

Continuum Physics

Final homework

Problem 1.

Which of the following constitutive equations for the Cauchy stress, $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$, are objective (transform correctly under rigid body motions of the current configuration) and which are not? Justify your responses. Here, α and β are scalar constants, p is a scalar-valued function and \mathbf{f} is a symmetric tensor-valued function. Besides these terms, \mathbf{F} is the deformation gradient tensor, \mathbf{v} is the spatial velocity, \mathbf{a} is the spatial acceleration, \mathbf{l} is the spatial velocity gradient tensor ($\nabla \mathbf{v}$), $\mathbf{W} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{l} - \mathbf{l}^T)$ is the spin tensor, $\mathbf{d} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{l} + \mathbf{l}^T)$ is the rate of deformation tensor, and $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{F}^T$ is the left Cauchy-Green tensor.

- (a) $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = -p(t)\mathbf{1}$
- (b) $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \alpha(\mathbf{F} + \mathbf{F}^T)$
- (c) $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{v})$
- (d) $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \alpha[\nabla \mathbf{a} + \nabla \mathbf{a}^T + 2\mathbf{l}^T \mathbf{l}]$
- (e) $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{b})$
- (f) $\dot{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} = \mathbf{W}\boldsymbol{\sigma} - \boldsymbol{\sigma}\mathbf{W} + \alpha \text{tr}(\mathbf{d})\mathbf{1} + \beta \mathbf{d}$

Problem 2.

Consider the steady flow of an incompressible viscous Newtonian fluid with zero body forces and a velocity field given $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}) = v_1(x_1, x_2)\mathbf{e}_1$.

- (a) Suppose that the fluid is flowing through two infinite flat plates, one at $x_2 = 0$ and one at $x_2 = h, > 0$, with the bottom plate held fixed and the top plate moving in the x_1 direction with speed v . What are the boundary conditions on the fluid? Assuming there is no pressure drop in the x_1 direction, solve for the velocity component $v_1(x_1, x_2)$ and the stress tensor $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$.
- (b) Consider the same configuration as part (a), but with both plates held stationary. What are the relevant boundary conditions? Assuming now that the pressure is *not* constant, solve for the velocity component $v_1(x_1, x_2)$ and the stress tensor $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$.

Problem 3.

Consider the *uniform extension* defined by

$$x_1 = \lambda X_1$$

$$x_2 = \omega X_2$$

$$x_3 = \omega X_3$$

- (a) Compute \mathbf{F} and \mathbf{b} .

- (b) Suppose that the material is *isotropic elastic*. Compute the stress tensor $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$.
- (c) Assume that the material is a cube of length L in the reference configuration, and compute the tractions.
- (d) How must the constants, λ and ω , be related if $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ is a pure tension in the direction of \mathbf{e}_1 ; i.e., if $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \sigma(\mathbf{e}_1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_1)$.

Problem 4.

Consider a two-dimensional motion described by $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{U}$, where

$$F_{\alpha\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} F_{11} & F_{12} \\ F_{21} & F_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

with respect to the basis $\{\mathbf{e}_\alpha\}$, $\alpha = 1, 2$.

- (a) Write down the characteristic polynomial of \mathbf{U} , then use the Cayley-Hamilton Theorem (the matrix substituted into its own characteristic polynomial gives the zero matrix) to show that \mathbf{U} can be written as

$$\mathbf{U} = \frac{1}{i_1}(\mathbf{C} + i_2\mathbf{1})$$

where $i_1 = \text{tr}(\mathbf{U})$, $i_2 = \det(\mathbf{U})$ and $\mathbf{1}$ is the 2D identity tensor.

- (b) Show that the invariants of \mathbf{U} (i_1, i_2) can be written in terms of the invariants of \mathbf{C} (I_1, I_2):

$$i_1 = \sqrt{I_1 + 2i_2}, \quad i_2 = \sqrt{I_2} = J$$

- (c) Conclude from parts (a) and (b) that \mathbf{U} may be written *in closed form* as

$$\mathbf{U} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{I_1 + 2J}}(\mathbf{C} + J\mathbf{1}).$$

- (d) Consider now the case of simple shear in which \mathbf{F} is given by

$$F_{\alpha\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \gamma \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

with respect to the basis $\{\mathbf{e}_\alpha\}$.

- (i) Use the previous results to compute \mathbf{U} .
- (ii) Compute \mathbf{R} .
- (iii) Compare your results with those of Homework assignment 3, Problem 4, in which the same polar decomposition was determined via the spectral decomposition of \mathbf{C} .

Problem 5.

Consider the torsion of an isotropic linear elastic prismatic beam. Recall the St. Venant assumption from class:

$$u_\alpha = -e_{\alpha\beta}\theta(x_3)x_\beta, \quad \alpha, \beta = 1, 2; \quad u_3 = a\psi(x_1, x_2),$$

where $\theta(x_3) = ax_3$ and a is a constant.

- (a) Show that the resultant force on any cross section $x_3 = \text{constant}$ is zero.
- (b) Derive the expression for the resultant torque on the plane $x_3 = L/2$.
- (c) Derive the following expression for the torsion modulus:

$$\mu \bar{J} = \mu J - \mu \int_{\mathcal{S}} \|\nabla \psi\|^2 dx_1 dx_2,$$

where J is the polar moment of inertia and μ is the shear modulus.

- (d) Consider the case of a circular cross section. Find the solution of the problem:

$$\nabla^2 \psi = 0 \text{ in } \mathcal{S}$$

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial n} = e_{\alpha\beta} n_{\alpha} x_{\beta} \text{ on } \partial \mathcal{S},$$

where $\partial \psi / \partial n = \psi_{,\alpha} n_{\alpha}$. Assume that $\psi = \psi(r)$ where $r = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}$ and $\nabla^2 \psi = \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} (r \frac{d\psi}{dr})$.

Problem 6.

A rubber cylinder of radius A and length L in the reference configuration is rotating about its axis of symmetry with constant angular velocity ω . This motion is given by:

$$x_1 = \lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}} (X_1 \cos \omega t - X_2 \sin \omega t)$$

$$x_2 = \lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}} (X_1 \sin \omega t + X_2 \cos \omega t)$$

$$x_3 = \lambda X_3,$$

where λ is a positive constant. The rubber is incompressible and may be characterized by the equation

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = -p \mathbf{1} + [(\alpha + \beta(\text{tr}(\mathbf{b})))] \mathbf{b} - \beta \mathbf{b}^2$$

where α and β are constants and $p = p(x_1, x_2, x_3, t)$ in general.

- (a) Compute \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{a} , the spatial velocity and acceleration.
- (b) Compute the rate of deformation tensor, $\mathbf{d}(\mathbf{x}, t)$, the spin tensor $\boldsymbol{\omega}(\mathbf{x}, t)$ and the vorticity vector $\hat{\boldsymbol{\omega}}(\mathbf{x}, t)$.
- (c) Verify that the motion is isochoric and determine the principal stretches.
- (d) Assuming that there are no body forces, use the balance of linear momentum to derive the scalar relations for the pressure:

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial x_1} = \rho \omega^2 x_1, \quad \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_2} = \rho \omega^2 x_2, \quad \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_3} = 0.$$

- (e) Assuming that the curved boundary of the cylinder is traction-free, show that the pressure is given by

$$p = \frac{1}{2} \rho \omega^2 (r^2 - \lambda^{-1} A^2) + \alpha \lambda^{-1} + \beta (\lambda^{-2} + \lambda),$$

where $r = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}$. Hint: First integrate the relations of part (d) to determine p up to a function of time t , say $f(t)$, then apply the traction-free boundary condition to determine $f(t)$.

- (f) Assuming further that the resultant forces on the end-faces of the cylinder are zero, derive the equation for λ :

$$\alpha\lambda^4 + \beta\lambda^3 - \left(\alpha - \frac{1}{4}\rho\omega^2 A^2\right)\lambda - \beta = 0.$$

Without solving this equation, what can you say about the roots? Noting that the length of the spinning cylinder is λL , what is happening to the cylinder physically as a result of the spinning?

Problem 7.

An elastic fluid is a continuum medium whose stored energy $e(\rho)$ (per unit mass) is a function of the density. Thus, the stored energy in a material volume $\mathcal{P}_0 \subset \Omega_0$ during a motion $\mathbf{x} = \boldsymbol{\varphi}_t(\mathbf{X})$ is:

$$\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{P}_t) = \int_{\mathcal{P}_t} e(\rho)\rho dv,$$

where $\mathcal{P}_t = \boldsymbol{\varphi}_t(\mathcal{P}_0)$. (Recall the constitutive relations for an elastic fluid $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = -p\mathbf{1}$.)

- (a) Use the transport theorem and the balance of mass equation to compute the rate of change of $\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{P}_t)$.
 (b) Let $P_{\text{int}}(\mathcal{P}_t)$ be the stress power. Use the result of part (a) to conclude that the constitutive relation for the pressure is

$$\frac{p}{\rho^2} = \frac{d}{d\rho}e(\rho).$$

- (c) Define the enthalpy per unit mass as

$$h := e(\rho) + \frac{p}{\rho}.$$

Show that h is only a function of the pressure. Conclude that

$$\nabla h(p) = \frac{1}{\rho}\nabla p.$$

- (d) Show that if the fluid is (a) steady and (b) irrotational, then

$$h(p) + \frac{1}{2}\|\mathbf{v}\|^2 + V = \text{constant},$$

where V is the potential of the external load.

- (e) Apply the equation of part (d) to a fluid which flows from a large closed tank through a smooth thin pipe. If the pressure in the tank is N times the atmospheric pressure, determine the speed of the emerging fluid. Assume that the fluid satisfies the equation $p = \lambda\rho^k$, where λ and k are constants. Neglect gravity.

Problem 8

Recall the energy equation, or the First Law of Thermodynamics in the local form

$$\dot{e} = \mathbf{P}:\dot{\mathbf{F}} + r - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{q},$$

where e is the internal energy density, \mathbf{P} is the first Piola-Kirchhoff stress, \mathbf{F} is the deformation gradient, r is the heat source (heating per unit time per unit volume), and \mathbf{q} is the heat flux vector (heat crossing a unit area per unit time). Its evil twin, the Second Law, can be written locally as

$$\dot{\eta} \geq \frac{r}{\theta} - \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\mathbf{q}}{\theta}\right),$$

where η is the entropy density and θ is the temperature. These can be combined into the dissipation inequality, which upon assuming that $e = \hat{e}(\mathbf{F}, \eta)$ yields the general constitutive relations $\mathbf{P} = \partial e / \partial \mathbf{F}$ and $\theta = \partial e / \partial \eta$. The dissipation inequality also suggests the Fourier law of heat conduction: $\mathbf{q} = -\mathbf{K} \nabla \theta$, where \mathbf{K} is the conductivity tensor. The Legendre transformation $\psi := e - \theta \eta$ defines the Helmholtz free energy density, where $\psi = \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{F}, \theta)$.

- (a) Consider the following decoupled form of the Helmholtz free energy density: $\hat{\psi}(\mathbf{F}, \theta) = \hat{W}(\mathbf{F}) + \hat{\chi}(\theta)$. Use this to derive the heat equation from the energy equation laid out above. This form of the heat equation should explicitly show the temperature rate, $\dot{\theta}$ driven by various mechanisms of heat supply. The coefficient of $\dot{\theta}$ in this form of the heat equation is the specific heat. Clearly indicate its general form.
- (b) Now suppose that you have *coupled thermoelasticity*: $\hat{\psi}(\mathbf{F}, \theta) = \hat{W}(\mathbf{F} - \alpha(\theta - \theta_0)\mathbf{1}) + \hat{\chi}(\theta)$, where α is the coefficient of thermal expansion and θ_0 is a reference temperature. Now rederive the heat equation for $\dot{\theta}$. How is the heat equation in this case different from (a)?