

Draft for the thesis

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Stress

Introductory paragraph To characterize the behaviour of materials, constitutive relations serve as an input to the continuum theory. . .

This derivation can be found in the appendix of [Admal and Tadmor, 2010]¹. Consider a system of N interacting particles with each particle position given by

$$\vec{r}_\alpha = \vec{r} + \vec{s}_\alpha, \quad (1)$$

where \vec{r} is the position of the center of mass of the system and \vec{s}_α is the position of each point relative to the center of mass. Hence, we can express the momentum of each particle as

$$\vec{p}_\alpha = m_\alpha (\dot{\vec{r}} + \dot{\vec{s}}_\alpha) = m_\alpha (\dot{\vec{r}} + \vec{v}_\alpha^{\text{rel}}). \quad (2)$$

Before starting the procedure, let's take into account that the center of mass of the system is given by

$$\vec{r} = \frac{\sum_\alpha m_\alpha \vec{s}_\alpha}{\sum_\alpha m_\alpha}, \quad (3)$$

and by replacing (1) in (2) we get the following relations, which will be used later,

$$\sum_\alpha m_\alpha \vec{r}_\alpha = \vec{0}, \quad \sum_\alpha m_\alpha \dot{\vec{r}}_\alpha = \vec{0}. \quad (4)$$

We start by computing the time derivative of tensorial product $\vec{r}_\alpha \otimes \vec{p}_\alpha^2$,

$$\frac{d}{dt} (\vec{r}_\alpha \otimes \vec{p}_\alpha) = \underbrace{\vec{v}_\alpha^{\text{rel}} \otimes \vec{p}_\alpha}_{\text{Kinetic term}} + \underbrace{\vec{r}_\alpha \otimes \vec{f}_\alpha}_{\text{Virial term}}, \quad (5)$$

¹ Describe more if what is done in this article

² It is interesting to note that the tensorial product $\vec{r}_\alpha \otimes \vec{p}_\alpha$ has units of action and by taking the time derivative we are dealing with terms that has units of energy.

which is known as the *dynamical tensor virial theorem* that is an alternative form for the balance of linear momentum. This theorem becomes useful after making the assumption that there exists a time scale τ , which is short relative to macroscopic processes but long relative to the characteristic time of the particles in the system, over which the particles remain close to their original positions with bounded positions and velocities. Taking advantage of this property we can compute the time average of (5),

$$\frac{1}{\tau} (\vec{r}_\alpha \otimes \vec{p}_\alpha) \Big|_0^\tau = \overline{\vec{v}_\alpha^{\text{rel}} \otimes \vec{p}_\alpha} + \overline{\vec{r}_\alpha \otimes \vec{f}_\alpha}. \quad (6)$$

Assuming that $\vec{r}_\alpha \otimes \vec{p}_\alpha$ is bounded, and the time scales between microscopic and continuum processes are large enough, the term on the left-hand side can be as small as desired by taking τ sufficiently large and by summing over all particles we achieve the *tensor virial theorem*:

$$\overline{\mathbf{W}} = -2\overline{\mathbf{T}}, \quad (7)$$

where

$$\overline{\mathbf{W}} = \sum_{\alpha} \overline{\vec{r} \otimes \vec{f}_{\alpha}} \quad (8)$$

is the time-average virial tensor and

$$\overline{\mathbf{T}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha} \overline{\vec{v}_{\alpha}^{\text{rel}} \otimes \vec{p}_{\alpha}} \quad (9)$$

is the time-average kinetic tensor. This expression for the tensor virial theorem applies equally to continuum systems that are not in macroscopic equilibrium as well as those that are at rest.

The assumption of the difference between the time scales allow us to simplify the relation by replacing (2) in (9), so that,

$$\overline{\mathbf{T}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha} m_{\alpha} \overline{\vec{v}_{\alpha}^{\text{rel}} \otimes \vec{v}_{\alpha}^{\text{rel}}} + \frac{1}{2} \left[\sum_{\alpha} m_{\alpha} \overline{\vec{v}_{\alpha}^{\text{rel}}} \right] \otimes \dot{\vec{r}}, \quad (10)$$

which is not the simplification we expected, however, by the relations from (4), equation (10) simplifies to

$$\overline{\mathbf{T}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha} m_{\alpha} \overline{\vec{v}_{\alpha}^{\text{rel}} \otimes \vec{v}_{\alpha}^{\text{rel}}}, \quad (11)$$

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