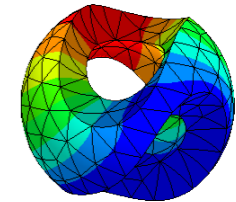


Matrix-valued Finite Elements with Applications in Elasticity and Curvature



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Vector-valued function spaces

function spaces:

$$H(\text{curl}) = \{u \in [L_2]^3 : \text{curl } u \in [L_2]^3\}$$

$$H(\text{div}) = \{u \in [L_2]^3 : \text{div } u \in L_2\}$$

- tangential / normal boundary traces
- tangential / normal continuous finite element spaces $(\mathcal{N}^k, \mathcal{BDM}^k)$

- exact de Rham sequence:

$$H^1 \xrightarrow{\text{grad}} H(\text{curl}) \xrightarrow{\text{curl}} H(\text{div}) \xrightarrow{\text{div}} L_2$$

$$\text{range } A_i = \ker A_{i+1}$$

- regular decomposition $H(\text{curl}) = [H^1]^3 + \nabla H^1$, $H(\text{div}) = [H^1]^3 + \text{curl}[H^1]^3$

Matrix-valued function spaces

$$\begin{aligned}
 H(dd) &:= H(\operatorname{div} \operatorname{div}) &:= \{ \sigma \in [L_2]^{3 \times 3, \operatorname{sym}} : \operatorname{div} \operatorname{div} \sigma \in H^{-1} \} \\
 H(cd) &:= H(\operatorname{curl} \operatorname{div}) &:= \{ \sigma \in [L_2]^{3 \times 3} : \operatorname{curl} \operatorname{div} \sigma \in [H^{-1}]^3 \} \\
 H(cc) &:= H(\operatorname{curl} \operatorname{curl}) &:= \{ \sigma \in [L_2]^{3 \times 3, \operatorname{sym}} : \operatorname{curl}^T \operatorname{curl} \sigma \in [H^{-1}]^{3 \times 3, \operatorname{sym}} \}
 \end{aligned}$$

finite element spaces for $k \geq 0$, slightly non-conforming

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_{dd}^k &= \{ \sigma \in [L_2]^{3 \times 3, \operatorname{sym}} : \sigma|_T \in P^k, \sigma_{nn} \text{ continuous} \} \\
 V_{cd}^k &= \{ \sigma \in [L_2]^{3 \times 3} : \sigma|_T \in P^k, \sigma_{nt} \text{ continuous} \} \\
 V_{cc}^k &= \{ \sigma \in [L_2]^{3 \times 3, \operatorname{sym}} : \sigma|_T \in P^k, \sigma_{tt} \text{ continuous} \}
 \end{aligned}$$

- In 2D, V_{dd}^k is the Hellan-Herrmann-Johnson finite element space.
 V_{cc} is the Regge finite element space [Christiansen '11, Li '18]
- Regular decomposition: $H(cc) = [H^1]^{3 \times 3, \operatorname{sym}} + \varepsilon([H^1]^3), \dots$
- Shape functions are defined on reference elements, two-sided Piola/covariant transformations preserve normal/tangential components, mapping on manifolds

3-step exact sequence

Smooth subspaces form a sequence:

$$H^1 \xrightarrow{\text{grad}} H(\text{curl}) \xrightarrow{\text{sym-grad}^T} H(cc) \xrightarrow{\text{curl}} H(cd) \xrightarrow{\text{sym-curl}^T} H(dd) \xrightarrow{\text{div}} H^{-1}(\text{div}) \xrightarrow{\text{div}} H^{-1}$$

- 3-step exact sequence: $\text{range } A_i = \ker A_{i+2}A_{i+1}$
- includes the Kröner complex (with $\varepsilon = \text{sym-grad}$ and $\text{inc} = \text{curl}^T \text{curl}$).

$$[H^1]^3 \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} H(cc) \xrightarrow{\text{inc}} H(dd) \xrightarrow{\text{div}} H^{-1}$$

- homogeneous boundary conditions on flat boundaries are preserved (t-component for $H(\text{curl})$, tt-component for $H(cc)$, nt-component for $H(cd)$, ...)
- useful for construction of basis functions and designing bubbles not polluting the range of the next operators (elasticity, weakly-symmetric formulation for Stokes)

Distributional derivatives

Let $\sigma \in V_{dd}^k$. Then the distributional divergence $f := \operatorname{div} \sigma$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f, \varphi \rangle &= - \int \sigma : \nabla \varphi = - \sum_T \int_T \sigma : \nabla \varphi = \sum_T \int_T \operatorname{div} \sigma - \int_{\partial T} \sigma_n \varphi \\ &= \sum_T \int_T \operatorname{div} \sigma \varphi - \sum_E \int_E [\sigma_n] \varphi = \sum_T \int_T \underbrace{\operatorname{div} \sigma}_{f_T} \varphi - \sum_E \int_E \underbrace{[\sigma_{nt}]}_{f_E} \varphi_t \end{aligned}$$

$f = \operatorname{div} \sigma$ consists of element-terms and facet-terms:

$$\begin{aligned} f_T &= \operatorname{div}_T \sigma \\ f_E &= [\sigma_{nt}] \quad \text{vector in tangential space} \end{aligned}$$

It can be applied to $v_h \in \mathcal{N} \subset H(\operatorname{curl})$.

Write duality pairing as

$$\langle \operatorname{div} \sigma, v \rangle \quad \text{for } \sigma \in V_{dd}^k, v \in \mathcal{N}^k$$

Second distributional derivatives

Let f as above, and $g = \operatorname{div} f$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle g, \varphi \rangle &= - \sum_T \int_T f_T \nabla \varphi - \sum_E \int_E f_E \nabla_t \varphi \\ &= \sum_T \int_T \operatorname{div}_T f_T \varphi + \sum_E \int_E ([f_{T,n}] + \operatorname{div}_t f_E) \varphi + \sum_V \sum_{T:V \in T} (\sigma_{n_1 t_1} - \sigma_{n_2 t_2}) \varphi \end{aligned}$$

$$g_T = \operatorname{div}_T f_T$$

$$g_E = [f_{T,n}] + \operatorname{div}_t f_E$$

$$g_V = \sum_{T:V \in T} (\sigma_{n_1 t_1} - \sigma_{n_2 t_2})$$

g is a measure and can be applied to $v_h \in \mathcal{L}^{k+1} \subset H^1$. Due to the arising point functionals, V_{dd} is slightly non-conforming for $H(dd)$.

$H(dd)$ and $H(cd)$ -based methods for Elasticity and Stokes

Find stress $\sigma \in V_{dd}^k$ and displacement $u \in \mathcal{N}^k$ (the TDNNS method: robust for thin structures)

$$\begin{aligned} \int A\sigma : \tau + \langle \operatorname{div} \tau, u \rangle &= 0 & \forall \tau \in V_{dd} \\ \langle \operatorname{div} \sigma, v \rangle &= f(v) & \forall v \in \mathcal{N} \end{aligned}$$

Astrid Pechstein Phd-thesis and joint work ['11,'12,'18,'21]

Find $\sigma \in V_{cd}^k$, $u \in \mathcal{BDM}^k$, and $p \in P^{k-1}$ (the pressure-robust MCS method for Stokes):

$$\begin{aligned} \int A\sigma : \tau + \langle \operatorname{div} \tau, u \rangle + (\operatorname{div} u, q) &= 0 & \forall \tau \in V_{cd}, \forall q \in P^{k-1} \\ \langle \operatorname{div} \sigma, v \rangle + (\operatorname{div} v, p) &= f(v) & \forall v \in \mathcal{BDM}^k \end{aligned}$$

Philip Lederer Phd-thesis and P. Lederer-J. Gopalakrishnan-JS ['20, '20]

$H(dd)$ methods for plates

Hellan-Herrmann-Johnson (HHJ) method for the Kirchhoff plate: ['60s and '70s, I. Comodi '89]

Find bending moments $\sigma \in V_{dd}^k$ and vertical deflection $w \in \mathcal{L}^{k+1}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \int A\sigma : \tau + \langle \operatorname{div} \tau, \nabla w \rangle &= 0 & \forall \tau \in V_{dd}^k \\ \langle \operatorname{div} \sigma, \nabla v \rangle &= f(v) & \forall v \in \mathcal{L}^{k+1} \end{aligned}$$

Combination of HHJ and TDNNS for Reissner Mindlin [A. Pechstein-JS '17]:

Find $\sigma \in V_{dd}^k$ and $w \in \mathcal{L}^{k+1}$, $\beta \in \mathcal{N}^k$:

$$\begin{aligned} \int A\sigma : \tau + \langle \operatorname{div} \tau, \beta \rangle &= 0 & \forall \tau \in V_{dd}^k \\ \langle \operatorname{div} \sigma, \delta \rangle - \frac{1}{t^2} \langle \nabla w - \beta, \nabla v - \delta \rangle &= f(v) & \forall v \in \mathcal{L}^{k+1}, \forall \delta \in \mathcal{N}^k, \end{aligned}$$

Free of locking, and for $t \rightarrow 0$ the discrete RM solution converges to the Kirchhoff solution.

The TD-NNS mixed method for elasticity

The elasticity problem is equivalent to the mixed problem: Find $\sigma \in H(\text{div div})$ and $u \in H(\text{curl})$ such that for tangentially continuous v and normal-normal continuous τ :

$$\begin{aligned} \int A\sigma : \tau &+ \sum_T \left\{ \int_T \text{div } \tau \cdot u - \int_{\partial T} \tau_{n\tau} u_\tau \right\} = 0 & \forall \tau \\ \sum_T \left\{ \int_T \text{div } \sigma \cdot v - \int_{\partial T} \sigma_{n\tau} v_\tau \right\} &= - \int f \cdot v & \forall v \end{aligned}$$

Proof: The second line is equilibrium, plus tangential continuity of the normal stress vector:

$$\sum_T \int_T (\text{div } \sigma + f)v + \sum_E \int_E [\sigma_{n\tau}]v_\tau = 0 \quad \forall v$$

Since the space requires continuity of σ_{nn} , the normal stress vector is continuous. Element-wise integration by parts in the first line gives

$$\sum_T \int_T (A\sigma - \varepsilon(u)) : \tau + \sum_E \int_E \tau_{nn}[u_n] = 0 \quad \forall \tau$$

This is the constitutive relation, plus normal-continuity of the displacement. Tangential continuity of the displacement is implied by the space $H(\text{curl})$.

Equilibrated residuals for Kirchhoff Plates

Plate problem: Find vertical deflection $w \in H_{0,D}^2$:

$$\int \nabla^2 w : \nabla^2 v = \int f v \quad \forall v \in H_{0,D}^2$$

- Discretize by some method, e.g. C^0 -IPDG to compute w_h .
- Local interpolation to some $w_h^* \in H^2$.
- Local postprocessing of $\sigma_h^* \approx \nabla_h^2 w_h$ with $\operatorname{div} \operatorname{div} \sigma_h^* = f$ for $\sigma_h^* \in V_{dd}$.
- Prager-Synge:

$$\|\nabla^2 w_h^* - \nabla^2 w\|_{L_2}^2 + \|\sigma_h^* - \nabla^2 w\|_{L_2}^2 = \|\nabla^2 w_h^* - \sigma_h^*\|_{L_2}^2$$

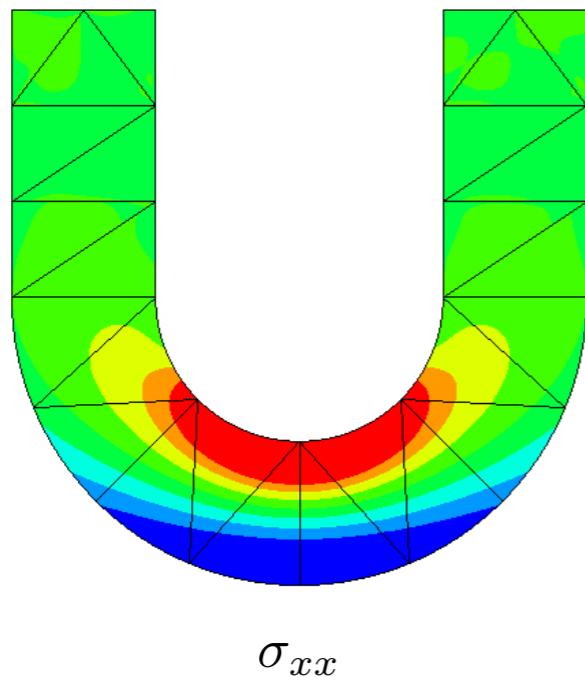
[D. Braess-A. Pechstein-J.S, '20]

Equilibrated residuals for Stokes: P. Lederer + C. Merdon '21

Curved elements

fixed left top, pull right top

Elements of order 5



Mapped elements by two-sided Piola:

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{J^2} F \hat{\sigma}(\hat{x}) F^t$$

Mapping preserves nn -continuity, but not nt -continuity

$\operatorname{div} \sigma$ is not an algebraic transformation of $\widehat{\operatorname{div}} \hat{\sigma}$, but

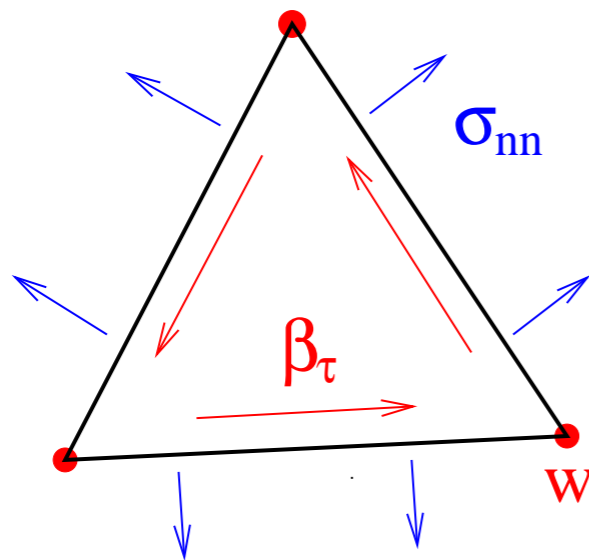
$$\operatorname{div} \sigma = \frac{1}{J} F \widehat{\operatorname{div}} \hat{\sigma} + \text{something}(\nabla F) : \hat{\sigma}$$

Reissner Mindlin Plates and Thin 3D Elements

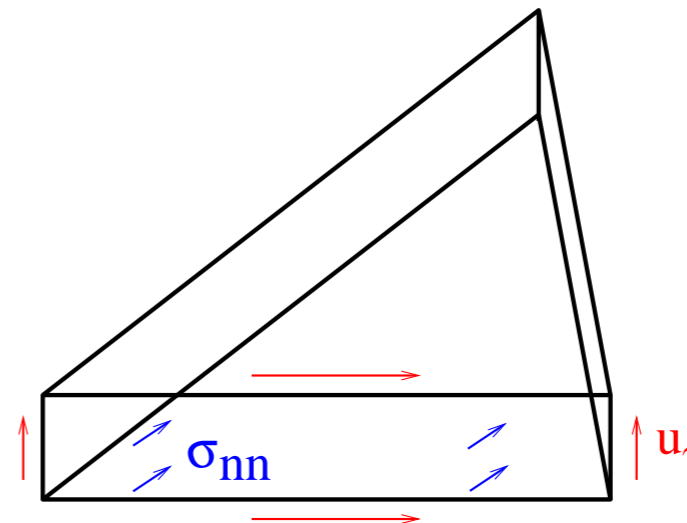
Mixed method with $\sigma = A^{-1}\varepsilon(\beta) \in H(\text{div div})$, $\beta \in H(\text{curl})$, and $w \in H^1$:

$$L(\sigma; \beta, w) = \|\sigma\|_A^2 + \langle \text{div } \sigma, \beta \rangle - t^{-2} \|\nabla w - \beta\|^2$$

Reissner Mindlin element:



3D prism element:



Hierarchical modeling: 3D discretization contains 2D reduced model

Geometric nonlinear Elasticity

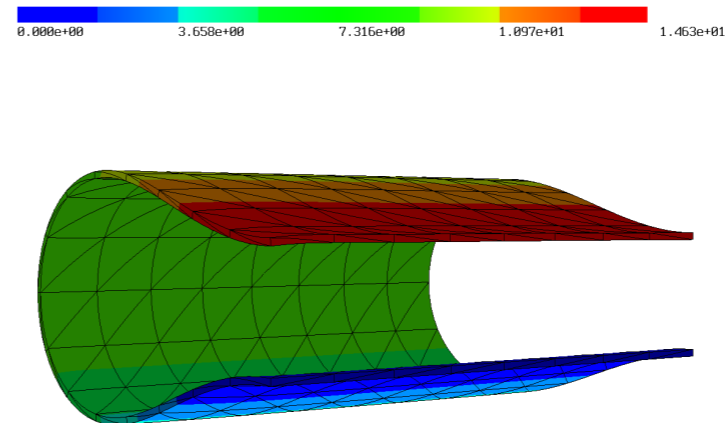
[M. Neunteufel + A. Pechstein + J.S to appear in CMAME, 2021, Phd-thesis M. Neunteufel 2021]

Hu-Washizu three-field mixed formulation

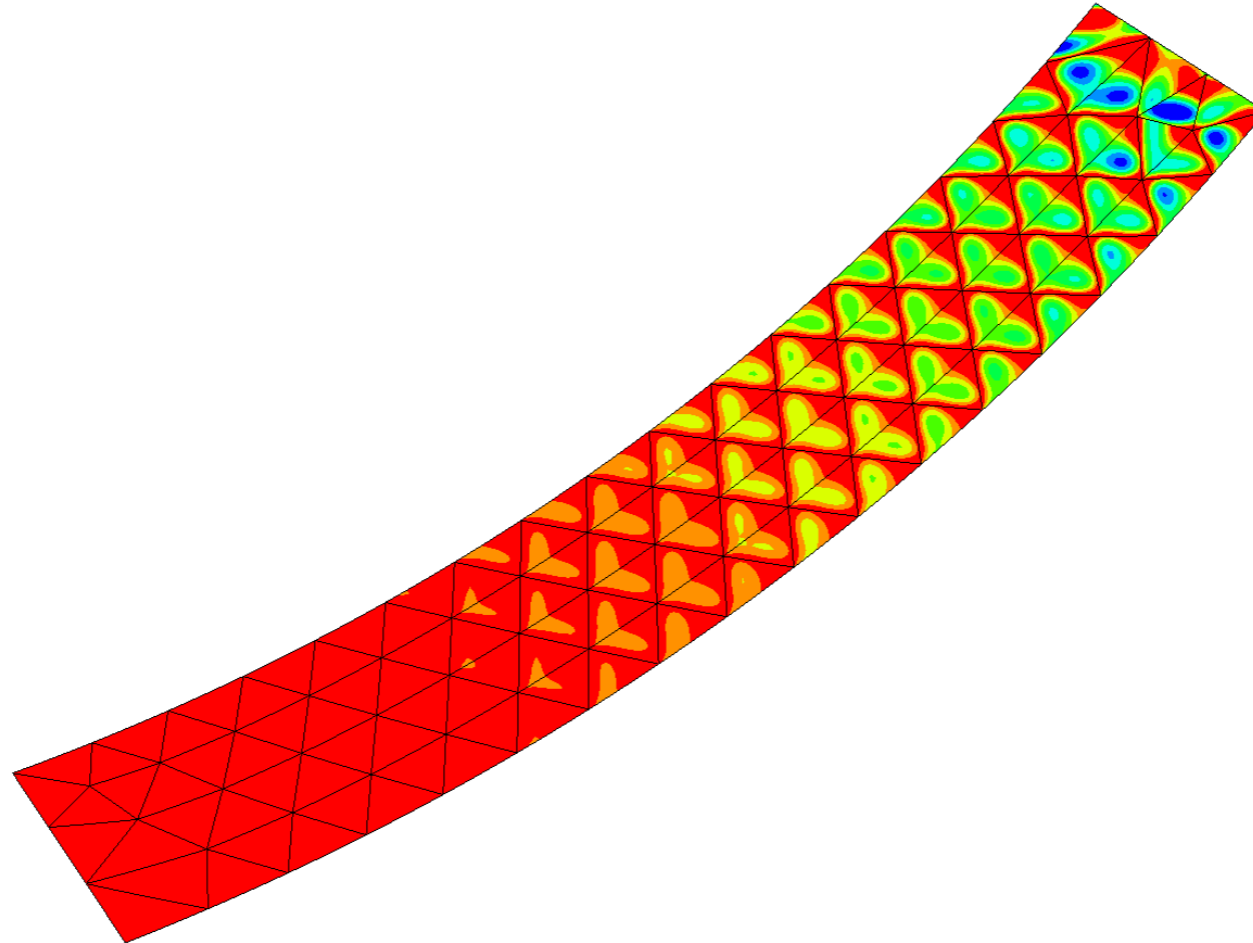
$$\min_{\substack{u, C \\ \langle C(u) - C, \Sigma \rangle = 0}} \int_{\Omega} W(C) dx - \int_{\Omega} f u dx$$

with

- $u \in H(\text{curl})$
- $\Sigma \in H(\text{div div}) \dots 2^{nd}$ Piola-Kirchhoff
- $C \in L_2(\mathbb{R}^{d \times d, \text{sym}}) \dots$ Cauchy-Green strain
- $W(.,.) \dots$ hyperelastic energy functional
- pressure-robust nearly incompressible ($\det F = 1$)



Checkerboarding for Valentine's day



Riemann curvature and Incompatibility

The Kröner complex [Kröner 85, Int. J. Solid Structures]:

linear elasticity:

$$[H^1]^3 \xrightarrow{\varepsilon(\cdot)} H(cc) \xrightarrow{\text{inc}} H(dd)$$

nonlinear elasticity: Cauchy-Green strain and Riemann curvature:

$$[H^1]^3 \xrightarrow{C(\cdot)} H(cc) \xrightarrow{R(\cdot)} H(dd)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} C(\varphi) &= \nabla\varphi^T \nabla\varphi \\ R_{qijk}(g) &= \partial_j \Gamma_{ikq} - \partial_k \Gamma_{ijq} + \Gamma_{ij}^p \Gamma_{kqp} - \Gamma_{ik}^p \Gamma_{jqp} \end{aligned}$$

with Christoffel symbols Γ .