#### C5.2 Elasticity and Plasticity

#### Lecture 1 — Equations of Linear Elasticity

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## Lagrangian & Eulerian coordinates



- Suppose material starts at time t = 0 in a reference state.
- For t > 0, the material is deformed such that a point initially at position X is displaced to a new position x(X,t).
- ▶ **X** = Lagrangian coordinate fixed in the material.
- x = Eulerian coordinate fixed in space.

• Displacement  $\boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{X},t) = \boldsymbol{x}(\boldsymbol{X},t) - \boldsymbol{X}$ 

## Jacobian

- The material is a continuum if there is a smooth one-to-one relationship between X and x.
- This is true provided the Jacobian of the transformation  $X \mapsto x$  is bounded away from zero, i.e.

$$0 < J < \infty$$
, where  $J = \det\left(\frac{\partial x_i}{\partial X_j}\right)$ 

► J measures the change in an infinitesimal volume:

 $\mathrm{d}x_1\mathrm{d}x_2\mathrm{d}x_3 = J\,\mathrm{d}X_1\mathrm{d}X_2\mathrm{d}X_3$ 

- Material is under expansion if J > 1 or compression if J < 1.
- Mass conservation leads to the identity

$$\rho J=\rho_0$$

where  $\rho = \text{current}$  density,  $\rho_0 = \text{initial}$  density.

## Strain



- Consider infinitesimal line element in the reference state joining X to X + δX.
- Strain is related to the relative change in length of the element  $\delta X$  under deformation.



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By Taylor's Theorem, deformed line element is given by

 $\delta \boldsymbol{x} = \delta \boldsymbol{X} + (\delta \boldsymbol{X} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla}) \boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{X}) + \text{h.o.t.}$ 

# Strain

Denote initial length L = |δX| and deformed length ℓ = |δx|.
 Then

$$\ell^2 = |\delta \boldsymbol{X} + (\delta \boldsymbol{X} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla}) \boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{X}, t)|^2$$

Change in length of the line element can be written as

$$\ell^2 - L^2 = 2e_{ij}\,\delta X_i\delta X_j$$

[see Problem Sheet 0. NB summation convention]

$$e_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial X_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial X_i} + \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial X_i} \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial X_j} \right)$$

- ► The quantities e<sub>ij</sub> for i, j = 1, 2, 3 give a 3 × 3 symmetric matrix called the strain tensor E = (e<sub>ij</sub>)
- This matrix measures the local stretch of the material in all possible directions.
- ▶ It can be shown that  $e_{ij} \equiv 0$  iff the deformation is a rigid-body motion.

## Strain

$$e_{ij} \approx \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial X_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial X_i} + \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial X_i} \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial X_j} \right)$$

- ▶ In this course, we focus on linear elasticity.
- ▶ For small deformations, the final nonlinear term is negligible.
- By the chain rule,

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial X_j} = \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_k} \frac{\partial x_k}{\partial X_j} = \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_k} \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial X_j}$$

To leading order, no need to distinguish between Lagrangian and Eulerian derivatives.

The linearised strain tensor is given by

$$e_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right)$$

#### Volume change

The trace of *E* measures the local volume change:

Jacobian 
$$J = \det\left(\frac{\partial x_i}{\partial X_j}\right) = \det\left(\delta_{ij} + \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial X_j}\right)$$
  

$$\Rightarrow \quad J \sim 1 + \operatorname{tr}(\mathcal{E}) \sim 1 + \operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{u}$$

- We have local expansion where div u > 0 and local compression where div u < 0.</p>
- Mass conservation implies density  $\rho = \rho_0/J \sim \rho_0$ .
- Density variations are negligible to leading order.

## Basic properties of strain

[See Problem Sheet 0]

- *E* is symmetric (evidently).
- $\triangleright$   $\mathcal{E}$  is a 2<sup>nd</sup> rank tensor.
  - Suppose we rotate the coordinate axes via x' = Pxwhere P is orthogonal  $(PP^{\mathsf{T}} = \mathcal{I})$ .
  - The strain tensor calculated in the new coordinates satisfies

$$\mathcal{E}' = P \mathcal{E} P^\mathsf{T}$$

- *E* transforms just like a matrix representing a linear transformation of R<sup>3</sup>.
- $\mathcal{E}$  is referred to as the strain tensor.
- $\mathcal{E} \equiv 0$  if and only if  $u(x) = c + \omega \times x$ for constant *c* and  $\omega$ .

This displacement represents a linearised rigid-body motion.