

Linear elasticity for affine bodies

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1 Small deformations

Very often bodies deform very little. That is why it is useful to derive the balance equations and the material response for “small deformations”. Let us consider a trajectory generated by affine deformations depending on a control parameter β

$$\phi_\beta(\bar{\mathbf{p}}_A) = \phi_\beta(\bar{\mathbf{p}}_O) + \mathbf{F}_\beta(\bar{\mathbf{p}}_A - \bar{\mathbf{p}}_O) \quad (1)$$

and the polar decomposition of the deformation gradient

$$\mathbf{F}_\beta = \mathbf{R}_\beta \mathbf{U}_\beta. \quad (2)$$

The series expansions

$$\mathbf{R}_\beta = \mathbf{I} + \boldsymbol{\Theta}_\beta + o(\beta), \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{U}_\beta = \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{E}_\beta + o(\beta), \quad (4)$$

are made up of the sum of the value at $\beta = 0$, a linear term in β and the rest $o(\beta)$ such that

$$\lim_{\beta \rightarrow 0} \frac{o(\beta)}{\beta} \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{0} \quad \forall \mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{V}. \quad (5)$$

Substituting these expressions into (2) we obtain

$$\mathbf{F}_\beta = (\mathbf{I} + \boldsymbol{\Theta}_\beta)(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{E}_\beta) + o(\beta) = \mathbf{I} + \boldsymbol{\Theta}_\beta + \mathbf{E}_\beta + o(\beta), \quad (6)$$

It is worth noting that $\boldsymbol{\Theta}_\beta$, called *infinitesimal rotation*, is a skew symmetric tensor, since

$$\mathbf{R}_\beta^T \mathbf{R}_\beta = \mathbf{I} \quad \Rightarrow \quad (\mathbf{I} + \boldsymbol{\Theta}_\beta)^T (\mathbf{I} + \boldsymbol{\Theta}_\beta) + o(\beta) = \mathbf{I} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boldsymbol{\Theta}_\beta^T + \boldsymbol{\Theta}_\beta + o(\beta) = \mathbf{0}, \quad (7)$$

while \mathbf{E}_β , called *infinitesimal stretch*, is a symmetric tensor like \mathbf{U}_β .

The deformation (1) can also be described by the displacement field

$$\mathbf{u}_\beta(\bar{\mathbf{p}}_A) = \mathbf{u}_\beta(\bar{\mathbf{p}}_O) + (\mathbf{F}_\beta - \mathbf{I})(\bar{\mathbf{p}}_A - \bar{\mathbf{p}}_O), \quad (8)$$

which, by (6), becomes

$$\mathbf{u}(\bar{\mathbf{p}}_A) = \mathbf{u}(\bar{\mathbf{p}}_O) + (\boldsymbol{\Theta}_\beta + \mathbf{E}_\beta)(\bar{\mathbf{p}}_A - \bar{\mathbf{p}}_O) + o(\beta). \quad (9)$$

2 Infinitesimal stretch

By (4) the stretch of a segment parallel to \mathbf{a} can be written as

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{U}_\beta \mathbf{a}\|}{\|\mathbf{a}\|} = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{a}\|} (\mathbf{U}_\beta \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{U}_\beta \mathbf{a})^{1/2} = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{a}\|} (\|\mathbf{a}\|^2 + \mathbf{E}_\beta \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a})^{1/2} = 1 + \frac{\mathbf{E}_\beta \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a}}{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a}} + o(\beta). \quad (10)$$

Dropping the subscript β and denoting the matrix of \mathbf{E} in an orthonormal basis $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3\}$ by

$$[\mathbf{E}] = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_{11} & \varepsilon_{12} & \varepsilon_{13} \\ \varepsilon_{21} & \varepsilon_{22} & \varepsilon_{23} \\ \varepsilon_{31} & \varepsilon_{32} & \varepsilon_{33} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (11)$$

we get from (10)

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{U} \mathbf{e}_1\|}{\|\mathbf{e}_1\|} = 1 + \mathbf{E} \mathbf{e}_1 \cdot \mathbf{e}_1 + o(\beta) = 1 + \varepsilon_{11} + o(\beta). \quad (12)$$

Hence up to $o(\beta)$ ε_{11} is the elongation in the direction of \mathbf{e}_1 , ε_{22} is the elongation in the direction of \mathbf{e}_2 , ε_{33} is the elongation in the direction of \mathbf{e}_3 . Further, for the couple of basis vectors \mathbf{e}_1 and \mathbf{e}_2 we get

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{U}\mathbf{e}_1 \cdot \mathbf{U}\mathbf{e}_2 &= \mathbf{U}^2\mathbf{e}_1 \cdot \mathbf{e}_2 = (\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{E} + o(\beta))^2\mathbf{e}_1 \cdot \mathbf{e}_2 = (\mathbf{I} + 2\mathbf{E} + o(\beta))\mathbf{e}_1 \cdot \mathbf{e}_2 \\ &= \mathbf{e}_1 \cdot \mathbf{e}_2 + 2\mathbf{E}\mathbf{e}_1 \cdot \mathbf{e}_2 + o(\beta) = 2\varepsilon_{21} + o(\beta).\end{aligned}\quad (13)$$

By using (12), after computing

$$\|\mathbf{U}\mathbf{e}_1\| \|\mathbf{U}\mathbf{e}_2\| = (1 + \varepsilon_{11})(1 + \varepsilon_{22}) + o(\beta) = 1 + \varepsilon_{11} + \varepsilon_{22} + o(\beta) \quad (14)$$

$$(\|\mathbf{U}\mathbf{e}_1\| \|\mathbf{U}\mathbf{e}_2\|)^{-1} = 1 - \varepsilon_{11} - \varepsilon_{22} + o(\beta), \quad (15)$$

eventually we get for the angle between $\mathbf{U}\mathbf{e}_1$ and $\mathbf{U}\mathbf{e}_2$

$$\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \gamma_{21}\right) = \frac{\mathbf{U}\mathbf{e}_1 \cdot \mathbf{U}\mathbf{e}_2}{\|\mathbf{U}\mathbf{e}_1\| \|\mathbf{U}\mathbf{e}_2\|} = 2\varepsilon_{21} + o(\beta). \quad (16)$$

Since $\cos(\frac{\pi}{2} - \gamma_{21}) = \sin(\gamma_{21}) \simeq \gamma_{21}$, the *shear strain* γ_{21} turns out to be approximated by

$$\gamma_{21} \simeq 2\varepsilon_{21}. \quad (17)$$

By the same reason

$$\gamma_{32} \simeq 2\varepsilon_{32}, \quad \gamma_{13} \simeq 2\varepsilon_{13}. \quad (18)$$

It is worth noting that if \mathbf{u}_i is an eigenvector of \mathbf{E} and ε_i is the corresponding eigenvalue, we get

$$\mathbf{E}\mathbf{u}_i = \varepsilon_i\mathbf{u}_i \quad (19)$$

and by (4)

$$\mathbf{E}\mathbf{u}_i = (\mathbf{U} - \mathbf{I} + o(\beta))\mathbf{u}_i = \varepsilon_i\mathbf{u}_i \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{U}\mathbf{u}_i = (1 + \varepsilon_i)\mathbf{u}_i + o(\beta). \quad (20)$$

Hence for a sufficiently small β the eigenvectors of \mathbf{U} are close to the eigenvectors of \mathbf{E} , while the principal stretches are approximated by

$$\lambda_i \simeq 1 + \varepsilon_i. \quad (21)$$

3 Infinitesimal rotations

The series expansion for the rotation can be conveniently derived in the following way. Let us consider a rotation as a composition of three elementary rotations (see APPENDIX 3)

$$\mathbf{R}_\beta = \mathbf{R}_\beta^{(3)}\mathbf{R}_\beta^{(2)}\mathbf{R}_\beta^{(1)} \quad (22)$$

whose axes are, respectively, \mathbf{e}_1 , \mathbf{e}_2 , \mathbf{e}_3 and whose amplitudes $\theta_\beta^{(1)}$, $\theta_\beta^{(2)}$, $\theta_\beta^{(3)}$, are linear functions of β , zero at $\beta = 0$. Let us consider first $\mathbf{R}_\beta^{(1)}$. Its series expansion is

$$\mathbf{R}_\beta^{(1)} = \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{\Theta}_\beta^{(1)} + o(\beta) \quad (23)$$

corresponding to its matrix series expansion

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos\theta_\beta^{(1)} & -\sin\theta_\beta^{(1)} \\ 0 & \sin\theta_\beta^{(1)} & \cos\theta_\beta^{(1)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\theta_\beta^{(1)} \\ 0 & \theta_\beta^{(1)} & 0 \end{pmatrix} + o(\beta). \quad (24)$$

Similar expansions can be derived for the other elementary rotations. By composing them we get

$$\mathbf{R}_\beta = (\mathbf{I} + \boldsymbol{\Theta}_\beta^{(3)})(\mathbf{I} + \boldsymbol{\Theta}_\beta^{(2)})(\mathbf{I} + \boldsymbol{\Theta}_\beta^{(1)}) + o(\beta) = \mathbf{I} + \boldsymbol{\Theta}_\beta^{(3)} + \boldsymbol{\Theta}_\beta^{(2)} + \boldsymbol{\Theta}_\beta^{(1)} + o(\beta). \quad (25)$$

Hence

$$\boldsymbol{\Theta}_\beta = \boldsymbol{\Theta}_\beta^{(3)} + \boldsymbol{\Theta}_\beta^{(2)} + \boldsymbol{\Theta}_\beta^{(1)}. \quad (26)$$

The matrices of $\boldsymbol{\Theta}_\beta^{(3)}$, $\boldsymbol{\Theta}_\beta^{(2)}$, $\boldsymbol{\Theta}_\beta^{(1)}$ turn out to be

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\theta_\beta^{(3)} & 0 \\ \theta_\beta^{(3)} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \theta_\beta^{(2)} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\theta_\beta^{(2)} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\theta_\beta^{(1)} \\ 0 & \theta_\beta^{(1)} & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (27)$$

4 Volume change

By substitution of (4) in the expression for the volume of the parallelepiped with edges $\{\mathbf{U}_\beta \mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{U}_\beta \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{U}_\beta \mathbf{e}_3\}$ we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{vol}(\mathbf{U}_\beta \mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{U}_\beta \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{U}_\beta \mathbf{e}_3) \\ &= \text{vol}((\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{E}_\beta) \mathbf{e}_1, (\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{E}_\beta) \mathbf{e}_2, (\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{E}_\beta) \mathbf{e}_3) + o(\beta) \\ &= \text{vol}(\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3) + \text{vol}(\mathbf{E}_\beta \mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3) + \text{vol}(\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{E}_\beta \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3) + \text{vol}(\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{E}_\beta \mathbf{e}_3) + o(\beta), \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

thus obtaining

$$\det \mathbf{F}_\beta = \frac{\text{vol}(\mathbf{U}_\beta \mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{U}_\beta \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{U}_\beta \mathbf{e}_3)}{\text{vol}(\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3)} = 1 + \text{tr} \mathbf{E}_\beta + o(\beta). \quad (29)$$

Hence, for β sufficiently small we find

$$\det \mathbf{F}_\beta \simeq 1 + \text{tr} \mathbf{E}_\beta. \quad (30)$$

5 Area change

Let us consider a face \mathcal{F} of a parallelepiped. The ratio between the area of that face and the area of the face $\bar{\mathcal{F}}$ in the reference shape is given by

$$\frac{A_{\mathcal{F}}}{A_{\bar{\mathcal{F}}}} = \|(\text{cof } \mathbf{F}) \bar{\mathbf{n}}\| \quad (31)$$

where $\bar{\mathbf{n}}$ is the exterior unit normal to $\bar{\mathcal{F}}$. From the series expansion of the expression above, for β sufficiently small we find

$$\|(\text{cof } \mathbf{F}_\beta) \bar{\mathbf{n}}\| \simeq 1 + \text{tr} \mathbf{E}_\beta - \mathbf{E}_\beta \bar{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{n}}. \quad (32)$$

6 Linearized material response

The response function for an elastic material is

$$\mathbf{T}_\beta = \hat{\mathbf{T}}(\mathbf{F}_\beta) = \mathbf{R}_\beta \hat{\mathbf{T}}(\mathbf{U}_\beta) \mathbf{R}_\beta^T. \quad (33)$$

If we assume

$$\hat{\mathbf{T}}(\mathbf{I}) = \mathbf{O}, \quad (34)$$

we get the following series expansion

$$\widehat{\mathbf{T}}(\mathbf{U}_\beta) = \widehat{\mathbf{T}}(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{E}_\beta) = \mathbb{C}(\mathbf{E}_\beta) + o(\beta), \quad (35)$$

where \mathbb{C} transforms linearly a symmetric tensor into a symmetric tensor. Note that (33) becomes

$$\mathbf{T}_\beta = \widehat{\mathbf{T}}(\mathbf{F}_\beta) = (\mathbf{I} + \boldsymbol{\Theta}_\beta)^\top \mathbb{C}(\mathbf{E}_\beta) (\mathbf{I} + \boldsymbol{\Theta}_\beta) + o(\beta) = \mathbb{C}(\mathbf{E}_\beta) + o(\beta). \quad (36)$$

7 Linearized total force and moment tensor

Along a trajectory described by a control parameter β , as in (1), the power of a force \mathbf{f}_{β_A} applied at A is

$$\mathbf{f}_{\beta_A} \cdot \mathbf{v}_A = \mathbf{f}_{\beta_A} \cdot \mathbf{v}_O + \mathbf{F}_\beta(\bar{\mathbf{p}}_A - \bar{\mathbf{p}}_O) \otimes \mathbf{f}_{\beta_A} \cdot \mathbf{L}. \quad (37)$$

By assuming that the force \mathbf{f}_{β_A} is linear in β and zero at $\beta = 0$, the series expansion of the moment tensor turns out to be

$$\mathbf{F}_\beta(\bar{\mathbf{p}}_A - \bar{\mathbf{p}}_O) \otimes \mathbf{f}_{\beta_A} = (\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{E}_\beta + \boldsymbol{\Theta}_\beta + o(\beta))(\bar{\mathbf{p}}_A - \bar{\mathbf{p}}_O) \otimes \mathbf{f}_{\beta_A} = (\bar{\mathbf{p}}_A - \bar{\mathbf{p}}_O) \otimes \mathbf{f}_{\beta_A} + o(\beta). \quad (38)$$

The power of a force distribution \mathbf{b}_β on \mathcal{R}_β in a velocity field \mathbf{v} is the integral

$$\int_{\mathcal{R}_\beta} \mathbf{b}_\beta \cdot \mathbf{v} \, dV \quad (39)$$

which can be transformed into an integral on the shape $\bar{\mathcal{R}}$ by using the ratio between the volumes (change of variable formula)

$$\int_{\mathcal{R}_\beta} \mathbf{b}_\beta \cdot \mathbf{v} \, dV = \int_{\bar{\mathcal{R}}} (\mathbf{b}_\beta \circ \phi) \cdot (\mathbf{v} \circ \phi) \det \mathbf{F}_\beta \, dV \quad (40)$$

or, shortly,

$$\int_{\mathcal{R}_\beta} \mathbf{b}_\beta \cdot \mathbf{v} \, dV = \int_{\bar{\mathcal{R}}} \mathbf{b}_\beta \cdot \mathbf{v} \det \mathbf{F}_\beta \, dV. \quad (41)$$

Replacing $\det \mathbf{F}_\beta$ with its series expansion (29) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathcal{R}_\beta} \mathbf{b}_\beta \cdot \mathbf{v} \, dV &= \int_{\bar{\mathcal{R}}} \mathbf{b}_\beta \cdot \mathbf{v} (1 + \text{tr} \mathbf{E}_\beta + o(\beta)) \, dV \\ &= \int_{\bar{\mathcal{R}}} \mathbf{b}_\beta \cdot \mathbf{v} \, dV + \int_{\bar{\mathcal{R}}} \mathbf{b}_\beta \cdot \mathbf{v} \text{tr} \mathbf{E}_\beta \, dV + o(\beta). \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

Assuming that \mathbf{b}_β is a linear function of β and is zero at $\beta = 0$ it turns out that

$$\int_{\mathcal{R}_\beta} \mathbf{b}_\beta \cdot \mathbf{v} \, dV = \int_{\bar{\mathcal{R}}} \mathbf{b}_\beta \cdot \mathbf{v} \, dV + o(\beta) \quad (43)$$

because of the linearity of \mathbf{E}_β in β . Further, from the expression for the affine test velocity field

$$\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{p}_A) = \mathbf{v}_O + \mathbf{L}\mathbf{F}_\beta(\bar{\mathbf{p}}_A - \bar{\mathbf{p}}_O) \quad (44)$$

we get, by using again (29),

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathcal{R}_\beta} \mathbf{b}_\beta \cdot \mathbf{v} \, dV &= \int_{\bar{\mathcal{R}}} \mathbf{b}_\beta \cdot \mathbf{v}_O \, dV + \int_{\bar{\mathcal{R}}} \mathbf{b}_\beta \cdot \mathbf{L}\mathbf{F}_\beta(\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{p}}_O) \, dV + o(\beta) \\ &= \int_{\bar{\mathcal{R}}} \mathbf{b}_\beta \, dV \cdot \mathbf{v}_O + \int_{\bar{\mathcal{R}}} (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{p}}_O) \otimes \mathbf{b}_\beta \, dV \cdot \mathbf{L} + o(\beta). \end{aligned} \quad (45)$$

Let us assume also that \mathbf{t}_β , like \mathbf{b}_β , is a linear function of β and is zero at $\beta = 0$. Then, by using (32), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\partial\mathcal{R}_\beta} \mathbf{t}_\beta \cdot \mathbf{v} \, dA &= \int_{\partial\mathcal{R}} \mathbf{t}_\beta \cdot \mathbf{v} \|(\text{cof } \mathbf{F}) \bar{\mathbf{n}}\| \, dA = \int_{\partial\mathcal{R}} \mathbf{t}_\beta \cdot \mathbf{v} \, dA \\ &= \int_{\partial\mathcal{R}} \mathbf{t}_\beta \cdot \mathbf{v}_O \, dA + \int_{\partial\mathcal{R}} \mathbf{t}_\beta \cdot \mathbf{L} \mathbf{F}_\beta (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{p}}_O) \, dA + o(\beta) \\ &= \int_{\partial\mathcal{R}} \mathbf{t}_\beta \, dA \cdot \mathbf{v}_O + \int_{\partial\mathcal{R}} (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{p}}_O) \otimes \mathbf{t}_\beta \, dA \cdot \mathbf{L} + o(\beta). \end{aligned} \quad (46)$$

8 Linear elasticity

The linear part of $\widehat{\mathbf{T}}(\mathbf{F}_\beta)$ given by (36) defines the response function in *linear elasticity*

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbb{C}(\mathbf{E}). \quad (47)$$

The linear transformation \mathbb{C} is called *elasticity tensor*. Since it transforms symmetric tensors into symmetric tensors, it will be described by a 6 by 6 matrix in any basis. In order for the strain energy to exist it can be proved that \mathbb{C} has to be a symmetric tensor. Hence the total number of coefficients (elastic moduli) necessary to define the material response is $(6 \times 6 - 6)/2 + 6 = 21$. For *isotropic* materials that number reduces to 2 and the general form of the response function is

$$\mathbb{C}(\mathbf{E}) = \lambda \text{tr}(\mathbf{E}) \mathbf{I} + 2\mu \mathbf{E}. \quad (48)$$

The coefficients λ and μ are called Lamè's moduli. The infinitesimal rotation and the infinitesimal stretch are defined as

$$\boldsymbol{\Theta} := \text{skw}(\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{I}) = \text{skw } \nabla \mathbf{u}, \quad (49)$$

$$\mathbf{E} := \text{sym}(\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{I}) = \text{sym } \nabla \mathbf{u}, \quad (50)$$

where $\nabla \mathbf{u} = (\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{I})$ is the displacement gradient. An infinitesimal affine deformation is described by the expression

$$\phi(\bar{\mathbf{p}}_A) = \phi(\bar{\mathbf{p}}_O) + \mathbf{F}(\bar{\mathbf{p}}_A - \bar{\mathbf{p}}_O) = \phi(\bar{\mathbf{p}}_O) + (\mathbf{I} + \boldsymbol{\Theta} + \mathbf{E})(\bar{\mathbf{p}}_A - \bar{\mathbf{p}}_O) \quad (51)$$

or, as an alternative, through the displacement gradient

$$\mathbf{u}(\bar{\mathbf{p}}_A) = \mathbf{u}(\bar{\mathbf{p}}_O) + \nabla \mathbf{u}(\bar{\mathbf{p}}_A - \bar{\mathbf{p}}_O) = \mathbf{u}(\bar{\mathbf{p}}_O) + (\boldsymbol{\Theta} + \mathbf{E})(\bar{\mathbf{p}}_A - \bar{\mathbf{p}}_O). \quad (52)$$

Let us summarize the linear elasticity theory for an affine body. The balance principle has the form

$$\mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v}_O + (\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{T} V_{\mathcal{R}}) \cdot \mathbf{L} = 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{v}_O, \forall \mathbf{L} \quad (53)$$

from which the following balance equations are derived

$$\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{o}, \quad (54)$$

$$\text{skw } \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{O}, \quad (55)$$

$$\text{sym } \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{T} V_{\mathcal{R}}. \quad (56)$$

The total force and moment tensor are given by the expressions

$$\mathbf{f} = \int_{\mathcal{R}} \mathbf{b} \, dV + \int_{\partial\mathcal{R}} \mathbf{t} \, dA, \quad (57)$$

$$\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{p}_O} = \int_{\mathcal{R}} (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{p}}_O) \otimes \mathbf{b} \, dV + \int_{\partial\mathcal{R}} (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{p}}_O) \otimes \mathbf{t} \, dA \quad (58)$$

while the response function for the stress \mathbf{T} is given by (47). Looking at the matrix of \mathbf{E}

$$[\mathbf{E}] = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_{11} & \frac{\gamma_{12}}{2} & \frac{\gamma_{13}}{2} \\ \frac{\gamma_{21}}{2} & \varepsilon_{22} & \frac{\gamma_{23}}{2} \\ \frac{\gamma_{31}}{2} & \frac{\gamma_{32}}{2} & \varepsilon_{33} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (59)$$

the element ε_{11} stands for the elongation in the direction \mathbf{e}_1 ; the element γ_{12} stands for the shear corresponding to directions \mathbf{e}_1 and \mathbf{e}_2 . Looking at the matrix of $\mathbf{\Theta}$

$$[\mathbf{\Theta}] = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\theta_3 & \theta_2 \\ \theta_3 & 0 & -\theta_1 \\ -\theta_2 & \theta_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (60)$$

the three scalars $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3$ stand for the amplitudes of the three infinitesimal rotations around $\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3$, respectively.