

Consistent Finite Elements for Optimal Control Problems in Computational Fluid Dynamics

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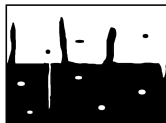
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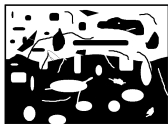
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 ⇒ Geometric functional!

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Applications

- Air-water dynamics (air bubbles, water drops)
- Aluminium production (Al_2 and Al_2O_3)

Goals

- Multi-phase flow in connection with optimal control

Analytical

- Existence of optimum
- Optimality conditions
- Convergence analysis

Practical

- Implementation
- Handle topological changes (interface can merge or break)
- Treatment of interfaces in discrete scheme

Known result: Optimization of L^2 -functional (no geometric term) subject to Stokes equation, cf. [Kunisch and Lu, 2011].

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- **Goal:** What happens for $\varepsilon, \delta \rightarrow 0$?

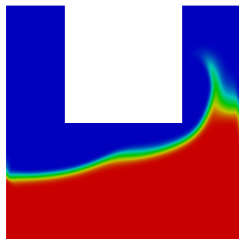
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Computation of state equation: Phase-field approach



Direct implementation of (NSE).

- Q_1 -elements, $h = 1/128$
- implicit Euler, $\Delta t = 0.005$
- strong oscillations due to discontinuity of density



Implementation of (NSE_ϵ) with $\epsilon = 1e-4$.

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No uniform thickness due to diffusion term!

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Idea (by [Sussman et al., 1994]): At some time step, solve auxiliary evolution problem (**Reinitialization!**), where stationary solutions have $|\nabla\phi| = 1$.

- Evolution starts at interface.
- **Problem:** Zero-level changes at reinitialization at discrete level \Rightarrow mass loss.
- **Question:** At which time should this be done?

How does reinitialization affect the optimization algorithm?

- Compare reduction in the error rate of cost functional and control in each Newton-step on fixed mesh
- Numerical example, where exact control is known.

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k - N.-lt	$J(\rho^k, \mathbf{u}^k)$	$ \mathbf{u}_{\text{ref}} - \mathbf{u}^k $
0	1.2e-3	20
1	3.1e-8	1.0e-1
2	6.1e-16	1.4e-5
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Table: without reinitialization

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5	1.8e-14	9.9e-5
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7	1.1e-18	7.6e-7

Table: reinitialization after 10 timesteps

- Reduced convergence order if reinitialization is used, **but**
- Reinitialization is necessary for long time computations **and**
- Reinitialization is not included in optimality conditions.

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