

Last time we introduced Mixed FEM  
spaces for Stokes flow

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla^2 u - \nabla p &= f \\ \nabla \cdot u &= 0\end{aligned}$$

This is an example of the general  
class of saddle-point problems

$$\begin{aligned}a(u, v) + b(p, v) &= L_1(v) & \forall (v, p) \\ b(p, u) &= L_2(p) & \in V_h \otimes M_h\end{aligned}$$

Assuming  $a$  satisfies Lax-Milgram  
conditions, let's repeat the  
uniqueness proof from last lecture

Let  $L_1, L_2 = 0$ ,  $g = p$ ,  $v = u$

$$a(u, u) + b(p, u) = 0$$

$$b(p, u) = 0$$

$$\alpha \|u\|_V \leq a(u, u) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow u = 0$$

Egn 1 reduces to

$$b(p, v) = 0$$

If  $V_h, M_h$  satisfy inf-sup compatibility,  
i.e. for all  $p \in M_h$ ,  $\exists \tilde{v} \in V_h$  s.t.

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$$\frac{b(p, \tilde{v})}{\|\tilde{v}\|_V} \geq \beta \|p\|_M$$

Then

$$\|p\|_M \leq 0$$

$$p = 0$$

## Back to ML

So far we've learned models like

$$Au + \varepsilon N(u) = f$$

Now we have the equipment to consider  
conservation laws

$$\nabla \cdot F = f$$

$$F = \underbrace{L(u)}_{\text{linear}} + \underbrace{\varepsilon N(u)}_{\text{nonlinear}}$$

These satisfy, for  $f=0$

$$0 = \int_{\Omega} f dx = \int_{\Omega} \nabla \cdot F dx = \int_{\partial \Omega} F \cdot dA$$

Similarly, one can define ~~similarity~~

$$\nabla \times F = f$$

$$F = L(u) + \varepsilon N(u)$$

For conservation of circulations (e.g. magnetic fields, vorticity ...)

$$0 = \int f dA = \int \nabla \times F dA = \oint F \cdot dl$$

Lets start by designing a good space in the linear setting ( $\varepsilon=0$ ) in 1D

$$F' = f$$

$$F + L(u)$$

The first equation gives

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~~$$(f, F') = (f, f) - (f', F) = (f, f)$$~~

$$b(f, F) = L_0(f)$$

To obtain a saddle point problem (and an automatic stability, can choose

$$L(u) = u'$$

$$(F, v) + (u', v) = 0$$

$$a(F, v) + b(u, v) = 0$$

w/  $a(u, v) = (u, v)$

- Can easily check a satisfies Lax-Milgram

- Just need to choose an inf-sup stable

$$V_h, M_h$$

Let  $M_h = \{ f \in L^2(\Omega), f|_e = \text{const} \}$

$V_h = \text{piecewise linears} \subseteq H_0^1$



Given a  $p$ , we can build  $\tilde{v}$  such  
that  $\tilde{v}' = p$

Set  $\tilde{v}_0 = 0$



$$\tilde{v}_j = \sum_{k=0}^{j-1} p_k h$$

Then  $\int_{e_j} \nabla \tilde{v} dx = \tilde{v}_{j+1} - \tilde{v}_j = p_j h$

Note that  $b(p, \tilde{v}) = \int p \tilde{v}'$

$$= \sum_j \hat{p}_j \int \chi_{[x_j, x_{j+1}]} \tilde{v}'$$

$$= \sum_j \hat{p}_j (\tilde{v}_{j+1} - \tilde{v}_j)$$

$$= \sum_j \hat{p}_j^2 h$$

$$= \|p\|_{L^2}^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{And } \|v\|_{H_1}^2 &= \sum_{e_j} \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} \nabla v^2 dx \\
 &= \sum_{e_j} \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} p^2 dx \\
 &= \|p\|_{L^2}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{b(p, \tilde{v})}{\|v\|_{H_1}} = \frac{\|p\|_{L^2}^2}{\|p\|_{L^2}} = \|p\|_{L^2} \quad \checkmark$$

Now that we've worked a pair of inf-sup stable spaces out, notice

① that for any bigger choice of  $V_h \subseteq V_h^{\text{big}}$ ,  $\tilde{v} \in V_h^{\text{big}}$ , and so  $M_h$  and  $V_h^{\text{big}}$  are also inf-sup compatible

② The key property was that  $V_h$  is chosen big enough that  $\tilde{v}' = p$   
or the derivative operator is onto (surjective)

$$\frac{d}{dx} V_h \supseteq M_h$$

Thm In higher dimensions, for  $D = \text{div}/\text{grad}/\text{curl}$   
 $D^* = \text{grad}/\text{div}/\text{curl}$

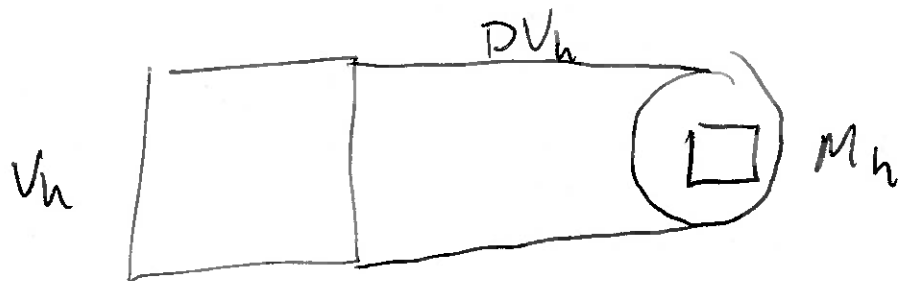
$$(D^*s, g) = (f, Dg)$$

The saddle point problem

$$(F, v) - (Dh, v) = 0$$

$$(g, D^*F) = (f, g)$$

is inf-sup stable if  $DV_h \supseteq M_h$



Now we have FEM spaces nailed down

What about discrete conservation properties?

Consider higher-dim now

$$-(\nabla g, F) + \langle g, F \rangle_{BC} = (f, g)$$

## Global conservation

Let  $g = 1$

$$-\underbrace{(\nabla g, F)}_0 + \langle g, F \rangle = (f, g)$$

$$\int_{\partial \Omega} F \cdot dA = \int_{\Omega} f \, dx$$

flux in/out = source - sinks

Local conservation. Let  $V_h = \text{span}_{\text{res}}(\phi_i)$

Let  $g = \phi_i$

Assume  $F \cdot dA = 0$   
 $\sum_i \phi_i = 1$

$$-\int \nabla \phi_i \cdot F \, dx = (f, \phi_i)$$

$$= -\sum_j \int \phi_j \nabla \phi_i \cdot F \, dx$$

$$= \sum_j \int (\phi_j \nabla \phi_i - \phi_i \nabla \phi_j) \cdot F \, dx$$

$$\psi_{ij}^1 = -\psi_{ji}^1$$

If  $f=0$

$$\sum_j \int \underbrace{\psi_{ij}^1 \cdot F \, dx}_{\text{equal and opposite local fluxes}} = 0$$

$$\sum_j \nabla \phi_j = 0$$
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equal and opposite local  
fluxes



Denote  $W^0 = \text{span}(\phi_i)$   
 $W^1 = \text{span}(\psi_{ij}')$

Thm  $\text{grad}(W^0) \subseteq W^1$

Pf Let  $f \in W^0$

$$\begin{aligned} f &= \sum_i \hat{f}_i \phi_i(x) \\ \nabla f &= \sum_i \hat{f}_i \nabla \phi_i \\ &= \sum_{i,j} \hat{f}_i (\phi_j \nabla \phi_i - \phi_i \nabla \phi_j) \\ &= \sum_{i,j} \hat{f}_i \psi_{ij}' \subseteq W^1 \end{aligned}$$


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Motivated by the construction, we'll "play by ear"  
 and make a space for curls

$$\begin{aligned} (\psi_{ij}', \nabla \times F) &= (\nabla \times \psi_{ij}', F) \\ &= \int \nabla \times (\phi_j \nabla \phi_i - \phi_i \nabla \phi_j) \cdot F \, dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times f \vec{G} &= \nabla f \times \vec{G} + f \nabla \times \vec{G} \\ &= \sum_k 2 \phi_k \nabla \phi_j \times \nabla \phi_i \cdot F \, dx \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum_k 2 \left( \underbrace{\phi_k \nabla \phi_i \times \nabla \phi_j + \phi_i \nabla \phi_k \times \nabla \phi_j + \phi_j \nabla \phi_i \times \nabla \phi_k}_{\psi_{ijk}^2} \right) \cdot F$$

$\psi_{ijk}^2$  anti-symmetric wrt to index swap.

Let  $W^2 = \text{span}(\psi_{ijk}^2)$

Then  $\text{curl}(W^1) \subseteq W^2$

Can now build a de Rham complex

$$W^0 \xrightarrow{\text{grad}} W^1 \xrightarrow{\text{curl}} W^2$$

Preserving exactly  $\text{curl} \circ \text{grad} = 0$

$$W^0 \xleftarrow{-\text{div}} W^1 \xleftarrow{\text{curl}} W^2$$

integrating by parts  $(\nabla f, g) = -(f, \nabla \cdot g)$  gives  
 $\text{div} \circ \text{curl} = 0$

Return to nonlinearity

$$Lu + \varepsilon N(u) = f$$

$$a(u, v) + \varepsilon (N(u), v) = (f, v)$$

We introduce a new condition

Monotonicity  $(N(u), u) \geq \alpha_N \|u\|_V^2$

To prove stability

$$\alpha \|u\|_V^2 - \varepsilon \alpha_N \|u\|_V^2 \leq a(u, u) + \varepsilon (N(u), u) = (f, u) \leq \Lambda \|u\|_V$$

$$\|u\|_V \leq \frac{\Lambda}{\alpha - \varepsilon \alpha_N} \|f\|_V$$