

## Scaled Boundary Finite Element Method for Thermoelasticity in Voided Materials

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**Abstract:** The scaled boundary finite element method (SBFEM) is presented to study thermoelastic problems in materials with voids. The SBFEM combines the main advantages of the finite element method (FEM) and the boundary element method (BEM). In this method, only the boundary is discretized with elements leading to a reduction of spatial dimension by one. It reduces computational efforts in mesh generation and CPU. In contrast to the BEM, no fundamental solution is required, which permits to analyze general boundary value problems, where the conventional BEM cannot be applied due to missing fundamental solution. The computational homogenization technique is applied for thermo-mechanical analyses in voided materials. The evolution of the mechanical and thermal fields at the macroscopic level is resolved through the incorporation of the microstructural response. The microstructural analyses are performed on the representative volume element (RVE), where essential physical geometrical information about the microstructural components is included.

**Keywords:** Representative volume element (RVE), circular voids, 2-d problems, uncoupled thermoelasticity.

### 1 Introduction

The presence of voids affects material properties and functionality of these elements in structures. It is needed to have reliable computational models to consider voids in materials. For voided isotropic or anisotropic materials, the influences of voids on the effective properties have been studied by many authors [Christensen (1993); Jasiuk et al. (1994)]. The shape and distribution of voids can be arbitrary. In principle it would be possible to refer directly to the microscopic scale, but such microscopic models are often far too complex to handle for the analysis of a large structure. Further, the data obtained would be redundant and compli-

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cated procedures would be required to extract information of interest. Therefore, the multiscale modelling is a convenient technique to consider microstructure properties and transfer them into the macroscopic models. The scope of such multiscale modelling is to design combined macroscopic-microscopic computational methods that are more efficient than solving the full microscopic model and at the same time give the information that we need to the desired accuracy [Engquist et al. (2007)]. The microstructure can be accounted in macro-structural analyses via homogenization when the effective (overall) material coefficients are obtained from solutions of appropriate boundary value problems on micro-scale level in a representative volume element (RVE) [Hill (1963)].

In literature there are many homogenization techniques and earlier methods have been based on analytical approaches. Mainly self-consistent and Mori-Tanaka analytical approaches are utilized to get effective material coefficients [Budiansky (1965); Hill (1965); Mori and Tanaka (1973); Benviste (1987); Kachanov (1992); Castaneda and Willis (1995); Quin (2004); Goyheneche and Cosculluela (2005)]. A comprehensive validation of analytical homogenization models is given by Ghossein and Levesque (2014). Later, numerical approaches have been developed to determine effective material properties in composite materials [Bohm and Han (2001); Bohm et al. (2002); Marur (2004); Pierard et al. (2004)]. Higher-order two-dimensional as well as low and higher-order three-dimensional new hybrid-mixed finite elements based on independently assumed displacement, and judiciously chosen strain fields are developed in [Bishay and Atluri (2012); Dong and Atluri (2011, 2012)] for applications in macro- and micro-mechanics. These schemes can be also applied for problems such as the determination of the effective thermal conductivity of porous rocks in partially saturated conditions [Gruescu et al. (2007)]. Various multiscale methods are reviewed by Kanoute et al. (2009) in the context of modelling mechanical and thermomechanical responses of composites. In the present paper a pure numerical approach has been developed to evaluate thermomechanical effective material properties in a voided material. Numerical analyses are performed on the RVE. The RVE contains sufficient microstructural information to be representative of any similar volume taken from any location in the voided solid. In uncoupled thermoelasticity, the temperature field is not influenced by displacements. Therefore, the heat conduction equation is solved first to obtain the temperature distribution. The equation of motion is subsequently solved for mechanical quantities.

The number of literature sources on the complex thermomechanical problem is limited. However, there are some literature sources on evaluation of effective thermal conductivity coefficients [Progelhof et al. (1976); Han and Cosner (1981); Hatta and Taya (1986); Gordon et al. (1994); Milton (2000); Sevostianov and Kachanov

(2003); Ahmedi et al. (2010); El Moumen et al. (2015); Wu et al. (2013)]. In homogenization techniques the RVE under specific boundary conditions is analyzed for determination of influence of voids on material properties. Therefore, we need to have a reliable computational tool to solve boundary value problems on the RVE. The finite element method (FEM), boundary element method (BEM) and meshless methods have been successfully applied to boundary value problems in thermoelasticity [Druma et al. (2004); Sladek and Sladek (1984); Suh and Tosaka (1989); Dargush and Banerjee (1991), Shiah and Tan (1999); Kögl and Gaul (2003)]. A novel approach to identify the thermal conductivities of a thin anisotropic medium by the BEM is presented by Shiah et al. (2014). Four representative multiscale methods, namely asymptotic homogenization method (AHM), heterogeneous multiscale method (HMM), variational multiscale (VMS) method and multiscale finite element method (MsFEM), for elliptic problems with multiscale coefficients are surveyed by Wu et al. (2014).

The scaled boundary finite element method (SBFEM) is developed in the present paper for 2D boundary value problem in a porous elastic solid under stationary thermoelastic boundary conditions. Up to now the SBFEM have been successfully applied to elastostatic, elastodynamic problems, thermopiezoelectricity and piezoelectric crack problem too [Deeks and Wolf (2002a); Song (2004a); Chiong et al. (2014); Li et al. (2014, 2015)]. The domain is described by scaling the boundary with the dimensionless radial coordinate pointing from the scaling center. Only the boundary of the domain is discretized with line elements. A scaling center is selected at a point from which the whole boundary is directly visible. However, the analyzed domain is frequently discretized by more polygons than it is necessary to satisfy the visibility condition to reduce the number of unknowns in the polygon. Song (2004b) has developed a super element for the dynamic analysis of two-dimensional crack problems. Although a quadratic eigenvalue problem must be solved in the scaled boundary finite-element method, the cost of which increases rapidly as the number of degrees of freedom increases, the scaled boundary finite-element method out-performs the finite-element method in situations involving stress concentrations or unbounded domains, reducing significantly the program run-time and using only a fraction of the number of degrees of freedom. The  $h$ -hierarchical adaptive procedure for the scaled boundary finite-element method has been developed by Deeks and Wolf (2002b).

The SBFEM has been developed here for uncoupled thermoelasticity and it is applied for evaluation of effective material properties on the micro-level (RVE) of the elastic solids with voids. Special boundary conditions are considered to evaluate individual material parameters. The present analyses give information concerning how the homogenized thermoelastic properties of the material vary in terms of

porosity.

## 2 Governing equations in thermoelasticity

Consider a linear elastic solid under stationary conditions since we are interesting to investigate influence of microstructure on macro model behavior. Governing equations are given by the balance of forces and stationary heat conduction equations [Nowacki (1986)]

$$\sigma_{ij,j}(\mathbf{x}) = 0, \tag{1}$$

$$k_{ij}\theta_{,ij}(\mathbf{x}) = 0, \tag{2}$$

where  $\sigma_{ij}$ ,  $\theta$  and  $u_i$  are the stresses, temperature difference and displacements, respectively. Symbol  $k_{ij}$  is used for the thermal conductivity tensor. Constitutive equations are given by the well known Duhamel-Neumann constitutive law for the stress tensor

$$\sigma_{ij}(\mathbf{x}) = c_{ijkl}\epsilon_{kl}(\mathbf{x}) - \gamma_{ij}\theta(\mathbf{x}), \tag{3}$$

where  $c_{ijkl}$  are the materials elastic coefficients and  $\gamma_{ij}$  is the stress-temperature modulus. The stress-temperature modulus can be expressed through the elastic coefficients and the coefficients of linear thermal expansion  $\alpha_{kl}$  as

$$\gamma_{ij} = c_{ijkl}\alpha_{kl}. \tag{4}$$

For 2-D plane problems, the constitutive equation (3) is frequently written in terms of the second-order tensor of elastic constants [Lekhnitskii (1963)]. Making use the standard Voigt notation, the constitutive equation for orthotropic materials and plane strain problems has the following form

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11} \\ \sigma_{22} \\ \sigma_{12} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} & 0 \\ c_{12} & c_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c_{44} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_{11} \\ \epsilon_{22} \\ 2\epsilon_{12} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} & c_{13} \\ c_{12} & c_{22} & c_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{11} \\ \alpha_{22} \\ \alpha_{33} \end{bmatrix} \theta = \mathbf{C} \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_{11} \\ \epsilon_{22} \\ 2\epsilon_{12} \end{bmatrix} - \gamma\theta, \tag{5}$$

$$\text{with } \gamma = \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} & c_{13} \\ c_{12} & c_{22} & c_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{11} \\ \alpha_{22} \\ \alpha_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_{11} \\ \gamma_{22} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

In the present paper only orthotropic material properties are considered. However, the SBFEM can be applied also for a general anisotropic material. If material properties are isotropic, equation (5) is reduced to a simple form

$$\sigma_{ij} = 2\mu\epsilon_{ij} + \lambda\epsilon_{kk}\delta_{ij} - (3\lambda + 2\mu)\alpha\theta\delta_{ij}, \tag{6}$$

with Lamé's constants  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ .

The following essential and natural boundary conditions are assumed for the mechanical quantities

$$\begin{aligned} u_i(\mathbf{x}) &= \tilde{u}_i(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{on } \Gamma_u, \\ t_i(\mathbf{x}) &= \sigma_{ij}(\mathbf{x})n_j(\mathbf{x}) = \tilde{t}_i(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{on } \Gamma_t, \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

and for the thermal quantities

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(\mathbf{x}) &= \tilde{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{on } \Gamma_p, \\ q(\mathbf{x}) &= -k_{ij}\theta_{,j}(\mathbf{x})n_i(\mathbf{x}) = \tilde{q}(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{on } \Gamma_q, \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

where  $q(\mathbf{x})$  is heat flux,  $\Gamma_u$  is the part of the global boundary with prescribed displacements, while on  $\Gamma_t$ ,  $\Gamma_p$  and  $\Gamma_q$  the traction vector  $t_i$ , the temperature and the heat flux are prescribed, respectively.

Since mechanical and thermal quantities are uncoupled, in the first step the temperature solution can be computed and in the next problem the mechanical quantities are analyzed.

### 3 Scaled boundary finite element method for stationary heat conduction problem

Recently, the scaled boundary finite element method (SBFEM) has been developed for stationary heat conduction problem [Li et al. (2015)]. A scaling center  $O$  is selected at a point from which the whole boundary is directly visible. The boundary  $S$  is scaled by the dimensionless radial coordinate  $\xi$  pointing from the scaling center. Figure 1 illustrates the basic idea of the scaled boundary finite element method for a 2D problem with domain  $V$ . Only the boundary  $S$  of the domain is discretized with line elements  $S^e$  when applying the scaled boundary finite element method. Then, the whole analyzed domain  $V$  is decomposed into triangular sectors  $V^e$  associated with the boundary line elements  $S^e$ .

The global Cartesian coordinates  $(x, y)$  of a point of a line element  $S^e$  (the superscript  $e$  denotes the element) on the boundary are parametrized as

$$x_1|_{S^e} = x(\eta)|_{S^e} := [N(\eta)]\{x\}^e, \quad x_2|_{S^e} = y(\eta)|_{S^e} := [N(\eta)]\{y\}^e, \quad (9)$$

with  $\eta$  being the local (circumferential) coordinate  $\eta \in [-1, 1]$ ,  $[N(\eta)] = (N_1(\eta), N_2(\eta))$  is the  $1 \times 2$  matrix of shape functions  $N_1(\eta) = (1 - \eta)/2$ ,  $N_2(\eta) = (1 + \eta)/2$ , and  $\{x\}^e, \{y\}^e$  are  $2 \times 1$  vectors composed of the Cartesian

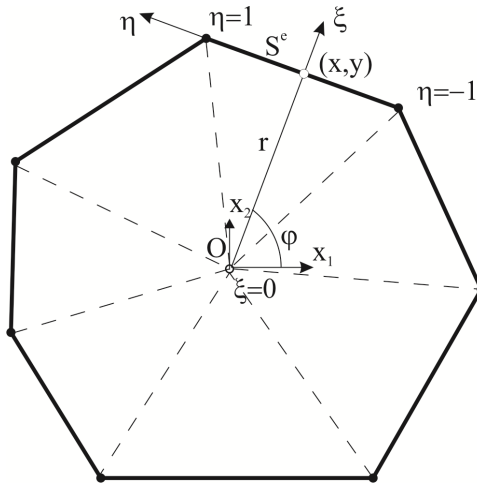


Figure 1: The scaled boundary polygon representation.

coordinates of two nodal points on the boundary element  $S^e$ , i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \{x\}^e &= (x^{1e}, x^{2e})^T = (x(\eta = -1), x(\eta = 1))^T \Big|_{S^e}, \\ \{y\}^e &= (y^{1e}, y^{2e})^T = (y(\eta = -1), y(\eta = 1))^T \Big|_{S^e}. \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

Let  $x_1^a, x_2^a$  be the Cartesian coordinates of the  $a$ -th nodal point on the boundary  $S$  with  $a = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $(x_1^1, x_2^1) \in S^1$ . Then, we can introduce the  $n \times 1$  vectors  $\{x_1\} = (x_1^1, x_1^2, \dots, x_1^n)^T$ ,  $\{x_2\} = (x_2^1, x_2^2, \dots, x_2^n)^T$  and the above mentioned interpolation on the boundary element  $S^e$  can be written as

$$x_1|_{S^e} = [N^e(\eta)] \{x_1\}, \quad x_2|_{S^e} = [N^e(\eta)] \{x_2\}, \tag{11}$$

where the shape functions matrix  $[N^e(\eta)]$  is  $1 \times n$  matrix with the  $a$ -th element of this matrix being given as

$$[N^e(\eta)]_a = \delta_{ae} N_1(\eta) + \delta_{a\bar{e}} N_2(\eta), \quad \bar{e} = \begin{cases} e+1, & e < n \\ 1, & e = n \end{cases}. \tag{12}$$

The analyzed domain is described by scaling the boundary with the dimensionless radial coordinate  $\xi$  pointing from the scaling center  $O(\xi = 0)$  to a point on the boundary ( $\xi = 1$ ). The Cartesian coordinates  $(x_1, x_2)$  of a point inside the triangular sector  $V^e$  are parametrized as

$$x_1(\xi, \eta)|_{V^e} = \xi x(\eta)|_{S^e} = \xi [N^e(\eta)] \{x_1\} \tag{13}$$

$$x_2(\xi, \eta)|_{V^e} = \xi y(\eta)|_{S^e} = \xi [N^e(\eta)] \{x_2\} \tag{14}$$

where  $\xi$  and  $\eta$  are called the scaled boundary coordinates,  $\xi \in [0, 1]$ ,  $\eta \in [-1, 1]$ .

The scaled boundary coordinates in two dimensions resemble the polar coordinates. The polar coordinates shown in Figure 1 are expressed as

$$r(\xi, \eta)|_{V^e} = \xi r\{\eta\}|_{S^e} = \xi \sqrt{x^2(\eta) + y^2(\eta)} \Big|_{S^e} \tag{15}$$

$$\varphi(\eta)|_{V^e} = \arctan \frac{y(\eta)}{x(\eta)} \Big|_{S^e} \tag{16}$$

Let  $\bar{\theta}^a(\xi)$  for  $a = 1, 2, \dots, n$  be the temperature field parametrized along the radial line passing the scaling center and the node  $(x_1^a, x_2^a)$  on the boundary and  $\{\bar{\theta}(\xi)\} = (\bar{\theta}^1(\xi), \bar{\theta}^2(\xi), \dots, \bar{\theta}^n(\xi))^T$ . Furthermore, we assume the linear interpolation within the boundary element  $S^e$ , i.e.

$$\theta(\mathbf{x})|_{S^e} = [N^e(\eta)] \{\bar{\theta}(\xi = 1)\} \tag{17}$$

Now, we extend the assumed interpolation on the boundary element, i.e. the approximation of the dependence on the parameter  $\eta$  when  $\xi = 1$ , also to interior points in the sector  $V^e$  as

$$\theta(\mathbf{x})|_{V^e} = [N^e(\eta)] \{\bar{\theta}(\xi)\}, \tag{18}$$

with new unknowns  $\bar{\theta}^a(\xi)$  being dependent on one parameter.

The transformation between the components of the gradient operator in the Cartesian coordinate system and scaled boundary coordinate system is shown as

$$\left\{ \begin{matrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \end{matrix} \right\} = [\hat{J}(\xi, \eta)] \left\{ \begin{matrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \end{matrix} \right\}, \quad \left\{ \begin{matrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \end{matrix} \right\} = [\hat{J}(\xi, \eta)]^{-1} \left\{ \begin{matrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \end{matrix} \right\} \tag{19}$$

with the Jacobian matrix defined as

$$[\hat{J}(\xi, \eta)] = \begin{bmatrix} x_{1,\xi} & x_{2,\xi} \\ x_{1,\eta} & x_{2,\eta} \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $x_{1,\xi}$ ,  $x_{2,\xi}$ ,  $x_{1,\eta}$  and  $x_{2,\eta}$  are determined from equations (13) and (14). Then,  $[\hat{J}(\xi, \eta)]$  is rewritten into the factorized form

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{J}(\xi, \eta)] &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \xi \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x(\eta) & y(\eta) \\ x(\eta)_{,\eta} & y(\eta)_{,\eta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \xi \end{bmatrix} [J(\eta)], \\ [\hat{J}(\xi, \eta)]^{-1} &= [J(\eta)]^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/\xi \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

with the radial coordinate  $\xi$  being separated from the local coordinate  $\eta$  on the boundary. The matrix  $[J(\eta)]$  is the Jacobian matrix on the boundary ( $\xi = 1$ ), i.e.

$$[J(\eta)] = [\hat{J}(1, \eta)] = \begin{bmatrix} x(\eta) & y(\eta) \\ x(\eta)_{,\eta} & y(\eta)_{,\eta} \end{bmatrix}, \tag{21}$$

$$[J(\eta)]^{-1} = \frac{1}{|J(\eta)|} \begin{bmatrix} y(\eta)_{,\eta} & -y(\eta) \\ -x(\eta)_{,\eta} & x(\eta) \end{bmatrix}$$

and its determinant is

$$|J(\eta)| = x(\eta)y(\eta)_{,\eta} - y(\eta)x(\eta)_{,\eta} \quad |\hat{J}(\xi, \eta)| = \xi|J(\eta)| \quad . \tag{22}$$

Thus,

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \end{array} \right\} \Big|_{V^e} = [b^{1e}(\eta)] \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} + [b^{2e}(\eta)] \frac{1}{\xi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \quad , \tag{23}$$

with

$$[b^{1e}(\eta)] = \frac{1}{|J(\eta)|} \begin{bmatrix} y(\eta)_{,\eta} \\ -x(\eta)_{,\eta} \end{bmatrix} \Big|_{S^e}, \quad [b^{2e}(\eta)] = \frac{1}{|J(\eta)|} \begin{bmatrix} -y(\eta) \\ x(\eta) \end{bmatrix} \Big|_{S^e}. \tag{24}$$

Then, the heat flux vector defined by

$$q_i(\mathbf{x}) = -k_{ij}\theta_{,j}(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{Bmatrix} q_1(\mathbf{x}) \\ q_2(\mathbf{x}) \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k_{11} & k_{12} \\ k_{12} & k_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \theta_{,1}(\mathbf{x}) \\ \theta_{,2}(\mathbf{x}) \end{Bmatrix} \tag{25}$$

can be approximated on the sector  $V^e$  as

$$\{q(\mathbf{x})\} \Big|_{V^e} = -[K] \begin{Bmatrix} \theta_{,1}(\mathbf{x}) \\ \theta_{,2}(\mathbf{x}) \end{Bmatrix} \Big|_{V^e} = -[K] \left( [B^{1e}(\eta)] \{\bar{\theta}(\xi)\}_{,\xi} + \frac{1}{\xi} [B^{2e}(\eta)] \{\bar{\theta}(\xi)\} \right), \tag{26}$$

where  $\{q(\mathbf{x})\} = (q_1(\mathbf{x}), q_2(\mathbf{x}))^T$ , and

$$[B^{1e}(\eta)] = [b^{1e}(\eta)] [N^e(\eta)] \quad , \quad [B^{2e}(\eta)] = [b^{2e}(\eta)] [N^e_{,\eta}(\eta)]. \tag{27}$$

The governing equation (2) and the prescribed boundary conditions result from the variational formulation

$$\int_V \delta \theta_{,i}(\mathbf{x}) q_i(\mathbf{x}) dV - \int_{S_q} \delta \theta(\mathbf{x}) \tilde{q}(\mathbf{x}) dS = 0 \quad , \tag{28}$$



or equivalently

$$-\int_V \delta \theta(\mathbf{x}) q_{i,i}(\mathbf{x}) dV + \int_{S_q} \delta \theta(\mathbf{x}) [q(\mathbf{x}) - \tilde{q}(\mathbf{x})] dS + \int_{S_\theta} \delta \theta(\mathbf{x}) q(\mathbf{x}) dS = 0. \quad (29)$$

Bearing in mind the approximations over the sectors  $V^e$  and/or the boundary elements  $S^e$

$$\begin{aligned} q_i(\mathbf{x}) \delta \theta_{,i}(\mathbf{x})|_{V^e} &= (q_1(\mathbf{x}), q_2(\mathbf{x})) \delta \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \varepsilon_1(\mathbf{x}) \\ \varepsilon_2(\mathbf{x}) \end{array} \right\} \Big|_{V^e} = \\ &= - \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \{ \bar{\theta}(\xi) \}^T [B^{1e}(\eta)]^T + \frac{1}{\xi} \{ \bar{\theta}(\xi) \}^T [B^{2e}(\eta)]^T \right) [K] \\ &\quad \left( [B^{1e}(\eta)] \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} + \frac{1}{\xi} [B^{2e}(\eta)] \right) \delta \{ \bar{\theta}(\xi) \} \\ \tilde{q}(\mathbf{x}) \delta \theta(\mathbf{x})|_{S^e} &= \tilde{q}([N^e(\eta)] \{x_1\}, [N^e(\eta)] \{x_2\}) [N^e(\eta)] \delta \{ \bar{\theta}(1) \}, \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

with using the transformation of the integration variables, one can rewrite Eq. (28) as

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{e=1}^n \int_0^1 \int_{-1}^1 \left\langle - \left( \{ \bar{\theta}(\xi) \}^T_{,\xi} [B^{1e}(\eta)]^T + \frac{1}{\xi} \{ \bar{\theta}(\xi) \}^T [B^{2e}(\eta)]^T \right) [K] \otimes \right. \\ \left. \otimes \left( [B^{1e}(\eta)] \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} + \frac{1}{\xi} [B^{2e}(\eta)] \right) \right\rangle \delta \{ \bar{\theta}(\xi) \} |J(\xi, \eta)| d\eta d\xi - \\ - \int_{-1}^1 \tilde{q}([N^e(\eta)] \{x_1\}, [N^e(\eta)] \{x_2\}) [N^e(\eta)] \delta \{ \bar{\theta}(1) \} |J(\eta)| d\eta = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

Introducing the notations

$$[E^{0e}] := \int_{-1}^1 [B^{1e}]^T [K] [B^{1e}] |J(\eta)| d\eta = [E^{0e}]^T, \quad [E^{1e}] := \int_{-1}^1 [B^{2e}]^T [K] [B^{1e}] |J(\eta)| d\eta,$$

$$[E^{2e}] := \int_{-1}^1 [B^{2e}]^T [K] [B^{2e}] |J(\eta)| d\eta = [E^{2e}]^T,$$

$$\{ \tilde{Q}^e \}^T := \int_{-1}^1 \tilde{q}([N^e(\eta)] \{x_1\}, [N^e(\eta)] \{x_2\}) [N^e(\eta)] |J(\eta)| d\eta \quad (32)$$

and taking into account  $|\hat{J}(\xi, \eta)| = \xi |J(\eta)|$ , we rearrange Eq. (31) as

$$\sum_{e=1}^n \left\{ \int_0^1 \left\langle - \left( \{\bar{\theta}(\xi)\}_{,\xi}^T \xi [E^{0e}] + \{\bar{\theta}(\xi)\}^T [E^{1e}] \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \delta \{\bar{\theta}(\xi)\} + \left( - \{\bar{\theta}(\xi)\}_{,\xi}^T [E^{1e}]^T - \{\bar{\theta}(\xi, \tau)\}^T \frac{1}{\xi} [E^{2e}] \right) \delta \{\bar{\theta}(\xi)\} \right\rangle d\xi - \{\bar{Q}^e\}^T \delta \{\bar{\theta}(1)\} \right\} = 0.$$

Hence, integrating the first term by-parts, we receive

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{e=1}^n \left\{ \int_0^1 \left\langle \{\bar{\theta}(\xi)\}_{,\xi\xi}^T \xi [E^{0e}] + \{\bar{\theta}(\xi)\}_{,\xi}^T \left( [E^{0e}] + [E^{1e}] - [E^{1e}]^T \right) \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. - \{\bar{\theta}(\xi)\}^T \frac{1}{\xi} [E^{2e}] \right\rangle \delta \{\bar{\theta}(\xi)\} d\xi \right. \\ & \left. + \{\bar{q}^e(\xi)\}^T \delta \{\bar{\theta}(\xi)\} \Big|_{\xi=0}^{\xi=1} - \{\bar{Q}^e\}^T \delta \{\bar{\theta}(1)\} \right\} = 0, \end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

where we have used the notation

$$\{\bar{q}^e(\xi)\} := -\xi [E^{0e}] \{\bar{\theta}(\xi)\}_{,\xi} - [E^{1e}]^T \{\bar{\theta}(\xi)\}. \tag{34}$$

Furthermore, making use the notations

$$[E^\alpha] := \sum_{e=1}^n [E^{\alpha e}], \quad \{\bar{q}(\xi)\} := \sum_{e=1}^n \{\bar{q}^e(\xi)\} \tag{35}$$

the variational formulation yields the following governing equation

$$\xi^2 [E^0] \{\bar{\theta}(\xi)\}_{,\xi\xi} + \xi \left( [E^0] + [E^1]^T - [E^1] \right) \{\bar{\theta}(\xi)\}_{,\xi} - [E^2] \{\bar{\theta}(\xi)\} = 0, \tag{36}$$

and the restriction conditions on the boundary

$$\{\bar{q}(\xi)\}^T \delta \{\bar{\theta}(\xi)\} \Big|_{\xi=0}^{\xi=1} - \{\bar{Q}\}^T \delta \{\bar{\theta}(1)\} = 0 \tag{37}$$

which can be rearranged as

$$\left( \{\bar{q}(1)\}^T - \{\bar{Q}\}^T \right) \delta \{\bar{\theta}(1)\} = 0, \tag{38}$$

since the temperature  $\{\bar{\theta}(0)\}$  must be uniquely defined, hence  $\delta \{\bar{\theta}(0)\} = 0$ .

Now, the restriction condition (38) yields two kinds of boundary conditions:

(i) prescribed temperature:  $\bar{\theta}(1)$ , hence  $\delta \{ \bar{\theta}(1) \} = 0$

(ii) prescribed heat flux:  $\{ \bar{q}(1) \} = \{ \bar{Q} \}$ .

A matrix function solution technique is adopted to solve the scaled boundary finite element equation (36). Differentiating  $\{ \bar{q}(\xi) \}$  given by Eq. (34), one can eliminate the 2<sup>nd</sup> order derivative  $\{ \bar{\theta}(\xi, \tau) \}_{,\xi\xi}$  and get the set of the 1<sup>st</sup> order differential equations for  $2n$  variables  $\{ \bar{\theta}(\xi) \}, \{ \bar{q}(\xi) \}$

$$\xi \left\{ \begin{matrix} \{ \bar{\theta}(\xi) \} \\ \{ \bar{q}(\xi) \} \end{matrix} \right\}_{,\xi} = -[Z] \left\{ \begin{matrix} \{ \bar{\theta}(\xi) \} \\ \{ \bar{q}(\xi) \} \end{matrix} \right\} \tag{39}$$

with the Hamiltonian coefficient matrix

$$[Z] = \begin{bmatrix} [E^0]^{-1} [E^1]^T, & [E^0]^{-1} \\ [E^2] - [E^1] [E^0]^{-1} [E^1]^T, & -[E^1] [E^0]^{-1} \end{bmatrix} . \tag{40}$$

The eigenvalue method [Song and Wolf (1999)] has been applied to solve the system of ordinary differential equations (ODE). The general solution of equation (39) is given by

$$\bar{\theta}(\xi) = [\Psi_{11}] \left[ \xi^{-\lambda_i} \right] \{c_1\} + [\Psi_{12}] \left[ \xi^{\lambda_i} \right] \{c_2\} \tag{41}$$

$$\bar{q}(\xi) = [\Psi_{21}] \left[ \xi^{-\lambda_i} \right] \{c_1\} + [\Psi_{22}] \left[ \xi^{\lambda_i} \right] \{c_2\} . \tag{42}$$

The condition of finiteness of the thermal energy leads to  $\{c_2\} = 0$  in eqs. (41) and (42) as the functions  $[\xi^{\lambda_i}]$  tend to infinity at  $\xi = 0$  for  $\lambda_i$  with negative real parts. The solution is written as

$$\bar{\theta}(\xi) = [\Psi_{11}] \left[ \xi^{-\lambda_i} \right] \{c_1\} \tag{43}$$

$$\bar{q}(\xi) = [\Psi_{21}] \left[ \xi^{-\lambda_i} \right] \{c_1\} . \tag{44}$$

The temperature on the boundary  $\{ \bar{\theta} \} = \{ \bar{\theta}(\xi = 1) \}$  determine the integration constants  $\{c_1\}$

$$\{c_1\} = [\Psi_{11}]^{-1} \times \{ \bar{\theta}(\xi = 1) \} .$$

The nodal fluxes on the boundary are obtained from equation (44)

$$\bar{Q} = \{ \bar{q}(\xi = 1) \} = [\Psi_{21}] [\Psi_{11}]^{-1} \{ \bar{\theta} \} . \tag{45}$$

If the stiffness matrix  $[K]$  is defined as

$$\bar{Q} = \{ \bar{q}(\xi = 1) \} = [K] \{ \bar{\theta}(\xi = 1) \} . \tag{46}$$

#### 4 Scaled boundary finite element method for stationary elasticity

The strain  $\{\bar{\epsilon}\}$  is given as

$$\{\bar{\epsilon}\} = [L] \{\bar{u}\} = [L] [u_1, u_2]^T \tag{47}$$

with the linear differential operator

$$[L] = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \end{bmatrix} . \tag{48}$$

The operator  $[L]$  can be utilized to rewrite equilibrium equations (1) as

$$[L]^T \{\bar{\sigma}\} = 0. \tag{49}$$

Again the whole analyzed domain  $V$  is decomposed into triangular sectors  $V^e$  associated with the boundary line elements  $S^e$  and the Cartesian coordinates  $(x,y)$  on the boundary  $S^e$  are interpolated by nodal coordinates and shape functions. The scaled coordinates  $\xi$  and  $\eta$  are introduced.

The linear differential operator  $[L]$  in equation (48) is transformed to the coordinates  $\xi, \eta$  as

$$[L]|_{V^e} = [L^{1e}(\eta)] \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} + \frac{1}{\xi} [L^{2e}(\eta)] \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \tag{50}$$

where

$$[L^{1e}(\eta)] = \frac{1}{|J(\eta)|} \begin{bmatrix} y(\eta)_{,\eta} & 0 \\ 0 & -x(\eta)_{,\eta} \\ -x(\eta)_{,\eta} & y(\eta)_{,\eta} \end{bmatrix} \Bigg|_{S^e}, \tag{51}$$

$$[L^{2e}(\eta)] = \frac{1}{|J(\eta)|} \begin{bmatrix} -y(\eta) & 0 \\ 0 & x(\eta) \\ x(\eta) & -y(\eta) \end{bmatrix} \Bigg|_{S^e}. \tag{52}$$

The displacements  $\{\bar{u}(\xi, \eta)\}|_{V^e} = (u_1(\xi, \eta), u_2(\xi, \eta))^T|_{V^e}$  at any point  $(\xi, \eta)$  inside the sector  $V^e$  is obtained by interpolating  $\{\bar{u}(\xi)\}$  with the shape functions as

$$\{\bar{u}(\xi, \eta)\}|_{V^e} = [M^e(\eta)] \{\bar{u}(\xi)\}, \tag{53}$$

where  $[M^e(\eta)] = \delta_{ae} N_1(\eta) [I] + \delta_{a\bar{e}} N_2(\eta) [I]$ ,  $\bar{e} = \begin{cases} e+1, & e < n \\ 1, & e = n \end{cases}$  and  $[I]$  is a  $2 \times 2$  identity matrix.

Substituting equations (50) and (53) into equation (37) leads to

$$\{\bar{\varepsilon}(\xi, \eta)\}|_{V^e} = [G^{1e}(\eta)] \{\bar{u}(\xi)\}_{,\xi} + \frac{1}{\xi} [G^{2e}(\eta)] \{\bar{u}(\xi)\}, \quad (54)$$

where  $[G^{1e}(\eta)] = [L^{1e}(\eta)] [M^e(\eta)]$ ,  $[G^{2e}(\eta)] = [L^{2e}(\eta)] [M^e_{,\eta}(\eta)]$ .

The stresses  $\{\bar{\sigma}(\xi, \eta)\}$  can be obtained at any point  $(\xi, \eta)$  inside the sector  $V^e$  from equations (5) and (54) as

$$\begin{aligned} \{\bar{\sigma}(\xi, \eta)\}|_{V^e} = & [C] [G^{1e}(\eta)] \{\bar{u}(\xi)\}_{,\xi} + \frac{1}{\xi} [C] [G^{2e}(\eta)] \{\bar{u}(\xi)\} \\ & - \{\gamma\} [N^e(\eta)] \{\bar{\theta}(\xi)\}. \end{aligned} \quad (55)$$

Now, we can formulate the principle of virtual work for considered problem as

$$\delta U - \delta W = \sum_{e=1}^n (\delta U^e - \delta W^e) = 0, \quad (56)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \delta U^e = & \int_0^1 \left( \int_{-1}^1 (\{\bar{\sigma}(\xi, \eta)\}^T \delta \{\bar{\varepsilon}(\xi, \eta)\})|_{V^e} |\hat{J}(\xi, \eta)| d\eta \right) d\xi \\ \delta W^e = & \int_{-1}^1 (\{\tilde{t}(x_1, x_2)\}^T \delta \{\bar{u}(1, \eta)\})|_{S^e} |J(\eta)| d\eta, \end{aligned} \quad (57)$$

with  $\{\tilde{t}^e(\eta)\} := \{\tilde{t}(x_1, x_2)\}|_{S^e} = (\tilde{t}_1(x_1|_{S^e}, x_2|_{S^e}), \tilde{t}_2(x_1|_{S^e}, x_2|_{S^e}))^T$  being the vector of tractions prescribed on  $\Gamma_t$ , and  $x_\alpha|_{S^e} = [N^e(\eta)] \{x_\alpha\}$  are Cartesian coordinates on the boundary element  $S^e \subset \Gamma_t$ .

In view of (55) and (53), one obtains

$$\begin{aligned} \delta U^e = & \{\bar{f}^e(\xi)\}^T \delta \{\bar{u}(\xi)\}|_{\xi=0}^{\xi=1} \\ & + \int_0^1 \left( -\xi \{\bar{u}(\xi)\}_{,\xi\xi}^T [F^{0e}] + \{\bar{u}(\xi)\}_{,\xi}^T ([F^{1e}]^T - [F^{0e}] - [F^{1e}]) + \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{1}{\xi} \{\bar{u}(\xi)\} [F^{2e}] + \xi \{\bar{\theta}(\xi)\}_{,\xi}^T [H^{1e}] + \{\bar{\theta}(\xi)\}^T ([H^{1e}] - [H^{2e}]) \right) \delta \{\bar{u}(\xi)\} d\xi, \\ \delta W^e = & \{\tilde{T}^e\}^T \delta \{\bar{u}(\xi = 1)\} \quad , \end{aligned} \quad (58)$$

in which  $\{\bar{f}^e(\xi)\}^T = \xi \{\bar{u}(\xi)\}_{,\xi}^T [F^{0e}] + \{\bar{u}(\xi)\}^T [F^{1e}] - \xi \{\bar{\theta}(\xi)\}^T [H^{1e}]$  is the force associated with the displacements  $\{\bar{u}(\xi)\}$ , and we have introduced the following notations

$$\begin{aligned}
 [F^{0e}] &= \int_{-1}^1 [G^{1e}(\eta)]^T [C][G^{1e}(\eta)] |J(\eta)| d\eta = [F^{0e}]^T, \\
 [F^{1e}] &= \int_{-1}^1 [G^{2e}(\eta)]^T [C][G^{1e}(\eta)] |J(\eta)| d\eta, \\
 [F^{2e}] &= \int_{-1}^1 [G^{2e}(\eta)]^T [C][G^{2e}(\eta)] |J(\eta)| d\eta = [F^{2e}]^T, \\
 [H^{\alpha e}] &= \int_{-1}^1 [N^e(\eta)]^T \{\gamma\}^T [G^{\alpha e}(\eta)] |J(\eta)| d\eta, \\
 \{\tilde{T}^e\} &= \int_{-1}^1 \{\tilde{t}^e(\eta)\}^T [M^e(\eta)] |J(\eta)| d\eta.
 \end{aligned} \tag{59}$$

According to (56)-(59), the principle of virtual work results into the governing equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\xi^2 [F^0] \{\bar{u}(\xi)\}_{,\xi\xi} + \xi ([F^0] + [F^1]^T - [F^1]) \{\bar{u}(\xi)\}_{,\xi} - [F^2] \{\bar{u}(\xi)\} = \\
 &= \xi^2 [H^1]^T \{\bar{\theta}(\xi)\}_{,\xi} + \xi ([H^1]^T - [H^2]^T) \{\bar{\theta}(\xi)\}
 \end{aligned} \tag{60}$$

and the restriction condition

$$(\{\bar{f}(1)\}^T - \{\tilde{T}\}^T) \delta \{\bar{u}(1)\} - \{\bar{f}(0)\}^T \delta \{\bar{u}(0)\} = 0, \tag{61}$$

which can be rearranged as

$$(\{\bar{f}(1)\}^T - \{\tilde{T}\}^T) \delta \{\bar{u}(1)\} = 0, \tag{62}$$

since the generalized displacements  $\{\bar{u}(\xi = 0)\}$  must be uniquely defined, hence  $\delta \{\bar{u}(0)\} = 0$ .

Recall that  $[F^\alpha] = \sum_{e=1}^n [F^{\alpha e}]$ ,  $\{\tilde{T}\} = \sum_{e=1}^n \{\tilde{T}^e\}$ ,  $\{\bar{f}(\xi)\} = \sum_{e=1}^n \{\bar{f}^e(\xi)\}$ .

A matrix function solution technique is adopted to solve the scaled boundary finite element equation (60). Differentiating  $\{\bar{f}(\xi)\}$ , one can eliminate the  $2^{nd}$  order derivative  $\{\bar{u}(\xi)\}_{,\xi\xi}$  and get the set of the  $1^{st}$  order differential equations for  $2n$  variables  $\{\bar{u}(\xi)\}, \{\bar{f}(\xi)\}$

$$\xi \left\{ \begin{matrix} \{\bar{u}(\xi)\} \\ \{\bar{f}(\xi)\} \end{matrix} \right\}_{,\xi} + [Z] \left\{ \begin{matrix} \{\bar{u}(\xi)\} \\ \{\bar{f}(\xi)\} \end{matrix} \right\} = \xi \left\{ \begin{matrix} \{R_u(\xi)\} \\ \{R_f(\xi)\} \end{matrix} \right\} \quad , \quad (63)$$

where the right-hand side vector and the Hamiltonian coefficient matrix are given by

$$\left\{ \begin{matrix} \{R_u(\xi)\} \\ \{R_f(\xi)\} \end{matrix} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{matrix} [F^0]^{-1}[H^1]^T \{\bar{\theta}(\xi)\} \\ ([F^1][F^0]^{-1}[H^1]^T - [H^2]^T) \{\bar{\theta}(\xi)\} \end{matrix} \right\} \quad , \quad (64)$$

$$[Z] = \begin{bmatrix} [F^0]^{-1} [F^1]^T & - [F^0]^{-1} \\ - [F^2] + [F^1] [F^0]^{-1} [F^1]^T & - [F^1] [F^0]^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \quad . \quad (65)$$

The eigenvalue method [Song (2004a)] has been applied to solve the homogeneous equation corresponding to the scaled boundary finite element method equation (63), firstly. Substituting the formal solution

$$\left\{ \begin{matrix} \{\bar{u}(\xi)\} \\ \{\bar{f}(\xi)\} \end{matrix} \right\}^{(h)} = \xi^{-\lambda_i} \{\Psi_i\} \quad , \quad (66)$$

into homogeneous system leads to the eigenvalue problem of matrix  $[Z]$

$$[Z] \{\Psi_i\} = \lambda_i \{\Psi_i\} \quad \text{or} \quad [Z] [\Psi] = [\Psi] [\lambda] \quad (67)$$

where  $[\lambda]$  is diagonal matrix composed of  $4n$  eigenvalues and the columns of the matrix  $[\Psi]$  are given by the corresponding eigenvectors.

Separating the positive and negative eigenvalues, one can split the general solution of the homogeneous system as

$$\left\{ \begin{matrix} \{\bar{u}(\xi)\} \\ \{\bar{f}(\xi)\} \end{matrix} \right\}^{(h)} = \begin{bmatrix} [\Psi_{u-}] & [\Psi_{u+}] \\ [\Psi_{f-}] & [\Psi_{f+}] \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} diag[\xi^{-\lambda^{(-)}}] & [0] \\ [0] & diag[\xi^{-\lambda^{(+)}}] \end{bmatrix} \left\{ \begin{matrix} \{c^{(-)}\} \\ \{c^{(+)}\} \end{matrix} \right\} = [X(\xi)] \left\{ \begin{matrix} \{c^{(-)}\} \\ \{c^{(+)}\} \end{matrix} \right\} \quad , \quad (68)$$

where  $\lambda^{(-)}$  and  $\lambda^{(+)}$  represent negative and positive eigenvalues of the matrix  $[Z]$ , respectively,  $diag[\xi^{\pm\lambda^{(i)}}]$  are diagonal matrices with shown elements, and  $\{c^{(-)}\}$  and  $\{c^{(+)}\}$  are integration constants associated correspondingly with these eigenvalues. The technique of variation of integration constants is applied to the non-homogeneous system (63). Recall that

$$\xi [X(\xi)]_{,\xi} + [Z] [X(\xi)] = 0 \quad . \quad (69)$$

Then, the integration constants are replaced by  $\{c^{(-)}(\xi)\}, \{c^{(+)}(\xi)\}$  and one can write

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \{\bar{u}(\xi)\} \\ \{\bar{f}(\xi)\} \end{Bmatrix} = [X(\xi)] \begin{Bmatrix} \{c^{(-)}(\xi)\} \\ \{c^{(+)}(\xi)\} \end{Bmatrix}. \tag{70}$$

Substituting (70) into (63) yields

$$\begin{aligned} &\xi [X(\xi)]_{,\xi} \begin{Bmatrix} \{c^{(-)}(\xi)\} \\ \{c^{(+)}(\xi)\} \end{Bmatrix} + \xi [X(\xi)] \begin{Bmatrix} \{c^{(-)}(\xi)\} \\ \{c^{(+)}(\xi)\} \end{Bmatrix}_{,\xi} \\ &+ [Z] [X(\xi)] \begin{Bmatrix} \{c^{(-)}(\xi)\} \\ \{c^{(+)}(\xi)\} \end{Bmatrix} = \xi \begin{Bmatrix} \{R_u(\xi)\} \\ \{R_f(\xi)\} \end{Bmatrix}. \end{aligned} \tag{71}$$

Hence, in view of (69)

$$\xi [X(\xi)] \begin{Bmatrix} \{c^{(-)}(\xi)\} \\ \{c^{(+)}(\xi)\} \end{Bmatrix}_{,\xi} = \xi \begin{Bmatrix} \{R_u(\xi)\} \\ \{R_f(\xi)\} \end{Bmatrix}$$

or according to (68)

$$\begin{bmatrix} [\Psi_{u-}] & [\Psi_{u+}] \\ [\Psi_{f-}] & [\Psi_{f+}] \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \text{diag}[\xi^{-\lambda^{(-)}}] & [0] \\ [0] & \text{diag}[\xi^{-\lambda^{(+)}}] \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \{c^{(-)}(\xi)\} \\ \{c^{(+)}(\xi)\} \end{Bmatrix}_{,\xi} = \begin{Bmatrix} \{R_u(\xi)\} \\ \{R_f(\xi)\} \end{Bmatrix}. \tag{72}$$

Thus,

$$[\Psi_{u-}] \text{diag}[\xi^{-\lambda^{(-)}}] \{c^{(-)}(\xi)\}_{,\xi} + [\Psi_{u+}] \text{diag}[\xi^{-\lambda^{(+)}}] \{c^{(+)}(\xi)\}_{,\xi} = \{R_u(\xi)\},$$

$$[\Psi_{f-}] \text{diag}[\xi^{-\lambda^{(-)}}] \{c^{(-)}(\xi)\}_{,\xi} + [\Psi_{f+}] \text{diag}[\xi^{-\lambda^{(+)}}] \{c^{(+)}(\xi)\}_{,\xi} = \{R_f(\xi)\}. \tag{73}$$

Hence, we obtain

$$\text{diag}[\xi^{-\lambda^{(-)}}] \{c^{(-)}(\xi)\}_{,\xi} = [A^{(-)}] \left( [\Psi_{u+}]^{-1} \{R_u(\xi)\} - [\Psi_{f+}]^{-1} \{R_f(\xi)\} \right),$$

$$\text{diag}[\xi^{-\lambda^{(+)}}] \{c^{(+)}(\xi)\}_{,\xi} = [A^{(+)}] \left( [\Psi_{u-}]^{-1} \{R_u(\xi)\} - [\Psi_{f-}]^{-1} \{R_f(\xi)\} \right), \tag{74}$$



where

$$\begin{aligned} [A^{(-)}] &= \left( [\Psi_{u+}]^{-1} [\Psi_{u-}] - [\Psi_{f+}]^{-1} [\Psi_{f-}] \right)^{-1}, \\ [A^{(+)}] &= \left( [\Psi_{u-}]^{-1} [\Psi_{u+}] - [\Psi_{f-}]^{-1} [\Psi_{f+}] \right)^{-1}. \end{aligned} \tag{75}$$

Now, considering particular eigenvalues  $\lambda_i^{(-)}$ ,  $\lambda_i^{(+)}$  for  $(i = 1, 2, \dots, 2n)$  Eq. (74) can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} (c_i^{(-)}(\xi))_{,\xi} &= \xi^{\lambda_i^{(-)}} [A^{(-)}]_{ij} \left( [\Psi_{u+}]_{jk}^{-1} \{R_u(\xi)\}_k - [\Psi_{f+}]_{jk}^{-1} \{R_f(\xi)\}_k \right) \\ (c_i^{(+)}(\xi))_{,\xi} &= \xi^{\lambda_i^{(+)}} [A^{(+)}]_{ij} \left( [\Psi_{u-}]_{jk}^{-1} \{R_u(\xi)\}_k - [\Psi_{f-}]_{jk}^{-1} \{R_f(\xi)\}_k \right). \end{aligned} \tag{76}$$

Integrating equations in (76), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} c_i^{(-)}(\xi) &= c_i^{(-)} + \int_1^\xi \tau^{\lambda_i^{(-)}} [A^{(-)}]_{ij} \left( [\Psi_{u+}]_{jk}^{-1} \{R_u(\tau)\}_k - [\Psi_{f+}]_{jk}^{-1} \{R_f(\tau)\}_k \right) d\tau \\ c_i^{(+)}(\xi) &= c_i^{(+)} + \int_0^\xi \tau^{\lambda_i^{(+)}} [A^{(+)}]_{ij} \left( [\Psi_{u-}]_{jk}^{-1} \{R_u(\tau)\}_k - [\Psi_{f-}]_{jk}^{-1} \{R_f(\tau)\}_k \right) d\tau, \end{aligned} \tag{77}$$

in which  $c_i^{(-)}$ ,  $c_i^{(+)}$  are integration constants. Since the solution should be finite also at the scaling center, according to Eq. (70), we require  $[X(\xi = 0)] < \infty$ , hence we need to exclude the contribution of the solutions with positive eigenvalues at  $\xi = 0$ , i.e., we require  $c_i^{(+)}(0) = 0$ . Thus, according to (77<sub>2</sub>), we have  $c_i^{(+)} = 0$ ,  $(i = 1, 2, \dots, 2n)$  and

$$c_i^{(+)}(\xi) = \int_0^\xi \tau^{\lambda_i^{(+)}} [A^{(+)}]_{ij} \left( [\Psi_{u-}]_{jk}^{-1} \{R_u(\tau)\}_k - [\Psi_{f-}]_{jk}^{-1} \{R_f(\tau)\}_k \right) d\tau. \tag{78}$$

Finally,  $c_i^{(-)}$  are determined by the prescribed boundary conditions at nodal points, when  $\xi = 1$  and according to (77<sub>1</sub>), we have  $c_i^{(-)}(1) = c_i^{(-)}$ . Then, in view of (70), we have

$$\left\{ \begin{matrix} \{\bar{u}(1)\} \\ \{\bar{f}(1)\} \end{matrix} \right\} = [X(1)] \left\{ \begin{matrix} \{c^{(-)}\} \\ \{c^{(+)}(1)\} \end{matrix} \right\}, \quad \text{with} \quad [X(1)] = \begin{bmatrix} [\Psi_{u-}] & [\Psi_{u+}] \\ [\Psi_{f-}] & [\Psi_{f+}] \end{bmatrix}, \tag{79}$$

$$c_i^{(+)}(1) = \int_0^1 \tau^{\lambda_i^{(+)}} [A^{(+)}]_{ij} \left( [\Psi_{u-}]_{jk}^{-1} \{R_u(\tau)\}_k - [\Psi_{f-}]_{jk}^{-1} \{R_f(\tau)\}_k \right) d\tau. \quad (80)$$

Eq. (79) represents two sets of  $2n$  relationships

$$[\Psi_{u-}] \{c^{(-)}\} = -\{\bar{u}(1)\} + [\Psi_{u+}] \{c^{(+)}(1)\} \quad (81)$$

$$[\Psi_{f-}] \{c^{(-)}\} = -\{\bar{f}(1)\} + [\Psi_{f+}] \{c^{(+)}(1)\} \quad (82)$$

hence, we can extract  $2n$  algebraic equations according to prescribed boundary values of displacements and/or tractions at nodal points. Recall that according to (62), we have  $\{\bar{f}(1)\} = \{\bar{T}\}$  at nodal points, where tractions are prescribed. Having known  $\{c^{(-)}\}$ , the solution of the boundary value problem (displacements and forces) is given by Eq. (70) with  $[X(1)]$ ,  $c_i^{(-)}(\xi)$ ,  $c_i^{(+)}(\xi)$  being given by Eqs. (68), (77<sub>1</sub>) and (78), respectively.

### 5 Computation of effective thermal and elastic material properties

Let us consider a rectangular RVE sample  $\Omega = \{\forall \mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2); x_1 \in [0, a], x_2 \in [0, b]\}$ . Inside the rectangular RVE domain there are generally some microstructural elements with arbitrary geometry. Then, the average values of the conjugated fields within the analysed sample are given as

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \sigma_{11} \rangle &= \frac{1}{ab} \left( a \int_0^b t_1|_{x_1=a} dx_2 + \int_0^a [t_1|_{x_2=0} + t_1|_{x_2=b}] x_1 dx_1 \right) \\ \langle \sigma_{22} \rangle &= \frac{1}{ab} \left( b \int_0^a t_2|_{x_2=b} dx_1 + \int_0^b [t_2|_{x_1=0} + t_2|_{x_1=a}] x_2 dx_2 \right) \\ \langle \sigma_{12} \rangle &= \frac{1}{2ab} \left( \int_0^a [bt_1|_{x_2=b} + (t_2|_{x_2=b} + t_2|_{x_2=0}) x_1] dx_1 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_0^b [at_2|_{x_1=a} + (t_1|_{x_1=a} + t_1|_{x_1=0}) x_2] dx_2 \right) \end{aligned} \quad (83)$$

$$\langle \varepsilon_{11} \rangle = \frac{1}{ab} \left( \int_0^b [u_1|_{x_1=a} - u_1|_{x_1=0}] dx_2 \right), \quad (84)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle q_1 \rangle &= \frac{1}{ab} \left( a \int_0^b q_1|_{x_1=a} dx_2 + \int_0^a [q_2|_{x_2=b} - q_2|_{x_2=0}] x_1 dx_1 \right) \\ \langle q_2 \rangle &= \frac{1}{ab} \left( b \int_0^a q_2|_{x_2=b} dx_1 + \int_0^b [q_1|_{x_1=a} - q_1|_{x_1=0}] x_2 dx_2 \right), \end{aligned} \quad (85)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} q_i &= -k_{ij} \theta_{,j}, \quad \langle \sigma_{ij} \rangle = \frac{1}{V} \int_V \sigma_{ij} dV = \frac{1}{2V} \int_{\Gamma} (t_i x_j + t_j x_i) d\Gamma, \\ \langle q_i \rangle &= \frac{1}{V} \int_V q_i dV = \frac{1}{V} \int_{\Gamma} q_k n_k x_i d\Gamma, \end{aligned} \quad (86)$$

and the integrands are obtained from the solution of considered boundary value problems.

If the boundary conditions are selected as shown in Fig. 2, the average values of the secondary fields are given as

$$\langle \theta_{,1} \rangle = \vartheta_1 = const, \quad \langle \theta_{,2} \rangle = 0. \quad (87)$$

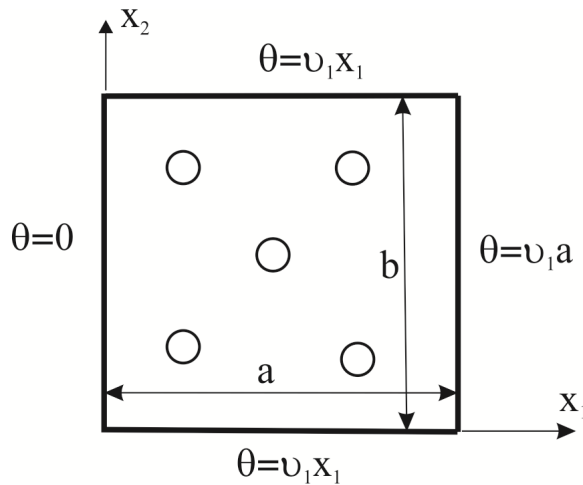


Figure 2: Boundary conditions appropriate for evaluation of  $k_{11}^{eff}, k_{21}^{eff}$ .

Then, we can get the following effective material coefficients

$$k_{11}^{eff} = -\frac{\langle q_1 \rangle}{\vartheta_1}, \quad k_{21}^{eff} = -\frac{\langle q_2 \rangle}{\vartheta_1}. \tag{88}$$

If the boundary conditions are selected as shown in Fig. 3, the average values of the secondary fields are given as

$$\langle \theta_{,2} \rangle = \vartheta_2 = const, \quad \langle \theta_{,1} \rangle = 0. \tag{89}$$

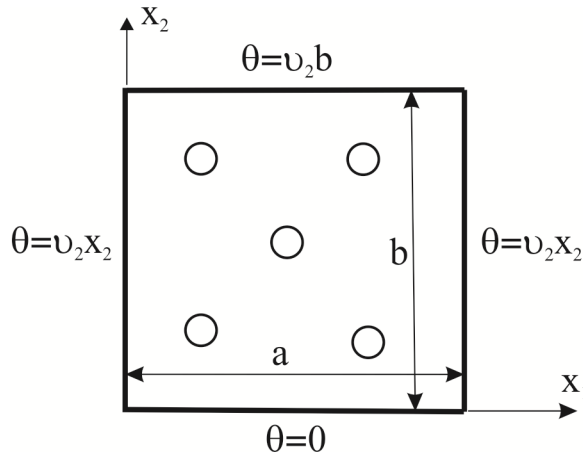


Figure 3: Boundary conditions appropriate for evaluation of  $k_{22}^{eff}, k_{12}^{eff}$ .

Now, we can calculate the following effective material coefficients

$$k_{12}^{eff} = -\frac{\langle q_1 \rangle}{\vartheta_2}, \quad k_{22}^{eff} = -\frac{\langle q_2 \rangle}{\vartheta_2}, \tag{90}$$

where the average values of the conjugated fields  $\langle q_1 \rangle, \langle q_2 \rangle$  are given by formulae (85), with the integrands being obtained from the solution of the considered boundary value problem.

Now, the effective mechanical material parameters can be computed. If boundary conditions are selected as shown in Fig. 4, the average values of the secondary fields are given as

$$\langle \varepsilon_{11} \rangle = \bar{\varepsilon}_{11} = const, \quad \langle \varepsilon_{22} \rangle = 0, \quad \langle \varepsilon_{12} \rangle = 0. \tag{91}$$

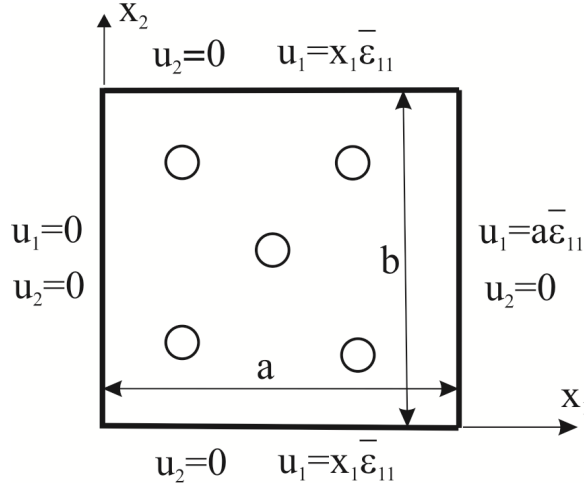


Figure 4: Boundary conditions appropriate for evaluation of  $c_{11}^{eff}, c_{12}^{eff}$ .

Then, we can get the following effective material coefficients

$$c_{11}^{eff} = \frac{\langle \sigma_{11} \rangle}{\bar{\epsilon}_{11}}, \quad c_{12}^{eff} = \frac{\langle \sigma_{22} \rangle}{\bar{\epsilon}_{11}}. \tag{92}$$

If the boundary conditions are selected as shown in Fig. 5, the average values of the secondary fields are given as

$$\langle \epsilon_{11} \rangle = 0, \quad \langle \epsilon_{22} \rangle = \bar{\epsilon}_{22} = const, \quad \langle \epsilon_{12} \rangle = 0. \tag{93}$$

Now, we can calculate the following effective material coefficients

$$c_{22}^{eff} = \frac{\langle \sigma_{22} \rangle}{\bar{\epsilon}_{22}}, \quad c_{12}^{eff} = \frac{\langle \sigma_{11} \rangle}{\bar{\epsilon}_{22}}, \tag{94}$$

where the average values of the conjugated fields  $\langle \sigma_{11} \rangle, \langle \sigma_{22} \rangle$  are given by formulae (83), with the integrands being obtained from the solution of the considered boundary value problem.

If effective elastic coefficients are available, we can calculate the stress-temperature effective material coefficients. For selected boundary conditions in Fig. 6, the average values of the secondary fields are given as

$$\langle \sigma_{11} \rangle = 0, \quad \langle \theta \rangle = \bar{\theta}, \quad \langle \epsilon_{22} \rangle = 0. \tag{95}$$

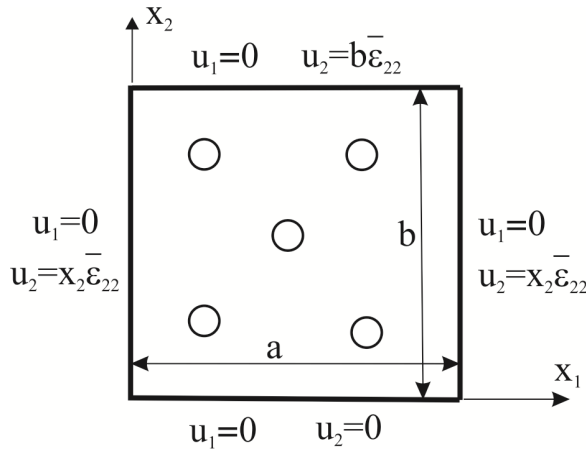


Figure 5: Boundary conditions appropriate for evaluation of  $c_{22}^{eff}, c_{12}^{eff}$ .

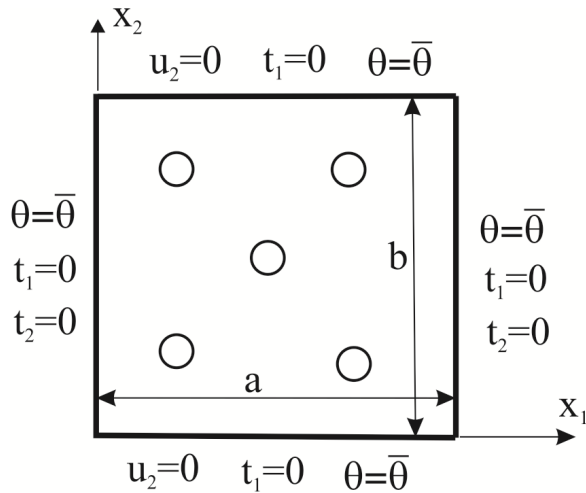


Figure 6: Boundary conditions appropriate for evaluation of  $\gamma_{11}^{eff}, \gamma_{22}^{eff}$ .

The stress-temperature effective material coefficients are derived from vanishing  $\langle \sigma_{11} \rangle$  and constitutive equation for  $\langle \sigma_{22} \rangle$ . They have the following form

$$\gamma_{11}^{eff} = \frac{\langle \epsilon_{11} \rangle}{\bar{\theta}} c_{11}^{eff}, \quad \gamma_{22}^{eff} = \frac{1}{\bar{\theta}} \left[ c_{12}^{eff} \langle \epsilon_{11} \rangle - \langle \sigma_{22} \rangle \right], \quad (96)$$

where the average values of the conjugated fields  $\langle \epsilon_{11} \rangle, \langle \sigma_{22} \rangle$  are given by formulae (84) and (83), with the integrands being obtained from the solution of the considered boundary value problem.

If boundary conditions are selected as shown in Fig. 7, the average values of the secondary fields are given as

$$\langle \varepsilon_{11} \rangle = 0, \quad \langle \varepsilon_{22} \rangle = 0, \quad \langle \varepsilon_{12} \rangle = \bar{\varepsilon}_{12} = const. \quad (97)$$

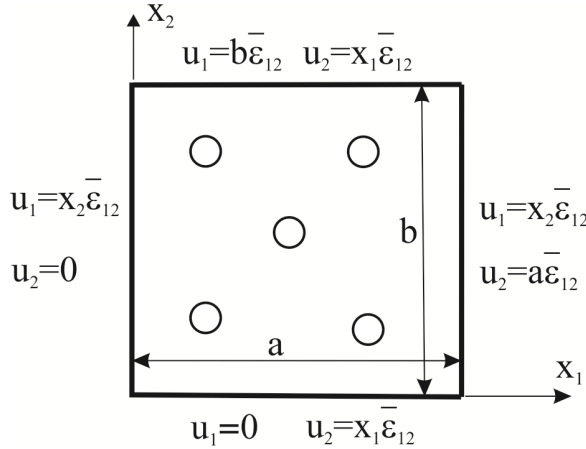


Figure 7: Boundary conditions appropriate for evaluation of  $c_{44}^{eff}$ .

Now, we can calculate the following effective material coefficients

$$c_{44}^{eff} = \frac{\langle \sigma_{12} \rangle}{2\bar{\varepsilon}_{12}}. \quad (98)$$

Thus, having solved the above considered boundary value problems in the RVE sample, we can calculate all the effective material coefficients in materials with voids.

## 6 Numerical examples

### 6.1 RVE with a single void

In this numerical example it is analyzed one circular void in square domain ( $a \times a$ ), where various values of void radii are considered. The material parameters corresponding to cadmium selenide ceramic material; they are given by [Li et al. (2015)]:

$$c_{11} = 7.41 \times 10^{10} Nm^{-2}, \quad c_{12} = c_{23} = 3.93 \times 10^{10} Nm^{-2},$$

$$c_{22} = 8.36 \times 10^{10} Nm^{-2}, \quad c_{44} = 1.32 \times 10^{10} Nm^{-2}, \quad c_{13} = 4.52 \times 10^{10} Nm^{-2},$$

$$\alpha_{11} = \alpha_{33} = 4.396 \times 10^{-6} K^{-1}, \quad \alpha_{22} = 2.458 \times 10^{-6} K^{-1},$$

$$k_{11} = 50WK^{-1}m^{-1}, \quad k_{22} = 75WK^{-1}m^{-1},$$

The analyzed domain is divided into polygons and each polygon is treated as a scaled boundary finite element subdomain (see Fig. 8). To have a good visibility from the scale centre on boundaries of the analyzed domain, it is necessary to introduce subdomains for this not simply-connected domain. There are needed at least 4 subdomains to solve this problem. We have considered 12 polygons in numerical analyses (Fig. 8) with getting quasi uniform fictitious triangulation which is appropriate for approximation accuracy. Only boundaries of subdomains need to be discretized with line elements. Three nodes elements are used for discretization of subdomain boundaries. There are totally 108 nodes in this mesh.

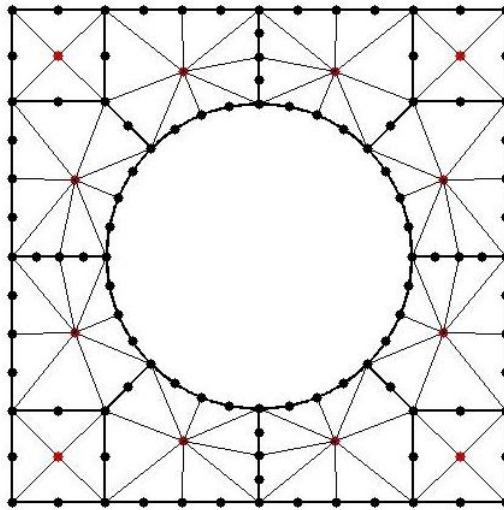


Figure 8: Discretization of a square domain with a circular void in the SBFEM.

For comparative purposes we have analyzed the same problem by the finite element method (FEM). The software Comsol has been applied. We used very fine mesh, where various numbers of elements have been considered in dependence on the radius of the circular void. Total number of elements 9689 and 5240 has been used for minimum porosity (volume fraction of 0.05) and maximum porosity with 0.5, respectively. The volume fraction of voids is defined as  $f = \pi r_0^2 / a^2$ , where  $r_0$  is the radius of the circular void.



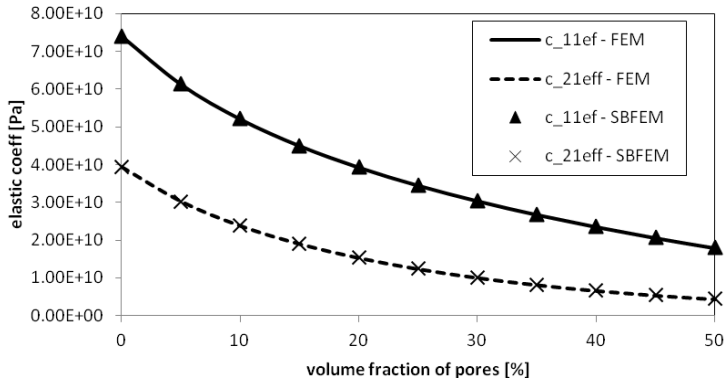


Figure 9: Variation of effective elastic coefficients  $c_{11}$ ,  $c_{12}$  on porosity.

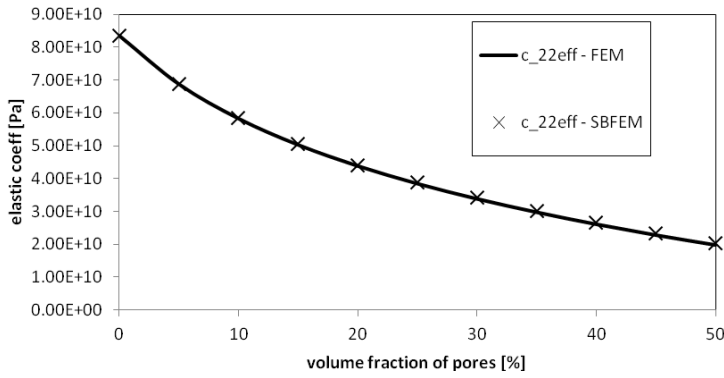


Figure 10: Variation of effective elastic coefficient  $c_{22}$  on porosity.

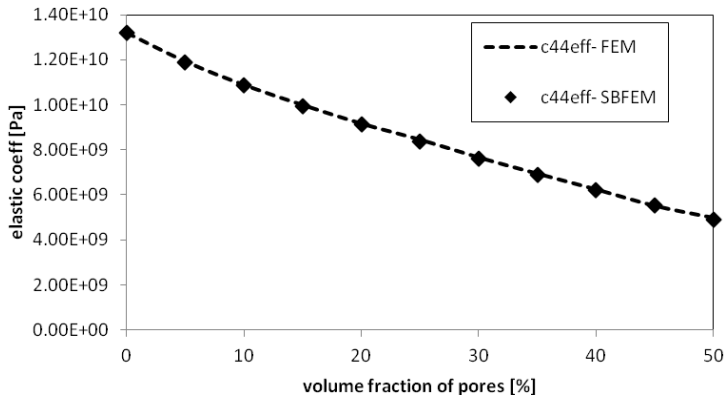


Figure 11: Variation of effective elastic coefficient  $c_{44}$  on porosity.

The advantage of the present SBFEM is a significant reduction of elements with respect to the conventional FEM. In the SBFEM we had only 12 macro-elements with 108 nodes. It is about 50 times lower than in the FEM. There are no limitations on applications of both methods. The numerical results for effective material parameters are presented in Fig. 9-14. The fixed numbers of discretized lines nodes were used in SBFEM for various radii of circular voids. One can observe from Figs. 9-10, that the effective elastic coefficients  $c_{11}$ ,  $c_{12}$  and  $c_{22}$  decrease with growing porosity volume fraction. The influence of the porosity on  $c_{44}$  effective elastic coefficient is evident on Fig. 11. The effective thermal conductivities  $k_{11}^{eff}$  and  $k_{22}^{eff}$  shown in Fig. 12 and 13 have similar decreasing tendency with growing porosity as it was observed for effective elastic coefficients. The effective stress-temperature moduli  $\gamma_{11}^{eff}$  and  $\gamma_{22}^{eff}$  are shown on Fig. 14.

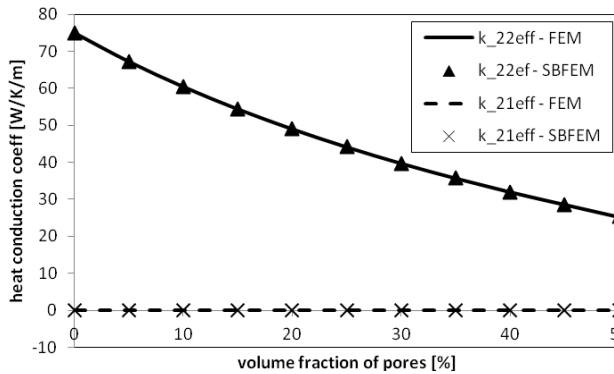


Figure 12: Variation of effective thermal conductivities on porosity.

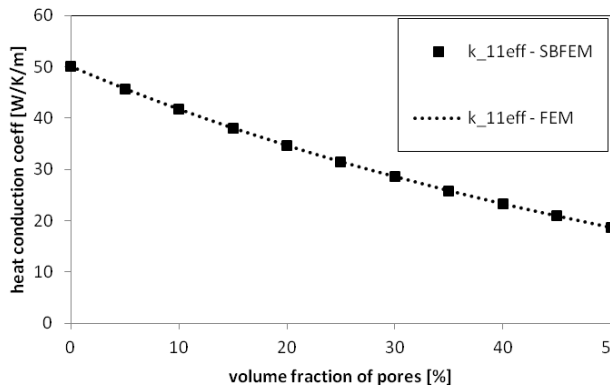


Figure 13: Variation of effective thermal conductivities on porosity.

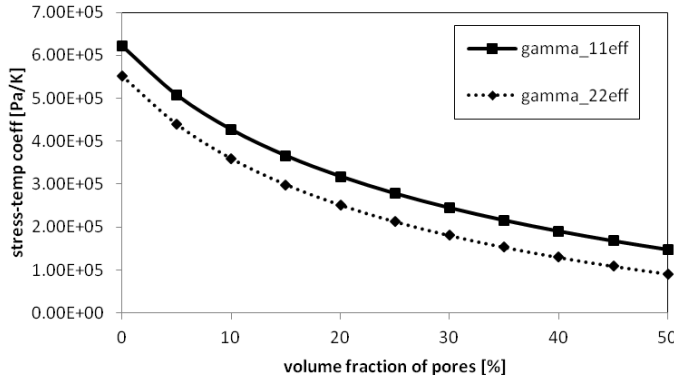


Figure 14: Variation of effective stress-temperature moduli  $\gamma_{11}^{eff}$  and  $\gamma_{22}^{eff}$  on porosity.

## 6.2 RVE with multiple voids

In order to show the capabilities of present SBFEM formulation, the numerical example considering four circular voids in square domain ( $a \times a$ ) is presented next, where various values of void radii are again considered. The analyzed domain is divided into 33 polygons and each polygon is treated as a scaled boundary finite element subdomain. SBFEM subdomains for volume fraction  $f = 35\%$  are shown in Fig. 15. Three node elements are used for discretization of subdomain boundaries. There are totally 316 nodes in this mesh. In comparison, FEM mesh created in Comsol Multiphysics for the same problem would consist of 6707 quadrilateral elements.

Effective material parameters are again computed for same values of porosity ranging from 0.05 to 0.5. The numerical results for effective material parameters are shown in Figs. 16-19. Comparison between results for single voided domain marked as RVE1 and domain with four voids marked as RVE2 is presented.

One can observe from Figs. 16-18, that the effective thermal conductivities  $k_{11}^{eff}$ ,  $k_{22}^{eff}$ , effective stress-temperature moduli  $\gamma_{11}^{eff}$  and  $\gamma_{22}^{eff}$  as well as effective elastic coefficients  $c_{11}$ ,  $c_{12}$  and  $c_{22}$  decrease with growing porosity volume fraction in the same way for both considered RVEs. However, Fig. 19 shows a significant difference for effective elastic coefficient  $c_{44}$ , even though both cases with one and four voids fulfill the Hill's conditions of RVE [Hill (1963)]. It is observed lower value of the effective shear coefficient for the RVE with higher number of voids than for one-voided RVE at the same level of porosity.

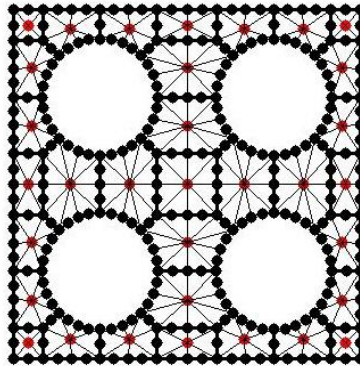


Figure 15: Discretization of a square domain with four circular voids in the SBFEM.

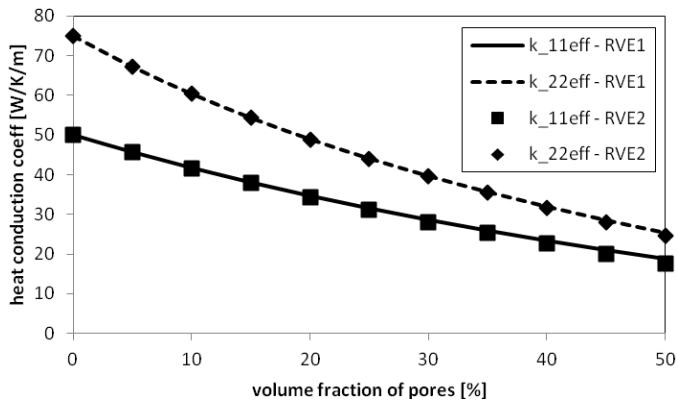


Figure 16: Variation of effective thermal conductivities on porosity for two RVEs.

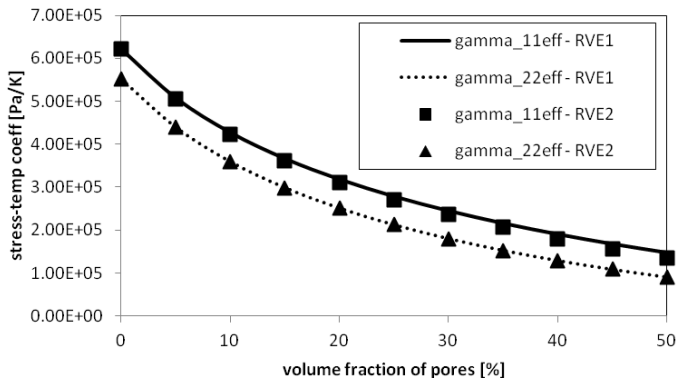


Figure 17: Variation of effective stress-temperature moduli on porosity for two RVEs.

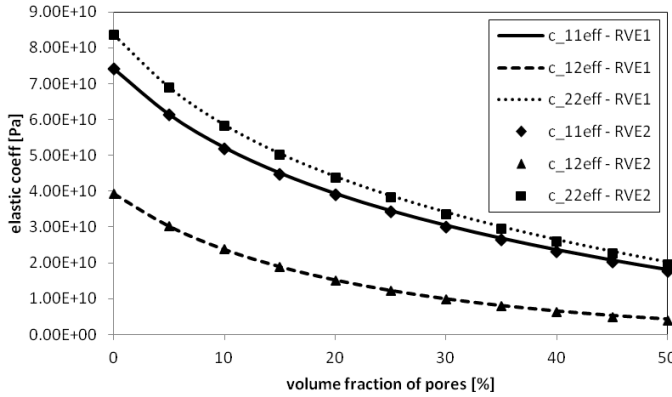


Figure 18: Variation of effective elastic coefficients  $c_{11}$ ,  $c_{12}$  and  $c_{22}$  on porosity for two RVEs.

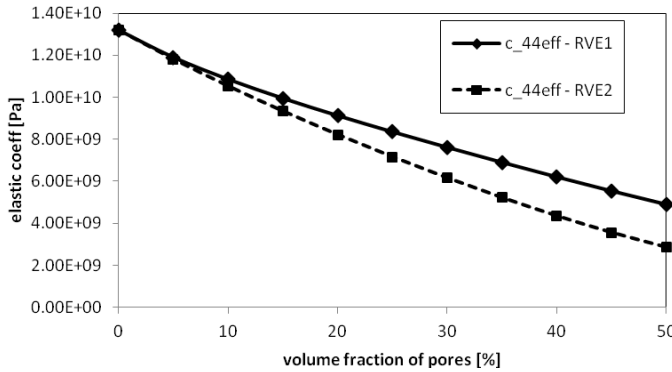


Figure 19: Variation of effective elastic coefficient  $c_{44}$  on porosity for two RVEs.

## 7 Conclusions

The scaled boundary finite element method is applied to solve uncoupled thermoelastic boundary value problems for the RVE to get effective material properties of elastic solids with voids. In the first step the temperature distribution is analyzed by the SBFEM. In the second step the elastic problem with known temperature is solved. The scaled boundary finite element equation is derived, which has a non-homogeneous form with temperature and its gradients on the right hand side. The eigenvalue method is applied to solve the homogeneous equation and the technique of variation of integration constants is applied to the non-homogeneous system. The average values of the conjugated fields on the RVE are computed for evaluation effective mechanical and thermal coefficients. The numerical results are compared

with finite element method (FEM) results and a very good agreement is observed. The mesh is significantly coarser in the SBFEM than in the FEM and a tremendous reduction in the total number of DOFs is achieved in comparison with the FEM model. The SBFEM is applied to the RVE with multiple voids to demonstrate the relative superiority of the SBFEM with respect to the conventional FEM.

In future work we consider to analyze fiber or particle reinforced composite materials. In the RVE instead of voids the inclusion material properties have to be considered. On the interface of the matrix and inclusion the continuity for the displacements and temperature, as well as the equilibrium for the tractions and heat fluxes have to be taken into account.

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