$$\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} - \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_j} \right) \approx \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} - \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_j} \right)$$

 ∂u_i

 ∂x_i