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1. INTRODUCCIÓN

El **Cuarto Encuentro de Análisis Numérico de Ecuaciones Diferenciales Parciales** ha sido organizado en conferencias secuenciales de **45 y 30 minutos** de duración (40 y 25 minutos de exposición, respectivamente, y 5 minutos para preguntas y comentarios). Todas las charlas se llevarán a cabo en el AUDITORIO NINOSLAV BRALIĆ de la Facultad de Matemáticas.

En las páginas siguientes se detalla primero la programación correspondiente y luego se incluyen los resúmenes de cada uno de los trabajos (en orden alfabético, según autores). Cuando hay más de un autor, aquel que aparece subrayado corresponde al expositor.

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17.30-18.00 J.C. DE LOS REYES, S. GONZÁLEZ: *Numerical simulation of two-dimensional Bingham fluid flow by semismooth Newton methods.*

18.00-18.30 G.N. GATICA, G.C. HSIAO, S. MEDDAHI: *A residual-based a posteriori error estimator for a two-dimensional fluid-solid interaction problem.*

19.30 COCKTAIL DE BIENVENIDA

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- 10.15-10.45 R.A. ARAYA, P. VENEGAS: *An a posteriori error estimator for a unsteady advection-diffusion equation.*
- 10.45-11.15 COFFEE BREAK
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- 11.45-12.15 M. DURÁN, I. MUGA, J.-C. NÉDÉLEC: *A radiation condition for time-harmonic elastic waves in half-spaces with free boundary.*
- 12.15-12.45 I.S. POP, M. SEPÚLVEDA: *Error estimates for the finite volume discretization of the porous medium equation.*
- 12.45-15.00 ALMUERZO

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- 15.30-16.00 R. BÜRGER, A. CORONEL, M. SEPÚLVEDA: *Numerical methods for an inverse problem in scalar conservation laws.*
- 16.00-16.30 M. DE BUHAN, P. FREY: *Modelling and simulation of the viscoelastic behavior of brain structures: preliminary results.*
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- 17.00-17.30 M. ASTORINO, F. CHOULY, M.A. FERNÁNDEZ: *An added-mass free semi-implicit coupling scheme for fluid-structure interaction.*
- 17.30-18.00 M.A. BARRIENTOS, M.E. MELLADO: *A domain decomposition method for linear exterior boundary value problems in elasticity.*
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- 12.15-12.45 R. DURÁN, R. RODRÍGUEZ, F. SANHUEZA: *Computation of the vibration modes of a Reissner-Mindlin laminated plate.*
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An a posteriori error estimator for a unsteady advection-diffusion equation*

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Abstract

In this work we introduce an a posteriori error estimates for the unsteady advection-diffusion-reaction equation in two space dimensions. For the discretization we use backward Euler in time, and continuous, piecewise linear triangular finite elements in space together with a stabilized scheme. The error is bounded above and below by an explicit error estimator based on the residual. Numerical results are presented for uniform triangulations and constant time steps. The quality of our error estimator is discussed. An adaptive algorithm is then proposed and numerical results demonstrate the efficiency of our approach.

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An added-mass free semi-implicit coupling scheme for fluid-structure interaction ^{*}

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Abstract

We propose a semi-implicit coupling scheme for the numerical simulation of fluid-structure interaction systems involving a viscous incompressible fluid. The scheme is stable irrespectively of the so-called added-mass effect (fluid and solid densities which are close and/or domain which is slender) [5]. Moreover, it allows for conservative time-stepping within the structure. The efficiency of the scheme is based on the explicit splitting of the viscous effects and geometrical/convective non-linearities, through the use of the Chorin-Temam projection scheme within the fluid [6]. Stability relies on the implicit treatment of the pressure stresses and on the Nitsche's treatment of the viscous coupling [2,3,4]. The numerical stability of the scheme is proved theoretically through a *a priori* energy estimation [1]. Numerical results in two and three dimensions illustrate the stability and efficiency of the scheme as well as its potentiality in the context of blood flow simulations [7].

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Pressure projection methods arising from an enriched finite element approach*

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Abstract

To make some of the simplest and desirable pair of spaces inf-sup stable for the Stokes and the Darcy models, namely the P_1/P_0 , P_1/P_1 and P_1/P_1^{dis} elements, this work proposes a Petrov-Galerkin strategy relied on velocity and pressure enhanced spaces (see [1, 2, 3, 4] for related results). The enriching functions turn out to be the solutions of local mixed problems at element level driven by residuals and spurious modes with degree of freedom fixed by the original pair of elements. Having incorporates the element wise contribution the now stable methods recover some of the pressure projection methods recently proposed in [5, 6]. In addition, we take advantage of the enriched framework to make methods local mass conservative and super convergent for some particular meshes. Numerical tests infer achieved theoretical results and validate optimal error estimates.

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A domain decomposition method for linear exterior boundary value problems in elasticity*

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Abstract

In this paper we present new domain decomposition methods for solving linear exterior boundary value problems in elasticity in the plane. Our method is based on the combination of finite element method and Dirichlet–to–Neumann mapping, given in terms of Fourier series, which gives the exact boundary condition on an artificial boundary, to transform the exterior problem into an equivalent mixed boundary value problem in a bounded domain. As a model problem we consider the exterior boundary value problem for the Lamé system. The domain is decomposed into a finite number of subdomains and the Dirichlet data on the interfaces is introduced as the unknown of the associated discrete Steklov–Poincaré problem. Next, we use either a preconditioned Richardson–type method or the preconditioned conjugate gradient method by introducing adjustable Dirichlet–Robin–type preconditioners to solve the problem, which yields iteration–by–subdomains algorithms well suited for parallel computations and they can be naturally implemented on a parallel computing environment. A complete discrete analysis proves that our algorithms have an independent convergence of the stepsize of the mesh.

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A stabilized mixed discontinuous Galerkin formulation: a priori and a posteriori error analyses*

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Abstract

In this talk we present an a priori and a posteriori error analysis of a stabilized mixed discontinuous Galerkin formulation for elliptic problems. Our approach requires the introduction of suitable Galerkin least-squares terms (arising from constitutive and equilibrium equations), which allow us to look for the flux unknown in the local Raviart-Thomas space. The unique solvability of the discrete scheme is established avoiding the introduction of lifting operators and allow us to conclude that the rate of convergence of the error, measured in an appropriate norm, is optimal respect to the h -version. Furthermore, we apply Helmholtz decomposition to obtain a reliable and efficient a posteriori error estimate for our approach. Finally, we present several numerical experiments, showing the robustness of the method as well as the theoretical properties of the estimator, thus confirming the capability of the corresponding adaptive algorithms to localize the inner layers, the singularities and/or the large stress regions of the exact solution.

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An *a posteriori* error analysis for the stream function and vorticity formulation of the Stokes Problem*

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Abstract

In this paper we describe an *a posteriori* error estimator of the finite element solution for Stokes problem in stream function and vorticity formulation. We derive a reliable and efficient *a posteriori* error estimator. Our approach introduce an appropriate dual problem that allow us to prove efficiency in natural norms. In this sense, it can be seen as an extension of the applicability of the error indicator developed in [1] to the standard stream function-vorticity formulation. We present several numerical experiments confirming the theoretical properties of the estimator, and illustrating the capability of the corresponding adaptive algorithm to localize the singularities and the large stress regions of the solution. Finally, we apply the adaptive strategy to a large-scale ocean circulation model to reduce the spurious oscillations which arise when convective terms are dominant.

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Convergence of a finite volume method for cardiac propagation*

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Abstract

A finite volume method for solving the monodomain and bidomain models for the electrical activity of myocardial tissue is presented. These models consist of a parabolic PDE and a system of a degenerate parabolic and an elliptic PDE, respectively, for certain electric potentials, coupled to an ODE for the gating variable. Existence and uniqueness of the approximate solution is proved. It is also shown that the scheme converges to the corresponding weak solution for the monodomain model, and also for the bidomain equations in the special case of fibers aligned with the axis. Numerical examples in two and three space dimensions indicate experimental rates of convergence slightly above first order for both models. In addition, since typical solutions of the studied models exhibit wavefronts with steep gradients, the finite volume scheme is enriched by a fully adaptive multiresolution method, whose basic purpose is to concentrate computational effort on zones of strong variation of the solution. Time adaptivity is achieved by two alternative devices, namely locally varying time stepping and a Runge-Kutta-Fehlberg-type adaptive time integration. Finally, the optimal choice of the threshold for discarding non-significant information in the multiresolution representation of the solution is addressed.

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A new p -interpolation operator for Raviart-Thomas elements and its application to the convergence analysis of the high-order BEM for electro-magnetic scattering*

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Abstract

Interpolation operators (or projectors onto corresponding polynomial spaces) are frequently used in the analysis of discrete methods for time-harmonic Maxwell equations. In particular, a proper choice of these operators is critical for the proof of the discrete compactness property which, together with an appropriate approximability condition, implies the convergence of finite element methods (FEM) for Maxwell eigenvalue problems. When the problem of electro-magnetic scattering (modelled by Maxwell's equations in the exterior domain) is reformulated as a boundary integral equation on the surface of the scatterer, one can apply the boundary element method (BEM) for its approximate solution. The electric field integral equation (EFIE) is one of many possible integral formulations. It is usually discretised by the div-conforming Galerkin BEM based on Raviart-Thomas spaces. Then, as in the FEM for Maxwell's equations, an appropriate interpolation operator is needed to prove convergence of boundary element approximations for the EFIE. However, the existing operators do not easily fit the theoretical framework of the BEM, which is based on negative order Sobolev spaces. This is especially true for high-order methods (p - and hp -BEM).

In this talk we introduce a new $\tilde{\mathbf{H}}^{-1/2}(\text{div})$ -conforming p -interpolation operator for Raviart-Thomas elements. This operator has a number of useful properties related to the high-order BEM on piecewise smooth surfaces:

- it assumes sufficiently low $\mathbf{H}^r \cap \tilde{\mathbf{H}}^{-1/2}(\text{div})$ -regularity ($r > 0$);
- it commutes with the $\tilde{\mathbf{H}}^{-1/2}$ -projector;
- it is quasi-stable with respect to polynomial degrees.

Then we apply this interpolation operator to prove convergence of the hp -version of the BEM for the EFIE on piecewise plane (open or closed) surfaces discretised by quasi-uniform meshes.

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Numerical methods for an inverse problem in scalar conservation laws ^{*}

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Abstract

This contribution is concerned with the numerical solution of flux identification problem in scalar conservation laws where the solution in a fixed time is known. This inverse problem is formulated in a variational setting by introducing an objective function which compares, in the L^2 -norm, the simulation and the observation profiles. We consider two numerical methodologies to evaluate the exact gradient of the discrete objective function: the sensitivity equation method and the adjoint equation method. We comment the consequence of shock formation in the differentiability of the cost function in both continuous gradient formulations. In the case of the adjoint sensitivity analysis we interpret the continuous adjoint equation in the sense of reversible solutions and we prove the convergence of the exact gradient to an element of the subdifferential of the cost function. Although, the numerical examples are focus on the context of well-known phenomenological sedimentation model, the identification method can be applied to other one-dimensional hyperbolic models.

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An entropy inequality for a class of multi-species kinematic flow models with discontinuous flux*

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Abstract

We study a system of conservation laws that models multi-species kinematic flow models with an emphasis on models of multiclass traffic flow [1] and of the creaming of oil-in-water dispersions [6]. The flux is allowed to have a spatial discontinuity which models abrupt changes of road surface conditions or of the cross-sectional area in a settling vessel. For this system, an entropy inequality is proposed that singles out the correct solution at the interface. It is shown that limit solutions generated by a numerical scheme the authors recently proposed [2] satisfy this entropy inequality. It is also shown that limit solutions are entropy admissible, and in the genuinely nonlinear case, satisfy the usual Lax condition for a shock located away from the interface. We present an improvement to our scheme, involving a special interface flux that is activated only at a few grid points where the flux discontinuity is located. Numerical experiments indicate that this interface flux essentially eliminates overshoots that are sometimes present at the interface with our original scheme. We show that the scheme, with or without the interface fix, preserves a natural invariant region. Related earlier work includes [3, 5, 7]. This contribution is based on work under preparation [4].

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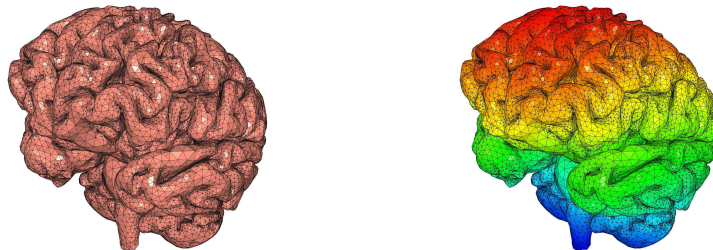
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Modelling and simulation of the viscoelastic behavior of brain structures: preliminary results*

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Abstract

We consider the problem of modelling the deformation of brain structures for which the nonlinear viscoelastic behavior has been established several years ago by [2]. Based on the thorough mathematical analysis of a model with internal variable suggested by [1], we focus here on its implementation in three dimensions. The problem associates a nonlinear PDE endowed with an incompressibility condition and an ODE describing the time evolution of the internal variable. The time discretization is based on an implicit Euler scheme and the spatial discretization involves \mathbb{P}_2 Lagrange finite elements. A linearized version of the resulting system is obtained by a Newton method and is solved by an Augmented Lagrangian technique. Computational results on complex domains will be provided to emphasize the adaptation on the geometric properties of the domain boundaries. Provided biophysical coefficients are available, these results aim to be confronted to experimental results in order to validate the underlying model. Furthermore, a coupling of this model with a plasticity model can be envisaged, possibly in other applications.



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Numerical simulation of two-dimensional Bingham fluid flow by semismooth Newton methods*

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Abstract

This work is devoted to the numerical simulation of two-dimensional stationary Bingham fluid flow by semi-smooth Newton methods. Bingham fluids are visco-plastic materials which behave like incompressible fluids in the regions where the stress reaches a given yield and like solids in the regions where the stress remains below that threshold. The mathematical models for such materials involve the constituent law for viscous incompressible fluids, with an extra stress tensor component modeling the visco-plastic effects. We are concerned with Bingham fluid flow in a given domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$, considering non-homogeneous Dirichlet and stress-free boundary conditions. We analyze the modeling elliptic variational inequality of the second kind as an equivalent minimization problem and, using Fenchel's duality, we obtain an optimality system which characterizes the primal and dual solutions. Since the solution to the dual problem is not unique, a family of Tikhonov regularized problems is introduced and the convergence of the regularized solutions to the original one is studied. For the discretization of each regularized optimality system, a finite element method with (cross-grid \mathbb{P}_1) - \mathbb{Q}_0 elements is utilized. The chosen pair is known to satisfy the Ladyzhenskaya - Babuška - Brezzi condition and allows also to obtain a direct relation between the discrete primal and dual variables. For the solution of the resulting system of nonsmooth equations, we propose a semismooth Newton algorithm. Using an additional relaxation of the incompressibility condition a modified reduced system matrix is constructed and a descent direction is obtained from each semismooth Newton iteration. The local superlinear convergence of the method is also proved. Finally, several numerical experiments are carried out in order to investigate the behavior and efficiency of the method.

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Finite element error analysis for state-constrained optimal control of the Stokes equations

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Abstract

An optimal control problem for 2d and 3d Stokes equations is investigated with pointwise inequality constraints on the state and the control. The paper is concerned with the full discretization of the control problem allowing for different types of discretization of both the control and the state. For instance, piecewise linear and continuous approximations of the control are included in the present theory. Under certain assumptions on the L^∞ -error of the finite element discretization of the state, error estimates for the control are derived which can be seen to be optimal since their order of convergence coincides with the one of the interpolation error. The assumptions of the L^∞ -finite-element-error can be verified for different numerical settings. Finally the results of two numerical experiments are presented.

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hp-adaptive finite elements for multiphysics wave propagation problems

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Abstract

I will attempt to combine an overview of our experience with *hp* finite elements and the automatic *hp*-adaptivity for wave propagation problems, with a presentation of new research topics focusing on multiphysics coupled problems. The first part of the talk will focus on fundamentals of *hp*-discretizations of wave propagation problems: acoustics, elasticity and electromagnetics. We will shortly discuss the issues of stability and approximability for time-harmonic problems emphasizing the difference between the elliptic and Maxwell problems. I will review the main results of the theory of projection-based interpolation and discuss its importance in both the theoretical (proof of discrete compactness for *hp* methods) and practical (automatic *hp*-adaptivity) context. This part of the presentation will deliver “punch lines” only, and I will finish it by “flashing” a few representative examples. The second part of the presentation will address our current work on multiphysics coupled-problems. Using a coupled acoustics/elasticity problem, I will outline new challenges that we have faced when generalizing the *hp* methodology to this class of problems. This will include a discussion on *hp* data structures, use of fractional Sobolev norms, and both energy- and goal-driven automatic *hp*-adaptivity algorithms. The discussion will be illustrated with numerical solutions of 3D axisymmetric problems.

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On the calculation of Maxwell's eigenfrequencies using integral equations for a buried landmine*

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Abstract

A 3-D mathematical model, using the integral equation framework, of the time-harmonic Maxwell's equations has been developed for research studies of buried penetrable targets in a dispersive isotropic soil. An efficient numerical method is developed to calculate precisely the Maxwell's eigenfrequencies of buried landmines, located in a given high frequency interval. Functions are evaluated only in the boundary of the domain, so very fine discretizations may be chosen to obtain high eigenfrequencies. We discuss the stability and convergence of the proposed method. Finally we show some numerical results, which make evident the effectiveness and relevance of the proposed numerical method.

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A radiation condition for time-harmonic elastic waves in half-spaces with free boundary*

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Abstract

In this work we deduce an explicit Sommerfeld-type radiation condition able to prove uniqueness for the problem of outgoing wave propagation in isotropic elastic half-spaces with free boundary condition. The expression is obtained by a rigorous asymptotic analysis of the Green's function associated with this problem. Observe that this is an exterior problem with unbounded frontier. The main difficulty is that the free boundary condition allows the propagation of Rayleigh waves guided by the unbounded surface. Hence, we mainly observe three types of waves in the far field expansion (each one with its own velocity) : **the pressure wave, the shearing wave and the Rayleigh or surface wave**. Thus, the outgoing wave behavior needs to be described by a radiation condition different from the usual Kupradze's condition [2], which is used in exterior problems with bounded boundaries (where we only see pressure and shearing waves in the far field). This is an extension to the elastic case of the previous result in [1].

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Existence, uniqueness and approximation of the Stokes equations in some non-Lipschitz domains*

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Abstract

Theoretical and numerical analysis of elliptic problems are strongly based on several results in the theory of Sobolev spaces which are valid for Lipschitz domains (trace theorems, Korn inequality, inf-sup conditions, etc.) On the other hand, it is known that for some non-Lipschitz domains many of these results are not valid. In this talk we consider a particular class of non-Lipschitz domains, namely, domains with external cusps (for example the complement of two tangent circles or spheres). This kind of domains can be viewed as a particular case of Hölder- α domains. First we recall our previous works [1, 2] on the analysis and approximation of the Poisson equation in this kind of domains. Second, we present new results for the Stokes equations. As it is well known, existence, uniqueness and stability of numerical solutions follows from the inf-sup condition and its discrete counterpart. We show by an elementary example that the standard inf-sup condition does not hold for the domains that we are considering. Therefore, a natural question is whether some weaker inf-sup condition can be proved for these domains. To give a positive answer to this question we work with weighted Sobolev norms. We present a result for the general class of Hölder- α domains [3] and a sharper result for particular domains with external cusps. These generalized inf-sup conditions allow us to apply the general theory of saddle point problems to the analysis of the Stokes equations in these domains.

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Computation of the vibration modes of a Reissner-Mindlin laminated plate

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Abstract

This work deals with the computation of the vibration modes of a laminated plate modeled by the Reissner-Mindlin equations [1], by using the DL3 elements for the bending terms and linear triangular finite elements for the in-plane displacements [2, 4]. We apply the general approximation theory for spectral problems and, under appropriate assumptions, we obtain optimal order error estimates, including a double order for the vibration frequencies. The estimates are independent of the thickness of the laminated plate, which leads to the conclusion that the method is locking-free [3]. Numerical tests are reported to assess the performance of the method.

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A residual-based a posteriori error estimator for a two-dimensional fluid-solid interaction problem*

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Abstract

In this paper we develop an a posteriori error analysis of a mixed finite element method for a fluid-solid interaction problem posed in the plane. The media are governed by the acoustic and elastodynamic equations in time-harmonic regime, respectively, and the transmission conditions are given by the equilibrium of forces and the equality of the normal displacements of the solid and the fluid. The coupling of primal and dual-mixed finite element methods is applied to compute both the pressure of the scattered wave in the linearized fluid and the elastic vibrations that take place in the elastic body. The finite element subspaces consider continuous piecewise linear elements for the pressure and a Lagrange multiplier defined on the interface, and PEERS for the stress and rotation in the solid domain. We derive a reliable and efficient residual-based a posteriori error estimator for this coupled problem. Suitable auxiliary problems, the continuous inf-sup conditions satisfied by the bilinear forms involved, a discrete Helmholtz decomposition, and the local approximation properties of the Clément interpolant and Raviart-Thomas operator are the main tools for proving the reliability of the estimator. Then, Helmholtz decomposition, inverse inequalities, and the localization technique based on triangle-bubble and edge-bubble functions are employed to show the efficiency.

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A coupled mixed finite element method for the interaction problem between electromagnetic field and elastic body*

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Abstract

This paper deals with the coupled problem arising from the interaction of a time harmonic electromagnetic field with a three-dimensional elastic body. More precisely, we consider a suitable transmission problem holding between the solid and a sufficiently large annular region surrounding it, and aim to compute both the magnetic component of the scattered wave and the stresses that take place in the obstacle. To this end, we assume Voigt's model, which allows interaction only through the boundary of the body, and employ a dual-mixed variational formulation in the solid media. As a consequence, one of the two transmission conditions becomes essential, whence it is enforced weakly through the introduction of a Lagrange multiplier. The abstract framework developed in a recent work by A. Buffa is applied next to show that our coupled variational formulation is well posed. In addition, we define the corresponding Galerkin scheme by using PEERS in the solid and the edge finite elements of Nédélec in the electromagnetic region. Then, we prove that the resulting coupled mixed finite element scheme is uniquely solvable and convergent. Moreover, optimal a priori error estimates are derived in the usual way. Finally, some numerical results illustrating the analysis and the good performance of the method are also reported.

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A residual-based a posteriori error estimator for a fully mixed formulation of the Stokes-Darcy coupled problem*

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Abstract

In this paper we develop an a posteriori error analysis of a fully mixed finite element method for the coupling of fluid flow with porous media flow. The flows are governed by the Stokes and Darcy equations, respectively, and the transmission conditions are given by mass conservation, balance of normal forces, and the Beavers-Joseph-Saffman law. The finite element subspaces consider Raviart-Thomas elements for the stress tensor of the Stokes equations, piecewise constants and Raviart-Thomas elements for the velocities, piecewise constants for the pressure in the porous medium, and continuous piecewise linear elements for the Lagrange multipliers defined on the interface. We derive a reliable and efficient residual-based a posteriori error estimator for this coupled problem. The proof of reliability makes use of Helmholtz decompositions and local approximation properties of the Clément interpolant and Raviart-Thomas operator. On the other hand, the localization technique based on triangle-bubble and edge-bubble functions constitute the main tools for proving the efficiency of the estimator. Finally, some numerical results illustrating the analysis and confirming the good performance of the corresponding adaptive algorithm are reported.

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About computing the nonlinear interaction between weakly converging sequences and its influence in optimal design and nonlinear elasticity

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Abstract

When solving a calculus of variations problem, very often one encounters weakly converging sequences that interact in a nonlinear manner. Two paradigmatic examples of this are the broad area of optimal design, see [1], and the characterization of the energy density functions to be used in nonlinear elasticity. For the latter we present the use of Compensated Compactness, [6], to derive a computational method to look for the elusive counterexample of a rank-one, non quasiconvex energy density in the planar case, see [4] and [5]. In the context of optimal design we present the small amplitude homogenization approach introduced in [2] and used later in [3], which is based on the use of the technique of H-measures introduced by L. Tartar in [7], to compute the interaction between the design variable and the state function.

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Mortar boundary elements*

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Abstract

Recently we started investigating non-conforming boundary element methods. The first paper [1] deals with the incorporation by Lagrangian multipliers of essential boundary conditions at the border of open surfaces in trace spaces of H^1 . The second paper [2] analyzes the use of Crouzeix-Raviart elements for the discretization of hypersingular operators. Although in both cases there are no well-posed continuous formulations we proved that the discrete schemes converge almost quasi-optimally, that is, standard *a priori* error estimates are perturbed only by logarithmic terms. In this talk we deal with the more general case of domain decomposition in trace spaces of H^1 where continuity of approximating functions across interfaces is incorporated in a weak discrete sense. This strategy gives huge flexibility for discretizations which can be almost independent in individual sub-domains. Such a discretization is well-known for finite elements and is called mortar method. We consider this domain decomposition method for the discretization of hypersingular integral equations, prove its almost quasi-optimal convergence and present numerical results to underline the theory.

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Superconvergence scheme of a locking free FEM in a Timoshenko optimal control problem*

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Abstract

In this work we analyze the numerical approximation of an optimal control problem of a Timoshenko beam, by considering two kind of distributed control: on the displacements and/or on the rotations. The discretization of the control variables is using piecewise constant functions. The state and the adjoint state are discretized by a locking free scheme of linear finite elements. An interpolation postprocessing technique is used to the approximations of the optimal solution of the continuous optimal control problem. It is proved that these approximations have superconvergence order h^2 .

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Hybrid boundary elements scheme for modeling flat structures in \mathbb{R}^3

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Abstract

We present an augmented boundary element method for modeling elliptic and wave propagation problems in \mathbb{R}^3 with Dirichlet conditions imposed over flat surfaces having very large aspect ratios. For this, we study unbounded connected domains $\Omega := \mathbb{R}^d \setminus \bar{\Gamma}_m$, $d = 2, 3$, where Γ_m is an orientable manifold of co-dimension one, e.g., a line segment or a plane. Thus, Ω is not even Lipschitz and problems defined therein usually fall in the category of screen, crack or interface problems [1], [2], [3], for which solutions are known to possess singular behaviors [4] and classical Galerkin or collocation methods show poor convergence. The talk is organized as follows. We first analyze simple problems in \mathbb{R}^2 with Γ_m described by a Jordan curve, and observe that the associated single layer potentials can be reduced to compactly perturbed logarithmic integral operators. Their solutions are shown to be accurately given by weighted Tchebychev polynomials. Then, we extend these ideas to manifolds in \mathbb{R}^3 with only one bounded direction, e.g., infinite strips or cylinders, and show that localized single layer operators also portray logarithmic singularities. Entirely bounded surfaces with large length-to-width ratios are next considered. If the manifold boundary $\partial\Gamma_m$ is Lipschitz, corner singularities may show up. To handle this, our numerical scheme uses the previous observations and employs different discretization bases according to the encountered singular behavior – corner or edge. As a concrete application, we show results for electrostatic and elastic wave generation problems for the so-called surface acoustic waves interdigital transducers (SAW IDTs) [5].

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Moving mesh finite element methods for the adaptive solution of transient PDEs with moving boundaries

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Abstract

This talk will describe a new adaptive finite element algorithm for the solution of non-linear diffusion equations using moving grids. The technique is particularly appropriate for problems with moving boundaries: both external boundaries, where the problem domain is time-dependent, and internal boundaries such as interfaces between phases. The approach is based upon conserving the distribution of a monitor function across the spatial domain throughout time, and this conservation principle is used to drive the velocity of the nodes in the moving mesh. A number of computational examples will be presented from a wide range of sample applications including the porous medium equation (second order nonlinear diffusion), droplet spreading problems (fourth order nonlinear diffusion) and phase-change problems. The computational accuracy and the practical efficiency of the scheme will be assessed and a number of physical properties (conservation, self-similarity, waiting times, etc.) will be discussed. This is joint work with Mike Baines (Reading/Leeds) and Matthew Hubbard (Leeds).

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Estimates for Raviart-Thomas and Nédélec elements on anisotropic meshes

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Abstract

In this talk we consider estimates for the Raviart-Thomas [6, 7] and Nédélec [4] interpolation operators of any order on tetrahedral meshes with arbitrarily narrow elements. More precisely, we obtain interpolation error estimates on meshes satisfying two different geometrical restrictions, namely, the “regular vertex property” (RVP) and the “maximum angle condition” (MAC) [1]. These two conditions allow for meshes that not satisfy the standard shape regularity assumption [2], which appear naturally, for instance, in the approximations of boundary layers. The RVP is a stronger condition than the MAC. The estimates are obtained in each element of the mesh paying attention to the dependence of the constants on the geometrical properties of the element. The global estimate is obtained adding the individual ones. Then we are interested in two kind of estimates: (1) estimates valid uniformly for all elements having a particular geometrical property, and (2) anisotropic estimates also valid uniformly for some class of elements. We say that an estimate is of anisotropic type when in front each derivative appear the lengths of the element in the corresponding directions. Related results were previously obtained, for instance, in [3] for Raviart-Thomas interpolation in two dimensions or in three dimensions under the RVP, and in [5] for the Nédélec interpolation of lowest degree. For the Raviart-Thomas interpolation we obtain error estimates valid uniformly under the MAC, but anisotropic estimates can be proved only under the RVP. This is not the case for the Nédélec interpolation, for which we can obtain anisotropic error estimates also under the MAC. These results are partly joint work with Thomas Apel, Gabriel Acosta, and Ricardo G. Durán.

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Mixed FEM-BEM coupling for non-linear transmission problems with Signorini contact

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Abstract

In this paper we generalize the approach in [5] and discuss an interface problem consisting of a non-linear partial differential equation in $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ (bounded, Lipschitz, $n \geq 2$) and the Laplace equation in the unbounded exterior domain $\Omega_c := \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \bar{\Omega}$ fulfilling some radiation condition, which are coupled by transmission conditions and Signorini conditions imposed on the interface. The interior pde is discretized by a mixed formulation, whereas the exterior part of the interface problem is rewritten using a Neumann to Dirichlet mapping (NtD) given in terms of boundary integral operators. We treat the general numerical approximation of the resulting variational inequality and discuss the non-trivial discretization of the NtD mapping. Assuming some abstract approximation properties and a discrete inf-sup condition we prove existence and uniqueness and show an a-priori estimate, which generalizes the results in [5]. Choosing Raviart-Thomas elements and piecewise constants in Ω and hat functions on $\partial\Omega$ the discrete inf-sup condition is satisfied [1, 3]. We present a solver based on a modified Uzawa algorithm, reducing the solution procedure of the non-linear saddle point problem with an inequality constraint to the repeated solution of a standard non-linear saddle point problem and the solution of a variational inequality based on an elliptic operator. Finally, we present a residual based a-posteriori error estimator compatible with the Signorini condition and a corresponding adaptive scheme, see [6]. Some numerical experiments are shown which illustrate the convergence behavior of the uniform h-version with triangles and rectangles and the adaptive scheme as well as the bounded iteration numbers of the modified Uzawa algorithm, underlining the theoretical results.

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Error estimates for the finite volume discretization of the porous medium equation*

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Abstract

This work is motivated by a combined mixed finite element (MFE) - finite volume (FV) scheme of a two phase flow model for the heap leaching of copper ores modeled by a degenerate parabolic equation

$$\partial_t u - \nabla \cdot (\nabla \beta(u) + F(u)) = r(u), \quad \text{in } Q_T \equiv (0, T) \times \Omega.$$

Initially we have $u(0) = u^0$ in Ω , whereas $u = 0$ on $\partial\Omega$. In the above $0 < T < \infty$ is fixed, Ω is a bounded domain in $\mathbb{R}^d (d \geq 1)$ with a Lipschitz continuous boundary. The function $\beta : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is non-decreasing and differentiable. By degeneracy we mean a vanishing diffusion, namely $\beta'(u) = 0$ for some u . We prove error estimates for the finite volume discretization for this model. Several numerical results illustrating the performance of the algorithm are provided.

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Explicit solutions to nonlinear partial differential equations via nonlocal symmetries*

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Abstract

In this talk I review some recent work on the theory and application of nonlocal symmetries of nonlinear PDEs. This theory was originally developed by A. Vinogradov and J. Kasil'shchik in the 1980's and 1990's as a chapter of their formal theory of differential equations. I would like to show how this theory can be implemented in such a way as to make its application straightforward and useful for applied and numerical mathematics. As examples, I present non-trivial explicit solutions (which could be used to test numerical methods) to the Kaup-Kupershmidt equation

$$q_t = q_{xxxxx} + 5q q_{xxx} + \frac{25}{2} q_x q_{xx} + 5q^2 q_x \quad (1)$$

and also a Darboux transformation for the important Camassa-Holm equation

$$2u_x u_{xx} + u u_{xxx} = u_t - u_{xxt} + 3u_x u. \quad (2)$$

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BEM–FEM coupling: back to the beginning*

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Abstract

The first coupled method of finite and boundary elements originated in the late seventies and has been commonly referred to as the Johnson–Nédélec, one–equation or unsymmetric coupling. Its main drawback, as originally perceived, was the need for a particular boundary integral operator to be compact. This fact demanded smooth enough coupling interfaces (which was a clear inconvenience from the FEM point of view) and precluded its use for linear elasticity. Although it was not recognized at the time, the problem was purely theoretical in nature. We prove here that by recasting the discrete equations as a non–standard transmission problem, the lost ellipticity is recovered and that Johnson–Nédélec’s coupling is stable for any pair of discrete BEM–FEM spaces.

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Efficient meshless methods for pseudodifferential equations on the sphere

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Abstract

Radial basis functions are used to approximate the solutions of pseudodifferential equations on the sphere. These equations arise for example in geodesy and earth science. The use of radial basis functions ameliorates the situation when given facts are obtained as scattered data. A unified analysis for both the Galerkin and collocation methods will be discussed. Numerical experiments on relatively large scattered data point sets taken from MAGSAT satellite data will be presented.

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A parameter–uniform finite difference method for a singularly perturbed multiscale linear dynamical system*

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Abstract

A system of singularly perturbed ordinary differential equations of first order with given initial conditions is considered. The leading term of each equation is multiplied by a small positive parameter, which can be arbitrarily small. These parameters are, in general, unequal. The components of the solution exhibit overlapping layers corresponding to the various distinct time scales occurring in the solution of the problem. It is well-known that standard numerical methods do not perform in a robust way, when they are used to solve a singularly perturbed problem of this kind. In this talk a new numerical method is constructed. First a Shishkin piecewise–uniform mesh is introduced, which is used, in conjunction with a classical finite difference discretisation, to form the new numerical method for solving this problem. It is then proved that the numerical approximations obtained from this method are essentially first order convergent uniformly with respect to all of the parameters. Extensive numerical computations are presented to illustrate the utility of this new method in practice.

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