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A FINITE ELEMENT METHOD FOR FRICTIONAL CONTACT PROBLEMS

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ABSTRACT. The present paper is concerned with the analysis with finite element of a friction contact phenomena for two elastic bodies that come into contact with friction obeying the normal compliance law. Variational principles for a class of friction contact problems are also established and finite element models and numerical algorithms for analyzing of this problem are presented. A perturbed Lagrangian discrete formulation within the framework of F.E.M. is obtained, and in the 3D case is used a four-nodes contact finite element which consists in 3 masters and 1 slave, generalizing the two dimensional case considered by Ju and Taylor [3] and by Wriggers and Simo [8].