Time-domain Bernstein-Bézier DG methods on simplices

Jesse Chan, T. Warburton

¹Department of Computational and Applied Mathematics Rice University

27th Biennial Numerical analysis conference University of Strathclyde June 27, 2017 Collaborators and contributors:

- T. Warburton (Virginia Tech)
- Russell J. Hewett (TOTAL E&P Research and Technology USA)

- Unstructured (tetrahedral) meshes for geometric flexibility.
- Low numerical dissipation and dispersion.
- High order approximations: more accurate per unknown.
- High performance on many-core (explicit time stepping).



Figure courtesy of Axel Modave.

- Unstructured (tetrahedral) meshes for geometric flexibility.
- Low numerical dissipation and dispersion.
- High order approximations: more accurate per unknown.
- High performance on many-core (explicit time stepping).



Fine linear approximation.

- Unstructured (tetrahedral) meshes for geometric flexibility.
- Low numerical dissipation and dispersion.
- High order approximations: more accurate per unknown.
- High performance on many-core (explicit time stepping).



Coarse quadratic approximation.

- Unstructured (tetrahedral) meshes for geometric flexibility.
- Low numerical dissipation and dispersion.
- High order approximations: more accurate per unknown.
- High performance on many-core (explicit time stepping).



High order DG methods for wave propagation

- Unstructured (tetrahedral) meshes for geometric flexibility.
- Low numerical dissipation and dispersion.
- High order approximations: more accurate per unknown.
- High performance on many-core (explicit time stepping).



A graphics processing unit (GPU).

Discontinuous Galerkin methods

Discontinuous Galerkin (DG) methods:

- Piecewise polynomial approximation.
- Weak continuity across faces.



Continuous PDE (for illustration: constant advection)

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$$

DG local weak form over D_k with numerical flux f^* .

$$\int_{D_k} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \phi = \int_{D_k} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \phi + \int_{\partial D_k} \boldsymbol{n} \cdot (\boldsymbol{f}^* - \boldsymbol{f}(u)) \phi, \qquad u, \phi \in V_h$$

Discontinuous Galerkin methods

Discontinuous Galerkin (DG) methods:

- Piecewise polynomial approximation.
- Weak continuity across faces.

DG yields system of ODEs

$$\mathbf{M}_{\Omega}\frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{u}}{\mathrm{d}t}=\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}.$$

DG mass matrix decouples across elements, inter-element coupling only through A.





Discontinuous Galerkin methods

Discontinuous Galerkin (DG) methods:

- Piecewise polynomial approximation.
- Weak continuity across faces.

- Matrix-free evaluation of **M**⁻¹**A**.
- Local differentiation and lifting matrices D_x and L_f = M⁻¹M_f.
- Assume (for now) piecewise constant coefficients and affine mappings.





Figure: Nodal bases simplify flux computations.

Time-domain nodal DG methods

Given initial condition $u(\mathbf{x}, 0)$:

- Compute numerical flux at face nodes (non-local).
- Compute RHS of (local) ODE.
- Evolve (local) solution using explicit time integration (RK, AB, etc).



$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{u}}{\mathrm{d}t} = \mathbf{D}_{X}\mathbf{u} + \sum_{\mathrm{faces}} \mathbf{L}_{f}\left(\mathrm{flux}\right), \qquad \mathbf{L}_{f} = \mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{M}_{f}.$$

Time-domain nodal DG methods

Given initial condition $u(\mathbf{x}, 0)$:

- Compute numerical flux at face nodes (non-local).
- Compute RHS of (local) ODE.
- Evolve (local) solution using explicit time integration (RK, AB, etc).





Time-domain nodal DG methods

Given initial condition $u(\mathbf{x}, 0)$:

- Compute numerical flux at face nodes (non-local).
- Compute RHS of (local) ODE.
- Evolve (local) solution using explicit time integration (RK, AB, etc).





Time-domain nodal DG methods

Given initial condition $u(\mathbf{x}, 0)$:

- Compute numerical flux at face nodes (non-local).
- Compute RHS of (local) ODE.
- Evolve (local) solution using explicit time integration (RK, AB, etc).





Computational costs at high orders of approximation

Problem: (tetrahedral) DG becomes expensive at high orders!



Nodal DG runtimes

- Large dense matrices:
 O(N⁶) work per tet.
- Tensor-product elements usually preferred for very high orders.
- *O*(*N*⁴) vs *O*(*N*⁶) cost, but less geometric flexibility.

DG runtimes for 50 timesteps, 98304 elements.

Spectral element methods

- Tensor product elements, Gauss-Legendre-Lobatto nodal basis.
- $O(N^{d+1})$ vs $O(N^{2d})$ work per element (differentiation, lifting).
- Hexahedral mesh generation more difficult.



Figure: Spectral element stencils for N = 7 (orders N > 10 not uncommon!).

Fischer, Ronquist 1994. Spectral element methods for large scale parallel Navier-Stokes calculations.

Shepherd and Johnson 2008. Hexahedral mesh generation constraints.

High order nodal DG on tetrahedral meshes

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{u}}{\mathrm{d}t} = \mathbf{D}_{\mathsf{x}}\mathbf{u} + \sum_{\mathsf{faces}} \mathbf{L}_{f}(\mathrm{flux}), \quad \mathbf{L}_{f} = \mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{M}_{f}.$$

- Nodal bases: reduce the cost of computing numerical fluxes.
- No clear tetrahedral equivalent to spectral differentiation, lift matrices.
- O(N³) unknowns in 3D; O(N⁶) costs for applying dense matrices.



Derivative and lift matrices depend on the basis: can we choose one that is efficient (and numerically stable)?

Bernstein-Bézier bases for finite element methods

Geometry, graphics, Computer Aided Design (CAD).



- Recent developments: optimal complexity assembly of finite element matrices, sum factorization (reduced complexity quadrature).
- This work: adapt Bernstein-Bézier for time-domain DG methods.

Kirby 2011. Fast simplicial finite element algorithms using Bernstein polynomials.

Split multi-span NURBS surfaces into Bézier patches, https://knowledge.autodesk.com

Ainsworth et al. 2011. Bernstein-Bézier finite elements of arbitrary order and optimal assembly procedures.

Bernstein-Bézier polynomial bases on simplices



Each function attains its maximum at an equispaced lattice point of a *d*-simplex.

■ Simple expression in 1D

$$B_i^N(x) = x^i (1-x)^{N-i}, \qquad 0 \le x \le 1.$$

Barycentric monomials on a *d*-simplex. For a tetrahedron,

$$B_{ijkl}^{N}(\lambda_0,\lambda_1,\lambda_2,\lambda_3),=\frac{N!}{i!j!k!l!}\lambda_0^i\lambda_1^j\lambda_2^k\lambda_3^l,\quad i+j+k+l=N.$$

■ Similar structure to nodal basis (vertex, edge, face, interior functions).

Bernstein-Bézier derivatives and degree elevation in 1D

Simple differentiation of Bernstein polynomials

$$\frac{\partial B_i^N(x)}{\partial x} = N\left(B_{i-1}^{N-1}(x) - B_i^{N-1}(x)\right).$$

Simple degree elevation of Bernstein polynomials

$$B_i^{N-1}(x) = \left(\frac{N-i}{N}\right) B_i^N(x) - \left(\frac{i+1}{N}\right) B_{i+1}^N(x).$$

Combine to get expansion of Bernstein derivatives

$$\frac{\partial B_i^N(x)}{\partial x} = a_i^N B_{i-1}^N(x) + b_i^N B_i^N(x) - c_i^N B_{i+1}^N(x).$$

Implies 1D derivative matrix \mathbf{D}_{χ} is sparse (tridiagonal).

Bernstein-Bézier derivative and degree elevation in 3D

- Bernstein-Bézier barycentric differentiation matrices very sparse.
- Degree elevation matrices \mathbf{E}_{N-i}^{N} are sparse (for consecutive degrees).
- Higher degree elevation \rightarrow product of matrices $\mathbf{E}_{N-2}^{N} = \mathbf{E}_{N-1}^{N} \mathbf{E}_{N-2}^{N-1}$.



Stencils for Bernstein-Bézier derivative matrices

- Stencil sizes at most (d + 1) in d dimensions.
- Compute derivatives w.r.t. barycentric coordinates.
- Stencil values are identical for **all** barycentric derivatives.



Factorization of the Bernstein lift operator

The Bernstein-Bézier lift matrix ${\bm L}$ admits a factorization of the form



Chan, Warburton 2016. GPU-accelerated Bernstein-Bézier DG methods for wave problems.

Chan, Warburton (Rice CAAM)

BBDG

Factorization of the Bernstein lift operator

The Bernstein-Bézier lift matrix ${\bm L}$ admits a factorization of the form



Chan, Warburton 2016. GPU-accelerated Bernstein-Bézier DG methods for wave problems.

BBDG

Bernstein-Bézier lift matrix: optimal complexity application

- L "lifts" numerical fluxes from faces to volume.
- Apply L_0 to face flux, extend to each "layer" of the simplex.



Figure: An $O(N^d)$ storage/complexity approach to applying the lift matrix.

For N < 6, currently more efficient to treat E_L as a sparse matrix irregular data accesses with optimal $O(N^d)$ approach.

Numerical stability of Bernstein-Bézier DG

 "Condition number" of Bernstein differentiation and lift matrices comparable to that of nodal bases.

$$\kappa(\mathbf{A}) = \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_r}$$

Comparable long-time growth of (single precision) numerical error.



Condition numbers of matrices for nodal and Bernstein-Bézier bases.

Numerical stability of Bernstein-Bézier DG

 "Condition number" of Bernstein differentiation and lift matrices comparable to that of nodal bases.

$$\kappa(\mathbf{A}) = \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_r}$$

■ Comparable long-time growth of (single precision) numerical error.



Evolution of L^2 error (acoustics) for nodal and Bernstein-Bézier bases.

GPU runtime comparisons of BBDG and nodal DG

 $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{Bernstein-Bézier DG achieves} \approx 2\times \mbox{ speedup at moderate orders,} \\ \mbox{ and up to } \approx 6\times \mbox{ speedup at high orders (for acoustics).} \end{array}$



GPU runtime comparisons of BBDG and nodal DG

 $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{Bernstein-Bézier DG achieves} \approx 2\times \mbox{ speedup at moderate orders,} \\ \mbox{ and up to } \approx 6\times \mbox{ speedup at high orders (for acoustics).} \end{array}$



Extensions: high order models of heterogeneous media

Acoustic wave equation in heterogeneous media

$$rac{1}{c^2(\pmb{x})}rac{\partial^2 p}{\partial t^2} - \Delta p = 0.$$

- Piecewise constant $c^2(\mathbf{x})$ efficient, but generates spurious reflections.
- Goal: high order $c^2(\mathbf{x})$, stability, low computational complexity.



Weighted mass matrices and weight-adjusted DG

■ Weighted mass matrix: high order accurate and energy stable, but high storage costs, *O*(*N*⁶) complexity to apply *M*⁻¹_w.

$$rac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}oldsymbol{\mathcal{M}}_woldsymbol{u} = \mathsf{right} ext{ hand side}, \qquad w = 1/c^2.$$

Weight-adjusted DG (WADG): energy stable, low storage approximation of weighted mass matrix

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}\boldsymbol{M}_{w}\boldsymbol{u}\approx\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}\boldsymbol{M}\left(\boldsymbol{M}_{1/w}\right)^{-1}\boldsymbol{M}\boldsymbol{u}=\mathsf{right}\;\mathsf{hand}\;\mathsf{side}.$$

• Bypass inverse of weighted matrix $(M_w)^{-1}$

$$\boldsymbol{M} \left(\boldsymbol{M}_{1/w} \right)^{-1} \boldsymbol{M} \frac{\mathrm{d} \boldsymbol{U}}{\mathrm{d} t} = \boldsymbol{A}_{h} \boldsymbol{U}$$
$$\rightarrow \frac{\mathrm{d} \boldsymbol{U}}{\mathrm{d} t} = \boldsymbol{M}^{-1} \boldsymbol{M}_{1/w} \underbrace{\boldsymbol{M}^{-1} \boldsymbol{A}_{h} \boldsymbol{U}}_{\mathsf{RHS for } w = 1}$$

Acoustic wave equation: heterogeneous media



L² convergence between optimal O(h^{N+1}), provable O(h^{N+1/2}).
 Extensions to curved elements, matrix weights (elastodynamics).

Chan, Hewett, Warburton. 2016. Weight-adjusted DG methods: wave propagation in heterogeneous media. Chan, Hewett, Warburton. 2016. Weight-adjusted DG methods: curvilinear meshes. Chan 2017. Weight-adjusted DG methods: matrix-valued weights and elastic wave prop. in heterogeneous media.

Acoustic wave equation: heterogeneous media



(a) $c^{2}(x, y)$

(b) Weighted-adjusted DG

L² convergence between optimal O(h^{N+1}), provable O(h^{N+1/2}).
 Extensions to curved elements, matrix weights (elastodynamics).

Chan, Hewett, Warburton. 2016. Weight-adjusted DG methods: wave propagation in heterogeneous media. Chan, Hewett, Warburton. 2016. Weight-adjusted DG methods: curvilinear meshes.

Chan 2017. Weight-adjusted DG methods: matrix-valued weights and elastic wave prop. in heterogeneous media.

WADG: low-complexity implementations

• Low storage, matrix-free application of $(\boldsymbol{M}_w^{-1}\boldsymbol{M})^{-1} = \boldsymbol{M}^{-1}\boldsymbol{M}_w$.

$$(\boldsymbol{M})^{-1} \boldsymbol{M}_{1/w} \mathsf{RHS} = \underbrace{\widehat{\boldsymbol{M}}^{-1} \boldsymbol{V}_{q}^{T} \boldsymbol{W}}_{\boldsymbol{P}_{q}} \operatorname{diag}\left(1/w\right) \boldsymbol{V}_{q}\left(\mathsf{RHS}\right).$$

• $O(N^4)$ cost in 3D: sum factorization for V_q , block LDL for \widehat{M}^{-1} .



Current work: for fixed approximations of w(x), optimal complexity
 WADG using polynomial multiplication and truncation.

Kirby 2017. Fast inversion of the simplicial Bernstein mass matrix.

Kirby and Thinh 2012. Fast simplicial quadrature-based finite element operators using Bernstein polynomials.

Summary and acknowledgements

- Optimal complexity RHS evaluation for time-domain DG.
- Bernstein-Bézier sparsity: efficiency at high orders on GPUs.

Thanks to NSF and TOTAL E&P Research and Technology USA for their support of this work.

Chan 2017. Weight-adjusted DG methods: matrix-valued weights and elastic wave prop. in heterogeneous media (arXiv). Chan, Hewett, Warburton. 2016. Weight-adjusted DG methods: wave propagation in heterogeneous media (SISC). Chan, Hewett, Warburton. 2016. Weight-adjusted DG methods: curvilinear meshes (arXiv).

Chan, Warburton 2016. GPU-accelerated Bernstein-Bézier DG methods for wave problems (SISC).

Additional slides

Performance comparisons of BBDG and nodal DG



Figure: Profiled FLOPS/s for nodal and Bernstein-Bézier DG methods.

Performance comparisons of BBDG and nodal DG

Figure: Profiled bandwidth for nodal and Bernstein-Bézier DG methods.

Roofline model: estimating computational efficiency

• Arithmetic intensity: floating-point operations per byte of data.

Computational efficiency: ratio of observed/achievable performance.

Williams, Waterman, Patterson 2009. Roofline: an insightful visual performance model for multicore architectures.

Roofline model: estimating computational efficiency

Arithmetic intensity: floating-point operations per byte of data.

Computational efficiency: ratio of observed/achievable performance.

Williams, Waterman, Patterson 2009. Roofline: an insightful visual performance model for multicore architectures.

Roofline model: estimating computational efficiency

- Arithmetic intensity: floating-point operations per byte of data.
- Computational efficiency: ratio of observed/achievable performance.

Williams, Waterman, Patterson 2009. Roofline: an insightful visual performance model for multicore architectures.

Efficiency comparisons of BBDG and nodal DG

Bernstein-Bézier DG: standard implementation, sparse matrices.

Runtime-only comparisons: BBDG, SEM-DG on GPUs

- BBDG 1-1.75× faster per dof than SEM-DG for $N \leq 10$.
- Unstructured hex meshes: $9(N + 1)^3$ geometric factors per element.
- Disclaimer: hexes are more accurate, need time-to-error studies!

Abdi, Wilcox, Warburton, Giraldo 2016. A GPU Accel. Cont. and Disc. Galerkin Non-hydrostatic Atmospheric Model

Runtime-only comparisons: BBDG, SEM-DG on GPUs

- BBDG 1-1.75× faster per dof than SEM-DG for $N \leq 10$.
- Unstructured hex meshes: $9(N + 1)^3$ geometric factors per element.
- Disclaimer: hexes are more accurate, need time-to-error studies!

Abdi, Wilcox, Warburton, Giraldo 2016. A GPU Accel. Cont. and Disc. Galerkin Non-hydrostatic Atmospheric Model