

Derivatives of tensor functions

So far we have considered fields: $\phi(\underline{x})$, $\underline{v}(\underline{x})$, $\underline{\underline{S}}(\underline{x})$

Now we are interested in tensor functions

- scalar-valued tensor functions: $\psi = \psi(\underline{\underline{S}})$
- tensor-valued tensor functions: $\underline{\underline{\Sigma}} = \underline{\underline{\Sigma}}(\underline{\underline{S}})$

Derivatives of scalar-valued tensor functions

Typical examples: $\det \underline{\underline{A}}$ or $\text{tr } \underline{\underline{A}}$

Definition: A function $\psi(\underline{\underline{S}})$ is differentiable

at $\underline{\underline{A}}$ if there exists a tensor $D\psi(\underline{\underline{A}})$, s.t.

$$\psi(\underline{\underline{A}} + \underline{\underline{H}}) = \psi(\underline{\underline{A}}) + D\psi(\underline{\underline{A}}) : \underline{\underline{H}} + o(|\underline{\underline{H}}|)$$

or equivalently with $\underline{\underline{H}} = \epsilon \underline{\underline{U}}$

$$D\psi(\underline{\underline{A}}) : \underline{\underline{U}} = \left. \frac{d}{d\epsilon} \psi(\underline{\underline{A}} + \epsilon \underline{\underline{U}}) \right|_{\epsilon=0} \quad \text{for all } \underline{\underline{U}} \in \mathcal{V}^2$$

$D\psi(\underline{\underline{A}})$ is called the derivative of ψ at $\underline{\underline{A}}$

In frame $\{\underline{e}_i\}$ we have

$$D\psi(\underline{A}) = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial A_{ij}} \underline{e}_i \otimes \underline{e}_j$$

To see this write $\psi(A_{11}, A_{12}, \dots, A_{33})$

and $\underline{U} = U_{kl} \underline{e}_k \otimes \underline{e}_l$ then

$$\psi(\bar{\underline{A}} + \epsilon \underline{U}) = \psi(\underbrace{\bar{A}_{11} + \epsilon U_{11}}_{A_{11}}, \underbrace{\bar{A}_{12} + \epsilon U_{12}}_{A_{12}}, \dots, \bar{A}_{33} + \epsilon U_{33})$$

by chain rule

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{D\psi(\underline{A})} : \underline{U} &= \left. \frac{d}{d\epsilon} \psi(\bar{A}_{11} + \epsilon U_{11}, \dots, \bar{A}_{33} + \epsilon U_{33}) \right|_{\epsilon=0} \\ &= \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial A_{11}} U_{11} + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial A_{12}} U_{12} + \dots + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial A_{33}} U_{33} = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial A_{ij}} U_{ij} \\ &= \left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial A_{ij}} \underline{e}_i \otimes \underline{e}_j \right) : (U_{kl} \underline{e}_k \otimes \underline{e}_l) \end{aligned}$$

result is implied by the arbitrariness of $\underline{U}$

Derivative of trace

$$\psi(\underline{A}) = \text{tr}(\underline{A}) = A_{ii}$$

Using the definition

$$D\text{tr}(\underline{A}) = \frac{\partial A_{ii}}{\partial A_{kl}} \underline{e}_k \otimes \underline{e}_l = \delta_{ik} \delta_{il} \underline{e}_k \otimes \underline{e}_l = \underline{e}_i \otimes \underline{e}_i = \underline{\underline{I}}$$

$$D\text{tr}(\underline{A}) = \underline{\underline{I}}$$

Derivative of determinant

Let $\psi(\underline{A}) = \det(\underline{A})$, if $\underline{A}$ is invertible

$$\underline{D} \det(\underline{A}) = \det(\underline{A}) \underline{A}^{-T}$$

Note this takes some work!

Start by using the directional derivative

$$\underline{D} \det(\underline{A} + \epsilon \underline{U}) = \left. \frac{d}{d\epsilon} \det(\underline{A} + \epsilon \underline{U}) \right|_{\epsilon=0}$$

First simplify expansion

$$\begin{aligned} \det(\epsilon \underline{U} + \underline{A}) &= \det\left(\epsilon \underline{A} (\underline{A}^{-1} \underline{U} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \underline{I})\right) & \frac{1}{\epsilon} &= -\lambda \\ &= \det(\epsilon \underline{A}) \det(\underline{A}^{-1} \underline{U} - \lambda \underline{I}) \\ &= \epsilon^3 \det(\underline{A}) \det(\underline{A}^{-1} \underline{U} - \lambda \underline{I}) \end{aligned}$$

from definition of principal invariants

$$\begin{aligned} \det(\underline{A}^{-1} \underline{U} - \lambda \underline{I}) &= -\lambda^3 + \lambda^2 \underline{I}_1(\underline{A}^{-1} \underline{U}) - \lambda \underline{I}_2(\underline{A}^{-1} \underline{U}) + \underline{I}_3(\underline{A}^{-1} \underline{U}) \\ &= -\left(-\frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)^3 + \left(-\frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)^2 \underline{I}_1 + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \underline{I}_2 + \underline{I}_3 \\ &= \frac{1}{\epsilon^3} + \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \underline{I}_1 + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \underline{I}_2 + \underline{I}_3 \end{aligned}$$

substituting above $\Rightarrow$ expansion in ϵ

$$\det(\underline{\underline{A}} + \epsilon \underline{\underline{U}}) = \epsilon^3 \det(\underline{\underline{A}}) \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon^3} + \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} I_1 + \frac{1}{\epsilon} I_2 + I_3 \right) \\ = \det(\underline{\underline{A}}) (1 + \epsilon I_1 + \epsilon^2 I_2 + \epsilon^3 I_3)$$

substitute into directional derivative

$$D\det(\underline{\underline{A}}) : \underline{\underline{U}} = \frac{d}{d\epsilon} \det(\underline{\underline{A}} + \epsilon \underline{\underline{U}}) \Big|_{\epsilon=0} = \det(\underline{\underline{A}}) I_1(\underline{\underline{A}}' \underline{\underline{U}})$$

$$\text{since } I_1(\underline{\underline{A}}' \underline{\underline{U}}) = \text{tr}(\underline{\underline{A}}' \underline{\underline{U}}) = \text{tr}(A_{ij}^{-1} U_{jk} \underline{e}_i \otimes \underline{e}_k) \\ = A_{ij}^{-1} U_{ji} = A_{ji}^{-T} U_{ji} = \underline{\underline{A}}^{-T} : \underline{\underline{U}}$$

so that

$$\underline{D\det(\underline{\underline{A}}) : \underline{\underline{U}}} = \underline{\det(\underline{\underline{A}}) \underline{\underline{A}}^{-T} : \underline{\underline{U}}}$$

the result follows from the arbitrariness of $\underline{\underline{U}}$

Time derivative of scalar valued tensor function

Let $\underline{\underline{S}} = \underline{\underline{S}}(t) \in V^2$. In stationary frame $\{\underline{e}_i\}$

$\underline{\underline{S}}(t) = S_{ij}(t) \underline{e}_i \otimes \underline{e}_j$ so that

$$\dot{\underline{\underline{S}}} = \frac{d\underline{\underline{S}}}{dt} = \frac{dS_{ij}}{dt} \underline{e}_i \otimes \underline{e}_j$$

How do we compute $\frac{d}{dt} \psi(\underline{\underline{S}}(t))$?

By the chain rule we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \psi(\underline{\underline{S}}(t)) &= \frac{d}{dt} \psi(S_{11}(t), S_{12}(t), \dots, S_{33}(t)) \\ &= \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial S_{11}} \frac{dS_{11}}{dt} + \dots + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial S_{33}} \frac{dS_{33}}{dt} = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial S_{ij}} \frac{dS_{ij}}{dt} \\ &= D\psi(\underline{\underline{S}}) : \dot{\underline{\underline{S}}} \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$ chain rule leads to a contraction

$$\frac{d}{dt} \psi(\underline{\underline{S}}(t)) = D\psi(\underline{\underline{S}}) : \dot{\underline{\underline{S}}}$$

Example :

$$\frac{d}{dt} \det(\underline{\underline{S}}(t)) = \det(\underline{\underline{S}}) \underline{\underline{S}}^{-T} : \dot{\underline{\underline{S}}}$$

Jacobi's
formula