

deformation,
displacement,
strain,
and all that

basic
kinematic
notions
for elastic solids

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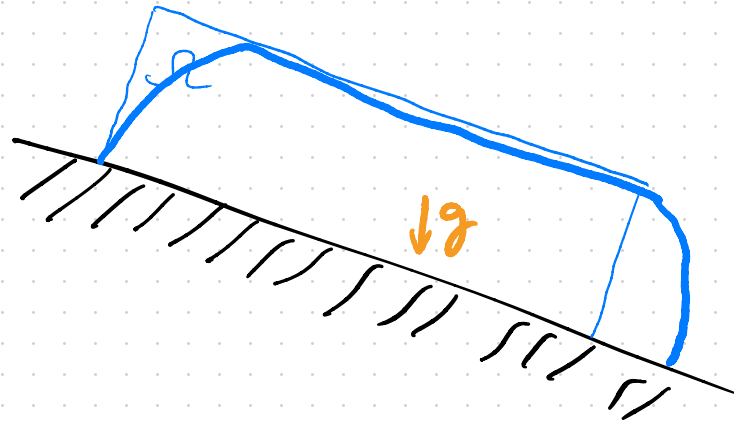
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- elastic solids remember where they started
- viscous fluids forget ...
- consider what would happen if you turned off **gravity** in these situations

elastic beam



viscous fluid block

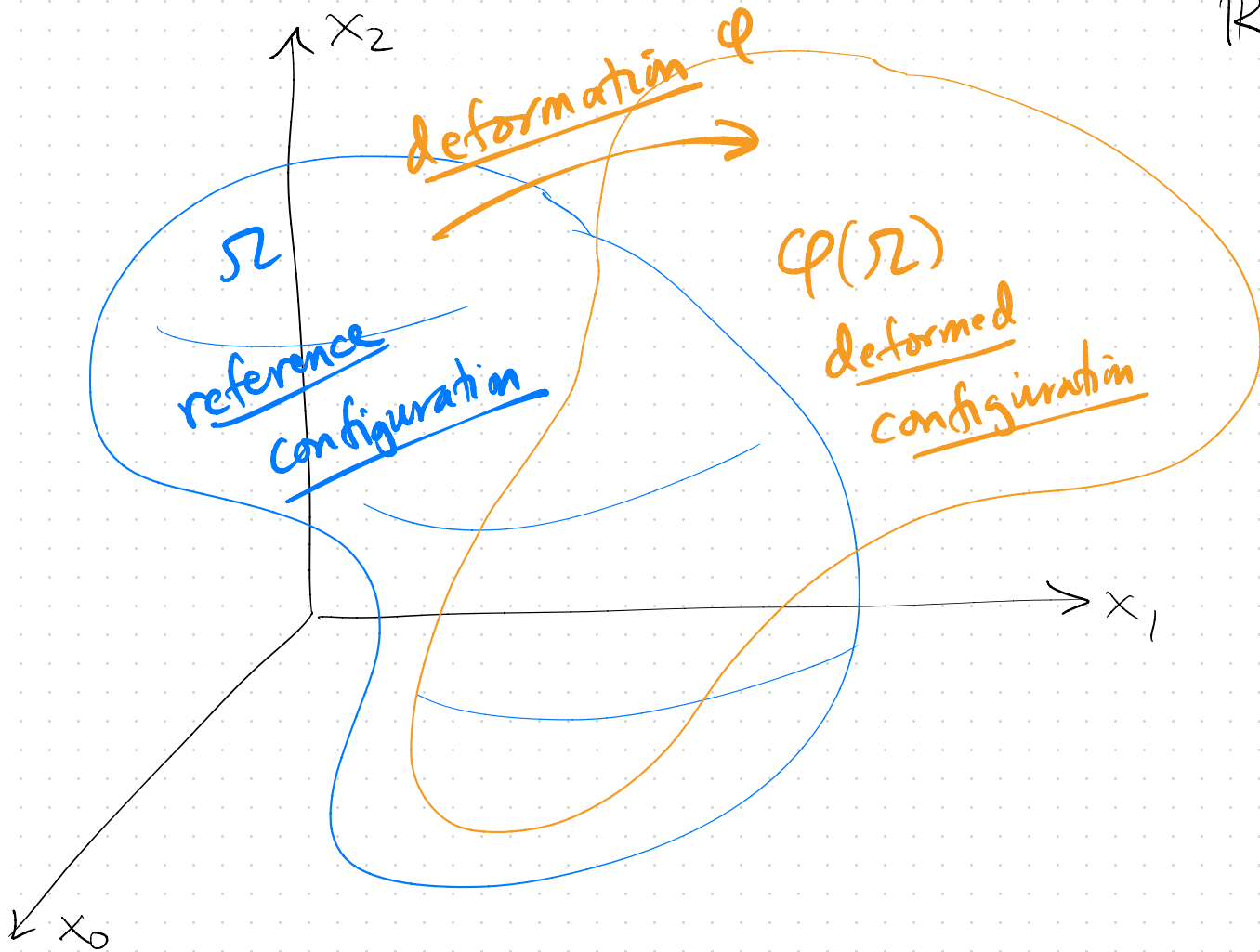


Outline:

- ① reference configurations, and deformations, in \mathbb{R}^3
- ② measuring deformation
- ③ strain
- ④ stress, constitutive relations, and hyperelasticity

- for elastic solids we are going to compare a reference configuration, a domain in $3D$, with its deformed version
- the deformed version might be a (time-independent) equilibrium or static shape, or it could be the changing shape of the elastic solid as it vibrates (time-dependent)

\mathbb{R}^3



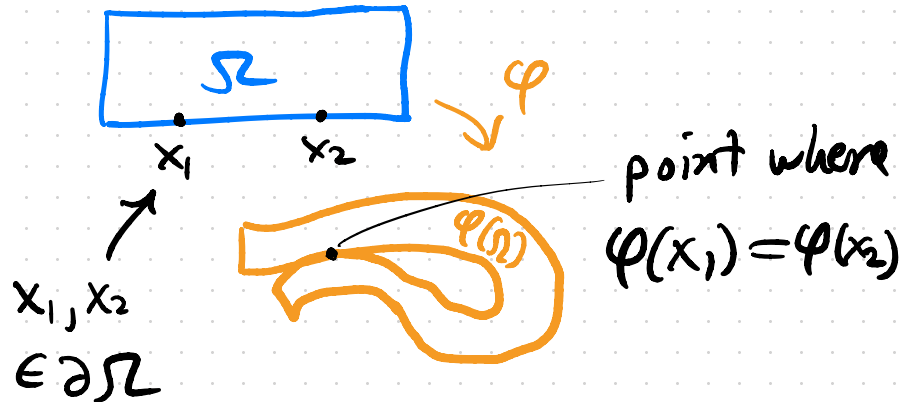
- def: ① a domain in \mathbb{R}^3 is an open set $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ which is bounded, connected, and has Lipschitz boundary Ciarlet p. 35
- ② a deformation of Ω is a continuous, and continuously-differentiable, map $\varphi: \bar{\Omega} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ for which $\det(\nabla \varphi(x)) > 0$ for all $x \in \bar{\Omega}$, and which is injective on Ω Ciarlet p. 27
- ③ we call $\varphi(\Omega)$ the deformed configuration

Why " $\det(\nabla\varphi) > 0$ "?

A. if $\det(\nabla\varphi) < 0$ then φ reverses orientation which cannot be done by deformation.
if $\det(\nabla\varphi) = 0$ then deformation is to a point.

Why "injective on Ω " and not "... on $\bar{\Omega}$ "?

A. ultimately
we do want
to allow
self-contact



deformation gradient

$$(\nabla \varphi)_{ij} = \frac{\partial \varphi_i(x)}{\partial x_j}$$

or

$$\nabla \varphi = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \varphi_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial \varphi_1}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial \varphi_1}{\partial x_3} \\ \frac{\partial \varphi_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial \varphi_2}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial \varphi_2}{\partial x_3} \\ \frac{\partial \varphi_3}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial \varphi_3}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial \varphi_3}{\partial x_3} \end{pmatrix}$$

$\nabla \varphi$ is Frechet
derivative of φ ,
not its
transpose
Ciarlet
p. 28

$$= F$$

common notation
in elasticity
texts

note:

$$d\varphi = F dx$$

- often it is easier to describe a deformation not by the final deformed location $\varphi(\bar{\Omega})$, but rather by the displacement of the deformation
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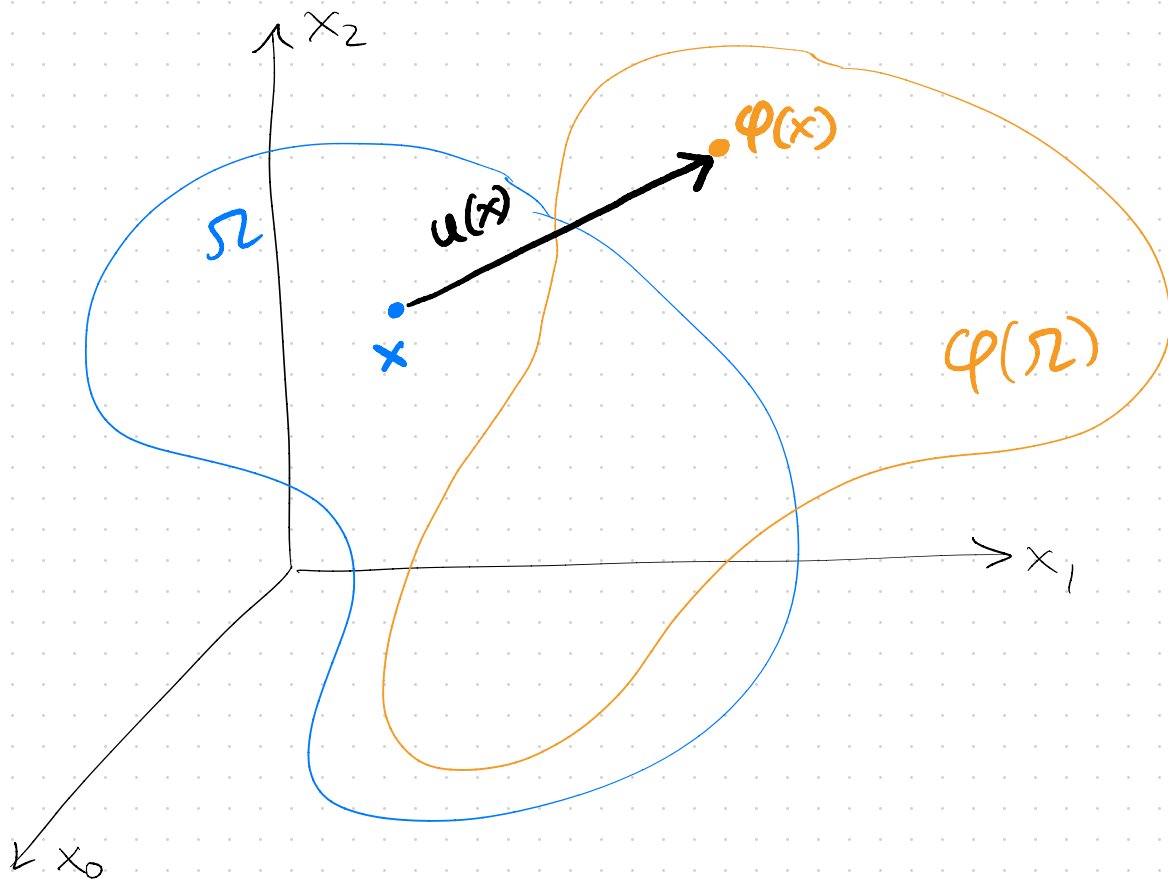
def: for a deformation $\varphi: \bar{\Omega} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$, the displacement is $u: \bar{\Omega} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ given by

$$u(x) = \varphi(x) - x$$

also written

$$\varphi = \text{id} + u$$

← $\text{id}(x) = x$ gives
 $\text{id}: \bar{\Omega} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

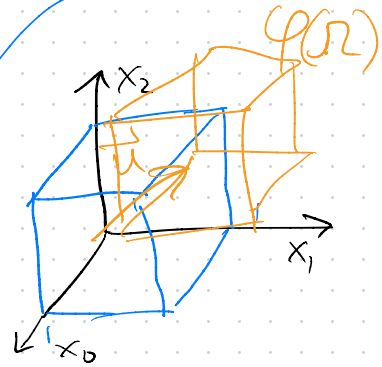
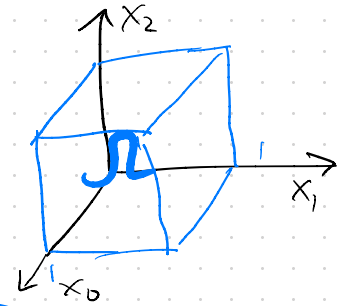


• let's do some examples where

$\Omega = (\text{unit cube})$

$$= \{x = (x_0, x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : 0 \leq x_i \leq 1\}$$

is the reference configuration



Ex 1: $\varphi(x) = (x_0 - \frac{1}{2}, x_1 + \frac{1}{2}, x_2 + \frac{1}{2})$

this is a translation in direction $u = [-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]^T$
and $\nabla \varphi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbb{I}$, and $\det(\nabla \varphi) = +1$ constant displacement

Ex 2: $\varphi(x) = (x_0, x_1, -x_2)$

is a reflection, with $u(x) = \varphi(x) - x = [0, 0, -2x_2]^T$

and $\nabla\varphi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ so $\det(\nabla\varphi) = -1$

... not a deformation!

Ex 3: $\varphi(x) = (x_0, x_2, -x_1)$

is a rotation by 90° about the x_0 -axis, with

$u(x) = [0, x_1 - x_2, x_2 + x_1]^T$, and $\nabla\varphi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

so $\det(\nabla\varphi) = +1$

Ex 4: $\varphi(x) = (x_0, x_1, (1-x_1)x_2)$

has $\nabla\varphi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -x_2 & 1-x_1 \end{pmatrix}$ so $\det(\nabla\varphi) = 1-x_1$

so $\det(\nabla\varphi(x)) = 0$ at $x = (\alpha, 1, \gamma) \in \bar{\Sigma}$

... not a deformation

Ex 5: $\varphi(x) = (x_0 - \frac{1}{2}x_1, x_1, x_2 + \frac{1}{2}x_1)$

has $\nabla\varphi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ so $\det(\nabla\varphi) = +1$;

this is a (volume-preserving) shear deformation

Ex 6: $\varphi(x) = \begin{pmatrix} (1-x_1)x_0 + x_1(-0.3(x_2-\frac{1}{2})+\frac{1}{2}), \\ 2x_1, \\ (1-x_1)x_2 + x_1(0.3(x_0-\frac{1}{2})+\frac{1}{2}) \end{pmatrix}$

has $\nabla\varphi(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 1-x_1 & -x_0-0.3(x_2-\frac{1}{2})+\frac{1}{2} & -0.3x_1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0.3x_1 & -x_2+0.3(x_0-\frac{1}{2})+\frac{1}{2} & 1-x_1 \end{pmatrix}$

... I designed this as a stretch
(along x_1 axis) and twist and compress

- so, is your brain not good enough to visualize all this, from these formulas?
- me neither

- use our FE tools, "but Harry, you have a wand" (Mad-Eye Moody)
Firedrake & Paraview, just to visualize
these Examples 1-6

- specifically:

① mesh the reference configuration, and show as wireframe

② use Warp by vector on the displacement $u(x)$

- see code `deform.py` and Paraview saved state file `deform.pvsm`

DEMO

formulas to know:

$$\varphi(x) = x + u(x)$$

$$\nabla \varphi(x) = I + \nabla u(x)$$

Q. how does a deformation change volume?

A. $\det(\nabla \varphi(x))$

is the (local) ratio of volumes

$$\det(\nabla \varphi(x)) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{|\varphi(B_s(x))|}{|B_s(x)|}$$

of a deformed neighborhood of x ,
that of the neighborhood itself

$B_s(x)$ is a
ball around
 x with
radius $s > 0$
over

Q. how does a deformation change length?

A. $\underbrace{\varphi(x+z) - \varphi(x)}_{\text{vector in } \mathbb{R}^3} = \nabla \varphi(x) z + \underbrace{o(\|z\|)}_{\text{little } o}$

So

$$\begin{aligned}\|\varphi(x+z) - \varphi(x)\|^2 &= (\nabla \varphi(x) z)^T (\nabla \varphi(x) z) + o(\|z\|^2) \\ &= z^T (\nabla \varphi(x)^T \nabla \varphi(x)) z + o(\|z\|^2)\end{aligned}$$

thus, for small distances ($\|z\|$ small) in Ω , the change in distance is

$$\frac{z^T (\nabla \varphi(x)^T \nabla \varphi(x)) z}{z^T z}$$

(recall $\|z\|^2 = z^T z$)

So

$$C(x) = \nabla \varphi(x)^T \nabla \varphi(x)$$

} "right Cauchy-Green strain tensor" Ciarlet p. 42

is a symmetric, positive-definite matrix
which quantifies (local) changes in length

Ex 5 cont. recall $\varphi(x) = (x_0 - \frac{1}{2}x_1, x_1, x_2 + \frac{1}{2}x_1)$
is a shear deformation with $\nabla \varphi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\det(\nabla \varphi) = 1$

but: $C(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
constant! \rightarrow
 $= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ \leftarrow

$\gg \text{eig}(C)$

ans = 0.5
1.0
2.0

Firedrake Exercise: modify `deform.py` to color

the deformed configuration with the
scalar field $\|C(x)\|_2$ for each example

just write $C(x)$ as a TensorFunctionSpace
and color by magnitude in
Paraview

Theorem (Ciarlet Theorem 1.8-1, p. 44)

if $\varphi: \bar{\Omega} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ is a deformation for which

$$C(x) = \nabla \varphi(x)^T \nabla \varphi(x) = I$$

for all $x \in \Omega$ then φ is a rigid deformation that is, there exists $a \in \mathbb{R}^3$ and $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$, an orthogonal matrix with $Q^* Q = I$ and $\det(Q) = +1$ (so Q is not a reflection) so that

$$\varphi(x) = a + Qx$$

and $\nabla \varphi(x) = Q$

most important idea of elasticity(?): } my beginner's opinion...

rigid deformations are not the

subject of elasticity theory,

which instead assigns an "elastic

energy" cost to the strain

associated to all the

other kinds of deformations

multiple
deformations
in different
contexts

-
- "separation of concerns" relative to mechanics of rigid bodies

- since $C(x) = \nabla \varphi(x)^T \nabla \varphi(x) = I$ for rigid deformations, we subtract-off an I to get the strain relevant to elasticity

def:

$$E(x) = \frac{1}{2}(C(x) - I) \quad \text{\textcolor{brown}{\{ Ciavlet p. 49\}}}$$

is the strain tensor field, a.k.a. the Green-St. Venant strain tensor

- $E(x)$ is a symmetric matrix, since $C(x)$ is also

- elasticity theory, whether linearized or not, writes this strain tensor in terms of the displacement

coming soon!

calculation and key formula:

$$2E = C - I = \nabla \varphi^T \nabla \varphi - I$$

← recall: $\varphi(x) = x + u(x)$

$$= (I + \nabla u)^T (I + \nabla u) - I$$

so $\nabla \varphi = I + \nabla u$

$$= \cancel{I} + \nabla u + \nabla u^T + \nabla u^T \nabla u - \cancel{I}$$

so

$$E(u) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\nabla u(x) + \nabla u(x)^T + \nabla u(x)^T \nabla u(x) \right)$$

def: the linearized strain tensor is

$$e(u) = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla u(x) + \nabla u(x)^T),$$

a symmetric matrix

Ex 5 cont. recall $\varphi(x) = (x_0 - \frac{1}{2}x_1, x_1, x_2 + \frac{1}{2}x_1)$

is a volume-preserving shear deformation

with $\det(\nabla \varphi(x)) = +1$ (but $C(x) = \nabla \varphi(x)^T \nabla \varphi(x) \neq I$

... not a rigid deformation)

So: $u(x) = \varphi(x) - x = (-\frac{1}{2}x_1, 0, \frac{1}{2}x_1)$

from $u(x) = (-\frac{1}{2}x_1, 0, \frac{1}{2}x_1)$

we have

$$\nabla u(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

thus

$$e(u) = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla u(x) + \nabla u(x)^T)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{1}{4} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{4} & 0 & \frac{1}{4} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{4} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- essentially my talk is done;
I have presented the kinematics of elasticity, i.e. the part of elasticity theory which is (merely?) describing changes of shape/geometry, and not giving a "why" for those changes
- next are 4 slides on dynamics, where forces (i.e. stresses) appear

stress, and elastic constitutive relations: $e(u(x)) \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$

- $e(u) = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla u + \nabla u^T) \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$ is the strain tensor (linearized), coming from spatial derivatives of displacement

def: Hooke's law is a constitutive relation which computes the stress tensor $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$ from $e(u)$ and constants $\lambda, \mu > 0$: Ciarlet p. 286 Lamé parameters

$$\boxed{\sigma = \lambda (\text{tr } e(u)) I + 2\mu e(u)}$$

where $\text{tr } M = \sum_{i=1}^3 M_{ii}$ is the matrix trace

- but we could replace $e(u) \rightarrow E(u)$, to make Hooke's law nonlinear, or choose an entirely-different

Constitutive relation

Q. but what determines stress or strain, noting they are related by a constitutive relation like Hooke's law?

A. boundary (surface) forces, and body forces

equations of equilibrium:

Ciarlet p. 75

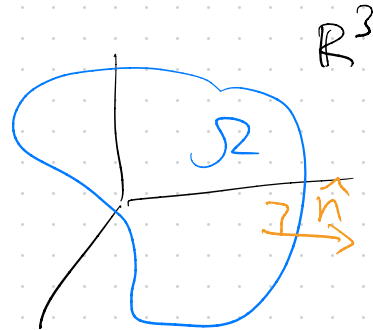
def: the equations of equilibrium for elastic solids are

$$-\nabla \cdot \sigma = f \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

← given body forces

$$\sigma \hat{n} = g \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega$$

← given surface forces



hyperelasticity:

- many elasticity problems are actually minimization

def: an elastic material is hyper elastic if the equations of equilibrium can be written as

Clarlet
Chapter
4

$$\min_{\varphi} I(\varphi) = \int_{\Omega} W(\nabla \varphi) dx - \int_{\Omega} f \cdot \varphi dx - \int_{\partial \Omega} g \cdot \varphi dS$$

for some scalar-valued energy function $W: \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

ex: for Hooke's law we can minimize in terms of displacements u (here assuming $g=0$):

see
line(as.py)

Quadratic
functional

$$\min_u I(u) = \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} \lambda (\operatorname{tr} e(u))^2 + \mu e(u):e(u) - f \cdot u dx$$

3 ways elasticity can be nonlinear; ← from Ciarlet's book on finite elements p. 27

① instead of using the linearized strain tensor $e(u) = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla u + \nabla u^T)$, one returns to the "full" strain tensor $E(u) = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla u + \nabla u^T + \nabla u^T \nabla u)$, which is quadratic in u , in the constitutive relation

② the constitutive relation could be nonlinear, or (equivalently) the energy function could be non-quadratic

③ instead of minimizing energy over all deformations and/or displacements, we could minimize over a convex subset, as in contact problems

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