Numerical simulation of spatial network models

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Spatial network models



Fibre based materials



- Fraunhofer Chalmers Centre, Stora Enso, Albany International
- Paper forming, network model (Gustav Kettil, 2014-2019)
- Mechanical properties, solvers (Morgan Görtz, 2019-)
- Development (fiber dimensions, distribution, virtual lab)
- Evaluation (tensile, bending, defects)
- Numerical simulation is not used extensively in paper industry

Numerical simulation of spatial network models



Efficient solver for

$$Ku = F$$

a simplified network model of an elliptic PDE

- *K* is SPD but ill-conditioned (FCC uses direct solver)
- Multiscale problem (similar to rapidly varying diffusion)

Graph Laplacian and model problem

- 2 Network assumptions
- Semi-iterative solver
- Output Network model of paper
- Sumerical examples
- Multiscale solver
- Ongoing projects and future directions

Graph Laplacian

- Let $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{E})$ be a graph of nodes and edges
- Notation: i ~ j if x_i and x_j are connected by an edge
- Let D be the degree and A be the adjacency matrix
- The graph Laplacian $L^g := D A$ is SP(semi-)D, $L^g 1 = 0$
- Let $\hat{V} : \mathcal{N} \to \mathbb{R}$ be scalar functions on \mathcal{N} . For $v, w \in \hat{V}$



Weighted graph Laplacian

A weighted graph Laplacian and diagonal mass matrix

$$(L_i v, v) = rac{1}{2} \sum_{j \sim i} rac{(v(x_i) - v(x_j))^2}{|x_i - x_j|}, \quad L = \sum L_i$$

 $(M_i v, v) := rac{1}{2} v(x_i)^2 \sum_{j \sim i} |x_i - x_j|, \quad M = \sum M_i$

• Consider the 1D mesh $0 = x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_n = 1$.

$$(L\mathbf{v},\mathbf{v}) := \sum_{(i,j)\in\mathcal{E}} \frac{(\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}_i) - \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}_j))^2}{|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j|}$$

- L is the P1-FEM stiffness matrix $(-\Delta)$
- Lu = Mf corresponds to P1-FEM with lumped mass matrix

Spatial network vs. PDE

Spatial network notation		Continuous analogue
(Lu, v)	\leftrightarrow	$\int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v$
$(L_{\omega}u,v) := \sum_{x_i \in \omega} (L_iu,v)$	\leftrightarrow	$\int_{\omega}^{-} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v$
(Mu, v)	\leftrightarrow	$\int_{\Omega} u v$
$(M_{\omega}u,v) := \sum_{x_i \in \omega} (M_iu,v)$	\leftrightarrow	$\int_{\omega} u v$
$ v _L := (Lv, v)^{1/2}$	\leftrightarrow	$\ \nabla v\ _{L^2(\Omega)}$
$ oldsymbol{v} _{L,\omega}:=(L_\omega v,v)^{1/2}$	\leftrightarrow	$\ \nabla v\ _{L^2(\omega)}$
$ v _M := (Mv, v)^{1/2}$	\leftrightarrow	$\ \mathbf{v}\ _{L^2(\Omega)}$
$ \mathbf{v} _{\mathbf{M},\boldsymbol{\omega}}:=(M_{\omega}\mathbf{v},\mathbf{v})^{1/2}$	\leftrightarrow	$\ \mathbf{V}\ _{L^2(\omega)}$

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Model problem

Let
$$u \in V := \{v \in \hat{V} : v(x_i) = 0 \text{ for } x_i \in \Gamma_D\}$$
 solve

$$Ku = Mf \iff (Ku, v) = (Mf, v), v \in V.$$

We assume K to be symmetric, invertable and

$$\alpha(Lv,v) \leq (Kv,v) \leq \beta(Lv,v), \quad \forall v \in V.$$

Example:

Weighted graph Laplacian

$$(K\mathbf{v},\mathbf{v}) = \sum_{(i,j)\in\mathcal{E}} \gamma_{ij} \frac{(\mathbf{v}(x_i) - \mathbf{v}(x_j))^2}{|x_i - x_j|}, \quad \alpha \leq \gamma_{ij} \leq \beta$$

Elasticity model for a fibre network.

Example: random infinite lines



- Poisson line process
- Given random points (θ, r), perpendicular chords are constructed in a circle
- Unit square is cut out, principal component kept
- Intersections are nodes, two nodes are connected by an edge
- Dirichlet nodes on the boundary

Condition number



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Output A set work assumptions

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Multilevel solver: coarse scale representation



- \mathcal{T}_H is a mesh of squares
- \hat{V}_H is Q1-FEM with basis $\{\varphi_y\}_y^{-1}$
- $V_H \subset \hat{V}_H$ satisfy the boundary conditions
- Clément type interpolation operator

$$\mathcal{I}_{H} \mathbf{v} = \sum_{\text{free DoFs } y} \frac{(M_{U(y)} \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{v})}{(M_{U(y)} \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})} \varphi_{y} \in V_{H}$$

Lemma (Stability and approximability of I_H)

Under assumptions on network and mesh, for all $v \in V$, $T \in \mathcal{T}_H$, and for sufficiently large H,

$$H^{-1}|\boldsymbol{v}-\boldsymbol{I}_{H}\boldsymbol{v}|_{M}+|\boldsymbol{I}_{H}\boldsymbol{v}|_{L}\leq C|\boldsymbol{v}|_{L}.$$

¹ M. & Peterseim, Numer. Math., 2015

Network homogeneity assumption

- Solution All edges are shorter than $R_0 > 0$ (length scale)
- For any square $B_R(x)$, centered at x with side length 2R, with $R \ge R_0$,

$$\rho \leq (2R)^{-d} |1|_{M,B_R}^2 \leq \sigma \rho$$

where $\sigma \ge 1$ and $\rho > 0$ are uniformity and density constants.



- For a certain pair (σ, ρ), the boxes must be at least R₀ large to satisfy the conditions.
- *R*₀ is a length scale at which the material is homogeneous.

Network connectivity assumption

Existence of a Poincaré and Friedrich-type constants There is a $\mu < \infty$, such that for all $x \in \Omega$, and $H > R_0$

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{v} - \bar{\mathbf{v}}|_{M,B_{H}(x)} &\leq \mu H |\mathbf{v}|_{L,B_{H+R_{0}}(x)}, \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in \hat{V} \\ |\mathbf{v}|_{M,B_{H}(x)} &\leq \mu H |\mathbf{v}|_{L,B_{H+R_{0}}(x)}, \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in V \end{aligned}$$



Network connectivity assumption

If there exists a connected subgraph $\mathcal{G}' = (\mathcal{N}', \mathcal{E}') \subset \mathcal{G}$ so that

- all nodes in $B_H(x)$ are included
- no nodes in $B_{H+R_0}(x)$ are included

Then

$$|v - \bar{v}|_{M,B_{H}(x)} \le |v - \bar{v}|_{M,\mathcal{N}'} \le \lambda_{2}^{-1/2} |v|_{L,\mathcal{N}'} \le \lambda_{2}^{-1/2} |v|_{L,B_{H+R_{0}}(x)}$$

where
$$\lambda_2 = \inf_{(M'1,v)=0} \frac{(L'v,v)}{(M'v,v)}$$
 measure connectivity¹.

If \mathcal{G}' is isoperimetric² $|\delta(X)| \ge c_d \operatorname{vol}(X)^{(d-1)/d}, |X| \le |\mathcal{N}' \setminus X|$

 $\text{isoperimetric} \implies \lambda_2 \geq CH^2 \implies |v - \bar{v}|_{M, B_H(x)} \leq \mu H |v|_{L, B_{H+R_0}(x)}$

²F. Chung, Spectral graph theory, AMS, 1997

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¹Cheeger 1970, Fiedler 1973

Interpolation error bound and product rule

Homogeneity and connectivity allow us to prove

Lemma (Stability and approximability of I_H)

For $H > R_0$ it holds

$$H^{-1}|v - \mathcal{I}_H v|_M + |\mathcal{I}_H v|_L \le C_{\mu,\sigma}|v|_L, \quad \forall v \in V$$

Local Poincaré and Friedrich inequalities are used.

$$\begin{split} |v\varphi|_{L,\omega}^{2} &= (L_{\omega}(v\varphi), v\varphi) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x_{i} \in \omega} \sum_{i \sim j} \frac{(v(x_{i})\varphi(x_{i}) - v(x_{j})\varphi(x_{j}))^{2}}{|x_{i} - x_{j}|} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x_{i} \in \omega} \sum_{i \sim j} \frac{(v(x_{i})(\varphi(x_{i}) - \varphi(x_{j})) + (v(x_{i}) - v(x_{j}))\varphi(x_{j}))^{2}}{|x_{i} - x_{j}|} \\ &\leq \sum_{x_{i} \in \omega} \sum_{i \sim j} \frac{v(x_{i})^{2}|x_{i} - x_{j}|^{2}H^{-2} + (v(x_{i}) - v(x_{j}))^{2}}{|x_{i} - x_{j}|} = 2\left(H^{-2}|v|_{M,\omega}^{2} + |v|_{L,\omega}^{2}\right) \end{split}$$

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Network assumptions

Semi-iterative solver

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Subspace decomposition preconditioner³

Let

$$V_0 = V_H, \quad V_j = V(U(y_j)), \quad j = 1, \ldots, m,$$

and let $P_j: V \rightarrow V_j$ to be orthogonal projections fulfilling

$$(KP_jv, v_j) = (Kv, v_j), \quad \forall v_j \in V_j.$$

The existence and uniqueness follows since $V_i \subset V$. We let

$$P=P_0+P_1+\cdots+P_m.$$

- P = BK will be used as a preconditioner: BKu = BMf.
- Involves direct solution of decoupled problems (semi-iterative).

$$(Ku, Pv) = \sum_{j=0}^{m} (Ku, P_j v) = \sum_{j=0}^{m} (KP_j u, P_j v) = \sum_{j=0}^{m} (KP_j u, v) = (KPu, v)$$

³Kornhuber & Yserentant, MMS, 2016

Lemma

Under the network and operator assumptions and for $H \ge R_0$ there is a decomposition $v = \sum_{j=0}^{m} v_j$ that satisfies

$$\sum_{j=0}^{m} |v_{j}|_{K}^{2} \leq C_{1} |v|_{K}^{2}.$$

Moreover, every decomposition $v = \sum_{j=0}^{m} v_j$ with $v_j \in V_j$ satisfies

$$|v|_{K}^{2} \leq C_{2} \sum_{j=0}^{m} |v_{j}|_{K}^{2}.$$

 $C_1 = C_d \beta \alpha^{-1} \sigma \mu^2$, $C_2 = C_d \beta \alpha^{-1}$, C_d only depends on d.

Sketch of proof: We start in *L*-norm:

$$|v|_{L}^{2} \leq 2|v_{0}|_{L}^{2} + 2|\sum_{j=1}^{m} v_{j}|_{L}^{2}.$$

Pick $T \in \mathcal{T}_H$. Since $v_j \in V(U(y_j))$ and $L_T v = 0$ for $v \in V(\Omega \setminus U_2(y_j))$, $L_T v_j$ can be non-zero for at most C_d meshnodes *j*. We get

$$|\sum_{j=1}^{m} v_j|_{L,T}^2 \le C_d \sum_{j=1}^{m} |v_j|_{L,T}^2$$

Summing over $T \in \mathcal{T}_H$ proves the inequality in *L*-norm and therefore also in *K* with $C_2 = C_d \beta \alpha^{-1}$.

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Sketch of proof:

$$\begin{split} \sum_{j=1}^{m} |\mathbf{v}_{j}|_{L}^{2} &:= \sum_{j=1}^{m} |\varphi_{j}(\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{I}_{H}\mathbf{v})|_{L}^{2} \\ &\leq 2 \sum_{j=1}^{m} \sum_{\mathcal{T} \in U_{2}(y_{j})} \left(H^{-2}|\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{I}_{H}\mathbf{v}|_{M,\mathcal{T}}^{2} + |\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{I}_{H}\mathbf{v}|_{L,\mathcal{T}}^{2}\right) \\ &\leq C_{d} \left(H^{-2}|\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{I}_{H}\mathbf{v}|_{M}^{2} + |\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{I}_{H}\mathbf{v}|_{L}^{2}\right) \leq C_{d} \sigma \mu^{2} |\mathbf{v}|_{L}^{2}. \end{split}$$

Furthermore $|v_0|_L = |I_H v|_L \le C_d \sigma^{1/2} \mu |v|_L$. All together we have

$$\sum_{j=0}^m |\mathbf{v}_j|_L^2 \leq C_d \sigma \mu^2 |\mathbf{v}|_L^2.$$

Equivalence of *L*- and *K*-norms gives $C_1 = C_d \beta \alpha_{-1}^{-1} \sigma \mu_{-1}^2$.

We get the following spectral bound for P^4 .

Lemma

Under the same assumptions

$$C_1^{-1}|v|_K^2 \leq (KPv, v) \leq C_2|v|_K^2.$$

and for any polynomial p it holds

$$|\boldsymbol{p}(\boldsymbol{P})| := \sup_{\boldsymbol{v} \in \boldsymbol{V}} \frac{|\boldsymbol{p}(\boldsymbol{P})\boldsymbol{v}|_{\boldsymbol{K}}}{|\boldsymbol{v}|_{\boldsymbol{K}}} \leq \max_{\boldsymbol{\lambda} \in [C_1^{-1}, C_2]} |\boldsymbol{p}(\boldsymbol{\lambda})|.$$

⁴Kornhuber & Yserentant, MMS, 2016

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Preconditioned conjugate gradient

We use P = BK as a preconditioner for CG:

BKu = BMf.

For some polynomial p_ℓ of degree ℓ fulfilling $p_\ell(0) = 1$

$$u - u^{(\ell)} = p_{\ell}(P)(u - u^{(0)}),$$

CG minimizes $|u - u^{(\ell)}|_{K}$ over (Krylov) span({ $s, Ps, P^{2}s, \ldots, P^{\ell-1}s$ }):

$$|u - u^{(\ell)}|_{K} \leq \min_{\substack{\deg(p) \leq \ell \\ p(0) = 1}} |p(P)||u - u^{(0)}|_{K} \leq \min_{\substack{\deg(p) \leq \ell \\ p(0) = 1}} \max_{\lambda \in [C_{1}^{-1}, C_{2}]} |p(\lambda)||u - u^{(0)}|_{K}$$

realized by a shifted and scaled Chebyshev polynomial:

$$|u-u^{(\ell)}|_{\mathcal{K}} \leq 2\left(\frac{\sqrt{\kappa}-1}{\sqrt{\kappa}+1}\right)^{\ell} |u-u^{(0)}|_{\mathcal{K}}, \quad \sqrt{\kappa} = C_{d}\alpha^{-1}\beta\mu\sqrt{\sigma}.$$

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Example: connectivity $\lambda_2^{-1/2} \approx \mu R$

- Generate n = 256 lines on smallest circle enclosing $[0, 1]^2$.
- Cut a square $[0, R]^2$, $R = 2^{-r}$, r = 0, 1, ..., 5, 100 samples.



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- Poisson line process n = 256, 512, 1024, 2048 lines (at most around 800k dofs)
- No material data $\gamma = 1$ i.e. we solve Lu = Mf
- Right hand side *f* = 1 and homogeneous Dirichlet boundary conditions.
- Coarse mesh size $H = 2^{-r}$, r = 2, 3, 4, 5, 6



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Right hand side f = 1, homogeneous Dirichlet bc, n = 1024.

- (left) $\gamma_{ij} \in U([0.01, 1])$
- (center) $\gamma_{ij} = 0.01$ or $\gamma_{ij} = 1$ (1/16 lines)
- (right) $\gamma_{ij} = 10^{-6}$ or $\gamma_{ij} = 1$ (1/16 lines)



Robust but high contrast may cause problems

Example: a fibre network model⁵



- $2 \cdot 10^4$ fibres, biased angle (*x*-axis), length 0.05, $3 \cdot 10^5$ nodes, $\alpha = 0.05, \beta = 500$.
- Two forces in the model: edge extension and angular deviation.
- Find displacement u: Ku = Mf (tensile, distributed load)
- Theory extends to vector valued setting (Korn, K ~ L)
- DD with H = 1/4, 1/8, 1/16, 1/32.

Example: A fibre network model





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Interpolation and decomposition

Scott-Zhang type interpolation operator $\mathcal{I}_H: V \to V_H$

$${\mathcal I}_H {f v} = \sum_{j=1}^{m_0} (\psi_j, {f v})_{T_j} arphi_j.$$

with $(\psi_j, \varphi_i)_{T_j} = \delta_{ij}$ being the dual basis defined on an element T_j adjacent to *j* (idempotent).

$$W = \ker(\mathcal{I}_H) \qquad V_H^{ms} = \{v \in V : (w, Kv) = 0 \ \forall w \in W\}.$$

By defining $Q: V \rightarrow W$ fulfilling

$$(w, KQv) = (w, Kv), \quad \forall w \in W$$

we can write $V_H^{ms} = (1 - Q)V_H$ and $V = V_H^{ms} \oplus W$.



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Localization

•
$$U^{k}(T) = U(U^{k-1}(T))$$
 with $U^{1}(T) = U(T)$
• $W(U^{k}(T)) = \{w \in W : w(x_{i}) = 0 \ x_{i} \notin U^{k}(T)\}$
• $K_{T} = \sum_{x_{i} \in T} K_{i}$

Find $Q_T^k v \in W(U^k(T))$ such that

$$(w, KQ_T^k v) = (w, K_T v), \quad \forall w \in W(U^k(T))$$

We let
$$Q^k = \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_H} Q_T^k$$
 and define $V_{H,k}^{ms} := (1 - Q^k)V_H$.

The LOD formulation reads: find $u_{H,k}^{ms} \in V_{H,k}^{ms}$ such that

$$(v, Ku_{H,k}^{ms}) = (v, Mf), \quad \forall v \in V_{H,k}^{ms}$$

Error analysis

Interpolation error bound under same network assumptions

$$H^{-1}|v - \mathcal{I}_H v|_M + |\mathcal{I}_H v|_L \le C|v|_L$$

 Exponential decay of correctors established using fast convergences of iterative solvers in W. No V₀ space means finite spread of information in each iteration⁶⁷.

Theorem

If $k \sim |\log(H)|$ and $H > R_0$

$$|u - u_{H,k}^{ms}|_{K} \le CH|f|_{M}$$

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⁶Kornhuber Yserentant Peterseim, MMS 2016, MC 2018
 ⁷M. & Peterseim, Math. Comp. 2014, SIAM Spotlight 2020

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We let *f* const, $\gamma_{ij} \in [0.1, 1]$, and Dirichlet bc.



Left: $k = \lceil \log(H^{-1}) \rceil$

Right: $H = 2^{-5}$

Relative errors in $|\cdot|_M$ and $|\cdot|_K$.

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Example: LOD for fibre network model

Fixed boundary, constant force applied in all nodes, $4mm \times 4mm$.



Example: LOD for fibre network model

Left: $k = [1.5 \log(0.004/H)]$. Right: $H = 0.004 \cdot 2^{-5}$.



• Relative errors in $|\cdot|_M$ and $|\cdot|_K$ norms.

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Isoperimetric dimension



- The edge boundary $|\delta(X)| \ge c_d \operatorname{vol}(X)^{(d-1)/d}$ for all $|X| \le |\mathcal{N}' \setminus X|$
- Can we say that c_d is above some threshold with high probability for PLP?
- Can it be generalized to finite length lines?
- What can we say in 3D (cylinders)?
- Initiated collaboration with probability theory group, Chalmers.

Bulk-interface model



where u^1 is continuous. Weak coupling by Robin condition⁸

$$n \cdot \nabla u_i^0 + \delta(u_i^0 - u_j^1) = 0, \quad \text{on } \partial \Omega_i^0 \cap \Omega_j^1$$

⁸Boon, PhD thesis, 2018

Bulk-interface model

We introduce the Robin-to-Dirichlet operator $u_i^0|_{\partial\Omega_i^0} = \mathcal{R}u_j^1|_{\Omega_j^1}$ and get the interface equation (Schur compliment)

$$-\mathsf{div}_{\tau} \mathbf{A} \nabla_{\tau} u^1 + \delta u^1 - \delta \mathcal{R} u^1 = f, \quad \text{in } \Gamma.$$

P1-FEM gives the network formulation

$$Ku^1 + \delta Bu^1 + \delta Ru^1 = Bf$$

 $K \sim L, B \sim M$ (*M* is lumped) and *R* interacts over bulk regions.

- FEM (or possibly Boundary integral method) for RtD
- Prove $\alpha(Lv, v) \leq ((K + \delta B + \delta R)v, v) \leq \beta(Lv, v)$
- DD convergence when $\delta \gg 0$?
- What can be done in 3D?
- Malin Nilsson (2nd year PhD) works on this problem

Wave propagation on spatial network models



• Network-LOD for wave equation

 $M\ddot{u} + Ku = Mf.$

- Re-use basis. Combine existing theoretical results⁹.
- Assumptions on well prepared data.
- Elastic wave propagation with applications in fibre based materials. Interest from industry.
- Per Ljung (4th year PhD) and Morgan Görtz (3rd year PhD) works on this problem.

⁹Abdulle & Henning, 2017

Algebraic LOD/DD for network models



- How to construct a coarse scale representation?
- Patches will most likely depend on structure of K.
- Construct LOD space using functionals $W = \{v \in V : \ell_i(v) = 0\}.$
- Prove error bounds (isoperimetric dimension)?
- Initial discussions with Roland Maier and Fredrik Hellman.

Multilevel solvers for spatial networks



- Functional analysis in network setting¹⁰: Sobolev, Poincaré, Friedrich, Harnack, ...
- Multigrid, multi-level MC, Super-LOD, ...
- More applications

Thank you!

¹⁰Fan Chung, UCSD

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