

A virtual element method for 2D contact analysis

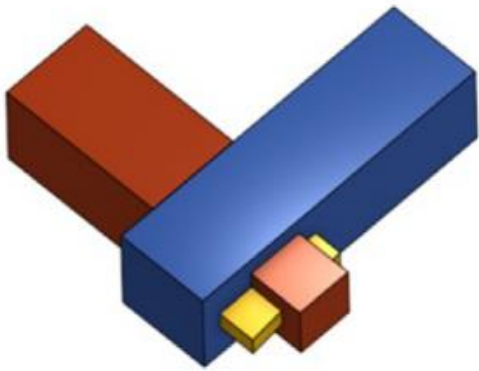
VEMによる二次元接触問題解析

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Background

Contact analysis (接触解析): **組合せ構造の設計**では、複数の部材間に生じる接触現象の評価が重要になり、固体力学における重要な問題の一つである

様々な適用例 (Many applications):



tenon joint (ほぞ継ぎ)

Source: L. Aharoni et al. Topology optimization of rigid interlocking assemblies, 2021

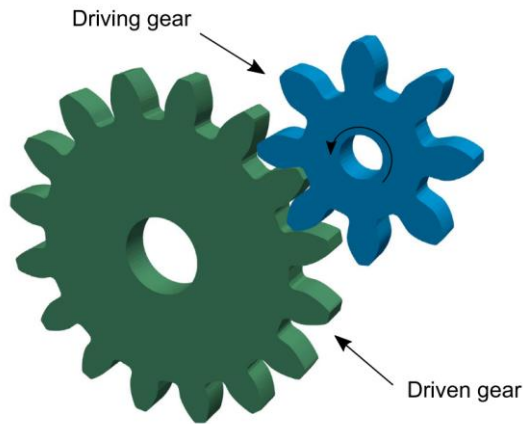
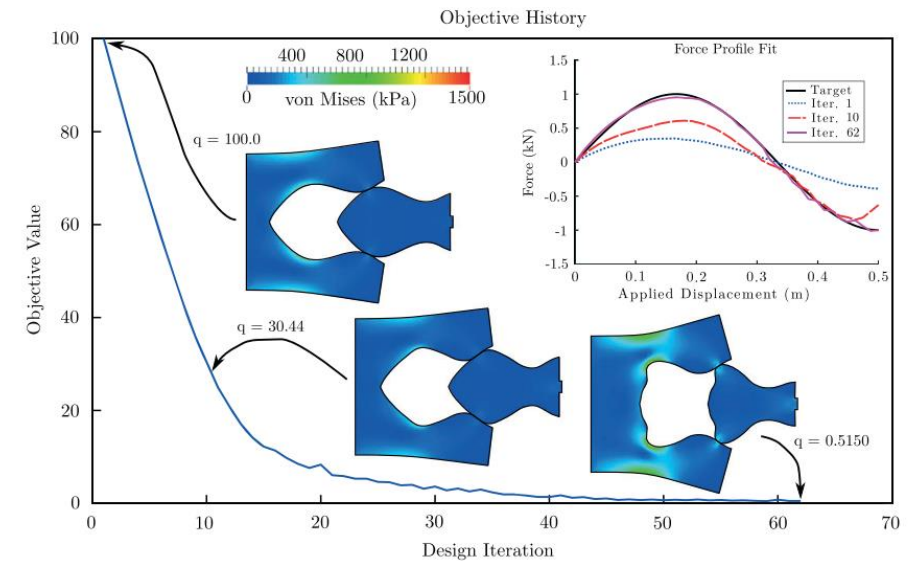


Fig. 29. Model of the gear contact.

Gear contact (歯車)

Source: W. Xing et al. A node-to-node scheme for three-dimensional contact problems using the scaled boundary finite element method

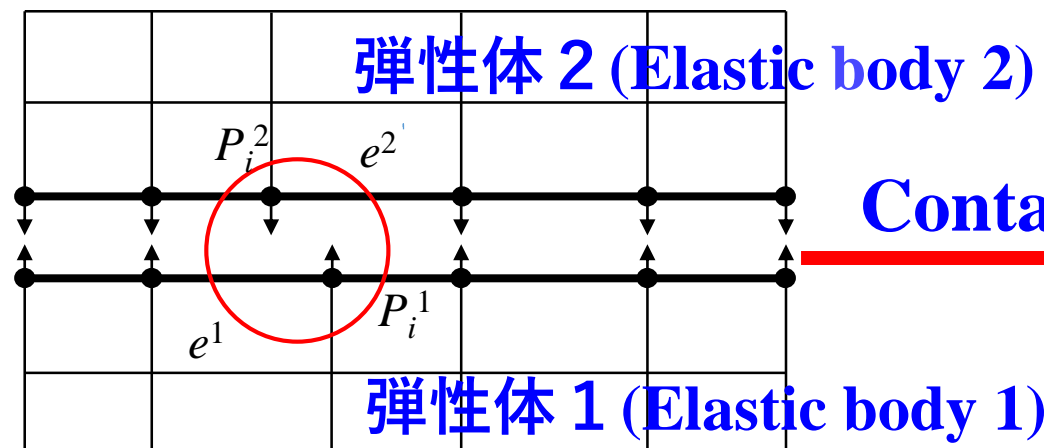


topology optimization
(トポロジー最適化)

Source: M. Lawry, K. Maute. Level set shape and topology optimization of finite strain bilateral contact problems

Challenge

Non-matching mesh(不整合メッシュ):



Contact

Node-to-Node (点-点接触)
Cannot be applied

Other alternatives:

Node-to-segment (点-面接触)
segment-to-segment (面-面接触)

Question

Cannot pass the patch test
接触圧力の分位が不均一

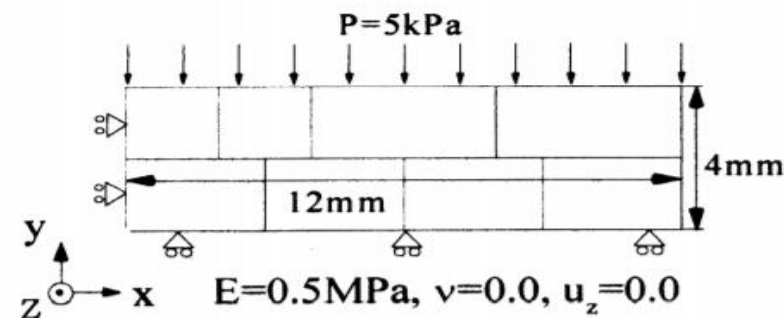


Fig. 4 Patch test model

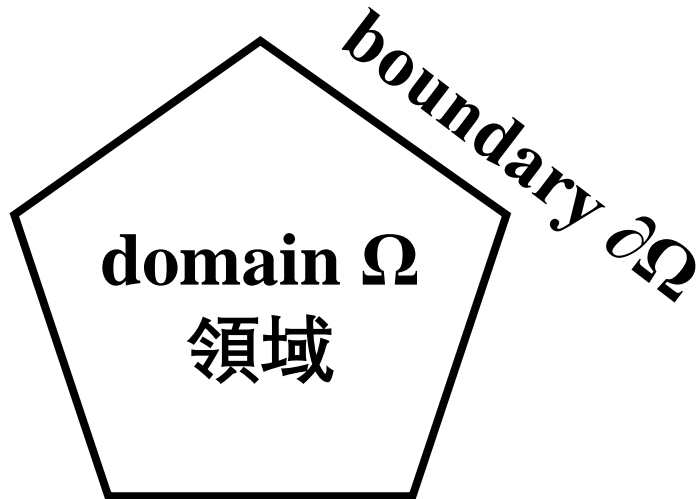
接触問題PATCH TESTをパスする有限要素解析
アルゴリズムの開発 陳 献, 久田 俊明 2006

Virtual element method (VEM)

VEM is a generalization of FEM (Beirão da Veiga et al., 2013)

- Able to deal with arbitrary polygonal meshes (多角形メッシュ)
- No domain integral is needed (境界上の積分計算のみ)

Suppose we have a pentagon element, the variational formulation (弱形式) of the boundary value problem (境界値問題) is: to find **displacement** u such that



pentagon element

$$a(u, v) = f(v), \quad \forall v \in H_0^1(\Omega) \times H_0^1(\Omega) \quad \text{in which}$$

$$a(u, v) = \int_{\Omega} \sigma(u) : \varepsilon(v) d\Omega, \quad \text{bilinear form (双線型形式);}$$

$$f(v) = \int_{\partial\Omega} v \cdot t d\partial\Omega, \quad \text{linear form (線型汎関数);}$$

v : test function (試験関数); $H_0^1(\Omega)$ Sobolev space (空間);

Construction of $a(u, v)$

$$a(u, v) = f(v), \quad \forall v \in H_0^1(\Omega) \times H_0^1(\Omega) \quad f(v) \text{ is the same as in FEM}$$

Stress tensor

$$\sigma(u) = \mathbb{C} \varepsilon(u) \quad \mathbb{C} : \text{elasticity tensor (弾性テンソル)}$$

$$a(u, v) = \int_{\Omega} \sigma(u) : \varepsilon(v) d\Omega \quad \varepsilon(v) = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla v + \nabla^T v) \quad \nabla : \text{gradient operator (勾配)}$$

Strain tensor

First we define a local **virtual element space (関数空間) $V \times V$**

$$V \times V = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \varphi_1 & 0 & \varphi_2 & 0 & \cdots & \varphi_N & 0 \\ 0 & \varphi_1 & 0 & \varphi_2 & \cdots & 0 & \varphi_N \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \text{span} \{ \varphi_i \}_{i=1}^{2N} \quad (\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_{2N} \text{ 張る線形空間})$$

constant-valued function (関数)

Vector-valued function (ベクトル値関数)

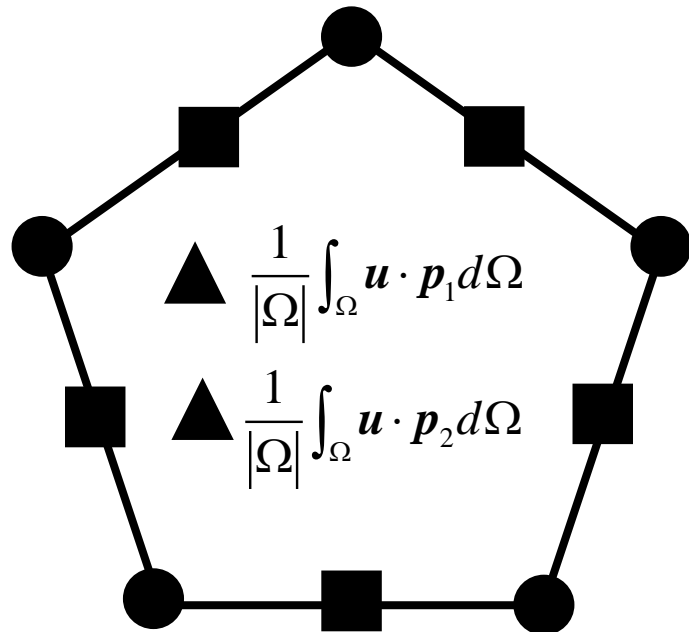
and we define φ_i as the i th **vector-valued shape function (ベクトル形状関数)**

Degree of freedom (DOF)

Functions \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are approximated by **Galerkin method** (Galerkin 近似)

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_x \\ u_y \end{bmatrix} \approx \sum_{i=1}^{2N} \boxed{\text{dof}_i}(\mathbf{u}) \boldsymbol{\varphi}_i; \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \end{bmatrix} \approx \sum_{i=1}^{2N} \boxed{\text{dof}_i}(\mathbf{v}) \boldsymbol{\varphi}_i \quad \text{dof}_i(\cdot): i\text{th degree of freedom (自由度)}$$

Take **second-order VEM** (二次VEM) as example, the **DOF** is defined as



- Values of \mathbf{u} at the 5 vertices (頂点変位);
- Values of \mathbf{u} at the 5 midpoints (中間節点の変位);
- ▲ Two integrals of \mathbf{u} with $\mathbf{p}_1 = [1, 0]^T$ and $\mathbf{p}_2 = [0, 1]^T$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{|\Omega|}} \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{p}_1 d\Omega; \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{p}_2 d\Omega \quad |\Omega| \text{ Domain area (面積)}$$

Entry of stiffness matrix

Then similar to FEM, $a(u, v)$ is approximated by **To be solved (未知数)**

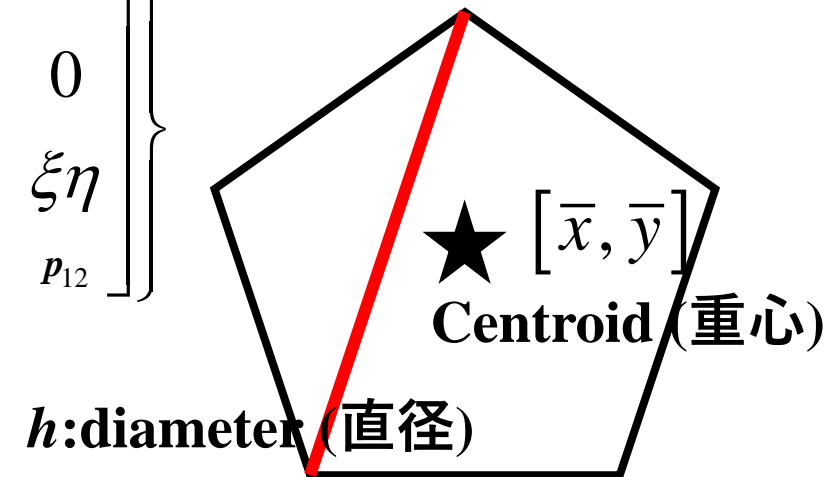
$$a(u, v) \approx a\left(\sum_{i=1}^{2N} \text{dof}_i(u) \varphi_i, \sum_{i=1}^{2N} \text{dof}_i(v) \varphi_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{2N} \sum_{j=1}^{2N} \boxed{\text{dof}_i(u)} \text{dof}_j(v) \boxed{a(\varphi_i, \varphi_j)}$$

Entry of stiffness matrix (剛性行列)

Define the **second-order polynomial space (二次多項式関数のなす空間) $P \times P$**

$$P \times P = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{12 basis functions (基底関数)} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \eta & \xi & 0 & \eta & \xi^2 & 0 & \eta^2 & 0 & \xi\eta & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -\xi & 0 & \eta & \xi & 0 & \xi^2 & 0 & \eta^2 & 0 & \xi\eta \\ p_1 & p_2 & p_3 & p_4 & p_5 & p_6 & p_7 & p_8 & p_9 & p_{10} & p_{11} & p_{12} \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \right\}$$

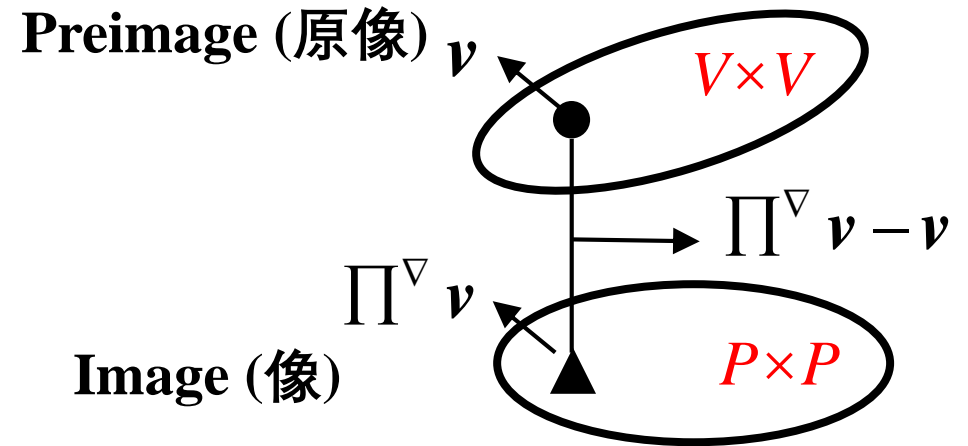
Scaled coordinates: $\xi = \frac{x - \bar{x}}{h}, \eta = \frac{y - \bar{y}}{h}$



Entry of stiffness matrix

And define a projector Π^∇ : which maps(写像) $V \times V \rightarrow P \times P$ (Beirão da Veiga et al., 2013) and satisfies

$$a(\mathbf{p}_\alpha, \Pi^\nabla \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}) = 0, \quad \text{for } \forall \mathbf{p}_\alpha \in P \times P \text{ and } \mathbf{v} \in V \times V$$



Then the entry $a(\varphi_i, \varphi_j)$ can be reformulated as (to avoid φ_i)

$$a(\varphi_i, \varphi_j) = a(\Pi^\nabla \varphi_i + (\varphi_i - \Pi^\nabla \varphi_i), \Pi^\nabla \varphi_j + (\varphi_j - \Pi^\nabla \varphi_j)) =$$

$$\underbrace{a(\Pi^\nabla \varphi_i, \Pi^\nabla \varphi_j)}_{\text{consistency}} + \underbrace{a(\varphi_i - \Pi^\nabla \varphi_i, \varphi_j - \Pi^\nabla \varphi_j)}_{\text{stability}}$$

Derivation of Π^∇

Recall that:

$$V \times V = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \varphi_1 & 0 & \varphi_2 & 0 & \cdots & \varphi_N & 0 \\ 0 & \varphi_1 & 0 & \varphi_2 & \cdots & 0 & \varphi_N \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Preimage (原像)

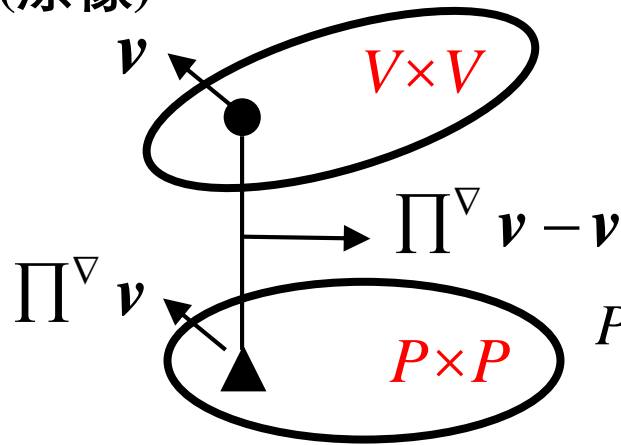


Image (像)

$$P \times P = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \eta & \xi & 0 & \eta & \xi^2 & 0 & \eta^2 & 0 & \xi\eta & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -\xi & 0 & \eta & \xi & 0 & \xi^2 & 0 & \eta^2 & 0 & \xi\eta \\ p_1 & p_2 & p_3 & p_4 & p_5 & p_6 & p_7 & p_8 & p_9 & p_{10} & p_{11} & p_{12} \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

So the projector: $\Pi^\nabla: V \times V \rightarrow P \times P$ is a $2N$ -by-12 matrix Π

$$\Pi = \begin{bmatrix} S_{1,1} & \cdots & S_{1,2N} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ S_{12,1} & \cdots & S_{12,2N} \end{bmatrix}$$

For each column: $\Pi^\nabla \varphi_i = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{12} S_{i,\alpha} p_\alpha$ Linear combination (線型結合)

Details can be found in (Beirão da Veiga et al., 2013)

Calculation of $a(\boldsymbol{\varphi}_i, \boldsymbol{\varphi}_j)$

$$a(\boldsymbol{\varphi}_i, \boldsymbol{\varphi}_j) = \underbrace{a(\Pi^\nabla \boldsymbol{\varphi}_i, \Pi^\nabla \boldsymbol{\varphi}_j)}_{\text{consistency}} + \underbrace{a(\boldsymbol{\varphi}_i - \Pi^\nabla \boldsymbol{\varphi}_i, \boldsymbol{\varphi}_j - \Pi^\nabla \boldsymbol{\varphi}_j)}_{\text{stability}} \quad (\text{Beirão da Veiga et al., 2013})$$

Consistency part:

$$\begin{aligned} a(\Pi^\nabla \boldsymbol{\varphi}_i, \Pi^\nabla \boldsymbol{\varphi}_j) &= \int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\Pi^\nabla \boldsymbol{\varphi}_i) : \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\Pi^\nabla \boldsymbol{\varphi}_j) d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \left(\sum_{\alpha=1}^{12} S_{i,\alpha} \mathbf{p}_{\alpha} \right) : \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \left(\sum_{\beta=1}^{12} S_{j,\beta} \mathbf{p}_{\beta} \right) d\Omega \\ &= \sum_{\alpha=1}^{12} \sum_{\beta=1}^{12} S_{i,\alpha} S_{j,\beta} \int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{p}_{\alpha}) : \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{p}_{\beta}) d\Omega = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{12} \sum_{\beta=1}^{12} S_{i,\alpha} S_{j,\beta} a(\mathbf{p}_{\alpha}, \mathbf{p}_{\beta}) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{12} \sum_{\beta=1}^{12} \Pi_{i\alpha} \Pi_{\beta j} \mathbf{G}_{\alpha\beta} = \left(\Pi^T \mathbf{G} \Pi \right)_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

and 12-by-12 matrix \mathbf{G} is calculated as

$$\mathbf{G} = \begin{bmatrix} a(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_1) & \cdots & a(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_{12}) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a(\mathbf{p}_{12}, \mathbf{p}_1) & \cdots & a(\mathbf{p}_{12}, \mathbf{p}_{12}) \end{bmatrix}$$

Divergence theorem

(発散定理)

$$\begin{aligned} a(\mathbf{p}_{\alpha}, \mathbf{p}_{\beta}) &= \int_{\Omega^k} \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{p}_{\alpha}) : \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{p}_{\beta}) d\Omega \\ &= \int_{\partial\Omega} \mathbb{C} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{p}_{\alpha}) \mathbf{n}_{\partial\Omega} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{\beta} d\Gamma - \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{p}_{\beta} \cdot [\nabla \cdot (\mathbb{C} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{p}_{\alpha}))] d\Omega, \quad \alpha, \beta = 1, 2, \dots, 12 \end{aligned}$$

Calculation of $a(\varphi_i, \varphi_j)$

$$a(\varphi_i, \varphi_j) = \underbrace{a(\Pi^\nabla \varphi_i, \Pi^\nabla \varphi_j)}_{\text{consistency}} + \underbrace{a(\varphi_i - \Pi^\nabla \varphi_i, \varphi_j - \Pi^\nabla \varphi_j)}_{\text{stability}} \quad (\text{Beirão da Veiga et al., 2013})$$

Stability part: First define a $2N$ -by- 12 matrix D with entry

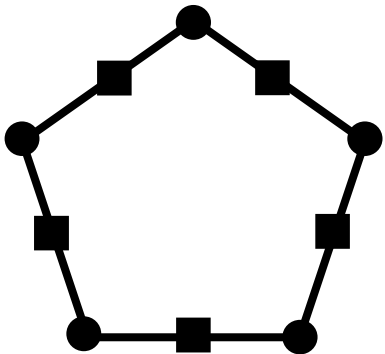
$$D_{i\alpha} = \text{dof}_i(p_\alpha) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, 2N \text{ and } \alpha = 1, 2, \dots, 12$$

and $a(\varphi_i - \Pi^\nabla \varphi_i, \varphi_j - \Pi^\nabla \varphi_j)$ **is approximated by**

$$a(\varphi_i - \Pi^\nabla \varphi_i, \varphi_j - \Pi^\nabla \varphi_j) \approx \gamma \tau^* (I - D\Pi)_i^T (I - D\Pi)_j$$

I : identity matrix (単位行列)

γ, τ^* : user-defined parameters
(ユーザー定義パラメータ)



After obtaining $a(\varphi_i, \varphi_j)$, the **element stiffness matrix** (要素剛性行列)

$$k_{ij} = a(\varphi_i, \varphi_j)$$

Assembly

$$KU = F$$

Equilibrium equation
(平衡方程式)

Node insertion algorithm

Merit of VEM: Allow hanging node on boundary (境界の分割可能)

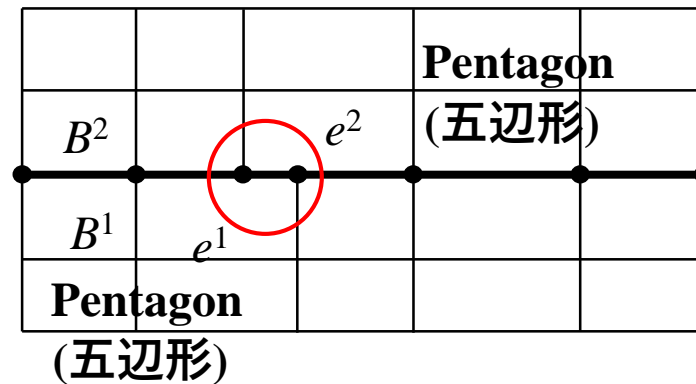
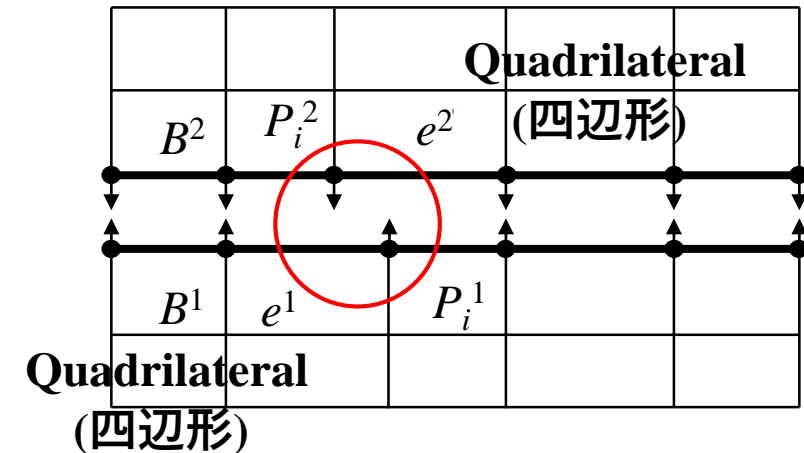


Node insertion
→



Number of Shape functions
(形状関数) increase for the
red node only for this element

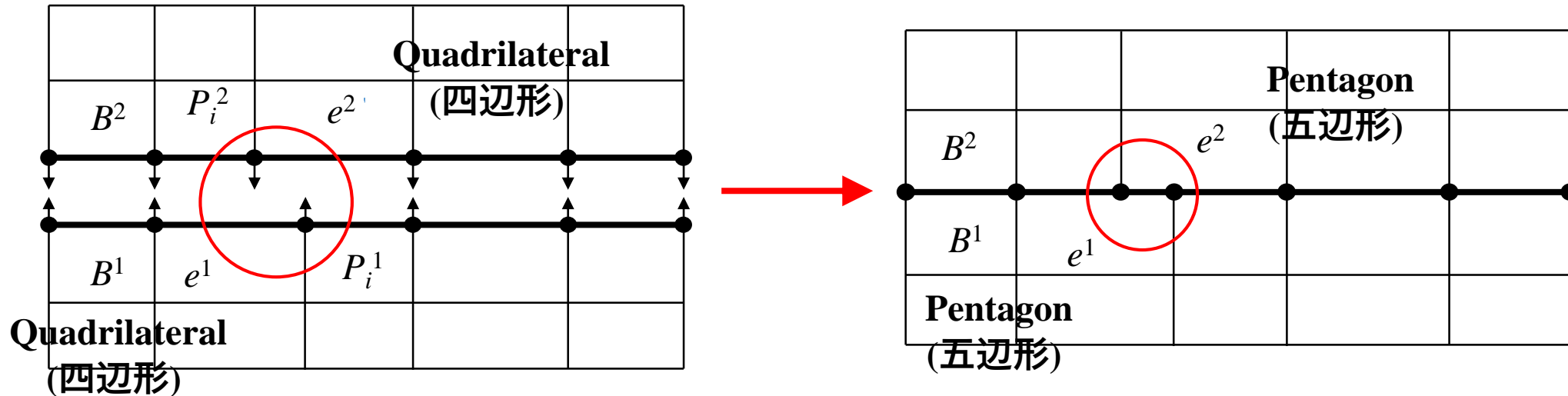
For non-matching contact interface (不整合メッシュ)



Matching mesh
(整合メッシュ)

Contact scheme

Node-to-Node contact scheme (点对点接触)



Normal contact: **Lagrange multiplier method**

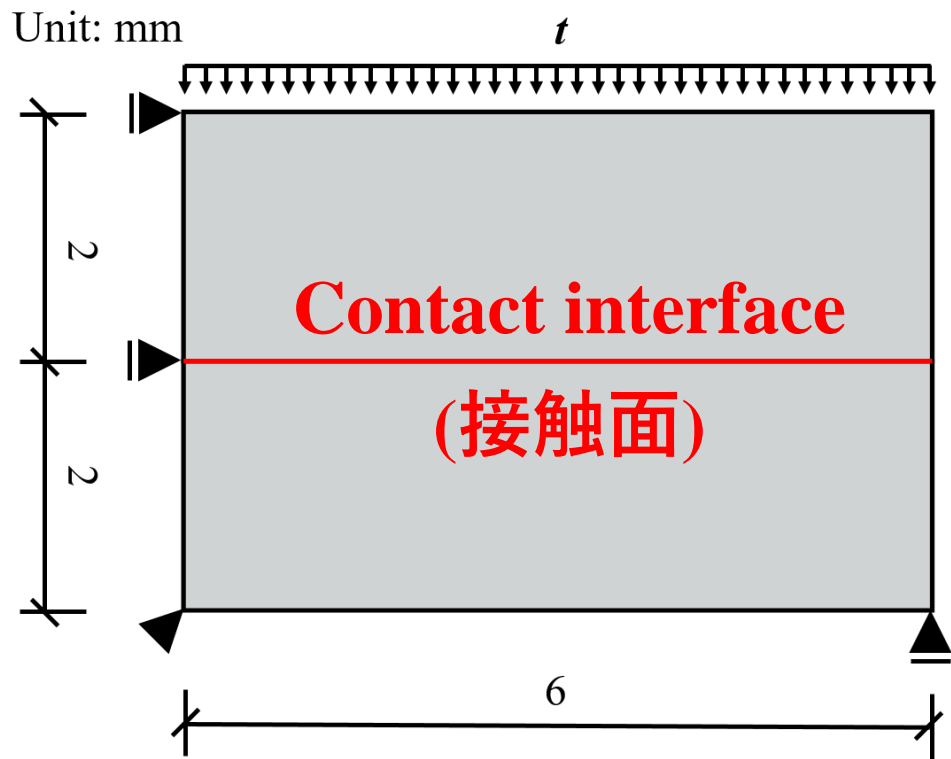
(法線方向: **ラグランジュ乗数法**)

Tangential contact: **Penalty method, stick condition**

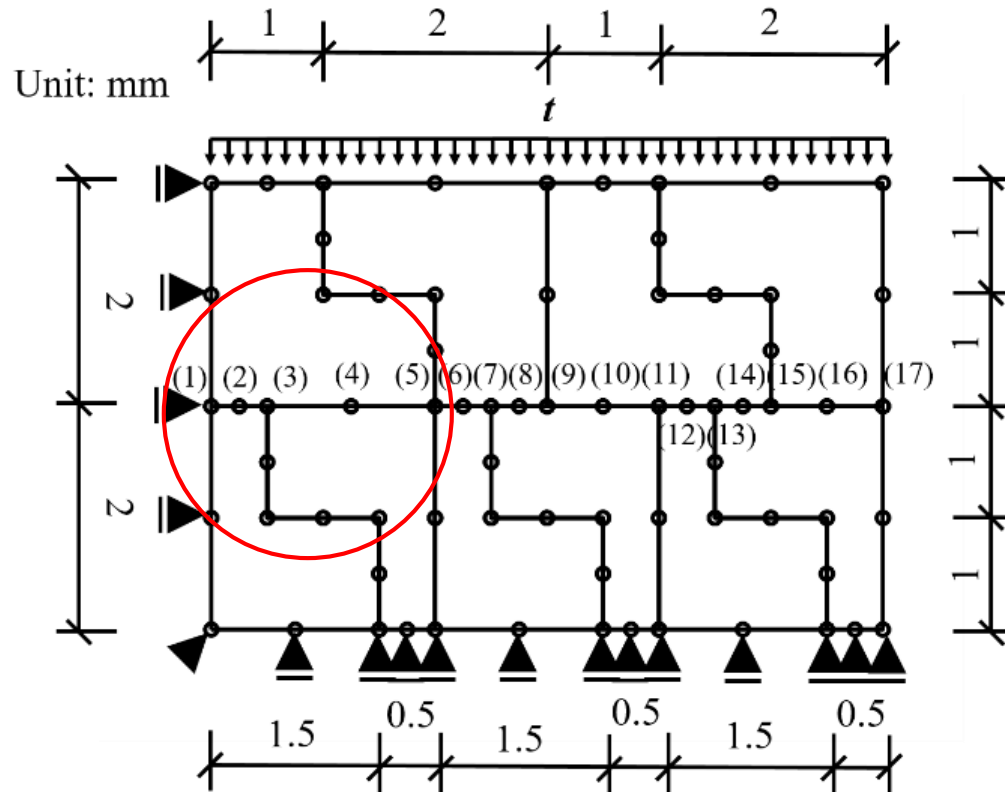
(接線方向: **ペナルティ法、固着状態**)

Patch test

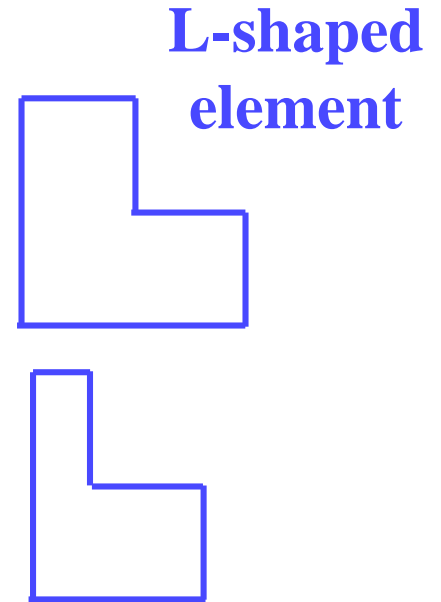
Young's modulus: 7000 MPa; Poisson ratio: 0.3



Geometry model
(接触する 2 弾性体)

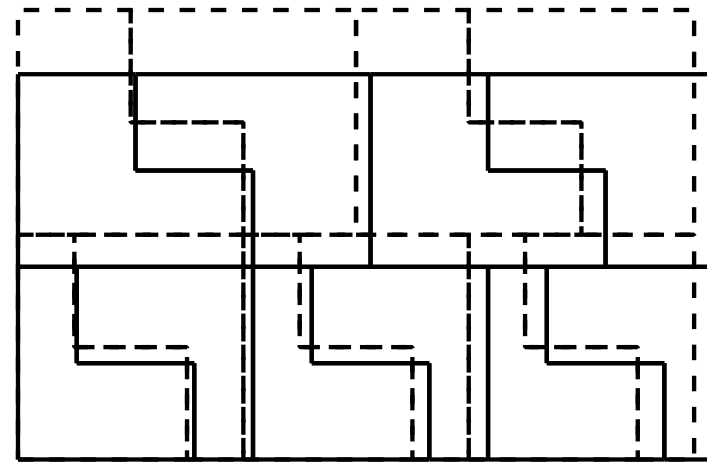
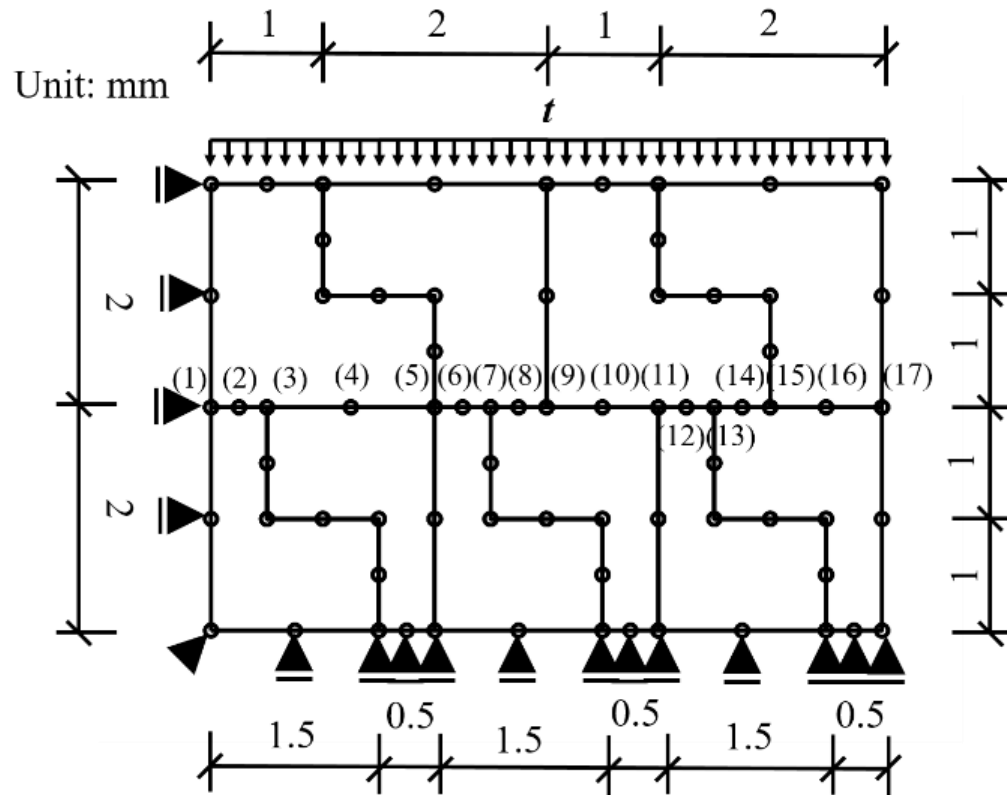


Discretization
(要素分割)

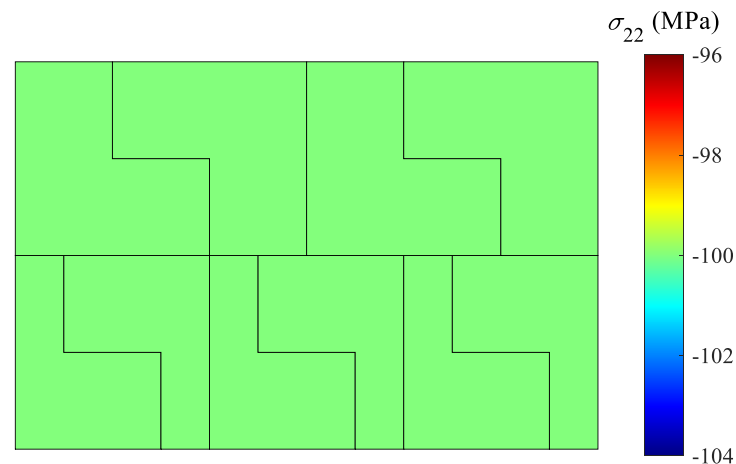


Patch test

Deformation and stress results



Axial Deformation
(一様な変形)



Uniform stress
(一様な接触圧力)

Conclusion and future work

➤ The proposed method has the following conclusions:

- By introducing second-order VEM, **non-matching mesh** can be transformed to **matching mesh** (不整合メッシュ → 整合メッシュ)
- Then Node-to-Node contact scheme (点-点接触) can be easily applied by either **Lagrange multiplier method** or **penalty method**
- Patch test is passed by the proposed method

➤ Future work:

- 3-dimensional application (ソリッド要素);
- Large deformation/nonlinear analysis (大変形/非線形解析);

Thanks for your kind attention

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