

Semi-implicit Diamond-cell Finite Volume Scheme for 3D Nonlinear Tensor Diffusion in Coherence Enhancing Image Filtering

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Nonlinear tensor diffusion model

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot (D \nabla u) &= 0, & \text{in } Q_T \equiv I \times \Omega, \\ u(x, 0) &= u_0(x), & \text{in } \Omega, \\ (D \nabla u) \cdot \mathbf{n} &= 0, & \text{on } I \times \partial\Omega.\end{aligned}$$

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$$D = G_\rho * D_0, \text{ where } D_0 = \begin{cases} B, & \text{if } \mu = 0, \\ PBP^{-1} & \text{else,} \end{cases},$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} \kappa_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \kappa_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \kappa_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

and P is a transition matrix from the basis (v_1, v_2, v_3) to (e_1, e_2, e_3) .

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$$\frac{1}{\mu} \begin{pmatrix} u_{x_1}^2 \kappa_1 + (u_{x_2}^2 + u_{x_3}^2) \kappa_2 & u_{x_1} u_{x_2} (\kappa_1 - \kappa_2) & u_{x_1} u_{x_3} (\kappa_1 - \kappa_2) \\ u_{x_1} u_{x_2} (\kappa_1 - \kappa_2) & u_{x_2}^2 \kappa_1 + (u_{x_1}^2 + u_{x_3}^2) \kappa_2 & u_{x_2} u_{x_3} (\kappa_1 - \kappa_2) \\ u_{x_1} u_{x_3} (\kappa_1 - \kappa_2) & u_{x_2} u_{x_3} (\kappa_1 - \kappa_2) & u_{x_3}^2 \kappa_1 + (u_{x_1}^2 + u_{x_2}^2) \kappa_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Positive definiteness of the diffusion tensor

$$0 < \alpha \leq z^T D_0(x) z \Leftrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=1}^3 z_i z_j d_{ij}(x) \geq \alpha > 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned} z^T D(x) z &= z^T (G_\rho * D_0(x)) z = \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=1}^3 z_i z_j \int_{R^3} G_\rho(x - \xi) d_{ij}(\xi) d\xi = \\ &= \int_{R^3} G_\rho(x - \xi) \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=1}^3 z_i z_j d_{ij}(\xi) d\xi \\ &\geq \alpha \int_{R^3} G_\rho(x - \xi) d\xi = \alpha > 0. \end{aligned}$$

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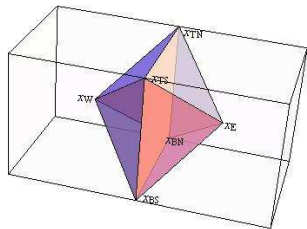
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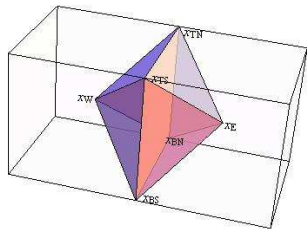
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- 2 The boundary of co-volume is given by triangles $\bar{\sigma} \subset \partial\chi_\sigma$, we denote their vertices by $N_1(\bar{\sigma})$, $N_2(\bar{\sigma})$ and $N_3(\bar{\sigma})$.

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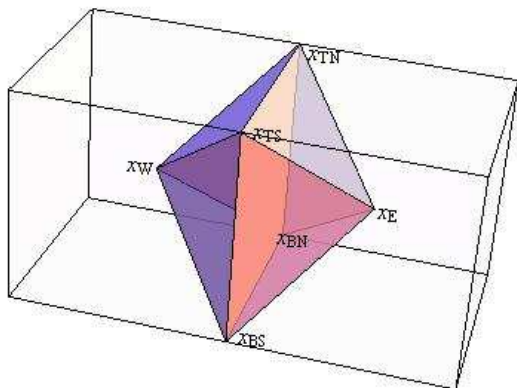
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Numerical flux

$\mathbf{t1}_{K,\sigma}$ is a unit vector parallel to $x_{TN} - x_{TS}$ such that $(x_{TN} - x_{TS}) \cdot \mathbf{t1}_{K,\sigma} > 0$ and

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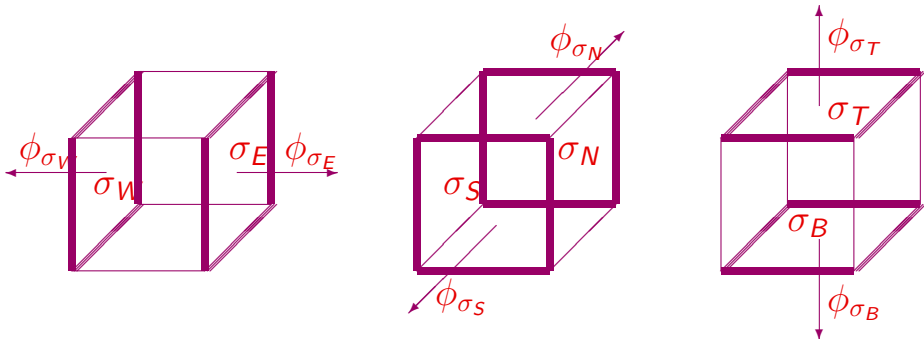


Numerical flux

$$\phi_{\sigma}^n(u_{h,k}^n) = (D_{\sigma} p_{\sigma}^n(u)) \cdot \mathbf{n}_{K,\sigma},$$

$$\text{where } D_{\sigma} = D_{\sigma}^{n-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{D}_{11}^{\sigma} & \bar{D}_{12}^{\sigma} & \bar{D}_{13}^{\sigma} \\ \bar{D}_{12}^{\sigma} & \bar{D}_{22}^{\sigma} & \bar{D}_{23}^{\sigma} \\ \bar{D}_{13}^{\sigma} & \bar{D}_{23}^{\sigma} & \bar{D}_{33}^{\sigma} \end{pmatrix}.$$

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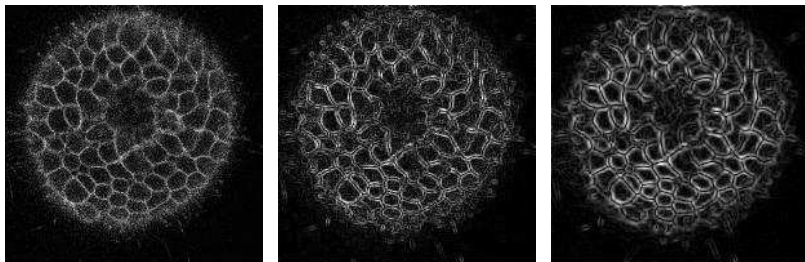
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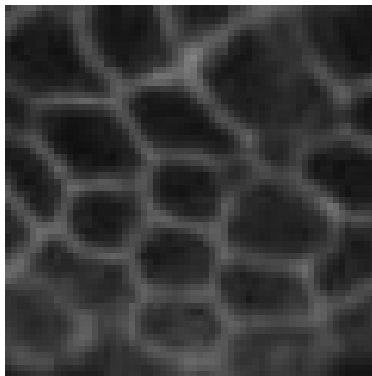
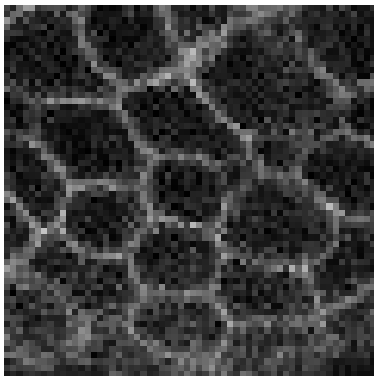
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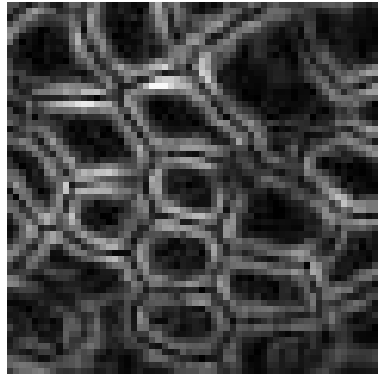
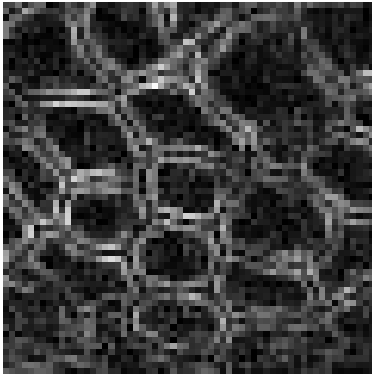
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2D slice of 3D membranes image. Original image (left), edge detection of the original image (in the middle), edge detection of the filtered image after 3 steps (right).



Detail (70×70 pixels) of previous image. Original image (left), image filtered by tensor diffusion after 3 steps (right).



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