
Lecture notes on PDE and Modelling

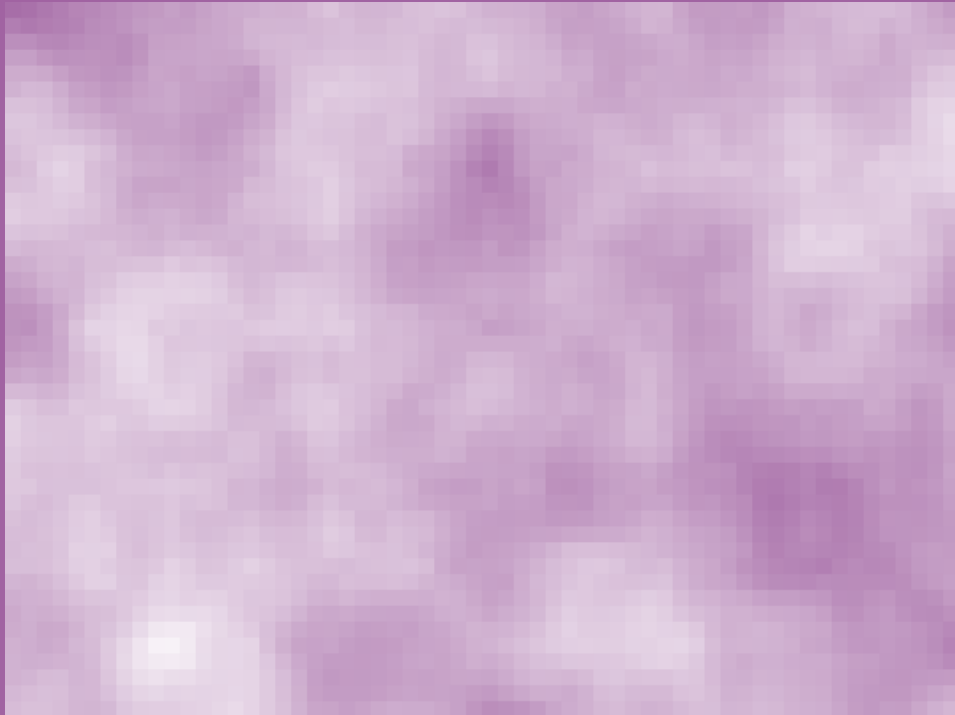
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Chapter 0:

Manuel's notes

Warning

These are unofficial lecture notes written by a student. They are messy, will almost surely contain errors, typos and misunderstandings and may not be kept up to date! I do however try my best and use these notes to prepare for my exams. Feel free to email me any corrections to mh@mssh.dev or s6mlhinz@uni-bonn.de.

Happy learning!

General Information

- Basis: [Basis](#)
- Website: <https://ins.uni-bonn.de/teachings/ss-2025-467-v5e1-advanced-topics/>
- Time slot(s): **Wednesdays: 10-12** Zeichensaal and **Fridays: 08-10** Zeichensaal
- Exams: Oral or written depending on what the class wants
- Deadlines: Fridays at ?

0.1 Topics

Mostly about Continuum mechanics: fluids and solids

Start of lecture 01
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- He will follow the [rational mechanics](#) community
 - [Balance laws](#) (universal): Conservation of (mass, energy, momentum)
 - [Constitutive equations](#) (describe specific material): For example the relation between deformation and force needed to achieve the deformation
- Prequel to rational mechanics: [Kinematics](#): Description of admissible states
- Sequel: [Second law of thermodynamics](#): Entropy is increasing in a closed system¹

These lead to formulation of equations:

1. Fluids (Euler equations, Navier-Stokes equations)
 - Scaling laws
 - Evolution equations, questions of singularities
 - Turbulence
2. Solids / Elasticity / Variational methods (minimization of functions)

¹This is an inequality! This is a constraint / restriction

0.2 Organization

- 15 minute break after 45 min
- There are lecture notes
- Exercises: 50 percent, teams of 2, friday is the deadline, tutorials in the third week
- Books:
 - Morta, Gurtin: An introduction to continuous mechanics

Chapter 1:

General principles

1.1 Kinematics

1.1.1 Deformations

Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be a domain .

This somehow creates
playing field
Open, connected set

Definition 1.1. A C^k ($k \geq 1$) deformation of a domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is a map $\varphi : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ with:

1. $\varphi \in C^k(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^n)$
2. φ has a continuous extension to $\bar{\Omega}$ and the extension is invertible
3. φ is orientation preserving: $\det D\varphi > 0$ in Ω .

Ω is often called the reference configuration of the body and $\varphi(\Omega)$ is often called the deformed configuration (position in physical space).

Some linear algebra

Simplest example: $\varphi(x) = Ax + b$ with $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ linear with $\det A > 0$. We often identify linear maps with the corresponding matrix with respect to the standard basis of \mathbb{R}^n .

$$Ae_j = \sum_{i=1}^n A_{ij}e_i$$

We also usually use the standard scalar product on \mathbb{R}^n

$$x \cdot y = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$$

Transpose is defined by

$$A^\top x \cdot y = x \cdot Ay$$

for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

A is symmetric if $A^\top = A$. A symmetric matrix A is positive semi-definite if

$$Ax \cdot x \geq 0$$

and positive definite if

$$Ax \cdot x > 0.$$

Definition 1.2.

$$O(n) = \{A : A^\top A = Id\}$$

$$SO(n) = \{A : A^\top A = Id, \det A = 1\}$$

Some basic facts:

- A isometry: $|Ax|^2 = |x|^2 \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ which holds $\iff A \in O(n)$
- $A \in O(n) \implies \det A = \pm 1$

Norms on matrices:

- **Euclidean norm (Hilbert Schmidt norm):**
 $|A|^2 = \text{tr}(A^\top A) = \sum_{i,j=1}^n A_{ij}^2, A \cdot B = \text{tr} A^\top B$
- **Operator norm** $\|A\| = \sup_{x \neq 0} \frac{|Ax|}{|x|} = \sup_{|x|=1} |Ax| \implies \|AB\| \leq \|A\| \|B\|$

Lemma 1.3 (Polar decomposition). *Let $A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ linear, $\det A > 0$.*

1. *There exists a unique pair (R, U) with $R \in SO(n), U$ symmetric s.t.*

$$A = RU$$

2. *there exists a unique pair (R', V) with $R' \in SO(n), V$ symmetric s.t.*

$$A = VR'$$

If $\det A = 0$ this is still possible, but we lose uniqueness.

Theorem 1.4. *Let W be symmetric and positive semi-definite. Then there exists a unique symmetric and positive semi-definite matrix U , such that*

$$W = U^2.$$

Notation: $U = \sqrt{W}, U = W^{\frac{1}{2}}.$

Proof. Just existence(not uniqueness).

Let $D = \text{diag}(d_i), d_i \geq 0$, then $D^{\frac{1}{2}} = \text{diag}(\sqrt{d_i})$. For W symmetric positive definite, we get

$$W = Q^\top D Q, Q \in SO(n)$$

Then $U = Q^\top D^{\frac{1}{2}} Q$ is the square root:

$$U^2 = Q^\top D \underbrace{Q Q^\top}_{=\text{Id}}$$

□

Proof of 1.3. For (ii) apply (i) to A^\top .

For (i): Assume we already knew that there are (R, u) s.t.

$$A = RU.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} A^\top &= U^\top R^\top = U R^\top \\ A^\top A &= U \underbrace{R^\top R}_{=\text{Id}} U = U^2 \\ (A^\top A)^\top &= A^\top A \\ (A^\top A x \cdot x &= (Ax \cdot Ax) \geq 0) \\ \implies U &= (A^\top A)^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

If such a decomposition exists, U is unique by the formula.

For existence define $U = (A^\top A)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ and $R := AU^{-1}$. We have to check that $R \in SO(n)$:

$$\begin{aligned} R^\top R &= (U^{-1})^\top A^\top A U^{-1} = \text{Id} \\ \det R &= \det A \det(U^{-1}) > 0 \implies R \in SO(n). \end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 1.5. $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$. Then there exists $R, Q \in SO(n)$ and $\lambda_1 \in \mathbb{R}, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n \geq 0$ s.t. $|\lambda_1| \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n$:

$$A = R \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} Q.$$

The $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ are uniquely determined by A . The λ_i are called the singular values of A .

Proof. If $\det A > 0$ Polar $\xRightarrow{\text{decomp.}}$ $A = RU = \underbrace{R'Q^\top}_{R \in SO(n)} DQ$.

If $\det A < 0$ consider $P = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & \ddots \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \implies \det(AP) > 0$.

The $|A^\top A|$ are the eigenvalues of $(A^\top A)^{\frac{1}{2}}$.

□

We know $|A| = (\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \|A\| = \lambda_n$ and

$$\det A = \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$$

Rigid motion

Definition 1.6. A deformation $\varphi : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is called a rigid deformation if $D\varphi(x) \in SO(n) \forall x \in \Omega$.

Theorem 1.7 (Liouville). Suppose $\varphi : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is C^1 , Ω is a domain and $\det D\varphi$. Then the following three statements are equivalent:

1. $D\varphi(x) \in SO(n) \forall x \in \Omega$ (Rigid motion)
2. φ is an affine rigid motion:

$$\varphi(x) = Ax + b, A \in SO(n), b \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

3. $|\varphi(x) - \varphi(y)| = |x - y| \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Proof. Ideas (rest is homework):

- (ii) \implies (iii) is clear (since we assume the determinant to be > 0)
- (iii) \implies (ii): nice ex. (true in hilbert spaces). $\varphi((1 - \lambda)x + \lambda y) = (1 - \lambda)\varphi(x) + \lambda\varphi(y)$ By using that spheres are mapped to spheres (and two of those intersect in a single point)
- (ii) \implies (i): trivial
- (i) \implies (ii): goes via local version of (iii). Claim: for all $x_0 \in \Omega \exists r > 0, B_r(x_0) \subset \Omega$ and $|\varphi(x) - \varphi(y)| \leq |x - y| \forall x, y \in B_r(0)$
- \geq Use inverse function theorem

□

This can be generalized to Sobolev spaces.

Journal

- **Lecture 01:** Covering: Introduction and organization, some linear algebra, (rigid) deformations and Liouville's theorem for rigid deformations .
Starting in 'Topics' on page 2 and ending in 'Rigid motion' on page 6. Spanning 4 pages