

# **SOLID MECHANICS**

**Lecture 11: Chapter 4: Constitutive equations**

**Section 4.1: Constitutive assumptions**

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Equations from physical principles

$$\dot{\rho} + \rho \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} = 0, \quad \text{mass} \quad (1)$$

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{T} + \rho \mathbf{b} = \rho \dot{\mathbf{v}}, \quad \text{linear momentum} \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{T}^T = \mathbf{T}, \quad \text{angular momentum} \quad (3)$$

10 unknowns: 1 in  $\rho$ , 3 in vector  $\mathbf{v}$  and 6 in the symmetric tensor  $\mathbf{T}$ . But 4 equations.  
We need 6 extra relationships: the constitutive equations.

### 3.1 3 types of assumptions

1) *Possible deformations.*

e.g. Only rigid motions are allowed ( $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{R}$ , 3 parameters).  $\implies$  rigid body mechanics.

e.g. Only isochoric motion  $\implies$  Incompressible material.

2) *Constraining the stress tensor*

e.g.  $\mathbf{T} = \mathcal{T}(\mathbf{F})$

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3) *Relate stress to motion*

e.g. pressure function of density,  $\rho$  (for a gas).

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$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{T} + \rho \mathbf{b} = \rho \dot{\mathbf{v}}, \quad \text{linear momentum} \quad (5)$$

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$\frac{1}{4} (\dot{\mathbf{v}}, p)$  (9)

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2) *Elastic fluids*

(a)  $\mathbf{T} = -p\mathbb{1}$

(b)  $p = p(\rho)$

Here  $\ddot{\rho} = P'(\rho_0)\Delta\rho$  and  $\sqrt{p'}$  is the sound speed.

$$\dot{\rho} + \rho \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} = 0, \quad \text{mass} \quad (10)$$

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{T} + \rho \mathbf{b} = \rho \dot{\mathbf{v}}, \quad \text{linear momentum} \quad (11)$$

$$\mathbf{T}^T = \mathbf{T}, \quad \text{angular momentum} \quad (12)$$

becomes

$$\dot{\rho} + \rho \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} = 0, \quad \text{mass} \quad (13)$$

$$\operatorname{grad} p + \rho \mathbf{b} = \rho \dot{\mathbf{v}}, \quad \text{linear momentum} \quad (14)$$

$$p = p(\rho) \quad (15)$$

N.B.: both fluids are inviscid (do not exert shearing forces!)

A particular case of an elastic fluid is an *ideal gas*:  $p = \lambda\rho^\gamma$ , for  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $\gamma > 1$ .

3) *Newtonian fluids*. Shear stress through friction.

(a)  $\det \mathbf{F} = 1$ , incompressible

(b)  $\mathbf{T} = -p\mathbb{1} + \mathcal{C}[\mathbf{L}]$  where  $\mathcal{C}$  is a linear function of  $\mathbf{L}$ .

Note  $\mathcal{C}[0] = 0 \implies \mathbf{T} = -p\mathbb{1}$ , A Newtonian fluid at rest is ideal

Note  $\mathcal{C}[\mathbf{L}]$  has 40 independent constants (once we have removed arbitrariness of  $p\mathbb{1}$ .)

However *objectivity* (independence from observer) implies

$$\mathcal{C}[\mathbf{L}] = 2\mu\mathbf{D}, \quad \mathbf{D} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{L} + \mathbf{L}^T), \quad (16)$$

which has a single constant, viscosity  $\mu$ . This implies

$$\rho\dot{\mathbf{v}} = \operatorname{div} \mathbf{T} + \rho\mathbf{b} \quad (17)$$

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} = 0 \quad (18)$$

$$\mathbf{T} = -p\mathbb{1} + 2\mu\mathbf{D} \quad (19)$$

10 eqns for 10 unknowns

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{div} T &= \operatorname{div} [-p \mathbb{1} + 2\nu D] \\ &= -\operatorname{grad} p + 2\nu \operatorname{div} D \end{aligned}$$

$$D = \frac{1}{2} (L + L^T) = \frac{1}{2} [\operatorname{grad} \vec{v} + (\operatorname{grad} \vec{v})^T]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \operatorname{div} 2D &= \operatorname{div} [\operatorname{grad} \vec{v} + (\operatorname{grad} \vec{v})^T] \\ &= \operatorname{div} \operatorname{grad} \vec{v} + \operatorname{grad} \operatorname{div} \vec{v} \\ &= \Delta \vec{v} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{div} T + \rho \vec{b} = \rho \vec{a}^0$$

$$\nu \Delta \vec{v} - \operatorname{grad} p + \rho \vec{b} = \rho \partial_t \vec{v} + \rho \vec{v} \cdot \operatorname{grad} \vec{v}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \partial_t \vec{v} + \vec{v} \cdot \operatorname{grad} \vec{v} = \nu \Delta \vec{v} - \operatorname{grad} p + \vec{b} \quad \nu = \mu/\rho$$

$$\rho \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \rho \mathbf{v} \cdot \text{grad } \mathbf{v} = \mu \Delta \mathbf{v} - \text{grad } p + \rho \mathbf{b}, \quad (20)$$

$$\text{div } \mathbf{v} = 0, \quad (21)$$

which are the Navier–Stokes equations. (N.B.  $\nu = \mu/\rho$  is the kinematic viscosity.)

*Stokes flow*: 1) steady, 2) neglect acceleration.

$$\Delta \mathbf{v} = \text{grad } p - \mathbf{b} \quad (22)$$

$$\text{div } \mathbf{v} = 0. \quad (23)$$

N.B. for more general fluids,  $\mathbf{T} = -p\mathbf{1} + \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{L})$ .



## 3.2 Elastic materials

For elastic materials, we have the simple relationship

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{F}) \tag{24}$$

This implies that the stress in  $\mathcal{B}$  at  $\mathbf{x}$  depends on  $\mathbf{F}$  and not on the history of the deformation (path-independent). Also, by the definition of the reference configuration (assuming that it is stress free), we have

$$\mathcal{Z}(\mathbb{1}) = 0. \tag{25}$$

This relationship defines a Cauchy, elastic material.