

Continuum Physics

Problem set 3

Problem 1.

In a region of space the flow velocity components are:

$$v_1 = A(x_1^3 + x_1x_2^2)e^{-kt}, \quad v_2 = A(x_1^2x_2 + x_2^3)e^{-kt}, \quad v_3 = 0,$$

where A and k are given constants, x_1, x_2, x_3 are spatial coordinates and t is time. Find the acceleration components at the point $(1, 1, 0)$ at time $t = 0$.

Problem 2.

The motion of a continuous medium is defined by the equations

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{2}(X_1 + X_2)e^t + \frac{1}{2}(X_1 - X_2)e^{-t}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{1}{2}(X_1 + X_2)e^t - \frac{1}{2}(X_1 - X_2)e^{-t}$$

$$x_3 = X_3$$

- (a) Express the velocity components in terms of the material coordinates and time.
- (b) Express the velocity components in terms of the spatial coordinates and time.
- (c) Calculate the components of the rate-of-deformation tensor \mathbf{d} .
- (d) Express the displacement components, u_1, u_2, u_3 in terms of the material coordinates and time, where $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{X}$.
- (e) The *infinitesimal strain* tensor is

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{F} + \mathbf{F}^T) - \mathbf{1}.$$

Express the components of $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ in terms of material coordinates and time. Evaluate them at $t = 0$ and $t = 0.05$.

- (f) Calculate the rate of change $d\varepsilon_{ij}/dt$ of the infinitesimal strain components and compare them with d_{ij} at $t = 0$ and $t = 0.05$. Comment upon the differences.

Problem 3.

Consider a rigid body motion in which $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{R}(t)$, where $\mathbf{R} \in \text{SO}(3)$. Evaluate the infinitesimal strain tensor $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{F} + \mathbf{F}^T - \mathbf{21})$ and the Lagrange strain tensor, $\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{F} - \mathbf{1})$ in this case. What are the differences? Comment upon the difference between $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ and \mathbf{E} for

$$\mathbf{R}(t) = \mathbf{1} \cos t + (1 - \cos t) \mathbf{e}_1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_1 - (\mathbf{e}_2 \otimes \mathbf{e}_3 - \mathbf{e}_3 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2) \sin t, \quad \text{for } t = 0, 0.01\pi, 0.1\pi, 0.2\pi, 0.3\pi, 0.4\pi, 0.5\pi$$

Problem 4.

In a region of space we have steady fluid flow given by

$$v_1 = -wx_2 - \frac{Ax_2}{x_1^2 + x_2^2}, \quad v_2 = wx_1 + \frac{Ax_1}{x_1^2 + x_2^2}, \quad v_3 = 0,$$

where w and A are constants. Write out the matrices of the rate of deformation tensor, \mathbf{d} and the spin tensor, \mathbf{w} at a point (x_1, x_2, x_3) .

Problem 5.

Simple shear deformation can be represented as

$$x_1 = X_1 + \gamma X_2, \quad x_2 = X_2, \quad x_3 = X_3,$$

where γ is a positive constant.

- Sketch the initial and final configurations of a element that was originally a square $ABCD$ in the X_1X_2 -plane, of side length dL , with AB parallel to the X_1 -axis and AD to the X_2 -axis.
- Show that the deformation gradient can be written as $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{1} + \gamma \mathbf{l} \otimes \mathbf{m}$, where \mathbf{l} and \mathbf{m} are orthonormal. Write out the components in matrix form.
- Show that the right Cauchy-Green tensor \mathbf{C} can be written as

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{l} \otimes \mathbf{l} + (1 + \gamma^2) \mathbf{m} \otimes \mathbf{m} + \mathbf{n} \otimes \mathbf{n} + \gamma(\mathbf{l} \otimes \mathbf{m} + \mathbf{m} \otimes \mathbf{l}),$$

where $\{\mathbf{l}, \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{n}\}$ form an orthonormal triad. Write the components of \mathbf{C} in matrix form.

- Show that the left Cauchy-Green tensor \mathbf{b} can be written as

$$\mathbf{b} = (1 + \gamma^2) \mathbf{l} \otimes \mathbf{l} + \mathbf{m} \otimes \mathbf{m} + \mathbf{n} \otimes \mathbf{n} + \gamma(\mathbf{l}\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{m} \otimes \mathbf{l}).$$

Write the components of \mathbf{b} in matrix form.

- Determine the principal stretches $\lambda_A, (A = 1, 2, 3)$.
- Determine the referential stretch axes (i.e., the normalized eigenvectors of \mathbf{C}), also called the Lagrangian triad.
- Determine the current stretch axes (i.e., the normalized eigenvectors of \mathbf{b}), also called the Eulerian triad.
- Determine the rotation tensor, \mathbf{R} .
- If \mathbf{M}_A is an eigenvector of \mathbf{C} , and \mathbf{m}_A is the corresponding eigenvector of \mathbf{b} , show that $\mathbf{m}_A = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{M}_A$, for $A = 1, 2, 3$.

Problem 6.

A motion in which the spatial velocity is given by

$$\mathbf{v} = c(\mathbf{p} \otimes \mathbf{q})\mathbf{x} = c(\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{q})\mathbf{p},$$

where c is a positive constant and \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} are orthogonal unit vectors, is called a *simple shearing motion*. For this motion:

- (a) Express the rate of deformation tensor, \mathbf{d} and the spin tensor, \mathbf{w} in terms of \mathbf{p} , \mathbf{q} and c .
- (b) Write the spectral decomposition of \mathbf{d} .
- (c) Determine the principal stretchings of the motion: i.e., the eigenvalues of \mathbf{d} .
- (d) Determine the principal axes of stretching: i.e., the eigenvectors of \mathbf{d} .
- (e) Determine the angular velocity of the motion: i.e., the axial vector of the spin, \mathbf{w} .