

Regularity of a weak solution to a linear fluid-composite structure interaction problem

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Outline

This talk will be divided into three sections:

- Problem description
- Existence result
- Regularity results

The first two parts are a joint work with:

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Introduction

- We consider a **linear fluid-structure interaction problem** between an incompressible, viscous, Newtonian fluid and the motion of an elastic structure.
- The fluid flow is modeled by the time-dependent Stokes equations while the structure is modeled as a linearly elastic cylindrical Koiter shell coupled with a net made of elastic rods.

fluid	3D Stokes equations
shell	2D linear Koiter shell
mesh	1D net made of elastic rods

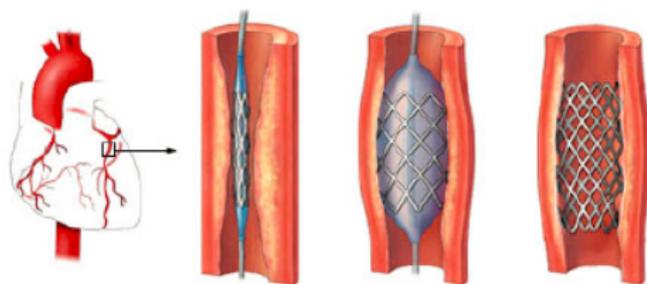
Main assumptions of the model

- The problem is set on a **cylindrical** domain in 3D, and is driven by the time-dependent inlet and outlet pressure data.
- The flow is assumed to be **laminar**, and the structure displacement is assumed to be small allowing displacement in all three spatial directions.
- No smallness on the structure velocity is assumed.
- The fluid and the mesh-supported structure are coupled via the **kinematic and dynamic coupling conditions** describing continuity of velocity and balance of contact forces.



Motivation

- This problem was motivated by a study of blood flow through medium-to-large human arteries, such as the aorta or coronary arteries, treated with vascular stents.
- The vascular stent is a thin, metallic mesh tube which is inserted at the location of the narrowing of a diseased coronary artery in order to prop the artery open.
- The procedure of inserting the stent inside the artery is called **coronary angioplasty**.



Model description - the fluid

We consider the flow of an incompressible, viscous fluid through a cylindrical domain, denoted by Ω :

$$\Omega = \{(z, x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : z \in (0, L), \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \leq R\}.$$

The fluid domain boundary consists of three parts: the lateral boundary Γ , which is a cylinder of radius R , the inlet boundary Γ_{in} and the outlet boundary Γ_{out} . The **time-dependent Stokes equations** are used to model the flow in Ω :

Fluid

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \rho_F \partial_t \mathbf{u} &= \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}, \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} &= 0, \end{aligned} \right\} \text{ in } \Omega, \quad t \in (0, T). \quad (1)$$

Model description - the fluid

At the inlet and outlet we prescribe the pressure, with the tangential fluid velocity equal to zero:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} p &= P_{in/out}(t), \\ \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{e}_z &= 0, \end{aligned} \right\} \text{ on } \Gamma_{in/out},$$

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The fluid velocity will be assumed to belong to the following classical function space:

Fluid space

$$V_F = \{\mathbf{u} \in H^1(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^3) : \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0, \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{e}_z = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_{in/out}\}.$$

Model description - the shell

The lateral boundary of the fluid domain will be assumed elastic, and modeled as a clamped cylindrical Koiter shell of thickness h , length L , and reference radius of the middle surface R . This reference configuration, which we denote by Γ , can be defined via parameterization

$$\varphi : \omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, \quad \varphi(z, \theta) = (z, R \cos \theta, R \sin \theta),$$

where $\omega = (0, L) \times (0, 2\pi)$, and $R > 0$. Under loading, the Koiter shell is displaced from its reference configuration Γ by a displacement $\boldsymbol{\eta} = \boldsymbol{\eta}(t, z, \theta) = (\eta_z, \eta_r, \eta_\theta)$. Let V_K denote the following function space:

Shell space

$$\begin{aligned} V_K = \{ & \boldsymbol{\eta} = (\eta_z, \eta_r, \eta_\theta) \in H^1(\omega) \times H^2(\omega) \times H^1(\omega) : \\ & \eta(t, z, \theta) = \partial_z \eta_r(t, z, \theta) = 0, z \in \{0, L\}, \theta \in (0, 2\pi), \\ & \eta(t, z, 0) = \eta(t, z, 2\pi), \partial_\theta \eta_r(t, z, 0) = \partial_\theta \eta_r(t, z, 2\pi), z \in (0, L) \}. \end{aligned}$$

Model description - the shell

The displacement $\boldsymbol{\eta}(t, z, \theta) = (\eta_z, \eta_r, \eta_\theta)$ of the deformed shell from the reference configuration Γ is a solution to the following elastodynamics problem, written in weak form:

Koiter shell

find $\boldsymbol{\eta} \in V_K$ such that

$$\rho_K h \int_{\omega} \partial_t^2 \boldsymbol{\eta} \cdot \boldsymbol{\psi} R + \langle \mathcal{L}\boldsymbol{\eta}, \boldsymbol{\psi} \rangle = \int_{\omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \boldsymbol{\psi} R, \quad \forall \boldsymbol{\psi} \in V_K. \quad (2)$$

Here, ρ_K is the shell density and \mathbf{f} is the force density acting on the shell. \mathcal{L} is an operator that describes elastic properties ([change of metric tensor and change of curvature tensor](#)) of the shell. We emphasize that we have the coercivity of the operator \mathcal{L} , i.e. $\langle \mathcal{L}\boldsymbol{\eta}, \boldsymbol{\eta} \rangle \geq c \|\boldsymbol{\eta}\|^2, \forall \boldsymbol{\eta} \in V_K$.

Model description - the mesh

An elastic mesh is a three-dimensional elastic body defined as a union of three-dimensional slender components called struts. Since each strut is "thin", meaning that its two dimensions are small comparing to the third one, we approximate it with one-dimensional curved rod model. For the i -th curved rod, the middle line is parameterized via

$$\mathbf{P}_i : [0, l_i] \rightarrow \varphi(\bar{\omega}), \quad i = 1, \dots, n_E,$$

and on each rod we have next family of equations:

Mesh

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_S A_i \partial_t^2 \mathbf{d}_i &= \partial_s \mathbf{p}_i + \mathbf{f}_i, \\ \rho_S M_i \partial_t^2 \mathbf{w}_i &= \partial_s \mathbf{q}_i + \mathbf{t}_i \times \mathbf{p}_i, \\ 0 &= \partial_s \mathbf{w}_i - Q_i H_i^{-1} Q_i^T \mathbf{q}_i, \\ 0 &= \partial_s \mathbf{d}_i + \mathbf{t}_i \times \mathbf{w}_i. \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

Model description - the mesh

Here, \mathbf{d}_i is the displacement of the middle line of the i -th rod, \mathbf{w}_i is the infinitesimal rotation of the cross-section of the i -th rod, \mathbf{q}_i is the contact moment, and \mathbf{p}_i is the contact force.

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At each vertex of the mesh we need to prescribe coupling conditions:

- **kinematic** ... continuity of displacements and infinitesimal rotations
- **dynamic** ... balance of contact forces and contact moments

Model description - the mesh

We first introduce a function space consisting of all the H^1 -functions (\mathbf{d}, \mathbf{w}) defined on the entire net \mathcal{N} , such that they satisfy the kinematic coupling conditions at each vertex:

$$H^1(\mathcal{N}; \mathbb{R}^6) = \{(\mathbf{d}, \mathbf{w}) = ((\mathbf{d}_1, \mathbf{w}_1), \dots, (\mathbf{d}_{n_E}, \mathbf{w}_{n_E})) \in \prod_{i=1}^{n_E} H^1(0, l_i; \mathbb{R}^6) : \\ \mathbf{d}_i(\mathbf{P}_i^{-1}(V)) = \mathbf{d}_j(\mathbf{P}_j^{-1}(V)), \mathbf{w}_i(\mathbf{P}_i^{-1}(V)) = \mathbf{w}_j(\mathbf{P}_j^{-1}(V)), \\ \forall V \in \mathcal{V}, V = e_i \cap e_j, i, j = 1, \dots, n_E\}.$$

The solution space is defined to contain the conditions of inextensibility and unshearability as follows:

Mesh space

$$V_S = \{(\mathbf{d}, \mathbf{w}) \in H^1(\mathcal{N}; \mathbb{R}^6) : \partial_s \mathbf{d}_i + \mathbf{t}_i \times \mathbf{w}_i = 0, i = 1, \dots, n_E\}.$$

Coupling between the shell and the mesh

The elastic mesh is fixed to the shell

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^{n_E} \mathbf{P}_i([0, l_i]) \subset \Gamma = \varphi(\bar{\omega}).$$

Since φ is injective on ω , functions $\boldsymbol{\pi}_i$, denoting the reparameterizations of the mesh struts:

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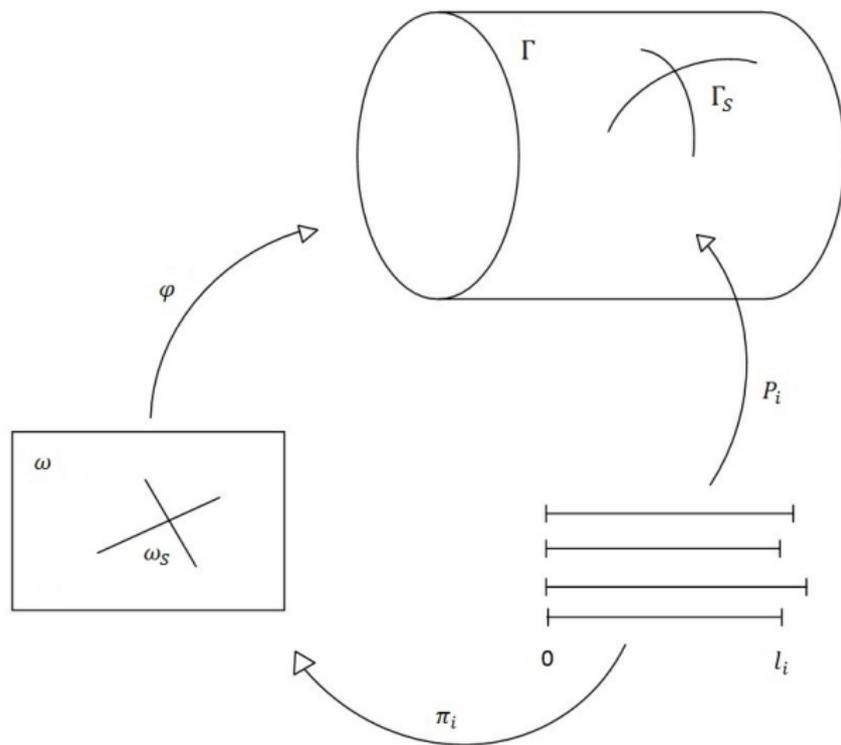
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The elastic mesh and the shell are coupled through the following coupling conditions:

- **kinematic:** $\boldsymbol{\eta}(t, \boldsymbol{\pi}_i(s_i)) = \mathbf{d}_i(t, s_i), \forall s_i \in [0, l_i]$ such that $\boldsymbol{\pi}_i(s_i) = (z, \theta) \in \omega$,
- **dynamic:** $\mathbf{f}R = - \sum_{i=1}^{n_E} \frac{\mathbf{f}_i \circ \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^{-1}}{\|\boldsymbol{\pi}'_i \circ \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^{-1}\|} \delta_{J_i}, \forall (z, \theta) \in \omega$, where $J_i = \boldsymbol{\pi}_i'([0, l_i])$.

Parameterization of the mesh struts



Coupling between the fluid and the structure

The coupling between the fluid and the structure is defined by two sets of coupling conditions: the kinematic and dynamic coupling conditions, satisfied at the fixed, lateral boundary Γ , giving rise to a linear fluid-structure coupling:

- **kinematic:** $\partial_t \boldsymbol{\eta} = \mathbf{u}|_{\Gamma} \circ \boldsymbol{\varphi}$ on $(0, T) \times \omega$,
- **dynamic:**

$$\rho_K h \partial_t^2 \boldsymbol{\eta} R + \mathcal{L} \boldsymbol{\eta} + \sum_{i=1}^{n_E} \frac{\mathbf{f}_i \circ \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^{-1}}{\|\boldsymbol{\pi}'_i \circ \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^{-1}\|} \delta_{J_i} = -J(\boldsymbol{\sigma} \circ \boldsymbol{\varphi})(\mathbf{n} \circ \boldsymbol{\varphi}) \text{ on } (0, T) \times \omega,$$

where J denotes the Jacobian of the transformation from cylindrical to Cartesian coordinates, and \mathbf{n} denotes the outer unit normal on Γ .

The fluid-mesh-shell problem

In summary, we study the following fluid-structure interaction problem.

Problem 1. Find $(\mathbf{u}, p, \eta, \mathbf{d}, \mathbf{w})$ such that

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \rho_F \partial_t \mathbf{u} &= \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{ in } (0, T) \times \Omega, \quad (4)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \partial_t \eta &= \mathbf{u} \circ \boldsymbol{\varphi} \\ \rho_K h \partial_t^2 \eta R + \mathcal{L} \eta + \sum_{i=1}^{n_E} \frac{\mathbf{f}_i \circ \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^{-1}}{\|\boldsymbol{\pi}'_i \circ \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^{-1}\|} \delta_{J_i} &= -J(\boldsymbol{\sigma} \circ \boldsymbol{\varphi})(\mathbf{n} \circ \boldsymbol{\varphi}) \end{aligned} \right\} \text{ on } (0, T) \times \omega, \quad (5)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \rho_S A_i \partial_t^2 \mathbf{d}_i &= \partial_s \mathbf{p}_i + \mathbf{f}_i \\ \rho_S M_i \partial_t^2 \mathbf{w}_i &= \partial_s \mathbf{q}_i + \mathbf{t}_i \times \mathbf{p}_i \\ 0 &= \partial_s \mathbf{w}_i - Q_i H_i^{-1} Q_i^T \mathbf{q}_i \\ 0 &= \partial_s \mathbf{d}_i + \mathbf{t}_i \times \mathbf{w}_i \end{aligned} \right\} \text{ on } (0, T) \times (0, l_i). \quad (6)$$

The fluid-mesh-shell problem

Problem (4)-(6) is supplemented with the following set of boundary and initial conditions:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} p = P_{in/out}(t), & \text{on } (0, T) \times \Gamma_{in/out}, \\ \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{e}_z = 0, & \text{on } (0, T) \times \Gamma_{in/out}, \\ \boldsymbol{\eta}(t, 0, \theta) = \boldsymbol{\eta}(t, L, \theta) = 0, & \text{on } (0, T) \times (0, 2\pi), \\ \partial_z \eta_r(t, 0, \theta) = \partial_z \eta_r(t, L, \theta) = 0, & \text{on } (0, T) \times (0, 2\pi), \\ \boldsymbol{\eta}(t, z, 0) = \boldsymbol{\eta}(t, z, 2\pi), & \text{on } (0, T) \times (0, L), \\ \partial_\theta \eta_r(t, z, 0) = \partial_\theta \eta_r(t, z, 2\pi), & \text{on } (0, T) \times (0, L), \end{array} \right. \quad (7)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}(0) &= \mathbf{u}_0, \quad \boldsymbol{\eta}(0) = \boldsymbol{\eta}_0, \quad \partial_t \boldsymbol{\eta}(0) = \mathbf{v}_0, \\ \mathbf{d}_i(0) &= \mathbf{d}_{0i}, \quad \partial_t \mathbf{d}_i(0) = \mathbf{k}_{0i}, \quad \mathbf{w}_i(0) = \mathbf{w}_{0i}, \quad \partial_t \mathbf{w}_i(0) = \mathbf{z}_{0i}. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Energy inequality

The formal energy estimate shows that the total energy $E(t)$ of the problem is bounded by the data of the problem

$$\frac{d}{dt}E(t) + D(t) \leq C(P_{in}(t), P_{out}(t)), \quad (9)$$

where $E(t)$ denotes the total energy of the coupled problem (the sum of the kinetic and elastic energy), $D(t)$ denotes dissipation due to fluid viscosity, and $C(P_{in}(t), P_{out}(t))$ is a constant which depends only on the L^2 -norms of the inlet and outlet pressure data.

Definition of a weak solution

We define the following evolution spaces associated with the fluid problem, the Koiter shell problem, the mesh problem and the coupled mesh-shell problem:

- $V_F(0, T) = L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\Omega)) \cap L^2(0, T; V_F),$
- $V_K(0, T) = W^{1,\infty}(0, T; L^2(R; \omega)) \cap L^\infty(0, T; V_K),$
- $V_S(0, T) = W^{1,\infty}(0, T; L^2(\mathcal{N})) \cap L^\infty(0, T; V_S),$
- $V_{KS}(0, T) = \{(\boldsymbol{\eta}, \mathbf{d}, \mathbf{w}) \in V_K(0, T) \times V_S(0, T) : \boldsymbol{\eta} \circ \boldsymbol{\pi} = \mathbf{d} \text{ on } \prod_{i=1}^{n_E} (0, l_i)\}.$

Definition of a weak solution

The solution space for the coupled fluid-mesh-shell interaction problem involves the kinematic coupling condition, which is, thus, enforced in a strong way:

$$\mathcal{V}(0, T) = \{(\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\eta}, \mathbf{d}, \mathbf{w}) \in V_F(0, T) \times V_{KS}(0, T) : \mathbf{u} \circ \boldsymbol{\varphi} = \partial_t \boldsymbol{\eta} \text{ on } \omega\}.$$

The associated test space is given by:

$$\mathcal{Q}(0, T) = \{(\mathbf{v}, \boldsymbol{\psi}, \boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\zeta}) \in C_c^1([0, T]; V_F \times V_{KS}) : \mathbf{v} \circ \boldsymbol{\varphi} = \boldsymbol{\psi} \text{ on } \omega\}.$$

Definition of a weak solution

We say that $(\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\eta}, \mathbf{d}, \mathbf{w}) \in \mathcal{V}(0, T)$ is a weak solution of Problem 1 if for all test functions $(\mathbf{v}, \boldsymbol{\psi}, \boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\zeta}) \in \mathcal{Q}(0, T)$ the following equality holds:

$$\begin{aligned} & -\rho_F \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{u} \cdot \partial_t \mathbf{v} + 2\mu_F \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u}) : \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{v}) - \rho_K h \int_0^T \int_{\omega} \partial_t \boldsymbol{\eta} \cdot \partial_t \boldsymbol{\psi} R \\ & + \int_0^T a_K(\boldsymbol{\eta}, \boldsymbol{\psi}) - \rho_S \sum_{i=1}^{n_E} A_i \int_0^T \int_0^{l_i} \partial_t \mathbf{d}_i \cdot \partial_t \boldsymbol{\xi}_i - \rho_S \sum_{i=1}^{n_E} \int_0^T \int_0^{l_i} M_i \partial_t \mathbf{w}_i \cdot \partial_t \boldsymbol{\zeta}_i \\ & + \int_0^T a_S(\mathbf{w}, \boldsymbol{\zeta}) = \int_0^T \langle F(t), \mathbf{v} \rangle_{\Gamma_{in/out}} + \rho_F \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{u}_0 \cdot \mathbf{v}(0) + \rho_K h \int_{\omega} \mathbf{v}_0 \cdot \boldsymbol{\psi}(0) R \\ & + \rho_S \sum_{i=1}^{n_E} A_i \int_0^{l_i} \mathbf{k}_{0i} \cdot \boldsymbol{\xi}_i(0) + \rho_S \sum_{i=1}^{n_E} \int_0^{l_i} M_i \mathbf{z}_{0i} \cdot \boldsymbol{\zeta}_i(0), \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

Theorem

Let $\mathbf{u}_0 \in L^2(\Omega)$, $\boldsymbol{\eta}_0 \in H^1(\omega)$, $\mathbf{v}_0 \in L^2(R; \omega)$, $(\mathbf{d}_0, \mathbf{w}_0) \in V_S$, $(\mathbf{k}_0, \mathbf{z}_0) \in L^2(\mathcal{N}; \mathbb{R}^6)$ be such that

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_0 = 0, (\mathbf{u}_0|_{\Gamma} \circ \boldsymbol{\varphi}) \cdot \mathbf{e}_r = (\mathbf{v}_0)_r, \mathbf{u}_0|_{\Gamma_{in/out}} \times \mathbf{e}_z = 0, \boldsymbol{\eta}_0 \circ \boldsymbol{\pi} = \mathbf{d}_0.$$

Furthermore, let all the physical constants be positive:

$\rho_K, \rho_S, \rho_F, \lambda, \mu, \mu_F > 0$ and $A_i > 0, \forall i = 1, \dots, n_E$, and let

$P_{in/out} \in L^2_{loc}(0, \infty)$. Then for every $T > 0$ there **exists a weak solution** to Problem 1.

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- Pass to the limit to see that the limiting functions satisfy the weak form of Problem 1.

Regularity of the weak solution

Formal energy estimates show that taking $(\mathbf{u}, \partial_t \boldsymbol{\eta}, \partial_t \mathbf{d}, \partial_t \mathbf{w})$ as a test function in the full, coupled problem, leads to the following regularity of the solution:

$$\mathbf{u} \in L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\Omega)) \cap L^2(0, T; V_F),$$

$$\boldsymbol{\eta} \in W^{1, \infty}(0, T; L^2(\Omega)) \cap L^\infty(0, T; V_K),$$

$$(\mathbf{d}, \mathbf{w}) \in W^{1, \infty}(0, T; L^2(\mathcal{N})) \cap L^\infty(0, T; H^1(\mathcal{N})).$$

Time regularity - motivation

- One could take $(\partial_t \mathbf{u}, \partial_{tt} \boldsymbol{\eta}, \partial_{tt} \mathbf{d}, \partial_{tt} \mathbf{w})$ as a test function.
- The problem that appears is that we do not get the "right sign" in front of the elastic terms in structure equation.
- This is due to **parabolic-hyperbolic-hyperbolic nature** of the coupling between the fluid and composite structure.
- Taking $(\partial_{tt} \mathbf{u}, \partial_{ttt} \boldsymbol{\eta}, \partial_{ttt} \mathbf{d}, \partial_{ttt} \mathbf{w})$ solves this mismatch!

We define the time difference quotients in the following way:

$$D^{\Delta t} \mathbf{u}(t, \mathbf{x}) = \frac{\mathbf{u}(t + \Delta t, \mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{u}(t, \mathbf{x})}{\Delta t},$$

and define the test functions for our fluid-composite structure interaction problem as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v} &= -D^{-\Delta t}(D^{\Delta t} \mathbf{u}), & \psi &= -D^{-\Delta t}(D^{\Delta t} \partial_t \boldsymbol{\eta}), \\ \boldsymbol{\xi} &= -D^{-\Delta t}(D^{\Delta t} \partial_t \mathbf{d}), & \boldsymbol{\zeta} &= -D^{-\Delta t}(D^{\Delta t} \partial_t \mathbf{w}), \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

Time regularity - estimates

The weak solution $(\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\eta}, \mathbf{d}, \mathbf{w})$ of Problem 1 belongs to the following function spaces:

$$\mathbf{u} \in W^{1,\infty}(0, T; L^2(\Omega)) \cap H^1(0, T; V_F),$$

$$\boldsymbol{\eta} \in W^{2,\infty}(0, T; L^2(R; \omega)) \cap W^{1,\infty}(0, T; V_K),$$

$$(\mathbf{d}, \mathbf{w}) \in W^{2,\infty}(0, T; L^2(\mathcal{N})) \cap W^{1,\infty}(0, T; V_S)$$

provided that initial data satisfy:

$$\mathbf{u}_0 \in H^2(\Omega), \boldsymbol{\eta}_0 \in V_K, \mathbf{v}_0 \in V_K, (\mathbf{d}_0, \mathbf{w}_0) \in V_S, (\mathbf{k}_0, \mathbf{z}_0) \in V_S$$

together with the compatibility conditions:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_0 = 0, (\mathbf{u}_0|_{\Gamma} \circ \boldsymbol{\varphi}) \cdot \mathbf{e}_r = (\mathbf{v}_0)_r, \mathbf{u}_0|_{\Gamma_{in/out}} \times \mathbf{e}_z = 0, \boldsymbol{\eta}_0 \circ \boldsymbol{\pi} = \mathbf{d}_0.$$

For the inlet and outlet pressure we demand $P_{in/out} \in H_{loc}^1(0, \infty)$.

Space regularity - formal estimates

One could naively take $(-\Delta \mathbf{u}, -\Delta \partial_t \boldsymbol{\eta}, -\Delta \partial_t \mathbf{d}, -\Delta \partial_t \mathbf{w})$ as a test function, where

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta \mathbf{u}(z, r, \theta) &= (\Delta u_z(z, r, \theta), \Delta u_r(z, r, \theta), \Delta u_\theta(z, r, \theta)) \\ &= (\partial_{zz}u_z + \partial_{rr}u_z + \partial_{\theta\theta}u_z, \partial_{zz}u_r + \partial_{rr}u_r + \partial_{\theta\theta}u_r, \\ &\quad \partial_{zz}u_\theta + \partial_{rr}u_\theta + \partial_{\theta\theta}u_\theta)\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta \partial_t \boldsymbol{\eta}(z, \theta) &= (\Delta \partial_t \eta_z(z, \theta), \Delta \partial_t \eta_r(z, \theta), \Delta \partial_t \eta_\theta(z, \theta)) \\ &= (\partial_{zz}\partial_t \eta_z + \partial_{\theta\theta}\partial_t \eta_z, \partial_{zz}\partial_t \eta_r + \partial_{\theta\theta}\partial_t \eta_r, \partial_{zz}\partial_t \eta_\theta + \partial_{\theta\theta}\partial_t \eta_\theta).\end{aligned}$$

The problem that we encounter here is non-compatibility of the test functions, i.e. $\Delta \mathbf{u} \neq \Delta \partial_t \boldsymbol{\eta}$ on Γ .

Fluid interior regularity

- For the fluid test function we take $-\chi\Delta\mathbf{u}$, where χ is a smooth cut-off function which has support in the interior of the fluid domain.
- For the shell + mesh part we take zero test functions.
- The fluid test function is not divergence-free!
- One obtains an additional fluid interior regularity

$$\mathbf{u} \in L^\infty(0, T; H^1(\Omega_0)) \text{ and } \mathbf{u} \in L^2(0, T; H^2(\Omega_0)),$$

where $\Omega_0 \subset\subset \Omega$.

Shell interior regularity

- We now exclude the mesh from calculations.
- Take

$$\mathbf{v} = -\tilde{\chi}\Delta\mathbf{u} \text{ and } \psi = -\chi\Delta\partial_t\eta$$

as a test function for the fluid and shell equations, respectively.

- As we already noticed these two test functions are non-compatible, so we have to take slightly modified test function for the fluid part, namely:

$$\mathbf{v} = \tilde{\chi}(-\partial_{zz}u_{zz} - \partial_{\theta\theta}u_{zz}, -\partial_{zz}u_{rr} - \partial_{\theta\theta}u_{rr}, -\partial_{zz}u_{\theta\theta} - \partial_{\theta\theta}u_{\theta\theta}).$$

- For the fluid velocity, we obtain an additional regularity in z -direction and in θ -direction.
- An additional regularity of the fluid velocity in radial direction is obtained by using the Stokes equation.
- For the shell displacement, an additional regularity is obtained up to the boundary.

Mesh interior regularity

- In this step we calculate mesh interior regularity (by excluding the mesh vertices).
- Again we have to multiply the test functions with appropriate smooth cut-off functions.
- For the mesh, we take the following test functions

$$(-\Delta \partial_t \mathbf{d}_i, -\Delta \partial_t \mathbf{w}_i) = (-\partial_{ss} \partial_t \mathbf{d}_i, -\partial_{ss} \partial_t \mathbf{w}_i).$$

- For the fluid and the shell, we take

$$-\partial_{ss} \mathbf{u} \text{ and } -\partial_{ss} \partial_t \boldsymbol{\eta}.$$

- We obtain an additional fluid velocity and shell displacement regularity in s -direction.
- For the mesh, we obtain an additional regularity up to mesh vertices.