

The algorithm for investigation a structure of composite materials

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Abstract. This paper presents a model of deformation of hyperelastic reinforced composite. The constitutive equations are derived using the free strain energy. The numerical algorithm to solve such problems is compiled. A computational algorithm is based on a finite element method.

1. Introduction

In different industries to increase structural strength often use composite materials. Besides, in biomechanics tissues can be described as composite materials with specific properties [13, 14]. Also modelling of mechanical behavior of composite materials is important in contact mechanics [7]. There are many different methods of calculating the structure of these materials [6, 27–30]. It is a promising improvement and development of new techniques. In this paper, an algorithm for calculating a composite material structure is considered with hyperelastic properties. Many papers are devoted to research of hyperelastic isotropic continuum [1–5, 8–12, 25, 26]. They lay down on the basis of this paper. In the first part is considered the free strain energy function for hyperelastic reinforced composite. The basic physical relations are constructed. A computational algorithm is described. The second part is devoted to finite element discretization.

2. Constitutive relations

Hyperelastic reinforced composite material is characterized by a free energy function strain in the form [20–22]:

$$\Psi(\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{A}) = \frac{\lambda}{2} J_1^2 + \mu_t J_2 + \alpha J_3 J_1 + 2(\mu_l - \mu_t) J_4 + \frac{\beta}{2} J_3^2.$$

There $\lambda, \mu_l, \mu_t, \alpha, \beta$ – the mechanical characteristics of the material determined from the experimental [23, 24]. Where invariants are defined as follows:

$$J_1 = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}[\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{I}], J_2 = \frac{1}{4} \text{tr}[(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{I})^2], J_3 = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}[\mathbf{A} \cdot (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{I})], J_4 = \frac{1}{4} \text{tr}[\mathbf{A} \cdot (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{I})^2].$$

They depended on the measure of the left Cauchy–Green deformation tensor and the structural tensor of \mathbf{A} , which describes the position of the fibers in the material. At the initial time:



$$\mathbf{A}_0 = \bar{a}_0 \otimes \bar{a}_0,$$

\bar{a}_0 – the preferential fiber orientation vector in the reference configuration. After deformation, the fibers change their direction, and the tensor structure will

$$\mathbf{A} = \bar{a} \otimes \bar{a},$$

where \bar{a} – the preferential fiber orientation vector in the deformation configuration.

To create a physical relationship is used equation of the form [21, 22, 27]:

$$\delta\Psi = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{S} \cdot \delta\mathbf{C}.$$

This implies that the second Piola–Kirchhoff stress tensor is defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{S} = 2 \frac{\partial\Psi}{\partial\mathbf{C}} = \frac{1}{2} & \left[\lambda \text{tr}(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{I}) \cdot \mathbf{I} + 2\mu_t (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{I}) + \alpha (\text{tr}(\mathbf{A} \cdot (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{I})) + \text{tr}((\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B}) \cdot \mathbf{A}) \cdot \mathbf{I}) + \right. \\ & \left. + 2(\mu_l - \mu_t) ((\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{I}) \cdot \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A} \cdot (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{I})) + \beta \text{tr}(\mathbf{A} \cdot (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{I}) \cdot \mathbf{A}) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

To use the incremental method of calculation is necessary to define the stress increments, which are calculated as a material derivative of the stress tensor by time. In the general case we can write [1, 3]:

$$\dot{\mathbf{S}} = 2 \frac{\partial^2\Psi}{\partial\mathbf{C}^2} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{C}}.$$

After transformations the following expression:

$$\frac{\partial^2\Psi}{\partial\mathbf{C}^2} = \Lambda^\circ = \frac{1}{2} (\lambda \mathbf{I} \otimes \mathbf{I} + 2\mu_t \Lambda + \alpha (\mathbf{I} \otimes \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{I}) + 2(\mu_l - \mu_t) \Lambda_A + \beta \mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{A}),$$

where $\Lambda_{ijkl} = \frac{1}{2} (\delta_{ik} \delta_{jl} + \delta_{il} \delta_{jk})$ – components of the 4th order tensor Λ , $\Lambda_{A_{jkl}} = A_{im} \Lambda_{jmkl} + A_{jm} \Lambda_{mikl}$ – components 4th order tensor Λ_A , which components depend on the fiber direction.

The equation of principle of virtual power in the initial configuration is written as

$$\int_{V_0} \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{S} \cdot \delta\dot{\mathbf{C}}) dV_0 = \int_{V_0} \vec{f}_0 \cdot \delta\vec{v} dV_0 + \int_{S_0^\sigma} \vec{t}_{0n}^* \delta\vec{v} dS_0$$

where \vec{v} – velocity vector of a material point; S_0^σ – part of the surface on which are defined forces; \vec{t}_{0n}^* – vector of surface forces, \vec{f}_0 – vector of body forces.

A total Lagrangian formulation is used to solve this problem [27, 28]:

$$\int_{V_0} \frac{1}{2} (\dot{\mathbf{S}} \cdot \delta\dot{\mathbf{C}} + \mathbf{S} \cdot \delta\ddot{\mathbf{C}}) dV_0 = \int_{V_0} \dot{\vec{f}}_0 \cdot \delta\vec{v} dV_0 + \int_{S_0^\sigma} \dot{\vec{t}}_{0n}^* \delta\vec{v} dS_0. \quad (1)$$

3. Finite element discretization

An 8 node isoparametric finite element is used for computer implementation. We introduce approximation geometry and velocities:

$${}^k y^i(\xi^j) = \sum_{t=1}^8 {}^k y_t^i N_t(\xi^j), \quad {}^k v^i(\xi^j) = \sum_{t=1}^8 {}^k v_t^i N_t(\xi^j),$$

where $N_t(\xi^j) = \frac{1}{8}(1 + \xi_t^1 \xi^1)(1 + \xi_t^2 \xi^2)(1 + \xi_t^3 \xi^3)$ – interpolation function, $-1 \leq \xi^1, \xi^2, \xi^3 \leq 1$, ${}^k y_t^i$ – coordinates of nodes, $\xi_t^i = \pm 1$ the coordinates of the respective nodes in the local coordinate system, ${}^k v_t^i$ – velocity of nodes.

Define the following components of the tensors

$$C^{ij} = \sum_{t,s=1}^8 y_t^m y_s^m N_{t,i} N_{s,j}, \quad F^{ij} = \sum_{t=1}^8 y_t^i N_{t,j}, \quad \dot{F}^{ij} = \sum_{t=1}^8 v_t^i N_{t,j}.$$

For the equation (1) we can write:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\mathbf{S}} \cdot \delta \dot{\mathbf{C}} &= \dot{\mathbf{S}} \cdot (\mathbf{F}^T \cdot \delta \dot{\mathbf{F}} + \delta \dot{\mathbf{F}}^T \mathbf{F}) = \mathbf{\Lambda}^\circ \cdot \dot{\mathbf{C}} \cdot (\mathbf{F}^T \cdot \delta \dot{\mathbf{F}} + \delta \dot{\mathbf{F}}^T \mathbf{F}) = \\ &= \mathbf{\Lambda}^\circ \cdot (\dot{\mathbf{F}}^T \cdot \mathbf{F} + \mathbf{F}^T \cdot \dot{\mathbf{F}}) \cdot (\mathbf{F}^T \cdot \delta \dot{\mathbf{F}} + \delta \dot{\mathbf{F}}^T \cdot \mathbf{F}) = \\ &= \mathbf{\Lambda}^\circ_{ijkl} v_t^m (N_{t,l} F_{mk} F_{ri} N_{s,j} + N_{t,l} F_{mk} F_{rj} N_{s,i} + N_{t,k} F_{ml} F_{ri} N_{s,j} + N_{t,k} F_{ml} F_{rj} N_{s,i}) \delta v_s^r, \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{S} \cdot (\dot{\mathbf{F}}^T \cdot \delta \dot{\mathbf{F}} + \delta \dot{\mathbf{F}}^T \cdot \dot{\mathbf{F}}) = 2S_{ij} v_t^m N_{t,k} \delta v_s^m N_{s,r} = 2v_t^m S_{ij} v_t^m N_{t,j} N_{s,i} \delta v_s^r$$

since the second Piola–Kirchhoff tensor is a symmetric tensor.

$$\int_{V_0} \dot{f}_0 \cdot \delta \bar{v} dV_0 + \int_{S_0^\sigma} \dot{t}_{0n}^* \cdot \delta \bar{v} dS_0 = \{\dot{\mathbf{P}}\}^T \cdot \{\delta \bar{v}\},$$

$$-\frac{1}{\Delta t} \left\{ \int_{V_0} (\mathbf{S} \cdot \delta \mathbf{C}) dV_0 - \int_{V_0} \bar{f}_0^* \cdot \delta \bar{v} dV_0 - \int_{S_0^\sigma} \bar{t}_{0n}^* \cdot \delta \bar{v} dS \right\} = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \{\mathbf{H}\}^T \cdot \{\delta \bar{v}\}.$$

After integration (1) we obtain a system of linear algebraic equations:

$$[{}^k \mathbf{K}] \{\Delta^k \bar{u}\} = \{\Delta^k \mathbf{P}\} + \frac{1}{\Delta t} \{\mathbf{H}\}. \quad (2)$$

Solving equation (2), give the increment of the displacements $\Delta^k \bar{u}$, ${}^{k+1} y^i = {}^k y^i + \Delta^k u^i$ and stresses

$${}^{k+1} \mathbf{S} = 2 \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial {}^{k+1} \mathbf{C}}.$$

4. Conclusion

The paper is constructed procedure of investigation of hyperelastic composites. The constitutive relationships are obtained for composite materials. The computational algorithm is created. A total Lagrangian formulation is used. The basic equations are obtained for computational algorithm. The numerical implementation is based on the finite element method.

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