Efficient solutions of implicit discretizations of the immersed boundary method

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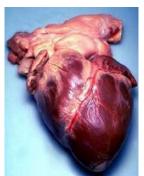
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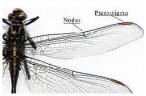


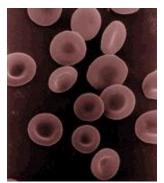
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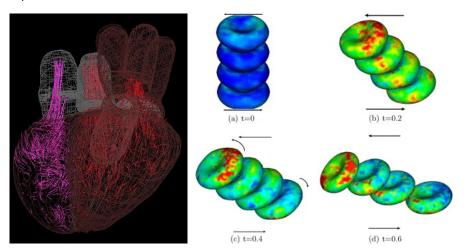
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Now we may write

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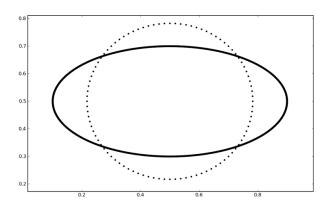
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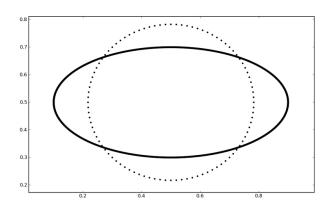
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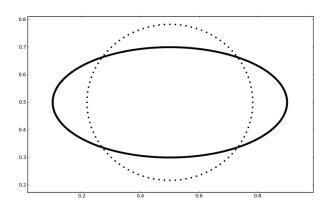






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- When the Jacobian of A_{h_B} is negative semidefinite we can solve Newton iterations via multigrid. This works well.
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- In certain important cases, we can fix the problem by opting for a fixed-point iteration



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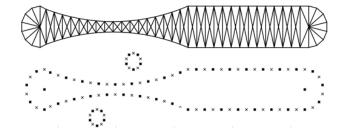
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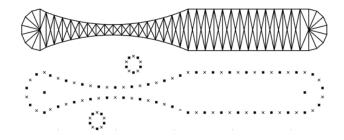
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Application: blood flow past a heart valve

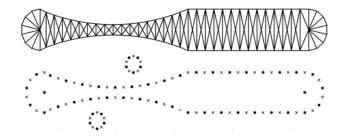




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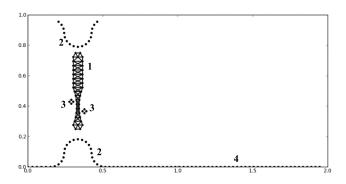


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- 1. Valve
- 2. Cushions
- 3. Hinges
- 4. Artery wall



A horizontal flow is induced by adding a a time dependent component to the force field:

$$v_{flow}(t) = \begin{cases} 60000t(0.1 - t) & t < 0.1 \\ -60000(t - 0.1)(0.2 - t) & t \ge 0.1 \end{cases}$$
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where \mathcal{G}_V is the collection of all indices I such that \mathbf{X}_I is a fiber point belonging to the valve, and (x_c, y_c) is some fixed point.



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Current lines of attack include

- Looking at alternative smoothers, potentially involving banded components of \mathcal{M}_n
- Looking at good preconditioners for non-multigrid solvers, such as GMRES
- Modifying a Fast Multipole Method to implement Gauss-Seidel in $O(N_b)$ steps

