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Neo-Hookean elasticity:

Let the new position of the point is given in terms of the deformations as $x^* = x + u$, $y^* = y + v$, $z^* = z + w$ in the strained state. Consequently, the particle which was on a given curve in the unstarined state, now belongs to a different curve in the strained state. If ds be a differential element in the original curve, then direction cosines of a tangent at any point on it are $\frac{dx}{ds}, \frac{dy}{ds}, \frac{dz}{ds}$. Direction cosines of a tangent on an elemental arc ds_1 in the strained curve are $\frac{d(x+u)}{ds_1}, \frac{d(y+v)}{ds_1}, \frac{d(z+w)}{ds_1}$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d(x+u)}{ds_1} &= \frac{ds}{ds_1} \left(\frac{dx}{ds} + \frac{du}{dx} \frac{dx}{ds} + \frac{du}{dy} \frac{dy}{ds} + \frac{du}{dz} \frac{dz}{ds} \right) \\ \frac{d(y+v)}{ds_1} &= \frac{ds}{ds_1} \left(\frac{dy}{ds} + \frac{dv}{dx} \frac{dx}{ds} + \frac{dv}{dy} \frac{dy}{ds} + \frac{dv}{dz} \frac{dz}{ds} \right) \\ \frac{d(z+w)}{ds_1} &= \frac{ds}{ds_1} \left(\frac{dz}{ds} + \frac{dw}{dx} \frac{dx}{ds} + \frac{dw}{dy} \frac{dy}{ds} + \frac{dw}{dz} \frac{dz}{ds} \right)\end{aligned}\quad (22.1)$$

However, the direction cosines are

$$\begin{aligned}l &= \frac{dx}{ds}, \quad m = \frac{dy}{ds}, \quad n = \frac{dz}{ds} \\ l_1 &= \frac{d(x+u)}{ds_1}, \quad m_1 = \frac{d(y+v)}{ds_1}, \quad n_1 = \frac{d(z+w)}{ds_1}\end{aligned}\quad (22.2)$$

From the expressions of equation 1,

$$\begin{aligned}l_1 &= \frac{ds}{ds_1} \left(l \left(1 + \frac{du}{dx} \right) + m \frac{du}{dy} + n \frac{du}{dz} \right) \\ m_1 &= \frac{ds}{ds_1} \left(l \frac{dv}{dx} + m \left(1 + \frac{dv}{dy} \right) + n \frac{dv}{dz} \right) \\ n_1 &= \frac{ds}{ds_1} \left(l \frac{dw}{dx} + m \frac{dw}{dy} + n \left(1 + \frac{dw}{dz} \right) \right)\end{aligned}\quad (22.3)$$

Noting that

$$l^2 + m^2 + n^2 = 1, \quad l_1^2 + m_1^2 + n_1^2 = 1$$

we have the following eqn,

$$\left(\frac{ds_1}{ds} \right)^2 = (1 + 2\varepsilon_{xx})l^2 + (1 + 2\varepsilon_{yy})m^2 + (1 + 2\varepsilon_{zz})n^2 + 2\varepsilon_{yx}mn + 2\varepsilon_{zx}nl + 2\varepsilon_{xy}lm \quad (22.4)$$

where $\varepsilon_{xx} \dots$ are the following,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varepsilon_{xx} &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right)^2 \right\} \\
 \varepsilon_{yy} &= \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \right)^2 \right\} \\
 \varepsilon_{zz} &= \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right)^2 \right\} \\
 \varepsilon_{yz} &= \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \\
 \varepsilon_{zx} &= \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \\
 \varepsilon_{xy} &= \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial w}{\partial y}
 \end{aligned} \tag{22.5}$$

We thus obtain the general expressions for the components of strain in terms of the gradients of displacements.

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The left hand side of 22.4 is a constant and the r.h.s. signifies an ellipsoid. It has the property that in any direction, the length of its radius is inversely proportional to $\frac{ds_1}{ds}$.

Such an ellipsoid is called the **reciprocal strain ellipsoid**:

$$(1 + 2\varepsilon_{xx})x^2 + (1 + 2\varepsilon_{yy})y^2 + (1 + 2\varepsilon_{zz})z^2 + 2\varepsilon_{yx}yz + 2\varepsilon_{zx}zx + 2\varepsilon_{xy}xy = 1$$

Elements of length, which are parallel to the axes of the reciprocal strain ellipsoid in the un-deformed state becomes parallel to the strain ellipsoid in the deformed state. Such elements having lengths ds in the undeformed state, have lengths $\lambda_1 ds$, $\lambda_2 ds$ and $\lambda_3 ds$ respectively in the deformed state, where, $\lambda_1 - 1$, $\lambda_2 - 1$, $\lambda_3 - 1$ are the principal extensions and λ_1^2 , λ_2^2 and λ_3^2 are the roots of the equation:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 + 2\varepsilon_{xx} - \lambda^2 & \varepsilon_{xy} & \varepsilon_{xz} \\ \varepsilon_{xy} & 1 + 2\varepsilon_{yy} - \lambda^2 & \varepsilon_{yz} \\ \varepsilon_{xz} & \varepsilon_{yz} & 1 + 2\varepsilon_{zz} - \lambda^2 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (22.6)$$

An element of volume dV situated at (x, y, z) in the undeformed state has a volume dV in the deformed state, where,

$$\tau = \begin{vmatrix} 1 + u_x & u_y & u_z \\ v_x & 1 + v_y & v_z \\ w_x & w_y & 1 + w_z \end{vmatrix} \quad (22.7)$$

For an incompressible material, the volume of an element in the deformed and undeformed states are equal, so that $\tau = 1$. Notice that the quantities $\lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2^2 + \lambda_3^2$, $\frac{1}{\lambda_1^2} + \frac{1}{\lambda_2^2} + \frac{1}{\lambda_3^2}$ and $\lambda_1^2 \lambda_2^2 \lambda_3^2$ are

invariant. The stress strain relationship for an incompressible material:

Hooke's law,

$$\begin{aligned} e_{xx} &= \frac{1}{E} \left[(1 + \sigma)t_{xx} - \sigma(t_{xx} + t_{yy} + t_{zz}) \right], \text{etc.} \\ e_{yz} &= \frac{2}{E} (1 + \sigma)t_{yz}, \text{etc.} \\ e_{xx} + e_{yy} + e_{zz} &= 0, \quad \sigma = 1/2 \\ e_{xx} &= \frac{3}{2E} [t_{xx} - p], \quad e_{yz} = \frac{3}{E} t_{yz}, \quad p = \frac{1}{3} (t_{xx} + t_{yy} + t_{zz}) \end{aligned} \quad (22.8)$$

neo-Hookean law:

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 + 2\varepsilon_{xx} &= \frac{3}{E} [t_{xx} - p] , \quad 1 + 2\varepsilon_{yy} = \frac{3}{E} [t_{yy} - p] , \quad 1 + 2\varepsilon_{zz} = \frac{3}{E} [t_{zz} - p] \\
 1 + 2\varepsilon_{xx} &= \frac{3}{E} [t_{xx} - p]
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{22.9}$$

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For a pure homogeneous deformation, suppose that $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$ are the lengths in the deformed state of linear elements parallel to the axes X, Y and Z respectively which have unit lengths in the undeformed state. Then by making l, m, n successively $(1,0,0), (0,1,0)$ and $(0,0,1)$, we see that

$$\lambda_1^2 = 1 + 2\varepsilon_{XX}, \lambda_2^2 = 1 + 2\varepsilon_{YY} \text{ and } \lambda_3^2 = 1 + 2\varepsilon_{ZZ}$$

$$t_{XX} = \frac{E}{3} \lambda_1^2 + P, t_{YY} = \frac{E}{3} \lambda_2^2 + P \text{ and } t_{ZZ} = \frac{E}{3} \lambda_3^2 + P \quad (22.10)$$

Simple extension:

Consider the simple extension along x axis of a, incompressible neo-Hookean material for whom the stress-strain relations take the form:

$$t_{XX} = \frac{E}{3} \lambda_1^2 + P, t_{YY} = \frac{E}{3} \lambda_2^2 + P = t_{ZZ} = \frac{E}{3} \lambda_3^2 + P = 0,$$

$$t_{YZ} = t_{ZX} = t_{XY} = 0 \quad (22.11)$$

Since $\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 = 1$, we have $\lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 1/\sqrt{\lambda_1}$ and $P = -\frac{E}{3} \frac{1}{\lambda_1}$ which gives,

$$t_{XX} = \frac{E}{3} \left(\lambda_1^2 - \frac{1}{\lambda_1} \right) \quad (22.22)$$

Simple shear:

$$v = w = 0 \text{ i.e. } u_x = u_y = v_x = v_y = v_z = w_x = w_y = w_z = 0$$

$$t_{xx} = \frac{E}{3} (1 + u_x^2) + P, t_{yy} = t_{zz} = \frac{E}{3} + P, t_{yz} = 0, t_{zx} = \frac{E}{3} u_x \text{ and } t_{xy} = 0 \quad (22.13)$$

Thus shearing stresses alone can not maintain a state of simple shear in the material. If the stresses

t_{yy} and t_{zz} are zero, then the stresses $t_{xx} = \frac{1}{3} E u_x^2$; and if $t_{xx} = 0$, then $t_{yy} = t_{zz} = -\frac{E}{3} u_x^2$. Thus two possible stress systems which can maintain a simple shear:

(i) A shearing stress $\frac{1}{3} E u_x$ in the xz -plane together with a normal stress $\frac{1}{3} E u_x^2$ parallel to the x -axis.

(ii) A shearing stress $\frac{1}{3} E u_x$ in the xz -plane together with two normal stresses of magnitude $\frac{1}{3} E u_x^2$ parallel to the y and z axes.

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The stored energy function

Consider a cubic element having unit edges is strained in such a way that in deformed state it is a cuboid having edges parallel to the axes of strain ellipsoid with lengths λ_1 , λ_2 and λ_3 respectively. Then due to incompressibility,

$$\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 = 1 \quad (22.14)$$

Then the work done in straining the material quasi-statically is W which can be worked out by considering the stresses which act on the deformed element $\lambda_1 \times \lambda_2 \times \lambda_3$.

$$t_{xx} = \frac{E}{3} \lambda_1^2 + P, t_{yy} = \frac{E}{3} \lambda_2^2 + P \text{ and } t_{zz} = \frac{E}{3} \lambda_3^2 + P$$

and $t_{yz} = t_{zx} = t_{xy} = 0$ (22.15)

The element is subjected to three mutually perpendicular forces f_1 , f_2 and f_3 which are given by $f_1 = t_{xx} \lambda_2 \lambda_3$, $f_2 = t_{yy} \lambda_1 \lambda_3$ and $f_3 = t_{zz} \lambda_1 \lambda_2$. Here $\lambda_2 \lambda_3$, $\lambda_1 \lambda_3$ and $\lambda_1 \lambda_2$ are the areas on which the stresses t_{xx} , t_{yy} and t_{zz} act. Using the expression for t_{xx} , t_{yy} , t_{zz} and the incompressibility relation we have,

$$f_1 = \left(\frac{E}{3} \lambda_1^2 + P \right) \frac{1}{\lambda_1} = \frac{1}{3} E \lambda_1 + \frac{P}{\lambda_1}, f_2 = \frac{1}{3} E \lambda_2 + \frac{P}{\lambda_2} \text{ and } f_3 = \frac{1}{3} E \lambda_3 + \frac{P}{\lambda_3} \quad (22.16)$$

Work done in straining an element of volume $\lambda_1 \times \lambda_2 \times \lambda_3$ to $(\lambda_1 + \delta \lambda_1) \times (\lambda_2 + \delta \lambda_2) \times (\lambda_3 + \delta \lambda_3)$ is

$$f_1 \delta \lambda_1 + f_2 \delta \lambda_2 + f_3 \delta \lambda_3 = \frac{1}{3} E (\lambda_1 \delta \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \delta \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 \delta \lambda_3) + P \left(\frac{\delta \lambda_1}{\lambda_1} + \frac{\delta \lambda_2}{\lambda_2} + \frac{\delta \lambda_3}{\lambda_3} \right) \quad (22.17)$$

Hence the work done in straining the material quasi-statically from dimension $1 \times 1 \times 1$ to $\lambda_1 \times \lambda_2 \times \lambda_3$ is

$$W = \frac{1}{3} E \left(\int_1^{\lambda_1} (\lambda_1 \delta \lambda_1) + \int_1^{\lambda_2} (\lambda_2 \delta \lambda_2) + \int_1^{\lambda_3} (\lambda_3 \delta \lambda_3) \right) + P \left(\int_1^{\lambda_1} \frac{\delta \lambda_1}{\lambda_1} + \int_1^{\lambda_2} \frac{\delta \lambda_2}{\lambda_2} + \int_1^{\lambda_3} \frac{\delta \lambda_3}{\lambda_3} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} E (\lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2^2 + \lambda_3^2 - 3) \quad (22.18)$$

For an ideal rubber like material the elastic modulus E is given as $3NkT$ where N is the number of segments per unit volume, k is the Boltzmann's constant and T is the absolute temperature.