

Finite strain

Strain in one dimension

For original length l_0 , new length l angle of shear ψ

Extension (sometimes elongation) $e = (l-l_0)/l_0$

Stretch $s = l/l_0 = 1+e$

Quadratic elongation $\lambda = l^2/l_0^2 = (1+e)^2$

Natural strain $\varepsilon = \ln(s) = \ln(1+e) = \ln(l/l_0)$

Engineering shear strain $\gamma = \tan \psi$

Tensor shear strain $e_s = 0.5 \tan \psi$

Strain in 2 dimensions*

Principal strains are designated by subscripts 1 and

3, e.g. principal elongations are $e_1 > e_3$

principal stretches are $s_1=X, s_3=Z$

Strain ratio $R_s = s_1/s_3$

Dilation $1+\Delta = s_1s_3$

Fundamental strain equations (Mohr circle for strain)

For a line at an angle θ from the s_1 axis,

if $\lambda' = l/\lambda$ and $\gamma' = \gamma/\lambda$ then

$$\lambda' = \frac{\lambda'_3 + \lambda'_1}{2} - \frac{\lambda'_3 - \lambda'_1}{2} \cos(2\theta)$$

$$\gamma' = \frac{\lambda'_3 - \lambda'_1}{2} \sin(2\theta)$$

If λ' is plotted against γ' these are the equations of a circle centred at

$$\lambda = \frac{\lambda'_3 + \lambda'_1}{2}, \gamma = 0 \text{ with radius } \frac{\lambda'_3 - \lambda'_1}{2}$$

Deformation gradient tensor F

Describes relation between points in undeformed and deformed state $\mathbf{F}\mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{x}$ or

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

where $\mathbf{x}_0 = (x_0, y_0)$ is original location of a point and $\mathbf{x} = (x, y)$ is final location and a, b, c, d are components of \mathbf{F} .

Reciprocal deformation gradient tensor \mathbf{F}^{-1}

$$\mathbf{F}^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} d/ad-bc & -b/ad-bc \\ -c/ad-bc & a/ad-bc \end{pmatrix}$$

This 'undoes' the deformation: $\mathbf{F}^{-1}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_0$

Combining deformations: Matrix \mathbf{F}_c for two deformations \mathbf{F}_a followed by \mathbf{F}_b is obtained by matrix multiplication:

$$\mathbf{F}_c = \mathbf{F}_b\mathbf{F}_a$$

Displacement gradient tensor

$$\mathbf{J} = (\mathbf{F} - \delta) = \begin{pmatrix} a-1 & b \\ c & d-1 \end{pmatrix}$$

describes relation of displacement to position of points in undeformed state: $\mathbf{J}\mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0$

Strain tensor

$$\mathbf{E} = \begin{pmatrix} e_{11} & e_{12} \\ e_{21} & e_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a-1 & 0.5(b+c) \\ 0.5(b+c) & d-1 \end{pmatrix}$$

describes the non-rotational part of \mathbf{J}

Dilation

$$1+\Delta = ad-bc = |\mathbf{F}|$$

Rotation of strain axes

Angle ω between deformed and undeformed states

$$\tan \omega = (b-c)/(a+d)$$

Reorientation of lines from strain ellipse

If θ = initial orientation of a line relative to s_1 and θ' is orientation after deformation, then

$$\tan(\theta)/\tan(\theta') = R_s \text{ where } R_s \text{ is the strain ratio}$$

Simple shear zones

If γ = shear strain, orientation θ of extension axis s_1 to shear-zone boundary is given by: $\tan(2\theta) = 2/\gamma$

Strain in 3 dimensions*

Principal strains are designated by subscripts 1, 2 and 3, e.g. principal elongations are $e_1 > e_2 > e_3$

Principal stretches are $s_1=X, s_2=Y, s_3=Z$

Dilation $1+\Delta = s_1s_2s_3$

Condition for plane strain: $s_2=1; s_1s_3=1$

Strain ratios for Flinn plot

$$a = s_1/s_2$$

$$b = s_2/s_3$$

Shape parameter $k = a/b$

*Note: the formulas are based on Ramsay, J.G., and Huber, M.I. (1983) *The Techniques of Modern Structural Geology, Volume 1: Strain Analysis*, Academic Press, London, but with sign convention modified for clockwise measurement of angles and shear strains