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Exercise 8: Hooke's law 13.12.2024 - 16.12.2024

Determine the slope of the σ_{xx} vs. ε_{xx} curve in the elastic range if a material is tested under the following state of stress:

$$\sigma_{xx} = 2\sigma_{yy} = 3\sigma_{zz}$$

$$\sigma_{xy} = \sigma_{xz} = \sigma_{yz} = 0$$

Solution: Recall Hooke's law:

$$\begin{split} \sigma_{xx} &= 2\mu\varepsilon_{xx} + \lambda\left(\varepsilon_{xx} + \varepsilon_{yy} + \varepsilon_{zz}\right),\\ \sigma_{yy} &= 2\mu\varepsilon_{yy} + \lambda\left(\varepsilon_{xx} + \varepsilon_{yy} + \varepsilon_{zz}\right),\\ \sigma_{zz} &= 2\mu\varepsilon_{zz} + \lambda\left(\varepsilon_{xx} + \varepsilon_{yy} + \varepsilon_{zz}\right),\\ \sigma_{xy} &= 2\mu\varepsilon_{xy},\\ \sigma_{xz} &= 2\mu\varepsilon_{xz},\\ \sigma_{yz} &= 2\mu\varepsilon_{yz}. \end{split}$$

We see immediately that $\varepsilon_{xy} = \varepsilon_{xz} = \varepsilon_{yz} = 0$. The first equation gives

$$\lambda \left(\varepsilon_{xx} + \varepsilon_{yy} + \varepsilon_{zz} \right) = \sigma_{xx} - 2\mu \varepsilon_{xx}.$$

Replacing this term in the second and third equations allows to determine ε_{yy} and ε_{zz} as function of σ_{xx} and ε_{xx} ,

$$\varepsilon_{yy} = \varepsilon_{xx} - \frac{\sigma_{xx}}{4\mu},$$
$$\varepsilon_{zz} = \varepsilon_{xx} - \frac{\sigma_{xx}}{3\mu}.$$

Inserting back into the first equation allows to eliminate ε_{yy} and ε_{zz} . Thus, we can write σ_{xx} as a function of ε_{xx} alone,

$$\sigma_{xx} = \frac{12\mu \left(3\lambda + 2\mu\right)}{\left(12\mu + 7\lambda\right)} \varepsilon_{xx}$$

and read off the slope

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_{xx}}{\partial \varepsilon_{xx}} = \frac{12\mu \left(3\lambda + 2\mu\right)}{\left(12\mu + 7\lambda\right)}$$

A bar of constant mass density ρ hangs under its own weight and is supported by the uniform stress σ_0 as shown in the figure. Assume that the stresses σ_{xx} , σ_{yy} , σ_{xz} , and σ_{yz} vanish identically.

- (a) Recall that there are 15 governing equations in 3*D*: three equilibrium equations, six strain-displacement relations, and six stress-strain relations. Show that the 15 equations reduce to seven equations under the assumptions above. What are the variables?
- (b) Integrate the equilibrium equation to show that $\sigma_{zz} = \rho gz$, where g is the acceleration due to gravity. Also show that the prescribed boundary conditions are satisfied by this solution.

(c) Find ε_{xx} , ε_{yy} , and ε_{zz} from Hooke's law.



Solution: (a) The governing equation for isotropic elasticity in 3D are

$$\sigma_{xx} = 2\mu\varepsilon_{xx} + \lambda \left(\varepsilon_{xx} + \varepsilon_{yy} + \varepsilon_{zz}\right)$$

$$\sigma_{yy} = 2\mu\varepsilon_{yy} + \lambda \left(\varepsilon_{xx} + \varepsilon_{yy} + \varepsilon_{zz}\right)$$

$$\sigma_{zz} = 2\mu\varepsilon_{zz} + \lambda \left(\varepsilon_{xx} + \varepsilon_{yy} + \varepsilon_{zz}\right)$$

$$\sigma_{xy} = 2\mu\varepsilon_{xy}$$

$$\sigma_{xz} = 2\mu\varepsilon_{xz}$$

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$$\varepsilon_{xx} = \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x}$$

$$\varepsilon_{yy} = \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y}$$

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$$\varepsilon_{xz} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x}\right)$$

$$\varepsilon_{xz} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial x}\right)$$

$$\varepsilon_{yz} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial \sigma_{xz}}{\partial z} + F_x = 0\right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_{xz}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{yy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{yz}}{\partial z} + F_z = 0$$

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$$equilibrium$$

Equations colored red disappear. If $\sigma_{xy} = \sigma_{xz} = \sigma_{yz} = 0$ and $\mu \neq 0$, then the three red equations in Hooke's law can only be fulfilled if $\varepsilon_{xy} = \varepsilon_{xz} = \varepsilon_{yz} = 0$. All three become 0 = 0 and can therefore be ignored. The left hand side of the three red strain-displacement relations is zero. They can only be fulfilled if (i) the derivatives on the right hand side are zero, or (ii) if $\partial u_x / \partial y = -\partial u_y / \partial x$, $\partial u_x / \partial z = -\partial u_z / \partial x$, and $\partial u_y / \partial z = -\partial u_z / \partial y$. Case (ii) represents a state of superimposed rigid body rotation, which we can ignore. Two equilibrium equations disappear because the corresponding stresses are zero. Note that gravitation acts only along z, hence $F_x = F_y = 0$. The remaining variables are σ_{zz} , u_x , u_y , u_z , ε_{xx} , ε_{yy} , and ε_{zz} . Note that there are now seven governing equations and seven variables.

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Solution: (b) The gravitation force per volume is $F_z = -\rho g$. The remaining equilibrium equation reads

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_{zz}}{\partial z} - \rho g = 0,$$

which can be integrated to give

$$\sigma_{zz} = \rho g z + C.$$

C is a constant. σ_{zz} must vanish at z = 0, hence C = 0.

Solution: (c) Hooke's law now reads

$$0 = 2\mu\varepsilon_{xx} + \lambda \left(\varepsilon_{xx} + \varepsilon_{yy} + \varepsilon_{zz}\right),
0 = 2\mu\varepsilon_{yy} + \lambda \left(\varepsilon_{xx} + \varepsilon_{yy} + \varepsilon_{zz}\right),
\sigma_{zz} = 2\mu\varepsilon_{zz} + \lambda \left(\varepsilon_{xx} + \varepsilon_{yy} + \varepsilon_{zz}\right).$$

By subtracting the first and the second equation, we find $\varepsilon_{xx} = \varepsilon_{yy}$. Setting $\varepsilon_{xx} = \varepsilon_{yy} = \varepsilon_{\text{lateral}}$ and inserting back into the first or second equation, we then obtain

$$\varepsilon_{\text{lateral}} = -\frac{\lambda}{2\left(\lambda+\mu\right)}\varepsilon_{zz}.$$

Note that $\frac{\lambda}{2(\lambda+\mu)} \equiv \nu$, the Poisson constant. Inserting $\varepsilon_{\text{lateral}}$ and the result for σ_{zz} from (b) into the last equation, we get

$$\varepsilon_{xx} = \left(2\mu + \lambda - \frac{\lambda^2}{\lambda + \mu}\right)^{-1} \rho g z$$



Figure 1: screw dislocation from: https://www.tf. uni-kiel.de/matwis/ amat/defen/kap5/ backbone/r522.html

Calculate the associated strain tensor ε and the stress tensor σ (using Hooke's law)! Is the body in a state of plane strain or plane stress? Do you notice something peculiar near the center of the dislocation at x = y = 0?

Solution: The strains are given by the equation

$$\varepsilon_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\partial_i u_j + \partial_j u_i \right)$$

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we thus find

$$\varepsilon_{xx} = \varepsilon_{yy} = \varepsilon_{zz} = \varepsilon_{xy} = \varepsilon_{yx} = 0$$

$$\varepsilon_{xz} = \varepsilon_{zx} = -\frac{b}{4\pi} \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2},$$

$$\varepsilon_{yz} = \varepsilon_{zy} = \frac{b}{4\pi} \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2},$$

and the stresses can be computed by the formula for isotropic materials given in the lecture

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

to find

$$\sigma_{xx} = \sigma_{yy} = \sigma_{zz} = \sigma_{xy} = \sigma_{yx} = 0,$$

$$\sigma_{xz} = \sigma_{zx} = -\frac{\mu b}{2\pi} \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2},$$

$$\sigma_{yz} = \sigma_{zy} = \frac{\mu b}{2\pi} \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2}.$$

The state of deformation is neither plane strain nor plane stress. Note that the fields diverge as $x, y \to 0$. Thus small strain elasticity breaks down in some region around x = y = 0 and one needs to consider the atomic structure of the material to find the true state of deformation.

$$\begin{split} \varepsilon_{xx} &= \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x}, \quad \varepsilon_{yy} = \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y}, \quad \varepsilon_{xy} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} \right) \quad \text{(definition of strain)}, \\ \sigma_{xx} &= 2\mu\varepsilon_{xx} + \lambda \left(\varepsilon_{xx} + \varepsilon_{yy} \right), \quad \sigma_{yy} = 2\mu\varepsilon_{yy} + \lambda \left(\varepsilon_{xx} + \varepsilon_{yy} \right), \quad \sigma_{xy} = 2\mu\varepsilon_{xy} \quad \text{(Hooke's law)}, \\ &\qquad \qquad \frac{\partial \sigma_{xx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{xy}}{\partial y} + F_x = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \sigma_{yy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{xy}}{\partial x} + F_y = 0, \quad \text{(equilibrium)}. \end{split}$$

These are eight governing equations. However, we can combine them in such a way that we end up with only two equations in terms of the displacement components u_x and u_y . This form is convenient for problems where displacement components are prescribed over the entire boundary of the body. Find these two equations!

Solution: By subsituting the strains into Hooke's law, one obtains

$$\sigma_{xx} = \lambda \left(\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} \right) + 2\mu \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x},$$

$$\sigma_{yy} = \lambda \left(\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} \right) + 2\mu \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y},$$

$$\sigma_{xy} = \mu \left(\frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} \right).$$

Inserting these equations into the equilibrium conditions and eliminating stresses gives

$$\mu \left(\frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial y^2} \right) + (\lambda + \mu) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} \right) + F_x = 0,$$

$$\mu \left(\frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial y^2} \right) + (\lambda + \mu) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} \right) + F_y = 0.$$

These are the *Navier-Cauchy* equations for plane strain.