

Computational Micromagnetism for Large-Soft Magnets

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The large body limit in the Landau-Lifshitz equations of micromagnetics yields a macroscopic model without exchange energy and convexified side conditions for the macroscopic magnetisation vectors. Its Euler Lagrange equations (**P**) read: Given a magnetic body $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$, $d = 2, 3$, an exterior field $\mathbf{f} \in L^2(\Omega)^d$ and the convexified anisotropy density $\phi^{**} : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$, find a magnetization $\mathbf{m} \in L^2(\Omega)^d$ and a Lagrange multiplier $\lambda \in L^2(\Omega)$ such that a.e. in Ω

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla u + D\phi^{**}(\mathbf{m}) + \lambda\mathbf{m} &= \mathbf{f}, \\ |\mathbf{m}| &\leq 1, \quad \lambda \geq 0, \\ \lambda(1 - |\mathbf{m}|) &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

The potential $u \in H_{loc}^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ solves the (Maxwell) equations

$$\nabla u \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)^d \text{ and } \operatorname{div}(-\nabla u + \mathbf{m}) = 0 \text{ in } \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$$

in the entire space. It therefore appears natural to recast the associated far field energy into an integral operator \mathcal{P} which maps \mathbf{m} to the corresponding stray field $\nabla u = \mathcal{P}\mathbf{m}$.

The proposed numerical scheme involves the operator \mathcal{P} and replaces pointwise side-condition $|\mathbf{m}| \leq 1$ by a penalization strategy. Given a triangulation \mathcal{T} , the induced space of piecewise constant functions $P_0(\mathcal{T})$ on Ω , and a penalization parameter $\varepsilon > 0$, the discrete penalized problem (**P_{ε,h}**) reads: Find $\mathbf{m}_h \in P_0(\mathcal{T})^d$ such that for all $\boldsymbol{\nu}_h \in P_0(\mathcal{T})^d$

$$\langle \mathcal{P}\mathbf{m}_h + D\phi^{**}(\mathbf{m}_h) + \lambda_h\mathbf{m}_h; \boldsymbol{\nu}_h \rangle_{L^2(\Omega)} = \langle \mathbf{f}; \boldsymbol{\nu}_h \rangle_{L^2(\Omega)}$$

with $\lambda_h := \varepsilon^{-1} \frac{\max\{0, |\mathbf{m}_h| - 1\}}{|\mathbf{m}_h|} \in P_0(\mathcal{T})$.

Numerical aspects addressed in the presentation include the efficient treatment of \mathcal{P} via hierarchical matrices as well as a priori and a posteriori error control and adaptive mesh-design.

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