

Parallel session # 3 - CONTINUUM & STATISTICAL MECHANICS

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Simple statistical mechanics for biological systems (continued)L. Mahadevan

* recommended reading : "Random walks in biology" by H. Berg

Random walks & diffusion : $\sqrt{\langle x_{(t)}^2 \rangle} = \sqrt{2\delta t}$ with $\delta = v \delta \sim \frac{\delta^2}{\tau}$

ballistic motion of constant velocity : $\sqrt{\langle x^2 \rangle} \sim vt$
or if constant force $\sqrt{\langle x^2 \rangle} \sim at^2$

both fluctuation (associated with temperature) and dissipation (from movement in fluid)
Einstein balances them : fluctuation \approx dissipation when the system is at equilibrium

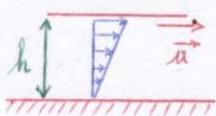
- Fluid dynamics : "Archimedean" limit (very slow movement)

[F] ? dimension of a force with respect to basic dimensions : $\left. \begin{array}{l} L \text{ length, } T \text{ time, } M \text{ mass} \end{array} \right\} [F] = M \frac{L}{T^2}$

(a) $F = C \mu a v$ and μ must have dimensions of $M / (LT) = [\mu]$
 μ is the viscosity of the fluid $\frac{MLT^{-2}}{L^2} \cdot T = [\mu]$
 a and v characterize the sphere
 C is a constant dependent on shape ($C_{\text{sphere}} = 6\pi$) force / area \cdot time \equiv Pa.s



here $F = 6\pi \mu a v = \Delta\rho g a^3 \frac{4\pi}{3}$
 μ is the only unknown and can be experimentally determined
how much force should be exerted on the top plate to move it at constant velocity \vec{u} ?



$$\sigma = F/A = \mu u/h \quad (\text{with } \vec{u} \text{ shear velocity})$$

orders of magnitude : $\mu_{H_2O} \sim 10^{-3} \text{ Pa.s}$
 $\mu_{\text{air}} \sim 10^{-5} \text{ Pa.s}$

Reynold's number

$$Re = \frac{\rho_f U^2 L^2}{\mu UL} = \frac{\text{inertia}}{\text{viscosity}} = \frac{\rho_f UL}{\mu}$$

Continuum and statistical mechanics - 2.

Reynold's number in biology

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} L \sim 10^{-6} \text{ m} = 1 \mu\text{m} \\ U \sim 1 \mu\text{m/s} \\ \rho \sim 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3 \\ \mu \sim 10^{-3} \text{ Pa.s} \end{array} \right\} \text{Re} \sim 10^{-6} \ll 1$$

inertia negligible

fluctuation \approx dissipation
Stokes-Einstein Smoluchowski

$$F \delta \sim k_B T$$

$$\mu a v \delta \sim k_B T \quad \text{or} \quad v \delta \sim \frac{k_B T}{\mu a}$$

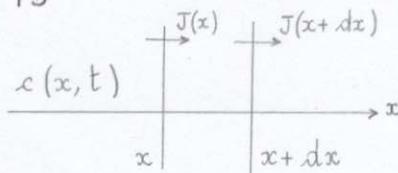
ζ friction factor (drag)

$1/\zeta$ mobility

$\mathcal{D} \sim \frac{k_B T}{\mu a} = \frac{k_B T}{\zeta}$

- Macroscopically

in 1D



concentration $[c] = \# \text{ molecule / volume}$
 flux $[J] = \# / \text{area / time}$

$$A dx \frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = (J|_x - J|_{x+dx}) dx A$$

and $J|_{x+dx} \approx J|_x + \frac{\partial J}{\partial x} dx + \dots$

$\left. \frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = - \frac{\partial J}{\partial x} \right\}$

$$J = - \mathcal{D} \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} \quad \text{dimensionally consistent: } [\mathcal{D}] = \frac{L^2}{T}$$

one more equation needed:

differential equation is the diffusion equation:

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = \mathcal{D} \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2}$$

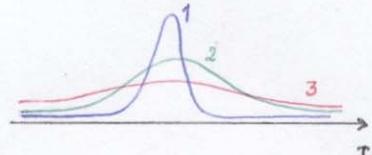
macroscopic diffusion \equiv microscopic random walk

$$\frac{c}{T} \sim \mathcal{D} \frac{c}{x^2} \quad \text{or} \quad x^2 \sim \mathcal{D}t$$

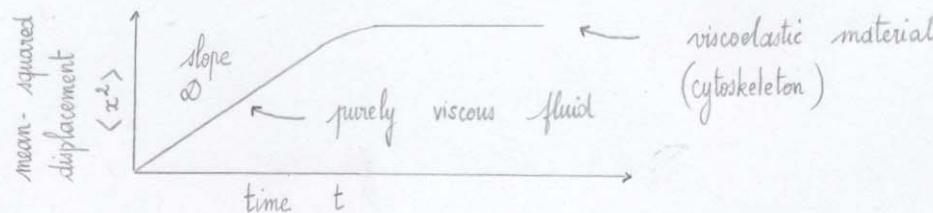
- what if a flux due to fluid velocity was added to the flux due to concentration

$$J = - \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} \mathcal{D} + v c \quad \text{and Stokes-Einstein would be recovered} \quad \text{[differences?]}$$

as a function of time, diffusion equation solution:



- the viscosity of a fluid can be determined experimentally:

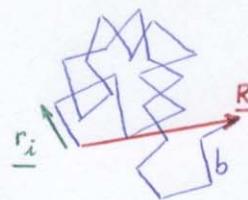


Continuum and statistical mechanics - 3.

- Boltzmann's statistics : random walk as a model for a polymer (DNA e.g.)



modeled
as



all "steps" of length "b" (N links)
all independent, equally likely
polymer = random walk in space

no energy associated with bending or twisting or crowding (enthalpy)

but entropic energy : how many different ways can I arrange this molecule?

free energy $G = H - TS$

enthalpy - temperature * entropy (or disorder)

to define disorder :

$$P(\text{---}) < P(\text{~~~~~})$$

calculate these probabilities

Boltzmann

$$S = k_B \ln P$$

extensive quantity

entropy adds up, but # of states gets multiplied $\Rightarrow \ln$ needed

random walk has mean of 0

variance of $N b$

$$P = \exp\left(\frac{-|\underline{R}|^2}{3Nb^2 \times 2}\right)$$

$$G = -TS = \frac{T k_B |\underline{R}|^2}{3Nb^2}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} G &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{k_B T}{3Nb^2} \cdot |\underline{R}|^2 \\ U &= \frac{1}{2} k (\ell - \ell_0)^2 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

polymer = spring of reference length zero
of constant directly dependent on temperature
that gets more sloppy as $N \rightarrow$

polymer = entropic spring

Foundations of continuum mechanics : elastic & viscoelastic response

- stress : τ_{ij} force per unit area
- strain : E_{ij} change of length between 2 neighboring points
 $E_{ii} = \frac{1}{2} (\lambda_{ii}^2 - 1)$ normal component , E_{12} shear component
 λ_{ii} is the stretch ratio = final length \div initial length
- strain rate : $\frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_j}$ velocity gradient , directly proportional to $\frac{\partial E_{ij}}{\partial t}$

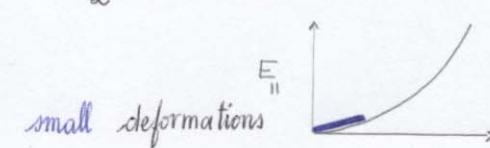
* recommended reading : Y. C. Fung : A first course in continuum mechanics

- solid material $\tau_{ij} \propto E_{ij}$ stress proportional to strain
- fluid material $\tau_{ij} \propto \dot{E}_{ij} = \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_j}$ " strain rate
- viscoelastic material $\tau_{ij} \propto E_{ij}$ and \dot{E}_{ij}

- Solids : τ_{ij} linearly proportional to E_{ij} : Hookean materials

$$\tau_{ij} = \underbrace{C_{ijkl}}_{\bullet \bullet \atop 81 \text{ coefficients}} \underbrace{E_{kl}}_{\rightarrow \text{ repetition of indices}} \quad \begin{aligned} a_i b_i &= \sum_{i=1}^3 a_i b_i \\ &= a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + a_3 b_3 \end{aligned}$$

isotropic materials $\tau_{ij} = \lambda \epsilon_{kk} \delta_{ij} + 2\mu \epsilon_{ij}$
 $\epsilon_{ij} \propto \epsilon_{ij}$ such that $E_{ii} = \frac{1}{2} (\lambda_i^2 - 1) = \lambda_i - 1 = \epsilon_{ii}$

inverse ① $\epsilon_{ii} = \frac{1}{E} (\tau_{ii} - \nu (\tau_{22} + \tau_{33}))$ 

writing it out : $\tau_{ii} = \lambda \epsilon_{kk} + 2\mu \epsilon_{ii}$
 $\tau_{12} = 2\mu \epsilon_{12}$ because $\delta_{12} = 0$

since $\epsilon_{kk} = \epsilon_{ii} + \epsilon_{22} + \epsilon_{33} \propto \Delta V / V_0$ change of volume

if $\epsilon_{kk} = 0$ incompressible material and only shear effects

2 material coefficients for linear viscoelastic materials : λ and μ , or E and ν
 μ : shear modulus (sometimes G)

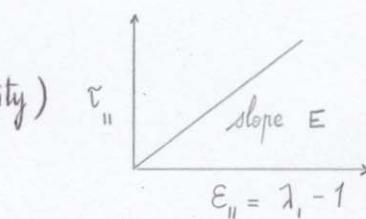
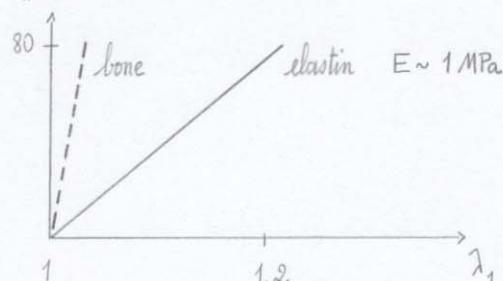
inverse ② $\epsilon_{12} = \frac{1+\nu}{E} \tau_{12} = \frac{1}{2G} \tau_{12}$

ν : Poisson's ratio (compressibility) τ_{11}

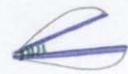
E : Young's modulus

examples:

τ_{11} (kPa)



$$\begin{aligned} E_{\text{collagen}} &\sim 10^3 \text{ MPa} \\ E_{\text{bone}} &\sim 10^4 \text{ MPa} \\ E_{\text{rubber}} &\sim 1.4 \text{ MPa} \end{aligned}$$

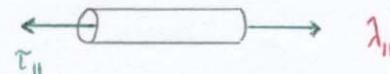
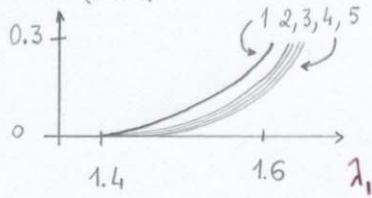


[
in muscles
adductin \approx elastin]

$0 \leq \nu \leq 0.5$ compressibility (incompressible materials have $\nu = \frac{1}{2}$)

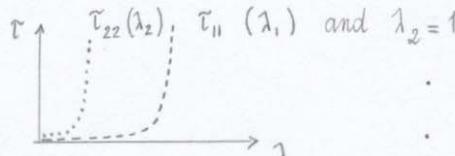
- dog carotid artery:

τ_{11} (MPa)



- preconditioning necessary for stress-strain curves to become reproducible.
- what plot is more relevant? 1 or 2,3,4,5?

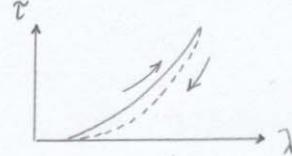
- skin



skin is anisotropic

skin is extremely nonlinear: from soft to stiff

- after preconditioning:

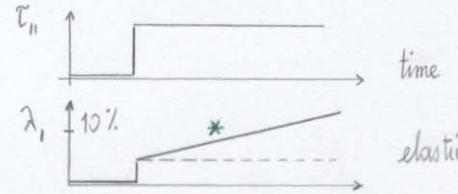
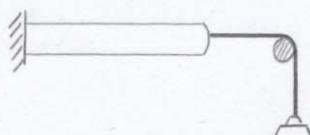


loading curve vs. "stress decreased" = unloading curve

hysteresis

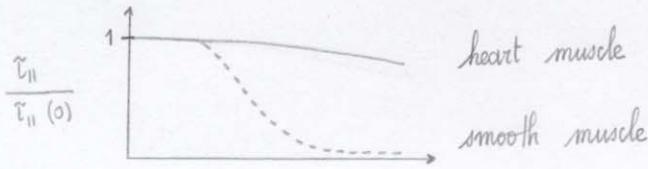
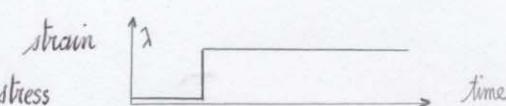
loop changes with frequency of loading?

- creep test: apply τ_{11} , observe λ_1 ,



* heart muscle,
arteries, ...

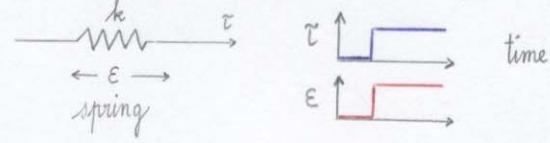
relaxation experiment: constant strain
observe stress



Viscoelasticity : stress τ as a function of strain ϵ and strain rate $\dot{\epsilon}$ in a linear viscoelastic material

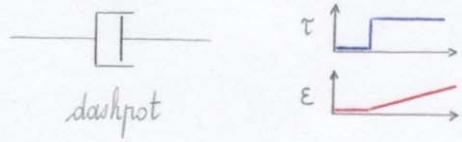
$$\tau = k \epsilon$$

elastic solid

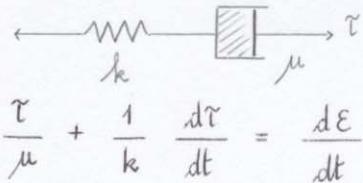


$$\tau = \mu \dot{\epsilon}$$

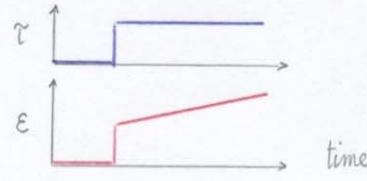
viscous fluid



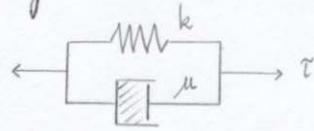
Maxwell fluid



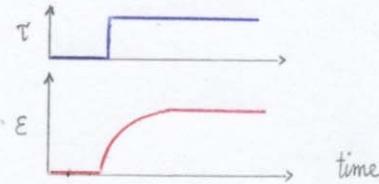
$$\frac{\tau}{\mu} + \frac{1}{k} \frac{d\tau}{dt} = \frac{d\epsilon}{dt}$$



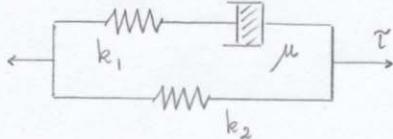
Voigt body



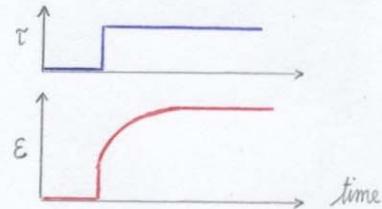
$$\tau = k \epsilon + \mu \dot{\epsilon}$$



Standard solid



$$\tau + \frac{\mu}{k_1} \dot{\tau} = k_2 \epsilon + \mu \left(1 + \frac{k_2}{k_1}\right) \dot{\epsilon}$$



goes back to its original state
good model for cells if small deform.

in fact cells continue to creep, they don't reach a steady state like standard solids.
biological materials have "a spectrum of coefficients (k, μ)".