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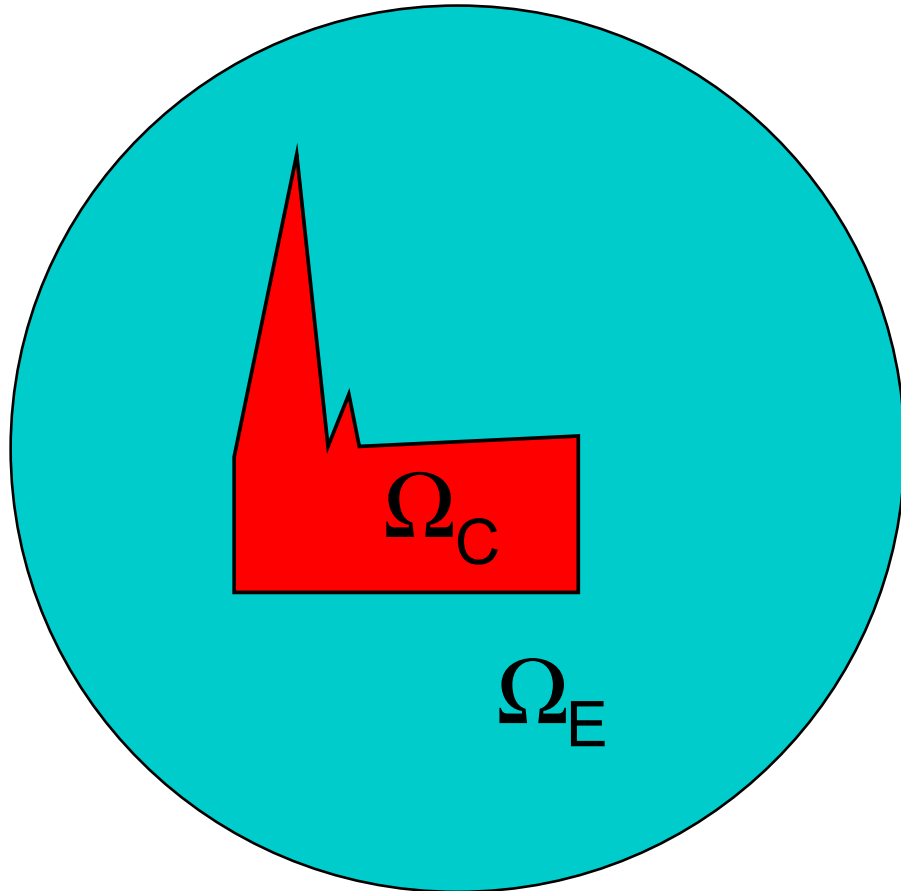
**Singularities of electromagnetic fields
in the Maxwell and eddy current formulations**

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Situation



Conductor body Ω_C :

polyhedron with boundary B .

Conductivity σ_C ,

permittivity ε_C and permeability μ_C .

Exterior region $\Omega_E := \mathcal{B}(0, R) \setminus \Omega_C$.

Conductivity $\sigma_E = 0$,

permittivity ε_E and permeability μ_E .

Region of interest

$$\Omega = \mathcal{B}(0, R) = \overline{\Omega_C} \cup \overline{\Omega_E}$$

with σ , ε and μ defined on Ω .

Perfect conductor boundary conditions on

$$\partial\Omega = \partial\Omega_E \setminus B$$

Outline

★ Maxwell problem for an imperfect conductor.

- Gauge conditions – Regularized variational form.
- Singularities of Type 1 and 2.
- Sobolev and weighted Sobolev regularity.

★★ Eddy current problem.

- Gauge conditions – Regularized variational form.
- Eddy current pb as a limit of Maxwell (as $\delta \simeq \omega \epsilon \sigma^{-1} \rightarrow 0$).
- Singularities of Type 1 and 2 (are also limits as $\delta \rightarrow 0$).
- Regularity: The field inside a convex conductor is more regular than outside.

Maxwell problem for a conductor

Conductor body Ω_C : polyhedron with boundary B (connected components B_i).

Conductivity σ_C , permittivity ε_C and permeability μ_C .

Exterior region $\Omega_E := \mathcal{B}(0, R) \setminus \Omega_C$ for R large enough.

Conductivity $\sigma_E = 0$, permittivity ε_E and permeability μ_E .

Region of interest $\Omega = \mathcal{B}(0, R) = \overline{\Omega}_C \cup \overline{\Omega}_E$.

Conductivity σ , permittivity ε and permeability μ defined on Ω . Frequency ω , fixed.

Perfect conductor boundary conditions on $\partial\Omega = \partial\Omega_E \setminus B$.

Source current density j_0 in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)^3$, with support in Ω_C and divergence free, i.e. $\operatorname{div} j_0 = 0$ in Ω_C and $j_0 \cdot n = 0$ on B .

Find the electromagnetic field (E, H)

$$\text{(Maxwell)} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} (i) & \operatorname{curl} E = -i\omega \mu H \quad \text{in } \Omega, \\ (ii) & \operatorname{curl} H = (\sigma + i\omega \varepsilon)E + j_0 \quad \text{in } \Omega, \\ (iii) & E \times n = 0 \quad \& \quad H \cdot n = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{array} \right.$$

Conditions on the divergence of the electric field

Taking the divergence of equation (ii)

$$\operatorname{div} \alpha E = 0, \quad \text{with } \alpha_C = \sigma_C + i\omega \varepsilon_C \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha_E = i\omega \varepsilon_E.$$

Therefore

$$(1) \quad \operatorname{div} E_C = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \boxed{\operatorname{div} E_E = 0}$$

$$(2) \quad \alpha_C E_C \cdot n = \alpha_E E_E \cdot n \quad \text{on } B.$$

Equation (ii) also yields that $E_C = \operatorname{curl} \psi$ with $\psi = (i\omega \varepsilon_C + \sigma_C)^{-1} (H - J_0)$ where J_0 is a vector potential for j_0 . By localization around B_i :

$$\int_{B_i} E_C \cdot n \, dS = \int_{\Omega_C} \operatorname{div} \{ \operatorname{curl}(\mu_i \psi) \} \, dx = 0.$$

Combining with (2)

$$\boxed{\int_{B_i} E_E \cdot n \, dS = 0}$$

Regularized variational formulation

We propose a variational space independent of σ , ε and ω :

$$\mathbf{Y}(\Omega) = \left\{ u \in \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)^3 : \begin{aligned} & \operatorname{curl} u \in \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)^3, \\ & \operatorname{div} u_{\mathbf{C}} \in \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega_{\mathbf{C}}), \quad \operatorname{div} u_{\mathbf{E}} \in \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega_{\mathbf{E}}) \\ & u \times n = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega, \quad \int_{B_i} u_{\mathbf{E}} \cdot n \, dS = 0 \end{aligned} \right\}.$$

The associate variational forms are for $u, v \in \mathbf{Y}(\Omega)$

$$a(u, v) = \int_{\Omega} (\mu^{-1} \operatorname{curl} u \cdot \operatorname{curl} \bar{v} - \omega^2 \varepsilon u \cdot \bar{v}) \, dx + i\omega \int_{\Omega_{\mathbf{C}}} \sigma_{\mathbf{C}} u_{\mathbf{C}} \cdot \bar{v}_{\mathbf{C}} \, dx$$

$$a_{\text{reg}}(u, v) = a(u, v) + \int_{\Omega_{\mathbf{C}}} \operatorname{div} u_{\mathbf{C}} \operatorname{div} \bar{v}_{\mathbf{C}} \, dx + \int_{\Omega_{\mathbf{E}}} \operatorname{div} u_{\mathbf{E}} \operatorname{div} \bar{v}_{\mathbf{E}} \, dx.$$

The electric field E solution of (Maxwell) is the only solution of

$$E \in \mathbf{Y}(\Omega), \quad \forall v \in \mathbf{Y}(\Omega), \quad a_{\text{reg}}(E, v) = -i\omega(j_0, v)_{\Omega_{\mathbf{C}}}.$$

Corner singularities, general recipe

Fix a corner O (here $O \in B$). Let (ρ, ϑ) be polar coordinates centered in O .

Around O , the 3D space is shared into two complementary cones Γ_C and Γ_E reproducing the sharing by Ω_C and Ω_E :

$$\mathbb{R}^3 = \bar{\Gamma}_C \cup \bar{\Gamma}_E.$$

The general recipe consists in looking for solutions u of the form $\rho^\lambda U(\vartheta)$ of the principal part of the associated elliptic bvp, with zero RHS:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{curl}(\mu_C^{-1} \text{curl } u_C) - \nabla \text{div } u_C = 0 & \text{in } \Gamma_C, \\ \text{curl}(\mu_E^{-1} \text{curl } u_E) - \nabla \text{div } u_E = 0 & \text{in } \Gamma_E, \\ [u \times n] = 0, \quad [\alpha u \cdot n] = 0 & \text{on } I := \partial\Gamma_C = \partial\Gamma_E, \\ [\mu^{-1} \text{curl } u \times n] = 0, \quad [\text{curl } u \cdot n] = 0 & \text{on } I, \\ [\text{div } \alpha u] = 0, \quad [\alpha^{-1} \partial_n \text{div } \alpha u] = 0 & \text{on } I. \end{array} \right.$$

Corner singularities, Maxwell recipe

Set $q_C = \operatorname{div} \alpha_C u_C$, $q_E = \operatorname{div} \alpha_E u_E$ and $\psi_C = \mu_C^{-1} \operatorname{curl} u_C$, $\psi_E = \mu_E^{-1} \operatorname{curl} u_E$.

$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \Delta q_C = 0 & \text{in } \Gamma_C, \\ \Delta q_E = 0 & \text{in } \Gamma_E, \\ [q] = 0, \quad [\alpha^{-1} \partial_n q] = 0 & \text{on } I. \end{array} \right.$	Type 3:	$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{general } q \\ \text{particular } \psi, \\ \text{particular } u \end{array} \right.$
$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \operatorname{curl} \psi_C = \nabla q_C, \quad \operatorname{div}(\mu_C \psi_C) = 0 & \text{in } \Gamma_C, \\ \operatorname{curl} \psi_E = \nabla q_E, \quad \operatorname{div}(\mu_E \psi_E) = 0 & \text{in } \Gamma_E, \\ [\psi \times n] = 0, \quad [\mu \psi \cdot n] = 0 & \text{on } I. \end{array} \right.$	Type 2:	$\left[\begin{array}{l} q = 0, \\ \text{general } \psi, \\ \text{particular } u \end{array} \right.$
$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \operatorname{curl} u_C = \mu_C \psi_C, \quad \operatorname{div} \alpha_C u_C = q_C & \text{in } \Gamma_C, \\ \operatorname{curl} u_E = \mu_E \psi_E, \quad \operatorname{div} \alpha_E u_E = q_E & \text{in } \Gamma_E, \\ [u \times n] = 0, \quad [\alpha u \cdot n] = 0 & \text{on } I. \end{array} \right.$	Type 1:	$\left[\begin{array}{l} q = 0, \\ \psi = 0, \\ \text{general } u \end{array} \right.$

Maxwell Corner Singularities of Type 1

$u_C = \nabla \Phi_C$ and $u_E = \nabla \Phi_E$ with

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{div } \nabla \Phi_C = 0 & \text{in } \Gamma_C, \\ \text{div } \nabla \Phi_E = 0 & \text{in } \Gamma_E, \\ [\Phi] = 0, \quad [\alpha \partial_n \Phi] = 0 & \text{on } I. \end{array} \right.$$

The singular density Φ is in $H_{\text{loc}}^1(\mathbb{R}^3)$ and is a singularity of the Laplace transmission problem with α : $\alpha = \alpha_C = \sigma_C + i\omega \epsilon_C$ in Γ_C and $\alpha = \alpha_E = i\omega \epsilon_E$ in Γ_E .

The singularities $\Phi = \rho^\lambda \varphi(\vartheta)$ with $\text{Re } \lambda > 0$ and $\lambda(\lambda + 1) = \nu$ eigenvalue and φ eigenvector of the problem (with $G_C = \Gamma_C \cap S^2$ and $G_E = \Gamma_E \cap S^2$)

$$\varphi \in H^1(S^2), \quad \forall \psi \in H^1(S^2)$$

$$\int_{G_C} \alpha_C \nabla_T \varphi \cdot \nabla_T \psi + \int_{G_E} \alpha_E \nabla_T \varphi \cdot \nabla_T \psi = \nu \left\{ \int_{G_C} \alpha_C \varphi \psi + \int_{G_E} \alpha_E \varphi \psi \right\}$$

For wedges, this reduces to a 1D angular version: $\nabla_T \rightarrow \partial_\theta$ and $\lambda^2 = \nu$.

Maxwell Corner Singularities of Type 2

$\psi_C = \nabla \Psi_C$ and $\psi_E = \nabla \Psi_E$ with

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{div } \nabla \Psi_C = 0 & \text{in } \Gamma_C, \\ \text{div } \nabla \Psi_E = 0 & \text{in } \Gamma_E, \\ [\Psi] = 0, \quad [\mu \partial_n \Psi] = 0 & \text{on } I. \end{array} \right.$$

The density Ψ is a singularity $\rho^\lambda \psi(\vartheta)$ of the Laplace transmission problem with μ :
 $\mu = \mu_C$ in Γ_C and $\mu = \mu_E$ in Γ_E .

Then $u = (\lambda + 1)^{-1} (\mu \nabla \Psi \times x - \nabla r)$ with r solution of

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \Delta r_C = 0 & \text{in } \Gamma_C, \\ \Delta r_E = 0 & \text{in } \Gamma_E, \\ [r] = 0, \quad [\alpha \partial_n r] = [\alpha \mu] (\nabla \Psi \times x) \cdot n & \text{on } I. \end{array} \right.$$

Sobolev regularity

Let β_α and β_μ be the limiting regularity Sobolev exponents for the transmission Laplace operators $\operatorname{div} \alpha \nabla$ and $\operatorname{div} \mu \nabla$ respectively. Note that

$$\frac{3}{2} < \beta_\mu < 2 \quad \text{and} \quad 1 < \beta_\alpha.$$

Then

$$E_C \in H^s(\Omega_C) \quad \text{and} \quad E_E \in H^s(\Omega_E), \quad \forall s < \min\{\beta_\alpha - 1, \beta_\mu\}.$$

Moreover

$$E = \nabla \Phi + E^{\text{reg}}$$

with

$$E_C^{\text{reg}} \in H^s(\Omega_C) \quad \text{and} \quad E_E^{\text{reg}} \in H^s(\Omega_E), \quad \forall s < \min\{\beta_\alpha, \beta_\mu\}.$$

Weighted Sobolev spaces

Isotropic spaces (Kondrat'ev) and $m \in \mathbb{N}$, $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\mathbf{W}_{\beta}^m(\Omega) = \left\{ u \in \mathbf{L}_{\text{loc}}^2(\Omega) : \forall \alpha, |\alpha| \leq m, \partial^{\alpha} u \in \mathbf{L}^2(\psi^0), \right. \\ \left. \forall c \text{ corner, } r_c^{\beta+|\alpha|} \partial^{\alpha} u \in \mathbf{L}^2(\psi_c) \right\}.$$

Isotropic spaces (Nazarov-Plamenevskii) $D = \mathbf{C}$ or \mathbf{E} , and $m \in \mathbb{N}$, $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\mathbf{K}_{\beta}^m(\Omega_D) = \left\{ u \in \mathbf{L}_{\text{loc}}^2(\Omega_D) : \forall \alpha, |\alpha| \leq m, \partial^{\alpha} u \in \mathbf{L}^2(\psi^0), \right. \\ \left. \forall c \text{ corner, } r_c^{\beta+|\alpha|} \partial^{\alpha} u \in \mathbf{L}^2(\psi_c^0) \right. \\ \left. \forall e \text{ edge, } r_e^{\beta+|\alpha|} \partial^{\alpha} u \in \mathbf{L}^2(\psi_e^0) \text{ and } r_e^{\beta+|\alpha|} \partial^{\alpha} u \in \mathbf{L}^2(\psi_e^c) \right\}.$$

Anisotropic spaces (with $\alpha = (\alpha_{\perp}, \alpha_3)$ transverse - longitudinal to the edge)

$$\mathbf{M}_{\beta}^m(\Omega_D) = \left\{ u \in \mathbf{L}_{\text{loc}}^2(\Omega_D) : \forall \alpha, |\alpha| \leq m, \partial^{\alpha} u \in \mathbf{L}^2(\psi^0), \right. \\ \left. \forall c \text{ corner, } r_c^{\beta+|\alpha|} \partial^{\alpha} u \in \mathbf{L}^2(\psi_c^0) \right. \\ \left. \forall e \text{ edge, } r_e^{\beta+|\alpha_{\perp}|} \partial^{\alpha} u \in \mathbf{L}^2(\psi_e^0) \text{ and } r_c^{\alpha_3} r_e^{\beta+|\alpha_{\perp}|} \partial^{\alpha} u \in \mathbf{L}^2(\psi_e^c) \right\}$$

Weighted (anisotropic) Sobolev regularity

Suppose j_0 smooth.

Let β_α and β_μ be the limiting regularity Sobolev exponents for the transmission Laplace operators $\operatorname{div} \alpha \nabla$ and $\operatorname{div} \mu \nabla$ respectively.

Splitting of the electric field

$$E = \nabla \Phi + E^{\text{reg}}$$

with

$$E_C^{\text{reg}} \in M_{-\beta}^\infty(\Omega_C) \quad \text{and} \quad E_E^{\text{reg}} \in M_{-\beta}^\infty(\Omega_E), \quad \forall \beta < \min\{\beta_\alpha, \beta_\mu\}$$

and the potential

$$\Phi = \Phi^0 + \Phi^1 + \Phi^{\text{reg}}, \quad \Phi^{\text{reg}} \in H^\infty(\Omega)$$

and

$$\Phi_C^0 \in M_{-\beta}^\infty(\Omega_C), \quad \Phi_E^0 \in M_{-\beta}^\infty(\Omega_E), \quad \Phi^1 \in W_{-\beta}^\infty(\Omega).$$

Eddy current equations

Recall Maxwell equations.

Find the electromagnetic field (E, H)

$$\text{(Maxwell)} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{curl } E = -i\omega \mu H & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \text{curl } H = (\sigma + i\omega \varepsilon)E + j_0 & \text{in } \Omega, \\ E \times n = 0 \quad \& \quad H \cdot n = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{array} \right.$$

The Eddy Current equations are defined for $\sigma \gg \varepsilon$ by setting ε to 0 in (Maxwell).

Find the electromagnetic field (E, H)

$$\text{(Eddy c.)} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{curl } E = -i\omega \mu H & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \text{curl } H = \sigma E + j_0 & \text{in } \Omega, \\ E \times n = 0 \quad \& \quad H \cdot n = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{array} \right.$$

Conditions on the divergence of the electric field

Taking the divergence of the 2d equation

$$\operatorname{div} \sigma E = 0, \quad \text{with } \sigma = \sigma_C \text{ in } \Omega_C \text{ and } \sigma_E = 0.$$

Therefore

$$\operatorname{div} E_C = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad E_C \cdot n = 0 \quad \text{on } B$$

We have nothing on $\operatorname{div} E_E$.

We impose as gauge conditions, the conditions we obtained from (Maxwell) before passing to the limit:

$$\operatorname{div} E_E = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{B_i} E_E \cdot n \, dS = 0$$

The eddy current equations as limiting equations

Set $\omega\varepsilon = \delta\check{\varepsilon}$ where

- $\delta > 0$ is a small parameter
- $\check{\varepsilon}$ has the same order of magnitude as σ_C .

The assumption that δ is small reflects the fact that

the product $\omega\varepsilon$ is small with respect to σ_C .

We write (Maxwell) and (Eddy c.) in a unified way, for $\delta > 0$ and $\delta = 0$, resp.:

$$(\mathfrak{P}^\delta) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{curl } E^\delta = -i\omega \mu H^\delta & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \text{curl } H^\delta = (\sigma + i\delta \check{\varepsilon})E^\delta + j_0 & \text{in } \Omega, \\ E^\delta \times n = 0 \quad \& \quad H^\delta \cdot n = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{array} \right.$$

Regularized variational formulations

We propose a variational space independent of σ , ε and ω :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{Y}(\Omega) = \left\{ u \in \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)^3 : \right. & \text{curl } u \in \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)^3, \\
 & \text{div } u_{\mathbf{C}} \in \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega_{\mathbf{C}}), \quad \text{div } u_{\mathbf{E}} \in \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega_{\mathbf{E}}) \\
 & \left. u \times n = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega, \quad \int_{B_i} u_{\mathbf{E}} \cdot n \, dS = 0 \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The associate variational forms are for $u, v \in \mathbf{Y}(\Omega)$

$$a^\delta(u, v) = \int_{\Omega} (\mu^{-1} \text{curl } u \cdot \text{curl } \bar{v} - \omega \delta \check{e} u \cdot \bar{v}) \, dx + i\omega \int_{\Omega_{\mathbf{C}}} \sigma_{\mathbf{C}} u_{\mathbf{C}} \cdot \bar{v}_{\mathbf{C}} \, dx$$

$$a_{\text{reg}}^\delta(u, v) = a^\delta(u, v) + \int_{\Omega_{\mathbf{C}}} \square \text{div } u_{\mathbf{C}} \text{div } \bar{v}_{\mathbf{C}} \, dx + \int_{\Omega_{\mathbf{E}}} \square \text{div } u_{\mathbf{E}} \text{div } \bar{v}_{\mathbf{E}} \, dx.$$

The electric field E solution of (\mathfrak{P}^δ) solves

$$E^\delta \in \mathbf{Y}(\Omega), \quad \forall v \in \mathbf{Y}(\Omega), \quad a_{\text{reg}}^\delta(E, v) = -i\omega(j_0, v)_{\Omega_{\mathbf{C}}}.$$

The eddy current limit

Theorem

(i) $\exists \delta_0 > 0$ s. t. the sesquilinear forms a_{reg}^δ are uniformly coercive for $\delta \in [0, \delta_0]$.

(ii) We have the uniform bound:

$$\exists C > 0, \quad \forall \delta \in [0, \delta_0], \quad \|E^\delta\|_{Y(\Omega)} \leq C.$$

(iii) We have the convergence as $\delta \rightarrow 0$:

$$\exists C > 0, \quad \forall \delta \in [0, \delta_0], \quad \|E^\delta - E^0\|_{Y(\Omega)} \leq C\delta.$$

The singularities are of Type 1 and 2, also in the limit $\delta = 0$,
and they depend continuously on δ

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Eddy current Corner Singularities of Type 1

$u_C = \nabla\Phi_C$ and $u_E = \nabla\Phi_E$ with

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \operatorname{div} \nabla\Phi_C = 0 & \text{in } \Gamma_C, \\ \operatorname{div} \nabla\Phi_E = 0 & \text{in } \Gamma_E, \\ [\Phi] = 0, \quad \partial_n \Phi_C = 0 & \text{on } \mathbf{I}. \end{array} \right.$$

We have either (i) or (ii)

(i) Φ_C is a singularity of the Laplace Neumann problem, Φ_E has the same degree λ .

(ii) $\Phi_C = 0$ and Φ_E is a singularity of the Laplace Dirichlet problem.

Skip to Type 2

Using the harmonic extension P_E from $G_C := \Gamma_C \cap \mathbb{S}^2$ into $G_E := \Gamma_E \cap \mathbb{S}^2$, we can write the “singularities eigenvalue pb” in the unified way for $\delta = 0$ and $\delta > 0$:

Find $(\varphi_C, \varphi_0) \in H^1(G_C) \times H_0^1(G_E)$, $\forall (\psi_C, \psi_0) \in H^1(G_C) \times H_0^1(G_E)$:

$$a_\delta(\varphi_C, \varphi_0; \psi_C, \psi_0) = \nu b_\delta(\varphi_C, \varphi_0; \psi_C, \psi_0)$$

The singularity of Type 1 is $u = \nabla \Phi$ with $\Phi_C = r^\lambda \varphi_C$ and $\Phi_E = r^\lambda (P_E \varphi_C + \varphi_0)$.

Let $\eta = \frac{i\delta\check{\epsilon}_E}{\sigma_C + i\delta\check{\epsilon}_C}$.

The forms a_δ and b_δ depend continuously on $\delta \in [0, \delta_0]$:

$$a_\delta = \int_{G_C} \nabla \varphi_C \cdot \nabla \psi_C + \eta \int_{G_E} \nabla P_E \varphi_C \cdot \nabla P_E \psi_C + \int_{G_E} \nabla \varphi_0 \cdot \nabla \psi_0$$

and

$$b_\delta = \int_{G_C} \varphi_C \psi_C + \eta \int_{G_E} (P_E \varphi_C P_E \psi_C + \varphi_0 P_E \psi_C) + \int_{G_E} (P_E \varphi_C \psi_0 + \varphi_0 \psi_0).$$

Eddy current Corner Singularities of Type 2

$\psi_C = \nabla \Psi_C$ and $\psi_E = \nabla \Psi_E$ with

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{div } \nabla \Psi_C = 0 & \text{in } \Gamma_C, \\ \text{div } \nabla \Psi_E = 0 & \text{in } \Gamma_E, \\ [\Psi] = 0, \quad [\mu \partial_n \Psi] = 0 & \text{on } I. \end{array} \right.$$

The density Ψ is a singularity $\rho^\lambda \psi(\vartheta)$ of the Laplace transmission problem with μ :
 $\mu = \mu_C$ in Γ_C and $\mu = \mu_E$ in Γ_E .

Then $u = (\lambda + 1)^{-1} (\mu \nabla \Psi \times x - \nabla r)$ with r solution of

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \Delta r_C = 0 & \text{in } \Gamma_C, \\ \Delta r_E = 0 & \text{in } \Gamma_E, \\ [r] = 0, \quad \partial_n r_C = \mu_C (\nabla \Psi_C \times x) \cdot n & \text{on } I. \end{array} \right.$$

Sobolev regularity

Let β_E^{Dir} , β_C^{Neu} and β_μ be the limiting regularity Sobolev exponents for the Dirichlet pb on Ω_E , Neumann pb on Ω_C and the transmission pb $\text{div } \mu \nabla$ respectively:

$$\frac{3}{2} < \beta_\mu < 2 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{3}{2} < \min\{\beta_C^{\text{Neu}}, \beta_E^{\text{Dir}}\} < 2$$

Then

$$E_C \in H^s(\Omega_C) \quad \forall s < \min\{\beta_C^{\text{Neu}} - 1, \beta_\mu\}. \quad \text{and}$$

$$E_E \in H^s(\Omega_E), \quad \forall s < \min\left\{\min\{\beta_C^{\text{Neu}}, \beta_E^{\text{Dir}}\} - 1, \beta_\mu\right\}.$$

Moreover

$$E = \nabla \Phi + E^{\text{reg}}$$

$$\text{with } E_C^{\text{reg}} \in H^s(\Omega_C) \quad \forall s < \min\{\beta_C^{\text{Neu}}, \beta_\mu\} \quad \text{and}$$

$$E_E^{\text{reg}} \in H^s(\Omega_E), \quad \forall s < \min\{\min\{\beta_C^{\text{Neu}}, \beta_E^{\text{Dir}}\}, \beta_\mu\}.$$

Conclusion: How to approximate these solutions?

Combining with FEM techniques already investigated for Maxwell equations in polyhedral bodies, we may hope that the following will provide “good” approximations (considered the nasty singularities):

- **Curl-Conforming Elements** (first *NÉDÉLEC* family of edge elements) – used with a Lagrange multiplier in Ω_E (*KIKUSHI* formulation)
- **Weighted Regularization Method** with nodal FEM in Ω_C and Ω_E . \longrightarrow
- **Singular Complement Method** (for axisymmetric domains only).

The performances of all methods may hopefully be dramatically improved by the use of **anisotropic refinement along edges and at corners, and higher degree polynomials.**