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THE DYNAMIC STRAIN LOCALISATION: SEM NUMERICAL ANALYSES OF VISCOPLASTIC GEOMATERIALS

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1-Numerical code

2-Constitutive modelling



3-Dynamic response



GEO-ELSE

(GEO-ELasticity by Spectral Elements)

- GEO-ELSE is a Spectral Elements code for the study of wave propagation phenomena in 2D or 3D complex domain
- Developers:
 - CRS4 (Center for Advanced, Research and Studies in Sardinia)



- Politecnico di Milano, DIS (Department of Structural Engineering)
- Native parallel implementation
- Naturally oriented to large scale applications (> at least 10⁶ grid points)



Formulation of the elastoclynamic problem

Dynamic equilibrium in the weak form:

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \int_{\Omega} \rho u_i v_i d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \sigma_{ij} \varepsilon_{ij} d\Omega = \int_{\Gamma} t_i v_i + \int_{\Omega} f_i v_i$$

where u_i = unknown displacement function v_i = generic admissible displacement function (test function) t_i = prescribed tractions at the boundary Γ f_i = prescribed body force distribution in Ω



Time advancing scheme

Finite difference 2nd order (LF2 – LF2)

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{u_{n+1} - 2u_n + u_{n-1}}{\Delta t^2}$$
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{u_{n+1} - u_{n-1}}{2\Delta t}$$

Courant-Friedrichs-Levy (CFL) stability condition



Spatial discretization

Spectral element method SEM (Faccioli et al., 1997)



Spectral discretization of the spatial clomain

- The domain is split into quadrilaterals (hexahedra)
- Each subdomain is mapped onto a reference element
- LGL nodes are introduced
- Spectral grid-points are mapped back onto the domain





The Legendre-Gauss-Lobatto quadrature formula

 $\int_{-1}^{1} f(x) dx \cong \sum_{k=0}^{N} \alpha_k f(x_k)$

where

 $\alpha_k = \frac{2}{N(N+1)} \frac{1}{L_N^2(x_k)}$

 $L_N(x_k)$ being the Legendre orthogonal polynomial of degree N, calculated at the LGL node x_k

LGL nodes: $L'_N(x_k) = 0$ $[x_0 = -1, ..., x_N = 1]$



2D spectral elements and LGL nodes for different values of the polynomial degree





Selection of the test functions

A suitable choice is the Lagrange polynomial of degree N, which is equal to one at the *j* th LGL node and vanishes at all other nodes



Why using spectral elements ? acoustic problem



Acoustic wave propagation through an irregular domain. Simulation with spectral degree 1 *(left)* exhibits numerical dispersion due to poor accuracy. Simulation with spectral degree 2 *(right)* provides better results. Change of spectral degree is done at **run time**.

3D Soil-Structure - Acquasanta viaduct

Complex 3D layered structures with two main faults





Alluvial Deposits (max depth 30 m) with a masonry railway bridge crossing the valley











GEO-ELSE Viscoplastic

⇒ Elastoviscoplastic constitutive model

Single potential, anisotropic hardening, non associated flow rule [di Prisco et al. 1993]



Hardening Variables $\beta_{f}; \chi_{ii}; r_{c}$ 4 **f=0**



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The constitutive parameters are assumed to be linearly dependent on the current value of Dr



It is necessary for capturing the softening regime of dense sands



GEO-ELSE Viscoplastic

⇒ Nonlocal approach

It is necessary for numerically studying strain localisation problems in order to avoid mesh dependence of solution



the viscous nucleus is dependent on a non-local yield fuction

where $\hat{f} = \int_{\overline{V}} f(x_i) \omega(x_i - x_{0i}) dV$ [di Prisco et al. 2002]

The size of \overline{V} defines the region whose state influences the microstructural evolution of point taken into consideration. Generally it is associated with the grain size of the material

in one dimension:
$$\omega(x-x_0) = \frac{(1/\sqrt{2\pi})e^{-(x-x_0)^2/2}}{\int_{-\Delta x/2}^{-\Delta x/2} (1/\sqrt{2\pi})e^{-(x-x_0)^2/2}dx}$$



Implementation of the viscoplastic model in GEO-ELSE

For simplicity absence of absorbent conditions and not viscous material

 $[M]\ddot{\boldsymbol{u}}(t) + [K]\boldsymbol{u}(t) = \boldsymbol{F}_{ext}(t)$

 $\dot{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} = \boldsymbol{D}^e : (\dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}} - \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}^{vp})$

with $[K]u(t) = F_{int} = \int \sigma d\Omega$

The viscoplastic model introduces an additional right hand side term

$$\boldsymbol{u}_{n+1} = \left(\boldsymbol{F}_{ext} - \boldsymbol{F}_{int}\right) \left[\boldsymbol{M}\right]^{-1} \Delta t^2 + 2\boldsymbol{u}_n - \boldsymbol{u}_{n-1}$$



Plane strain biaxial compression test

Vertical controlled displacement





Dense sand homogeneous specimen











Plane strain biaxial compression test





SD3



















Definition of the viscous nucleus

Fast loading tests Impact tests





 $\Phi_1 = \gamma_{visco} \exp(\alpha f) \quad if \quad f \leq f_0$ $\Phi_2 = \beta \sqrt[\delta]{\log(\zeta f)} \quad if \quad f \quad \rangle \quad f_0$

Shock load controlled biaxial compression test





Dense sand homogeneous specimen



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fr = 1 Hz

fr = 0.5 Hz fr = 0.1 Hz fr = 0.05 Hz







Shock load controlled biaxial compression test





What viscous nucleus ?





(disp1) 0.005 0.005 0.005

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step 1 Contour Fill of displ, [displ]. Deformation (x5): displ of TIME ANALYSIS, step 1.

