

CIVIL-408

Multiscale Modeling in Mechanics

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Exercises - Week 5

EPFL Project 1 - Random Composite

We will solve this homogenization problem with periodic BCs.

Essential BCs:

$$u^1 = 0$$

$$u^2 = \varepsilon L_x$$

$$u^4 = \varepsilon L_y$$

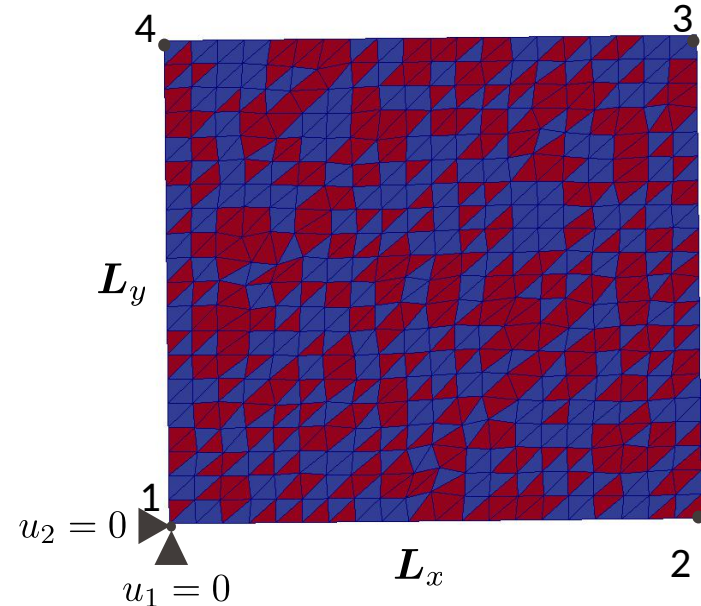
$$u^3 = \varepsilon (L_x + L_y)$$

with

$$\varepsilon = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$L_x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} m$$

$$L_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} m$$



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Periodic BCs:

$$u^+ = u^- + \varepsilon^0 (x^+ - x^-)$$

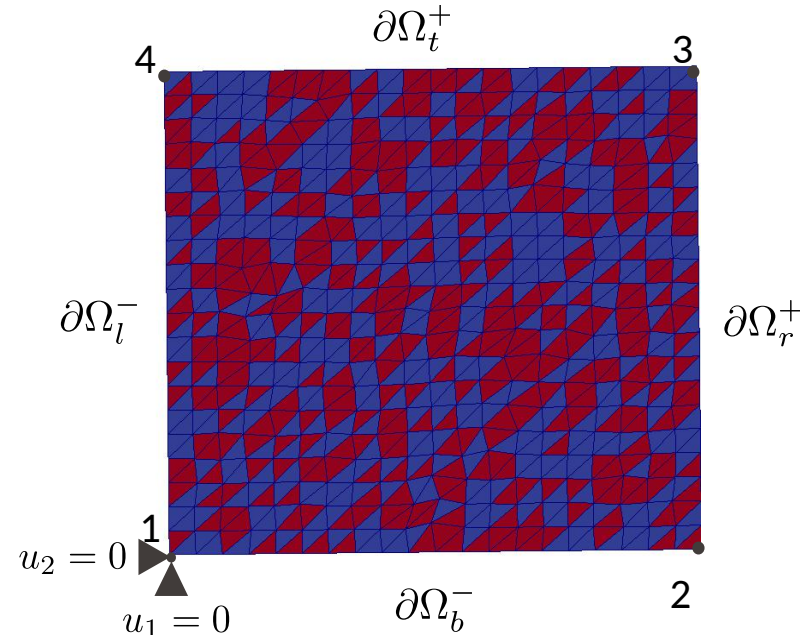
- right/left: $u^r = u^l + u^2$
- top/bottom: $u^t = u^b + u^4$

This is *already implemented* in the code, but you need to define the **periodic surface pairs**, e.g.

$$\text{periodicBCs} = \left[\begin{array}{cccc} \partial\Omega_r^+ & , & \mathbf{1} & , & \mathbf{0} & , & \partial\Omega_l^- & ; \\ \partial\Omega_r^+ & , & \mathbf{2} & , & \mathbf{0} & , & \partial\Omega_l^- & \end{array} \right]$$

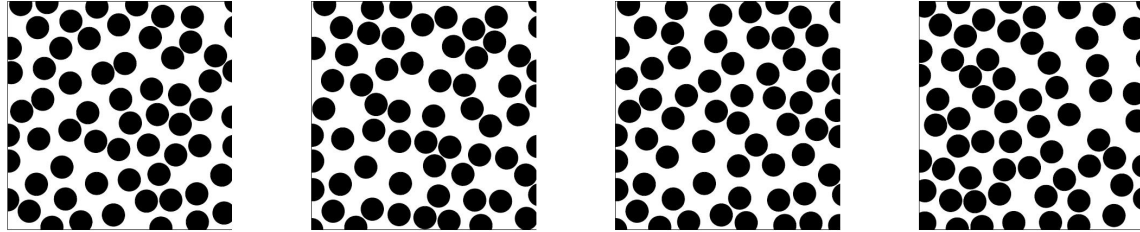
Implementation:

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periodicBCs = [42, 0, 0, 22; // node 42 and 22 are periodic in the 0-direction (x)
               42, 1, 0, 22] // node 42 and 22 are periodic in the 1-direction (y)
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A. Ensemble enlargement

Configurations (or realizations):



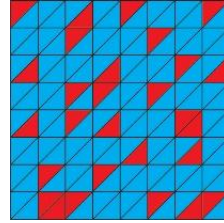
Ensemble: a set of multiple realizations

We assume that each configuration produces a response which generally differs between realizations (e.g., some averaged quantity).

Ensemble average of a response over a set of N realizations: $\langle\langle \cdot \rangle\rangle_N = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (\cdot)_i$

Central limit theorem: $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \langle\langle \cdot \rangle\rangle_N = \langle\langle \cdot \rangle\rangle_\infty$

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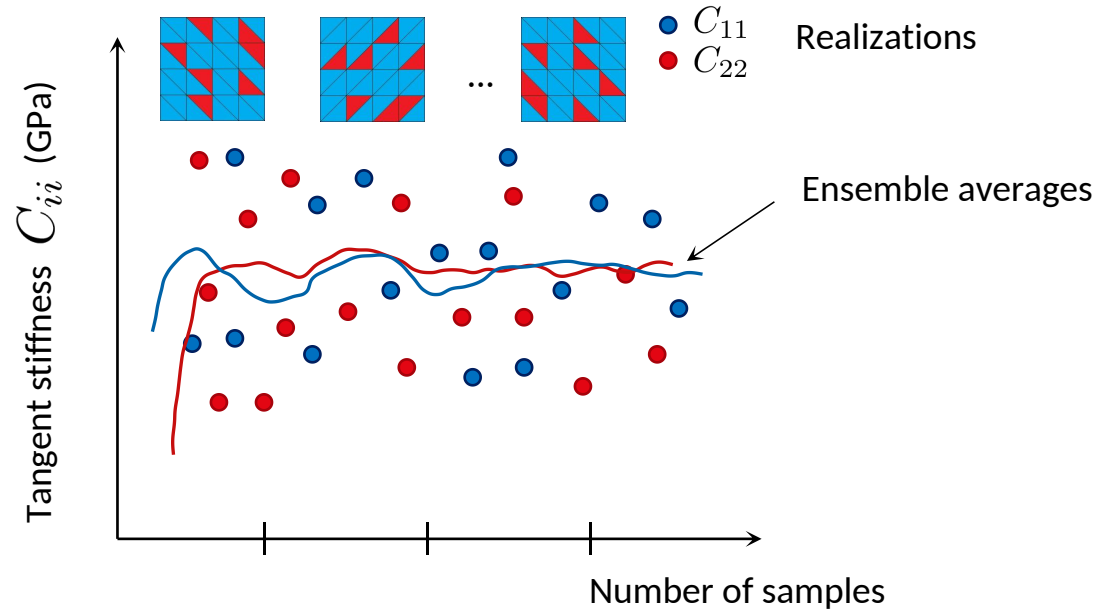
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$$\begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{11} \\ \sigma_{22} \\ \sigma_{12} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} C_{1111}^* & C_{1122}^* & C_{1112}^* \\ C_{2211}^* & C_{2222}^* & C_{2212}^* \\ C_{1211}^* & C_{1222}^* & C_{1212}^* \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_{11} \\ \varepsilon_{22} \\ \varepsilon_{12} \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\langle\langle C_{ijkl} \rangle\rangle_{\infty}$$

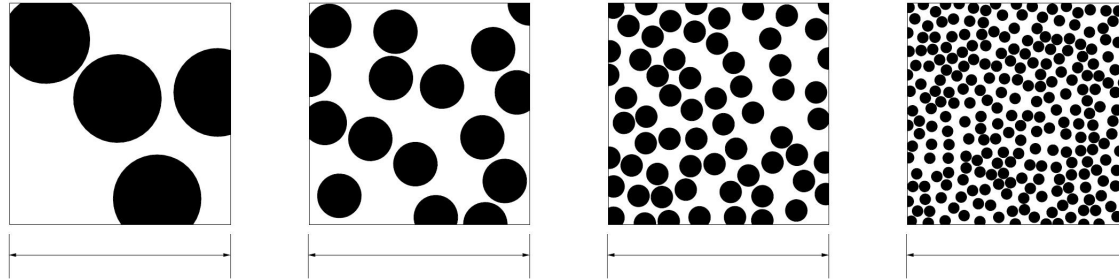
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+ Plot ratio to quantify isotropy

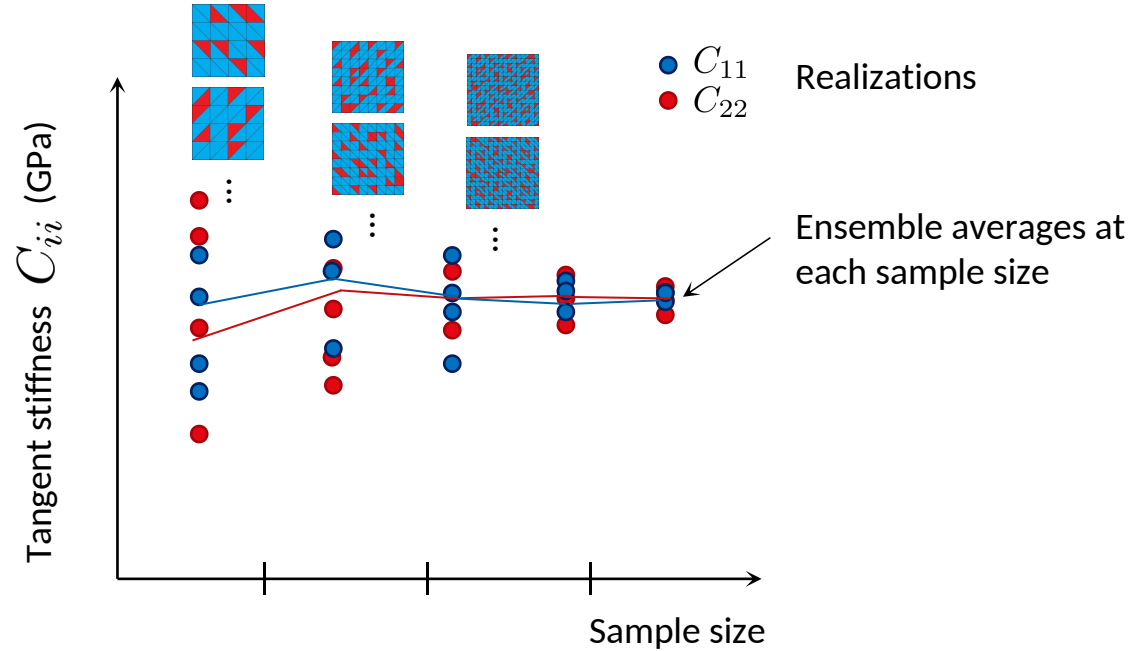
B. Sample enlargement

Recall from the lecture:

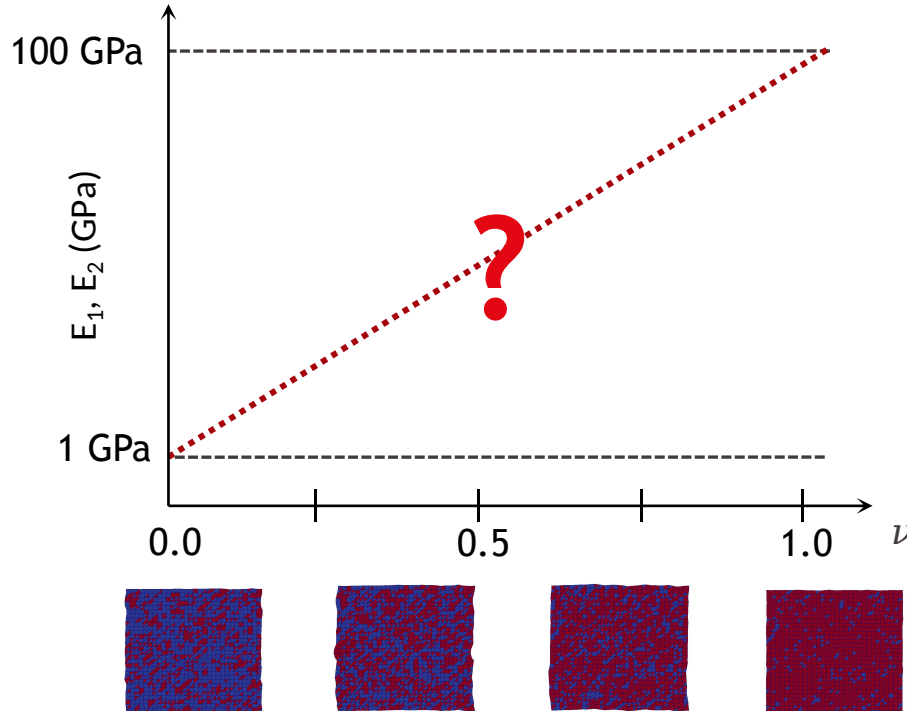


We continuously increase the size of the RVE until we observe convergence of the moduli.

B. Sample enlargement



C. Influence of volume fraction



Hints, problems, sanity checks

1. Poor condition number?
-> Ensure rigid body motion is prevented - Check essential BCs
2. Does the average strain differ from the imposed one?
3. Stiffness is not (approximately) symmetric?
4. Rotate the RVE by 90° ? What do you get?

Let's move to the Python notebook