ERTH631: Solid, Fluid and Wave Mechanics

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Lectures:  TTh 13:30-14:45 in POST 702
Principle Text:  Introduction to Continuum Mechanics, by Lai, Rubin, & Krempl
Reference Texts:  Geodynamics, by Turcotte & Schubert
                 Elastic Wave Propagation and Generation in Seismology, by Pujol
                 Seismic Ray Theory, by Cerveny

The solid Earth deforms over a wide range of length and time scales, and in a variety of different ways in response to different forcing mechanisms. In this class, we will study continuum mechanics in geophysics, as applied to the deformation of Earth materials (elastic, viscoelastic, and plastic deformations) and seismic wave propagation (body waves, surface waves, anisotropy, and attenuation).

Catalog Description:  ERTH631 Geophysics–Solid, Fluid, and Wave Mechanics (3) Continuum mechanics in geophysics, as applied to the deformation of Earth materials (elastic, viscous, viscoelastic, and plastic deformations) and seismic wave propagation (body waves, surface waves, anisotropy, and attenuation). Pre: (with a minimum grade of B-) for PHYS 170, PHYS 272, and MATH 307 or GG 312 (or equivalent).
Preliminary Schedule:

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| 1    | Course Introduction  
Vector and Tensor Review |
| 2    | Stress in Solids  
The Stress Tensor |
| 3    | Rock Failure  
Moment Tensors for Earthquakes |
| 4    | Infinitesimal Strain  
Finite Strain and Geological Applications |
| 5    | Elasticity  
Elastic Deformation in the Earth |
| 6    | Ductile Rheology  
Navier-Stokes Equation |
| 7    | Viscous Flows (Couette & Poiseuille)  
Stokes Flow |
| 8    | The Stream Function  
Corner Flow / Non-Newtonian Rheology |
| 9    | Wave Mechanics – Equation of Motion  
Wave Mechanics – Boundary Conditions |
| 10   | Vector Wave Equation  
Vector Wave Equation |
| 11   | Wavefield Energy |
| 12   | Wavefields at Boundaries and Waveguides |
| 13   | Reflection and Transmission  
R&T Coefficients and Zoeppritz Equations |
| 14   | Eikonal Equation  
NO CLASS (Thanksgiving) |
| 15   | Ray Tracing Systems  
Surface Waves |
| 16   | Surface Wave Eigen-solutions  
Seismic Anisotropy / Seismic Attenuation |

Grading

The relative weightings of homework assignments and class participation are as follows:

Homework 60%  
Class Participation 40%
Other Reference Sources

Material Properties

Continuum Mechanics

Fluid Dynamics

Math and Mathematical Physics

Solid Earth Geophysics

Learning Objectives

The Department of Earth Sciences has established the following student learning objectives. All of these objectives are relevant targets for the curriculum of ERTH631.

1. Students can explain the relevance of geology and geophysics to human needs, including those appropriate to Hawaii, and be able to discuss issues related to geology and its impact on society and planet Earth.
2. Students can apply technical knowledge of relevant computer applications, laboratory methods, and field methods to solve real-world problems in geology and geophysics.
3. Students use the scientific method to define, critically analyze, and solve a problem in earth science.
4. Students can reconstruct, clearly and ethically, geological knowledge in both oral presentations and written reports.
5. Students can evaluate, interpret, and summarize the basic principles of geology and geophysics, including the fundamental tenets of the sub-disciplines, and their context in relationship to other core sciences, to explain complex phenomena in geology and geophysics.

Assignments: Assignments are due at the beginning of class one week after they are assigned (unless otherwise stated). Late assignments receive no points.

Format: Neatness, clarity of expression, and completeness are essential to obtain full credit on exams, reports, and homework. Please make sure to:

1. Specify known and unknown information. Write out the equations, or derive new ones, that you will use to solve the problem. Explain your reasoning.
2. Draw illustrative figures that describe the problem.
3. Show clearly how you solved the problem.
4. Check your answer – does your solution make physical sense? Check the units.
Cooperation: Collaboration between students is encouraged in order to discuss approaches to solving problems. However, work out the problems on your own and write out the solutions yourself. Anyone who shares their homework solutions openly is inviting others to copy it. Both will receive a zero on the assignment and both will be referred to UH’s Office of Student Conduct for disciplinary action.

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