

An introduction to Discrete de Rham methods

A polytopal exterior calculus framework

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References for this presentation

- Finite Element Exterior Calculus [Arnold, Falk, Winther, 2006, Arnold, 2018]
- Finite Element Systems [Christiansen and Gillette, 2016]
- Introduction of DDR [DP, Droniou, Rapetti, 2020]
- DDR sequence based on Koszul complements [DP and Droniou, 2023]
- Application to magnetostatics [DP and Droniou, 2021]
- Polytopal Exterior Calculus [Bonaldi, DP, Droniou, Hu, 2023]
- C++ open-source implementation available in [HArDCore3D](#)

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Two model problems: Stokes

- With $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ connected, $\nu > 0$, and $\mathbf{f} \in L^2(\Omega)$, the Stokes problem reads:
Find the **velocity** $\mathbf{u} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ and **pressure** $p : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} \overbrace{\nu(\operatorname{curl} \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{u} - \operatorname{grad} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u})}^{-\nu \Delta \mathbf{u}} + \operatorname{grad} p &= \mathbf{f} && \text{in } \Omega, && \text{(local equilibrium)} \\ \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} &= 0 && \text{in } \Omega, && \text{(mass conservation)} \\ \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{0} \text{ and } \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0 &&& \text{on } \partial\Omega, && \text{(boundary conditions)} \\ \int_{\Omega} p &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

- Weak formulation:** Find $(\mathbf{u}, p) \in \mathbf{H}(\operatorname{curl}; \Omega) \times H^1(\Omega)$ s.t. $\int_{\Omega} p = 0$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} \nu \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{u} \cdot \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{v} + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{grad} p \cdot \mathbf{v} &= \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v} && \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{H}(\operatorname{curl}; \Omega), \\ - \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{u} \cdot \operatorname{grad} q &= 0 && \forall q \in H^1(\Omega) \end{aligned}$$

Two model problems: Magnetostatics

- For $\mu > 0$ and $\mathbf{J} \in \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{curl}; \Omega)$, the magnetostatics problem reads:
Find the **magnetic field** $\mathbf{H} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ and **vector potential** $\mathbf{A} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ s.t.

$$\begin{aligned}\mu \mathbf{H} - \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{A} &= \mathbf{0} && \text{in } \Omega, && \text{(vector potential)} \\ \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{H} &= \mathbf{J} && \text{in } \Omega, && \text{(Ampère's law)} \\ \operatorname{div} \mathbf{A} &= 0 && \text{in } \Omega, && \text{(Coulomb's gauge)} \\ \mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{n} &= \mathbf{0} && \text{on } \partial\Omega && \text{(boundary condition)}\end{aligned}$$

- Weak formulation:** Find $(\mathbf{H}, \mathbf{A}) \in \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{curl}; \Omega) \times \mathbf{H}(\operatorname{div}; \Omega)$ s.t.

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{\Omega} \mu \mathbf{H} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} - \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{curl} \boldsymbol{\tau} &= 0 && \forall \boldsymbol{\tau} \in \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{curl}; \Omega), \\ \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{A} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} &= \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{v} && \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{H}(\operatorname{div}; \Omega)\end{aligned}$$

A unified view

- The above problems are **mixed formulations** involving two fields
- They can be recast into the abstract setting: Find $(u, p) \in V \times Q$ s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} Au + B^\top p &= f && \text{in } V', \\ -Bu + Cp &= g && \text{in } Q' \end{aligned}$$

- Well-posedness for this problem holds under [Brezzi and Fortin, 1991]:
 - The **coercivity** of A in $\text{Ker } B$ and of C in $\text{Ker } B^\top$
 - An **inf-sup condition** for B
- **Similar properties underlie the stability of numerical approximations**

A unified tool for well-posedness: The de Rham complex

$$H^1(\Omega) \xrightarrow{\text{grad}} \mathbf{H}(\text{curl}; \Omega) \xrightarrow{\text{curl}} \mathbf{H}(\text{div}; \Omega) \xrightarrow{\text{div}} L^2(\Omega) \xrightarrow{0} \{0\}$$

- We have key properties depending on the topology of Ω :

$$\text{Im grad} \subset \text{Ker curl},$$

$$\text{Im curl} \subset \text{Ker div}$$

$$\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3 \ (b_3 = 0) \implies \text{Im div} = L^2(\Omega) \quad (\text{magnetostatics})$$

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- When $b_1 \neq 0$ or $b_2 \neq 0$, **de Rham's cohomology** characterizes

$$\text{Ker curl/Im grad} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Ker div/Im curl}$$

- **Emulating these properties is key for stable discretizations**

Generalization through differential forms

- Denote by Ω a connected domain of \mathbb{R}^n , $n \geq 1$
- The de Rham complex can be generalized using **differential forms**:

$$H\Lambda^0(\Omega) \xrightarrow{d^0} \dots \xrightarrow{d^{k-1}} H\Lambda^k(\Omega) \xrightarrow{d^k} \dots \xrightarrow{d^{n-1}} H\Lambda^n(\Omega) \longrightarrow \{0\}$$

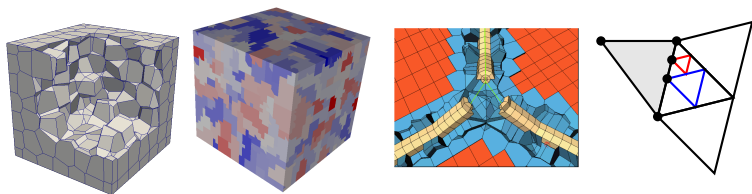
- For $n = 3$, the following links are established through **vector proxies**:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} H\Lambda^0(\Omega) & \xrightarrow{d^0} & H\Lambda^1(\Omega) & \xrightarrow{d^1} & H\Lambda^2(\Omega) & \xrightarrow{d^2} & H\Lambda^3(\Omega) & \longrightarrow & \{0\} \\ \updownarrow & & \updownarrow & & \updownarrow & & \updownarrow & & \\ H^1(\Omega) & \xrightarrow{\text{grad}} & \mathbf{H}(\text{curl}; \Omega) & \xrightarrow{\text{curl}} & \mathbf{H}(\text{div}; \Omega) & \xrightarrow{\text{div}} & L^2(\Omega) & \longrightarrow & \{0\} \end{array}$$

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Domain and polytopal mesh



- Assume $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ polytopal (polygon if $n = 2$, polyhedron if $n = 3, \dots$)
- We consider a **polytopal mesh** \mathcal{M}_h containing all (flat) d -cells, $0 \leq d \leq n$
- d -cells in \mathcal{M}_h are collected in $\Delta_d(\mathcal{M}_h)$, so that, when $n = 3$,
 - $\Delta_0(\mathcal{M}_h) = \mathcal{V}_h$ is the set of **vertices**
 - $\Delta_1(\mathcal{M}_h) = \mathcal{E}_h$ is the set of **edges**
 - $\Delta_2(\mathcal{M}_h) = \mathcal{F}_h$ is the set of **faces**
 - $\Delta_3(\mathcal{M}_h) = \mathcal{T}_h$ is the set of **elements**

General ideas

- Discrete spaces with **polynomial components** attached to mesh entities
- We recursively construct on d -cells, $d = k, \dots, n$:
 - A **discrete potential** (playing the role of a k -form inside f)

$$P_{r,f}^k : \underline{X}_{r,f}^k \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_r \Lambda^k(f)$$

- If $d \geq k + 1$, a **discrete exterior derivative**

$$d_{r,f}^k : \underline{X}_{r,f}^k \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_r \Lambda^{k+1}(f)$$

- Reconstructions mimic the **Stokes formula**: $\forall(\omega, \mu) \in \Lambda^\ell(f) \times \Lambda^{n-\ell-1}(f)$,

$$\int_f d^\ell \omega \wedge \mu = (-1)^{\ell+1} \int_f \omega \wedge d^{n-\ell-1} \mu + \int_{\partial f} \text{tr}_{\partial f} \omega \wedge \text{tr}_{\partial f} \mu$$

Trimmed polynomial spaces

- Let $f \in \Delta_d(\mathcal{M}_h)$, $d \in [1, n]$, fix $\mathbf{x}_f \in f$, and define the **Koszul complement**

$$\mathcal{K}_r^\ell(f) := \kappa \mathcal{P}_{r-1} \Lambda^{\ell+1}(f) \quad \text{with} \quad (\kappa \omega)_x(\cdot, \dots) := \omega_x(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_f, \dots)$$

- For $\ell \geq 1$ we define the **trimmed polynomial spaces**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}_r^- \Lambda^0(f) &:= \mathcal{P}_r \Lambda^0(f), \\ \mathcal{P}_r^- \Lambda^\ell(f) &:= d\mathcal{P}_r \Lambda^{\ell-1}(f) \oplus \mathcal{K}_r^\ell(f) \quad \text{if } \ell \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

- In terms of vector proxies,

$$\begin{aligned} \forall f \equiv F \in \mathcal{F}_h, \quad \mathcal{P}_r^- \Lambda^1(f) &\cong \mathcal{N}_r(F) = \mathcal{RT}_r(F)^\perp, \\ \forall f \equiv T \in \mathcal{T}_h, \quad \begin{cases} \mathcal{P}_r^- \Lambda^1(f) &\cong \mathcal{N}_r(T) := \text{grad } \mathcal{P}_r(T) + (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_T) \times \mathcal{P}_{r-1}(T), \\ \mathcal{P}_r^- \Lambda^2(f) &\cong \mathcal{RT}_r(T) := \text{curl } \mathcal{P}_r(T) + (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_T) \mathcal{P}_{r-1}(T) \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Discrete $H\Lambda^k(\Omega)$ spaces and interpolator

$$\underline{X}_{r,h}^k := \bigtimes_{d=k}^n \bigtimes_{f \in \Delta_d(\mathcal{M}_h)} \mathcal{P}_r^- \Lambda^{d-k}(f)$$

$$\underline{I}_{r,f}^k : \Lambda^k(\Omega) \ni \omega \mapsto (\pi_{r,f}^{-,d-k}(\star \text{tr}_f \omega))_{f \in \Delta_d(f), d \in [k,n]} \in \underline{X}_{r,h}^k$$

Space	$f_0 \equiv V$	$f_1 \equiv E$	$f_2 \equiv F$	$f_3 \equiv T$
$\underline{X}_{r,h}^0$	$\mathbb{R} = \mathcal{P}_r \Lambda^0(f_0)$	$\mathcal{P}_{r-1} \Lambda^1(f_1)$	$\mathcal{P}_{r-1} \Lambda^2(f_2)$	$\mathcal{P}_{r-1} \Lambda^3(f_3)$
$\underline{X}_{r,h}^1$		$\mathcal{P}_r \Lambda^0(f_1)$	$\mathcal{P}_r^- \Lambda^1(f_2)$	$\mathcal{P}_r^- \Lambda^2(f_3)$
$\underline{X}_{r,h}^2$			$\mathcal{P}_r \Lambda^0(f_2)$	$\mathcal{P}_r^- \Lambda^1(f_3)$
$\underline{X}_{r,h}^3$				$\mathcal{P}_r \Lambda^0(f_3)$
$\underline{X}_{\text{grad},h}^r$	$\mathbb{R} = \mathcal{P}_r(V)$	$\mathcal{P}_{r-1}(E)$	$\mathcal{P}_{r-1}(F)$	$\mathcal{P}_{r-1}(T)$
$\underline{X}_{\text{curl},h}^r$		$\mathcal{P}_r(E)$	$\mathcal{RT}_r(F)$	$\mathcal{RT}_r(T)$
$\underline{X}_{\text{div},h}^r$			$\mathcal{P}_r(F)$	$\mathcal{N}_r(T)$
$\mathcal{P}_r(\mathcal{T}_h)$				$\mathcal{P}_r(T)$

Discrete potential and exterior derivative

For $d = k, \dots, n$, all $f \in \Delta_d(\mathcal{M}_h)$, and all $\underline{\omega}_f \in \underline{X}_{r,f}^k$:

■ If $d = k$, we let

$$P_{r,f}^k \underline{\omega}_f := \star^{-1} \omega_f \in \mathcal{P}_r \Lambda^d(f)$$

■ If $d \geq k + 1$, we first let, for all $\mu \in \mathcal{P}_r \Lambda^{d-k-1}(f)$,

$$\int_f d_{r,f}^k \underline{\omega}_f \wedge \mu = (-1)^{k+1} \int_f \star^{-1} \omega_f \wedge d\mu + \int_{\partial f} P_{r,\partial f}^k \underline{\omega}_{\partial f} \wedge \text{tr}_{\partial f} \mu$$

then we enforce $\pi_{r,f}^{\mathcal{K},d-k} P_{r,f}^k \underline{\omega}_f = \star^{-1} \omega_f$ and, for all $\mu \in \mathcal{K}_{r+1}^{d-k-1}(f)$,

$$(-1)^{k+1} \int_f P_{r,f}^k \underline{\omega}_f \wedge d\mu = \int_f d_{r,f}^k \underline{\omega}_f \wedge \mu - \int_{\partial f} P_{r,\partial f}^k \underline{\omega}_{\partial f} \wedge \text{tr}_{\partial f} \mu$$

The case $n = 3$ and $k = 1$ |

- For all $f \equiv T \in \mathcal{T}_h$,

$$\underline{X}_{r,f}^1 \cong \underline{X}_{\text{curl},T}^r := \bigtimes_{E \in \mathcal{E}_T} \mathcal{P}_r(E) \times \bigtimes_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} \mathcal{RT}_r(F) \times \mathcal{RT}_r(T)$$

- Let

$$\underline{v}_T = ((v_E)_{E \in \mathcal{E}_T}, (v_F)_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T}, v_T) \in \underline{X}_{\text{curl},T}^r$$

and denote by \underline{v}_Y its restriction to $Y \in \mathcal{E}_T \cup \mathcal{F}_T$

- For all $E \in \mathcal{E}_T$ ($d = k = 1$), the **edge tangential trace** is simply

$$\gamma'_{t,E} \underline{v}_E := v_E \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{E}_T$$

The case $n = 3$ and $k = 1$ II

- For all $F \in \mathcal{F}_T$ ($d = 2$), the **face curl** is given by: For all $q \in \mathcal{P}_r(F)$,

$$\int_F \mathbf{C}_{F\underline{\nu}_F}^r q = \int_F \mathbf{v}_F \cdot \mathbf{rot}_F q - \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}_F} \varepsilon_{FE} \int_E \gamma_{\mathbf{t}, E \underline{\nu}_E}^r q$$

- The **face tangential trace** is such that, for all $(q, \mathbf{w}) \in \mathcal{P}_{r+1}^b(F) \times \mathcal{R}_r^c(F)$,

$$\int_F \gamma_{\mathbf{t}, F \underline{\nu}_F}^r \cdot (\mathbf{rot}_F q + \mathbf{w}) = \int_F \mathbf{C}_{F\underline{\nu}_F}^r q - \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}_F} \varepsilon_{FE} \int_E \gamma_{\mathbf{t}, E \underline{\nu}_E}^r q + \int_F \mathbf{v}_F \cdot \mathbf{w}$$

- For all $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$ ($d = 3$), the **element curl** satisfies, for all $\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{P}_r(T)$,

$$\int_T \mathbf{C}_{T\underline{\nu}_T}^r \cdot \mathbf{w} = \int_T \mathbf{v}_T \cdot \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{w} + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} \varepsilon_{TF} \int_F \gamma_{\mathbf{t}, F \underline{\nu}_F}^r \cdot (\mathbf{w} \times \mathbf{n}_F)$$

- Finally, by similar principles, we can construct $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{curl}, T}^r : \underline{\mathbf{X}}_{\mathbf{curl}, T}^r \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_r(T)$

Polynomial consistency

Theorem (Polynomial consistency)

For all integers $0 \leq k \leq d \leq n$ and all $f \in \Delta_d(\mathcal{M}_h)$, it holds

$$P_{r,f}^k I_{r,f}^k \omega = \omega \quad \forall \omega \in \mathcal{P}_r \Lambda^k(f),$$

and, if $d \geq k + 1$,

$$d_{r,f}^k I_{r,f}^k \omega = d\omega \quad \forall \omega \in \mathcal{P}_{r+1}^- \Lambda^k(f).$$

Example (The case $n = 3$ and $k = 1$)

For $n = 3$ and $k = 1$, the above properties translate as follows:

$$P_{\text{curl},T}^r I_{\text{curl},T}^r \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{P}_r(T),$$

$$C_T^r I_{\text{curl},T}^r \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{v} \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{N}_{r+1}(T).$$

Global discrete exterior derivative and DDR complex

- Our next goal is to connect the spaces $\underline{X}_{r,h}^k$ to form a well-defined sequence
- We define the **global discrete exterior derivative** $\underline{d}_{r,h}^k : \underline{X}_{r,h}^k \rightarrow \underline{X}_{r,h}^{k+1}$ s.t.

$$\underline{d}_{r,h}^k \omega_h := \left(\pi_{r,f}^{-,d-k-1} (\star \underline{d}_{r,f}^k \omega_f) \right)_{f \in \Delta_d(\mathcal{M}_h), d \in [k+1, n]}$$

- The DDR sequence then reads

$$\underline{X}_{r,h}^0 \xrightarrow{\underline{d}_{r,h}^0} \underline{X}_{r,h}^1 \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow \underline{X}_{r,h}^{n-1} \xrightarrow{\underline{d}_{r,h}^{n-1}} \underline{X}_{r,h}^n \longrightarrow \{0\}$$

- Specifically, for $n = 3$, we recover the one in [DP and Droniou, 2023]:

$$\underline{X}_{\text{grad},h}^r \xrightarrow{\underline{G}_h^k} \underline{X}_{\text{curl},h}^r \xrightarrow{\underline{C}_h^r} \underline{X}_{\text{div},h}^r \xrightarrow{D_h^r} \mathcal{P}_r(\mathcal{T}_h) \longrightarrow \{0\}$$

Theorem (Cohomology of the Discrete de Rham complex)

The DDR sequence is a complex and its cohomology is isomorphic to the cohomology of the continuous de Rham complex, i.e., for all k ,

$$\text{Ker } \underline{d}_{r,h}^k / \text{Im } \underline{d}_{r,h}^{k-1} \cong \text{Ker } d^k / \text{Im } d^{k-1}.$$

Example (The case $n = 3$)

For $n = 3$, in terms of vector proxies, this implies, in particular:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{no "tunnels" crossing } \Omega \ (b_1 = 0) &\implies \text{Im } \underline{G}_h^k = \text{Ker } \underline{C}_h^r \\ \text{no "voids" contained in } \Omega \ (b_2 = 0) &\implies \text{Im } \underline{C}_h^r = \text{Ker } D_h^r \\ \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3 \ (b_3 = 0) &\implies \text{Im } D_h^r = \mathcal{P}_r(\mathcal{T}_h) \end{aligned}$$

Discrete L^2 -products

- We can define on $\underline{X}_{r,h}^k$ a **discrete L^2 -product** $(\cdot, \cdot)_{k,h} : \underline{X}_{r,h}^k \times \underline{X}_{r,h}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$:

$$(\underline{\omega}_h, \underline{\mu}_h)_{k,h} := \sum_{f \in \Delta_n(\mathcal{M}_h)} \left(\int_f P_{r,f}^k \underline{\omega}_f \wedge \star P_{r,f}^k \underline{\mu}_f + s_{k,f}(\underline{\omega}_f, \underline{\mu}_f) \right)$$

- Above, $s_{k,f} : \underline{X}_{r,f}^k \times \underline{X}_{r,f}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a stabilisation that satisfies

$$s_{k,f}(\underline{I}_{r,f}^k \omega, \underline{\mu}_f) = 0 \quad \forall \omega \in \mathcal{P}_r \Lambda^k(f)$$

- Numerical schemes are obtained replacing **spaces**, **differential operators**, and **L^2 -products** with their discrete counterparts

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Discrete problem I

- With $\mu = 1$, we seek $(\mathbf{H}, \mathbf{A}) \in \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{curl}; \Omega) \times \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{div}; \Omega)$ s.t.

$$\int_{\Omega} \mathbf{H} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} - \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{curl} \boldsymbol{\tau} = 0 \quad \forall \boldsymbol{\tau} \in \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{curl}; \Omega),$$
$$\int_{\Omega} \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{div} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{div} \mathbf{v} = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{v} \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{div}; \Omega)$$

- The **DDR scheme** is obtained substituting

$$\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{curl}; \Omega) \leftarrow \underline{\mathbf{X}}_{\mathbf{curl}, h}^r, \quad \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{div}; \Omega) \leftarrow \underline{\mathbf{X}}_{\mathbf{div}, h}^r$$

and

$$\int_{\Omega} \mathbf{H} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} \leftarrow (\underline{\mathbf{H}}_h, \underline{\boldsymbol{\tau}}_h)_{\mathbf{curl}, h}, \quad \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{curl} \boldsymbol{\tau} \cdot \mathbf{v} \leftarrow (\underline{\mathbf{C}}_h^r \underline{\boldsymbol{\tau}}_h, \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h)_{\mathbf{div}, h},$$
$$\int_{\Omega} \mathbf{div} \mathbf{w} \mathbf{div} \mathbf{v} \leftarrow \int_{\Omega} D_h^r \underline{\mathbf{w}}_h \ D_h^r \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h, \quad \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{v} \leftarrow \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{div}, h}^r \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h$$

Discrete problem II

- The **discrete problem** reads: Find $(\underline{\mathbf{H}}_h, \underline{\mathbf{A}}_h) \in \underline{\mathbf{X}}_{\text{curl},h}^r \times \underline{\mathbf{X}}_{\text{div},h}^r$ s.t.

$$(\underline{\mathbf{H}}_h, \underline{\boldsymbol{\tau}}_h)_{\text{curl},h} - (\underline{\mathbf{A}}_h, \underline{\mathbf{C}}_h^r \underline{\boldsymbol{\tau}}_h)_{\text{div},h} = 0 \quad \forall \underline{\boldsymbol{\tau}}_h \in \underline{\mathbf{X}}_{\text{curl},h}^r,$$

$$(\underline{\mathbf{C}}_h^r \underline{\mathbf{H}}_h, \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h)_{\text{div},h} + \int_{\Omega} D_h^r \underline{\mathbf{A}}_h D_h^r \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h = l_h(\underline{\mathbf{v}}_h) \quad \forall \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h \in \underline{\mathbf{X}}_{\text{div},h}^r$$

- Provided $b_2 = 0$, **stability** results from the exactness of the portion

$$\underline{\mathbf{X}}_{\text{grad},h}^r \xrightarrow{\underline{\mathbf{G}}_h^k} \underline{\mathbf{X}}_{\text{curl},h}^r \xrightarrow{\underline{\mathbf{C}}_h^r} \underline{\mathbf{X}}_{\text{div},h}^r \xrightarrow{D_h^r} \mathcal{P}_r(\mathcal{T}_h) \xrightarrow{0} \{0\}$$

- For smooth enough solution, the energy error is $O(h^{r+1})$

Numerical examples

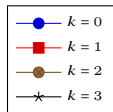
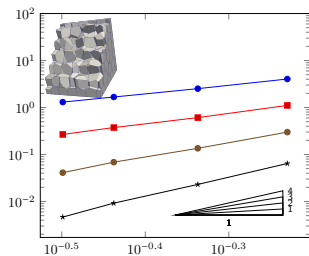
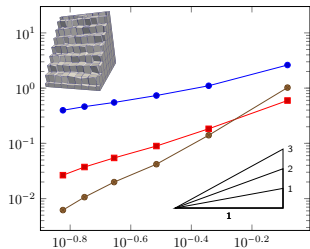
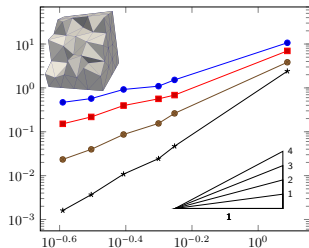
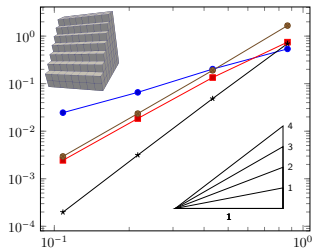


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