

## Homework Set #8

assigned: Friday, January 20th, 2017  
 due: Friday, February 10th, 2016, 3 pm  
 drop boxes outside 374 Firestone

### Review: Periodic Boundary Conditions

Periodic BCs enforce the condition (written for finite kinematics)

$$f_c(\mathbf{U}^h) = \mathbf{u}^+ - \mathbf{u}^- - (\mathbf{F}^* - \mathbf{I})(\mathbf{X}^+ - \mathbf{X}^-).$$

for each pair of boundary nodes. Moreover, for a 2D RVE we showed that the above turns into

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(\mathbf{U}^h) &= \mathbf{u}^1, \\ f_3(\mathbf{U}^h) &= \mathbf{u}^3 - \mathbf{u}^2 - \mathbf{u}^4, \\ f_{lr}(\mathbf{U}^h) &= \mathbf{u}^+ - \mathbf{u}^- - \mathbf{u}^2 && \text{for each left/right pair,} \\ f_{tb}(\mathbf{U}^h) &= \mathbf{u}^+ - \mathbf{u}^- - \mathbf{u}^4 && \text{for each top/bottom pair} \end{aligned}$$

along with essential BCs at the corner nodes,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}^2 &= (\mathbf{F}^* - \mathbf{I})\mathbf{L}_{21}, \\ \mathbf{u}^4 &= (\mathbf{F}^* - \mathbf{I})\mathbf{L}_{41} \end{aligned}$$

for *strain-controlled loading* with average deformation gradient  $\mathbf{F}^*$  and/or

$$I[\varphi] = \int_{\Omega} W(\mathbf{F}) dV - \mathbf{u}^4 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{F}}^4 - \mathbf{u}^2 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{F}}^2 \quad \text{with} \quad \hat{\mathbf{F}}^2 = \mathbf{P}^* \int_{\partial\Omega_r} \mathbf{N}_r dS, \quad \hat{\mathbf{F}}^4 = \mathbf{P}^* \int_{\partial\Omega_t} \mathbf{N}_t dS$$

for *stress-controlled loading* with average stress tensor  $\mathbf{P}^*$ .

### Problem 1: code development (25 points).

Let us develop a concept for the implementation of the above periodic boundary conditions in 2D. To this end, conceive a viable and efficient implementation of the following components:

- (i) Modify/replace the `EssentialBoundaryCondition` object to allow for general linear constraints

$$f_c(\mathbf{U}^h) = \sum_{a=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^d \alpha_i^a u_i^a - \delta = 0.$$

- (ii) Modify the Newton-Raphson solver to correctly impose the your new `EssentialBoundaryCondition`.  
 (iii) Create a method that identifies all node pairs and corners for a given periodic rectangular mesh.  
 (iv) Develop a `Main` file or (ideally) modular code structure to conveniently impose components of  $\mathbf{F}^*$  and  $\mathbf{P}^*$  via the above periodic BCs (you can use the existing `ConstantForce` class).

Write pseudo-code for each component and propose interfaces for each class/method.

*Hint:* `EssentialBoundaryCondition` is defined in `core/Definitions.h`.

**Problem 2: periodic BCs (50 points).**

Implement the above new code structure in our finite element code and test it for a homogeneous RVE (using, e.g., CST elements and a Neo-Hookean material model in 2D – you will have to modify the existing 3D Neo-Hookean model for this purpose). Use the tools from set #7 to compute  $\langle \mathbf{P} \rangle$ .

Note that, when applying  $\mathbf{F}^*$  to a homogeneous RVE, you can expect a uniform solution so that  $\langle \mathbf{P} \rangle = \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{F}^*)$ , which can be used to verify the accuracy of the scheme.

**Problem 3: homogenization (20 points).**

Use your new code structure to compute the response of the random microstructure of problem set #1 (using the Neo-Hookean model here). Compute the stress-strain response under uniaxial straining using periodic boundary conditions (i.e., apply a stretch  $\lambda$  in the loading direction, while the RVE is stress-free in the transverse directions).

**Problem 4: project (5 points).**

Decide on a topic for your final project, which should involve the theory discussed and/or tools developed during this class. For example, use the homogenization techniques developed above in order to determine the effective response of a particular material with microstructure and investigate the influence of choice of boundary conditions.

*total: 100 points*

**Note:** You are welcome to solve this problem set in a *team of 1–3 students* – choose wisely so that the team can stay together for the final project as well (you are, of course, welcome to choose a different team for the final project but it may help to use the same team since the code developed here may be used).