

## 5. Strain-energy, the linear elastic solid

Introduction. The notion of "elasticity" is based on energetic considerations that involve the concept of strain energy. The latter concept also plays a pivotal role in various fundamental theorems of linear elastostatic and elastodynamics (e.g. reciprocal thms, uniqueness thms, minimum energy principles and variational principles). These principles, in turn, serve as a basis for important approximative methods for the solution of boundary and boundary initial value problems in linear elast. theory (energy methods, direct variational methods). Finally, the strain-energy concept enters into certain failure hypotheses.

We turn first to a basic theorem concerning admissible motions of a continuous medium in the presence of infinitesimal deformations.

Thm. 5.1 (Power identity). Let  $R$  be bounded regular (open) region and  $\bar{R} = \bar{R}$ . Let  $\hat{\chi}(\cdot, t) : R \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  ( $t_0 \leq t \leq t_1$ ) be an admissible motion of a body and suppose

$$\rho \in C(\bar{R}), \underline{f} \in C(\bar{R} \times \mathcal{J}), \underline{\sigma} \in C^1(\bar{R} \times \mathcal{J}), \mathcal{J} = [t_0, t_1] \quad (a)$$

$$\underline{\mathcal{I}} = \text{sym } \nabla \underline{u}, \nabla \cdot \underline{\sigma} + \underline{f} = \rho \ddot{\underline{u}}, \underline{\sigma} = \underline{\sigma}^T \text{ on } \bar{R} \times \mathcal{J} \quad (b)$$

$$\underline{s}(\underline{x}, t) \equiv \underline{s}(\underline{x}, \underline{n}(\underline{x}), t) = \underline{\sigma}(\underline{x}, t) \underline{n}(\underline{x}) \quad \forall (\underline{x}, t) \in \partial R \times \mathcal{J}, \quad (c)$$

where  $\underline{n}$  is the unit outer normal vector of  $\partial R$ . Then,

$$\int_{\partial R} \underline{s} \cdot \dot{\underline{u}} \, dA + \int_R \underline{f} \cdot \dot{\underline{u}} \, dV = \int_R \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{\mathcal{I}} \, dV + \dot{K} \text{ on } \mathcal{J}, \quad (5.1)$$

if  $K$  is the "kinetic energy" defined by

$$K(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_R \rho(\underline{x}) \dot{\underline{u}}^2(\underline{x}, t) \, dV \quad \forall t \in \mathcal{J}. \quad (5.2)$$

Further, (5.1) remains valid if one assumes merely

$$\underline{u} \in C^2(\bar{R} \times \mathcal{J}) \cap C^1(\bar{R} \times \mathcal{J}), \ddot{\underline{u}} \in C(\bar{R} \times \mathcal{J}), \underline{\sigma} \in C^1(\bar{R} \times \mathcal{J}) \cap C(\bar{R} \times \mathcal{J}).$$

Remarks. By (a) & smoothness of motion,  $\underline{u} \in C^2(\bar{R} \times \mathcal{J})$

$\underline{\mathcal{I}} \in C^1(\bar{R} \times \mathcal{J})$ . One calls  $\int_R \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{\mathcal{I}} \, dV$  the stress-power. Inter-

pret conclusions physically. Emphasize absence of

constitutive assumptions.

Proof. (a), (c)  $\Rightarrow$

$$\int_{\partial R} \underline{s} \cdot \underline{\dot{u}} \, dA + \int_R \underline{f} \cdot \underline{\dot{u}} \, dV = \int_{\partial R} \underbrace{\sigma_{ij} \dot{u}_i}_{w_j} n_j \, dA + \int_R f_i \dot{u}_i \, dV \quad (1)$$

Set  $w_j = \sigma_{ij} \dot{u}_i$  on  $\bar{R} \times J$  (2)

(2), (a), (b)  $\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \underline{w} &= w_{j,i} = \sigma_{ij,j} \dot{u}_i + \sigma_{ij} \dot{u}_{i,j} = \sigma_{ij,j} \dot{u}_i + \sigma_{ij} \dot{u}_{(i,j)} \\ &= (\rho \ddot{u}_i - f_i) \dot{u}_i + \sigma_{ij} \dot{\gamma}_{ij} \quad \text{on } R \times J \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

(2), (3) imply even under relaxed smoothness assumptions:

$$\underline{w} \in C^1(R \times J) \cap C(\bar{R} \times J), \quad \nabla \cdot \underline{w} \in C(\bar{R} \times J),$$

so that (1), (3), and the divergence theorem give

$$\int_{\partial R} \underline{s} \cdot \underline{\dot{u}} \, dA + \int_R \underline{f} \cdot \underline{\dot{u}} \, dV = \int_R \underline{\sigma} \cdot \dot{\underline{\gamma}} \, dV + \int_R \rho \dot{\underline{u}} \cdot \underline{\dot{u}} \, dV =$$

$$\int_R \underline{\sigma} \cdot \dot{\underline{\gamma}} \, dV + \int_R \frac{1}{2} \rho \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \dot{\underline{u}}^2 \, dV = \int_R \underline{\sigma} \cdot \dot{\underline{\gamma}} \, dV + \frac{d}{dt} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \int_R \rho \dot{\underline{u}}^2 \, dV \right\}. \quad \text{qed.}$$

Remark. Clearly, (5.1) continues to hold if  $R$  is replaced by  $\mathcal{P} \subset R$ , if  $\mathcal{P}$  is a regular region.

## Gradient of a scalar function of a two-tensor

Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be the set of all two-tensors and  $\varphi$  a scalar-valued function defined on  $\mathcal{L}$ . Thus,

$$\varphi(\mathcal{I}) = f^{\mathcal{X}}([\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{I}]) \quad \forall \mathcal{I} \in \mathcal{L}, \forall \mathcal{X} \in \mathcal{F}$$

We say  $\varphi \in \mathcal{C}^N(\mathcal{L})$  ( $N \geq 1$ ) if  $f^{\mathcal{X}}$  is  $N$  times continuously differentiable with respect to  $T_{ij}^{\mathcal{X}}$  for some  $\mathcal{X} \in \mathcal{F}$  (and hence  $\forall \mathcal{X} \in \mathcal{F}$ ). We say that  $\varphi$  is isotropic if  $f^{\mathcal{X}}$  is independent of  $\mathcal{X}$ .

Claim. Let  $\varphi \in \mathcal{C}^N(\mathcal{L})$  be scalar-valued and let

$$F_{ij}^{\mathcal{X}}(\mathcal{I}) = \partial f^{\mathcal{X}}([\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{I}]) / \partial T_{ij}^{\mathcal{X}} \quad \forall \mathcal{I} \in \mathcal{L}, \forall \mathcal{X} \in \mathcal{F}.$$

Then  $F_{ij}^{\mathcal{X}}(\mathcal{I})$  are the compnts. in  $\mathcal{X}$  of a two-tensor  $E(\mathcal{I})$ , called the gradient of  $\varphi$  at  $\mathcal{I}$ .

We write

$$E(\mathcal{I}) = \nabla_{\mathcal{I}} \varphi(\mathcal{I}) \quad \text{or} \quad F_{ij} = \partial \varphi(\mathcal{I}) / \partial T_{ij} \quad \forall \mathcal{I} \in \mathcal{L}.$$

Proof. By hyp.,  $\forall [A]: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}'$  one has

$$f^{\mathcal{X}}([\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{I}]) = f^{\mathcal{X}'}([\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{I}]), \quad T_{pq}^{\mathcal{X}} = A_{mp} A_{nq} T_{mn}^{\mathcal{X}'}$$

whence from the chain-rule.

$$F_{ij}^{\mathcal{X}'} = \frac{\partial f^{\mathcal{X}'}}{\partial T_{ij}^{\mathcal{X}'}} = \frac{\partial f^{\mathcal{X}}}{\partial T_{pq}^{\mathcal{X}}} \frac{\partial T_{pq}^{\mathcal{X}}}{\partial T_{ij}^{\mathcal{X}'}} = F_{pq}^{\mathcal{X}} A_{ip} A_{jq} /$$

Recall that  $\mathcal{B}$  is a linear simple solid if

$$\sigma_{ij}(\underline{x}, t) = \bar{c}_{ijkl}(\underline{x}) \gamma_{kl}(\underline{x}, t) \quad \forall (\underline{x}, t) \in \mathcal{R} \times \mathcal{T} \quad (*)$$

for every admissible motion  $\hat{\chi}(\cdot, t): \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}_t$  ( $t_0 \leq t \leq t_1$ ), provided  $\mathcal{R}$  is the region occupied by  $\mathcal{B}$  in an undeformed configuration. Also,

$$\bar{c}_{ijkl} = \bar{c}_{jikl} = \bar{c}_{ijlk} \quad \text{on } \mathcal{R} \quad (**)$$

We assume henceforth that  $\underline{c} \in \mathcal{C}^1(\mathcal{R})$ .

Definition. A linear simple solid is elastic (linear elastic solid) if  $\exists$  a scalar-valued function  $\Gamma(\cdot, \underline{x})$  (elastic potential) defined on  $\mathcal{L} \quad \forall \underline{x} \in \mathcal{R}$  with the following properties:

$$(a) \quad \Gamma(\cdot, \underline{x}) \in \mathcal{C}^2(\mathcal{L}) \quad \forall \underline{x} \in \mathcal{R}, \quad \nabla_{\underline{I}} \Gamma(\underline{I}, \underline{x}) = \left\{ \frac{\partial \Gamma(\underline{I}, \underline{x})}{\partial I_{ji}} \right\}^T \quad \forall (\underline{I}, \underline{x}) \in \mathcal{L} \times \mathcal{R}$$

$$(b) \quad \underline{\sigma}_i = \nabla_{\underline{I}} \Gamma(\underline{I}, \underline{x}) \quad \text{or} \quad \sigma_{ij} = \frac{\partial \Gamma(\underline{I}, \underline{x})}{\partial \gamma_{ij}} = \left. \frac{\partial \Gamma(\underline{I}, \underline{x})}{\partial I_{ij}} \right|_{\underline{I}=\underline{\gamma}} \quad \text{on } \mathcal{R} \times \mathcal{T} \quad (5)$$

for every admissible motion  $\hat{\chi}(\cdot, t): \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}_t$  ( $t_0 \leq t \leq t_1$ )  
 $\mathcal{T} = [t_0, t_1]$ .

One calls the function  $W$  defined by

$$W(\underline{x}, t) = \Gamma(\underline{\sigma}(\underline{x}, t), \underline{x}) \quad \forall (\underline{x}, t) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathcal{L} \quad (5.4)$$

the strain-energy density of the linear elastic solid.

Thm. 5.2. A necessary and sufficient condition that a linear simple solid, with the response tensor field  $\underline{\sigma}$ , be elastic is that

$$c_{ijkl} = c_{klij} \quad \text{or} \quad [\underline{C}] = [\underline{C}]^T \quad \text{on } \mathbb{R} \quad (5.5)$$

In this instance,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \underline{\sigma} &= \Gamma(\underline{\sigma}, \underline{x}) = \frac{1}{2} c_{ijkl}(\underline{x}) \partial_j \partial_k \underline{u} \quad \forall (\underline{\sigma}, \underline{x}) \in \mathcal{L} \times \mathbb{R} \\ \text{and } \underline{W} &= \underline{W} = \frac{1}{2} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{\sigma} = \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{ij} \partial_j \underline{u} \quad \text{on } \mathbb{R} \times \mathcal{L}. \end{aligned} \right\} (5.6)$$

for every admissible motion

Proof. 1.

Re nec. Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be an elastic l.s.s. Then, by (\*), (\*\*)  
and def.  $\exists \Gamma$  with appropriate regul. & symm. properties

$$\sigma_{ij} = \frac{\partial \Gamma(\underline{\sigma}, \underline{x})}{\partial \partial_j \underline{u}} = c_{ijpq}(\underline{x}) \partial_p \partial_q \underline{u}, \quad \frac{\partial^2 \Gamma(\underline{\sigma}, \underline{x})}{\partial \partial_k \partial_j \partial_l \partial_m} = c_{ijkl}(\underline{x}),$$

whence (5.5) follow from  $\Gamma(\cdot, \underline{x}) \in \mathcal{C}^2(\mathcal{L}) \quad \forall \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Result. Suppose  $(*)$ ,  $(**)$  and (5.5) hold. Define  $\Gamma(\underline{x}, \underline{z})$  through the first of (5.6). Clearly,  $\Gamma$  has required regularity.

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \Gamma(\underline{x}, \underline{z})}{\partial \gamma_{ij}} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \gamma_{ij}} \left( \frac{1}{2} c_{pqke} \gamma_{pq} \gamma_{ke} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} c_{pqke} \delta_{pi} \delta_{qj} \gamma_{ke} + \frac{1}{2} c_{pqke} \gamma_{pq} \delta_{ki} \delta_{lj} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} c_{yke} \gamma_{ke} + \frac{1}{2} c_{pqy} \gamma_{pq} = c_{yke} \gamma_{ke} = \frac{\partial \Gamma(\underline{x}, \underline{z})}{\partial \gamma_{ji}} = \sigma_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

so that the l.s.s. is elastic. The second of (5.6) is immediate from the first and (5.4),  $(*)$ .

Remarks. For a linear elastic solid...

From (5.6) follows  $\Gamma(\underline{x}, \underline{z}) \in C^\infty(L) \forall \underline{z} \in \mathbb{R}$  and, since we assumed  $\underline{z} \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\Gamma \in C^1(L \times \mathbb{R})$ .

Note that for a homogeneous linear elastic solid

$$\Gamma(\underline{x}, \underline{z}) = \Gamma(\underline{x}) \quad (\text{no explicit dependence on } \underline{z}).$$

Remark. Thus for a simple linear elastic solid  $W(\underline{x}, t) \equiv \Gamma(\underline{\gamma}(\underline{x}, t), \underline{x})$  is a quadratic form in  $\gamma_{ij}$  and a bilinear form in the components of  $\underline{\sigma}$  and  $\underline{\gamma}$ .

Corollary. If a linear simple solid is isotropic it is necessarily elastic. (See (4.12))

According to (4.1), (4.2), (5.5) a linear elastic solid obeys the stress-strain relations

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \sigma_{ij}(\underline{x}, t) &= c_{ijkl}(\underline{x}) \gamma_{kl}(\underline{x}, t) \quad \forall (\underline{x}, t) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathcal{I} \\ c_{ijkl} &= c_{jike} = c_{keli} \text{ on } \mathbb{R} \end{aligned} \right\} (5.7)$$

Remarks. Note that the symm. rels. in  $(5.7) \Rightarrow c_{ijek} = c_{ijke}$  (explain). The symm. rels. (5.7) reduce the number of response functions  $c_{ijkl}$  from 36 to 21. From here on call  $\underline{c}$  the elasticity tensor field.

Inverting (5.7) one arrives at

$$\gamma_{ij} = \alpha_{ijke} \sigma_{ke}, \quad \alpha_{ijke} = \alpha_{jike} = \alpha_{keli} \quad (5.8)$$

$\underline{\alpha}$  ... elastic compliance tensor field.



Thm. 5.3 (Power identity for linear elastic solids). Let the hypotheses of Thm. 5.1 hold and assume  $\mathcal{B}$  is a linear elastic solid. Then, if  $\mathcal{P} \subset \mathcal{R}$  is any regular region,

$$\int_{\partial \mathcal{P}} \underline{s} \cdot \underline{\dot{u}} \, dA + \int_{\mathcal{P}} \underline{f} \cdot \underline{\dot{u}} \, dV = \dot{K} + \dot{U} \text{ on } \mathcal{I}, \quad (5.9)$$

$$\therefore K(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathcal{P}} \rho(\underline{x}) \underline{\dot{u}}^2(\underline{x}, t) \, dV \quad \forall t \in \mathcal{I}, \quad (5.9)$$

and  $U(t)$  is the total strain energy stored in  $\mathcal{P}$  at time  $t$ , i.e.

$$U(t) = \int_{\mathcal{P}} W(\underline{x}, t) \, dV = \int_{\mathcal{P}} \Gamma(\underline{\gamma}(\underline{x}, t), \underline{x}) \, dV \quad (t_0 \leq t \leq t_1) \quad (5.10)$$

Proof. Appeal to (5.1), (5.2) with  $\mathcal{R}$  replaced by  $\mathcal{P}$  &

note from def. of a l.e.s. that now

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathcal{P}} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{\dot{\gamma}} \, dV &= \int_{\mathcal{P}} \sigma_{ij} \dot{\gamma}_{ij} \, dV = \int_{\mathcal{P}} \frac{\partial \Gamma}{\partial \gamma_{ij}} \dot{\gamma}_{ij} \, dV = \int_{\mathcal{P}} \dot{W} \, dV \\ &= \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathcal{P}} W(\underline{x}, t) \, dV = \dot{U}(t) \quad \text{qed.} \end{aligned}$$

Discussion (Significance of elasticity assumption)

Consider an admiss. motion  $\hat{\underline{\chi}}(\cdot, t): \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}_t \quad (t_0 \leq t \leq t_1)$

and assume the motion is cyclic in the sense that

$$\underline{w}(x, t_0) = \underline{w}(x, t_1) \quad , \quad \dot{\underline{w}}(x, t_0) = \dot{\underline{w}}(x, t_1) \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{R}$$

Let

$$w_{\mathcal{P}} = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \left[ \int_{\partial \mathcal{P}} \underline{s} \cdot \dot{\underline{w}} \, dA + \int_{\mathcal{P}} \underline{f} \cdot \dot{\underline{w}} \, dV \right] dt,$$

so that  $w_{\mathcal{P}}$  is the total external work done over  $[t_0, t_1]$  by the forces acting on the part of the body occupying  $\mathcal{P}$  in the reference configuration. Then by Thm. 5.3,  $w_{\mathcal{P}} = 0$  (no energy dissipation). Mention converse of this result.

Thm. 5.4. Let  $\underline{\alpha}$  be the elastic compliance tensor field of a linear elastic solid undergoing an admiss. motion. Let  $\underline{\sigma}, \underline{W}$  have their previous meanings. Define

$$\Sigma(\underline{\sigma}, \underline{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \alpha_{ijkl}(\underline{x}) \sigma_{ij} \sigma_{kl} \quad \forall (\underline{\sigma}, \underline{x}) \in \mathcal{L} \times \mathcal{R}. \quad (5.10)$$

Then,

$$W(\underline{x}, t) = \Sigma(\underline{\sigma}(\underline{x}, t), \underline{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \alpha_{ijkl}(\underline{x}) \sigma_{ij}(\underline{x}, t) \sigma_{kl}(\underline{x}, t) \quad \forall (\underline{x}, t) \in \mathcal{R} \quad (5.11)$$

and

$$\underline{\tau} = \nabla_{\underline{I}} \Sigma(\underline{\sigma}, \underline{x}) \Big|_{\underline{I}=\underline{\sigma}} = \frac{\partial \Sigma(\underline{\sigma}, \underline{x})}{\partial \sigma_{ij}} = \frac{\partial \Sigma(\underline{I}, \underline{x})}{\partial I_{ij}} \Big|_{\underline{I}=\underline{\sigma}} \quad \text{on } \mathcal{R} \times \mathcal{T}. \quad (5.12)$$

Proof. (5.6), (5.8), (5.10)  $\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} W(\underline{x}, t) &= \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{ij}(\underline{x}, t) \tau_{ij}(\underline{x}, t) = \frac{1}{2} \alpha_{ijkl}(\underline{x}) \sigma_{ij}(\underline{x}, t) \sigma_{kl}(\underline{x}, t) \\ &= \Sigma(\underline{\sigma}(\underline{x}, t), \underline{x}) \end{aligned}$$

Also, (5.12) follows easily from (5.10), (5.8).

Note complete duality between  $\Sigma$  and  $\Gamma$  (explain)

(5.10) and (5.10), (5.11), (5.12).

Thm. 5.5. Let  $\underline{\epsilon}$  be a four-tensor satisfying the symmetry relations in (5.7). Let  $(\underline{\sigma}', \underline{x}')$  and  $(\underline{\sigma}'', \underline{x}'')$  be two pairs

of symmetric two-tensors  $\exists$

$$\sigma'_{ij} = c_{yke} \gamma'_{ke}, \quad \sigma''_{ij} = c_{yke} \gamma''_{ke} \quad (*)$$

Then one has the reciprocal relation

$$\sigma' \cdot \mathcal{X}'' = \sigma'' \cdot \mathcal{X}' \quad (5.13)$$

Further, if

$$\Gamma(\mathcal{X}) = \frac{1}{2} c_{yke} \delta_{ij} \gamma_{ke} \quad \forall \mathcal{X} \in \mathcal{L} \quad (**)$$

one has

$$\Gamma(\mathcal{X}' + \mathcal{X}'') = \Gamma(\mathcal{X}') + \Gamma(\mathcal{X}'') + \sigma' \cdot \mathcal{X}'' \quad (5.14)$$

Proof. By hyp.,

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma' \cdot \mathcal{X}'' &= \sigma'_{ij} \gamma''_{ij} = c_{yke} \gamma'_{ke} \gamma''_{ij} = c_{keij} \gamma'_{ij} \gamma''_{ke} = c_{yke} \gamma'_{ij} \gamma''_{ke} \\ &= \sigma''_{ij} \gamma'_{ij} = \sigma'' \cdot \mathcal{X}' \end{aligned}$$

whence (5.13) holds. Next, from (\*\*), (\*) and (5.13),

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma(\mathcal{X}' + \mathcal{X}'') &= \frac{1}{2} (\sigma' + \sigma'') \cdot (\mathcal{X}' + \mathcal{X}'') = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\sigma' \cdot \mathcal{X}' + \sigma'' \cdot \mathcal{X}'' + \sigma' \cdot \mathcal{X}'' + \sigma'' \cdot \mathcal{X}') = \Gamma(\mathcal{X}') + \Gamma(\mathcal{X}'') + \sigma' \cdot \mathcal{X}'', \end{aligned}$$

whence (5.14) holds.

Remarks. The reciprocal relation (5.13) will be used to prove Betti's reciprocal thm. of linear elastostatics.

Emphasize non-additivity of strain-energy density (and hence of total strain energy) in the absence of local (or at least global orthogonality) of the fields  $\underline{\epsilon}'$  and  $\underline{\epsilon}''$ .

Mention applications in structural engineering.   
↳ for isotropic: orthog.  $\langle \underline{\epsilon}', \underline{\epsilon}'' \rangle = \nu (\text{tr } \underline{\epsilon}') (\text{tr } \underline{\epsilon}'')$

Def. An elasticity tensor field  $\underline{\underline{C}}$  on  $\mathcal{R}$  is positive definite on  $\mathcal{R}$  if  $c_{ijkl}(\underline{\underline{X}}) \tau_{ij} \tau_{kl} > 0 \quad \forall \underline{\underline{X}} \in \mathcal{R}$  and

$\forall$  symmetric two-tensor  $\underline{\tau}$  other than the null-tensor. (Explain "pos. semi-definite  $\underline{\underline{C}}$ ")

Thus  $\underline{\underline{C}}$  is pos. def. on  $\mathcal{R} \iff T(\underline{\tau}, \underline{\underline{X}})$  is a pos. def. quadratic form in  $\tau_{ij} \quad \forall \underline{\underline{X}} \in \mathcal{R}$ .

Thm. 5.6. A necessary and sufficient condition that  $\underline{\underline{C}}$  be pos. def. on  $\mathcal{R}$  is that  $\det[\underline{\underline{C}}^{\underline{\underline{X}}}]$  and all the principal minor determinants of the elasticity matrix  $[\underline{\underline{C}}^{\underline{\underline{X}}}]$  be positive on  $\mathcal{R}$  for a single  $\underline{\underline{X}} \in \mathcal{F}$ , i.e.

$$c_{1111}^{\underline{\underline{X}}} > 0, \det \begin{bmatrix} c_{1111}^{\underline{\underline{X}}} & c_{1122}^{\underline{\underline{X}}} \\ c_{2211}^{\underline{\underline{X}}} & c_{2222}^{\underline{\underline{X}}} \end{bmatrix} > 0, \dots, \det[\underline{\underline{C}}^{\underline{\underline{X}}}] > 0 \text{ on } \mathcal{R} \quad (5.15)$$

For a proof see theorems on pos. def. quadratic forms in algebra books.

Strain-energy density for isotropic linear elastic solids

Here, for brevity, we shall write  $\underline{\sigma}, \underline{\epsilon}, \lambda, \mu, \nu, \Gamma(\underline{\epsilon}), \Sigma(\underline{\sigma})$  in place of  $\underline{\sigma}(\underline{x}, t), \underline{\epsilon}(\underline{x}, t), \lambda(\underline{x}), \dots, \Gamma(\underline{\epsilon}, \underline{x}), \Sigma(\underline{\sigma}, \underline{x})$ . Recall from (4.11), (4.18) that at present

$$\sigma_{ij} = \lambda \delta_{ij} \epsilon_{kk} + 2\mu \epsilon_{ij} \quad (i) \quad \epsilon_{ij} = \frac{1}{\eta} [(1+\nu)\sigma_{ij} - \nu \delta_{ij} \sigma_{kk}] \quad (ii)$$

One could obtain  $\Gamma(\underline{\epsilon})$  by specializing (5.6) in accordance with (4.9). Instead, note that (i) and (5.6)  $\rightarrow$

$$\Gamma(\underline{\epsilon}) = \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{ij} \epsilon_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} (\lambda \delta_{ij} \epsilon_{kk} + 2\mu \epsilon_{ij}) \epsilon_{ij}, \text{ whence}$$

$$\Gamma(\underline{\epsilon}) = \frac{1}{2} \lambda \epsilon_{ii} \epsilon_{jj} + \mu \epsilon_{ij} \epsilon_{ij} \quad (5.16)$$

Recall from (1.26) that

$$I_1(\underline{\epsilon}) = \epsilon_{ii}, \quad I_2(\underline{\epsilon}) = \frac{1}{2} (\epsilon_{ii} \epsilon_{jj} - \epsilon_{ij} \epsilon_{ij})$$

Hence (5.16) may be written as

$$\Gamma(\underline{\epsilon}) = \frac{\lambda + 2\mu}{2} I_1^2(\underline{\epsilon}) - 2\mu I_2(\underline{\epsilon}) \quad (5.17)$$

Thus, in case of isotropy, involvement of  $\underline{\sigma}$  is via its invariants: here  $\Gamma$  is an isotropic scalar valued function on  $\mathcal{L}$

Next, (ii) and (5.6)  $\Rightarrow$

$$\Sigma(\underline{\sigma}) = \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{ij} \gamma_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{ij} \frac{1}{\eta} [(1+\nu)\sigma_{ij} - \nu \delta_{ij} \sigma_{kk}], \text{ whence}$$

$$\Sigma(\underline{\sigma}) = \frac{1}{2\eta} [(1+\nu)\sigma_{ij}\sigma_{ij} - \nu \sigma_{ii}\sigma_{jj}] \quad (5.18)$$

or

$$\Sigma(\underline{\sigma}) = \frac{1}{2\eta} [I_1^2(\underline{\sigma}) - 2(1+\nu)I_2(\underline{\sigma})] \quad (5.19)$$

Thm. 5.7. A necessary and sufficient condition that  $\underline{\varepsilon}$  be positive def. on  $\mathcal{R}$  for an isotropic linear elastic solid, i.e. that  $\Gamma(\underline{\sigma}, \underline{\varepsilon})$  and hence  $\Sigma(\underline{\sigma}, \underline{\varepsilon})$  be a pos. def. quadratic form  $\forall \underline{\varepsilon} \in \mathcal{R}$  is that (see 54)

$$\left. \begin{aligned} & -\mu > 0, 2\mu + 3\lambda > 0 \text{ or } \mu > 0, -1 < \nu < \frac{1}{2}, \kappa > 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \mathcal{R} \quad (5.20)$$

$$\text{or } \eta > 0, -1 < \nu < \frac{1}{2} \text{ or } \mu > 0, \kappa > 0 \text{ on } \mathcal{R}$$

This result could be obtained by specialization

Proof. The equivalence of the four pairs of inequalities is easily seen by means of the table of relations among  $\lambda, \mu, \eta, \nu, \kappa$ . The above result could be obtained by specializing Thm. 5.6 in accordance with Thm. 4.2.

Instead we give the following independent proof. Referring  $\underline{\sigma}$  to its p. axes one may write (5.18) in terms of p. stresses as follows:

$$\Sigma(\underline{\sigma}) = \frac{1}{2\eta} [(1+\nu)(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2) - \nu(\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3)^2] \quad (*)$$

Re necessity. Assume  $\Sigma(\underline{\sigma}) > 0 \forall \underline{\sigma} \neq \underline{0}$  and consider the subsequent special choices of  $\underline{\sigma}$ :

(a)  $\sigma_1 = 1, \sigma_2 = \sigma_3 = 0$  ( $\underline{\sigma}$  uni-axial). Then  $(*) \Rightarrow \eta > 0$

(b)  $\sigma_1 = -(\sigma_2 + \sigma_3) \neq 0$  ( $\underline{\sigma}$  deviatoric). Then  $(*), \eta > 0 \Rightarrow -1 < \nu$

(c)  $\sigma_i = 1$  ( $\underline{\sigma}$  isotropic). Then  $(*), \eta > 0 \Rightarrow \nu < \frac{1}{2}$

Hence  $\eta > 0, -1 < \nu < \frac{1}{2}$  and thus (5.20) hold.

Re sufficiency Assume (5.20) hold true and note that  $(*)$  is equivalent to:

$$\Sigma(\underline{\sigma}) = \frac{1}{6\eta} \{ (1-2\nu)(\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3)^2 + (1+\nu)[(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_3 - \sigma_1)^2] \}$$

so that  $\Sigma(\underline{\sigma}) > 0 \forall \underline{\sigma} \neq \underline{0}$ . Hence  $\Sigma(\underline{\sigma})$  is positive definite. qed

### Exercise 18

(a) Let  $\underline{\sigma}$  be an instantaneous local stress tensor in a homogeneous, isotropic linear elastic solid and let



$\underline{\sigma}'$  and  $\underline{\sigma}''$  be the isotropic and the deviatoric parts of  $\underline{\sigma}$  (see Thm. 1.12) so that

$$\underline{\sigma} = \underline{\sigma}' + \underline{\sigma}'', \quad \underline{\sigma}' = \frac{1}{3} (\text{tr } \underline{\sigma}) \mathbf{1}, \quad \underline{\sigma}'' = \underline{\sigma} - \underline{\sigma}'$$

Show that

$$\Sigma(\underline{\sigma}) = \Sigma(\underline{\sigma}') + \Sigma(\underline{\sigma}'') !$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \Sigma(\underline{\sigma}') &= \frac{1-2\nu}{6\eta} I_1^2 = \frac{1-2\nu}{6\eta} (\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3)^2 = \frac{3(1-2\nu)}{2\eta} p_o^2 \\ \Sigma(\underline{\sigma}'') &= \frac{1}{6\mu} (I_1^2 - 3I_2) = \frac{1}{12\mu} [(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_3 - \sigma_1)^2] = \frac{3s_o^2}{4\mu} \end{aligned} \right\} (5)$$

where  $I_i = I_i(\underline{\sigma})$ ,  $\sigma_i$  are the p. values of  $\underline{\sigma}$ , while  $p_o$  and  $s_o$  are the octahedral normal and shear stress of  $\underline{\sigma}$ . (see (3.35). Reconcile (5.21) with Thm. 5.5.

(b) Let  $\underline{\sigma}$  have the same meaning as in part (a) and assume  $\Sigma(\underline{\sigma})$  positive definite. Show that

$$\Sigma(\underline{\sigma}) \geq \frac{g(\nu)}{4\mu} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{\sigma} \quad \forall \text{ symm. two-tensor } \underline{\sigma}, \quad (*)$$

where

$$g(\nu) = 1 \quad (-1 < \nu < 0), \quad g(\nu) = \frac{1-2\nu}{1+\nu} \quad (0 \leq \nu < \frac{1}{2}).$$

Show further that the estimate (\*) is optimal in the sense that  $\exists \underline{\sigma} \ni$  equality holds in (\*).

Remark. One calls  $\Sigma(\alpha')$  and  $\Sigma(\alpha'')$  of (5.21) the strain-energy density of "volume-change" and of "distortion", respectively. Explain reasons.