

Notes on:  
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# 1 Motion of a Body

$B$  is a reference body containing points  $\mathbf{X}$  which are material points. There is a one-to-one function

$$\mathbf{x} = \chi(\mathbf{X}, t)$$

taking reference material points  $\mathbf{X}$  to spatial points  $\mathbf{x}$  at time  $t$ . We require

$$J(\mathbf{X}, t) := \det \nabla \chi_t(\mathbf{X}) > 0$$

where  $J$  is the volumetric Jacobian of the mapping  $\chi_t$  at  $\mathbf{X}$ . Region occupied by body  $B$  at time  $t$  is

$$\mathcal{B}_t = \chi_t(B)$$

is the deformed body at time  $t$ .

## 1.1 Convection of Sets with the Body

$A$  is a material set. Then  $A$  deforms to  $\mathcal{A}_t$  at time  $t$ .  $\mathcal{A}_t$  convects with the body if there is a set  $A$  of material points such that

$$\mathcal{A}_t = \chi_t(A)$$

for all  $t$ . Note that material cannot cross the boundary of a spatial set which convects with the body. Also note that if  $\mathbf{X}$  is on  $\partial B$  (boundary), then  $\chi(\mathbf{X}, t)$  is on  $\partial \mathcal{B}_t$  for all time  $t$  and conversely.

# 2 The Deformation Gradient

The **Deformation gradient** of a body is

$$\mathbf{F} = \nabla \chi, \quad F_{ij} = \frac{\partial \chi_i}{\partial X_j},$$

the Jacobian matrix of  $\mathbf{x} = \chi(\mathbf{X})$ . As above

$$J = \det \mathbf{F} > 0.$$

## 2.1 Approximation of a Deformation by a Homogeneous Deformation

### 2.1.1 Homogeneous Deformations

Fix time  $t$  so that

$$\chi(\mathbf{X}) \equiv \chi_t(\mathbf{X}).$$

$\chi$  is a **homogeneous deformation** if  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X}) \equiv \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X}, t)$  is independent of  $\mathbf{X}$ . So

$$\chi(\mathbf{X}) - \chi(\mathbf{Y}) = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Y})$$

for all material points  $\mathbf{X}$  and  $\mathbf{Y}$ . By the above,  $\mathbf{F}$  maps material vectors to spatial vectors. Then, also,  $\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{F}^{-1}[\chi(\mathbf{X}) - \chi(\mathbf{Y})]$  so that  $\mathbf{F}^{-1}$  maps spatial vectors too material vectors. Taking the inner product with a spatial vector  $\mathbf{s}$  gives

$$\mathbf{s} \cdot [\chi(\mathbf{X}) - \chi(\mathbf{Y})] = \mathbf{s} \cdot [\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Y})] = (\mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{s}) \cdot (\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Y})$$

so that  $\mathbf{F}^T$  maps spatial vectors to material vectors.

Summarizing the mapping properties:

1.  $\mathbf{F}$  and  $\mathbf{F}^{-T}$  map material vectors to spatial vectors
2.  $\mathbf{F}^{-1}$  and  $\mathbf{F}^T$  map spatial vectors to material vectors

### 2.1.2 General Deformations

Let  $\chi_t$  be an arbitrary deformation. Taylor expanding the deformation about material point  $\mathbf{X}$  gives

$$\underline{\chi_t(\mathbf{Y}) - \chi_t(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X}, t)(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X})} + o(|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}|) \quad \text{as } |\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}| \rightarrow 0.$$

Therefore,  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X}, t)(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X})$  is an approximation of  $\chi_t(\mathbf{Y}) - \chi_t(\mathbf{X})$ . Also, since  $\mathbf{X}$  is fixed in the Taylor expansion,  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X}, t)$  is constant. Thus the underlined portion is the second definition of a homogeneous deformation. Therefore, *within a neighborhood of a material point  $\mathbf{X}$  and to within an error of  $o(|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}|)$ , a deformation behaves like a homogeneous deformation.*

So with  $o(|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}|)$  small, we have:

1. (M1)  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X}, t)$  can be thought of as a mapping of an infinitesimal neighborhood of  $\mathbf{X}$  in the reference body to an infinitesimal neighborhood of  $\mathbf{x} = \chi_t(\mathbf{X})$  in the deformed body.
2. (M2) This gives an asymptotic meaning to the formal relation

$$d\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X}, t)d\mathbf{X}$$

Now, we have that the mapping properties for a homogeneous deformation hold pointwise for the deformation gradient in an arbitrary deformation. For example, for a given  $\mathbf{X}$ , the linear transformation  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X}, t)$  associates with each material vector  $\mathbf{m}$  a spatial vector  $\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X}, t)\mathbf{m}$ .

## 2.2 Convection of Geometric Quantities

### 2.2.1 Infinitesimal Fibers

Define the temporally constant material vector field  $\mathbf{f}_R$  associated with a given spatial vector field  $\mathbf{f}$  by

$$\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X}, t)\mathbf{f}_R(\mathbf{X}) \quad \mathbf{x} = \chi_t(\mathbf{X}) \quad (6.8)$$

for all  $\mathbf{X}$  and  $t$ .

Now by the above statements about the local homogeneity of deformation, we can see equation 6.8 becomes

$$\epsilon \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X}, t)(\epsilon \mathbf{f}_R(\mathbf{X})) \quad (6.9)$$

for  $\epsilon > 0$ . This can be considered as describing the local deformation when the neighborhood of  $\mathbf{X}$  under consideration is magnified by a factor of  $\epsilon^{-1}$ .

In equation 6.8,  $\mathbf{f}_R(\mathbf{X})$  is an **infinitesimal undeformed fiber** and  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X}, t)\mathbf{f}_R(\mathbf{X})$  is the corresponding **(infinitesimal) deformed fiber**. We can see the deformed fiber as **embedded** in the deforming body  $\mathcal{B}_t$  and we say  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t)$  convects with the body.

**f convects with the body** and **f is convecting** mean that there is a fixed (time independent) material vector field  $\mathbf{f}_R(\mathbf{X})$  such that equation 6.8 holds.

### 2.2.2 Curves

$C$  is a **material curve** with parameterization  $\hat{\mathbf{X}}(\lambda)$ ,  $\lambda \in [\lambda_0, \lambda_1]$  which does not intersect itself. The corresponding **spatial curve** is  $\mathcal{C}_t = \chi_t(C)$ . Note the time-dependent parameterization. Then  $\mathcal{C}_t$  is a curve **embedded** in the deforming body.

### 2.2.3 Tangent Vectors

Given  $\mathbf{X}$  on  $C$ , the tangent to  $C$  at  $\mathbf{X}$  is

$$\boldsymbol{\tau}_R(\mathbf{X}) = \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{X}}(\lambda)}{d\lambda} \quad (6.12)$$

Then the corresponding tangent to  $C_t$  at  $\mathbf{x}$  is

$$\boldsymbol{\tau}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{x}}_t(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda} \quad (6.13)$$

which gives

$$\boldsymbol{\tau}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X}, t)\boldsymbol{\tau}_R(\mathbf{X}) \quad (6.15)$$

**Theorem 2.1 (Transformation Law for Tangent Vectors)** *At each time, the relation (6.15) associates with any vector  $\boldsymbol{\tau}_R$  at  $\mathbf{X}$  a vector  $\boldsymbol{\tau}$  at  $\mathbf{x} = \chi_t(\mathbf{X})$  with the following property: if  $\boldsymbol{\tau}_R$  is tangent to a material curve at  $\mathbf{X}$ , then  $\boldsymbol{\tau}$  is tangent to the corresponding deformed curve through  $\mathbf{x}$ .*

### 2.2.4 Bases

Fix a material basis

$$\{\mathbf{m}_i(\mathbf{X})\} = \{\mathbf{m}_1(\mathbf{X}), \mathbf{m}_2(\mathbf{X}), \mathbf{m}_3(\mathbf{X})\}.$$

Then the associated spatial basis is

$$\{\mathbf{s}_i(\mathbf{x}, t)\} = \{\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X}, t)\mathbf{m}_i(\mathbf{X})\} \quad (6.16)$$

at  $\mathbf{x} = \chi(\mathbf{X}, t)$ . This spatial basis convects with the body, ie is embedded in the deforming body.

## 3 Stretch, Strain, and Rotation

### 3.1 Stretch and Rotation Tensors. Strain

The polar decomposition (rotation  $\mathbf{R}$  and positive-definite symmetric tensors  $\mathbf{U}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$ ) of the deformation gradient:

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{R} \quad (7.1)$$

$\mathbf{U}$  is the **right stretch tensor** and  $\mathbf{V}$  is the **left stretch tensor**.

The following is good for theoretical but difficult in application

$$\mathbf{U} = \sqrt{\mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{F}} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{V} = \sqrt{\mathbf{F} \mathbf{F}^T} \quad (7.2)$$

**Left and Right Cauchy-Green (deformation) tensors  $\mathbf{C}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$ :**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{C} &= \mathbf{U}^2 = \mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{F}, & C_{ij} &= F_{ki} F_{kj} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}_k}{\partial \mathbf{X}_i} \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}_k}{\partial \mathbf{X}_j} \\ \mathbf{B} &= \mathbf{V}^2 = \mathbf{F} \mathbf{F}^T, & B_{ij} &= F_{ik} F_{jk} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}_i}{\partial \mathbf{X}_k} \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}_j}{\partial \mathbf{X}_k} \end{aligned} \quad (7.3)$$

Then,

$$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{R} \mathbf{U} \mathbf{R}^T \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{R} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{R}^T \quad (7.4)$$

and

$$\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V}, \mathbf{C}, \text{ and } \mathbf{B} \text{ are symmetric and positive-definite.} \quad (7.5)$$

**Green - St. Venant strain tensor:**

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{F} - \mathbf{I}) = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{I}) = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{U}^2 - \mathbf{I}) \quad (7.6, 7.7, 7.8)$$

As rotation tensors are orthogonal,  $\mathbf{E}$  vanishes when  $\mathbf{F}$  is a rotation. We now have properties

1. (M3)  $\mathbf{U}$ ,  $\mathbf{C}$ , and  $\mathbf{E}$  map material vectors to material vectors
2. (M4)  $\mathbf{V}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  map spatial vectors to spatial vectors
3. (M5)  $\mathbf{R}$  maps material vectors to spatial vectors

## 3.2 Fibers. Properties of the Tensors $\mathbf{U}$ and $\mathbf{C}$

### 3.2.1 Infinitesimal Fibers

Infinitesimal undeformed fibers and  $\mathbf{f}_R$  and  $\bar{\mathbf{f}}_R$  and corresponding deformed fibers

$$\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{f}_R \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{\mathbf{f}} = \mathbf{F}\bar{\mathbf{f}}_R \quad (7.9)$$

Then

$$\mathbf{f} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{f}} = (\mathbf{R}\mathbf{U}\mathbf{f}_R) \cdot (\mathbf{R}\mathbf{U}\bar{\mathbf{f}}_R) = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{f}_R \cdot \mathbf{U}\bar{\mathbf{f}}_R = \mathbf{f}_R \cdot \mathbf{U}^2\bar{\mathbf{f}}_R = \mathbf{f}_R \cdot \mathbf{C}\bar{\mathbf{f}}_R \quad (7.11)$$

So,

$$|\mathbf{f}| = |\mathbf{U}\mathbf{f}_R| \quad (7.12)$$

So applying the right stretch tensor gives the deformed length of an infinitesimal fiber.

Define:  $\theta = \angle(\mathbf{f}_R, \bar{\mathbf{f}}_R)$  the angle between fibers.

Then, by 7.1 and 7.12,

$$\frac{\mathbf{f} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{f}}}{|\mathbf{f}||\bar{\mathbf{f}}|} = \frac{\mathbf{C}\mathbf{f}_R \cdot \mathbf{U}\bar{\mathbf{f}}_R}{|\mathbf{U}\mathbf{f}_R||\mathbf{U}\bar{\mathbf{f}}_R|}$$

So,

$$\angle(\mathbf{f}, \bar{\mathbf{f}}) = \angle(\mathbf{U}\mathbf{f}_R, \mathbf{U}\bar{\mathbf{f}}_R) \quad (7.13)$$

so applying the right stretch tensor gives the angle between infinitesimal deformed fibers.

### 3.2.2 Finite Fibers

Consider material and spatial line segments

$$\Delta\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X} \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta\mathbf{x} = \chi(\mathbf{Y}) - \chi(\mathbf{X})$$

with  $\Delta\mathbf{X} > 0$ .

Then we know

$$\Delta\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X})\Delta\mathbf{X} + o(|\Delta\mathbf{X}|) \quad \text{as} \quad |\Delta\mathbf{X}| \rightarrow 0. \quad (7.14)$$

Useful to think of  $\Delta\mathbf{X}$  as of an undeformed fiber of finite length  $L$  and direction  $\mathbf{e}$  at  $\mathbf{X}$ , so

$$\Delta\mathbf{X} = L\mathbf{e}, \quad |\mathbf{e}| = 1 \quad (7.15)$$

So the corresponding deformed fiber is

$$\Delta\mathbf{x} = L\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X})\mathbf{e} + o(L) \quad \text{as} \quad L \rightarrow 0$$

Then the following limit gives the **stretch vector**

$$\lim_{L \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta\mathbf{x}}{L} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X})\mathbf{e} \quad (7.16)$$

This is called the stretch vector because it is the limiting value of the deformed fiber measured per **unit length** of the undeformed fiber in direction  $\mathbf{e}$ .

Thus the **stretch** is

$$\lambda = \lim_{L \rightarrow 0} \frac{|\Delta\mathbf{x}|}{L} = |\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X})\mathbf{e}| \quad (7.17)$$

From earlier, taking  $\mathbf{f}_R = \mathbf{e}$  gives

$$\lambda = |\mathbf{U}(\mathbf{X})\mathbf{e}| \quad \lambda^2 = \mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{X})\mathbf{e} \quad (7.18)$$

**Remark 3.1** The right stretch tensor  $\mathbf{U}$  determines the stretch  $\lambda$  at  $\mathbf{X}$  relative to any material direction  $\mathbf{e}$  by  $\lambda = |\mathbf{U}(\mathbf{X})\mathbf{e}|$ .

Now, taking two fibers from  $\mathbf{X}$  of the same length  $L$  with directions  $\mathbf{e}_1$  and  $\mathbf{e}_2$ . Then

$$\lim_{L \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{(\Delta \mathbf{x})_1}{L} \cdot \frac{(\Delta \mathbf{x})_2}{L} \right) = \lim_{L \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{(\Delta \mathbf{x})_1}{L} \right) \cdot \lim_{L \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{(\Delta \mathbf{x})_2}{L} \right) = \mathbf{U}(\mathbf{X})\mathbf{e}_1 \cdot \mathbf{U}(\mathbf{X})\mathbf{e}_2 = \mathbf{e}_1 \cdot \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{X})\mathbf{e}_2 \quad (7.21-7.22)$$

**Remark 3.2** The right Cauchy-Green tensor  $\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{X})$  characterizes inner products of stretch vectors at  $\mathbf{x}$

Let  $\theta_L$  be the angle between the deformed fibers  $(\Delta \mathbf{x})_1$  and  $(\Delta \mathbf{x})_2$ , as before. Then,

$$\theta_L = \angle((\Delta \mathbf{x})_1, (\Delta \mathbf{x})_2) = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{(\Delta \mathbf{x})_1 \cdot (\Delta \mathbf{x})_2}{|(\Delta \mathbf{x})_1| |(\Delta \mathbf{x})_2|} \right)$$

After math cheese,

$$\lim_{L \rightarrow 0} \theta_L = \angle(\mathbf{U}(\mathbf{X})\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{U}(\mathbf{X})\mathbf{e}_2). \quad (7.23)$$

**Remark 3.3** Let  $(\Delta \mathbf{x})_1$  and  $(\Delta \mathbf{x})_2$  be the deformed fibers corresponding to fibers at  $\mathbf{X}$  of finite length  $L$  in directions  $\mathbf{e}_1$  and  $\mathbf{e}_2$ . Then, as  $L \rightarrow 0$ , the angle between

$$\frac{(\Delta \mathbf{x})_1}{L} \text{ and } \frac{(\Delta \mathbf{x})_2}{L}$$

tends to the angle between  $\mathbf{U}(\mathbf{X})\mathbf{e}_1$  and  $\mathbf{U}(\mathbf{X})\mathbf{e}_2$ .

### 3.3 Principle Stretches and Principal Directions

As  $\mathbf{U}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$  are symmetric and positive-definite, they have spectral representations of the form

$$\mathbf{U} = \lambda_i \mathbf{r}_i \otimes \mathbf{r}_i = \sum_{i=1}^3 \lambda_i \mathbf{r}_i \otimes \mathbf{r}_i \quad \mathbf{V} = \lambda_i \mathbf{l}_i \otimes \mathbf{l}_i$$

where

1.  $\lambda_i > 0 \forall i$ , the **principal stretches** are eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{U}$  and also of  $\mathbf{V}$ .
2.  $\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{r}_3$  are the **right principal directions** and eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{U}$

$$\mathbf{U}\mathbf{r}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{r}_i \quad (\text{no sum on } i)$$

3.  $\mathbf{l}_1, \mathbf{l}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{l}_3$  are the **left principal directions** and the eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{V}$

$$\mathbf{V}\mathbf{l}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{l}_i \quad (\text{no sum on } i)$$

Thus,  $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{U}\mathbf{R}^T$  gives

$$\sum_{i=1}^3 \lambda_i \mathbf{R}\mathbf{r}_i \otimes \mathbf{R}\mathbf{r}_i = \sum_{i=1}^3 \lambda_i \mathbf{l}_i \otimes \mathbf{l}_i$$

Therefore,

$$\mathbf{l}_i = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{r}_i, \quad i = 1, 2, 3 \quad (7.27)$$

We then have the following expressions using the principal stretches and directions:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \mathbf{C} &= \lambda_i^2 \mathbf{r}_i \otimes \mathbf{r}_i \\ \mathbf{B} &= \lambda_i^2 \mathbf{l}_i \otimes \mathbf{l}_i \\ \mathbf{E} &= \frac{1}{2}(\lambda_i^2 - \mathbf{I})\mathbf{r}_i \otimes \mathbf{r}_i \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (7.28)$$

where each is summed over  $i$ .

Also,

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{U} = \lambda_i \mathbf{l}_i \otimes \mathbf{r}_i$$

Also the logarithmic strain tensors of Hencky are scary.