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$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \Delta u + \nabla p &= f \quad \text{in } \mathcal{F}, \\ \operatorname{div} u &= 0 \quad \text{in } \mathcal{F}, \\ u &= 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\mathcal{O}, \\ u &= g \quad \text{on } \partial\mathcal{S}, \\ u(x, 0) &= u_0(x) \quad \text{in } \mathcal{F}.\end{aligned}$$

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We define on $\partial\mathcal{S}$

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda(u, p) &= \sigma(u, p)n \\ &= 2\nu D(u)n - pn \\ &= \nu \left(\nabla u + \nabla u^T \right) n - pn.\end{aligned}$$

The classical variational formulation

The weak formulation of this Stokes problem is

$$\begin{aligned}
 2\nu \int_{\mathcal{F}} D(u) : D(v) - \int_{\mathcal{F}} p \operatorname{div} v - \int_{\partial\mathcal{S}} v \cdot \lambda d\Gamma &= \int_{\mathcal{F}} f \cdot v \\
 \int_{\mathcal{F}} q \operatorname{div} u &= 0 \\
 \int_{\partial\mathcal{S}} \mu \cdot u d\Gamma &= \int_{\partial\mathcal{S}} \mu \cdot g d\Gamma
 \end{aligned}$$

for any $(v, q, \mu) \in \mathbf{V} \times L_0^2(\mathcal{F}) \times \mathbf{H}^{-1/2}(\partial\mathcal{S})$, where $V = \mathbf{H}_0^1(\mathcal{F})$. The solution can be viewed as the stationary point of the Lagrangian

$$\begin{aligned}
 L(u, p, \lambda) &= \nu \int_{\mathcal{F}} |D(u)|^2 - \int_{\mathcal{F}} p \operatorname{div} u - \int_{\mathcal{F}} f \cdot u \\
 &\quad - \int_{\partial\mathcal{S}} \lambda \cdot (u - g) d\Gamma.
 \end{aligned}$$

The extended Lagrangian

$$\begin{aligned} L(u, p, \lambda) = & \nu \int_{\mathcal{F}} |D(u)|^2 - \int_{\mathcal{F}} p \operatorname{div} u - \int_{\mathcal{F}} f \cdot u \\ & - \int_{\partial\mathcal{S}} \lambda \cdot (u - g) d\Gamma \\ & - \frac{\gamma}{2} \int_{\partial\mathcal{S}} |\lambda - \sigma(u, p)n|^2 \end{aligned}$$

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The stabilized formulation

$$2\nu \int_{\mathcal{F}} D(u) : D(v) - \int_{\mathcal{F}} p \operatorname{div} v - \int_{\mathcal{F}} f \cdot v - \int_{\partial\mathcal{S}} \lambda \cdot v d\Gamma \\ + 2\nu\gamma \int_{\partial\mathcal{S}} (\lambda - \sigma(u, p)n) \cdot (D(v)n) d\Gamma = \int_{\mathcal{F}} f \cdot v$$

$$- \int_{\mathcal{F}} q \operatorname{div} u - \gamma \int_{\partial\mathcal{S}} q (\lambda - \sigma(u, p)n) \cdot n d\Gamma = 0$$

$$- \int_{\partial\mathcal{S}} \mu \cdot (u - g) - \gamma \int_{\partial\mathcal{S}} (\lambda - \sigma(u, p)n) \cdot \mu d\Gamma \\ = - \int_{\partial\mathcal{S}} \mu \cdot g d\Gamma$$

The discretized matrices

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{uu} & A_{up} & A_{u\lambda} \\ A_{up}^T & A_{pp} & A_{p\lambda} \\ A_{u\lambda}^T & A_{p\lambda}^T & A_{\lambda\lambda} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ p \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} F \\ 0 \\ G \end{pmatrix}$$

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- The choice of coefficient γ
- Proving the "inf-sup" condition for this penalized formulation : For γ_0 small enough, there exists $C > 0$ independent of h such that

$$C \left\| \left\| (u^h, p^h, \lambda^h) \right\| \right\| \leq \sup_{0 \neq (v^h, q^h, \mu^h) \in E^h} \frac{\mathcal{B}(u^h, p^h, \lambda^h; u^h, q^h, \mu^h)}{\left\| \left\| (v^h, q^h, \mu^h) \right\| \right\|}.$$

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Making the solid deformable

The Dirichlet condition on $\partial\mathcal{S}$ for the rigid solid

$$u(x, t) = h'(t) + \theta'(x - h(t))^\perp$$

becomes, in the deformable case

$$u(x, t) = h'(t) + \theta'(x - h(t))^\perp + w(x, t)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} w(x, t) &= w^*(\mathbf{R}_{\theta(t)}(x - h(t)), t), \\ \frac{\partial X^*}{\partial t} &= w^*(X^*, t). \end{aligned}$$