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Notes on implementation of a solver for Stefan problem in semismooth Newton framework using complementarity condition framework

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1. Model

We provide below the notes on implementation of a numerical scheme for Stefan problem

(1a)
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(u) - D\nabla^2 v = f$$

(1b)
$$u \in \beta(v)$$

In this system u is the enthalpy, v is the temperature. The multivalued graph β describes the relationship u = v + LH(v) equivalently

(2)
$$u \in \beta(v) = \begin{cases} v, & v \le 0\\ [0, L], & v = 0\\ v + L, & v + L. \end{cases}$$

The relationship (2) can be also written as, with $m(r) := \max(0, \min(r, L))$ (this is one of semismooth functions used for Mixed Complementarity constraint). (See [GMPS paper] or [Ulbrich].)

$$(3) u - m(u) = v,$$

with

(4)
$$m(r) := \begin{cases} 0, & r \le 0\\ r, & 0 \le r \le L\\ L, & r > L. \end{cases}$$

The system (1) requires initial condition on u and boundary conditions on v.

2. Discretization

We discretize u, v independently using conservative FD. (Integrated in space and time, with uniform spatial grid parameter h and time step n.) In residual form we have

(5a)
$$R_j := h^2 (u_j^n - u_j^{n-1}) + \tau D(2v_j^n - v_{j-1}^n - v_{j+1}^n) - h^2 \tau f_j^n = 0,$$

(5b)
$$R_j^{\phi} := u_j^n - m(u_j^n) - v_j^n = 0.$$

It remains to specify boundary conditions (in v) and initial condition (in u), or previous time step value.

3. Solver

At each time step n we solve simultaneously for u^n and v^n using Newton's method. (within the framework of Semismooth Newton methods Ulbrich]).

The residuals R_j in (5a), (5b) must be evaluated at each j, and we must compute the jacobian i.e. the derivatives $\frac{dR_j}{du_j}$, $\frac{dR_j}{du_j\pm 1}$, which go to *JAC*. Next we calculate the block matrix *JACV* which collects $\frac{dR_j}{dv_j}$, $\frac{dR_j}{dv_j\pm 1}$ etc.

For the second part of residual R^{ϕ} the derivatives depend on the cases in (4), and have to be coded as such. Either way these are block diagonal matrices. $\frac{dR_j^{\phi}}{du_j}$ which go to *PHIJAC* and $\frac{dR_j^{\phi}}{dv_j}$ which go to *PHIJACV*.

Finally we collect these. We use $RES = [R; R_{\phi}]^T$ and

In each Newton step we solve $A\Delta R = -RES$.

4. Code

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function [x,v]=semi_nonlinear_Stefan2phase_forJulia (M,Tend,dt)
%% solves a 1D nonlinear diffusion problem (Stefan two phase problem)
%% run as
%% semi_nonlinear_Stefan2phase_forJulia (50,1,0.001)
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a = 0; b = 1;
%Tend = 0.13;
%%% the control parameters below control the individual terms
Storage = 1;
Diffusion = 1e1;
Latent = 10;
%%%
function w = acc_2fun(x,u,v)
   w = u;% ones(size(u));
end
function w = acc_2dufun(x,u,v)
   w = 1 + 0 * u;
end
function w = acc_2dvfun(x,u,v)
   w = 0 * size(v);
end
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%%%%%%%%%%%%

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function u = initial(x)
   u = -1 + 0 * x;
end
function v = boundary(x0,t)
   v = -1; if x0>0,v=1;end;
end
function w = rhs_fun(x,u,t)
 w = 0 * u;
 w(find(x>0.7 & x<0.8))=10;
end
function v = rhs_dfun(x,u,t)
   v = 0*u;
end
dx = (b-a)/(M-1);
x = a:dx:b; x = x';
%%%% initial condition; also: initial guess for stationary problems
uold = initial (x);
vold = 0*uold;
clf;
t = 0;
totiter = 0;
maxit = 21;
tol = 1e-12;
ntime = 0;
nsteps = ceil(Tend/dt);
erru = zeros(nsteps,1); errv = erru; errvstat=erru;
%%%% time loop
while t < Tend
   t = t + dt;
   ntime = ntime + 1;
   it = 0:
   %% uold is previous time step
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%% we compute u (new time step) using Newton's iteration
oldacc = dx*dx*acc_2fun(x,uold,vold);
%% choose as initial Newton guess the value from previous iteration
u = uold; v = vold;
resnorm = inf;
while it < maxit && resnorm >= tol
   %% compute properties using current values of u
   acc = dx*dx * acc_2fun(x,u,v);
   accdu = dx*dx* acc_2dufun(x,u,v);
   rhs = dx*dx*dt * rhs_fun(x,u,t);
   rhsd = dx*dx*dt * rhs_dfun(x,u,t);
   %% accumulation terms
   res = acc - oldacc - rhs;
   %% diffusion terms
   for j = 2:size(x, 1) - 1
        res(j) = res(j) + Diffusion*dt*(2*v(j)-v(j-1)-v(j+1));
   end
   %% bcond in residual
   j = 1; res (j,1) = dx*dx*(v(j)-boundary(a,t));
   j = size(x,1); res(j,1) = dx*dx*(v(j)-boundary(b,t));
   %%%% compute jacobians: jac=dres/du, jacv=dres/dv
   jac = sparse(size(x,1),size(x,1));
    jacv = sparse(size(x,1),size(x,1));
   for j = 2:size(x,1) - 1
        %%% accumulation terms
        jac(j,j) = accdu(j);
        %%%% diffusion terms:
        jacv(j,j) = jacv(j,j) + 2*Diffusion*dt;
        jacv(j,j-1) = jacv(j,j-1) - Diffusion*dt;
        jacv(j,j+1) = jacv(j,j+1) - Diffusion*dt;
        %%%% contribution to diagonal terms from source terms
        jac(j,j) = jac(j,j) - rhsd(j);
   end
   %% bcond in jacobian
   j = 1; jacv(j, j) = dx*dx;
   j = size(x,1); jacv(j,j) = dx*dx;
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%%%% constraint equation
resphi = 0*res;
for j=1:length(resphi)
    \operatorname{resphi}(j) = u(j) - v(j) - \max(0, \min(u(j), \text{Latent}));
end
phijacu = sparse(size(x,1),size(x,1));
phijacv = sparse(size(x,1),size(x,1));
for j=1:length(u)
    phijacv(j,j)=-1;
end
for j=1:length(u)
    if u(j) <=Latent && u(j) >=0
       phijacu(j,j)=0;
    else
       phijacu(j,j)=1;
    end
end
%% jacobian for the bcond
phijacu(1,1) = 1;phijacu(M,M) = 1;
phijacv(1,1) = -1; phijacv(M,M) = -1;
%%
jacall = [jac, jacv; phijacu, phijacv];
resall = [res;resphi];
%%%% solve linear system
%%%%%%%% test size of residual: if small, quit
resnorm = norm(resall,inf);
%fprintf('iter=%d res norm=%g\n',it,resnorm);%pause
if it >1 \% force code to make at least one linear solve
    if resnorm < tol, break; end</pre>
end
it = it + 1;
corr = jacall \ resall;
ucorr = corr(1:length(u));
vcorr = corr(length(u)+1:end);
unew = u - ucorr; vnew = v - vcorr;
u = unew; v = vnew;
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%% Newton converged or broke ...
   if it == maxit && resnorm >= tol
       fprintf('Time step =%d time=%g. STOP: Newton did not converge in %d iters\n',...
           ntime,t,maxit);
       break;
   end
   totiter = totiter + it;
   if 1
     fprintf(...
       'Time step=%d time=%g Newton finished. Iters=%d (total=%d, aver=%g). Final res n
           ntime,t,it,totiter,totiter/ntime,resnorm);
       plot(x,unew,x,vnew);
%
        axis([a,b,-0.5,2]);
       title(sprintf('Time t=%g',t));
       legend('enthalpy', 'temperature');
       pause(0.05);
   end
   uold = u;
   vold = v;
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end

5. Example

The example hard-coded in the template starts from u(x, 0) = -1, and uses v(0, t) = -1, and v(1, t) = 1. It also has a piecewise constant source which can be turned off if you wish.

The solution shows both u and v.

If you focus on v, you will see the characteristic discontinuity of derivative at the interface when v = 0.

6. References

There are many proper references of course for Stefan problem. I include here only those directly needed.

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