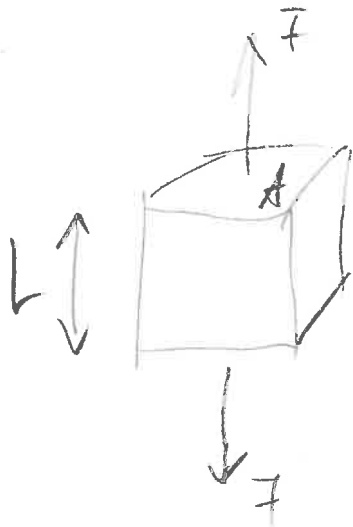


1d (or scalar) elasticity \rightarrow 3d elasticity



mechanical test

$$\sigma = \frac{F}{A}$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{\Delta L}{L}$$

$$\sigma = E \cdot \epsilon$$

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$$\underline{\sigma}_{ij}$$

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

$$\underline{\sigma}_{ij} = \lambda \epsilon_{kk} \delta_{ij} + 2\mu \epsilon_{ij}$$

Force balance : $\frac{dN}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(C \cdot \frac{du}{dx} \right) = C \frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} = 0$

$$\rightarrow \underline{\nabla} \underline{\sigma} = (\lambda + \mu) \underline{\nabla} (\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{u}) + \mu \Delta \underline{u} = 0$$

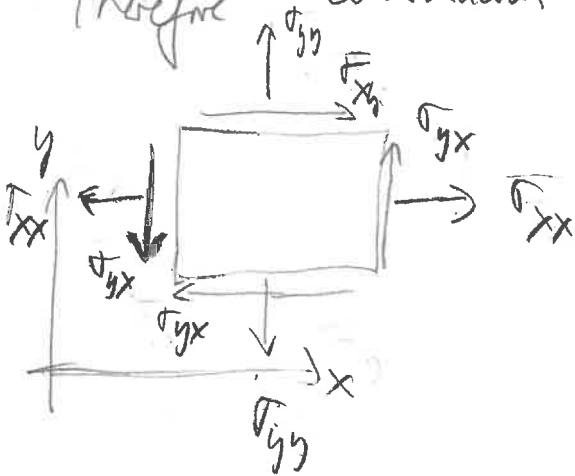
PDE coupling all components

3D continuum mechanics

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Forces $\underline{F}(\underline{r})$ and displacements $\underline{u}(\underline{r})$ are 3d vectors.

Therefore continuum mechanics is a tensorial theory.



free body diagram in 2d

(stress tensor σ_{ij})
 direction of force \nearrow
 normal of surface of element \nwarrow

$\sigma_{ij} > 0$ if i, j have same direction

Force and moment balance lead to (same result in 3d)

$$\partial_j \sigma_{ij} = 0, \quad \sigma_{ij} = \sigma_{ji}$$

This is the generalization of $\partial_x \sigma = 0$ in 1d.

With inertia and body force, we get Cauchy's equation:

$$\rho \frac{\partial^2 u_i}{\partial t^2} = \rho g_i + \partial_j \sigma_{ij}$$

Strain tensor: describes deformations in all directions and one for a given direction \underline{n} , it should give us the strain as $\frac{\Delta L'}{L} = \underline{n} \underline{\epsilon} \underline{n}$

linear approx.

$$\Rightarrow \epsilon_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_i u_j + \partial_j u_i)$$

note $\epsilon_{ij} = \epsilon_{ji}$ | trace $\epsilon_{hh} = \frac{\Delta V}{V}$

For linear isotropic material, we write (13)

$$\sigma_{ij} = -p \delta_{ij} + \sigma^d \leftarrow \text{deviatoric parts}$$

$$\epsilon_{ij} = \frac{1}{3} \epsilon_{kk} \delta_{ij} + \epsilon^d \leftarrow \text{relative volume change}$$

p pressure, $\epsilon_{kk} = \frac{dV}{V}$

We thus need two elastic constants:

$$p = K \epsilon_{kk}, \quad \sigma^d = 2G \epsilon^d$$

K compression modulus, G shear modulus

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_{ij} = K \epsilon_{kk} \delta_{ij} + 2G \left(\epsilon_{ij} - \frac{1}{3} \epsilon_{kk} \delta_{ij} \right)$$

$$= \underbrace{\left(K - \frac{2}{3} G \right)}_{=: \lambda} \epsilon_{kk} \delta_{ij} + \underbrace{2G}_{=: \mu} \epsilon_{ij}$$

Lamé coefficients

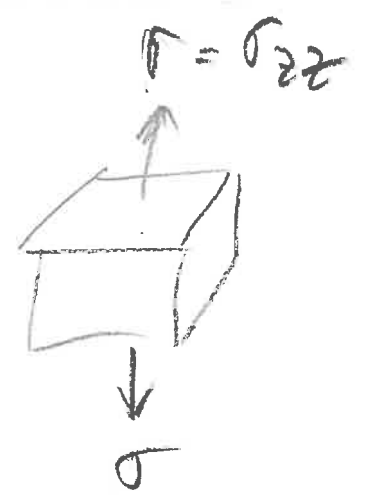
Cauchy eq.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \partial_j \sigma_{ij} &= \lambda \partial_i \epsilon_{kk} + 2\mu \partial_j \epsilon_{ij} \\ &= \lambda \partial_i \partial_k u_k + \mu \partial_j (\partial_i u_j + \partial_j u_i) \\ &= (\lambda + \mu) \partial_i (\partial_k u_k) + \mu \partial_j \partial_j u_i \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\nabla \underline{\sigma} = (\lambda + \mu) \nabla (\nabla \underline{u}) + \mu \Delta \underline{u} = 0}$$

force balance

As alternative to (K, G) or (λ, μ) , one can also use (E, ν) : $E = \frac{\mu(3\lambda + 2\mu)}{\lambda + \mu}$ Young's modulus
 $\nu = \frac{\lambda}{2(\lambda + \mu)}$ Poisson ratio



A fully 3d analysis of uniaxial stretch gives

$$\underline{u} = \frac{\sigma}{E} \begin{pmatrix} -\nu x \\ -\nu y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{\epsilon}} = \frac{\sigma}{E} \begin{pmatrix} -\nu & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\nu & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \epsilon_{zz} = \frac{\sigma}{E} \quad \text{incompressible}$$

$$\epsilon_{xx} = \epsilon_{yy} = -\frac{\nu\sigma}{E}$$

We now can convert the 1d active continuum models into 3d:

Active gel / Maxwell

$$\underline{T} = \underline{T}_p + \underline{T}_a$$

$$\dot{\underline{T}}_p + \frac{1}{\tau} \underline{T}_p = C \dot{\underline{\epsilon}}$$



$$\left(\dot{\sigma}_{ij} - \frac{\sigma_{ij}^a}{\tau} \right) + \frac{(\sigma_{ij} - \sigma_{ij}^a)}{\tau} = \partial_t (\lambda \epsilon_{el} \delta_{ij} + 2\mu \epsilon_{ij})$$

Active solid / Kelvin-Voigt

$$\underline{T} = \underline{T}_p + \underline{T}_a$$

$$C \underline{\epsilon} + C_v \dot{\underline{\epsilon}} = \underline{T}_p$$

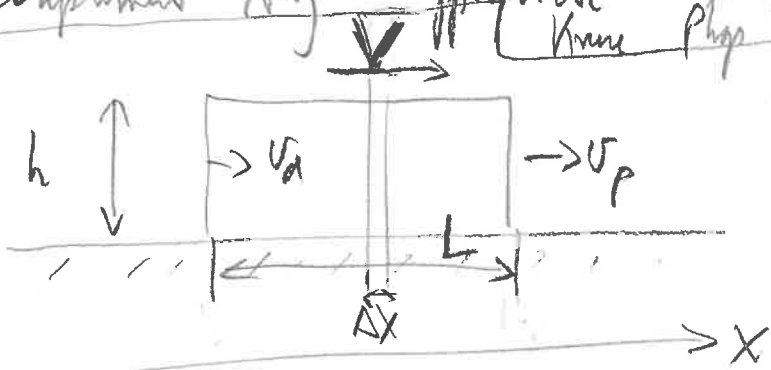


$$\left(\dot{\sigma}_{ij} - \frac{\sigma_{ij}^a}{\tau} \right) = (1 + \tau \partial_t) \times (\lambda \epsilon_{el} \delta_{ij} + 2\mu \epsilon_{ij})$$

$$\partial_j \sigma_{ij} = \gamma a_i \text{ (elastic foundation)} \quad \text{or} \quad = \zeta a_i \text{ (friction)}$$

Migrating cells on a slab of an active polymer gel (15)

Active gel theory: review Prost, Jülicher & Joanny Nat Phys 2015
 Focus on slow (hydrodynamic) modes and symmetries,
 write equations for thermodynamic pairs of fluxes and forces,
 complement by appropriate BCs. Cell migration model
 Kuru Phys Biol 2006, IIT Spring School 2008



v cell velocity
 v_p polymerization velocity
 v_d depolymerization velocity
 in x-direction

Again we perform the force balance for a thin slab:

$$-\int_0^h \sigma_{xx}(x, z) dz + \int_0^h \sigma_{xx}(x+\Delta x, z) dz - \int_x^{x+\Delta x} \sigma_{xz}(x', 0) dx' = 0 \text{ free BC}$$

$$+ \int_x^{x+\Delta x} \sigma_{xz}(x', h) dx' = 0$$

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{h} \int_0^h \sigma_{xx}(x, z) dz$$

$$\Rightarrow -h \sigma(x) + h \sigma(x+\Delta x) - \int \sigma(x) \Delta x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_x \sigma = \frac{\zeta}{h} v$$

$P > 0$

$$\sigma = \sigma_p + \sigma_a, \quad \sigma_p = \zeta \epsilon = \zeta \partial_x v, \quad \sigma_a = P = \text{const}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma = \zeta \partial_x v + P = \frac{\zeta h}{\lambda} \partial_x^2 \sigma + P$$

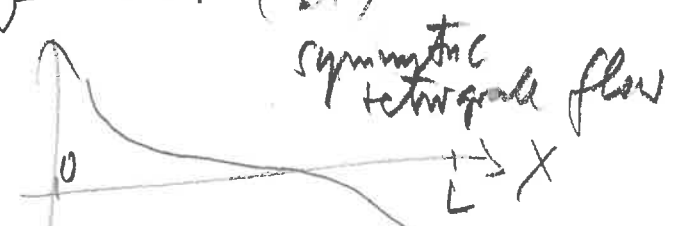
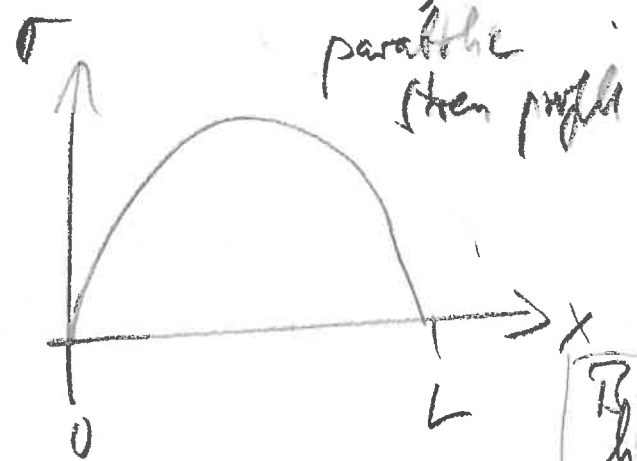
$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 \partial_x^2 \sigma - \sigma = -P \quad \lambda = \sqrt{\frac{\zeta h}{\zeta}} \text{ hydrodynamic length scale}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma(x) = A e^{x/\lambda} + B e^{-x/\lambda} + P$$

BCs: $\sigma(0) = \sigma(L) = 0$ free boundaries

$$\Rightarrow \sigma(x) = P \left(1 - \frac{\cosh\left(\frac{2x-L}{2\lambda}\right)}{\cosh\left(\frac{L}{2\lambda}\right)} \right)$$

$$v(x) = \frac{L}{2\lambda} \sigma' = \frac{-hP}{2\lambda} \frac{\sinh\left(\frac{2x-L}{2\lambda}\right)}{\cosh\left(\frac{L}{2\lambda}\right)}$$



λ, μ depend linearly on $P!$

Same structure as for contractile bar

This calculation is in the 'cell' frame. We now change to the substrate frame.

$$v_p + v(L) = V, \quad v_d + v(0) = V$$

v_p, v_d given \Rightarrow

$$V = \frac{1}{2} (v_p + v_d)$$

became $v(0) = -v(L)$

$$L = 2\lambda \operatorname{arctanh}\left(\frac{2\lambda(v_p - v_d)}{2h\tau_{app}}\right)$$

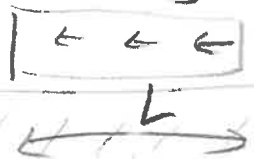
Problems: L cannot be fixed independently
 Cell migration driven "by hand" through polymerization at the edges

Minimal active gel model for contractility-based cell migration (17)

Drozdzowski, Ziebet + Schwarz PRL 2021

Compare also Recho, Patel + Truskavchuk PRL 2013

Constitutive relation for Maxwell model:



$$\left(1 + \tau \partial_t + \tau \underbrace{\partial_x}_{\text{fracture invariance}}\right) (\sigma - \sigma_a) = \eta \partial_t \epsilon = \eta \partial_x v$$

Force balance: $\underbrace{\partial_x \sigma}_{NL} = \zeta v$ friction

$$\Rightarrow \left(1 + \tau \partial_t + \frac{\tau}{\zeta} (\partial_x \sigma) \partial_x\right) (\sigma - \sigma_a) = \lambda^2 \partial_x^2 \sigma$$

$\lambda = \sqrt{\frac{\eta}{\zeta}}$ hydrodyn. length scale

$\sigma_a = \text{const}$ active stress

plate BCs for cell edges: $\sigma(l_{\pm}(t), t) = -k \frac{L(t) - L_0}{L_0}$

$\dot{l}_{\pm}(t) = v(l_{\pm}(t), t) = \frac{1}{\zeta} \partial_x \sigma(l_{\pm}(t), t)$

Non-dimensional equations: length L_0 , time $\frac{\zeta L_0^2}{\eta}$, stress k

$\Rightarrow L = \sqrt{\frac{\eta}{\zeta L_0^2}}, J = \frac{k \tau}{\zeta L_0^2}$

$J = 0$ purely viscous case
 number $T = \eta/E, t \rightarrow \infty$

$$\Rightarrow L^2 \partial_x^2 \sigma - J \partial_t \sigma - J (\partial_x \sigma)^2 - \sigma = -\sigma_a$$

$\sigma(l_{\pm}(t), t) = - (L(t) - 1)$

$\dot{l}_{\pm} = \partial_x \sigma(l_{\pm}(t), t)$

For steady state: $V = \text{const}$, $L' = 0$ (18)
 \Rightarrow map coordinate x to $u = \frac{x-l_-}{L}$, $0 \leq u \leq 1$

then deviation from RC: $s = \sigma + (L-1)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{L^2}{L^2} \partial_u^2 s + J \frac{V}{L} \partial_u s - \frac{J}{L^2} (\partial_u s)^2 - s + (L-1) = -\tau_{\text{act}}$$

$$s(u_{\pm}) = 0, \quad \partial_u s(u_{\pm}) = V \cdot L$$

Reducing with two dynamical variables ($L=L=J=1$)

$$y_1(u) = s(u), \quad y_2(u) = \partial_u s(u) - V$$

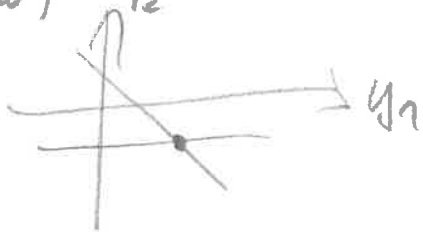
gives $\partial_u y_1 = y_2 + V \leftarrow NL$

$$\partial_u y_2 = V y_2 + y_2^2 + y_1 - \tau_{\text{act}}$$

$$BC \quad y_1(0) = y_1(1) = 0, \quad y_2(0) = y_2(1) = 0$$

Nullclines:
 (line) $y_2 = -V$

$$y_2 = \frac{1}{V} (\tau_{\text{act}} - y_1)$$



fixed point not at $(0,0)$
 \Rightarrow period orbit required including $(0,0)$

However, we have a gradient system with

$$V = -\frac{1}{2} V y_2^2 - \frac{1}{3} (y_2)^3 - y_1 y_2 - V y_1 + \tau_{\text{act}} y_2$$

\Rightarrow no period orbit with

\Rightarrow no solution with $V \neq 0$ possible!

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Several mechanisms to get solutions with finite V :

→ include magnetic concentration field

(Reho PRL 2013, Drodowski Comm. Phys. 2023)

→ gradients generated by optogenetics

(PFE 2021)

→ polymerization at edges like Wenz

(PFE 2021)

→ adhesion dynamics (Wissler NJP 2024)

↳ compare open excitation and slides