



Numerical solution of continuum physics problems with FEniCS or how to use FEM and not vary (too much) about programming ...

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- ✓ **lecture 1** introduction to FEniCS/python, FEM and how to solve laplace equation
- ✓ **lecture 2** boundary conditions, time discretization, convection-diffusion equation, (stabilization)
- 👉 **lecture 3** Stokes, incompressible Navier-Stokes equations
 - lecture 4** linear and non-linear elasticity
 - lecture 5** ALE-method, level-set method

Mesh generations in FEniCS

- ▶ internal commands for simple geometry:
IntervalMesh, RectangleMesh, BoxMesh, etc. - see the docs
- ▶ FEniCS package MSHR - <https://bitbucket.org/benjamik/mshr>
for mesh generation from CSG definitions:

```
from dolfin import *  
import mshr
```

```
Center = Point(0.2, 0.2); Radius = 0.05; L=2.2; W=0.41
```

```
r0 = mshr.Rectangle(Point(0.0,0.0), Point(L,W))  
c0 = mshr.Circle(Center,Radius,10)  
geometry = r0 - c0  
mesh=mshr.generate_mesh(geometry,50)
```

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- ▶ GMSH + dolfin-convert [<http://geuz.org/gmsh>]
 - 1 use GMSH to create your domain and mesh, mark boundaries
 - 2 run: `dolfin-convert yourmesh.gmsh yourmesh.xml`
 - 3 then in the FEniCS script you can read the xml mesh:

```
mesh = Mesh("yourmesh.xml")  
domain= MeshFunction("size_t", mesh, "yourmesh_physical_region.xml")  
bndry= MeshFunction("size_t", mesh, "yourmesh_facet_region.xml")
```

▶ using SubDomain objects

```
class LeftSD(SubDomain):
    def inside(self, x, on_boundary):
        return (on_boundary and near(x[0],0.0))

class RightSD(SubDomain):
    def inside(self, x, on_boundary):
        return (on_boundary and near(x[0],1.0))
```

```
Left=LeftSD(); Right=RightSD()
bparts = FacetFunction("size_t", mesh)
bparts.set_all(0)
Left.mark(bparts, 1); Right.mark(bparts, 2)
```

▶ using AutoSubDomain function

```
Left=AutoSubDomain(lambda x: near(x[0],0.0))
Right=AutoSubDomain(lambda x: near(x[1],0.0))
```

▶ using direct access to the mesh entities

```
bparts = FacetFunction("size_t", mesh)
bparts.set_all(0)
for f in facets(mesh):
    mp=f.midpoint()
    if near(mp[0],0.0) : bparts[f]=1      # Left
    if near(mp[0],1.0) : bparts[f]=2      # Right
```

Stokes equation - system of equations

Find velocity \mathbf{v} and pressure p such that:

$$\begin{aligned} -\operatorname{div}(\nabla \mathbf{v}) + \nabla p &= \mathbf{f} && \text{in } \Omega \\ \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} &= 0 && \text{in } \Omega \\ \mathbf{v} &= v_D && \text{on } \Gamma_D \\ [\nabla \mathbf{v}] \mathbf{n} &= \mathbf{g} && \text{on } \Gamma_N \end{aligned}$$

► weak form: find $(\mathbf{v}, p) \in V \times P$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} a(\mathbf{v}, \bar{\mathbf{v}}) + b(p, \bar{\mathbf{v}}) &= L(\bar{\mathbf{v}}) \\ b(\bar{p}, \mathbf{v}) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

holds for all $(\bar{\mathbf{v}}, \bar{p}) \in V \times P$

► where

$$a(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) = \int_{\Omega} \nabla \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{w} \, dx$$

and

$$b(p, \mathbf{v}) = \int_{\Omega} p \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} \, dx$$

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- ▶ Choice of mixed FE spaces $V_h \times P_h$ - needs to satisfy LBB-condition (Taylor-Hood, Crouzeix-Raviart, etc. - see the book p. 387)
- ▶ FEniCS code for mixed spaces:

```
# Define function spaces (Taylor-Hood)
```

```
V = VectorFunctionSpace(mesh, "CG", 2)
```

```
P = FunctionSpace(mesh, "CG", 1)
```

```
W = MixedFunctionSpace([V, P])
```

```
w = Function(W)
```

```
(v, p) = split(w)
```

```
(_v, _p) = TestFunctions(W)
```

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- ▶ FEniCS form definitions:

```
w = Function(W)           # v.s. (v, p) = Functions(W)
(v, p) = split(w)         #symbolic split
(v, p) = w.split()       #symbolic split
(v, p) = w.split(True)   #split and create new objects
```

```
(_v, _p) = TestFunctions(W)
```

```
# Define variational form for Stokes
```

```
def a(u,v): return inner(grad(u),grad(v))*dx
```

```
def b(p,v): return p*div(v)*dx
```

```
def L(v): return inner(Constant((0.0,0.0)),v)*dx
```

```
ST = a(v,_v) + b(p,_v) + b(_p,v) - L(_v)
```

```
J = derivative(ST, w)
```

```
problem=NonlinearVariationalProblem(ST, w, bcs, J)
```

```
solver=NonlinearVariationalSolver(problem)
```

```
solver.solve()
```

Task no.3 - Navier-Stokes benchmark

- 1 extend the `stokes_ex.py` to the Navier-Stokes equation:

$$\begin{aligned}\rho\left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + [\nabla \mathbf{v}]\mathbf{v}\right) - \operatorname{div}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}) &= \rho \mathbf{f} && \text{in } \Omega \\ \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} &= 0 && \text{in } \Omega \\ \mathbf{v} &= \mathbf{v}_D && \text{on } \Gamma_D \\ [\nabla \mathbf{v}]\mathbf{n} &= \mathbf{0} && \text{on } \Gamma_N\end{aligned}$$

where $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = -p\mathbf{I} + 2\mu\mathbf{D}$ is the stress tensor and $D = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla \mathbf{v} + \nabla \mathbf{v}^T)$.

- 2 Compute the stationary version of the NS benchmark 'Flow around cylinder' and compare the drag and lift
see: http://www.featflow.de/en/benchmarks/cfdbenchmarking/flow/dfg_benchmark1_re20.html
- 3 Try to do the nonstationary version
see: http://www.featflow.de/en/benchmarks/cfdbenchmarking/flow/dfg_benchmark3_re100.html

- ▶ How to log in to the cluster

```
ssh -Y -C IName@10.4.8.14
```

- ▶ Copy files or folders from/to a cluster - to be run on your local machine
 - ▶ copy local folder to your home directory on the cluster

```
scp -r folder IName@10.4.8.14:~/
```

- ▶ copy a folder from cluster to your local current directory

```
scp -r IName@10.4.8.14:~/path/folder ./
```

- ▶ Lectures and example downloadable at http://www.karlin.mff.cuni.cz/~hron/warsaw_2014/