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2) The Laplace formulation is

$$\begin{aligned}a_h^L(u, v) &= (\alpha u, v)_\Omega + (\Delta u, \Delta v)_\Omega \\ &\quad - (\{\Delta u\}, [\partial_n v])_{\mathcal{F}_h^{int}} - (\{\Delta v\}, [\partial_n u])_{\mathcal{F}_h^{int}} + \frac{\gamma}{h} ([\partial_n u], [\partial_n v])_{\mathcal{F}_h^{int}} \\ &\quad - (\Delta u, \partial_n v)_\Gamma - (\Delta v, \partial_n u)_\Gamma + \frac{\gamma}{h} (\partial_n u, \partial_n v)_\Gamma \\ l_h^L(v) &= (f, v)_\Omega - (g_2, v)_\Gamma - (g_1, \Delta v)_\Gamma + \frac{\gamma}{h} (g_1, \partial_n v)_\Gamma\end{aligned}\quad (11)$$

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Remark. It should be noted that the Hessian formulation has a substantial limitation in that it is only valid for homogeneous Neumann conditions. This constraint arises from the challenges associated with imposing g_1 via the tangential derivative terms in Equation (16) during the proof of Lemma 3.1. From a physical perspective, this is not problematic as it aligns with the boundary conditions of the original CH problem (3). However, from the standpoint of numerical validation, the homogeneous Neumann condition enforces strict rules on the design of manufactured solutions on arbitrary domains. Consequently, the examples illustrated in section 6 are only demonstrated on simple domains. This particular constraint does not apply to the Laplace formulation.

The Hessian formulation is well investigated by Susanne Brenner in several papers for [53, 54, 55] with a corresponding analysis and numerical validation. Similarly, variants of the Laplace formulation can be found here [61, 57]. In these articles there is also evidence that both formulations have the following expected a priori estimates. Let $u \in H^s(\Omega)$, and

subdivide *uh* $\in V_h$ of order k . Then with $r = \min\{s, k+1\}$ the a priori estimates are

according to Hessian and Laplacian. (2.2.1) Construction of the Hessian formulation (2.2.2) Construction of the Laplace formulation *you want to derive a discrete weak formulation where $V_h \neq V$ but which is still consistent for u higher enough. That's why you assume $u \in H^4$ but not with $u \in V_h$.*

3.2 Detailed Construction of Hessian and Laplacian Formulations

Our goal is to derive the Hessian formulation.

Lemma 3.1. Assume the homogeneous Neumann conditions, $g_1(x) = 0$. Let $u \in H^4(\Omega)$ be the solution to (7). And let $V = \{v \in H^1(\Omega) \mid v|_T \in H^m(T) \forall T \in \mathcal{T}_h\}$. Then does the following identity hold. *For the entire derivation while v_h instead of v , and assume $v_h \in V_h$*

$$(\Delta^2 u, v)_\Omega = (D^2 u, D^2 v)_\Omega + (g_2, v)_\Gamma - (\{\partial_{nn} u\}, [\partial_n v])_{\mathcal{F}_h^{int}} - (\partial_{nn} u, \partial_n v)_\Gamma \quad (13)$$

Pf. We will start constructing a local theory for a triangle K and then extend it to the full mesh \mathcal{T}_h . Using Green's Theorem it is obvious that $(\Delta^2 u, v)_T = (\partial_n \Delta u, v)_{\partial T} - (\nabla(\Delta u), \nabla v)_T$. We can expand the second term in the following way.

$$\begin{aligned}(\nabla(\Delta u), \nabla v)_T &= \sum_{i=1}^d (\Delta \partial_{x_i} u, \partial_{x_i} v)_T = \sum_{i=1}^d (\nabla \cdot (\nabla \partial_{x_i} u), \partial_{x_i} v)_T \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^d (\partial_n \partial_{x_i} u, \nabla \partial_{x_i} v)_{\partial T} - (\nabla \partial_{x_i} u, \nabla \partial_{x_i} v)_T = (\partial_n \nabla u, \nabla v)_{\partial T} - (D^2 u, D^2 v)_T\end{aligned}$$

Hence, the boundary condition of Δu is integrated into the formulation. It can be denoted that D^2 is the Hessian matrix operator. Also remark that we apply the notation $(D^2u, D^2v)_\Omega = \int_\Omega D^2u : D^2v dx$ for the inner product $D^2u : D^2v$.

We want to decompose the evaluation of ∇u on the boundary ∂T in the tangential and normal direction. Pick a facet $F \in \partial T$, then we define the following decomposition of linear transformation $\nabla u = P_F \nabla u + Q_F \nabla u$ s.t. the orthogonality, $P_F \nabla u \cdot Q_F \nabla u = 0$, holds. The normal projection matrix is defined as $Q_F = n \otimes n$ and the tangential decomposition follows from $P_F = I - Q_F = I - n \otimes n = \sum_{i=1}^{d-1} t_i \otimes t_i$, which is a orthonormal basis $t_i, i = 1, \dots, d-1$ for the space orthogonal to the outer normal vector n on a facet F . Let $a_1, a_2, a_3 \in R^d$ be any vectors, then it is well known that the following identity holds $(a_1 \otimes a_2)a_3 = (a_2^T a_3)a_1$. Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} Q_F \nabla u &= (n \otimes n) \nabla u = (n^T \nabla u)n \\ P_F \nabla u &= (I - n \otimes n) \nabla u = \nabla u - (n^T \nabla u)n = \sum_{i=1}^{d-1} (t_i^T \nabla u)t_i \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Given that u is evaluated only on ∂T can we write $\nabla u = (n^T \nabla u)n + \sum_{i=1}^{d-1} (t_i^T \nabla u)t_i$ s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial_n \nabla u, \nabla v)_{\partial T} &= (\partial_n(\partial_n u \cdot n), \partial_n v \cdot n)_{\partial T} + \sum_{i=1}^{d-1} (\partial_n(\partial_{t_i} u \cdot t_i), \partial_{t_i} v \cdot t_i)_{\partial T} \\ &= (\partial_{nn} u, \partial_n v)_{\partial T} + \sum_{i=1}^{d-1} (\partial_{nt_i} u, \partial_{t_i} v)_{\partial T} \end{aligned}$$

Eq 3.

Here we used that $n^T n = 1$ and $t_i^T t_i = 1$. We applied the simple relation,

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_n(\partial_n u) &= n^T \nabla(\partial_n u) = n^T (D^2 u \cdot n) = n^T D^2 u \cdot n = \partial_{nn} u, \\ \partial_n(\partial_{t_i} u) &= t_i^T \nabla(\partial_n u) = t_i^T (D^2 u \cdot n) = n^T D^2 u \cdot t_i = \partial_{nt_i} u. \end{aligned}$$

We may also deduce the relationship $\partial_{nt_i} u = \partial_{t_i n} u$ which arise from the fact that $n^T D^2 u \cdot t_i = (t_i^T D^2 u \cdot n)^T = t_i^T D^2 u \cdot n$, where we utilized the symmetry $D^2 u = (D^2 u)^T$ and that the product is a scalar. Adding all these calculations together we have the following local identity.

Refer to relevant equations, e.g. combining the identities Eq 1, Eq 2 and Eq 3 we see that

$$(\Delta^2 u, v)_T = (D^2 u, D^2 v)_T + (\partial_n \Delta u, v)_{\partial T} - (\partial_n(\partial_n u), \partial_n v)_{\partial T} - \sum_{i=1}^{d-1} (\partial_n(\partial_{t_i} u), \partial_{t_i} v)_{\partial T}$$

sum over all

be consistent and write it as $\partial_{nn} u$.

For global continuity we add all the triangles in the mesh \mathcal{T}_h ,

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same here, write $\partial_{nt_i} u$ instead.

$$(\Delta^2 u, v)_\Omega = \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} (D^2 u, D^2 v)_T + (\partial_n \Delta u, v)_{\partial T} - (\partial_n(\partial_n u), \partial_n v)_{\partial T} - \sum_{i=1}^{d-1} (\partial_{nt_i} u, \partial_{t_i} v)_{\partial T} \quad (15)$$

Our goal is to simplify the equation above so we can take account for discontinuities of the derivatives. By integrating over exterior facets \mathcal{F}_h^{ext} and interior facets \mathcal{F}_h^{int} we will get a more suitable formulation which makes it easier to control the jumps between the elements, hence makes it possible to penalize discontinuities.

$$\begin{aligned}
(\Delta^2 u, v)_\Omega &= \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} (D^2 u, D^2 v)_T + (\partial_n \Delta u, v)_{\partial T} - (\partial_{nn} u, \partial_n v)_{\partial T} - \sum_{i=1}^{d-1} (\partial_{t_i n} u, \partial_{t_i} v)_{\partial T} \\
&= \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} (D^2 u, D^2 v)_T + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^{ext}} (\partial_n \Delta u, v)_F - (\partial_{nn} u, \partial_n v)_F - \sum_{i=1}^{d-1} (\partial_{t_i n} u, \partial_{t_i} v)_F \\
&\quad + \underbrace{\sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^{int}} ((\partial_{n+} \Delta u^+, v^+)_F + (\partial_{n-} \Delta u^+, v^-)_F)}_{(I)} \\
&\quad - \underbrace{\left((\partial_{n+n+} u^+, \partial_{n+} v^+)_F + (\partial_{n-n-} u^-, \partial_{n-} v^-)_F \right)}_{(II)} \\
&\quad - \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^{d-1} ((\partial_{n+t_i} u^+, \partial_{t_i} v^+)_F + (\partial_{n-t_i} u^-, \partial_{t_i} v^-)_F)}_{(III)}
\end{aligned}$$

Where integration over all interior facets $\forall F \in \mathcal{F}_h^{int}$ is computed in this way. ² Not sure what this sentence mean

$$\begin{aligned}
(I) &= (\partial_{n+} \Delta u^+, v^+)_F + (\partial_{n-} \Delta u^-, v^-)_F \\
&= \int_F [\![\partial_n \Delta u \cdot v]\!] = \int_F \{ \!\{ \partial_n \Delta u \} \! \} \underbrace{[\![v]\!]}_{=0} + \underbrace{[\![\partial_n \Delta u]\!]}_{=0} \{ \!\{ v \} \! \} = 0 \\
(II) &= (\partial_{n+n+} u^+, \partial_{n+} v^+)_F + (\partial_{n-n-} u^-, \partial_{n-} v^-)_F \\
&= \int_F [\![\partial_{nn} u \cdot \partial_n v]\!] = \int_F \{ \!\{ \partial_{nn} u \} \! \} \underbrace{[\![\partial_n v]\!]}_{\neq 0} + \underbrace{[\![\partial_{nn} u]\!]}_{=0} \{ \!\{ \partial_n v \} \! \} \\
(III) &= (\partial_{n+t_i} u^+, \partial_{t_i} v^+)_F + (\partial_{n-t_i} u^-, \partial_{t_i} v^-)_F \\
&= \int_F [\![\partial_{nt_i} u \cdot \partial_{t_i} v]\!] = \int_F \{ \!\{ \partial_{nt_i} u \} \! \} \underbrace{[\![\partial_{t_i} v]\!]}_{=0} + \underbrace{[\![\partial_{nt_i} u]\!]}_{=0} \{ \!\{ \partial_{t_i} v \} \! \} = 0
\end{aligned}$$

Observe that the cancellations in the term (I) and term (III) appears of the continuity of $v \in V$ and $u \in H^4(\Omega)$ which makes the jumps and derivative jumps zero. On the other hand, the second term (II) is does not vanish since the discontinuity in normal vector for $v \in V$ is a jump. It can also be raised that $\{ \!\{ \partial_{nn} u \} \! \} = \partial_{nn} u$ holds by the continuity of $H^4(\Omega)$. Hence, we have the following identity,

$$\begin{aligned}
(\Delta^2 u, v)_\Omega &= (D^2 u, D^2 v)_{\mathcal{T}_h} + (g_2, v)_{\mathcal{F}_h^{ext}} - (\{ \!\{ \partial_{nn} u \} \! \}, [\![\partial_n v]\!])_{\mathcal{F}_h^{int}} \\
&\quad - (\partial_{nn} u, \partial_n v)_{\mathcal{F}_h^{ext}} - \sum_{i=1}^{d-1} (\partial_{t_i n} u, \partial_{t_i} v)_{\mathcal{F}_h^{ext}}
\end{aligned}$$

Under the assumption that $g_1 = 0$ on Γ , and given that the tangent vector is orthogonal to n , we can assert that $\partial_{t_i n} u = \partial_{t_i} (\partial_n u) = 0$ holds for any $i = 1, \dots, d$. This implies that the last term of the equation vanish, thus providing the validity of the stated identity.

$$\hookrightarrow = \partial_{t_i} g = 0$$

We will now assemble the Hessian CIP formulation. Assume $u, v \in V_h$ and $g_1 = 0$, then we have the linear form

$$\begin{aligned}
a_h^H(u, v) &= (\alpha u, v)_\Omega + (D^2 u, D^2 v)_\Omega \\
&\quad - (\{ \!\{ \partial_{nn} u \} \! \}, [\![\partial_n v]\!])_{\mathcal{F}_h^{int}} - (\{ \!\{ \partial_{nn} v \} \! \}, [\![\partial_n u]\!])_{\mathcal{F}_h^{int}} + \frac{\gamma}{h} ([\![\partial_n u]\!], [\![\partial_n v]\!])_{\mathcal{F}_h^{int}} \\
&\quad - (\partial_{nn} u, \partial_n v)_\Gamma - (\partial_{nn} v, \partial_n u)_\Gamma + \frac{\gamma}{h} (\partial_n u, \partial_n v)_\Gamma
\end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

$$l_h^H(v) = (f, v)_\Omega - (g_2, v)_\Gamma$$

① Provide more motivation for the 4 new terms you added, also do this stepwise starting from Eq 1.

1) State that a smooth enough solution $w \in H^4$ of the biharmonic problem satisfy the identity

$$(\Delta^2 u, \Delta^2 v_w)_{\Omega_h} - (\{\partial_{nn} w\}, [\partial_n v_w])_{\Gamma_h^{\text{int}}} - (\partial_{nn} w \partial_n v_w)_{\Gamma_h^{\text{ext}}} \quad (\text{Eq 2})$$

$$= (\underline{S}, \underline{v})_{\Omega_h} - (g_{2n}, \underline{v})_{\Gamma}. \quad \text{Want to use this weak problem to find a discrete solution } u_w \in V_h.$$

2) Next point out that this candidate (Eq 2) for a discrete weak formulation is not symmetric due to

the consistency terms appearing on Γ_h^{int} and Γ . Thus

one adds symmetrization terms where one exploits

that $[\partial_n w] = 0$ and $\partial_n w = 0$ on Γ_h^{int} and Γ respectively.

3) Finally, point out that in order to prove discrete coercivity,

one adds a "stability term" ~~$([\partial_n u], [\partial_n v])_{\Gamma_h^{\text{int}}}$~~

+ ~~$(\partial_n u, \partial_n v)_\Gamma$~~ , which are consistent modifications

again since $[\partial_n w] = 0$ and $\partial_n w = 0$ on Γ .

state final discrete weak problem: Find $u_h \in V_h$ s.t. $\forall v_h \in V_h$

$$a_h^H(u_h, v_h) = l_h^H(v_h) \text{ where}$$

$$a_h^H = \dots \text{ and } l_h^H = \dots \text{ also identity/}$$

Hence, the Hessian formulation is derived.

Lemma 3.2. Assume $u \in H^4(\Omega)$ and $v \in V = \{v \in H^1(\Omega) \mid v|_T \in H^m(T) \forall T \in \mathcal{T}_h\}$. Then we have the following identity.

$$(\Delta^2 u, v)_\Omega = (\Delta u, \Delta v)_{\mathcal{T}_h} + ([\![\partial_n v]\!], [\![\Delta u]\!])_{\mathcal{F}_h} + (g_2, v)_\Gamma - (\partial_n v, \Delta u)_\Gamma.$$

Proof. Similarly, we start constructing a local theory for a triangle T and then extend it to the full mesh \mathcal{T}_h . Utilizing (8) can we construct a local identity s.t. See that

$$(\Delta^2 u, v)_T = (\Delta u, \Delta v) + (\partial_n \Delta u, v)_{\partial T} - (\partial_n v, \Delta u)_{\partial T}$$

Now, doing a summation over all elements we get

$$\begin{aligned} (\Delta^2 u, v)_\Omega &= \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} ((\Delta u, \Delta v)_T + (\partial_n \Delta u, v)_{\partial T} - (\partial_n v, \Delta u)_{\partial T}) \\ &= (\Delta u, \Delta v)_{\mathcal{T}_h} + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^{ext}} \left(\overbrace{(\partial_n \Delta u, v)_F}^{=(g_2, v)_F} - (\partial_n v, \Delta u)_F \right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^{int}} \left(\underbrace{((\partial_{n+} \Delta u, v)_F + (\partial_{n-} \Delta u, v)_F)}_{(I)} - \underbrace{((\partial_{n+} v, \Delta u)_F + (\partial_{n-} v, \Delta u)_F)}_{(II)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

dont do "dos" just say : "summing over all" ...
use parenthesis if you have several summands
longer parenthesis.
be more precise. Also make sure that $u \in H^4(\Omega)$.

Decomposing the terms and utilizing the regularity of u and v it is easy to see that,

$$(I) = (\partial_{n+} \Delta u, v)_F + (\partial_{n-} \Delta u, v)_F = \int_F [\partial_n \Delta u \cdot v] = ([\![\partial_{n+} \Delta u]\!], [\![v]\!])_F + ([\![\partial_{n-} \Delta u]\!], [\![v]\!])_F$$

$$(II) = (\partial_{n+} v, \Delta u)_F + (\partial_{n-} v, \Delta u)_F = \int_F [\partial_n v \cdot \Delta u] = ([\![\partial_{n+} v]\!], [\![\Delta u]\!])_F + ([\![\partial_{n-} v]\!], [\![\Delta u]\!])_F$$

Hence, we end up with the identity,

$$(\Delta^2 u, v)_\Omega = (\Delta u, \Delta v)_{\mathcal{T}_h} + ([\![\partial_n v]\!], [\![\Delta u]\!])_{\mathcal{F}_h} + (g_2, v)_\Gamma - (\partial_n v, \Delta u)_\Gamma.$$

Finally, can we construct the Laplace CIP formulation. Let $u, v \in V_h$, then can finally write the following respective forms.

$$\begin{aligned} a_h^L(u, v) &= (\alpha u, v)_\Omega + (\Delta u, \Delta v)_\Omega \\ &\quad - ([\![\Delta u]\!], [\![\partial_n v]\!])_{\mathcal{F}_h} - ([\![\Delta v]\!], [\![\partial_n u]\!])_{\mathcal{F}_h^{int}} + \frac{\gamma}{h} ([\![\partial_n u]\!], [\![\partial_n v]\!])_{\mathcal{F}_h^{int}} \\ &\quad - (\Delta u, \partial_n v)_\Gamma - (\Delta v, \partial_n u)_\Gamma + \frac{\gamma}{h} (\partial_n u, \partial_n v)_\Gamma \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

$$l_h^L(v_h) = (f, v)_\Omega - (g_2, v)_\Gamma - (g_1, \Delta v)_\Gamma + \frac{\gamma}{h} (g_1, \partial_n v)_\Gamma$$

In contrast to the Hessian formulation, is the boundary Neumann boundary condition g_1 is imposed weakly using the Nitsche's method, hence, the regularization term. This consists of adding a symmetry term and adding an additional stabilization regularisation term [84], that is,

$$(\Delta v, \partial_n u)_\Gamma + (\Delta v, g_1)_\Gamma + \frac{\gamma}{h} (\partial_n u - g_1, \partial_n v)_\Gamma = 0$$

It is worth noting that technically is the interior regularisation equivalent to do a Nitsche's method in all interior boundaries of the elements with boundary conditions of each element weakly imposed to zero. Thus, we expect the penalty parameter γ to be the same interior and exterior elements. Let where $k \geq 2$ is the polynomial order, then for the Hessian formulation is it theoretically proven that $\gamma = 2k(k-1)$ [54, 53]. However, we still prefer to experimentally verify the best parameter.

Subsection 3.2.2

Please follow same recipe

as outlined for 3.2.1 Hessian formulation.

Not true, also for the Hessian $\partial_n u = 0$

is imposed weakly with a Nitsche-type method, but there we assume that $g_1 = 0$.