

Two-Grid Based Adaptive Proper Orthogonal Decomposition Method for Time Dependent Partial Differential Equations

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Abstract

In this article, we propose a two-grid based adaptive proper orthogonal decomposition (POD) method to solve the time dependent partial differential equations. Based on the error obtained in the coarse grid, we propose an error indicator for the numerical solution obtained in the fine grid. Our new method is cheap and easy to be implement. We apply our new method to the solution of time-dependent advection—diffusion equations with the Kolmogorov flow and the ABC flow. The numerical results show that our method is more efficient than the existing POD methods.

Keywords Proper orthogonal decomposition \cdot Galerkin projection \cdot Error indicator \cdot Adaptive \cdot Two grid

1 Introduction

Time dependent partial differential equations play an important role in scientific and engineering computing. Many physical phenomena are described by time dependent partial differential equations, for example, the seawater intrusion [3], the heat transfer [12], fluid equations [6,57]. The design and analysis of high efficiency numerical schemes for time dependent partial differential equations has always been an active research topic.

For the spatial discretization of the time dependent partial differential equations, some classical discretization methods, for example, the finite element method [9], the finite dif-

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ference method [30], the plane wave method [27], can be used. However, for many complex systems, these classical discretization methods will usually result in discretized systems with millons or even billions of degree of freedom, especially when the spatial dimension is equal to or larger than three. Therefore, if we use these classical discretization methods to deal with the spatial discretization at each time interval, the computational cost will be very huge [5,10,47].

We realize that many model reduction methods have been developed to reduce the degrees of freedom and then the computational costs [42]. The general idea for these methods is to project the original system onto a low-dimensional approximation subspace so that the degree of freedoms involved in the discretization will be reduced significantly. The proper orthogonal decomposition (POD) [31,46] method is one of the most commonly used ways to define the low-dimensional subspace. Other model reduction methods include reduced basis methods [8,25,34,35], balanced truncation [24] and Krylov subspace methods [19]. We refer to [4,15] for the reviews of the model reduction methods.

The POD method has been widely used in time dependent partial differential equations, see, e.g., [2,4,7,23,28,33,41]. Some review about POD method and its applications can be found in [25,52]. The basic idea of the POD method is to start with an ensemble of data, called snapshots, then construct POD modes by performing singular value decomposition (SVD) to these snapshots [11,26,32,41,46]. After that, by projecting the original system onto the reduced-order subspace spanned by these POD modes, a POD reduced model is then obtained and solved instead of the original system. By choosing the snapshots properly, the number of the POD modes will usually be much less than the degrees of freedom resulted by the traditional methods. Therefore, it will be much cheaper to discretize the time dependent partial differential equations in the subspace spanned by these POD modes.

We see that the choice of the snapshot ensemble is a crucial issue in constructing POD modes, and can greatly affect the approximation of solution for the original systems. We refer to [29] for a discussion on this issue, which will not be addressed here.

For the classical POD method for time dependent partial differential equations, the snapshots are usually collected from trajectories of the dynamical system at certain discrete time instances obtained by one of the traditional methods over some interval $[0, T_0]$ [11,46]. Once the POD modes are chosen, they will be fixed and not updated during the time evolution. However, as the time evolution of the solution takes place, the feature of the solution will usually change. Therefore, if the POD modes are not updated any more, the approximation error obtained by the POD methods may become nonnegligible.

To improve the efficiency of the POD methods, some adaptive POD approaches have been introduced in the past years. In [38], the authors proposed dynamic reduced models for dynamic data-driven application systems. The dynamic reduced models take into account the changes in the underlying system by exploiting the opportunity presented by the dynamic sensor data and adaptively incorporating sensor data during the dynamic process. In [44], some local POD and Galerkin projection method was proposed, however, the assumption that the Galerkin approximation converges to the right solution if an appropriately large number of modes is used, which may not be true, especially for the case that the POD modes are obtained by the snapshots in some time subinterval other than the whole time interval. In [16,43,49], some adaptive POD methods for time dependent partial equations are proposed by constructing some residual type error indicators to determine whether the POD modes need to be updated. The residual type error indicator is efficient, however, since the calculation of the residual involves the data in the original high dimensional space, it is usually expensive to compute.



In this paper, we propose a two-grid based adaptive POD method, where we use the error obtained in the coarse mesh to construct the error indicator to tell us if we need to update the POD subspace in the fine mesh or not. Since the degree of freedom corresponding to the coarse mesh is much less than that corresponding to the fine mesh, it is cheap to calculate the error indicator. Therefore, by our method, we can easily compute the error indicator, and then update the POD subspace when needed.

We note that the two-grid approach has been widely used in the discretization of different kinds of partial differential equations [18,55,56]. The main difference lies in that the coarse grid in this paper is only used to obtain the indicator which tells us at which instants we need to update the POD modes. From some special perspective, our two-grid approach here can be viewed as one of the widely used multi-fidelity type approaches. The multi-fidelity methods accelerate the solution of original systems by combining high-fidelity and low-fidelity model evaluations, and have been widely used in many different applications [20,36,48]. Some review about multi-fidelity methods can be found in [39].

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. First, we give some preliminaries in Sect. 2, including a brief introduction for the finite element method, the standard POD-Galerkin method, the general framework for adaptive POD method, and the residual based adaptive POD method. Then, we propose our two-grid based adaptive POD method in Sect. 3. Next, we apply our new method to the simulation of some typical time dependent partial differential equations, including advection–diffusion equation with three-space dimensional velocity field, such as the Kolmogorov flow and the ABC flow, and use these numerical experiments to show the efficiency and the advantage of our method to the existing methods in Sect. 4. Finally, we give some concluding remarks in Sect. 5, and provide some additional numerical experiments for tuning the parameters and the coarse mesh size in "Appendices A and B", respectively.

2 Preliminaries

We consider the following general time dependent partial differential equation

$$\begin{cases} u_{t} - D_{0}\Delta u + \mathbf{B}(x, y, z, t) \cdot \nabla u + c(x, y, z, t)u = f(x, y, z, t), & \text{in}\Omega \times (0, T] \\ u(x, y, z, 0) = h(x, y, z), & (1) \\ u(x + l, y, z, t) = u(x, y + l, z, t) = u(x, y, z + l, t) = u(x, y, z, t), \end{cases}$$

where $\Omega = [0, l]^3$, $f \in L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega))$, $c \in L^{\infty}(\Omega)$, $\mathbf{B} \in C(0, T; W^{1,\infty}(\Omega)^3)$ and D_0 is a constant.

Define a bilinear form

$$a(t; u, v) = D_0(\nabla u, \nabla v) - D_0 \int_{\partial \Omega} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} v d\sigma + (\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla u, v) + (cu, v), \quad \forall u, v \in H^1(\Omega),$$

where (\cdot, \cdot) stands for the inner product in $L^2(\Omega)$, and the function space

$$V = \{ v \in H^1(\Omega) : v|_{x=0} = v|_{x=l}, v|_{y=0} = v|_{y=l}, v|_{z=0} = v|_{z=l} \}.$$

Then the variational form of Eq. (1) can be written as follows: find $u \in V$ such that

$$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}, v\right) + a(t; u, v) = (f(x, y, z, t), v), \quad \forall v \in V.$$
 (2)



In order to solve (2) numerically, we choose the implicit Euler scheme [1,51] for the temporal discretization. We partition the time interval into $N \in \mathbb{N}$ subintervals with equal length $\delta t = T/N$, and set $u^k(x, y, z) = u(x, y, z, t_k)$ where $t_k = k * \delta t$, for $k \in \{0, 1, ..., N\}$. Then the semi-discretization scheme of (2) can be written as:

$$\left(\frac{u^k(x, y, z) - u^{k-1}(x, y, z)}{\delta t}, v) + a(t_k; u^k(x, y, z), v)\right) = (f(x, y, z, t_k), v), \quad \forall v \in V.$$
 (3)

2.1 Standard Finite Element Method

In this subsection, we introduce the standard finite element discretization for the Eq. (3) briefly. For more detailed introduction on standard finite element method, please refer to e.g. [45,50].

Let \mathcal{T}_h be a regular mesh over Ω , that is, there exists a constant γ^* such that [13]

$$\frac{h_{\tau}}{\rho_{\tau}} < \gamma^*, \quad \forall \tau \in \mathcal{T}_h$$

where h_{τ} is the diameter of τ for each $\tau \in \mathcal{T}_h$ and ρ_{τ} is the diameter of the biggest ball contained in $\tau \in \mathcal{T}_h$, $h = \max h_{\tau}$, $\tau \in \mathcal{T}_h$. Denote # \mathcal{T}_h the degree of freedom of mesh \mathcal{T}_h . Define the finite element space as

$$V_h = \{v_h : v_h|_e \in \mathbb{P}_m(e), \forall e \in \mathcal{T}_h \text{ and } v_h \in C^0(\bar{\Omega})\} \cap V,$$

where $\mathbb{P}_m(e)$ is a set of polynomials with degree less than or equal to m on element e. Let $\{\phi_{h,i}\}_{i=1}^n$ be a basis for V_h , that is

$$V_h := \text{span}\{\phi_{h,1}, \phi_{h,2}, \dots, \phi_{h,n}\}.$$

Then the numerical approximation of $u^k(x, y, z)$ can be expressed as

$$u_h^k(x, y, z) = \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_{h,i}^k \phi_{h,i}(x, y, z).$$
 (4)

Inserting (4) into (3), and setting $v = \phi_{h,j}$, j = 1, 2, 3, ..., n, respectively, we obtain

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[\frac{\beta_{h,i}^{k} - \beta_{h,i}^{k-1}}{\delta t} (\phi_{h,i}, \phi_{h,j}) + \beta_{h,i}^{k} a(t_{k}; \phi_{h,i}, \phi_{h,j}) \right] = (f(x, y, z, t_{k}), \phi_{h,j}).$$
 (5)

We can rewrite (5) as

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \beta_{h,i}^{k} [(\phi_{h,i}, \phi_{h,j}) + \delta t a(t_{k}; \phi_{h,i}, \phi_{h,j})] = \delta t (f(x, y, z, t_{k}), \phi_{h,j}) + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \beta_{h,i}^{k-1} (\phi_{h,i}, \phi_{h,j}).$$
 (6)

Define

$$\mathbf{A}_{h,ij}^{k} = (\phi_{h,j}, \phi_{h,i}) + \delta t a(t_{k}; \phi_{h,j}, \phi_{h,i}), \quad \mathbf{u}_{h}^{k} = (\beta_{h,1}^{k}, \beta_{h,2}^{k}, \beta_{h,3}^{k}, \dots, \beta_{h,n}^{k})^{T},$$

$$\mathbf{b}_{h}^{k} = \delta t * ((f, \phi_{h,1}), \dots, (f, \phi_{h,n}))^{T}, \quad \mathbf{C}_{h,ij} = (\phi_{h,j}, \phi_{h,i}).$$

Then (6) can be written as the following algebraic form

$$\mathbf{A}_h^k \mathbf{u}_h^k = \mathbf{b}_h^k + \mathbf{C}_h \mathbf{u}_h^{k-1}. \tag{7}$$





Fig. 1 Sketch of the POD method. I_{FEM} and I_{POD} refer to the time intervals where (3) is discretized in V_h and the subspace spanned by the POD modes, respectively

2.2 POD Method

For the classical POD method for time dependent partial differential equations, the snapshots are usually collected from trajectories of the dynamical system at certain discrete time instances obtained by one of the traditional methods over some interval $[0, T_0]$. Then, the POD modes are constructed by performing singular value decomposition (SVD) to these snapshots. Projecting the original dynamic system onto the reduced-order subspace spanned by the POD modes, we then obtain the POD reduced model. To understand this process clearly, we show the sketch of the POD method in Fig. 1.

Now, we turn to introduce the details for each step of POD method for discretizing problem (3).

1. Snapshots

Discretize (3) in V_h on the interval $[0, T_0]$, and collect the numerical solution per δM steps(δM is a parameter to be specified in the numerical experiment). Set $n_s = \lfloor \frac{T_0}{\delta t \cdot \delta M} \rfloor$, where |*| means the round down, and denote

$$\mathbf{U}_h = [\mathbf{u}_h^0, \mathbf{u}_h^{\delta M}, \dots, \mathbf{u}_h^{n_s \cdot \delta M}],$$

2. POD modes

Perform SVD to the snapshots matrix $\mathbf{U}_h \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times (n_s+1)}$, and obtain

$$\mathbf{U}_h = \mathbf{RSV}^T, \tag{8}$$

where $\mathbf{R} = [R_1, R_2, \dots, R_r] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$, $\mathbf{V} = [V_1, \dots, V_r] \in \mathbb{R}^{(n_s+1) \times r}$ are the left and right projection matrices, respectively, and $\mathbf{S} = \operatorname{diag}\{\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_r\}$ with $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r > 0$. The rank of \mathbf{U}_h is r, and obviously $r \leq \min(n, n_s + 1)$.

Set $m = \min\{k | \sum_{i=1}^{k} \mathbf{S}_{i,i} > \gamma_1 * \operatorname{Trace}(\mathbf{S})\}(\gamma_1 \text{ is a parameter to be specified in the numerical experiment), then the POD modes are constructed by$

$$(\psi_{h,1}, \psi_{h,2}, \dots, \psi_{h,m}) = (\phi_{h,1}, \phi_{h,2}, \dots, \phi_{h,n}) \tilde{\mathbf{R}},$$
 (9)

where $\tilde{\mathbf{R}} = [R_1, R_2, ..., R_m].$

For the convenience of the following discussion, we summarize the process of constructing POD modes as routine POD_Mode($\mathbf{U}_h, \gamma_1, \Phi_h, m, \Psi_h$), where $\Phi_h = (\phi_{h,1}, \phi_{h,2}, \dots, \phi_{h,n})$ and $\Psi_h = (\psi_{h,1}, \psi_{h,2}, \dots, \psi_{h,m})$, please see Algorithm 1 for the details.



Algorithm 1 POD Mode($U_h, \gamma, \Phi_h, m, \Psi_h$)

Input: $U_h, \gamma, \Phi_h = (\phi_{h,1}, \phi_{h,2}, \dots, \phi_{h,n}).$

Output: m and POD modes $\{\psi_{h,1}, \psi_{h,2}, \dots, \psi_{h,m}\}$.

Step1: Perform SVD to U_h , and obtain $U_h = \mathbf{RSV}^T$, where $\mathbf{S} = diag(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_r)$ with $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \sigma_3$

Step2: Set $m = \min\{k | \sum_{i=1}^{k} \mathbf{S}_{i,i} > \gamma * \operatorname{Trace}(\mathbf{S})\}.$

Step3: $(\psi_{h,1}, \psi_{h,2}, \dots, \psi_{h,m}) = \Phi_h \mathbf{R}[:, 1:m].$

3. Galerkin projection

For $t > T_0$, we discretize (3) in subspace span $\{\psi_{h,1}, \psi_{h,2}, \dots, \psi_{h,m}\}$, which is also called the POD subspace. That is, the solution of (3) is approximated by

$$u_{h,\text{POD}}^{k}(x, y, z) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \tilde{\beta}_{h,i}^{k} \psi_{h,i}(x, y, z).$$
 (10)

Inserting (10) into (3), and setting $v = \psi_{h,j}, j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m$, respectively, we then obtain the following discretized problem:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m} \tilde{\beta}_{h,i}^{k} [(\psi_{h,i}, \psi_{h,j}) + \delta t a(t_{k}; \psi_{h,i}, \psi_{h,j})] = \delta t (f(x, y, z, t_{k}), \psi_{h,j}) + \sum_{i=1}^{m} \tilde{\beta}_{h,i}^{k-1} (\psi_{h,i}, \psi_{h,j}).$$

$$(11)$$

We define

$$\widetilde{\mathbf{A}}_{h,ij}^{k} = (\psi_{h,j}, \psi_{h,i}) + \delta t a(t_{k}; \psi_{h,j}, \psi_{h,i}),
\widetilde{\mathbf{b}}_{h}^{k} = \delta t * ((f, \psi_{h,1}), \dots, (f, \psi_{h,m}))^{T}, \quad \widetilde{\mathbf{C}}_{h,ij} = (\psi_{h,j}, \psi_{h,i}),
\mathbf{u}_{h,POD}^{k} = (\widetilde{\beta}_{h,1}^{k}, \widetilde{\beta}_{h,2}^{k}, \widetilde{\beta}_{h,3}^{k}, \dots, \widetilde{\beta}_{h,m}^{k})^{T}.$$

Then (11) can be written as the following algebraic form

$$\widetilde{\mathbf{A}}_{h}^{k}\mathbf{u}_{h,POD}^{k} = \widetilde{\mathbf{b}}_{h}^{k} + \widetilde{\mathbf{C}}_{h}\mathbf{u}_{h,POD}^{k-1}.$$
(12)

By some simple calculation, we have that

$$\widetilde{\mathbf{A}}_h^k = \widetilde{\mathbf{R}}^T \mathbf{A}_h^k \widetilde{\mathbf{R}}, \quad \widetilde{\mathbf{b}}_h^k = \widetilde{\mathbf{R}}^T * \mathbf{b}_h^k, \quad \widetilde{\mathbf{C}}_h = \widetilde{\mathbf{R}}^T \mathbf{C}_h \widetilde{\mathbf{R}}.$$

Summarizing the above discussion, we then get the standard POD method for discretizing (3), which is shown as Algorithm 2.



Algorithm 2 POD method

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1: Give \delta t, \gamma_1, T_0, \delta M, and the mesh T_h. Set n_s = \lfloor \frac{T_0}{\delta t \cdot \delta M} \rfloor.

2: Discretize (3) in V_h on interval [0, T_0], and obtain u_h^k, k = 0, \dots, \lfloor T_0/\delta t \rfloor].

3: Take snapshots \mathbf{U}_h at t_0, t_{\delta M}, ..., t_{n_s \delta M}, respectively, that is \mathbf{U}_h = [\mathbf{u}_h^0, \mathbf{u}_h^{\delta M}, \dots, \mathbf{u}_h^{n_s \cdot \delta M}].
4: Construct POD modes \Psi_h by POD_Mode(\mathbf{U}_h, \gamma_1, \Phi_h, m, \Psi_h).

5: t = T_0.

6: while t \leq T do

7: t = t + \delta t, k = k + 1.

8: Discretize (3) in the subspace \mathrm{span}\{\psi_{h,1}, \psi_{h,2}, \dots, \psi_{h,m}\}, and obtain \mathbf{u}_{h,\mathrm{POD}}^k.

9: end while
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2.3 Adaptive POD Method

As the time evolution of the system, the feature of the solution may change a lot. Therefore, to improve the efficiency of the POD method, the adaptive updating of the POD modes are required. Similar to the adaptive finite element method [17], the adaptive POD method consists of the loop of the form

Solve
$$\rightarrow$$
 Estimate \rightarrow Mark \rightarrow Update. (13)

Here, we introduce this loop briefly. Suppose we have the POD modes $\{\psi_{h,1}, \cdots, \psi_{h,m}\}$, which can be written as

$$(\psi_{h,1}, \psi_{h,2}, \ldots, \psi_{h,m}) = (\phi_{h,1}, \phi_{h,2}, \ldots, \phi_{h,n}) \mathbf{\tilde{R}},$$

where
$$\tilde{\mathbf{R}} = [R_1, R_2, ..., R_m].$$

First, we discretize the Eq. (3) in the space spanned by these POD modes $\{\psi_{h,1}, \dots, \psi_{h,m}\}$, and obtain the POD approximation. Then, we construct an error indicator to **Estimate** the error of the POD approximation. Next, we **Mark** the time instance where the error indicator is too large. Finally, we **Update** the POD modes at the marked time instance, and obtain the new POD modes. We repeat this loop in the new time interval until the terminal point.

The design of error indicator is an essential part in the **Estimate** step. For the error indicator, there are usually two requirements, one is that it can estimate the error of the approximate solution very well, the other is that it should be very cheap to compute. In fact, the main difference between different adaptive POD methods lies in the construction of the error indicator. In this step, we design and calculate the error indicator η_k at each time instance $t = k\delta t$.

In the **Mark** step, we mark the time instance t_k if $\eta_k > \eta_0$ where η_0 is a user defined threshold, which means that the error of the POD approximation is so large that we need to update the POD modes.

For the **Update** of the POD modes, we can do as follows. When we come to the time instance $t = p\delta t$ which is marked, we go back to the previous time instance $t = (p-1)\delta t$. Starting from the time instance $t = (p-1)\delta t$, we discretize (3) in the finite element space

$$V_h$$
 and obtain $u_h^p, u_h^{p+1}, \dots, u_h^{p+\lfloor \frac{\delta T}{\delta t} \rfloor}$. Set $n_{s_1} = \lfloor \frac{\delta T}{\delta t \cdot \delta M} \rfloor$ and denote

$$\mathbf{W}_{h,1} = [\mathbf{u}_h^p, \mathbf{u}_h^{p+\delta M}, \dots, \mathbf{u}_h^{p+n_{s_1} \cdot \delta M}].$$



Performing SVD to $W_{h,1}$, we get

$$\mathbf{W}_{h,1} = \mathbf{R}_1 \mathbf{S}_1 \mathbf{V}_1.$$

Here $\mathbf{R}_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r_1}$, $\mathbf{V}_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{(n_{s_1}+1) \times r_1}$ are the left and right projection matrices, respectively, and $S_1 = \text{diag}\{\sigma_{1,1}, \sigma_{1,2}, \cdots, \sigma_{1,r_1}\}\$ with $\sigma_{1,1} \geq \sigma_{1,2} \geq \cdots \geq \sigma_{1,r_1} > 0$. The rank of $W_{h,1}$ is $r_1 \leq \min(n, n_{s_1} + 1)$.

Set $m_1 = \min\{k : \sum_{i=1}^k \mathbf{S}_{1,ii} \ge \gamma_2 \operatorname{Trace}(\mathbf{S}_1)\} (\gamma_2 \text{ is a parameter to be specified in the } \mathbf{S}_1, \mathbf{S}_2, \mathbf{S}_2, \mathbf{S}_2, \mathbf{S}_3, \mathbf{S}_4, \mathbf{S}_4, \mathbf{S}_5, \mathbf{S}_6, \mathbf{S}_6$ numerical experiment), then we combine the first m_1 column of \mathbf{R}_1 and the old (previously used) POD modes, and get new matrix $W_{h,2}$. That is

$$\mathbf{W}_{h,2} = [\mathbf{R}_1[:, 1:m_1], \tilde{\mathbf{R}}].$$

We then perform SVD to $W_{h,2}$ and obtain

$$\mathbf{W}_{h,2} = \mathbf{R}_2 \mathbf{S}_2 \mathbf{V}_2. \tag{14}$$

Here $\mathbf{R}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r_2}$ and $\mathbf{V}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{(m_1+m) \times r_2}$ are the left and right projection matrices, respectively, and $S_2 = \text{diag}\{\sigma_{2,1}, \sigma_{2,2}, \cdots, \sigma_{2,r_2}\}$ with $\sigma_{2,1} \ge \sigma_{2,2} \ge \cdots \ge \sigma_{2,r_2} > 0$. The rank of $\mathbf{W}_{h,2}$ is $r_2, r_2 \leq \min(n, m_1 + m)$.

Set $m_2 = \min\{k : \sum_{i=1}^k \mathbf{S}_{2,ii} \ge \gamma_3 \operatorname{Trace}(\mathbf{S}_2)\}(\gamma_3 \text{ is a parameter to be specified in the})$ numerical experiment), then the new POD modes are

$$\psi_{h,i}^{new} = \sum_{j=1}^{n} \mathbf{R}_{2,ji} \phi_{h,j}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m_2.$$
 (15)

For the convenience of the following discussion, we summarize the process of updating the POD modes as routine Update_POD_Mode($W_{h,1}, \gamma_2, \gamma_3, \Phi_h, m, \Psi_h$), which is shown as Algorithm 3.

Algorithm 3 Update POD Mode($\mathbf{W}_{h,1}, \gamma_2, \gamma_3, \Phi_h, m, \Psi_h$)

Input: $W_{h,1}, \gamma_2, \gamma_3, \Phi_h = (\phi_{h,1}, \phi_{h,2}, \dots, \phi_{h,n}), m \text{ and } m \text{ old POD modes } \Psi_h, \Psi_h = \Phi_h \tilde{\mathbf{R}}.$

Output: new *m* and new *m* POD modes $\{\psi_{h,1}, \psi_{h,2}, \dots, \psi_{h,m}\}$.

step1: Perform SVD to $\mathbf{W}_{h,1}$, and obtain $\mathbf{W}_{h,1} = \mathbf{R}_1\mathbf{S}_1\mathbf{V}_1$, where $\mathbf{S}_1 = \mathrm{diag}\{\sigma_{1,1},\sigma_{1,2},\cdots,\sigma_{1,r_1}\}$ with $\sigma_{1,1} \geq \sigma_{1,2} \geq \cdots \geq \sigma_{1,r_1} > 0$.

step2: Set $m_1 = \min\{k | \sum_{i=1}^k \mathbf{S}_{1,ii} > \gamma_2 * \operatorname{Trace}(\mathbf{S}_1)\}.$

step3: Perform SVD to the matrix $\mathbf{W}_{h,2} = [\mathbf{R}_1[:, 1:m_1], \tilde{\mathbf{R}}]$, and obtain $\mathbf{W}_{h,2} = \mathbf{R}_2 \mathbf{S}_2 \mathbf{V}_2$, where $\mathbf{S}_2 = \text{diag}\{\sigma_{2,1}, \sigma_{2,2}, \cdots, \sigma_{2,r_2}\} \text{ with } \sigma_{2,1} \geq \sigma_{2,2} \geq \cdots \geq \sigma_{2,r_2} > 0.$

step4: Set $m = \min\{k | \sum_{i=1}^{k} \mathbf{S}_{2,ii} > \gamma_3 * \operatorname{Trace}(\mathbf{S}_2)\}.$

step5: $(\psi_{h,1}, \psi_{h,2}, \dots, \psi_{h,m}) = \Phi_h \mathbf{R}_2[:, 1:m].$

Then we obtain the following framework of the adaptive POD method for discretizing problem (3), see Algorithm 4 for the details.

2.4 Residual Based Adaptive POD Method

The main difference between different adaptive POD methods is the way to construct the error indicator. Among the existing adaptive POD methods, the residual based adaptive POD



Algorithm 4 Adaptive POD method

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1: Give \delta t, T_0, \delta T, \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3, \delta M and the mesh \mathcal{T}_h. Set n_s = \lfloor \frac{T_0}{\delta t \cdot \delta M} \rfloor
2: Discretize (3) in V_h on interval [0, T_0] and obtain u_h^k, \forall k \in [0, \lfloor T_0/\delta t \rfloor], then take snapshots U_h at
    different times t_0, t_{\delta M}, \dots, t_{n_s \cdot \delta M}, that is
\mathbf{U}_h = [\mathbf{u}_h^0, \mathbf{u}_h^{\delta M}, \dots, \mathbf{u}_h^{n_s \cdot \delta M}].
3: Construct POD modes \Psi_h by POD_Mode(\mathbf{U}_h, \gamma_1, \Phi_h, m, \Psi_h).
4: t = T_0.
5: while t \leq T do
         t = t + \delta t, k = k + 1.
         Discretize (3) in the subspace span\{\psi_{h,1},\ldots,\psi_{h,m}\}, and obtain u_h^k POD, then compute error indicator
         \eta_k by some strategy.
8:
         if \eta_k > \eta_0 then
9:
              t = t - \delta t, k = k - 1.
               Discretize (3) in V_h on interval [t, t + \delta T] to get u_h^{k+i}, i = 1, \dots, \frac{\delta T}{\delta t}, from which to get snapshots
10:
              \mathbf{W}_{h,1}, then update POD modes \Psi_h by Update_POD_Mode(\mathbf{W}_{h,1}, \gamma_2, \gamma_3, \Phi_h, m, \Psi_h). k = k + \frac{\delta T}{\delta t}.
11:
           end if
12: end while
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method is the most widely used [16,43]. The residual based adaptive POD method uses the residual to construct the error indicator. Based on the residual corresponding to the POD approximation, people construct the error indicator η_k at time instance $t = k\delta t$ as:

$$\eta_k = \frac{\|\mathbf{A}_h^k \widetilde{\mathbf{R}} \mathbf{u}_{h,POD}^k - \mathbf{b}_h^k - \mathbf{C}_h \widetilde{\mathbf{R}} \mathbf{u}_{h,POD}^{k-1}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{b}_h^k + \mathbf{C}_h \widetilde{\mathbf{R}} \mathbf{u}_{h,POD}^{k-1}\|_2}.$$
(16)

3 Two-Grid Based Adaptive POD Method

For the residual based adaptive POD method, we can see from (16) that in order to calculate the error indicator, we need to go back to the finite element space V_h to calculate the residual, which is usually too expensive. Here, we propose a two-grid based adaptive POD method. The main idea is to construct two finite element spaces, the coarse finite element space and the fine finite element space, then construct the POD subspace in the fine finite element space, and use the coarse finite element space to construct the error indicator to tell us when the POD modes need to be updated.

We first construct a coarse partition \mathcal{T}_H for the space domain Ω with mesh size H which is much larger than h and a coarse partition for the time domain with time step Δt which is much bigger than δt . The finite element space corresponding to the partition \mathcal{T}_H is denoted as V_H . In our following discussion, the coarse mesh means the coarse spatial mesh size H together with the coarse time step Δt , and the fine mesh means the fine spatial mesh size h together with the fine time step δt . For simplicity, we require that there exist some integers $M_1 \gg 1$ and $M_2 \gg 1$, such that $\Delta t = M_1 \delta t$ and $H = M_2 h$.

We first discretize the partial differential equation (2) by the same time discretized scheme as that used for obtaining (3), that is, the implicit Euler scheme, with the coarse time step Δt , to obtain the following equation, which is similar to (3) but with a coarse time step Δt ,

$$\left(\frac{u^{k}(x, y, z) - u^{k-1}(x, y, z)}{\Delta t}, v\right) + a(t_{k}; u^{k}(x, y, z), v)$$

$$= (f(x, y, z, t_{k}), v), \quad \forall v \in V.$$
(17)



Then, we discretize the above equation in V_H and obtain the finite element approximation \mathbf{u}_H^k . We then discretize (17) by the adaptive POD method to obtain its adaptive POD approximation \mathbf{u}_H^k POD with the error indicator η_k being defined as

$$\eta_k = \frac{\|\mathbf{u}_H^k - \mathbf{u}_{H,POD}^k\|_2}{\|\mathbf{u}_H^k\|_2}.$$
 (18)

Now, we introduce each step of the loop (13) one by one for our two-grid based adaptive POD method.

- 1. **Solve.** Discretize the problem (3) in the subspace spanned by the POD modes $\{\psi_{h,1}, \dots, \psi_{h,m}\}$.
- 2. **Estimate.** For $t = k\Delta t$, we calculate the error indicator defined in (18), from which we decide if we need to update the POD modes.
- 3. **Mark.** Giving a threshold η_0 , we set

$$flag_k = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \eta_k > \eta_0, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$
 (19)

4. **Update.** If flag_k = 1, then we move back to t_{k-1} , and discretize the Eq. (3) in the fine finite element space V_h on time interval $[t_{k-1}, t_{k-1} + \delta T]$, to get u_h^{k+i} , $i = 1, \ldots, \frac{\delta T}{\delta t}$, from which to get snapshots $\mathbf{W}_{h,1}$, then update POD modes Ψ_h by Update_POD_Mode($\mathbf{W}_{h,1}, \gamma_2, \gamma_3, \Phi_h, m, \Psi_h$).

From the discussion above, we see that the steps **Estimate** and **Mark** only depend on the coarse mesh. Therefore, we can get the set of all the marked time instances from the calculation on the coarse mesh.

We summarize the discussion above and obtain our two-grid based adaptive POD method, and state it as Algorithm 5.

Remark 1 For our two-grid based adaptive POD method, the steps **Estimate** and **Mark** are all carried out in the coarse mesh. Since $\Delta t \gg \delta t$, the number of calculation for the error indicator is much smaller than that carried in the fine time interval. Besides, $H \gg h$ means $\#\mathcal{T}_H \ll \#\mathcal{T}_h$, which implies that the cost for calculating the error indicator η_k is cheap. These two facts make our two-grid based adaptive POD method much cheaper than the existing adaptive POD methods.

4 Numerical Examples

In this section, we apply our new method to two types of fluid equations, the Kolmogorov flow and the ABC flow, which will show the efficiency of our two-grid based adaptive POD method. For these two types of equations, we compare our new method with the standard POD method and the residual based adaptive POD method. In our experiments, we use the standard finite element approximation corresponding to the fine mesh as the reference solution, and the relative error of approximation obtained by the standard POD method, or the residual based adaptive POD method, or our new two-grid based adaptive POD method is calculated as

Error =
$$\frac{\|\mathbf{u}_{h}^{k} - \mathbf{u}_{h,*}^{k}\|_{2}}{\|\mathbf{u}_{h}^{k}\|_{2}}$$
, (20)



Algorithm 5 Two-grid based adaptive POD method

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1: Give coarse mesh T_H with coarse time step \Delta t and fine mesh T_h with fine time step \delta t, T_0, \mathbb{S} = \{\}, \delta T, \gamma_1,
2: Discretize (3) in V_H on interval [0, T_0], and take the snapshots U_H.
3: Construct POD modes \Psi_H by POD_Mode(U_H, \gamma_1, \Phi_H, m, \Psi_H).
4: t = T_0.
5: while t \leq T do
6.
      t = t + \Delta t.
       Discretize (3) in V_H to get u_H^k, and discretize (3) in the space span\{\psi_{H,1},\ldots,\psi_{H,m}\} to get u_{H,POD}^k,
       k = \frac{t}{\Delta t}, then compute the error \eta_k by (18).
8.
       if \eta(\overline{t}) > \eta_0 then
Q٠
           t = t - \Delta t.
10:
            \mathbb{S} = \mathbb{S} \cup \{t\}.
            Discretize (3) in V_H on interval [t, t + \delta T], and take snapshots W_{H,1}, then update POD modes \Psi_H
11:
            by Update_POD_Mode(\mathbf{W}_{H,1}, \gamma_2, \gamma_3, \Phi_H, m, \Psi_H).
13: end while
14: Discretize (3) in V_h on interval [0, T_0], and get the snapshots U_h.
15: Construct POD modes \Psi_h by POD_Mode(U_h, \gamma_1, \Phi_h, m, \Psi_h).
17: while t \leq T. do
        t = t + \delta t.
        Discretize (3) in the space span\{\psi_{h,1},\ldots,\psi_{h,m}\}, and obtain u_{h,POD}^k, k=\frac{t}{\delta t}.
19:
21:
            Discretize (3) in V_h on interval [t, t + \delta T], and take snapshots \mathbf{W}_{h,1}, then update POD mode \Psi_h
           by Update_POD_Mode(\mathbf{W}_{h,1}, \gamma_2, \gamma_3, \Phi_h, m, \Psi_h).
22:
         end if
23: end while
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where \mathbf{u}_h^k and $\mathbf{u}_{h,*}^k$ represent the finite element approximations and different kinds of POD approximations at t_k , respectively.

Our numerical experiments are carried out on the high performance computers of the State Key Laboratory of Scientific and Engineering Computing, Chinese Academy of Sciences, and our code is written based on the adaptive finite element software platform PHG [40].

In our following statements for numerical experiments, we will sometimes use "Residual-APOD" to denote the residual based adaptive POD method, and use "TG-APOD" to denote our two-grid based adaptive POD method.

4.1 Kolmogorov Flow

We first consider the following advection-dominated equation with the cosines term (Kolmogorov flow) [14,22,37],

$$\begin{cases} u_{t} - \epsilon \Delta u + \mathbf{B}(x, y, z, t) \cdot \nabla u = f(x, y, z, t), & (x, y, z) \in \Omega, t \in [0, T], \\ u(x, y, z, 0) = 0, & (21) \\ u(x + 2\pi, y, z, t) = u(x, y + 2\pi, z, t) = u(x, y, z + 2\pi, t) = u(x, y, z, t), \end{cases}$$

where

$$\mathbf{B}(x, y, z, t) = (\cos(y), \cos(z), \cos(x)) + (\sin(z), \sin(x), \sin(y)) \cos(t),$$

$$f(x, y, z, t) = -\cos(y) - \sin(z) * \cos(t),$$

$$\Omega = [0, 2\pi]^3, T = 100.$$



For this example, we have tested 4 different cases with $\epsilon = 0.5, 0.1, 0.05$, and 0.01, respectively. We divide the $[0, 2\pi]^3$ into tetrahedrons to get the initial mesh containing 6 elements, then refine the initial mesh 22 times uniformly using bisection to get our fine meshes. We set $\delta t = 0.005$, and the type of the finite element basis is the piecewise linear function. For the three cases with $\epsilon = 0.5, 0.1$, and 0.05, the parameters are chosen as $T_0 = 1.5, \delta T = 1, \delta M = 5$; for the case of $\epsilon = 0.01$, the parameters are chosen as $T_0 = 5$, $\delta T = 3$, $\delta M = 20$. In the two-grid based adaptive POD method, we refine the initial mesh 16 times uniformly using bisection to obtain the coarse mesh, and the time step of the coarse mesh is set to 0.09. In fact, we have done some numerical experiments for testing different coarse mesh size, all the numerical results can be found in "Appendix B", from which we can see that this choice for the coarse mesh size is the best one taking into account both the accuracy and the cpu time. We use 36 processors to do the simulation.

Next, we will state how we choose the parameters γ_i (i = 1, 2, 3) and η_0 .

- 1) For the choice of the parameters γ_i (i = 1, 2, 3), we have done several numerical experiments in "Appendix A" for tuning the these parameters, from which we find that the case of $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 0.999$, $\gamma_3 = 1.0 - 1.0 \times 10^{-8}$ is a good choice. Therefore, in the following numerical experiments, we fix them as $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 0.999$, $\gamma_3 = 1.0 - 1.0 \times 10^{-8}$. In fact, the above choice is reasonable. Since the parameters γ_1 and γ_2 are both for extracting POD modes from the snapshots obtained from the standard finite element approximation of the original dynamic system, we do not need to set them too close to 1. In fact, γ_1 and γ_2 being too close to 1 may result in too many POD modes, which will cost too much cpu time. However, for γ_3 , since it is used for extracting POD modes from the existing POD modes, we need to set to close to 1, which means more information should be kept.
- 2) For the choice of the parameter η_0 , from the numerical experiments we have done and our understanding for our two-grid based adaptive POD method, we observe that if the parameters γ_i (i = 1, 2, 3) are chosen properly, e.g., $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 0.999$, $\gamma_3 =$ $1.0-1.0\times10^{-8}$, the magnitude of the error obtained by our method will be close to that of η_0 , which implies that we do not need to tune the parameter η_0 . In fact, if we need to obtain results with expected accuracy, we only need to set η_0 close to or a little smaller than that. In our following numerical experiments, we always choose $\eta_0 = 0.005$ for our two-grid based adaptive POD method.

Anyway, in the following numerical experiments for our two-grid based adaptive POD method, we will choose the parameters γ_i (i = 1, 2, 3) and η_0 as: $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 0.999$, $\gamma_3 = 1.0 - 1.0 \times 10^{-8}$, and $\eta_0 = 0.005$.

We first use some numerical experiments to show the efficiency of our error indicator and the mark strategy. Figure 2 shows the evolution curves of the error indicator and the error, and the time instance being marked to tell us when we should update the POD modes.

In Fig. 2, the y-axis in the left of each figure is the error which is defined by (20), while the y-axis in the right of each figure is the error indicator defined by (18), the black solid points denotes the time instances being marked which tell us when the POD modes need to

By carefully comparing the curves of the error indicator and the error in Fig 2, we can see that curves of the errors and error indicators are similar, although their magnitudes are somewhat different. Note that in our two-grid based adaptive POD method, the error indicator is used to indicate the change trend of the error, which then tells us the time instance when the POD modes should be updated. By comparing the curves of the error and the time instances being marked to be updated, we observe that our error indicator is effective.



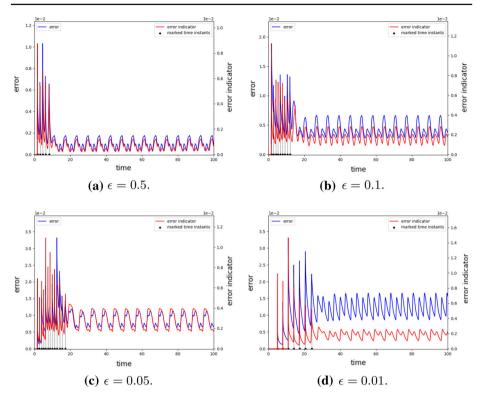


Fig. 2 The evolution curves of the error indicator and the error for solution of the Kolmogorov flow with $\epsilon = 0.5, 0.1, 0.05, 0.01$, respectively

We then compare the numerical results obtained by our TG-APOD method, the residual-APOD method, and the standard POD method. The detailed results are listed in Table 1. The results obtained by standard finite element method are also provided as a reference.

As we have stated before, for our TG-APOD method, we choose the parameters γ_i (i = 1, 2, 3) and η_0 as: $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 0.999$, $\gamma_3 = 1.0 - 1.0 \times 10^{-8}$, and $\eta_0 = 0.005$. While for the residual-APOD method, since people do not know how to set η_0 to obtain results with expected accuracy, they have to tune the parameter η_0 . Therefore, to make the comparison reasonable, we have tested the residual-APOD method by fixing $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 0.999$, $\gamma_3 = 1.0 - 1.0 \times 10^{-8}$, but setting different values for η_0 to find out the best performance of the residual-APOD method.

In Table 1, 'DOFs' means the degree of freedom, 'Time' is the wall time for the simulation, 'Average Error' is the average of error for numerical solution in each time instance.

We take a detailed look at Table 1. First, we can easily find that the degrees of freedom for all the POD type methods are indeed much smaller than those for the standard finite element method, which means that these POD type methods have good performance in dimensional reduction. Then, we can see from this example that the error of the numerical solution obtained by the standard POD method is too large, which makes the results meaningless. While both the residual based adaptive POD method and our two-grid based adaptive POD method can obtain numerical solution with higher accuracy, which validates the effectiveness of the adaptive POD methods. Next, let's take a look at the results obtained by the residual based



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Table 1	The results of the Kolmogorov flow with $\eta_0 = 0.005$ and differe	nt ϵ obta	ined by Sta	andard-FEM,
POD, R	esidual-APOD, and TG-APOD, respectively			

ϵ	Method	η_0	DOFs	Average Error	Time(s)
0.5	Standard-FEM	_	4194304	_	13786.49
	POD	_	13	0.193343	547.75
	Residual-APOD	5×10^{-3}	9	0.151803	5590.62
	Residual-APOD	5×10^{-4}	24	0.001166	6489.03
0.1	TG-APOD	5×10^{-3}	24	0.001129	1511.63
	Standard-FEM	_	4194304	-	11950.82
	POD	_	22	0.559466	535.47
	Residual-APOD	5×10^{-3}	28	0.167838	6241.83
	Residual-APOD	8×10^{-4}	44	0.012444	7099.24
	TG-APOD	5×10^{-3}	54	0.004524	2693.41
0.05	Standard-FEM	_	4194304	-	11379.64
	POD	_	16	0.805803	546.51
	Residual-APOD	5×10^{-3}	34	0.251224	6470.52
	Residual-APOD	1×10^{-3}	65	0.020072	7829.55
	TG-APOD	5×10^{-3}	83	0.008663	3959.62
0.01	Standard-FEM	_	4194304	-	12955.44
	POD	_	43	0.771091	1265.95
	Residual-APOD	2×10^{-2}	60	0.250940	7699.95
	Residual-APOD	5×10^{-3}	97	0.051444	9182.46
	TG-APOD	5×10^{-3}	138	0.010969	6299.70

adaptive POD method with different η_0 . We can see that as the decrease of the parameter η_0 , the error of solutions obtained decreases while the cpu time cost increases. For different ϵ , the gap between the error obtained by the residual based adaptive POD method and η_0 are different. While for our two-grid based adaptive POD method, the magnitude of the error is close to that of η_0 , even for $\epsilon = 0.01$. These coincide with what we have stated before. We also observe that as the decrease of ϵ , the accuracy obtained by all the adaptive POD methods decreases, including our two-grid based adaptive POD method. We will pay more effort on the case with small ϵ in our future work. For the comparison of our method with the residual based adaptive POD method, we see that, by using the same parameters, the accuracy of results obtained by our method is much higher than those obtained by the residual based adaptive POD method, while the cpu time cost by our method is much less. Although by choosing proper η_0 , the residual based adaptive POD method can obtain results as accurate as those obtained by our method, the cpu time cost will be much more than that cost by our method. Anyway, taking both the accuracy and the cpu-time into account, we can see clearly that our method is more efficient than the residual based adaptive POD method.

To see more clearly, we compare the error of the numerical solutions obtained by different methods in Fig. 3.

We should point out that among the different results obtained by the residual-APOD with different η_0 , we choose the best one to show in Fig. 3.



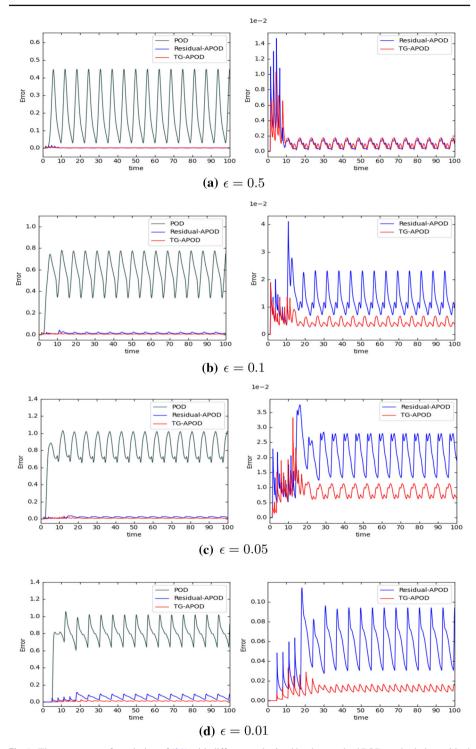


Fig. 3 The error curves for solution of (21) with different ϵ obtained by the standard POD method, the residual based adaptive POD method, and the two-grid based adaptive POD method, respectively



In Fig. 3, the x-axis is time, the y-axis is relative error of numerical solution. The results obtained by the standard POD method, the residual based adaptive POD method, and our two-grid based adaptive POD method are reported in lines with color darkslategray, blue, and red, respectively.

From the left figure of Fig. 3, we can see that the error curve obtained by the standard POD method is above those obtained by the two adaptive POD methods, which means that the adaptive POD methods are more efficient than the standard POD method. From the right figure of Fig. 3, we can see that our two-grid based adaptive POD method is more efficient than the residual based adaptive POD method.

4.2 Arnold–Beltrami–Childress (ABC) Flow

We then consider the ABC flow. The ABC flow was introduced by Arnold et al. [14] to study chaotic advection, enhanced transport and dynamo effect, see [6,21,53,54] for the details.

We consider the following equation

$$\begin{cases} u_{t} - \epsilon \Delta u + \mathbf{B}(x, y, z, t) \cdot \nabla u = f(x, y, z, t), & (x, y, z) \in \Omega, t \in [0, T], \\ u(x, y, z, 0) = 0, & (22) \\ u(x + 2\pi, y, z, t) = u(x, y + 2\pi, z, t) = u(x, y, z + 2\pi, t) = u(x, y, z, t), \end{cases}$$

where

$$\mathbf{B}(x, y, z, t) = (\sin(z + \sin wt) + \cos(y + \sin wt), \sin(x + \sin wt) + \cos(z + \sin wt), \sin(y + \sin wt) + \cos(x + \sin wt)),$$

$$f(x, y, z, t) = -\sin(z + \sin wt) - \cos(y + \sin wt),$$

$$\Omega = [0, 2\pi]^3, T = 100.$$

For this example, we also test 4 different cases with $\epsilon = 0.5, 0.1, 0.05,$ and 0.01, respectively. We divide the domain $[0, 2\pi]^3$ into tetrahedrons to get the initial grid containing 6 elements, then refine the initial mesh 22 times uniformly using bisection to get the fine mesh. We set w=1.0, $\delta t=0.005$, and choose the finite element basis to be piecewise linear function. For the two cases with $\epsilon = 0.5, 0.1$, the parameters are chosen as $T_0 = 1.5, \delta T = 1, \delta M = 5$; for other cases with $\epsilon = 0.05, 0.01$, the parameters are chosen as $T_0 = 5$, $\delta T = 4$, $\delta M = 20$. In the two-grid based adaptive POD method, we refine the initial mesh 16 times uniformly using bisection to obtain the coarse mesh, and the time step of the coarse mesh is set to 0.09. We use 36 processors to do the simulation.

We use the similar choice for parameters γ_i (i = 1, 2, 3) and η_0 as for the Kolmogorov flow. That is, for our two-grid based adaptive POD method, we choose them as $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 0.999$, $\gamma_3 = 1.0 - 1.0 \times 10^{-8}$, and $\eta_0 = 0.005$, while for the residual-APOD method, we choose $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 0.999$, $\gamma_3 = 1.0 - 1.0 \times 10^{-8}$, but setting different values for η_0 to find out the best performance of the residual-APOD method.

Similar to the Kolmogorov flow, we first use some numerical results to show the efficiency of our error indicator and the mark strategy. Figure 4 shows the evolution curves of the error indicator and the error, and the time instance being marked.

Similarly, by comparing the curves of the error indicator and the error, and the curve of the error and the time instance being marked to be updated in Fig. 4, we know that the error indicator is effective.

We then compare the numerical results obtained by our two-grid based adaptive POD method, the residual-APOD method, and the standard POD method. The detailed results are



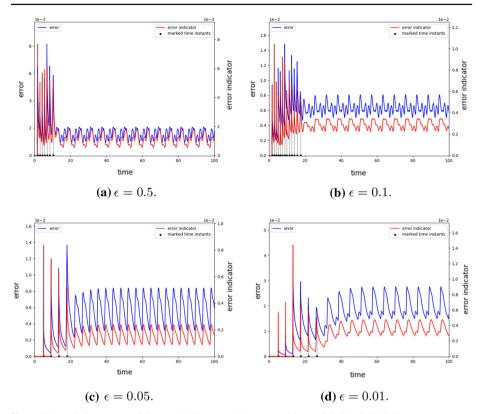


Fig. 4 The evolution curves of the error indicator and the error with $\epsilon = 0.5, 0.1, 0.05, 0.01$

listed in Table 2. The results obtained by standard finite element method are also provided as a reference. The notation in Table 2 has the same meaning as in Table 1.

Similar to the first example, we can see from Table 2 that these POD type methods can indeed reduce the number of basis a lot. For this example, the accuracy for the approximation obtained by the standard POD method is so large that the results are meaningless. While both the residual based adaptive POD method and our two-grid based adaptive POD method can produce numerical solutions with high accuracy. For the two adaptive POD methods, our two-grid adaptive POD method can yield higher accuracy numerical solutions than the residual based adaptive POD method. When it comes to the cpu time, our two-grid adaptive method takes less cpu time than the residual based adaptive POD method. These show that our two-grid adaptive POD method is more efficient.

Similarly, we show the error curves of the numerical solutions obtained by the different methods in Fig. 5.

In Fig. 5. the x-axis is time, the y-axis is the relative error of the POD approximations. The results obtained by the standard POD method, the residual based adaptive POD method, and our two-grid based adaptive POD method are reported in line with color darkslategray, blue, and red, respectively.

From Fig. 5, we can see more clearly that both the two-grid adaptive POD method and the residual based adaptive POD method behave much better than the standard POD method,



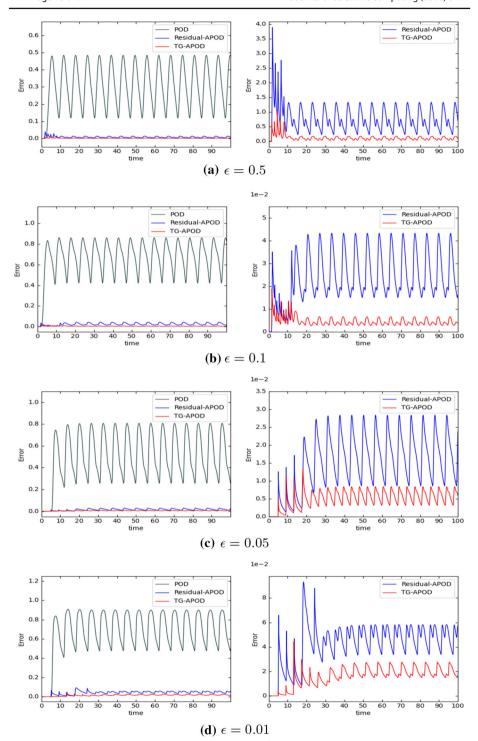


Fig. 5 The evolution curves of error for solution of (22) with different ϵ obtained by the standard POD method, the residual based adaptive POD method, and the two-grid based adaptive POD method, respectively



Table 2 The results of the ABC flow with different ϵ obtained by Standard-FEM, POD, Residual-APOD, and
TG-APOD method, respectively

ϵ	Method	η_0	DOFs	Average Error	Times (s)
0.5	Standard FEM	_	4194304	_	16690.55
	POD	_	12	0.303585	534.96
	Res-APOD	5×10^{-3}	9	0.191637	7749.15
	Res-APOD	1×10^{-3}	25	0.007640	8636.51
	TG-APOD	5×10^{-3}	33	0.001660	2240.67
0.1	FEM	_	4194304	_	15238.87
	POD	_	14	0.658382	536.73
	Res-APOD	5×10^{-3}	32	0.196853	9041.01
	Res-APOD	1×10^{-3}	57	0.024187	10213.65
	TG-APOD	5×10^{-3}	74	0.006207	4406.87
0.05	FEM	-	4194304	_	14439.24
	POD	_	42	0.504838	1485.62
	Res-APOD	5×10^{-3}	54	0.059658	10094.97
	Res-APOD	1×10^{-3}	67	0.014872	10734.27
	TG-APOD	5×10^{-3}	100	0.005077	5011.81
0.01	FEM	_	4194304	_	16074.96
	POD	_	61	0.676701	1878.01
	Res-APOD	1×10^{-2}	64	0.172755	10275.33
	Res-APOD	5×10^{-3}	140	0.042498	13322.86
	TG-APOD	5×10^{-3}	192	0.015851	10279.38

and our two-grid based adaptive POD method behaves a little better than the residual based adaptive POD method.

We have done some more numerical experiments for setting different parameters w. The results for cases with w=1.5, 2, 2.5 are shown in Table 3.

From Table 3, we can draw the same conclusion as those from Tables 1 and 2, that is, adaptive POD methods outperform the standard POD method a lot, and our two-grid based adaptive method outperforms the residual based adaptive method.

5 Concluding Remarks

In this paper, we proposed a two-grid based adaptive POD method to solve the time dependent partial differential equations. We apply our method to some typical 3D advection—diffusion equations, the Kolmogorov flow and the ABC flow. Numerical results show that our two-grid based adaptive POD method is more efficient than the residual based adaptive POD method, especially is much more efficient than the standard POD method. We should also point out that for problems with extreme sharp phase change, our method may behave not so well. Here, we simply use the relative error of the POD solution on the coarse spatial and temporal mesh to construct the error indicator. In our future work, we will consider other



Table 3 Results of the ABC flow with different w and ϵ obtained by standard-FEM,POD, Residual-APOD and TG-APOD, respectively

ϵ	w	Method	η_0	DOFs	Average Error	Time (s)
0.5	1.5	FEM	_	4194304	_	16745.85
		POD	_	14	0.294394	561.23
		Res-APOD	5×10^{-3}	10	0.138573	7773.07
		Res-APOD	5×10^{-4}	30	0.003371	9017.68
		TG-APOD	5×10^{-3}	30	0.002611	2184.55
0.5	2.0	FEM	_	4194304	-	17258.89
		POD	_	15	0.270138	530.91
		Res-APOD	5×10^{-3}	6	0.336776	7581.42
		Res-APOD	1×10^{-3}	21	0.013750	8497.94
		TG-APOD	5×10^{-3}	31	0.001515	1927.63
0.5	2.5	FEM	_	4194304	_	17161.84
		POD	_	17	0.216109	602.85
		Res-APOD	5×10^{-3}	6	0.338068	7745.82
		Res-APOD	5×10^{-4}	21	0.008787	8440.45
		TG-APOD	5×10^{-3}	26	0.002678	1617.53
0.1	1.5	FEM	_	4194304	_	15232.78
		POD	_	15	0.729666	531.42
		Res-APOD	5×10^{-3}	32	0.148178	8576.58
		Res-APOD	5×10^{-4}	65	0.012987	10359.17
		TG-APOD	5×10^{-3}	78	0.006964	4238.26
0.1	2.0	FEM	_	4194304	_	15324.38
		POD	_	16	0.751065	536.24
		Res-APOD	5×10^{-3}	27	0.161848	8339.32
		Res-APOD	5×10^{-4}	57	0.018898	9790.15
		TG-APOD	5×10^{-3}	68	0.006915	3710.35
0.1	2.5	FEM	_	4194304	_	15104.35
		POD	_	18	0.657750	589.66
		Res-APOD	5×10^{-3}	21	0.222043	7886.83
		Res-APOD	1×10^{-3}	40	0.041986	9071.88
		TG-APOD	5×10^{-3}	75	0.005646	4212.24
0.05	1.5	FEM	_	4194304	_	14141.53
		POD	_	45	0.445832	1460.26
		Res-APOD	5×10^{-3}	42	0.148505	9410.69
		Res-APOD	2×10^{-3}	62	0.041819	10338.44
		TG-APOD	5×10^{-3}	98	0.004177	5361.94
0.05	2.0	FEM	_	4194304	_	14342.82
		POD	_	47	0.325020	1425.27
		Res-APOD	5×10^{-3}	44	0.088758	9303.73



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ϵ	w	Method	η_0	DOFs	Average Error	Time (s)
		Res-APOD	1×10^{-3}	63	0.022060	10014.03
		TG-APOD	5×10^{-3}	83	0.004348	4299.98
0.05	2.5	FEM	_	4194304	_	14235.11
		POD	_	49	0.245578	1528.92
		Res-APOD	5×10^{-3}	46	0.057361	9220.55
		Res-APOD	5×10^{-4}	63	0.016595	10375.65
		TG-APOD	5×10^{-3}	84	0.007256	4313.27
0.01	1.5	FEM	_	4194304	_	16223.32
		POD	_	46	0.670506	1533.39
		Res-APOD	2×10^{-2}	95	0.155503	11154.77
		Res-APOD	5×10^{-3}	123	0.060578	12527.66
		TG-APOD	5×10^{-3}	187	0.016889	9337.59
0.01	2.0	FEM	_	4194304	_	16376.39
		POD	_	48	0.557215	1638.90
		Res-APOD	8×10^{-3}	97	0.122302	10954.07
		Res-APOD	5×10^{-3}	130	0.047402	12396.49
		TG-APOD	5×10^{-3}	194	0.010994	9371.19
0.01	2.5	FEM	_	4194303	_	16226.39
		POD	_	49	0.582593	1589.38
		Res-APOD	1×10^{-2}	64	0.172755	9645.38
		Res-APOD	5×10^{-3}	97	0.080639	11499.29
		TG-APOD	5×10^{-3}	188	0.015246	9427.31

error indicator based on our two-grid approach or some other approach, and study other types of time dependent partial differential equations.

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A Numerical Experiments for Tuning $\gamma_i (i = 1, 2, 3)$

In this section, we do some numerical experiments for tuning the parameters γ_i (i = 1, 2, 3) to find out a good choice.

Since the parameters γ_1 and γ_2 are both for extracting POD modes from the snapshots obtained from the standard finite element approximation of the original dynamic system, we set them to be the same value, that is, $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2$. We have tested the Kolmogorov flow with $\epsilon = 0.05$ and $\epsilon = 0.01$ respectively, and the ABC flow with $\epsilon = 0.01$ by using the following different parameters:

- (1) case 1: $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 1.0 1.0 \times 10^{-8}$, set γ_3 to be 0.9, 0.99, 0.999, and 0.9999, respectively. (2) case 2: $\gamma_3 = 1.0 - 1.0 \times 10^{-8}$, set γ_1 and γ_2 to be 0.9, 0.99, 0.999, and 0.9999, respectively.
- (2) case 2: $\gamma_3 = 1.0 1.0 \times 10^{-8}$, set γ_1 and γ_2 to be 0.9, 0.99, 0.999, and 0.9999, respectively.



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	POD-updates	DOFs	Average error	Times (s)
$\gamma_3 = 0.9$	30	66	0.059832	15770.89
$\gamma_3 = 0.99$	30	236	0.027262	31568.01
$\gamma_3 = 0.999$	22	339	0.018255	38263.16
$\gamma_3 = 0.9999$	6	222	0.043950	9501.85

Table 4 Detailed information for results of the Kolmogorov flow with $\epsilon = 0.01$ obtained by setting $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 1.0 - 1.0 \times 10^{-8}$ and $\gamma_3 = 0.9, 0.99, 0.999, 0.9999$, respectively

Table 5 Detailed information for results of the Kolmogorov flow with $\epsilon=0.01$ obtained by setting $\gamma_3=1.0-1.0\times 10^{-8}$ and $\gamma_1=\gamma_2=0.9,0.99,0.999,0.9999$, respectively

	POD-updates	DOFs	Average error	Times (s)
$\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 0.9$	17	124	0.031398	7140.06
$\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 0.99$	7	108	0.014088	4322.85
$\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 0.999$	7	138	0.010969	6299.70
$\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 0.9999$	7	185	0.015274	8457.13

Table 6 Detailed information for results of the Kolmogorov flow with $\epsilon=0.01$ obtained by setting $\gamma_1=\gamma_2=\gamma_3=\gamma=1.0-1.0\times 10^{-2}, 1.0-1.0\times 10^{-4}, 1.0-1.0\times 10^{-6}, 1.0-1.0\times 10^{-8}$, respectively

	POD-updates	DOFs	Average error	Times (s)
$\gamma = 1 - 10^{-2}$	31	55	0.013877	15354.34
$\gamma = 1 - 10^{-4}$	7	182	0.012155	8351.72
$\gamma = 1 - 10^{-6}$	6	204	0.024557	8826.03
$\gamma = 1 - 10^{-8}$	6	223	0.043659	9585.60

(3) case 3:
$$\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = \gamma_3 = 1.0 - 1.0 \times 10^{-2}$$
, $1.0 - 1.0 \times 10^{-4}$, $1.0 - 1.0 \times 10^{-6}$, $1.0 - 1.0 \times 10^{-8}$, respectively.

In our experiments, we choose $\eta_0 = 0.005$. The other parameters are same as stated in Sect. 4.

Kolmogorov flow with $\epsilon = 0.01$

We first see the results for the Kolmogorov flow with $\epsilon = 0.01$.

The results for case 1 are shown in Table 4. We can see that for fixed γ_1 and γ_2 , the greater γ_3 , the more accurate the results, which means γ_3 close to 1 may be a good choice. Then, we can see that when γ_1 and γ_2 are chosen to be too close to 1, no matter how to choose the parameter γ_3 , the cpu-time cost is too much. These results tell us that setting γ_1 and γ_2 too close to 1 is not a good choice.

The results for case 2 are shown in Table 5, from which we can see that for fixed γ_3 , which is very close to 1, setting γ_1 and γ_2 to be 0.999 can obtain results with high accuracy. Taking into account the cpu time cost, 0.999 is a better choice.

The results for case 3 are shown in Table 6. We see that taking into account both the accuracy and the cpu time cost, these parameters are not as good as those for case 2.



Table 7 Detailed information for results of the Kolmogorov flow with $\epsilon = 0.05$ obtained by setting $\gamma_1 =$	
$\gamma_2 = 1.0 - 1.0 \times 10^{-8}$ and $\gamma_3 = 0.9, 0.99, 0.999, 0.9999$, respectively	

	POD-updates	DOFs	Average error	Times (s)
$\gamma_3 = 0.9$	92	86	0.159828	16482.18
$\gamma_3 = 0.99$	92	473	0.076002	52158.13
$\gamma_3 = 0.999$	65	658	0.031944	86469.45
$\gamma_3 = 0.9999$	10	182	0.007093	7415.55

Table 8 Detailed information for results of the Kolmogorov flow with $\epsilon=0.05$ obtained by setting $\gamma_3=1.0-1.0\times 10^{-8}$ and $\gamma_1=\gamma_2=0.9,0.99,0.999,0.9999$, respectively

	POD-updates	DOFs	Average error	Times (s)
$\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 0.9$	17	37	0.028841	3114.22
$\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 0.99$	14	59	0.012810	3645.05
$\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 0.999$	13	83	0.008663	3959.62
$\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 0.9999$	12	109	0.007722	4690.68

Table 9 Detailed information for results of the Kolmogorov flow with $\epsilon=0.05$ obtained by setting $\gamma_1=\gamma_2=\gamma_3=\gamma=1.0-1.0\times 10^{-2}, 1.0-1.0\times 10^{-4}, 1.0-1.0\times 10^{-6}, 1.0-1.0\times 10^{-8}$, respectively

	POD-updates	DOFs	Average error	Times (s)
$\gamma = 1 - 10^{-2}$	92	49	0.023817	12711.97
$\gamma = 1 - 10^{-4}$	13	104	0.006539	4726.16
$\gamma = 1 - 10^{-6}$	11	152	0.006474	6421.31
$\gamma = 1 - 10^{-8}$	10	188	0.007049	7739.79

Anyway, by comparing Tables 4, 5, and 6, we can see that the case of $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 0.999$, $\gamma_3 = 1.0 - 1.0 \times 10^{-8}$ is the best choice among all these cases, if taking both the accuracy and the cpu-time cost into account.

Kolmogorov flow with $\epsilon = 0.05$

We then take a look at the results for the Kolmogorov flow with $\epsilon=0.05$, which are shown in Tables 7, 8, and 9.

By comparing Tables 7, 8, and 9, we can also see that the case of $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 0.999$, $\gamma_3 = 1.0 - 1.0 \times 10^{-8}$ is the best choice among all these cases if taking both the accuracy and the cpu-time cost into account.

ABC flow with $\epsilon = 0.01$

We have also done some numerical experiments for the ABC flow with $\epsilon = 0.01$. For this example, the results obtained by setting different choice of the parameters $\gamma_i (i=1,2,3)$ are shown in Tables 10, 11, and 12. From these results, we can draw the same conclusion as those obtained from the Kolmogorov flow, that is, $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 0.999$, $\gamma_3 = 1.0 - 1.0 \times 10^{-8}$ is the best choice among all these cases if taking into account both the accuracy and the cpu-time cost.



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	POD-updates	DOFs	Average error	Times (s)	
$\gamma_3 = 0.9$	22	78	0.078965	19831.24	
$\gamma_3 = 0.99$	21	239	0.043133	37962.03	
$\gamma_3 = 0.999$	19	393	0.015433	49428.57	
$\gamma_3 = 0.9999$	7	318	0.043027	18551.14	

Table 10 Detailed information for results of the ABC flow with $\epsilon = 0.01$ obtained by setting $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 0.01$ $1.0 - 1.0 \times 10^{-8}$ and $\gamma_3 = 0.9, 0.99, 0.999, 0.9999$, respectively

Table 11 Detailed information for results of the ABC flow with $\epsilon = 0.01$ obtained by setting $\gamma_3 = 1.0 1.0 \times 10^{-8}$ and $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 0.9, 0.99, 0.999, 0.9999$, respectively

	POD-updates	DOFs	Average error	Times (s)
$\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 0.9$	14	134	0.037092	13922.37
$\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 0.99$	7	146	0.011630	10635.61
$\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 0.999$	6	192	0.015851	10279.38
$\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 0.9999$	6	237	0.020604	12319.63

Table 12 Detailed information for results of the ABC flow with $\epsilon = 0.01$ obtained by setting $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 0.01$ $\gamma_3 = \gamma = 1.0 - 1.0 \times 10^{-2}, 1.0 - 1.0 \times 10^{-4}, 1.0 - 1.0 \times 10^{-6}, 1.0 - 1.0 \times 10^{-8}, \text{ respectively}$

	POD-updates	DOFs	Average error	Times (s)
$\gamma = 1 - 10^{-2}$	24	78	0.022985	19687.06
$\gamma = 1 - 10^{-4}$	7	262	0.014736	14718.30
$\gamma = 1 - 10^{-6}$	6	275	0.031665	14256.98
$\gamma = 1 - 10^{-8}$	5	245	0.054979	11788.47

B Numerical Experiments for Different Coarse Grid

Here, we use some numerical experiments to show how the degree of freedom for the coarse grid affects the accuracy and the cpu time cost when the fine grid is fixed. We hope it can provide some useful information about how to choose the coarse grid.

We take the Kolmogorov flow with $\epsilon = 0.01$ as an example to show the behavior of our two-grid adaptive POD method with different coarse mesh. In our experiments, we fix the fine mesh as what is shown in Section 4, the other parameters are also set as same as those used for obtaining results shown in Table 1. That is, we set $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 0.999$, $\gamma_3 = 1.0 - 1.0 \times 10^{-8}$, and $\eta_0 = 0.005$. The detailed numerical results are listed in Table 13.

In Table 13, 'N-Refine' means the number of refinement used to obtain the mesh from the initial mesh, 'Time step' means the time step used for the coarse mesh, 'DOFs-CoarseGrid' means the degree of freedom corresponding to the coarse grid, 'DOFs-POD' means number of POD modes corresponding to the coarse grid, 'POD-updates' means the number of update of the POD modes, 'Average Error' is computed by averaging the errors of numerical solution for each time instance, 'Time-CoarseGrid' is the wall time for the simulation on the coarse grid, 'Total-Time' is the wall time for all the simulation.

To see more clearly, we compare the error of numerical solutions obtained by TG-APOD with different coarse mesh in Fig. 6.



N-Refine	15	16	17	18	19
Time step	0.1	0.09	0.05	0.03	0.01
DOFs-CoarseGrid	32768	65536	163840	262144	524288
Time-CoarseGrid	17.47	34.03	133.46	882.47	1087.41
POD-updates	7	7	8	8	8
DOFs-POD	155	138	175	174	175
Average Error	0.011799	0.010969	0.006300	0.004592	0.003830
Total-Time(s)	7350.98	6299.70	9787.82	9312.94	9526.88

Table 13 The results of the Kolmogorov flow with $\epsilon = 0.01$ obtained by TG-APOD with different coarse mesh, respectively

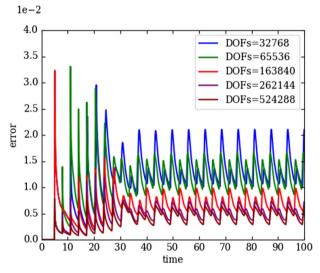


Fig. 6 The change of error for the solution of the Kolmogorov flow with $\epsilon=0.01$ obtained by TG-APOD with different coarse mesh

From Table 13 and Fig. 6, we can see that as the degree of freedom for the coarse mesh increases, the average error will decrease, while the cpu time cost may increase. Therefore, there is a balance for the accuracy and the cpu time cost. For our case, taking into account the accuracy and the cpu time cost, we choose the coarse grid obtained by refining 16 times from the initial mesh.

If we take a detailed look at Table 13, we will find that the cpu time cost is not only affected by the degree of freedom for the coarse grid. In fact, if the degree of freedom for the coarse mesh is not too large, the cpu time will be mainly determined by the number of POD modes updates (the process of basis update requires discretizing the original equation with finite element basis for a period of time, which is expensive), which is mainly determined by the η_0 . However, as the degree of freedom for the coarse mesh increases, the cpu time cost by calculating the error indicator on the coarse mesh also needs to be considered. Anyway, it is not easy to determine how large the coarse mesh is for the maximum efficiency.



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