
EOM in material coordinates, a bit about stress and strain, Onsager relations

1 Equations of motion in the reference configuration

This section deals with formulating the equation of motion in the material coordinates rather than in the spatial ones. For further reading, see pg. 146 in [Holzapfel](#) (it's in the library).

As Eran stressed in class, this step is crucial because in a generic problem we do not know in advance what is the deformed configuration and therefore it is very useful to describe the motion in the undeformed coordinates. We remark again that in standard linear elasticity the two sets of coordinates are the same to linear order, so this distinction is not emphasized in this kind of treatments.

The Piola-Kirchoff stress tensor was defined in class by the relation

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{P}d\mathbf{S} = \boldsymbol{\sigma}d\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{t} , \quad (1)$$

where \mathbf{t} is the infinitesimal forces in the spatial coordinate and \mathbf{T} is its (fictitious) correspondent in the material coordinates. How does $d\mathbf{S}$ relate to $d\mathbf{s}$? Consider an arbitrary line element $d\mathbf{X}$ going through $d\mathbf{S}$. The spanned volume is $dV = d\mathbf{S} \cdot d\mathbf{X}$. Correspondingly, in the deformed coordinates we have $dv = d\mathbf{s} \cdot d\mathbf{x}$. By definition of the Jacobian, we know that the ratio of the volumes is $dv = JdV$. Since $d\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{F}d\mathbf{X}$ we have

$$dX_i F_{ji} ds_j = dx_j ds_j = dv = JdV = JdX_i dS_i . \quad (2)$$

Since $d\mathbf{X}$ was arbitrary, we get $ds_j F_{ji} = JdS_i$ or in more convenient notation

$$\mathbf{F}^T d\mathbf{s} = Jd\mathbf{S} , \quad d\mathbf{s} = J\mathbf{F}^{-T} d\mathbf{S} . \quad (3)$$

Plugging that into (1) we have

$$\mathbf{P} = J\boldsymbol{\sigma}\mathbf{F}^{-T} \quad (4)$$

So now we know how \mathbf{P} relates to $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$. But what are its equations of motion? For this we need 3 lemmas:

1. Piola's identity: $\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} \cdot (J\mathbf{F}^{-T}) = 0$
2. For every two tensors \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} , we have $\text{div}(\mathbf{AB}) = (\text{grad } \mathbf{A}) : \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A} \text{div } \mathbf{B}$
3. For every tensor \mathbf{A} we have $\text{div}_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{A} = (\text{grad}_{\mathbf{X}} \mathbf{A}) : \mathbf{F}^{-T}$

The proofs of these lemmas are trivial:

1. Integrate $\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} \cdot (J\mathbf{F}^{-T})$ over an arbitrary volume Ω_0 :

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega_0} \nabla_{\mathbf{X}} \cdot (J\mathbf{F}^{-T}) d^3\mathbf{X} &= \int_{\partial\Omega_0} J\mathbf{F}^{-T} d\mathbf{S} = \int_{\partial\Omega} d\mathbf{s} \\ &= \int_{\partial\Omega} \mathbf{I} d\mathbf{s} = \int_{\Omega} (\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \mathbf{I}) d^3\mathbf{x} = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

$$2. \partial_j(A_{ik}B_{kj}) = \partial_j A_{ik}B_{kj} + A_{ik}\partial_j B_{kj}$$

$$3. \frac{\partial A_{ij}}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\partial X_k}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial A_{ij}}{\partial X_k}$$

Using these lemmas, and defining the *reference body force* by $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{X}, t) \equiv J(\mathbf{X}, t)\mathbf{b}(\mathbf{x}, t)$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\mathbf{X}} \mathbf{P} &= \nabla_{\mathbf{X}} (\boldsymbol{\sigma} J \mathbf{F}^{-T}) = \nabla_{\mathbf{X}} \boldsymbol{\sigma} : (J \mathbf{F}^{-T}) + \underbrace{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \nabla_{\mathbf{X}} \cdot (J \mathbf{F}^{-T})}_{=0} \\ &= J \nabla_{\mathbf{X}} \boldsymbol{\sigma} : \mathbf{F}^{-T} = J \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \boldsymbol{\sigma} = J (\rho \dot{\mathbf{v}} - \mathbf{b}) \\ &\Rightarrow \boxed{\rho_0 \dot{\mathbf{V}} = \nabla_{\mathbf{X}} \mathbf{P} + \mathbf{B}} \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Note the resemblance to the equation of motion in the deformed coordinates:

$$\rho \dot{\mathbf{v}} = \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \boldsymbol{\sigma} + \mathbf{b} . \quad (7)$$

One more point: having Eq. (6) is not enough in order to formulate a problem in the \mathbf{X} coordinates. We also need to transform the boundary conditions to the material coordinates in order to fully define the problem. If the boundary conditions are forces, then they have to be transformed to the fictitious material coordinates forces. In the case of free boundary conditions (i.e. zero tractions) it is easy - they remain free.

2 Some elementary notes about strain, stress, and geometry

2.1 Geometric meaning of the linearized strain

We start by getting some intuition about the geometrical meaning of the linearized strain

$$\varepsilon_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_i u_j + \partial_j u_i) .$$

Let's examine the following picture, taken from [Wikipedia](#):

1. $\alpha \approx \partial_x u_y$, $\beta \approx \partial_y u_x$, $\varepsilon_{xy} \approx \frac{1}{2}(\alpha + \beta)$. The angle a is $90^\circ - 2\varepsilon_{xy}$.

This is more evident if we think about the Green-Lagrange tensor $\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{F} - \mathbf{I})$.

Note that an orthonormal triad $(\hat{\mathbf{X}}_1, \hat{\mathbf{X}}_2, \hat{\mathbf{X}}_3)$ is transformed, to linear order, to $(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3) = (\mathbf{F} \hat{\mathbf{X}}_1, \mathbf{F} \hat{\mathbf{X}}_2, \mathbf{F} \hat{\mathbf{X}}_3)$ and thus

$$E_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{x}_j - \delta_{ij}) . \quad (8)$$

That is, the off-diagonal terms of \mathbf{E} (and $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$) measure the angles at which orthogonal vectors are “inclined” towards one another after the deformation.

2. The area of the new “square” is, to linear order,

$$dx(1 + \varepsilon_{xx}) \times dy(1 + \varepsilon_{yy}) \approx (1 + \text{tr } \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) dx dy \quad (9)$$

This also holds in 3D: $\frac{\Delta V}{V} = \text{tr } \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} + O(\dots^2)$

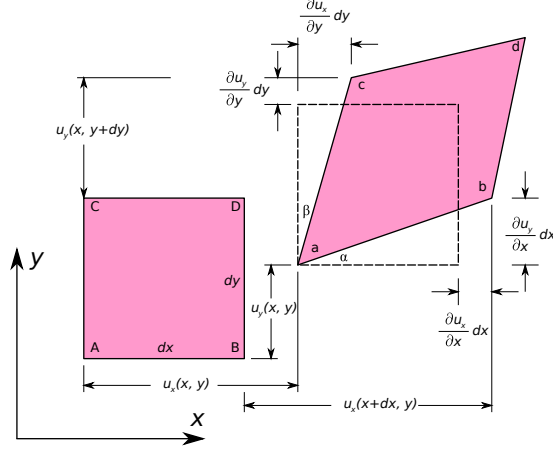


Figure 1

3. Since $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ is symmetric, there exists a (local) orthogonal system for which it is diagonal. This is not trivial: every (small) deformation can be (locally) viewed as pure stretch.
4. Two very common strain states are called *pure shear* and *simple shear*. Simple shear is the situation in which displacement in one direction is a linear function of the orthogonal coordinate, as seen in Fig. 2a. Pure shear is the state when the same shear is applied in both direction, as seen in Fig. 2b. In this case there are only shear strains (in some coordinate system), that is, $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ is of the form

$$\varepsilon_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \gamma \\ \gamma & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

What is the relation between simple shear and pure shear? In simple shear, the displacement field is

$$x = X + \gamma Y, \quad y = Y.$$

So the deformation gradient is

$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \gamma \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

This can be decomposed into a state of pure shear and infinitesimal rotation:

$$\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{I} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{\gamma}{2} \\ \frac{\gamma}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{pure shear}} + \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{\gamma}{2} \\ -\frac{\gamma}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{rotation}}.$$

Indeed, it is seen that Fig. 2b is a slightly rotated version of Fig. 2a.

Note that for a deformation that leaves everything in place, i.e. $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{X}$, we have $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{I}$ and thus $\mathbf{H} \equiv \mathbf{F} - \mathbf{I}$ is what quantifies the non-rigid-body deformation. What we just showed is that $\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{I}$ can be decomposed to a symmetric part, which is the strain, and an antisymmetric part, which is a rotation and does not cost energy. This is why only the symmetric part of \mathbf{F} is used in all versions of strain measures.

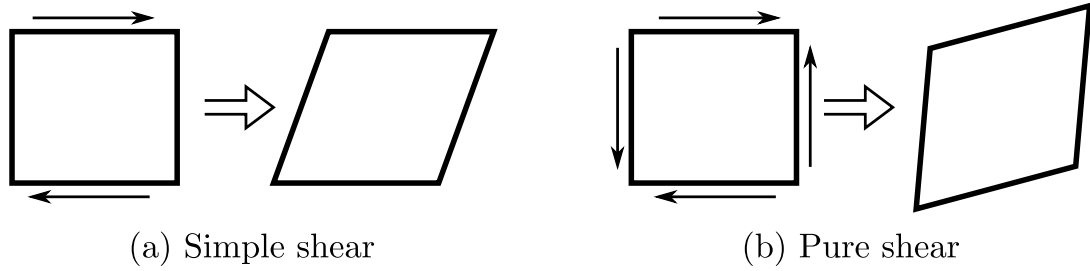


Figure 2

3 Onsager Relations

We have talked in class about the continuum description of the laws of thermodynamics. As a complementary discussion, we present here the notion of Onsager’s Reciprocal Relations, a fundamental concept in close-to-equilibrium statistical mechanics. Though this is not directly related to continuum theory (i.e. they do not involve spatial degrees of freedom), they are crucial in understanding macroscopic response of thermodynamic systems, and we feel that no introductory course in non-equilibrium thermodynamics can be complete without it. These relations are derived within a linear response theory, i.e. close to thermal equilibrium. This is the simplest non-equilibrium case and later in the course we will go nonlinear, which will be a whole lot of fun.

3.1 Transport coefficients (out of eq. properties)

Say there is a set of thermodynamic variables $\{A_i\}$ that describe our system. For simplicity we’ll assume that $\langle A_i \rangle = 0$, otherwise we can always define $\alpha_i = A_i - \langle A_i \rangle$. We define the conjugate fluxes and forces to be

$$J_i \equiv \frac{dA_i}{dt} , \quad X_i \equiv \frac{\partial S}{\partial A_i} . \quad (10)$$

Where S is the system’s entropy. Note that by J_i we mean a steady change in A_i , not thermal fluctuations. These changes are maintained by fixing the forces X_i . Using (10), we can write the entropy production rate Σ as

$$\Sigma = \frac{dS}{dt} = \sum_i J_i X_i \quad (11)$$

The basic assumption of close-to-equilibrium thermodynamics is that the fluxes are linear functions of the forces. This is known by the name *linear response*. Explicitly, we write

$$J_i = \sum_j L_{ij} X_j . \quad (12)$$

The matrix L_{ij} is called the transport matrix, or the conductivity matrix. The meaning of “linear response” is that the coefficients L_{ij} *do not depend on* X_i . They may depend on state variables such as the temperature, but not on the forces.

Plugging (12) into (11) gives

$$\Sigma = \sum_{i,j} L_{ij} X_i X_j . \quad (13)$$

The 2nd law of thermodynamics tells us that Σ is non-negative. We therefore see immediately that L_{ij} is a positive definite matrix. This constraints the transport coefficient in a strong way. For example, for any pair of indices i, j we must have

$$L_{ii}, L_{jj} > 0 \quad (14)$$

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} L_{ii} & L_{ij} \\ L_{ji} & L_{jj} \end{pmatrix} = L_{ii}L_{jj} - L_{ij}L_{ji} > 0 . \quad (15)$$

But Onsager tells us even more, with further reasoning that goes beyond the 2nd law.

3.2 Equilibrium properties

For Onsager's relation to hold, we need to assume microscopic time-reversibility. Thus, the equilibrium correlations must satisfy

$$C_{ij}(\tau) = \langle A_i(t) A_j(t + \tau) \rangle = \langle A_i(t) A_j(t - \tau) \rangle = C_{ij}(-\tau) . \quad (16)$$

Also, in equilibrium we have stationarity so we can shift the time by τ and get

$$\langle A_i(t) A_j(t + \tau) \rangle = \langle A_i(t + \tau) A_j(t) \rangle . \quad (17)$$

Close to equilibrium, we can approximate that

$$S = S_{eq} + \Delta S(A_1, \dots, A_n) \approx S_{eq} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} g_{ij} A_i A_j , \quad g_{ij} \equiv -\frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial A_i \partial A_j} . \quad (18)$$

The linear term vanishes because in equilibrium S is maximal, and the minus sign makes g_{ij} positive definite. g_{ij} is also clearly symmetric. In particular, we see that

$$X_i = \frac{\partial S}{\partial A_i} = \frac{\partial \Delta S}{\partial A_i} \approx - \sum_j g_{ij} A_j \quad (19)$$

From the definition of the entropy, the probability measure for fluctuations is

$$f(A_1, \dots, A_n) = e^{S(A_1, \dots, A_n)/k_B} \approx \frac{e^{-\Delta S(A_1, \dots, A_n)/k_B}}{\text{normalization}} \quad (20)$$

The matrix g_{ij} quantifies the fluctuations in the system - one can immediately calculate the instantaneous correlation $\langle A_i A_j \rangle$ by simple Gaussian integration with the measure f . However, it does not tell us anything about dynamics.

Eq. (20) tells us that

$$\log(f) = \frac{1}{2k_B} g_{ij} A_i A_j + \text{const} \quad (21)$$

$$k_B \frac{\partial \log f}{\partial A_i} = g_{ij} A_j = X_i \quad (22)$$

We therefore get the orthogonality criterion:

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle A_i X_j \rangle &= \int A_i X_j f(A_1, \dots, A_n) dA_1 \dots dA_n \\
&= k_B \int A_i \frac{\partial \log f}{\partial A_j} f dA_1 \dots dA_n = k_B \int A_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial A_j} dA_1 \dots dA_n \\
&= k_B \int \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial A_j} (A_i f) - f \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial A_j} \right) dA_1 \dots dA_n = -k_B \delta_{ij} .
\end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

The first term vanishes as it is a boundary term, and the second term is δ_{ij} because f is normalized and $\{A_i\}$ are independent.

3.3 The regression hypothesis and symmetry of L_{ij}

Eq. (12) describes the dynamics of equilibrium fluctuations of $\{A_i\}$. Onsager assumed that when we take the system out of equilibrium by applying external forces, the dynamics will still be governed by Eq. (12), although the Hamiltonian has changed. That is, Onsager assumed that the relaxation (“regression”) towards equilibrium follows the same dynamics as equilibrium fluctuations do. This is called “the regression hypothesis”. We therefore have

$$J_i(t) = \sum_j L_{ij} X_j(t) \tag{24}$$

With this at hand, we can differentiate Eq. (17) with respect to τ . The LHS gives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \langle A_i(t) A_j(t + \tau) \rangle |_{\tau=0} = \langle A_i(t) J_j(t) \rangle = \sum_k \langle A_i(t) L_{jk} X_k(t) \rangle = \sum_k L_{jk} \delta_{ik} = L_{ji} \tag{25}$$

Where we used Eq. (23) to obtain the δ . Similarly, the RHS gives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \langle A_i(t + \tau) A_j(t) \rangle |_{\tau=0} = \langle J_i(t) A_j(t) \rangle = \sum_k \langle L_{ik} X_k(t) A_j(t) \rangle = \sum_k L_{ik} \delta_{kj} = L_{ij} \tag{26}$$

Equating (25) and (26) gives the famous Onsager Reciprocal Relations:

$$L_{ij} = L_{ji} \tag{27}$$

3.4 Remarks

3.4.1 Assumptions

Note that we needed:

- Time reversibility.
- Regression hypothesis.
- Independence of A_i , and conjugacy of A_i to J_i through ΔS .
- Linearity.

3.4.2 Relaxation to equilibrium

Why do systems relax toward equilibrium? One can see this by using Onsager Relations, as we will now show. Since g_{ij} is symmetric positive definite, we can choose to work with rotated and scaled variables A'_i for which $g_{ij} = \delta_{ij}$. Thus, the relation (19) takes the simple form $X_i = -A_i$. The evolution of A_i is then

$$\partial_t A_i = J_i = \sum_j L_{ij} X_j = - \sum_j L_{ij} A_j , \quad (28)$$

or, in compact form,

$$\partial_t \vec{A} = -\mathbf{L} \vec{A} \quad (29)$$

Since L_{ij} is positive definite (by the 2nd law) we see that all the eigenvalues of L_{ij} have non-positive real parts, and therefore the system cannot explode, but we are not guaranteed that we'll have decay towards equilibrium ($\vec{A} = 0$). Onsager tells us that since L_{ij} is symmetric, it is diagonalizable with real eigenvalues, and therefore must decay towards equilibrium without oscillations. For example, suppose we had

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (30)$$

This L does not violate the 2nd law, but what will the dynamics look like? Let's say we start with the initial condition $A_1 = 1$, $A_2 = 0$. The solution of the ODE (29) is

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_1(t) \\ A_2(t) \end{pmatrix} = \exp \left[\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} t \right] \begin{pmatrix} A_1(t=0) \\ A_2(t=0) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & -\sin t \\ \sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos t \\ \sin t \end{pmatrix} \quad (31)$$

The solutions are oscillatory and do not decay towards equilibrium. This is because the eigenvalues of L are $\pm i$, which could not have been the case if L were symmetric.