



Modeling of contact interaction with friction

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Objective

- Contact problems are highly nonlinear, their solution is always expensive in terms of time and resources
- Development of the algorithm based on the minimization of deformation energy of mechanical system
- Two main spheres of application: simulation of riveting process, modeling of sliding between soil layers



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Problem statement

Two parts are initially separated, distance between them – initial gap



Unknown variables: U – vector of displacements in the contact zone $U = \arg \min W$, where W – deformation energy of the mechanical system

Bodies may slide relative to each other according to the dry friction law

Rigidity matrix (1)





Thus, we substitute the body by its rigidity matrix, having the equality:

$$F = K \cdot U$$

Rigidity matrix (2)



Loads can be applied in computational nodes in any direction

$$F^{T} = (f_{1x}, f_{1y}, f_{1z}, f_{2x}, f_{2y}, f_{2z}, \cdots, f_{nx}, f_{ny}, f_{nz})$$

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Displacements of nodes are calculated in all direction

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Main idea

 $\left| W = \frac{1}{2} U^T \cdot K \cdot U \to \min \right|$

Energy of deformation:

Forces acting on the system are balanced:

Displacements in normal direction are restricted:

Forces in contact nodes should obey Coulomb law:





 $K \cdot U = F$

$$|F_{\tau}| \leq |\mu F_n|$$

One-dimensional problem



Energy of deformation: $W(x_1, x_2, ..., x_N) = \frac{c}{2} \cdot U^T K U = \frac{c}{2} u_N^2 + c \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} u_i^2 - c \sum_{i=1}^{N} u_i u_{i-1}$

where c – spring rate, m – mass





2D sliding

- 2D deformable body
- Made of isotropic material
- Moves on the rigid foundation
- Gap between bodies initially is closed



2D sliding

• Compute rigidity matrix by mentioned procedure

$$W = \frac{1}{2}U^T \cdot K \cdot U \to \min$$

- All the nodes are contact ones:
- Gap is zero: $U_y = 0$



• Couloumb-Mohr law is to be satisfied in each node: $|F_{\tau}| \leq |\mu F_{n}||$

Relative error:
$$\varepsilon = \frac{\max_{i=1,n} \left| U^{calc} - U^{ANSYS} \right|}{\max_{i=1,n} \left| U^{ANSYS} \right|}$$



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Dependence of displacements in X-direction on the force value



Dependence of displacements in X-direction on the value of friction coefficient



2D sliding

Body deformation for mu = 1

Body deformation for mu = 0.1





Rode bending





- Zone of possible contact depends on applied loads
- It is necessary to derive iterative procedure

Iterative procedure



Equilibrium equations: $K \cdot U = F$

Unknown forces appear: $K \cdot U = F + f_{contact}$,

 $f_{\it contact}\,$ - reaction force or friction force

Coulomb-Mohr law: $|F_{\tau}|$

$$|F_{\tau}| \leq |\mu F_n|$$

Iterative procedure



Dependence of displacement in X-direction on the friction coefficient value in the last node



Dependence of displacement in X-direction on the force value in the last node



Dependence of relative error on the force value





Deformation shapes



Future improvements and investigations

- Sliding: modeling two flexible bodies interaction
 - modeling systems with refined meshes
 - 3D geometry simulation

- Riveting process simulation:
 - modeling 2D and 3D objects
 - optimizing the procedure of defining contact zone



Thank you!

