

Serendipity discrete de Rham method

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- Exactness \Rightarrow well-posedness of the Stokes problem in curl–curl form (*same for the Stokes problem in Δ form...*).

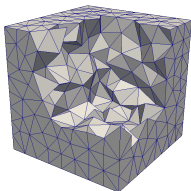
Reproducing this exactness at the discrete level is instrumental to designing stable numerical approximations.

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The Finite Element way

Global complex



$\mathcal{T}_h = \{T\}$ conforming tetrahedral/hexahedral mesh of Ω .

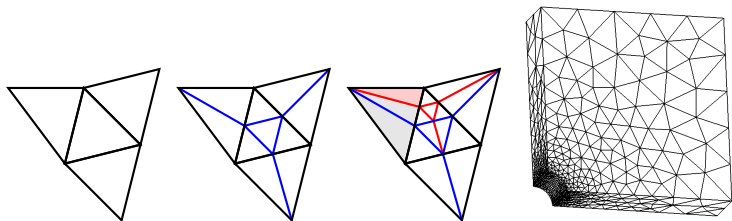
- Define **local polynomial spaces** on each element, and **glue them together** to form a sub-complex of the de Rham complex:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccccc} \mathbb{R} & \hookrightarrow & V_{h,\text{grad}} & \xrightarrow{\text{grad}} & V_{h,\text{curl}} & \xrightarrow{\text{curl}} & V_{h,\text{div}} & \xrightarrow{\text{div}} & V_{h,L^2} & \xrightarrow{0} & \{0\} \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ \mathbb{R} & \hookrightarrow & H^1(\Omega) & \xrightarrow{\text{grad}} & \mathbf{H}(\text{curl}; \Omega) & \xrightarrow{\text{curl}} & \mathbf{H}(\text{div}; \Omega) & \xrightarrow{\text{div}} & L^2(\Omega) & \xrightarrow{0} & \{0\} \end{array}$$

- Example: conforming \mathcal{P}^k -Nédélec–Raviart-Thomas spaces (see [\[Arnold, 2018\]](#) for a generic approach).
- Gluing only works on special meshes!**

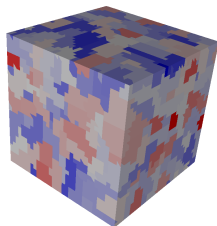
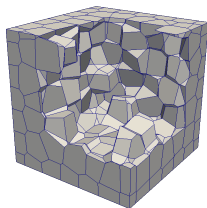
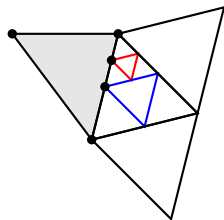
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Shortcomings



- Approach limited to **conforming meshes** with **standard elements**
 - ⇒ local refinement requires to **trade mesh size for mesh quality**
 - ⇒ complex geometries may require a **large number of elements**
 - ⇒ the element shape cannot be **adapted to the solution**
- Need for (global) basis functions
 - ⇒ significant increase of DOFs on hexahedral elements

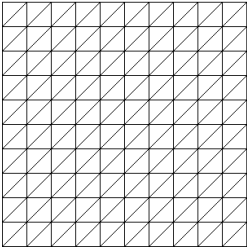
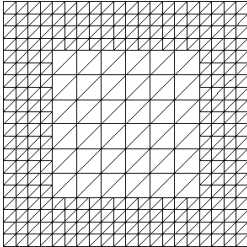
Polytopal meshes I



- Local refinement (to capture geometry or solution features) is **seamless**, and can preserve mesh regularity.
- **Agglomerated elements** are also easy to handle (and useful, e.g., in multi-grid methods).
- High-level approach can lead to **leaner methods** (fewer DOFs).

Polytopal meshes II

Example of efficiency: Reissner–Mindlin plate problem.

Stabilised \mathcal{P}^2 - $(\mathcal{P}^1 + \mathcal{B}^3)$ scheme		DDR scheme	
			
nb. DOFs	Error	nb. DOFs	Error
2403	0.138	550	0.161
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Key ideas for a discrete complex

- Finite-dimensional spaces of vectors made of **polynomials on relevant mesh entities**: vertices, edges, faces, elements.
- **Interpolators** give meaning to these polynomials/DOFs.
- **Bespoke operators** between the spaces, that represent **grad**, **curl**, **div**.

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Note: interpolators are actually well-defined on smaller (more regular) subspaces.

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Main properties:

- **Cohomology** of (PC) \simeq cohomology of (dR), on generic topologies [Di Pietro et al., 2022].
- **Local polynomial consistency**: for $\mathcal{D} \in \{\text{grad}, \text{curl}, \text{div}\}$ and $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$, there is $\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{D},T}^k : \underline{X}_{\mathcal{D},T}^k \rightarrow \mathcal{P}^k(T)$ s.t.

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- Interpolators: L^2 -projections of (traces) of functions. E.g.:

$$\forall \mathbf{v} \in C^0(\overline{\Omega})^3, \quad \underline{\mathbf{I}}_{\text{curl},h}^k \mathbf{v} = ((\pi_{\mathcal{P},E}^k(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{t}_E))_{E \in \mathcal{E}_h},$$

$$(\pi_{\mathcal{R},F}^{k-1}(\mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{t},F}), \pi_{\mathcal{R},F}^{c,k}(\mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{t},F}))_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h},$$

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Example with curl:

- Face curl: $C_F^k \underline{v}_F \in \mathcal{P}^k(F)$ such that

$$\int_F C_F^k \underline{v}_F r_F = \int_F \mathbf{v}_{\mathcal{R},F} \cdot \mathbf{rot}_F r_F - \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}_F} \omega_{FE} \int_E v_E r_F \quad \forall r_F \in \mathcal{P}^k(F).$$

- Tangential trace reconstruction: $\gamma_{t,F}^k \underline{v}_F \in \mathcal{P}^k(F)$ such that

$$\int_F \gamma_{t,F}^k \underline{v}_F \cdot (\mathbf{rot}_F r_F + \mathbf{w}_F) = \int_F C_F^k \underline{v}_F r_F + \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}_F} \omega_{FE} \int_E v_E r_F + \int_F \mathbf{v}_{\mathcal{R},F}^c \cdot \mathbf{w}_F$$
$$\forall (r_F, \mathbf{w}_F) \in \mathcal{P}^{0,k+1}(F) \times \mathcal{R}^{c,k}(F).$$

DDR complex

Patch local spaces (no continuity between elements), project local (polynomial) operators on DOFs:

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Properties for the design and analysis of stable numerical schemes:

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- **Analytical properties**: Poincaré inequalities, primal and adjoint consistency, commutation properties of interpolators and differential operators, etc.

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- Set

$$\underline{X}_{\text{grad},h,0}^k := \left\{ \underline{q}_h \in \underline{X}_{\text{grad},h}^k : (\underline{q}_h, \underline{I}_{\text{grad},h}^k 1)_{\text{grad},h} = 0 \right\}.$$

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- DDR spaces already **fully encode traces on faces/elements boundaries**
 \rightsquigarrow polynomial consistency should not require that much information *inside* the faces/elements.

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- Why can't we reduce more (e.g. the \mathcal{R}^{k-1} components, or $\underline{X}_{\text{div},h}^k$)?
Due to the constraints of **preserving the complex properties...**

DDR vs. SDDR vs. Raviart-Thomas-Nédélec

Discrete space	$k = 0$	$k = 1$	$k = 2$
$H^1(T)$	4 \diamond 4 \diamond 4	15 \diamond 10 \diamond 10	32 \diamond 20 \diamond 20
$H(\text{curl}; T)$	6 \diamond 6 \diamond 6	28 \diamond 23 \diamond 20	65 \diamond 53 \diamond 45
$H(\text{div}; T)$	4 \diamond 4 \diamond 4	18 \diamond 18 \diamond 15	44 \diamond 44 \diamond 36
$L^2(T)$	1 \diamond 1 \diamond 1	4 \diamond 4 \diamond 4	10 \diamond 10 \diamond 10

Table: Tetrahedron: dimensions of the local spaces in the DDR \diamond SDDR \diamond RTN.

Discrete space	$k = 0$	$k = 1$	$k = 2$
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$H(\text{curl}; T)$	12 \diamond 12 \diamond 12	46 \diamond 39 \diamond 54	99 \diamond 77 \diamond 144
$H(\text{div}; T)$	6 \diamond 6 \diamond 6	24 \diamond 24 \diamond 36	56 \diamond 56 \diamond 108
$L^2(T)$	1 \diamond 1 \diamond 1	4 \diamond 4 \diamond 8	10 \diamond 10 \diamond 27

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SDDR complex

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

- SDDR scheme: exactly as a DDR scheme, substituting spaces and operators with those above.

SDDR: analysis

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \text{(DDR)} : & \cdots & \longrightarrow & \underline{X}_{\text{grad},h}^k & \xrightarrow{\underline{G}_h^k} & \underline{X}_{\text{curl},h}^k & \xrightarrow{\underline{C}_h^k} & \underline{X}_{\text{div},h}^k & \longrightarrow & \cdots \\
 & & & \uparrow \underline{E}_{\text{grad},h} & & \uparrow \underline{E}_{\text{curl},h} & & \uparrow \text{Id} & & \\
 & & & \text{---} \hat{R}_{\text{grad},h} \text{---} & & \text{---} \hat{R}_{\text{curl},h} \text{---} & & \downarrow & & \\
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- **Generic blueprint** that is applicable in many circumstances (e.g.: *analysis of cohomology of various discrete complexes, etc.*).

- 1 Motivation for continuous and discrete complexes
- 2 Finite Elements approach, and its limitations
- 3 Overview of the Discrete De Rham complexes
 - Principles guiding arbitrary-order polytopal complexes
 - DDR – regular version
 - DDR – serendipity version
- 4 Numerical illustration

Convergence of (S)DDR scheme for the Stokes problem in curl-curl formulation

Theorem (Pressure-robust estimates [Beirão da Veiga et al., 2022])

Setting the graph norms

$$\begin{aligned}\|\cdot\|_{\text{curl},1,h}^2 &= \|\cdot\|_{\text{curl},h}^2 + \|\underline{\mathbf{C}}_h^k \cdot\|_{\text{div},h}^2 && \text{on } \underline{\mathbf{X}}_{\text{curl},h}^k, \\ \|\cdot\|_{\text{grad},1,h}^2 &= \|\cdot\|_{\text{grad},h}^2 + \|\underline{\mathbf{G}}_h^k \cdot\|_{\text{curl},h}^2 && \text{on } \underline{\mathbf{X}}_{\text{grad},h}^k,\end{aligned}$$

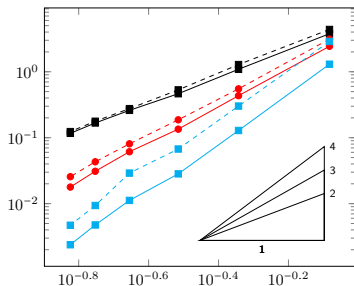
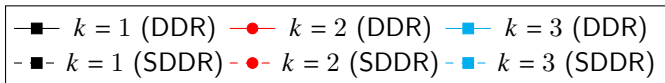
we have:

$$\|\underline{\mathbf{u}}_h - \underline{\mathbf{I}}_{\text{curl},h}^k \mathbf{u}\|_{\text{curl},1,h} + \|\underline{p}_h - \underline{I}_{\text{grad},h}^k p\|_{\text{grad},1,h} \lesssim C_1(\mathbf{u}) h^{k+1}.$$

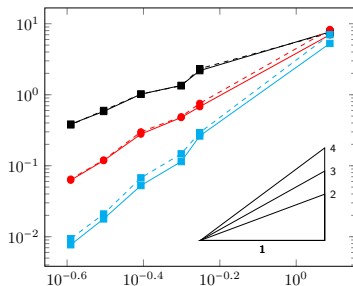
with $C_1(\mathbf{u})$ depending \mathbf{u} and some of its derivatives, but not p .

Choice of discrete source term & commutation properties of DDR operators ensures *pressure robustness*...

Convergence test



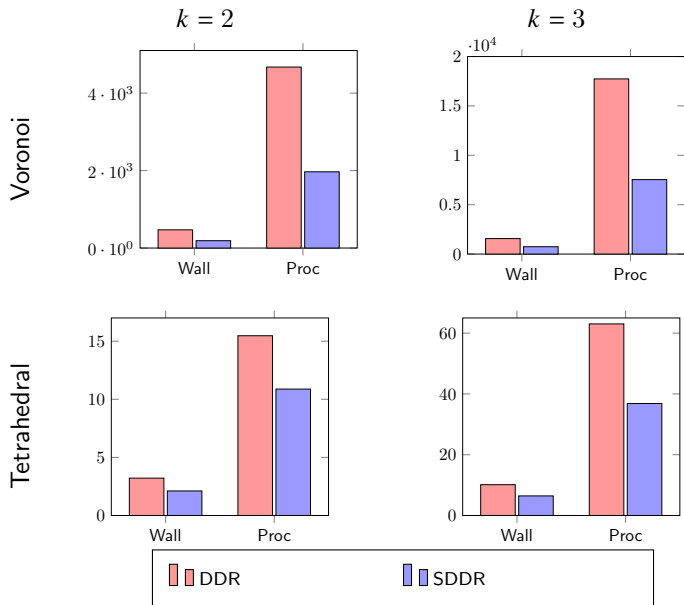
(a) Voronoi meshes



(b) Tetrahedral meshes

Figure: Relative errors in discrete $\mathbf{H}(\text{curl}; \Omega) \times H^1(\Omega)$ norm vs. h : DDR (continuous lines) and SDDR (dashed lines).

Wall and CPU times on the finest meshes



Conclusion I

- DDR: discrete complex, of **arbitrary degree** of accuracy, applicable on **polytopal meshes**, yields stable schemes even for models with “incomplete” differential operators
[Di Pietro et al., 2020][Di Pietro and Droniou, 2021a].
Other approach: virtual element complexes
[Beirão da Veiga et al., 2018][Beirão da Veiga et al., 2022]
- Systematic **serendipity** reduction of number of DOFs (on any polytopal mesh) [Di Pietro and Droniou, 2022b].
- **Leaner complexes** than FE approaches on certain meshes (*and fully compatible with FE complexes on hybrid meshes*).

Conclusion II

- **Full set of homological and analytical results:** cohomology, Poincaré inequalities, primal and adjoint consistency, commutation properties, etc.

(Facilitated by a generic framework to transfer properties from one complex to another one.)

- Some other applications/complexes:
 - div-div plates complex and serendipity version [Di Pietro and Droniou, 2022a][Botti et al., 2023].
 - Magnetostatics equations [Di Pietro and Droniou, 2021b].
 - Yang–Mills equations [Droniou et al., 2023].
 - Stokes complex [Hanot, 2021].
 - Rot-rot complex [Di Pietro, 2023].

■ Notes and series of introductory lectures to DDR:

<https://math.unice.fr/~massonr/Cours-DDR/Cours-DDR.html>



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Thank you!

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- 5 Extension: transferring homological and analytical properties between two complexes

Setting I

Starting point: a complex with some analytical properties (including some polynomial consistency).

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & \mathcal{P}^{k_i} & & \mathcal{P}^{k_{i+1}} & & \\ & & \downarrow I_i & & \downarrow I_{i+1} & & \\ \cdots & \longrightarrow & X_i & \xrightarrow{d_i} & X_{i+1} & \longrightarrow & \cdots \end{array}$$

Setting II

Objective: link a second complex, to ensure that homological and analytical properties are also satisfied by this second complex.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & \mathcal{P}^{k_i} & & \mathcal{P}^{k_{i+1}} & & \\ & & \downarrow I_i & & \downarrow I_{i+1} & & \\ \cdots & \longrightarrow & X_i & \xrightarrow{d_i} & X_{i+1} & \longrightarrow & \cdots \\ & & \uparrow E_i \quad \downarrow \hat{R}_i & & \uparrow E_{i+1} \quad \downarrow \hat{R}_{i+1} & & \\ \cdots & \longrightarrow & \hat{X}_i & \xrightarrow{\hat{d}_i} & \hat{X}_{i+1} & \longrightarrow & \cdots \end{array}$$

Homological properties

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \cdots & \longrightarrow & X_i & \xrightarrow{d_i} & X_{i+1} & \longrightarrow & \cdots \\ & & \uparrow E_i & & \uparrow E_{i+1} & & \\ & & \text{---} \hat{R}_i & & \text{---} \hat{R}_{i+1} & & \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ \cdots & \longrightarrow & \hat{X}_i & \xrightarrow{\hat{d}_i} & \hat{X}_{i+1} & \longrightarrow & \cdots \end{array}$$

Theorem

If the extensions and reductions satisfy

- $\hat{R}_i E_i = \text{Id}$ for all i ,
- $(E_{i+1} \hat{R}_{i+1} - \text{Id})(\ker d_{i+1}) \subset \text{Im } d_i$ for all i ,
- E and \hat{R} are cochain maps (each one commutes with the differential operators),

then:

- ★ the cohomologies of $(X_i, d_i)_i$ and $(\hat{X}_i, \hat{d}_i)_i$ are isomorphic.

Analytical properties I

Take $\mathcal{H}_i \supset \mathcal{P}^{k_i}$ (Sobolev-like space) and $(\cdot, \cdot)_i$ L^2 -like inner products on the first complex.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & \mathcal{H}_i & & & & \mathcal{H}_{i+1} \\ & & \downarrow I_i & & & & \downarrow I_{i+1} \\ \cdots & \longrightarrow & (X_i, (\cdot, \cdot)_i) & \xrightarrow{d_i} & (X_{i+1}, (\cdot, \cdot)_{i+1}) & \longrightarrow & \cdots \\ & & \uparrow E_i \quad \downarrow \hat{R}_i & & \uparrow E_{i+1} \quad \downarrow \hat{R}_{i+1} & & \\ \cdots & \longrightarrow & (\hat{X}_i, (E_i \cdot, E_i \cdot)_i) & \xrightarrow{\hat{d}_i} & (\hat{X}_{i+1}, (E_{i+1} \cdot, E_{i+1} \cdot)_{i+1}) & \longrightarrow & \cdots \end{array}$$

Analytical properties II

Theorem

If the extensions and reductions satisfy

- $\hat{R}_i : X_i \rightarrow \hat{X}_i$ is continuous,
- (polynomial consistency) $E_i \hat{R}_i I_i = I_i$,
- $I_i : \mathcal{H}_i \rightarrow X_i$ is continuous,

then the following properties are transferred from $(X_i, d_i)_i$ to $(\hat{X}_i, \hat{d}_i)_i$:

- ★ Poincaré inequalities,
- ★ Consistency of the inner product (polynomial and in L^2 -like norm on \mathcal{H}_i),
- ★ Consistency of potential reconstruction,

and, under cochain map property:

- ★ Commutation property and consistency of differential operators,
- ★ Adjoint consistency (controls error in discrete IBP).

Application to the SDDR complex

- Construction of extensions and reductions for the SDDR complex \rightsquigarrow limits on reduction of number of DOFs.
- Gives all the properties required for analysis of schemes based on SDDR:
 - SDDR has the same **cohomology** as the de Rham complex.
 - SDDR satisfies all analytical properties: Poincaré inequalities, primal and adjoint consistency, commutation properties of interpolator and differential operators...