A NODE-BASED UNIFORM STRAIN VIRTUAL ELEMENT METHOD FOR ELASTIC AND INELASTIC SMALL DEFORMATION PROBLEMS



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Motivation



Meshfree nodal integration

What is a nodal integration scheme?

- Numerical integration performed at the nodes
- Displacements, strains and stresses are nodal quantities
- In general, internal and historydependent variables become nodal quantities

Motivation (Cont'd)

Raison d'être of nodal integration schemes



- Remeshing using the same set of nodes
- Remapping of variables is avoided

Motivation (Cont'd)

Nodal integration in computational solid mechanics

- Meshfree and finite elements [P2008]
- More popular in meshfree methods
- Meshfree is less sensitive to mesh distortions than finite elements (mesh can be deformed more before a remeshing)
- Nodal integration is cheaper than Gauss integration in meshfree methods



FEM



MESHFREE

[P2018] Puso et al. Meshfree and finite element nodal integration methods. *International Journal for Numerical Methods in Engineering* 2008; 74(3): 416–446

Motivation (Cont'd)

Nodal integration + virtual element method: Why?

- Nodal integration accelerates meshfree computations
- But it is not enough (neighbor search, optimization problem)
- Nodal integration requires stabilization

(potential contributions of the VEM to nodal integration)

- Virtual Element Method (VEM) is robust under mesh distortions
- VEM provides a stabilization procedure
- VEM is closer to FEM in terms of computational resources

Node-Based Uniform Strain

Representative nodal area: $|I| = \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_I} \frac{1}{N_E^V} |E|; \quad N_E^V = \text{\# vertices } E$

Strain on each virtual element:

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}(\boldsymbol{u}_h) = rac{1}{2|E|} \int_{\partial E} \left(\boldsymbol{u}_h \otimes \boldsymbol{n} + \boldsymbol{n} \otimes \boldsymbol{u}_h
ight) \, \mathrm{d}s$$

Node-based uniform strain:

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}_{I}(\boldsymbol{u}_{h}) = rac{1}{|I|} \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{I}} |E| rac{1}{N_{E}^{V}} \widehat{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}(\boldsymbol{u}_{h}) \implies$$

Nodal averaging operator:

$$\pi_{I}[F] = F_{I} = \frac{1}{|I|} \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{I}} |E| \frac{1}{N_{E}^{V}} [F]_{E}$$

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[D2000] Dohrmann et al. Node-based uniform strain elements for three-node triangular and four-node tetrahedral meshes. *International Journal for Numerical Methods in Engineering* 2000; 47(9):1549–1568



Node-Based Uniform Strain VEM (NVEM)

VEM bilinear form at element level:

$$egin{aligned} a_{h,E}(oldsymbol{u}_h,oldsymbol{v}_h) &= a_E(\Pioldsymbol{u}_h,\Pioldsymbol{v}_h) \ &+ s_E(oldsymbol{u}_h-\Pioldsymbol{u}_h,oldsymbol{v}_h-\Pioldsymbol{v}_h) \end{aligned}$$



NVEM bilinear form at node level:

$$egin{aligned} a_{h,I}(oldsymbol{u}_h,oldsymbol{v}_h) &= a_I(\pi_I[\Pioldsymbol{u}_h],\pi_I[\Pioldsymbol{v}_h]) \ &+ s_I(\pi_I[oldsymbol{u}_h-\Pioldsymbol{u}_h],\pi_I[oldsymbol{v}_h-\Pioldsymbol{v}_h]) \end{aligned}$$



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Node-Based Uniform Strain VEM (NVEM) (Cont'd)

NVEM bilinear form at node level:

$$a_{h,I}(\boldsymbol{u}_h, \boldsymbol{v}_h) = |I| \, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}_I^{\mathsf{T}}(\boldsymbol{v}_h) \, \boldsymbol{D} \, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}_I(\boldsymbol{u}_h) + (\mathbf{1} - \boldsymbol{\Pi})_I^{\mathsf{T}} s_I(\boldsymbol{v}_h, \boldsymbol{u}_h) (\mathbf{1} - \boldsymbol{\Pi})_I$$

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}_{I} = \pi_{I}[\widehat{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}]; \quad (\mathbf{1} - \Pi)_{I} = \pi_{I}[\mathbf{1} - \Pi]; \quad s_{I} = \pi_{I}[s_{E}]$$

$$\pi_I[F] = \frac{1}{|I|} \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_I} |E| \frac{1}{N_E^V} [F]_E$$

NVEM bilinear form at global level:

$$a_h(\boldsymbol{u}_h, \boldsymbol{v}_h) = \sum_{I=1}^N \left[|I| \, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}_I^\mathsf{T}(\boldsymbol{v}_h) \, \boldsymbol{D} \, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}_I(\boldsymbol{u}_h) + (\mathbf{1} - \boldsymbol{\Pi})_I^\mathsf{T} s_I(\boldsymbol{v}_h, \boldsymbol{u}_h) (\mathbf{1} - \boldsymbol{\Pi})_I \right]$$

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Stabilization in the NVEM

Stabilization can render the solution too 'stiff' in the nearly incompressible limit. To mitigate this, a modified constitutive matrix is used in the stability part [P2018].

$$(\boldsymbol{s}_I)_{i,i} = \max\left(\left(\boldsymbol{v}_h^\mathsf{T}(\boldsymbol{x}_I)\,\boldsymbol{u}_h(\boldsymbol{x}_I)\right)_{i,i}, \left(|I|\,\widehat{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}_I^\mathsf{T}(\boldsymbol{v}_h)\,\widetilde{\boldsymbol{D}}\,\widehat{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}_I(\boldsymbol{u}_h)\right)_{i,i}\right),$$

$$\widetilde{D} = D(\widetilde{E}, \widetilde{\nu}), \quad \widetilde{E} = rac{\widetilde{\nu} \left(3\widetilde{\lambda} + 2\widetilde{\mu} \right)}{\widetilde{\lambda} + \widetilde{\mu}}, \quad \widetilde{\nu} = rac{\widetilde{\lambda}}{2\left(\widetilde{\lambda} + \widetilde{\mu}
ight)},$$

$$\widetilde{\mu} \coloneqq \mu, \quad \widetilde{\lambda} \coloneqq \min(\lambda, 25\widetilde{\mu})$$

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Stabilization in the NVEM (Cont'd)

An alternative stabilization that also mitigates the 'stiff' behavior of the full stabilization is [OB2022]:

$$(\boldsymbol{s}_I)_{i,i} = \max\left(\left(\boldsymbol{v}_h^\mathsf{T}(\boldsymbol{x}_I)\,\boldsymbol{u}_h(\boldsymbol{x}_I)\right)_{i,i}, \left(|I|\,\widehat{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}_I^\mathsf{T}(\boldsymbol{v}_h)\,\boldsymbol{D}_\mu\,\widehat{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}_I(\boldsymbol{u}_h)\right)_{i,i}\right),$$

$$\boldsymbol{D}_{\mu} = \begin{bmatrix} 2\mu & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 2\mu & 0\\ 0 & 0 & \mu \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \boldsymbol{D}_{\mu} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & \mu \end{bmatrix}$$

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Numerical Tests: Colliding Flow



Numerical Tests: Colliding Flow (Cont'd)



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Numerical Tests: Colliding Flow (Cont'd)



Numerical Tests: Cook's Membrane



 $P = 100 \text{ N}, E_{\text{Y}} = 250 \text{ MPa}, \nu = 0.4999$



Numerical Tests: Cook's Membrane (Cont'd)



Numerical Tests: Plate With Circular Hole



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Numerical Tests: Plate With Circular Hole (Cont'd)







1.5

0.5

0

0

0.5

 x_1

Numerical Tests: Plate With Circular Hole (Cont'd)





Numerical Tests: Plate With Circular Hole (Cont'd)







Plane strain $E_{\rm Y} = 10^3$ $\nu = 0.499999$

Numerical Tests: Elastoplastic Perforated Plate



Dimensions:

- H = 180 mm
- L = 100 mm
- R = 50 mm

Material:

- J2-Plasticity / Plane strain
- Perfect plasticity
- E = 7000 kgf/mm2
- v = 0.3
- $\sigma_{y0} = 24.3 \text{ kgf/mm2}$

Top displacement:

• δ = 2 mm

Num. Tests: Elastoplastic Perforated Plate (Cont'd)



Reference solution: Q9/3 – Mixed [Z2014]

[Z2014] Zienkiewicz et al., The Finite Element Method for Solid and Structural Mechanics, Elsevier Butterworth-Heinemann, Seventh Edition, 2014.

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Num. Tests: Elastoplastic Perforated Plate (Cont'd)



Summary and Outlook

- Developed NVEM (Nodal Integration VEM) for elastic and elastoplastic applications
- Several examples attested that NVEM is optimally convergent
- NVEM is devoid of volumetric locking in nearly incompressible elastic and elastic perfectly plastic materials
- Outlook: 3D simulations, large deformations with remeshing

Theory:

 A node-based uniform strain virtual element method for compressible and nearly incompressible elasticity (<u>https://arxiv.org/abs/2204.13825</u>)

VEM Solver:

 VEMLAB: A MATLAB Library for the Virtual Element Method (<u>https://camlab.cl/software/vemlab/</u>)

Polygonal Mesh Generation:

- POLYLLA: polygonal meshing algorithm based on terminal-edge regions (<u>https://doi.org/10.1007/s00366-022-01643-4</u>)
- Delynoi: an object-oriented C++ library for the generation of polygonal meshes (<u>https://camlab.cl/software/delynoi/</u>)