# Models of nonlinear elasticity: Questions and progress

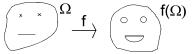
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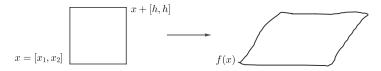
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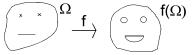


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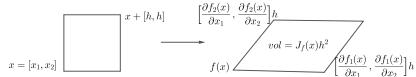


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**Motivation:** J. Ball, V. Šverák - mathematical model for Nonlinear Elasticity. The mapping minimizes the elastic energy

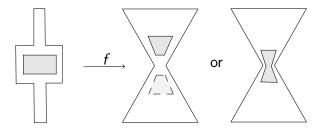
$$\min_{f} \int_{\Omega} W(Df(x)) \ dx$$

 $W(A) \to \infty$  for  $|A| \to \infty$ ,  $W(A) \to \infty$  for det  $A \to 0$ . Naturally  $|W(A)| \ge |A|^p$ , i.e.  $\int_{\Omega} |Df(x)|^p dx < \infty$  and  $J_f(x) > 0$  a.e. (=mapping does not change orientation).

Sobolev space  $W^{1,p}(\Omega, \mathbf{R}^n) = \{f : \int_{\Omega} |Df(x)|^p dx < \infty\}.$ 

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- What are the properties of f<sup>-1</sup>? (Can we deform the body back to its original state?)

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Motivation: a) change of variables formula - replace  $|J_f|$  by  $J_f$  b) assumption  $J_f \ge 0$  in models superfluous c) approximation

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Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbf{R}^n$  be an open set,  $n \ge 2$ . Suppose that  $f \in W^{1,p}(\Omega, \mathbf{R}^n)$  is a homeomorphism for some  $p > \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ ( $p \ge 1$  for n = 2, 3). Then  $J_f \ge 0$  a.e. or  $J_f \le 0$  a.e.

**Open problem:** 1. How about  $p \le \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ . 2. Is there positively oriented f with  $J_f \le 0$ ?

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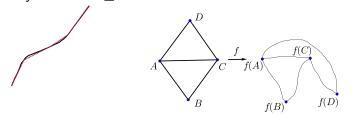
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D'Onofrio, H., Schiattarella:  $n \ge 3$  also  $f^{-1} \in W^{1,1}$ Liu, Malý: f can be a gradient mapping, using laminates Faraco, Mora-Corall, Oliva: laminates, sharp conditions also for  $f \in W^{1,p}$ ,  $f^{-1} \in W^{1,q}$  or  $(\det Df)_k = 0$  a.e.

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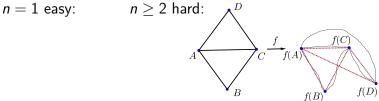


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It is not easy: triangulization or mollification destroy injectivity

 $\exists f_k \text{ smooth} \stackrel{\text{easy Pratelli&Mora-Corral}}{\Leftarrow} \exists f_k \text{ piecewise affine}$ 

#### Motivation

- Regularity for models in Nonlinear Elasticity Ball models min  $\int W(Du)$  where  $E(u) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $J_u \rightarrow 0$
- Numerics finite elements method
- Easier proofs of known (and new) statements

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### C. Mora-Corral: f smooth up to one point

Theorem (Iwaniec, Kovalev, Onninen (2011)) Let n = 2 and 1 . Given a homeomorphism $<math>f \in W^{1,p}(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^2)$  there are diffeomorphisms  $f_k$  with  $f_k \to f$  in  $W^{1,p}$ ,  $f_k \rightrightarrows f$  and  $f_k - f \in W_0^{1,p}$ 

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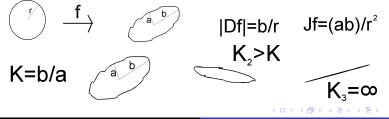
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**Definition:** Homeomorphism  $f \in W^{1,1}_{loc}(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^n)$  has finite distortion if  $|Df(x)|^n \leq K(x)J_f(x)$  holds a.e., where  $1 \leq K(x) < \infty$  a.e. Especially if  $J_f > 0$  a.e. then f has finite distortion.



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#### Theorem

Suppose that  $f \in W^{1,n-1}_{loc}(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^n)$  is a homeomorphism of finite distortion and moreover we assume that  $K \in L^{n-1}(\Omega)$ . Then  $f^{-1} \in W^{1,n}_{loc}(f(\Omega), \mathbb{R}^n)$ .

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We say that  $h \in BV(\Omega)$  if  $h \in L^1(\Omega)$  and  $D_i h = \mu_i$  are signed Radon measures with finite total variation:  $\int_{\Omega} h D_i \varphi \ dx = -\int_{\Omega} \varphi \ d\mu_i$ , for all  $\varphi \in C_0^{\infty}(\Omega)$ . We say that  $f \in BV(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^n)$  if  $f_i \in BV(\Omega)$ .

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$$\stackrel{f^{-1} \circ f = \mathrm{id}}{=} \int_{\Omega} |(Df(x))^{-1}| J_f(x) \, dx$$

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