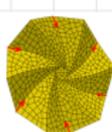


Paper Folding: Modeling and Simulation



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Numerical analysis for nonlinear and multiscale problems

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Nature & Art: Unfolding of a ladybird's wings, curved origami



Source: University of Tokyo,
The Sydney Morning Herald

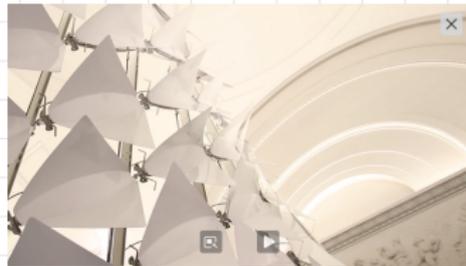


Source: Jun Mitani,
Curved-Folding Origami Design

Biomimetics: Shading structure inspired by underwater carnivorous plant



Aldrovanda vesiculosa
Source: Axel Kömer



Flectofold construction
Source: Axel Kömer

Isometries: Piecewise smooth isometry $y : \omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

$$(\nabla y)^T \nabla y = \mathbb{I}_{2 \times 2}$$

Folding arcs: Folding curve $b : I \rightarrow \bar{\omega}$ maintains geodesic curvature κ under isometric deformation

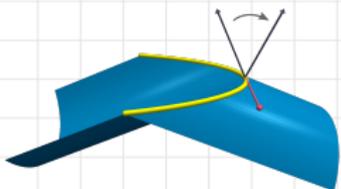


Darboux frames: Normals n^ℓ define Darboux frames

$$r^\ell = [\gamma', n^\ell, \gamma' \times n^\ell] \in SO(3), \quad \gamma = y \circ b$$

Folding angle: Since frames share tangent γ'

$$r^2 = R(\theta, \gamma') r^1$$



Curvatures: Geodesic $\kappa = (r_1^\ell)' \cdot r_2^\ell$ and normal $\mu^\ell = (r_1^\ell)' \cdot r_3^\ell$ curvatures and torsion $\tau^\ell = (r_2^\ell)' \cdot r_3^\ell$ related via, **unless** $\theta \in 2\pi\mathbb{Z}$,

$$\kappa \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \pm \mu^\ell \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right), \quad \tau^2 = \tau^1 + \theta'$$

Related: Simpler version in [Duncan & Duncan '82]

Implications: For deformed plate along crease C

- ▶ if $\kappa = 0$ then either unfolded or folded back or θ constant and $\mu^\ell = 0$
- ▶ if $\kappa \neq 0$ then either unfolded or $\mu^\ell \neq 0$ and θ uniquely defined



Related: Periodic kirigami structures (e.g., maps and deployable structures)

- ▶ [Liu, Choi, Mahadevan '21] 17 patterns define periodic tilings of the plane
- ▶ [James & Liu '22+] Origami structures with curved tiles between creases

3D hyperelasticity: Energy functional for deformation $y : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

$$I^{3d}[y] = \int_{\Omega} W(x, \nabla y) dx - \int_{\Omega} f \cdot y dx$$

with isotropic and objective density $W : \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$

$$W(\mathbb{I}_{3 \times 3}) = 0, \quad W(QFR) = W(F) \quad \forall Q, R \in SO(3)$$

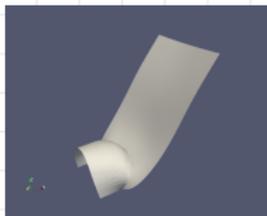
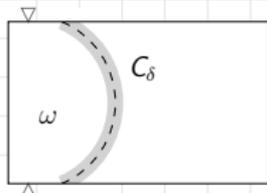
Prepared material: Material softer along arc $C \subset \bar{\omega}$

Model reduction: $\Omega = \omega \times (-\delta/2, \delta/2)$

- ▶ narrow region C_{δ} , soft material C_{δ}
- ▶ ∇y discontinuous along C

For isometry $y \in H^2(\omega \setminus C; \mathbb{R}^3) \cap W^{1,\infty}(\omega; \mathbb{R}^3)$

$$I_{\text{fold}}[y] = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\omega \setminus C} |D^2 y|^2 dx - \int_{\omega} f \cdot y dx$$



Proof: [B., Bonito & Hornung '22] following [Friesecke, James & Müller '02]

Discretization aspects:

- ▶ fourth order problem with pointwise nonlinear constraint
- ▶ approximation of curved interface with gradient discontinuity

Conceptual dG approach: Discrete energy functional

$$I_h[y_h] = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\omega} |D_h^2 y_h|^2 dx - \int_{\omega} f y_h dx \\ + \frac{\gamma_0}{2} \int_{\mathcal{E}} h_{\mathcal{E}}^{-\alpha} |[[y_h]]|^2 ds + \frac{\gamma_1}{2} \int_{\mathcal{E} \setminus \mathcal{C}_h} h_{\mathcal{E}}^{-\beta} |[[\nabla_h y_h]]|^2 ds$$

with constraint

$$(\nabla_h y_h)^T \nabla_h y_h = \mathbb{I}_{2 \times 2} \quad \forall x_q \in \mathcal{Q}_h$$

Analytical difficulties: Parameter selection and interface accuracy

- ▶ optimal consistency avoiding overpenalization
- ▶ approximation order for approximated interface
- ▶ choice of quadrature points to avoid locking

Related: dG for 2nd order interface problems [Cangiani, Georgoulis & Sabawi '18]

Linear model: Small deflections, no isometry condition

$$I_{\text{lin}}[u] = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\omega \setminus C} |D^2 u|^2 dx - \int_{\omega} f u dx, \quad u \in H^1(\omega) \cap H^2(\omega \setminus C)$$

Euler-Lagrange equation: Biharmonic problem away from C

$$\Delta^2 u = f \quad \text{in } \omega \setminus C$$

Interface conditions: Along interface C

$$[[u]] = 0, \quad \partial_n \nabla u = 0, \quad [[\partial_n \Delta u]] = 0$$

DG method: For curved partition \mathcal{T}_h with interface $C_h (= C)$

$$\begin{aligned} (f, v_h) &= (D^2 u, D_h^2 v_h)_{L^2(\omega \setminus C_h)} \\ &+ \langle \{\{\partial_n \nabla u\}\}, [[\nabla_h v_h]] \rangle_{L^2(\mathcal{E} \setminus C_h)} + \langle \{\{\partial_n \nabla_h v_h\}\}, [[\nabla u]] \rangle_{L^2(\mathcal{E} \setminus C_h)} \\ &- \langle \{\{\partial_n \Delta u\}\}, [[v_h]] \rangle_{L^2(\mathcal{E})} - \langle \{\{\partial_n \Delta_h v_h\}\}, [[u]] \rangle_{L^2(\mathcal{E})} \\ &+ \gamma_1 \langle h^{-1} [[\nabla u]], [[\nabla_h v_h]] \rangle_{L^2(\mathcal{E} \setminus C_h)} + \gamma_0 \langle h^{-3} [[u]], [[v_h]] \rangle_{L^2(\mathcal{E})} \end{aligned}$$

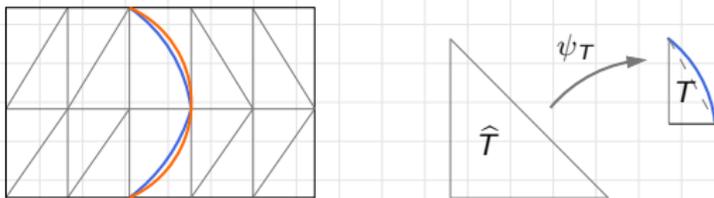
Lax-Milgram: For appropriate BCs and γ_0, γ_1 sufficiently large

$$\exists! u_h \in V_h \quad a_h(u_h, v_h) = (f, v_h) \quad \forall v_h \in V_h$$

Curved elements: Isoparametric $\psi_T : \hat{T} \rightarrow T$ with [Lenoir '86, Ern & Guermond '21]

$$\|D^s \psi_T\|_{L^\infty(\hat{T})} \leq ch_T^s, \quad 2 \leq s \leq k+1$$

- Interpolation estimates from [Bonito, Nochetto & Ntogkas '21]



Discretization: For $C = C_h$ standard procedure gives

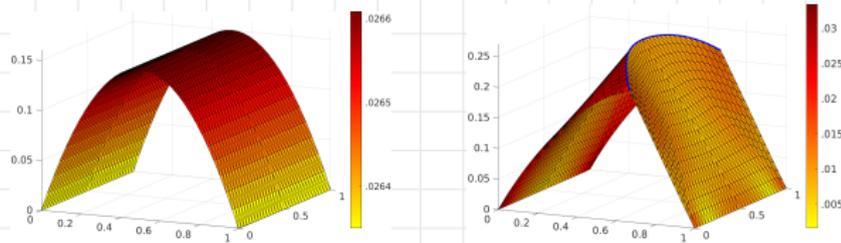
$$\|u - u_h\|_{dG} \leq \begin{cases} h^{k-1} \|u\|_{H^{k+1}(\omega \setminus C)} & \text{for } k > 2 \\ h \|u\|_{H^4(\omega \setminus C)} & \text{for } k = 2 \end{cases}$$

Interface approximation: For $u \in H^2(\omega \setminus C)$ and $u_k \in H^2(\omega \setminus C_h)$

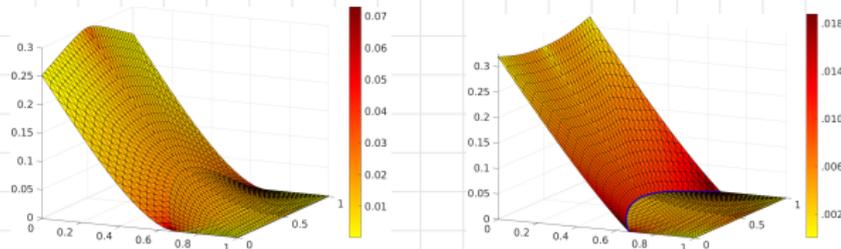
$$\|D_h^2(u - \tilde{u}_k)\| \leq ch^{k-1} (\|D_h^2 \tilde{u}_k\| + \|\nabla \tilde{u}_k\|)$$

Idea of proof: Map u_k from $\Omega \setminus C_h$ to $\Omega \setminus C$ via $\tilde{u}_k|_T = u_k \circ \Phi_T$

Test 1: Two sides clamped, no vs. quadratic interface

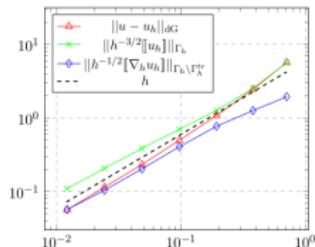
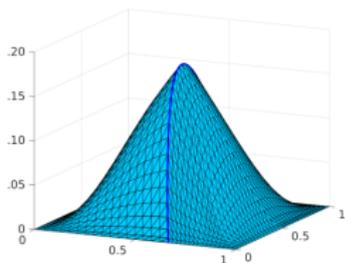


Test 2: One side clamped, one boundary point fixed, no vs. quadratic interface

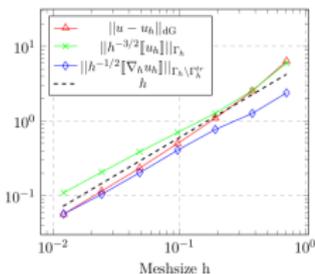
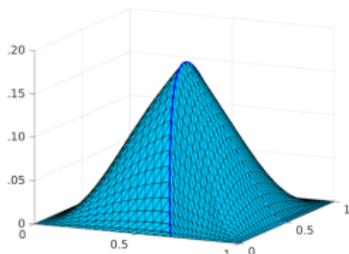


Conclusion: Crease significantly affects bending behavior

Test 1: Linear interface approximation, quadratic elements



Test 2: Quadratic interface approximation, quadratic elements



Observation: No difference for quadratic vs. linear crease approximation

Discrete Hessian: From [Ern & DiPietro '10, Pryer '14, Bonito, Nochetto & Ntrogka '20]

$$H_h[y_h] = D_h^2 y_h + \sum_{e \in \mathcal{E}} b_e(\llbracket y_h \rrbracket) - \sum_{e \in \mathcal{E} \setminus C_h} r_e(\llbracket \nabla_h y_h \rrbracket)$$

with local lifting operators

$$\int_{\omega_e} b_e(\psi) : \tau_h \, dx = \int_e \{ \operatorname{div}_h \tau_h \} \cdot n_e \psi \, ds, \quad \int_{\omega_e} r_e(\phi) : \tau_h \, dx = \int_e \{ \tau_h \} n_e \cdot \phi \, ds$$

Consistency: For test function ϕ with $\operatorname{supp} \phi$ not intersecting C

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\omega} H_h(y_h) : \phi \, dx &= \int_{\omega} y_h \cdot \operatorname{div} \operatorname{Div} \phi \, dx - \int_{\mathcal{E}} \llbracket y_h \rrbracket \operatorname{Div}[\phi - \mathcal{I}_h \phi] \cdot n_{\mathcal{E}} \, ds \\ &+ \int_{\mathcal{E}} \llbracket \nabla_h y_h \rrbracket [\phi - \mathcal{I}_h \phi] n_{\mathcal{E}} \, ds + \int_{\omega} (B_{\mathcal{E}}(\llbracket y_h \rrbracket) - R_{\mathcal{E}}(\llbracket \nabla_h y_h \rrbracket)) : [\phi - \mathcal{I}_h \phi] \, dx, \end{aligned}$$

with sum of green terms vanishing by definitions of b_e and r_e

For $h \rightarrow 0$ and $H_h(y_h)$ bounded in L^2 and w.r.t. $\|\cdot\|_{dg}$

$$\int_{\omega} \psi : \phi \, dx = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \int_{\omega} H_h(y_h) : \phi \, dx = \int_{\omega} y \cdot \operatorname{div} \operatorname{Div} \phi \, dx$$

Discrete energy: With discrete Hessian

$$I_h[y_h] = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\omega} |H_h(y_h)|^2 dx - \int_{\omega} f y_h dx \\ + \frac{\gamma_1}{2} \|h^{-1/2} [\nabla_h y_h]\|_{L^2(\mathcal{E} \setminus C_h)}^2 + \frac{\gamma_0}{2} \|h^{-3/2} [y_h]\|_{L^2(\mathcal{E})}^2$$

Relaxed isometry: For suitable tolerance and quadrature points

$$|\nabla y_h(x)^T \nabla y_h(x) - \mathbb{I}_{2 \times 2}| \leq \varepsilon_h \quad \forall x \in Q_h$$

Well-posedness: Unconditional existence of discrete minimizers from coercivity

$$\alpha_0 |y_h|_{dg}^2 \leq I_h[y_h]$$

for all $\gamma_0, \gamma_1 > 0$ (fixed) with

$$|y_h|_{dg}^2 = \|D_h^2 y_h\|^2 + \|h^{-1/2} [\nabla_h y_h]\|_{L^2(\mathcal{U}\mathcal{E} \setminus C_h)}^2 + \|h^{-3/2} [y_h]\|_{L^2(\mathcal{U}\mathcal{E})}^2$$

Stability: If $I_h[y_h] \leq c$ then $\|y_h\|_{dg} \leq c'$ and weak limits y satisfy

$$I[y] \leq \liminf_{h \rightarrow 0} I_h[y_h]$$

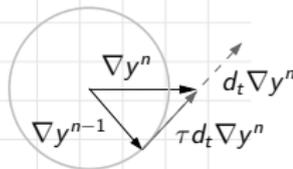
Gradient descent: Compute tangential corrections $d_t y^n \in \mathcal{F}[y^{n-1}]$ via

$$(d_t y^n, w)_* + \alpha(D^2 y^n, D^2 w) = 0$$

for all $w \in \mathcal{F}[y^{n-1}]$, with linearization of $[G]^2 = G^T G$

$$\mathcal{F}[\hat{y}] = \{w \in W : \nabla w^T \nabla \hat{y} + \nabla \hat{y}^T \nabla w = 0\},$$

set $y^n = y^{n-1} + \tau d_t y^n$



Proposition [B. '13]. If $[\nabla y^0]^2 = \mathbb{I}_{2 \times 2}$ and $\|\nabla w\| \leq c_* \|w\|_*$

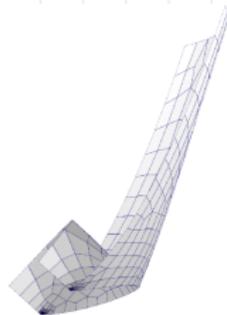
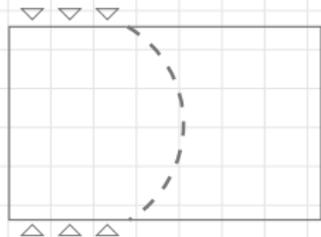
$$(i) \quad I[y^n] + \frac{\tau}{2} \|d_t y^n\|_*^2 \leq I[y^{n-1}],$$

$$(ii) \quad \|[\nabla y^n]^2 - \mathbb{I}_{2 \times 2}\|_{L^1} \leq c_*^2 \tau I[y^0].$$

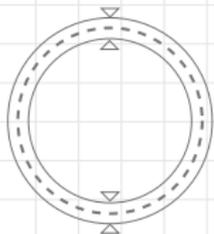
- ▶ *unconditional* stability and well-posedness, choose $w = d_t y^n$
- ▶ no projection – progressive violation of isometry constraint

$$[\nabla y^n]^2 = [\nabla y^{n-1}]^2 + \tau^2 [d_t \nabla y^n]^2 = \dots = \mathbb{I}_{2 \times 2} + \tau^2 \sum_{\ell=1}^n [d_t \nabla y^\ell]^2$$

Test 1: Curved arc on rectangular plate with compressive BCs



Test 2: Ring with central folding curve compressed at two opposite points



Challenges: Choice of initial deformations, instabilities, lack of regularity

Methodology: Lack of Euler–Lagrange equations, use Γ -convergence

- ▶ *Stability*, i.e., if $I_h[y_h]$ is bounded then there exists $y \in H_{\text{iso}}^2(\omega \setminus C)$

$$y_h \rightarrow y \quad \text{and} \quad I[y] \leq \liminf_{h \rightarrow 0} I_h[y_h]$$

- ▶ *Consistency*, i.e., for all $y \in H_{\text{iso}}^2(\omega \setminus C)$ exists $(y_h)_{h>0}$

$$y_h \rightarrow y \quad \text{and} \quad I[y] = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} I_h[y_h]$$

Theorem [De Giorgi '75] Convergence of (almost) minimizers

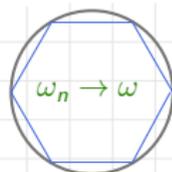
Approximability: Density of smooth folded (nearly) isometries as [Hornung '08] for unfolded isometries or [Bonito et al. '21] approximate isometries

Smooth minimizers: If $y \in H^3(\omega \setminus C)$ then $y_h = \mathcal{I}_h y_h$ satisfy

$$D_h^2 y_h \rightarrow D^2 y \quad \text{strongly in } L^2(\omega \setminus C) \quad \implies \quad I_h[y_h] \rightarrow I[y]$$

Optimality: Density result determines choice of parameters

Babuška's plate paradox: Solutions on polygonal domains of linear bending problem **not convergent** to solution on curved domain for simple support (free normal on boundary)



$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta^2 u_n &= 1 \\ u_n|_{\partial\omega_n} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$u_n \not\rightarrow u$$

Clamped BC: No failure for $u|_{\partial\omega} = \nabla u|_{\partial\omega} = 0$ (density of $C_0^\infty(\omega)$)

Critical identity: Variational interpretation [Bonito '22+]

$$\int_{\omega} |D^2 u|^2 dx = \int_{\omega} |\Delta u|^2 dx + \int_{\partial\omega} \kappa |\nabla u|^2 dx$$

with curvature $\kappa = 0$ for piecewise linear boundary

Isometries: Developable surfaces characterized by $|D^2 y|^2 = |\Delta y|^2 = H^2$

Questions: Babuška's paradox in view of isometries

- ▶ Consequence of incorrect linearization?
- ▶ Interpretation of interface condition for folds?

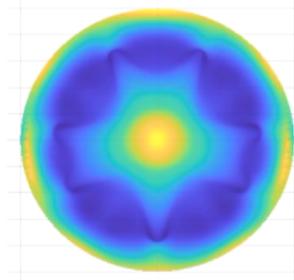
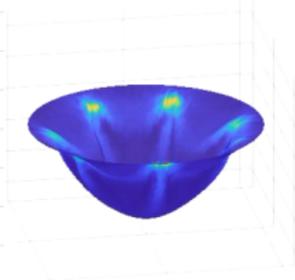
Observation: Cardboard box shows material fatigue

Explanation: No finite energy path among isometries

Föppl-von Kármán model (no fold): Different scaling of in-plane deformation and deflection [Friesecke, James & Müller '06]

$$I_{\text{fvk}}[u, w] = \frac{\gamma^2}{2} \int_{\omega} |D^2 w|^2 dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\omega} |\varepsilon(u) + \nabla w \otimes \nabla w|^2 dx - \int_{\omega} f w dx$$

Experiment: Quasistationary switching via f between spherical states for compressive BCs

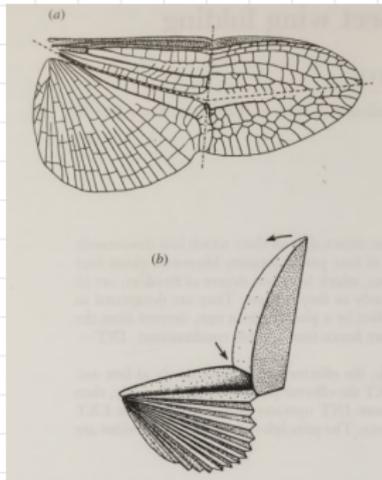


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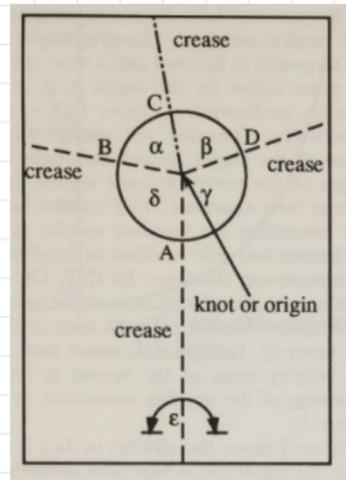
Analysis: Break of symmetry [Conti, Olbermann & Tobasco '15]

Question: Relation to thin sheet folding of insect wings?

[Haas & Wootton '96] Hindwing folding of cockroach *Diploptera punctata*



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Interpretation: Discrete curvature realization of flapping mechanism

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- ▶ Characterization of admissible folds
- ▶ DG method suitable for 4th order curved interface problem

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