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Locking-free, three-field formulations for coupled elasticity-poroelasticity

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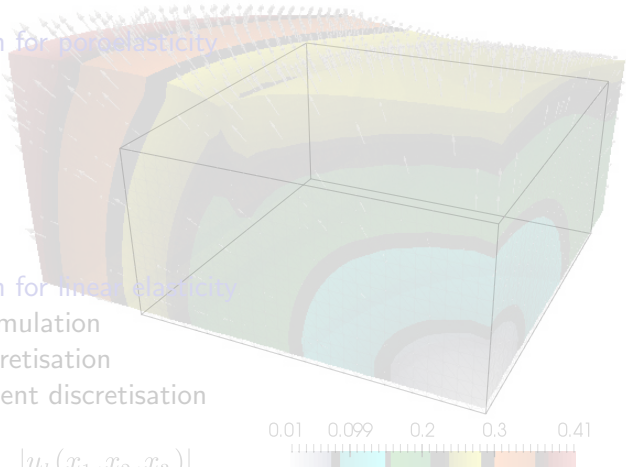
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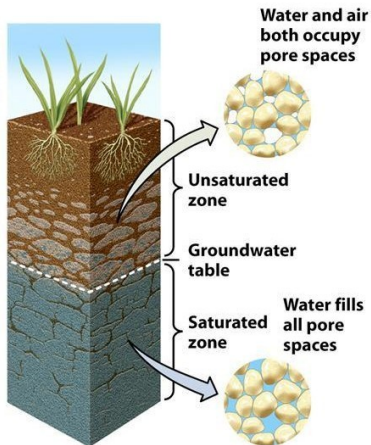
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Numerical realisation (without the interface) already in place,
but no analysis!

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Much simpler first step: linear poroelasticity



- Interconnected pore system uniformly saturated with fluid
- Only two phases: **solid** (Hooke's law for the skeleton deformation) and **fluid** (Darcy's law for fluid flow)
- Total volume of the pores \ll volume of the rock
- Rate (solid deformations) \ll rate (fluid flow)
- Total stress is distributed between fluid and solid particles

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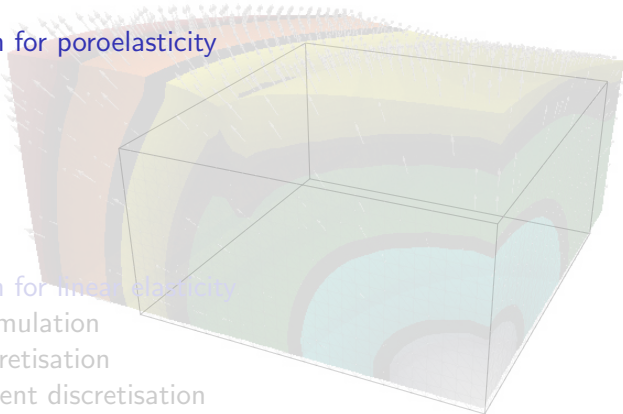
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Coupled elasticity-poroelasticity

Biot consolidation problem

For all $t > 0$, given a body force $\mathbf{f}(t) : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ and a volumetric fluid source (or sink) $s(t) : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, find the displacements of the porous skeleton, $\mathbf{u}(t) : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ and the pore pressure of the fluid, $p(t) : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, such that

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \lambda(\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u})\mathbf{I} + 2\mu\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u}) - p\mathbf{I} \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$

$$-\operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\sigma} = \mathbf{f} \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$

$$\partial_t(c_0 p + \alpha(\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u})) - \frac{1}{\eta} \operatorname{div}[\kappa(\nabla p - \rho \mathbf{g})] = s \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$

$$p = 0, \boldsymbol{\sigma} \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{on } \Gamma_p,$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}, (\kappa \nabla p) \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma_u.$$

- $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ is the **total Cauchy stress**
- $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla \mathbf{u}^T)$ is the infinitesimal **strain tensor**
- κ is the **permeability** of the porous solid
($0 < \kappa_{\text{inf}} \leq \kappa(\mathbf{x}) \leq \kappa_{\text{sup}} < \infty$)
- λ, μ are the **Lamé constants** of the solid
- $c_0 > 0$ is the **constrained specific storage** coefficient
- $\alpha > 0$ is the **Biot-Willis** parameter
- \mathbf{g} is the gravity acceleration
- $\eta > 0, \rho > 0$ are the **viscosity and density** of the pore fluid
- $c_0 \rho + \alpha(\text{div } \mathbf{u})$ represents the total **fluid content**

Steady state problem

$$\begin{aligned}\boldsymbol{\sigma} &= \lambda(\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u})\mathbf{I} + 2\mu\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u}) - p\mathbf{I} && \text{in } \Omega, \\ -\operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\sigma} &= \mathbf{f} && \text{in } \Omega, \\ c_0 p + \alpha(\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}) - \frac{1}{\eta} \operatorname{div}[\kappa(\nabla p - \rho \mathbf{g})] &= s && \text{in } \Omega, \\ p &= 0, \boldsymbol{\sigma} \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{0} && \text{on } \Gamma_p, \\ \mathbf{u} &= \mathbf{0}, (\kappa \nabla p) \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0 && \text{on } \Gamma_u.\end{aligned}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \lambda(\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u})\mathbf{I} + 2\mu\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u}), \quad -\operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\sigma} = \mathbf{f} \quad \text{in } \Omega, \quad \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega.$$

Involving pressure (of the solid skeleton):

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\phi} &= -\lambda \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}, \quad \boldsymbol{\sigma} = -\hat{\phi}\mathbf{I} + 2\mu\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u}) \quad \text{in } \Omega, \\ -\operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\sigma} &= \mathbf{f} \quad \text{in } \Omega, \quad \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{aligned}$$

Mixed variational formulation: Find $\mathbf{u}, \hat{\phi}$ s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} 2\mu \int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u}) : \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{v}) - \int_{\Omega} \hat{\phi} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} &= \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v} \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in [\mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega)]^d, \\ - \int_{\Omega} \psi \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} - \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_{\Omega} \hat{\phi} \psi &= 0 \quad \forall \psi \in L^2(\Omega). \end{aligned}$$

Any stable FE pair for Stokes \Rightarrow Locking-free!

total pressure $\phi := p - \lambda \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}$ in Ω ,

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \underbrace{2\mu\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u}) - \phi \mathbf{I}}_{\lambda(\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u})\mathbf{I} + 2\mu\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u}) - p\mathbf{I}} \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$

$$-\operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\sigma} = \mathbf{f} \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$

$$\underbrace{\left(c_0 + \frac{\alpha}{\lambda}\right)p - \frac{\alpha}{\lambda}\phi}_{c_0 p + \alpha(\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u})} - \frac{1}{\eta} \operatorname{div}[\kappa(\nabla p - \rho \mathbf{g})] = s \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$

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Find $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_u}^1(\Omega)$, $p \in H_{\Gamma_p}^1(\Omega)$ and $\phi \in L^2(\Omega)$, such that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u}) : \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{v}) - \int_{\Omega} \phi \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} &= F(\mathbf{v}) \\ \left(\frac{c_0}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\lambda} \right) \int_{\Omega} pq + \frac{1}{\alpha\eta} \int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\kappa} \nabla p \cdot \nabla q - \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_{\Omega} q\phi &= G(q) \\ - \int_{\Omega} \psi \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} + \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_{\Omega} p\psi - \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_{\Omega} \phi\psi &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

for all $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_u}^1(\Omega)$, $q \in H_{\Gamma_p}^1(\Omega)$ and $\psi \in L^2(\Omega)$. With

$$F(\mathbf{v}) := \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v}$$

$$G(q) := \frac{\rho}{\alpha\eta} \int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\kappa} \mathbf{g} \cdot \nabla q - \frac{\rho}{\alpha\eta} \langle \boldsymbol{\kappa} \mathbf{g} \cdot \mathbf{n}, q \rangle_{\Gamma_u} + \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_{\Omega} sq.$$

Involved spaces

$$\mathbf{H} := \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_u}^1(\Omega) = \{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{H}^1(\Omega) : \mathbf{v}|_{\Gamma_u} = \mathbf{0}\}, \quad \mathbf{Z} := \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega),$$

$$\mathbf{Q} := \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_p}^1(\Omega) = \{q \in \mathbf{H}^1(\Omega) : q|_{\Gamma_p} = 0\}.$$

Bilinear forms

$$a_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = 2\mu \int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u}) : \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{v}),$$

$$a_2(p, q) = \left(\frac{c_0}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\lambda} \right) \int_{\Omega} pq + \frac{1}{\alpha\eta} \int_{\Omega} \kappa \nabla p \cdot \nabla q,$$

$$b_1(\mathbf{v}, \psi) = - \int_{\Omega} \psi \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}, \quad b_2(q, \psi) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_{\Omega} q\psi, \quad c(\phi, \psi) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_{\Omega} \phi\psi.$$

Find $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{H}, p \in Q, \phi \in Z$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} a_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) + b_1(\mathbf{v}, \phi) &= F(\mathbf{v}) & \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{H}, \\ a_2(p, q) - b_2(q, \phi) &= G(q) & \forall q \in Q, \\ b_1(\mathbf{u}, \psi) + b_2(p, \psi) - c(\phi, \psi) &= 0 & \forall \psi \in Z. \end{aligned}$$

- Continuity:

$$|a_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})| \leq 2\mu C_{k,2} \|\mathbf{u}\|_{1,\Omega} \|\mathbf{v}\|_{1,\Omega},$$

$$|a_2(p, q)| \leq \max \left\{ \frac{c_0}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\lambda}, \frac{\kappa_{\text{sup}}}{\alpha\eta} \right\} \|p\|_{1,\Omega} \|q\|_{1,\Omega},$$

$$|b_1(\mathbf{v}, \psi)| \leq \sqrt{n} \|\mathbf{v}\|_{1,\Omega} \|\psi\|_{0,\Omega},$$

$$|b_2(q, \psi)| \leq \lambda^{-1} \|q\|_{1,\Omega} \|\psi\|_{0,\Omega},$$

$$|c(\phi, \psi)| \leq \lambda^{-1} \|\phi\|_{0,\Omega} \|\psi\|_{0,\Omega},$$

$$|F(\mathbf{v})| \leq \|\mathbf{f}\|_{0,\Omega} \|\mathbf{v}\|_{1,\Omega},$$

$$|G(q)| \leq \alpha^{-1} \left(\frac{\rho}{\eta} \kappa_{\text{sup}} \|\mathbf{g}\|_{0,\Omega} + \frac{\rho}{\eta} \kappa_{\text{sup}} C_{\Gamma} \|\mathbf{g} \cdot \mathbf{n}\|_{-1/2, \Gamma_u} + \|s\|_{0,\Omega} \right) \|q\|_{1,\Omega}.$$

- Positivity:

$$a_1(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v}) \geq 2\mu C_{k,1} \|\mathbf{v}\|_{1,\Omega}^2, \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{H},$$

$$a_2(q, q) \geq \alpha^{-1} \max\{c_0, \kappa_{\text{inf}} \eta^{-1}\} \|q\|_{1,\Omega}^2 + \lambda^{-1} \|q\|_{0,\Omega}^2, \quad \forall q \in Q$$

$$c(\psi, \psi) = \lambda^{-1} \|\psi\|_{0,\Omega}^2, \quad \forall \psi \in Z.$$

- Inf-sup:

$$\sup_{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{H} \setminus \mathbf{0}} \frac{b_1(\mathbf{v}, \psi)}{\|\mathbf{v}\|_{1,\Omega}} \geq \beta \|\psi\|_{0,\Omega} \quad \forall \psi \in Z.$$

- Continuous dependence: If a solution exists, it satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\mathbf{u}\|_{1,\Omega} + \|p\|_{1,\Omega} + \|\phi\|_{0,\Omega} \\ \leq & \underbrace{C_{\text{stab}}}_{\text{indep. of } \lambda} (\|\mathbf{f}\|_{0,\Omega} + \|\mathbf{g}\|_{0,\Omega} + \|\mathbf{g} \cdot \mathbf{n}\|_{-1/2,\Gamma_u} + \|s\|_{0,\Omega}). \end{aligned}$$

Our problem

$$\begin{aligned} a_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) + b_1(\mathbf{v}, \phi) &= F(\mathbf{v}) & \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{H}, \\ a_2(p, q) - b_2(q, \phi) &= G(q) & \forall q \in \mathbf{Q}, \\ b_1(\mathbf{u}, \psi) + b_2(p, \psi) - c(\phi, \psi) &= 0 & \forall \psi \in \mathbf{Z}. \end{aligned}$$

"Wrong signs" \Rightarrow Babuška–Brezzi theory not applicable

But!!!!

$b_2(\cdot, \cdot)$ induces a compact operator. In fact

$$\langle \mathbb{B}_2(q), \psi \rangle_{0, \Omega} = b_2(q, \psi) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_{\Omega} q \psi = \langle (\lambda^{-1} I \circ i_c)(q), \psi \rangle_{0, \Omega},$$

$\forall q \in \mathbf{Q}, \forall \psi \in \mathbf{Z}$, where $i_c : \mathbf{H}^1(\Omega) \hookrightarrow \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)$.

Decomposition of the problem

Find $\vec{\mathbf{u}} := (\mathbf{u}, p, \phi) \in \mathbb{V} := \mathbf{H} \times \mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{Z}$, such that

$$(\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{K})\vec{\mathbf{u}} = \mathcal{F}_h,$$

where $\mathcal{A} : \mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{V}$, $\mathcal{K} : \mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{V}$ and $\mathcal{F}_h \in \mathbb{V}'$ are defined as:

$$\langle \mathcal{A}(\vec{\mathbf{u}}), \vec{\mathbf{v}} \rangle_{\mathbb{V} \times \mathbb{V}} := a_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) + b_1(\mathbf{v}, \phi) - b_1(\mathbf{u}, \psi) + c(\phi, \psi) + a_2(p, q)$$

$$\langle \mathcal{K}(\vec{\mathbf{u}}), \vec{\mathbf{v}} \rangle_{\mathbb{V} \times \mathbb{V}} := b_2(p, \psi) - b_2(q, \phi)$$

$$\langle \mathcal{F}_h, \vec{\mathbf{v}} \rangle_{\mathbb{V} \times \mathbb{V}} := F(\mathbf{v}) + G(q),$$

for all $\vec{\mathbf{u}} = (\mathbf{u}, p, \phi), \vec{\mathbf{v}} = (\mathbf{v}, q, \psi) \in \mathbb{V}$.

Lemma

\mathcal{A} is invertible.

Proof: Proving the invertibility of \mathcal{A} , is equivalent to proving the unique solvability of the uncoupled problems:

- Find $(\mathbf{u}, \phi) \in \mathbf{H} \times \mathbf{Z}$, such that

$$a_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) + b_1(\mathbf{v}, \phi) = F_{\mathbf{H}}(\mathbf{v}) \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{H},$$

$$b_1(\mathbf{u}, \psi) - c(\phi, \psi) = F_{\mathbf{Z}}(\psi) \quad \forall \psi \in \mathbf{Z},$$

- and: Find $p \in \mathbf{Q}$, such that

$$a_2(p, q) = F_{\mathbf{Q}}(q) \quad \forall q \in \mathbf{Q}.$$

Lemma

$(\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{K})$ is one-to-one.

Proof: It suffices to show that the unique solution to the homogeneous problem

$$\begin{aligned} a_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) + b_1(\mathbf{v}, \phi) &= 0 & \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{H}, \\ a_2(p, q) - b_2(q, \phi) &= 0 & \forall q \in \mathbf{Q}, \\ b_1(\mathbf{u}, \psi) + b_2(p, \psi) - c(\phi, \psi) &= 0 & \forall \psi \in \mathbf{Z}, \end{aligned}$$

is the null vector in \mathbb{V} .

Theorem

Given $\mathbf{f} \in \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)$, $\mathbf{g} \in \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)$ and $s \in L^2(\Omega)$, there exists a unique solution $(\mathbf{u}, p, \phi) \in \mathbf{H} \times \mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{Z}$ to the coupled problem. Moreover, there exists $C_{stab} > 0$, independent of λ , such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\mathbf{u}\|_{1,\Omega} + \|p\|_{1,\Omega} + \|\phi\|_{0,\Omega} \\ & \leq C_{stab} (\|\mathbf{f}\|_{0,\Omega} + \|\mathbf{g}\|_{0,\Omega} + \|\mathbf{g} \cdot \mathbf{n}\|_{-1/2,\Gamma_u} + \|s\|_{0,\Omega}). \end{aligned}$$

Proof:

Invertibility of \mathcal{A} + injectivity of $(\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{K})$ + compactness of \mathcal{K} + Fredholm alternative \Rightarrow well-posedness.

Generic subspaces

$$\mathbf{H}_h \subseteq \mathbf{H}, \quad \mathbf{Q}_h \subseteq \mathbf{Q}, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{Z}_h \subseteq \mathbf{Z}.$$

Discrete problem

Find $\mathbf{u}_h \in \mathbf{H}_h$, $p_h \in \mathbf{Q}_h$ and $\phi_h \in \mathbf{Z}_h$, such that

$$\begin{aligned} a_1(\mathbf{u}_h, \mathbf{v}_h) + b_1(\mathbf{v}_h, \phi_h) &= F(\mathbf{v}_h) & \forall \mathbf{v}_h \in \mathbf{H}_h, \\ a_2(p_h, q_h) - b_2(q_h, \phi_h) &= G(q_h) & \forall q_h \in \mathbf{Q}_h, \\ b_1(\mathbf{u}_h, \psi_h) + b_2(p_h, \psi_h) - c(\phi_h, \psi_h) &= 0 & \forall \psi_h \in \mathbf{Z}_h. \end{aligned}$$

Assumption

There exists $\hat{\beta} > 0$, independent of h , such that

$$\sup_{\mathbf{v}_h \in \mathbf{H}_h \setminus \mathbf{0}} \frac{b_1(\mathbf{v}_h, \psi_h)}{\|\mathbf{v}_h\|_{1,\Omega}} \geq \hat{\beta} \|\psi\|_{0,\Omega} \quad \forall \psi_h \in Z_h.$$

Theorem

Given $\mathbf{f} \in \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)$, $\mathbf{g} \in \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)$ and $s \in L^2(\Omega)$, there exists a unique solution $(\mathbf{u}_h, p_h, \phi_h) \in \mathbf{H}_h \times Q_h \times Z_h$ to the discrete coupled problem. Moreover, there exists $\hat{C}_{stab} > 0$, independent of h and λ , s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\mathbf{u}_h\|_{1,\Omega} + \|p_h\|_{1,\Omega} + \|\phi_h\|_{0,\Omega} \\ & \leq \hat{C}_{stab} (\|\mathbf{f}\|_{0,\Omega} + \|\mathbf{g}\|_{0,\Omega} + \|\mathbf{g} \cdot \mathbf{n}\|_{-1/2,\Gamma_u} + \|s\|_{0,\Omega}). \end{aligned}$$

Theorem: C ea's estimate

Let $(\mathbf{u}, p, \phi) \in \mathbf{H} \times Q \times Z$ and $(\mathbf{u}_h, p_h, \phi_h) \in \mathbf{H}_h \times Q_h \times Z_h$ be the unique solutions of the continuous and discrete coupled problems, respectively. Then, there exists $C_{\text{C ea}} > 0$, independent of h and λ , such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h\|_{1,\Omega} + \|p - p_h\|_{1,\Omega} + \|\phi - \phi_h\|_{0,\Omega} \\ & \leq C_{\text{C ea}} (\text{dist}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{H}_h) + \text{dist}(p, Q_h) + \text{dist}(\phi, Z_h)). \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Inf-sup of b_1 + exploiting the kernel

$$\mathbf{K}_h := \{ \mathbf{v}_h \in \mathbf{H}_h : b_1(\mathbf{v}_h, \psi_h) = -b_2(p_h, \psi_h) + c(\phi_h, \psi_h), \quad \forall \psi_h \in Z_h \}$$

+ error decomposition.

That was **valid for any inf-sup stable approximation**. Take e.g.

$$\mathbf{H}_h := \{ \mathbf{v}_h \in [C(\bar{\Omega})]^2 : \mathbf{v}_h|_K \in \mathbb{P}_{1,b}(K) \quad \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h, \quad \mathbf{v}_h = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_{\mathbf{u}} \}$$

$$\mathbf{Z}_h := \{ \psi_h \in C(\bar{\Omega}) : \psi_h|_K \in \mathbb{P}_1(K) \quad \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h \}$$

$$\mathbf{Q}_h := \{ q_h \in C(\bar{\Omega}) : q_h|_K \in \mathbb{P}_1(K) \quad \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h, \quad q_h = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_p \}.$$

Theorem

Assume that $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{H}^2(\Omega)$, $p \in \mathbf{H}^2(\Omega)$ and $\phi \in \mathbf{H}^1(\Omega)$. Then, there exists $C > 0$, independent of h and λ , s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} & \| \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h \|_{1,\Omega} + \| p - p_h \|_{1,\Omega} + \| \phi - \phi_h \|_{0,\Omega} \\ & \leq Ch \{ \| \mathbf{u} \|_{2,\Omega} + \| p \|_{2,\Omega} + \| \phi \|_{1,\Omega} \}. \end{aligned}$$

Remark

- Without the inf-sup condition for b_1 it is still possible to prove that \mathcal{A} is invertible and $\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{K}$ is injective.
- However, the continuous dependence and the Céa estimate involve constants depending on λ .
- Inf-sup unstable methods (e.g. the lowest order $[\mathbb{P}_1]^d \times \mathbb{P}_1 \times \mathbb{P}_0$) will fail for large λ .

$$\mathbf{H}_h := \left\{ \mathbf{v}_h \in [C(\bar{\Omega})]^d : \mathbf{v}_h|_K \in [\mathbb{P}_k(K)]^d \quad \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h, \quad \mathbf{v}_h = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_u \right\},$$

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Take for instance the reflected GLS method for Stokes

$$a_1(\mathbf{u}_h, \mathbf{v}_h) + b_1(\mathbf{v}_h, \phi_h) = F(\mathbf{v}_h) \quad \forall \mathbf{v}_h \in \mathbf{H}_h,$$

$$a_2(p_h, q_h) - b_2(q_h, \phi_h) = G(q_h) \quad \forall q_h \in \mathbf{Q}_h,$$

$$b_1(\mathbf{u}_h, \psi_h) + b_2(p_h, \psi_h) - \tilde{c}(\phi_h, \psi_h) = \tilde{H}(\psi_h) \quad \forall \psi_h \in \mathbf{Z}_h,$$

with

$$\tilde{c}(\phi_h, \psi_h) = \pm c(\phi_h, \psi_h) + \tau \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} h_K^2 (-2\mu \operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u}_h) + \nabla \phi_h, -2\mu \operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{v}_h) \mp \nabla \psi_h)_{0,K}$$

$$\tilde{H}(\psi_h) = \tau \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} h_K^2 (\mathbf{f}, -2\mu \operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{v}_h) \mp \nabla \psi_h)_{0,K}.$$

Manufactured solution in 2D

$$\mathbf{u} = a \begin{pmatrix} \sin^2(\pi x_1) \sin(\pi x_2) \cos(\pi x_2) \\ \sin^2(\pi x_2) \sin(\pi x_1) \cos(\pi x_1) \end{pmatrix}, \quad p = b \sin(\pi x_1) \sin(\pi x_2).$$

- Cantilever bracket with curved sides
- Scalings $a = 1e-4$, $b = \pi$
- Young modulus $E = 1e4$, material permeability $\kappa = 1e-7$, Biot-Willis coefficient $\alpha = 0.1$, constrained specific storage $c_0 = 1e-5$,
- Boundary split into $\Gamma_{\mathbf{u}}$ and Γ_p

Ex I: Experimental convergence

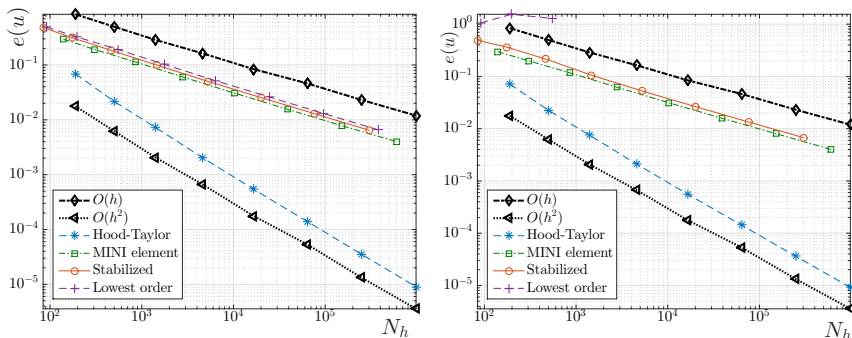


Figure: Velocity accuracy. Left: $v = 0.4$ ($\lambda = 14285.7$). Right: $v = 0.49999$ and $\lambda = 1.66e8$.

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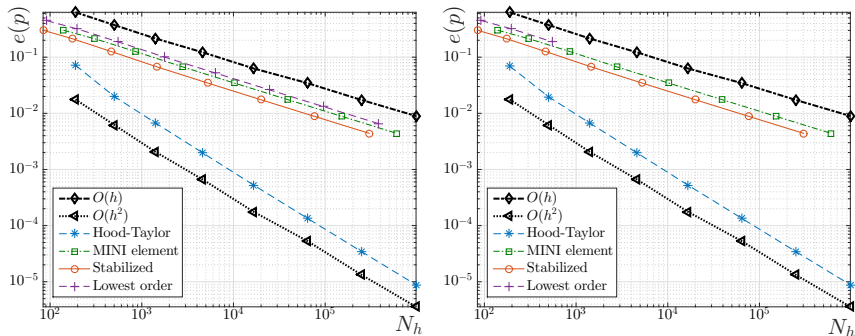


Figure: Pressure accuracy. Left: $\nu = 0.4$ ($\lambda = 14285.7$). Right: $\nu = 0.49999$ and $\lambda = 1.66e8$.

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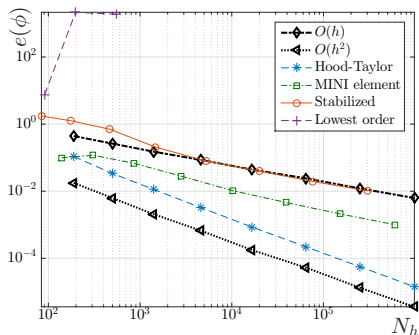
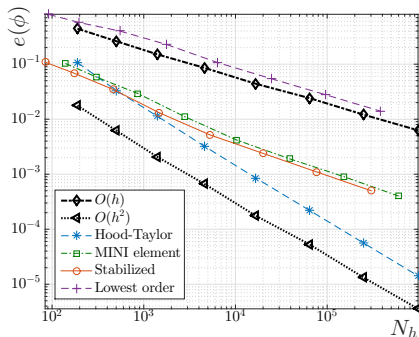
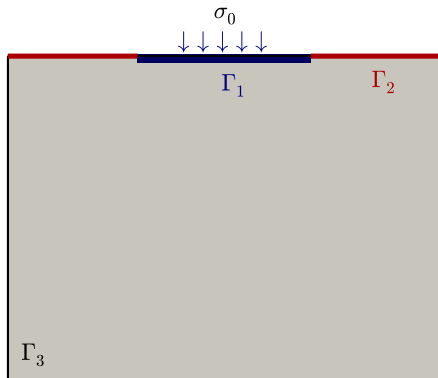


Figure: Total pressure accuracy. Left: $\nu = 0.4$ ($\lambda = 14285.7$). Right: $\nu = 0.49999$ and $\lambda = 1.66e8$.



Undeformed domain and boundary splitting

- Block of porous soil undergoes a load of σ_0
- $\Omega = (-50, 50) \times (0, 75)$,
- $E = 3e4 \text{ N/m}^2$, $\kappa = 1e-4 \text{ m}^2/\text{Pa}$, $\sigma_0 = 1.5e4 \text{ N/m}^2$
- $c_0 = 1e-3$, $\alpha = 0.1$,
- $\nu = 0.4995$
- $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$ on Γ_3
- $\boldsymbol{\sigma}\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{m}$ on $\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2$
- $p = 0$ on $\partial\Omega$

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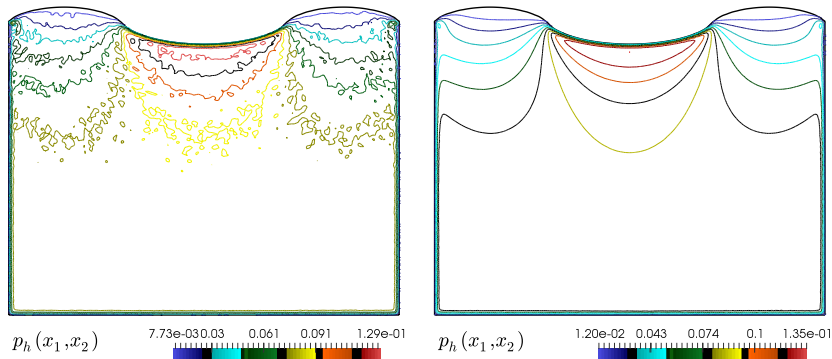


Figure: Pressure. Left: lowest order (inf-sup unstable). Right: MINI-element.

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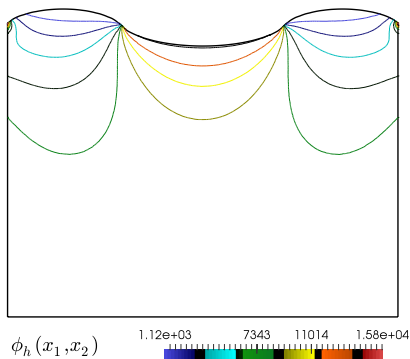
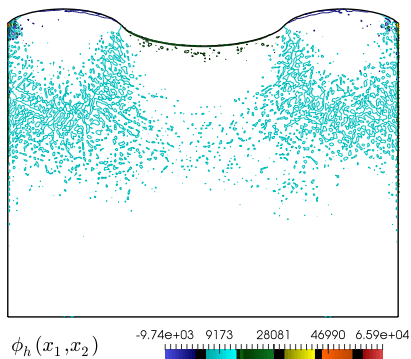
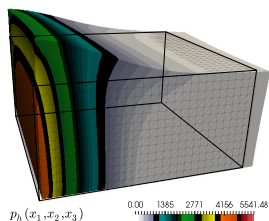
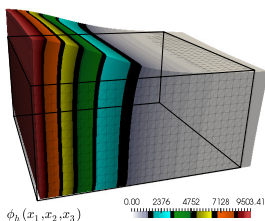
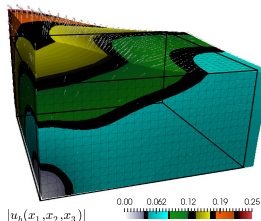


Figure: Total pressure. Left: lowest order (inf-sup unstable). Right: MINI-element.

- Dirichlet pressure $x_1 = 0$ and $x_1 = 1$. Zero-flux pressure elsewhere.
- $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$ on $x_1 = 0$, $x_2 = 0$ and $x_3 = 0$, and zero normal stress elsewhere
- $E = 8000$, $\nu = 0.3$, $c_0 = 0.001$, $\kappa = 1e-5$, $\rho = \alpha = 1$, $\tau = 1/60$.
- No external or internal forces are considered, and neither fluid sources or sinks



- Transient consolidation of a thin porous column
- Top is pervious (zero pore pressure $p = 0$, constant mechanical load in the vertical direction $\boldsymbol{\sigma}\mathbf{n} = -\sigma_0\mathbf{e}_3$, and free to drain)
- Bottom is impervious (zero pressure flux $\kappa\nabla p \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$ and zero displacement $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$)
- Zero horizontal displacements on the walls
- Comparison against asymptotic 1D solution
- $\sigma_0 = 1\text{e}4$ [Pa], $E = 3\text{e}4$ [N/m²], $\nu = 0.2$, $\kappa = 1\text{e}-10$ [m²], $\eta = 1\text{e}-3$ [Pas], $c_0 = 0$, $\alpha = 1$, $\rho = 1$, $T = 10$ [s], $\Delta t = 0.1$ [s]
- MINI-element + \mathbb{P}_2

Ex IV: Terzaghi's consolidation

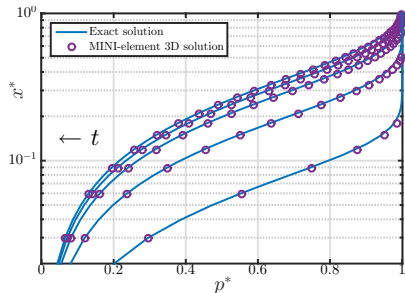
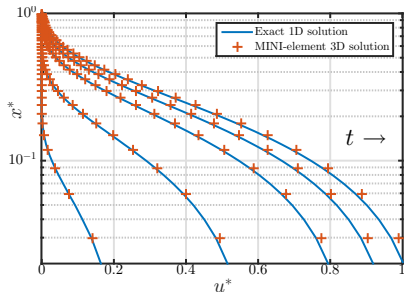
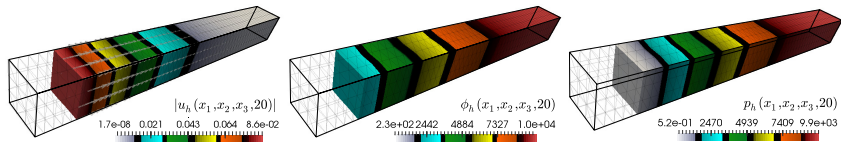


Figure: Pseudo-1D time-dependent consolidation benchmark.

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Three-field formulation for poroelasticity

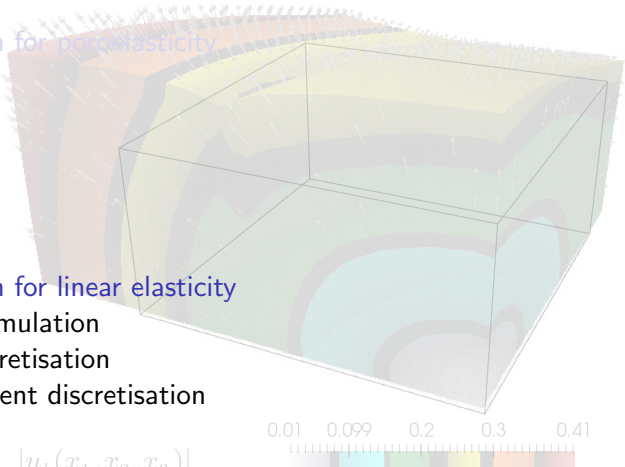
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Three-field formulation for linear elasticity

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$$|u_h(x_1, x_2, x_3)|$$

Coupled elasticity-poroelasticity



Linear elasticity

Given a body force $\tilde{\mathbf{f}} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ and a prescribed boundary motion \mathbf{g} , find the displacements $\mathbf{u} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} -\mathbf{div}[\lambda(\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u})\mathbf{I} + 2\mu\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u})] &= \tilde{\mathbf{f}} && \text{in } \Omega, \\ \mathbf{u} &= \mathbf{g} && \text{on } \Gamma. \end{aligned}$$

Displacement-rotation-pressure formulation

Introducing pressure $\underline{p} := -\operatorname{div} \underline{u}$ and rotations $\underline{\omega} := \sqrt{\eta} \operatorname{curl} \underline{u}$:

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{\eta} \operatorname{curl} \underline{\omega} + (1 + \eta) \nabla p &= \underline{f} && \text{in } \Omega, \\ \underline{\omega} - \sqrt{\eta} \operatorname{curl} \underline{u} &= 0 && \text{in } \Omega, \\ \operatorname{div} \underline{u} + p &= 0 && \text{in } \Omega, \\ \underline{u} &= \underline{g} && \text{on } \Gamma,\end{aligned}$$

where $\eta := \frac{\mu}{\lambda + \mu}$ and $\underline{f} = \frac{1}{\lambda + \mu} \tilde{\underline{f}}$.

(similarity with vorticity-based formulations for Stokes and Brinkman)

Find ω , p and \mathbf{u} s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} \omega \cdot \boldsymbol{\theta} - \sqrt{\eta} \int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\theta} \cdot \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{u} &= 0 \quad \forall \boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathbf{Z}, \\ (1 + \eta) \int_{\Omega} p q + (1 + \eta) \int_{\Omega} q \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} &= 0 \quad \forall q \in Q, \\ -(1 + \eta) \int_{\Omega} p \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} + \sqrt{\eta} \int_{\Omega} \omega \cdot \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{v} &= \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v} \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{H}. \end{aligned}$$

Involved spaces:

$$\mathbf{H} := \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega)^d, \quad \mathbf{Z} := L^2(\Omega)^d, \quad \text{and} \quad Q := L^2(\Omega).$$

Consider the η -dependent scaled norm (thanks to BCs!)

$$\|\mathbf{v}\|_{\mathbf{H}}^2 := \eta \|\mathbf{curl} \mathbf{v}\|_{0,\Omega}^2 + \|\operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}\|_{0,\Omega}^2.$$

Consider (ω, p) together in the product space $\mathbf{Z} \times \mathbf{Q}$ and introduce

$$a((\omega, p), (\theta, q)) := \int_{\Omega} \omega \cdot \theta + (1 + \eta) \int_{\Omega} pq,$$

$$b((\theta, q), \mathbf{v}) := (1 + \eta) \int_{\Omega} q \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} - \sqrt{\eta} \int_{\Omega} \theta \cdot \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{v},$$

$$F(\mathbf{v}) := - \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v},$$

\Rightarrow Find (ω, p) and \mathbf{u} s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} a((\omega, p), (\theta, q)) + b((\theta, q), \mathbf{u}) &= 0 & \forall (\theta, q) \in \mathbf{Z} \times \mathbf{Q}, \\ b((\omega, p), \mathbf{v}) &= F(\mathbf{v}) & \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{H}. \end{aligned}$$

- Coercivity:

$$a((\theta, q), (\theta, q)) \geq \alpha \|(\theta, q)\|_{\mathbf{Z} \times \mathbf{Q}}^2 \quad \forall (\theta, q) \in \mathbf{Z} \times \mathbf{Q}.$$

- Inf-sup:

$$\sup_{(\theta, q) \in \mathbf{Z} \times \mathbf{Q}} \frac{b((\theta, q), \mathbf{v})}{\|(\theta, q)\|_{\mathbf{Z} \times \mathbf{Q}}} \geq C \|\mathbf{v}\|_{\mathbf{H}} \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{H}.$$

⇒ There exists a unique solution to the continuous problem, and

$$\|\mathbf{u}\|_{\mathbf{H}} + \|(\omega, p)\|_{\mathbf{Z} \times \mathbf{Q}} \leq \underbrace{C_{\text{Stab.}}}_{\text{indep. of } \lambda} \|\mathbf{f}\|_{0, \Omega}.$$

Discrete functional spaces

Take a shape-regular family $\{\mathcal{T}_h(\Omega)\}_{h>0}$ of partitions and introduce

$$\mathbf{H}_h := \{\mathbf{v}_h \in \mathbf{H} : \mathbf{v}_h|_T \in \mathcal{P}_k(T)^d \quad \forall T \in \mathcal{T}_h(\Omega)\},$$

$$\mathbf{Z}_h := \{\boldsymbol{\theta}_h \in \mathbf{Z} : \boldsymbol{\theta}_h|_T \in \mathcal{P}_{k-1}(T)^d \quad \forall T \in \mathcal{T}_h(\Omega)\}, \quad k \geq 1,$$

$$\mathbf{Q}_h := \{q_h \in \mathbf{Q} : q_h|_T \in \mathcal{P}_{k-1}(T) \quad \forall T \in \mathcal{T}_h(\Omega)\}.$$

Galerkin scheme

Find $(\boldsymbol{\omega}_h, p_h)$ and \mathbf{u}_h s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} a((\boldsymbol{\omega}_h, p_h), (\boldsymbol{\theta}_h, q_h)) + b((\boldsymbol{\theta}_h, q_h), \mathbf{u}_h) &= 0 & \forall (\boldsymbol{\theta}_h, q_h) \in \mathbf{Z}_h \times \mathbf{Q}_h, \\ b((\boldsymbol{\omega}_h, p_h), \mathbf{v}_h) &= F(\mathbf{v}_h) & \forall \mathbf{v}_h \in \mathbf{H}_h. \end{aligned}$$

- Discrete inf-sup:

$$\sup_{(\boldsymbol{\theta}_h, \boldsymbol{q}_h) \in \mathbf{Z}_h \times \mathbf{Q}_h} \frac{b((\boldsymbol{\theta}_h, \boldsymbol{q}_h), \mathbf{v}_h)}{\|(\boldsymbol{\theta}_h, \boldsymbol{q}_h)\|_{\mathbf{Z} \times \mathbf{Q}}} \geq C \|\mathbf{v}_h\|_{\mathbf{H}} \quad \forall \mathbf{v}_h \in \mathbf{H}_h.$$

- Well-posedness: There exists a unique solution that satisfies

$$\|\mathbf{u}_h\|_{\mathbf{H}} + \|(\boldsymbol{\omega}_h, \boldsymbol{p}_h)\|_{\mathbf{Z} \times \mathbf{Q}} \leq \underbrace{C_{\text{Stab}}}_{\text{indep. of } \lambda} \|\mathbf{f}\|_{0, \Omega}.$$

- Quasi-optimality:

$$\begin{aligned} & \|(\boldsymbol{\omega} - \boldsymbol{\omega}_h, \boldsymbol{p} - \boldsymbol{p}_h)\|_{\mathbf{Z} \times \mathbf{Q}} + \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h\|_{\mathbf{H}} \\ & \leq \underbrace{C_{\text{Céa}}}_{\text{indep. of } \lambda} \inf_{((\boldsymbol{\theta}_h, \boldsymbol{q}_h), \mathbf{v}_h) \in (\mathbf{Z}_h \times \mathbf{Q}_h) \times \mathbf{H}_h} \|(\boldsymbol{\omega} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_h, \boldsymbol{p} - \boldsymbol{q}_h)\|_{\mathbf{Z} \times \mathbf{Q}} + \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}_h\|_{\mathbf{H}}. \end{aligned}$$

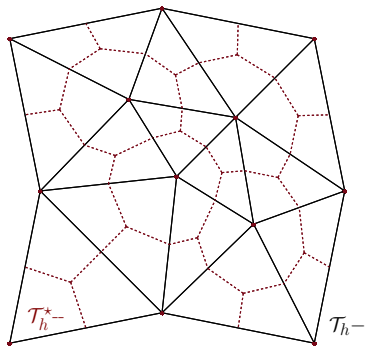
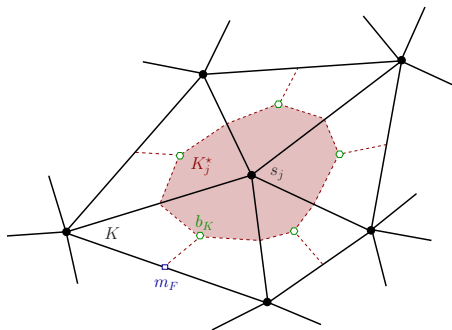
- k -th order convergence in the energy norm:

$$\|(\omega - \omega_h, p - p_h)\|_{\mathbf{Z} \times \mathbf{Q}} + \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h\|_{\mathbf{H}} \leq Ch^k$$

- L^2 -convergence:

$$\|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h\|_{0, \Omega} \leq Ch^{k+1}$$

Based on the primal mesh \mathcal{T}_h we construct a dual mesh \mathcal{T}_h^* to ensure local conservativity.



Based on the primal and dual partitions $\mathcal{T}_h, \mathcal{T}_h^*$, introduce

$$\mathbf{H}_h := \{\mathbf{v}_h \in \mathbf{H} : \mathbf{v}_h|_T \in \mathcal{P}_1(T)^d \quad \forall T \in \mathcal{T}_h\},$$

$$\mathbf{H}_h^* := \{\mathbf{v}_h \in \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)^d : \mathbf{v}_h|_{K_j^*} \in \mathcal{P}_0(K_j^*)^d \quad \forall K_j^* \in \mathcal{T}_h^*, \mathbf{v}_h|_{K_j^*} = \mathbf{0} \text{ on } \partial\Omega\},$$

$$\mathbf{Z}_h := \{\boldsymbol{\theta}_h \in \mathbf{Z} : \boldsymbol{\theta}_h|_T \in \mathcal{P}_0(T)^d \quad \forall T \in \mathcal{T}_h\},$$

$$\mathbf{Q}_h := \{q_h \in \mathbf{Q} : q_h|_T \in \mathcal{P}_0(T) \quad \forall T \in \mathcal{T}_h\}.$$

Transfer operator \mathcal{H}_h that relates the primal and dual meshes:

$$\mathbf{v}_h(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_j \mathbf{v}_h(s_j) \underbrace{\varphi_j(\mathbf{x})}_{\text{lin. nodal}} \mapsto \mathcal{H}_h \mathbf{v}_h(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_j \mathbf{v}_h(s_j) \underbrace{\chi_j(\mathbf{x})}_{\text{char. on CVs}}.$$

Find $(\hat{\omega}_h, \hat{p}_h)$ and $\hat{\mathbf{u}}_h$ s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} a((\hat{\omega}_h, \hat{p}_h), (\boldsymbol{\theta}_h, q_h)) + b((\boldsymbol{\theta}_h, q_h), \hat{\mathbf{u}}_h) &= 0, \\ B((\hat{\omega}_h, \hat{p}_h), \mathbf{v}_h) &= F(\mathcal{H}_h \mathbf{v}_h), \end{aligned}$$

for all $((\boldsymbol{\theta}_h, q_h), \mathbf{v}_h) \in (\mathbf{Z}_h \times \mathbf{Q}_h) \times \mathbf{H}_h$, where

$$\begin{aligned} B((\boldsymbol{\theta}_h, q_h), \mathbf{v}_h) &:= -(1 + \eta) \sum_{j=1}^{|\mathcal{N}_h|} \int_{\partial K_j^*} q_h(\mathcal{H}_h \mathbf{v}_h \cdot \mathbf{n}) \\ &\quad - \sqrt{\eta} \sum_{j=1}^{|\mathcal{N}_h|} \int_{\partial K_j^*} (\boldsymbol{\theta}_h \times \mathbf{n}) \cdot \mathcal{H}_h \mathbf{v}_h. \end{aligned}$$

- Galerkin scheme (instead of Petrov-Galerkin) thanks to the transfer operator!

- Continuity + coercivity + Discrete inf-sup
- Unique solvability and continuous dependence on data
- Céa estimate
- Linear convergence:

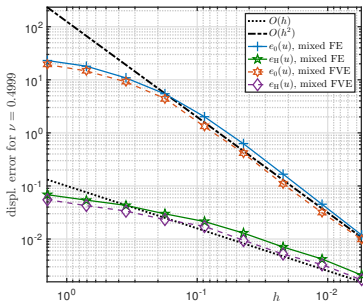
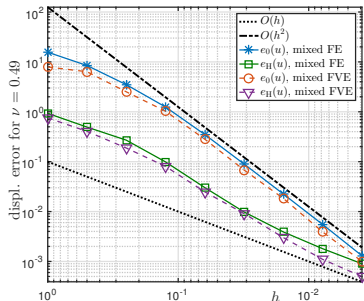
$$\|(\omega - \hat{\omega}_h, p - \hat{p}_h)\|_{\mathbf{Z} \times \mathbf{Q}} + \|\mathbf{u} - \hat{\mathbf{u}}_h\|_{\mathbf{H}} \leq \underbrace{C_{\text{Conv.}}}_{\text{indep. of } \lambda} h$$

- L^2 -convergence:

$$\|\mathbf{u} - \hat{\mathbf{u}}_h\|_{0, \Omega} \leq \underbrace{C_{\text{Conv.}}}_{\text{indep. of } \lambda} h^2$$

Example 1: Cantilevered beam

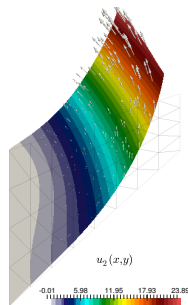
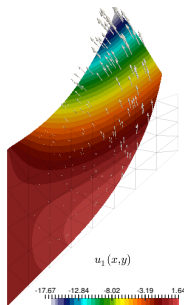
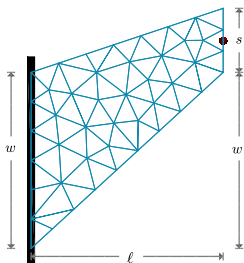
Convergence using the first order mixed FE and FVE schemes, for $\nu = 0.49$ and $\nu = 0.4999$, fixing $E = 1500$.



- Rectangular beam ($L = 10$, $l = 2$) subjected to a couple ($f = 300$)
- Zero horizontal displacement along the left edge
- Zero normal stress on the remainder of the boundary

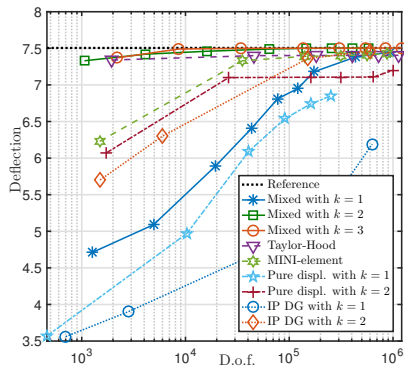
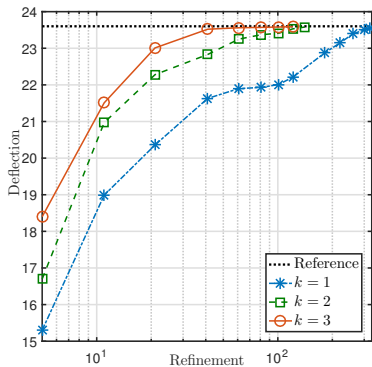
Example 2: Cook's membrane

- Cook's membrane benchmark ($l = 48$, $w = 44$, $s = 16$)
- Clamped left edge $x = 0$, shearing load at $x = l$ of magnitude 1
- Zero body force $\mathbf{f} = 0$
- Traction free boundary condition on non-vertical edges
- $E = 1$, $\nu = 1/3$, s.t. $\eta = 1/3$



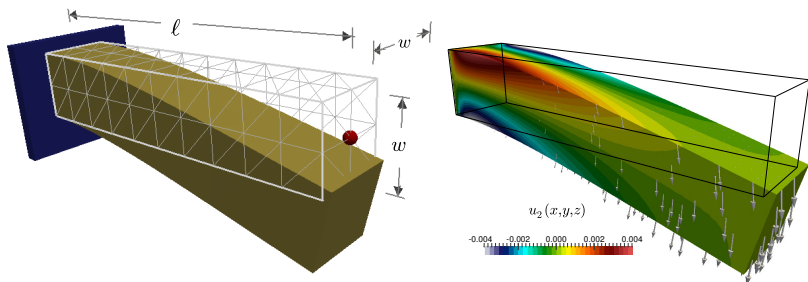
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Comparison against other formulations for linear elasticity, for $\nu = 0.3$, $\nu = 0.49999$, fixing $E = 1500$.



Example 3: Clamped beam

Numerical solution using a second-order FE method.



k	h	$(w/4)^3$	$(w/8)^3$	$(w/16)^3$	$(w/32)^3$	$(w/64)^3$
1		-0.4322	-0.4465	-0.4688	-0.4691	-0.4695
2		-0.4671	-0.4694	-0.4702	-0.4703	-0.4704
3		-0.4693	-0.4701	-0.4704	-0.4704	-0.4704

Max deflection at
 $(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (l, \frac{1}{2}w, \frac{1}{2}w)$
with $E = 1000$, $\nu = 0.3$.
Expected $\delta = -0.47040$.

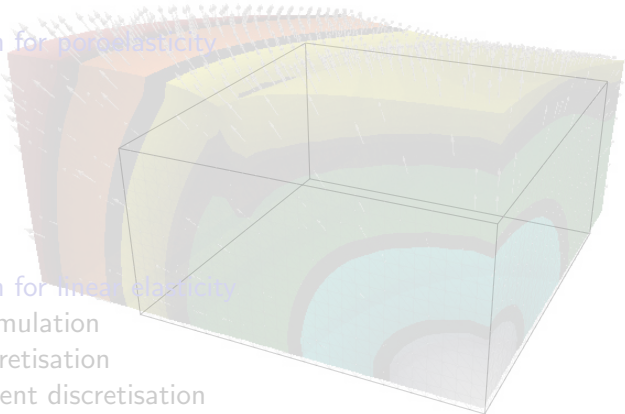
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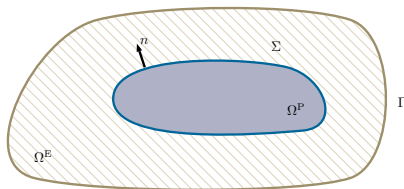


$$|u_h(x_1, x_2, x_3)|$$

Coupled elasticity-poroelasticity

One ongoing extension

Interface elasticity-poroelasticity problems



$$\begin{aligned} -\eta^P \Delta \mathbf{u}^P + \operatorname{div}(\phi \mathbf{l}) &= \mathbf{f}^P \quad \text{in } \Omega^P, \\ \phi - (\mu^P)^{-1} \eta^P \rho^P + \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{u}^P) &= 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega^P, \\ (c_0 + \alpha(\mu^P)^{-1} \eta^P) \rho^P - \alpha \phi \\ - \frac{1}{\xi} \operatorname{div}[\kappa(\nabla \rho^P - \rho \mathbf{g})] &= s \quad \text{in } \Omega^P. \end{aligned}$$








$$\mathbf{u}^P = \mathbf{u}^E, \quad (\boldsymbol{\sigma}^E - \boldsymbol{\sigma}^P) \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{0}, \quad \frac{\kappa}{\xi} (\nabla \rho^P - \rho \mathbf{g}) \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0, \quad \text{on } \Sigma$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{\eta^E} \operatorname{curl} \boldsymbol{\omega} + (1 + \eta^E) \nabla \rho^E &= \mathbf{f}^E \quad \text{in } \Omega^E, \\ \boldsymbol{\omega} - \sqrt{\eta^E} \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{u}^E &= \mathbf{0} \quad \text{in } \Omega^E, \\ \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}^E + \rho^E &= 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega^E. \end{aligned}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} \mathcal{A}_1 & \mathbf{0} & \mathcal{B}'_1 & \mathcal{B}'_3 \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathcal{A}_2 & -\mathcal{B}'_2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathcal{B}_1 & \mathcal{B}_2 & -\mathcal{A}_3 & \mathbf{0} \\ \hline -\mathcal{B}_3 & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathcal{A}_4 \end{array} \right) \begin{pmatrix} \vec{\mathbf{u}} \\ \rho^P \\ \phi \\ (\vec{\boldsymbol{\omega}}, \vec{\rho}^E) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{H} \\ \mathcal{G} \\ \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Analysis of the continuous formulation
 - Stability of all bilinear forms
 - Appropriate inf-sup conditions for the forms defining \mathcal{B}_1 and \mathcal{B}_3
 - Fredholm's alternative + two-fold saddle point theory
- Construction of a Galerkin method and derivation of error bounds
- Numerical validation and simulation of applicative problems
 - oil industry (reservoir and non-pay rock [Girault et al. 2011])
 - aircraft design (noise reduction [Rurkowska & Langer 2013])
 - dentistry (tooth and periodontal ligament [Favino et al. 2013])
 - cardiovascular models (blood cloth [Bukač 2016])
 - articular cartilage (structural response of joints [De Boer et al. 2017])
 - geotechnical structures (retaining walls, foundations [Zhang 2009])

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