

1 Self-Grading Declaration

Based on the guidelines provided, **I self-assign a grade of 2/2 for this homework.** I have made a legitimate effort to complete 100% of the problems.

2 Assignment 1

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Consider a tensor with components

$$[\mathbf{S}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & 5 \\ 4 & 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

in a basis $\{\mathbf{e}_i\}$. Suppose one considers a second basis $\{\mathbf{e}_i^*\}$ that is generated by rotating the first basis by 45° counter-clockwise about \mathbf{e}_1 . What will S_{12}^* be?

See A&G 1.17, 1.18, and 1.19 [1].

The new vectors can be described:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{e}_1^* &= \mathbf{e}_1 \\ \mathbf{e}_2^* &= \cos(\pi/4)\mathbf{e}_2 + \sin(\pi/4)\mathbf{e}_3 \\ \mathbf{e}_3^* &= -\sin(\pi/4)\mathbf{e}_2 + \cos(\pi/4)\mathbf{e}_3 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the component S_{12}^*

$$S_{12}^* = \mathbf{e}_1^* \cdot \mathbf{T} \mathbf{e}_2^* = \mathbf{e}_1^* \cdot (T_{ij} \mathbf{e}_i \otimes \mathbf{e}_j) \mathbf{e}_2^* = 4.95 \text{ (using Python [2])}$$

A supporting Python script was used to verify manual results and avoid performing cumbersome calculations by hand. The latest version can be found in [the GitHub repository](#).

Python 3.13 Code

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import numpy as np

division_lines_count = 30

def run_assignment_1():
    S = np.array([
        [1, 3, 4],
        [3, 2, 5],
        [4, 5, 3]
    ])

    e1_star = np.array([1, 0, 0])
    e2_star = np.array([0, np.cos(np.pi/4), np.sin(np.pi/4)])
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S12_star = e1_star @ S @ e2_star

print("Assignment 1 Results\n" + "-" * division_lines_count)
print(f"Transformed tensor component S*      = {S12_star:.4f}")

if __name__ == "__main__":
    run_assignment_1()
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Assignment 2

Consider a scalar valued function $g(\mathbf{x}) = \exp(\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{x})$.

- (a) What is the directional derivative of g at $\mathbf{x} = 2\mathbf{e}_1 + 3\mathbf{e}_2$ in the direction $\mathbf{h} = (\mathbf{e}_1 + \mathbf{e}_3)/\sqrt{2}$?
- (b) What is $\mathbf{grad}(g)$?

See, for example, A&G 2.3. [1]

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} g &= \left. \frac{d}{d\alpha} e^{(\mathbf{x} + \alpha \mathbf{h}) \cdot (\mathbf{x} + \alpha \mathbf{h})} \right|_{\alpha=0} \\ &= e^{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{x}} 2\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{h} \\ &= e^{x_i \cdot x_i} \cdot 2x_j h_j. \end{aligned}$$

Now plugging $\mathbf{x} = 2\mathbf{e}_1 + 3\mathbf{e}_2$ and $\mathbf{h} = (\mathbf{e}_1 + \mathbf{e}_3)/\sqrt{2}$ into the scalar products:

$$\begin{aligned} x_i x_i &= \sqrt{2} \\ x_j h_j &= 13 \end{aligned}$$

Thus:

$$g = 26e^{\sqrt{2}}$$

(b) From the definition of gradient [3]:

$$\mathbf{grad}(g) = \nabla g = e^{x_i \cdot x_i} \cdot 2x_j h_j$$

Assignment 3

Using the divergence theorem, re-express

$$\int_{\partial B} 5 \cos(2x_i) n_i da$$

as a volume integral over B . See A&G 2.18. [\[1\]](#)

Based on the divergence theorem, we can re-express the expression by computing the derivative:

$$\begin{aligned} f(\mathbf{x}) &= 5 \cos(2x_i) \\ \frac{df}{dx_i} &= f_{,i} = -5 \cdot \sin(2x_i) \cdot 2 \cdot \delta_{ii} \\ &= -30 \sin(2x_i) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by the divergence theorem:

$$\int_{\partial B} 5 \cos(2x_i) n_i da = \int_B \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (5 \cos(2x_i)) dv = \int_B -30 \sin(2x_i) dv$$

Hence, the surface integral is re-expressed as the volume integral:

$$\int_{\partial B} 5 \cos(2x_i) n_i da = \int_B -30 \sin(2x_i) dv$$

Assignment 4

Consider the motion of a cube $B = [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$ given by

$$\mathbf{x} = \chi(\mathbf{X}) = a(4X_1\mathbf{e}_1 + X_2\mathbf{e}_2 + X_3\mathbf{e}_3),$$

where $a > 0$ is a given real number.

- (a) Describe in words and images the motion.
 - i. What is the deformation gradient at \mathbf{X} ?
 - ii. What is the displacement gradient at \mathbf{X} ?
 - iii. What is the stretch at \mathbf{X} in the \mathbf{e}_1 , \mathbf{e}_2 , and \mathbf{e}_3 directions?

(a) The vector \mathbf{x} which represents the motion of the body can be re-expressed as:

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 4aX_1 \\ aX_2 \\ aX_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4a \\ a \\ a \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}$$

Which geometrically represents a volumetric change proportional to the real parameter $a > 0$, with the deformation being four times greater in the \mathbf{e}_1 direction compared to the \mathbf{e}_2 and \mathbf{e}_3 directions.

The volume of the deformed configuration V_f relative to the original volume V_0 is given by

$$V_f = (4a\mathbf{X}_1) \cdot ((a\mathbf{X}_2) \times (a\mathbf{X}_3)) = 4a^3 \overbrace{(\mathbf{X}_1 \cdot (\mathbf{X}_2 \times \mathbf{X}_3))}^{V_0}. \quad (1)$$

For example, if $a = 1$, the body expands by a factor of 4 in the \mathbf{e}_1 direction, while remaining unchanged in the \mathbf{e}_2 and \mathbf{e}_3 directions, with a total volume change of $V_f = 4V_0$. This example is represented in **Fig. 1**

- i. We start of by computing the deformation grandient $\mathbf{F} = F_{ij}$:

$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \chi_1}{\partial X_1} & \frac{\partial \chi_1}{\partial X_2} & \frac{\partial \chi_1}{\partial X_3} \\ \frac{\partial \chi_2}{\partial X_1} & \frac{\partial \chi_2}{\partial X_2} & \frac{\partial \chi_2}{\partial X_3} \\ \frac{\partial \chi_3}{\partial X_1} & \frac{\partial \chi_3}{\partial X_2} & \frac{\partial \chi_3}{\partial X_3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a \end{bmatrix}$$

Which is the same $\forall \mathbf{X}$ (regardless of position).

- ii. \mathbf{H} can be simply computed as:

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{F} - \mathbf{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 4a - 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a - 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a - 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Which also is independent of the chosen point \mathbf{X} .

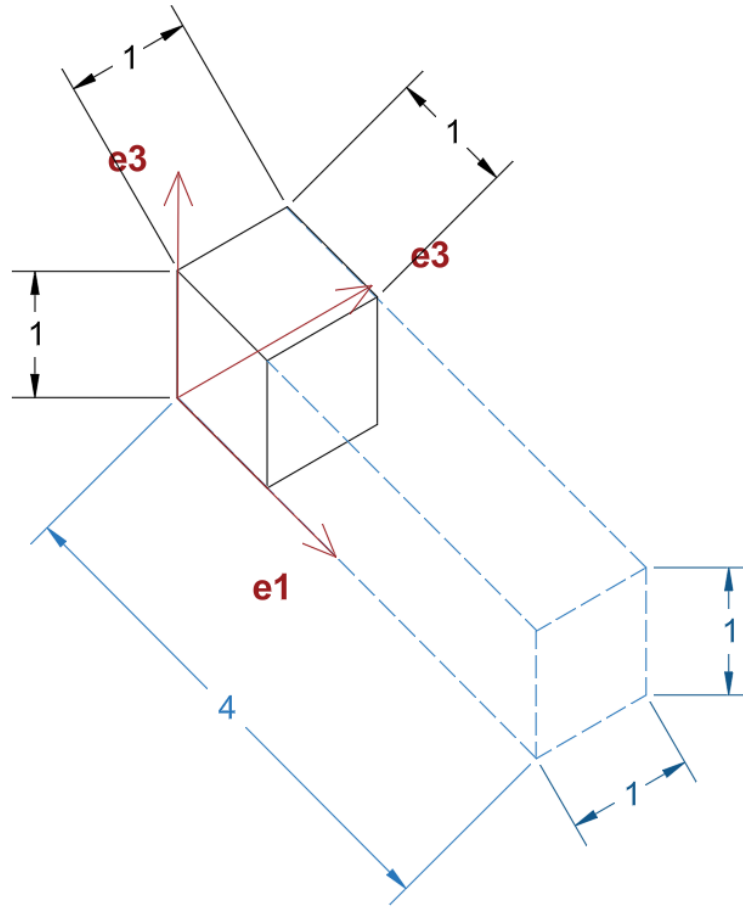


Figure 1: Representation of motion for $a = 1$.

iii. The first step consists in computing \mathbf{C} , the Green-Cauchy deformation tensor:

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{F}^T \cdot \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 16a^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The strain at direction θ can be defined as:

$$\lambda_\theta = \sqrt{\mathbf{N} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{N}}$$

Where \mathbf{N} is the vector that represents the observed direction. Note that if \mathbf{N} is any of the principal directions \mathbf{e}_i , then $\lambda_i = \sqrt{C_{ii}}$. Thus,

$$\lambda_1 = \sqrt{C_{11}} = F_{11} = 4a$$

$$\lambda_2 = \sqrt{C_{22}} = F_{22} = a$$

$$\lambda_3 = \sqrt{C_{33}} = F_{33} = a$$

Assignment 5

Consider a unit-cube body $B = [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$ subjected to a simple shear motion

$$\mathbf{x} = \chi(\mathbf{X}) = (X_1 + \gamma X_2)\mathbf{e}_1 + X_2\mathbf{e}_2 + X_3\mathbf{e}_3,$$

where γ is a given parameter. What is the volume of the cube after it is deformed?

The first step is to compute the deformation gradient:

$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \chi_1}{\partial X_1} & \frac{\partial \chi_1}{\partial X_2} & \frac{\partial \chi_1}{\partial X_3} \\ \frac{\partial \chi_2}{\partial X_1} & \frac{\partial \chi_2}{\partial X_2} & \frac{\partial \chi_2}{\partial X_3} \\ \frac{\partial \chi_3}{\partial X_1} & \frac{\partial \chi_3}{\partial X_2} & \frac{\partial \chi_3}{\partial X_3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \gamma & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = F_{ii} = 1$$

* Since \mathbf{F} is an upper triangular matrix the determinant can easily be calculated as F_{ii}

Here J is the *volumetric Jacobian*, which represents the ratio of the deformed volume dv to the reference volume dv_R :

$$J = \frac{dv}{dv_R} = \det \mathbf{F} = 1.$$

Therefore, the volume of the cube after deformation is:

$$V = JV_0 = 1 \cdot V_0,$$

which means the volume remains unchanged.

Conclusion: under this simple shear deformation, the unit cube undergoes a shape change (distortion) but its volume is preserved.

3 References

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