

Notes on Prozorov-Giannetta Meissner-London state in superconductors of rectangular cross section in a perpendicular magnetic field

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1 Weak formulation

The solution consists of two stages:

- (A) Solve for the magnetic scalar potential Ψ , imposing the desired fluxoid quantization condition through the inhomogeneous boundary term B_{QS}
- (B) Solve for the shifted vector potential \mathbf{A}^* and the phase θ .

Because both vector- and scalar-valued fields are involved, the finite-element function space will be a direct product of $Q_p(\Omega_{\text{in}} \cup \Omega_{\text{out}})$ (for the scalar fields) and $Q_p^3(\Omega_{\text{in}} \cup \Omega_{\text{out}})$ (for the vector fields).

TODO. Investigate possible issues with convergence related to choice of finite-element spaces and the LBB condition for saddle-point problems. I believe the above (naive) choices should be OK, but there may be better choices / I may have misunderstood the convergence criteria.

Definition 1 (Basis functions). Let

- φ_i denote the scalar basis elements
- Φ_i denote the vector basis elements

Definition 2 (System matrices). The following matrices will be used to assemble the linear systems for (A) and (B):

$$M_{ij}^{(\text{int})} := \int_{\Omega_{(\text{int})}} \nabla \varphi_i \cdot \nabla \varphi_j \, d\Omega \quad (0.1)$$

$$M_{ij}^{(\text{ext})} := \int_{\Omega_{(\text{ext})}} \nabla \varphi_i \cdot \nabla \varphi_j \, d\Omega \quad (0.2)$$

$$C_{ij}^{(\text{int/ext})} := \int_{\Omega_{(\text{int/ext})}} (\nabla \times \Phi_i) \cdot (\nabla \times \Phi_j) \, d\Omega \quad (0.3)$$

$$D_{ij}^{(\text{int/ext})} := \int_{\Omega_{(\text{int/ext})}} (\nabla \cdot \Phi_i)(\nabla \cdot \Phi_j) \, d\Omega \quad (0.4)$$

$$S_{ij}^{(\text{int/ext})} := \int_{\Omega_{(\text{int/ext})}} \Phi_i \cdot \Phi_j \, d\Omega \quad (0.5)$$

$$T_{ij}^{(\text{int/ext})} := \int_{\Omega_{(\text{int/ext})}} \Phi_i \cdot \nabla \varphi_j \, d\Omega \quad (0.6)$$

$$E_{ij}^{(\text{ext})} := \int_{\Omega_{(\text{ext})}} (\nabla \times \Phi_i) \cdot \nabla \varphi_j \, d\Omega \quad (0.7)$$

$$H_i^{(\text{ext})} := \int_{\Gamma_H} \Phi_i \cdot \mathbf{H}_{(\text{ext})} \, d\Omega \quad (0.8)$$

$$B_i^{(\text{QS})} := \int_{S_a} \varphi_i B_{QS} \, dS \quad (0.9)$$

The weak formulation of the problem is then

$$M_{ij}^{(\text{ext})} \Psi_j = B_i^{(\text{QS})} \quad (\text{A})$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left[C_{ij}^{(\text{int})} + pD_{ij}^{(\text{int})} + \frac{1}{\lambda^2} S_{ij}^{(\text{int})} \right] A_j^* = \frac{\Phi_0}{2\pi\lambda^2} T_{ij}^{(\text{int})} \theta_i \\ \frac{1}{\mu_0\lambda^2} \tilde{T}_{ij}^{(\text{int})} A_j^* = \frac{\Phi_0}{2\pi\mu_0\lambda^2} M_{ij}^{(\text{int})} \theta_i \\ \left[C_{ij}^{(\text{ext})} + pD_{ij}^{(\text{ext})} \right] A_i^* = -E_{ij}^{(\text{ext})} \Psi_j + H_i^{(\text{ext})} \end{array} \right. \quad (\text{B})$$