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EARTHQUAKE SEISMOLOGY

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Module 01 : Basic Seismological Theory, Waves on a String, Stress and Strain and seismic waves
Lecture 05: Equations Of Motion, P-and S-wave motion

CONCEPTS COVERED

- **Summary Of Previous Lectures**
- **Equation Of Motion**
- **P-wave and S-wave motion**

Summary of previous lecture

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The relationship can also be expressed as :

$$\sigma_{ij} = \underbrace{\lambda\delta_{ij}\theta}_{\text{Volume}} + \underbrace{2\mu e_{ij}}_{\text{shear}}$$

$$\theta = \nabla \cdot u = \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_3} = e_{11} + e_{22} + e_{33}$$

Cubic dilatation or divergence of the displacement field.

Basic Calculus

Scalar field

Every point in space is assigned a scalar value. Values vary with position and denoted by

$$\phi(x) \quad \text{or} \quad \phi(x_1, x_2, x_3)$$

Vector field

Every point in space is assigned a vector. Values and directions varies with position and denoted by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}(x) &= \mathbf{u}(x_1, x_2, x_3) \\ &= u_1(x_1, x_2, x_3)\hat{e}_1 + u_2(x_1, x_2, x_3)\hat{e}_2 + u_3(x_1, x_2, x_3)\hat{e}_3 \end{aligned}$$

Spatial variations of scalars, vector, or tensor fields are described using the vector differential operator “del” ∇ ,

$$\nabla = \left(\hat{e}_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \hat{e}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}, \hat{e}_3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} \right)$$

Gradient

Gradient is a vector field formed from spatial derivatives of a scalar field

If $\Phi(x)$ is a scalar function of position, the gradient is defined by

$$\text{grad } \phi(x) = \nabla \phi(x) = \left(\frac{\partial \phi(x)}{\partial x_1} \hat{e}_1 + \frac{\partial \phi(x)}{\partial x_2} \hat{e}_2 + \frac{\partial \phi(x)}{\partial x_3} \hat{e}_3 \right)$$

partial derivatives

Divergence

It describes the spatial variation of a vector field $u(x)$, given by the scalar product of del operator with $u(x)$.

$$\operatorname{div} u = \nabla \cdot u = \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_3}$$

Divergence measures the net flow of fluid (or material) from a given point.

If the divergence at a point is positive implies that point is a source

and if divergence at a point is negative indicates that it is a sink

Curl

The cross product of the ∇ operator with a vector field yields a another vector field.

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{u} = \hat{e}_1 \left(\frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_2} - \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_3} \right) + \hat{e}_2 \left(\frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_3} - \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_1} \right) + \hat{e}_3 \left(\frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_1} - \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_2} \right)$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{e}_1 & \hat{e}_2 & \hat{e}_3 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Curl measures the degree to which the fluid or material is rotating about a given point.

$$\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{u}) = 0$$

Divergence of a curl is zero; represents no volume change give rise to shear waves

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \phi) = 0$$

Curl of a gradient is zero i.e no curl or rotation & give rise to compressional waves.



Laplacian

Divergence of the gradient of a scalar field. Represented by ∇^2

$$\nabla^2 \phi = \nabla \cdot \nabla \phi = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x_2^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x_3^2}$$

The laplacian of a scalar field an another scalar field.

An important identity related to laplacian:

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{u} = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) - \nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{u})$$



Equation of Motion

Equation of motion satisfies “Newton’s Second law, $F=ma$, in terms of surface and body forces . According to this equation acceleration results from the body forces and $\sigma_{ij,j}$, the divergence of stress tensor.

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_{12}}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{22}}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{32}}{\partial x_3} + f_2 = \sum_{j=1}^3 \frac{\partial \sigma_{j2}}{\partial x_j} + f_2 = \rho \frac{\partial^2 u_2}{\partial t^2} \quad \text{X}_2 \text{ component of the forces}$$

Note: Equation of motion relates stress tensor to ground motion (or displacement).

In summation convention it can be written as

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_{ij}(x, t)}{\partial x_j} + f_i(x, t) = \rho \frac{\partial^2 u_i(x, t)}{\partial t^2}$$

Because the stress-tensor is symmetric, so

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_{ji}(x, t)}{\partial x_j} + f_i(x, t) = \rho \frac{\partial^2 u_i(x, t)}{\partial t^2}$$

- It is interesting to note that the divergence of the stress tensor give rise to a force, which is a vector, just as the divergence of a vector yields a scalar.
- If the body is at equilibrium, then acceleration must be zero such that

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_{ji}(x, t)}{\partial x_j} = -f_i(x, t) \quad \longleftarrow \text{Eq}^n \text{ of Equilibrium}$$

If no body force is applied

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_{ji}(x, t)}{\partial x_j} = \rho \frac{\partial^2 u_i(x, t)}{\partial t^2} \longrightarrow \text{Homogeneous eq}^n \text{ of motion}$$

This is called the homogeneous equation of motion, where “Homogeneous” refers to the lack of forces. This equation describes seismic wave propagation, except at a source, such as an earthquake or an explosion, where body force generates seismic waves.

P-waves and S-waves

Equation of Motion (E.O.M)

- E.O.M can be written and solved entirely in terms of displacements, because stress is related to strain, which is formed from derivatives of displacement.
- The equation of motion relates spatial derivatives of stress tensor to a time derivatives of displacement vector (or ground motion). The resulting solution gives the displacement vector and hence the strain and stress tensors as function of both space and time

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_{xx}(x, t)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{xy}(x, t)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{xz}(x, t)}{\partial z} = \rho \frac{\partial^2 u_x(x, t)}{\partial t^2}$$

Since we are considering homogeneous medium so the above equation do not possess any source term.

A homogeneous equation has no forcing function or source term

$$\sigma_{ij} = \lambda\theta\delta_{ij} + 2\mu e_{ij}$$

$$\sigma_{xx} = \lambda\theta + 2\mu e_{xx} = \lambda\theta + 2\mu \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x}$$

$$\sigma_{xy} = 2\mu e_{xy} = \mu \left(\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} \right)$$

$$\sigma_{xz} = 2\mu e_{xz} = \mu \left(\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial x} \right)$$

We then take the derivatives of the stress components given in previous slide, we will get

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_{xx}}{\partial x} = \lambda \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} + 2\mu \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial x^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_{xy}}{\partial y} = \mu \left(\frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial y \partial x} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_{xz}}{\partial z} = \mu \left(\frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial z^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial z \partial x} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_{xx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{xy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{xz}}{\partial z} = \lambda \left[\frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial x \partial y} + \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial x \partial z} \right]$$

$$+ \mu \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial x^2} + \mu \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial x^2} + \mu \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial y^2} + \mu \frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial y \partial x} + \mu \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial z^2} + \mu \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial z \partial x}$$

$$= (\lambda + \mu) \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial x^2} + \left(\frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial z^2} \right) \mu + (\lambda + \mu) \left[\frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial x \partial y} + \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial x \partial z} \right]$$

$$= (\lambda + \mu) \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} \right) \right] + \mu \left(\frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial z^2} \right)$$



For x-component of equation of motion

$$(\lambda + \mu) \left(\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} \right) + \mu \nabla^2 u_x = \rho \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial t^2}$$

For y-component of equation of motion

$$(\lambda + \mu) \left(\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} \right) + \mu \nabla^2 u_y = \rho \frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial t^2}$$

For z-component

$$(\lambda + \mu) \left(\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z} \right) + \mu \nabla^2 u_z = \rho \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial t^2}$$

These three equations can be combined to get

$$(\lambda + \mu)\nabla(\nabla \cdot u(x, t)) + \mu\nabla^2 u(x, t) = \rho \frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial t^2}$$

As $\nabla^2 u = (\nabla^2 u_x, \nabla^2 u_y, \nabla^2 u_z)$

It has three components, so it's a vector quantity

Where are P and S-waves?

We need to separate this into two different wave equations for P and S-waves

We know that :

$$\nabla^2 = \nabla(\nabla \cdot u) - \nabla \times (\nabla \times u)$$

The previous equation will become

$$\underbrace{(\lambda + 2\mu)\nabla(\nabla \cdot u(x, t))}_M - \underbrace{\mu\nabla \times (\nabla \times u(x, t))}_N = \rho \frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial t^2} \quad \leftarrow \text{Elastodynamic equation}$$

To solve the above equation, we will use Helmholtz equation (or Helmholtz Decomposition) which decomposes 'u' into its scalar (ϕ) and vector potential (γ)

$$u(x, t) = \nabla\phi(x, t) + \nabla \times \gamma(x, t)$$

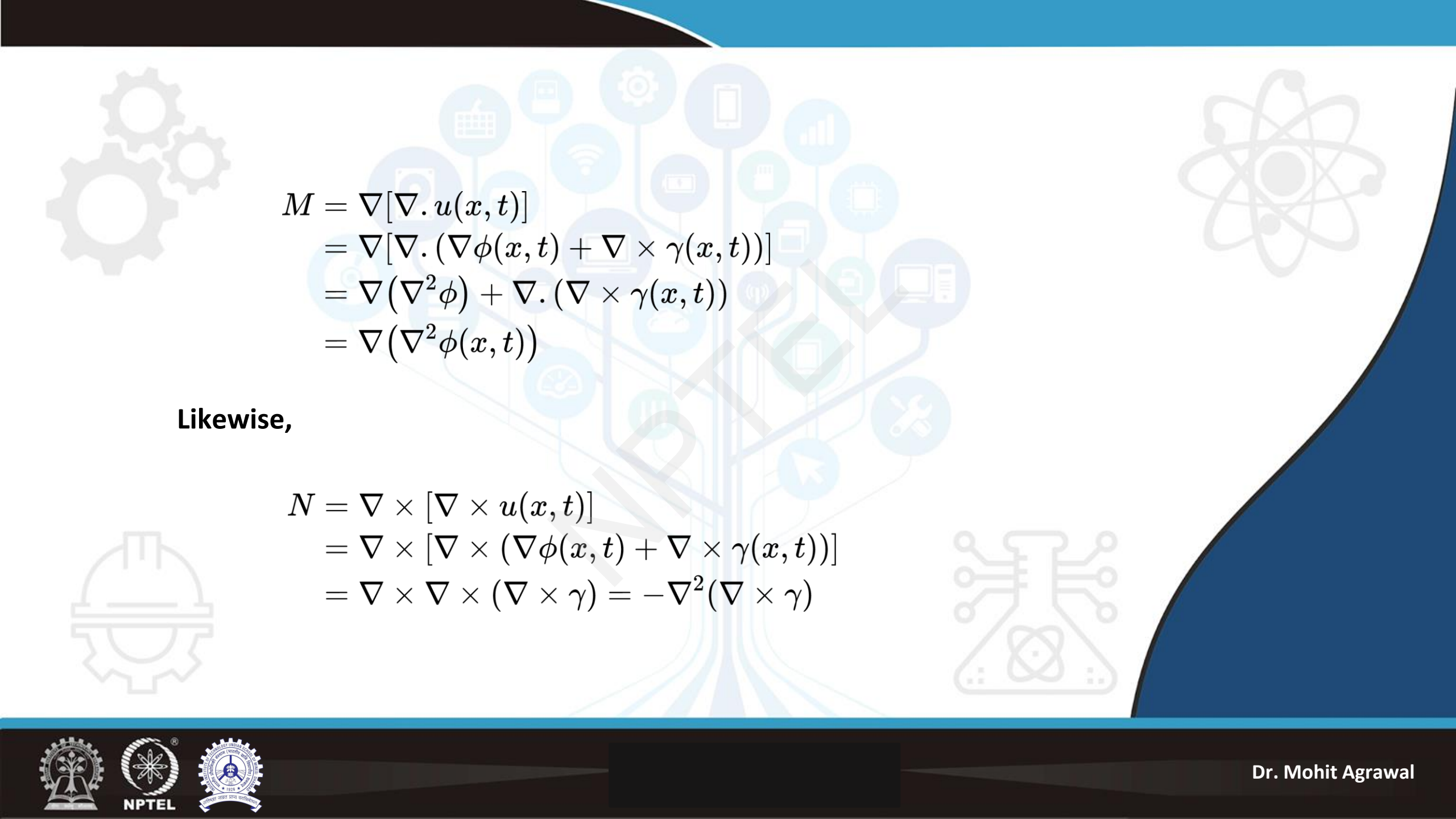
Here, ϕ is scalar potential (P-waves) and γ is the vector potential (S-waves)

We will use the following vector identities

$$\nabla \times (\nabla\phi) = 0 \quad | \quad \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \gamma) = 0$$

Represents no curl or rotation and gives rise to compressional wave

Represents no volume change and corresponds to shear waves


$$\begin{aligned}M &= \nabla[\nabla \cdot u(x, t)] \\&= \nabla[\nabla \cdot (\nabla\phi(x, t) + \nabla \times \gamma(x, t))] \\&= \nabla(\nabla^2\phi) + \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \gamma(x, t)) \\&= \nabla(\nabla^2\phi(x, t))\end{aligned}$$

Likewise,

$$\begin{aligned}N &= \nabla \times [\nabla \times u(x, t)] \\&= \nabla \times [\nabla \times (\nabla\phi(x, t) + \nabla \times \gamma(x, t))] \\&= \nabla \times \nabla \times (\nabla \times \gamma) = -\nabla^2(\nabla \times \gamma)\end{aligned}$$

So,

$$(\lambda + 2\mu)\nabla(\nabla^2\phi(x, t)) - \mu\nabla^2(\nabla \times \gamma) = \rho\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2}(\nabla\phi + \nabla \times \gamma)$$

$$\nabla\left[(\lambda + 2\mu)\nabla^2\phi(x, t) - \rho\frac{\partial^2\phi(x, t)}{\partial t^2}\right] = -\nabla \times \left[\mu\nabla^2\gamma(x, t) - \rho\frac{\partial^2\gamma(x, t)}{\partial t^2}\right]$$

One of the solution of this equation can be found if both terms in the brackets are zero

$$\nabla^2\phi(x, t) = \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \frac{\partial^2\phi(x, t)}{\partial t^2} \longrightarrow \mathbf{A}$$

P-waves

With the velocity

$$\alpha = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda + 2\mu}{\rho}}$$

$$\nabla^2 \gamma(x, t) = \frac{1}{\beta^2} \frac{\partial^2 \gamma(x, t)}{\partial t^2}$$

$$\beta = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\rho}}$$

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S-waves

Equation (A)

$$\nabla^2 \phi(x, t) = \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi(x, t)}{\partial t^2}$$

Wave equation for the P-wave

The scalar potential satisfying the above equation is

$$\phi(z, t) = A \exp(i(\omega t - kz))$$

so, the resulting displacement is the gradient

$$u(z, t) = \nabla \phi(z, t) = (0, 0, -ik) A \exp(i(\omega t - kz))$$

which has a non-zero component only along the propagation direction z . The corresponding dilatation is non-zero.

$$\nabla \cdot u(z, t) = -k^2 A \exp(i(\omega t - kz))$$

So, a volume change occurs



As the wave propagates, the displacement in the direction of propagation cause material to be alternatively compressed and expanded . Thus the P-wave generated by scalar potential is called a “Compressional Wave”.

Likewise of S-wave, described by vector potential

$$\gamma(z, t) = (A_x, A_y, A_z) \exp (i(\omega t - kz))$$

$$u(z, t) = \nabla \times \gamma(z, t) = (ikA_y, -ikA_x, 0) \exp (i(\omega t - kz))$$

whose component along the propagation direction is zero i.e., displacements are perpendicular to the direction of propagation

So,

- P-wave causes change in volume
- Shear wave cause no volume change

Revision of Module 1

- We used force balance to derive the 1-D wave equation.
- We did an overview of parameters that describe harmonic waves. The wave number, k , may be new to you.
- We derived reflection and transmission coefficients.
- We looked at KE and PE averaged over a wavelength.
- An alternative method of solving a differential equation is through normal modes.
- Stress describes the force/area and is a 3×3 tensor
- The traction vector is the surface force per unit area on a plane with given normal.
- As per the engineering convention that tensional (stretching) stress is positive. That is why stress in the earth is negative (compressional) values.

Revision of Module 1

- **Stress tensor has following properties**

- Stress is a symmetric tensor
- can be rotated it into other coordinate system.
- Coordinate system without the shear stresses gives rise to principal stresses.

These are the eigenvalues of the stress tensor.

- The trace of the stress tensor is independent of the coordinate system used.
- The deviatoric stress tensor is the stress tensor minus the pressure.
- The pressure is the mean of the trace of the stress tensor.
- Units of stress are $\text{N/m}^2 = \text{Pascals}$
- 33 km increase in depth increases pressure by roughly 1 Gpa.

Revision of Module 1

1. C_{ijkl} completely describe the behaviour of an elastic material.
1. λ does not have any physical meaning, but μ is called “rigidity or shear modulus”.
1. A material with large μ is quite rigid and responds to a given stress with less strain & vice-versa.
1. A material in which μ is zero can not support shear stresses, & corresponds to a perfect fluid.



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