

# Pressure-Robust Discrete De Rham and Virtual Element Schemes for the Stokes Problem

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- Weak formulation:** relevant Hilbert spaces:

$$\begin{aligned} H^1(\Omega) &:= \{q \in L^2(\Omega) : \mathbf{grad} q \in L^2(\Omega) := L^2(\Omega)^3\}, \\ H(\mathbf{curl}; \Omega) &:= \{\mathbf{v} \in L^2(\Omega) : \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{v} \in L^2(\Omega)\}, \\ H(\operatorname{div}; \Omega) &:= \{\mathbf{w} \in L^2(\Omega) : \operatorname{div} \mathbf{w} \in L^2(\Omega)\} \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

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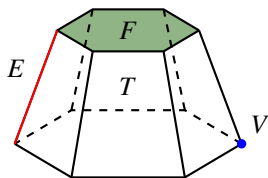
# Mesh notations

- Mesh  $\mathcal{M}_h = (\mathcal{T}_h, \mathcal{F}_h, \mathcal{E}_h, \mathcal{V}_h)$  where:
  - $\mathcal{T}_h$  set of **elements**,
  - $\mathcal{F}_h$  set of **faces**, with  $\mathcal{F}_T$  faces attached to  $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$ , and each  $F \in \mathcal{F}_h$  oriented by the choice of a normal  $\mathbf{n}_F$ ,
  - $\mathcal{E}_h$  set of **edges**, with  $\mathcal{E}_F$  edges attached to  $F \in \mathcal{F}_h$ , and each  $E \in \mathcal{E}_h$  oriented by the choice of a tangent  $\mathbf{t}_E$ ,
  - $\mathcal{V}_h$  set of **vertices**.
- $\omega_{TF} \in \{+1, -1\}$  orientation of  $F \in \mathcal{F}_T$  w.r.t.  $T$ , such that  $\omega_{TF}\mathbf{n}_F$  outer normal to  $T$ .
- $\omega_{FE} \in \{+1, -1\}$  orientation of  $E \in \mathcal{E}_F$  w.r.t.  $F$ , such that  $\omega_{FE}\mathbf{t}_E$  clockwise on  $F$ .

# Overview: Discrete de Rham

## Principle:

- Replace continuous spaces by fully discrete ones made of **vectors of polynomials**,
- Polynomials attached to **geometric entities** to emulate expected continuity properties of each space,
- Create **discrete operators** between them.



## DDR complex:

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

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Example: For  $P = F, T$ , set

$$\mathcal{R}^{k-1}(P) = \text{curl } \mathcal{P}^k(P), \quad \mathcal{R}^{c,k}(P) = (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_P)\mathcal{P}^{k-1}(P).$$

Discrete  $\mathbf{H}(\text{curl}; \Omega)$  space:

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{X}_{\text{curl},h}^k := \left\{ \mathbf{v}_h = \left( (\mathbf{v}_{\mathcal{R},T}, \mathbf{v}_{\mathcal{R},T}^c)_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h}, (\mathbf{v}_{\mathcal{R},F}, \mathbf{v}_{\mathcal{R},F}^c)_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h}, (v_E)_{E \in \mathcal{E}_h} \right) : \right. \\ \mathbf{v}_{\mathcal{R},T} \in \mathcal{R}^{k-1}(T) \text{ and } \mathbf{v}_{\mathcal{R},T}^c \in \mathcal{R}^{c,k}(T) \text{ for all } T \in \mathcal{T}_h, \\ \mathbf{v}_{\mathcal{R},F} \in \mathcal{R}^{k-1}(F) \text{ and } \mathbf{v}_{\mathcal{R},F}^c \in \mathcal{R}^{c,k}(F) \text{ for all } F \in \mathcal{F}_h, \\ \left. \text{and } v_E \in \mathcal{P}^k(E) \text{ for all } E \in \mathcal{E}_h \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

- $v_E \sim$  projection of tangential component to  $E$ .
- $\mathbf{v}_{\mathcal{R},P}, \mathbf{v}_{\mathcal{R},P}^c \sim$  projections on  $\mathcal{R}^{k-1}(P), \mathcal{R}^{c,k}(P)$ .



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- $\rightsquigarrow$  discrete face curl  $C_F^k : \underline{\mathbf{X}}_{\text{curl},F}^k \rightarrow \mathcal{P}^k(F)$  such that

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

$C_F^k =$  face component of  $\underline{\mathbf{C}}_h^k : \underline{\mathbf{X}}_{\text{curl},h}^k \rightarrow \underline{\mathbf{X}}_{\text{div},h}^k$

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- **Potential reconstructions** for  $\underline{X}_{\text{curl},T}^k$ :
  - tangent trace  $\gamma_{t,F}^k : \underline{X}_{\text{curl},F}^k \rightarrow \mathcal{P}^k(F)$ ,
  - element potential  $\mathbf{P}_{\text{curl},T}^k : \underline{X}_{\text{curl},T}^k \rightarrow \mathcal{P}^k(T)$ .
- **$L^2$ -like inner product** on  $\underline{X}_{\text{curl},T}^k$ :

$$(\underline{v}_T, \underline{w}_T)_{\text{curl},T} = \int_T \mathbf{P}_{\text{curl},T}^k \underline{v}_T \cdot \mathbf{P}_{\text{curl},T}^k \underline{w}_T + s_{\text{curl},T}(\underline{v}_T, \underline{w}_T),$$

( $s_{\text{curl},T}$  penalises differences on the boundary between element and face potentials).

# Overview: Virtual Element Method

## Principle:

- Replace continuous spaces by finite-dimensional subspaces of functions that are **not fully known**,
- Select spaces and DOFs to ensure that **key quantities** (projections) are computable,
- These quantities should allow the **computation of the relevant DOFs** of the **grad, curl, div** of the functions.

## VEM complex:

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Example:

$$V_k^e := \left\{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{H}(\text{curl}; \Omega) \text{ such that } \mathbf{v}|_T \in V_k^e(T) \quad \forall T \in \mathcal{T}_h \right\},$$

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- Degrees of freedom (DOFs) – known quantities on  $\mathbf{v} \in V_k^e(T)$ :
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  - $\int_F \mathbf{v} \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_F) p$  for all  $p \in \mathcal{P}^k(F)$ , for all  $F \in \mathcal{F}_T$ ,
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  - $\int_T \mathbf{v} \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_T) p$  for all  $p \in \mathcal{P}^{k-1}(T)$ ,
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- Computable projection:  $\pi_{\mathcal{P},F}^{k+1} \mathbf{v}_{t,F} \in \mathcal{P}^{k+1}(F)$  given by

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_F \pi_{\mathcal{P},F}^{k+1} \mathbf{v}_{t,F} \cdot (\mathbf{rot}_F r + (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_F) p) \\ &= \int_F \mathbf{rot}_F \mathbf{v} \cdot r + \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}_F} \omega_{FE} \int_E (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{t}_E) r + \int_F \mathbf{v} \cdot ((\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_F) p) \\ & \quad \forall r \in \mathcal{P}^{k+2}(F), \forall p \in \mathcal{P}^k(F). \end{aligned}$$

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- Also computable:  $\pi_{\mathcal{P},T}^k \mathbf{v}$  and all the DOFs of  $\mathbf{curl} \mathbf{v}$  in  $V_k^f$ .
- $L^2$ -like inner product on  $V_k^e(T)$ , computable from the DOFs:

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for suitable  $s^T$ .



# Two complementary visions I

Virtualising DDR: there exists

$$X_{k+1}^n \subset H^1(\Omega), \quad X_k^e \subset \mathbf{H}(\text{curl}; \Omega), \quad X_k^f \subset \mathbf{H}(\text{div}; \Omega)$$

such that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} X_{k+1}^n & \xrightarrow{\text{grad}} & X_k^e & \xrightarrow{\text{curl}} & X_k^f & \xrightarrow{\text{div}} & \mathcal{P}^k(\mathcal{T}_h) \\ \downarrow \cong \text{ (DoF)} & & \downarrow \cong \text{ (DoF)} & & \downarrow \cong \text{ (DoF)} & & \downarrow \text{Id} \\ \underline{X}_{\text{grad},h}^k & \xrightarrow{\underline{G}_h^k} & \underline{X}_{\text{curl},h}^k & \xrightarrow{\underline{C}_h^k} & \underline{X}_{\text{div},h}^k & \xrightarrow{D_h^k} & \mathcal{P}^k(\mathcal{T}_h) \end{array}$$

# Two complementary visions II

Fully discretising VEM: let

$\underline{V}_{k+1}^n, \underline{V}_k^e, \underline{V}_k^f =$  spaces gathering the DOFs of  $V_{k+1}^n, V_k^e, V_k^f$ .

Discrete operators can be created such that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} V_{k+1}^n & \xrightarrow{\text{grad}} & V_k^e & \xrightarrow{\text{curl}} & V_k^f & \xrightarrow{\text{div}} & \mathcal{P}^k(\mathcal{T}_h) \\ \downarrow \cong (\text{DoF}) & & \downarrow \cong (\text{DoF}) & & \downarrow \cong (\text{DoF}) & & \downarrow \text{Id} \\ \underline{V}_{k+1}^n & \xrightarrow{\underline{G}_h^{n,k}} & \underline{V}_k^e & \xrightarrow{\underline{C}_h^{e,k}} & \underline{V}_k^f & \xrightarrow{D_h^{f,k}} & \mathcal{P}^k(\mathcal{T}_h) \end{array}$$

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- DDR scheme: Find  $\underline{\mathbf{u}}_h \in \underline{X}_{\text{curl},h}^k$  and  $\underline{p}_h \in \underline{X}_{\text{grad},h,0}^k$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \nu (\underline{\mathbf{C}}_h^k \underline{\mathbf{u}}_h, \underline{\mathbf{C}}_h^k \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h)_{\text{div},h} + (\underline{\mathbf{G}}_h^k \underline{p}_h, \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h)_{\text{curl},h} &= (\underline{\mathbf{I}}_{\text{curl},h}^k \mathbf{f}, \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h)_{\text{curl},h} \quad \forall \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h \in \underline{X}_{\text{curl},h}^k, \\ -(\underline{\mathbf{G}}_h^k \underline{q}_h, \underline{\mathbf{u}}_h)_{\text{curl},h} &= 0 \quad \forall \underline{q}_h \in \underline{X}_{\text{grad},h,0}^k. \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} [\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{u}_h, \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{v}_h]_{V_k^f} + [\operatorname{grad} p_h, \mathbf{v}_h]_{V_k^e} &= [\mathcal{I}_k^e \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{v}_h]_{V_k^e} \quad \forall \mathbf{v}_h \in V_k^e, \\ -[\operatorname{grad} q_h, \mathbf{u}_h]_{V_k^e} &= 0 \quad \forall q_h \in V_{k+1,0}^n. \end{aligned}$$

# Stability and pressure-robustness

- Stability follows from **exactness of the discrete complexes**, as for the analysis of the continuous model.
- Pressure-robustness achieved owing to a **commutation property**, which leads to pressure invariance (as in **Daniele's presentation**):

DDR

$$\underline{G}_h^k(\underline{I}_{\text{grad},h}^k \psi) = \underline{I}_{\text{curl},h}^k(\text{grad } \psi)$$

VEM

$$\text{grad}(\mathcal{I}_k^n \psi) = \mathcal{I}_k^e(\text{grad } \psi)$$

*Usual FE approaches for robustness:  $\mathbf{H}(\text{div}; \Omega)$ -conforming reconstruction of the test functions.*

# Error estimates

## Theorem (DDR)

*Setting*

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

*we have:*

$$\|\underline{u}_h - \underline{I}_{\text{curl},h}^k \mathbf{u}\|_{\text{curl},1,h} + \|\underline{p}_h - \underline{I}_{\text{grad},h}^k p\|_{\text{grad},1,h} \lesssim \mathbf{C}_1(\mathbf{u}) h^{k+1}.$$

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

## Theorem (VEM)

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$$\|\mathbf{u}_h - \mathcal{I}_k^e \mathbf{u}\|_{\mathbf{H}(\text{curl};\Omega)} + \|p_h - \mathcal{I}_k^n p\|_{H^1(\Omega)} \lesssim \mathbf{C}_2(\mathbf{u}) h^{k+1}.$$

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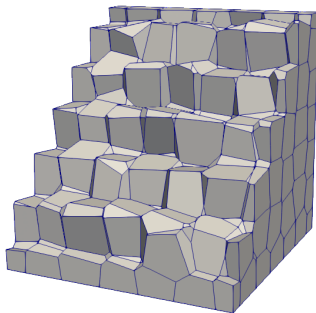
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# Setting

- $\Omega = (0, 1)^3$ .
- Voronoi mesh families (similar results on tetrahedral meshes):



(a) Voronoi mesh

# Setting

- Exact solution: for some  $\lambda \geq 0$ ,

$$p(x, y, z) = \lambda \sin(2\pi x) \sin(2\pi y) \sin(2\pi z),$$
$$\mathbf{u}(x, y, z) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \sin(2\pi x) \cos(2\pi y) \cos(2\pi z) \\ \frac{1}{2} \cos(2\pi x) \sin(2\pi y) \cos(2\pi z) \\ -\cos(2\pi x) \cos(2\pi y) \sin(2\pi z) \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Measured errors:
  - $E_{\mathbf{u}}^d$  and  $E_p^d$  in discrete norms between the approximate solutions and the interpolates of the exact solution (as in the theorems).

$$E.g: E_{\mathbf{u}}^d = \|\underline{\mathbf{u}}_h - \mathbf{I}_{\text{curl},h}^k \mathbf{u}\|_{\text{curl},1,h}.$$

- $E_{\mathbf{u}}^c$  and  $E_p^c$  in continuous norms between reconstructed potentials/projections of the approximate solutions and the exact solution.

$$E.g: E_p^c = \|p_h - p\|_{H^1(\Omega)}.$$

- DDR and VEM implemented in the HArDCore3D library<sup>1</sup>, using the Intel MKL Pardiso solver<sup>2</sup>.

*The HArDCore3D library also includes a **serendipity version for DDR**, which leads to a reduction of more than 50% of the solving time.*

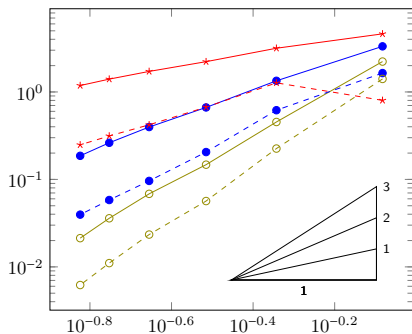
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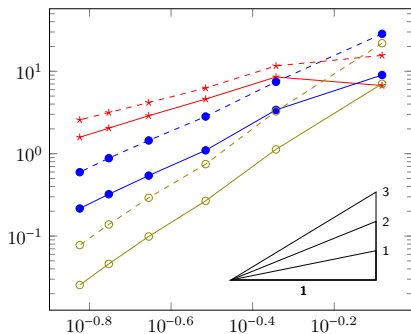
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# Results; $\lambda = 1$ , errors on $\mathbf{u}$

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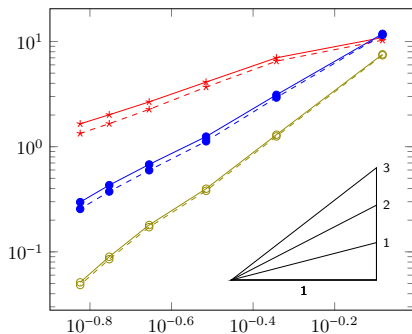
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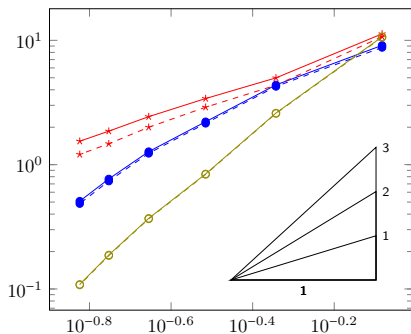
(b) VEM scheme

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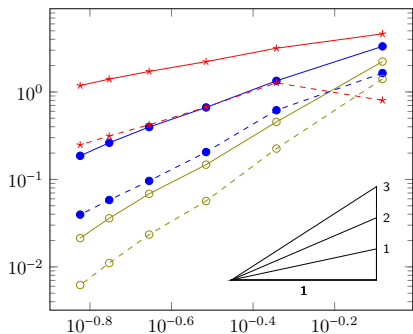
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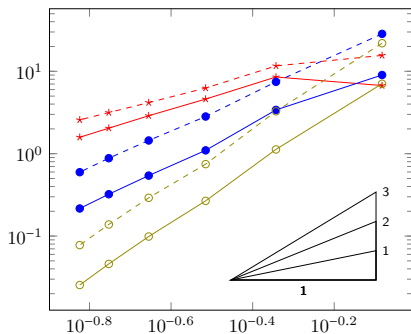
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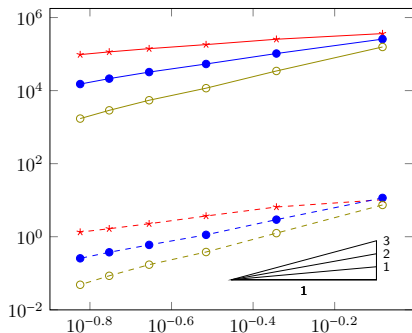
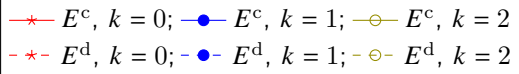


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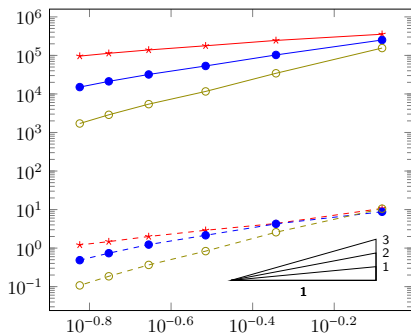


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