# Engineering Seismology and Seismic Hazard – 2019 Lecture 6 Elastic Theory

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## **Body and Surface Forces**

There are essentially two types of forces acting on a finite volume:
1) Body forces, such as gravity
2) Surface forces, such as atmospheric pressure



Traction vector:

$$\vec{T}(\hat{n}) = \lim_{dS \to 0} \frac{\vec{F}}{dS}$$

 $\vec{T}(\hat{n}) = T_1 \hat{x}_1 + T_2 \hat{x}_2 + T_3 \hat{x}_3$ 

## Static Equilibrium Condition

Let us now assume a volume with an tetrahedral shape. On each face, a traction vector is acting.



In the static case, equilibrium condition requires zero balance of all forces:

$$\int \vec{F} = 0$$

Which is, in term of tractions:

$$\vec{T}(\hat{n})dS_{n} - \vec{T}(\hat{x}_{1})dS_{1} - \vec{T}(\hat{x}_{2})dS_{2} - \vec{T}(\hat{x}_{3})dS_{3} = 0$$

# Cauchy's Equation

By using the identity:

$$\frac{dS_i}{dS_n} = \hat{n} \cdot \hat{x}_i = n_i$$

It is possible to write the equilibrium equation as:

$$\vec{T}(\hat{n}) = \vec{T}(\hat{x}_1)n_1 + \vec{T}(\hat{x}_2)n_2 + \vec{T}(\hat{x}_3)n_3$$

Or, identically by components:

$$T_{1}(\hat{n}) = \sigma_{11}n_{1} + \sigma_{12}n_{2} + \sigma_{13}n_{3}$$
  

$$T_{2}(\hat{n}) = \sigma_{21}n_{1} + \sigma_{22}n_{2} + \sigma_{23}n_{3}$$
  

$$T_{3}(\hat{n}) = \sigma_{31}n_{1} + \sigma_{32}n_{2} + \sigma_{33}n_{3}$$
  

$$T_{1}(\hat{n}) = \sum_{j=1}^{3} \sigma_{ij}n_{j}$$

#### The Stress Tensor

The Chaucy's equation can be represented in a more compact matrix form.

$$\begin{bmatrix} T_{1}(\hat{n}) \\ T_{2}(\hat{n}) \\ T_{3}(\hat{n}) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} & \sigma_{13} \\ \sigma_{21} & \sigma_{22} & \sigma_{23} \\ \sigma_{31} & \sigma_{32} & \sigma_{33} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} n_{1} \\ n_{2} \\ n_{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{T} = \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \hat{n}$$

#### Where $\sigma$ is the Stress Tensor

### Properties of the Stress Tensor



The stress tensor is symmetric, therefore the stress state of a surface of arbitrary orientation is fully described by only 6 independent components

$$\sigma_{ij} = \sigma_{ji}$$

#### **Principal Stresses**

For a given stress state it is possible to find a rotation of the reference system for which only normal stress are present, while shear components vanish.

Axis of the new system are the **principal directions**, while the corresponding normal stresses are the **principal stresses**.

Principal directions and stresses can be found by diagonalisation of the stress tensor using eigenvalue decomposition:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{ij} - \lambda \ \delta_{ij} \end{pmatrix} n_j = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11} - \lambda & \sigma_{12} & \sigma_{13} \\ \sigma_{21} & \sigma_{22} - \lambda & \sigma_{23} \\ \sigma_{31} & \sigma_{32} & \sigma_{33} - \lambda \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \\ n_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

## **Principal Directions**



## Mohr's Circle

Principal directions can also be conveniently analyzed using Mohr's circle representation, which is also used to study fracturing (more on this later)



## Static Equilibrium using Stress

We now repeat the previous exercise for a different volume shape.

In such case, force equilibrium can be computed by component separately as:



$$F_{1}^{TOT} = \sigma_{11}^{dx_{1}} dx_{2} dx_{3} - \sigma_{11}^{0} dx_{2} dx_{3} + \sigma_{21}^{dx_{2}} dx_{1} dx_{3} - \sigma_{21}^{0} dx_{1} dx_{3} + \sigma_{31}^{dx_{3}} dx_{1} dx_{2} - \sigma_{31}^{0} dx_{1} dx_{2} = 0$$

## Static Equilibrium using Stress

By truncated expansion in Taylor series, stresses can be written as:

$$\sigma_{11}^{dx_1} = \sigma_{11}^0 + \frac{\partial \sigma_{11}}{\partial x_1} dx_1$$

By substitution, the equilibrium equation can be written in the form:

$$F_{1} = \left(\frac{\partial \sigma_{11}}{\partial x_{1}} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{21}}{\partial x_{2}} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{31}}{\partial x_{3}}\right) dx_{1} dx_{2} dx_{3} = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{3} \frac{\partial \sigma_{ii}}{\partial x_{i}} = 0 \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \sum_{i=1}^{3} \frac{\partial \sigma_{ij}}{\partial x_{i}} + f^{V} = 0$$

#### **Displacement Vector**

In a body subject to **displacement** (u), **deformation** can be obtained by the relative variation of displacement between adjacent points



## Strain and Rotation Tensors

Rearranging elements...

$$du_{j}(x_{i}) = \frac{\partial u_{j}}{\partial x_{i}} dx_{i} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial u_{j}}{\partial x_{i}} dx_{i} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial u_{i}}{\partial x_{j}} dx_{i}$$

$$du_{j}(x_{i}) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_{j}}{\partial x_{i}} + \frac{\partial u_{i}}{\partial x_{j}} \right) dx_{i} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_{j}}{\partial x_{i}} - \frac{\partial u_{i}}{\partial x_{j}} \right) dx_{i}$$

$$\frac{du_j(x_i)}{dx_i} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} - \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \right)$$

## Strain and Rotation Tensors

While the strain tensor is symmetrical, rotation tensor is antisymmetrical

#### **Examples of Deformation**



## Hooke's Law

The relation between stress and deformation is expressed by the Hook's law:

$$\sigma_{ij} = C_{ijkl} \varepsilon_{kl}$$

Where C is the fourth-order **stiffness tensor**.

In case of isotropic material, due to symmetries and energetic considerations, the tensor reduces from 81 elements to just two constants, the Lame's parameters  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ :

$$C_{ijkl} = \lambda \,\delta_{ij} \,\delta_{kl} + \mu \left(\delta_{ik} \,\delta_{jl} + \delta_{il} \,\delta_{jk}\right)$$

## Hooke's Law

The Hook's law for the isotropic case can then be simplified as:

$$\sigma_{ij} = \lambda \, \delta_{ji} \varepsilon_{kk} + 2 \, \mu \, \varepsilon_{ij}$$

Or, identically as function of displacement:

$$\sigma_{ij} = \lambda \, \delta_{ji} \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_k} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \right)$$

## Elastodynamic Equilibrium

Now we examine the case when the material is subject to some acceleration and find in dynamic condition:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{3} \frac{\partial \sigma_{ij}}{\partial x_{i}} = \rho \frac{\partial^{2} u_{i}}{\partial t^{2}}$$

By using the Hooke's law and after some maths, the elastodynamic equation above can be written in displacement as:

$$(\lambda + \mu) \frac{\partial^2 u_k}{\partial x_i \partial x_k} \delta_{ji} + \mu \frac{\partial^2 u_i}{\partial x_j^2} = \rho \frac{\partial^2 u_i}{\partial t^2}$$

# Equation of Motion in Vector Form

The wave equation can be written in a more compact and general for in vector notation:



This notation is also called the Navier's equation

# (Generic) Wave Equation Solution

Let us consider a generic hyperbolic partial differential equation (scalar wave equation) with velocity *c*:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$$

To solve it, we can assume a generic solution (in Fourier domain):

Which is the eigenvalue function for G(x), with solution:

#### Plane Waves

The solution is actually the real part of the harmonic equation. Using the Euler formula, we can rewrite the solution as:

$$\mathbf{u}(x,t) = A[\cos(\omega t \pm \kappa x) - i\sin(\omega t \pm \kappa x)]$$

With:

$$c = \frac{\omega}{\kappa} = \frac{\lambda}{T}$$



## Helmholtz Theorem

Any vector field u=u(x) may be separated into a scalar and a vector potential:

$$\vec{u} = \nabla \phi + \nabla \times \vec{\psi}$$

The scalar field is irrotational (does not rotate, no angular distortion):

$$\nabla \times \phi = 0$$



While the vector field is solenoidal (does not diverge, same volume):

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{\psi} = 0$$

## Wave Equation using Potentials

By substitution of Helmholtz potentials into the Navier's equation we get (note that null terms are neglected):

$$(\lambda + 2\mu)\nabla(\nabla \cdot (\nabla \phi)) - \mu \nabla \times \nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{\psi}) = \frac{\partial^2 (\nabla \phi + \nabla \times \vec{\psi})}{\partial t^2}$$

And after some rearranging:

$$\nabla \left( (\lambda + 2\mu) \nabla^2 \phi - \rho \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} \right) + \nabla \times \left( \mu \nabla^2 \vec{\psi} - \rho \frac{\partial^2 \vec{\psi}}{\partial t^2} \right) = 0$$

## Wave Equation using Potentials

Such equation is satisfied for:

$$(\lambda + 2\mu)\nabla^2 \phi = \rho \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2}$$
$$\mu \nabla^2 \vec{\psi} = \rho \frac{\partial^2 \vec{\psi}}{\partial t^2}$$

Which are standard Hyperbolic partial differential equations with velocities:

$$\alpha = \sqrt{\frac{(\lambda + 2\mu)}{\rho}}$$
$$\beta = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\rho}}$$

 $\alpha > \beta$ 

## Wave Solution using Potentials

The harmonic solution for the scalar and vector potentials is:

$$\phi = A e^{i(\omega t - \vec{\kappa}_{\alpha} \cdot \vec{x})} \qquad \vec{\psi} = \hat{n} B e^{i(\omega t - \vec{\kappa}_{\beta} \cdot \vec{x})}$$

By substitution into the Helmholtz equation, we get the generic harmonic solution of Nevier's equation:

$$\vec{u} = \nabla (A e^{i(\omega t - \vec{\kappa_{\alpha}} \cdot \vec{x})}) + \nabla \times (\hat{n} B e^{i(\omega t - \vec{\kappa_{\beta}} \cdot \vec{x})})$$
$$\vec{u_P} \quad \vec{u_S}$$

Or identically:

$$\vec{u} = \left(A \nabla e^{-i\vec{\kappa}_{\alpha} \cdot \vec{x}} + B \nabla \times \hat{n} e^{-i\vec{\kappa}_{\beta} \cdot \vec{x}}\right) e^{i\omega t}$$

#### P and S waves



The wave equation solution leads then to two types of waves: 1) An irrotational wave (no angular distortions), called P (*primae*) 2) an equivoluminal wave (no change in volume), called S (*secundae*)

#### P and S waves



(from Dr. Dan Russel, University of Kettering - USA)



Longitudinal P waves propagate both in fluids and in solids. Transversal S waves ONLY in solids (fluids has no shear resistance).

P and S waves are non-dispersive as VP and Vs are frequencyindependent.

#### P-S wave Arrivals



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