

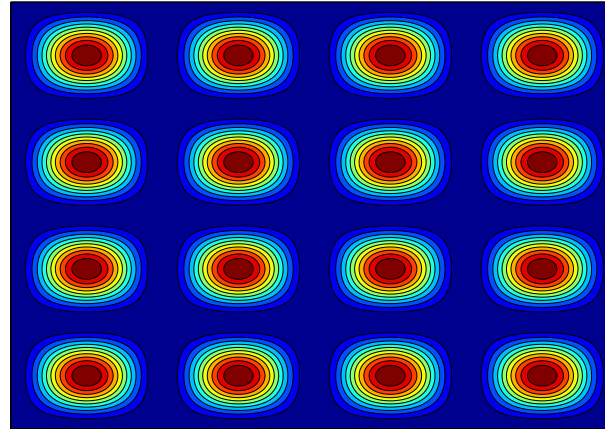
Méthode Eléments Finis multiéchelles pour les matériaux faiblement aléatoires

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- heterogeneous materials (e.g. composite materials).
- we consider the stationary heat equation: $-\operatorname{div} [A \nabla u] = f$, where A is the conductivity matrix, u is the temperature and f is the source term.
- we want an efficient numerical method that provides accurate approximation of the temperature and its gradient.
- Difficulty: A varies at a small scale.

$$-\operatorname{div} [A^\varepsilon \nabla u^\varepsilon] = f \quad \text{in } \mathcal{D}, \quad u^\varepsilon \in H_0^1(\mathcal{D}),$$

where the matrix A^ε is symmetric, satisfies the standard coercivity and boundedness conditions and varies at the scale ε (e.g. $A^\varepsilon(x) = A\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}\right)$).

The variational formulation reads:

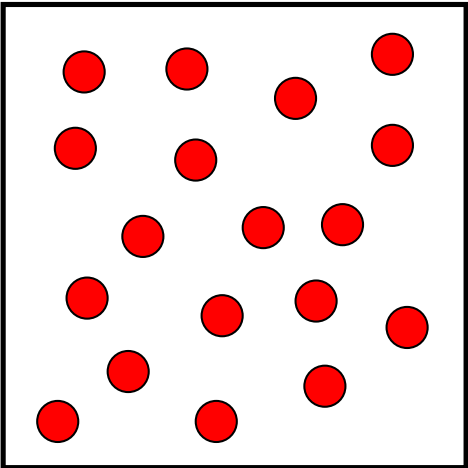
$$\text{Find } u^\varepsilon \in H_0^1(\mathcal{D}) \text{ such that, } \forall v \in H_0^1(\mathcal{D}), \quad \mathcal{A}_\varepsilon(u^\varepsilon, v) = b(v),$$

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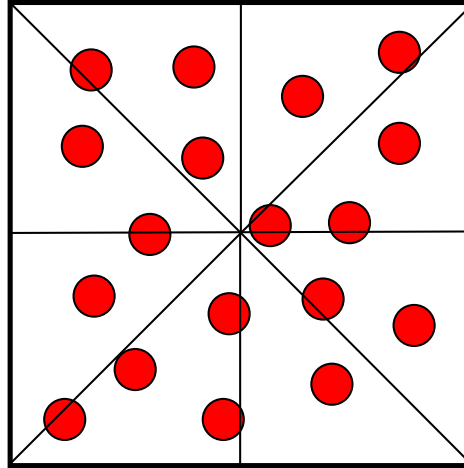
$$\mathcal{A}_\varepsilon(u, v) = \int_{\mathcal{D}} (\nabla v)^T A^\varepsilon \nabla u \quad \text{and} \quad b(v) = \int_{\mathcal{D}} f v.$$

The MsFEM approach: variational approximation where the basis functions are defined **numerically** and **encode the fast oscillations**. (see [Efendiev and Hou, 2009])

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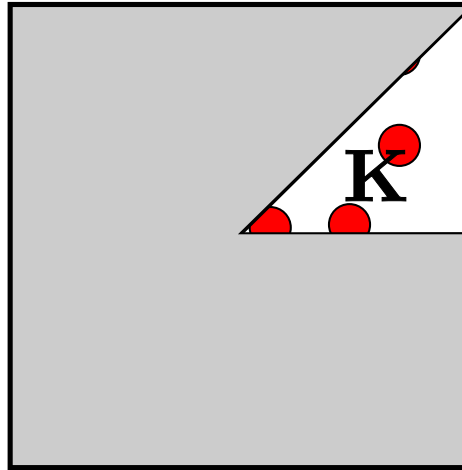


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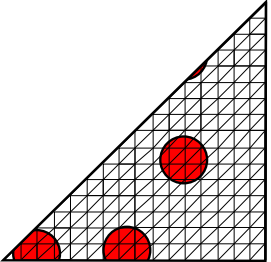


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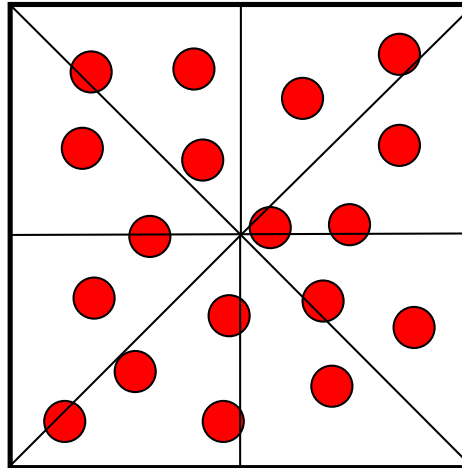


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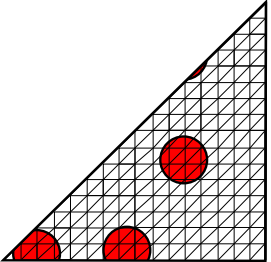
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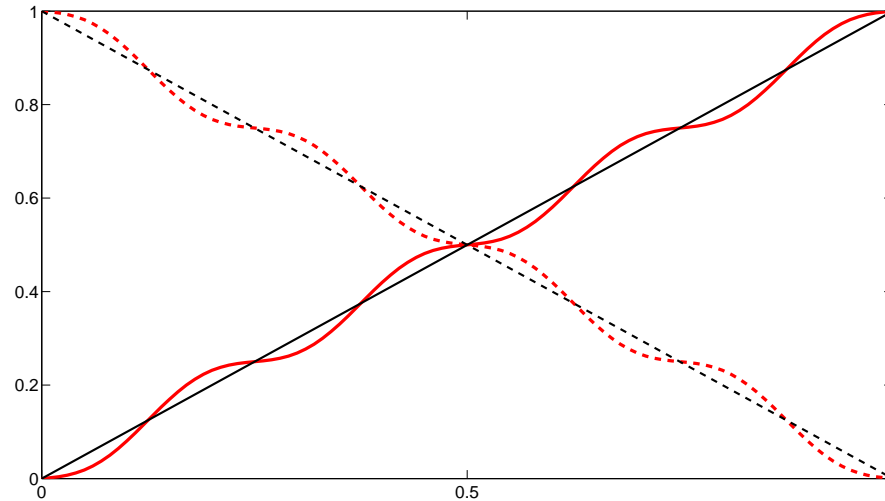


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- **Galerkin approximation** of the original problem with MsFEM basis $\phi_i^{\varepsilon,\mathbf{K}}$.



FEM Basis vs **MsFEM basis**

The MsFEM method is accurate even with a coarse mesh, because the basis functions encode the **specific fast oscillations** of the problem.

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and assume that we wish to build an estimate of the mean $\mathbb{E}(u^\varepsilon(x, \cdot))$ using a Monte-Carlo simulation method.

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Look for a specific setting, relevant from the application viewpoint, and where more affordable methods can be used.

- A weakly stochastic setting
- Numerical results
- Error bounds

Model: we now consider the problem

$$-\operatorname{div} [A_\eta^\varepsilon(x, \omega) \nabla u^\varepsilon(x, \omega)] = f(x) \quad \text{in } \mathcal{D}, \quad u^\varepsilon \in H_0^1(\mathcal{D})$$

with

$$A_\eta^\varepsilon(x, \omega) = A_0^\varepsilon(x) + \eta A_1^\varepsilon(x, \omega)$$

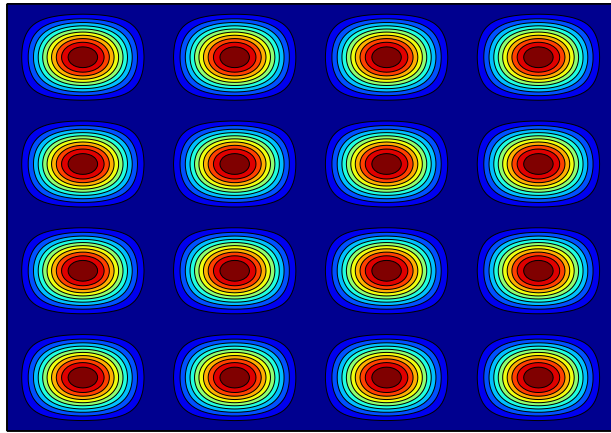
where $\eta \in \mathbb{R}$ is a **small** parameter, uniquely determined by $\left\| \frac{A_1^\varepsilon}{A_0^\varepsilon} \right\|_{L^\infty} = 1$.

- A_0^ε is a deterministic matrix uniformly elliptic;
- $A_1^\varepsilon(\cdot, \omega)$ is a bounded random matrix.

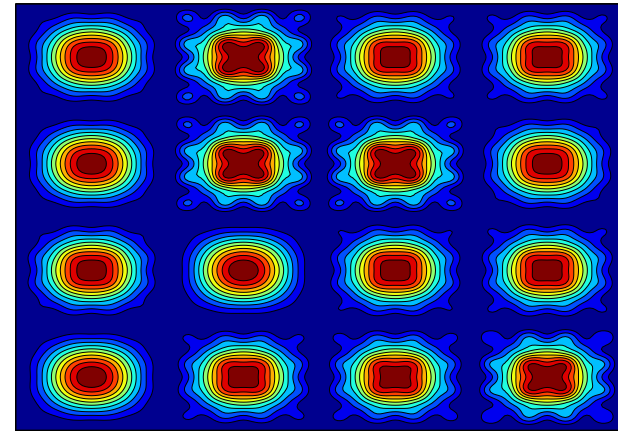
A_η^ε is a **perturbation** of the deterministic matrix A_0^ε .

For a review on various weakly stochastic settings see [C. Le Bris, Enumath 2009]

An example of a perturbation of a periodic material:



Deterministic matrix A_0^ε .



Stochastic perturbation A_η^ε , with
 $\eta = 0.1$.

$$A_\eta^\varepsilon(x, \omega) = A_0^\varepsilon(x) + \eta A_1^\varepsilon(x, \omega)$$

Adaptation of the MsFEM:

- Compute MsFEM basis only **once**, with the **deterministic** matrix A_0^ε ;
- Perform Monte-Carlo realizations at the macro-scale level.

MsFEM basis:

$$-\operatorname{div} \left[\mathbf{A}_0^\varepsilon \nabla \phi_i^{\varepsilon, \mathbf{K}} \right] = 0 \quad \text{in } \mathbf{K}, \quad \phi_i^{\varepsilon, \mathbf{K}} = \phi_i^{0, \mathbf{K}} \quad \text{on } \partial \mathbf{K}$$

build the finite dimensional space: $\mathcal{W}_h := \operatorname{span} \{ \phi_i^\varepsilon, i = 1, \dots, L \} \subset H_0^1(\mathcal{D})$.

Macro scale problem: for each realization m compute $u_m^{ws, h} \in \mathcal{W}_h$ such that

$$\forall v \in \mathcal{W}_h, \quad \int_{\mathcal{D}} (\nabla v)^T \mathbf{A}_\eta^{\varepsilon, m}(\cdot, \omega) \nabla u_m^{ws, h}(\cdot, \omega) = \int_{\mathcal{D}} f v.$$

Note that we have used different conductivity matrices for the **MsFEM basis function** problem and the **macro scale problem**

We compute:

- Reference solution u^ε (fine mesh FEM solution);
- Standard MsFEM u^h ;
- Weakly stochastic MsFEM $u^{ws,h}$.

Our error estimator is

$$e(u_1, u_2) = \mathbb{E} \left(\frac{\|u_1 - u_2\|_{H^1}}{\|u_2\|_{H^1}} \right)$$

We estimate the expectation with an empirical mean μ_M . The Central Limit Theorem yields

$$|\mathbb{E}(X) - \mu_M(X)| \leq 1.96 \frac{\sigma_M}{\sqrt{M}},$$

where σ_M denotes the empirical standard deviation.

A classical test case

$$A_\eta(x, y, \omega) = \sum_{(k,l) \in \mathbb{Z}^2} \mathbf{1}_{(k,k+1]}(x) \mathbf{1}_{(l,l+1]}(y) \left(\frac{2 + 1.8 \sin(2\pi x)}{2 + 1.8 \sin(2\pi y)} + \frac{2 + \sin(2\pi y)}{2 + 1.8 \sin(2\pi x)} \right) (1 + \eta X_{k,l}(\omega)) \text{Id}_2,$$

where $X_{k,l}(\omega)$ are i.i.d. scalar random variables uniformly distributed over $[0, 1]$.

- We compute u^ε solution to

$$-\text{div} \left[A_\eta \left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}, \frac{y}{\varepsilon}, \omega \right) \nabla u^\varepsilon \right] = 1 \quad \text{in } \mathcal{D}, \quad u^\varepsilon \in H_0^1(\mathcal{D})$$

in the domain $\mathcal{D} = (0, 1)^2$ with $\varepsilon = 0.025$.

- We next proceed with the two MsFEM methods, using a coarse mesh size $H = 1/30$ and a fine mesh $h = \varepsilon/80$. We consider $M = 30$ realizations.

$H^1(\mathcal{D})$ relative error (in %).

η	$e(u^h, u^\varepsilon)$	$e(u^{ws,h}, u^\varepsilon)$	$e(u^{ws,h}, u^h)$
1	8.12 ± 0.19	17.37 ± 0.78	15.51 ± 0.87
0.1	7.17 ± 0.02	7.62 ± 0.07	2.56 ± 0.10
0.01	7.15 ± 0.002	7.28 ± 0.007	1.39 ± 0.002

- provided that η is small (here $\eta \leq 0.1$), $u^{ws,h}$ is an approximation of u^ε as accurate as u^h
- a large computational gain, of order M , is observed, as the MsFEM basis function is only computed once.
- same conclusion if we look at the energy defined by

$$E = \mathbb{E} \left(\int_{\mathcal{D}} A_\eta^\varepsilon(x, \cdot) \nabla u(x, \cdot) \cdot \nabla u(x, \cdot) dx \right)$$

Error bounds: the deterministic case ($\eta = 0$)

Assume $A_{\eta=0}^\varepsilon(x) := A_{\text{per}}\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}\right)$

where A_{per} is a deterministic periodic matrix.

Theorem 1: Consider u^h , solution of MsFEM problem. There exists C , independent of h and ε such that

$$\|u^\varepsilon - u^h\|_{H^1(\mathcal{D})} \leq C \left(h + \frac{\varepsilon}{h} + \sqrt{\varepsilon} \right).$$

$$\|u^\varepsilon - u^h\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})} \leq C \left(h^2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{h} + \varepsilon \right).$$

The two main arguments of the proof are

- Homogenization result
- Interpolation / Finite Element estimate

Recall that $\mathcal{W}_h := \text{span} \{\phi_i^\varepsilon, i = 1, \dots, L\}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \|u^\varepsilon - u^h\|_{H^1(\mathcal{D})} &\leq \inf_{v_h \in \mathcal{W}_h} \|u^\varepsilon - v^h\|_{H^1(\mathcal{D})} \\ &\leq \|u^\varepsilon - \tilde{u}^\varepsilon\|_{H^1(\mathcal{D})} + \inf_{v_h \in \mathcal{W}_h} \|\tilde{u}^\varepsilon - v^h\|_{H^1(\mathcal{D})} \end{aligned}$$

where \tilde{u}^ε is the two-scale expansion of u^ε (homogenization setting).

- Bound on the **first term**: periodic homogenization result

$$\|u^\varepsilon - \tilde{u}^\varepsilon\|_{H^1(\mathcal{D})} \leq C\sqrt{\varepsilon}$$

- Bound on the **second term**: (standard) interpolation result.

Error bounds: the weakly stochastic case ($\eta \neq 0$)

$$\text{Assume } A_\eta^\varepsilon(x, \omega) := A_{\text{per}}\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}\right) + \eta \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^2} \mathbf{1}_{Q+k}\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}\right) B_{\text{per}}\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}\right) X_k(\omega)$$

where A_{per} and B_{per} are deterministic periodic matrices and $(X_k(\omega))_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^2}$ is a sequence of i.i.d. scalar random variables.

Theorem 2: Consider $u^{ws,h}$, solution of the weak stochastic MsFEM problem. There exists C , deterministic, independent of h , ε and η such that

$$\sqrt{\mathbb{E} \left(\|u^\varepsilon - u^{ws,h}(\cdot, \omega)\|_{H^1(\mathcal{D})}^2 \right)} \leq C \left(h + \frac{\varepsilon}{h} + \sqrt{\varepsilon} + \eta \right)$$

$$\sqrt{\mathbb{E} \left(\|u^\varepsilon - u^{ws,h}(\cdot, \omega)\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})}^2 \right)} \leq C \left(h^2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{h} + \varepsilon + \eta \frac{\varepsilon}{h} \ln(h^{-1}) + \eta^2 \right)$$

If $\eta = 0$, we recover the standard MsFEM bound.

The approach has been

- tested in several **2D situations**.
- is **as accurate as** the standard MsFEM provided that η is small.
- a computational gain of order M , the number of realizations, is observed.

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