Visualisation of the Solution of Advection-Diffusion-Reaction Equations

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ADR Equations in 2D and Numerical Approach

Introduction:
We solve the spatial advection-diffusion-reaction (ADR) models numerically using standard FDM leading to a stiff ODE system. We compute the numerical solution of this system based on exponential integrators and visualize the results using 3D volume rendering and ortho-slices in the VISH visualization shell.

Mathematical model:
Consider an ADR model in 2D for \( u = u(x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^N \)
\[
\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \nabla (au) - \Delta (du) = R(u), \quad u(x, t_0) = u_0
\]
on a smoothly bounded domain \( \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \), with the boundary \( \partial \Omega \) subject to homogeneous Neumann boundary conditions. The advection field \( a \) and the diffusion coefficient \( d \) are given. The model problem can be reformulated as an abstract ODE:
\[
u'(t) = F(u(t)), \quad F(u) = Au + R(u), \quad u(t_0) = u_0,
\]
where \( A = -\nabla (a.) + \Delta (d.) \).

Numerical method: Exponential Rosenbrock methods (see [3])

Let \( u_n = u(t_n), u_{n+1} = u(t_{n+1}), \quad t_{n+1} = t_n + h \)
Linearizing the above problem in each step at \( u_n \) to get
\[
u'(t) = J_n u(t) + g_n(u(t)), \quad J_n = \frac{\partial F}{\partial u}(u_n), \quad g_n(u) = F(u) - J_n u.
\]

Scheme:
\[
\begin{align*}
U_{ni} &= u_n + c_1 h \varphi_1 (c_1 h J_n) F(u_n) + h \sum_{j=2}^{i-1} a_{ij} (h J_n) D_{nj}, \\
U_{n+1} &= u_n + h \varphi_1 (h J_n) F(u_n) + h \sum_{i=2}^{n} b_i (h J_n) D_{ni}, \\
D_{ni} &= g_n(U_n) - g_n(u_n)
\end{align*}
\]

Experiment:
+ Parameters taken from [3]
+ The advection field: \( a = 10 \)
+ The diffusion coefficient: \( d = 1/100 \)
+ Domain: \( \Omega = [0, 1]^2 \)
+ Initial value:
\[
U(x_1, x_2, 0) = 0.3 + 256(x_1 (1 - x_1) x_2 (1 - x_2))^2
\]

To compute the numerical solution, we use the new exponential Rosenbrock exprb54s5 (order 5) which is proposed in [4]. For a comparison of visualization, we also used the old scheme exprb43 (order 4) in [3].

Strategies for the Solution Visualization and Results

Data conversion:
- Stored the data of the numerical solution in MATLAB binary
- Octave plugin to general purpose scientific format F5

Results:
Fig.1: Color-mapped ortho-slices. z-axis runs from right to left illustrating the time evolution of the 2D initial condition. The slices show some linear artifacts close to the border as well as some jittering in the z-orthogonal slices.

Fig.2: The full texture based volume rendering [2] illustrates the full domain but also occludes itself.

Fig.3: A transfer function scales the transparency and shapes iso-surfaces enhancing the full volume rendering.

Fig.4.: Gradient of scalar field used as normal vector for illumination.

Fig.5.: Volume-rendering of the difference of methods: exprb54s5 and exprb43. The difference increases in time (right to left) and concentrates in the shell like structure.

Future Work:
- Improve volume rendering by pre-integrated textures
- Add modules for binary operations on fields (e.g. differences)
- Stabilize F5 plugin for direct Matlab export (binary releases)

References