Direct numerical simulation of granular media and suspensions Taking close interactions into account

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Suspensions and granular media.



Macroscopic, non-brownian entities

Rheology.

Rheology: " the branch of physics concerned with the flow and change of shape of matter " [Collins English Dictionary]

▶ flow, segregation, mixing, blocking, collapse...

Macroscopic behaviour

A complex behaviour!



Active domain of research

Need for numerical simulations

Numerical simulations. The difficulties.

- Macroscopic behaviour
- \triangleright Steady state and time average \Rightarrow Long time simulations
- \Rightarrow Large number of particles



Need for fast N-body computations

Numerical simulations. The difficulties.

 \triangleright Dense suspensions \Rightarrow Close interactions due to the fluid



Need for methods taking lubrication into account

Numerical simulations. The difficulties.



Granular media

\Rightarrow Solid contacts between particles



Need for a stable algorithm to deal with contacts

Overview.



Overview.





A singular problem

Correction of the flow?

Non-spherical particles?



Lubrication force

$$-\mu \triangle \mathbf{u} + \nabla \mathbf{p} = 0 \quad \text{in } \mathcal{F}$$

 $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0 \quad \text{in } \mathcal{F}$
 $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}^* \quad \text{on } \partial B$













 $(\mathbf{u}_h^{\text{new}}, \mathbf{p}_h^{\text{new}}) = (\mathbf{u}^{\text{sing}}, \mathbf{p}^{\text{sing}}) + (\mathbf{u}_h^{\text{reg}}, \mathbf{p}_h^{\text{reg}})$

Explicit asymptotic expansion



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$$-\mu \triangle \mathbf{u}^{\text{reg}} + \nabla \mathbf{p}^{\text{reg}} = \mu \triangle \mathbf{u}^{\text{sing}} - \nabla \mathbf{p}^{\text{sing}}$$
$$\int \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}^{\text{reg}} = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}^{\text{sing}}$$
$$\inf \mathcal{F}$$
$$\mathbf{u}^{\text{reg}} = \mathbf{u}^{*} - \mathbf{u}^{\text{sing}}$$
$$\inf \mathcal{A}B$$

Explicit

asymptotic





$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}_{h}^{\text{new}}, \mathbf{p}_{h}^{\text{new}} \end{pmatrix} = (\mathbf{u}^{\text{sing}}, \mathbf{p}^{\text{sing}}) + (\mathbf{u}_{h}^{\text{reg}}, \mathbf{p}_{h}^{\text{reg}}) \\ -\mu \triangle \mathbf{u}^{\text{reg}} + \nabla \mathbf{p}^{\text{reg}} = \mu \triangle \mathbf{u}^{\text{sing}} - \nabla \mathbf{p}^{\text{sing}} \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}^{\text{reg}} = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}^{\text{sing}} & \text{in } \mathcal{F} \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}^{\text{reg}} = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}^{\text{sing}} & \text{in } \mathcal{F} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{u}^{\mathrm{reg}} = \mathbf{u}^* - \mathbf{u}^{\mathrm{sing}}$$
 on ∂B

Explicit

asymptotic

$$\|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h^{\mathrm{new}}\| \le C \|(\mathbf{u}^{\mathrm{reg}}, \mathrm{p}^{\mathrm{reg}})\| h^{lpha}$$

Bounded independently of the distance

Explicit asymptotic expansion





 $\|\mathbf{u}_{x,h}-\mathbf{u}_x^{\mathrm{ref}}\|_{H^1_0}$

$$(\mathbf{u}_h^{\text{new}}, \mathbf{p}_h^{\text{new}}) = (\mathbf{u}^{\text{sing}}, \mathbf{p}^{\text{sing}}) + (\mathbf{u}_h^{\text{reg}}, \mathbf{p}_h^{\text{reg}})$$

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$$\|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{h}^{\text{new}}\| \leq C \|(\mathbf{u}^{\text{reg}}, \mathbf{p}^{\text{reg}})\| h^{\alpha}$$

$$\mathbf{d} = \frac{r_{2}}{10}$$

$$\mathbf{d} = \frac{r_{2}}{20}$$

$$\mathbf{d} = \frac{r_{2}}{30}$$
Bounded independently of the distance of the

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Inelastic contact with friction



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Inelastic contacts Spherical particles SCoPI



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 $D^k + dt \nabla D^k \cdot \mathbf{v}^{k+1} \ge \mu \, dt \, |T \mathbf{u}^{k+1}|$

Influence of convexification?

- Very few convergence results based on compacity methods
- Order of convergence ?





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Coupling with the gluey particle model



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