

MATHEMATICAL TRIPOS      Part III

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PAPER 72

THEORY OF ELASTIC SOLIDS

*Attempt **THREE** questions.*

*There are **four** questions in total.*

*The questions carry equal weight.*

**You may not start to read the questions  
printed on the subsequent pages until  
instructed to do so by the Invigilator.**

1 Given the identity

$$\left( \frac{\partial W}{\partial A_{i\alpha}} - N_{\alpha i} \right) \dot{A}_{i\alpha} = 0$$

for any admissible  $\dot{A}_{i\alpha}$ , relating nominal stress  $N_{\alpha i}$  and deformation gradient  $A_{i\alpha}$  in elastic material with stored energy function  $W(\mathbf{A})$  per unit undeformed volume, deduce that

$$N_{\alpha i} = \frac{\partial W}{\partial A_{i\alpha}} + q \frac{\partial F}{\partial A_{i\alpha}},$$

where  $q$  is an undetermined scalar, if the material is constrained so that  $F(\mathbf{A}) = 0$ .

If the material is incompressible, so that  $\det(\mathbf{A}) \equiv (1/6)\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma}\varepsilon_{ijk}A_{i\alpha}A_{j\beta}A_{k\gamma} = 1$ , show that

$$N_{\alpha i} = \frac{\partial W}{\partial A_{i\alpha}} + q(\mathbf{A}^{-1})_{\alpha i}.$$

A cube, whose edges are aligned with the coordinate axes, composed of (incompressible) neo-Hookean material, with energy function

$$W(\mathbf{A}) = \frac{1}{2}\mu(A_{i\alpha}A_{i\alpha} - 3),$$

is subjected to dead-loading at its surface, to generate the uniform nominal stress  $N_{11} = N_{22} = N_{33} = T$ ,  $N_{\alpha i} = 0$  otherwise. Show that the deformation  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$  is always possible and that seven distinct homogeneous deformations are possible if  $T/\mu > 3/2^{2/3}$ . [You will need to consider solutions of  $\lambda^3 - (T/\mu)\lambda^2 + 1 = 0$  or some equivalent equation.]

2 A right circular cylinder of radius  $a$  is composed of isotropic incompressible elastic material with stored energy function  $W(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3)$ , where  $\lambda_i$  are the principal stretches. The cylinder is subjected to the field of torsional deformation

$$x_1 = \xi_1 \cos(\alpha\xi_3) - \xi_2 \sin(\alpha\xi_3), \quad x_2 = \xi_1 \sin(\alpha\xi_3) + \xi_2 \cos(\alpha\xi_3), \quad x_3 = \xi_3. \quad (1)$$

By considering conservation of energy or otherwise, deduce that the couple on the upper end of the cylinder required to produce the deformation (1) must have magnitude

$$M(\alpha) = 2\pi \frac{d}{d\alpha} \int_0^a W(\lambda, 1/\lambda, 1) \rho d\rho,$$

where

$$\lambda = \frac{\alpha\rho}{2} + \left( 1 + \frac{\alpha^2\rho^2}{4} \right)^{1/2}$$

and  $\rho = (\xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2)^{1/2}$ . [You are not required to prove that the given deformation is sustainable by tractions applied only over the ends of the cylinder.]

Evaluate  $M(\alpha)$  in the case of neo-Hookean material, so that  $W(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3) = \frac{1}{2}\mu(\lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2^2 + \lambda_3^2 - 3)$ .

3 Given the equations of motion

$$N_{\alpha i, \alpha} + \rho_0 g_i = \rho_0 \ddot{x}_i \text{ in } \Omega_0$$

with boundary conditions

$$\text{either } \nu_\alpha N_{\alpha i} = t_i^0 \quad \text{or} \quad x_i = x_i^0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega_0,$$

develop corresponding equations for an additional increment  $\delta x_i$  of deformation, assuming that the material is elastic with stored energy function  $W(\mathbf{A})$ .

(a) Show that, if the material is uniform and the initial deformation is affine and static, then the equations of motion for an increment  $\delta x_i$ , in the absence of body force, admit plane-wave solutions of the form

$$\delta x_i = m_i f(t - \nu_\alpha \xi_\alpha / c)$$

for arbitrary  $f$ , where

$$c_{\alpha i \beta j} \nu_\alpha \nu_\beta m_j = \rho_0 c^2 m_i,$$

in which the constants  $c_{\alpha i \beta j}$  denote the moduli relating increments of nominal stress and deformation gradient.

(b) Given that the initial deformation (now not necessarily uniform) is static and maintained by time-independent dead-load tractions  $t_i^0$  and body-forces  $g_i$ , show that a small time-harmonic perturbation of the form

$$\delta x_i = u_i(\xi_j) \exp(i\omega t)$$

is possible for certain values of  $\omega^2$ . Prove that these values are real, and must be positive if the quadratic form

$$a_{i\alpha} c_{\alpha i \beta j} a_{j\beta} > 0 \text{ for all } a_{i\alpha} \neq 0.$$

[Take  $\delta t_i^0 = \delta g_i = 0$ .]

(c) Consider a similar time-harmonic perturbation for the displacement boundary-value problem, with  $x_i^0$  time-independent. Show that the possible values of  $\omega^2$  are positive if there exist constants  $K_{k\gamma}$  such that the quadratic form

$$a_{i\alpha} \{c_{\alpha i \beta j} + K_{k\gamma} \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \varepsilon_{ijk}\} a_{j\beta} > 0 \text{ for all } a_{i\alpha} \neq 0. \quad (2)$$

[Take  $\delta x_i^0 = \delta g_i = 0$ .]

(d) Show that, if the condition (2) is satisfied, then the material locally admits three real plane waves (positive  $c^2$ ), in every direction.

4 Show that static antiplane infinitesimal deformation of isotropic elastic material with shear modulus  $\mu$  can be described, in the absence of body force, by the relation

$$\sigma_{23} + i\sigma_{13} = \mu F'(z),$$

where  $\sigma_{13}$ ,  $\sigma_{23}$  are the only non-zero stress components and  $F(z) = \phi(x_1, x_2) + iw(x_1, x_2)$ ;  $z = x_1 + ix_2$ ,  $w$  is the out-of-plane displacement and  $\phi$  is a stress function.

The remainder of this question concerns an infinite body with a crack (or cracks) on the  $x_1$ -axis. In the absence of the crack(s), the body would experience a field of antiplane deformation with associated stress components  $\sigma_{13}^A$ ,  $\sigma_{23}^A$ . *Additional* stresses  $\sigma_{13}$ ,  $\sigma_{23}$  and displacement  $w$  are induced by the presence of the crack(s). Develop a Hilbert problem for the associated complex function  $F'(z)$ .

(a) If the crack occupies the segment  $(-a, a)$  of the  $x_1$ -axis, show that when  $x_1 > a$  and  $x_2 = 0$ ,

$$\sigma_{23} + i\sigma_{13} = \frac{1}{\pi(x_1^2 - a^2)^{1/2}} \int_{-a}^a \frac{(a^2 - t^2)^{1/2} \sigma_{23}^A(t, 0) dt}{x_1 - t}.$$

(b) If cracks occupy the semi-infinite segments  $(-\infty, -a)$  and  $(a, \infty)$  of the  $x_1$ -axis, show that when  $-a < x_1 < a$  and  $x_2 = 0$ ,

$$\sigma_{23} + i\sigma_{13} = \frac{1}{\pi(a^2 - x_1^2)^{1/2}} \left( \int_a^\infty - \int_{-\infty}^{-a} \right) \frac{(t^2 - a^2)^{1/2} \sigma_{23}^A(t, 0) dt}{t - x_1}.$$

[The integrals are to be interpreted in the sense of Cauchy principal values. Convergence of the integrals over the semi-infinite segments may be assumed.]