Strain and deformation

*a global overview*

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Seminar on Continuum Mechanics
Continuum mechanics is a branch of mechanics concerned with the stresses in solids, liquids and gases and the deformation or flow of these materials.

A continuum disregards the molecular structure of matter and pictures it as being without gaps or empty spaces.
Continuum mechanics

Seminar topics
- Stress
- Strain and deformation
- General principles
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**Definition**

- **Solid mechanics** deals with solid materials. A solid has a defined rest shape and can support shear stresses.

- **Fluid mechanics** deals with fluids (both liquids and gases). A fluid takes the shape of its container and cannot support shear stresses.
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- **Elasticity** describes materials that return to their rest shape after an applied stress.
- **Plasticity** describes materials that permanently deform (change their rest shape) after a large enough applied stress.
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- **non-Newtonian fluids** are fluids in which the viscosity changes with the applied shear stress.
- **Newtonian fluids** are fluids in which the viscosity is constant.
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Continuum configuration

\[ x = x_1 \hat{e}_1 + x_2 \hat{e}_2 + x_3 \hat{e}_3 \]

**Definition**

- Let \( \mathcal{B} \) be a 3-dimensional, continuous, material body and let \( P \in \mathcal{B} \) be a material point.
- Let \( \mathcal{G} \subset \mathbb{R}^3 \) be a configuration of \( \mathcal{B} \) at time \( t \) and \( \mathcal{G}_r \subset \mathbb{R}^3 \) a reference configuration.
Continuum configuration

Definition

- Let $\mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{G}_r$ be the position of material point $P$ in the reference configuration with respect to origin $O$.
- Let $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{G}$ be the position of material point $P$ at time $t$ with respect to origin $o$.
Continuum configuration

\[ \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{X}_1 \hat{\mathbf{e}}_1 + \mathbf{X}_2 \hat{\mathbf{e}}_2 + \mathbf{X}_3 \hat{\mathbf{e}}_3 \]

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**Definition**

Then two bijective mappings exist

- \( \Phi : \{(\mathbf{X}, t) \mid \mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{G}_r, t \in \mathbb{R}\} \rightarrow \{\mathbf{x} \mid \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{G}\} : \mathbf{x} = \Phi(\mathbf{X}, t), \)
- \( \Psi : \{(\mathbf{x}, t) \mid \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{G}, t \in \mathbb{R}\} \rightarrow \{\mathbf{X} \mid \mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{G}_r\} : \mathbf{X} = \Psi(\mathbf{x}, t). \)
Continuum configuration

\[ \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{X} \]

**Definition**

The displacement vector \( \mathbf{u} \) links the material coordinates \( \mathbf{X} \) with the spatial coordinates \( \mathbf{x} \) through

\[ \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{X}. \]

Often in continuum mechanics it is possible to consider both coordinate systems superimposed and then \( \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{0} \).
Continuum configuration

**Example**

- **Rigid body motion**
  \[
  \begin{align*}
  \vec{x} &= \Phi(X, t) = c(t) + Q(t)X, \\
  \vec{X} &= \Psi(x, t) = Q^T(t)(x - c(t)).
  \end{align*}
  \]

- **Uniform dilatation**
  \[
  \begin{align*}
  \vec{x} &= \Phi(X, t) = (1 + \epsilon(t))X, \\
  \vec{X} &= \Psi(x, t) = \frac{1}{1+\epsilon(t)} x.
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- Note that this formulation excludes crack formation
Description of motion

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2. **Referential description**, whose independent variables are the position $X$ of the particle in a reference configuration and the time $t$ (*Lagrangian description*).

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\[
\frac{d\mathbf{F}}{dt} := \frac{\partial \tilde{\mathbf{F}}(\mathbf{X}, t)}{\partial t}, \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial t} := \frac{\partial \overline{\mathbf{F}}(\mathbf{x}, t)}{\partial t}.
\]

After applying the chain rule the following relation is found

\[
\frac{d\mathbf{F}}{dt} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{F},
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Material and local time derivatives

Example

\[ \frac{d}{dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \]

Applying the material derivative operator on

- Density \( \rho \):
  \[ \frac{d\rho}{dt} = \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \rho. \]

- Displacement \( \mathbf{u} \):
  \[ \mathbf{v} = \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \frac{d\mathbf{u}}{dt} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}. \]

- Velocity \( \mathbf{v} \):
  \[ \mathbf{a} = \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v}. \]
A motion where the shape and/or volume of $\mathcal{B}$ is changed is called a deformation. In a deformation the distance between two material points changes

\[
x = \Phi(X, t),
\]

\[
y = \Phi(Y, t) = \Phi(X, t) + \frac{\partial \Phi(X, t)}{\partial X} \mathbf{d}X + O(\|\mathbf{d}X\|) =: x + \mathcal{F}(X, t)\mathbf{d}X + O(\|\mathbf{d}X\|).
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$$\mathbf{dx} \approx \mathcal{F} \mathbf{dX},$$

where $\mathcal{F} = \frac{\partial \Phi(\mathbf{X},t)}{\partial \mathbf{X}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}}{\partial \mathbf{X}}$ is the material deformation gradient. Also $\mathcal{G} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial \mathbf{X}} = \mathcal{F} - \mathcal{I}$ is the material displacement gradient.
Deformation and strain tensors

Definition

Because $\mathcal{F}$ still includes rigid body rotation it is not a direct measure for deformation. Therefore look at the change of length of a line-element between two material points

$$|\text{d}x|^2 = (\text{d}x, \text{d}x) = (\mathcal{F}\text{d}X, \mathcal{F}\text{d}X)$$

$$= (\mathcal{F}^T \mathcal{F}\text{d}X, \text{d}X) := (\mathcal{C}\text{d}X, \text{d}X),$$

where $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{F}^T \mathcal{F}$ is the right Cauchy-Green deformation tensor.

A deformation quantity which becomes zero when there is no deformation present is the Lagrangian strain tensor

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Rate of deformation and spin tensor

Definition

In solid mechanics the deformation and displacement gradients play an important role. In fluid mechanics it is often the gradient of the velocity that is important.

\[
\mathcal{L} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \frac{d \mathbf{F}}{dt} \mathbf{F}^{-1} =: \mathcal{D} + \mathcal{W},
\]

where \( \mathcal{D} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathcal{L} + \mathcal{L}^T) \) is the rate of deformation tensor and \( \mathcal{W} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathcal{L} - \mathcal{L}^T) \) is the spin tensor.

Moreover, the vorticity vector \( \mathbf{w} = \frac{1}{2} \nabla \times \mathbf{v} \) is associated with the anti-symmetric tensor \( \mathcal{W} \).
A polar decomposition of an arbitrary, nonsingular second-order tensor is given by the product of a symmetric positive-definite tensor and an orthogonal tensor. For the deformation gradient this means

\[ \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{R} \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{V} \mathbf{R}, \]

where

- \( \mathbf{R} \) is the rotation tensor
- \( \mathbf{U} \) is the right stretch tensor
- \( \mathbf{V} \) is the left stretch tensor
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Linear strain tensor

**Definition**

Neglecting the higher order terms in the Lagrangian strain tensor gives the linear Lagrangian strain tensor

\[
\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2} (G + G^T + G^T G)
\]

\[
= \frac{1}{2} (G + G^T + O(\varepsilon^2))
\]

\[
\varepsilon_I := \frac{1}{2} (G + G^T) = \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial \mathbf{X}} + \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial \mathbf{X}} \right)^T \right).
\]
2D interpretation of linear strain tensor

Example

- Uniaxial extension in x-direction: \( \varepsilon_{xx} \approx \frac{du_x}{dX} \).
- Uniaxial extension in y-direction: \( \varepsilon_{yy} \approx \frac{du_y}{dY} \).
- Pure shear without rotation: \( \gamma_{xy} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \psi = \theta_1 + \theta_2 \),
  \[ \varepsilon_{xy} = \frac{1}{2} \gamma_{xy} \approx \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{du_x}{dY} + \frac{du_y}{dX} \right). \]
Principal strains and invariants

Properties

Several properties hold for the symmetric, second-order linear strain tensor

- The principal strain direction is a direction for which the orientation of an element at a given point is not altered by a pure strain deformation (no shear strain component).

- The principal strain values \((\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3)\) are the unit relative displacements (normal strain components) that occur in the principal directions.
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- The **invariants** are given by

\[
\begin{align*}
I_{E_i} &= \text{tr} \ E_i = \epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2 + \epsilon_3, \\
II_{E_i} &= \epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 + \epsilon_2 \epsilon_3 + \epsilon_3 \epsilon_1, \\
III_{E_i} &= \text{det} \ E_i = \epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 \epsilon_3.
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- An additive decomposition consisting of a spherical tensor and deviator tensor

\[ \mathbf{\varepsilon}_{I} = \varepsilon_{M} \mathbf{I} + (\mathbf{\varepsilon}_{I} - \varepsilon_{M} \mathbf{I}), \]

where \( \varepsilon_{M} = (\varepsilon_{1} + \varepsilon_{2} + \varepsilon_{3})/3 \) is the mean normal strain.

The deviator tensor is associated with shear deformation for which the cubical dilatation vanishes.
Compatibility conditions

Definition

If the strain components are given, the symmetric linear strain matrix may be viewed as a system of six PDEs for determining the three components of the displacement vector $u$.

For a solution to exist, a necessary and sufficient condition is given by the compatibility relations

\[ 2 \frac{\partial^2 \epsilon_{xy}}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 \epsilon_{xx}}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \epsilon_{yy}}{\partial x^2}, \]

\[ \frac{\partial^2 \epsilon_{xx}}{\partial y \partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( - \frac{\partial \epsilon_{yz}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \epsilon_{zx}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \epsilon_{xy}}{\partial z} \right). \]
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