

Suggested solution:  
**PROBLEM SET 5**

TKT4150 Biomechanics

Main topics: Hyper-elasticity.

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① Mechanics of hyper-elastic rabbit skin

The skin of a rabbit is modelled using a hyper-elastic model, where  $S_{ij} = \rho_0 \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial E_{ij}}$ . Assume the strain energy density (per unit mass) is given by:

$$\phi = \frac{1}{2\rho_0} [\alpha_1 E_{11}^2 + \alpha_1 E_{22}^2 + \alpha_3 E_{12}^2 + \alpha_3 E_{21}^2 + 2\alpha_4 E_{11} E_{22} + \quad (1)$$

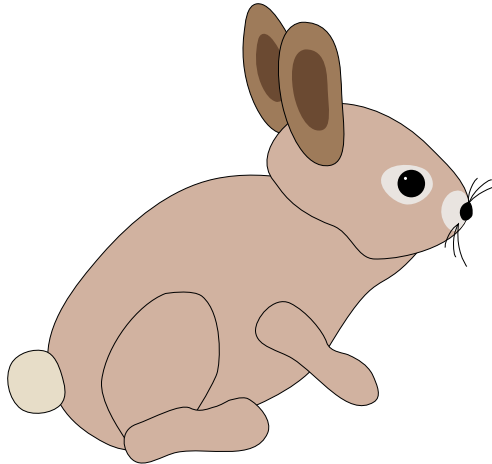
$$c \cdot \exp(a_1 E_{11}^2 + a_2 E_{22}^2 + a_3 E_{12}^2 + a_3 E_{21}^2 + 2a_4 E_{11} E_{22})] \quad (2)$$

where

$$\alpha_1 = 1020 \text{ Pa}, \quad \alpha_3 = 500 \text{ Pa}, \quad \alpha_4 = 254 \text{ Pa}, \quad c = 0.779 \text{ Pa} \quad (3)$$

$$\alpha_1 = 3.79, \quad a_2 = 12.7, \quad a_3 = 1.25, \quad a_4 = 0.587 \quad (4)$$

and  $\rho_0$  is the mass density of the skin. It is further assumed that the rabbit skin is incompressible.



**Figure 1:** Rabbit.

a) Establish the expressions for the Piola-Kirchoff stress components  $S_{ij}$  as expressions of the strain components  $E_{ij}$ .

We have these relations:

$$\mathbf{T} = 2\rho\mathbf{F}\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial\mathbf{C}}\mathbf{F}^T = \frac{1}{J}\mathbf{F}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{F}^T \quad (5)$$

$$\mathbf{S} = 2J\rho\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial\mathbf{C}} = J\rho\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial\mathbf{E}} = \rho_0\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial\mathbf{E}} \quad (6)$$

This gives:

$$\kappa = a_1E_{11}^2 + a_2E_{22}^2 + a_3E_{12}^2 + a_3E_{21}^2 + 2a_4E_{11}E_{22} \quad (7)$$

$$S_{11} = \alpha_1E_{11} + \alpha_1E_{22} + c(a_1E_{11} + a_4E_{22})\exp(\kappa) \quad (8)$$

$$S_{22} = \alpha_1E_{22} + \alpha_4E_{11} + c(a_2E_{22} + a_4E_{11})\exp(\kappa) \quad (9)$$

$$S_{12} = \alpha_3E_{12} + ca_3E_{12}\exp(\kappa) \quad (10)$$

b) Choose  $E_{12} = E_{22} = 0$ . Determine the Cauchy stresses  $T_{11}$  and  $T_{22}$ , as functions of the stretch  $\lambda_1$  and the strain component  $E_{11}$ .

Let  $x_1 = \lambda_1 X_1$ ,  $x_2 = X_2$  and  $x_3 = \lambda_3 X_3$ .

Incompressible material leads to  $J = \det(\mathbf{F}) = 1 = \lambda_1 \cdot 1 \cdot \lambda_3 \Rightarrow \lambda_3 = \frac{1}{\lambda_1}$

This gives:

$$F_{ij} = \left[ \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial X_j} \right] = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{\lambda_1} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow F_{ij}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\lambda_1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (11)$$

We know that:

$$\mathbf{T} = 2\rho\mathbf{F}\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial\mathbf{C}}\mathbf{F}^T = \frac{1}{J}\mathbf{F}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{F}^T \quad (12)$$

$$\mathbf{S} = 2J\rho\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial\mathbf{C}} = J\rho\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial\mathbf{E}} = \rho_0\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial\mathbf{E}} \quad (13)$$

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{F}^T \quad (14)$$

Combining this with Equations 7-10, we get:

$$T_{11} = \lambda_1^2 S_{11}, \quad T_{22} = S_{22} \quad (15)$$

The definition of longitudinal strain in direction  $\mathbf{e}$  is given as:

$$\left( \frac{\partial s}{\partial s_0} \right)^2 - 1 = 2e_i E_{ij} e_j \quad (16)$$

The stretch  $\lambda_1$  along  $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{e}_1$  can be inserted to give:

$$\lambda_1^2 - 1 = 2E_{11} \quad \Leftarrow \quad \lambda_1^2 = 1 + 2E_{11} \quad (17)$$

Combining this with Equation 15, we get:

$$T_{11} = (1 + 2E_{11})S_{11}, \quad T_{22} = S_{22} \quad (18)$$

c) Assume a state of pure shear:

$$x_1 = X_1 + \gamma X_2, \quad x_2 = X_2, \quad x_3 = X_3 \quad (19)$$

Determine the Cauchy stresses  $T_{ij}$  expressed by the Piola-Kirchoff stresses  $S_{ij}$  for this deformation state. Which components of the Green strain tensor affect the resulting Piola-Kirchoff and Cauchy stresses? What happens to the Cauchy stresses when we assume small deformations?

We see that:

$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \gamma & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{F}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \gamma & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad J = \det(\mathbf{F}) = 1 \quad (20)$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{F}, \quad \mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \gamma & 0 \\ \gamma & \gamma^2 + 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{1} + 2\mathbf{E} \quad (21)$$

This gives, from relation between strain tensor  $\mathbf{E}$  and the deformation tensor  $\mathbf{C}$ :

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{1}) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \gamma & 0 \\ \gamma & \gamma^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (22)$$

Thus, for pure shear and large deformation, we have:

$$E_{22} \neq 0 \Rightarrow S_{12} = \rho_0 \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial E_{12}} = f(E_{12}, E_{22}) \quad (23)$$

and

$$S_{22} = g(E_{12}, E_{22}) \quad (24)$$

where  $f(\cdot)$  and  $g(\cdot)$  denote functions. For  $\gamma \ll 1$  we get:

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \gamma & 0 \\ \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow E_{ii} = \varepsilon_v = 0 \quad (25)$$

The Piola-Kirchoff stress and the deformation gradient are for large deformations:

$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & 0 \\ S_{12} & S_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \gamma & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad J = \det(\mathbf{F}) = 1 \quad (26)$$

and the Cauchy stresses are found from:

$$\mathbf{T} = 2\rho\mathbf{F} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \mathbf{C}} = \frac{1}{J} \mathbf{F} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{F}^T = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} + 2\gamma S_{12} + \gamma^2 S_{22} & S_{12} + \gamma S_{22} & 0 \\ S_{12} + \gamma S_{22} & S_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (27)$$

For small strains ( $\gamma \ll 1$ ), this reduces to:

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & S_{12} & 0 \\ S_{12} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (28)$$

Thus, for small strains,  $T_{12} = S_{12}$ .

d) *Establish an expression for the shear strain  $\gamma_{12}$  (expressed by  $\gamma$ ), given the same deformation state.*

Shear strain  $\gamma$  between the two  $\perp$  directions  $\mathbf{e}$  and  $\bar{\mathbf{e}}$ :

$$\sin\gamma = \frac{2\bar{\mathbf{e}}\mathbf{E}\mathbf{e}}{(1 + \bar{\varepsilon})(1 + \varepsilon)} \quad (29)$$

where

$$\bar{\varepsilon} = \sqrt{1 + 2\bar{\mathbf{e}}\mathbf{E}\bar{\mathbf{e}}} - 1, \quad \varepsilon = \sqrt{1 + 2\mathbf{e}\mathbf{E}\mathbf{e}} - 1 \quad (30)$$

We have this Green's strain matrix:

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \gamma & 0 \\ \gamma & \gamma^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & E_{12} & 0 \\ E_{12} & E_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (31)$$

From Equation 30, we get:

$$\bar{\varepsilon} = \sqrt{1 - 2E_{22}} - 1 = \sqrt{1 + \gamma^2} - 1 \quad (32)$$

$$\varepsilon = 0 \quad (33)$$

This gives:

$$2\bar{\mathbf{e}}\mathbf{E}\mathbf{e} = 2E_{12} = \gamma \quad (34)$$

The shear strain  $\gamma_{12}$  for large deformation is given by:

$$\sin\gamma_{12} = \frac{2\bar{\mathbf{e}}\mathbf{E}\mathbf{e}}{(1 + \bar{\varepsilon})(1 + \varepsilon)} = \frac{2E_{12}}{\sqrt{1 + E_{22}}} = \frac{\gamma}{\sqrt{1 + \gamma^2}} \quad (35)$$

( For small strains:  $\sin\gamma_{12} \approx \gamma_{12}$  )

e) *Choose  $E_{12} = E_{22} = 0$ . Plot the function  $T_{11}(\lambda_1)$  in the interval  $1 < \lambda_1 < 2$ .*

See Figure 2 for plot produced by MATLAB.

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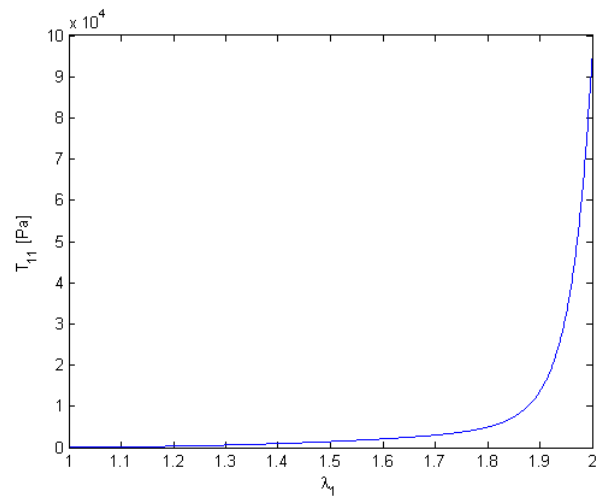
%PARAMTERS
alpha1=1020;
a1=3.79;
c=0.779;

%GAMMA-AXIS
gamma=1:0.001:2;

%CALCULATIONS
E11=0.5.*(gamma.^2-1);
S11=alpha1.*E11+c.*exp(a1.*E11.^2).*a1.*E11;
T11=gamma.^2.*S11;

%PLOT
plot(gamma,T11)
ylabel('T_{11} [Pa]')
xlabel('\lambda_1')

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**Figure 2:** Plot of  $T_{11}(\lambda_1)$ .