

FINITE STRAIN AND INFINITESIMAL STRAIN

I Main Topics (on infinitesimal strain)

A The finite strain tensor [E]

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C Infinitesimal strain and the infinitesimal strain tensor ε

II The finite strain tensor [E]

A Used to find the changes in the squares of lengths of line segments in a deformed body.

B Definition of [E] in terms of the deformation gradient tensor [F]

Recall the coordinate transformation equations:

$$1 \quad \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \text{ or } [X'] = [F][X]$$

$$2 \quad \begin{bmatrix} dx' \\ dy' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} dx \\ dy \end{bmatrix} \text{ or } [dX'] = [F][dX]$$

If $\begin{bmatrix} dx \\ dy \end{bmatrix} = [dX]$, then $[dx \ dy] = [dX]^T$; transposing a matrix is switching its rows and columns

$$3 \quad (ds)^2 = (dx)^2 + (dy)^2 = [dx \ dy] \begin{bmatrix} dx \\ dy \end{bmatrix} = [dX]^T [dX] = [dX]^T [I][dX],$$

where $I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is the identity matrix.

$$4 \quad (ds')^2 = (dx')^2 + (dy')^2 = [dx' \ dy'] \begin{bmatrix} dx' \\ dy' \end{bmatrix} = [dX']^T [dX']$$

Now dX' can be expressed as $[F][dX]$ (see eq. II.B.2). Making this substitution into eq. (4) and proceeding with the algebra

$$5 \quad (ds')^2 = [[F][dX]]^T [[F][dX]] = [dX]^T [F]^T [F][dX]$$

$$6 \quad (ds')^2 - (ds)^2 = [dX]^T [F]^T [F][dX] - [dX]^T [I][dX]$$

$$7 \quad (ds')^2 - (ds)^2 = [dX]^T [[F]^T [F] - I][dX]$$

$$8 \quad \frac{1}{2} \left\{ (ds')^2 - (ds)^2 \right\} = \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) [dX]^T [[F]^T [F] - I][dX] \equiv [dX]^T [E][dX]$$

$$9 \quad [E] \equiv \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) [[F]^T [F] - I] = \text{finite strain tensor}$$

III Deformation paths

Consider two different finite strains described by the following two coordinate transformation equations:

$$A \quad \begin{bmatrix} x_1' \\ y_1' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ c_1 & d_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1x + b_1y \\ c_1x + d_1y \end{bmatrix} = [F_1][X] \quad \text{Deformation 1}$$

$$B \quad \begin{bmatrix} x_2' \\ y_2' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ c_2 & d_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_2x + b_2y \\ c_2x + d_2y \end{bmatrix} = [F_2][X] \quad \text{Deformation 2}$$

Now consider deformation 3, where deformation 1 is acted upon (followed) by deformation 2 (i.e., deformation gradient matrix F_2 first acts on $[X]$, and then F_1 acts on $[F_2][X]$)

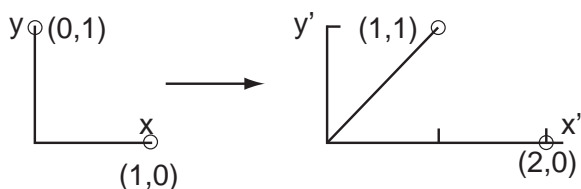
$$C \quad \begin{bmatrix} x'' \\ y'' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ c_2 & d_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ c_1 & d_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_2a_1 + b_2c_1 & a_2b_1 + b_2d_1 \\ c_2a_1 + d_2c_1 & c_2b_1 + d_2d_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Deformation 3}$$

Next consider deformation 4, where deformation 2 is acted upon (followed) by deformation 1 (i.e., deformation gradient matrix F_1 first acts on $[X]$, and then F_2 acts on $[F_1][X]$).

$$D \quad \begin{bmatrix} x''' \\ y''' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ c_1 & d_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ c_2 & d_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1a_2 + b_1c_2 & a_1b_2 + b_1d_2 \\ c_1a_2 + d_1c_2 & c_1b_2 + d_1d_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Deformation 4}$$

E A comparison of the net deformation gradient matrices in C and D shows they generally are different. Hence, the net deformation in a sequence of finite strains depends on the order of the deformations. (If the b and c terms [the off-diagonal terms] are small, then the deformations are similar)

Coordinate Transformation 1

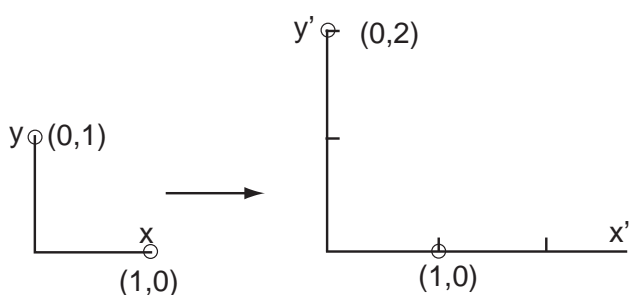


$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Coordinate Transformation 2

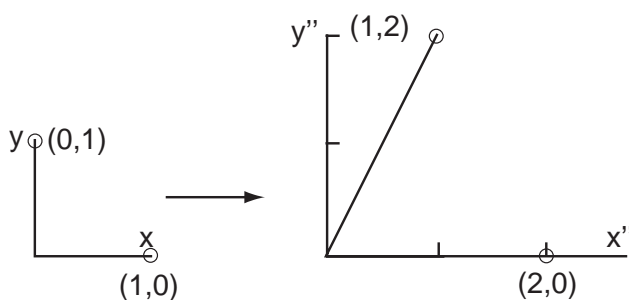


$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Coordinate transformation 3 (transformation 1 followed by transformation 2)

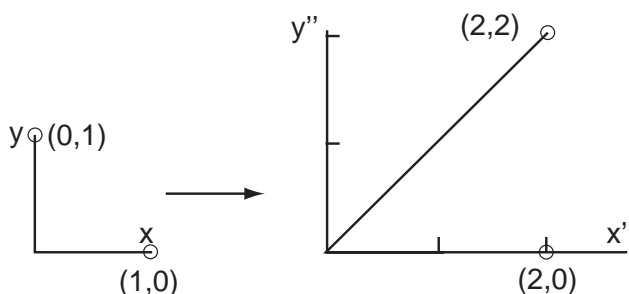


$$\begin{bmatrix} x'' \\ y'' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Coordinate transformation 4 (transformation 2 followed by transformation 1)



$$\begin{bmatrix} x'' \\ y'' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

IV Infinitesimal strain and the infinitesimal strain tensor $[\varepsilon]$

A What is infinitesimal strain?

Deformation where the displacement derivatives are small relative to one (i.e., the terms in the corresponding displacement gradient matrix $[J_u]$ are very small), so that the products of the derivatives are very small and can be ignored.

B Why consider infinitesimal strain if it is an approximation?

- 1 Many important geologic deformations are small (and largely elastic) over short time frames (e.g., fracture earthquake deformation, volcano deformation).
- 2 The terms of the infinitesimal strain tensor $[\varepsilon]$ have clear geometric meaning (clearer than those for finite strain)
- 3 Infinitesimal strain is much more amenable to sophisticated mathematical treatment than finite strain (e.g., elasticity theory).
- 4 The net deformation for infinitesimal strain is independent of the deformation sequence.
- 5 Example

$$F_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 1.02 & 0.01 \\ 0 & 1.01 \end{bmatrix} \quad F_6 = \begin{bmatrix} 1.01 & 0 \\ 0 & 1.02 \end{bmatrix} \quad J_u^5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.02 & 0.01 \\ 0 & 0.01 \end{bmatrix} \quad J_u^6 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.01 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.02 \end{bmatrix}$$

Deformation 5 followed by deformation 6 gives deformation 7:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.01 & 0.00 \\ 0.00 & 1.02 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1.02 & 0.01 \\ 0.00 & 1.01 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.0302 & 0.0100 \\ 0.0000 & 1.0302 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

Deformation 6 followed by deformation 5 gives deformation "7a":

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.02 & 0.01 \\ 0.00 & 1.01 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1.01 & 0.00 \\ 0.00 & 1.02 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.0302 & 0.0101 \\ 0.0000 & 1.0302 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

The net deformation is essentially the same in the two cases.

C The infinitesimal strain tensor (Taylor series derivation)

Consider the displacement of two neighboring points, where the distance from point 0 to point 1 initially is given by dx and dy . Point 0 is displaced by an amount u^0 , and we wish to find u^1 . We use a truncated Taylor series; it is linear in dx and dy (dx and dy are only raised to the first power).

$$1 \quad u_x^1 = u_x^0 + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dy + \dots$$

$$2 \quad u_y^1 = u_y^0 + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dy + \dots$$

These can be rearranged into a matrix format:

$$3 \quad \begin{bmatrix} u_x^1 \\ u_y^1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_x^0 \\ u_y^0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} dx \\ dy \end{bmatrix} = [U^0] + [J_u][dX]$$

Now split $[J_u]$ into two matrices: the symmetric infinitesimal strain matrix $[\varepsilon]$, and the anti-symmetric rotation matrix $[\omega]$ by using $[J_u]^T$,

$$\begin{aligned} [J_u] &= \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{bmatrix} & [J_u]^T &= \begin{bmatrix} e & g \\ f & h \end{bmatrix} \\ [J_u + J_u^T] &= \begin{bmatrix} e+e & f+g \\ g+f & h+h \end{bmatrix} & [J_u - J_u^T] &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & f-g \\ g-f & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$4 \quad [J_u] = \frac{1}{2}[J_u + J_u^T] + \frac{1}{2}[J_u - J_u^T] = \frac{1}{2}[J_u + J_u^T] + \frac{1}{2}[J_u - J_u^T] = [\varepsilon] + [\omega]$$

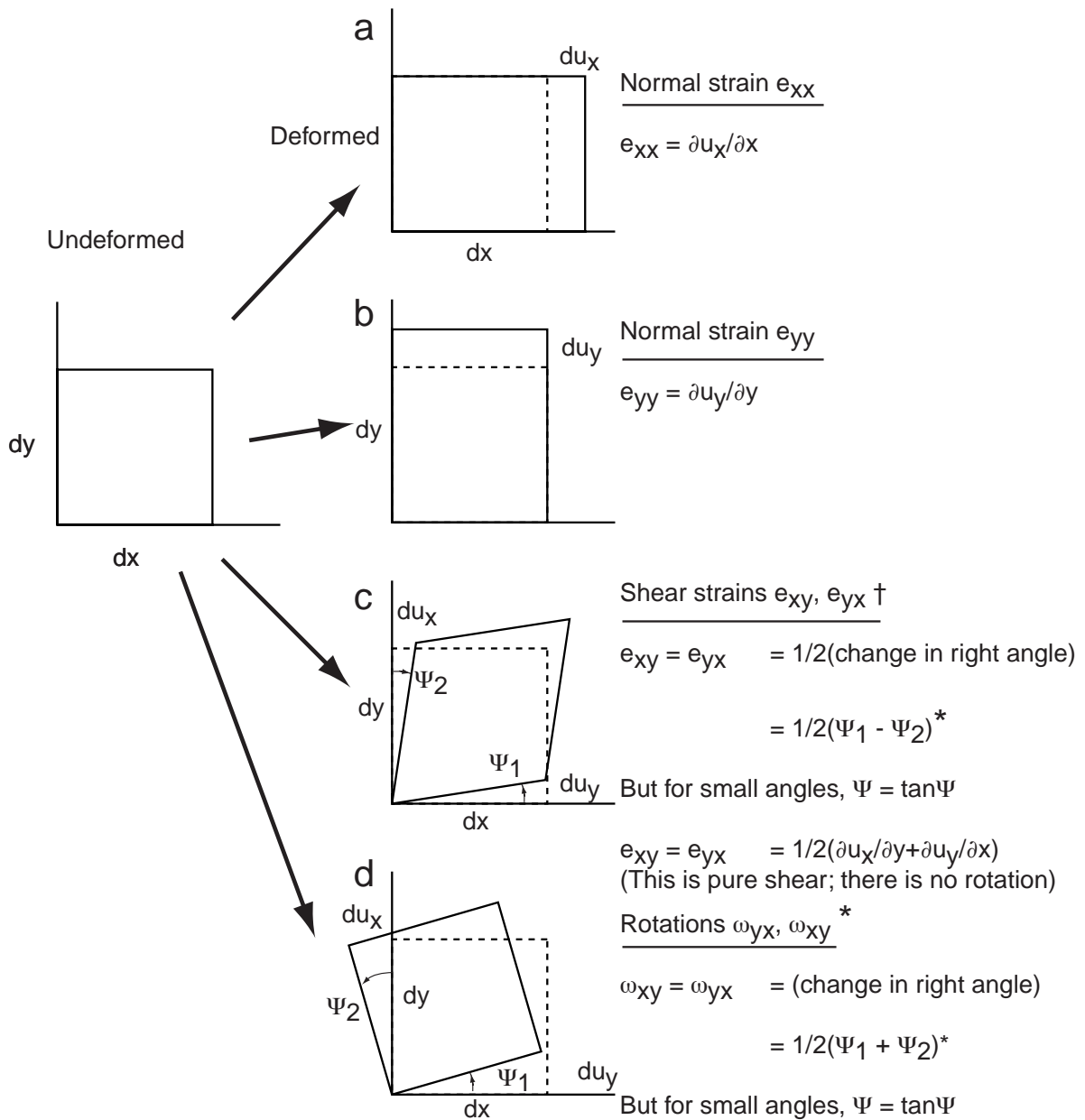
Now the displacement expression can be expanded using $[\varepsilon]$ and $[\omega]$

$$5 \quad [\varepsilon] = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) & \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) \\ \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) & \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) \end{bmatrix}, \quad [\omega] = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) \\ \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Equations (3) and (5) show that the deformation can be decomposed into a translation, a strain, and a rotation.

D Geometric interpretation of the infinitesimal strain components

Infinitesimal Strains



$e_{xy} = e_{yx} = \frac{1}{2}(\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x})$
 (This is pure shear; there is no rotation)

Rotations ω_{yx}, ω_{xy} *

$\omega_{xy} = \omega_{yx} = (\text{change in right angle})$
 $= \frac{1}{2}(\Psi_1 + \Psi_2)^*$

But for small angles, $\Psi = \tan \Psi$

$\omega_{xy} = -\omega_{yx} = \frac{1}{2}(\frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y})$

Note that "simple shear strain" involves a shear **and** a rotation! Here Ψ_1 is zero and Ψ_2 is negative.

† The shear strain $e_{xy} = e_{yx}$ is half the shear strain γ

* Positive angles are measured about the z-axis using a right hand rule. In (b) the angle Ψ_2 is clockwise (negative), but du_x is positive. In (d) Ψ_2 is counter-clockwise, and $du_x < 0$.

E Relationship between $[\varepsilon]$ and $[E]$

From eq. II.B.9, $[E]$ is defined in terms of deformation gradients:

$$1 \quad [E] = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left[[F]^T [F] - I \right] = \text{finite strain tensor}$$

The tensor $[E]$ also can be solved for in terms of displacement gradients because $F = J_u + I$.

$$2 \quad [E] = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left[[J_u + I]^T [J_u + I] - I \right]$$

$$3 \quad [E] = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left[\begin{bmatrix} \left[\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} \right] \\ \left[\frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} \right] \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right]^T \left[\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right] - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right]$$

$$4 \quad [E] = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left[\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} + 1 & \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} + 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right]$$

$$5 \quad [E] = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left[\begin{bmatrix} \left(\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} + 1\right)\left(\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} + 1\right) + \left(\frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x}\right)\left(\frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x}\right) - 1 & \left(\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} + 1\right)\left(\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y}\right) + \left(\frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x}\right)\left(\frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} + 1\right) \\ \left(\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y}\right)\left(\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} + 1\right) + \left(\frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} + 1\right)\left(\frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x}\right) & \left(\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y}\right)\left(\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y}\right) + \left(\frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} + 1\right)\left(\frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} + 1\right) - 1 \end{bmatrix} \right]$$

If the displacement gradients are small relative to 1, then the products of the displacements are very small relative to 1, and in infinitesimal strain theory they can be dropped, yielding $[\varepsilon]$:

$$6 \quad [\varepsilon] \approx \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left[\begin{bmatrix} \left(\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x}\right) + \left(\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x}\right) & \left(\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y}\right) + \left(\frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x}\right) \\ \left(\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y}\right) + \left(\frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x}\right) & \left(\frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y}\right) + \left(\frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y}\right) \end{bmatrix} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[[J_u] + [J_u]^T \right]$$

This suggests that for multiple deformations, infinitesimal strains might be obtained by matrix addition (i.e., linear superposition) rather than by matrix multiplication; the former is simpler. Also see equation IV.C.5.

7 Example of IV.B.5: $[\epsilon]$ from superposed vs. sequenced deformations

$$F5 = \begin{bmatrix} 1.02 & 0.01 \\ 0 & 1.01 \end{bmatrix} \quad J_u^5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.02 & 0.01 \\ 0 & 0.01 \end{bmatrix} \quad F6 = \begin{bmatrix} 1.01 & 0 \\ 0 & 1.02 \end{bmatrix} \quad J_u^6 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.01 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.02 \end{bmatrix}$$

a Linear superposition, assuming infinitesimal strain (approx.)

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|--|---|
| $\gg F5 = [1.02 \ 0.01; 0.00 \ 1.01]$ $F5 =$ $\begin{bmatrix} 1.0200 & 0.0100 \\ 0 & 1.0100 \end{bmatrix}$ | $\gg F6 = [1.01 \ 0.00; 0.00 \ 1.02]$ $F6 =$ $\begin{bmatrix} 1.0100 & 0 \\ 0 & 1.0200 \end{bmatrix}$ |
| $E5 = \frac{1}{2} [[F5]^T [F5] - I]$ | $E6 = \frac{1}{2} [[F6]^T [F6] - I]$ |
| $\gg E5 = 0.5*(F5'*F5-eye(2))$ $E5 =$ $\begin{bmatrix} 0.0202 & 0.0051 \\ 0.0051 & 0.0101 \end{bmatrix}$ | $\gg E6 = 0.5*(F6'*F6-eye(2))$ $E6 =$ $\begin{bmatrix} 0.0101 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.0202 \end{bmatrix}$ |
| $\left(\approx \frac{1}{2} \left[[J_u^5] + [J_u^5]^T \right] \right)$ | $\left(\approx \frac{1}{2} \left[[J_u^6] + [J_u^6]^T \right] \right)$ |

$$\gg E7 = E5 + E6$$

Linear superposition of strains

$$E7 =$$

(Infinitesimal approximation)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.0302 & 0.0051 \\ 0.0051 & 0.0303 \end{bmatrix}$$

b Sequenced deformation (exact) $[E_7] = \frac{1}{2} [[F_7]^T [F_7] - I]$

$$\gg F7 = F6 * F5$$

See eq. IV.B.5

$$F7 =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1.0302 & 0.0101 \\ 0 & 1.0302 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\gg E7 = 0.5*(F7'*F7-eye(2))$$

Convert def. gradients to strain

$$E7 =$$

Good match with approximation

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.0307 & 0.0052 \\ 0.0052 & 0.0307 \end{bmatrix}$$

8 Recap

The infinitesimal strain tensor can be used to find the change in the square of the length of a deformed line segment connecting two nearby points separated by distances dx and dy ,

$$\frac{1}{2}\{(ds')^2 - (ds)^2\} = [dX]^T [\varepsilon] [dX]$$

and, with the rotation tensor, to find the change in displacement of two points in a deformed medium that are initially separated by distances dx and dy :

$$[\Delta U] = \frac{1}{2}[\varepsilon][dX] + \frac{1}{2}[\omega][dX]$$

- 9 For infinitesimal strains the displacements are essentially the same no matter whether the pre- or post-deformation positions are used.