NONLINEAR STABILITY OF THE MPM METHOD

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Abstract. The Material Point Method (MPM) has been very successful in providing solutions to many challenging problems involving large deformations. The nonlinear nature of MPM makes it necessary to use a full nonlinear stability analysis to determine a stable timestep. The stability analysis of Spigler and Vianello is adapted to MPM and used to derive a stable timestep bound for a model problem. This bound is contrasted against a traditional CFL bound.

1 Introduction

The Material Point Method (MPM) may be viewed as being a solid mechanics method that is derived from the fluid implicit particle, FLIP and PIC methods and which has had considerable success on large deformation problems. Despite this success many theoretical issues to do with MPM remain unresolved. One such issue is the stability of the method, given its nonlinear nature. Currently either a fourier-based analysis e.g. [3, 10] or energy-conservation approach e.g. [1] is taken. However Wallstedt and Guilkey [14] rightly point out that the nonlinear nature of the MPM scheme makes classic linear stability analysis inappropriate. Similarly while energy conservation is of great importance it does not necessarily imply stability [11]. One way to start to address this is to note that the standard time integration methods used in MPM corresponds to the use of the semi-implicit Euler method, or symplectic Euler-A [9]. There is convergence and stability analysis of this method in [12] and this analysis is sufficiently general to be applied to the MPM, providing that care is taken with the nonlinear nature of MPM. The intention here is to use this approach to shed some light on the nonlinear stability of MPM by considering a one dimensional model problem as an ordinary differential equations system in the values at particles and nodes. While this does not address the well-known issues to do with ringing that we have previously considered [7, 3], the aim is to consider how to bound the timestep when nonlinearity is taken into account. Consequently Section 2 described the MPM method and the model problem used, while Section 3 provides the theoretical framework for the stability analysis in Section 4 which is summarized in Section 5.

2 A Simplified Form of MPM Method for Analysis

The description of MPM used here follows [7] in that the model problem used here is a pair of equations connecting velocity v, displacement u and density ρ (here assumed constant):

$$\frac{Du}{Dt} = v, \tag{1}$$

$$\rho \frac{Dv}{Dt} = \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x} + b, \tag{2}$$

with a linear stress model $\sigma = E \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$ for which Young's modulus, *E*, is constant, a body force *b* and with appropriate boundary and initial conditions. For convenience a mesh of equally spaced N + 1 fixed nodes X_i with intervals $I_i = [X_i, X_{i+1}]$, on on the interval [a, b] is used where

$$a = X_0 < X_1 < \dots < X_N = b, \tag{3}$$

$$h = X_i - X_{i-1}.\tag{4}$$

Further it is assumed that there are *m* particles between each pair of nodes, situated at x_p^n points where at each time step, $t^n = \delta t * n$, where *n* is the nth time step, and the computed solution at the *p*th particles will be written as $u_p^n = u(x_p^n, t^n)$. Suppose that the particles in interval *i* lie between X_i and X_{i+1} and have positions x_{im+j} , j = 1, ..., m. The calculation of the internal forces in MPM at the nodes requires the calculation of the volume integral of the divergence of the stress, [14], which is written as

$$f_i^{int} = -\frac{1}{h} \sum_p D_{ip}^* \sigma_p V_p.$$
⁽⁵⁾

The coefficients DS_{ip}^* may be chosen to reproduce derivatives of constant and linear functions exactly, [7], in a similar way to that used in other particle methods e.g. [4]. A further simplification is to assume uniform particle masses and that the initial volume of the particles is uniform for the *m* particles in an interval. The particle volumes are defined using the absolute value of the deformation gradient, $|F_p^n|$, and the initial particle volume,

$$V_p^n = |F_p^n| \frac{h}{m}, \text{ where } F_p^0 = 1.$$
 (6)

From (5) the acceleration equation in MPM method after cancelling h and using constant density is:

$$a_{i}^{n+1} = \frac{-1}{m} \left(\sum_{x_{p} \in I_{i-1}} D_{ip}^{n*} \sigma_{p}^{n} |F_{p}^{n}| + \sum_{x_{p} \in I_{i}} D_{ip}^{n*} \sigma_{p}^{n} |F_{p}^{n}| \right)$$
(7)

In the case of GIMP, [2], two extra terms involving particles $X_p \in I_{i-1}$ and $x_p \in I_{i+2}$ are also needed. The equation to update velocity at the nodes, as denoted by v_i^n is then given by

$$v_i^{n+1} = v_i^n + dt a_i^{n+1}.$$
 (8)

Using linear interpolation gives the equation for the update of the particle velocity:

$$v_p^{n+1} = v_p^n + dt [\lambda_{ip} a_i^{n+1} + (1 - \lambda_{ip}) a_{i+1}^{n+1}], x_p \in I_i$$
(9)

where $\lambda_{ip} = \frac{x_p - X_i}{h}, x_p \in I_i$. The use of GIMP basis functions would give rise to an extended stencil involving a_{i-1}^{n+1} and a_{i+2}^{n+1} . The equation for the particle position update is

$$x_p^{n+1} = x_p^n + v_p^{n+1} dt.$$
 (10)

The immediate use of the updated velocity v_p^{n+1} in this and subsequent equations is the Symplectic Euler Method. The update of the deformation gradients and stresses is given using their linear spatial derivative defined by :

$$\frac{\partial v^{n+1}}{\partial x}(x_p) = \frac{(v_{i+1}^{n+1} - v_i^{n+1})}{h}, x_p \in I_i.$$
(11)

The displacement is updated using

$$F_p^{n+1} = F_p^n + \frac{\partial v^{n+1}}{\partial x}(x_p)F_p^n dt, x_p \in I_i.$$
(12)

While stress is updated using the appropriate constitutive model and Young's Modulus, E,

$$\sigma_p^{n+1} = \sigma_p^n + dt E \frac{\partial v^{n+1}}{\partial x}(x_p), x_p \in I_i.$$
(13)

In the case of GIMP the derivative $\frac{(v_{i+1}^{n+1}-v_i^{n+1})}{h}$ is replaced by a four point stencil.

$$\frac{\partial v^{n+1}}{\partial x}(x_p) = \sum_{j=i-1}^{i+2} \gamma_{j,i} v_j^{n+1}, x_p \in I_i. \text{ where } \frac{-1}{h} \le \gamma_{j,i} \le \frac{1}{h}.$$
 (14)

3 Stability of Time Integration Using the Spigler and Vianello Approach

Spigler and Vianello [12] consider ordinary and partial differential equations of the form

$$\dot{u} = f(t, u, u), 0 < t \le T, u(0) = u_0 \tag{15}$$

and apply the semi-implicit Euler method used by MPM to this as given by:

$$u^{n+1} = u^n + dt \ f(t_n, u^{n+1}, u^n).$$
(16)

It is assumed that the exact solution \bar{u} to the PDE satisfies the perturbed equations given by

$$\bar{u}^{n+1} = \bar{u}^n + dt \ f(t_n, \bar{u}^{n+1}, \bar{u}^n) + \delta^{n+1}, \tag{17}$$

where δ^{n+1} is the local truncation error. Spigler and Vianello introduce a perturbed scheme given by

$$\bar{v}^{n+1} = \tilde{u}^n + dt \ f(t_{n+1}, \bar{v}^{n+1}, \tilde{u}^n) + \delta^{n+1}, \tag{18}$$

$$\tilde{u}^{n+1} = \bar{v}^{n+1} + \tilde{\sigma}^{n+1} \tag{19}$$

where $\tilde{\sigma}^{n+1}$ is a local error on the current timestep. Subtracting equation (17) from (18) and adding and subtracting a term then gives

$$\bar{v}^{n+1} - u^{n+1} = \bar{u}^n - u^n + dt \ f(t_{n+1}, \bar{v}^{n+1}, \tilde{u}^n) - dt \ f(t_{n+1}, \bar{v}^{n+1}, u^n)$$
(20)

$$+ dt f(t_{n+1}, \bar{v}^{n+1}, u^n) - dt f(t_{n+1}, u^{n+1}, u^n) + \delta^{n+1}.$$
(21)

Defining the error as

$$\varepsilon^n = \bar{v}^n - u^n. \tag{22}$$

taking the inner product of equation (21) with ε^n , using Cauchy-Schwartz on the right hand side of this equation, and taking norms and using a Lipshitz condition gives the error inequality [12]

$$||\varepsilon^{n+1}|| \le (1 + dtK_2)||\tilde{u}^n - u^n|| + dtK_1||\varepsilon^{n+1}|| + ||\delta^{n+1}||.$$
(23)

While the quantity K_1 is defined by [12] via a one-sided Lipshitz condition constant, here the stronger, but equivalent, condition [8] is used

$$||f(t_n, \bar{v}^{n+1}, u^n) - f(t_n, u^{n+1}, u^n)|| \le K_3 ||\bar{v}^{n+1} - u^{n+1}||$$
(24)

that ensures that the one-sided condition also holds if K_1 is replaced by K_3 . K_2 is defined by [12] as being a Lipshitz constant that satisfies the equation

$$||f(t_n, \bar{v}^{n+1}, u^n) - f(t_n, \bar{v}^{n+1}, \tilde{u}^n)|| \le K_2 ||\tilde{u}^n - u^n||.$$
(25)

Regardless of which approach is used we arrive at the equation (20) in [12]:

$$||\tilde{u}^{n+1} - u^{n+1}|| \le \frac{1 + dtK_2}{(1 - dtK_3)} ||\tilde{u}^n - u^n|| + \frac{||\delta^{n+1}||}{(1 - dtK_3)} + ||\tilde{\sigma}^{n+1}||.$$
(26)

The stability condition stated by [12] is then given by

$$dt(K_2 + K_3) \le 1. \tag{27}$$

In showing how to apply such stability results to nonlinear problems Fekete and Farago [5, 6] reference extensive earlier work, that uses locally Lipshitz continuous functions, In this case it is necessary to find a constant *R* such that a function, say, f(x) satisfies a Lipshitz condition on an open ball of center *z* and radius *L* denoted by B_R which may depend on the timestep where

$$B_L(z) := \{ y \in \mathbb{R}^m : ||y - z|| \le L \}$$
(28)

and the Lipshitz condition is then given on this ball by

$$||f(x) - f(y)|| \le K ||x - y||, \forall x, y \in B_L.$$
(29)

In order to use the [12] theory, we now define vector quantities over the number of particles. Let the total number of particles be *npt*. Then vectors of particle velocities \mathbf{v}_p^n , and nodal velocities \mathbf{v}_N^n are defined as:

$$\mathbf{v}_p^n = \begin{bmatrix} v_1^n, \dots, v_{npt}^n \end{bmatrix}^T,\tag{30}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{N}^{n} = \left[v_{1}^{n}, ..., v_{N}^{n}\right]^{T}.$$
(31)

The vectors of particle positions \mathbf{x}_p^n , stresses σ_p^n and deformation gradients \mathbf{f}_p^n are given by

$$\mathbf{x}_{p}^{n} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{1}^{n}, \dots, x_{npt}^{n} \end{bmatrix}^{T},$$
(32)

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{p}^{n} = \left[\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{1}^{n}, \dots, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{npt}^{n}\right]^{T},$$
(33)

$$\mathbf{f}_{p}^{n} = \left[F_{1}^{n}, \dots, F_{npt}^{n}\right]^{T}.$$
(34)

The MPM vectors that correspond to those used by [12] are now defined by:

$$u^{n} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{n}^{n} \\ \mathbf{v}_{p}^{n} \\ \mathbf{\sigma}_{p}^{n} \\ \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n} \\ \mathbf{x}_{p}^{n} \end{bmatrix}, \bar{v}^{n} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{v}}_{n}^{n} \\ \bar{\mathbf{v}}_{p}^{n} \\ \bar{\mathbf{\sigma}}_{p}^{n} \\ \bar{\mathbf{f}}_{p}^{n} \\ \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n} \end{bmatrix} and \tilde{u}^{n} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{n}^{n} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{p}^{n} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{\sigma}}_{p}^{n} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_{p}^{n} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n} \end{bmatrix}.$$
(35)

The vector norm used is given by the 2 norm given by

$$||\mathbf{y}_{p}^{n}||_{2} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{N_{tot}} (y_{i}^{n})^{2}}, where N_{tot} = N + 4Nm.$$
 (36)

It is useful to have the elementary result

$$\left[\sum_{j=1}^{m} b_{i}\right]^{2} \le m \sum_{j=1}^{m} b_{i}^{2}.$$
(37)

4 MPM with Symplectic Euler A Integration (Stress Last)

The approach of [12] is now applied to the stress-last case as described by Bardenhagen [1] which uses the Euler-A symplectic scheme discussed by [9]. The vector form of the equations for the update of velocities, stresses and deformation gradients and then positions are given by the following equations. The vector form of equations (7, 8) and (7, 9) are:

$$\mathbf{v}_N^{n+1} = \mathbf{v}_N^n + dt \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{N}}(\mathbf{x}_p^n, \mathbf{\sigma}_p^n, \mathbf{f}_p^n),$$
(38)

$$\mathbf{v}_p^{n+1} = \mathbf{v}_p^n + dt \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{p}}(\mathbf{x}_p^n, \mathbf{\sigma}_p^n, \mathbf{f}_p^n).$$
(39)

The vector form of equations (13), (12) and (10) are written as:

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}_p^{n+1} = \boldsymbol{\sigma}_p^n + dt \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{v}_N^{n+1}), \tag{40}$$

$$\mathbf{f}_{p}^{n+1} = \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n} + dt \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{f}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{v}_{N}^{n+1}), \tag{41}$$

$$\mathbf{x}_p^{n+1} = \mathbf{x}_p^n + dt \mathbf{v}_p^{n+1}.$$
(42)

Using this notation and that used to define the vectors (35) the MPM method may be written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{v}}_{N}^{n+1} \\ \bar{\mathbf{v}}_{p}^{n+1} \\ \bar{\mathbf{c}}_{p}^{n+1} \\ \bar{\mathbf{f}}_{p}^{n+1} \\ \bar{\mathbf{f}}_{p}^{n+1} \\ \bar{\mathbf{f}}_{p}^{n+1} \\ \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n+1} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{v}}_{N}^{n+1} \\ \bar{\mathbf{v}}_{p}^{n} \\ \bar{\mathbf{f}}_{p}^{n} \\ \bar{\mathbf{f}}_{p}^{n} \\ \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{v}}_{N}^{n+1} \\ \bar{\mathbf{v}}_{p}^{n} \\ \bar{\mathbf{f}}_{p}^{n} \\ \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n} \end{bmatrix} + dt \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{H}_{N}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\mathbf{o}}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_{p}^{n}) - \mathbf{H}_{N}(\mathbf{x}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{o}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n}) \\ \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{G}(\tilde{\mathbf{f}}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{v}_{N}^{n+1}) - \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{f}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{v}_{N}^{n+1}) \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} + dt \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} \\ + dt \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{S}(\bar{\mathbf{v}}_{N}^{n+1}) - \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{v}_{N}^{n+1}) \\ \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{f}_{p}^{n}, \bar{\mathbf{v}}_{N}^{n+1}) - \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{f}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{v}_{N}^{n+1}) \\ \bar{\mathbf{v}}_{p}^{n+1} - \mathbf{v}_{p}^{n+1} \end{bmatrix} .$$
(43)

4.1 Lipshitz constants

The results of [12] require the determination of the Lipshitz constants K_2 and K_3 where:

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{H}_{N}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\sigma}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n}) - \mathbf{H}_{N}(\mathbf{x}_{p}^{n}, \sigma_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n}) \\ \mathbf{H}_{p}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\sigma}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n}) - \mathbf{H}_{p}(\mathbf{x}_{p}^{n}, \sigma_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n}) \\ \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{G}(\tilde{\mathbf{f}}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{v}_{N}^{n+1}) - \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{f}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{v}_{N}^{n+1}) \\ \mathbf{0} \\ \end{vmatrix} \end{vmatrix} \le K_{2} \left\| \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{v}}_{N}^{n} - \mathbf{v}_{N}^{n} \\ \bar{\mathbf{v}}_{p}^{n} - \mathbf{v}_{p}^{n} \\ \bar{\mathbf{\sigma}}_{p}^{n} - \sigma_{p}^{n} \\ \bar{\mathbf{f}}_{p}^{n} - \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n} \\ \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n} - \mathbf{x}_{p}^{n} \end{bmatrix} \right\|$$
(44)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{S}(\bar{\mathbf{v}}_{N}^{n+1}) - \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{v}_{N}^{n+1}) \\ \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{f}_{p}^{n}, \bar{\mathbf{v}}_{N}^{n+1}) - \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{f}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{v}_{N}^{n+1}) \\ \bar{\mathbf{v}}_{p}^{n+1} - \mathbf{v}_{p}^{n+1} \end{bmatrix} \| \leq K_{3} \| \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{v}}_{N}^{n+1} - \mathbf{v}_{N}^{n+1} \\ \bar{\mathbf{v}}_{p}^{n+1} - \mathbf{v}_{p}^{n+1} \\ \bar{\mathbf{f}}_{p}^{n+1} - \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n+1} \\ \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n+1} - \mathbf{x}_{p}^{n+1} \end{bmatrix} \|.$$
(45)

4.2 Bounding the Lipshitz Conditions *K*₂

At particle position $x_p \in I_i$, the local part of the equation for L_2 is

$$\left[\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{f}_{p}^{n}, \bar{\mathbf{v}}_{N}^{n+1}) - \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{f}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{v}_{N}^{n+1})\right]_{p} = F_{p} \frac{(\Delta v_{i} - \Delta v_{i-1})}{h}$$
(46)

where $\Delta v_i = [\mathbf{\bar{v}}_N^{n+1} - \mathbf{v}_N^{n+1}]_i$. Writing this as a vector equation and taking norms gives:

$$||\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{f}_{p}^{n}, \bar{\mathbf{v}}_{N}^{n+1}) - \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{f}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{v}_{N}^{n+1})|| = (\sum_{p=1}^{npt} (F_{p} \frac{(\Delta v_{i} - \Delta v_{i-1})}{h})^{2})^{1/2},$$

$$||\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{f}_{p}^{n}, \bar{\mathbf{v}}_{N}^{n+1}) - \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{f}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{v}_{N}^{n+1})|| \leq \frac{F_{maxp}}{h} \sqrt{m} (\sum_{i=1}^{N} (\Delta v_{i} - \Delta v_{i-1})^{2})^{1/2},$$

$$\leq \frac{F_{maxp}}{h} 2\sqrt{m} ||\Delta \mathbf{v}||, \qquad (47)$$

where $F_{maxp} = max_p|F_p|$ and where the factor of \sqrt{m} appears as the same gradient is used at each of *m* particles in an interval. Similarly at the same particle position

$$\left[\mathbf{S}(\bar{\mathbf{v}}_{N}^{n+1}) - \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{v}_{N}^{n+1})\right]_{p} = E \frac{(\Delta v_{i} - \Delta v_{i-1})}{h}$$
(48)

and so

$$||\mathbf{S}(\bar{\mathbf{v}}_N^{n+1}) - \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{v}_N^{n+1})|| \le E \frac{2\sqrt{m}}{h} ||\Delta \mathbf{v}||.$$
(49)

The final equation of (45) is satisfies by a Lipshitz constant with value one. Combining these results, after noting that they apply to different parts of the right side of (45), gives

$$K_3 \le \max(1, \frac{2\sqrt{m}}{h}(E + F_{maxp})).$$
(50)

4.3 Defining the Lipshitz Conditions for the Function *G*(...) in Equation (44)

From equation (46) at particle position $x_p \in I_i$

$$\left[\mathbf{G}(\bar{\mathbf{f}}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{v}_{N}^{n+1}) - \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{f}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{v}_{N}^{n+1})\right]_{p} = (\bar{F}_{p}^{n} - F_{p}^{n})\frac{(v_{i}^{n+1} - v_{i-1}^{n+1})}{h}.$$
(51)

Squaring both sides gives

$$|\left[\mathbf{G}(\bar{\mathbf{f}}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{v}_{N}^{n+1}) - \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{f}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{v}_{N}^{n+1})\right]_{p}|^{2} \le |(\bar{F}_{p}^{n} - F_{p}^{n})^{2}(\frac{(v_{i}^{n+1} - v_{i-1}^{n+1})}{h})^{2}, p = 1, ...Nm,$$
(52)

where *i* is defined by which $x_p \in I_i$. Summing over the number of particles *p* and using a similar argument as in Section 4.2 gives

$$||\left[\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{\tilde{f}}_{p}^{n},\mathbf{v}_{N}^{n+1})-\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{f}_{p}^{n},\mathbf{v}_{N}^{n+1})\right]|| \leq K_{2}^{*}||(\mathbf{\tilde{f}}_{p}-,\mathbf{f}_{p})||$$
(53)

where

$$K_2^* = Max_i \left| \frac{(v_i^{n+1} - v_{i-1}^{n+1})}{h} \right|.$$
(54)

4.4 Defining the Lipshitz Conditions for the Function $H_N(...)$ in Equation (44)

Applying the triangle inequality to the first equation in the equations defined by (44) gives:

$$||\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{N}}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\sigma}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_{p}^{n}) - \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{N}}(\mathbf{x}_{p}^{n}, \sigma_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n})|| \leq ||\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{N}}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \sigma_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n}) - \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{N}}(\mathbf{x}_{p}^{n}, \sigma_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n})|| + ||\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{N}}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\sigma}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_{p}^{n}) - \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{N}}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\sigma}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n})|| + ||\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{N}}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\sigma}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_{p}^{n}) - \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{N}}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\sigma}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n})||.$$
(55)

This condition may be broken down into three parts

$$||\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{N}}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{\sigma}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n}) - \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{N}}(\mathbf{x}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{\sigma}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n})|| + \leq K_{2,2}^{N} ||\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n} - \mathbf{x}_{p}^{n}||,$$
(56)

$$||\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{N}}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\mathbf{\sigma}}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n}) - \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{N}}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{\sigma}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n})|| \leq K_{2,0}^{N} ||\tilde{\mathbf{\sigma}}_{p}^{n} - \mathbf{\sigma}_{p}^{n}||,$$
(57)

$$||\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{N}}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\mathbf{\sigma}}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_{p}^{n}) - \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{N}}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\mathbf{\sigma}}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n})|| \leq K_{2,1}^{N} ||\tilde{\mathbf{f}}_{p}^{n} - \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n}||.$$
(58)

For which by using the properties of vector norms if follows that

$$K_2 \le K_{2,0}^N + K_{2,1}^N + K_{2,2}^N.$$
(59)

The *i*th component of the left side of equation (57) may be written as

$$\left[\mathbf{H}_{N}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n}) - \mathbf{H}_{N}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n})\right]_{i} = \tilde{a}_{i}^{n+1}$$
(60)

where

$$\tilde{a}_i^{n+1} = \frac{1}{m} \left(\sum_{p \in I_i} D_{ip}^{n*} \delta \sigma_p^n |F_p^n| + \sum_{p \in I_{i-1}} D_{ip}^{n*} \delta \sigma_p^n |F_p^n| \right)$$
(61)

and

$$\delta \sigma_p^n = \tilde{\sigma}_p^n - \sigma_p^n. \tag{62}$$

As $|D_{ip}^{n*}| < 1$ for the standard MPM and GIMP methods equation (60) may be written as

$$\left|\left[\mathbf{H}_{N}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n}) - \mathbf{H}_{N}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n})\right]_{i}\right| \leq \frac{1}{m} F_{maxp} \sum_{x_{p} \in I_{i} \cup I_{i-1}} |\delta \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{p}^{n}|.$$
(63)

Squaring both sides, summing over *i* nodes, noting that each $\delta \sigma_p^n$ appears in two intervals and using (37) gives

$$||\mathbf{H}_{N}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n}) - \mathbf{H}_{N}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n})||^{2} \leq (\frac{F_{maxp}}{m})^{2} 4m \sum_{p} (\delta \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{p}^{n})^{2}$$
(64)

which after taking the square root gives

$$||\mathbf{H}_{N}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\mathbf{\sigma}}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n}) - \mathbf{H}_{N}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{\sigma}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n})|| \leq \frac{F_{maxp}}{m} 2\sqrt{m} ||\delta\sigma||$$
(65)

and so

$$K_{2,0}^N \le \frac{2}{\sqrt{m}} F_{maxp}.$$
(66)

For equation (58) the *p*th component of the vector $\delta \mathbf{f}$ is defined by

$$\delta f_p^n = \tilde{f}_p^n - f_p^n. \tag{67}$$

After defining

$$\sigma_{maxp} = max_p |\sigma_p^n|, \tag{68}$$

a similar argument as above leads to

$$\left[\mathbf{H}_{N}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_{p}^{n}) - \mathbf{H}_{N}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n})\right]_{i} \le \frac{\sigma_{maxp}}{m} \sum_{x_{p} \in I_{i} \cup I_{i-1}} |\delta F_{p}^{n}|.$$
(69)

A similar argument as in equations (64, 65,66) then gives

$$K_{2,1}^N \le \frac{2}{\sqrt{m}} \sigma_{maxp}.$$
(70)

In the case of equation (56) the original MPM method does not satisfy a Lipshitz condition. This is seen from the dependence of the mapping constants D_{ip}^{n*} on the particles \mathbf{x}_p^n . Let

$$\delta D_{ip}^{n*} = D_{ip}^{n*}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_p^n) - D_{ip}^{n*}(\mathbf{x}_p^n), \tag{71}$$

then in the case of the original MPM method (see equation (5)),

$$D_{ip}^{n*}(x_p^n) = -1, x_p \in I_{i-1}$$

$$D_{ip}^{n*}(x_p^n) = 1, x_p \in I_i$$

$$D_{ip}^{n*}(x_p^n) = 0 x_p \notin I_{i-1} \text{ and } x_p \notin I_i$$

and so the values of δD_{ip}^{n*} are either 0 if the perturbed particle does not leave the interval of the unperturbed particle or $\pm 2/h$ or $\pm 1/h$ if the perturbed particle does, regardless of the gap between the particles. Given this jump discontinuity no Lipshitz constant is possible if particles leave an interval and the constant is zero if particles stay in an interval. This is the case considered here. In contrast for the GIMP method, see (29) and Figure 4b in [13], it follows that

$$|D_{ip}^{n*}(\tilde{x}_p^n) - D_{ip}^{n*}(x_p^n)| \le \frac{2}{l} |\tilde{x}_p^n - x_p^n|$$
(72)

where *l* is the nominal width associated with the particle. In the case when particles stay in the same interval then the change in acceleration in the left side of equation (56) as denoted by δa_i^{n+1} is given by

$$\delta a_i^{n+1} = \frac{1}{m} \left(\sum_{p \in I_i} \delta D_{ip}^{n*} \sigma_p^n |F_p^n| + \sum_{p \in I_{i-1}} \delta D_{ip}^{n*} \sigma_p^n |F_p^n| \right).$$
(73)

and satisfies

$$|\delta a_i^{n+1}| = 0 \tag{74}$$

and so in this very restricted case

$$K_{2,2}^N = 0. (75)$$

4.5 Defining the Lipshitz Conditions for the Function $H_p(...)$ in Equation (44)

Again this equation can be broken down into three parts

$$||\mathbf{H}_{p}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_{p}^{n}) - \mathbf{H}_{p}(\mathbf{x}_{p}^{n}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n})|| \leq ||\mathbf{H}_{p}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n}) - \mathbf{H}_{p}(\mathbf{x}_{p}^{n}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n})|| + ||\mathbf{H}_{p}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_{p}^{n}) - \mathbf{H}_{p}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n})|| + ||\mathbf{H}_{p}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_{p}^{n}) - \mathbf{H}_{p}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n})||$$
(76)

and three Lipshitz constants used to bound the terms on the right side of this equation:

$$||\mathbf{H}_{p}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n}) - \mathbf{H}_{p}(\mathbf{x}_{p}^{n}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n})|| \leq K_{2,2}^{p} ||\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n} - \mathbf{x}_{p}^{n}||$$
(77)

$$||\mathbf{H}_{p}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\mathbf{\sigma}}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n}) - \mathbf{H}_{p}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{\sigma}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n})|| \leq K_{2,0}^{p} ||\tilde{\mathbf{\sigma}}_{p}^{n} - \mathbf{\sigma}_{p}^{n}||$$
(78)

$$||\mathbf{H}_{p}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\sigma}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_{p}^{n}) - \mathbf{H}_{p}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\sigma}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n})|| \le K_{2,1}^{p} ||\tilde{\mathbf{f}}_{p}^{n} - \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n}||$$
(79)

Equation (78) is considered first using the definition in (62). Let

$$\tilde{a}_i^{n+1} = \frac{1}{m} \left(\sum_{p \in I_i} D_{ip}^{n*} \delta \sigma_p^n |F_p^n| + \sum_{p \in I_{i-1}} D_{ip}^{n*} \delta \sigma_p^n |F_p^n| \right).$$
(80)

$$\tilde{a}_{i+1}^{n+1} = \frac{1}{m} \left(\sum_{p \in I_{i+1}} D_{i+1p}^{n*} \delta \sigma_p^n |F_p^n| + \sum_{p \in I_i} D_{i+1p}^{n*} \delta \sigma_p^n |F_p^n| \right).$$
(81)

and note that from equations (7,9) the *p*th component of equation (78 is

$$\left[\mathbf{H}_{p}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n}) - \mathbf{H}_{p}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n})\right]_{p} = \left[\lambda_{ip}\tilde{a}_{i}^{n+1} + (1 - \lambda_{ip})\tilde{a}_{i+1}^{n+1}\right].$$
(82)

Using the same approach as in equations (63) to (65) gives the inequality

$$\left|\left[\mathbf{H}_{p}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n}) - \mathbf{H}_{p}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n})\right]_{p}\right| \leq = \frac{F_{maxp}}{m} \sum_{x_{p} \in I_{i-1} \cup I_{i} \cup I_{i+1}} \left|\delta \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{p}^{n}\right|$$
(83)

and, as above, summing over 3 intervals and 3m particles gives

$$K_{2,0}^p = \frac{3F_{maxp}}{\sqrt{m}}.$$
 (84)

For equation (79) a similar argument as above again leads to

$$\left|\left[\mathbf{H}_{p}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\mathbf{\sigma}}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_{p}^{n}) - \mathbf{H}_{p}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \tilde{\mathbf{\sigma}}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n})\right]_{i}\right| \leq \frac{\sigma_{maxp}}{m} \sum_{x_{p} \in I_{i-1} \cup I_{i} \cup I_{I+1}} \left|\delta F_{p}^{n}\right|$$
(85)

and then

$$K_{2,1}^p = \frac{3\sigma_{maxp}}{\sqrt{m}} \tag{86}$$

The final case gives

$$\left[\mathbf{H}_{p}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{p}^{n}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n}) - \mathbf{H}_{p}(\mathbf{x}_{p}^{n}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{p}^{n}, \mathbf{f}_{p}^{n})\right]_{p} = 0$$
(87)

if the particles do not leave the interval that they are in

$$K_{2,2}^p = 0 (88)$$

5 Summary

It is now possible to define the constants in the stability condition (27). The constant K_3 is defined by equation (54). Collecting together the different local Lipshitz conditions with respect to the vectors multiplied by those constants from equations (56,57,58,77,78,79) gives

$$K_2 \le K_{2,0}^N + K_{2,0}^P + K_{2,1}^N + K_{2,1}^P + K_2^*)$$
(89)

Bringing together (66,70,75,84,86,88), then gives

$$K_2 \le K_2^* + \alpha (F_{maxp} + \sigma_{maxp}) \tag{90}$$

where $\alpha = \frac{5}{\sqrt{m}}$. The only part of this that is a conventional CFL type condition is the coefficient K_2^* , however even this term depends on the velocity gradients. Hence we can now evaluate the stability condition given by equation (27).

$$dt \le h \left[2\sqrt{m} (E + F_{maxp}) + Max_i | (v_i^{n+1} - v_{i-1}^{n+1}) | + \alpha h (F_{maxp} + \sigma_{maxp}) \right]^{-1}$$
(91)

This expression gives additional weight to the comments in [10] about how more than a conventional CFL condition is needed. Although for small displacements of the type considered here and large value of E a rough approximation may be

$$dt \le h/[2\sqrt{m}E]. \tag{92}$$

Overall As the approach given here uses a quite general ODE form and only general information about stencils. It is thus possible to extend the idea to GIMP, by redefining the stencil widths and associated coefficient values. An extension to multi-dimensions is also very clearly possible.

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