

# Balance laws on domains with moving interfaces. The enthalpy method for the ice melting problem.

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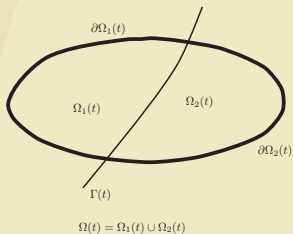
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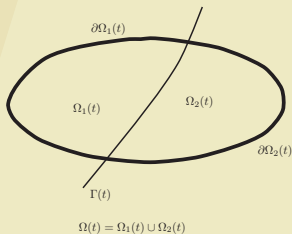


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# Rankine-Hugoniot relations

Suppose

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega_i(t)} C \, dx = \int_{\Omega_i(t)} f \, dx \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2;$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} + \operatorname{div}(CU) = f \quad \text{in } \Omega(t)$$

$$\int_{\Gamma(t)} [CV] \cdot \mathbf{n}' \, d\sigma = 0 \quad \text{in } \Gamma(t)$$

$$[CV] \cdot \mathbf{n}' = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma(t)$$

Example: conservation of mass  $C = \rho$

$$\rho_2 v_2 = \rho_1 v_1, \quad v = V \cdot \mathbf{n}'.$$

# Balance of enthalpy

$C$  is the enthalpy  $H$ ;

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega_i(t)} H_i(\mathbf{x}, t) d\mathbf{x} = \int_{\Omega_i(t)} f d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\partial\Omega_i(t) \cup \Gamma(t)} \mathbf{q}_{H_i} \cdot \mathbf{n} d\sigma$$

make use of Fourier's law,

we consider  $U = 0$ ,

and arrive at

$$\int_{\Omega(t)} \left( \frac{\partial H}{\partial t}(\mathbf{x}, t) - \operatorname{div}(k \nabla T) - f \right) d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\Gamma(t)} \left( [HW] \cdot \mathbf{n}' - [q_H \cdot \mathbf{n}'] \right) d\sigma = 0$$

Thus

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial t}(\mathbf{x}, t) - \operatorname{div}(k \nabla T) - f = 0$$

$$[HW] \cdot \mathbf{n}' - [q_H \cdot \mathbf{n}'] = 0, \quad \text{the Stefan condition}$$

$[H] = H_2 - H_1 = L$  is the latent heat of melting

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We introduce the function  $\theta$  as

$$\theta = \begin{cases} \int_{T_m}^T k_l(\tau) \, d\tau, & T \geq T_m \\ \int_{T_m}^T k_s(\tau) \, d\tau, & T < T_m \end{cases}$$

So we have the field equation

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial t} - \Delta \theta = 0 \text{ in } Q_s \cup Q_l$$

## Definition of the domain:

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$$\mathbb{V} = \{\varphi \in \mathcal{W}^{2,1}(Q_T) \mid \varphi = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_I \cup \Gamma_S \cup \Omega \times \{T\}\}$$

- multiply by  $\varphi$  and use partial integration

In  $Q_S$

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Add and use the Stefan condition to get:

$$\int_{Q_T} \left( H \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} + \theta \Delta \varphi \right) dx dt = \int_{\Gamma_s} \theta(f_s) \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial n_s} d\sigma dt + \int_{\Gamma_l} \theta(f_l) \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial n_l} d\sigma dt - \int_{\Omega_0} H_0 \varphi(x, 0) dx \quad (1)$$

## Definition

A weak solution of the Stefan problem is a function  $H \in L^\infty(Q_T)$  satisfying this integral for all  $\varphi \in \mathbb{V}$ .

# Existence

## assumptions

- Suppose the boundary of  $\Omega_0$ , and consequently  $\Gamma_s, \Gamma_l$ , are smooth
- $f_s, f_l$  are continuously differentiable and bounded away from zero in  $\bar{\Gamma}_s, \bar{\Gamma}_l$
- for  $t = 0$ ,  $f_s$  and  $f_l$  match the initial data and  $H_0 \in C^1(\bar{\Omega}_0)$
- $k$  is twice continuously differentiable

Under these assumptions, there is at least one weak solution.

## Proof.

- Regularization
- Consider the problems

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} H'_n(\theta_n) \frac{\partial \theta_n}{\partial t} - \Delta \theta_n = 0 \text{ in } Q_T \\ \theta_n|_{\Gamma_s} = \theta(f_s), \quad \theta_n|_{\Gamma_l} = \theta(f_l) \\ \theta_n(\mathbf{x}, 0) = \Theta_n(H_0(\mathbf{x})) \end{array} \right.$$

## Existence

- From classical literature, there is a unique solution to these problems for each  $n$
- $\frac{\partial \theta_n}{\partial n_s} \Big|_{\Gamma_s}$ ,  $\frac{\partial \theta_n}{\partial n_l} \Big|_{\Gamma_l}$  are uniformly bounded

### Lemma

There is a constant  $C$  independent of  $n$  and determined by the data such that

$$\omega \int_{Q_t} \left( \frac{\partial \theta_n}{\partial t} \right)^2 dx d\tau + \int_{\Omega \times \{t\}} \frac{1}{2} |\nabla \theta_n|^2 dx \leq C dx, \quad \forall t \in (0, T)$$

Consequently

- the sequence  $\{\theta_n\}$  is weakly compact in  $\mathcal{H}^1(Q_T)$ .  
 $\Rightarrow$
- there is a subsequence  $\{\theta_{n'}\}$  converging almost uniformly to  $\theta$  in  $Q_T$

# Existence

Consider  $\{H_{n'}(\theta_{n'})\}$ , select a subsequence which is weakly convergent in  $L^2(Q_T)$  to  $\tilde{H}(x, t) \in L^\infty$




- We may interpret  $\tilde{H}(x, t)$  as  $H(\theta(x, t))$  a.e. in  $Q_T$

So, take the weak version:

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Exploit the limits  $\theta_n \xrightarrow{L^2} \theta$ ,  $H_n(\theta_n) \xrightarrow{L^2} \tilde{H}$  and the properties of  $\tilde{H}$  to conclude the existence of the weak solution.

# Summary

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