



Nonlinear Hyperelasticity-based Mesh Optimisation

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Figure: Navier-Stokes Bench 1: Velocity field

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Figure: Navier-Stokes Bench 1: Underlying mesh

Requirements for \mathcal{T}_h

Requirement for the Finite Element Method

1. \mathfrak{T}_h must be free of intersecting cells



Initial mesh.

Requirements for \mathcal{T}_h

Reality is not polygonally bounded

2. \mathcal{T}_h must capture the geometry of Ω .





Geometry insufficiently resolved. Good resolution of the boundary.

Requirements for \mathcal{T}_h

What is "fine enough"?

3. T_h must sufficiently resolve the solution u_h .



Insufficient resolution of the 0-levelset.



Good resolution of the 0-levelset by *r*-adaptivity.



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5 Conclusion

For a mesh quality functional \mathcal{F} find an optimal deformation

$$\Phi^* = \text{argmin}_{\Phi \in \mathcal{D}} \, \mathcal{F}(\Phi), \mathcal{D} \subset \left\{ \Phi : \Omega \to \mathbb{R}^d : \forall x \in \Omega : \text{det}(\nabla \Phi(x)) > 0 \right\}$$

The orientation preserving property

 $det(\nabla \Phi(x)) > 0$ is crucial for applying the Finite Element Method.



(a) Initial configuration. (b) After applying the mapping Φ . Figure: Overlap of cells resulting from one cell changing orientation.

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- 1 det $(\nabla \Phi) > 0$ is enforced (robustness),
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- Not for hypercube meshes.
- *r*-adaptivity only mentioned.
- Additional theory required.
- Efficient nonlinear solvers not readily available.
- HPC-level implementation (MPI parallel, numerically efficient) using FEAT3.
- Application to complex geometries and "large" problems.

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Assumptions

1 $\forall K \in \mathfrak{T}_h$ there exists an optimal reference cell \hat{K} .



Optimal shape \hat{K}_n and optimal scale h(K)

Can be individually chosen: $\hat{K} = h(K)\hat{K}_n$.

Reference mapping and local functionals

Assumptions

2
$$\mathcal{F}(\Phi) = \sum_{K \in \mathbb{J}_h} \mu_K \int_K \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_K(\Phi)$$
 (Locality).
3 $\forall c \in \mathbb{R}^d : \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_K(\Phi + c) = \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_K(\Phi)$ (Translation invariance).
 $\Rightarrow \exists \mathcal{L} : \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_K(\Phi) = \mathcal{L}_K(\nabla\Phi)$



4 $\lim_{\det(\nabla\Phi)\to 0} \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{K}}(x, \nabla\Phi) = \infty$ (Regularity property).

- This enforces the orientation preserving property
- \mathcal{L}_k cannot be convex in $\nabla \Phi$ but must be at least polyconvex

Stored energy functionals

Observation

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Existence theorem ²:

Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$, $\partial \Omega = \Gamma_0 \cup \Gamma_1$, $\Gamma_i \ d\sigma$ -measurable and $\operatorname{vol}_2(\Gamma_0) > 0$, $\mathcal{L} : \Omega \times SL_3$ with the properties of

1 Polyconvexity: $\forall x \in \Omega \ a.e. : \exists \tilde{L}(x, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot) : SL_3 \times SL_3 \times (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : \tilde{L} \text{ is convex and}$

$$\forall F \in \mathrm{SL}_3: \quad \mathcal{L}(x,F) = \tilde{L}(x,F,\mathrm{Cof}(F),\mathrm{det}(F)),$$

2 Stability

3 Coerciveness: $\exists \alpha \in \mathbb{R}_+, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, 2 \le p \in \mathbb{N}, \frac{p}{p-1} \le q \in \mathbb{N}, 1 < r \in \mathbb{R}$: $\forall x \in \Omega \ a.e., \forall F \in SL_3$:

 $\mathcal{L}(x,F) \ge \alpha (\|F\|_F^p + \|\operatorname{Cof}(F)\|_F^q + \det(F)^r) + \beta$

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Theory

Existence theorem [2]:

Let $\phi_0 \in L^1(\Gamma_0, \mathbb{R}^3)$ such that $\emptyset \neq \mathcal{D}_{\phi_0} := \{ \Phi \in W^{1,p}(\Omega) : \operatorname{Cof}(\nabla \Phi) \in L^q(\Omega), \det(\nabla \Phi) \in L^r(\Omega), \\ \forall x \in \Omega \ a.e. : \det(\nabla \Phi)(x) > 0, \quad \forall x \in \Gamma_0 \ d\sigma \ a.e. : \Phi(x) = \phi_0(x) \}$

Let $f \in L^p(\Omega)$ and $g \in L^s(\Gamma_1)$ such that the linear form

$$I: W^{1,p}(\Omega) \to \mathbb{R}, \quad I(\Phi) := \int_{\Omega} f \cdot \Phi dx + \int_{\Gamma_1} g \cdot \Phi d\sigma$$

is continuous and define

$$\mathfrak{F}(\Phi) := \int_{\Omega} \mathcal{L}(x, \nabla \Phi(x)) dx - l(\Phi).$$

If $\exists \Phi \in \mathcal{D}_{\phi_0} : \mathfrak{F}(\Phi) < +\infty$, there exists at least one

$$\Phi^* \in \mathcal{D}_{\phi_0} : \mathfrak{F}(\Phi^*) = \inf_{\Phi \in \mathcal{D}_{\phi_0}} \mathfrak{F}(\Phi).$$

h, \hat{K}_n and R_K define a material behaviour

 $\mathcal{L}(\nabla \Phi)_{|\mathcal{K}} = \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{K}}(\nabla \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{K}}(\Phi))$

- **1** $\|\nabla R_{\mathcal{K}}(\Phi)\|_{F}^{2}$ measures length change of line segments.
- 2 $\|\operatorname{Cof}(\nabla R_{\mathcal{K}}(\Phi))\|_{F}^{2}$ measures the facet deformation.
- 3 det($\nabla R_{\mathcal{K}}(\Phi)$) measures the volume change.

Example for a local functional:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{K}}(
abla R_{\mathcal{K}}(\Phi)) = c_f (\|
abla R_{\mathcal{K}}(\Phi)\|_F^2 - d)^2 + \det(
abla R_{\mathcal{K}}(\Phi))^{p_d} + rac{c_d}{\left(\det(
abla R_{\mathcal{K}}(\Phi)) + \sqrt{\delta_r^2 + \left(\det(
abla R_{\mathcal{K}}(\Phi))
ight)^2}
ight)^{p_d}}$$

Other methods not enforcing $det(\nabla \Phi) > 0$

- **1** Harmonic energy: $\mathcal{F}(\Phi) = \|f \Delta \Phi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{T}_h)}$
- **2** Biharmonic energy: $\mathfrak{F}(\Phi) = \|f \Delta^2 \Phi\|_{L^2(\mathfrak{T}_h)}$
- 3 Linearised elasticity:

$$\mathcal{F}(\Phi) = \| f - \nabla \cdot (\lambda \nabla \cdot \Phi + \frac{\mu}{2} (\nabla \Phi + (\nabla \Phi)^{\mathsf{T}}) \|_{L^2(\mathfrak{T}_h)}$$

Properties

- + Numerically "cheap"
- + Well-known problems
- Orientation preserving property coincidental
- Not robust enough for surface alignment
- Efficient solvers not readily available for all cases



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The hyperelasticity-based functional is hard to treat numerically:

- 1 Highly nonlinear.
- 2 Nonconvex with many local minimisers due to the polyconvexity.
- Many local singularities.

How to find a minimiser?

Solve the Euler-Lagrange equations:

$$-\nabla \cdot \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial F}(x, \nabla \Phi(x)) = f(x, \Phi(x))$$

But: Strong assumptions needed for the minimiser to be a solution.

Nonlinear solver

- Newton's method not applicable because \mathcal{F}'' is not positive definite
- Use line search based methods instead

Fréchet derivatives

Let $M : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$.

$$\frac{d}{dt}\det M(t) = \det M(t)\operatorname{tr}\left(M(t)^{-1}\frac{d}{dt}M(t)\right).$$

Using $M(t) := \nabla \phi + t \nabla \eta$:

$$\begin{split} G_1(\Phi) &:= (\|\nabla\Phi\|_F^2 - d)^2, \quad G_1'(\Phi)\eta = 4 \left(\|\nabla\Phi\|_F^2 - d\right) \nabla\Phi : \nabla\eta, \\ G_2(\Phi) &:= \left(\|\operatorname{Cof}(\nabla\Phi)\|_F^2 - d\right)^2 \\ G_2(\Phi)'\eta = 4 (\|\operatorname{Cof}(\nabla\Phi)\|_F^2 - d) \operatorname{Cof}(\nabla\Phi) : \\ & \left[\left(\left([(\nabla\Phi)^{-1} : \nabla\eta] \ I_d - (\nabla\Phi)^{-1}\nabla\eta \right) \right) \operatorname{Cof}(\nabla\Phi) \right] \\ G_3(\Phi) &:= \det(\nabla\Phi)^{p_d}, \quad G_3'(\Phi)\eta = p_d \det(\nabla\Phi)^{p_d} (\nabla\Phi)^{-T} : \nabla\eta \end{split}$$

Degenerating family of meshes



- **1** Refinement lets $\alpha_{min} \rightarrow 0$
- 2 Simple problem to study mesh dependence

Degenerating family of meshes

		NLCG		NLSE	NLSD-IBFGS		
1	DoF	# its	t[s]	# its	t[s]		
3	290	44	6.4 <i>e</i> -3	40	6.2 <i>e</i> -3		
4	1090	103	4.3 <i>e</i> -2	94	3.9 <i>e</i> -2		
5	4226	208	3 <i>e</i> -1	184	3.1 <i>e</i> -1		
6	16642	400	2.1 <i>e</i> +0	377	3.4 <i>e</i> +0		
7	66050	1081	2.9 <i>e</i> +1	791	3 <i>e</i> +1		
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Table: Solver stagnated or stopped early .							

Increasing iteration numbers and runtimes

Find PDE-based preconditioner instead.

Algorithm 1 Preconditioned nonlinear Conjugate Gradient (NLCG).

For a given Φ_0 , preconditioner $B : \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}^d$ and initial search direction $d^{(0)}$ do k = 0, ..., N:

- 1. Use a line search to compute $\alpha^{(k)}$: $\mathfrak{F}(\Phi^{(k)} + \alpha d^{(k)}) < \mathfrak{F}(\Phi)$.
- 2. Set $\Phi^{k+1} = \Phi^{(k)} + \alpha d^{(k)}$.
- 3. Compute a new descent direction

$$d^{(k+1)} = -B^{-1} \mathcal{F}'(\Phi^{(k)}) + \beta^{(k)} d^{(k)}$$

- Efficient line searches are non-trivial
- Implementation uses FEAT3's MPI parallel structures
- Preconditioner should use the most powerful tools available (parallel geometric multigrid)

Preconditioning with a second order operator

Recall

$$\left(\|\nabla\Phi\|_F^2-d\right)^2\right)'\eta=4\left(\|\nabla\Phi\|_F^2-d\right)\nabla\Phi:\nabla\eta$$

Linear operator for preconditioning

$$A: \mathcal{D}_{\phi_0} \to \mathcal{D}'_0, (A\Phi, \eta) := (\mathbf{D}(\Phi), \mathbf{D}(\eta)), \quad \mathbf{D}(\Phi) = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \Phi + (\nabla \Phi)^T)$$

- **1** Another positive definite approximation for the Hessian \mathcal{F}'' .
- **2** Solver for A_h defines the choice of preconditioner $B = (\tilde{A}_h)^{-1}$.
- Befficient parallel solvers (e.g. PCG-MG) available.

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Numerical effort still considerable

- 1 Optimise mesh on coarser level than the PDE
- 2 Post-optimisation adaption necessary
- 3 Extrude from 2*d* to 3*d* if possible



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Software used

FEAT3

Common successor to FEAT2 and FEAST, developed since 2011

- MPI-parallel high-performance cross-platform general purpose FEM toolkit
- Full (unstructured) 2d/3d support: trias, quads, tetras and hexas
- C++11 standard conforming, well-documented, automated regression testing
- Very powerful (non-)linear solver framework including mixed-arch/-prec/MKL/GPU support
- Designed for academic research, student projects, HPC and industry applications
- In active development, but lacking real world applications

Robustness



Moving boundary

- Stop when $\alpha_{min} < 1^{\circ}$
- NLCG- $(\tilde{A}_h)^{-1}$
- Colouring from red (1°) to green (45°).



r-adaptivity, surface alignment³, topology changes



Figure: t = 0.

Moving implicit surfaces $\Gamma_{1,2}$

- Optimal scales according to distance to Γ_i
- Cell size varies by factor of 20
- Additional nonlinearity $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}(\nabla R_{K,n}, h(K))$
- Efficient preconditioner not available
- Colouring according to cell size (blue: 5e-5, red: 1e-3)
- Mesh *aligned* with moving surfaces

³S. Basting and M. Weismann. "A hybrid level set front tracking finite element approach for fluid–structure interaction and two-phase flow applications". In: *Journal of Computational Physics* (2013).

Why surface alignment?

Elliptic interface problem with different coefficients $\beta_{1,2}^4$.

$$\nabla \cdot (\beta \nabla u) = f \text{ in } \Omega,$$

$$u = 0 \text{ on } \partial \Omega,$$

$$[u]_{\Gamma} := (u_{1|\Gamma} - u_{2|\Gamma}) = 0,$$

$$[\beta \partial_{\nu} u]_{\Gamma} := (\beta_1 \partial_{\nu_1} u_1 + \beta_2 \partial_{\nu_2} u_2) = 0$$



Figure: Domain of interest.

⁴J. Li et al. "Optimal a Priori Estimates for Higher Order Finite Elements for Elliptic Interface Problems". In: *Applied Numerical Mathematics* 1-2 (Jan. 2010).

Why surface alignment?

If Γ is sufficiently smooth, $R_{\mathcal{K}} \in \mathbb{P}_m(\hat{S})$, $u \in H^1(\Omega) \cap H^s(\Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2)$ for some $s \in [1, p+1]$

$$\begin{split} \forall s \in \left[1, \frac{3}{2}\right) : & \|u - u_h\|_{1,\Omega} \le Ch^{s-1} \|u\|_{s,\Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2}, \\ \forall s \in \left[\frac{3}{2}, p+1\right] \land \nabla u \in B_{2,1}^{\frac{1}{2}}(\Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2) \\ \Rightarrow & \|u - u_h\|_{1,\Omega} \le Ch^{s-1} \|u\|_{s,\Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2} + \sqrt{\delta} \|\nabla u\|_{0,B_{2,1}^{\frac{1}{2}}(\Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2)}. \end{split}$$

Typical values for δ are

δ = O(h), (implicit representation of Γ), $δ = O(h^{m+1})$, (sharp interface representation with $R_K ∈ \mathbb{P}_m(\hat{S})$).

Industry-level application: Micro gear pump



Micro gear pump

- Optimal scales according to gap width
- Boundaries rotate at different speeds
- Unilateral boundary conditions of place
- Extreme cell compression and expansion
- Mesh can be extruded to 3d

For a given $\Gamma_2 \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ require that

$$\forall x \in \Gamma_2 \ d\sigma \ a.e. : \Phi(x) \in \Gamma_2$$

- Essential boundary condition
- Can be enforced by projection
- If Γ₂ is not planar, the projection operator is nonlinear
- Highly unstable if det(∇Φ) > 0 is not enforced directly

Industry-level application: Micro gear pump



Micro gear pump

- Mesh optimisation solved on coarser mesh than flow problem
- *Re* ≈ 6500
- No inlet or outlet ⇒ Flow field governed by incompressibility constraint



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Summary

Theory

- 1 Extended class of mesh quality functionals to hypercubes
- 2 Direct control of det $(\nabla \Phi)$ results in a robust method
- 3 Added *r*-adaptivity and nonlinear boundary conditions
- 4 Combined this with surface alignment

Implementation using FEAT3

- 1 Mesh deformation and optimisation framework
- 2 MPI parallel NLCG and efficient line search
- OPDE-based linear preconditioner for which efficient numerical methods are available (parallel geometric multigrid etc.)

Ready for non-academic problems.

Future Work

Theory

- Extend preconditioner for r-adaptivity and surface alignment.
- 2 Variable metric preconditioners.
- 3 Surface alignment for hypercube meshes.
- Anisotropic reference cells.
- 5 Derive mesh quality functionals from material laws.

Numerics

- 1 Hybrid linear/nonlinear methods.
- 2 GPU acceleration for nonlinear solvers.
- 3 Application to real world problems with complex geometries.

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Appendix: Optimal Variations

Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$, d = 2,3 and $\partial \Omega = \bigoplus_{m=0}^{d-1} \partial \Omega^m$, where $\partial \Omega^0$ is a set of singular points and $\partial \Omega^m$ are relatively open, smooth *m*-dimensional manifolds. Then Φ^* is an *optimal variation* of the partitioning \mathcal{T}_h of Ω with respect to the functional \mathcal{F} iff

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}(\Phi^*) &= \min_{\Phi \in V} \mathcal{F}(\Phi) \text{ where} \\ V &:= \{\Phi : \mathcal{T}_h \to \mathbb{R}^d : \Phi \in \mathcal{C}^0(\mathcal{T}_h), \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h : \nabla \Phi_{|K} \in SL_d, \\ \forall x \in \mathcal{E}^0(\mathcal{T}_h) : \forall m = 0, \dots, d-1 : x \in \partial \Omega^m \Rightarrow \Phi(x) \in \partial \Omega^m \} \end{aligned}$$

Back to generic mesh optimisation problem

Appendix: ∇h

We need to express $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}(\nabla R_{K,n}, h(K))$ to resolve the dependency on *h*.

$$\begin{split} h(T) &= \sqrt[d]{\frac{c(T)}{\sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} \det \nabla R_{K,n}(Id)}} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\partial h(T)}{\partial x_{ij}} &= \frac{1}{d} \left(\frac{c(T)}{\sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} \det \nabla R_{K,n}(Id)} \right)^{\frac{1}{d}-1} \left[\frac{c(T)}{\sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{ij}}} \left(\sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} \det \nabla R_{K,n}(Id) \right) \right. \\ &+ \left(\frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{ij}} \left(\frac{c(T)}{\sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} \right) + c(T) \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_{h} c(K)} \frac{\partial c(K)}{\partial x_{ij}}}{\left(\sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} \nabla R_{K,n}(Id) \right)^{2}} \right) \left(\sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} \nabla R_{K,n}(Id) \right) \right], \end{split}$$

where x_{ij} is the *j*th component of the local vertex *i* belonging to *T*.

Note the difference between

$$c_1(K) = f(\operatorname{dist}(s_{\Phi^*(K)}, \Gamma)) \text{ and } c_2(K) = f(\operatorname{dist}(s_K, \Gamma))$$



Figure: Iterates $\Phi^{(k)}$ of a Picard iteration using c_2 .