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1 The HHO method from the mechanical standpoint

1.1 Introduction

The Hybrid High Order method (HHO) is a discontinuous discretization method, that takes root in the Discontinuous Galerkin method (DG). From the physical standpoint, DG methods ensure the continuity of the flux across interfaces, by seeking the solution element-wise, hence allowing jumps of the potential across elements. They can be seen as a generalization of Finite Volume methods, and are able to capture physically relevant discontinuities without producing spurious oscillations.

The origin of DG methods dates back to the pioneering work of [27], where an hyperbolic formulation is used to solve the neutron transport equation. The first application of the method to elliptic problems originates in [2] where Nitsche's method [23] is used to weakly impose continuity of the flux across interfaces. In 2002, Hansbo and Larson [16] were the first to consider the Nitsche's classical DG method for nearly incompressible elasticity. They showed, theoretically and numerically, that this method is free from volumetric locking. However, the bilinear form arising from this formulation is not symmetric. A so called interior penalty term has been introduced in [34], leading to the Symmetric Interior Penalty (SIP) DG method. A first study of the method to linear elasticity has been devised by [28], where optimal error estimate has been proved. [17] generalized the Symmetric Interior Penalty method to linear elasticity. period of time, DG methods were proposed for other linear problems in solid mechanics, such as Timoshenko beams [6], Bernoulli-Euler beam and the Poisson-Kirchhoff plate [5, 14] and Reissner-Mindlin plates [1]. In the mid 2000's, the first applications of DG methods to nonlinear elasticity problems was undertaken by [33, 24], and in 2007, Ortner and Süli [25] carried out the a priori error analysis of DG methods for nonlinear elasticity.

DG methods then solicited a vigorous interest, mostly in fluid dynamics [29, 26] due to their local conservative property and stability in convection dominated problems. However, except some applications for instance in fracture mechanics using XFEM methods [15, 30], or gradient plasticity [13, 12] DG methods did not break through in computational solid mechanics because of their numerical cost, since nodal unknowns need be duplicated to define local basis functions in each element.

To address this problem, in the early 2010's, [7, 32] introduced additional faces unknowns on element interfaces for linear elastic problem, hence leading to the hybridization of DG methods, or Hybridizable Discontinuous Galerkin method (HDG). By adding supplementary boundary unknowns, the authors actually allowed to eliminate original cell unknowns by a static condensation process, in order to express the global problem on faces only. Extension of HDG methods to non-linear elasticity were first undertaken in [31] and have then fueled intense research works for various applications such as linear and non-linear convection-diffusion problems [19, 20, 21], incompressible Stokes flows [21, 22] and non-linear mechanics [18].

In [8, 9], the authors introduced a higher order potential reconstruction operator in the classical HDG formulation for elliptic problems, providing a $h^{k+1}H^1$ -norm convergence rate as compared to the usual h^k -rate. This higher order term coined the name for the so called HHO method.

Recent developments of HHO methods in computational mechanics include the incompressible Stokes equations (with possibly large irrotational forces) [10], the incompressible Navier–Stokes equations [11], Biot’s consolidation problem [3], and nonlinear elasticity with small deformations [4]

The difference between HHO and HDG methods is twofold: (1) the HHO reconstruction operator replaces the discrete HDG flux (a similar rewriting of an HDG method for nonlinear elasticity can be found in [29]), and, more importantly, (2) both HHO and HDG penalize in a least-squares sense the difference between the discrete trace unknown and the trace of the discrete primal unknown (with a possibly mesh-dependent weight), but HHO uses a non-local operator over each mesh cell boundary that delivers one-order higher approximation than just penalizing pointwise the difference as in HDG. Discretization methods for linear and nonlinear elasticity have undergone a vigorous development over the last decade. For discontinuous Galerkin (dG) methods, we mention in particular [14,26,32] for linear elasticity, and [35,41] for nonlinear elasticity. HDG methods for linear elasticity have been coined in [38] (see also [13] for incompressible Stokes flows), and extensions to nonlinear elasticity can be found in [29,34,37]. Other recent developments in the last few years include, among others, Gradient Schemes for nonlinear elasticity with small deformations [22], the Virtual Element Method (VEM) for linear and nonlinear elasticity with small [3] and finite deformations [8,43], the (low-order) hybrid dG method with conforming traces for nonlinear elasticity [44], the hybridizable weakly conforming Galerkin method with nonconforming traces for linear elasticity [30], the Weak Galerkin method for linear elasticity [42], and the discontinuous Petrov–Galerkin method for linear elasticity [7].

1.2 Description of the model problem

Let $d \in \{1, 2\}$ the euclidean dimension of the cartesian space \mathbb{R}^d , and \mathcal{R}_d the euclidean reference frame. Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ a solid body with boundary $\partial\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^{d-1}$, that deforms under the volumic load \mathbf{f}_v . It is subjected to a prescribed displacement \mathbf{u}_d on the Dirichlet boundary $\partial\Omega_d$, and to a contact load \mathbf{t}_n on the Neumann boundary $\partial\Omega_n$, such that $\partial\Omega = \partial\Omega_d \cup \partial\Omega_n$ and $\partial\Omega_d \cap \partial\Omega_n = \emptyset$.

The initial configuration of the body (see Figure 1) is denoted $\Omega_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$ with respective Dirichlet and Neumann boundaries $\partial\Omega_D$ and $\partial\Omega_N$. The transformation mapping Φ takes a point $\mathbf{X} \in \Omega_0$ to $\mathbf{x} \in \Omega$, such that $\mathbf{x} = \Phi(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{X})$ where \mathbf{u} denotes the displacement of the physical point. Let $\tilde{\mathbf{F}} = \nabla_{\mathbf{X}}\Phi = \mathbf{1} + \nabla_{\mathbf{X}}\mathbf{u}$ the transformation gradient. The mechanical problem to solve reads, find \mathbf{u} such that:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{F}} - \nabla_{\mathbf{X}}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{1} \quad \text{in } \Omega_0 \quad (1a)$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{P}} - \frac{\partial\psi_{mec}}{\partial\tilde{\mathbf{F}}} = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega_0 \quad (1b)$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{P}} - \mathbf{f}_V = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega_0 \quad (1c)$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}_D \quad \text{on } \partial_D\Omega_0 \quad (1d)$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{P}} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{t}_N \quad \text{on } \partial_N\Omega_0 \quad (1e)$$

where ψ_{mec} denotes the mechanical energy potential, and $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}$ the first Piola-Kirchoff stress tensor.

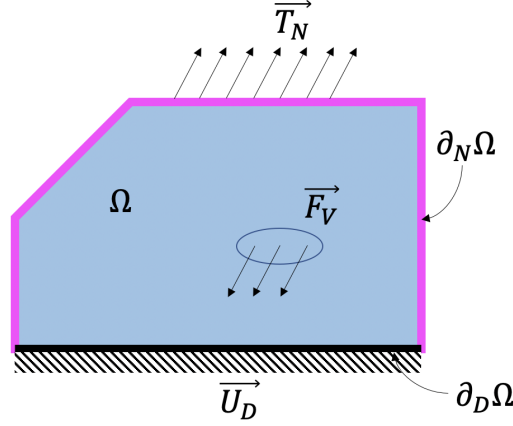


Figure 1: schematic representation of the model problem

The equilibrium of the body Ω_0 is reached for the displacement field $\mathbf{u} \in H^1(\Omega_0, \mathbb{R}^d)$ minimizing the energy:

$$J(\mathbf{u}) = \int_{\Omega_0} \psi_{mec}(\mathbf{F}) - \int_{\Omega_0} \mathbf{f}_V \cdot \mathbf{u} + \int_{\partial_N \Omega_0} \mathbf{t}_N \cdot \mathbf{u} \quad (2)$$

where $\mathbf{u} \in H^1(\Omega_0, \mathbb{R}^d)$, and equations (1a) and (1b) are enforced strongly. If (1a) and (1b) are considered in weak sense, one obtains the three-field Hu–Washizu functional :

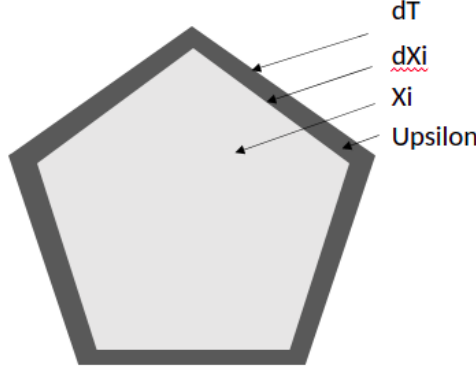
$$J(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{G}, \mathbf{P}) = \int_{\Omega_0} \psi_{mec}(\mathbf{F}) + (\nabla_X \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{G}) : \mathbf{P} - \int_{\Omega_0} \mathbf{f}_V \cdot \mathbf{u} - \int_{\partial_N \Omega_0} \mathbf{t}_N \cdot \mathbf{u} \quad (3)$$

where $\mathbf{P} \in H^1_{\text{div}}(\Omega_0, \mathbb{R}^d)$, $\mathbf{F} \in L^2(\Omega_0, \mathbb{R}^d)$, and $\mathbf{G} := \mathbf{F} - \mathbf{1}$.

1.3 Composite element

Let \mathcal{T}_h a triangulation of the domain Ω into a set of disjoint elements (or cells) $T_i \subset \mathbb{R}^d$, $1 \leq i \leq N$, where N denotes the number of elements in the mesh. Let ∂T the boundary of an element T , composed of its faces (if $d = 3$) or edges (if $d = 2$). Let \mathbf{v}_T the displacement field \mathbf{v} in an element T , and $\mathbf{v}_{\partial T}$ that of ∂T . Assuming continuity of the displacement on the mesh, one has the natural equality :

$$\mathbf{v}_{\partial T} = \mathbf{v}_T|_{\partial T} \quad \text{on } \partial T \quad (4)$$



In order to lay the ground for the description of (hybrid) discontinuous elements from mechanical arguments based on the usual assumption of the continuity of the displacement field, let decompose T into a thin volumic region $\Upsilon \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ of width $\ell > 0$ attached to the element boundary ∂T , and into a core region Ξ , such that $T = \Xi \cup \Upsilon$. Let $\Xi = \Phi_T(T)$ the image of T by the homotehty Φ_T of ratio $(1 + \alpha\ell)$, with $\alpha < 0$, centered in \mathbf{X}_T the centroid of T . Let $\partial\Xi = \Phi_T(\partial T)$ the boundary of Ξ ; since $\partial\Xi$ is an homotehty of ∂T , any point $\mathbf{X}_{\partial T} \in \partial T$ and $\mathbf{X}_{\partial\Xi} = \Phi_T(\mathbf{X}_{\partial T}) \in \partial\Xi$ share the same unit outward normal \mathbf{n} . Let $\mathcal{M}_T = \{v \in L^2(\Upsilon) \mid v \cdot \mathbf{n} = \text{cste}\}$ the set of L^2 -functions which are constant along the normal axis in Υ ; for any function in \mathcal{M}_T , the following equality holds true:

$$\int_{\Upsilon} v \, dV = \int_{\partial T} \int_{\epsilon=0}^{\ell} v(1 + \alpha\epsilon) \, dS d\epsilon = \ell(1 + \frac{\alpha}{2}\ell) \int_{\partial T} v \, dS \quad (5)$$

Let $\mathbf{u}_{\Upsilon} \in H^1(\Upsilon, \mathbb{R}^d)$ the displacement of Υ , and $\mathbf{u}_{\Xi} \in H^1(\Xi, \mathbb{R}^d)$ that of Ξ . With a similar argument as in (4), \mathbf{u}_{Υ} verifies:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}_{\Upsilon}|_{\partial\Xi} &= \mathbf{u}_{\Xi} & \text{on } \partial\Xi \\ \mathbf{u}_{\Upsilon}|_{\partial T} &= \mathbf{u}_{\partial T} & \text{on } \partial T \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Assuming the interface Υ to be thin compared to the cell volume T , such that $\ell \ll h_T$ is negligible with respect to h_T the diameter of T , let linearize the displacement in Υ with respect to \mathbf{n} , such that:

$$\mathbf{u}_{\Upsilon} = \frac{\mathbf{u}_{\partial T} - \mathbf{u}_{\Xi}|_{\partial\Xi}}{\ell} \otimes \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{u}_{\Xi}|_{\partial\Xi}$$

Hence, the displacement gradient is homogeneous in Υ along \mathbf{n} such that :

$$\nabla_X \mathbf{u}_{\Upsilon} = \frac{\mathbf{u}_{\partial T} - \mathbf{u}_{\Xi}|_{\partial\Xi}}{\ell} \otimes \mathbf{n} \quad (7)$$

Since $\partial\Xi$ and ∂T are disjoint by introducing Υ , (4) does not necessarily hold true and the difference $\mathbf{u}_{\partial T} - \mathbf{u}_{\Xi}|_{\partial\Xi}$ along \mathbf{n} can have any value. Let $\mathbf{u}_T \in H^1(T, \mathbb{R}^d)$ the displacement in T such that:

$$\mathbf{u}_T = \begin{cases} \mathbf{u}_{\Xi} & \text{in } \Xi \\ \mathbf{u}_{\Upsilon} & \text{in } \Upsilon \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

In particular, \mathbf{u}_T is continuous across Υ , since \mathbf{u}_{Υ} linearly bridges $\mathbf{u}_{\Xi}|_{\partial\Xi}$ to $\mathbf{u}_{\partial T}$. Similarly, let $\mathbf{P}_T \in H_{\text{div}}^1(T, \mathbb{R}^{d \times d})$ the stress in the element T , and $\mathbf{G}_T \in L^2(T, \mathbb{R}^{d \times d})$ the displacement gradient, such that they are homogeneous in Υ along \mathbf{n} as $\ell \ll h_T$:

$$\mathbf{P}_T = \begin{cases} \mathbf{P}_{\Xi} & \text{in } \Xi \\ \mathbf{P}_{\Xi}|_{\partial\Xi} & \text{in } \Upsilon \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{G}_T = \begin{cases} \mathbf{G}_{\Xi} & \text{in } \Xi \\ \mathbf{G}_{\Xi}|_{\partial\Xi} & \text{in } \Upsilon \end{cases}$$

The Hu–Washizu functional over the element T writes:

$$J_T(\mathbf{u}_T, \mathbf{G}_T, \mathbf{P}_T) = \int_T \psi_T + (\nabla_X \mathbf{u}_T - \mathbf{G}_T) : \mathbf{P}_T - \int_T \mathbf{f}_V \cdot \mathbf{u}_T - \int_{\partial_N T} \mathbf{t}_N \cdot \mathbf{u}_{\partial T} \quad (9)$$

specifying J_T over both Ξ and Υ gives:

$$J_T(\mathbf{u}_T, \mathbf{G}_T, \mathbf{P}_T) = J_\Xi(\mathbf{u}_\Xi, \mathbf{G}_T, \mathbf{P}_T) + J_\Upsilon(\mathbf{u}_\Xi, \mathbf{u}_{\partial T}, \mathbf{G}_T, \mathbf{P}_T) \quad (10)$$

with :

$$J_\Xi(\mathbf{u}_\Xi, \mathbf{G}_T, \mathbf{P}_T) = \int_\Xi \psi_\Xi + (\nabla_X \mathbf{u}_\Xi - \mathbf{G}_T) : \mathbf{P}_T - \int_\Xi \mathbf{f}_V \cdot \mathbf{u}_\Xi \quad (11)$$

where ψ_Ξ describes the mechanical energy in Ξ , and:

$$J_\Upsilon(\mathbf{u}_\Xi, \mathbf{u}_{\partial T}, \mathbf{G}_T, \mathbf{P}_T) = \int_\Upsilon \psi_\Upsilon + (\nabla_X \mathbf{u}_\Upsilon - \mathbf{G}_T) : \mathbf{P}_T - \int_{\partial_N T} \mathbf{t}_N \cdot \mathbf{u}_{\partial T} \quad (12)$$

In particlaur, we assumed that the volumetric load is concentrated in the core part of the element Ξ , and neglected in the boundary part. Moreover, let endow the interface Υ with a linear elastic behaviour, such that :

$$\psi_\Upsilon = \frac{1}{2} \beta \frac{\ell}{h_T} \nabla_X \mathbf{u}_\Upsilon : \nabla_X \mathbf{u}_\Upsilon \quad (13)$$

where the parameter β is the Young modulus of the membrane, and the dimensionless ratio ℓ/h_T balances the accumulated energy with the size of the element. Using (7) and (5) for $\psi_\Upsilon \in \mathcal{M}_T$ one can write the expression of the mechanical energy in the membrane as a term only depending on the boundary :

$$\int_\Upsilon \psi_\Upsilon = (1 + \frac{\alpha}{2} \ell) \int_{\partial T} \frac{\beta}{2h_T} \|\mathbf{u}_{\partial T} - \mathbf{u}_\Xi|_{\partial \Xi}\|^2 \quad (14)$$

using a similar argument for the second volumetric term in (12), one has:

$$\int_\Upsilon (\nabla_X \mathbf{u}_\Upsilon - \mathbf{G}_T) : \mathbf{P}_T = (1 + \frac{\alpha}{2} \ell) \left(\int_{\partial T} \mathbf{P}_T \cdot \mathbf{n} \cdot (\mathbf{u}_{\partial T} - \mathbf{u}_\Xi|_{\partial \Xi}) - \ell \int_{\partial T} \mathbf{G}_T : \mathbf{P}_T \right) \quad (15)$$

hence :

$$\begin{aligned} J_T(\mathbf{u}_\Xi, \mathbf{u}_{\partial T}, \mathbf{G}_T, \mathbf{P}_T) &= \int_\Xi \psi_\Xi + (\nabla_X \mathbf{u}_\Xi - \mathbf{G}_T) : \mathbf{P}_T \\ &\quad + (1 + \frac{\alpha}{2} \ell) \int_{\partial T} \mathbf{P}_T \cdot \mathbf{n} \cdot (\mathbf{u}_{\partial T} - \mathbf{u}_\Xi|_{\partial \Xi}) \\ &\quad + (1 + \frac{\alpha}{2} \ell) \int_{\partial T} \frac{\beta}{2h_T} \|\mathbf{u}_{\partial T} - \mathbf{u}_\Xi|_{\partial \Xi}\|^2 \\ &\quad - (\ell + \frac{\alpha}{2} \ell^2) \int_\Upsilon \mathbf{G}_T : \mathbf{P}_T \\ &\quad - \int_\Xi \mathbf{f}_V \cdot \mathbf{u}_\Xi - \int_{\partial_N T} \mathbf{t}_N \cdot \mathbf{u}_{\partial T} \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

making $\ell \rightarrow 0$, the interface region vanishes such that $\Upsilon \rightarrow \emptyset$ and $\Xi \rightarrow T$, yielding the expression of

the Hu–Washizu functional over the element:

$$\begin{aligned}
J_T(\mathbf{u}_T, \mathbf{u}_{\partial T}, \mathbf{G}_T, \mathbf{P}_T) &= \int_T \psi_T + (\nabla_X \mathbf{u}_T - \mathbf{G}_T) : \mathbf{P}_T \\
&+ \int_{\partial T} \mathbf{P}_T \cdot \mathbf{n} \cdot (\mathbf{u}_{\partial T} - \mathbf{u}_T|_{\partial T}) \\
&+ \int_{\partial T} \frac{\beta}{2h_T} \|\mathbf{u}_{\partial T} - \mathbf{u}_T|_{\partial T}\|^2 \\
&- \int_T \mathbf{f}_V \cdot \mathbf{u}_T - \int_{\partial_N T} \mathbf{t}_N \cdot \mathbf{u}_{\partial T}
\end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

Assuming that the displacement is continuous at the boundary ∂T such that (4) holds true, then one recovers the usual expression of the Hu–Washizu integral over the element. However, if one considers that $\mathbf{u}_{\partial T}$ and \mathbf{u}_T are distinct variables, the functional writes as a function of the four variables $J(\mathbf{u}_T, \mathbf{u}_{\partial T}, \mathbf{G}_T, \mathbf{P}_T)$. Differentiating over each variable, and introducing the numerical flux $\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\partial T} = \mathbf{P}_T \cdot \mathbf{n} + (\beta/h_T)(\mathbf{u}_{\partial T} - \mathbf{u}_T|_{\partial T})$ one obtains the system:

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}_T} \delta \mathbf{u}_T = \int_T (\mathbf{P}_T : \nabla_X \delta \mathbf{u}_T - \mathbf{f}_V) \cdot \delta \mathbf{u}_T \quad \forall \delta \mathbf{u}_T \in H^1(T, \mathbb{R}^d) \tag{18a}$$

$$- \int_{\partial T} \boldsymbol{\theta}_{\partial T} \cdot \delta \mathbf{u}_T \tag{18b}$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}_{\partial T}} \delta \mathbf{u}_{\partial T} = \int_{\partial T} (\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\partial T} - \mathbf{t}_N) \cdot \delta \mathbf{u}_{\partial T} \quad \forall \delta \mathbf{u}_{\partial T} \in H^1(\partial T, \mathbb{R}^d) \tag{18c}$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{G}_T} \delta \mathbf{G}_T = \int_T \left(\frac{\partial \psi_T}{\partial \mathbf{G}_T} - \mathbf{P}_T \right) : \delta \mathbf{G}_T \quad \forall \delta \mathbf{G}_T \in L^2(T, \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}) \tag{18d}$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{P}_T} \delta \mathbf{P}_T = \int_T (\nabla_X \mathbf{u}_T - \mathbf{G}_T) : \delta \mathbf{P}_T \quad \forall \delta \mathbf{P}_T \in H_{\text{div}}^1(T, \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}) \tag{18e}$$

$$+ \int_{\partial T} (\mathbf{u}_{\partial T} - \mathbf{u}_T|_{\partial T}) \otimes \mathbf{n} : \delta \mathbf{P}_T \tag{18f}$$

By explicitly eliminating (18d) and (18e) from the system, one obtains the problem in primal form: find $(\mathbf{u}_T, \mathbf{u}_{\partial T}) \in H^1(T, \mathbb{R}^d) \times H^1(\partial T, \mathbb{R}^d)$, such that for all $(\delta \mathbf{u}_T, \delta \mathbf{u}_{\partial T}) \in H^1(T, \mathbb{R}^d) \times H^1(\partial T, \mathbb{R}^d)$

$$dJ = \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}_T} \delta \mathbf{u}_T + \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}_{\partial T}} \delta \mathbf{u}_{\partial T} = 0 \tag{19}$$

injecting (18b) and (18c) :

$$\begin{aligned}
dJ &= \int_T \mathbf{P}_T : \nabla_X \delta \mathbf{u}_T \\
&+ \int_{\partial T} \mathbf{P}_T \cdot \mathbf{n} \cdot (\delta \mathbf{u}_{\partial T} - \delta \mathbf{u}_T|_{\partial T}) \\
&+ \int_{\partial T} (\beta/h_T)(\mathbf{u}_{\partial T} - \mathbf{u}_T|_{\partial T}) \cdot (\delta \mathbf{u}_{\partial T} - \delta \mathbf{u}_T|_{\partial T}) \\
&- \int_{\partial T} \mathbf{t}_N \cdot \delta \mathbf{u}_{\partial T} - \int_T \mathbf{f}_V \cdot \delta \mathbf{u}_T = 0
\end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

using both (18d) and (18e) :

$$\begin{aligned}
dJ &= \int_T \frac{\partial \psi_T}{\partial \mathbf{G}_T} : \delta \mathbf{G}_T \\
&+ \int_{\partial T} (\beta/h_T)(\mathbf{u}_{\partial T} - \mathbf{u}_T|_{\partial T}) \cdot (\delta \mathbf{u}_{\partial T} - \delta \mathbf{u}_T|_{\partial T}) \\
&- \int_{\partial T} \mathbf{t}_N \cdot \delta \mathbf{u}_{\partial T} - \int_T \mathbf{f}_V \cdot \delta \mathbf{u}_T = 0
\end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

where $\delta \mathbf{G}_T$ (respectively \mathbf{G}_T) solves (18e) for the unknowns set $(\delta \mathbf{u}_T, \delta \mathbf{u}_{\partial T})$ (respectively $(\mathbf{u}_T, \mathbf{u}_{\partial T})$)

Le problème (??) discrétisé consiste à chercher l'inconnue $(\mathbf{u}_T^l, \mathbf{u}_{\partial T}^k)$ dans l'espace des polynômes $P^l(T, \mathbb{R}^d) \times P^k(\partial T, \mathbb{R}^d)$ d'ordre respectivement l et k tels que $k > 0$ avec $k - 1 \leq l \leq k + 1$, et les champs de gradients de déplacement \mathbf{G}_T^k et de contraintes \mathbf{P}_T^k dans $P^k(T, \mathbb{R}^{d \times d})$. On définit la force de traction discrète $\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\partial T}^{HHO} = \mathbf{P}_T^k \cdot \mathbf{n} + (\beta_{mec}/h_T) \mathbf{S}_{\partial T}^{k*}$ telle que $\mathbf{S}_{\partial T}^{k*}$ est l'opérateur adjoint de l'opérateur de stabilisation $\mathbf{S}_{\partial T}^k$ définit par:

$$\mathbf{S}_{\partial T}^k(\mathbf{v}_T^l, \mathbf{v}_{\partial T}^k) = \Pi_{\partial T}^k(\mathbf{v}_{\partial T}^k - \mathbf{v}_T^l - (\mathbf{1} - \Pi_T^k) \mathbf{D}_T^{k+1}) \tag{22}$$

où $\Pi_{\partial T}^k$ et Π_T^k sont les projecteurs orthogonaux au sens L^2 sur $P^k(\partial T, \mathbb{R}^d)$ et $P^k(T, \mathbb{R}^d)$ respectivement, et le champ de déplacement $\mathbf{D}_T^{k+1} \in P^{k+1}(T, \mathbb{R}^d)$ est solution du problème (23):

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_T (\nabla_X \mathbf{D}_T^{k+1} - \nabla_X \mathbf{u}_T^l) : \nabla_X \mathbf{w}^{k+1} &= \int_{\partial T} (\mathbf{u}_{\partial T}^k - \mathbf{u}_T^l) \cdot \nabla_X \mathbf{w}^{k+1} \mathbf{n} \quad \forall \mathbf{w}^{k+1} \in P^{k+1}(T, \mathbb{R}^d) \\
\int_T \mathbf{D}_T^{k+1} &= \int_T \mathbf{u}_T^l
\end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

D'un point de vue numérique, on calcule dans une étape de pré-traitement l'opérateur de stabilisation $[S] : (\mathbf{v}_T^l, \mathbf{v}_{\partial T}^k) \rightarrow \mathbf{S}_{\partial T}^k$ défini par (22) et l'opérateur de dérivation $[B] : (\mathbf{v}_T^l, \mathbf{v}_{\partial T}^k) \rightarrow \mathbf{G}_T^k$ défini par la formulation discrète de (??), de sorte que le problème discrétisé local (??) ne dépend plus que de l'inconnue primale $(\mathbf{u}_T^l, \mathbf{u}_{\partial T}^k)$ vérifiant $\forall (\mathbf{v}_T^l, \mathbf{v}_{\partial T}^k) \in P^l(T, \mathbb{R}^d) \times P^k(\partial T, \mathbb{R}^d)$:

$$\int_T \mathbf{P}_T^k : \mathbf{G}_T^k + \int_{\partial T} \frac{\beta_{mec}}{h_T} \mathbf{S}_{\partial T}^k(\mathbf{u}_T^l, \mathbf{u}_{\partial T}^k) \cdot \mathbf{S}_{\partial T}^k(\mathbf{v}_T^l, \mathbf{v}_{\partial T}^k) = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f}_V \cdot \mathbf{v}_T^l + \int_{\partial T} \mathbf{t}_N \cdot \mathbf{v}_{\partial T}^k \tag{24}$$

où les contraintes \mathbf{P}_T^k sont calculées aux points de quadrature par intégration de la loi de comportement. Le principe des travaux virtuels discret à l'échelle de la structure vérifie donc $\forall (\mathbf{v}_T^l, \mathbf{v}_{\partial T}^k) \in P^l(\mathcal{T}, \mathbb{R}^d) \times P^k(\mathcal{F}, \mathbb{R}^d)$:

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}(\Omega_0)} \int_T \mathbf{P}_T^k : \mathbf{G}_T^k + \int_{\partial T} \frac{\beta_{mec}}{h_T} \mathbf{S}_{\partial T}^k(\mathbf{u}_T^l, \mathbf{u}_{\partial T}^k) \cdot \mathbf{S}_{\partial T}^k(\mathbf{v}_T^l, \mathbf{v}_{\partial T}^k) &= \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}(\Omega_0)} \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f}_V \cdot \mathbf{v}_T^l \\
&+ \sum_{\partial T \in \mathcal{F}_N(\Omega_0)} \int_{\partial T} \mathbf{t}_N \cdot \mathbf{v}_{\partial T}^k
\end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

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