

Stability estimates for inverse problems for PDE with unknown boundaries

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INTRODUCTION - THE SECOND ORDER ELLIPTIC CASE

Assume Ω bounded domain, $\partial\Omega \in C^{1,\alpha}$, $\partial\Omega = \Gamma^{(a)} \cup \Gamma^{(i)}$ and $\Gamma^{(i)} = \partial\Omega \setminus \text{Int}_{\partial\Omega} \Gamma^{(a)}$

Given: A (Symmetric, elliptic, Lipschitz) and $\psi \neq 0$ s.t.

$$\psi = 0, \text{ on } \Gamma^{(i)},$$

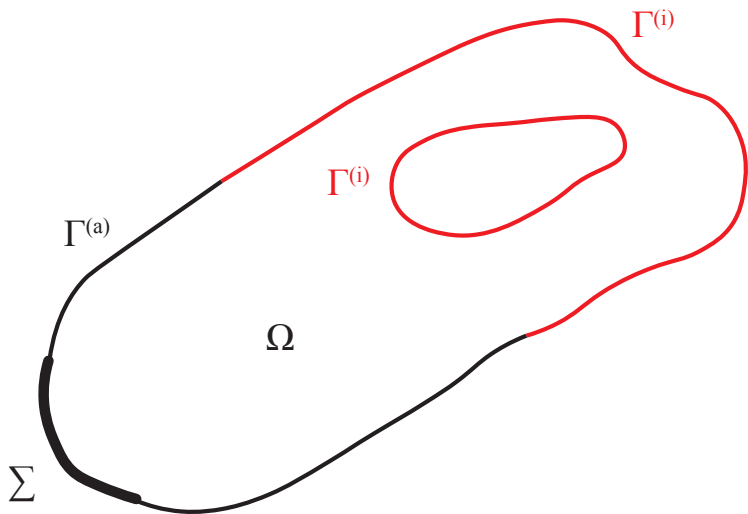
Let u be solution to

$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{div}(A\nabla u) = 0, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u = \psi, & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \end{cases}$$

Assume to know

$$A\nabla u \cdot \nu, \text{ on } \Sigma \subset \Gamma^{(a)},$$

Determine: $\Gamma^{(i)}$



- **Stability Issue:** continuous dependence of $\Gamma^{(i)}$ from the Cauchy data

$$u, A\nabla u \cdot \nu \text{ on } \Sigma$$

- We prove a **logarithmic (i.e. optimal) stability estimate.**

Some references

- **second order elliptic equations:**
Beretta, V., (1998); Alessandrini, Beretta, Rosset, V. , (2000); J.Cheng, Y. C. Hon, M. Yamamoto, (2001); Inglese, Mariani (2004); Bacchelli, V. (2006); Sincich, (2010).
- **3D elasticity systems (log-log estimate):**
Morassi, Rosset, (2004), (2009).
- **plate equation and generalized plane stress problem:**
Morassi, Rosset, V. (2012), (2019), (2020).
- **parabolic equations:**
V. (1997); Francini (2000); Canuto, Rosset, V., (2002); V. (2008); H. Kawakami, M. Tsuchiya, (2013).
- **wave equation:**
V. (2015).
- **optimality of log estimates:**
Alessandrini, (1997) (elliptic case); Di Cristo, Rondi, V., (2006) (parabolic case).

Strategy in the 2nd order elliptic I.P.

In [Alessandrini, Beretta, Rosset, V. , (2000)] , in order to prove optimal stability estimate we have used:

- Stability estimates for Cauchy problem and smallness propagation estimates
- Finite vanishing property at the interior and at the boundary

Let P be an elliptic operator of order 2. We say that P enjoys a **finite vanishing property at the interior** if (Aronszajn's Theorem, 1962)

for any $x_0 \in \Omega$ and any non identically vanishing solution u to

$$Pu = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

we have

$$\|u\|_{L^2(B_r(x_0))} \geq Cr^N, \forall r \in (0, r_0).$$

where $N, C, r_0 > 0$ may depend on u

Similarly, we say that P enjoys a **finite vanishing property at the boundary**, for instance, w.r.t. Dirichlet conditions, if (Adolfsson–Escauriaza Theorem, 1997)

for any non identically vanishing u that satisfies

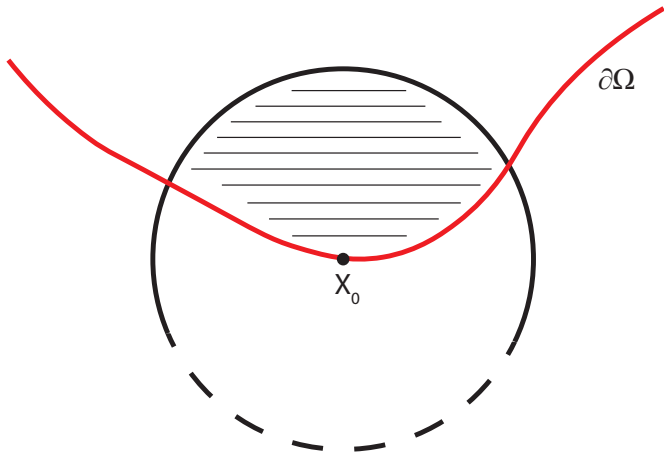
$$\begin{cases} Pu = 0, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u = 0, & \text{on } \Gamma, \end{cases} .$$

where Γ is an open portion (in the induced topology) of $\partial\Omega$, $x_0 \in \Gamma$ we have

$$\|u\|_{L^2(B_r(x_0) \cap \Omega)} \geq Cr^N, \forall r \in (0, r_0).$$

and, consequently

$$\|\nabla u\|_{L^2(B_r(x_0) \cap \Omega)} \geq \tilde{C}r^{N-1}, \forall r \in (0, r_0).$$



Sketch of proof of stability estimate

$u_j, j = 1, 2$ solutions to

$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{div}(A(x)\nabla u_j) = 0, & \text{in } \Omega_j, \\ u_j = \psi_j, & \text{on } \partial\Omega_j. \end{cases}$$

($\psi_j = \psi$ on $\Gamma^{(a)}$, $\psi_1 = 0$ on $\Gamma_1^{(i)}$ and $\psi_2 = 0$ on $\Gamma_2^{(i)}$)

Assume

$$\|A\nabla u_1 \cdot \nu - A\nabla u_2 \cdot \nu\|_{L^2(\Sigma)} \leq \varepsilon$$

Set

G = the connected component of $\Omega_1 \cap \Omega_2$ s.t. $\bar{G} \supset \Gamma^{(a)}$.

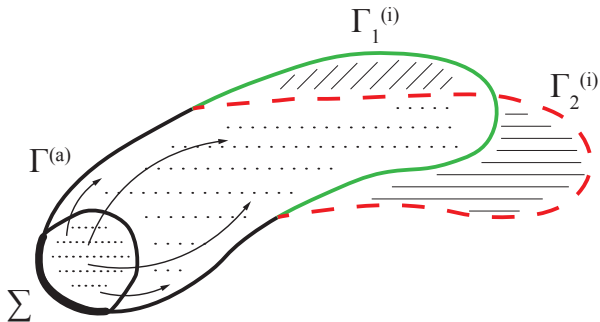
MAIN STEPS

(I) Estimate of

$$u_j \quad \text{in} \quad \Omega_j \setminus G \quad j = 1, 2$$

(II) From (I) we estimate $d_{\mathcal{H}}(\bar{\Omega}_1, \bar{\Omega}_2)$ (Hausdorff distance).

STEP (I)



{ Stability Estimate for Cauchy Problem ::::
Smallness Propagation Estimates \curvearrowright

Energy Estimate for u_1, u_2

STEP (II)

Proposition

If

$$\int_{\Omega_j \setminus G} u_j^2 \leq \eta^2(\varepsilon)$$

then

$$d_{\mathcal{H}}(\bar{\Omega}_1, \bar{\Omega}_2) \leq C\eta^s(\varepsilon),$$

where s and C depend on

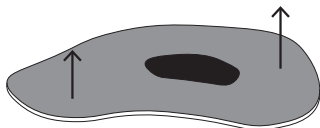
$$\|\psi\|_{H^{1/2}} / \|\psi\|_{L^2}$$

Proof. By Quantitative Estimates of Strong Unique Continuation (at Interior and at the Boundary)

$$\eta^2(\varepsilon) \geq \int_{\Omega_j \setminus G} u_j^2 \geq C (d_{\mathcal{H}}(\bar{\Omega}_1, \bar{\Omega}_2))^C.$$

DETERMINATION OF A RIGID INCLUSION IN A THIN ISOTROPIC ELASTIC PLATE

Thin elastic plate: $\Omega \times \left[-\frac{h}{2}, \frac{h}{2}\right]$, having middle plane Ω , D rigid inclusion



$$\mathcal{L}w := \operatorname{div} \left(\operatorname{div} \left(\mathbf{P} \nabla^2 w \right) \right) = 0, \quad \text{in } \Omega \setminus \bar{D}.$$

where w is the **transversal displacement** and

$$\underbrace{\mathbf{P}}_{\text{plate tensor}} = \frac{h^3}{12} \underbrace{\mathbf{C}}_{\text{elasticity tensor}}$$

$$C_{ijkl} = C_{klij} = C_{klji}, \quad i, j, k, l = 1, 2$$

$$\underbrace{\mathbf{C}\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{A}}_{\text{Ellipticity}} \geq \gamma |\mathbf{A}|^2,$$

for every 2x2 symmetric matrix \mathbf{A} .

Assuming that the plate is made by isotropic material we have

$$\mathbf{P}A = B[(1 - \nu)\mathbf{A}^{sym} + \nu \text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\mathbf{I}_2]$$

for every 2×2 matrix A , where

$$B(x) = \frac{h^3}{12} \left(\frac{E(x)}{1 - \nu^2(x)} \right), \text{ (bending stiffness)}$$

$$E(x) = \frac{\mu(x)(2\mu(x) + 3\lambda(x))}{\mu(x) + \lambda(x)}, \text{ (Young's modulus)}$$

$$\nu(x) = \frac{\lambda(x)}{2(\mu(x) + \lambda(x))} \text{ (Poisson's coefficient).}$$

the Lamé parameters λ, μ satisfy

$$\mu(x) \geq \alpha_0 \quad 2\mu(x) + 3\lambda(x) \geq \gamma_0$$

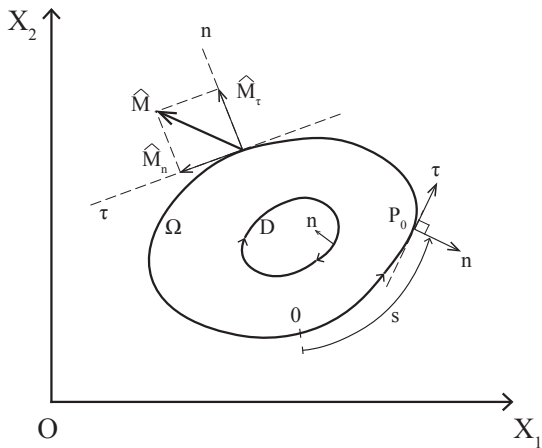
Direct Problem:

$D \Subset \Omega$ rigid inclusion, D, Ω simply connected bounded domain of class $C^{1,1}$ (at least)

$$(P) \begin{cases} \mathcal{L}w = 0, & \text{in } \Omega \setminus \bar{D}, \\ (\mathbf{P}\nabla^2 w)n \cdot n = -\hat{M}_n, & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \\ \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{P}\nabla^2 w) \cdot n + \partial_s((\mathbf{P}\nabla^2 w)n \cdot \tau) = \partial_s(\hat{M}_\tau), & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \\ w = 0, & \text{on } \partial D, \\ \partial_n w = 0, & \text{on } \partial D, \end{cases}$$

n outward normal to $\partial(\Omega \setminus D)$, \hat{M}_τ and \hat{M}_n are, respectively, the twisting and bending component of the assigned couple field \hat{M} .

Here, $\Gamma^{(a)} = \partial\Omega$ **and** $\Gamma^{(i)} = \partial D$.



$$\hat{M} = \hat{M}_n \mathbf{n} + \hat{M}_\tau \boldsymbol{\tau} = \hat{M}_2 \mathbf{e}_1 + \hat{M}_1 \mathbf{e}_2, \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega$$

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} = \mathbf{e}_2 \times \mathbf{n}$$

If $\widehat{M} \in H^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\partial\Omega, \mathbb{R}^2)$, $\int_{\partial\Omega} \widehat{M}_\alpha = 0$, $\alpha = 1, 2$, then problem (P) has a unique solution weak solution $w \in H^2(\Omega \setminus \overline{D})$ satisfying

$$\|w\|_{H^2(\Omega \setminus \overline{D})} \leq C \|\widehat{M}\|_{H^{-1/2}(\partial\Omega)}.$$

INVERSE PROBLEM

Determine an **unknown** rigid inclusion D from the additional measurement of the **Dirichlet** data $\{w, \partial_n w\}$ taken on an open portion Σ of $\partial\Omega$, that is from the **Cauchy data** on Σ :

$$(Cauchy) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} w|_{\Sigma}, \\ \partial_n w|_{\Sigma} \\ (\mathbf{P}\nabla^2 w)n \cdot n|_{\Sigma} = -\hat{M}_n \\ \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{P}\nabla^2 w) \cdot n + \partial_s((\mathbf{P}\nabla^2 w)n \cdot \tau)|_{\Sigma} = \partial_s(\hat{M}_\tau) \end{array} \right.$$

APPLICATIONS

Non-destructive testing for quality assessment of materials

HYPOTHESES (Concerning the Data)

- $\partial\Omega$ of class $C^{2,1}$ with constants r_0 , M_0 ; $\partial\Omega \cap B_{r_0}(P_0) \subset \Sigma$, for some $P_0 \in \Sigma$
- $|\Omega| \leq M_1$
- $\text{supp}(\widehat{M}) \subset \Sigma$, $\widehat{M} \in L^2(\partial\Omega, \mathbb{R}^2)$, $(\widehat{M}_n, \partial_s(\widehat{M}_\tau)) \not\equiv 0$ and
$$\frac{\|\widehat{M}\|_{L^2}}{\|\widehat{M}\|_{H^{-1/2}}} \leq F$$
- Σ of class $C^{3,1}$ with constants r_0 , M_0

A PRIORI ASSUMPTION (Concerning the Solution)

- $D \in \Omega$
- $\text{dist}(D, \partial\Omega) \geq r_0$
- ∂D of class $C^{6,\alpha}$ with constants r_0 , M_0 , $\alpha \in (0, 1)$

Theorem (Stability, Morassi, Rosset, V. (2019))

Let $w_i \in H^2(\Omega \setminus \overline{D_i})$ be the solutions to (P), $i = 1, 2$.

If, given $\varepsilon > 0$, we have

$$\left\{ \|w_1 - w_2\|_{L^2(\Sigma)} + \|\partial_n(w_1 - w_2)\|_{L^2(\Sigma)} \right\} \leq \varepsilon,$$

then we have

$$d_{\mathcal{H}}(\overline{D_1}, \overline{D_2}) \leq C(|\log \varepsilon|)^{-\eta},$$

for every ε , $0 < \varepsilon < 1$, where $C > 0$, η , $0 < \eta \leq 1$, are constants only depending on the a priori data.

$d_{\mathcal{H}}(\overline{D_1}, \overline{D_2})$ is the Hausdorff distance between $\overline{D_1}$ and $\overline{D_2}$.

Main tool of the proof

Theorem (Optimal three spheres inequality at the boundary)

If $x_0 \in \partial D$ and

$$\mathcal{L}w = 0, \quad \text{in } \Omega \setminus \bar{D},$$

there exist $C > 1$ such that, for every $r_1 < r_2 < r_3 < \text{dist}(x_0, \partial\Omega)$,

$$\|w\|_{L^2(B_{r_2}(x_0) \cap (\Omega \setminus \bar{D}))} \leq C \left(\frac{r_3}{r_2}\right)^C \|w\|_{L^2(B_{r_1}(x_0) \cap (\Omega \setminus \bar{D}))}^\theta \|w\|_{L^2(B_{r_3}(x_0) \cap (\Omega \setminus \bar{D}))}^{1-\theta}$$

where

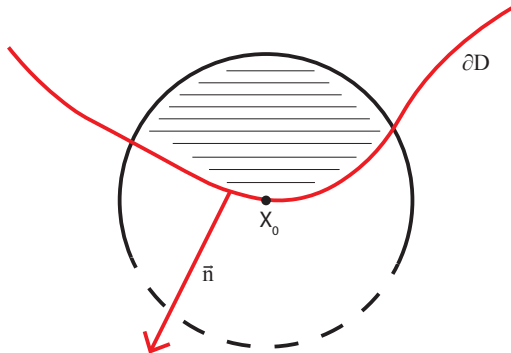
$$\theta = \frac{\log\left(\frac{r_3}{Cr_2}\right)}{\log\left(\frac{r_3}{r_1}\right)}.$$

Alessandrini, Rosset, V., ARMA, 2019

Corollary (finite vanishing rate at the boundary)

Under the above hypotheses, there exist C, N such that

$$\int_{B_r(x_0) \cap (\Omega \setminus \bar{D})} w^2 \geq Cr^N$$



In the interior, similar results hold true. In particular we have

Theorem (finite vanishing rate in the interior)

If $x_0 \in \Omega \setminus \overline{D}$ and $B_r(x_0) \Subset \Omega \setminus \overline{D}$ there exist C, N such that

$$\int_{B_r(x_0)} |\nabla^2 w|^2 \geq Cr^N$$

First qualitative result:

Taira Shirota, A remark on the unique continuation theorem for certain fourth order elliptic equations, Proc. Japan Acad. 36 (1960), 571–573.

Basic steps of the stability proof

Similarly to 2nd order case:

a) Stability estimates of continuation from Cauchy data:

$$\max \left\{ \int_{D_1 \setminus \bar{D}_2} |\nabla^2 w_2|^2, \int_{D_2 \setminus \bar{D}_1} |\nabla^2 w_1|^2 \right\} \leq \omega(\varepsilon)$$

b) by the Three Sphere Inequality in the interior and at the boundary,

$$d_{\mathcal{H}}(\bar{D}_1, \bar{D}_2) \leq \left(\max \left\{ \int_{D_1 \setminus \bar{D}_2} |\nabla^2 w_2|^2, \int_{D_2 \setminus \bar{D}_1} |\nabla^2 w_1|^2 \right\} \right)^{\delta} \leq (\omega(\varepsilon))^{\delta}$$

Another result of finite rate vanishing at the boundary

Let $x_0 \in \partial D$

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{L}w = 0, & \text{in } B_{R_0}(x_0) \cap (\Omega \setminus \overline{D}), \\ w = 0, & \text{on } B_{R_0}(x_0) \cap \partial D, \\ (\mathbf{P}\nabla^2 w)n \cdot n = 0, & \text{on } B_{R_0}(x_0) \cap \partial D, \end{cases}$$

Theorem (Rosset, Morassi, V. (in preparation))

Under the above hypotheses, there exist C, N such that

$$\int_{B_r(x_0) \cap (\Omega \setminus \overline{D})} w^2 \geq Cr^N$$

GENERALIZED PLANE STRESS PROBLEM

Here, $\mathbf{u} = u_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + u_2 \mathbf{e}_2$ represents the in-plane displacement field. Let us consider the two-dimensional system

$$\partial_\beta N_{\alpha\beta} = 0, \quad \text{in } \mathcal{U} := B_{R_0}(x_0) \cap (\Omega \setminus \bar{D}) \quad (1)$$

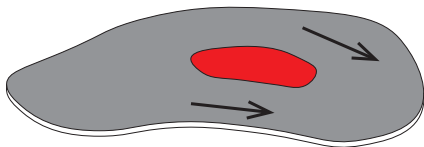
where

$$N_{\alpha\beta} = \mathbf{C}_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \epsilon_{\gamma\delta}, \quad \epsilon_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\beta u_\alpha + \partial_\alpha u_\beta),$$

$x_0 \in \partial D$ and \mathcal{U} is simply connected (i.e. R_0 small enough), \mathbf{C} is the elasticity tensor of the (isotropic) material

$$\mathbf{C}\mathbf{A} = \frac{hE(x)}{1 - \nu^2(x)} [(1 - \nu)\mathbf{A}^{sym} + \nu \text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\mathbf{I}_2]$$

for every 2×2 matrix \mathbf{A} ,



By using the [Airy's function \(1863\)](#), a **finite vanishing rate at the boundary** can be proved for (1) w. r. t. Neumann Condition

$$N_{\alpha\beta}n_{\beta} = 0, \quad \text{on } B_{R_0}(x_0) \cap \partial D \quad (2)$$

Airy's function

$$\begin{cases} \partial_1 N_{11} + \partial_2 N_{12} = 0, & \text{in } \mathcal{U} := B_{R_0}(x_0) \cap (\Omega \setminus \overline{D}), \\ \partial_1 N_{21} + \partial_2 N_{22} = 0, & \text{in } \mathcal{U} := B_{R_0}(x_0) \cap (\Omega \setminus \overline{D}), \end{cases}$$

We have that

$$-N_{12}dx_1 + N_{11}dx_2, \quad -N_{22}dx_1 + N_{21}dx_2$$

are exact forms. Hence exists $\tilde{\varphi}_1$ and $\tilde{\varphi}_2$ such that

$$(\star) \quad \partial_1 \tilde{\varphi}_1 = -N_{12}, \quad \partial_2 \tilde{\varphi}_1 = N_{11} \quad \text{and} \quad \partial_1 \tilde{\varphi}_2 = -N_{22}, \quad \partial_2 \tilde{\varphi}_2 = N_{21}.$$

The symmetry of $N_{\alpha\beta}$ implies $N_{12} = N_{21}$, hence

$$\partial_1 \tilde{\varphi}_1 = -\partial_2 \tilde{\varphi}_2,$$

and, again, the differential form

$$-\tilde{\varphi}_2 dx_1 + \tilde{\varphi}_1 dx_2,$$

is exact so that there exists φ (**Airy's function**) such that

$$\partial_1 \varphi = -\tilde{\varphi}_2, \quad \partial_2 \varphi = \tilde{\varphi}_1$$

By (★) and the definition of $N_{\alpha\beta}$ we have

$$\begin{cases} \epsilon_{11} = \frac{1}{hE} (\partial_{22}^2 \varphi - \nu \partial_{11}^2 \varphi), \\ \epsilon_{12} = -\frac{1+\nu}{hE} \partial_{12}^2 \varphi, \\ \epsilon_{22} = \frac{1}{hE} (\partial_{11}^2 \varphi - \nu \partial_{22}^2 \varphi) \end{cases}$$

Now, since $\epsilon_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\beta u_\alpha + \partial_\alpha u_\beta)$ we have

$$\partial_{22}^2 \epsilon_{11} - 2\partial_{12}^2 \epsilon_{12} + \partial_{11}^2 \epsilon_{22} = 0$$

hence

$$\operatorname{div} \left(\operatorname{div} \left(\mathbf{L} \nabla^2 \varphi \right) \right) = 0, \quad \text{in } \mathcal{U}$$

where

$$L_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = \frac{1+\nu}{hE} \delta_{\alpha\gamma} \delta_{\beta\delta} - \frac{\nu}{hE} \delta_{\alpha\beta} \delta_{\gamma\delta}$$

By using the weak formulation of (1), (2) and by choosing the indeterminate constants, we have also

$$\varphi = \partial_n \varphi = 0, \quad \text{on } B_{R_0}(x_0) \cap \partial D.$$

We have

Theorem (Morassi, Rosset, V. (2020))

If ∂D is of $C^{6,\alpha}$ class and u is not constant in $B_{R_0}(x_0) \cap (\Omega \setminus \bar{D})$ then there exists C, N positive such that for every $r < R_0/2$, we have

$$\int_{B_r(x_0) \cap (\Omega \setminus \bar{D})} |\nabla u|^2 \geq Cr^N$$

Theorem above is the main tool for the proof of optimal stability estimate for identification of cavities in the Generalized Plane Stress problem in linear elasticity.

**SKETCH OF THE PROOF OF THREE SPHERES INEQUALITY
AT THE BOUNDARY FOR THE PLATE EQUATION**

a) The plate equation can be rewritten in the form

$$\Delta^2 w = -2 \frac{\nabla B}{B} \cdot \nabla \Delta w + q_2(w) \quad \text{in } \Omega \setminus \bar{D},$$

where q_2 is a second order operator. Assume $x_0 \equiv 0$ and let $\Gamma = \partial D \cap B_R$ a small portion of ∂D

b) Flattening Γ by a conformal mapping the resulting equation preserves the same structure:

$$\begin{cases} \Delta^2 u = a \cdot \nabla \Delta u + p_2(u), & \text{in } B_1^+, \\ u(x, 0) = u_y(x, 0) = 0, & \forall x \in (-1, 1) \end{cases}$$

where u is the solution in the new coordinates and p_2 is a second order operator.

c) We use the following reflection of u ,

$$\bar{u}(x, y) = \begin{cases} u(x, y), & \text{in } B_1^+ \\ v(x, y), & \text{in } B_1^- \end{cases}$$

where

$$v(x, y) = -[u(x, -y) + 2yu_y(x, -y) + y^2\Delta u(x, -y)]$$

which has the advantage of ensuring that $\bar{u} \in H^4(B_1)$ if $u \in H^4(B_1^+)$

Poritsky, Trans. Amer. Math. Soc. 59 (1946), 248–279

John, Bull. Amer. Math. Soc. 63 (1957), 327–344

d) Then we apply the Carleman estimate

$$\sum_{k=0}^3 \tau^{6-2k} \int \rho^{2k+\epsilon-2-2\tau} |D^k U|^2 dx dy \leq C \int \rho^{6-\epsilon-2\tau} (\Delta^2 U)^2 dx dy,$$

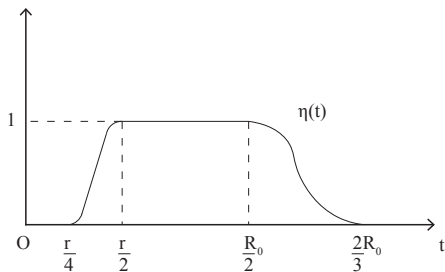
for every $\tau \geq \bar{\tau}$ and $\text{supp} U \subset B_{\tilde{R}_0} \setminus \{0\}$, where $0 < \epsilon < 1$ is fixed and

$$\rho(x, y) \sim \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \text{ as } (x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$$

$U = \xi \bar{u}$ where $\xi := \eta(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2})$ is a cut-off function

$$0 \leq \eta \leq 1, \quad \left| \frac{d^k \eta}{dt^k}(t) \right| \leq Cr^{-k} \text{ in } \left(\frac{r}{4}, \frac{r}{2} \right),$$

$$\eta = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{in } \left[\frac{r}{2}, \frac{R_0}{2} \right] \\ 0, & \text{in } \left(0, \frac{r}{4} \right) \cup \left(\frac{2}{3}R_0, 1 \right). \end{cases}$$



e) **Nevertheless we still have a problem:**

the term $\Delta^2 v$ on the right-hand side of the Carleman estimate involves derivatives of the fourth order of v or, by definition of v , derivatives of u up to the **sixth order**, **hence cannot be absorbed in a standard way by the left hand side.**

In order to overcome this obstruction...

1) Using the structure of the equation and the expression of the reflection u , we rewrite in a suitable way $\Delta^2 v$:

For every $(x, y) \in B_1^-$, we have

$$\Delta^2 v(x, y) = H(x, y) + (P_2(v))(x, y) + (P_3(u))(x, -y),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} H(x, y) = & 6 \frac{a_1}{y} (v_{yx}(x, y) + u_{yx}(x, -y)) + \\ & + 6 \frac{a_2}{y} (-v_{yy}(x, y) + u_{yy}(x, -y)) - \frac{12a_2}{y} u_{xx}(x, -y), \end{aligned}$$

where a_1, a_2 are the components of the vector a . Moreover, for every $x \in (-1, 1)$,

$$v_{yx}(x, 0) + u_{yx}(x, 0) = 0, \quad -v_{yy}(x, 0) + u_{yy}(x, 0) = 0, \quad u_{xx}(x, 0) = 0$$

To handle the singularity of these terms as $y \rightarrow 0$

2) We use **Hardy's inequality**: If $f(0) = 0$ then

$$\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{f^2(t)}{t^2} dt \leq 4 \int_0^{+\infty} (f'(t))^2 dt.$$

After a few steps we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{k=0}^3 \tau^{6-2k} \int_{B_{R_0}^+} \rho^{2k+\epsilon-2-2\tau} |D^k(\xi u)|^2 + \\
 & \quad + \sum_{k=0}^3 \tau^{6-2k} \int_{B_{R_0}^-} \rho^{2k+\epsilon-2-2\tau} |D^k(\xi v)|^2 \leq \\
 & \quad \leq \underbrace{C \int_{B_{R_0}^-} \rho^{6-\epsilon-2\tau} \xi^2 |H(x, y)|^2}_{I_1} + \\
 & \quad + \underbrace{C \int_{B_{R_0}^-} \rho^{6-\epsilon-2\tau} \xi^2 \sum_{k=0}^2 |D^k v|^2}_{I_2} + \underbrace{C \int_{B_{R_0}^+} \rho^{6-\epsilon-2\tau} \xi^2 \sum_{k=0}^3 |D^k u|^2}_{I_3}.
 \end{aligned}$$

I_2 and I_3 can be absorbed easily by the right hand side.

$$I_1 = \int_{B_{R_0}^-} \rho^{6-\epsilon-2\tau} \xi^2 |H(x, y)|^2 \leq C(J_1 + J_2 + J_3),$$

where, for instance

$$J_1 = \int_{-R_0}^{R_0} \left(\int_{-\infty}^0 \left| y^{-1} (v_{yx}(x, y) + (u_{yx}(x, -y))) \rho^{\frac{6-\epsilon-2\tau}{2}} \xi \right|^2 dy \right) dx$$

and J_2, J_3 are similar. To estimate J_1, J_2 and J_3 we use [Hardy's inequality](#):

$$J_j \leq C \int_{B_{R_0}^-} \rho^{6-\epsilon-2\tau} \xi^2 |D^3 v|^2 + C\tau^2 \int_{B_{R_0}^-} \rho^{4-\epsilon-2\tau} \xi^2 |D^2 v|^2 + \\ + C \int_{B_{R_0}^+} \rho^{6-\epsilon-2\tau} \xi^2 |D^3 u|^2 + C\tau^2 \int_{B_{R_0}^+} \rho^{4-\epsilon-2\tau} \xi^2 |D^2 u|^2 + CI,$$

where I is a sum of integrals over $B_{r/2}^\pm \setminus B_{r/4}^\pm$ and $B_{2R_0/3}^\pm \setminus B_{R_0/2}^\pm$

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- **Could the assumption $\Gamma \in C^{6,\alpha}$ be reduced?**
- **The case of isotropic Kirchhoff Love plate with other boundary conditions, in particular, Neumann condition**
- **The case $|\Delta^2 u| \leq C \sum_{k=0}^3 |D^k u|$**
- **The case of three dimensional Lamé system**

Thanks!