PHYSICS OF MATERIALS



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Series 3 Solutions

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Exercise 1 Elastic equilibrium condition in a two-phase material

We want to demonstrate that the volume average stress in a solid at equilibrium under the condition of zero exterior forces is equal to zero.

$$\int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{ij} \, dV = 0$$

We have the following conditions:

i) $\sigma_{ik}n_k = 0$ where n_k represents the normal to the surface.

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_{_{ik}}}{\partial x_{_k}} = 0$$
 ii) : the solid s equilibrium condition (equation 3.26 of the course)

For the demonstration, we use a small calculation ansatz.

$$\int_{\Omega} \sigma_{ij} dV = \int_{\Omega} \sigma_{ik} \delta_{kj} dV = \int_{\Omega} \sigma_{ik} \frac{\partial x_j}{\partial x_k} dV$$
(1)

By integrating by parts, the expression (1) becomes:

$$\int_{\Omega} \sigma_{ik} \frac{\partial x_j}{\partial x_k} dV = \int_{\Sigma} x_j \sigma_{ik} dS_k - \int_{\Omega} x_j \frac{\partial \sigma_{ik}}{\partial x_k} dV = \int_{\Sigma} x_j \sigma_{ik} n_k dS - \int_{\Omega} x_j \frac{\partial \sigma_{ik}}{\partial x_k} dV$$
(2)

The surface integral is 0 because of condition i), and the volume integral is also 0 because of the local equilibrium condition ii).

For a two-phase composite material containing a volume Ω_1 of phase 1 and a volume Ω_2 of phase 2, we can write:

$$\int_{\Omega} \sigma_{ij} dV = 0 = \frac{\Omega_1}{\Omega_1} \int_{\Omega_1} \sigma_{ij} dV + \frac{\Omega_2}{\Omega_2} \int_{\Omega_2} \sigma_{ij} dV$$
(3)

and thus by posing $\frac{1}{\Omega_{_{1}}}\int\limits_{\Omega_{_{1}}}\sigma_{_{ij}}\,dV=\left\langle \sigma_{_{ij}}\right\rangle _{_{1}}$:

$$\Omega_{1} \left\langle \sigma_{ij} \right\rangle_{1} + \Omega_{2} \left\langle \sigma_{ij} \right\rangle_{2} = 0 \tag{4}$$

By dividing (4) by Ω and rewriting in terms of the volume fraction (f) of phase 2, we get:

$$(1-f)\langle \sigma_{ij}\rangle_1 + f\langle \sigma_{ij}\rangle_2 = 0 \tag{5}$$

This formula can be generalized to a multi-phase material made of n phases:

$$\sum_{n} f_{n} \left\langle \sigma_{ij} \right\rangle_{n} = 0 \tag{6}$$

Exercise 2 Strain tensor: cylindrical and spherical coordinates

The length of a segment after distortion is given by:

$$d\vec{x}' = dx + d\vec{u}$$

Following the equation (3.17) of the course

$$dl'^2 - dl^2 \approx 2d\vec{x}d\vec{u} = 2u_{ik}dx_idx_k$$

We want to write the tensor u_{jk} in the new basis $(\vec{e}_r, \vec{e}_\theta, \vec{e}_z)$:

$$d\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} dx_1 \\ dx_2 \\ dx_3 \end{pmatrix} = dr\vec{e}_r + rd\theta\vec{e}_\theta + dz\vec{e}_z$$

Due to dimension homogeneity, the new variables are:

$$dr, rd\theta, dz$$

$$\begin{split} \vec{u} &= u_r \vec{e}_r + u_\theta \vec{e}_\theta + u_z \vec{e}_z \\ d\vec{u} &= du_r \vec{e}_r + du_\theta \vec{e}_\theta + du_z \vec{e}_z + u_r d\vec{e}_r + u_\theta d\vec{e}_\theta + u_z d\vec{e}_z \end{split}$$

$$d\vec{e}_r = d\theta \vec{e}_\theta \quad d\vec{e}_\theta = -d\theta \vec{e}_r \quad d\vec{e}_z = 0$$

We differentiate with the new coordinates (like in equation 3.3 of the course):

$$du_{r} = \frac{\partial u_{r}}{\partial r} dr + \frac{\partial u_{r}}{\partial \theta} d\theta + \frac{\partial u_{r}}{\partial z} dz$$

$$du_{\theta} = \frac{\partial u_{\theta}}{\partial r} dr + \frac{\partial u_{\theta}}{\partial \theta} d\theta + \frac{\partial u_{\theta}}{\partial z} dz$$

$$du_{z} = \frac{\partial u_{z}}{\partial r} dr + \frac{\partial u_{z}}{\partial \theta} d\theta + \frac{\partial u_{z}}{\partial z} dz$$

and thus:

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$$\begin{split} d\vec{x}d\vec{u} &= \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial r}dr^2 + \left(\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial u_r}{\partial \theta} - \frac{u_\theta}{r}\right)rdrd\theta + \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial z}drdz + \\ &\quad + \frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial r}rdrd\theta + \left(\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{u_r}{r}\right)r^2d\theta^2 + \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial z}rd\theta dz + \\ &\quad + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial r}drdz + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial u_z}{\partial \theta}rd\theta dz + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z}dz^2 \\ \\ u_{rr} &= \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial r} \quad u_{\theta\theta} = \left(\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{u_r}{r}\right) \quad u_{zz} = \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} \\ \\ 2u_{r\theta} &= \left(\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial u_r}{\partial \theta} - \frac{u_\theta}{r} + \frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial r}\right) \quad 2u_{rz} = \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial r} \quad 2u_{\theta z} = \left(\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial u_z}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial z}\right) \end{split}$$

Using analgous derviations for spherical coordinates, the new variables are:

dr, $rd\theta$, $r\sin\theta d\phi$

$$\begin{split} u_{rr} &= \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial r} \quad u_{\theta\theta} = \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u_{\theta}}{\partial \theta} + \frac{u_r}{r}\right) \quad u_{\varphi\varphi} = \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial u_{\varphi}}{\partial \varphi} + \frac{u_r}{r} + \frac{u_{\theta}}{r (tg\theta)} \\ 2u_{r\theta} &= \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial \theta} - \frac{u_{\theta}}{r} + \frac{\partial u_{\theta}}{\partial r}\right) \quad 2u_{r\varphi} = \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial \varphi} + \frac{\partial u_{\varphi}}{r} - \frac{u_{\varphi}}{r} \quad 2u_{\theta\varphi} = \frac{1}{r} \left(\frac{\partial u_{\varphi}}{\partial \theta} - \frac{u_{\varphi}}{tg\theta} + \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial \varphi}\right) \end{split}$$