

Midterm 2

1. The most generic 4th order tensor containing elastic constants, C_{ijkl} , has 81 components.
 - a. Explain why the maximum number of independent constants in C_{ijkl} is 21.
[3 points]
 - b. Given that a general isotropic 4th order tensor is written as $\mathcal{C} = (\lambda \delta_{ij} \delta_{kl} + \mu \delta_{ik} \delta_{jl} + \nu \delta_{il} \delta_{jk}) e_i \otimes e_j \otimes e_k \otimes e_l$, explain how an isotropic linear elastic material requires only two elastic constants. Write constitute equation for such a material.
[3 points]

Midterm #2 - Answers

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$$\text{Since } E_{ij} = E_{ji}$$

$$W = \frac{1}{2} C_{ijke} E_{ij} E_{ke} = \frac{1}{2} C_{jike} E_{ji} E_{ke} = \frac{1}{2} C_{ijek} E_{ij} E_{ek}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} C_{jiek} E_{ji} E_{ek} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} C_{ijke} = C_{jike} \\ C_{ijke} = C_{ijek} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Also, since } W = \frac{1}{2} C_{ijke} E_{ij} E_{ke} = \frac{1}{2} C_{keij} E_{ke} E_{ij}$$

$$\Rightarrow C_{ijke} = C_{keij}$$

\Rightarrow Number of constants goes from 81 \rightarrow 21.

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$$C_{ijke} = \lambda \delta_{ij} \delta_{ke} + \mu \delta_{ik} \delta_{je} + \nu \delta_{ie} \delta_{jk}$$

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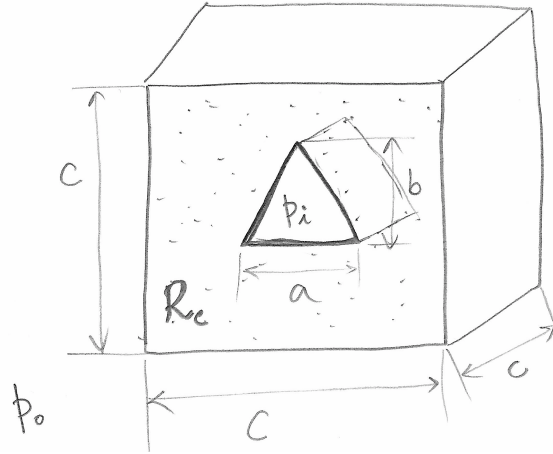
$$\Rightarrow \nu = \mu \quad \Rightarrow \text{2 elastic constants } \lambda, \mu.$$

$$\Rightarrow T_{ij} = \lambda \delta_{ij} E_{kk} + 2\mu E_{ij}$$

2. A vessel made of a linear isotropic elastic material (with known E, ν) of cubic shape has a prismatic cavity of triangular cross-section, as depicted below. The width, height, and depth of the triangular cavity are a , b , and c , respectively. The cube edge length is c . The outside and inside pressures are p_o and p_i , respectively. Calculate the mean stress \bar{T} in the vessel volume (R_c):

$$\bar{T} = \frac{1}{\text{vol}(R_c)} \iiint_{R_c} T dV$$

[8 points]



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Given for any volume:

$$\iiint_V \underline{T} dV = \iint_S \underline{x} \otimes \underline{t} dS.$$

For volume R_c :

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$$\underline{\bar{T}} = \frac{1}{\text{vol}(R_c)} \left(\iint_{S_i} \underline{x} \otimes \underline{t} dS + \iint_{S_a} \underline{x} \otimes \underline{t} dS \right) \quad \text{--- ①}$$

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$$\iint_{S_i} \underline{x} \otimes \underline{t} dS = \iint_{S_i} x_i t_j dS = -p_i \iint_{S_i} x_i n_j dS$$

$$= -p_i \iiint_{R_i} \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial x_j} dV = -p_i \text{vol}(R_i) \delta_{ij}$$

\Rightarrow ①
$$\iint_{S_i} \underline{x} \otimes \underline{t} dS = -p_i abc \underline{I} \quad \text{--- ②}$$

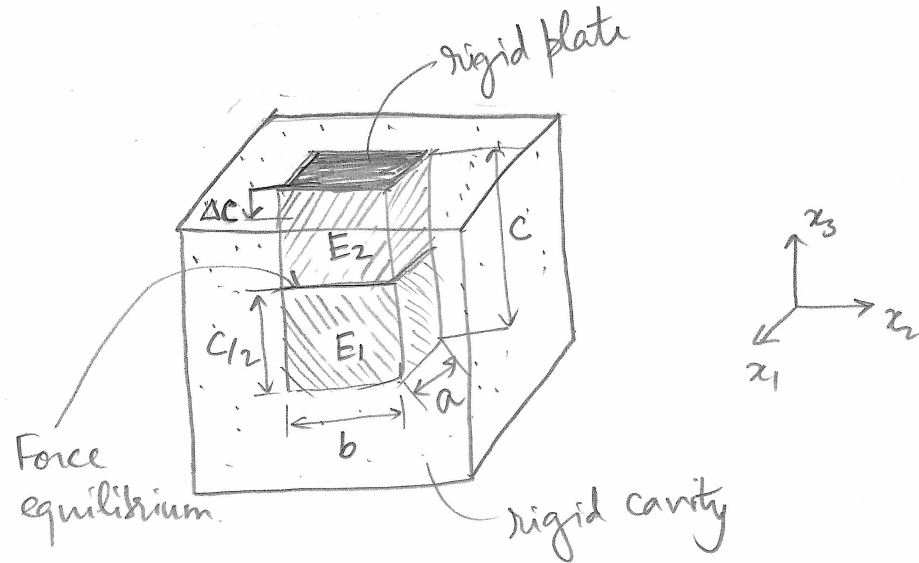
Similarly,

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$$\iint_{S_0} \underline{x} \otimes \underline{t} dS = -p_0 c^3 \underline{I} \quad \text{--- ③}$$

By combining equations ①, ②, ③:

$$\boxed{2} \quad \frac{\bar{I}}{s} = \frac{1}{(c^3 - abc)} \left[-p_i abc - p_o c^3 \right] \frac{I}{s}.$$

3. A parallelepiped of dimensions $a \times b \times c$ is made up of two isotropic linear elastic materials, lower half with E_1, ν and upper half with E_2, ν , which is completely encapsulated within a rigid and smooth cavity. A rigid plate of dimensions $a \times b$ rests on top of the parallelepiped. A downward displacement of " Δc " is applied on the rigid plate. Find the net reaction force exerted onto the plate by the parallelepiped. Assume force equilibrium at the interface between the two materials (E_1 and E_2). [11 points]



③ Boundary conditions:

$$E_{33}^{(1)} + E_{33}^{(2)} = \frac{-\Delta C}{C} \quad \text{--- ①} \quad \boxed{2}$$

$$E_{11}^{(1)} = E_{11}^{(2)} = E_{22}^{(1)} = E_{22}^{(2)} = 0 \quad \boxed{1}$$

$$T_{11}^{(1)} = T_{22}^{(1)} \quad \& \quad T_{11}^{(2)} = T_{22}^{(2)} \quad \text{due to symmetry} \quad \boxed{1}$$

$$T_{33}^{(1)} = T_{33}^{(2)} \quad \text{at the interface} \rightarrow \text{Force equilibrium} \quad \boxed{1}$$

$$E_{11} = E_{22} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{E} (T_{11} - \nu(T_{22} + T_{33})) = 0 \quad \boxed{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow T_{11} = T_{22} = \frac{\nu T_{33}}{(1-\nu)} \quad \text{for either material} \quad \boxed{1}$$

$$E_{33} = \frac{1}{E} (T_{33} - \nu(T_{11} + T_{22})) = \frac{1}{E} (T_{33} - 2\nu T_{11}) \quad \boxed{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{33} = \frac{T_{33}}{E} \left(1 - \frac{2\nu^2}{1-\nu}\right) \quad \xrightarrow{\text{Also true for either material}}$$

From eq ①

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{T_{33}^{(1)}}{E_1} + \frac{T_{33}^{(2)}}{E_2} \right) \left(\frac{1-\nu-2\nu^2}{1-\nu} \right) = -\frac{\Delta C}{C} \quad \boxed{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow T_{33} = -\frac{\Delta C}{C \left(\frac{1}{E_1} + \frac{1}{E_2} \right) \left(\frac{1-\nu-2\nu^2}{1-\nu} \right)} \quad \boxed{2}$$

Net force on the plate

$$\Rightarrow F_p = \frac{\Delta C a b}{C \left(\frac{1}{E_1} + \frac{1}{E_2} \right) \left(1 - \frac{2\nu^2}{1-\nu} \right)} \quad \square$$