## 1. Constitutive models of materials

1.1. Starin measures. Assume cell wall is a smooth surface  $S \subset \mathbf{R}^3$ , n is the exterior normal vector to S. Define the deformation is  $u \in \mathbf{H}^1(S)$ , its gradient is denoted by  $\mathbb{F} := \nabla u$ . Green-Lagrangian strain tensor is defined by

$$\mathbb{E} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \mathbb{F}^{\top} \mathbb{F} - \mathbb{I} \right).$$

The Green strain succeeds in discarding the rotational degrees of freedom, which have no bearing on the serverity of deformation, and retains the stretch/shear information in the 6-DOF symmetric factor. We can construct a **linear** approximation by forming a Taylor expansion around the undeformed configuration  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{I}$ .

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\mathbb{F}\right)\approx\mathbb{E}\left(\mathbb{I}\right)+\frac{\partial\mathbb{E}}{\partial\mathbb{F}}\big|_{\mathbb{F}=\mathbb{I}}:\left(\mathbb{F}-\mathbb{I}\right)=\frac{\partial\mathbb{E}}{\partial\mathbb{F}}\big|_{\mathbb{F}=\mathbb{I}}:\left(\mathbb{F}-\mathbb{I}\right),$$

where : is the double dot product defined by  $\mathbb{A} : \mathbb{B} = \operatorname{tr}(\mathbb{A}^{\top}\mathbb{B})$ . The derivative  $\partial \mathbb{E}/\partial \mathbb{F}$  is most conveniently defined via the differential  $\delta \mathbb{E}$ :

$$\frac{\partial \mathbb{E}}{\partial \mathbb{F}}: \delta \mathbb{F} = \delta \mathbb{E} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \delta \mathbb{F}^{\top} \mathbb{F} + \mathbb{F}^{\top} \delta \mathbb{F} \right).$$

Thus

$$\frac{\partial \mathbb{E}}{\partial \mathbb{F}}\big|_{\mathbb{F}=\mathbb{I}}: (\mathbb{F}-\mathbb{I}) = \frac{1}{2}\left[ (\mathbb{F}-\mathbb{I})^{\top}\,\mathbb{I} + \mathbb{I}^{\top}\,(\mathbb{F}-\mathbb{I}) \right] = \frac{1}{2}\left(\mathbb{F}^{\top} + \mathbb{F}\right) - \mathbb{I}.$$

The matrix resulting from this linear approximation of  $\mathbb{E}(\mathbb{F})$  is denoted by  $\epsilon$ , where:

$$oldsymbol{\epsilon} = rac{1}{2} \left( \mathbb{F}^ op + \mathbb{F} 
ight) - \mathbb{I}$$

and called the small strain tensor, or the infinitesimal strain tensor.

1.2. **linear elasticity.** The simplest practical constitutive model is **linear elasticity**, defined in terms of the strain energy density as:

$$\Psi\left(\mathbb{F}\right)=\mu\boldsymbol{\epsilon}:\boldsymbol{\epsilon}+\frac{\lambda}{2}\mathrm{tr}^{2}\left(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}\right),\label{eq:psi_epsilon}$$

where  $\epsilon$  is the small strain tensor, and  $\mu$ ,  $\lambda$  are the **Lamé coefficients**, which are related to the material properties of **Young's modulus** k (a measure of stretch resistance) and **Poisson's ratio**  $\nu$  (a measure of incompressibility) as:

$$\mu = \frac{k}{2(1+\nu)} \quad \lambda = \frac{k\nu}{(1+\nu)(1-2\nu)}.$$

The relation between the first Piola stress  $\mathbb{P}$  and  $\mathbb{F}$  can be derivated as follows:

$$\mathbb{P} = \frac{\delta \Psi}{\delta \mathbb{F}} = 2\mu \epsilon + \lambda \operatorname{tr}\left(\epsilon\right) \mathbb{I},$$

or, after one final substitution for  $\epsilon$  (and a few algebraic reductions):

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\mathbb{F}\right) = \mu\left(\mathbb{F} + \mathbb{F}^{\top} - 2\mathbb{I}\right) + \lambda \mathrm{tr}\left(\mathbb{F} - \mathbb{I}\right)\mathbb{I}.$$

In the Voigt matrix form, the above relation can be written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{P}_{11} \\ \mathbb{P}_{22} \\ \mathbb{P}_{33} \\ \mathbb{P}_{23} \\ \mathbb{P}_{13} \\ \mathbb{P}_{12} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2\mu + \lambda & \lambda & \lambda & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \lambda & 2\mu + \lambda & \lambda & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \lambda & \lambda & 2\mu + \lambda & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \mu & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \mu & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mu & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mu \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{11} \\ \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{22} \\ \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{33} \\ 2\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{23} \\ 2\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{13} \\ 2\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

where the transition matrix in the above equality can written as:

$$\frac{k}{(1+\nu)(1-2\nu)} \begin{bmatrix} 1-\nu & \nu & \nu & 0 & 0 & 0\\ \nu & 1-\nu & \nu & 0 & 0 & 0\\ \nu & \nu & 1-\nu & 0 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1-2\nu}{2} & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1-2\nu}{2} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1-2\nu}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

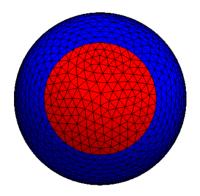
1.3. The PDE form of linear elasticity. Assume an externally applied force distribution  $f_{\text{ext}}$ . When the object has settled to an equilibrium (rest) configuration, the deformation function will satisfy:

$$\operatorname{div}\mathbb{P} = f_{\text{ext}},$$

which can lead to the following formulation:

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$$-\mu \Delta \boldsymbol{u} - (\mu + \lambda) \nabla (\operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{u}) = \boldsymbol{f}_{\text{ext}}.$$

Numerical experiments:



$$u = 0.5, k = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{in CZ,} \\ 0.25 & \text{in PZ,} \end{cases} \quad \boldsymbol{f} = 0.2\boldsymbol{n}.$$

