

# Existence and uniqueness results for variational inequalities

Lecture 1

Basic results

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# Outline of lecture 1

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- II- Set-valued or not?
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  - a- The linear case
  - b- The finite dimensional case

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Notation :  $S(T, C)$  set of solutions ( $\subset C$ ).

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**Necessary condition:**  $f$  is lsc + ...

if  $\bar{x}$  is a solution of (P) then

$$\bar{x} \in S(\partial f(\bar{x}), C).$$

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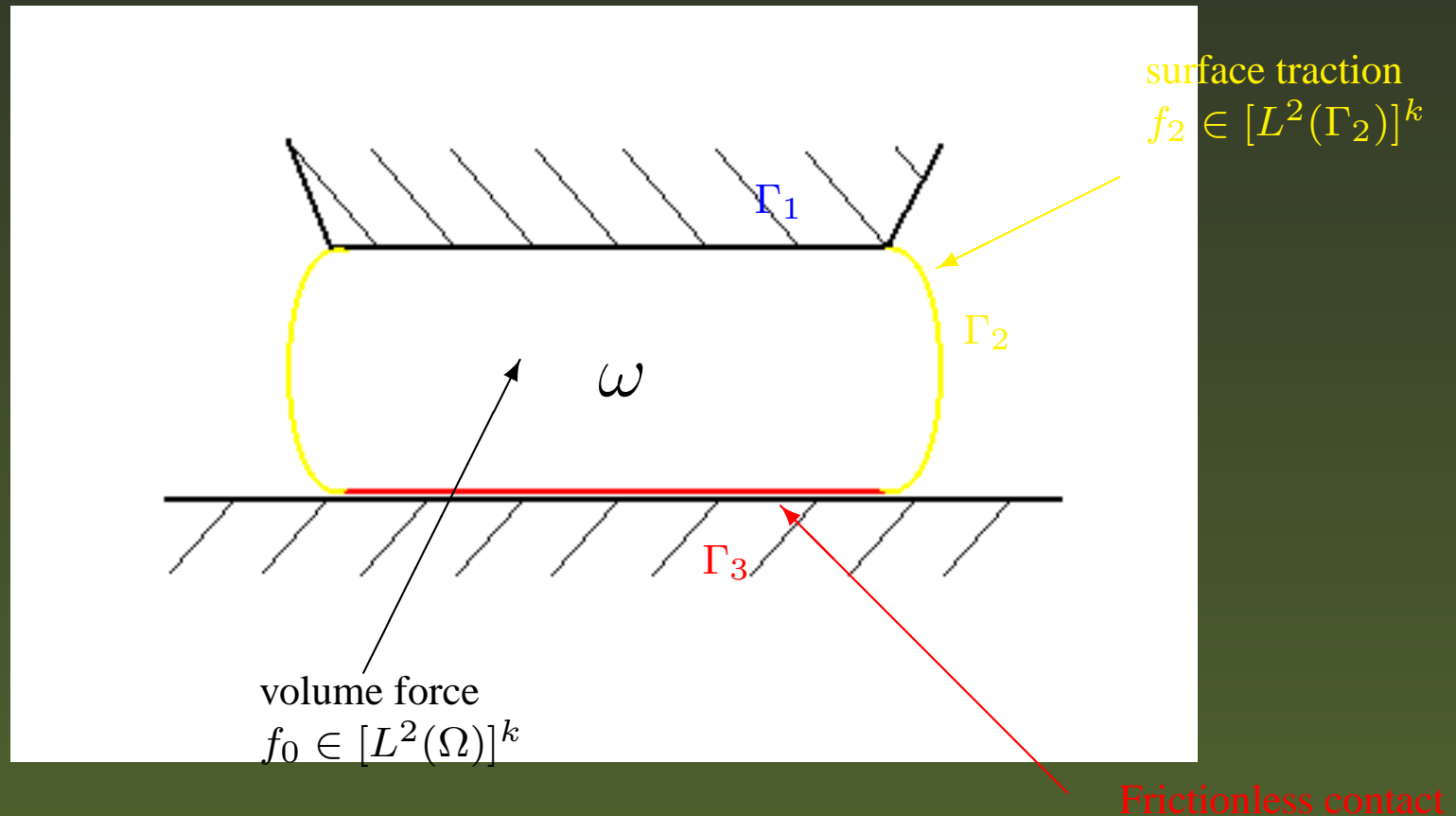
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What about quasiconvex case? see the third lecture

## Another motivation

### Signorini's frictionless contact problem



# Notations

Functional spaces:

$$\mathbb{S}^k = \{\sigma = (\sigma_{ij})_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times k} : \sigma_{ij} = \sigma_{ji}\} = \mathbb{R}_s^{k \times k}$$

$$W = \{v \in H^1(\Omega)^k : v = 0 \text{ sur } \Gamma_1\}$$

$$Q = \{q = (q_{ij}) \in L^2(\Omega)^{k \times k} : q_{ij} = q_{ji}, 1 \leq i, j \leq k\} = L^2(\Omega)_s^{k \times k}$$

$$W_2 = \{v \in W : v_\nu \leq 0 \text{ a.e. on } \Gamma_3\}$$

Deformation operator:  $\varepsilon : H^1(\Omega)^k \rightarrow Q$

$$\varepsilon_{ij}(u) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right], \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq k.$$

Scalar product:  $\langle p, q \rangle_Q = \int_\Omega p_{ij}(x) q_{ij}(x) dx$  et  $\langle u, v \rangle_W = \langle \varepsilon(u), \varepsilon(v) \rangle_Q$

Elasticity operator:  $\mathcal{F} : \Omega \times \mathbb{S}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^k$

Stress function :  $\sigma : H^1(\Omega)^k \rightarrow Q$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(u) : \quad \Omega &\rightarrow \mathbb{S}^k \\ x &\mapsto \mathcal{F}(x, \varepsilon(u)(x)). \end{aligned}$$

## Formulations of the problem:

Find a displacement field  $u : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} -\text{Div } \sigma(u) &= f_0 && \text{on } \Omega \\ u &= 0 && \text{on } \Gamma_1 \\ \sigma(u)\nu &= f_2 && \text{on } \Gamma_2 \\ u_\nu \leq 0, \sigma(u)\nu \leq 0, \sigma(u)\nu u_\nu = 0, \sigma(u)_\tau &= 0 && \text{on } \Gamma_3 \end{aligned}$$

### Variational formulation:

Find  $u \in W_2$  such that

$$\langle \sigma(u), \varepsilon(v) - \varepsilon(u) \rangle_Q \geq \langle f, v - u \rangle_W, \quad \forall v \in W_2$$

where  $f$  is an element of  $W$  defined by

$$\langle f, v \rangle_W = \int_{\Omega} f_0 \cdot v \, dx + \int_{\Gamma_2} f_2 \cdot v \, da.$$

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### Two particular cases:

- a- The monotone case
- b- The quasimonotone case

## II - a

# The monotone case

Let  $T : X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  be a map

$T$  is monotone iff  $\forall x, y \in X, \forall x^* \in T(x)$  and  $\forall y^* \in T(y)$

$$\langle y^* - x^*, y - x \rangle \geq 0.$$

## Dense single-valuedness results

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### **Theorem 1 (Zarantonello 1973)**

*Let  $X$  be a separable Banach space and let  $T : X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  be a monotone operator. Then*

- *the set of all  $x \in \text{dom}(T)$  for which  $T(x)$  is not single-valued has empty interior;*
- *if  $X$  is finite-dimensional then this set has Lebesgue measure zero.*

## Dense single-valuedness results

### **Theorem 2 (M. Lassonde '09)**

*Let  $T : Z \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  be minimal  $w$ -cusco from a Baire space  $Z$  into the dual of a Banach space  $X$ . If there is a subset  $C \subset X^*$  with the  $w^*$ -RNP such that the set  $\{z \in Z : T(z) \cap C \neq \emptyset\}$  is dense in  $Z$ , then there is a dense  $G_\delta$  subset  $D$  of  $Z$  such that, at each point of  $D$ ,  $T$  is single-valued and upper semicontinuous.*

- Maximal monotone operators  $T : Z \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  with nonempty values, are typical examples of minimal  $w$ -cusco mappings
- A nonempty bounded subset  $A$  of the dual space  $X^*$  is said to be  $w^*$ -dentable provided for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a  $w^*$ -open half-space  $V$  in  $X^*$  such that  $A \cap V \neq \emptyset$  and  $\text{diam}(A \cap V) < \varepsilon$ .
- A subset  $A$  of  $X^*$  is said to have the  $w^*$  Radon-Nikodim Property provided every nonempty bounded subset of  $A$  is  $w^*$ -dentable.

## Pointwise Single-valuedness

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### **Theorem 3 (Kenderov 1975)**

*Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $T : X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  be a monotone set-valued map.*

*If  $T$  is lower semicontinuous at a point  $x_0$ , then  $T$  is single-valued at  $x_0$ .*

$T$  is lsc at  $x_0$  if, for every open  $V$  such that  $V \cap T(x_0) \neq \emptyset$ , there exists a neigh.  $U$  of  $x_0$  such that  $V \cap T(x) \neq \emptyset$ , for any  $x \in U$ .

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### **Theorem 4 (Dontchev and Hager 1994)**

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- also called *Aubin property* or *pseudo-Lipschitzianity*.

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- $\Rightarrow T$  is nonempty valued on  $U$ .

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- If  $T$  is single-valued

$T$  is Lipschitz-like around  $(x, T(x)) \Leftrightarrow T$  is loc. Lipschitz at  $x$

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- $f$  is quasiconvex iff  $\partial f$  is quasimonotone
- the normal operator  $N_f : X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  defined by

$$x \mapsto N_f(x) = N(S_{f(x)}, x)$$

is quasimonotone.

## Links with other monotonicities

- $T$  is monotone iff  $\forall x, y \in X, \forall x^* \in T(x)$  and  $\forall y^* \in T(y)$   
 $\langle y^* - x^*, y - x \rangle \geq 0$ .
- $T$  is pseudomonotone iff  
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monotone



pseudomonotone



quasimonotone

## No hope in the quasimonotone case

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No similar result (single-valued property) can be obtained in the quasimonotone case!!.

Consider  $T : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{R}}$  defined by

$$T(x) = \mathbb{R}_{++}.$$

then

- $T$  is pseudomonotone
- $T$  is Lipschitz-like at each point of its graph  
( $U, V$  any neigh.,  $l$  any positive real)
- $T$  is multivalued!!!!

**Definition 9** A set-valued map  $T : K \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  is said to be

- single-directional at  $x \in \text{dom } T$  if,  $T(x) \subseteq \mathbb{R}_+ \{x^*\}$  for some  $x^* \in T(x)$ .
- locally single-directional at  $x \in \text{dom } T$  if it exists a neigh.  $U$  of  $x$  such that, for any  $x' \in U$ ,  $T(x')$  is single-directional at  $x'$ .
- strictly single-directional at  $x$  if  $T(x) \subseteq ]0, +\infty[\{x^*\}$  for some  $x^* \neq 0$ .
- locally strictly single-directional at  $x$  if  $T$  is strictly single-directional at any point of a neigh. of  $x$

## Quasimonotone lsc case

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**Proposition 10** *Let  $T : X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  be a set-valued map, lower semicontinuous at  $x \in X$ . Then*

- i) if  $T$  is quasimonotone, then  $T$  is single-directional at  $x$ ;*
- ii) if  $T$  is pseudomonotone, then  $T$  is strictly single-directional or trivial at  $x$ .*

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**Proposition 11 (D.A., J.-N. Corvellec & M. Lassonde '94)**

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**Proposition 14** *Let  $T : X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  be a set-valued map and  $x$  be a point of its domain  $\text{dom } T$  be such that, for any  $\alpha^* \in X^*$ , the map  $T + \alpha^*$  is single-directional at  $x$ , then  $T$  is single-valued at  $x$ .*

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