Lecture 2

The Concept of Strain

**Problem 2-1:** A thin-walled steel pipe of length 60 cm, diameter 6 cm, and wall thickness 0.12 cm is stretched 0.01 cm axially, expanded 0.001 cm in diameter, and twisted through 1°. Determine the strain components of the pipe. Note that the shell with a diameter to thickness ratio of 50 is predominately in the membrane state. For plane stress there are only 3 components of the strain tensor.

**Problem 2-2:** Derive an expression for the change in volume of a unit volume element subjected to an arbitrary small strain tensor.

**Problem 2-3:** A unit square $OABC$ is distorted to $OA'B'C'$ in three ways, as shown in the figure below. In each case write down the displacement field $(u_1, u_2)$ of every point in the square as a function of the location of that point $(x_1, x_2)$ and the strain components $\varepsilon_{ij}$.

![Diagram of strains](image)

**Problem 2-4:** The strain (plane strain) in a given point of a body is described by the 2x2 matrix below. Find components of the strain tensor $\varepsilon_{x'y'}$ in a new coordinate system rotated by the angle $\theta$. Consider four cases $\theta = 45^o$, $-45^o$, $60^o$ and $-60^o$.

$$\varepsilon_{xy} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0.05 \\ 0.05 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
Problem 2-5: A cylindrical pipe of 160-mm outside diameter and 10-mm thickness, spirally welded at an angle of $\theta=40^\circ$ with the axial (x) direction, is subjected to an axial compressive load of $P=150$ kN through the rigid end plates (see below). Determine the normal force $\sigma_{zx}$ and shearing stresses $\tau_{xy}$ acting simultaneously in the plane of the weld.

Problem 2-6: A displacement field in a body is given by:

$$ u = c(x^2 + 10) $$
$$ v = 2cyz $$
$$ w = c(-xy + z^2) $$

where $c=10^{-4}$. Determine the state of strain on an element positioned at $(0, 2, 1)$.

Problem 2-7: The distribution of stress in an aluminum machine component is given by:

$$ \sigma_x = d(cy + 2z^2), \quad \tau_{xy} = 3dz^2 $$
$$ \sigma_y = d(cx + cz), \quad \tau_{yz} = dx^2 $$
$$ \sigma_z = d(3cx + cy), \quad \tau_{xz} = 2dy^2 $$

where $c=1$ mm and $d=1$MPa/mm². Calculate the state of strain of a point positioned at $(1, 2, 4)$ mm. Use $E=70$ GPa and $\nu=0.3$.

Problem 2-8: An aluminum alloy plate (E=70 GPa, $\nu=1/3$) of dimensions $a=300$ mm, $b=400$ mm, and thickness $t=10$ mm is subjected to biaxial stresses as shown below. Calculate the change in (a) the length AB; (b) the volume of the plate.
**Problem 2-9:** Consider the general definition of the strain tensor in the 3D continuum. The three Euler-Bernoulli hypotheses of the elementary beam theory state:

1. Plane remain plane
2. Normal remain normal
3. Transverse deflections are only a function of the length coordinate x.

Proof that under the above assumptions the state in the beam is uni-axial, meaning that the only surviving component of the strain is in the length, x-direction. The proof is sketched in the lecture notes, but we want you to redo the step by step derivation.