

Optimal compliance problem

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- Geometrical description of the solution :
 - Saturation of the constraint ?
 - Are the optimal sets regular ?
 - Are there loops in the optimal set ?

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Assume $f \in L^p(\Omega)$ with $p > 2$, and Σ_{opt} is optimal. Then

- Σ_{opt} contains no closed curves,
- Σ_{opt} consists in a finite number of $C^{1,\alpha}$ -curves, possibly intersecting at “triple points” where the curves form 120° angles.

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- No loop,
- Classification of blow-ups,
- No full-regularity in general (corners),
- Γ -limit of the p -compliance problem when $p \rightarrow \infty$.

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- Conjecture (open) : Σ is a finite union of C^1 -curves
- Classification of **connected** blow-up limits



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$$r \in [r_0, r_1] \mapsto \frac{1}{r^{\frac{2\pi}{\gamma}}} \left(\int_{B_r(x_0)} |\nabla u_\Sigma|^2 dx + Cr^{\frac{2}{p'}} \right),$$

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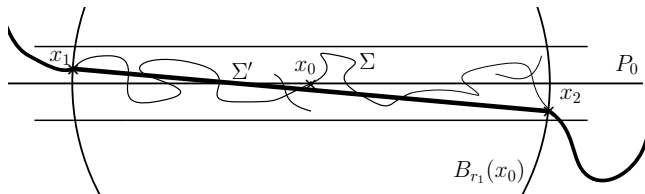


FIGURE : Construction of the competitor Σ' .

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