#### Second approach to compute K

#### 3. J-integral

The J-Integral evaluation in ANSYS is based on the domain integral method. The domain integration formulation applies area integration for 2-D problems and volume integration for 3-D problems. In the following, the procedure to compute the J-integral is summarized.

It should be noted that the command syntax is all in UPPER CASE letters and the arguments which are entered by the user are in *lower case and italic*.

After creating the model (using keypoints, lines and areas), specifying the concentration keypoints to generate singular elements, defining the local coordinate for each crack tip and generating the mesh including singular elements around the crack tips, the following commands except the last one need to be issued in the command prompt in the utility menu at the preprocessor stage of the simulation. The last command (i.e., Step 8) is issued after solution and in the postprocessor stage. Unfortunately there is no way to apply these steps in GUI. It means these commands cannot be accessed from a menu.

1. Go to preprocessor, and start a new computation of a contour-based integral: CINT,NEW,id

Id is a number that you'd assign Example

CINT,NEW,1

2. Specify that we are doing the J integral CINT, TYPE, JINT

3. Define a component from the crack tip that we want to calculate the J-integral:

Select -> entities -> nodes And select the crack tip



- 4. Associate the J integral with the crack tip
- 5. CINT,CTNC,CT\_BR (or the name we specified above)
- 6. Define a local coordinate system whose direction 2 is along the crack and 2 is normal to it

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Note for the crack tip on the left we do the same process with the angle around Z = 180



Now we need to specify the local coordinate system for J integral

CINT,NORM,coordinateID,direction normal 2 crack

CINT,NORM,11,2

#### 7. How many layers of elements to use



CINT,NCON,n

For example CINT,NCON,3

- If the crack is not inside the domain (like here) we need to specify it CINT,SYMM,ON
- 9. Include J integral value in the results OUTRES,CINT
- 10. Solve the problem
- 11. Finally, to get the J integral value use the command PRCINT, id

I used id 2 PRCINT,2





XFEM and Cohesive models

## Capturing/tracking cracks



Enriched methods allow the cracks to go inside the elements





With XFEM, we allow the crack tip to be inside the element and do enrichment around the crack tip inside the element



# **XFEM:** enriched nodes



enriched nodes = nodes whose support is cut by the item to be enriched enriched node I: standard degrees of freedoms

(dofs) and additional dofs



$$[B_{\alpha}] = \left[\sqrt{r}\sin\frac{\theta}{2}, \sqrt{r}\cos\frac{\theta}{2}, \sqrt{r}\sin\frac{\theta}{2}\sin\theta, \sqrt{r}\cos\frac{\theta}{2}\sin\theta\right]$$

$$\mathbf{u}^{h}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{I \in \mathcal{S}} N_{I}(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{u}_{I}$$

$$+ \sum_{J \in \mathcal{S}^{c}} N_{J}(\mathbf{x})H(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{a}_{J} \quad \text{Jomps outs down}$$

$$+ \sum_{K \in \mathcal{S}^{c}} N_{K}(\mathbf{x}) \left(\sum_{\alpha=1}^{4} B_{\alpha}\mathbf{b}_{K}^{\alpha}\right) \quad \text{crede tip}$$
ontdown
$$Wrethmind for red nodes$$

There are embedded discontinuity methods that enrich elements rather nodal dofs and they result in globally discontinuous solutions



Some of difficulties with GFEMs/GFEMs:

1. For the crack tip to be inside the element (like red enrichments above), we need to have the particular form of enrichment functions that may not exist. We know these enrichments for LEFM, but what if we have a more complex material model, even cohesive models

### Wells, Sluys, 2001





2. Complex fracture patterns





3. Element quality (to some extent) and quadrature



Mesh adaptive schemes and XFEM/GFEM are still the most powerful methods that can handle sharp interface cracks

Main disadvantage of adaptive schemes is implementation and handling of all crack intersection topologies, etc. especially in 3D

Examples from XFEM

## **XFEM:** examples



6.2. Traction Separation Relations (TSRs)



