MAE 545: Lecture 8 (3/7) Shapes of growing and swelling sheets









Shapes of flowers and leaves

saddles

wrinkled edges

helices



Metric tensor for measuring distances on surfaces



metric tensor for measuring lengths

$$d\ell^2 = d\vec{r}^2 = \sum_{i,j} \vec{t}_i \cdot \vec{t}_j dx^i dx^j = \sum_{i,j} g_{ij} dx^i dx^j$$
$$g_{ij} = \vec{t}_i \cdot \vec{t}_j = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{t}_1 \cdot \vec{t}_1, & \vec{t}_1 \cdot \vec{t}_2 \\ \vec{t}_2 \cdot \vec{t}_1 & \vec{t}_2 \cdot \vec{t}_2 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$g = \det(g_{ij}) = |\vec{t}_1 \times \vec{t}_2|^2$$



area element



$$dA = |\vec{t_1}| |\vec{t_2}| \sin \alpha dx^1 dx^2$$

$$dA = \sqrt{g} \, dx^1 dx^2$$

Strain tensor and energy of shell deformations

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undeformed shell



$$g_{ij} = \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial x^i} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial x^j}$$
$$d\ell^2 = \sum_{i,j} g_{ij} dx^i dx^j$$

strain tensor

$$u_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k} (g^{-1})_{ik} (g'_{kj} - g_{kj})$$

inverse metric tensor

$$\sum_{k} (g^{-1})_{ik} g_{kj} = \sum_{k} g_{ik} (g^{-1})_{kj} = \delta_{ij}$$



Strain tensor for deformation of flat plates

undeformed plate



0

 $i, j, k \in \{x, y\}$

$$\vec{r'}(x,y) = \vec{r}(x,y) + u_x(x,y)\vec{e}_x$$

deformed plate

 $+u_y(x,y)\vec{e}_y + h(x,y)\vec{e}_z$

n'

local tangents

$$\vec{t_i} = \partial_i \vec{r} \equiv \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial i} = \vec{e_i}$$

metric tensor

$$g_{ij} = \vec{t}_i \cdot \vec{t}_j = \delta_{ij} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1, & 0\\ 0, & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{t'_i} = \partial_i \vec{r'} = \vec{e_i} + \sum_k (\partial_i u_k) \vec{e_k} + (\partial_i h) \vec{e_z}$$

strain tensor

$$u_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left(g'_{ij} - \delta_{ij} \right)$$

$$2u_{ij} = \left(\partial_i u_j + \partial_j u_i \right) + \sum_k \partial_i u_k \partial_j u_k + \partial_i h \partial_j h$$

Curvature of curves



Curvature tensor for surfaces



 $g_{ij} = \vec{t}_i \cdot \vec{t}_j$ metric tensor for measuring lengths

curvature tensor for surfaces

$$K_{ij} = \sum_{k} \left(g^{-1} \right)_{ik} \left(\vec{n} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \vec{r}}{\partial x^k \partial x^j} \right)$$



principal curvatures correspond to the eigenvalues of curvature tensor



mean curvature

$$\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\sum_i K_{ii} = \frac{1}{2}\operatorname{tr}(K_{ij})$$

Gaussian curvature

$$\frac{1}{R_1 R_2} = \det(K_{ij})$$

Surfaces of various principal curvatures



Examples for Gaussian curvature



Examples

 $\vec{r}(x,y) = (x,y,0)$

 $\vec{t}_x = \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial x} = (1, 0, 0)$

$$K_{ij} = \sum_{k} \left(g^{-1} \right)_{ik} \left(\vec{n} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \vec{r}}{\partial x^k \partial x^j} \right)$$

$$g_{ij} = \vec{t}_i \cdot \vec{t}_j = \begin{pmatrix} 1, & 0 \\ 0, & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$K_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} 0, & 0 \\ 0, & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

 \vec{t}_{θ}

 \vec{n}

$$\vec{t}_{y} = \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial y} = (0, 1, 0)$$

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$$\vec{n} = \frac{\vec{t}_{x} \times \vec{t}_{y}}{|\vec{t}_{x} \times \vec{t}_{y}|} = (0, 0, 1)$$

$$\vec{r}(\phi, z) = (R \cos \phi, R \sin \phi, z)$$

$$\vec{t}_{\phi} = \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial \phi} = R(-\sin \phi, \cos \phi, 0)$$

$$\vec{t}_{z} = \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial z} = (0, 0, 1)$$

$$\vec{n} = \frac{\vec{t}_{\phi} \times \vec{t}_{z}}{|\vec{t}_{\phi} \times \vec{t}_{z}|} = (\cos \phi, \sin \phi, 0)$$

$$\vec{K}_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} 0, & 0 \\ 0, & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$K_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{R}, & 0 \\ 0, & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{r}(\theta,\phi) = R(\sin\theta\cos\phi,\sin\theta\sin\phi,\cos\theta)$$

$$g_{ij} = \vec{t}_i \cdot \vec{t}_j = \begin{pmatrix} R^2, & 0\\ 0, & R^2\sin^2\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{t}_{\phi} = \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial \theta} = R(\cos\theta\cos\phi,\cos\theta\sin\phi,-\sin\theta)$$

$$K_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{R}, & 0\\ 0, & -\frac{1}{R} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{n} = \frac{\vec{t}_{\theta} \times \vec{t}_{\phi}}{|\vec{t}_{\theta} \times \vec{t}_{\phi}|} = (\sin\theta\cos\phi,\sin\theta\sin\phi,\cos\theta)$$

Bending energy for deformation of shells

undeformed shell





deformed shell

sheet thickness
$$d$$

Young's modulus E
Poisson's ratio ν

$$K'_{ij} = \sum_{k} \left(g'^{-1} \right)_{ik} \left(\vec{n}' \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \vec{n}}{\partial x^k \vec{a}} \right)_{ik} \left(\vec{n}' \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \vec{n}}{\partial x^k \vec{$$

bending strain tensor

 $K_{ij} = \sum_{k} \left(g^{-1} \right)_{ik} \left(\vec{n} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \vec{r}}{\partial x^k \partial x^j} \right)$

$$b_{ij} = K'_{ij} - K_{ij}$$

(local measure of deviation from preferred curvature)

Energy cost of bending

$$U = \int \left(\sqrt{g} dx^1 dx^2\right) \left[\frac{1}{2}\kappa \left(\operatorname{tr}(b_{ij})\right)^2 + \kappa_G \det(b_{ij})\right]$$

$$\kappa = \frac{Ed^3}{12(1-\nu^2)} \quad \kappa_G = -\frac{Ed^3}{12(1+\nu)}$$

Bending strain for deformation of flat plates

undeformed plate



deformed plate



local normal

$$\vec{n} = \frac{\vec{t}_x \times \vec{t}_y}{|\vec{t}_x \times \vec{t}_y|} = \vec{e}_z$$

reference curvature tensor

$$K_{ij} = \vec{n} \cdot \partial_i \partial_j \vec{r} = 0$$

local normal (neglecting in-plane deformations)

$$\vec{n'} \approx \frac{\vec{e}_z - (\partial_x h) \,\vec{e}_x - (\partial_y h) \,\vec{e}_y}{\sqrt{1 + (\partial_x h)^2 + (\partial_y h)^2}}$$

bending strain tensor

$$b_{ij} = K'_{ij} \approx \partial_i \partial_j h + \cdots$$

Wrinkled and straight blades in macroalgae

Slow water flow environment (v~0.5 m/s)



edges of blades grow faster than the midline



What is the effect of differential growth rate between the edge and the midline of the blade?

Fast water flow environment (v~1.5 m/s)



edges of blades grow at the same speed as the midline



M. Koehl et al., <u>Integ. Comp.</u> <u>Biol.</u> **48**, 834 (2008)

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Differential growth produces internal stress

before growth

faster growth of the bottom edge in x direction



Note: If growth is different between the top and bottom of the sheet, then the curvature tensor K_{ij} is modified as well!

Mechanics of growing sheets

Growth defines preferred metric tensor g_{ij} , and preferred curvature tensor K_{ij} .



The equilibrium membrane shape $\vec{r}'(x^1, x^2)$ corresponds to the minimum of elastic energy:

$$U = \int \left(\sqrt{g} dx^1 dx^2\right) \left[\frac{1}{2}\lambda \left(\sum_i u_{ii}\right)^2 + \mu \sum_{i,j} u_{ij} u_{ji} + \frac{1}{2}\kappa \left(\operatorname{tr}(b_{ij})\right)^2 + \kappa_G \operatorname{det}(b_{ij})\right]$$

Growth can independently tune the metric tensor g_{ij} and the curvature tensor K_{ij} , which may not be compatible with any surface shape that would produce zero energy cost!

Zero energy shape exists only when preferred metric tensor g_{ij} and preferred curvature tensor K_{ij} satisfy Gauss-Codazzi-Mainardi relations!

Mechanics of growing membranes

One of the Gauss-Codazzi-Mainardi equations (Gauss's Theorema Egregium) relates the Gauss curvature to metric tensor

$$\det(K'_{ij}) = \mathcal{F}(g'_{ij})$$

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scaling with membrane thickness d

 $\lambda, \mu \sim Ed$ $\kappa, \kappa_G \sim Ed^3$ For very thin membranes the equilibrium shape matches the preferred metric tensor to avoid stretching, compressing and shearing. This also specifies the Gauss curvature!

$$g'_{ij} = g_{ij}$$
$$\det(K'_{ij}) = \mathcal{F}(g_{ij})$$

Example



Assume that differential growth in x direction produces metric tensor of the form

$$g_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} f(y), & 0\\ 0, & 1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad f(y) = 1 + c e^{(|y| - W)/\lambda}$$

For thin membranes the metric tensor wants to be matched $g_{ij}^\prime = g_{ij}$

(f(y), 0)

Gauss's Theorema Egregium provides Gauss curvature

$$\det(K'_{ij}(y)) = \mathcal{F}(g_{ij}) = -\frac{1}{f} \frac{d^2 f(y)}{dy^2} = -\frac{1}{\lambda^2} \times \frac{c e^{(|y| - W)/\lambda}}{(1 + c e^{(|y| - W)/\lambda})} < 0$$

For thin membranes faster growth on edges produces shapes that locally look like saddles!





Scaling analysis

membrane compression



H. Liang and L. Mahadevan, PNAS 106, 22049 (2009)

Shapes of flowers and leaves

Faster growth of the edge is consistent with observed saddles and edge wrinkles, which indeed correspond to the negative Gauss curvature!

saddles

wrinkled edges (+saddles)



Growth of a blooming lily



in lab blooming takes 4.5 days under constant fluorescent light (1 frame/min)



H. Liang and L. Mahadevan, PNAS 108, 5516 (2011)

How flowers open in the morning and close in the evening?



https://vimeo.com/98276732

When temperature increases in the morning, flowers regulate their growth pattern to grow more new cells on the inside of flower leaves. This results in curling of leaves and opening of flowers. When temperature drops in the evening, flowers regulate their growth pattern to grow more new cells on the outside of flower leaves. This results in straightening of leaves and closing of flowers.

Shaping of gel membranes by differential shrinking



E. Efrati et al., <u>Physica D</u> **235**, 29 (2007)

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Cross-linking of polymers result in a solid gel



Note: some cross-linkers can be chemically activated by UV light exposure. Duration of UV light exposure controls the degree of cross-linking and therefore the Young's modulus *E* for gels.

Shaping of gel membranes by differential shrinking

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E. Efrati et al., <u>Physica D</u> **235**, 29 (2007)

Shaping of gel membranes by differential shrinking

35 Concentration C in % 30 25 20 15 10 50 20 30 10 40 positive negative r[mm]Gauss Gauss **curvature curvature**

Shrinking of sheets





Shrinking of tubes





E. Sharon and E. Efrati, Soft Matter 6, 5693 (2010)

E. Efrati et al., Physica D 235, 29 (2007)

Shaping of gel membrane properties by lithography

thin film of polymer solution with premixed inactive cross-linkers UV light activates cross-linkers. Time of UV light exposure determines the degree of polymer cross-linking.



Halftoning

local area fraction of the low swelling regions





Shaping of gel membrane properties by halftone lithography



29 J. Kim et al., <u>Science</u> **335**, 1201 (2012)

Shaping of gel membrane properties by halftone lithography

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- n=3

n=4

- n=5 – n=6

0.5

r/R

1.0



Temperature controls swelling and thus the deformed shape



swelling depends on T



Note different intermediate shapes! By slowly varying the temperature we stay in a local energy minimum!

31 J. Kim et al., <u>Science</u> **335**, 1201 (2012)

Gaussian curvature does not uniquely specify the shape!



32 J. Kim et al., <u>Science</u> **335**, 1201 (2012)