

Problem M15 (Materials and Structures)

i) By considering the change in volume of an infinitesimal element undergoing small elongational strains show that the volumetric strain $\frac{\Delta V}{V} = \epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2 + \epsilon_3$

ii) A continuous body experiences a displacement field, u_n that is described by:

$$u_1 = \left[0.5(x_1^2 - x_2^2) + 0.5x_1x_2 \right] 10^{-3} \text{ mm}$$

$$u_2 = \left[0.25(x_1^2 - x_2^2) - x_1x_2 \right] 10^{-3} \text{ mm}$$

$$u_3 = 0.$$

Determine:

- The 6 components of the strain tensor as a function of position (i.e. in terms of x_1, x_2, x_3)
- The rigid body rotation about x_3 as a function of position (i.e. in terms of x_1, x_2, x_3).
- The principal strains and the principal strain directions at $x_1 = 5\text{mm}$ and $x_2 = 7\text{ mm}$.
- The volumetric strain at $x_1 = 5\text{mm}$ and $x_2 = 7\text{ mm}$.