

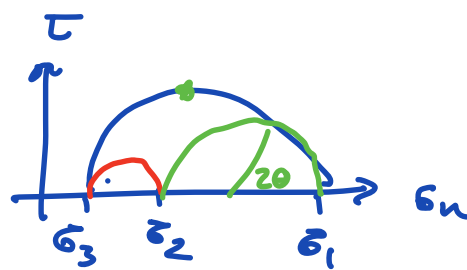
## Lecture 9: Tensor calculus

Logistics: - HW3<sup>✓</sup> is graded

- HW4 will be posted

- next week class is online (travel)

Last time: - Mohr circle



Graphical representation of  $\sigma_n$  &  $\tau$   
on planes parallel to principal directions

- Shear failure

$$\mu' = \tan \phi$$

Mohr - Coulomb:  $|\tau| = s + \mu' \sigma_n$



Today: Tensor calculus

Div, Grad, Curl and all that! ⚡

⇒ Differentiation of tensor fields

## Differentiation of tensor fields

A field is a function of space.

scalar fields:  $\phi(\underline{x})$  temp, density

vector fields:  $\underline{v}(\underline{x})$  force, velocity

tensor fields:  $\underline{\underline{S}}(\underline{x})$  stress, conductivity

$\Rightarrow$  review & extension of multivariable calculus

## Gradient

### Gradient of a scalar field

Scalar field  $\phi(\underline{x})$  is differentiable at  $\underline{x}$   
if there exists a vector field  $\nabla\phi(\underline{x})$  s.t.

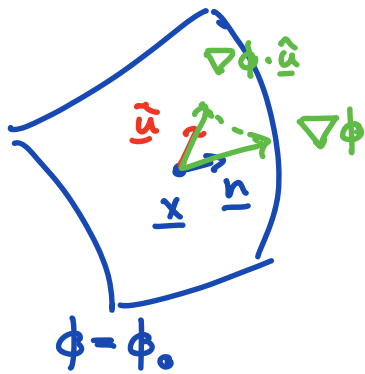
$$\phi(\underline{x} + \underline{h}) = \phi(\underline{x}) + \nabla\phi(\underline{x}) \cdot \underline{h} + \text{h.o.t.}$$

by Taylor expansion.  $\underline{h} = \epsilon \hat{\underline{u}}$   $|\hat{\underline{u}}| = 1$   $\epsilon \ll 1$

$$\nabla\phi(\underline{x}) \cdot \hat{\underline{u}} = \left. \frac{d}{d\epsilon} \phi(\underline{x} + \epsilon \hat{\underline{u}}) \right|_{\epsilon=0}$$

$\epsilon \epsilon$

gradient

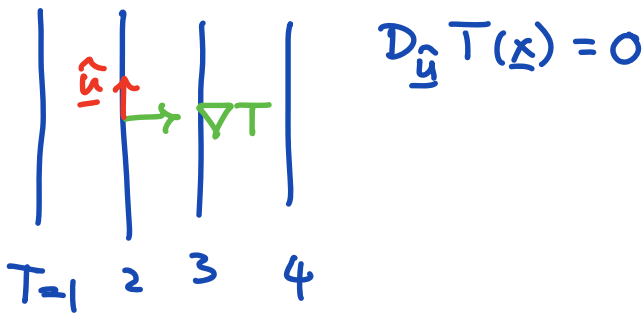


Vector  $\nabla\phi$  is called the gradient of  $\phi$ .  $\nabla\phi \parallel \hat{n}$  of level sets of  $\phi$  points in direction of increasing  $\phi$ .

Fourier's law:  $q = -k \nabla T$

Directional derivative:

$$D_{\hat{u}}\phi(\underline{x}) = \left. \frac{d}{d\epsilon} \phi(\underline{x} + \epsilon \hat{u}) \right|_{\epsilon=0} = \nabla\phi(\underline{x}) \cdot \hat{u}$$



Representation of gradient in  $\{e_i\}$

$$\phi(\underbrace{\underline{x}}_{\underline{x}}) = \phi(\underbrace{\bar{x}_1 + \epsilon \hat{u}_1}_{x_1}, \underbrace{\bar{x}_2 + \epsilon \hat{u}_2}_{x_2}, \underbrace{\bar{x}_3 + \epsilon \hat{u}_3}_{x_3})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla\phi \cdot \hat{u} &= \left. \frac{d}{d\epsilon} \phi(\bar{x}_1 + \epsilon \hat{u}_1, \bar{x}_2 + \epsilon \hat{u}_2, \bar{x}_3 + \epsilon \hat{u}_3) \right|_{\epsilon=0} \\ &= \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x_1} \frac{dx_1}{d\epsilon} + \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x_2} \frac{dx_2}{d\epsilon} + \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x_3} \frac{dx_3}{d\epsilon} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d\phi}{d\epsilon} &= \frac{d}{d\epsilon} \phi(\underline{x} + \epsilon \hat{u}_1) = u_1 \\
&= \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_1} \hat{u}_1 + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_2} \hat{u}_2 + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_3} \hat{u}_3 \\
&= \underbrace{\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_i}}_{\phi_{,i}} \hat{u}_i = \phi_{,i} \hat{u}_i = (\phi_{,i} \underline{e}_i) \cdot (\hat{u}_j \underline{e}_j)
\end{aligned}$$

Gradient in components :

$$\nabla \phi = \phi_{,i} \underline{e}_i = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_2} \\ \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_3} \end{pmatrix}$$

### Gradient of a vector field

A vector field is differentiable at  $\underline{x}$  if there exists a tensor field  $\nabla \underline{v}(\underline{x})$  s.t.

$$\underline{v}(\underline{x} + \underline{h}) = \underline{v}(\underline{x}) + \nabla \underline{v}(\underline{x}) \underline{h} + \text{h.o.t.}$$

by Taylor expansion  $\underline{h} = \epsilon \hat{u}$

$$\nabla \underline{v} \hat{u} = \left. \frac{d}{d\epsilon} \underline{v}(\underline{x} + \epsilon \hat{u}) \right|_{\epsilon=0}$$

In frame  $\{\underline{e}_i\}$  the components of  $\underline{v}$  are

$$v_i = v_i(x_1, x_2, x_3)$$

$$v_i(\bar{x} + \epsilon \hat{u}) = v_i(\underbrace{\bar{x}_1 + \epsilon \hat{u}_1}_{x_1}, \underbrace{\bar{x}_2 + \epsilon \hat{u}_2}_{x_2}, \underbrace{\bar{x}_3 + \epsilon \hat{u}_3}_{x_3})$$

by chain rule

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d\epsilon} v_i(\bar{x} + \epsilon \hat{u}) &= \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_1} \hat{u}_1 + \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_2} \hat{u}_2 + \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_3} \hat{u}_3 \\ &= \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_j} \hat{u}_j = v_{i,j} \hat{u}_j \end{aligned}$$

Derivative of full vector  $\underline{v} = v_i \underline{e}_i$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \underline{v} \hat{u} &= \frac{d}{d\epsilon} \underline{v}(\bar{x} + \epsilon \hat{u}) \Big|_{\epsilon=0} = \frac{d}{d\epsilon} v_i(\bar{x} + \epsilon \hat{u}) \underline{e}_i \Big|_{\epsilon=0} \\ &= v_{i,j} \hat{u}_j \underline{e}_i \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\nabla \underline{v} = v_{i,j} \underline{e}_i \otimes \underline{e}_j} = \begin{bmatrix} v_{1,1} & v_{1,2} & v_{1,3} \\ v_{2,1} & v_{2,2} & v_{2,3} \\ v_{3,1} & v_{3,2} & v_{3,3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \nabla v_1^T \\ \nabla v_2^T \\ \nabla v_3^T \end{bmatrix}$$

## Divergence of a vector field

To any  $\underline{v}(x)$  we associate a scalar field

$\nabla \cdot \underline{v}$  called the divergence of  $\underline{v}$

$$\boxed{\nabla \cdot \underline{v} = \text{tr}(\nabla \underline{v})}$$

In frame  $\{\underline{e}_i\}$   $\underline{v}(x) = v_i(x) \underline{e}_i$

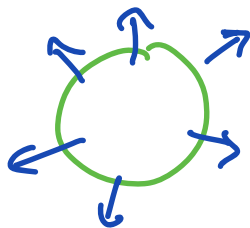
$$\nabla \cdot \underline{v} = \text{tr}(\nabla \underline{v}) = \text{tr}(v_{i,j} \underline{e}_i \otimes \underline{e}_j) = v_{i,i}$$

$$= v_{1,1} + v_{2,2} + v_{3,3}$$

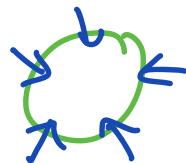
If  $\nabla \cdot \underline{v} = 0$  a field is solenoidal or divergence free

If  $\underline{v}$  is displacement or velocity

$\nabla \cdot \underline{v}$  is related to volume change



$\nabla \cdot v > 0$   
expansion



$\nabla \cdot v < 0$   
compression

$\nabla \cdot \underline{v} = 0$  incompressible material

## Divergence of a tensor field

To any  $\underline{\underline{S}}(\underline{x})$  we associate a vector field  $\nabla \cdot \underline{\underline{S}}$  called divergence of  $\underline{\underline{S}}$

s.t.  $(\nabla \cdot \underline{\underline{S}}) \cdot \underline{a} = \nabla \cdot (\underline{\underline{S}}^T \underline{a})$

uses the definition of the vector divergence  $\nabla \cdot \underline{v}$

In frame  $\{\underline{e}_i\}$   $\underline{\underline{S}} = S_{ij} \underline{e}_i \otimes \underline{e}_j$   $\underline{a} = a_k \underline{e}_k$

$$\underline{q} = \underline{\underline{S}}^T \underline{a}$$

$$q_j = S_{ij} a_i$$

s-substitute

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\nabla \cdot \underline{\underline{S}}) \cdot \underline{q} &= \nabla \cdot (\underline{\underline{S}}^T \underline{q}) = \nabla \cdot q = \text{tr}(\nabla q) = q_{j,j} \\
 &= (S_{ij} a_i)_{,j} = S_{ij,j} a_i + S_{ij} a_{,j} \\
 &= S_{ij,j} a_i = (\underbrace{S_{ij,j}}_{\nabla \cdot \underline{\underline{S}}}) \cdot (a_k e_k)
 \end{aligned}$$

by arbitraryness of  $\underline{q}$

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{\underline{S}} = S_{ij,j} e_i$$

## Gradient & Divergence Product Rules

$$\phi(x) \in \mathbb{R} \quad \underline{v}(x) \in \mathcal{V} \quad \underline{\underline{S}}(x) \in \mathcal{V}^2$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\phi \underline{v}) = \underline{v} \cdot \nabla \phi + \phi \nabla \cdot \underline{v}$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\phi \underline{\underline{S}}) = \underline{\underline{S}} \nabla \phi + \phi \nabla \cdot \underline{\underline{S}}$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\underline{\underline{S}}^T \underline{v}) = (\nabla \cdot \underline{\underline{S}}) \cdot \underline{v} + \underline{\underline{S}} : \nabla \underline{v}$$

$$\nabla (\phi \underline{v}) = \underline{v} \otimes \nabla \phi + \phi \nabla \underline{v}$$

Example:  $\nabla \cdot (\underline{\underline{S}}^T \underline{v}) \quad \underline{\underline{S}} = \underline{\underline{S}}(x) \quad \underline{v} = \underline{v}(x)$

$$q(x) = \underline{\underline{S}}^T \underline{v} \quad q_j = S_{ij} v_i$$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot \underline{q} &= \text{tr}(\underline{q}) = q_{jj} = (S_{ij} v_i)_{,j} \\ &= S_{ij,j} v_i + S_{ij} v_{i,j} \\ &= (\nabla \cdot \underline{S}) \cdot \underline{v} + \underline{S} : \nabla \underline{v}\end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{A} : \underline{B} = A_{ij} B_{ij}$$

## Curl of a vector field

To any  $\underline{v}(x)$  we associate another vector field  $\nabla \times \underline{v}$  called the curl of  $\underline{v}$

s.t.  $(\nabla \times \underline{v}) \times \underline{a} = (\nabla \underline{v} - \nabla \underline{v}^T) \underline{a}$

$$\underline{T} = \nabla \underline{v} - \nabla \underline{v}^T = \text{skew}(\nabla \underline{v})$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & T_{12} & T_{13} \\ -T_{23} & 0 & T_{23} \\ -T_{13} & -T_{12} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\underline{\omega} = \nabla \times \underline{v}$  is axial vector of  $\underline{T}$

$$\omega_j = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{ijk} T_{ik} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{ijk} (v_{i,k} - v_{k,i})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\epsilon_{ijk} v_{i,k} - \epsilon_{ijk} v_{k,i})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\epsilon_{ijk} v_{i,k} + \epsilon_{kji} v_{k,i})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\epsilon_{ijk} v_{i,k} + \epsilon_{ijk} v_{i,k})$$

$$\epsilon_{ijk} = -\epsilon_{kji}$$

flip  $i \leftrightarrow k$   
second term



$$\omega_j = \epsilon_{ijk} v_{i,k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\underline{\omega} = \nabla \times \underline{v} = \epsilon_{ijk} v_{i,k} \underline{e}_j} = -\epsilon_{ijk} v_{ij} \underline{e}_k$$

$$\underline{a} \times \underline{b} = \epsilon_{ijk} a_i b_j \underline{e}_k$$

$$\text{Explicit: } \nabla \times \underline{v} = (v_{3,2} - v_{2,3}) \underline{e}_1 + (v_{1,3} - v_{3,1}) \underline{e}_2 \\ + (v_{2,1} - v_{1,2}) \underline{e}_3$$

Physical interpretation:

If  $\underline{v}$  is a velocity field  $\nabla \times \underline{v}$  measures  
the angular velocity

If  $\nabla \times \underline{v} = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{v}(\underline{x})$  is irrotational/conservative

Important div-curl relationships:

$$\boxed{\nabla \times \nabla \phi = 0} \quad \text{and} \quad \boxed{\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \underline{v}) = 0}$$

Example: Darcy's law  $\underline{q} = -k \nabla h$

$$\nabla \times \underline{q} = \nabla \times (-k \nabla h) = -k \nabla \times \nabla h = 0$$



$$\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{q}) = 0 \quad \text{trivial}$$

$$\int_{\mathcal{R}} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{q} \, dV = \oint \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dS = 0$$