Enriched Space-Time FEM Method for Large Motion of Thin Flexible Structures Immersed in a Fluid

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Interaction of Flow and Structure





The Surface Coupled Problem

- flexible thin-walled structure immersed in viscous fluid flow
- large translations, rotations and deformations of the thin structure



Governing Equations: Strong Form

Fluid: incompressible, Newtonian, velocity-pressure base

 $\rho \mathbf{v}_{,t} + \rho \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} - \nabla$

 $\mathbf{D} =$

Structure: thin-walled, large deformations/strains, velocity-stress based

$$\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} v_X & v_Y & \boldsymbol{\omega} \end{bmatrix}^T \qquad \qquad \boldsymbol{\rho} \mathbf{G} \dot{\mathbf{w}} - (\mathbf{F} \mathbf{s})_{,X} - \boldsymbol{\omega} \mathbf{G} \mathbf{w} - (\mathbf{F} \mathbf{s})_{,X} - \boldsymbol{\omega} \mathbf{G} \mathbf{w} \mathbf{G} \mathbf{G} \mathbf{w} \mathbf{G}$$

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 $\mathbf{s} = \begin{bmatrix} N & Q & M \end{bmatrix}^T$



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$\mathbf{T} - \rho \mathbf{b} = 0$	in	Q_t
$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$	in	Q_t
$\Gamma_1 = -p\mathbf{I} + 2\mu\mathbf{D}$	in	Q_t
$\frac{1}{2}(\nabla \mathbf{v} + (\nabla \mathbf{v})^T)$	in	Q_t .



$$\mathbf{v}^{\mathsf{F}} - \mathbf{v}^{\mathsf{S}} = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{on} \quad R_t$$
$$\mathbf{t}^{\mathsf{F}} + \frac{\mathrm{d}\Sigma_0}{\mathrm{d}\Sigma_t} \mathbf{t}^{\mathsf{S}} = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{on} \quad R_t$$

Governing Equations: Weak Form

- Weighted residual method on the space-time domain
- Lagrange multiplier technique for coupling conditions

$$\int_{Q_{t}^{n}} \delta \mathbf{v} \cdot \rho(\mathbf{v}_{t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v}) \, \mathrm{d}Q_{t} + \int_{Q_{t}^{n}} \delta \mathbf{D} : 2\mu \mathbf{D} \, \mathrm{d}Q_{t} - \int_{Q_{t}^{n}} \delta \mathbf{v} \cdot \rho \, \mathrm{b} \, \mathrm{d}Q_{t}$$

$$+ \int_{Q_{t}^{n}} \delta p \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} \, \mathrm{d}Q_{t}$$

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$$- \int_{P_{t}^{n,g}} \delta \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{t} \, \mathrm{d}P_{t} + \int_{P_{t}^{n,g}} \delta \mathbf{t} \cdot (\mathbf{v} - \bar{\mathbf{v}}) \, \mathrm{d}P_{t} - \int_{P_{t}^{n,h}} \delta \mathbf{v} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{t}} \, \mathrm{d}P_{t}$$

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$$- \int_{P_{t}^{n,g}} \delta \mathbf{v} (t_{n}^{+}) \cdot \rho(\mathbf{v}(t_{n}^{+}) - \mathbf{v}(t_{n}^{-})) \, \mathrm{d}\Omega_{t}$$

$$+ \sum_{e} \int_{Q_{t}^{n}} (\rho \delta \mathbf{v}_{e} + \rho \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla(\delta \mathbf{v}) - \nabla \cdot (\delta \mathbf{T})) \cdot \tau_{m} \frac{1}{\rho} (\rho \mathbf{v}_{e} + \rho \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{T} - \rho \mathbf{b}) \, \mathrm{d}Q_{t}$$

$$+ \sum_{e} \int_{Q_{t}^{n}} \nabla \cdot (\delta \mathbf{v}) \cdot \tau_{e} \rho \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} \, \mathrm{d}Q_{t} = 0 \quad \forall \delta \mathbf{v}, \delta \rho, \delta \mathbf{t}.$$

$$+ \int_{U_{0}^{n}} \delta \mathbf{s}(t_{n}^{+}) \cdot \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{t}_{U_{0}^{n}}$$

$$+ \int_{R_t^n} \delta \mathbf{t}^{\mathsf{F}} \cdot (\mathbf{v}^{\mathsf{F}} - \mathbf{v}^{\mathsf{S}}) \, \mathrm{d}R - \int_{R_t^n} \delta \mathbf{v}^{\mathsf{F}} \cdot \mathbf{t}^{\mathsf{F}} \, \mathrm{d}R + \int_{R_t^n} \delta \mathbf{v}^{\mathsf{S}} \cdot \mathbf{t}^{\mathsf{F}} \, \mathrm{d}R$$



Coupling Schemes





strong coupling (partitioned)

weak coupling

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strong coupling (monolithic, simultaneous)



ppearance of Non-smooth Fluid Solutions

• flow-immersed thin structures cause discontinuous flow solutions !



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Navier-Stokes fluid (v-p) & shear layer at interface



Approximation of Non-smooth Solutions





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Evolving Non-smooth Solutions

• The stated problem involves discontinuities at moving interfaces



- Localization of non-smooth solution by implicit function (Level Sets)
- Incorporation of a priori knowledge on solution characteristics (XFEM)

Level Set Representation of Thin Structure

Construction of an updated space-time level set function from the current configuration of the thin structure using

$$\phi(\mathbf{x},t) = \pm \min_{\mathbf{x}\in\Sigma}(\|\mathbf{x}(t) - \mathbf{x}^{\Sigma}(t)\|_{2})$$



approximated zero level-set

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Space-Time Finite Element Approach

• Uniform discretization in space and time using finite elements



- Straightforward applicability of XFEM technology for evolving non-smooth solution in the space-time domain
- Enriched space-time finite elements enable the capturing of non-smooth solutions propagating through the domain

Extrinsic Enrichment of Space-Time FEM

• Combination of level sets, local PUM and space-time finite elements

$$p^{\mathsf{F}}(\mathbf{x},t) = \sum_{k \in \mathscr{N}} N_k^{\mathsf{F}}(\mathbf{x},t) \ p^k + \sum_{j \in \mathscr{M}} N_j^{\mathsf{F}}(\mathbf{x},t) \ \psi_j(\mathbf{x},t) \ q^j$$

• Enrichment function (jump-type)

$$\psi_j(\mathbf{x},t) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \operatorname{sign} \phi(\mathbf{x},t) \cdot \operatorname{sign} \phi(\mathbf{x}^j,t^j) \right)$$











 ψ_1, ψ_4

 $\psi_2, \psi_3, \psi_5, \psi_6$

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Enriched Flow Approximation

Enriched fluid velocity approximation

$$\mathbf{v}^{\mathsf{F}}(\mathbf{x},t) = \sum_{k \in \mathscr{N}} N_k^{\mathsf{F}}(\mathbf{x},t) \ \mathbf{v}^k + \sum_{j \in \mathscr{M}} N_j^{\mathsf{F}}(\mathbf{x},t) \ \boldsymbol{\psi}_j(\mathbf{x},t) \ \mathbf{w}^j$$

Enriched Fluid pressure approximation

$$p^{\mathsf{F}}(\mathbf{x},t) = \sum_{k \in \mathscr{N}} N_k^{\mathsf{F}}(\mathbf{x},t) \ p^k + \sum_{j \in \mathscr{M}} N_j^{\mathsf{F}}(\mathbf{x},t) \ \psi_j(\mathbf{x},t)$$

 \checkmark Strong and weak discontinuous flow solutions at immersed structure Enriched approximation decouples flow state at interface completely! Impose coupling conditions at fluid-structure interface!

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 q^{j}

Imposing Interface Conditions

- impose constraints at interface not explicitly discretized (meshed)
- constrained functions are touched by local enrichments (XFEM)
- varying number of involved degrees of freedom (current interface shape)

- Penalty methods?
- Lagrangian multiplier?
- Nitsche's method?
- etc.?

Perturbed Lagrangian Multiplier Technique

• implicit formulation of the Lagrange multiplier

$$\mathbf{t}^{\mathrm{F}} = \mathbf{z}^{\mathrm{F}} \, \delta_{\! D}(\boldsymbol{\phi})$$

for constraints at evolving interfaces in combination with Space-Time-FEM



• transformed weak coupling conditions (with perturbation)

$$+ \int_{R_{t}^{n,+}} \delta \mathbf{z}^{\mathsf{F}+} \cdot (\mathbf{v}^{\mathsf{F}+} - \mathbf{v}^{\mathsf{S}}) dR - \int_{R_{t}^{n,+}} \delta \mathbf{v}^{\mathsf{F}+} \cdot \mathbf{z}^{\mathsf{F}+} dR + \int_{R_{t}^{n,+}} \delta \mathbf{v}^{\mathsf{S}} + \int_{R_{t}^{n,-}} \delta \mathbf{z}^{\mathsf{F}-} \cdot (\mathbf{v}^{\mathsf{F}-} - \mathbf{v}^{\mathsf{S}}) dR - \int_{R_{t}^{n,-}} \delta \mathbf{v}^{\mathsf{F}-} \cdot \mathbf{z}^{\mathsf{F}-} dR + \int_{R_{t}^{n,-}} \delta \mathbf{v}^{\mathsf{S}} + \sum_{e \in \mathscr{Z}} \int_{Q_{t}^{n,e}} \delta \mathbf{z}^{\mathsf{F}+} \cdot \tau_{z} \mathbf{z}^{\mathsf{F}+} + \sum_{e \in \mathscr{Z}} \int_{Q_{t}^{n,e}} \delta \mathbf{z}^{\mathsf{F}-} \cdot \tau_{z} \mathbf{z}^{\mathsf{F}-},$$

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 $\cdot \mathbf{z}^{\mathsf{F}+} \mathrm{d}R$

 $\cdot \mathbf{z}^{\mathsf{F}^{-}} \mathrm{d}R$

Example: Piston I - Problem Setup



$$p(x_1,t) = \begin{cases} \bar{t}_1^L - \rho_f v_{1,t}^{\mathsf{A}}(t) x_1 & x_1 < X^{\mathsf{A}} \\ \bar{t}_1^R + \rho_f v_{1,t}^{\mathsf{A}}(t) (b - x_1) & x_1 > X^{\mathsf{A}} \end{cases}$$



Example: Piston II - Prescribed Motion









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Example: Piston II - Rigid with Spring









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Example: Piston III - Flexible with Spring







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Example: Multiple Rotating Structures I





Example: Multiple Rotating Structures II



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