

Surface Instabilities in Nonlinear Elasticity

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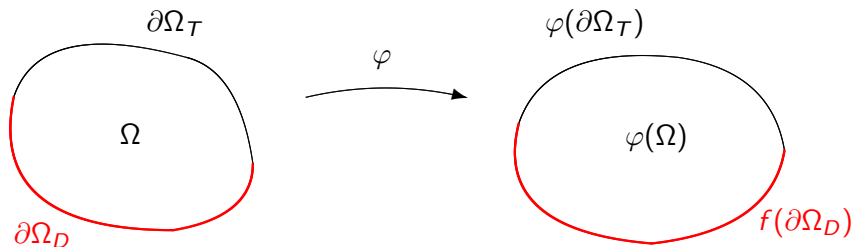
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Notation

- Consider an elastic body occupying a domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ in its reference configuration. Let $\varphi \in W^{1,2}(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^n)$ be a deformation of the body, with $\det(\nabla\varphi) > 0$, subject to the mixed displacement/traction condition

$$\varphi|_{\partial\Omega_D} = f,$$

$$\partial\Omega = \partial\Omega_D \cup \partial\Omega_T, \quad \partial\Omega_D \cap \partial\Omega_T = \emptyset.$$



Hyperelasticity

- We assume the material is Hyperelastic, so we can associate an energy with each deformation φ given by

$$E[\varphi] = \int_{\Omega} W(x, \nabla\varphi(x)) \, dx,$$

where $W : \Omega \times M_+^{n \times n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is the Stored Energy Function.

- We shall consider necessary conditions for $\varphi \in W^{1,2}(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^n)$ to be a strong or weak local minimiser.
- Incompressible Elasticity includes the restriction $\det(\nabla\varphi) = 1$, and $W : \Omega \times M_1^{n \times n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Weak local minimisers

- If φ is a sufficiently smooth solution to the Euler Lagrange equations, a further necessary condition for it to be a weak local minimiser is that the *second variation* at φ

$$\delta^2 E[\varphi](u) = \int_{\Omega} C[\nabla u, \nabla u] \, dx$$

is nonnegative for all variations $u \in W_{\partial\Omega_D}^{1,2}(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^n)$, where

$$C_{\alpha\beta}^{ij} = \frac{\partial^2 W(x, \nabla\varphi(x))}{\partial F_{i\alpha} \partial F_{j\beta}}.$$

The Complementing Condition

- Let $x_0 \in \partial\Omega_T$, and let ν be the unit normal at x_0 . Write $H_\nu = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x \cdot \nu < 0\}$, and $C_0 = \frac{\partial^2 W(x_0, \nabla\varphi(x_0))}{\partial F^2}$. Consider the boundary-value problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{div}(C_0[\nabla u]) &= 0 && \text{in } H_\nu \\ C_0[\nabla u]\nu &= 0 && \text{on } \partial H_\nu. \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Definition

We say the boundary-value problem (1) satisfies the *complementing condition* if the only bounded solutions of the form

$$u = \operatorname{Re}(f(x \cdot \nu)e^{i(x \cdot \tau)}), \quad \tau \perp \nu \tag{2}$$

for (1) are trivial.

Agmon's Condition

- Consider the related boundary-value problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{div}(C_0[\nabla u]) &= \alpha^2 u && \text{in } H_\nu \\ C_0[\nabla u]\nu &= 0 && \text{on } \partial H_\nu. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

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The boundary-value problem (1) satisfies the *strong complementing condition* if it satisfies the complementing condition and Agmon's condition.

Quasiconvexity at the Boundary

Definition

For a free boundary point $x_0 \in \partial\Omega_T$ with normal ν , a *standard boundary domain* is a bounded domain $D_\nu \subset H_\nu$, such that the interior Γ of $\partial D_\nu \cap \partial H_\nu$ is non-empty.

Definition

The stored energy function W is *quasiconvex at the boundary at φ* (see Ball and Marsden [1984]) if for all free boundary points $x_0 \in \partial\Omega_T$ with normal ν , and any standard boundary domain $D_\nu \subset \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$\int_{D_\nu} W(x_0, \nabla\varphi(x_0) + \nabla\psi(x)) \, dx \geq \int_{D_\nu} W(x_0, \nabla\varphi(x_0)) \, dx,$$

for all $\psi \in W^{1,\infty}_{\partial D_\nu \setminus \Gamma}(D_\nu, \mathbb{R}^n)$

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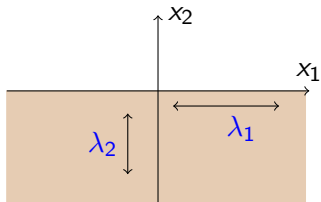
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Generalisation to Isotropic Materials

- Biot's original result follows if one were to formally check for failure of the complementing condition for a *Neo-Hookean, incompressible* stored-energy function:

$$W^{inc}(\nabla\varphi) = \underbrace{\frac{\mu}{2}|\nabla\varphi|^2}_{\text{Neo-Hookean part}} - \underbrace{p(x)\det((\nabla\varphi) - 1)}_{\text{Lagrange multiplier}}.$$

with the incompressibility condition $\det(\nabla\varphi) = 1$.

Theorem

Ball [1984] Let $W : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be isotropic, and let $\Phi : (0, \infty)^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be the symmetric function given by $W(F) = \Phi(v_1, \dots, v_n) \quad \forall F \in M_+^{n \times n}$, where v_1, \dots, v_n are the principal stretches of F . Then if $F = \text{diag}(v_1, \dots, v_n)$, $G \in M^{n \times n}$, and $\Phi \in C^2((0, \infty)^n)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 W(F)}{\partial F^2} [G, G] &= \sum_{i,j=1}^n \Phi_{,ij}(v) G_{ii} G_{jj} \\ &+ \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{v_i \Phi_{,i}(v) - v_j \Phi_{,j}(v)}{v_i^2 - v_j^2} G_{ij}^2 + \frac{v_j \Phi_{,i}(v) - v_i \Phi_{,j}(v)}{v_i^2 - v_j^2} G_{ij} G_{ji}. \end{aligned}$$

Generalisation to Isotropic Materials

- With the aid of this result, for a general isotropic, incompressible stored-energy function, instability occurs when

$$\alpha(r^3 - 2r^2 - r) - 2\beta r - \Phi_{22}r^2 + 2\Phi_{12}r - \Phi_{11} = 0,$$

where $r = \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1}$, $\alpha = \frac{\lambda_2\Phi_2 - \lambda_1\Phi_1}{\lambda_2^2 - \lambda_1^2}$, and $\beta = \frac{\lambda_2\Phi_1 - \lambda_1\Phi_2}{\lambda_2^2 - \lambda_1^2}$.

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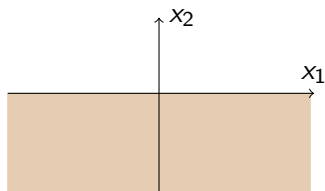
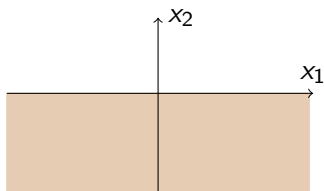
- We can compare this condition to the following: The homogeneous deformation $\varphi = (\lambda_1 x_1, \lambda_2 x_2)^T$ is a weak local minimiser only if

$$\alpha(\Phi_{11}\Phi_{22} - \Phi_{12}^2) + (\alpha^2 - \beta^2)\sqrt{\Phi_{11}\Phi_{22}} \geq 0$$

- Obtained by using Riccati Equations and a clever use of null lagrangians, applied to an isotropic, *compressible* material (see Mielke and Sprenger [1998]).

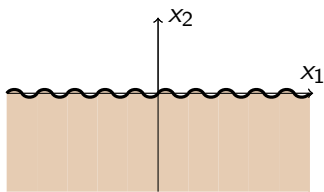
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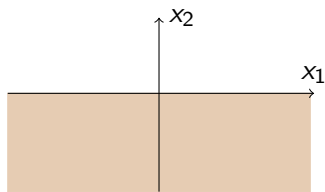


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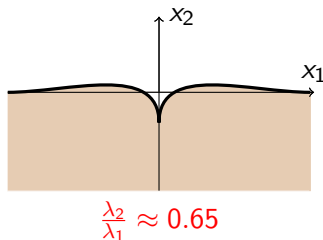
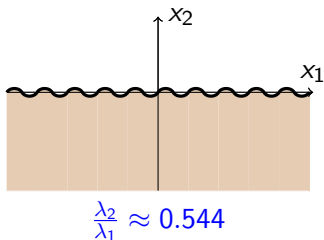


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Crease Formation

- Case study: Creasing in rubber elastomers under extreme circumstances



Figure: A sulcus on the interior of a rubber diaphragm

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