

Conditions for small perturbations

We consider the transformation $\underline{x} = \underline{\Phi}(\underline{X}, t)$ defined by:

$$x_1 = X_1 + X_2 \quad (1)$$

$$x_2 = X_2 \quad (2)$$

$$x_3 = X_3 \quad (3)$$

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Question 2: Is this an homogenous transformation? It is acceptable from a physical point of view?

Question 3: Calculate the expansion of the following vectors: \underline{e}_1 , \underline{e}_2 and $\frac{\underline{e}_1 + \underline{e}_2}{\sqrt{2}}$

Question 4: Calculate $\underline{\underline{e}}$ and $\underline{\underline{\epsilon}}$? Can we consider we are in small perturbations?

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Solution to "Conditions for small perturbations"

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Answer:

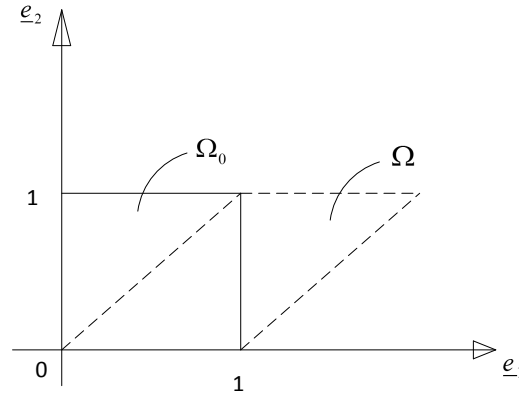


Figure 1: Original and deformed configuration

The gradient of the transformation $\underline{\underline{F}}$ also known as deformation gradient can be calculated as follows.

$$\underline{\underline{F}} = \frac{\partial \underline{x}}{\partial \underline{X}} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \underline{X}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial X_1} & \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial X_2} & \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial X_3} \\ \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial X_1} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial X_2} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial X_3} \\ \frac{\partial x_3}{\partial X_1} & \frac{\partial x_3}{\partial X_2} & \frac{\partial x_3}{\partial X_3} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

Question 2: Is this an homogenous transformation? It is acceptable from a physical point of view?

Answer: This is a homogeneous transformation since $\underline{\underline{F}}$ does not depend on \underline{X} which means $\underline{\underline{F}}$ is a constant everywhere (homogeneous field). The determinant of deformation

gradient $\underline{\underline{F}}$ has a physical significance i.e. the ratio between the volume after deformation to initial volume as shown below

$$|\Omega| = J \quad |\Omega_0| \quad (5)$$

where

$$J = \det \underline{\underline{F}} \quad (6)$$

In this particular case, $\det F = 1$ which means that there is no volume change (no volume variation). And yes, it is acceptable from a physical point of view to have a constant volume. The transformation is not physically accepted if the $\det F \leq 0$.

Question 3: Calculate the expansion of the following vectors: $\underline{V}_1 = \underline{e}_1$, $\underline{V}_2 = \underline{e}_2$ and $\underline{V}_3 = \frac{\underline{e}_1 + \underline{e}_2}{\sqrt{2}}$

Answer: Let say \underline{v} is the vector after transformation and \underline{V} is undeformed vector. By definition,

$$\underline{v} \cdot \underline{v} = \underline{V} \cdot \underline{\underline{C}} \cdot \underline{V} \quad \forall \underline{V} \rightarrow \underline{v} \quad (7)$$

Then the expansion can be calculated as follow:

$$\frac{|\underline{v}|}{|\underline{V}|} = \frac{\sqrt{\underline{V} \cdot \underline{\underline{C}} \cdot \underline{V}}}{\sqrt{\underline{V} \cdot \underline{V}}} = \lambda_{\underline{V}} \quad (8)$$

with

$$\underline{\underline{C}} = \underline{\underline{F}}^T \underline{\underline{F}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (9)$$

For $\underline{V}_1 = \underline{e}_1$, then $\lambda_{\underline{V}_1} = \sqrt{\frac{\underline{e}_1 \cdot \underline{\underline{C}} \underline{e}_1}{\underline{e}_1 \cdot \underline{e}_1}} = 1 \rightarrow$ No length change.

For $\underline{V}_2 = \underline{e}_2$, then $\lambda_{\underline{V}_2} = \sqrt{\frac{\underline{e}_2 \cdot \underline{\underline{C}} \underline{e}_2}{\underline{e}_2 \cdot \underline{e}_2}} = \sqrt{2} \rightarrow$ The length changes $\sqrt{2}$ times the initial length.

For $\underline{V}_3 = \frac{\underline{e}_1 + \underline{e}_2}{\sqrt{2}}$, then $\lambda_{\underline{V}_3} = \sqrt{\frac{\underline{e}_3 \cdot \underline{\underline{C}} \underline{e}_3}{\underline{e}_3 \cdot \underline{e}_3}} = \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} \rightarrow$ The length changes $\sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}$ times the initial length.

Question 4: Calculate $\underline{\underline{\epsilon}}$ and $\underline{\underline{\xi}}$? Can we consider we are in small perturbations?

Answer: The Green-Lagrange strain tensor can be calculated as follows

$$\underline{\underline{\epsilon}} = \frac{1}{2} \{ \underline{\underline{C}} - \underline{\underline{1}} \} = \frac{1}{2} (\underline{\underline{F}}^T \underline{\underline{F}} - \underline{\underline{1}}) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (10)$$

The linearized strain $\underline{\underline{\xi}}$ can be calculated as follows

$$\underline{\underline{\xi}} = \frac{1}{2} (\underline{\underline{\nabla}} \underline{\underline{\xi}} + \underline{\underline{\nabla}}^T \underline{\underline{\xi}}) \quad (11)$$

where $\underline{\xi}$ the displacement vector that can be calculated as follows

$$\underline{x} = \underline{X} + \underline{\xi} \quad (12)$$

$$\underline{\xi} = \underline{x} - \underline{X} = \begin{pmatrix} X_2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (13)$$

$$\underline{\underline{\nabla}}\underline{\xi} = \frac{\partial \xi_i}{\partial X_j} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (14)$$

Finally,

$$\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}} = \frac{1}{2}(\underline{\underline{\nabla}}\underline{\xi} + \underline{\underline{\nabla}}^T \underline{\xi}) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (15)$$

By comparing $\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}$ and $\underline{\underline{e}}$, since $\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}} \neq \underline{\underline{e}}$, then this is not a small perturbation case.

Question 5: Consider the transformation $x_1 = X_1 + \alpha \cdot X_2$, $x_2 = X_2$ and $x_3 = X_3$. What is the condition for having small perturbations?

Answer: Note that the transformation above has the same pattern as previous transformation. The only difference is that now $x_1 = X_1 + \alpha X_2$ instead of $x_1 = X_1 + X_2$. Therefore, we can the displacement vector $\underline{\xi}$ as below

$$\underline{\xi} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha X_2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (16)$$

and

$$\underline{\underline{\nabla}}\underline{\xi} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (17)$$

Then to be small perturbation, we should have $||\underline{\underline{\nabla}}\underline{\xi}|| = \sqrt{\alpha^2} \ll 1$. In this situation,

$$\underline{\underline{e}} = \frac{1}{2}(\underline{\underline{\nabla}}\underline{\xi} + \underline{\underline{\nabla}}^T \underline{\xi}) + \frac{1}{2}\underline{\underline{\nabla}}^T \underline{\underline{\nabla}}\underline{\xi} \quad (18)$$

where the first term is small strain term and the second term is second order.

$$\underline{\underline{e}} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \alpha & 0 \\ \alpha & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (19)$$