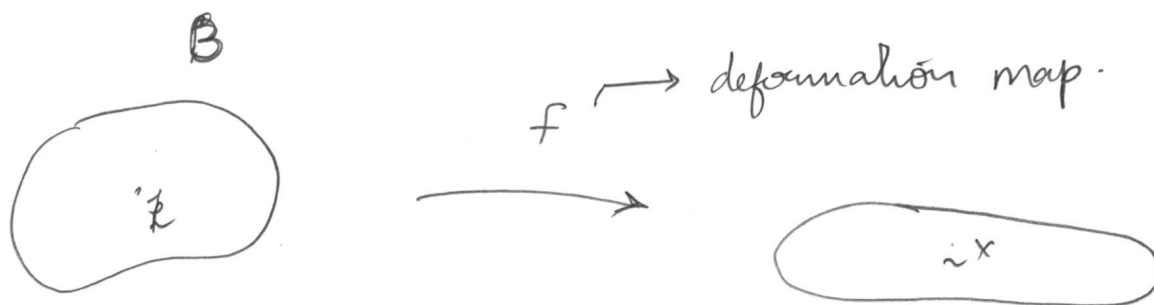


Infinitesimal strain

Recall the different deformation and strain tensors we discussed so far:



$$F_{iJ}(\underline{p}) = \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial p_J} = \nabla F \quad \text{— deformation gradient}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} C(\underline{p}) &:= F^T F(\underline{p}) \\ B(\underline{p}) &:= F F^T(\underline{p}) \end{aligned} \right\} \text{C-G deformation tensors}$$

$$E(\underline{p}) := \frac{C(\underline{p}) - \underline{I}}{2} \quad \text{— Lagrangian strain tensor}$$

Introduce a new field called the displacement field

$u: B \rightarrow V$ defined as

$$u(\underline{p}) = f(\underline{p}) - \underline{p},$$

which describes the displacement of particle \underline{p} from reference to current/deformed configuration.

Then

$$F_{iJ}(\underline{p}) := \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial p_J}(\underline{p})$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial p_J} (u_i(\underline{p}) + p_i)$$

$$= \delta_{iJ} + \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial p_J}(\underline{p})$$

$$= I + \nabla \underline{u}(\underline{p})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{F(\underline{p}) = I + \nabla \underline{u}(\underline{p})}$$

Displacement gradient.

Writing the Lagrangian strain in terms of the displacement gradient, we have

$$2E(\underline{p}) = F^T F - I$$

$$= (I + \nabla \underline{u})(I + \nabla \underline{u}^T) - I$$

$$= I + \nabla \underline{u}^T + \nabla \underline{u} + \nabla \underline{u} \nabla \underline{u}^T - I$$

$$= \nabla \underline{u}^T + \nabla \underline{u} + \nabla \underline{u} \nabla \underline{u}^T \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

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If the derivatives $\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j}$ are small, then the

Lagrangian strain can be approximated by

$$\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}} \approx \frac{\nabla \underline{u} + \nabla \underline{u}^T}{2} \quad \text{— infinitesimal strain}$$

Notation: We are breaking our notational convention here as $\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}$ is a greek letter and it is being used to describe a tensor. ~~Thereof~~

From ①, we have

$$\underline{E} = \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}} + \frac{\nabla \underline{u} \nabla \underline{u}^T}{2} \quad \text{— (2)}$$

Note: $\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}$ is linear in the gradients of \underline{u} , i.e.

if we have two displacement maps \underline{u}_1 and \underline{u}_2 then

for $\underline{u} = \underline{u}_1 + \underline{u}_2$, the corresponding $\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}$ is given

by

$$\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}} = \frac{\nabla \underline{u} + \nabla \underline{u}^T}{2}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}_1 + \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}_2 \quad \text{where} \quad \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}_i = \frac{\nabla \underline{u}_i + \nabla \underline{u}_i^T}{2}$$

Caution: Approximating \underline{E} by $\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}$ is reasonable only

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under "small" displacement gradients. In future lectures, we will discuss the uses of infinitesimal strain. For now, we note that if $\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j}$ are not small, then $\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}$ can sometimes be unphysical.

Example †: Consider a rigid deformation map

$$f(\underline{p}) = Q \underline{p}, \quad Q \in \text{Orth}^+.$$

Calculate the corresponding Lagrangian and infinitesimal strains.

Since $F(\underline{p}) \equiv Q$, it follows that

$$E(\underline{p}) \equiv \frac{F F^T - I}{2} = 0. \quad \text{On the other hand,}$$

$$\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}(\underline{p}) = \frac{\nabla u + \nabla u^T}{2}$$

$$= \frac{Q + Q^T}{2} - I \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \because u = Q \underline{p} - \underline{p} \\ \nabla u = Q - I \end{array} \right)$$

For the purpose of discussion let's assume be basis to be oriented such that Q is a clockwise rotation of angle θ about the z -axis \Rightarrow

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore

$$\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta - 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta - 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

For small θ , $\cos \theta \approx 1$ and $\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}} \approx 0$. For large θ , ε_{11} and ε_{22} are not small!.

For large rotations, infinitesimal strain can be quite large!

Example 2 : In this example, we ask ourselves are there any displacement/deformation maps for which $\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}} = 0$ while $E \neq 0$.

For a given $W \in \text{Skw}$, consider a displacement map

$$\underline{u}(\underline{p}) = \underline{W} \underline{p} \quad (\Rightarrow f(\underline{p}) = \underline{W} \underline{p} + \underline{p})$$

The deformation gradient $F(\underline{p}) = \underline{W} + \underline{I}$, and $\nabla \underline{u} = \underline{W}$.

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}} = \frac{\underline{W} + \underline{W}^T}{2} = \underline{0}.$$

On the other hand

$$E(p) = \frac{(W+I)^T (W+I) - I}{2}$$

$$= \frac{W^T W + W^T + W}{2}$$

$$= \frac{W^T W}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \beta^2 + r^2 & -\alpha\beta & -\alpha r \\ -\alpha\beta & r^2 + \alpha^2 & -\beta r \\ -\alpha r & -\beta r & \alpha^2 + \beta^2 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } W = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -r & \beta \\ r & 0 & -\alpha \\ -\beta & \alpha & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

If $\alpha = \beta = 0$, then

$$E(p) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} r^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & r^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The map $u(p) = Wp$ is called infinitesimal rigid displacement.