

# Nonlocal gradients and applications to Continuum Mechanics

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Let  $u : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be the deformation in the solid under the action of a distributed load  $F$ . Then for a given point in the **reference configuration**  $x \in \Omega$ , the function  $u$  maps the point to  $u(x)$  in the **deformed configuration**  $u(\Omega)$ .

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In a simplified situation in hyperelasticity we are therefore concerned with finding minimizers for an energy of the form

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## Result

**Polyconvexity** implies **quasiconvexity**. Consequently, if  $W(x, u, \cdot)$  polyconvex for a.e.  $x \in \Omega$  and all  $u \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , then

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## Proof

- **Piola identity:**  $\operatorname{div}(\operatorname{cof} \nabla u) = 0$
- $\det \nabla u$  may be written in divergence form:

$$\det \nabla u = \operatorname{div}(u_i (\operatorname{cof} \nabla u)^{(i)}) = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (u_i (\operatorname{cof} \nabla u)_{i,j})$$

- Integration by parts:

$$\int_{\Omega} (\det \nabla u_k) \varphi \, dx = - \int_{\Omega} (u_k)_i (\operatorname{cof} \nabla u_k)^{(i)} \nabla \varphi \, dx.$$

## Theorem (John Ball 1977)

$n = 3$ ,  $p \geq 2$ ,  $q \geq p'$ ,  $r > 1$ ,  $c_1, c_2 > 0$ .  $W$  such that:

- $W(A) = \hat{W}(F, \text{cof } F, \det F)$  for all  $F \in \mathbb{R}_+^{3 \times 3}$ , **polyconvex**.
- $W(A) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $\det A \rightarrow 0$ .
- $W(A) \geq c_1(|A|^p + |\text{cof } A|^p + (\det A)^r) - c_2$ .

Let

$$\mathcal{A}_{ad} = \{u \in W^{1,p} : \text{cof } \nabla u \in L^q, \det \nabla u \in L^r, \det \nabla u > 0, u = u_0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega\}$$

and assume  $\mathcal{A}_{ad} \neq \emptyset$ . Then

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## Motivation

We explore **nonlocality** as a way to admit singular deformations in hyperelastic models set in spaces weaker than Sobolev

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We study this question in the framework of  $\Gamma$ -convergence, following the constructive process to obtain the (local)  $\Gamma$ -limit of the sequence  $E_{bb}$  as  $\delta \rightarrow 0^1$

<sup>1</sup>B., Mora-Corral, Pedregal, Hyperelasticity as a  $\Gamma$ - limit of Peridynamics when the horizon goes to zero. Calc. Var., 2015.

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- If we linearized a local model obtained from  $E_{bb}$  by localization, then Poisson ratio is necessarily  $\nu = \frac{1}{4}$ .

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The idea is considering functional depending on nonlocal gradients rather than local gradients for modeling nonlinear elasticity:

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Since we are assuming polyconvexity, the main ingredient in order ingredient in order to apply the Direct Method of the CoV is the weak continuity of the determinant, or in general any minor, of  $D^s u$  in  $H^{s,p}$ .

Calculus in  $H^{s,p}$ 

## Integration by parts:

Defining the fractional  $s$ -divergence of  $\psi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n)$  as

$$\operatorname{div}^s \psi(x) = -c_{n,s} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{\psi(x) + \psi(y)}{|x-y|^{n+s}} \cdot \frac{x-y}{|x-y|} dy,$$

then if  $u \in L_{loc}^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $D^s u \in L_{loc}^1(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n)$  the integration by parts formula

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} D^s u(x) \cdot \psi(x) dx = - \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} u(x) \operatorname{div}^s \psi(x) dx$$

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$$M(D^s u_j) \rightharpoonup M(D^s u),$$

weakly in  $L^{\frac{p}{s}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .



# Existence result

## Theorem

$p \geq n - 1$ ,  $p > 1$  and  $0 < s < 1$ . Let

$W : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$  such that:

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Suppose that  $u \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\phi \in C_c^1(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^n)$ . Then  $D_\delta^s u \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\operatorname{div}_\delta^s \phi \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Moreover,

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There exists a function  $V_\delta^s \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}, \mathbb{R}^n) \cap L_{loc}^1(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n)$  such that for every  $u \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$u(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} D_\delta^s u(y) \cdot V_\delta^s(x - y) dy.$$

Moreover, for every  $R > 0$  there exists  $M > 0$  such that

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