Modeling of Localized Inelastic Deformation

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Failure of Liberty (and other) ships during WW II



reason: brittle fracture

19 ships broke in half without warning

panel weakened by a spherical hole



panel weakened by an eliptical hole







exact approximation near the tip

$$\sigma_{y}(x,0) = \frac{\hat{\sigma} \cdot x}{\sqrt{x^{2} - a^{2}}} = \frac{\hat{\sigma} \cdot (a+r)}{\sqrt{(a+r)^{2} - a^{2}}} \approx \frac{\hat{\sigma} \cdot a}{\sqrt{2ar}} = \hat{\sigma} \sqrt{\frac{a}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}}$$
where $\frac{y}{a+r}$ at distances $r \ll a$ stress is inversely proportional to the square root of distance from the crack tip





general expression for the singular part of stress field that dominates near the crack tip









crack loaded in a mixed mode (combination of modes I and II):

$$\sigma_{y}(r,\theta) \approx \frac{K_{I}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \left(1 + \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{3\theta}{2}\right) - \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \left(2 + \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{3\theta}{2}\right)$$
$$\sigma_{x}(r,\theta) \approx \frac{K_{I}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \left(1 - \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{3\theta}{2}\right) + \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{3\theta}{2}$$
$$\tau_{xy}(r,\theta) \approx \frac{K_{I}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{3\theta}{2} + \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \left(1 - \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{3\theta}{2}\right)$$

A crack loaded in mode I propagates

if the stress intensity factor at its tip attains a critical value:

 $K_I = K$

stress intensity factor (depends on loading, shape and dimensions of the body and on the crack size)

fracture toughness (material property)

 $Nm^{-3/2}$

A crack loaded in mode I propagates

if its propagation releases a critical amount of energy:

energy release rate (depends on loading, shape and dimensions of the body and on the crack size)

fracture energy (material property) $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r} \\ \mathbf{r} \end{bmatrix}$

$$J/m^2 \equiv N/m$$

crack propagates if

$$K_I = K_c$$

$$\mathcal{G} = G_{\rm f}$$

local (Irwin) criterion

global (Griffith) criterion

for plane stress and mode I loading it can be shown that

$$\boldsymbol{\mathcal{G}} = \frac{K_I^2}{E}$$

the above criteria are then equivalent and the fracture tougness and fracture energy are linked by $G_{\rm f}=\frac{K_{\rm c}^2}{E}\qquad K_{\rm c}=1$

Direction of crack propagation

for mode I loading, the crack can be expected to propagate straight ahead, but for general mixed-mode loading we need a criterion for the crack direction



the direction of propagation is given by the angle θ_c for which

maximum circumferential stress criterion (maximum hoop stress criterion):

crack propagates in the direction perpendicular to the maximum circumferential stress (evaluated on a circle of a small diameter centered at the tip)

$$\sigma_{\theta}(r,\theta_{c}) = \max_{-\pi < \theta < \pi} \sigma_{\theta}(r,\theta)$$

F.2

Finite elements with discontinuities: Introduction

Classification of models: kinematic aspects



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Classification of models: material laws



Stress-strain law

Stress-strain law (pre-localization part)



Stress-strain law



Traction-separation law

Stress-strain law (post-localization part)



Enrichment acting as localization limiter:

- nonlocal
- gradient
- Cosserat
- viscosity

- 1) Formulated directly in the traction-separation space
 - a) with nonzero elastic compliance (elasto-plastic, ...)
 - b) with zero elastic compliance (rigid-plastic, ...)



For general applications, we need a link between the separation **vector** (displacement jump vector) and the traction **vector**:



2) "Derived" from a stress-strain law (softening continuum) using the strong discontinuity approach



Finite element representation of strong discontinuities



- 1) Discontinuities at element interfaces:
 - a) Remeshing
 - b) Interspersed potential discontinuities

Finite element representation of strong discontinuities



- 2) Arbitrary discontinuities across elements:
 - a) Elements with embedded discontinuities using the enhanced assumed strain formulation (EED-EAS) aka EFEM, SDA, GSDA, ...
 - b) Extended finite elements based on the partition-of-unity concept (XFEM-PUM) aka GFEM, ...

Embedded discontinuity (enhanced assumed strain)



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Approximation on two overlapping meshes (XFEM)



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Enrichment of interpolation functions in one dimension



Enrichment of interpolation functions in one dimension

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F.3

Elements with Embedded Discontinuities (EAS)
$$\mathbf{d} \mid \mathbf{\varepsilon} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{d}$$

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$$\mathbf{\sigma} = \mathbf{\sigma}(\mathbf{\varepsilon},...)$$

$$\mathbf{\sigma} \quad \mathbf{f}_{int} = \mathbf{\sigma}(\mathbf{\varepsilon},...)$$

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d

? kinematics ?

 $\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{E} & \mathbf{e} \\ & \\ \mathbf{f} & \\ \mathbf{\sigma} & \mathbf{t} \end{array}$

? equilibrium ?

f_{int}



Three types of formulations:

- KOS ... kinematically optimal symmetric
- SOS ... statically optimal symmetric
- SKON ... kinematically and statically optimal nonsymmetric

























- Misalignment between crack and element
- Distorted principal directions
- Stress locking



















F.4

Extended Finite Elements (XFEM) Based on Partition of Unity

Standard finite element approximation:

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Enriched approximation:

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selected enrichment functions

Enrichment by Heaviside function:



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set of nodes with Heaviside enrichment





nodes with Heaviside enrichment

The enriched approximation can be rearranged to give better physical meaning to the degrees of freedom:


XFEM – enrichment by step function



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Additional enrichment improving the approximation around the crack tip:



Functions that appear in the analytical near-tip solution:

$$B_{1}(r,\theta) = \sqrt{r} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \qquad B_{3}(r,\theta) = \sqrt{r} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \theta$$
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nodes with Heaviside enrichment



But if the crack is curved, we cannot define functions B_i in terms of the standard polar coordinates because B_1 would not be discontinuous across the crack but across the dotted line.

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and define B_i in terms of the pseudo-polar coordinates

$$r(\psi,\varphi) = \sqrt{\psi^2 + \varphi^2}$$

$$\theta(\psi, \varphi) = \operatorname{sgn}(\varphi) \operatorname{arccos} \frac{\psi}{\sqrt{\psi^2 + \varphi^2}}$$

Functions φ and ψ are the so-called **level set functions.**



They are defined by their values at nodes around the crack and interpolated using the standard shape functions:

$$\varphi(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{I} N_{I}(\mathbf{x}) \varphi_{I}, \quad \psi(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{I} N_{I}(\mathbf{x}) \psi_{I}$$

For an existing crack, function φ can be constructed as the signed distance function:



$$\varphi(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{x} - P_{\Gamma}(\mathbf{x})\| \operatorname{sgn}[(\mathbf{x} - P_{\Gamma}(\mathbf{x})) \cdot \mathbf{n}(P_{\Gamma}(\mathbf{x}))]$$

Criteria for Direction of Crack Propagation



















Crack direction = normal to the maximum principal stress direction







Crack direction = normal to the direction of maximum principal **nonlocal** stress (or strain)





Stress state around the tip of a cohesive crack is very close to equibiaxial tension







Stress distribution at constant distance from the tip of a stress-free crack







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F.5 Comparison: EED-EAS versus XFEM-PUM

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Extended finite elements



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Separated parts	partially coupled	fully decoupled

Journal bearing: Physical process



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Journal bearing: Mesh respecting material boundaries



Journal bearing: Structured mesh with enrichment



Journal bearing: Structured mesh with enrichment



One element crossed by pre-existing discontinuity



One element: Physical process



One element: Physical process



One element: EED-EAS



One element: EED-EAS



One element: XFEM-PUM



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One element crossed by pre-existing discontinuity



Uniqueness of the element response (EED-EAS)









The solution is unique for infinitesimal displacement increments of an arbitrary direction if

$$\lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{Q}_{sym}) + H > 0$$

where \mathbf{Q}_{sym} is the symmetric part of $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{D}_e \mathbf{B} \mathbf{H}$

and H < 0 is the discrete softening modulus.

Physical meaning of **Q** ...






 $\lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{Q}_{sym}) > -H_{\min}$

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$$\mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{Q}_{sym} \, \mathbf{e} = \mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{Q} \, \mathbf{e} = \mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{t}^e < 0$$
 can happen











discontinuity segments placed at element centers



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maximum deviation α between element side and discontinuity is limited (e.g., 30 degrees for an equilateral triangle)

discontinuity segments form a continuous path



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maximum deviation α between element side and discontinuity is given by the largest angle of the triangle (e.g., 60 degrees for an equilateral triangle) Condition under which uniqueness can be guaranteed if the element is sufficiently small:

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three dimensions ...
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violated even if the tetrahedral element is regular

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Numerical behavior	rather fragile	more robust

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THE END

F.6

Regularized Continua with Strong Discontinuities

F.6.1 Strong Discontinuities versus Regularized Continuum Models









nonlocal damage model



nonlocal damage model

One-dimensional localization test



evolution of strain profile

One-dimensional localization test



Problem with definition of fracture energy



traction-separation law

Process zone replaced by cohesive crack



Process zone replaced by cohesive crack



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Diffuse damage zone replaced by cohesive cracks



Diffuse damage zone replaced by cohesive cracks





F.6.2 Nonlocal Model with Transition to Strong Discontinuities

From diffuse damage to discrete cracking


From diffuse damage to discrete cracking



From diffuse damage to discrete cracking



From diffuse damage to discrete cracking



Transition from diffuse to localized failure pattern



One-dimensional localization test



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uniform strain distribution

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uniform strain distribution



localized strain distribution, continuous



localized strain distribution, discontinuous





F.6.4 Influence of Crack on Nonlocal Strain

Observation (Simone et al.):

maximum value of nonlocal strain is not attained at the crack tip



Observation (Simone et al.): with standard averaging, maximum value of nonlocal strain **is not** attained at the crack tip



maximum value of nonlocal strain is not attained at the crack tip ??



maximum value of nonlocal strain is not attained at the crack tip !!



line crack

thin layer of damaged material



Contribution of crack opening to nonlocal equivalent strain



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after correction, maximum value of nonlocal strain is attained at the crack tip



variation of nonlocal strain at constant distance from the crack tip



variation of nonlocal strain at constant distance from the crack tip



variation of nonlocal strain at constant distance from the crack tip



without crack influence and improper energy balance





with crack influence and proper energy balance




























































Notched three-point bending test

