

## Méthodes de Décomposition de Domaine pour la CAO

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**Résumé** En CAO la description des solides par Géométrie Constructive conduit des méthodes de décomposition de domaine basées sur les "formes primitives", comme il est expliqué brièvement dans l'introduction ci-dessous. Un rôle spécial est joué par les "trous" et ils peuvent être approchés de multiples façons. Nous combinons cette observation avec la méthode des *Contrôles Virtuels*, introduite dans une note précédente <sup>(1)</sup>, où la décomposition et la formule de Green s'interprétaient comme des contrôles virtuels – ici les contrôles virtuels sont introduits a priori *sur des supports dans les trous, ou en dehors, ou dans les intersections des domaines*. Ils sont choisis pour que les conditions aux limites soient satisfaites modulo les erreurs d'approximations, ce qui est possible grâce à un *résultat de contrôlabilité approchée* (ce qu'il faut donc démontrer!). Ces idées sont présentées ici sur un exemple (Paragraphe 2) qui n'est certainement pas le plus général mais qui est suffisant pour comprendre que tout se généralise beaucoup d'autres situations. Ensuite le lemme de Contrôlabilité Approchée et les algorithmes sont donnés dans le Paragraphe 3 ainsi qu'un exemple numérique au Paragraphe 4.

### Domain Decomposition Methods for CAD

**Abstract** Constructive Solid Geometry (CSG) in CAD leads to Domain Decompositions which are based on primitive shapes, as briefly explained in the introduction below. A special role is played by "holes", which can be viewed in several different ways. We combine this remark with the method of *Virtual Controls*. In a previous note <sup>(1)</sup> where this method was introduced, the distributions resulting from the decomposition and Green's formula were thought of as virtual controls – here the virtual controls are introduced a priori with *support in the holes, or outside the domain, or in the intersections of the domains*. They are then chosen so as to (approximately) satisfy the Boundary Conditions, which is possible by virtue of *approximate controllability results* (which have to be proven!). These ideas are presented here on an example (Section 2) which is certainly not the most general one but which is sufficient to show how everything extends to very many other situations. Algorithms, following the Approximate Controllability Lemma, are given in Section 3 and a numerical example is presented in Section 4.

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**1. Version abrégée française.** le travail présenté dans cette note est motivé d'une part par la Géométrie Solide Constructive (CSG en Anglais) où tout objet est décrit, autant qu'il est possible, par des domaines obtenus par les opérations topologiques élémentaires partir d'éléments primitifs (cubes, cylindres, spheres, cones) et d'autre part par les situations rencontrées dans la méthode Chimre où l'on utilise plusieurs grilles structurées ne se recollant pas.

On introduit une méthode très générale basée sur l'usage de contrôles virtuels et sur un résultat de contrôlabilité approchée. On déduit de cela des algorithmes (CSG algorithmes) simples dont l'efficacité est vérifiée sur des exemples dont l'un est donné dans le texte.

**1. Introduction** This study is motivated by two applications.

1. In Image Synthesis and Virtual Reality (VR) (see [2] for instance) scenes are entered by Constructive Solid Geometry, i.e. each object of the scene is described by set operations on primitive shapes like cubes, cylinders, spheres and cones. For instance a cubic room with a table inside can be described in VRML (the language of VR) as a cube with four cylinder and a brick inside it, the table's plateau. These elementary objects are positioned at their proper places but never intersected. Rendering on a computer screen is done by triangulation of the surface of each elementary shape and the painter's algorithm with a Z-buffer. Scientific Computing (like the computation of the temperature in the room) in such domains requires a translation from VR data structure to CAD data structure, but this operation is difficult. We propose an alternative by domain decomposition.

2. The Chimera method [3] in CFD uses several non-intersecting structured meshes to avoid the problem of mesh generation on difficult geometries. A typical example is a wing and its engine each having its own mesh. Our algorithm proves the method.

In both cases the domain  $\Omega$  is a union and subtraction of simple domains. We assume that each domain can be meshed separately and that if a domain is subtracted it is possible to surround it by an admissible mesh. We will compute the solution of a PDE on  $\Omega$  by an iterative algorithm involving computation of the PDE on each domain only.

Such algorithms already exist ; Schwarz [4] if  $\Omega$  is a union of sets ; the fictitious domain method [5][6][7] if  $\Omega$  has holes only. But for the general case the problem seems to be open.

The method is presented in general and it is tested in 2D. There are of course many possibilities and we have been guided by computational efficiency :

1. We assume that we have an efficient general interpolator [8][9] to compute a function irrespectively of the mesh on which it is originally defined.

2. For a problem discretized on a mesh  $T$  we avoid computing integrals on curves which are not union of edges of  $T$ .

## 2. Statement of the problem

Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded open set of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $d = 2$  or  $3$ , such that

$$\Omega = \Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2, \quad \Omega_i = \text{open set}, \quad \Omega_1 \cap \Omega_2 \neq \emptyset$$

Moreover, we assume that  $\Omega_1$  has a hole  $C_1$ , the position of  $\Omega_i$  and  $C_1$  being represented on Fig. 1.

Fig. 1

**Remark 1** The set  $C_1$  does *not* intersect  $\Omega_2$ . We can extend what follows to the case where  $C_1 \cap \Omega_2 \neq \emptyset$ , as we will show elsewhere.  $\square$

**Remark 2** All what follows readily extend to the cases where there is also a hole  $C_2$  in  $\Omega_2$ , which does not intersect  $\Omega_1 \cap \Omega_2$ .  $\square$

**Remark 3** We shall show elsewhere how all what follows extends to the case of a *collection of domains*:  $\Omega = \Omega_1 \cup \dots \cup \Omega_m$  with *arbitrarily disposed holes*.  $\square$

The boundary of  $\Omega$  consists of  $\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2 \cup \partial C_1$ , with the notations of Fig. 1 ( $\Gamma_1 =$  that part of  $\partial\Omega_1$  which is outside  $\Omega_2$  and the other way around for  $\Gamma_2$ ).

Let  $a(u, \hat{u}) = \sum_{i,j} \int_{\Omega} a_{ij} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial \hat{u}}{\partial x_i} dx$  be defined on the Sobolev space  $H_0^1(\Omega)$  (functions in  $H^1(\Omega)$  which are zero on  $\partial\Omega$ ).

We assume that

$$a_{ij} \in L^\infty(\Omega), \sum a_{ij}(x) \xi_i \xi_j \geq \alpha \sum \xi_i^2, \alpha > 0, a_{ij} \text{ not necessarily symmetric} \quad (1)$$

the  $a_{ij}$ 's are smooth enough such that the unique continuation theorem holds true. (2)

Let  $f$  be given in  $L^2(\Omega)$  (to fix ideas). We consider the *unique solution*  $u$  in  $H_0^1(\Omega)$

$$a(u, \hat{u}) = (f, \hat{u}) \quad \forall \hat{u} \in H_0^1(\Omega), \quad (3)$$

where  $(f, \hat{u}) = \int_{\Omega} f \hat{u} dx$ .

We want to give a completely general method of approximation of  $u$  based on *boundary value problems in domains without holes*.

### 3. Virtual controls and approximate controllability

We are going to use (cf. Fig. 2)  $\Omega_1 \cup \bar{C}_1$  (domain *without* the hole  $C_1$ )

$$\mathcal{D}_1 = \text{neighborhood of } \bar{C}_1 \text{ such that } \bar{C}_1 \subset \mathcal{D}_1, \quad \mathcal{D}_1 \cap (\Omega_1 \cap \Omega_2) = \emptyset.$$

and we denote by  $S_1 =$  that part of  $\partial\Omega_1$  which is inside  $\Omega_2$  (and the other way around for  $S_2$ ).

Fig. 2

We define

$$\begin{aligned} V_1 &= \{v_1 | v_1 \in H^1(\Omega_1 \cup \bar{C}_1), v_1 = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_1\} \\ V_2 &= \{v_2 | v_2 \in H^1(\Omega_2), v_2 = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_2\} \end{aligned}$$

$$a_1(u_1, \hat{u}_1) = \sum_{i,j} \int_{\Omega_1 \cup \bar{C}_1} a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial \hat{u}_1}{\partial x_i} dx, u_1, \hat{u}_1 \in V_1$$

where  $a_{ij}$  is extended by continuity into  $\bar{C}_1$  in such a way that the ellipticity condition (1) and the uniqueness property (2) are valid in  $C_1$ . We define  $a_2(u_2, \hat{u}_2)$  in the same way (no extension is needed here since  $\Omega_2$  has no hole) for  $u_2, \hat{u}_2 \in V_2$ .

In order to avoid any confusion, we define for  $w_1, \hat{w}_1 \in H^1(\mathcal{D}_1)$ .

$$a_{1\mathcal{D}_1}(w_1, \hat{w}_1) = \sum_{i,j} \int_{\mathcal{D}_1} a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial w_1}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial \hat{w}_1}{\partial x_i} dx.$$

The algorithms presented here use only the bilinear forms  $a_1, a_{1\mathcal{D}_1}, a_2$  and their adjoints.

□

We now introduce the *virtual controls*.

Let  $\mathcal{O}$  be an open set contained in  $\Omega_1 \cap \Omega_2$ , and let  $\mathcal{G}_1$  be an open set contained in  $\mathcal{D}_1, \mathcal{G}_1 \cap C_1 \neq \emptyset$ .

Fig 3

Fig. 4

( $\mathcal{O}$  and  $\mathcal{G}_1$  are shaded on the (magnified) Fig. 3 and 4). We set  $1_X =$  characteristic function of a set  $X$ . We introduce the *virtual controls*  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in L^2(\mathcal{O}), \mu_1, \nu_1 \in L^2(\mathcal{G}_1)$ :

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 0, \quad \mu_1 + \nu_1 = 0 \quad \text{on} \quad \mathcal{G}_1 \cap (\mathcal{D}_1 \setminus C_1). \quad (4)$$

**Remark 4**

We could certainly save the index "01" in  $C_1, \mathcal{D}_1, \mathcal{G}_1, \mu_1, \nu_1$  but we keep it here so as to make the extension to the case where there is also a hole in  $\Omega_2$  completely straightforward.

□

We still denote by  $f$  any extension of  $f$  inside the hole  $C_1$ , such that  $f \in L^2(\Omega \cup \bar{C}_1)$  (we can extend it by 0 inside  $C_1$ ) and we decompose  $f$  in

$$f = f_1 + f_{1\mathcal{D}_1} + f_2, f_1 \in L^2(\Omega_1 \cup \bar{C}_1), f_{1\mathcal{D}_1} \in L^2(\mathcal{D}_1), f_2 \in L^2(\Omega_2) \quad (5)$$

(where the functions are extended by 0 where they have to be extended).

We now define

$$u_1 \in V_1, \quad w_1 \in H^1(\mathcal{D}_1), \quad u_2 \in V_2 \quad (6)$$

as the solutions of

$$\begin{aligned} a_1(u_1, \hat{u}_1) &= (f_1, \hat{u}_1) + (\lambda_1 1_{\mathcal{O}}, \hat{u}_1) + (\mu_1 1_{\mathcal{G}_1}, \hat{u}_1) \quad \forall \hat{u}_1 \in V_1, \\ a_{1\mathcal{D}_1}(w_1, \hat{w}_1) &= (f_{1\mathcal{D}_1}, \hat{w}_1) + (\nu_1 1_{\mathcal{G}_1}, \hat{w}_1) \forall \hat{w}_1 \in H^1(\mathcal{D}_1), \\ a_2(u_2, \hat{u}_2) &= (f_2, \hat{u}_2) + (\lambda_2 1_{\mathcal{O}}, \hat{u}_2) \quad \forall \hat{u}_2 \in V_2. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

For a given choice of the virtual controls  $\lambda_i, \mu_i, \nu_i$ , the equations (7) (which can be solved in parallel) uniquely define the "state"  $u_1, w_1, u_2$ .

Let us admit for a moment the

**Approximate Controllability Lemma.** *When the virtual controls  $\lambda_i, \mu_i, \nu_i$  span  $L^2(\mathcal{O}), L^2(\mathcal{G}_1)$  subject to conditions (4), the functions  $(u_1 + w_1)|_{\partial C_1}, w_1|_{\partial \mathcal{D}_1}, u_1|_{S_1}, u_2|_{S_2}$  span a dense subset of  $L^2(\partial C_1) \times L^2(\partial \mathcal{D}_1) \times L^2(S_1) \times L^2(S_2)$ .*

Then, one can find  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \mu_1, \nu_1$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} u_1 + w_1 &\simeq 0 \quad \text{on} \quad \partial C_1 (\simeq 0 \text{ means of } L^2(\partial C_1) \text{ norm arbitrarily small}) \\ w_1 &\simeq 0 \quad \text{on} \quad \partial \mathcal{D}_1, \quad u_1 \simeq 0 \quad \text{on} \quad S_1, \quad u_2 \simeq 0 \quad \text{on} \quad S_2. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

But by virtue of (7) one has

$$\frac{\partial u_1}{\partial \nu} = 0 \quad \text{on} \quad S_1, \quad \frac{\partial w_1}{\partial \nu} = 0 \quad \text{on} \quad \partial \mathcal{D}_1, \quad \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial \nu} = 0 \quad \text{on} \quad S_2.$$

(where  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \nu}$  = co-normal derivative attached to  $A = -\sum \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (a_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j})$ ) so that if we extend  $u_1$  (resp.  $u_2$ , resp.  $w_1$ ) by 0 outside  $\Omega_1$  (resp.  $\Omega_2$ , resp.  $\mathcal{D}_1$ ) we have "approximately", outside  $S_i$  and  $\partial \mathcal{D}_1$  that  $u_1 \in H^2(\Omega), u_2 \in H^2(\Omega), w_1 \in H^2(\Omega)$ . According to (7), we have

$$Au_1 = f_1 + \lambda_1 1_{\mathcal{O}} + \mu_1 1_{\mathcal{G}_1}, \quad Aw_1 = f_{1\mathcal{D}_1} + \nu_1 1_{\mathcal{G}_1}, \quad Au_2 = f_2 + \lambda_2 1_{\mathcal{O}}.$$

Adding up and using (4), we obtain  $A(u_1 + w_1 + u_2) = f$ ,  $u_1 + w_1 + u_2 \simeq 0$  on  $\partial C_1$ ,  $u_1 + w_1 + u_2 = 0$  on  $\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2$ . so that  $u_1 + w_1 + u_2$  is an approximation of the solution  $u$ .  $\square$

Before showing in Section 3 below how all this can be applied to find an iterative algorithm to compute the virtual controls leading to (8), let us give a hint of the proof of the approximate controllability lemma.

By translation, we can assume that  $f_1, f_{1\mathcal{D}_1}, f_2$  are zero. Let  $g_1, h_1, l_1, l_2$  be in  $L^2(\partial C_1) \times L^2(\partial \mathcal{D}_1) \times L^2(S_1) \times L^2(S_2)$  such that

$$\int_{\partial C_1} g_1(u_1 + w_1) + \int_{\partial \mathcal{D}_1} h_1 w_1 + \int_{S_1} l_1 u_1 + \int_{S_2} l_2 u_2 = 0 \quad \forall \lambda_i, \mu_1, \nu_1 \quad (9)$$

(where the measure on the surfaces are not written). We define the functions  $p_1, q_1, p_2$   $p_1 \in V_1, q_1 \in H^1(\mathcal{D}_1), p_2 \in V_2$ , as the solutions of

$$\begin{aligned} a_1^*(p_1, \hat{p}_1) &= \int_{\partial C_1} g_1 \hat{p}_1 + \int_{S_1} l_1 \hat{p}_1 \quad \forall \hat{p}_1 \in V_1, \\ a_{1\mathcal{D}_1}^*(q_1, \hat{q}_1) &= \int_{\partial C_1} g_1 \hat{q}_1 + \int_{\partial \mathcal{D}_1} h_1 \hat{q}_1 \quad \forall \hat{q}_1 \in H^1(\mathcal{D}_1), \\ a_2^*(p_2, \hat{p}_2) &= \int_{S_2} h_2 \hat{p}_2 \quad \forall \hat{p}_2 \in V_2, \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

where  $a_i^*$  denotes the adjoint of  $a_i$ .

By taking  $\hat{p}_1 = u_1, \hat{q}_1 = w_1, \hat{p}_2 = u_2$  in (10), and using (7) (where the  $f$ 's are zero), and also using (4), we obtain :

$$\begin{aligned} p_1 &= 0 \quad \text{in } \mathcal{G}_1 \cap \mathcal{C}_1, \quad q_1 = 0 \quad \text{in } \mathcal{G}_1 \cap \mathcal{C}_1, \\ p_1 &= q_1 \quad \text{in } \mathcal{G}_1 \cap (\mathcal{D}_1 \setminus \mathcal{C}_1), \quad p_1 = p_2 \quad \text{in } \mathcal{O}. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

But  $A^*p_1 = 0$  inside  $\mathcal{C}_1$  and using the *uniqueness property* (we use (2) here), it follows that

$$p_1 = 0 \quad \text{in } \mathcal{C}_1, \quad \text{and (analogously) } q_1 = 0 \quad \text{in } \mathcal{C}_1. \quad (12)$$

By using the same uniqueness theorem (in various domains) we obtain that

$$p_1 = q_1 \quad \text{in } \mathcal{D}_1 \setminus \mathcal{C}_1, \quad p_1 = p_2 \quad \text{in } \Omega_1 \cap \Omega_2. \quad (13)$$

But  $p_1$  is regular enough such that, by (12),

$$p_1|_{\partial\mathcal{C}_1} = 0 \quad (14)$$

If we then set  $\pi = p_1$  in  $\Omega_1, p_2$  in  $\Omega_2$  (they adjust on  $\Omega_1 \cap \Omega_2$  by (13)), one has

$$A^*\pi = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega, \quad \pi = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2, \quad \pi = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\mathcal{C}_1,$$

by (14), so that  $\pi = 0$  in  $\Omega$ . Therefore  $p_1 = 0$  in  $\Omega_1 \cup \mathcal{C}_1, p_2 = 0$  in  $\Omega_2$  and therefore  $g_1 = 0, l_1 = 0, l_2 = 0$ . But by (13)  $q_1 = p_1$  in  $\mathcal{D}_1 \setminus \mathcal{C}_1$  so that  $q_1 = 0$  in  $\mathcal{D}_1 \setminus \mathcal{C}_1$  and in  $\mathcal{C}_1$ , hence  $h_1 = 0$ .  $\square$

**Remark** Properties analogous to (2), needed here to establish (12), for finite element approximations are known to be an open question in general.

### 3. The CSG Algorithms (Constructive Solid Geometry Algorithms)

We penalize conditions (8). It leads to the introduction of the cost function

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{J}(\lambda, \mu_1, \nu_1) &= \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \left[ \int_{\mathcal{O}} (\lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2^2) dx + \int_{\mathcal{G}_1} (\mu_1^2 + \nu_1^2) dx \right] + \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \int_{\partial\mathcal{C}_1} (u_1 + w_1)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\partial\mathcal{D}_1} w_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} \int_{S_1} u_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} \int_{S_2} u_2^2, \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

and we introduce a *gradient algorithm* for the approximation of

$$\inf_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \mu_1, \nu_1} \mathcal{J}(\lambda, \mu_1, \nu_1)$$

(subject to (4)). We introduce  $p_1, q_1, p_2$  by

$$\begin{aligned} a_1^*(p_1, \hat{p}_1) &= \int_{\partial\mathcal{C}_1} (u_1 + w_1) \hat{p}_1 + \int_{S_1} u_1 \hat{p}_1 \quad \forall \hat{p}_1 \in V_1, p_1 \in V_1, \\ a_{1\mathcal{D}_1}^*(q_1, \hat{q}_1) &= \int_{\partial\mathcal{C}_1} (u_1 + w_1) \hat{q}_1 + \int_{\partial\mathcal{D}_1} w_1 \hat{q}_1 \quad \forall \hat{q}_1 \in H^1(\mathcal{D}_1), q_1 \in H^1(\mathcal{D}_1), \\ a_2^*(p_2, \hat{p}_2) &= \int_{S_2} u_2 \hat{p}_2 \quad \forall \hat{p}_2 \in V_2, p_2 \in V_2. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Then, for  $\rho > 0$  sufficiently small, one defines

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_1^{n+1} &= \mu_1^n - \rho(\varepsilon\mu_1^n + \left\{ \begin{array}{l} p_1^n \text{ in } \mathcal{G}_1 \cap \mathcal{C}_1 \\ p_1^n - q_1^n \text{ in } \mathcal{G}_1 \cap (\mathcal{D}_1 \setminus \mathcal{C}_1) \end{array} \right\}), \\ \nu_1^{n+1} &= \nu_1^n - \rho(\varepsilon\nu_1^n + \left\{ \begin{array}{l} q_1^n \text{ in } \mathcal{G}_1 \cap \mathcal{C}_1 \\ p_1^n - q_1^n \text{ in } \mathcal{G}_1 \cap (\mathcal{D}_1 \setminus \mathcal{C}_1) \end{array} \right\}), \\ \lambda_i^{n+1} &= \lambda_i^n - \rho(\varepsilon\lambda_i^n + p_i^n) \text{ in } \mathcal{O}, \quad i = 1, 2 \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

One computes  $u_1^{n+1}, w_1^{n+1}, u_2^{n+1}$  (in parallel) by (7) where  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_1^{n+1}$  etc, and then one computes (in parallel)  $p_1^{n+1}, q_1^{n+1}, p_2^{n+1}$  by (15), and one proceeds.  $\square$

#### Remark 5

Everything applies with trivial changes to the cases where other Boundary Conditions are used on  $\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2$  and on  $\partial\mathcal{C}_1$ . We shall return on that.  $\square$

#### Remark 6

All what has been presented extends to *higher order boundary value problems* and to *systems* of equations.  $\square$

#### Remark 7

Problems are (of course) much more difficult in the *nonlinear cases*.

We *conjecture* that the approximate controllability Lemma is still (in general) valid for nonlinear problems, but this has not been proven.  $\square$

#### Remark 8

For *control problems* (i.e. problems where there is a "real" control say  $v$ ) one can still apply the above remarks. We deal then with virtual *and* real controls. The cost function (15) becomes now a function of the virtual controls and of the real ones and one can apply conjugate gradients algorithms.

With different techniques (based on *Domain Decomposition Methods*) this idea has been used in the note <sup>(1)</sup> of the authors.  $\square$

#### Remark 9

Of course the conditions (8) could be treated by other methods than penalty, such as Lagrange multipliers, augmented Lagrangians etc...  $\square$

### 3. A numerical example

We wish to compute the temperature  $u(x)$  in a spanner. The geometry  $\Omega$  is entered by set operations on a rectangle  $\Omega_1$ , a cercle  $\Omega_2$  a hole  $C_1$  and the mouth  $C_2$  (see Fig. 5):  $\Omega = \Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2 \setminus (C_1 \cup C_2)$ . The partial Differential Equation is

$$-\Delta u = 0, \quad \text{in } \hat{E}\hat{E}\Omega, \quad u|_{\partial C_1 \cup \partial C_2} = 100, \quad u|_{\partial\Omega - \partial C_1 \cup \partial C_2} = 0$$

where  $C_1$  is the mouth of the spanner and  $C_2$  the hole.

In order to account for the holes we construct two arbitrary domains  $\Omega_3$  and  $\Omega_4$  around  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  and included respectively in  $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$ . So we use the Virtual Control algorithm with four subdomains.

Discretization is done with the Finite Element Method of order one on triangles; we have used freefem+[9] to handle the interpolations on different meshes in an efficient way.

Figure 5 shows the 4 subdomains, the solution of the Laplace equation obtained, a convergence history and a one dimensional plot of  $\lambda \rightarrow u(x(\lambda), y(\lambda))$  where  $\lambda \rightarrow \{x(\lambda), y(\lambda)\}$  is the line joining the upper right corner of the spanner mouth with the center of the hole.

### Conclusion

This example shows that the method is numerically efficient. However more work needs to be done, one to justify convergence at the discrete level (an inf-sup condition is likely to be necessary for compatibility between meshes) and two to treat extrusions like the mouth of the spanner here, because in practice extrusion of a set  $D$  from  $\Omega$  is done by  $\Omega \setminus (\Omega \cap D)$  while here we require that  $D \subset \Omega$ .

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Fig. 5

The spanner is the union of a circle  $\Omega_2$  (upper left) with a rectangle  $\Omega_1$  (upper right) minus two wholes  $C_1, C_2$  which, for computational purpose, are surrounded by triangulated artificial domains (lower left triangulation for the mouth and lower right for the spanner hole). The solution of the PDE after 11 iterations is displayed in the center; no jump discontinuities are visible. A convergence history of the control cost function  $J$  and of the  $L^2$  error with the standard FEM solution is given on the lower left graph. On the lower right graph a one dimensional plot of the solution is shown on a line joining the upper corner of the spanner mouth with the center of the left hole; iteration 1,2 and the standard FEM solution are shown, the difference with the solution at iteration 11 is not visible.