

A derivation to the vanished couple

As we have assumed, the force applied to the surface is

$$\underline{F}_n = \iint_D d\underline{F}_n = \iint_D \underline{\tau}_n dA_n.$$

Similarly, the couple applied to it, with respect to some point P is

$$\underline{M}_{n,P} = \iint_D \underline{r}_{n,P} \times d\underline{F}_n, \quad (1)$$

and if the ‘stress couple’ applied to dA_n is denoted as $\underline{\omega}_n$, the couple can be also written as

$$\underline{M}_{n,P} = \iint_D \underline{\omega}_n dA_n + \iint_D \underline{r}_{n,P} \times d\underline{F}_n. \quad (2)$$

Comparing with Eq. (1) and (2), and they give

$$\iint_D \underline{\omega}_n dA_n = \underline{0}.$$

Since the closed region D can be chosen arbitrarily, and $\underline{\omega}_n$ is supposed to be continuous over D , $\underline{\omega}_n$ has to be $\underline{0}$ everywhere.

Or, we can use some brute force to prove that:

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\omega}_n &= \lim_{A_n \rightarrow 0} \frac{\underline{M}_n}{A_n} = \lim_{A_n \rightarrow 0} \frac{\iint_D \underline{r}_n \times d\underline{F}_n}{A_n} = \lim_{A_n \rightarrow 0} \frac{\iint_D \underline{r}_n \times \underline{\tau}_n dA_n}{A_n}, \\ \text{so } \|\underline{\omega}_n\| &\leq \lim_{A_n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{A_n} \iint_D \|\underline{r}_n\| \cdot \|\underline{\tau}_n\| dA_n \\ &\leq \lim_{A_n \rightarrow 0} \|\underline{r}_n\|_{\max} \|\underline{\tau}_n\|_{\max} = 0, \quad \text{which is equivalent to } \underline{\omega}_n = \underline{0}, \end{aligned}$$

as long as we restrict the shape of D so that $\|\underline{r}_n\|_{\max}$ converges to 0 as A_n does.