





The Schwarz Alternating Method for Dynamic Multiscale Coupling in Solid Mechanics

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Motivation for Concurrent Multiscale Coupling

- Large scale structural failure frequently originates from small scale phenomena such as defects, microcracks, and inhomogeneities, which grow quickly in unstable manner.
- Failure occurs due to *tightly coupled interaction* between small scale (stress concentrations, material instabilities, cracks, etc.) and large scale (vibration, impact, high loads and other perturbations).

Concurrent multiscale methods are essential for understanding and predicting the behavior of engineering systems when a small scale failure determines the performance of the entire system.



Roof failure of Boeing 737 aircraft due to fatigue cracks. From *imechanica.org*



Requirements for Multiscale Coupling Method

- Coupling is *concurrent* (two-way).
- *Ease of implementation* into existing massively-parallel HPC codes.
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 Ω_1

Schwarz Alternating Method for Domain Decomposition

Proposed in 1870 by H. Schwarz for solving Laplace PDE on irregular domains.

Crux of Method: if the solution is known in regularly shaped domains, use those as pieces to iteratively build a solution for the more complex domain.

Basic Schwarz Algorithm

Solve PDE by any method on Ω_1 w/ initial guess for Dirichlet BCs on Γ_1 .

Iterate until convergence:

Initialize:

<u>Requirement for convergence</u>: $\Omega_1 \cap \Omega_2 \neq \emptyset$

- Solve PDE by any method (can be different than for Ω_1) on Ω_2 w/ Dirichlet BCs on Γ_2 that are the values just obtained for Ω_1 .
- Solve PDE by any method (can be different than for Ω₂) on Ω₁ w/ Dirichlet BCs on Γ₁ that are the values just obtained for Ω₂.
- Schwarz alternating method most commonly used as a *preconditioner* for Krylov iterative methods to solve linear algebraic equations.

Novel idea: using the Schwarz alternating as a *discretization method* for solving multiscale partial differential equations (PDEs).





H. Schwarz (1843 – 1921)



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Our objective: formulate dynamic Schwarz method for standard (non-space-time) discretizations (discretize in space, march forward in time).



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Schwarz Alternating Method for Dynamic

Multiscale Coupling



<u>Step 0</u>: Initialize i = 0 (controller time index).

Controller time stepper = convenient checkpoint to facilitate implementation

Controller time stepper

Time integrator for Ω_1

Time integrator for Ω_2



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Time integrator for Ω_2

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Integrate using Δt_2

 Ω_2

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from Ω_1 to Γ_2

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Can use *different integrators* with *different time steps* within each domain!

Schwarz Alternating Method for Dynamic Multiscale Coupling: Theory

For quasistatics, we derived a *proof of convergence* of the alternating Schwarz method for the *finite deformation* problem, and determined a *geometric convergence rate* [(Mota, Tezaur, Alleman, *CMAME*, 2017) and previous talk].

Theorem 1. Assume that the energy functional $\Phi[\varphi]$ satisfies properties 1–5 above. Consider the Schwarz alternating method of Section 2 defined by (9)–(13) and its equivalent form (39). Then

- (a) $\Phi[\tilde{\varphi}^{(0)}] \ge \Phi[\tilde{\varphi}^{(1)}] \ge \cdots \ge \Phi[\tilde{\varphi}^{(n-1)}] \ge \Phi[\tilde{\varphi}^{(n)}] \ge \cdots \ge \Phi[\varphi]$, where φ is the minimizer of $\Phi[\varphi]$ over S.
- (b) The sequence $\{\tilde{\varphi}^{(n)}\}\$ defined in (39) converges to the minimizer φ of $\Phi[\varphi]$ in S.
- (c) The Schwarz minimum values $\Phi[\tilde{\varphi}^{(n)}]$ converge monotonically to the minimum value $\Phi[\varphi]$ in S starting from any initial guess $\tilde{\varphi}^{(0)}$.

Extending these results to *dynamics* is *work in progress*.

- Quasistatic proof *extends naturally* assuming conformal meshes and the same time step is used in each Schwarz subdomain.
- Some analysis of Schwarz for evolution problems was performed in (Lions, 1988) and may be possible to *leverage*.
- Our numerical results suggest theoretical analysis is *possible*.

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Implementation within Albany Code

The proposed *dynamic alternating Schwarz method* has been implemented within the *LCM project* in Sandia's open-source parallel, C++, multi-physics, finite element code, *Albany*.

- Component-based design for rapid development of capabilities.
- Contains a wide variety of *constitutive models*.
- Extensive use of libraries from the open-source *Trilinos* project.
 - Use of the *Phalanx* package to decompose complex problem into simpler problems with managed dependencies.
 - Use of the *Sacado* package for *automatic differentiation*.
 - Use of *Tempus* package for *time-integration**.
- Parallel implementation of Schwarz alternating method uses the Data Transfer Kit (DTK).
- All software available on *GitHub*.

Albany

https://github.com/gahansen/Albany



https://github.com/trilinos/trilinos



https://github.com/ORNL-CEES/DataTransferKit

* Current dynamic Schwarz implementation in Albany requires same Δt in different subdomains.



Example #1: Elastic Wave Propagation

- Linear elastic *clamped beam* with Gaussian initial condition for the *z*-displacement (see figures to the right and below).
- Simple problem with analytical exact solution but very *stringent test* for discretization methods.
- Test Schwarz with **2** subdomains: $\Omega_0 = (0,0.001) \times (0.001) \times (0,0.75), \Omega_1 = (0,0.001) \times (0.001) \times (0.25,1).$



Example #1: Elastic Wave Propagation

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Table 1: Averaged (over times + domains) relative errors in **z-displacement** (blue) and **z-velocity** (green) for several different Schwarz couplings, 50% overlap volume fraction

	Implicit-Implicit		Explicit(CM)-Implicit		Explicit(LM)-Implicit	
Conformal hex-hex	2.79e-3	7.32e-3	3.53e-3	8.70e-3	4.72e-3	1.19e-2
Nonconformal hex-hex	2.90e-3	7.10e-3	2.82e-3	7.29e-3	2.84e-3	7.33e-3
Tet-hex	2.79e-3	7.58e-3	3.52e-3	8.92e-3	4.72e-3	1.19e-2

LM = Lumped Mass, CM = Consistent Mass

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Energy Conservation



- For clamped beam problem, total energy (TE = $0.5x^TKx + 0.5\dot{x}^TM\dot{x}$) should be conserved.
- Total energy is calculated in 2 ways: with most of contribution from Ω_0 and from Ω_1 .

Example #2: Torsion

- Nonlinear elastic bar (Neohookean material model) subjected to a high degree of *torsion*.
- The *domain* is $\Omega = (-0.025, 0.025) \times (-0.025, 0.025) \times (-0.5, 0.5).$
- We evaluate *dynamic Schwarz* with 2 subdomains: $\Omega_0 = (-0.025, 0.025) \times (-0.025, 0.025) \times (-0.5, 0.25), \Omega_1 = (-0.025, 0.025) \times (-0.025, 0.025) \times (-0.25, 0.5).$
- **Time-discretizations:** Newmark-Beta (implicit, explicit) with same Δt .
- *Meshes:* hexes, composite tet 10s.



Example #2: Torsion

Schwarz and single-domain results agree to almost *machine-precision*!

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 Ω_{ref}

 Ω_0

 Ω_1

Conformal Hex + Hex Coupling

- Each subdomain discretized using **uniform hex mesh** with $\Delta x_i = 0.01$, and advanced in time using implicit Newmark-Beta scheme with $\Delta t = 1e-6$.
- Results compared to single-domain solution on mesh conformal with Schwarz domain meshes.



Example #2: Torsion

Hex + Composite Tet 10 Coupling

- Coupling of composite tet 10s + explicit Newmark with consistent mass in Ω_0 with hexes + implicit Newmark in Ω_1 .
- Reference solution is computed on fine hex mesh + implicit Newmark Ω_{ref}



 Ω_1

 Ω_0

 $\Omega_{\rm ref}$

Example #3: Tension Specimen



- Uniaxial aluminum cylindrical tensile specimen with *inelastic J₂ material model*.
- Domain decomposition into **two subdomains** (right): Ω_0 = ends, Ω_1 = gauge.
- Nonconformal hex + composite tet 10 coupling via Schwarz.
- Implicit Newmark time-integration with adaptive time-stepping algorithm employed in both subdomains.
- Slight *imperfection* introduced at center of gauge to force *necking* upon pulling in vertical direction.



Example #3: Tension Specimen





*Nodal eqps = equivalent plastic strain computed via weighted volume average.

Example #4: Bolted Joint Problem

Problem of *practical scale*.

• Schwarz solution compared to single-domain solution on composite tet 10 mesh.



- $\Omega_1 = \text{bolts}$ (composite tet 10), $\Omega_2 = \text{parts}$ (hex).
- Inelastic J₂ material model in both subdomains.
 - Ω_1 : steel
 - Ω_2 : steel component, aluminum (bottom) plate



- BC: x-disp = 0.02 at T = 1.0e-3 on top of parts.
- Run until T = 5.0e-4 w/ dt = 1e-5 + implicit Newmark with analytic mass matrix for composite tet 10s.







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Some Performance Results

Schwarz / solver settings

- Relatively loose Schwarz tolerances were used:
 - Relative Tolerance: 1.0e-3.
 - Absolute Tolerance: 1.0e-4.
- Newton tolerance on NormF: 1e-8
- Linear solver tolerance: 1e-5
- MueLu preconditioner



- *Top right plot:* # Schwarz iterations for each time step.
 - After start-up, # Schwarz iterations / time step is ~9-10. This is not bad given how small is the size of the overlap region for this problem.

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Summary



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Ongoing/Future Work

- Development of *theory* for dynamic alternating Schwarz formulation.
- *Journal article* on the work presented in this talk is in preparation.
- Extension of Albany/LCM implementation to allow for *different time steps* in different subdomains.
- Application of dynamic Schwarz for problems and test cases of interest to *production*.
- Implementation of alternating Schwarz method for concurrent multiscale coupling in Sandia *production codes* (Sierra Solid Mechanics), comparison to other methods (e.g., GFEM).
- Development of a *multi-physics coupling framework* based on variational formulations and the Schwarz alternating method.





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Appendix. Schwarz Alternating Method for Sandia Dynamic Multiscale Coupling

We developed an *extension of Schwarz coupling* to *dynamics* using a governing time stepping algorithm that controls time integrators within each domain.



Ingredients:

Can use *different integrators* with *different time steps* within each domain (w/o space-time discretization)!

- Controller time step $\Delta T \Rightarrow T_0 + n\Delta T$ are times at which Schwarz is synchronized > Convenient checkpoint to facilitate implementation
- Discretization + time-integrator for Ω_1 with time-step Δt_1 (divides ΔT)
- Discretization + time-integrator for Ω_2 with time-step Δt_2 (divides ΔT)

Appendix. Dynamic Singular Bar (MATLAB)

- Inelasticity masks problems by introducing energy dissipation.
- Schwarz does not introduce numerical artifacts.
- Can couple domains with different time integration schemes (Explicit-Implicit below).





Appendix. Example #1: Elastic Wave Some Performance Results



- Left figure shows # of iterations as a function of overlap region size for 2 subdomains. The method does not converge for 0% overlap. If the overlap is 100% then the single-domain solution is recovered for each of the subdomains.
- Right figure shows *linear convergence rate* of dynamic Schwarz implementation (for small overlap fraction of 0.2%).



Appendix. Example #2: Torsion Some Performance Results



 Convergence behavior of the dynamic Schwarz algorithm for the torsion problem for small overlap volume fraction (2%) in which each subdomain is discretized using a hexahedral mesh. The plot shows that a *linear convergence rate* is achieved.

Appendix. Example #4: Bolted Joint Problem

y-displacement

Time: 0.000000

citisp: Y

-5.131#-03 -0.002 0.0004 0.003 5.999#-03









Appendix. Example #4: Bolted Joint Problem z-displacement

Time: 0.000000

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