Continuum Mechanics and Thermodynamics

Overview

The course covers the fundamentals of the mechanics and thermodynamics of continua. It begins by reviewing concepts of tensor analysis on manifolds and tensor calculus. It then proceed by developing the fundamental concepts of the kinematics of a deforming continuum. The notion of stress is then introduced and various measures of stress, with their respective energy-conjugate strain measures, will be discussed. Balance laws will be presented discussing conservation of mass, balance of momentum and moment of momentum, as well as energy. Balance of energy in thermodynamics will also be discussed alongside the restrictions of the second law on constitutive theories. Constitutive theories will be discussed and specific examples will be explored. Variational principles will be presented and the Euler-Lagrange equations will be re-connected with balance laws.

Audience: Graduate students only

Prerequisite: Knowledge of multivariable calculus, partial differential

equations, and fluid and/or solid mechanics

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Course website: continuummechanics.princeton.edu

The course website will contain homework, notes and other

relevant material.

Grading: Letter grades A-F. Grades will be based on homework as-

signments $(4 \times 7.5\% = 30\%)$, a midterm & final exam

 $(2 \times 25\% = 50\%)$ and a project (20%).

Homework: There will be bi-weekly homework assignments focusing

on theory and applications of continuum mechanics. The homework should be typeset in LATEX and are to be submitted in Blackboard's dropbox. Homework will generally be

posted on Friday and due in two weeks.

Exams: The exams will be closed-book and closed-notes. Dates

TBD.

Project: The project will consist in a written review and a brief

presentation of a relevant manuscript.

Textbooks: No required textbook. The following are good references

for the course.

M. E. Gurtin, E. Fried, and L. Anand. *The Mechanics and Thermodynamics of Continua*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010. ISBN: 9780511762956. DOI: 10.1017 / CB09780511762956. URL: http://ebooks.cambridge.org/ref/id/CB09780511762956.

G. A. Holzapfel. *Nonlinear Solid Mechanics: A Continuum Approach for Engineering*. Wiley, 2000. ISBN: 0471823198.

L. E. Malvern. *Introduction to the Mechanics of a Continuous Medium*. 1969. ISBN: 134876032. DOI: 10.1115/1. 3625016.

Course Outline

- 1. Review of tensor analysis:
 - (a) Vector and tensor algebra
 - (b) Tensor analysis on manifolds
 - (c) Tensor calculus and integral theorems
- 2. Kinematics Motion:
 - (a) Configuration and motion
 - (b) Displacement
 - (c) Velocity and acceleration
 - (d) Material and space derivatives
- 3. Kinematics Deformation:
 - (a) Stretch
 - (b) Deformation gradient
 - (c) Polar decomposition
 - (d) Metric tensors

- 4. Kinematics Strain:
 - (a) Strain tensors
 - (b) Spherical and deviatoric decomposition
 - (c) Principal stretch/strain
 - (d) Lie derivative
- 5. Concept of stress:
 - (a) Traction vector and stress tensor
 - (b) Stress tensors
 - (c) Principal stresses
- 6. Balance principles Mass and momentum
 - (a) Balance of mass
 - (b) Reynolds' transport theorem
 - (c) Balance of linear and angular momentum
 - (d) Cauchy's first equation of motion
- 7. Balance principles Energy and entropy
 - (a) Kinetic and internal energy
 - (b) Balance of mechanical energy
 - (c) Balance of energy in continuum thermodynamics
 - (d) Entropy inequality
 - (e) Master balance principle
- 8. Aspects of objectivity
 - (a) Change of observer and objectivity
 - (b) Superimposed rigid body motion
 - (c) Objective rates
 - (d) Invariance
- 9. Constitutive theory
 - (a) Thermodynamic potentials
 - (b) Second law of thermodynamics

- (c) Strain energy function
- (d) Stress and elasticity tensors
- (e) Concept of internal variables

10. Variational Principles

- (a) Review of Calculus of Variations
- (b) Stationarity of Potential Energy
- (c) Two- and three-field Variational Principles

Tentative Schedule:

Monday	Wednesday
Feb 5th 1	7th 2
Course introduction and overview	Tensor Analysis:
Tensor Analysis:	Vector and tensor algebra
Vector and tensor algebra	
12th 3	14th 4
Tensor Analysis:	Kinematics: Configuration,
Vector and tensor calculus,	motion, and conditions for
generalized coordinates and a brief	admissibility
overview of differential geometry	
concepts	
19th 5	21st 6
Kinematics: Velocities,	Kinematics: Deformation gradient,
accelerations, material and spatial	metric tensor, and metric changes
derivatives	
26th 7	28th 8
Kinematics: Polar decomposition,	Kinematics: Strain tensors,
push forward and pull back, and	Euler-Almansi, Green-Lagrange etc.
covariance and contravariance	
Mar 5th	7th 10
Stress: Forces in continuum	Stress: Different stress measures,
mechanics, traction vector,	Cauchy's, first and second
Cauchy's tetrahedron theorem and	Piola-Kirchhoff stress tensors
∃ of stress tensor	

Monday		Wednesday	
12th	11	14th 1	12
Balance Principles:		Balance Principles:	
Balance of mass and Reynold's		Balance of momentum and	
transport theorem		moment of momentum	
19th		21st	
Spring Recess		Spring Recess	
26th	13	28th 1	L4
Midterm exam		Balance Principles:	
		Kinetic and internal energy, balanc	e
		of mechanical energy	
Apr 2nd	15	4th 1	16
Balance Principles:		Balance Principles:	
Continuum thermodynamics		Balance of energy in continuum	
		thermodynamics	
9th	17	11th 1	18
Balance Principles:		Balance Principles:	
Entropy and the Clausius-Duhem	1	Master balance principle	
inequality			
16th	19	18th 2	20
Objectivity:		Constitutive Theories:	
Change of observers, objective		General remarks, Coleman-Noll	
fields, and objective rates		exploitation, examples of strain	
	0.1	energy functions	
23rd	21		22
Constitutive Theories:		Variational Principles:	_
Simple damage models, thermodynamics of materials		Review of the calculus of variation principle of minimum of potential	5,
thermoughannes of materials		energy, virtual work	
30th	23		24
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Variational Principles: Two- and three- field variational		Final Project Presentations	
principles (Final Project			
Presentations)			

Monday	Wednesday
7th	9th
Reading Period	Reading Period
14th	16th
Reading Period	Final Examination Period
21st	23rd
Final Examination Period	Final Examination Period