Converting Tensors from Cartesian to Cylindrical

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From http://solidmechanics.org/text/AppendixD/AppendixD.htm we get:

$$\begin{bmatrix} S_{rr} & S_{r\theta} & S_{rz} \\ S_{\theta r} & S_{\theta \theta} & S_{\theta z} \\ S_{zr} & S_{\theta z} & S_{zz} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_{xx} & S_{xy} & S_{xz} \\ S_{yx} & S_{yy} & S_{yz} \\ S_{zx} & S_{zy} & S_{zz} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
(1)

Take the first two matrices and multiply them:

Note: to ease space constraints, the following translations have been defined:

$$\cos \theta = \mathbf{c}_{\theta} \tag{2}$$

$$\sin \theta = \mathbf{s}_{\theta} \tag{3}$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix}
\cos \theta & \sin \theta & 0 \\
-\sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
S_{xx} & S_{xy} & S_{xz} \\
S_{yx} & S_{yy} & S_{yz} \\
S_{zx} & S_{zy} & S_{zz}
\end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix}
\mathbf{c}_{\theta}S_{xx} + \mathbf{s}_{\theta}S_{yx} + 0 & \mathbf{c}_{\theta}S_{xy} + \mathbf{s}_{\theta}S_{yy} + 0 & \mathbf{c}_{\theta}S_{xz} + \mathbf{s}_{\theta}S_{yz} + 0 \\
-\mathbf{s}_{\theta}S_{xx} + \mathbf{c}_{\theta}S_{yx} + 0 & -\mathbf{s}_{\theta}S_{xy} + \mathbf{c}_{\theta}S_{yy} + 0 & -\mathbf{s}_{\theta}S_{xz} + \mathbf{c}_{\theta}S_{yz} + 0 \\
0 + 0 + S_{zx} & 0 + 0 + S_{zy} & 0 + 0 + S_{zz}
\end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix}
\mathbf{c}_{\theta}S_{xx} + \mathbf{s}_{\theta}S_{yx} & \mathbf{c}_{\theta}S_{xy} + \mathbf{s}_{\theta}S_{yy} & \mathbf{c}_{\theta}S_{xz} + \mathbf{s}_{\theta}S_{yz} \\
-\mathbf{s}_{\theta}S_{xx} + \mathbf{c}_{\theta}S_{yx} & -\mathbf{s}_{\theta}S_{xy} + \mathbf{c}_{\theta}S_{yy} & -\mathbf{s}_{\theta}S_{xz} + \mathbf{c}_{\theta}S_{yz} \\
S_{zx} & S_{zy} & S_{zz}
\end{bmatrix}$$
Multiply the result by the third matrix:
$$\begin{bmatrix}
\mathbf{c}_{\theta}S_{xx} + \mathbf{s}_{\theta}S_{yx} & \mathbf{c}_{\theta}S_{xy} + \mathbf{s}_{\theta}S_{yy} & \mathbf{c}_{\theta}S_{xz} + \mathbf{s}_{\theta}S_{yz} \\
S_{zx} & S_{zy} & S_{zz}
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
\cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\
\sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0
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$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{c}_{\theta}S_{xx} + \mathbf{s}_{\theta}S_{yx} & \mathbf{c}_{\theta}S_{xy} + \mathbf{s}_{\theta}S_{yy} & \mathbf{c}_{\theta}S_{xz} + \mathbf{s}_{\theta}S_{yz} \\ -\mathbf{s}_{\theta}S_{xx} + \mathbf{c}_{\theta}S_{yx} & -\mathbf{s}_{\theta}S_{xy} + \mathbf{c}_{\theta}S_{yy} & -\mathbf{s}_{\theta}S_{xz} + \mathbf{c}_{\theta}S_{yz} \\ S_{zx} & S_{zy} & S_{zz} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta & 0 \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \\ \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{c}_{\theta}^{2}S_{xx} + \mathbf{s}_{\theta}\mathbf{c}_{\theta}S_{yx} + \mathbf{c}_{\theta}\mathbf{s}_{\theta}S_{xy} + \mathbf{s}_{\theta}^{2}S_{yy} & -\mathbf{c}_{\theta}\mathbf{s}_{\theta}S_{xx} - \mathbf{s}_{\theta}^{2}S_{yx} + \mathbf{c}_{\theta}^{2}S_{xy} + \mathbf{c}_{\theta}\mathbf{s}_{\theta}S_{yy} & \mathbf{c}_{\theta}S_{xy} + \mathbf{s}_{\theta}S_{yz} \\ -\mathbf{s}_{\theta}\mathbf{c}_{\theta}S_{xx} + \mathbf{c}_{\theta}^{2}S_{yx} - \mathbf{s}_{\theta}^{2}S_{xy} + \mathbf{c}_{\theta}\mathbf{s}_{\theta}S_{yy} & \mathbf{s}_{\theta}^{2}S_{xx} - \mathbf{c}_{\theta}\mathbf{s}_{\theta}S_{yx} - \mathbf{c}_{\theta}\mathbf{s}_{\theta}S_{xy} + \mathbf{c}_{\theta}^{2}S_{yy} & -\mathbf{s}_{\theta}S_{xz} + \mathbf{c}_{\theta}S_{yz} \\ \mathbf{c}_{\theta}S_{zx} + \mathbf{s}_{\theta}S_{zy} & -\mathbf{s}_{\theta}S_{zx} + \mathbf{c}_{\theta}S_{zy} & S_{zz} \end{bmatrix}$$
(5)

Combine like terms, assuming that the tensor is symmetric (ie. $S_{ij} = S_{ji}$):

$$(5) \Longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{c}_{\theta}^{2} S_{xx} + 2 \mathbf{c}_{\theta} \mathbf{s}_{\theta} S_{xy} + \mathbf{s}_{\theta}^{2} S_{yy} & -\mathbf{c}_{\theta} \mathbf{s}_{\theta} S_{xx} + (\mathbf{c}_{\theta}^{2} - \mathbf{s}_{\theta}^{2}) S_{xy} + \mathbf{c}_{\theta} \mathbf{s}_{\theta} S_{yy} & \mathbf{c}_{\theta} S_{xz} + \mathbf{s}_{\theta} S_{yz} \\ -\mathbf{c}_{\theta} \mathbf{s}_{\theta} S_{xx} + (\mathbf{c}_{\theta}^{2} - \mathbf{s}_{\theta}^{2}) S_{xy} + \mathbf{c}_{\theta} \mathbf{s}_{\theta} S_{yy} & \mathbf{s}_{\theta}^{2} S_{xx} - 2 \mathbf{c}_{\theta} \mathbf{s}_{\theta} S_{xy} + \mathbf{c}_{\theta}^{2} S_{yy} & -\mathbf{s}_{\theta} S_{xz} + \mathbf{c}_{\theta} S_{yz} \\ \mathbf{c}_{\theta} S_{xz} + \mathbf{s}_{\theta} S_{yz} & -\mathbf{s}_{\theta} S_{xz} + \mathbf{c}_{\theta} S_{yz} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(6)$$

This can be further simplified by combinging the $\mathbf{c}_{\theta}\mathbf{s}_{\theta}$ groups:

$$\begin{bmatrix} S_{rr} & S_{r\theta} & S_{rz} \\ S_{\theta r} & S_{\theta \theta} & S_{\theta z} \\ S_{zr} & S_{\theta z} & S_{zz} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{c}_{\theta}^2 S_{xx} + 2 \mathbf{c}_{\theta} \mathbf{s}_{\theta} S_{xy} + \mathbf{s}_{\theta}^2 S_{yy} & \mathbf{c}_{\theta} \mathbf{s}_{\theta} (S_{yy} - S_{xx}) + (\mathbf{c}_{\theta}^2 - \mathbf{s}_{\theta}^2) S_{xy} & \mathbf{c}_{\theta} S_{xz} + \mathbf{s}_{\theta} S_{yz} \\ \mathbf{c}_{\theta} \mathbf{s}_{\theta} (S_{yy} - S_{xx}) + (\mathbf{c}_{\theta}^2 - \mathbf{s}_{\theta}^2) S_{xy} & \mathbf{s}_{\theta}^2 S_{xx} - 2 \mathbf{c}_{\theta} \mathbf{s}_{\theta} S_{xy} + \mathbf{c}_{\theta}^2 S_{yy} & -\mathbf{s}_{\theta} S_{xz} + \mathbf{c}_{\theta} S_{yz} \\ \mathbf{c}_{\theta} S_{xz} + \mathbf{s}_{\theta} S_{yz} & -\mathbf{s}_{\theta} S_{xz} + \mathbf{c}_{\theta} S_{yz} & S_{zz} \end{bmatrix}$$

To list off the unique components:

$$S_{rr} = \mathbf{c}_{\theta}^2 S_{xx} + 2\mathbf{c}_{\theta} \mathbf{s}_{\theta} S_{xy} + \mathbf{s}_{\theta}^2 S_{yy} \tag{8}$$

$$S_{r\theta} = \mathbf{c}_{\theta} \mathbf{s}_{\theta} (S_{yy} - S_{xx}) + (\mathbf{c}_{\theta}^2 - \mathbf{s}_{\theta}^2) S_{xy}$$

$$\tag{9}$$

$$S_{rz} = \mathbf{c}_{\theta} S_{xz} + \mathbf{s}_{\theta} S_{yz} \tag{10}$$

$$S_{\theta\theta} = \mathbf{s}_{\theta}^2 S_{xx} - 2\mathbf{c}_{\theta} \mathbf{s}_{\theta} S_{xy} + \mathbf{c}_{\theta}^2 S_{yy} \tag{11}$$

$$S_{\theta z} = -\mathbf{s}_{\theta} S_{xz} + \mathbf{c}_{\theta} S_{yz} \tag{12}$$

$$S_{zz} = S_{zz} \tag{13}$$