

M. Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2011
BRANCH I - MATHEMATICS
THIRD SEMESTER

COURSE : CORE
PAPER : CONTINUUM MECHANICS
TIME : 3 HOURS

MAX. MARKS : 100

SECTION – A (5 X 8 = 40)
ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS

1. If the stress tensor $\sigma_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma & a\sigma & b\sigma \\ a\sigma & \sigma & c\sigma \\ b\sigma & c\sigma & \sigma \end{pmatrix}$, determine the constants a,b,c so that the stress vector on the octahedral plane $\left(\hat{n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \hat{e}_1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \hat{e}_2 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \hat{e}_3 \right)$ vanishes.
2. Determine the principal deviator stress values for the stress tensor $\sigma_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & -6 & 0 \\ -6 & 10 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
3. The displacement field of continuum body is given by $x_1 = X_1$, $x_2 = X_2 + AX_3$, $x_3 = X_3 + AX_2$, where A is constant. Determine the displacement vector components in both the material and spatial form.
4. A velocity field is given by $v_1 = \frac{x_1}{(1+t)}$, $v_2 = \frac{2x_2}{(1+t)}$, $v_3 = \frac{3x_3}{(1+t)}$. Obtain the displacement relations $x_i = x_i(X, t)$ and determine the acceleration components in Lagrangian form for the motion.
5. For the steady velocity field $v = 3x_1^2 x_2 \hat{e}_1 + 2x_2^2 x_3 \hat{e}_2 + 3x_1 x_2 x_3^2 x_2 \hat{e}_3$, determine the rate of extension at $P(1,1,1)$ in the direction of $v = \frac{1}{5}(3\hat{e}_1 - 4\hat{e}_3)$.
6. (a) Show that the velocity field $v_i = Ax_i / r^3$ where $x_i x_i = r^2$ and A is an arbitrary constant, satisfies the continuity equation for an incompressible flow.
(b) For the velocity field $v_i = \frac{x_i}{(1+t)}$ show that $\rho_{x_1 x_2 x_3} = \rho_0 X_1 X_2 X_3$.
7. Express the engineering constants ν and E in terms of the Lamé constants λ and μ .

SECTION – B
ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS

(3 X 20 = 60)

8. (a) Establish the relation between the stress tensor and the stress vector.

(b) Evaluate the stress invariants for the stress tensor $\sigma_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -3 & 0 \\ -3 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$.

9. (a) A displacement field is given by $\mathbf{u} = X_1 X_3^2 \hat{e}_1 + X_1^2 X_2 \hat{e}_2 + X_2^2 X_3 \hat{e}_3$. Determine independently the material deformation gradient \mathbf{F} and the material displacement gradient \mathbf{J} and verify $\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{I}$.

- (b) A continuum body undergoes the deformation $x_1 = X_1, x_2 = X_2 + AX_3, x_3 = X_3 + AX_2$ where A is constant. Compute the deformation tensor \mathbf{G} and use this to determine the Lagrangian finite strain tensor \mathbf{L}_G .

10. (a) A displacement field is specified by $\mathbf{u} = X_1^2 X_2 \hat{e}_1 + (X_2 - X_3^2) \hat{e}_2 + X_2^2 X_3 \hat{e}_3$.

Determine the relative displacement vector $d\mathbf{u}$ in the direction of the $-X_2$ axis at $P(1, 2, -1)$. Determine the relative displacements

$\mathbf{u}_{q_i} - \mathbf{u}_p$ for $Q_1(1, 1, -1), Q_2(1, \frac{3}{2}, -1), Q_3(1, \frac{7}{4}, -1)$ and $Q_4(1, \frac{15}{8}, -1)$ and compare their direction with the direction of $d\mathbf{u}$.

- (b) Explain the terms: Material derivative, Local rate of change, convective rate of change and Material derivative operator.

11. (a) A steady velocity field is given by $\vec{v} = (x_1^3 - x_1 x_2^2) \hat{e}_1 + (x_1^2 x_2 - x_2) \hat{e}_2$.

Determine the unit relative velocity with respect to $P(1, 1, 3)$ of the particles at

$$Q_1(1, 0, 3), Q_2\left(1, \frac{3}{4}, 3\right), Q_3\left(1, \frac{7}{8}, 3\right).$$

- (b) Using linear momentum principle, obtain the equations of motion of a moving continuum.

12. Obtain the generalised Hooke's law for an isotropic body in terms of the elastic

constants λ and μ . Show that the strain energy density function u^* for an isotropic

Hookean solid may be expressed in terms of the strain tensor by $u^* = \frac{\lambda}{2} \epsilon_{ii} \epsilon_{jj} + \mu \epsilon_{ij} \epsilon_{ij}$.



