Spectral methods for investigating solutions to partial differential equations

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Section 1: Computations of the Kohn-Müller model

- The sharp interface Kohn-Müller model
- The smooth interface Kohn-Müller model
- Computational results

Simplified model which may capture twinning at a boundary



Twinning in Copper Aluminum Nickel (picture by Chu and James)

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The Kohn-Müller model

Conjectured correspondence

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{\gamma}{2} w_y^2 + \frac{15}{4} \left(w_x^2 - 1 \right)^2 + \frac{\epsilon^2}{2} w_{xx}^2 \mathrm{d}x \mathrm{d}y$$
$$\approx \int_{\Omega} \frac{\gamma}{2} w_y^2 \mathrm{d}x \mathrm{d}y + \int_{J_{w_x}} 2\epsilon \sqrt{\frac{10}{3}} \left| [w_x] \right|^3 \mathrm{d}\mathcal{H}^1.$$

Smooth interface

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{5}{2} w_y^2 + \frac{15}{4} \left(w_x^2 - 1 \right)^2 + \frac{\epsilon^2}{2} w_{xx}^2 \mathrm{d}x$$

Equation of motion

$$\rho w_{tt} - \beta \Delta w_t = 15(3w_x^2 - 1)w_{xx} + 5w_{yy} - \epsilon^2 w_{xxxx}$$

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(a) A plot showing the evo- (b) Initial Iterate Contour plot lution of the different energy of $\frac{e^2}{2}w_{xx}^2$. components.

A local minimum for the Kohn-Müller energy functional with $\rho = 1, \beta = 0.1$ and $\epsilon = 0.0316$.



(c) Final iterate. Colours show (d) Contour plot of $\frac{5}{2}w_y^2$ in the the function, *w*. final iterate.

A local minimum for the Kohn-Müller energy with $\rho = 1$, $\beta = 0.1$ and $\epsilon = 0.0316$.



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(g) A plot showing the evo- (h) Initial Iterate Contour plot lution of the different energy of $\frac{e^2}{2}w_{xx}^2$. components.

A local minimum for the Kohn-Müller energy functional with $\rho = 1, \beta = 0.1$ and $\epsilon = 0.001$.



(i) Final iterate. Colours show (j) Contour plot of $\frac{5}{2}w_y^2$ in the the function, *w*. final iterate.

A local minimum for the Kohn-Müller energy with $\rho = 1$, $\beta = 0.1$ and $\epsilon = 0.001$.



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Scaling law predicted by Kohn and Müller for the total energy



Energy scaling, reference line drawn for ease of comparison. For small ϵ good agreement with theoretical predictions.

Section 2: Computations of the Aviles-Giga model

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- The model
- The conjecture
- Computational results

• The energy to minimise

$$\int \frac{1}{4\epsilon} (w_x^2 + w_y^2 - 1)^2 + \frac{\epsilon}{2} (\Delta w)^2 \, \mathrm{d}x \, \mathrm{d}y$$

• limiting solution as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$,

$$w_x^2 + w_y^2 = 1$$

and minimise

$$\int_{J_{\nabla W}} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{12} \left| [\nabla w] \right|^3 \mathrm{d}\mathcal{H}^1$$

- Remarks:

 - Assume a one dimensional interface
 - 2 The above assumption leads to equipartition of energy

Points which need to be demonstrated for the conjecture to hold

- The Γ-limit is infinite unless w_{xx} + w_{yy} = 1 almost everywhere
- The proposed sharp interface limit $|\nabla w|/3$ is correct
- The asymptotic energy lives on a one dimensional defect set, and lower dimensional singularities carry no energy

DeSimone, Kohn, Müller and Otto

Equation of motion

• The energy to minimise

$$\int \frac{1}{4} (w_x^2 + w_y^2 - 1)^2 + \frac{\epsilon^2}{2} (\Delta w)^2 \, \mathrm{d}x \, \mathrm{d}y$$

Viscoelastic dynamics

$$\rho w_{tt} - \beta \Delta w_t$$

= $\left[w_x (w_x^2 + w_y^2 - 1) \right]_x + \left[w_y (w_x^2 + w_y^2 - 1) \right]_y - \epsilon^2 \Delta^2 w$















Numerically computed minimizer for the Aviles-Giga energy functional with $\rho = 1$, $\beta = 1.0$, $\epsilon = 0.0025$, $w(y = \pm 1) = -0.05 \sin(2\pi x)$ and $w_{yy}(y = \pm 1) = 0$.

components.





$w(y=\pm 1)$	ϵ	$\int \frac{1}{4} (w_x^2 + w_y^2 - 1)^2$	$\int \frac{\epsilon^2}{2} (\Delta w)^2$	Total Energy ϵ
0	0.05	0.0235	0.0236	0.944
0	0.01	0.00471	0.00471	0.942
$-0.005 \sin(2\pi x)$	0.05	0.0235	0.0237	0.942
$-0.005 \sin(2\pi x)$	0.01	0.00471	0.00471	0.942
$0.05 \sin(2\pi x)$	0.05	0.0217	0.0261	0.956
$0.05 \sin(2\pi x)$	0.01	0.00451	0.00458	0.909
$0.05 \sin(2\pi x)$	0.0025	0.000846	0.00132	0.868

Prediction that (Total Energy)/ ϵ = $2\sqrt{2}/3 \approx 0.943$ if Aviles-Giga conjecture holds and zero boundary conditions.

- Simulations can be a useful tool to test scaling assumptions
- For the Kohn-Müller model, the simulations are in agreement with the model
- For the Aviles-Giga model, the conjecture may not hold when non-zero boundary conditions are applied

The 2D Navier-Stokes Equation

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- Consider incompressible case only
- Model for dynamics in a uniform and thin layer of water

 $\rho \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} \right) = -\nabla \rho + \mu \Delta \mathbf{u}$ $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}.$

u(x, y) = (u(x, y), v(x, y)), p pressure, μ viscosity, ρ, density

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Vorticity-Streamfunction Formulation

 $\omega = \nabla \times \mathbf{u} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial \mathbf{y}} = -\Delta \psi$

$$\rho\left(\frac{\partial\omega}{\partial t} + u\frac{\partial\omega}{\partial x} + v\frac{\partial\omega}{\partial y}\right) = \mu\Delta\omega$$

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$$\Delta \psi = -\omega.$$

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Time Discretization

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$$\rho \left[\frac{\omega^{n+1,k+1} - \omega^n}{\delta t} + \frac{1}{2} \left(u^{n+1,k} \frac{\partial \omega^{n+1,k}}{\partial x} + v^{n+1,k} \frac{\partial \omega^{n+1,k}}{\partial y} + u^n \frac{\partial \omega^n}{\partial x} + v^n \frac{\partial \omega^n}{\partial y} \right) \right]$$
$$= \frac{\mu}{2} \Delta \left(\omega^{n+1,k+1} + \omega^n \right),$$

and

$$\Delta \psi^{n+1,k+1} = -\omega^{n+1,k+1},$$

$$u^{n+1,k+1} = \frac{\partial \psi^{n+1,k+1}}{\partial y}, \quad v^{n+1,k+1} = -\frac{\partial \psi^{n+1,k+1}}{\partial x}.$$

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Fixed point iteration used to obtain nonlinear terms

- http://www-personal.umich.edu/~cloutbra/
 research.html
- Simulations on a single NVIDIA Fermi GPU about 20 times faster than a 16 core CPU

The Real Cubic Klein-Gordon Equation

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$$u_{tt} - \Delta u + u = |u|^{2}u$$
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$$E(u, u_{t}) = \int \frac{1}{2}|u_{t}|^{2} + \frac{1}{2}|u|^{2} + \frac{1}{2}|\nabla u|^{2} - \frac{1}{4}|u|^{4} d\mathbf{x}$$
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$$\frac{u^{n+1} - 2u^{n} + u^{n-1}}{(\delta t)^{2}} - \Delta \frac{u^{n+1} + 2u^{n} + u^{n-1}}{4} + \frac{u^{n+1} + 2u^{n} + u^{n-1}}{4}$$

$$= \pm |u^{n}|^{2} u^{n}$$

Parallelization done using 2decomp library for FFT and processing independent loops

Relevant Previous Work

- Donninger and Schlag (2010) Study of blowup of radially symmetric solutions, 2nd order symplectic schemes
- Bao and Yang (2006) and Yang (2007) 2D simulations
- Chen (2006) 4th order symplectic schemes
- Hamaza and Zaag (2010) Solutions can only blow up in an ODE like manner

Relevant Previous Work

- Nakanishi and Schlag (2011) Characterization of behavior of solutions near ground state
 - (i) Scattering to zero in both forward and backward time
 - (ii) Blow up in finite forward and backward time
 - (iii) Scattering to zero in forward time and blow up in backward time
 - (iv) Blow up in forward time and scattering to zero in backward time
 - (v) Trapping by the ground state $\pm Q$ in forward time and scattering to zero in backward time
 - (vi) Scattering to 0 in forward time and trapping by the ground state $\pm Q$ in backward time
 - (vii) Trapping by the ground state $\pm Q$ in forward time and blow up in backward time
 - (viii) Blow up in forward time and trapping by the ground state $\pm Q$ in backward time
 - (ix) Trapping by $\pm Q$ in both forward and backward time

What is Q?

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 $\Delta Q - Q = Q^3.$



- Dispersion 1
- Dispersion 2

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• Blow up

Initial Conditions

$$u(t = 0) = \alpha Q_1 + \beta Q_{-1}$$

 $u_t(t = 0) = 2\beta \exp\left(-x^2 - y^2 - z^2\right)\cos(4x)\cos(6y)\cos(8z)$
where $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ and $\beta \in (0, 1]$.

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Interaction of 2 Solitons



 The × indicate numerical experiments in which there was blowup and the o indicate numerical experiments for which the solution dispersed. As predicted from theory, here is a surface separating solutions which blow up and those which disperse.

- Work in reasonable agreement with previous work by Donninger and Schlag
- Again, exact criteria to examine for distinguishing between blow up and global existence is unclear

Simulations and Videos by Brian Leu, Albert Liu, and Parth Sheth

http://www-personal.umich.edu/~alberliu/http://www-personal.umich.edu/~pssheth/

Conclusion

- Easy to program numerical method which can be used to study semilinear partial differential equations
- Method parallelizes well on hardware with good communications so a good tool to introduce parallel programming ideas
- Research tool to investigate and provide conjectures for behavior of solutions to partial differential equations
- Research tool to investigate computer hardware performance and correctness
- Better user interface and integration with visualization would help make it easier for those without strong programming backgrounds

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