Nonlocal Damage and Failure Options in LS-DYNA®

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Introduction

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Motivation

Advantages of a nonlocal approach

- Reduced mesh size sensitivity on material strain softening so results converge to a unique solution as the mesh is refined.
- Without a nonlocal approach, strains can tend to localize so mesh refinement leading to results which can change significantly from mesh to mesh.
- The nonlocal approach can be a help in predicting the onset and the evolution of material softening and failure.

How does a nonlocal approach work?

- Use of an functional dependency based on data from neighboring elements, thus the term "nonlocal"
- This contrasts with a local approach, where damage and failure are based only on properties of the current element.
- Data is smoothed by a weighted average within geometric entities (circle, sphere, ellipsoids, etc.).
- Data is at integration point or node.



Example for a geometric entity: circle



LS-DYNA Nonlocal Features

- *MAT_NONLOCAL
 - Using a sphere (radius) as a geometric search entity to determine which elements are included in the averaging.
 - The physical quantities can be chosen from the integration point history.
 - Smoothing function is hard coded.
 - Implementation based on Worswick and Lalbin [1999] and Pijaudier-Cabot and Bazant [1987].
- *MAT_PLASTICITY_WITH_DAMAGE_ORTHO_RCDC1980
 - Using a sphere (radius) as a geometric search entity.
 - Physical quantities and smoothing function are hard coded.
- *MAT_CODAM2
 - Using a sphere (radius) as a geometric search entity.
 - Physical quantities and smoothing function are hard coded.
 - Implementation based on Forghani [2011], Williams et al. [2003].



LS-DYNA Nonlocal Features (cont.)

- *MAT_ADD_EROSION
 - Designed to simulate glass behavior.
 - Calculate the internal energy in a user defined radius
 - Erosion appears if the internal energy in this geometric entity is above a user defined threshold.
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 - Geometric entity is a sphere which also can be scaled in the three coordinate directions to generate an ellipsoid.
 - The local coordinate system of the ellipsoid can be arbitrarily oriented.
 - Physical quantities can be choose from either the node or the integration point.
 - The smoothing function can be defined via a user subroutine and is therefore also arbitrary.



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Features:

- Geometry entity is a sphere or ellipsoid (can be scaled in all three material directions).
- Use global or local (material) coordinate system to define orientation of geometric search entity.
- Full access to integrations point and nodal data in the search geometry
- A user subroutine is provided to give flexibility as how data is averaged

Usage:

- Two components needed to use *USER_NONLOCAL_SEARCH
 - The keyword itself *USER_NONLOCAL_SEARCH
 - subroutine user_nunonl_smooth (located in dyn21.F)



Keyword

- Can be defined several times in one input.
- Choose the parts included in the search and averaging.
- Define geometric search entity
 - Radius and three scale factors to define sphere or ellipsoid.
 - RADIUS: search distance from element center
 - SA, SB, SC: scale factor for a, b, c directions
 - VOLTYPE: Orientation (element or material axis)
- NFREQ: frequency to collect history data
- IFUNC: user defined function type (switch for multiple function)
- UCONST: up to 48 user parameters (P#) which are passed to the user subroutines
- Choose location of the history (H#)variables to be gathered.

SLAVE	MASTER	STYPE	MTYPE	RADIUS	SA	SB	SC
NFREQ	VOLTYPE	IFUNC	UCONST				
If uconst >0 and 48 max							
P1	P2	P3					
H1	H2	H3					



dyn21.f Interface: subroutine user_nunonl_smooth



Challenges (MPP)



Explicit Main Loop



Regular usermat interface

- Processor may work on different type of element/material model
- Elements in each processor are gathered in groups. Element calculation is performed group-by-group
- The history variables of neighbor elements cannot be accessed
- No communication allowed

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- The history variables of neighbor elements are collected for user
- All data has been collected for user and MPI communication is transparent to users





- 6 parts, 64 elements/part
- SOLID formulation = 1
- *MAT_41
- Target part 111





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Example

Specification

- Axis related to the global coordinate system VOLTYPE = 1
- Radius of geometric entity is R= 2.0
- Scale factors are SA = SB = SC = 1.0
- One layer SLAVE = MASTER



Elements of same color reside on same rank

Slave element ID's reported in user subroutine for Master element 104950 Slave > 104849Slave > 104949Slave > 104850Slave > 104750Slave > -105049 Slave > -105050Slave > -105150 Slave > -104851 From remote Slave > -104951 **Processors** Slave > -104952 Slave > -105051Slave > -104948



Specification

- Axis related to the global coordinate system VOLTYPE = 1
- Radius of geometric entity is R = 2.0
- Scale factors are SA = SB = SC = 1.0
- All elements SLAVE = all parts (sphere)



Elements of same color reside on same rank

For all slave elements the following information is available

- History variables of integration point(s)
- Element ID
- Node ID
- Flag if element is erroded
- Element connectivity
- Nodal coordinates



Specification

- Axis related to the global coordinate system VOLTYPE = 1
- Radius of geometric entity is R = 2.0
- Scale factors are SA = 2.0, SB = SC = 1.0
- One layer SLAVE = MASTER

Specification

- Axis related to the global coordinate system VOLTYPE = 1
- Radius of geometric entity is R = 2.0
- Scale factors are SA = 3.0, SB = 3.0, SC = 1.5
- SLAVE = all parts





Specification

- Axis related to the local (material) coordinate system VOLTYPE = 2 ELEMENT_ORTHO using vectors (1.0 , 1.0, 1.0) and (1.0, 1.0, 0.0)
- Radius of geometric entity is R = 1.0
- Scale factors are SA = 2.0, SB = 1.5, SC = 1.0







Summary

- Allow multiple keyword and each uses its own code path
- Master and slave data are all at current time
- All slave data are collected in different space and won't be overwritten by updating history variables
- MPP enabled
- Available after svn 124005 R10 (will be in R10.2), R11 beta and Dev beta

Current limitation

- *ELEMENT_SOLID_(ORTHO) (can be extended by request)
- Solid formulation 1,16,19,21 (can be extended by request)
- ESORT=0
- Parts have to use same material model within each card



