



Discretization Capability Area

Overview

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Discretization Capability Area What is it?

The Discretization Capability Area is a collection of low-level software tools that enable rapid development of application codes based on the numerical solution of partial differential equations (PDEs).

File input / output, meshing, partitioning



PDE Discretization

The nitty-gritty that takes you from the computational mesh to your first linear system.



Linear / nonlinear solvers, eigensolvers, optimization, etc.







Shards

definition of cell topology

Intrepid

local (cell-based) FE/FV/FD basis definition; numerical integration; cell geometry; etc.

Phalanx

decomposition of complex PDE systems into a number of elementary user-defined expressions; efficient management of expression dependencies; hooks to embedded tools, etc.

FEI, Panzer

user-defined assignment and management of global degrees of freedom; assembly of local PDE discretization data into distributed linear systems; etc.







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- a suite of common tools for topological data that facilitate interoperability between PDE software
- cell definitions (e.g., triangle, hexahedron, etc.)
- methods to manage and access information about cell topologies:
 - (1) query adjacencies of subcells
 - (2) find subcell permutation w. r. to global cell
 - (3) create user-defined custom cell topologies

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Intrepid

- physics-compatible cell-local PDE discretizations
- streamlined access to finite element, finite volume and finite difference methods
- support for a wide range of cell topologies
- compatible finite element spaces of arbitrary degree for H(grad), H(curl), H(div) and L2 spaces
- Lagrange-interpolating and modal FE bases
- prototype for polyhedral FE bases
- prototype for control-volume (CV) FEM
- numerical integration: spatial and stochastic
- cell geometry tools: volumes, normals, tangents, reference-to-physical maps

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- cell-local field (variable, data) evaluation kernel specifically designed for general PDE solvers
- decomposition of complex PDE systems into a number of elementary user-defined expressions
- management of expression dependencies
- enables rapid development of large PDE codes
- user-defined data types and evaluation types offer unprecedented flexibility for direct integration with user applications
- they also enable embedded technology such as automatic differentiation for sensitivity analysis, optimization and uncertainty quantification

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- user-defined assignment and management of global degrees of freedom (DOFs)
- assembly of cell-local PDE discretization data into global, distributed linear systems
- insulate PDE application codes from linearalgebra issues such as sparse matrix storage and mappings of DOFs to distributed linear equations
- support multi-physics problems, allowing for arbitrarily complicated PDE discretizations with multiple DOFs per subcell (edge-based, facebased, node-based and mixed)

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Discretization Capability Area

- Drekar (used in CASL) represents a superb demonstration of all tools in the Discretization Capability Area: talk to R. Pawlowski and E. Cyr
- Panzer is now officially available in Trilinos (still experimental – patience, please)

Two related presentations today:

- 3:45pm 4:15pm, **E. Cyr:** A New Degree-of-Freedom Capability
- 4:15pm 4:30pm, **S. Gao:** *Discretization Tool Use in Charon*





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