

mechanics of Continua — HW #2 — 1/8/2017

Tensor Invar:

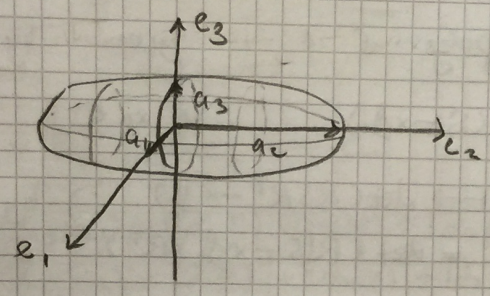
Let $S \in \text{Mat}_{3 \times 3}(\mathbb{R}) : S = S^T > 0$.

The equation $\langle x, Sx \rangle = 1$ defines an ellipsoid in \mathbb{R}^3 (all points $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$ which obey the eqn).

(That is the def. of an ellipsoid)

Cl: The eigenvectors of S point in the direction of the semi-major axes and the eigenvalues give the (lengths⁻¹)².

P:0



Since $S = S^T > 0$, S may be orthogonally diagonalized w/ e-values > 0 .

$\Rightarrow S = O^T D O \quad \forall O \in O(3), D = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3)$
w/ $\lambda_i > 0$.



Q.1: The coefficients of the characteristic poly. of S are invariant under $S \mapsto RSR^T \quad \forall R \in SO(3)$.

Pf:

Hence we find

$$\begin{aligned} p(x) &= \det(S - xI) = \det(O^T D O - xI) = \det(D - xI) \\ &= (\lambda_1 - x)(\lambda_2 - x)(\lambda_3 - x) \end{aligned}$$

Characterization of Euclidean Motions

Let $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a deformation.

Cl.: $(Df)(x) \in SO(n) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n \Rightarrow (Df)(x)$ does not dep. on x
and $f(x) = (Df)(x) + f(0)$

Pf.: Assume $(Df)(x) \in SO(n) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

Cl.: If $R \in O(n)$, then the columns of R form an ONB of \mathbb{R}^n .

Pf.



$\Rightarrow \{\partial_i f(x)\}_{i=1}^n$ is an ONB of \mathbb{R}^n .

Cl.: $(\partial_i \partial_j f)(x) = \underbrace{\langle \partial_i \partial_j f(x), \partial_k f(x) \rangle}_{=: \alpha_{ijk}(x)} \partial_k f(x)$

Pf.



Cl.: $\alpha_{ijk} = \alpha_{jih} \quad \text{P.f.}$



Cl.: $\alpha_{ijk} = -\alpha_{ikj}$

Pf.



$$\text{Cl}_0: \text{d}_j^k = 0$$

Pf:



$$\Rightarrow \partial_i \partial_j f = 0 \quad \forall i, j$$

\Rightarrow Df is a constant and $f(x) = f(0) + (Df)(x)$