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The problem of a homogeneous, elasto-plastic cylindrical bar
is as follows [see page 18 of SMR/23/22]:

Find θ_α such that

$$\text{ob. (B)} \begin{cases} \theta_\alpha \in K; & J_\alpha(\theta_\alpha) \leq J_\alpha(\phi) \quad \forall \phi \in K; \\ \sigma_{ij}^\alpha = 0 \text{ except } \sigma_{13}^\alpha = \frac{\partial \theta_\alpha}{\partial x_2} = \sigma_{31}^\alpha; & \sigma_{23}^\alpha = -\frac{\partial \theta_\alpha}{\partial x_1} = \sigma_{32}^\alpha, \end{cases}$$

where

$$1) \quad J_\alpha(\phi) = \int_{\Omega} |\text{grad } \phi|^2 dx - 4\mu \int_{\Omega} \phi dx, \quad \phi \in K$$

$$2) \quad K = \left\{ \phi / \phi \in H_0^1(\Omega), |\text{grad } \phi| \leq 1 \text{ a.e. on } \Omega \text{ and } \text{grad } \phi = 0 \text{ on } \Omega_l, l=1, 2, \dots, q \right\}.$$

Ω is a bounded domain in $\mathbb{R}^2$ with boundary $\partial\Omega$; Ω_l are
subdomains of Ω , entirely contained inside Ω such that

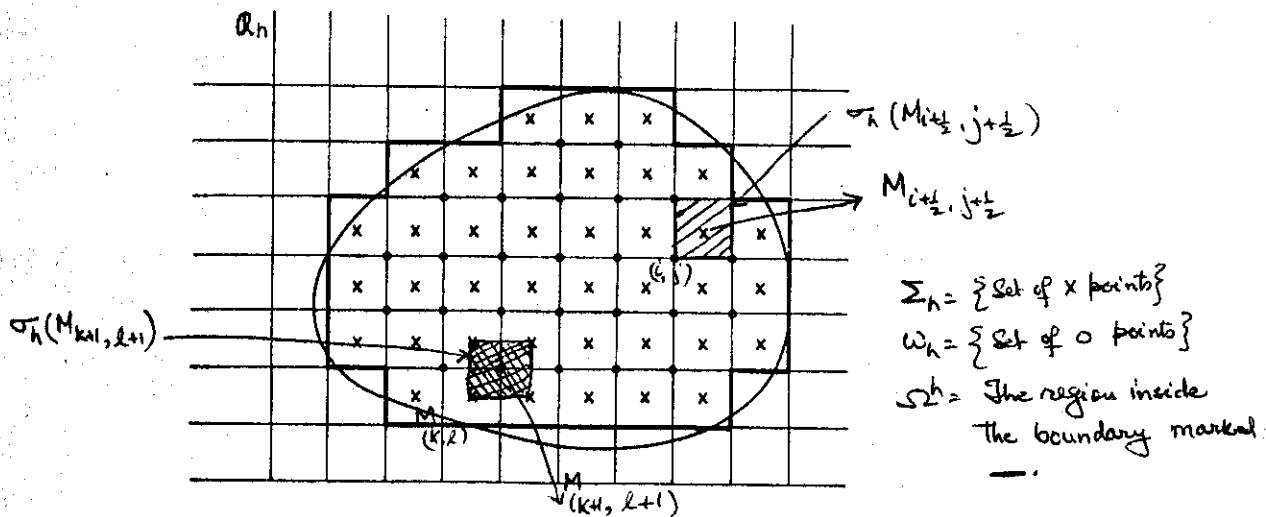
$$\bar{\Omega}_i \cap \bar{\Omega}_j = \emptyset \text{ for } i \neq j.$$

For numerical solution, we cover the region Ω with a square
mesh of size h ($h > 0$). Denote the node points as follows:

$$M_{ij} = (x_i, y_j) = (ih, jh)$$

$$M_{i+\frac{1}{2}, j+\frac{1}{2}} = (x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) = \left(\left(i+\frac{1}{2}\right)h, \left(j+\frac{1}{2}\right)h \right)$$

The points M_{ij} are marked on the figure by circles "o" and
"x".



Let

$R_h =$ Set of all mesh points in R^2 i.e. $\{M_{ij} = (i_h, j_h) / i, j \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

$\Sigma_h =$ Set of crosses "x" lying inside $\bar{\Omega}$ $\{M_{i+\frac{1}{2}, j+\frac{1}{2}} \in \bar{\Sigma}\}$

$\omega_h =$ Set of circles "o" lying inside $\bar{\Omega}$ $\{M_{ij} \in \bar{\omega}\}$

$\sigma_h(M_{ij}) =$ The square cell, with centre at M_{ij} , formed by the four "cross" points $M_{i-\frac{1}{2}, j-\frac{1}{2}}$, $M_{i+\frac{1}{2}, j-\frac{1}{2}}$, $M_{i+\frac{1}{2}, j+\frac{1}{2}}$ and $M_{i-\frac{1}{2}, j+\frac{1}{2}}$.

$\sigma_h(M_{i+\frac{1}{2}, j+\frac{1}{2}}) =$ The square cell, with centre at $M_{i+\frac{1}{2}, j+\frac{1}{2}}$, formed by the four "circle" points M_{ij} , $M_{i, j+1}$, $M_{i+1, j+1}$ and $M_{i+1, j}$.

$\Omega^h = \bigcup_{M_{i+\frac{1}{2}, j+\frac{1}{2}} \in \Sigma_h} \sigma_h(M_{i+\frac{1}{2}, j+\frac{1}{2}})$

Note: Ω^h is the polygonal region enclosed by the thick lines in the above figure.

The Ω^h is considered to be an approximation of Ω . The approximate solution ϕ_h is to be computed on Ω^h .

Let $V_h =$ Set of all real-valued functions ϕ_h defined on the node points "o" of $\omega_h = \{\phi_h / (\phi_h)_{M_{ij}} = \phi_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}\}$.

The dimension of V_h is $\dots$

The functional $J_\alpha(\phi)$ is approximated by

$$1) J_{\alpha h}(\phi_h) = \frac{h^2}{2} \sum_{M_{i+\frac{1}{2}, j+\frac{1}{2}} \in \Sigma_h} \left[\left(\frac{\phi_{i+1,j} - \phi_{i,j}}{h} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\phi_{i+1,j+1} - \phi_{i,j+1}}{h} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\phi_{i,j+1} - \phi_{i,j}}{h} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\phi_{i+1,j+1} - \phi_{i+1,j}}{h} \right)^2 \right] - 4\mu\alpha \sum_{M_{ij} \in \omega_h} \phi_{ij} \quad \text{for all } \phi_h \in V_h;$$

with $\phi_{pq} = 0$ if $M_{pq} \notin \omega_h$.

The above expression is obtained by ^{discretizing &} integrating $|\text{grad } \phi|^2$ along the four sides of the square cell $\sigma_h(M_{i+\frac{1}{2}, j+\frac{1}{2}})$.

The set K is approximated as follows:

$$4) K_h = \left\{ \phi_h / \phi_h \in V_h, \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{\phi_{i+1,j} - \phi_{i,j}}{h} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\phi_{i+1,j+1} - \phi_{i,j+1}}{h} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\phi_{i,j+1} - \phi_{i,j}}{h} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\phi_{i+1,j+1} - \phi_{i+1,j}}{h} \right)^2 \right] \leq 1 \quad \forall M_{i+\frac{1}{2}, j+\frac{1}{2}} \in \Sigma_h; \right. \\ \left. \phi_{ij} = C_\ell \quad \forall M_{ij} \in \bar{\Omega}_\ell \cap \omega_h \right\}.$$

Since, $\text{grad } \phi = 0$ in Ω_ℓ , we introduce constants C_ℓ such that $\phi = C_\ell$ inside Ω_ℓ .

The problem now is to minimize $J_{\alpha h}(\phi_h)$ subject to the condition (4).

The expression in square brackets in equation (3) is of the following form:

$$\frac{2}{h^2} \left[\underbrace{\phi_{ij}^2}_+ + \underbrace{\phi_{i+1,j}^2}_+ + \underbrace{\phi_{i+1,j+1}^2}_+ + \underbrace{\phi_{i,j+1}^2}_+ - \phi_{ij}\phi_{i+1,j} - \phi_{i+1,j}\phi_{i+1,j+1} - \phi_{i+1,j}\phi_{i,j+1} - \phi_{i,j+1}\phi_{ij} \right]$$

When summed over all cells of Ω^n , this expression is equivalent to the Quadratic form

$$(A\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}),$$

Where A is a symmetric, positive definite matrix and $\mathbf{u}$ is the vector of unknowns $\{\phi_{ij}\}$. The dimension of A = Number of "0" ~~elements~~ ^{points} in ω_n ; $(\cdot, \cdot)$ represents the standard scalar product in R^N .

Thus the problem of minimizing (3) on the set (4) is equivalent to the following problem:

$$(5) \begin{cases} \text{Minimize } [(A\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}) - 2(b, \mathbf{u})], \\ \mathbf{u} \in K \\ \text{Where } K = \{\mathbf{u} | \mathbf{u} \in R^N, g_j(\mathbf{u}) \leq \gamma_j, 1 \leq j \leq M\}. \end{cases}$$

The function $g_j(\mathbf{u})$, $1 \leq j \leq M$, is a positive semi-definite quadratic form on R^N . The problem (5) has a unique solution.

In order to solve (5), we form a Lagrangian

$$(6) \quad \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{u}, \mu) = (A\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}) - 2(b, \mathbf{u}) + \sum_{j=1}^M \mu_j (g_j(\mathbf{u}) - \gamma_j).$$

This Lagrangian must be minimized with respect to $\mathbf{u}$.

There exists $\lambda \in R^M$, $\lambda_j \geq 0$, $1 \leq j \leq M$ such that

$$(7) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial u_i}(\mathbf{u}, \lambda) = 0, & i = 1, 2, \dots, N; \\ \lambda_j (g_j(\mathbf{u}) - \gamma_j) = 0, & j = 1, 2, \dots, M \end{cases}$$

Such vectors λ are not necessarily unique. The existence of such λ is shown by D. ...

The problem (7) is solved by the following algorithm:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (8a) & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Start with arbitrary } \lambda = \lambda^0 \in R_+^M \text{ (ie. } \lambda_j^0 \geq 0, 1 \leq j \leq M) \\ \text{Assuming } \lambda^n \in R_+^M \text{ is known, determine successive} \\ u^n \in R^N \text{ and } \lambda^{n+1} \in R_+^M \text{ by solving} \end{array} \right. \\
 (8b) & \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_i}(u^n, \lambda^n) = 0, \quad 1 \leq i \leq N; \\
 (8c) & \quad \lambda_j^{n+1} = \max(0, \lambda_j^n + \rho(g_j(u^n) - r_j)), \quad 1 \leq j \leq M; \quad \rho > 0
 \end{aligned}$$

The equation (8b) represents a system of linear equations with a symmetric, positive-definite matrix when $\lambda^n \in R_+^M$. Given λ^n , the vector u^n is determined uniquely from (8b).

Glowinski [Rendi Centi de l'Universit  de Rome, 1971] has shown that, for sufficiently small ρ ($\rho > 0$), the solution u^n of (8a, b, c) converges to the solution u of the minimization problem (5).

Note. The problem of simply-connected domain is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 B_1^* & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Minimize } J_\alpha(\phi), \quad \phi \in K^* \\ \text{where } J_\alpha(\phi) \text{ is defined in (1),} \\ K^* = \left\{ \phi \mid \phi \in H_0^1(\Omega), \text{ grad } \phi = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega_\ell, 1 \leq \ell \leq q; \right. \\ \left. |\phi(x)| \leq \theta_\infty^*(x) \text{ a.e. on } \Omega \right\}, \end{array} \right.
 \end{aligned}$$

The set K^* may be approximated by

$$(9) \quad K_{\infty}^* = \left\{ \phi_h / \phi_h \in V_h ; |\phi_{ij}| \leq \Theta_{\infty}^*(M_{ij}) \quad \forall M_{ij} \in \omega_h ; \right. \\ \left. \phi_{ij} = c_{\ell} \quad \forall M_{ij} \in \bar{\Omega}_{\ell} \cap \omega_h \right\}.$$

This problem is of the type :

$$(10) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Minimize } [(A u, u) - 2(b, u)] ; \\ u \in K' \\ K' = \{u / u \in \mathbb{R}^N, a_i \leq u_i \leq b_i \text{ for } i=1, 2, \dots, N\} \end{array} \right.$$

This problem has a unique solution u' .

This problem is easier to solve as the matrix A is ~~symmetric~~ positive definite with positive diagonal elements ($a_{ii} > 0$). The solution u' is obtained by the method of successive over-relaxation with projection :

$$A = [a_{ij}], i, j = 1, \dots, N ; \quad b = (b_1, \dots, b_N)$$

(11a) Start with $u^0 \in K'$, arbitrary vector.

Assuming u^n is known, the elements u_i^{n+1} of u^{n+1} are obtained by

$$(11b) \quad \bar{u}_i^{n+1} = \frac{1}{a_{ii}} \left(b_i - \sum_{j < i} a_{ij} u_j^{n+1} - \sum_{j > i} a_{ij} u_j^n \right),$$

$$u_i^{n+1} = \max(a_i, \min(b_i, \bar{u}_i^{n+1} + \omega(\bar{u}_i^{n+1} - u_i^n))$$

The results of these computations were given in the Lanchau lecture notes SMR/23/25.

The computations were performed on IBM 360/91.
In the case of the third model (page 34 of SMR/23/25) of a circular section with two circular cavities, a mesh size of $h = \frac{1}{40}$ was chosen and the computation time was of the order of half a minute and depended upon the torsion angle α .

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