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Imposing periodic boundary condition on arbitrary meshes by polynomial interpolation

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Multi-scale computational homogenization approach







- Macro –variables and micro- variables
 - Micro-variables
 - Equilibrium state $div(\sigma) + \rho b = 0$
 - Micro- strain \mathcal{E}
 - Material law
- $\varepsilon = \nabla_{s} u$ $\sigma = \hat{\sigma}(\varepsilon, \alpha, y)$



- Macro-variables: averaging theory

$$\overline{\sigma} = \frac{1}{V} \int_{V} \sigma dV \qquad \overline{\varepsilon} = \frac{1}{V} \int_{V} \varepsilon dV \qquad \overline{C} = \frac{d\overline{\sigma}}{d\overline{\varepsilon}}$$

Hill-Mandel condition
$$\overline{\sigma} : \overline{\varepsilon} = \frac{1}{V} \int_{V} \sigma : \varepsilon dV$$

 Boundary condition at micro-scale must be defined in order to satisfy Hill-Mandel and kinematic averaging condition





- Boundary value problem at micro-scale
 - Representative volume element (RVE)
 - Boundary conditions (BC) at micro-scale
 - Linear displacement BC: $\tilde{u}_i = u_i \bar{\varepsilon}_{ij} x_j = 0$ $\forall x \in \partial V$
 - Constant traction BC: $t_i = \bar{\sigma}_{ij}n_j$ $\forall x \in \partial V$

• Periodic BC:
$$u_i^+ - u_i^- = \bar{\varepsilon}_{ij}(x_j^+ - x_j^-)$$

 $t_i^+ = -t_i^-$
 $\forall x^+ \in \partial V^+ \quad \forall x^- \in \partial V^-$



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Periodic boundary condition

- Compare with linear displacement BC and constant traction BC:
 - Better estimation for a RVE size
 - More effective in terms of convergent rate
- Implementation in finite element context
 - Periodic mesh (left image): easy by constraining on matching nodes
 - Non-periodic mesh (right image): difficult →work objective





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Periodic boundary condition

- Imposing PBC by polynomial interpolation
 - Easy to implement
 - Applicable for arbitrary meshes
 - Applicable for 2-dimensional and 3-dimentional cases
 - Allows to impose strongly the PBC from the "weakest constraint" (linear displacement boundary condition) corresponding to the polynomial order 1 to the "strongest constraint" (classical PBC) corresponding to the polynomial high enough order.





Imposing PBC by interpolation

- Method idea
 - Displacement field of two opposite RVE sides is interpolated by linear combinations of some shape functions.

$$\boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{s}) = \mathbb{S}(\boldsymbol{s}) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} \mathbb{N}_{i}(\boldsymbol{s})\boldsymbol{a}_{i}$$

- Degrees of freedom of two opposite RVE sides are then substituted by the coefficients of these shape functions
- For imposing PBC
 - Displacement on negative part \rightarrow interpolation form
 - Displacement form on positive part \rightarrow PBC condition

$$u_{-}(s) = \mathbb{S}(s)$$
, and
 $u_{+}(s) = \mathbb{S}(s) + \bar{\varepsilon}.(x^{+} - x^{-})$

All DOFs on RVE boundary →interpolation coefficients a





Imposing PBC by interpolation

- Finite element implementation:
 - From interpolation form
 - Displacement on negative part $u_{-} = \widetilde{\mathbb{N}} \widetilde{q}$
 - Displacement on positive part

$$u_+ = \tilde{\mathbb{N}} \tilde{q} + \bar{arepsilon} (x^+ - x^-)$$

- Shape function matrix $\tilde{\mathbb{N}} \rightarrow$ user parameter
- Coefficient matrix $ilde{q} imes$ new DOFs add to systems





Imposing PBC by interpolation

- Finite element implementation:
 - Imposing PBC in element level
 - For element 1

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{u}_{e}(x,y) &= N_{1}(x,y)\boldsymbol{u}_{1} + N_{2}(x,y)\boldsymbol{u}_{2} + N_{3}(x,y)\boldsymbol{u}_{3} + N_{4}(x,y)\boldsymbol{u}_{4} = \mathbb{N}_{e}\boldsymbol{q}_{e} \\ \boldsymbol{q}_{e}^{T} &= \left[\begin{array}{ccc} \boldsymbol{u}_{1}^{T} & \boldsymbol{u}_{2}^{T} & \boldsymbol{u}_{3}^{T} & \boldsymbol{u}_{4}^{T} \end{array} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

- Node 1, 2 on RVE boundary
 - $\begin{array}{rcl} \mbox{ Negative part } u_1 & = & \mathbb{N}_1 \tilde{q} \\ u_2 & = & \mathbb{N}_2 \tilde{q} \\ \mbox{ Positive part } & u_1 & = & \mathbb{N}_1 \tilde{q} + \bar{\varepsilon} (x^+ x^-) \\ u_2 & = & \mathbb{N}_2 \tilde{q} + \bar{\varepsilon} (x^+ x^-) \end{array}$



• Element displacement vector

$$egin{aligned} q_e = egin{bmatrix} u_1 \ u_2 \ u_3 \ u_4 \end{bmatrix} = egin{bmatrix} \mathbb{N}_1 ilde q + \langle g
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angle \ \mathbb{N}_3 \ u_4 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbb{L}_e ilde q_e \ + ilde g_e \end{aligned}$$



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- Finite element implementation:
 - Imposing PBC in element level
 - Finite element equations without constraints

$$\sum_{e} \left(\boldsymbol{\delta} \boldsymbol{q}_{e}^{T} \boldsymbol{K}_{e} \boldsymbol{q}_{e} \right) - \sum_{e} \left(\boldsymbol{\delta} \boldsymbol{q}_{e}^{T} \boldsymbol{F}_{e} \right) = 0$$

• Element displacement constraints $\delta q_e = \mathbb{L}_e \delta ilde q_e$

• Finite element equation with constraints

$$\sum_{e} \left(\delta \tilde{\boldsymbol{q}}_{e}^{T} \mathbb{L}_{e}^{T} \boldsymbol{K}_{e} \mathbb{L}_{e} \tilde{\boldsymbol{q}}_{e} \right) - \sum_{e} \left(\delta \tilde{\boldsymbol{q}}_{e}^{T} \mathbb{L}_{e}^{T} \boldsymbol{F}_{e} - \delta \tilde{\boldsymbol{q}}_{e}^{T} \mathbb{L}_{e}^{T} \boldsymbol{K}_{e} \tilde{\boldsymbol{g}}_{e} \right) = 0$$

$$\sum_{e} \delta \tilde{\boldsymbol{q}}_{e}^{T} \left(\tilde{\boldsymbol{K}}_{e} \tilde{\boldsymbol{q}}_{e} - \tilde{\boldsymbol{F}}_{e} \right) = 0 \,,$$

- Modified element stiffness $ilde{m{K}}_e = \mathbb{L}_e^T m{K}_e \mathbb{L}_e$
- Modified external element force vector $\tilde{F}_e = \mathbb{L}_e^T (F_e K_e \tilde{g}_e)$





Polynomial interpolation

- 2 –dimensional interpolation
 - Lagrange interpolation: global interpolation $S(s) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i s^i$
 - Lagrange interpolation function

$$u = S(s) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} l_i(s)u_i$$
 $l_i(s) = \prod_{j=0, j \neq i}^{n} \frac{s - s_j}{s_i - s_j}$

- Matrix form $\boldsymbol{u}(s) = \tilde{\mathbb{N}}(s)\tilde{\boldsymbol{q}} \quad \tilde{\boldsymbol{q}}^T = [\boldsymbol{u}_0^T...\boldsymbol{u}_n^T]$
- If n =1, linear displacement BC is recovered.
- Cubic spline interpolation: segment interpolation
 - Divide to segments $[(s_{i-1}, u_{i-1}) (s_i, u_i)]$
 - Add slope to segment extremities θ_{i-1}, θ_i
 - Hermit interpolation function of order 3
 - $u(s) = H_1(\xi(s))u_{i-1} + H_2(\xi(s))\theta_{i-1} + H_3(\xi(s))u_i + H_4(\xi(s))\theta_i$
 - Matrix form $\boldsymbol{u}(s) = \tilde{\mathbb{N}}(\xi) \tilde{\boldsymbol{q}} \quad \tilde{\boldsymbol{q}}^T = [\boldsymbol{u}_0^T \boldsymbol{\theta}_0^T ... \boldsymbol{u}_N^T \boldsymbol{\theta}_N^T]$



Polynomial interpolation

- 3 –dimensional interpolation
 - Patch Coons interpolation
 - Displacement on edge \rightarrow use 2-dimensional interpolation



- By some manipulations $u(\xi,\eta) = P^{-}(\xi) + Q^{-}(\eta) u_A$
- By matrix form $\boldsymbol{u}(\xi,\eta) = \tilde{\mathbb{N}}_{P}(\xi)\boldsymbol{\tilde{q}}_{P} + \tilde{\mathbb{N}}_{Q}(\eta)\boldsymbol{\tilde{q}}_{Q} = \tilde{\mathbb{N}}(\xi,\eta)\boldsymbol{\tilde{q}}$





- 2 –dimensional cases
 - Elastic material E = 70GPa, Poisson ration = 0.3
 - Plan strain state and small deformation
 - With periodic hole structures: PBC with matching node and with polynomial interpolation → Method validation





Periodic mesh from periodic materials

Non-periodic mesh from periodic materials



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- 2 –dimensional cases
 - With periodic hole structures
 - CEM = constraint elimination method for periodic mesh



Convergence of effective property in terms of new DOFs added to system





• 2 –dimensional cases

- With random hole structures: non-periodic mesh
 - → method efficiency



Non-periodic mesh from random materials



Convergence of effective property in terms of new DOFs added to system





• 3 –dimensional cases

- With periodic structure: periodic mesh







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- 3 –dimensional cases
 - With periodic structure: periodic mesh
 - Von-Mises stress distribution





• 3 –dimensional cases

- With random structure: non- periodic mesh
 - Lagrange:
 - order 15
 - Cubic spline:
 - 10 segments









- 3 –dimensional cases
 - With random structure: non- periodic mesh
 - Von-Mises stress distribution







Conclusion and perspective

- Conclusion
 - A new method to enforce the PBC is presented
 - By using interpolation formulation
 - For arbitrary meshes
 - For 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional cases
 - Better estimation in compared with linear displacement BC which
 usually uses for non-periodic meshes
 - Key advantage of this method is the elimination of the need of matching nodes
 - Some examples demonstrated the method efficiency.
- Perspective
 - Study effective properties of foams by using periodic boundary condition



