A Steklov Version of the Torsional Rigidity

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Introduction

From now on we set: $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ with $\partial \Omega$ Lipschitz and normal vector ν_{Ω} , and $\delta > 0$.

Classical torsional rigidity:

$$T(\Omega) = \sup_{\varphi \in W^{1,2}(\Omega) \setminus \{0\}} \frac{\left(\int_{\Omega} \varphi \, dx\right)^2}{\int_{\Omega} \left|\nabla\varphi\right|^2 \, dx} \quad \rightarrow \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{rrr} -\Delta v_{\Omega} &=& 1, \quad \text{in } \Omega, \\ v_{\Omega} &=& 0, \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{array} \right.$$

Boundary torsional rigidity functional

$$T(\Omega;\delta) = \sup_{\varphi \in W^{1,2}(\Omega) \setminus \{0\}} \frac{\left(\int_{\partial \Omega} \varphi \, d\mathcal{H}^{N-1}\right)^2}{\int_{\Omega} |\nabla \varphi|^2 \, dx + \delta^2 \int_{\Omega} \varphi^2 \, dx} \quad \to \quad$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} -\Delta u + \delta^2 u = 0, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \langle \nabla u, \nu_{\Omega} \rangle = 1, & \text{on } \partial \Omega. \end{cases}$$

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where v_{Ω} is the so called *stress-function*.

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and we call χ_{ε} its characteristic function. Then, present the following problem:

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First properties

Scaling laws:

$$T\left(t\,\Omega;\,\frac{\delta}{t}\right) = t^N T(\Omega;\,\delta).$$

Relation to Sobolev constant:

$$W^{1,2}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^q(\partial\Omega),$$

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, compact when $q \ne 2^{\#}$.

$$2^{\#} = \begin{cases} \frac{2N-2}{N-2}, & \text{if } N \ge 3, \\ \text{finite}, & \text{if } N = 2, \end{cases}$$

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$$\eta_q(\Omega) = \inf_{\varphi \in W^{1,2}(\Omega)} \left\{ \|\varphi\|^2_{W^{1,2}(\Omega)} \, : \, \|\varphi\|_{L^q(\partial\Omega)} = 1 \right\} > 0$$

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The supremum in the torsion functional is attained and

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Constrained convex problem

Dual formulation [L. Brasco, 2021]

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$$\sigma_{1}(\Omega; \delta) = \min_{\varphi \in W^{1,2}(\Omega)} \frac{\int_{\Omega} |\nabla \varphi|^{2} dx + \delta^{2} \int_{\Omega} \varphi^{2} dx}{\int_{\partial \Omega} u^{2} \mathcal{H}^{N-1}}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{rcl} -\Delta u + \delta^2 u &=& 0, & \mbox{ in } \Omega, \\ \langle \nabla u, \nu_\Omega \rangle &=& \sigma \, u, & \mbox{ on } \partial \Omega. \end{array} \right.$$

Due to the compact embedding $W^{1,2}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^q(\partial\Omega) \implies$ increasing sequence of eigenvalues $\{\sigma_n(\Omega; \delta)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$.

Notice that by choosing φ to be the characteristic function of Ω , we obtain

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A few more properties

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Exact Solutions in Some Special Sets

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Exact solution on the ball

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Other exact solutions

Spherical Shells. Let $\delta > 0$. For 0 < r < R, we consider the spherical shell

$$\Omega = \Big\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^N : r < |x| < R \Big\}.$$

Then $u_{\Omega,\delta}$ is a radially symmetric function. This is explicitly given by

$$u_{\Omega,\delta}(x) = \mathcal{V}_{r,R,\delta}(|x|), \quad \text{for } x \in \Omega,$$

where

$$\mathcal{V}_{r,R,\delta}(\varrho) = C_0 \, \varrho^{1-\frac{N}{2}} \, I_{N/2-1}(\delta \, \varrho) + D_0 \, \varrho^{1-\frac{N}{2}} \, K_{N/2-1}(\delta \, \varrho),$$

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Hyperrectangle. Let $\delta > 0$ and let $\ell_1, \ell_2, \ldots, \ell_N > 0$. If we set

$$\Omega = \prod_{i=1}^{N} (-\ell_i, \ell_i),$$

then we have

$$u_{\Omega,\delta}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{\cosh(\delta x_i)}{\delta \sinh(\delta \ell_i)}, \quad \text{for every } x = (x_1, \dots, x_N) \in \Omega.$$
(3)

Its boundary torsional rigidity is given by

$$T(\Omega; \delta) = \sum_{k=1}^{N} \left[\frac{1}{\delta \tanh(\delta \ell_k)} \mathcal{H}^{N-1}(\Sigma_k) + \sum_{i \neq k} \frac{1}{\delta^2} \mathcal{H}^{N-2}(\Sigma_{k,i}) \right],$$

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Geometric Estimates

Lower bound in dim 2.

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Let
$$\mathbb{D} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : |x| < 1\}$$
 and $\Omega \subsetneq \mathbb{R}^2$. Given a point $x_0 \in \Omega$,

Riemann Mapping Theorem states that there exists a unique (up to a rotation) holomorphic isomorphism

$$f_{x_0}: \mathbb{D} \to \Omega, \qquad \text{with } f_{x_0}(0) = x_0.$$

Furthermore, when $\partial \Omega$ is $C^{1,\alpha}$, we know that this is C^1 in $\overline{\mathbb{D}}$ and

 $f'_{x_0}(x) \neq 0$, for every $x \in \partial \mathbb{D}$. [S. E. Warschawski, 1961]

• We define the *boundary distortion radius* of Ω by

$$\dot{\mathcal{R}}_{\Omega} := \inf_{x_0 \in \Omega} \left(rac{1}{2 \, \pi} \, \int_{\partial \mathbb{D}} \left| f_{x_0}' \right|^2 d\mathcal{H}^1
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$$T(\Omega; \delta) > \frac{\mathcal{H}^{N-1}(\partial \Omega)}{\delta \tanh(\delta r_{\Omega})}.$$

Moreover, the estimate is sharp in the following sense: we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{T(\Omega_n; \delta) \tanh(\delta r_{\Omega_n})}{\mathcal{H}^{N-1}(\partial \Omega_n)} = \frac{1}{\delta}, \qquad \text{where } \Omega_n := (-n, n)^{N-1} \times (-1, 1).$$

Method of interior parallels [E. Makai, 1954][G. Pòlya, 1960]



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