

NGSSC: HPC II
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Hands-on: solving numerical PDEs: experience with *deal.II* and *Trillinos*

The task of this computer lab is to try some basic functionalities of the packages *deal.II* and *Trillinos*.

To play with, you are provided with some ready codes in C++ (serial and parallel). These are to be downloaded from http://user.it.uu.se/~maya/Courses/NGSSC/HPCII/Files_2011/dealII.

1 Introduction

In the lab, we consider the well-known Poisson's problem in two dimensions:

Find $u(x, y)$ such that

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

where $\Omega = [-1, 1]^2$, and $f = 1$.

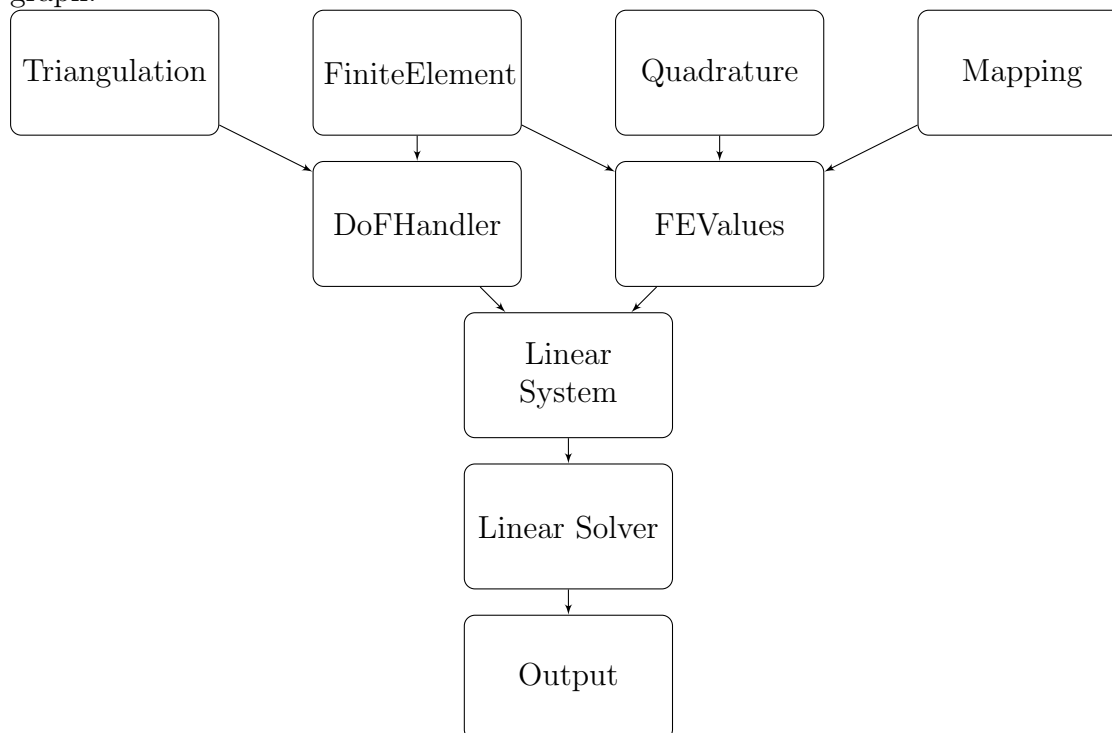
We discretize the problem using quadrilateral mesh (square in this case) and bilinear basis functions, see also the slides.

2 The blocks of a finite element program

The basic structure of a general finite element program to compute the solution of the problem numerically is as follows:

- Create a mesh
- Set up the linear system, i.e., assemble the matrix and the right hand side vector
- Solve the linear system
- Output the solution

An outline of how the primary groups of classes in *deal.II* interact is given by the following graph:



To ease the implementation of such a problem, *deal.II* provides a number of building blocks (modules), namely,

- **Triangulation:** Triangulation objects are used to define and create mesh. The triangulation stores geometric and topological properties of a mesh.
- **Finite Element:** Finite element classes describe the properties of a finite element space as defined on the unit cell.
- **Quadrature:** Quadrature objects are defined on the unit cell and only describe the location of quadrature points on the unit cell, and the weights of quadrature points thereon.
- **DoFHandler:** DoFHandler objects are the confluence of triangulations and finite elements. These enumerate all the degrees of freedom on the mesh and manage which degrees of freedom live where.
- **Mapping:** Mappings between reference and real cell.
- **FEValues:** The FEValues classes offer exactly this information: Given finite element, quadrature, and mapping objects.

- Linear Systems: In this module, classes are used to store and manage the entries of associated matrices, vectors, and the solution of linear systems.
- Linear Solvers: This module groups iterative and direct solvers, eigenvalue solvers, and some control classes.
- Output: deal.II generates output files in a variety of graphics formats understood by widely available visualization tools.

More details about these classes can be found at
<http://www.dealii.org/developer/doxygen/tutorial/index.html>

3 Tasks

3.1 Get started

Log onto the parallel computer kalkyl: `ssh -AX kalkyl.uppmax.uu.se`
 The provided test programs are 'laplace.cc' (the sequential code) and 'laplace-p.cc' (the parallel code).

3.2 Check the *.bashrc* file

The *.bashrc* file has to contain the following lines:

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export PATH=$HOME/bin:$PATH:/bubo/home/h1/petia/sw/bin
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$LD_LIBRARY_PATH:/bubo/home/h1/petia/sw/petsc-3.1-p6/linux-gnu-c-opt/lib
export PETSC_DIR=/bubo/home/h1/petia/sw/petsc-3.1-p6/
export PETSC_ARCH=linux-gnu-c-opt

module unload pgi
module load gcc/4.5 openmpi
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$LD_LIBRARY_PATH:/bubo/sw/comp/intel/Compiler/11.1/073/mkl/lib/em64t/:
/bubo/home/h1/petia/sw/petsc-3.1-p6/linux-gnu-c-opt/lib/:
/bubo/home/h1/petia/sw/slepc-3.1-p4/linux-gnu-c-opt/lib/
```

3.3 Compile and run programs

Study the Makefile to see how to compile programs.

3.3.1 Serial runs

- Compile the program 'laplace.cc',
`make`

Run the program with n times of refinements of mesh,
`./laplace n`

Study the program source file and re-run the program and compare the output.

- Test the behaviour of the three solvers for a different size of the problem. Write down the timing results and compare those with the timings below.

3.3.2 Parallel runs

- Compile the program 'laplace-p.cc' (similarly as for 'laplace.cc')
make

Notice that we use mpicc and mpicxx. The runs are then handled with the command

```
mpirun -n x laplace-p n
```

requesting x processes to run program laplace-p with n times of refinements of mesh.

- For the parallel runs we want to see the strong scalability and the weak scalability of the problem. How would you do that?

3.4 For FEM connoisseurs

Consider the convection-diffusion problem

$$\begin{aligned} -\varepsilon \Delta u + (\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla)u &= f, & \text{in } \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \\ u &= 0, & \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{aligned}$$

where $(\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla)u = b_1 u_x + b_2 u_y$, $\mathbf{b} = [1, 1]$ and $\varepsilon = 1, 0.1, 0.01$.

The necessary changes in the code are that the discrete Laplacian matrix has to be multiplied by ε and one new matrix has to be assembled, corresponding to the convection term.

As a hint, below you see the Matlab code to assembly the diffusion and the convection element matrices. (Note, that it is simpler to do the same in *deal.II*, check the assembly in the provided codes.)

```
for k=1:nip
    % nip = number of integration points
    FUN = shape_fun_trian(Gauss_point,k); % FUN(1,3)
    DER = shape_der_trian; % DER(2x3) %linear b.f.
    Jac = DER *Coord;
    Det = determinant2_m(Jac);
    IJac = inv(Jac);
    Deriv = IJac*DER; % (2x3)=(2x2)*(2x3)
    L = Deriv'*(epsilon*Deriv); % anisotropic Laplacian
    C = b(1)*FUN'*Deriv(1,:) + b(2)*FUN'*Deriv(2,:); % conv-diff
    M = FUN'*FUN;
    A_elem = A_elem + Det*Gauss_weight(k)*(L+C);
end
```

4 Results

The output of the program looks as follows:

```

xunxun@xunxun-LENOVO-Ideapad-U160: ~/Study/master_project/C++/step-3-p-all
-bash-4.1$ ./step-3-all 5
Number of refinements: 5
Mesh size: 0.0625
Number of active cells: 1024
Total number of cells: 1365
Number of degrees of freedom: 1089
CG iterations without preconditioner:48
CG iterations with AMG preconditioner:11

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| Total wallclock time elapsed since start | 2.27s |
| Section | no. calls | wall time | % of total |
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| Solve system (AMG) | 1 | 0.579s | 26% |
| Solve system (CG) | 1 | 0.00264s | 0.12% |
| Solve system directly | 1 | 1.58s | 70% |
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-bash-4.1$

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In the sequential code, the direct solver is sparse direct solver UMFPACK, using the Unsymmetric-pattern MultiFrontal method and direct sparse LU factorization.

DOF	Mesh Size h	Direct	CG		AMG	
		time (s)	time (s)	iteration	time (s)	iteration
4225	0.03125	0.0438	0.00771	96	0.0346	13
66049	0.0078125	0.788	0.336	380	0.427	13
1050625	0.00195312	26.9	32.7	1446	7.07	14

Table 1: Sequential code

In the parallel code, the direct solver is the KLU direct solver, provided by Trilinos.

DOF	Cores n	Direct	CG		AMG	
		time (s)	time (s)	iteration	time (s)	iteration
66049	1	1.57	0.734	380	0.385	13
263169	1	15.5	6.62	751	1.61	13
1050625	1	134	57.9	1446	6.89	14

Table 2: Results obtained from the parallel code on one core (mpirun -n 1)

DOF	Cores n	Direct	CG		AMG	
		time (s)	time (s)	iteration	time (s)	iteration
66049	1	1.57	0.734	380	0.385	13
263169	4	15.2	2.76	751	0.484	13
1050625	8	137	22.6	1446	1.62	13

Table 3: Results obtained from the parallel code

5 Visualization

The program 'laplace.cc' generates the output file solution.gpl, which is in GNUPLOT format. It can be viewed by typing the following commands:

invoke GNUPLOT:

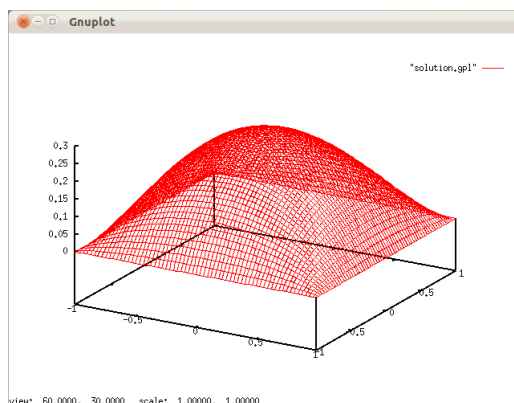
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gnuplot
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type commands at GNUPLOT prompt:

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gnuplot> set style data lines
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gnuplot> splot "solution.gpl"
```

The result looks as follows:

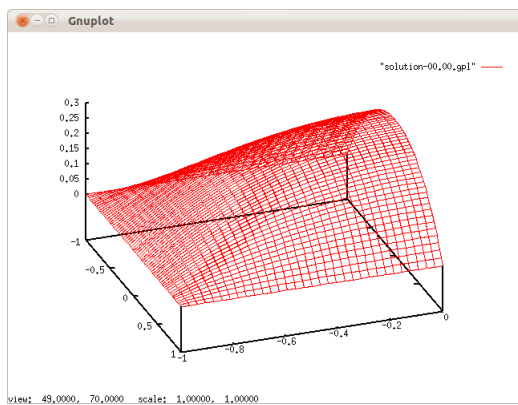


The program 'laplace-p.cc' also generates the output file in GNUPLOT format. All processors will write their own files. We could visualize them individually in GNUPLOT. And there is also a whole set of solution. If we test with the following command:

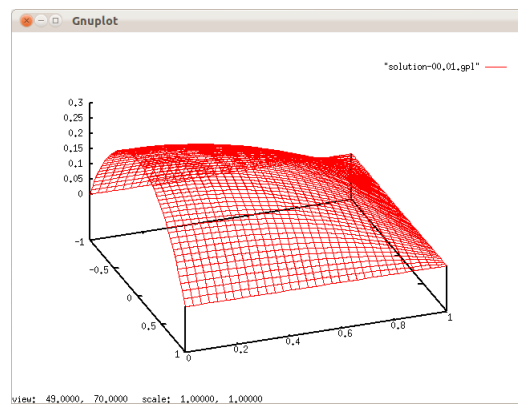
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mpirun -n 2 laplace-p 6
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We will get two individual files written by two processors, namely 'solution-00.00.gpl' and 'solution-00.01.gpl', and a whole solution file, namely 'solution-00.gpl'.

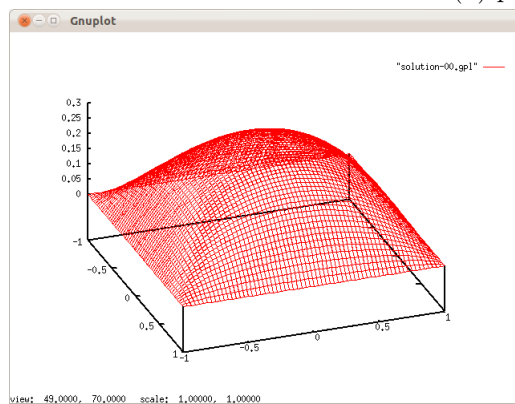
The result looks as follows:



(a) processor 1



(b) processor 2



(c) whole solution