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Nonlinear Multi-Scale Finite Element Modeling of the Progressive Collapse of Reinforced Concrete Structures

Lecture 2: Newton-Raphson (recall)

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How to solve a nonlinear problem numerically?









Newton-Raphson procedure for 1 NL equation N-R in the structure of a NL FE code Lab: Solve 1 NL equation using N-R in MatLab



Inspired and adapted from the 'Nonlinear Modeling of Structures' course of Prof. Thierry J. Massart at the ULB



Newton-Raphson procedure 4 Problem statement

Find a new approximation based on an initial value and the slope of the function at this point







Newton-Raphson procedure 5 Iterative scheme

Re-write F(x) = 0 under the form x = f(x)Construct a series of successive approximations

$$x^{(1)} = f(x^{(0)})$$

 $x^{(k)} = f(x^{(k-1)})$

Newton-Raphson approximation:

$$x^{(1)} = x^{(0)} - \frac{F(x^{(0)})}{F'(x^{(0)})}$$

$$x^{(k+1)} = x^{(k)} - \frac{F(x^{(k)})}{F'(x^{(k)})}$$

- Requires the knowledge of the function's derivative
- Quadratic local convergence, if the derivative is right
- This last point is CRUCIAL for a proper convergence!





Newton-Raphson procedure 6 Interpretation from a series development

Assume a first approximation is available $x^{(k)}$

Express the value of the function as a first order development

 $F(x^{(k+1)}) = F(x^{(k)}) + F'(x^{(k)})(x^{(k+1)} - x^{(k)}) + \frac{F''(x^{(k)})}{2!}(x^{(k+1)} - x^{(k)})^2 + \dots$

If this new value has to vanish (to find the root) $F(x^{(k+1)}) = 0$

Using the first order development, a new approximation is

$$F(x^{(k)}) + F'(x^{(k)})(x^{(k+1)} - x^{(k)}) \approx 0$$
$$x^{(k+1)} = x^{(k)} - \frac{F(x^{(k)})}{F'(x^{(k)})}$$





Newton-Raphson procedure 7 Potential shortcomings

Vanishing derivatives

Deadlocks between particular points







Newton-Raphson procedure 8 System of equations

$$F_1(x_1, ..., x_n) = 0$$

...
 $F_n(x_1, ..., x_n) = 0$

Initial approximation:

$$\left\{x^{(0)}\right\} = \left\{x_1^{(0)}, ..., x_n^{(0)}\right\}^T$$

A new approximation is found by solving:

$$\begin{bmatrix} J_F\left(\left\{x^{(k)}\right\}\right) \end{bmatrix} \left(\left\{x^{(k+1)}\right\} - \left\{x^{(k)}\right\}\right) = -\left\{F\left(\left\{x^{(k)}\right\}\right)\right\}$$





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Objectives:

- Determine the load-displacement response of a structure
- Determine some of its points (limit load, ...)
- Determine the state of the structure for various load levels

Computational method:

- Local convergence; loads have to be applied step-by-step



- Series of successive problems solved in an iterative fashion



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Searching for structural equilibrium



Structure of a NL FE code 12 Flowchart







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