

Microlocal defect functionals and applications

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Microlocal defect distributions

H-measures vs. defect measures

H-measures or **microlocal defect measures** represent a generalisation of defect measures. Besides the space variables, they depend on the dual variables as well. An H-measure is a Radon measure on the cospherical bundle

$$\Omega \times S^{d-1} \subseteq T^*\Omega \simeq \Omega \times \mathbf{R}^d$$

over a domain $\Omega \subseteq \mathbf{R}^d$, and it is associated to a weakly converging sequence in $L^2_{\text{loc}}(\Omega)$.

Consider a plain wave:

$$u_n(\mathbf{x}) = \varphi(\mathbf{x})e^{2\pi i \frac{\mathbf{x}}{\varepsilon_n} \cdot \mathbf{k}},$$

where $\varphi \in L^2_{\text{loc}}(\mathbf{R}^d)$, $\mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{R}^d \setminus \{0\}$, and $\varepsilon_n \rightarrow 0^+$. This sequence weakly converges in $L^2_{\text{loc}}(\mathbf{R}^d)$ to 0 (but not strongly, except in the trivial case $\varphi = 0$).

Defect measure is the limit of $|u_n|^2 = |\varphi|^2$ in the space of (unbounded) Radon measures with respect to the weak-* topology — $|\varphi|^2 \lambda^d$.

On the other hand, the H-measure is

$$|\varphi|^2 \lambda^d \otimes \delta_{\frac{\mathbf{k}}{|\mathbf{k}|}},$$

where $\delta_{\frac{\mathbf{k}}{|\mathbf{k}|}}$ (the Dirac measure at point $\mathbf{k}/|\mathbf{k}|$) is a measure in the dual space (variable $\boldsymbol{\xi}$).

Hence, the **direction of oscillation** is inherent in the H-measure.

H-measures vs. semiclassical (Wigner) measures

In the example the H-measure does not distinguish between sequences with different frequencies $\frac{1}{\varepsilon_n}$. We need to incorporate a **scale**.

That is the case with *semiclassical measures*; the Radon measures on the cotangential bundle $\Omega \times \mathbf{R}^d$. Since they depend upon a characteristic length (ω_n) , $\omega_n \rightarrow 0^+$ in the real line, they are more suitable in situations where such a characteristic length naturally appears, often related to highly oscillating problems for partial differential equations.

However, the scale brings new issues: if the characteristic length (ω_n) of a semiclassical measure is chosen inappropriately, we can lose information.

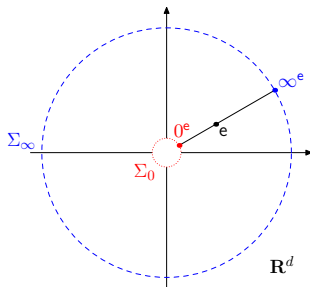
For example, if $\lim_n \frac{\omega_n}{\varepsilon_n} = +\infty$, the semiclassical measure associated to the plane wave is equal to zero measure. This in particular implies that, in contrast to H-measures, a zero semiclassical measure does not necessarily guarantee the strong convergence of the associated sequence (the so-called (ω_n) -oscillatory property needs to be satisfied as well).

H-measures and semiclassical measures are in a general relation (neither is a generalisation of the other) and either has some advantages and disadvantages.

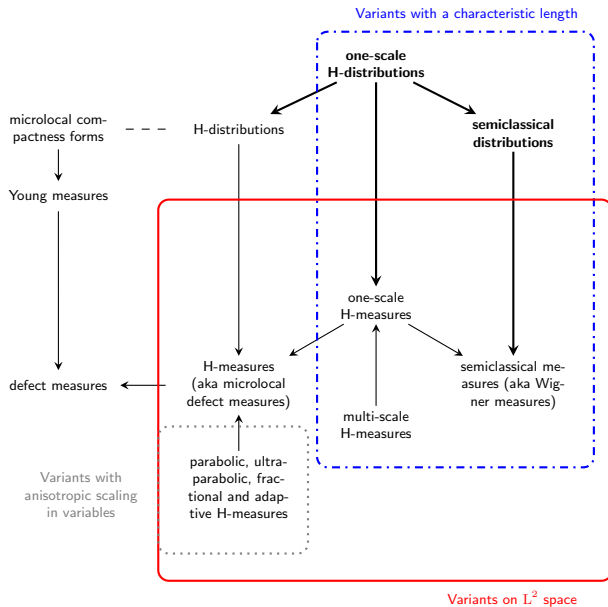
One-scale H-measures

One-scale H-measures are a true extension of H-measures and semiclassical measures. The localisation principles, both for H-measures and semiclassical measures, can be derived from the localisation principle for one-scale H-measures

The main part in their construction is a proper choice of the domain for dual variables. For a fine tuning with characteristic lengths the set has to be *thick enough*, but we need to allow for directions to be *detected* also at the origin and infinity. This can be achieved with a radial compactification of $\mathbf{R}^d \setminus \{0\}$, denoted by $K_{0,\infty}(\mathbf{R}^d)$, which is homeomorphic to the d -dimensional spherical shell.



Overview of MDF



Compactification of $\mathbf{R}_*^d = \mathbf{R}^d \setminus \{0\}$

For the compactifying map \mathcal{J} we take the composition of the translation from the origin in the radial direction for $r_0 > 0$:

$$\mathbf{R}_*^d \ni \boldsymbol{\xi} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{T}} \frac{|\boldsymbol{\xi}| + r_0}{|\boldsymbol{\xi}|} \boldsymbol{\xi} \in \mathbf{R}^d \setminus K[0, r_0],$$

and a compactifying map of the radial compactification.

For the latter, we first identify \mathbf{R}^d with the hypersurface $\xi_0 = 1$ in $\mathbf{R}_{\xi_0, \boldsymbol{\xi}}^{1+d}$, and then apply the modified stereographic projection based on the line through the origin (instead of the South Pole). More precisely, the radial compactification map \mathcal{R} maps $\boldsymbol{\xi}$ to the intersection of $[0, 1] \ni t \mapsto (t, t\boldsymbol{\xi})$ (the line through $(1, \boldsymbol{\xi})$ and $(0, 0)$ in \mathbf{R}^{1+d}) and the upper half of the unit sphere centred at the origin: $S_+^d := \{(\zeta_0, \boldsymbol{\zeta}) \in S^d : \zeta_0 > 0\}$. Since the intersection occurs at $t = (1 + |\boldsymbol{\xi}|^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$, we have that $\mathcal{R} : \mathbf{R}^d \rightarrow S_+^d$ is given by

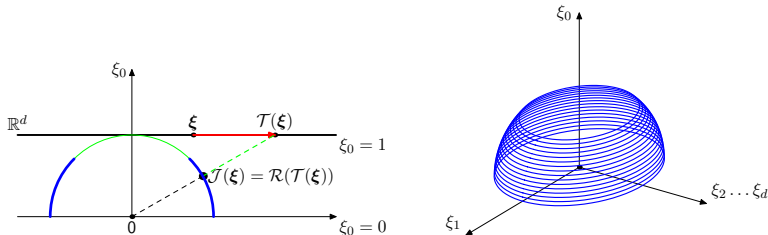
$$\mathcal{R}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + |\boldsymbol{\xi}|^2}}, \frac{\boldsymbol{\xi}}{\sqrt{1 + |\boldsymbol{\xi}|^2}} \right).$$

$$\mathcal{J} := \mathcal{R} \circ \mathcal{T} : \mathbf{R}_*^d \rightarrow S_{(0,r_1)}^d$$

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{R}^d \setminus K[0, r_0]) = \left\{ (\zeta_0, \zeta) \in S^d : 0 < \zeta_0 < r_1 \right\} =: S_{(0,r_1)}^d$$

and

$$\mathcal{J}(\xi) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + (|\xi| + r_0)^2}}, \frac{|\xi| + r_0}{\sqrt{1 + (|\xi| + r_0)^2}} \frac{\xi}{|\xi|} \right).$$



Fourier multipliers

Functions from $C^{\kappa}(S^{d-1})$, as well as those from $\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{R}^d)$ can be identified as functions on $K_{0,\infty}(\mathbf{R}^d)$.

Theorem. Any function from $C^{\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \rfloor + 1}(K_{0,\infty}(\mathbf{R}^d))$ satisfies Mihlin's condition

$$|\partial^{\alpha} \psi(\boldsymbol{\xi})| \leq \frac{C}{|\boldsymbol{\xi}|^{|\alpha|}}, \quad \boldsymbol{\xi} \in \mathbf{R}_*^d,$$

for each $|\alpha| \leq \lfloor \frac{d}{2} \rfloor + 1$, when suitably restricted to \mathbf{R}_*^d .

In particular, for any $p \in (1, \infty)$, it holds $(\mathcal{A}_{\psi} \mathbf{u} := (\psi \hat{\mathbf{u}})^{\vee})$

$$\|\mathcal{A}_{\psi}\|_{\mathcal{L}(L^p(\mathbf{R}^d))} \leq C_{d,p} C_d \|\psi\|_{C^{\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \rfloor + 1}(K_{0,\infty}(\mathbf{R}^d))},$$

for $\psi \in C^{\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \rfloor + 1}(K_{0,\infty}(\mathbf{R}^d))$, where $C_{d,p}$ is the constant from the Mihlin theorem, while C_d is a constant depending only on d . ■

First commutation lemma

Lema. *Let $\psi \in C^{\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \rfloor + 1}(K_{0,\infty}(\mathbf{R}^d))$, $\varphi \in C_0(\mathbf{R}^d)$, $\omega_n \rightarrow 0^+$, and denote $\psi_n(\boldsymbol{\xi}) := \psi(\omega_n \boldsymbol{\xi})$. Then the commutator of multiplication B_φ by φ and the Fourier multiplier \mathcal{A}_{ψ_n} can be expressed as a sum*

$$C_n := [B_\varphi, \mathcal{A}_{\psi_n}] = \tilde{C}_n + K,$$

where for any $p \in (1, \infty)$ we have that K is a compact operator on $L^p(\mathbf{R}^d)$, while $\tilde{C}_n \rightarrow 0$ in the operator norm on $\mathcal{L}(L^p(\mathbf{R}^d))$. ■

Test functions

Let $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}_x^d \times \mathbb{R}_y^r$, and $l, m \in \mathbf{N}_0 \cup \{\infty\}$.

$$C^{l,m}(\Omega) := \left\{ f \in C(\Omega) : (\forall \alpha \in \mathbf{N}_0^d)(\forall \beta \in \mathbf{N}_0^r) \right. \\ \left. |\alpha| \leq l \ \& \ |\beta| \leq m \implies \partial_x^\alpha \partial_y^\beta f \in C(\Omega) \right\},$$

In a standard way introduce the seminorms using a nested sequence of compacts K_n .

$$C_K^{l,m}(\Omega) := \left\{ f \in C^{l,m}(\Omega) : \text{supp } f \subseteq K \right\}$$

is a Banach space for finite l, m , and a Fréchet space for at least one of them infinite.

$$C_c^{l,m}(\Omega) := \bigcup_{n \in \mathbf{N}} C_{K_n}^{l,m}(\Omega)$$

with the topology of strict inductive limit is a complete locally convex topological vector space.

Anisotropic distributions

The space of anisotropic distributions is the dual of $C_c^{l,m}(\Omega)$

$$\mathcal{D}'_{l,m}(\Omega) := (C_c^{l,m}(\Omega))' .$$

In fact

$$T \in \mathcal{D}'_{l,m}(\Omega) \iff \left\{ \begin{array}{l} T \in \mathcal{D}'(\Omega), \text{ and} \\ (\forall K \Subset \Omega)(\exists C > 0)(\forall \varphi \in C_K^\infty(\Omega)) \quad |\langle T, \varphi \rangle| \leq Cp_K^{l,m}(\varphi) , \end{array} \right.$$

The definition can easily be extended to *differential manifolds without boundary of dimension d* :

a locally Euclidean (of the fixed dimension d , i.e. locally diffeomorphic to \mathbf{R}^d) second countable Hausdorff topological space on which an equivalence class of C^∞ smooth atlases is given.

Kernel theorem on manifolds without boundary

Theorem. *Let X and Y be differential manifolds, of dimension d and r , and $l, m \in \mathbf{N}_0 \cup \{\infty\}$. Then the following statements hold:*

- i) *If $K \in \mathcal{D}'_{l,m}(X \times Y)$, then for each $\varphi \in C_c^l(X)$ the linear form K_φ , defined by $\psi \mapsto \langle K, \varphi \otimes \psi \rangle$, is a distribution of order not more than m on Y . Furthermore, the mapping $\varphi \mapsto K_\varphi$, taking $C_c^l(X)$ with its strict inductive limit topology to $\mathcal{D}'_m(Y)$ with weak $*$ topology, is linear and continuous.*
- ii) *Let $A : C_c^l(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}'_m(Y)$ be a continuous linear operator, in the pair of topologies as in (i) above. Then there exists a unique distribution of anisotropic order $K \in \mathcal{D}'_{l,r(m+2)}(X \times Y)$ such that for any $\varphi \in C_c^l(X)$ and $\psi \in C_c^{r(m+2)}(Y)$ one has*

$$\langle K, \varphi \otimes \psi \rangle = \langle K_\varphi, \psi \rangle = \langle A\varphi, \psi \rangle .$$

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Anisotropic distributions on manifolds with boundary

The definition of *differential manifold with boundary* differs from the notion of a differential manifold without boundary only in that the former is diffeomorphic either to \mathbf{R}^d or to the closed half-space

$$\text{Cl } \mathbf{R}_+^d = \{\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d) \in \mathbf{R}^d : x_d \geq 0\}.$$

For simplicity, we shall consider only $X = \Omega \subseteq \mathbf{R}^d$ open, and $Y = K_{0,\infty}(\mathbf{R}^d)$.

The space of distributions on $K_{0,\infty}(\mathbf{R}^d)$ of order $l \in \mathbf{N} \cup \{\infty\}$ we define by

$$\mathcal{D}'_l(K_{0,\infty}(\mathbf{R}^d)) = (C^l(K_{0,\infty}(\mathbf{R}^d)))',$$

where the case $l = \infty$ we shall also denote by $\mathcal{D}'(K_{0,\infty}(\mathbf{R}^d))$.

[This corresponds to **supported distributions** of R. Melrose.]

The space of anisotropic distributions on $\Omega \times K_{0,\infty}(\mathbf{R}^d)$ of order $(l, m) \in (\mathbf{N} \cup \{\infty\})^2$ is defined by

$$\mathcal{D}'_{l,m}(\Omega \times K_{0,\infty}(\mathbf{R}^d)) = (C_c^{l,m}(\Omega \times K_{0,\infty}(\mathbf{R}^d)))'.$$

Kernel theorem on $\Omega \times K_{0,\infty}(\mathbf{R}^d)$

Note that it is sufficient to introduce distributions on $\Omega \times S_{[0,r_1]}^d$ since by applying the pushforward $(\mathcal{J}^{-1})_*$ we have a one-to-one correspondence with distributions on $\Omega \times K_{0,\infty}(\mathbf{R}^d)$.

Corollary. *Let $\Omega \subseteq \mathbf{R}^d$ be open and $l, m \in \mathbf{N}_0 \cup \{\infty\}$. Furthermore, let $A : C_c^l(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}'_m(K_{0,\infty}(\mathbf{R}^d))$ be a continuous linear operator, taking $C_c^l(\Omega)$ with its inductive limit topology and $\mathcal{D}'_m(K_{0,\infty}(\mathbf{R}^d))$ with weak $*$ topology. Then there exists a unique distribution of anisotropic order $K \in \mathcal{D}'_{l,d(m+2)}(\Omega \times K_{0,\infty}(\mathbf{R}^d))$ such that for any $\varphi \in C_c^l(X)$ and $\psi \in C^{d(m+2)}(K_{0,\infty}(\mathbf{R}^d))$ one has*

$$\langle K, \varphi \otimes \psi \rangle = \langle A\varphi, \psi \rangle .$$

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One-scale H-measures

$\Omega \subseteq \mathbf{R}^d$ open, $p \in \langle 1, \infty \rangle$, $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'} = 1$

Theorem

If $u_n \rightharpoonup 0$ in $L^2_{\text{loc}}(\Omega)$, $v_n \rightharpoonup 0$ in $L^2_{\text{loc}}(\Omega)$ and $\omega_n \rightarrow 0^+$, then there exist $(u_{n'})$, $(v_{n'})$ and $\mu_{\mathbf{K}_{0,\infty}}^{(\omega_{n'})} \in \mathcal{M}(\Omega \times \mathbf{K}_{0,\infty}(\mathbf{R}^d)\mathbf{R}^d)$ such that for any $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in C_c(\Omega)$ and $\psi \in C(\mathbf{K}_{0,\infty}(\mathbf{R}^d)\mathbf{R}^d)$

$$\lim_{n'} \int_{\mathbf{R}^d} \widehat{\varphi_1 u_{n'}}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) \overline{\widehat{\varphi_2 v_{n'}}(\boldsymbol{\xi})} \psi(\omega_{n'} \boldsymbol{\xi}) d\boldsymbol{\xi} = \langle \mu_{\mathbf{K}_{0,\infty}}^{(\omega_{n'})}, \varphi_1 \bar{\varphi}_2 \boxtimes \psi \rangle .$$

The measure $\mu_{\mathbf{K}_{0,\infty}}^{(\omega_{n'})}$ is called **the one-scale H-measure** with characteristic length $(\omega_{n'})$ associated to the (sub)sequences $(u_{n'})$ and $(v_{n'})$.

$$\mathcal{A}_\psi(u) = (\psi \hat{u})^\vee, \quad \psi_n(\boldsymbol{\xi}) := \psi(\omega_n \boldsymbol{\xi})$$

Determine E such that

- $\mathcal{A}_\psi : L^p(\mathbf{R}^d) \longrightarrow L^p(\mathbf{R}^d)$ is continuous
- The First commutation lemma is valid

Existence of one-scale H-distributions

Theorem. *Let $\Omega \subseteq \mathbf{R}^d$ be open. If $u_n \rightharpoonup 0$ in $L^p_{\text{loc}}(\Omega)$ and (v_n) is bounded in $L^q_{\text{loc}}(\Omega)$ (for some $p \in (1, \infty)$ and $q \geq p'$, where $1/p + 1/p' = 1$), and if $\omega_n \rightarrow 0^+$, then there exist subsequences $(u_{n'})$, $(v_{n'})$, and a complex valued (supported) distribution $\nu_{K_{0,\infty}}^{(\omega_{n'})} \in \mathcal{D}'_{0,\kappa}(\Omega \times K_{0,\infty}(\mathbf{R}^d))$, where $\kappa := d(\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \rfloor + 3)$, such that for any $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in C_c(\Omega)$ and $\psi \in C^\kappa(K_{0,\infty}(\mathbf{R}^d))$, one has:*

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n' \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbf{R}^d} \mathcal{A}_{\psi_{n'}}(\varphi_1 u_{n'}) (\mathbf{x}) \overline{(\varphi_2 v_{n'}) (\mathbf{x})} dx &= \lim_{n' \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbf{R}^d} (\varphi_1 u_{n'}) (\mathbf{x}) \overline{\mathcal{A}_{\bar{\psi}_{n'}}(\varphi_2 v_{n'}) (\mathbf{x})} dx \\ &= \left\langle \nu_{K_{0,\infty}}^{(\omega_{n'})}, \varphi_1 \bar{\varphi}_2 \otimes \psi \right\rangle, \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

where $\psi_n = \psi(\omega_n \cdot)$. The distribution $\nu_{K_{0,\infty}}^{(\omega_{n'})}$ we call the one-scale H-distribution (with the characteristic length $(\omega_{n'})$) associated to (sub)sequences $(u_{n'})$ and $(v_{n'})$.

Moreover, for $p = 2$ the one-scale H-distribution above is the one-scale H-measures with characteristic length $(\omega_{n'})$ associated to (sub)sequences $(u_{n'})$ and $(v_{n'})$. ■

Immediate properties of one-scale H-distributions

Changing the order of sequences; (v_n) and (u_n) determine the distribution

$$\langle \bar{\nu}_{K_{0,\infty}}, \Psi \rangle = \overline{\langle \nu_{K_{0,\infty}}, \bar{\Psi} \rangle}.$$

Supports: if u_n, v_n are supported in closed sets $F_1, F_2 \subseteq \Omega$, then any one-scale distribution they determine is supported in $(F_1 \cap F_2) \times K_{0,\infty}(\mathbf{R}^d)$.

Lema. Let $u_n \rightharpoonup 0$ in $L^p_{\text{loc}}(\Omega)$, for some $p \in (1, \infty)$. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (a) $u_n \rightarrow 0$ (strongly) in $L^p_{\text{loc}}(\Omega)$.
- (b) For every bounded sequence (v_n) in $L^{p'}_{\text{loc}}(\Omega)$ and every $\omega_n \rightarrow 0^+$, (u_n) and (v_n) form an (ω_n) -pure pair and the corresponding one-scale H-distribution is zero.
- (c) For $v_n = |u_n|^{p-2}u_n$ and some $\omega_n \rightarrow 0^+$, (u_n) and (v_n) form an (ω_n) -pure pair and the corresponding one-scale H-distribution is zero.

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Localisation principle for one-scale H-distributions ...

Theorem. Let $u_n \rightharpoonup 0$ in $L^p_{\text{loc}}(\Omega; \mathbf{C}^r)$ satisfy

$$\sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} \varepsilon_n^{|\alpha|} \partial_\alpha (\mathbf{A}^\alpha u_n) = f_n,$$

where (ε_n) is a sequence of positive real numbers, $\mathbf{A}_n^\alpha \in C(\Omega; M_{q \times r}(\mathbf{C}))$, such that for any $\alpha \in \mathbf{N}_0^d$ the sequence $\mathbf{A}_n^\alpha \rightarrow \mathbf{A}^\alpha$ in the space $C(\Omega; M_{q \times r}(\mathbf{C}))$ (in other words, \mathbf{A}_n^α converges locally uniformly to \mathbf{A}^α), while (f_n) is a sequence of functions in $W_{\text{loc}}^{-m,p}(\Omega; \mathbf{C}^r)$ satisfying (ε_n) -local compactness condition

$$(\forall \varphi \in C_c^\infty(\Omega)) \quad \mathcal{A}_{\frac{1}{1+|\varepsilon_n \xi|^m}}(\varphi f_n) \longrightarrow 0 \quad \text{in} \quad L^p(\mathbf{R}^d; \mathbf{C}^r).$$

Moreover, let (v_n) be a bounded sequence in $L^{p'}_{\text{loc}}(\Omega; \mathbf{C}^r)$ and let $\omega_n \rightarrow 0^+$ be a sequence of positive reals such that $c := \lim_n \frac{\omega_n}{\varepsilon_n}$ exists (in $[0, \infty]$).

Localisation principle for one-scale H-distributions (cont.)

Then any one-scale H-distribution $\nu_{K_0, \infty}^{(\omega_n)}$ associated to (sub)sequences (of) (u_n) and (v_n) with characteristic length (ω_n) satisfies:

$$\mathbf{p}_c(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\xi}) \nu_{K_0, \infty} = \mathbf{0},$$

where, with respect to the value of c , we have

i) $c = 0$:

$$\mathbf{p}_0(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\xi}) = \sum_{|\alpha|=m} (2\pi i)^m \frac{\boldsymbol{\xi}^\alpha}{1 + |\boldsymbol{\xi}|^m} \mathbf{A}^\alpha(\mathbf{x}),$$

ii) $c \in (0, \infty)$:

$$\mathbf{p}_c(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\xi}) = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} \left(\frac{2\pi i}{c} \right)^{|\alpha|} \frac{\boldsymbol{\xi}^\alpha}{1 + |\boldsymbol{\xi}|^m} \mathbf{A}^\alpha(\mathbf{x}),$$

iii) $c = \infty$:

$$\mathbf{p}_\infty(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\xi}) = \frac{1}{1 + |\boldsymbol{\xi}|^m} \mathbf{A}^0(\mathbf{x}).$$

Localisation principle for one-scale H-measures ($c = 1$)

$$\sum_{l \leq |\alpha| \leq m} \varepsilon_n^{|\alpha|-l} \partial_\alpha (\mathbf{A}^\alpha u_n) = f_n \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$

$$(\forall \varphi \in C_c^\infty(\Omega)) \quad \frac{\widehat{\varphi f_n}}{1 + \sum_{s=l}^m \varepsilon_n^{s-l} |\boldsymbol{\xi}|^s} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{in } L^2(\mathbf{R}^d; \mathbf{C}^r).$$

Theorem. *Under previous assumptions, one-scale H-measure $\mu_{K_0, \infty}$ with characteristic length (ε_n) corresponding to (u_n) satisfies*

$$\mathbf{p} \mu_{K_0, \infty} = \mathbf{0},$$

where

$$\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\xi}) := \sum_{l \leq |\alpha| \leq m} (2\pi i)^{|\alpha|} \frac{\boldsymbol{\xi}^\alpha}{|\boldsymbol{\xi}|^l + |\boldsymbol{\xi}|^m} \mathbf{A}^\alpha(\mathbf{x}).$$

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Averaging of strongly inhomogeneous materials

First works at the end of 19th century (mathematical physics)

Poisson, Maxwell, Rayleigh

Examples of strongly inhomogeneous media:

- fibre reinforced materials (reinforced glass, concrete, fibreglass, . . .)
- layered materials (plywood)
- gas concrete
- porous media (interesting e.g. for oil extraction)
- leaf

Inhomogeneous structures are usually better than homogeneous (they better optimise in order to achieve some property).

The notion of *effective property*:

the simplest structure of inhomogeneities — periodic structure (true for crystals, man-made materials, . . .)

apply the averaging procedure, which will produce the effective coefficients (constants in this case!)

we replace a strongly inhomogeneous material by a homogeneous one — thus the name *homogenisation* (Ivo Babuška, 1974)

A one-dimensional example

Consider heat conduction in a bar $[0, 1]$, made of two materials A and B , with conductivities $0 < \alpha < \beta < \infty$, in proportion $\vartheta : (1 - \vartheta)$ ($\vartheta \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle$).

We can take

$$a_1(x) := \begin{cases} \alpha & \text{for } x \in [0, \vartheta) \\ \beta & \text{for } x \in [\vartheta, 1] \end{cases},$$

extend it periodically to \mathbf{R} , and then define $a_n(x) := a(nx)$.

We have (for larger n) rapidly changing coefficients a_n . If we assume there are no internal heat sources, then the heat flow obeys the Fourier law, with data at 0 and 1:

$$\begin{cases} -(a_n(x)u'_n(x))' = f(x) \\ u_n(0) = u_n(1) = 0. \end{cases}$$

The numerical computation of u_n requires very fine mesh, and the solution exhibits rapid oscillation. However, its behaviour above this $1/n$ scale is much better.

Can we find some **effective** or **averaged coefficients** such that the solution of the same equation with those coefficients will be, in a sense, the limit of solutions u_n ?

A one-dimensional example (cont.)

Assume only that $\alpha \leq a_n \leq \beta$ (i.e. $a_n \in L^\infty(\langle 0, 1 \rangle)$), and $f \in L^2(\langle 0, 1 \rangle)$ (with no periodicity).

The equation can be written in the variational form:

$$(\forall v \in H_0^1(\langle 0, 1 \rangle)) \quad \int_0^1 a_n u'_n v' = \int_0^1 f v .$$

LHS: equivalent to the scalar product on $H_0^1(\langle 0, 1 \rangle)$,

RHS: a bounded linear functional,

so (for any fixed n) by the Riesz representation theorem there is a unique $u_n \in H_0^1(\langle 0, 1 \rangle)$ representing the right hand side. Also, u'_n is bounded in $L^2(\langle 0, 1 \rangle)$, and therefore has a weak accumulation point (say, u_∞).

On the other hand, $p_n := a_n u'_n \in L^2(\langle 0, 1 \rangle)$, while

$p'_n = (a_n u'_n)' = -f \in L^2(\langle 0, 1 \rangle)$, and p_n is bounded in $H_0^1(\langle 0, 1 \rangle)$.

We can pass to a subsequence once more $p_n \rightharpoonup p$ in $H^1(\langle 0, 1 \rangle)$, which by the Rellich compact embedding gives $p_n \rightarrow p$ in $L^2(\langle 0, 1 \rangle)$.

N.B. we do not explicitly write the subsequences.

A one-dimensional example (cont.)

Writing

$$u'_n = \frac{1}{a_n} p_n ,$$

we can pass to the limit in the product (as $\frac{1}{\alpha} \geq \frac{1}{a_n} \geq \frac{1}{\beta}$ and there is a further subsequence such that $\frac{1}{a_n} \xrightarrow{*} \frac{1}{a_\infty}$), or after taking the derivative:

$$- \left(\frac{u_\infty}{\frac{1}{a_\infty}} \right)' = -p' = f .$$

Thus the **effective coefficients** are a_∞ , as the limit of solutions satisfies the same equation as u_n , but with a_∞ instead of a_n .

In the periodic case, the limit $1/a_\infty = \overline{f(1/a_n)}$, and it does not depend on the choice of subsequences. Any limit u_∞ has to satisfy the equation, which has the unique solution—thus the whole sequence u_n converges.

In the general case we only know the result for an accumulation point.

Assumptions for Kirchhoff-Love plates

- the plate is thin, but not very thin
(roughly, the thickness is 1–20% of the leading dimension)
- the plate thickness might vary only slowly
(so that the 3D stress effects are ignored)
- the plate is symmetric about mid-surface
- applied transverse loads are distributed over plate surface areas (no concentrated loads)
- there is no significant extension of the mid-surface

There are no transverse shear deformations.

The variation of vertical displacement in the direction of thickness can be neglected.

The planes perpendicular to the mid-surface will remain plane and perpendicular to the deformed mid-surface.

Kirchhoff-Love plate equation

The above leads to a linear elliptic problem, with homogeneous Dirichlet boundary conditions:

$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{div} \operatorname{div} (\mathbf{M} \nabla \nabla u) = f & \text{in } \Omega \\ u \in H_0^2(\Omega), \end{cases}$$

where:

- $\Omega \subseteq \mathbf{R}^d$ is a bounded domain ($d = 2 \dots$ for the plate)
- $f \in H^{-2}(\Omega)$ is the external load
- $u \in H_0^2(\Omega)$ is the vertical displacement of the plate
- \mathbf{M} describes (non-homogeneous) properties of the material plate is made of. At a point it is a linear operator from symmetric matrices to symmetric matrices, and we take \mathbf{M} from the set:

$$\mathfrak{M}_2(\alpha, \beta; \Omega) := \left\{ \mathbf{N} \in L^\infty(\Omega; \mathcal{L}(\operatorname{Sym}, \operatorname{Sym})) : (\forall \mathbf{S} \in \operatorname{Sym}) \right. \\ \left. \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{S} : \mathbf{S} \geq \alpha \mathbf{S} : \mathbf{S} \text{ (ae } \mathbf{x}) \ \& \ \mathbf{N}^{-1}(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{S} : \mathbf{S} \geq \frac{1}{\beta} \mathbf{S} : \mathbf{S} \text{ (ae } \mathbf{x}) \right\}$$

This ensures the boundedness and coercivity, so we have the existence and uniqueness of solutions via the Lax-Milgram lemma in a standard way.

Homogenisation: H-convergence

A sequence of tensor functions (\mathbf{M}^n) in $\mathfrak{M}_2(\alpha, \beta; \Omega)$ **H-converges** to $\mathbf{M} \in \mathfrak{M}_2(\alpha', \beta'; \Omega)$ if for any $f \in H^{-2}(\Omega)$ the sequence of solutions u_n of problems

$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{div} \operatorname{div} (\mathbf{M}^n \nabla \nabla u_n) = f & \text{in } \Omega \\ u_n \in H_0^2(\Omega) \end{cases}$$

converges weakly to a limit u in $H_0^2(\Omega)$, while the sequence $(\mathbf{M}^n \nabla \nabla u_n)$ converges to $\mathbf{M} \nabla \nabla u$ weakly in the space $L^2(\Omega; \operatorname{Sym})$.

This convergence comes indeed from a weak topology on $X = \bigcup \mathfrak{M}_2(1/n, n; \Omega)$, where we consider the maps $\mathbf{M} \mapsto u$, with weak topology on $H_0^2(\Omega)$, for any fixed $f \in H^{-2}(\Omega)$, as well as $\mathbf{M} \mapsto \mathbf{M} \nabla \nabla u$, with weak topology on $L^2(\Omega; \operatorname{Sym})$.

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Properties: Compactness

Theorem. Let (\mathbf{M}^n) be a sequence in $\mathfrak{M}_2(\alpha, \beta; \Omega)$. Then there is a subsequence (\mathbf{M}^{n_k}) and a tensor function $\mathbf{M} \in \mathfrak{M}_2(\alpha, \beta; \Omega)$ such that (\mathbf{M}^{n_k}) H -converges to \mathbf{M} . ■

Theorem. (compactness by compensation) Let the following convergences be valid:

$$\begin{aligned}w^n &\rightharpoonup w^\infty \quad \text{in } H_{\text{loc}}^2(\Omega), \\ \mathbf{D}^n &\rightharpoonup \mathbf{D}^\infty \quad \text{in } L_{\text{loc}}^2(\Omega; \text{Sym}),\end{aligned}$$

with an additional assumption that the sequence $(\text{div div } \mathbf{D}^n)$ is contained in a precompact (for the strong topology) set of the space $H_{\text{loc}}^{-2}(\Omega)$. Then we have

$$\nabla \nabla w^n : \mathbf{D}^n \xrightarrow{*} \nabla \nabla w^\infty : \mathbf{D}^\infty$$

in the space of Radon measures. ■

to Dependence on parameters

Locality and irrelevance of boundary conditions

Theorem. (*locality of H-convergence*) Let (\mathbf{M}^n) and (\mathbf{O}^n) be two sequences of tensors in $\mathfrak{M}_2(\alpha, \beta; \Omega)$, which H-converge to \mathbf{M} and \mathbf{O} , respectively. Let ω be an open subset compactly embedded in Ω . If $\mathbf{M}^n(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{O}^n(\mathbf{x})$ in ω , then $\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{O}(\mathbf{x})$ in ω . ■

Theorem. (*irrelevance of boundary conditions*) Let (\mathbf{M}^n) be a sequence of tensors in $\mathfrak{M}_2(\alpha, \beta; \Omega)$ that H-converges to \mathbf{M} . For any sequence (z_n) such that

$$\begin{aligned} z_n &\rightharpoonup z && \text{in } H_{\text{loc}}^2(\Omega) \\ \operatorname{div} \operatorname{div} (\mathbf{M}^n \nabla \nabla z_n) = f_n &\rightharpoonup f && \text{in } H_{\text{loc}}^{-2}(\Omega), \end{aligned}$$

the weak convergence $\mathbf{M}^n \nabla \nabla z_n \rightharpoonup \mathbf{M} \nabla \nabla z$ in $L_{\text{loc}}^2(\Omega; \operatorname{Sym})$ holds. ■

Convergence of energies

Theorem. Let (\mathbf{M}^n) be a sequence of tensors in $\mathfrak{M}_2(\alpha, \beta; \Omega)$ that H -converges to \mathbf{M} . For any $f \in H^{-2}(\Omega)$, the sequence (u_n) of solutions of

$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{div} \operatorname{div} (\mathbf{M}^n \nabla \nabla u_n) = f & \text{in } \Omega \\ u_n \in H_0^2(\Omega) \end{cases}$$

satisfies $\mathbf{M}^n \nabla \nabla u_n : \nabla \nabla u_n \rightharpoonup \mathbf{M} \nabla \nabla u : \nabla \nabla u$ weakly-* in the space of Radon measures and $\int_{\Omega} \mathbf{M}^n \nabla \nabla u_n : \nabla \nabla u_n \, d\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{M} \nabla \nabla u : \nabla \nabla u \, d\mathbf{x}$, where u is the solution of the homogenised equation

$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{div} \operatorname{div} (\mathbf{M} \nabla \nabla u) = f & \text{in } \Omega \\ u \in H_0^2(\Omega). \end{cases}$$

■

Ordering property for symmetric tensors . . .

Theorem. Let (\mathbf{M}^n) and (\mathbf{O}^n) be two sequences of symmetric tensors in $\mathfrak{M}_2(\alpha, \beta; \Omega)$ that H -converge to the homogenised tensors \mathbf{M} and \mathbf{O} , respectively. Furthermore, assume that, for any n ,

$$(\forall \xi \in \text{Sym}) \quad \mathbf{M}^n \xi : \xi \leq \mathbf{O}^n \xi : \xi .$$

Then the homogenised limits are also ordered:

$$(\forall \xi \in \text{Sym}) \quad \mathbf{M} \xi : \xi \leq \mathbf{O} \xi : \xi .$$

■

Theorem. Let (\mathbf{M}^n) be a sequence of tensors in $\mathfrak{M}_2(\alpha, \beta; \Omega)$ that either converges strongly to a limit tensor \mathbf{M} in $L^1(\Omega; \mathcal{L}(\text{Sym}, \text{Sym}))$, or converges to \mathbf{M} almost everywhere in Ω . Then, \mathbf{M}^n also H -converges to \mathbf{M} .

■

Theorem. Let $F = \{f_n : n \in \mathbf{N}\}$ be a countable dense family in $H^{-2}(\Omega)$, \mathbf{M} and \mathbf{O} tensors in $\mathfrak{M}_2(\alpha, \beta; \Omega)$, and (u_n) , (v_n) sequences of solutions to

$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{div} \operatorname{div} (\mathbf{M} \nabla \nabla u_n) = f_n \\ u_n \in H_0^2(\Omega) \end{cases}$$

and

$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{div} \operatorname{div} (\mathbf{O} \nabla \nabla v_n) = f_n \\ v_n \in H_0^2(\Omega) \end{cases} .$$

Then,

$$d(\mathbf{M}, \mathbf{O}) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{-n} \frac{\|u_n - v_n\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \|\mathbf{M} \nabla \nabla u_n - \mathbf{O} \nabla \nabla v_n\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega; \operatorname{Sym})}}{\|f_n\|_{H^{-2}(\Omega)}}$$

is a metric on $\mathfrak{M}_2(\alpha, \beta; \Omega)$ and H -convergence is equivalent to the convergence with respect to d . ■

Let (\mathbf{M}^n) be a sequence of tensors in $\mathfrak{M}_2(\alpha, \beta; \Omega)$ that H-converges to a limit \mathbf{M} , and $(w_n^{ij})_{1 \leq i, j \leq d}$ a family of test functions satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} w_n^{ij} &\rightharpoonup \frac{1}{2} x_i x_j && \text{in } H^2(\Omega) \\ \mathbf{M}^n \nabla \nabla w_n^{ij} &\rightharpoonup \dots && \text{in } L^2_{\text{loc}}(\Omega; \text{Sym}) \\ \text{div div}(\mathbf{M}^n \nabla \nabla w_n^{ij}) &\rightarrow \dots && \text{in } H^{-2}_{\text{loc}}(\Omega). \end{aligned}$$

The sequence of tensors \mathbf{W}^n defined by $W_{ijkm}^n = [\nabla \nabla w_n^{km}]_{ij}$ is called **the sequence of correctors**.

It is unique, indeed:

Theorem. *Let (\mathbf{M}^n) be a sequence of tensors in $\mathfrak{M}_2(\alpha, \beta; \Omega)$ that H-converges to a tensor \mathbf{M} . A sequence of correctors (\mathbf{W}^n) is unique in the sense that, if there exist two sequences of correctors (\mathbf{W}^n) and $(\tilde{\mathbf{W}}^n)$, their difference $(\mathbf{W}^n - \tilde{\mathbf{W}}^n)$ converges strongly to zero in $L^2_{\text{loc}}(\Omega; \mathcal{L}(\text{Sym}, \text{Sym}))$.* ■

Theorem. Let (\mathbf{M}^n) be a sequence of tensors in $\mathfrak{M}_2(\alpha, \beta; \Omega)$ which H -converges to \mathbf{M} . For $f \in H_{\text{loc}}^{-2}(\Omega)$, let (u_n) be the solution of

$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{div} \operatorname{div} (\mathbf{M}^n \nabla \nabla u_n) = f & \text{in } \Omega \\ u_n \in H_0^2(\Omega), \end{cases}$$

and let u be the weak limit of (u_n) in $H_0^2(\Omega)$, i.e. the solution of the homogenised equation

$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{div} \operatorname{div} (\mathbf{M} \nabla \nabla u) = f & \text{in } \Omega \\ u \in H_0^2(\Omega). \end{cases}$$

Then $\mathbf{R}_n := \nabla \nabla u_n - \mathbf{W}^n \nabla \nabla u \rightarrow \mathbf{0}$ strongly in $L_{\text{loc}}^1(\Omega; \operatorname{Sym})$.

■

Smoothness with respect to a parameter $p \in P$

Theorem. Let $\mathbf{M}^n : \Omega \times P \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\text{Sym}, \text{Sym})$ be a sequence of tensors, such that $\mathbf{M}^n(\cdot, p) \in \mathfrak{M}_2(\alpha, \beta; \Omega)$, for $p \in P$. Assume that $p \mapsto \mathbf{M}^n(\cdot, p)$ is of class C^k from P to $L^\infty(\Omega; \mathcal{L}(\text{Sym}, \text{Sym}))$, with derivatives (up to order k) being equicontinuous on every compact set $K \subseteq P$:

$$(\forall K \in \mathcal{K}(P))(\forall \varepsilon > 0)(\exists \delta > 0)(\forall p, q \in K)(\forall n \in \mathbf{N})(\forall i \leq k) \\ |p - q| < \delta \Rightarrow \|(\mathbf{M}^n)^{(i)}(\cdot, p) - (\mathbf{M}^n)^{(i)}(\cdot, q)\|_{L^\infty(\Omega; \mathcal{L}(\text{Sym}, \text{Sym}))} < \varepsilon.$$

Then there is a subsequence (\mathbf{M}^{n_k}) such that for every $p \in P$

$$\mathbf{M}^{n_k}(\cdot, p) \xrightarrow{H} \mathbf{M}(\cdot, p) \quad \text{in } \mathfrak{M}_2(\alpha, \beta; \Omega)$$

and $p \mapsto \mathbf{M}(\cdot, p)$ is a C^k mapping from P to $L^\infty(\Omega; \mathcal{L}(\text{Sym}, \text{Sym}))$. ■

In particular, the above is valid for $k = \infty$ and $k = \omega$ (the analytic functions).

Small-amplitude homogenisation

Consider a sequence of problems

$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{div} \operatorname{div} (\mathbf{M}^n(\cdot; \gamma) \nabla \nabla u_n) = f & \text{in } \Omega \\ u_n \in H_0^2(\Omega), \end{cases}$$

where we assume that the coefficients are a small perturbation of a given continuous tensor function \mathbf{A}_0 , for small γ

$$\mathbf{M}^n(\cdot; \gamma) := \mathbf{A}_0 + \gamma \mathbf{B}^n + \gamma^2 \mathbf{C}^n + o(\gamma^2),$$

where $\mathbf{B}^n, \mathbf{C}^n \xrightarrow{*} \mathbf{O}$ in $L^\infty(\Omega; \mathcal{L}(\operatorname{Sym}, \operatorname{Sym}))$. For small γ we, in fact, we can assume that the function is analytic in γ .

Then (after passing to a subsequence if needed)

$$\mathbf{M}^n(\cdot; \gamma) \xrightarrow{H} \mathbf{M}(\cdot; \gamma) = \mathbf{A}_0 + \gamma \mathbf{B}_0 + \gamma^2 \mathbf{C}_0 + o(\gamma^2);$$

the limit being measurable in \mathbf{x} , and analytic in γ .

The goal is to obtain the explicit formula for the leading terms \mathbf{B}_0 and \mathbf{C}_0 in the expansion of the homogenisation limit.

Small-amplitude homogenisation procedure

Take $u \in H_0^2(\Omega)$ and define $f_\gamma := \operatorname{div} \operatorname{div} (\mathbf{M}(\cdot; \gamma) \nabla \nabla u)$, depending analytically on γ . Using f_γ , let u_γ^n be the solution (for each n and γ) of

$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{div} \operatorname{div} (\mathbf{M}^n(\cdot; \gamma) \nabla \nabla u_\gamma^n) = f_\gamma & \text{in } \Omega \\ u_\gamma^n \in H_0^2(\Omega), \end{cases}$$

which analytically depends on γ , hence one can write

$$u_\gamma^n := u_0^n + \gamma u_1^n + \gamma^2 u_2^n + o(\gamma^2).$$

As $\mathbf{M}^n(\cdot; \gamma) \xrightarrow{H} \mathbf{M}(\cdot; \gamma)$, we have weak convergences in $L^2(\Omega; \operatorname{Sym})$:

$$(*) \quad \begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}_\gamma^n &:= \nabla \nabla u_\gamma^n \rightharpoonup \nabla \nabla u \\ \mathbf{D}_\gamma^n &:= \mathbf{M}^n(\cdot; \gamma) \mathbf{E}_\gamma^n \rightharpoonup \mathbf{M}(\cdot; \gamma) \nabla \nabla u. \end{aligned}$$

\mathbf{E}_γ^n and \mathbf{D}_γ^n are analytic in γ and consequently each can be expanded in the Taylor series:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}_\gamma^n &= \mathbf{E}_0^n + \gamma \mathbf{E}_1^n + \gamma^2 \mathbf{E}_2^n + o(\gamma^2) \\ \mathbf{D}_\gamma^n &= \mathbf{D}_0^n + \gamma \mathbf{D}_1^n + \gamma^2 \mathbf{D}_2^n + o(\gamma^2). \end{aligned}$$

For $\gamma = 0$, the uniqueness of solution implies $u_0^n = u$. Moreover, this gives us

$$\mathbf{E}_0^n = \nabla \nabla u \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{D}_0^n = \mathbf{A}_0 \nabla \nabla u.$$

Small-amplitude homogenisation procedure (cont.)

After inserting the above expansions into (*) and equating the terms with equal powers of γ , one can conclude that $\mathbf{E}_1^n, \mathbf{E}_2^n \rightarrow \mathbf{0}$ in $L^2(\Omega; \text{Sym})$, and

$$\mathbf{D}_1^n = \mathbf{A}_0 \mathbf{E}_1^n + \mathbf{B}^n \nabla \nabla u.$$

Since $\mathbf{E}_1^n \rightarrow \mathbf{0}$ in $L^2(\Omega; \text{Sym})$, while $\mathbf{B}^n \xrightarrow{*} \mathbf{0}$ in $L^\infty(\Omega; \mathcal{L}(\text{Sym}, \text{Sym}))$:

$$\mathbf{D}_1^n \rightarrow \mathbf{0} \quad \text{in} \quad L^2(\Omega; \text{Sym}).$$

Similarly, by using

$$\mathbf{D}_\gamma^n = \mathbf{M}^n(\cdot; \gamma) \mathbf{E}_\gamma^n \rightarrow \mathbf{M}(\cdot; \gamma) \nabla \nabla u = (\mathbf{A}_0 + \gamma \mathbf{B}_0 + \gamma^2 \mathbf{C}_0 + o(\gamma^2)) \nabla \nabla u,$$

after equating the terms standing by γ^1 , we obtain that

$$\mathbf{D}_1^n \rightarrow \mathbf{B}_0 \nabla \nabla u \quad \text{in} \quad L^2(\Omega; \text{Sym}).$$

The limits are equal, so $\mathbf{B}_0 \nabla \nabla u = \mathbf{0}$.

Since $u \in H_0^2(\Omega)$ can be arbitrary, we conclude that $\mathbf{B}_0 = \mathbf{0}$.

The corrector can be expressed by H-measure

Analogously, equating the terms standing by γ^2 gives:

$$\mathbf{D}_2^n = \mathbf{A}_0 \mathbf{E}_2^n + \mathbf{B}^n \mathbf{E}_1^n + \mathbf{C}^n \nabla \nabla u \longrightarrow \mathbf{C}_0 \nabla \nabla u \quad \text{in } L^2(\Omega; \text{Sym}) .$$

On the other hand, as $\mathbf{E}_2^n \rightharpoonup \mathbf{0}$ in $L^2(\Omega; \text{Sym})$ and $\mathbf{C}^n \xrightarrow{*} \mathbf{0}$ in $L^\infty(\Omega; \mathcal{L}(\text{Sym}, \text{Sym}))$, we have

$$\mathbf{D}_2^n \longrightarrow \lim_n \mathbf{B}^n \mathbf{E}_1^n = \mathbf{C}_0 \nabla \nabla u \quad \text{in } L^2(\Omega; \text{Sym}) .$$

Obviously, identifying the corrector of order 2 in γ requires the computation of the weak limit of $(\mathbf{B}^n \mathbf{E}_1^n)$, the product of two weakly convergent sequences.

And such limits can be expressed by using H-measures.

For a physical plate, we assume that Ω is a bounded region, so L^∞ weak * topology is stronger than L^2 weak, and we are indeed in the situation where both sequences converge weakly in L^2 to zero.

The H-measure

Let $\tilde{\mu}$ be the H-measure corresponding to the sequence $[\mathbf{B}^n \ \mathbf{E}_1^n]^T$:

$$\tilde{\mu} = \begin{bmatrix} \mu & \sigma \\ \rho & \nu \end{bmatrix},$$

which is defined as a $(d^4 + d^2) \times (d^4 + d^2)$ Hermitian nonnegative matrix Radon measure.

More precisely, block μ is the H-measure associated to (a subsequence of) (\mathbf{B}^n) , while $\sigma = \rho^*$ is the H-measure corresponding to the product $\mathbf{B}^n \mathbf{E}_1^n$. For simplicity, by $\mathbf{v}^n := [\mathbf{B}^n \ \mathbf{E}_1^n]^T$ we denote the $(d^4 + d^2) \times 1$ column matrix, but we still use the original four indices for \mathbf{B}^n and two for \mathbf{E}_1^n , avoiding explicit writing of the appropriate bijection from $\{1, \dots, d\}^4 \cup \{1, \dots, d\}^2$ to $\{1, \dots, d^4 + d^2\}$, as such notation will be needed again for interpretation of the limit. All indices have range in $\{1, \dots, d\}$.

After computing this limit, we write it as $\mathbf{C}_0 \nabla \nabla u$, and thus identify \mathbf{C}_0 . Our goal is to use the localisation principle for H-measures to express that limit, i.e. the measure σ , from the H-measure μ . To this end we need to choose certain expressions relating \mathbf{E}_1^n and \mathbf{B}^n .

Computing the H-measure

Firstly, we insert the expansions for $\mathbf{M}^n(\cdot; \gamma)$, $\mathbf{M}(\cdot; \gamma)$ and u_γ^n into BVP

$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{div} \operatorname{div} (\mathbf{M}^n(\cdot; \gamma) \nabla \nabla u_\gamma^n) = f_\gamma = \operatorname{div} \operatorname{div} (\mathbf{M}(\cdot; \gamma) \nabla \nabla u) \text{ in } \Omega \\ u_\gamma^n \in H_0^2(\Omega), \end{cases}$$

and after comparing expressions corresponding to the first power of γ , we obtain

$$\operatorname{div} \operatorname{div} (\mathbf{A}_0 \mathbf{E}_1^n + \mathbf{B}^n \nabla \nabla u) = \operatorname{div} \operatorname{div} (\mathbf{B}_0 \nabla \nabla u).$$

Due to $\mathbf{B}_0 = \mathbf{O}$ we have

$$(+) \quad \operatorname{div} \operatorname{div} (\mathbf{A}_0 \mathbf{E}_1^n + \mathbf{B}^n \nabla \nabla u) = 0,$$

as well as Schwarz's symmetries:

$$(++) \quad \partial_r \partial_s (\mathbf{E}_1^n)_{kl} - \partial_k \partial_l (\mathbf{E}_1^n)_{rs} = 0.$$

Additionally assume that $\nabla \nabla u$ is **continuous**, and apply the Localisation principle to relations (+) and (++).

Localisation on (+)

For chosen $i, j \in \{1, \dots, d\}$, after defining matrix $\mathbf{A}^{ij} \in M_{1 \times (d^4 + d^2)}(\mathbf{R})$ by

$$\mathbf{A}^{ij} := \left[\mathbf{A}^{\mathbf{B}^{ij}}, \mathbf{A}^{\mathbf{E}_1^{ij}} \right],$$

where each $\mathbf{A}^{\mathbf{B}^{ij}}$ is a $1 \times d^4$ matrix with entries

$$\left[\mathbf{A}^{\mathbf{B}^{ij}} \right]_{vwkl} := \begin{cases} \partial_k \partial_l u, & \text{if } (v, w) = (i, j) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

and each $\mathbf{A}^{\mathbf{E}_1^{ij}}$ is a $1 \times d^2$ matrix with entries given by

$$\left[\mathbf{A}^{\mathbf{E}_1^{ij}} \right]_{kl} := [\mathbf{A}_0]_{ijkl}.$$

It is easy to check that the assumptions of Theorem are fulfilled for $h = 2$.

Therefore

$$\left(\sum_{i,j=1}^d (2\pi i)^2 \frac{\xi_i \xi_j}{|\xi|^2} \mathbf{A}^{ij}(\mathbf{x}) \right) \tilde{\boldsymbol{\mu}}^T = \mathbf{0}$$

and from here we can conclude that

$$\sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^d \xi_i \xi_j \boldsymbol{\mu}_{ijkl}^{pqrs} \partial_k \partial_l u + \sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^d \xi_i \xi_j \bar{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{pqrs}^{kl} [\mathbf{A}_0]_{ijkl} = 0.$$

Localisation on (++)

For fixed $k, l, r, s \in \{1, \dots, d\}$, $(k, l) \neq (r, s)$, define $\mathbf{A}^{ij} \in M_{1 \times (d^4 + d^2)}(\mathbf{R})$ by

$$\mathbf{A}^{ij} := \left[\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{A}^{\mathbf{E}_1^{ij}} \right],$$

where $\mathbf{A}^{\mathbf{E}_1^{ij}}$ is a $1 \times d^2$ matrix whose entries are given by

$$\left[\mathbf{A}^{\mathbf{E}_1^{ij}} \right]_{vw} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } (i, j, v, w) = (r, s, k, l) \\ -1, & \text{if } (i, j, v, w) = (k, l, r, s) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

Again, the Localisation principle with $h = 2$ gives us

$$\left(\sum_{i,j=1}^d (2\pi i)^2 \frac{\xi_i \xi_j}{|\xi|^2} \mathbf{A}^{ij}(\mathbf{x}) \right) \tilde{\boldsymbol{\mu}}^T = \mathbf{0},$$

which yields

$$\xi_r \xi_s \bar{\rho}_{pqrs}^{kl} = \xi_k \xi_l \bar{\rho}_{pqrs}^{rs}.$$

The above is trivially satisfied for $(k, l) = (r, s)$.

Combining two relations

By multiplying the relation obtained from (+) by $\xi_r \xi_s$ and summing over r, s

$$\sum_{i,j,k,l,r,s=1}^d \xi_i \xi_j \xi_r \xi_s \mu_{ijkl}^{pqrs} \partial_k \partial_l u + \sum_{i,j,k,l,r,s=1}^d \xi_i \xi_j \xi_r \xi_s \bar{\rho}_{pqrs}^{kl} [\mathbf{A}_0]_{ijkl} = 0.$$

By using the other relation, we can rewrite it in an equivalent form

$$\sum_{i,j,k,l,r,s=1}^d \xi_i \xi_j \xi_r \xi_s \mu_{ijkl}^{pqrs} \partial_k \partial_l u + \sum_{i,j,k,l,r,s=1}^d \xi_i \xi_j \xi_k \xi_l \bar{\rho}_{pqrs}^{rs} [\mathbf{A}_0]_{ijkl} = 0,$$

which, after division by

$$\sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^d [\mathbf{A}_0]_{ijkl} \xi_i \xi_j \xi_k \xi_l = \mathbf{A}_0(\boldsymbol{\xi} \otimes \boldsymbol{\xi}) : (\boldsymbol{\xi} \otimes \boldsymbol{\xi}) > 0$$

yields

$$\sum_{r,s=1}^d \bar{\rho}_{pqrs}^{rs} = - \sum_{i,j,k,l,r,s=1}^d \frac{\xi_i \xi_j \xi_r \xi_s}{\mathbf{A}_0(\boldsymbol{\xi} \otimes \boldsymbol{\xi}) : (\boldsymbol{\xi} \otimes \boldsymbol{\xi})} \mu_{ijkl}^{pqrs} \partial_k \partial_l u.$$

Recall that $\lim_n \mathbf{B}^n \mathbf{E}_1^n = \mathbf{C}_0 \nabla \nabla u$ weakly in $L^2(\Omega)$, and thus also weak $*$ in the space of Radon measures.

Hermitian character of H-measures

As $\sigma = \rho^*$ is the H-measure corresponding to the product $\mathbf{B}^n \mathbf{E}_1^n$, for an arbitrary $\varphi \in C_c(\Omega)$, we have in components

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{\Omega} \varphi(\mathbf{x}) \sum_{r,s=1}^d [\mathbf{C}_0(\mathbf{x})]_{pqrs} \partial_r \partial_s u(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} &= \left\langle \sum_{r,s=1}^d \overline{[\mathbf{C}_0]_{pqrs} \partial_r \partial_s u}, \varphi \right\rangle \\
 &= \left\langle \sum_{r,s=1}^d \bar{\sigma}_{rs}^{pqrs}, \varphi \boxtimes 1 \right\rangle \\
 &= \int_{\Omega \times S^{d-1}} \varphi(\mathbf{x}) d \left(\sum_{r,s=1}^d \sigma_{rs}^{pqrs} \right) (\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\xi}) \\
 &= \int_{\Omega \times S^{d-1}} \varphi(\mathbf{x}) d \left(\sum_{r,s=1}^d (\bar{\rho}^T)_{rs}^{pqrs} \right) (\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\xi}) \\
 &= \int_{\Omega \times S^{d-1}} \varphi(\mathbf{x}) d \left(\sum_{r,s=1}^d \bar{\rho}_{pqrs}^{rs} \right) (\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\xi}) .
 \end{aligned}$$

The result

Finally, inserting the expression for $\sum_{r,s=1}^d \bar{\rho}_{pqrs}^{rs}$ from before

$$\sum_{r,s=1}^d \int_{\Omega} [\mathbf{C}_0]_{pqrs} \varphi \partial_r \partial_s u \, d\mathbf{x} = - \int_{\Omega \times S^{d-1}} \sum_{i,j,k,l,r,s=1}^d \frac{\xi_i \xi_j \xi_k \xi_l}{\mathbf{A}_0(\boldsymbol{\xi} \otimes \boldsymbol{\xi}) : (\boldsymbol{\xi} \otimes \boldsymbol{\xi})} \varphi \partial_r \partial_s u \, d\boldsymbol{\mu}_{ijrs}^{pqkl}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\xi}).$$

By varying $u \in C^2(\Omega)$ (e.g. choosing $\nabla \nabla u$ constant on the support of φ), one easily deduces the result which is stated in the following theorem.

Theorem. *The tensor $\mathbf{M}(\cdot; \gamma)$ admits the expansion*

$$\mathbf{M}(\cdot; \gamma) := \mathbf{A}_0 + \gamma^2 \mathbf{C}_0 + o(\gamma^2),$$

where the second-order H -correction $\mathbf{C}_0 \in L^\infty(\Omega; \mathcal{L}(\text{Sym}, \text{Sym}))$ satisfies

$$\int_{\Omega} [\mathbf{C}_0]_{pqrs} \varphi \, d\mathbf{x} = - \sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^d \left\langle \boldsymbol{\mu}_{pqkl}^{ijrs}, \frac{\varphi \xi_i \xi_j \xi_k \xi_l}{\mathbf{A}_0(\boldsymbol{\xi} \otimes \boldsymbol{\xi}) : (\boldsymbol{\xi} \otimes \boldsymbol{\xi})} \right\rangle.$$

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Sequences not converging to zero

If we take $\mathbf{B}^n \xrightarrow{*} \mathbf{B}^0$ in $L^\infty(\Omega; \mathcal{L}(\text{Sym}, \text{Sym}))$ and $\mathbf{C}^n \xrightarrow{*} \mathbf{C}^0$ in $L^\infty(\Omega; \mathcal{L}(\text{Sym}, \text{Sym}))$, we get

$$\mathbf{M}(\cdot; \gamma) := \mathbf{A}_0 + \gamma \mathbf{B}^0 + \gamma^2 (\mathbf{C}^0 + \mathbf{C}_0) + o(\gamma^2),$$

where \mathbf{C}_0 is given in the Theorem.

Periodic case

- Let Y be the d -dimensional torus, $\mathbf{M} \in L^\infty(Y; \mathcal{L}(\text{Sym}, \text{Sym})) \cap \mathfrak{M}_2(\alpha, \beta; Y)$
- Assume $\mathbf{M}^n(\mathbf{x}) := \mathbf{M}(n\mathbf{x})$, $\mathbf{x} \in \Omega \subseteq \mathbf{R}^d$ (projection of \mathbf{R}^d to Y assumed)
- $H^2(Y)$ consists of 1-periodic functions, with the norm taken over the fundamental period
- $H^2(Y)/\mathbf{R}$ is equipped with the norm $\|\nabla\nabla \cdot\|_{L^2(Y)}$
- \mathbf{E}_{ij} , $1 \leq i, j \leq d$ are $M_{d \times d}$ matrices defined as

$$[\mathbf{E}_{ij}]_{kl} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i = j = k = l \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } i \neq j, (k, l) \in \{(i, j), (j, i)\} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Theorem. (\mathbf{M}^n) H -converges to a constant tensor $\mathbf{M}^\infty \in \mathfrak{M}_2(\alpha, \beta; \Omega)$ defined as

$$m_{klij}^\infty = \int_Y \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{x})(\mathbf{E}_{ij} + \nabla\nabla w_{ij}(\mathbf{x})) : (\mathbf{E}_{kl} + \nabla\nabla w_{kl}(\mathbf{x})) \, d\mathbf{x},$$

where (w_{ij}) is the family of unique solutions in $H^2(Y)/\mathbf{R}$ of

$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{div} \operatorname{div} (\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{x})(\mathbf{E}_{ij} + \nabla\nabla w_{ij}(\mathbf{x}))) = 0 \text{ in } Y \\ \mathbf{x} \rightarrow w_{ij}(\mathbf{x}) \text{ is } Y\text{-periodic.} \end{cases}$$

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Small-amplitude assumptions

Theorem. Let $\mathbf{A}_0 \in \mathcal{L}(\text{Sym}; \text{Sym})$ be a constant coercive tensor, $\mathbf{B}^n(\mathbf{x}) := \mathbf{B}(n\mathbf{x})$, $\mathbf{x} \in \Omega$, where $\Omega \subseteq \mathbf{R}^d$ is a bounded, open set, and \mathbf{B} is a Y -periodic, L^∞ tensor function, satisfying $\int_Y \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = 0$. Then

$$\mathbf{M}_\gamma^n(\mathbf{x}) := \mathbf{A}_0 + \gamma \mathbf{B}^n(\mathbf{x}), \quad \mathbf{x} \in \Omega$$

H -converges (for any small γ) to a tensor $\mathbf{M}_\gamma := \mathbf{A}_0 + \gamma^2 \mathbf{C}_0 + o(\gamma^2)$, where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{C}_0 \mathbf{E}_{mn} : \mathbf{E}_{rs} &= (2\pi i)^2 \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in J} a_{-\mathbf{k}}^{mn} \mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{k} \otimes \mathbf{k}) : \mathbf{E}_{rs} + \\ &+ (2\pi i)^4 \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in J} a_{\mathbf{k}}^{mn} a_{-\mathbf{k}}^{rs} \mathbf{A}_0(\mathbf{k} \otimes \mathbf{k}) : \mathbf{k} \otimes \mathbf{k} + \\ &+ (2\pi i)^2 \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in J} a_{-\mathbf{k}}^{rs} \mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{k}} \mathbf{E}_{mn} : \mathbf{k} \otimes \mathbf{k}, \end{aligned}$$

with $m, n, r, s \in \{1, 2, \dots, d\}$, $J := \mathbf{Z}^d \setminus \{0\}$, and

$$a_{\mathbf{k}}^{mn} = - \frac{\mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{k}} \mathbf{E}_{mn} \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi i)^2 \mathbf{A}_0(\mathbf{k} \otimes \mathbf{k}) : (\mathbf{k} \otimes \mathbf{k})}, \quad \mathbf{k} \in J,$$

and $\mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{k}}$ are the Fourier coefficients of function \mathbf{B} . ■

Result by applying H-measures

The corresponding H-measure of the sequence (\mathbf{B}^n) can be explicitly computed

$$\mu_{ijrs}^{pqkl} = \lambda(\mathbf{x}) \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{Z}^d} [\mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{k}}]_{pqkl} [\overline{\mathbf{B}}_{\mathbf{k}}]_{ijrs} \delta_{\frac{\mathbf{k}}{|\mathbf{k}|}}(\boldsymbol{\xi}),$$

where λ denotes the Lebesgue measure on \mathbf{R}^d and $\mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{k}}$, $\mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{Z}^d$, are Fourier coefficients of function \mathbf{B} . After inserting this expression in the formula in the Theorem, we can easily calculate \mathbf{C}_0 explicitly:

$$\mathbf{C}_0 = - \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{Z}^d} \frac{\mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{k} \otimes \mathbf{k}) \otimes \mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{k}}^T(\mathbf{k} \otimes \mathbf{k})}{\mathbf{A}_0(\mathbf{k} \otimes \mathbf{k}) : (\mathbf{k} \otimes \mathbf{k})},$$

where the tensor product of two matrices $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in M_d(\mathbf{C})$ is the fourth-order tensor with entries

$$[\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B}]_{ijkl} = a_{ij} \bar{b}_{kl}.$$

This coincides with the result obtained via explicit formula for the homogenisation limit of a periodic sequence of tensors describing material properties in the Kirchhoff-Love model.

Thank you for your attention!