Semi-Analytic Integration Method for Direct United Boundary-Domain Integro-Differential Equation Related to Dirichlet Problem

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Abstract—A semi-analytic integration method to handle the singularity of a parametrix concerning of direct united boundary-domain integro-differential Equation (BDIDE) related to the dirichlet boundary value problem for an elliptic Partial Differential Equation (PDE) with variable coefficient is presented in this paper. This approach can be an alternative to the Gauss-Laguerre quadrature formula to evaluate the integration with a kernel that deals with logarithmic singularity. The development of this method is inspired by the fact that the exact solution of an integral moves faster than its numerical solution. By using this approach, a result with high accuracy can still be obtained even with minimize numbers of the Gaussian quadrature points and thus reduce the numerical effort in the numerical integration.

Index Terms—Direct united boundary-domain integro-differential equation, Dirichlet problem, partial differential equation, semi-analytic integration method.

I. INTRODUCTION

It is widely known that a boundary-value problem (BVP) for a PDE can be reduced to a boundary-integral equation (BIE) provided that a fundamental solution for the PDE is known. The obtained BIE can then be solved numerically. However, the fundamental solutions are known for many PDEs with constant coefficients and not generally available in an explicit form for PDEs with variable coefficients. Unlike a fundamental solution, a parametrix (Levi function) is accessible in handling the variable coefficients cases. This approach will reduces the PDEs with variables coefficients not to a BIE but to a boundary-domain integral equation (BDIE) or a boundary-domain integro-differential equation (BDIDE), see e.g. [1]-[3].

We consider the following second-order linear elliptic PDE with variable coefficient \( a(x) \) in a two-dimensional bounded domain \( \Omega \),

\[
Au(x) = \sum_{i,j=1}^{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left[ a(x) \frac{\partial u(x)}{\partial x_j} \right] = f(x), \quad x \in \Omega,
\]

with the Dirichlet boundary condition

\[
u(x) := \overline{u}(x), \quad x \in \partial \Omega,
\]

where \( \partial \Omega \) is the boundary, \( u(x) \) is the unknown function, while \( f(x), \overline{u}(x) \) and \( a(x) > 0 \) are prescribed functions.

A parametrix

\[
P(x, y) = \frac{\ln |x - y|}{2\pi a(y)}, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}^2,
\]

for PDE (1) with variable coefficient, yielded from the fundamental solution for the same equation but with 'frozen' coefficient \( a(x) = a(y) \). Here the radius \( r \) is given below.

\[
r = |x - y| = \sqrt{(x_i - x_j)^2 + (x_k - y_k)^2}.
\]

The parametrix (2) satisfies equation

\[
A_x P(x, y) = \delta(x - y) + R(x, y),
\]

where \( \delta(x - y) \) is the Dirac delta function, and the remainder \( R \) as follows.

\[
R(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi a(y)} \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{x_i - y_i}{|y - x|^2} \frac{\partial a(x)}{\partial x_i}, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}^2.
\]

Note that the remainder \( R \) [3] has only a weak singularity at \( x - y \).

Let also denote that

\[
T \nu(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{2} a(x) \nu_j(x) \frac{\partial u(x)}{\partial x_j},
\]

\[
T_x P(x, y) = \sum_{j=1}^{2} a(x) \nu_j(x) \frac{\partial P(x, y)}{\partial x_j} = \sum_{j=1}^{2} \left( a(x) \nu_j(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \right) \frac{2\pi a(y)r^2}{2\pi a(y)r^2}.
\]

Here \( \nu(x) = (\nu_1(x), \nu_2(x)) \) is the outward normal to \( \Omega \).

As described in [1], [4] for united formulation, the direct united boundary-domain integro-differential equation (BDIDE) for the Dirichlet problem with respect to the unknown function \( u \) is given below.

\[
c(y)u(y) + \int_{\Omega} R(x, y)u(x) \, d\Omega(x) + \int_{\Omega} \sum_{j=1}^{2} a(x) \nu_j(x) T_x P(x, y) \, d\Gamma(x) = \int_{\partial \Omega} \overline{u}(x) T_x P(x, y) \, d\Gamma(x) \]

where

\[
\int_{\Omega} P(x, y) f(x) \, d\Omega(x), \quad y \in \overline{\Omega},
\]
and \( \alpha(y) \) is an interior angle at a corner point \( y \) of the boundary \( \partial \Omega \). If \( \partial \Omega \) is a smooth boundary, then \( \alpha(y) = \pi \) such that \( c(y) = 1/2 \). The first integral in the right hand side of (3) is understood in the Cauchy principal value sense if \( y \in \partial \Omega \), see e.g. [5].

Some analysis of the direct boundary-domain integral equations with variable coefficient can be found in e.g. [6] and [7].

In [8, 9] the system of equations obtained from discretized BDIE related to Neumann problem for PDE with variable coefficient was solved by the direct (LU decomposition) method and Neumann iteration method. In [9], the fast convergence of the iterative method is investigated by calculating the eigen-values of the obtained algebraic systems approximating the eigen-values of the BDIE. In both papers [8], [9], the boundary integral that consists of Parametrix is evaluated by using Gauss-Laguerre quadrature formula.

In this paper, we focus on the BDIDE related to Dirichlet problem for PDE with variable coefficient as given in (4). The BDIDE in (4) is consisting of several integrals that involve singularity. The first integral in the right hand side of (3) is understood in the Cauchy principal value sense if \( y \in \partial \Omega \). The singularity of the domain integrals i.e. the first integral in the left hand side of (4) and the second integral in the right hand side of (4) are both can be treated by using Duffy transformation, see. e.g. [5]. The boundary integral that consists of Parametrix i.e. the second integral in the left can be handled by using Gauss-Laguerre quadrature formula. However, the approach might require considerable numbers of the Gaussian quadrature points in order to achieve a high accuracy result. In this paper, we propose a semi-analytic integration method to avoid the use of Gauss-Laguerre quadrature formula in calculating the second integral in the left hand side of (3).

II. DISCRETIZATION OF THE BDIDE AND THE SEMI-ANALYTIC INTEGRATION METHOD

A. Discretization of the BDIDE

We discretised the domain \( \Omega \) by a mesh of \( M \) iso-parametric quadrilateral bilinear domain elements i.e. \( \Omega = \bigcup_{k=1}^{M} e_{\xi} \), \( e_{\xi} \cap e_{\eta} = \partial \), \( k \neq m \), we can write the Cartesian coordinates of a point on domain element \( e_{\xi} \subset \Omega \) in terms of the intrinsic coordinates \( (\xi, \eta) : \xi \) on the reference square \(-1 \leq \xi, \eta \leq 1 \) as

\[
x(\xi) = \sum_{k=1}^{4} \Phi_{\xi}(\xi) X_{\alpha}^k,
\]

where \( \Phi_{\xi}(\xi) \) are the local shape functions, \( \Phi_{\eta}(\eta) \) are the global shape functions satisfying the so-called \( \delta \)-property i.e. \( \Phi_{\eta}(\eta) = \delta_{\eta} \), and \( X_{\alpha}^k, N = 1, \ldots, 4 \) are the vertices for each domain element \( e_{\alpha} \).

The unknown function \( u(x) \) at any point \( x \in \Omega \) is interpolated over its values \( u(x') \) at the global nodes \( x' \) such that

\[
u(x) = \sum_{i} \phi_i(x) u(x'), \quad x,x' \in \Omega \cup \partial \Omega,
\]

where \( \phi_i(x) \) are the global shape functions satisfying the same equation as \( \Phi_{\eta}(\eta) \), \( \phi_i(x) = \delta_{i} \).

The boundary \( \partial \Omega \) is discretized with \( L \) continuous linear iso-parametric elements, \( \partial \Omega = \bigcup_{j=1}^{L} \partial \Omega_j \), where \( \partial \Omega_1 \subset \partial \Omega_2 \subset \cdots \subset \partial \Omega_L \) are the outer sides of the corresponding domain elements \( e_{\alpha} \).

The Cartesian coordinates of a point on a boundary element \( \partial \Omega_k \subset \partial \Omega \) with the intrinsic coordinate \( \eta \) on the reference segment \(-1 \leq \eta \leq 1 \) are as follows.

\[
x(\eta) = \sum_{a=1}^{2} \Psi_{a}(\eta) X^{'a},
\]

where \( \Psi_{a}(\eta) \) are the local one-dimensional shape functions, that are the traces of the two-dimensional shape functions \( \Phi_{\xi}(\xi) \) at \( \xi = \xi_i \):

\[
\Psi_{1}(\eta) = \frac{1}{2} (1 - \eta), \quad \Psi_{2}(\eta) = \frac{1}{2} (1 + \eta), \quad -1 \leq \eta \leq 1,
\]

and \( X^{'}_a, \quad n = 1, 2 \), are the endpoints for each boundary element \( \partial \Omega_k \).

Equation (3) is equivalent to the following equation:

\[
u(y) + \int_{\Omega} R(x, y) u(x) \, d\Omega(x) + \int_{\Omega} P(x, y) \frac{\partial u(x)}{\partial \Gamma} \, d\Gamma(x) = \int_{\Omega} \tilde{u}(y) \, d\Omega(x)
\]

where \( \Phi_{\xi}(\xi) \) are the local shape functions,
nodes and placing the collocation points $x'$ for $x' \in \Omega$ at all nodes $x' \in \Omega$, yields the following system of $J$ linear algebraic equations for $J$ unknowns $u(x')$.

$$u(x') + \sum_{i=1}^{n} K^y_{ji} u(x'_i) = (1 - c'(x'))u(x') + Q_j^{D^y}, \quad x' \in \Omega, \quad j = 1, \ldots, J,$$

where $K^y_{ji}$, $Q_j^{D^y}$, and $D^y$ are defined as in (8)-(10).

$$K^y_j = \int_{\Omega} \phi_j(x) R(x, y) \, d\Omega(x) + \int_{\Omega} P(x, y)a(x) \left( \frac{\partial \phi_j(x)}{\partial v(x)} \right) \, d\Gamma(x)$$

$$= \sum_{m=1}^{M} \int_{\Omega} \phi_j(x) R(x, x') \, d\Omega(x) + \sum_{m=1}^{M} \int_{\Omega} P(x, x')a(x) \left( \frac{\partial \phi_j(x)}{\partial v(x)} \right) \, d\Gamma(x),$$

$$Q_j^{D^y} = \int_{\Omega} \widetilde{u}(x) f(x) \, d\Omega(x)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{M} \int_{\Omega} \widetilde{u}(x) f(x) \, d\Omega(x),$$

$$D^y_j = \int_{\Omega} f(x) \, d\Omega(x)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{M} \int_{\Omega} f(x) \, d\Omega(x).$$

Changing the integration variables to the intrinsic coordinates, we can then write (8)-(10) as

$$K^y_j = \sum_{i=1}^{M} G^y_{ji} + \sum_{i=1}^{M} A^y_{ji},$$

$$Q_j^{D^y} = \sum_{i=1}^{M} F^y_j,$$

$$D_j = \sum_{i=1}^{M} F^y_i,$$

where $n(j,l)$ is the local number of the node $x'$ on the boundary element $\partial \Omega_j$, $N(j,m)$ is the local number of the node $x'$ on the domain element $e_m$ and $G^y_{ji}$, $A^y_{ji}$, $F^y_j$ and $H^y_j$ are given as follows:

$$G^y_{ji} = \int_{\Omega} \Phi_j(x) R(x(x'), x') J_{ji}(x) \, d\xi_d d\xi_z,$$

$$F^y_j = \int_{\Omega} \Phi_j(x) T \int_{\Omega} P(x, y) J_{ji}(x) \, d\xi_d d\xi_z,$$

$$H^y_j = \int_{\Omega} \Phi_j(x) \int_{\Omega} P(x, y) J_{ji}(x) \, d\xi_d d\xi_z.$$
\[ G_{\phi} = \int_{s_1}^{s_2} g_{\phi} \, ds \]
\[ = \int_{s_1}^{s_2} \left( \frac{s - s_1}{s - s_2} \right) P(x, x') a(x(s)) \frac{\partial \phi_i(x(s))}{\partial \nu(x)} \, ds \]
\[ + \int_{s_1}^{s_2} \left( \frac{s - s_1}{s - s_2} \right) P(x, x') a(x(s)) \frac{\partial \phi_i(x(s))}{\partial \nu(x)} \, ds \]

Since
\[ (s - s) = \left( \frac{s - s_1}{s - s_2} \right) (1 - \eta), \]
\[ (s - s_1) = \left( \frac{s - s_1}{s - s_2} \right) (1 - \eta), \]

one can write (15) and (16) as
\[ g_{\phi} = \frac{(1 - \eta)}{2} P(x, x') a(x(s)) \frac{\partial \phi_i(x)}{\partial \nu(x)} \]
\[ + \frac{(1 + \eta)}{2} P(x, x') a(x(s)) \frac{\partial \phi_i(x)}{\partial \nu(x)} \]

\[ G_{\phi} = \int_{s_1}^{s_2} g_{\phi} \, ds \]
\[ = \int_{s_1}^{s_2} \left( \frac{(1 - \eta)}{2} P(x, x') a(x(s)) \frac{\partial \phi_i(x(s))}{\partial \nu(x)} \right) \, ds \]
\[ + \int_{s_1}^{s_2} \left( \frac{(1 + \eta)}{2} P(x, x') a(x(s)) \frac{\partial \phi_i(x(s))}{\partial \nu(x)} \right) \, ds \]
\[ = a(x(s)) \frac{\partial \phi_i(x(s))}{\partial \nu(x)} \]
\[ \int_{s_1}^{s_2} \left( \frac{(1 - \eta)}{2} P(x, x') a(x(s)) \right) \, ds \, d\eta \]
\[ + a(x(s)) \frac{\partial \phi_i(x(s))}{\partial \nu(x)} \]
\[ \int_{s_1}^{s_2} \left( \frac{(1 + \eta)}{2} P(x, x') a(x(s)) \right) \, ds \, d\eta. \]

Defining
\[ g_{\phi_1} = \int_{s_1}^{s_2} \left( \frac{(1 - \eta)}{2} P(x, x') a(x(s)) \right) \, ds \, d\eta, \]
\[ g_{\phi_2} = \int_{s_1}^{s_2} \left( \frac{(1 + \eta)}{2} P(x, x') a(x(s)) \right) \, ds \, d\eta, \]

we can then write (18) as
\[ G_{\phi} = a(x(s)) \frac{\partial \phi_i(x(s))}{\partial \nu(x)} \]
\[ + a(x(s)) \frac{\partial \phi_i(x(s))}{\partial \nu(x)} \]

The integrals \( g_{\phi_1} \) and \( g_{\phi_2} \) in (19) and (20) are calculated analytically. The radius \( r \) can be written as
\[ r = \sqrt{h^2 + (d - s)^2}, \]
where \( h, d \) and \( s \) are defined as in (21)-(23) below.

\[ h = \left| \frac{W_1 \times W_2}{W_1} \right| = \frac{W_2}{W_1} \left( 1 - \frac{W_1 \cdot W_2}{W_1} \right)^2 \]
\[ = W_1 (1 - \hat{e}), \]
\[ d = W_2 \cos \theta = \frac{W_1 \cdot W_2}{W_1} = \frac{W_1}{W_2}, \]
\[ s = \frac{W_2}{2} (\eta + 1), \]

where
\[ W_1 = |x' - x(s_1)|, \]
\[ W_2 = |x(s_2) - x(s_1)|, \]
\[ W_3 = (x' - x(s_1)) \cdot (x(s_2) - x(s_1)), \]
\[ \hat{e} = \left( \frac{W_1 \cdot W_2}{W_1 W_2} \right) = \left( \frac{W_1}{W_2} \right)^2, \]

Here \( \hat{W}_1 \) and \( \hat{W}_2 \) are the unit vectors.

The analytic solutions for integrals \( g_{\phi_1} \) and \( g_{\phi_2} \) calculated exactly by using Mathematica 5.1 as given in equations (24) and (25) below.

\[ g_{\phi_1} = \int_{s_1}^{s_2} \left( \frac{(1 - \eta)}{2} \left( \frac{\ln[h^2 + (d - s)^2]}{2\pi a(x')} \right) \right) \, ds \, d\eta. \]
\[ g_{\phi_2} = \int_{s_1}^{s_2} \left( \frac{(1 + \eta)}{2} \left( \frac{\ln[h^2 + (d - s)^2]}{2\pi a(x')} \right) \right) \, ds \, d\eta. \]
\[ g_{s_1} = \frac{J_i(\eta)(h_1 + h_2 + h_3 + h_4)}{4\pi a(x') W_i^4}, \quad (24) \]
\[ g_{s_2} = \frac{J_i(\eta)(f_1 + f_2 + f_3 + f_4)}{4\pi a(x') W_i^4}, \quad (25) \]

where
\[ J_i(\eta) = \frac{ds}{dn}, \]
\[ h_i = -3W_i^4 + 2W_i^2 W_i + 4(W_i^2 - W_i) \sqrt{W_i^4 W_i^2 - W_i^2} \]
\[ \text{ArcTan} \left[ \frac{(W_i^2 - W_i)}{\sqrt{W_i^4 W_i^2 - W_i^2}} \right], \]
\[ h_2 = 4W_i(W_i - W_i^2 - W_i^2) \ln[W_i^4], \]
\[ \text{ArcTan} \left[ \frac{(W_i^2 - W_i)}{\sqrt{W_i^4 W_i^2 - W_i^2}} \right], \]
\[ h_3 = (W_i^2 W_i^2 + W_i^2 - 2W_i^2 W_i + W_i^2) \ln[W_i^4], \]
\[ f_i = -2W_i^2 W_i + 4W_i \sqrt{W_i^4 W_i^2 - W_i^2} \]
\[ \text{ArcTan} \left[ \frac{(W_i^2 - W_i)}{\sqrt{W_i^4 W_i^2 - W_i^2}} \right], \]
\[ f_2 = 4W_i \sqrt{W_i^4 W_i^2 - W_i^2} \]
\[ \text{ArcTan} \left[ \frac{W_i}{\sqrt{W_i^4 W_i^2 - W_i^2}} \right], \]
\[ f_3 = (-W_i^2 W_i^2 + 2W_i^2) \ln[W_i^4], \]
\[ f_4 = (W_i^2 W_i^2 + W_i^2 - 2W_i^2) \ln[W_i^4 + W_i^2 - 2W_i]. \]

The analytic solutions for integrals \( g_{s_1} \) and \( g_{s_2} \) in (24) and (25) are uncertainty of the type \( 0/0 \) when \( x' = s_i \) and \( x' = s_i^1 \). Therefore, when \( x' = s_i \), by taking the limit as \( W_i \to 0 \), we obtain
\[ g_{s_1} = \left( \frac{1}{4\pi a(x')} \right) J_i(\eta)(-3 + \ln[W_i^2]), \]
\[ g_{s_2} = \left( \frac{1}{4\pi a(x')} \right) J_i(\eta)(-1 + \ln[W_i^2]). \]

When \( x' = s_i^1 \), by taking the limit as \( W_i \to W_i^2 \), we have
\[ g_{s_1} = \left( \frac{1}{4\pi a(x')} \right) J_i(\eta)(-1 + \ln[W_i^2]), \]
\[ g_{s_2} = \left( \frac{1}{4\pi a(x')} \right) J_i(\eta)(-3 + \ln[W_i^2]). \]

In handling the singularity for the domain integrals (11) and (14), we can split the square reference element into triangular sub-elements and apply the Duffy transformation, see, e.g. [5].

System (7) can now be solved by any numerical method for solving linear algebraic systems.

### III. Conclusion

As for the conclusion, we have introduced one approach in handling the integration that involves singularity for the parametrix \( P(x, y) \). The proposed method lies on the idea that the exact solution of an integral moves faster than the its numerical solution. Therefore, this semi-analytic integration method will make the numerical solution approach the exact solution of the respected integral’s solution closer than the standard numerical approach. Calculating (12) exactly is also possible but of course not a good idea since the parametrix \( P(x, y) \) that appears in (12) is consisting of variable \( a(x) \) which might be different for different cases of BVPs. This semi-analytic integration is then a good way to avoid calculating (12) each time whenever we have different values of \( a(x) \).

Some numerical tests also indicate that this semi-analytic integration method does produce higher accuracy than those when we calculate the integral involving a Parametrix by using Gauss–Laguerre formula to handle the singularity of a logarithmic function. However, no numerical result will be presented in this paper.

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