

Energy and Momentum Conserving Algorithms in Continuum Mechanics

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INTRODUCTION

MAIN CONCERN

Time integration of the general system

$$\dot{\mathbf{z}} = \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{z})\nabla H(\mathbf{z}) - \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{z})\nabla H(\mathbf{z})$$

$$\mathbf{z} \in \mathbf{R}^m, \quad H : \mathbf{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbf{R},$$

$$\mathbf{J} = -\mathbf{J}^T \in \mathbf{R}^{m \times m}, \quad \mathbf{D} = \mathbf{D}^T \geq 0 \in \mathbf{R}^{m \times m}$$

- includes general Hamiltonian systems
- analogous infinite-dimensional case

KEY FEATURES

Energy decay/conservation

$$\dot{H} = \nabla H \cdot \dot{\mathbf{z}} = \nabla H \cdot [\mathbf{J} \nabla H - \mathbf{D} \nabla H]$$

$\dot{H} = -\nabla H \cdot \mathbf{D} \nabla H \leq 0$	and	$\dot{H} = 0$ when $\mathbf{D} \equiv \mathbf{O}$
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Momentum conservation (linear/angular momentum)

Suppose

- $H = \widehat{H} \circ \zeta$
- $\zeta : \mathbf{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^k$ invariants under a symmetry group, e.g.

$$\zeta(\mathbf{z}) = (|\mathbf{q}|^2, \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{p}, |\mathbf{p}|^2), \quad \mathbf{z} = (\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}) \in \mathbf{R}^6$$

“rotational invariants”

- $\exists F(z)$ such that $\mathbf{J} \nabla F \in \ker[\nabla \zeta]$

Then

$\dot{F} = 0$ when $\mathbf{D} \equiv \mathbf{O}$

OBJECTIVE & MOTIVATION

OBJECTIVE

To develop time integration schemes with :

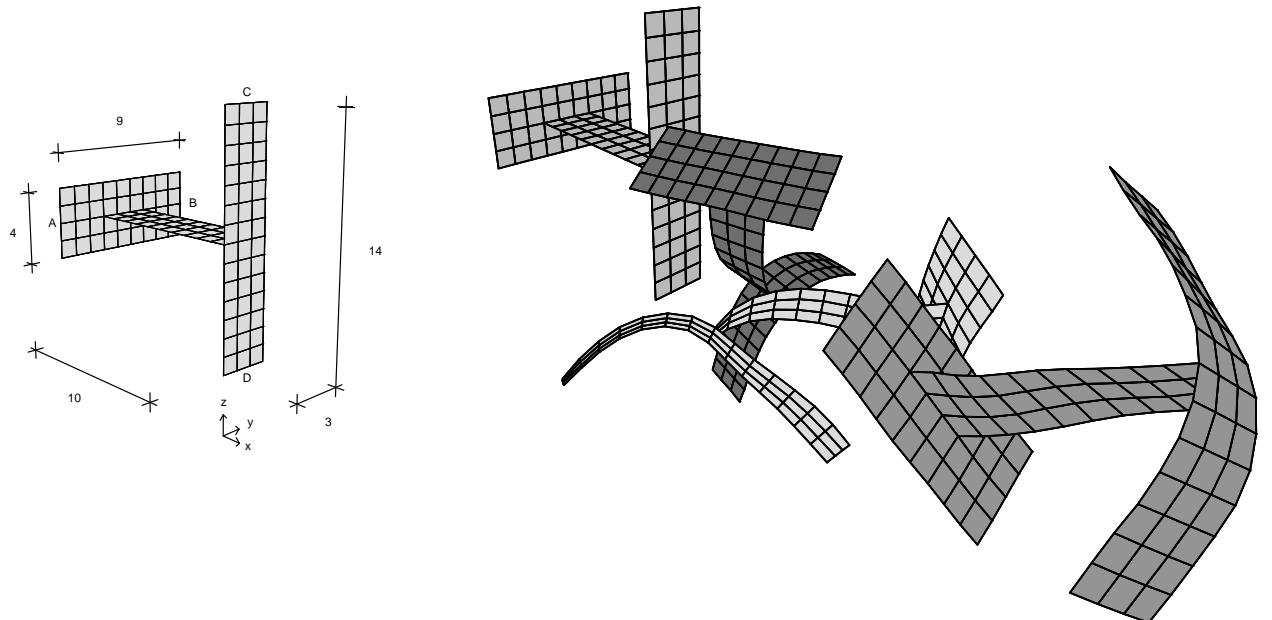
- mild or no restrictions on time step (stable implicit schemes)
- energy/momentum conservation when no damping present
- physical energy decay when damping present

MOTIVATION

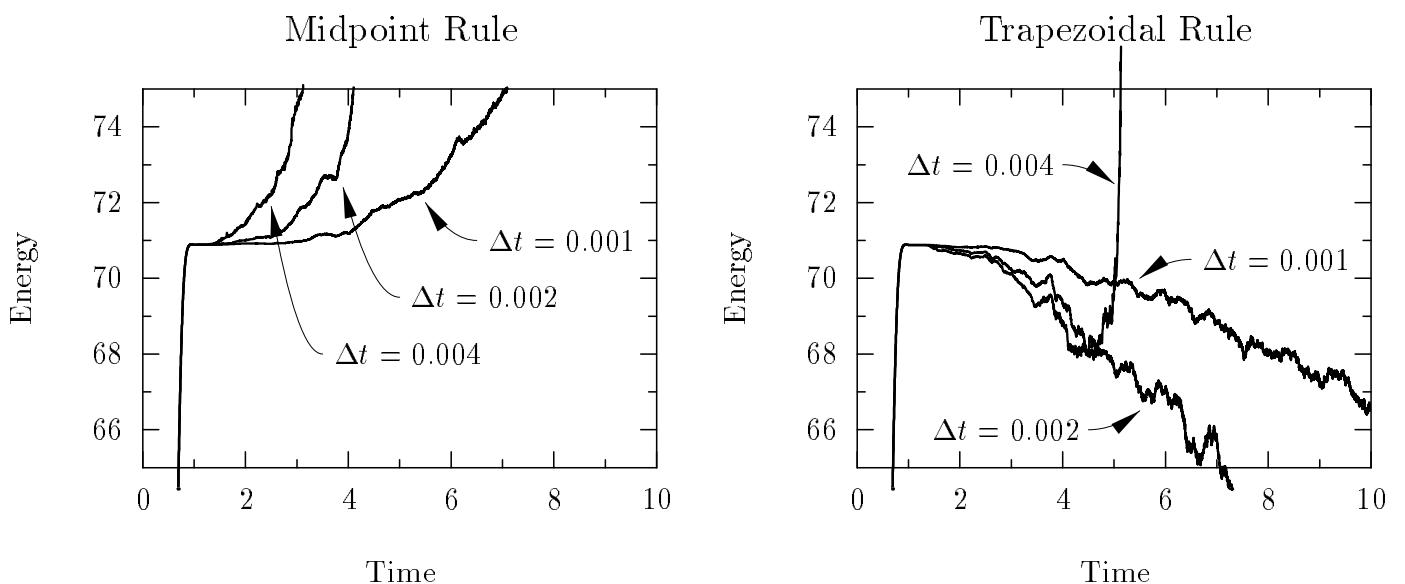
- classic schemes generally fail on all three points

EXAMPLE: " $\dot{H} = 0$ "

Nonlinear Shells (Simo & Tarnow 1992)



Energy vs Time: Mid-Point Rule & Trapezoidal Rule



OUTLINE

I. Introduction and motivation

II. Why does the Mid-Point Rule fail?

- Kepler model problem
- Elastodynamics model problem
 - Illustration of difficulties
 - Remedies

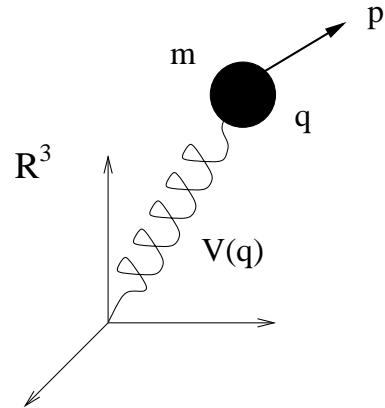
III. Abstract framework for conserving schemes

- Discrete gradients
- General scheme

IV. Closing remarks

KEPLER MODEL PROBLEM

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{q}} &= m^{-1} \mathbf{p} \\ \dot{\mathbf{p}} &= -\frac{V'(|\mathbf{q}|)}{|\mathbf{q}|} \mathbf{q}\end{aligned}$$



$$\mathbf{z} = (\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}), \quad H(\mathbf{z}) = \frac{1}{2}m^{-1}|\mathbf{p}|^2 + V(|\mathbf{q}|), \quad \mathbf{J} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{I} \\ -\mathbf{I} & \mathbf{O} \end{pmatrix}$$

FEATURES

- $H(\mathbf{z})$ invariant under rotation group
- $H(\mathbf{z}), \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{q} \times \mathbf{p}$ are integrals
- $\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ evolve in plane normal to $\boldsymbol{\mu} = \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{z}_0)$
- the radial variables $\lambda = |\mathbf{q}|$ and $\pi = \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{q}/|\mathbf{q}|$ satisfy

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\lambda} &= m^{-1}\pi \\ \dot{\pi} &= -V'_\mu(\lambda)\end{aligned}$$

“reduced equations”

where

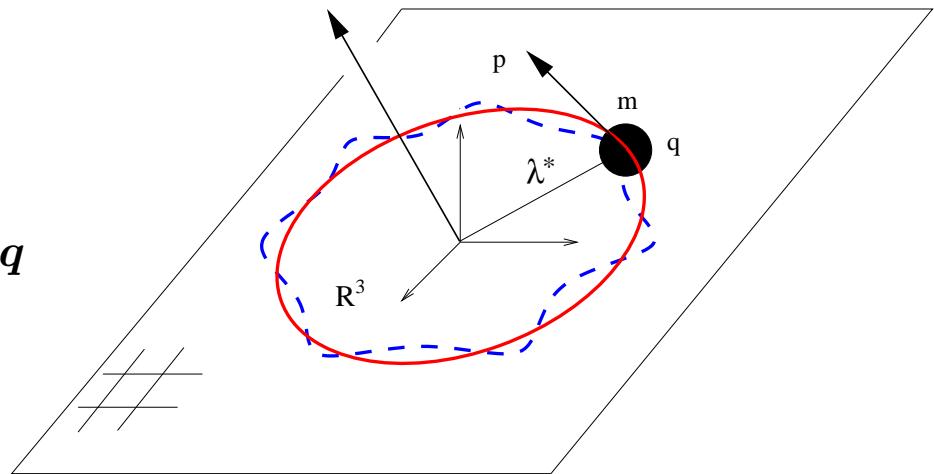
$$V_\mu(\lambda) = V(\lambda) + \frac{1}{2}|\boldsymbol{\mu}|^2/m\lambda^2 \quad \text{“Smale's amended potential”}$$

RELATIVE EQUILIBRIA

steady, circular orbit

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{q}} &= m^{-1} \mathbf{p} \\ \dot{\mathbf{p}} &= -\frac{V'(|\mathbf{q}|)}{|\mathbf{q}|} \mathbf{q}\end{aligned}$$

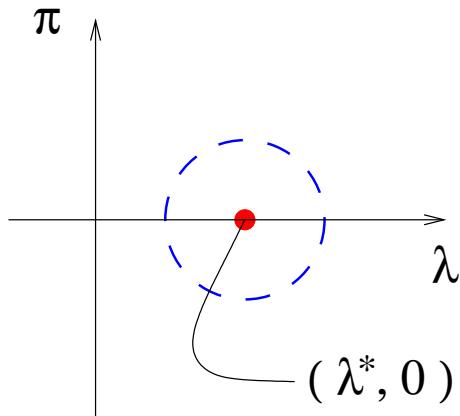
$$\mu = \mathbf{q} \times \mathbf{p}$$



fixed point

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\lambda} &= m^{-1} \pi \\ \dot{\pi} &= -V'_\mu(\lambda)\end{aligned}$$

$$V'_\mu(\lambda^*) = 0$$



STABILITY

stable relative equilibria = stable fixed point

= local min of $V_\mu(\lambda)$

Analysis of the Mid-Point Rule

MID-POINT RULE

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\mathbf{q}_{n+1} - \mathbf{q}_n}{\Delta t} &= m^{-1} \mathbf{p}_{n+\frac{1}{2}} \\ \frac{\mathbf{p}_{n+1} - \mathbf{p}_n}{\Delta t} &= -\frac{V'(|\mathbf{q}_{n+\frac{1}{2}}|)}{|\mathbf{q}_{n+\frac{1}{2}}|} \mathbf{q}_{n+\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (1)$$

where $\mathbf{q}_{n+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{q}_{n+1} + \mathbf{q}_n)$.

- preserves $\mathbf{j}(z_n) = \mathbf{q}_n \times \mathbf{p}_n$
- does not preserve $H(z_n) = \frac{1}{2}m^{-1}|\mathbf{p}_n|^2 + V(|\mathbf{q}_n|)$.

REDUCED EQUATIONS

Introduce reduced variables as before

$$\lambda_n = |\mathbf{q}_n|, \quad \pi_n = \mathbf{p}_n \cdot \mathbf{q}_n / |\mathbf{q}_n|.$$

Then (1) implies the implicit reduced equation

$$\mathbf{G}_{\text{MP}}(\lambda_{n+1}, \pi_{n+1}; \lambda_n, \pi_n) = \mathbf{0}. \quad (2)$$

- look for fixed points $(\hat{\lambda}^*, 0) \Leftrightarrow$ relative equilibria
- study stability

RESULTS

Existence of Relative Equilibria:

Fixed points $\widehat{\lambda}^*$ are stationary points of a perturbed potential:

$$\widehat{V}_\mu(\lambda, \Delta t) \approx V_\mu(\lambda)$$

Stability of Relative Equilibria:

Fixed points $\widehat{\lambda}^*$ are only conditionally stable in general:

- linearly stable when $\Delta t < \Delta t_{critical}$
- unstable when $\Delta t > \Delta t_{critical}$

Two questions:

- What's causing the instability?
- Is there a cure?

SOURCE OF INSTABILITY

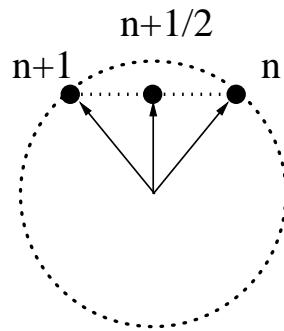
coupling between internal forces and rotations

Exact Problem:

$$\frac{V'(|\mathbf{q}|)}{|\mathbf{q}|} \text{ rotationally invariant when } \mathbf{q} = \Lambda(t)\mathbf{q}_0$$

Mid-point discretization:

$$\frac{V'(|\mathbf{q}_{n+\frac{1}{2}}|)}{|\mathbf{q}_{n+\frac{1}{2}}|} \text{ not rotationally invariant when } \mathbf{q}_{n+1} = \Lambda\mathbf{q}_n$$



A REMEDY

replace $V'(|\mathbf{q}_{n+\frac{1}{2}}|) \frac{1}{|\mathbf{q}_{n+\frac{1}{2}}|}$

by $\frac{V(|\mathbf{q}_{n+1}|) - V(|\mathbf{q}_n|)}{|\mathbf{q}_{n+1}| - |\mathbf{q}_n|} \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}(|\mathbf{q}_{n+1}| + |\mathbf{q}_n|)}$

A Conserving Scheme

CONSERVING SCHEME

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\mathbf{q}_{n+1} - \mathbf{q}_n}{\Delta t} &= m^{-1} \mathbf{p}_{n+\frac{1}{2}} \\ \frac{\mathbf{p}_{n+1} - \mathbf{p}_n}{\Delta t} &= -\frac{V(|\mathbf{q}_{n+1}|) - V(|\mathbf{q}_n|)}{|\mathbf{q}_{n+1}| - |\mathbf{q}_n|} \frac{\mathbf{q}_{n+\frac{1}{2}}}{\frac{1}{2}(|\mathbf{q}_{n+1}| + |\mathbf{q}_n|)} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (3)$$

- preserves $\mathbf{j}(\mathbf{z}_n) = \mathbf{q}_n \times \mathbf{p}_n$
- preserves $H(\mathbf{z}_n) = \frac{1}{2}m^{-1}|\mathbf{p}_n|^2 + V(|\mathbf{q}_n|)$.

REDUCED EQUATIONS

Introduce reduced variables as before

$$\lambda_n = |\mathbf{q}_n|, \quad \pi_n = \mathbf{p}_n \cdot \mathbf{q}_n / |\mathbf{q}_n|.$$

Then (3) implies the implicit reduced equation

$$\mathbf{G}_{\text{EM}}(\lambda_{n+1}, \pi_{n+1}; \lambda_n, \pi_n) = \mathbf{0} \quad (4)$$

- look for fixed points $(\hat{\lambda}^*, 0) \iff$ relative equilibria
- study stability

RESULTS

Existence of Relative Equilibria:

Fixed points $\hat{\lambda}^*$ are exact, i.e. stationary points of $V_\mu(\lambda)$.

Stability of Relative Equilibria:

- i. The reduced equations preserve the integral

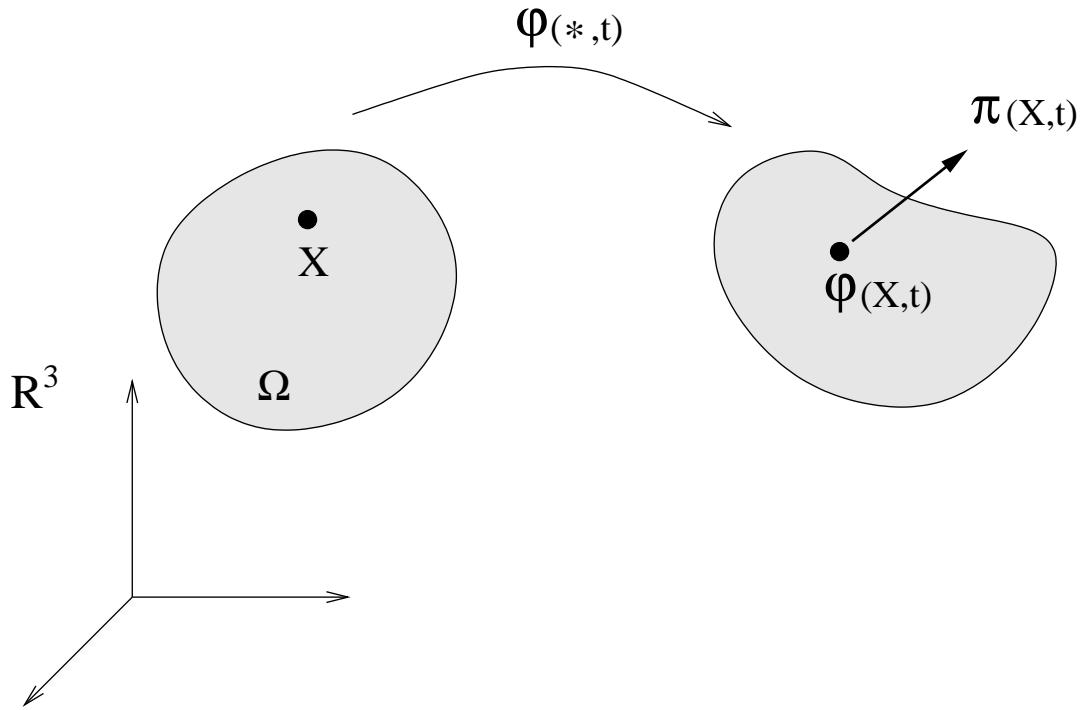
$$H_\mu(\lambda, \pi) = \frac{1}{2}m^{-1}\pi^2 + V_\mu(\lambda) \quad \text{"reduced Hamiltonian"}$$

- ii. V_μ local min at $\hat{\lambda}^*$ \Rightarrow H_μ local min at $(\hat{\lambda}^*, 0)$
 - \Rightarrow H_μ is a Lyapunov function
 - \Rightarrow nonlinear stability.

Three remarks on conserving scheme:

- 2nd order accurate, like Mid-Point rule
- “conserving” modification cures coupling/stability problem
- similar problem/cure in more complex systems

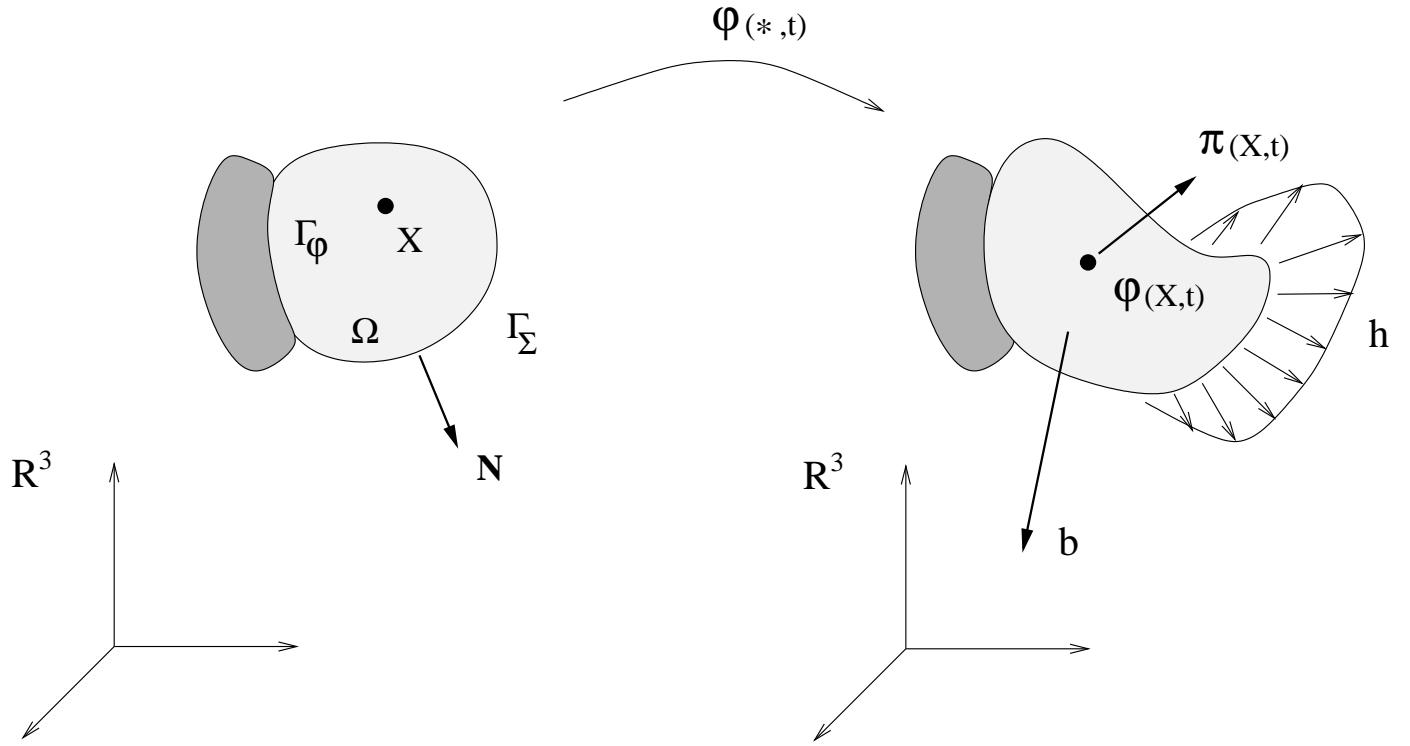
ELASTODYNAMICS MODEL PROBLEM



NOTATION

Deformation	$\varphi : \bar{\Omega} \times [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^3$
(Linear) Momentum Density	$\pi : \bar{\Omega} \times [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^3$
Deformation Gradient	$\mathbf{F}(\varphi) = \nabla \varphi$
Cauchy Strain	$\mathbf{C}(\varphi) = \mathbf{F}(\varphi)^T \mathbf{F}(\varphi)$
Strain Energy Function	$W(\mathbf{C})$
Second Piola-Kirchhoff Stress	$\Sigma(\varphi)$
$\Sigma(\varphi) = 2 D W(\mathbf{C}(\varphi))$	

Typical IBVP



Find $\varphi, \pi : \bar{\Omega} \times [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^3$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\varphi} &= \rho^{-1} \pi && \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T] \\ \dot{\pi} &= \nabla \cdot [\mathbf{F}(\varphi) \boldsymbol{\Sigma}(\varphi)] + \mathbf{b} && \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T]\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi &= \mathbf{g} && \text{in } \Gamma_\varphi \times (0, T] \\ \mathbf{F}(\varphi) \boldsymbol{\Sigma}(\varphi) \mathbf{N} &= \mathbf{h} && \text{in } \Gamma_\Sigma \times (0, T]\end{aligned}$$

plus initial conditions

Key Features

- Infinite-dimensional version of general system with

$$\boldsymbol{z} = (\boldsymbol{\varphi}, \boldsymbol{\pi}), \quad \boldsymbol{J} = \begin{pmatrix} O & I \\ -I & O \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H(\boldsymbol{z}) = \int_{\Omega} \left[\frac{1}{2} \rho^{-1} |\boldsymbol{\pi}|^2 + W(\boldsymbol{C}(\boldsymbol{\varphi})) - \boldsymbol{\varphi} \cdot \boldsymbol{b} \right] d\Omega$$

$$- \int_{\Gamma_{\Sigma}} \boldsymbol{\varphi} \cdot \boldsymbol{h} d\Gamma$$

- Typical integrals

Energy	$H(\boldsymbol{z})$
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Linear Momentum	$\boldsymbol{l}(\boldsymbol{z}) = \int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\pi} d\Omega$
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Angular Momentum	$\boldsymbol{j}(\boldsymbol{z}) = \int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\varphi} \times \boldsymbol{\pi} d\Omega$
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Note: For the Neumann problem with no external loads

i.e. $\Gamma_{\Sigma} = \partial\Omega$, $\boldsymbol{h} = \mathbf{0}$ and $\boldsymbol{b} = \mathbf{0}$

all of the above quantities are integrals.

Mid-Point Rule Time Discretization

Given φ_n, π_n find φ_{n+1}, π_{n+1} such that

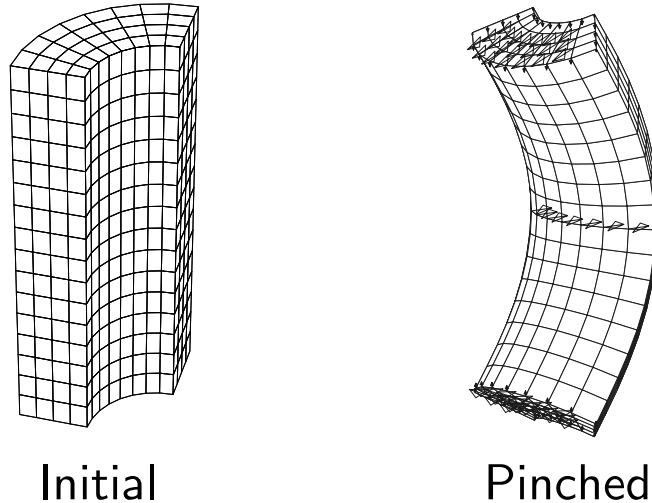
$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} \frac{\varphi_{n+1} - \varphi_n}{\Delta t} &= \rho^{-1} \pi_{n+\frac{1}{2}} && \text{in } \Omega \\ \frac{\pi_{n+1} - \pi_n}{\Delta t} &= \nabla \cdot [\mathbf{F}(\varphi_{n+\frac{1}{2}}) \boldsymbol{\Sigma}(\varphi_{n+\frac{1}{2}})] + \mathbf{b} && \text{in } \Omega \\ \varphi_{n+\frac{1}{2}} &= \mathbf{g} && \text{on } \Gamma_\varphi \\ \mathbf{F}(\varphi_{n+\frac{1}{2}}) \boldsymbol{\Sigma}(\varphi_{n+\frac{1}{2}}) \mathbf{N} &= \mathbf{h} && \text{on } \Gamma_\Sigma \end{aligned}}$$

where $(\cdot)_{n+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2}[(\cdot)_n + (\cdot)_{n+1}]$ and $\Delta t > 0$ is the time step.

- time discretization reduces the IBVP to a sequence of BVPs for φ_{n+1}, π_{n+1} ($n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$)
- each BVP may be solved using a finite-element method
- scheme preserves l and j , but in general not H

Numerical Example

Pinched Rubber Quarter-Cylinder



- Stored Energy Function: three-term Ogden model

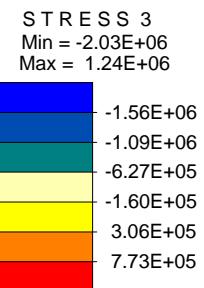
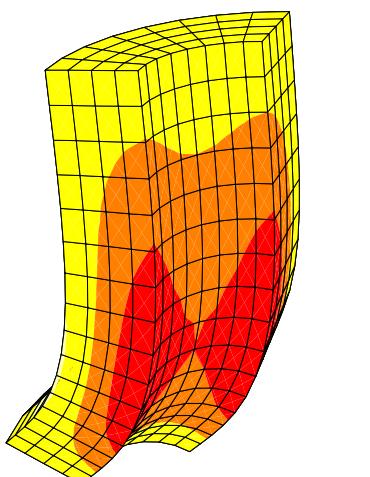
$$W(\mathbf{C}) = \sum_{A=1}^3 \sum_{m=1}^3 \frac{\mu_m}{\alpha_m} [\lambda_A^{\alpha_m}(\mathbf{C}) - 1] - \mu_m \ln[\lambda_A(\mathbf{C})]$$

where $\lambda_A^2(\mathbf{C}) > 0$ ($A = 1, 2, 3$) are the eigenvalues of $\mathbf{C} \in S_{\text{PD}}^3$.

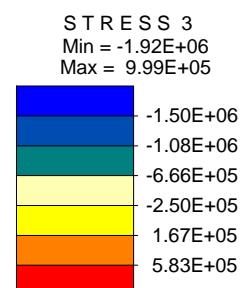
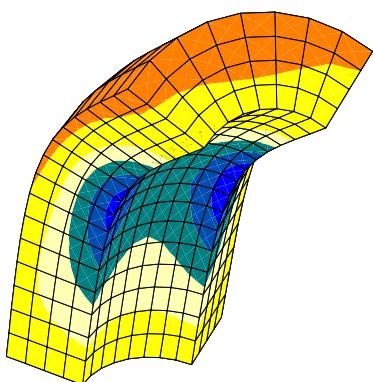
- Spatial Discretization: FEM with 512 trilinear bricks (2295 dof).

Implicit Mid-Point Rule with Time Step $\Delta t = 0.0005s$

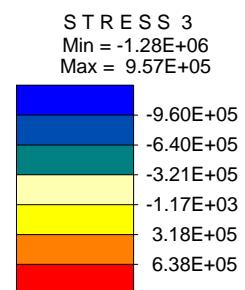
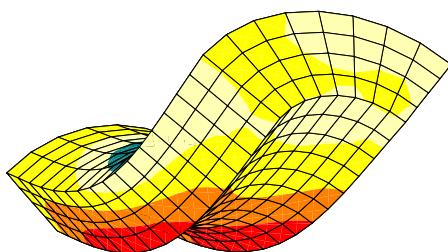
$t = 0.0035s$



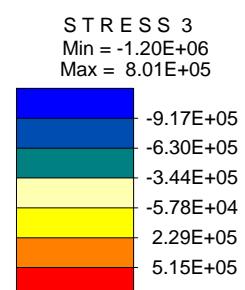
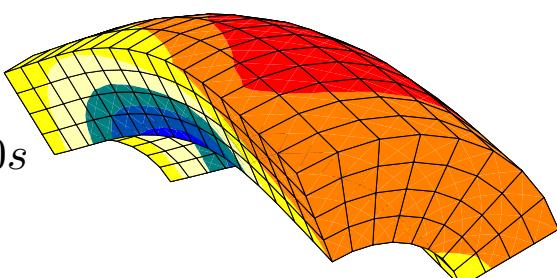
$t = 0.0050s$



$t = 0.0070s$

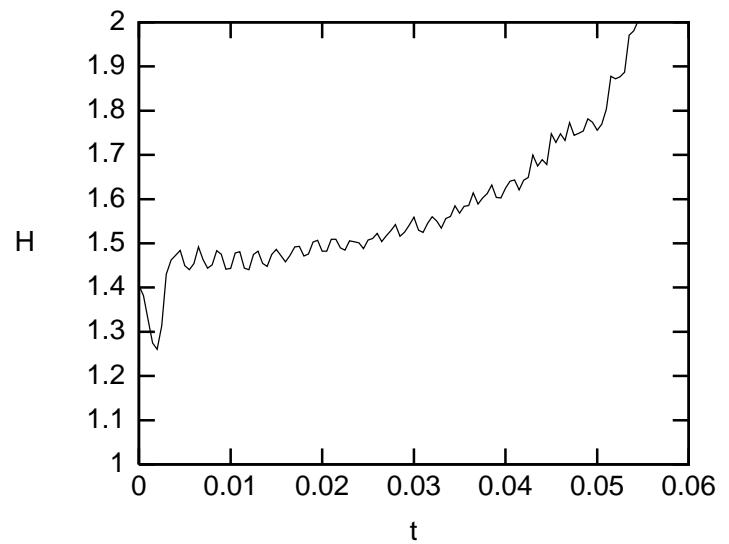
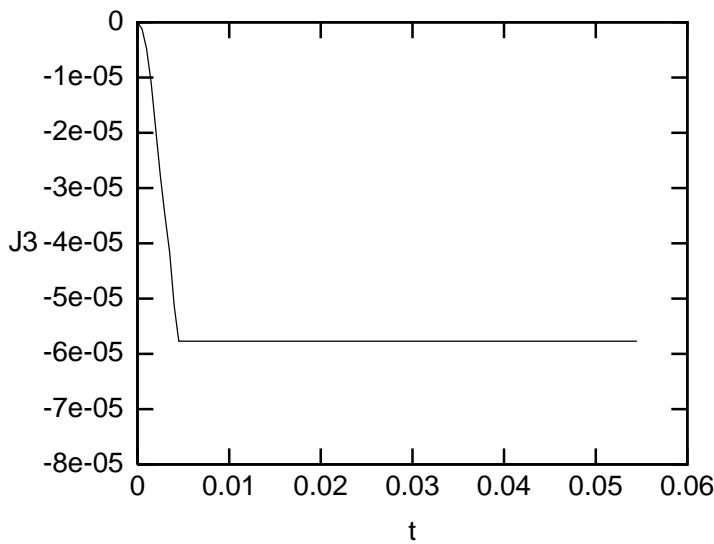
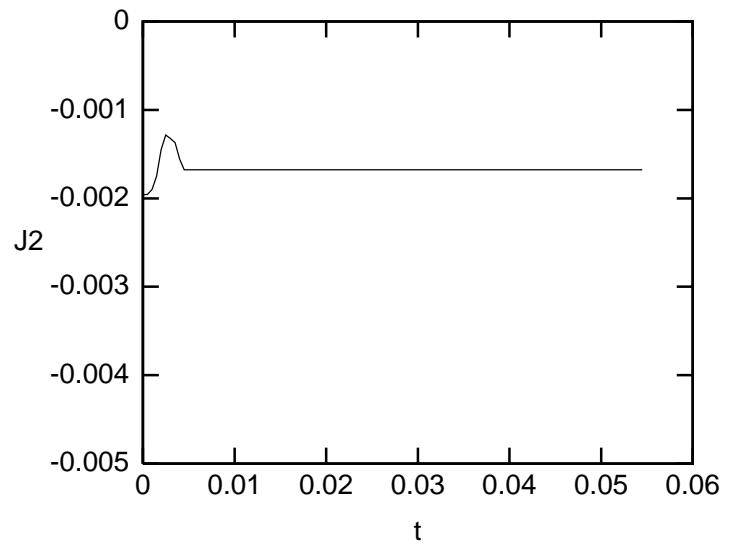
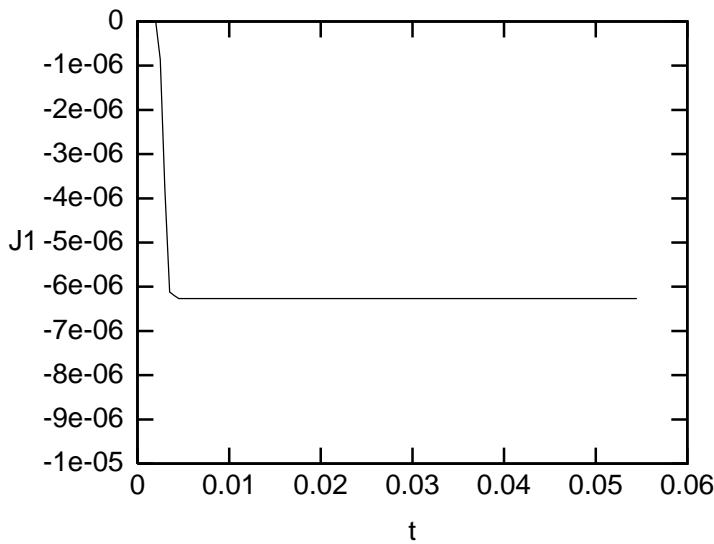


$t = 0.0090s$



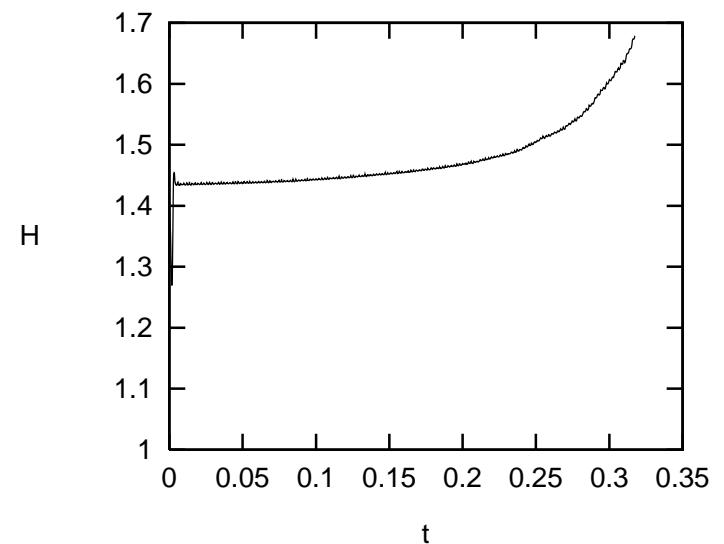
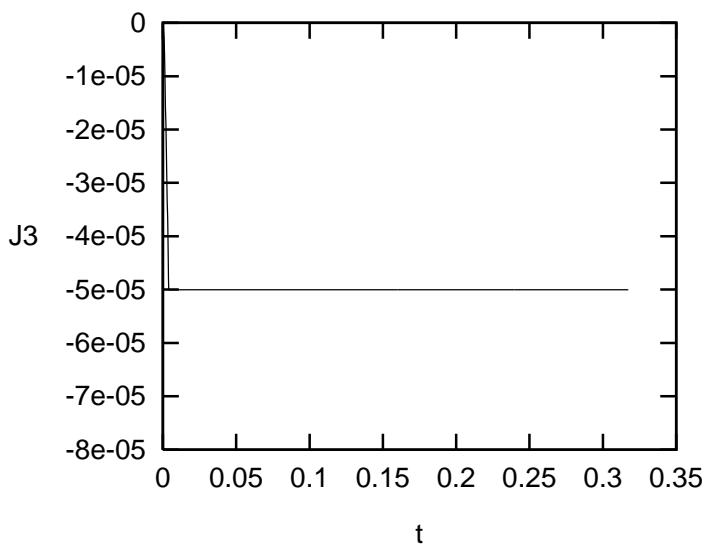
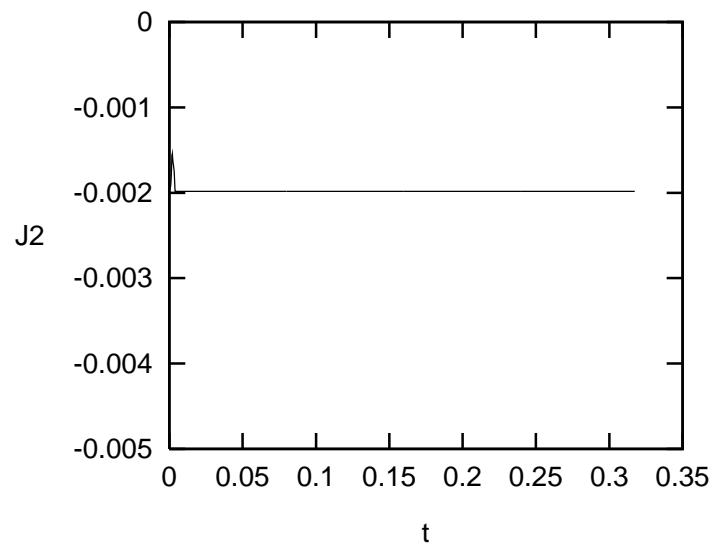
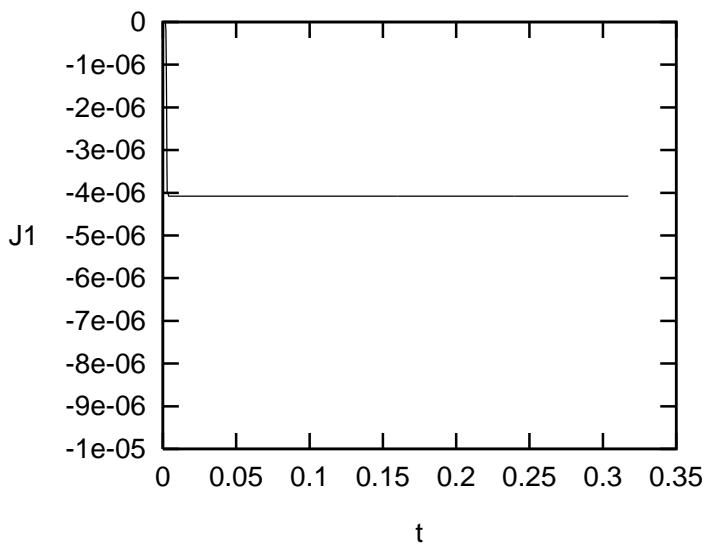
Implicit Mid-Point Rule with Time Step $\Delta t = 0.0005s$

Angular Momentum and Energy Histories



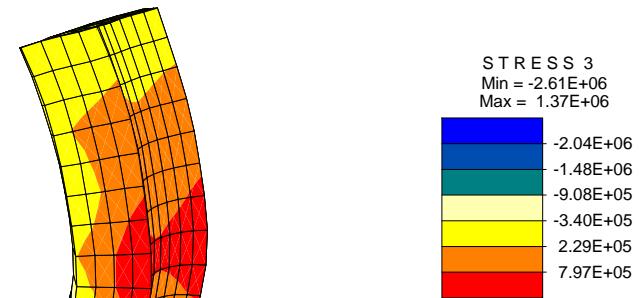
Implicit Mid-Point Rule with Time Step $\Delta t = 0.0002s$

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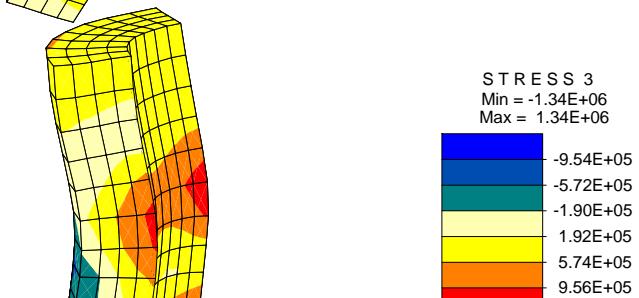


Character of Solution During Energy Growth

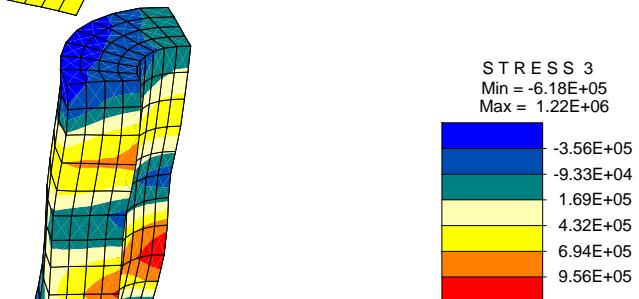
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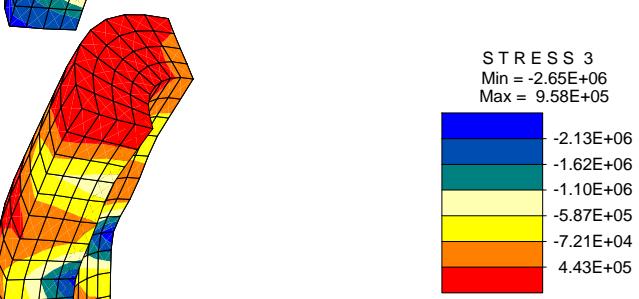
$t = 0.0505s$



$t = 0.0510s$



$t = 0.0515s$



A Familiar Difficulty

Exact Problem:

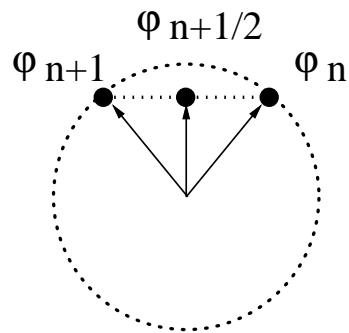
$$\Sigma(\varphi) = 2 DW(C(\varphi))$$

invariant when $\varphi = \Lambda(t)\varphi_0$

Mid-point discretization:

$$\Sigma(\varphi_{n+\frac{1}{2}}) = 2 DW(C(\varphi_{n+\frac{1}{2}}))$$

not invariant when $\varphi_{n+1} = \Lambda\varphi_n$



A REMEDY

replace $DW(C(\varphi_{n+\frac{1}{2}}))$

by $dW(C_n, C_{n+1}) \approx DW(C(\varphi_{n+\frac{1}{2}}))$ where $C_n = C(\varphi_n)$

A Conserving Scheme

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\varphi_{n+1} - \varphi_n}{\Delta t} &= \rho^{-1} \boldsymbol{\pi}_{n+\frac{1}{2}} && \text{in } \Omega \\
 \frac{\boldsymbol{\pi}_{n+1} - \boldsymbol{\pi}_n}{\Delta t} &= \nabla \cdot [\mathbf{F}(\varphi_{n+\frac{1}{2}}) \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}] + \mathbf{b} && \text{in } \Omega \\
 \varphi_{n+\frac{1}{2}} &= \mathbf{g} && \text{on } \Gamma_\varphi \\
 \mathbf{F}(\varphi_{n+\frac{1}{2}}) \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}} \mathbf{N} &= \mathbf{h} && \text{on } \Gamma_\Sigma
 \end{aligned}$$

where

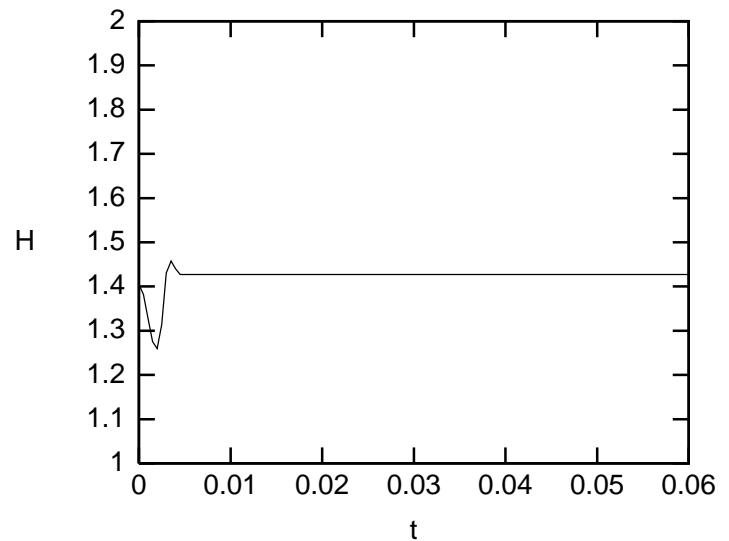
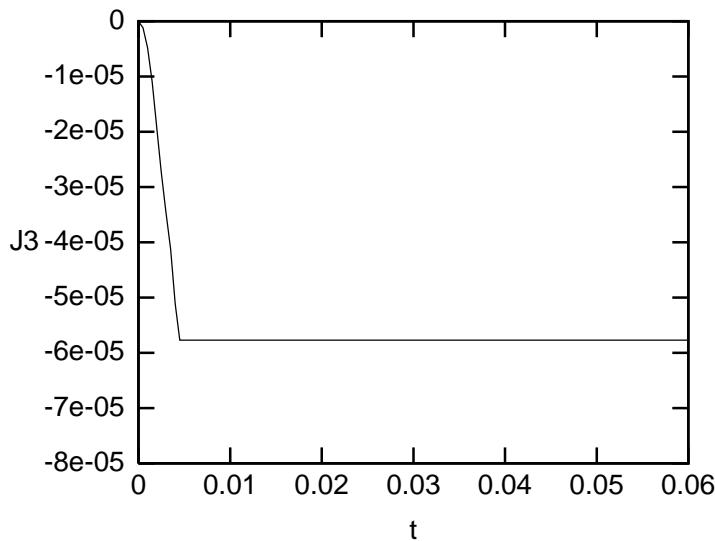
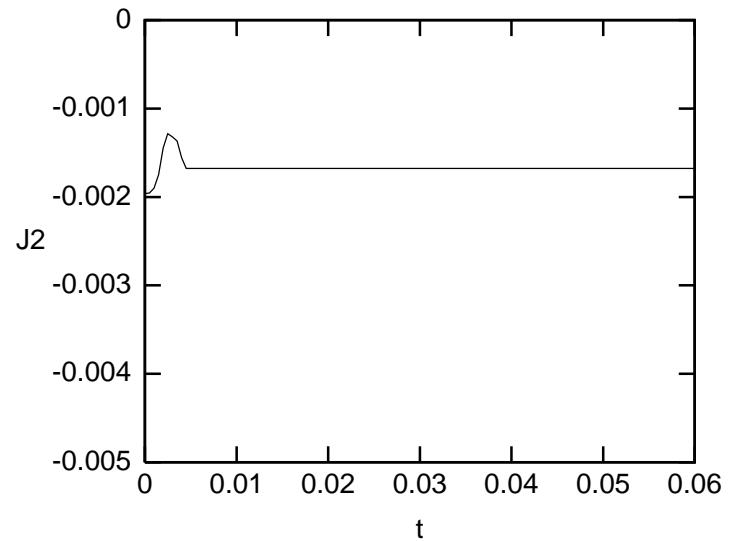
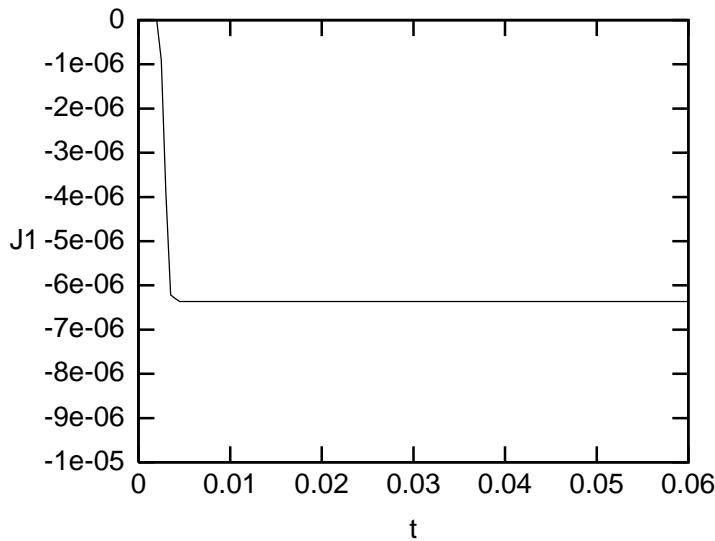
$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}} \triangleq 2 dW(\mathbf{C}_n, \mathbf{C}_{n+1})$$

$$dW(\mathbf{C}_n, \mathbf{C}_{n+1}) \triangleq DW(\mathbf{C}_{n+\frac{1}{2}})$$

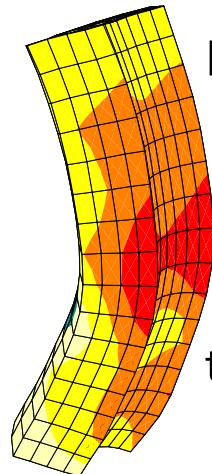
$$+ \left[\frac{W(\mathbf{C}_{n+1}) - W(\mathbf{C}_n) - DW(\mathbf{C}_{n+\frac{1}{2}}) : \mathbf{M}}{||\mathbf{M}||^2} \right] \mathbf{M}$$

and $\mathbf{M} \triangleq \mathbf{C}_{n+1} - \mathbf{C}_n$.

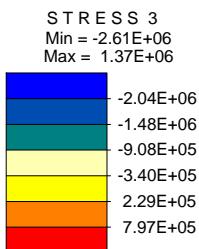
- $dW(\mathbf{C}_n, \mathbf{C}_{n+1})$ is a “discrete gradient”
- conserves l , j and H

Conserving Scheme with Time Step $\Delta t = 0.0005s$ Angular Momentum and Energy Histories

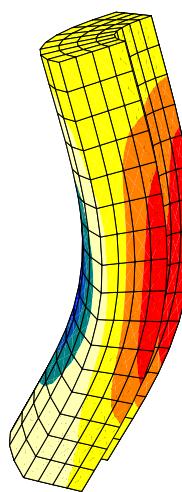
Comparison of Mid-Point and Conserving Schemes



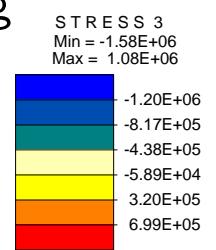
Mid-Point



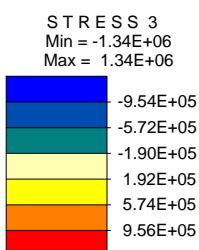
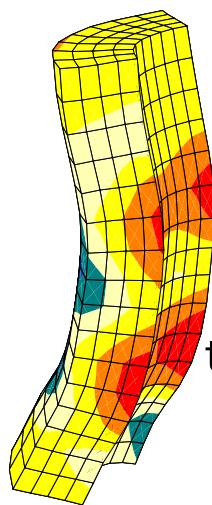
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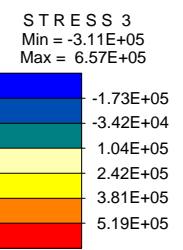
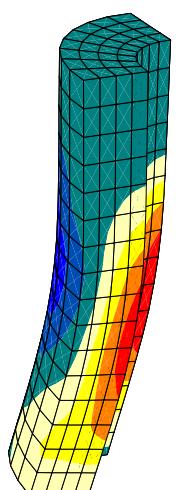
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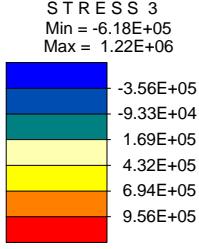
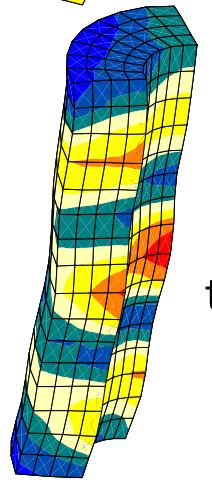
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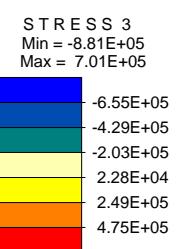
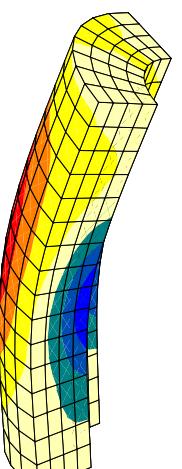
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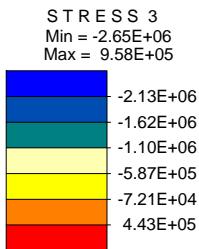
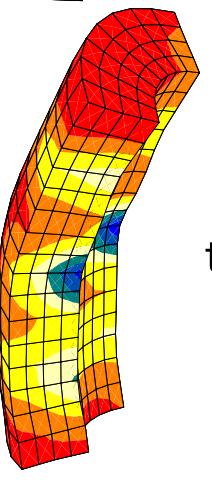
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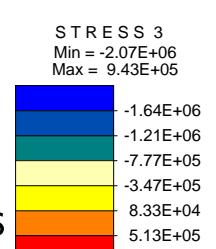
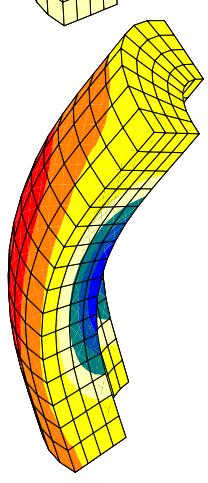
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Two remarks on conserving scheme:

- same formal order of accuracy as Mid-Point rule
- “conserving” modification cures coupling/stability problem

GENERAL CONSERVING SCHEMES

$$\dot{\mathbf{z}} = \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{z})\nabla H(\mathbf{z}) - \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{z})\nabla H(\mathbf{z})$$

$$\mathbf{z} \in \mathbf{R}^m, \quad H : \mathbf{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbf{R},$$

$$\mathbf{J} = -\mathbf{J}^T \in \mathbf{R}^{m \times m}, \quad \mathbf{D} = \mathbf{D}^T \geq 0 \in \mathbf{R}^{m \times m}$$

- Abstract framework based on “discrete gradients”
- can treat arbitrary integrals
- carries over to infinite-dimensions

Discrete Gradients

Definition

$dH : \mathbf{R}^m \times \mathbf{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^m$ is a discrete gradient of H if

$$1) \quad dH(x, y) \cdot (y - x) = H(y) - H(x), \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbf{R}^m$$

$$2) \quad dH(x, x) = \nabla H(x), \quad \forall x \in \mathbf{R}^m$$

Example

$$dH(x, y)$$

$$= \nabla H\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) + \left[\frac{H(y) - H(x) - \nabla H\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \cdot (y-x)}{|y-x|^2} \right] (y-x)$$

General Conserving Scheme

To approximate

$$\dot{\mathbf{z}} = \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{z})\nabla H(\mathbf{z}) - \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{z})\nabla H(\mathbf{z})$$

consider

$$\frac{\mathbf{z}_{n+1} - \mathbf{z}_n}{\Delta t} = \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{z}_{n+\frac{1}{2}})dH(\mathbf{z}_n, \mathbf{z}_{n+1}) - \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{z}_{n+\frac{1}{2}})dH(\mathbf{z}_n, \mathbf{z}_{n+1})$$

where $\mathbf{z}_{n+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{z}_{n+1} + \mathbf{z}_n)$.

KEY FEATURES

Energy decay/conservation

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{H(\mathbf{z}_{n+1}) - H(\mathbf{z}_n)}{\Delta t} &= \frac{dH(\mathbf{z}_n, \mathbf{z}_{n+1}) \cdot (\mathbf{z}_{n+1} - \mathbf{z}_n)}{\Delta t} \\ &= dH \cdot [\mathbf{J}dH - \mathbf{D}dH] \\ &= -dH \cdot \mathbf{D}dH \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\frac{H(\mathbf{z}_{n+1}) - H(\mathbf{z}_n)}{\Delta t} = 0 \quad \text{when} \quad \mathbf{D} \equiv \mathbf{O}.$$

Momentum conservation (linear/angular momentum)

Suppose

- $H = \hat{H} \circ \zeta$
- $\zeta : \mathbf{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^k$ invariants under a symmetry group, e.g.

$$\zeta(z) = (|\mathbf{q}|^2, \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{p}, |\mathbf{p}|^2), \quad z = (\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}) \in \mathbf{R}^6$$

“rotational invariants”

- $F(z)$ an integral associated with ζ , i.e. $\mathbf{J}\nabla F \in \ker[\nabla\zeta]$

Result

$\zeta(z), F(z)$ at most quadratic

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“composed” discrete gradient $d^c H = d\hat{H} \circ \nabla\zeta$

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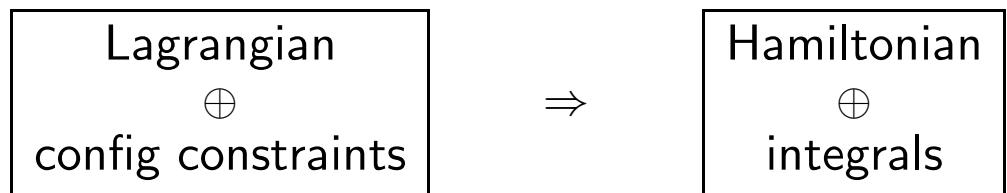
conservation of F, H when $\mathbf{D} \equiv \mathbf{O}$

Two remarks:

- internal force $d\hat{H}(\zeta_n, \zeta_{n+1})$ depends only on invariants
- order of accuracy same as Mid-Point rule

Closing Remarks

- Why does the Mid-Point Rule fail?
⇒ artificial coupling between internal forces/rotations
- Is there a cure?
⇒ decoupled discretization \oplus discrete gradients
- Why preserve decay inequalities and integrals?
⇒ enhanced stability
⇒ useful for constrained systems:



- Other application for discrete gradients:
⇒ discrete gradient flow
- $$\frac{\mathbf{z}_{n+1} - \mathbf{z}_n}{\Delta t} = -dF(\mathbf{z}_{n+1}, \mathbf{z}_n)$$
- “generates strictly decreasing sequence”
- $$F_{n+1} - F_n = -\Delta t |dF|^2 < 0$$
- $$dF = \mathbf{0} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \nabla F = \mathbf{0}$$