Distributional finite elements with applications for elasticity, fluids and curvature



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Vector-valued function spaces

$$H(\operatorname{curl}) = \{ v \in L_2(\mathbb{V}) : \operatorname{curl} u \in L_2(\mathbb{V}) \}$$
$$H(\operatorname{div}) = \{ v \in L_2(\mathbb{V}) : \operatorname{div} u \in L_2 \}$$

• de Rham sequence:

$$H^1 \xrightarrow{\operatorname{grad}} H(\operatorname{curl}) \xrightarrow{\operatorname{curl}} H(\operatorname{div}) \xrightarrow{\operatorname{div}} L^2$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \|u\|_{H(\operatorname{curl})^*} &= \sup_{v \in H(\operatorname{curl})} \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|v\|_{H(\operatorname{curl})}} = \sup_{v \in H(\operatorname{curl})} \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\inf_{v = \nabla \phi + z} \|\phi\|_{H^1}} + \|z\|_{H^1} = \sup_{\phi, z} \frac{\langle u, z \rangle}{\|\phi\|_{H^1}} \\ &\simeq \sup_{\phi} \frac{\langle \operatorname{div} u, \phi \rangle}{\|\phi\|_{H^1}} + \sup_{z} \frac{\langle u, z \rangle}{\|\phi\|_{H^1}} = \|u\|_{H^{-1}} + \|\operatorname{div} u\|_{H^{-1}} =: \|u\|_{H^{-1}(\operatorname{div})} \end{aligned}$$

• tangential / normal boundary traces \Rightarrow tangential / normal continuous finite elements $(\mathcal{N}^k, \mathcal{BDM}^k)$

- $\sup_{b,z} \frac{\langle u, \nabla \phi + z \rangle}{\|\phi\|_{H^1} + \|z\|_{H^1}}$

Matrix-valued function spaces

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{H}(dd) &:= \widehat{H}(\operatorname{div}\operatorname{div}) &:= \{ \sigma \in H^{-1}(\mathbb{S}) : \operatorname{div} \sigma \in H^{-1}(\mathbb{V}), \operatorname{div}\operatorname{div} \sigma \in H^{-1}(\mathbb{R}) \} \\ \widehat{H}(cd) &:= \widehat{H}(\operatorname{curl}\operatorname{div}) &:= \{ \sigma \in H^{-1}(\mathbb{T}) : \operatorname{div} \sigma \in H^{-1}(\mathbb{V}), \operatorname{sym-curl} \sigma^T \in H^{-1}(\mathbb{S}), \operatorname{div} G \in H^{-1}(\mathbb{C}) := \widehat{H}(\operatorname{curl}\operatorname{curl}) &:= \{ \sigma \in H^{-1}(\mathbb{S}) : \operatorname{curl} \sigma \in H^{-1}(\mathbb{T}), \operatorname{curl}^T \operatorname{curl} \sigma \in H^{-1}(\mathbb{S}) \} \end{aligned}$$

regular sub-spaces:

$$\widetilde{H}(dd) := := \{ \sigma \in L_2(\mathbb{S}) : \text{div div } \sigma \in H^{-1}(\mathbb{R}) \}$$

$$\widetilde{H}(cd) := \{ \sigma \in L_2(\mathbb{T}) : \text{curl div } \sigma \in H^{-1}(\mathbb{V}) \}$$

$$\widetilde{H}(cc) := \{ \sigma \in L_2(\mathbb{S}) : \text{curl}^T \text{ curl } \sigma \in H^{-1}(\mathbb{S}) \}$$

with $\mathbb{V} = \mathbb{R}^3$, $\mathbb{S} = \{ \sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3} : \sigma = \sigma^T \}$, $\mathbb{T} = \{ \eta \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3} : \operatorname{tr} \eta = 0 \}$

$\operatorname{curl}\operatorname{div} \sigma \in H^{-1}(\mathbb{V})\}$

Finite element spaces

finite element spaces for $k \ge 0$

$$V_{dd}^{k} = \{ \sigma \in L_{2}(\mathbb{S}) : \sigma_{|T} \in P^{k}(\mathbb{S}), \sigma_{nn} \text{ continuous} \}$$

$$V_{cd}^{k} = \{ \sigma \in L_{2}(\mathbb{T}) : \sigma_{|T} \in P^{k}(\mathbb{T}), \sigma_{nt} \text{ continuous} \}$$

$$V_{cc}^{k} = \{ \sigma \in L_{2}(\mathbb{S}) : \sigma_{|T} \in P^{k}(\mathbb{S}), \sigma_{tt} \text{ continuous} \}$$

- In 2D, V_{dd}^k is the Hellan-Herrmann-Johnson finite element space, used for Kirchhoff plates. In 3D: Phd thesis Astrid Pechstein, context of TDNNS method for elasticity.
- $H(\operatorname{curl}\operatorname{div})$ space and V_{cd} finite elements in Phd thesis Philip Lederer with applications for Stokes (MCS method), P. Lederer, J. Gopalakrishnan + JS [20,20]
- V_{cc} is the Regge finite element space [Christiansen '11, Li '18]
- Shape functions are defined on reference elements, two-sided Piola/covariant transformations preserve normal/tangential components
- mapping to manifold meshes (shells, intrinsic curvature), shape derivatives

Hypercomplex

$$\begin{array}{cccc} H^{1} & \stackrel{\operatorname{grad}}{\longrightarrow} & H(\operatorname{curl}) & \stackrel{\operatorname{curl}}{\longrightarrow} & H(\operatorname{div}) & \stackrel{\operatorname{div}}{\longrightarrow} & L^{2} \\ & \downarrow^{\operatorname{grad}} & \downarrow^{\operatorname{def}} & \downarrow^{\operatorname{dev}\operatorname{grad}^{T}} & \downarrow^{\operatorname{grad}} \\ H(\operatorname{curl}) & \stackrel{\operatorname{def}}{\longrightarrow} & H_{cc}(\mathbb{S}) & \stackrel{\operatorname{curl}}{\longrightarrow} & H_{cd}(\mathbb{T}) & \stackrel{\operatorname{div}}{\longrightarrow} & H^{-1}(\operatorname{curl}) \\ & \downarrow^{\operatorname{curl}} & \downarrow^{\operatorname{curl}^{T}} & \downarrow^{\operatorname{sym}\operatorname{curl}^{T}} & \downarrow^{\operatorname{curl}} \\ H(\operatorname{div}) & \stackrel{\operatorname{dev}\operatorname{grad}}{\longrightarrow} & H_{dc}(\mathbb{T}) & \stackrel{\operatorname{sym}\operatorname{curl}}{\longrightarrow} & H_{dd}(\mathbb{S}) & \stackrel{\operatorname{div}}{\longrightarrow} & H^{-1}(\operatorname{div}) \\ & \downarrow^{\operatorname{div}} & \downarrow^{\operatorname{div}} & \downarrow^{\operatorname{div}} & \downarrow^{\operatorname{div}} & \downarrow^{\operatorname{div}} \\ L^{2} & \stackrel{\operatorname{grad}}{\longrightarrow} & H^{-1}(\operatorname{curl}) & \stackrel{\operatorname{curl}}{\longrightarrow} & H^{-1}(\operatorname{div}) & \stackrel{\operatorname{div}}{\longrightarrow} & H^{-1} \end{array}$$

with def $u = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla u + \nabla u^T)$, dev $\eta = \eta - \frac{1}{3} \operatorname{tr} \eta I$, $\operatorname{curl}^T \gamma = (\operatorname{curl} \gamma^T)^T$ dual spaces are at opposite positions:

 $[V^{k,l}]^* = V^{3-k,3-l}$

related to BGG complex [Doug Arnold, Kaibo Hu]

Three exact sequences with 2^{nd} -order operators

from Arnold+Hu:

• Hessian complex (using div sym-curl = $\frac{1}{2}$ curl div):

$$H^1 \xrightarrow{\text{hess}} H(cc) \xrightarrow{\text{curl}} H(cd) \xrightarrow{\text{div}} H(\text{div})^*$$

• Elasticity complex

$$H(\operatorname{curl}) \xrightarrow{\operatorname{def}} H(cc) \xrightarrow{\operatorname{inc}} H(dd) \xrightarrow{\operatorname{div}} H(\operatorname{curl})^*$$

• div div complex (using curl sym-grad = $\frac{1}{2}$ dev grad curl):

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

with hess = def grad and inc = $sym - curl^T curl$

Exact sequences in the hypercomplex



Stability

Lemma: Continuity

$$\forall u \in H(\operatorname{curl}) \ \forall \sigma \in \widehat{H}(dd) : \quad \langle \operatorname{div} \sigma, v \rangle \leq \|\sigma\|_{\widehat{H}(dd)} \|u\|_{H(\operatorname{curl})}$$

Proof: Regular decomposition: $u = z + \nabla \varphi$ with $||z||_{H^1} + ||\varphi||_{H^1} \le ||u||_{H(\operatorname{curl})}$.

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \operatorname{div} \sigma, u \rangle &= \langle \operatorname{div} \sigma, z + \nabla \varphi \rangle = \langle \operatorname{div} \sigma, z \rangle - \langle \operatorname{div} \operatorname{div} \sigma, \varphi \rangle \\ &\leq \| \operatorname{div} \sigma \|_{-1} \| z \|_{1} + \| \operatorname{div} \operatorname{div} \sigma \|_{-1} \| \varphi \|_{1} \le \| \sigma \|_{\widehat{H}(dd)} \| u \|_{H(dd)} \| \varepsilon \|_{H(dd)} \| u \|_{H(dd)} \| u \|_{H(dd)} \| \varepsilon \| \varepsilon \|_{H(dd)} \| \varepsilon$$

Lemma: $\inf - \sup$ condition:

$$\forall u \in H(\operatorname{curl}) \exists \sigma \in \widetilde{H}(dd) : \quad \frac{\langle \operatorname{div} \sigma, u \rangle}{\|\sigma\|_{\widetilde{H}(dd)} \|u\|_{H(\operatorname{curl})}} \geq \beta$$

Proof: Given $u \in H(\operatorname{curl})$, solve elasticity problem: $(\varepsilon(w), \varepsilon(v)) = (u, v)_{H(\operatorname{curl})}$ and set $\sigma := \varepsilon(w)$. Then $\langle \operatorname{div} \sigma, u \rangle = \|u\|_{H(\operatorname{curl})}^2$, and $\|\sigma\|_{L_2} \le \|u\|_{H(\operatorname{curl})}$, $\|\operatorname{div} \operatorname{div} \sigma\|_{H^{-1}} \le \|u\|_{L_2}$

(curl)

Distributional derivatives

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

$$\langle f, \varphi \rangle = -\int \sigma : \nabla \varphi = -\sum_{T} \int_{T} \sigma : \nabla \varphi = \sum_{T} \int_{T} \operatorname{div} \sigma - \int_{\partial T} \sigma_{n} \varphi$$
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 $f = \operatorname{div} \sigma$ consists of element-terms and facet-terms:

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

 $f_E = [\sigma_{nt}]$ vector in tangential space

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

Write duality pairing as

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

 $[nt] \varphi_t$ E

Second distributional derivatives

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

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$$g,\varphi\rangle = -\sum_{T} \int_{T} f_{T} \nabla \varphi - \sum_{E} \int_{E} f_{E} \nabla_{t} \varphi$$
$$= \sum_{T} \int_{T} \operatorname{div}_{T} f_{T} \varphi + \sum_{E} \int_{E} ([f_{T,n}] + \operatorname{div}_{t} f_{E}) \varphi + \sum_{V} \sum_{T:V \in T} (\sigma_{n_{1}t_{1}}) \varphi$$

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

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

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

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).

 $(-\sigma_{n_2t_2})\varphi$

Distributional differential operators

- $\langle hess w, \sigma \rangle$
- $\langle \varepsilon(u), \sigma \rangle$, $\langle \operatorname{curl} \varepsilon(u), \eta^T \rangle$
- $\langle \operatorname{curl} \gamma, \eta^T \rangle$, $\langle \operatorname{inc} \gamma, \tilde{\gamma} \rangle$
- $\langle \operatorname{sym-curl} \eta, \gamma \rangle$, $\langle \operatorname{div} \eta, q \rangle$
- $\langle \operatorname{div} \sigma, u \rangle$, $\langle \operatorname{div} \operatorname{div} \sigma, w \rangle$

with $w \in \mathcal{L}_k \subset H^1$, $u \in \mathcal{N}_k \subset H(\text{curl})$, $q \in \mathcal{BDM}_k \subset H(\text{div})$ $\gamma \in V_{cc}^k \subset \widetilde{H}(cc)$, $\eta \in V_{cd}^k \subset \widetilde{H}(cd)$, $\sigma \in V_{dd}^k \subset \widetilde{H}(dd)$.

Lowest order finite element hypercomplex

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \mathcal{L}_{1} & \stackrel{\mathrm{grad}}{\longrightarrow} & \mathcal{N}_{0} & \stackrel{\mathrm{curl}}{\longrightarrow} & \mathcal{R}T_{0} & \stackrel{\mathrm{div}}{\longrightarrow} & P^{0} \\ & \downarrow_{\mathrm{grad}} & \downarrow_{\mathrm{def}} & \downarrow_{\mathrm{dev}\,\mathrm{grad}^{T}} & \downarrow_{\mathrm{grad}} \\ \mathcal{N}_{0} & \stackrel{\mathrm{def}}{\longrightarrow} & V_{cc} & \stackrel{\mathrm{curl}}{\longrightarrow} & V_{cd} & \stackrel{\mathrm{div}}{\longrightarrow} & \delta_{n}^{F} \\ & \downarrow_{\mathrm{curl}} & \downarrow_{\mathrm{curl}^{T}} & \downarrow_{\mathrm{sym}\,\mathrm{curl}^{T}} & \downarrow_{\mathrm{curl}} \\ \mathcal{R}T_{0} & \stackrel{\mathrm{dev}\,\mathrm{grad}}{\longrightarrow} & V_{cd}^{T} & \stackrel{\mathrm{sym}\,\mathrm{curl}}{\longrightarrow} & V_{dd} & \stackrel{\mathrm{div}}{\longrightarrow} & \delta_{t}^{E} \\ & \downarrow_{\mathrm{div}} & \downarrow_{\mathrm{div}} & \downarrow_{\mathrm{div}} & \downarrow_{\mathrm{div}} & \downarrow_{\mathrm{div}} \\ & \downarrow_{\mathrm{div}} & \downarrow_{\mathrm{div}} & \downarrow_{\mathrm{div}} & \downarrow_{\mathrm{div}} & \downarrow_{\mathrm{div}} \end{array}$$

with distributional matrix-valued finite element spaces

$$V_{cc} := \{ \gamma \in \mathcal{R}eg_0 + P^1 \delta_{nn}^F : \operatorname{curl}_E \gamma = 0 \}$$

$$V_{cd} := \{ \eta \in \mathcal{M}CS_0 + \mathcal{R}T_0 \otimes \delta_n^F : \operatorname{div}_E \eta = 0 \}$$

$$V_{dd} = \{ \sigma \in P^0 \delta_{tt}^F + P^1 \delta_{tt}^E : \operatorname{div}_V \sigma = 0 \}$$

A different view on mixed methods for Poisson

Solve $(\nabla u, \nabla v)_{L_2} = f(v)$ with discontinuous $u_h \in P^k$.

Then

$$\nabla u_h = \sum_T \nabla_T u_h + \sum_F [u_h] \delta_n^F$$

and a direct evaluation of $(\nabla u_h, \nabla v_h)_{L_2}$ is not allowd.

Mimicing

$$\|\nabla u\|_{L_2} = \sup_{\sigma \in H(\operatorname{div})} \frac{(\nabla u, \sigma)_{L_2}}{\|\sigma\|_{L_2}}$$

on the discrete, i.e.

$$\|\nabla u_h\|_{L_2,h} = \sup_{\sigma_h \in \mathcal{R}T_k} \frac{\langle \nabla u_h, \sigma_h \rangle}{\|\sigma_h\|_{L_2}}$$

leads to a discrete L_2 -like norm and inner product.

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This is exactly the mixed method in $H(\text{div}) \times L_2$.

The HHJ-method for plates is the same trick to define $(\nabla^2 w_h, \nabla^2 v_h)_{L_2,h}$ for C^0 -continuous finite elements.

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 structers)

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

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

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

$$\int A\sigma : \tau \qquad + \quad \langle \operatorname{div} \tau, u \rangle + (\operatorname{div} u, q) = 0 \qquad \forall \tau \in V_{cd}, \forall q$$
$$\langle \operatorname{div} \sigma, v \rangle + (\operatorname{div} v, p) \qquad = \quad f(v) \qquad \forall v \in \mathcal{B}DM^k$$

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

$q \in P^{k-1}$

H(dd) methods for plates

Hellan-Herrmann-Johnson (HHJ) method for the Kirchhoff plate: ['60s and '70s, Arnold+Brezzi '85, I. Comodi '89] Find bending moments $\sigma \in V_{dd}^k$ and vertical deflection $w \in \mathcal{L}^{k+1}$:

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

Combination of HHJ and TDNNS for Reissner Mindlin [A. Pechstein-JS '17]: Find $\sigma \in V_{dd}^k$ and $w \in \mathcal{L}^{k+1}$, $\beta \in \mathcal{N}^k$:

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

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

 $\mathcal{N}^k,$

The TDNNS mixed method for elasticity

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

$$\int A\sigma : \tau \qquad + \sum_{T} \left\{ \int_{T} \operatorname{div} \tau \cdot u - \int_{\partial T} \tau_{n\tau} u_{\tau} \right\} = 0 \qquad \forall \tau$$
$$\sum_{T} \left\{ \int_{T} \operatorname{div} \sigma \cdot v - \int_{\partial T} \sigma_{n\tau} v_{\tau} \right\} \qquad = -\int f \cdot v \quad \forall v$$

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

$$\sum_{T} \int_{T} (\operatorname{div} \sigma + f) v + \sum_{E} \int_{E} [\sigma_{n\tau}] v_{\tau} = 0 \qquad \forall v$$

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

$$\sum_{T} \int_{T} (A\sigma - \varepsilon(u)) : \tau + \sum_{E} \int_{E} \tau_{nn}[u_n] = 0 \qquad \forall \tau$$

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

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Lowest order simplicial finite elements for TDNNS

Mixed elements for approximating displacements and stresses.

- tangential components of displacement vector
- normal-normal component of stress tensor

Triangular Finite Element:



Tetrahedral Finite Element:



The quadrilateral element

Dofs for general quadrilateral element:



Thin beam dofs ($\sigma_{nn} = 0$ on bottom and top):

Beam stretching components:



Beam bending components:





Reissner Mindlin Plates and Thin 3D Elements

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

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

Reissner Mindlin element:

3D prism element:





Hierarchical modeling: 3D discretization contains 2D reduced model

$| u_{\tau} |$

A beam in a beam



Reinforcement with E = 50 in medium with E = 1.



TDNNS mixed FEM, p=2



Primal FEM, p = 3

stress component σ_{xx}

Curved elements

fixed left top, pull right top

Elements of order 5



 σ_{xx}

Mapped elements by two-sided Piola:

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

Mapping preserves *nn*-continuity, but not *nt*-continuity

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

$$\operatorname{div} \sigma = \frac{1}{J} F \,\widehat{\operatorname{div}} \,\hat{\sigma} + s$$

 $F\widehat{\sigma}(\hat{x})F^t$

something $(\nabla F):\hat{\sigma}$

Geometric nonlinear Elasticity

[M. Neunteufel + A. Pechstein + J.S '21, Phd-thesis M. Neunteufel 2021] Hu-Washizu three-field mixed formulation

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

0.000e+0

with

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



7.316e+00

1.097e+01

3.658e+00

1.463e+01

Riemann curvature and Incompatibility

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

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

nonlinear elasticity: Cauchy-Green strain, Riemann curvature and covariant divergence:

$$[H^1]^3 \xrightarrow{C(\cdot)} H(cc) \xrightarrow{R(\cdot)} H(dd) \xrightarrow{\operatorname{div}_{\mathcal{C}}} [H^{-1}]^3$$

with

$$C(\varphi) = \nabla \varphi^T \nabla \varphi$$

$$R_{qijk}(g) = \partial_j \Gamma_{ikq} - \partial_k \Gamma_{ijq} + \Gamma^p_{ij} \Gamma_{kqp} - \Gamma^p_{ik} \Gamma_{jqp}$$

with Christoffel symbols Γ .

Riemann curvature for metric approximated by H(curl curl) fe: [M. Neunteufel, J. Gopalakrishnan, JS, M. Wardetzky, 23, 24]

Onging research

- Solving 3+1 Einstein equation for the metric in $H(\operatorname{curl}\operatorname{curl})$ See talk by Edoardo Bonetti on Tue for the linearized Einstein-Bianchi equations
- Extension to the *n*-dimensional case. Heavy input from representation theory (Young tableaux)
- Equilibrated residual error estimation.
- AMG solvers

NGSolve examples using the presented spaces are found online at

https://jschoeberl.github.io/talk-pdesoft/talk_pdesoft.html