(u_H)$

Goal: find bounds for the error in the output  $e = u - u_H$

$$\ell^{\mathcal{O}}(u) - \ell^{\mathcal{O}}(u_H) = \ell^{\mathcal{O}}(e)$$

$$s_e^{lb} \leq s := \ell^{\mathcal{O}}(e) \leq s_e^{ub}.$$

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Adjoint weak problem: find  $\psi \in \mathcal{V}$  such that

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Finite element approximation of the adjoint problem:

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Adjoint error:  $\varepsilon = \psi - \psi_H$

Symmetrization: introduce the symmetric bilinear form

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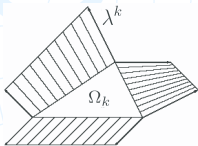
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Hybrid fluxes - unknown local Neumann BC

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Strong form:

$$\dot{u} + \mathbf{a} \cdot \nabla u - \nabla \cdot (\nu \nabla u) + \sigma u = f \quad \text{in } \Omega \times [0, T]$$

$$u(\mathbf{x}, 0) = u_0(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{for } \mathbf{x} \in \Omega$$

(homogeneous) Dirichlet b.c. on  $\partial\Omega$  for  $t \in [0, T]$

Weak form (in space and time): find  $u(\mathbf{x}, t)$ ,  $u \in \mathcal{W}$ , s.t.

$$\underbrace{\int_0^T \left[ (\dot{u}, v) + a(u, v) \right] dt + (u^+(0), v^+(0))}_{A(u, v)} = \underbrace{\int_0^T \ell(v) dt + (u_0, v^+(0))}_{L(v)}$$

for  $v^\pm(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0^\pm} v(t + s)$ .

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Time grid:  $0 = t^0 < t^1 < \dots < t^n < \dots < t^N = T$

Time slabs:  $I_n = (t^{n-1}, t^n]$

Functional space (continuous in space, discontinuous in time):

$$\mathcal{W}^{\text{DG}} := \left\{ v(\mathbf{x}, t) \mid v(\cdot, t) \in \mathcal{V}, v(\mathbf{x}, \cdot)|_{I_n} \in \mathbb{P}_q(I_n) \right\},$$

where  $\mathbb{P}_q(I_n)$  are polynomials of degree  $q$  in  $I_n$ .

DG solution (piecewise-polynomial in time): find  $u_{\text{DG}} \in \mathcal{W}^{\text{DG}}$   
s.t.

$$A_{\text{DG}}(u_{\text{DG}}, v) := A(u_{\text{DG}}, v) + \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} (\llbracket u_{\text{DG}} \rrbracket_n, v^+(t^n)) = L(v) \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{W}^{\text{DG}}$$

$u_{\text{DG}}$  is discontinuous at  $t^n, n = 1 \dots N - 1$ .

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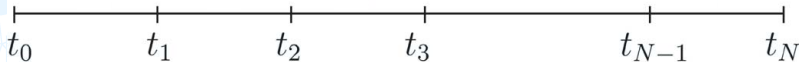
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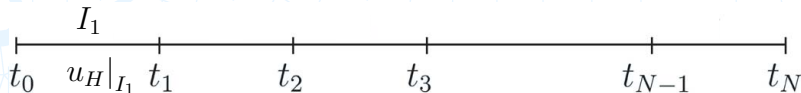
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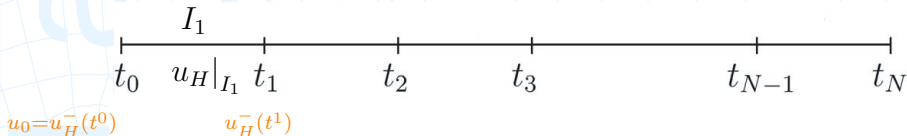
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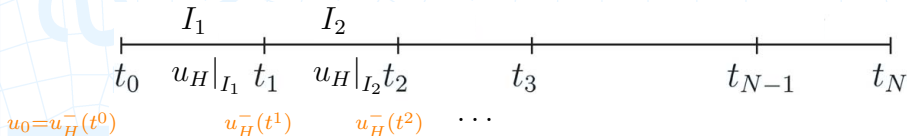
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Output of interest:

$$s = L^{\mathcal{O}}(u) = \underbrace{\int_0^T \ell^{\mathcal{O}}(u) \, dt}_{\text{solution along the time}} + \underbrace{(u_T^{\mathcal{O}}, u(T))}_{\text{solution at the last instant}}$$

FE approximation:  $u_H \in \mathcal{W}^{\text{DG},H} \implies L^{\mathcal{O}}(u_H)$

**GOAL:** bound the error in the output  $L^{\mathcal{O}}(u) - L^{\mathcal{O}}(u_H) = L^{\mathcal{O}}(e)$

**ASSUMPTION:** the error introduced by the time discretization can be neglected in front of the error introduced by the mesh,  $u_{\text{DG}} \approx u$ .

**ALTERNATIVE GOAL:** bound  $L^{\mathcal{O}}(u_{\text{DG}}) - L^{\mathcal{O}}(u_H) = L^{\mathcal{O}}(e_{\text{DG}})$

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Finite element approximation:  $\psi_H \in \mathcal{W}^{\text{DG},H}$

Adjoint error:  $\varepsilon_{\text{DG}} = \psi_{\text{DG}} - \psi_H$

Symmetrization: natural symmetric bilinear form  $A_{\text{DG}}^{\text{s}}(w, v)$

$$\int_0^T a^{\text{s}}(w, v) \, dt + \frac{1}{2} \left[ (w_N^-, v_N^-) + (w_0^+, v_0^+) \right] + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} ([w]_n, [v]_n)$$

yield to non-time-decoupled problems for the estimates.

Alternative symmetrization and associated norm:

$$B^{\text{s}}(w, v) = \int_0^T a^{\text{s}}(w, v) \, dt \implies |||v|||^2 = B^{\text{s}}(v, v) = \int_0^T \|v\|^2 \, dt$$

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# Transient convection-reaction-diffusion

Steps to compute the bounds:

- **Loop forward in time:** For each  $I_n, n = 1 \dots N$ 
  - compute and store  $u_H|_{I_n}$
- **Loop backward in time:** For each  $I_n, n = N \dots 1$ 
  - compute  $\psi_H|_{I_n}$
  - apply  $q + 1$  times the error estimation technique for steady problems to compute  $\mathbf{p}_{e_{\text{DG}}^s}(t)|_{I_n}$  and  $\mathbf{p}_{\varepsilon_{\text{DG}}^s}(t)|_{I_n}$
- **Compute the bounds for  $L^0(e_{\text{DG}})$**

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# Transient convection-reaction-diffusion

Goal: compute an interval of certainty

$$L^{\mathcal{O}}(u) \in [s^{lb}, s^{ub}]$$

and provide certificates that prove the correctness of the claim.

Computation of the bounds:

- compute an approximation of  $u$ ,  $u^* \implies L^{\mathcal{O}}(u^*) \approx s$
- compute bounds for  $s - L^{\mathcal{O}}(u^*) = L^{\mathcal{O}}(e)$

$$s_e^{lb} \leq L^{\mathcal{O}}(e) \leq s_e^{ub} \implies L^{\mathcal{O}}(u^*) + s_e^{lb} \leq s \leq L^{\mathcal{O}}(u^*) + s_e^{ub}$$

Approximation of  $u \longrightarrow$  discontinuous Galerkin discretization

# Transient convection-reaction-diffusion

Two choices:

- ▶ take  $u^* = u_H$

discont. in time

ADVANTAGE

natural choice

galerkin orthogonality



DISADVANTAGE

no strict bounds  
(only w.r.t. space)



- ▶ take  $u^* = u_H^{\text{sm}}$

cont. in time

choice of  $u_H^{\text{sm}}$

loss of orthogonality



strict bounds

w.r.t. space and time



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**EXTRA COST:** recovery of the orthogonality of the residual  
(solve a global problem on the coarse mesh  $\mathcal{V}^H$ )

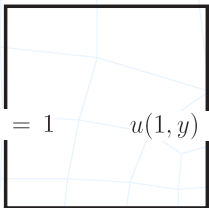
# Numerical examples

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \Delta u + \boldsymbol{\alpha} \cdot \nabla u + u = 0$$

$$u(x, y, 0) = 1 - x$$

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha} = (\alpha, 0) \quad T = 1$$

$$L^{\mathcal{O}}(u) = \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} u(x, y, t) \, d\Omega \, dt$$



$$u(0, y) = 1 \quad u(1, y) = 0$$

NOTATION:

Lower bound:  $s^{lb}$

Upper bound:  $s^{ub}$

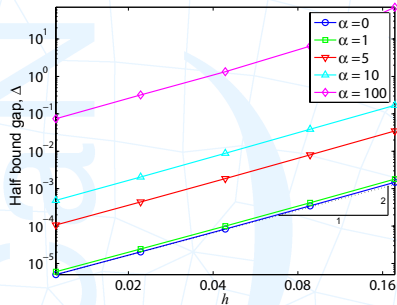
Bound average:  $s^{\text{ave}} := (s^{ub} + s^{lb})/2$

Half bound gap:  $\Delta = (s^{ub} - s^{lb})/2$

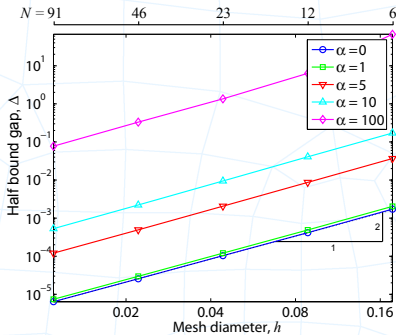
$$L^{\mathcal{O}}(u) \in [s^{lb}, s^{ub}]$$

$$|L^{\mathcal{O}}(u) - s^{\text{ave}}| \leq \Delta$$

# Numerical examples



$N = 20$



$\Delta t \propto h$

- the bounds deteriorate as the convection parameter is increased
- the bounds taking into account the error in time do not properly converge if the time step is not adjusted

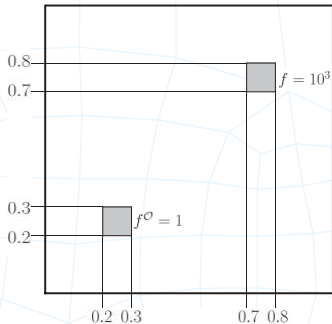


# Numerical examples

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \Delta u + \alpha \cdot \nabla u + 10u = f$$

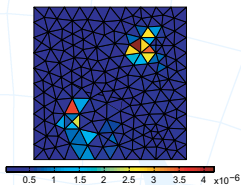
Dirichlet homogeneous BC

$$\alpha = 250(y - 0.5)(0.5 - x)$$



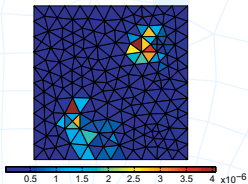
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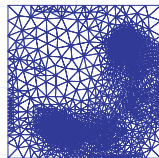
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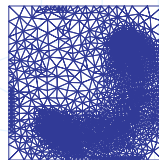
$$L^{\mathcal{O}}(u) = (3.773 \pm 9.4545) \cdot 10^{-5}$$

$$n_{\text{el}} = 322, N = 6$$



$$(3.795 \pm 0.715) \cdot 10^{-5}$$

$$n_{\text{el}} = 4238, N = 30$$

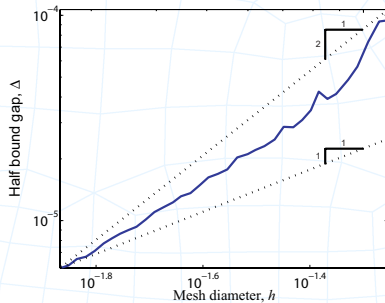
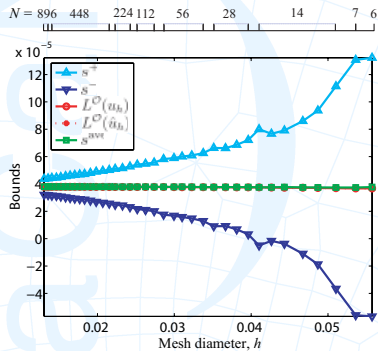


$$(3.796 \pm 0.587) \cdot 10^{-5}$$

$$n_{\text{el}} = 5855, N = 896$$

# Numerical examples

## Strict bounds and its convergence



# Conclusions

## Summary

- upper and lower bounds for outputs of transient problems guaranteed in space (asymptotic in time)
- upper and lower bounds for outputs of transient problems guaranteed in space and time
- local indicators for adaptivity for both cases
- the local indicators may be also used to derive adaptive strategies that use time-dependent meshes – different in each time slab – and also to adapt the time spacing

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