

deformation,
displacement,
strain,
and all that

basic
kinematic
notions
for elastic solids

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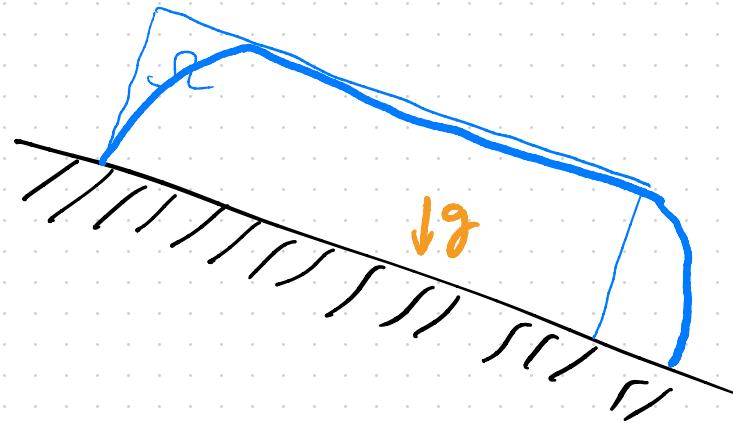
Fluids & Solids Seminar
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- elastic solids remember where they started
- viscous fluids forget ...
- consider what would happen if you turned off gravity in these situations

elastic beam



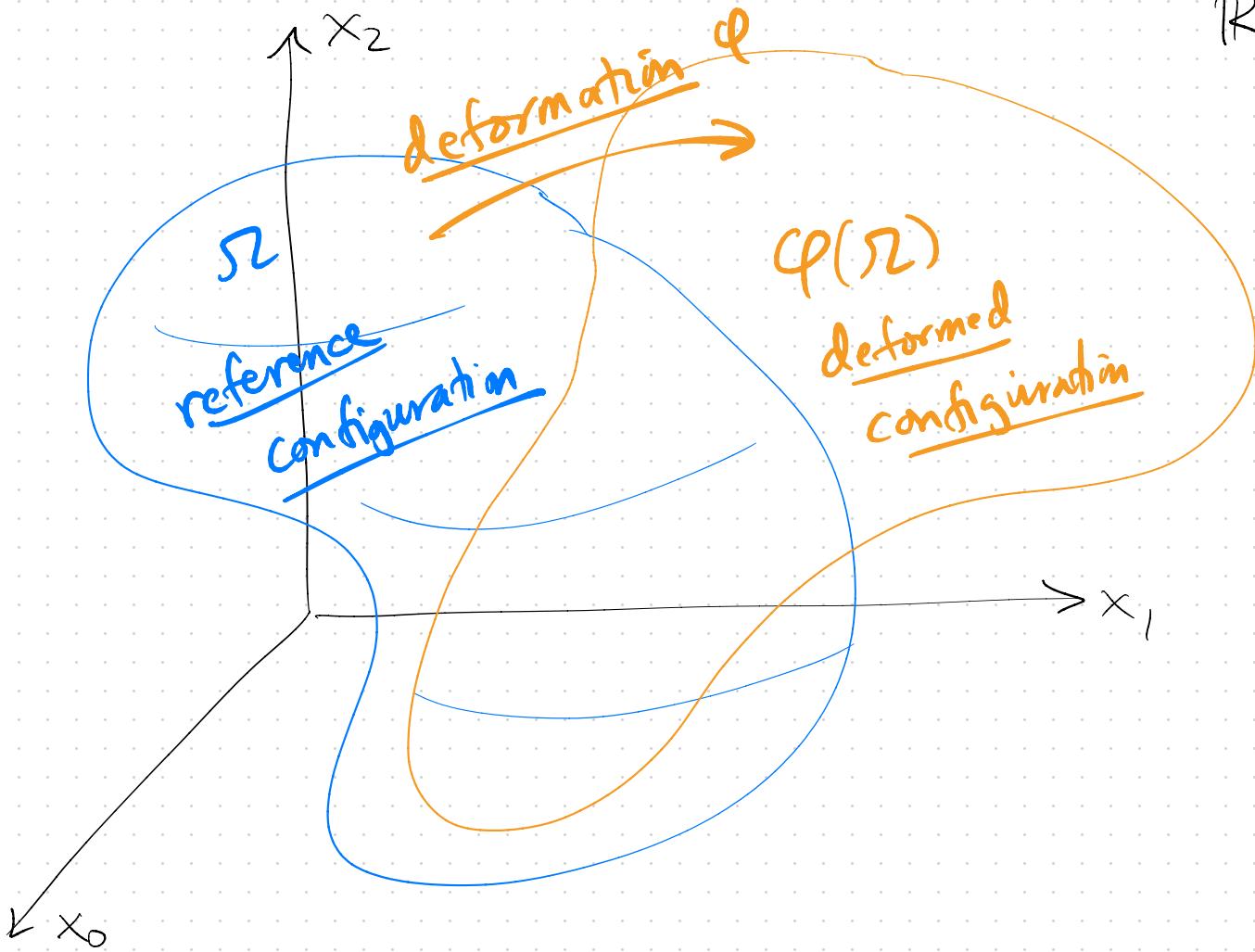
viscous fluid block



Outline:

- ① reference configurations, and deformations, in \mathbb{R}^3
- ② measuring deformation
- ③ strain
- ④ stress, constitutive relations, and hyperelasticity

- for elastic solids we are going to compare a reference configuration, a domain in 3D, with its deformed version
- the deformed version might be a (time-independent) equilibrium or static shape, or it could be the changing shape of the elastic solid as it vibrates (time-dependent)

\mathbb{R}^3 

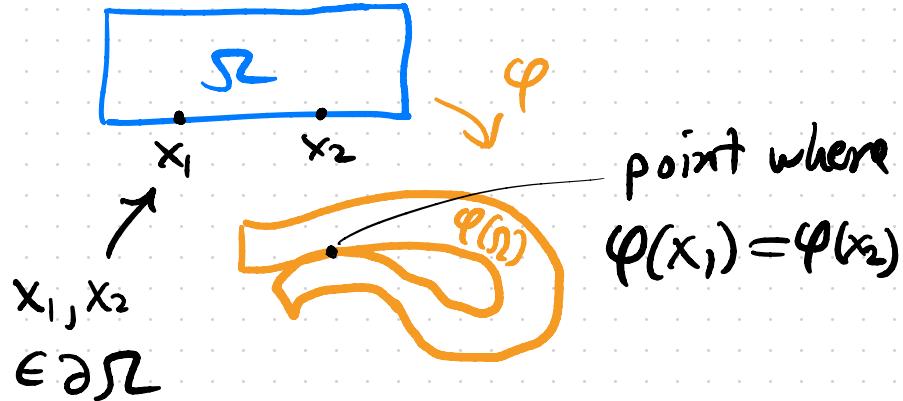
- def: ① a domain in \mathbb{R}^3 is an open set $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ which is bounded, connected, and has Lipschitz boundary
- Ciarlet
p. 35
- ② a deformation of Ω is a continuous, and continuously-differentiable, map $\Phi: \bar{\Omega} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ for which $\det(\nabla \Phi(x)) > 0$ for all $x \in \bar{\Omega}$, and which is injective on Ω
- Ciarlet
p. 27
- ③ we call $\Phi(\Omega)$ the deformed configuration

Why " $\det(\nabla\varphi) > 0$ "?

A. if $\det(\nabla\varphi) < 0$ then φ reverses orientation
which cannot be done by deformation.
if $\det(\nabla\varphi) = 0$ then deformation is to a point.

Why "injective on $\bar{\Omega}$ " and not "... on $\bar{\Omega}$ "?

A. ultimately
we do want
to allow
self-contact



deformation gradient

$$(\nabla \varphi)_{ij} = \frac{\partial \varphi_i(x)}{\partial x_j}$$

or

$$\nabla \varphi = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \varphi_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial \varphi_1}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial \varphi_1}{\partial x_3} \\ \frac{\partial \varphi_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial \varphi_2}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial \varphi_2}{\partial x_3} \\ \frac{\partial \varphi_3}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial \varphi_3}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial \varphi_3}{\partial x_3} \end{pmatrix} = F$$

$\Delta \varphi$ is Frechet derivative of φ
 not its transpose
 (iarlet p. 28)

Common notation
 in elasticity
 texts

note:

$$d\varphi = F dx$$

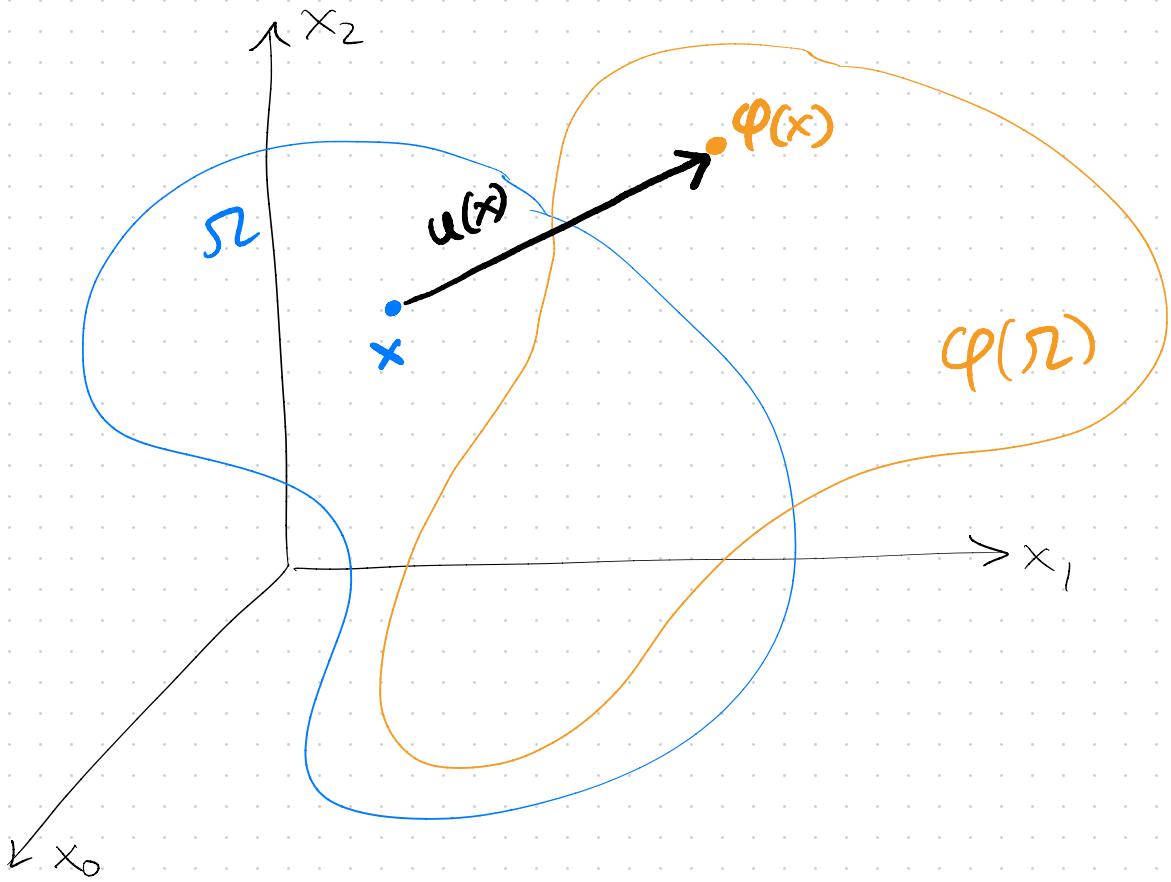
- often it is easier to describe a deformation not by the final deformed location $\varphi(\bar{x})$, but rather by the displacement of the deformation

def: for a deformation $\varphi: \bar{\Omega} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$, the displacement is $u: \bar{\Omega} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ given by

$$u(x) = \varphi(x) - x$$

also written

$$\varphi = id + u \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} id(x) = x \text{ gives} \\ id: \bar{\Omega} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \end{array}$$



- let's do some examples where

$\Omega = \text{(unit cube)}$

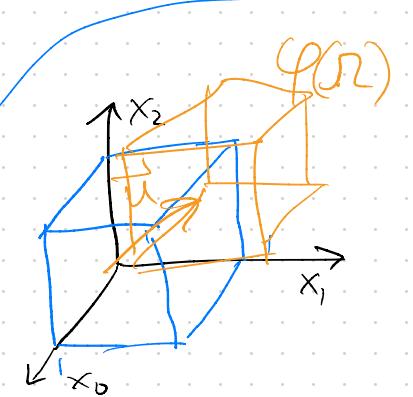
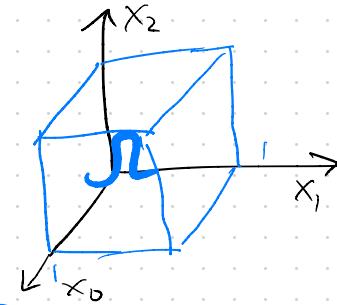
$$= \{x = (x_0, x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : 0 \leq x_i \leq 1\}$$

is the reference configuration

Ex 1: $\varphi(x) = (x_0 - \frac{1}{2}, x_1 + \frac{1}{2}, x_2 + \frac{1}{2})$

this is a translation in direction $\underline{u} = [-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]^T$

and $\nabla \varphi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = I_3$ and $\det(\nabla \varphi) = +1$



Ex 2: $\varphi(x) = (x_0, x_1, -x_2)$

is a reflection, with $u(x) = \varphi(x) - x = [0, 0, -2x_2]^T$

and $\nabla \varphi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ so $\det(\nabla \varphi) = -1$

... not a deformation!

Ex 3: $\varphi(x) = (x_0, x_2, -x_1)$

is a rotation by 90° about the x_0 -axis, with

$$u(x) = [0, x_1 - x_2, x_2 + x_1]^T \text{ and } \nabla \varphi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

so $\det(\nabla \varphi) = +1$

Ex 4: $\varphi(x) = (x_0, x_1, (1-x_1)x_2)$

has $\nabla \varphi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -x_2 & 1-x_1 \end{pmatrix}$ so $\det(\nabla \varphi) = 1-x_1$

so $\det(\nabla \varphi(x)) = 0$ at $x = (\alpha, 1, \gamma) \in \bar{\mathbb{R}}$

... not a deformation

Ex 5: $\varphi(x) = (x_0 - \frac{1}{2}x_1, x_1, x_2 + \frac{1}{2}x_1)$

has $\nabla \varphi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ so $\det(\nabla \varphi) = +1$;

this is a (volume-preserving) shear deformation

$$\text{Ex 6: } \varphi(x) = ((1-x_1)x_0 + x_1(-0.3(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}) + \frac{1}{2}), \\ 2x_1, \\ (1-x_1)x_2 + x_1(0.3(x_0 - \frac{1}{2}) + \frac{1}{2}))$$

has $\nabla \varphi(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 1-x_1 & -x_0 - 0.3(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}) + \frac{1}{2} & -0.3x_1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0.3x_1 & -x_2 + 0.3(x_0 - \frac{1}{2}) + \frac{1}{2} & 1-x_1 \end{pmatrix}$

... I designed this as a stretch
 (along x_1 axis) and twist and compress

- so, is your brain not good enough to visualize all this, from these formulas?
- me neither

- use our FE tools,
"but Harry, you have
a wand" (Mad-Eye Moody)

Firedrake & Paraview, just to visualize
 these Examples 1-6

- specifically:

- ① mesh the reference configuration, and show as wireframe
 - ② use Warp by vector on the displacement $u(x)$
- see code deform.py and Paraview saved state file deform.pvsm

DEMO

formulas to know:

$$\varphi(x) = x + u(x)$$

$$\nabla \varphi(x) = I + \nabla u(x)$$

Q. how does a deformation change volume?

A. $\det(\nabla \varphi(x))$

is the (local) ratio of volumes

$$\det(\nabla \varphi(x)) = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{|\varphi(B_\delta(x))|}{|B_\delta(x)|}$$

of a deformed neighborhood of x , over
that of the neighborhood it self

$B_\delta(x)$ ball is a
with radius δ around
 x

Q. how does a deformation change length?

A.

$$\varphi(x+z) - \varphi(x) = \nabla \varphi(x) z + o(\|z\|)$$

z $\in \mathbb{R}^3$

vector in \mathbb{R}^3

little o

So

$$\begin{aligned}\|\varphi(x+z) - \varphi(x)\|^2 &= (\nabla \varphi(x) z)^T (\nabla \varphi(x) z) + o(\|z\|^2) \\ &= z^T (\nabla \varphi(x)^T \nabla \varphi(x)) z + o(\|z\|^2)\end{aligned}$$

thus, for small distances ($\|z\|$ small) in Ω , the change in distance is

$$\frac{z^T (\nabla \varphi(x)^T \nabla \varphi(x)) z}{z^T z}$$

(recall
 $\|z\|^2 = z^T z$)

so

$$C(x) = \nabla \varphi(x)^T \nabla \varphi(x)$$

"right Cauchy-Green
strain tensor" Ciarlet p. 42

is a symmetric, positive-definite matrix
which quantifies (local) changes in length

Ex 5 cont. recall $\varphi(x) = (x_0 - \frac{1}{2}x_1, x_1, x_2 + \frac{1}{2}x_1)$

is a shear deformation with $\nabla \varphi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\det(\nabla \varphi) = 1$

but: $C(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

constant! \rightarrow

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \leftarrow$$

>> eig(C)

ans = 0.5
1.0
2.0

Firedrake Exercise: modify `deform.py` to color
the deformed configuration with the
scalar field $\|\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{x})\|_2$ for each example

just write $\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{x})$ as a TensorFunctionSpace
and color by magnitude in
Paraview

Theorem (Cauchy Theorem 1.8-1, p. 44)

if $\varphi: \bar{\Omega} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ is a deformation for which

$$C(x) = \nabla \varphi(x)^T \nabla \varphi(x) = I$$

for all $x \in \Omega$ then φ is a rigid deformation,

that is, there exists $a \in \mathbb{R}^3$ and $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$,

an orthogonal matrix with $Q^* Q = I$ and

$\det(Q) = +1$ (so Q is not a reflection) so that

$$\varphi(x) = a + Qx$$

and $\nabla \varphi(x) = Q$

most important idea of elasticity(?): } my beginner's opinion...

rigid deformations are not the subject of elasticity theory,

which instead assigns an "elastic energy" cost to the strain

associated to all the other kinds of deformations

multiple deformations in different contexts

- "separation of concerns" relative to mechanics of rigid bodies

- since $C(x) = \nabla \varphi(x)^T \nabla \varphi(x) = I$ for rigid deformations, we subtract-off an I to get the strain relevant to elasticity

def:

$$E(x) = \frac{1}{2}(C(x) - I) \quad \text{\scriptsize\{Ciarlet p. 49\}}$$

is the strain tensor field, a.k.a. the Green-St.Venant strain tensor

- $E(x)$ is a symmetric matrix, since $C(x)$ is also

- elasticity theory, whether linearized or not, writes this strain tensor in terms of the displacement

Coming
soon!

calculation and key formula:

$$\begin{aligned}
 2E &= C - I = \nabla \varphi^T \nabla \varphi - I \quad \leftarrow \text{recall: } \varphi(x) = x + u(x) \\
 &= (I + \nabla u)^T (I + \nabla u) - I \quad \text{so } \nabla \varphi = I + \nabla u \\
 &= I + \nabla u + \nabla u^T + \nabla u^T \nabla u - I
 \end{aligned}$$

so

$$E(u) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\nabla u(x) + \nabla u(x)^T + \nabla u(x)^T \nabla u(x) \right)$$

def: the linearized strain tensor is

$$e(u) = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla u(x) + \nabla u(x)^T)$$

a symmetric matrix

Ex 5 cont. recall $\varphi(x) = (x_0 - \frac{1}{2}x_1, x_1, x_2 + \frac{1}{2}x_1)$

is a volume-preserving shear deformation

with $\det(\nabla \varphi(x)) = +1$ (but $C(x) = \nabla \varphi(x)^T \nabla \varphi(x) \neq I$
... not a rigid deformation)

so: $u(x) = \varphi(x) - x = (-\frac{1}{2}x_1, 0, \frac{1}{2}x_1)$

$$\text{from } u(x) = (-\frac{1}{2}x_1, 0, \frac{1}{2}x_1)$$

we have

$$\nabla u(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

thus

$$e(u) = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla u(x) + \nabla u(x)^T)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{1}{4} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{4} & 0 & \frac{1}{4} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{4} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- essentially my talk is done;
I have presented the kinematics of elasticity, i.e. the part of elasticity theory which is (merely?) describing changes of shape/geometry, and not giving a "why" for those changes
- next are 4 slides on dynamics, where forces (i.e. stresses) appear

stress, and elastic constitutive relations: $e(u(x)) \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$

- $e(u) = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla u + \nabla u^T) \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$ is the strain tensor (linearized), coming from spatial derivatives of displacement

Def: Hooke's law is a constitutive relation which computes the stress tensor $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$ from $e(u)$ and constants $\lambda, \mu > 0$:
Ciarlet P. 286

$$\boxed{\sigma = \lambda (\text{tr } e(u)) I + 2\mu e(u)}$$

where $\text{tr } M = \sum_{i=1}^3 M_{ii}$ is the matrix trace

- but we could replace $e(u) \rightarrow E(u)$, to make Hooke's law nonlinear, or choose an entirely-different, constitutive

Q. but what determines stress or strain,
noting they are related by a constitutive
relation like Hooke's law?

A. boundary (surface) forces, and body forces

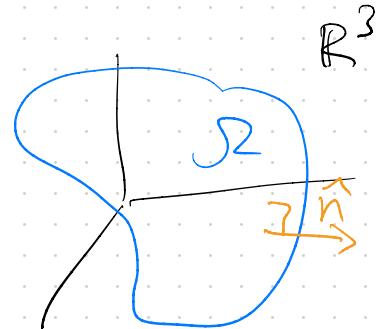
equations of equilibrium:

Ciarlet p. 75

def: the equations of equilibrium for elastic solids
are

$$-\nabla \cdot \sigma = f \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

$$\sigma \hat{n} = g \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega$$



hyperelasticity:

- many elasticity problems are actually minimizations

def: an elastic material is hyperelastic if
the equations of equilibrium can be written as

$$\min_{\varphi} I(\varphi) = \int_{\Omega} W(\nabla \varphi) dx - \int_{\Omega} f \cdot \varphi dx - \int_{\partial\Omega} g \cdot \varphi dS$$

for some scalar-valued energy function $W: \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

ex: for Hooke's law we can minimize in terms of
displacements u (here assuming $g=0$):

quadratic functional { $\min_u I(u) = \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} \lambda (\text{tr } e(u))^2 + \mu e(u) : e(u) - f \cdot u dx$ } see linelas.py

Ciarlet
Chapter
4

3 ways elasticity can be nonlinear: ← from Ciarlet's book
on finite elements p. 27

- ① instead of using the linearized strain tensor $e(u) = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla u + \nabla u^T)$, one returns to the "full" strain tensor $E(u) = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla u + \nabla u^T + \nabla u^T \nabla u)$, which is quadratic in u , in the constitutive relation
- ② the constitutive relation could be nonlinear, or (equivalently) the energy function could be non-quadratic
- ③ instead of minimizing energy over all deformations and/or displacements, we could minimize over a convex subset, as in contact problems

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