

# SSG 516

## Mechanics of Continua

### **Kinematics 02**

### **The Deformation Gradient and other tensors**

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# Summary

- \* Deformation Gradient tensor. A result of the differential transformation of the deformation function.
- \* Decomposition of the Deformation Gradient into a Rotation and a left or right Stretch Tensor.
- \* Show that the Deformation Gradient and its Rotation Tensor are both mixed tensors with basis from both referential and spatial configurations.
- \* The Right Stretch Tensor is a material tensor field while the Left Stretch Tensor is a spatial tensor field.

# Deformation Function

- \* From last lecture, we can see that the deformation function in any material can be written as

$$\mathbf{x} = \boldsymbol{\chi}(\mathbf{X})$$

Here,  $\mathbf{X}$  is a typical position vector on the initial state or configuration, and  $\mathbf{x}$  is the position vector in the deformed configuration.

- \* The vector function

$$\boldsymbol{\chi}(\cdot)$$

is the *deformation function*, or simply *the deformation* in that, when we supply a position vector in the initial configuration as an argument to  $\boldsymbol{\chi}(\cdot)$ , we immediately obtain the deformation position vector  $\mathbf{x}$  that tells where the point element that was located at  $\mathbf{X}$  is presently occupying in the deformed state. Of course, we can be careless, and write,  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{X})$  in which case we are not distinguishing between the function and its value.

# Component Form

- \* The vector equation here can also be written in terms of components as,

$$x_i = \chi_i(X_1, X_2, X_3), \quad i = 1, 2, 3$$

for each component because each vector equation is actually three scalar equations

- \* Note also that for something to be dependent on the position vector  $\mathbf{X}$  means exactly the same thing as to be dependent on its three scalar components.

# Differential Form

- \* Clearly, from multivariable calculus, we know that the differential,

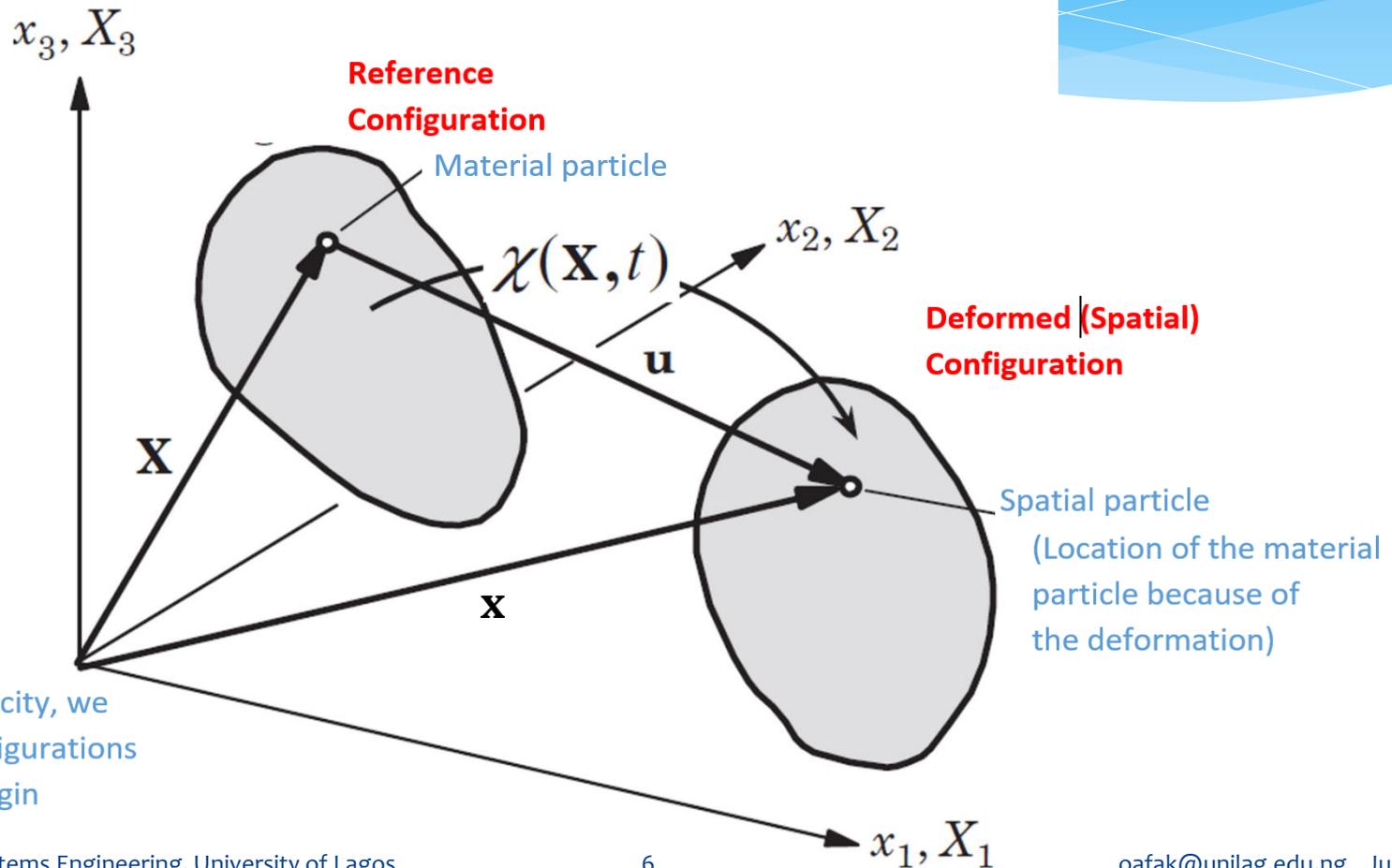
$$dx_i = \frac{\partial \chi_i(X_1, X_2, X_3)}{\partial X_1} dX_1 + \frac{\partial \chi_i(X_1, X_2, X_3)}{\partial X_2} dX_2 + \frac{\partial \chi_i(X_1, X_2, X_3)}{\partial X_3} dX_3$$

- \* Or, re writing these three equations more compactly,

$$dx_i = \frac{\partial \chi_i}{\partial X_1} dX_1 + \frac{\partial \chi_i}{\partial X_2} dX_2 + \frac{\partial \chi_i}{\partial X_3} dX_3 = \frac{\partial \chi_i}{\partial X_j} dX_j$$

In which case we have not made the dependency of the  $\chi$  components on  $X_1, X_2$  and  $X_3$  explicit.

# Reference and Spatial Configurations



Here, for simplicity, we refer both configurations to the same origin

# Differential in Invariant Form

$$dx_i = \frac{\partial \chi_i}{\partial X_j} dX_j = \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial X_j} dX_j$$

- \* In which case we have not made the dependency of the  $\chi$  components on  $X_1, X_2$  and  $X_3$  explicit. And if we decide to write this equation in its invariant form, we have,

$$d\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{F}d\mathbf{X}$$

- \* Where  $\mathbf{F}$ , the tensor whose components are  $\frac{\partial \chi_i}{\partial X_j}$  is the deformation gradient of the new configuration.

# Equivalency

- \* In Cartesian coordinates, let  $\mathbf{e}_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha = 1,2,3$  and  $\mathbf{E}_k$ ,  $k = 1,2,3$  be the basis vectors in the spatial and reference coordinates respectively
- \* For the differential vectors and the tensor, we can write, in component form,

$$d\mathbf{x} = dx_\alpha \mathbf{e}_\alpha$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{\partial \chi_i}{\partial X_j} \mathbf{e}_i \otimes \mathbf{E}_j \text{ and}$$

$$d\mathbf{X} = dX_k \mathbf{E}_k$$

- \* Deformation gradient,  $\mathbf{F}$  is called a two-toe tensor because it belongs to both configurations (one toe on each). It is a mixed tensor, having basis dyads from two configurations. It transforms the infinitesimal tensor from reference to spatial configuration.
- \* We noted above that the function  $\mathbf{x} = \boldsymbol{\chi}(\mathbf{X})$  is the deformation.

# The Reference Map

- \* We noted earlier that the deformation gradient cannot vanish. It is clear therefore that we can invert this equation and obtain,

$$\mathbf{X} = \boldsymbol{\chi}^{-1}(\mathbf{x})$$

- \* Which, given a deformation and a typical position vector,  $\mathbf{x}$ , we can easily find the corresponding location in the undeformed configuration.
- \* This is called the reference map because it maps us from the present configuration into the undeformed configuration which is our reference configuration.

# Deformation & Reference Map

## Example

- \* Consider the general deformation,

$$\mathbf{x} = \boldsymbol{\chi}(\mathbf{X}, t) = (tX_1 + k_1X_2)\mathbf{e}_1 + (k_2X_1 + tX_2)\mathbf{e}_2 + t\mathbf{e}_3$$

- \* We can invert this function and obtain,

$$\mathbf{X} = \boldsymbol{\chi}^{-1}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \frac{tx_1 - k_1x_2}{t^2 - k_1k_2}\mathbf{E}_1 + \frac{tx_2 - k_2x_1}{t^2 - k_1k_2}\mathbf{E}_2 + \frac{x_3}{t}\mathbf{E}_3$$

Mathematica code for this inversion is,

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Solve[{x1 == t X1 + X2 k1, x2 == k2 X1 + X2 t, x3 == t X3}, {X1, X2, X3}]
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$$\left\{ \left\{ X_1 \rightarrow -\frac{-t x_1 + k_1 x_2}{t^2 - k_1 k_2}, X_2 \rightarrow -\frac{k_2 x_1 - t x_2}{t^2 - k_1 k_2}, X_3 \rightarrow \frac{x_3}{t} \right\} \right\}$$

# Deformation Example

- \* For a more specific deformation at a given time, say  $t = 1$ ,  
 $\mathbf{x} = \chi(\mathbf{X}) = (X_1 + k_1 X_2)\mathbf{e}_1 + (k_2 X_1 + X_2)\mathbf{e}_2 + t\mathbf{e}_3$
- \* We can invert this function and obtain,

$$\mathbf{X} = \chi^{-1}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{x_1 - k_1 x_2}{1 - k_1 k_2} \mathbf{E}_1 + \frac{x_2 - k_2 x_1}{1 - k_1 k_2} \mathbf{E}_2 + x_3 \mathbf{E}_3$$

Mathematica for specific values for  $k_1, k_2$ ,

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Solve[{x1 == t X1 + X2 k1, x2 == k2 X1 + X2 t, x3 == t X3}, {X1, X2, X3}] /.  
{t -> 1, k1 -> 0.15, k2 -> -.2}
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{ {X1 -> -0.970874 (-x1 + 0.15 x2), X2 -> -0.970874 (-0.2 x1 - x2), X3 -> x3} }
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# Time & Motion

- \* The Mathematica Example of last week and the homework you submitted show that a sequence of deformations over time is motion and is represented by the function,

$$\mathbf{x} = \chi(\mathbf{X}, t)$$

- \* And its reference map for any particular time  $t$  is,

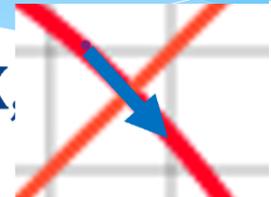
$$\mathbf{X} = \chi^{-1}(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

which tells us that the material that is occupying the spatial location  $\mathbf{x}$  is the same one that was in  $\mathbf{X}$  in the reference configuration; that given  $\mathbf{x}$  and time  $t$ , the reference map function can be used to calculate  $\mathbf{X}$  as in the above example.

# Stretch and Rotation

- \* Consider again the typical elemental vector transformed from the referential to the spatial last week slides:

Look at the referential vector  $d\mathbf{X}$ ,  
Which, as a result of the  
transformation now  
turns to the spatial vector  $d\mathbf{x}$



- \* It is easy to see that the spatial vector has a different length and a different angular orientation from the referential vector. In other words, there was a stretch (or contraction) as well as a rotation.

# Polar Decomposition Theorem

For a given deformation gradient  $\mathbf{F}$ , there is a unique rotation tensor  $\mathbf{R}$ , and unique, positive definite symmetric tensors  $\mathbf{U}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$  for which,

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{R}$$

This is a fundamental theorem in continuum mechanics called the Polar decomposition theorem.

# Polar Decomposition

By the results of this theorem,

$$\mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R} \mathbf{R}^T = \mathbf{I}$$

$\mathbf{R}$  is a rotation tensor while  $\mathbf{U}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$  are the right (or material) stretch tensor and the left (spatial) stretch tensors respectively. Being a rotation tensor,  $\mathbf{R}$  must be proper orthogonal. In addition to its components being an orthogonal matrix, the matrix representation of  $\mathbf{R}$  must have a determinant that is positive:

$$\det \mathbf{R} = +1.$$

Note that

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{I} \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{U}^2.$$

**Definition: Positive Definite.** A tensor  $\mathbf{T}$  is positive definite if for every real vector  $\mathbf{u}$ , the quadratic form  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{T} \mathbf{u} > \mathbf{0}$ . If  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{T} \mathbf{u} \geq \mathbf{0}$  Then  $\mathbf{T}$  is said to be positive semi-definite.

Now every positive definite tensor  $\mathbf{T}$  has a square root  $\mathbf{U}$  such that,

$$\mathbf{U}^2 \equiv \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{U}^T = \mathbf{T}$$

# Proof

To prove this theorem, we must first show that  $\mathbf{F}^T\mathbf{F}$  is symmetric and positive definite. Take its transpose; symmetry becomes obvious.

To show positive definiteness, For an arbitrary real vector  $\mathbf{u}$  consider the expression,  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{F}^T\mathbf{F}\mathbf{u}$ . Let the vector  $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{u}$ . Then we can write,

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{F}^T\mathbf{F}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{F}^T\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{F}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{b} = |\mathbf{b}|^2 > 0$$

as the magnitude of any real vector must be positive. Hence  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{F}^T\mathbf{F}$  is positive definite.

# Polar Decomposition

- \* Since every positive definite tensor has a positive definite square root. Let that square root be  $\mathbf{U}$

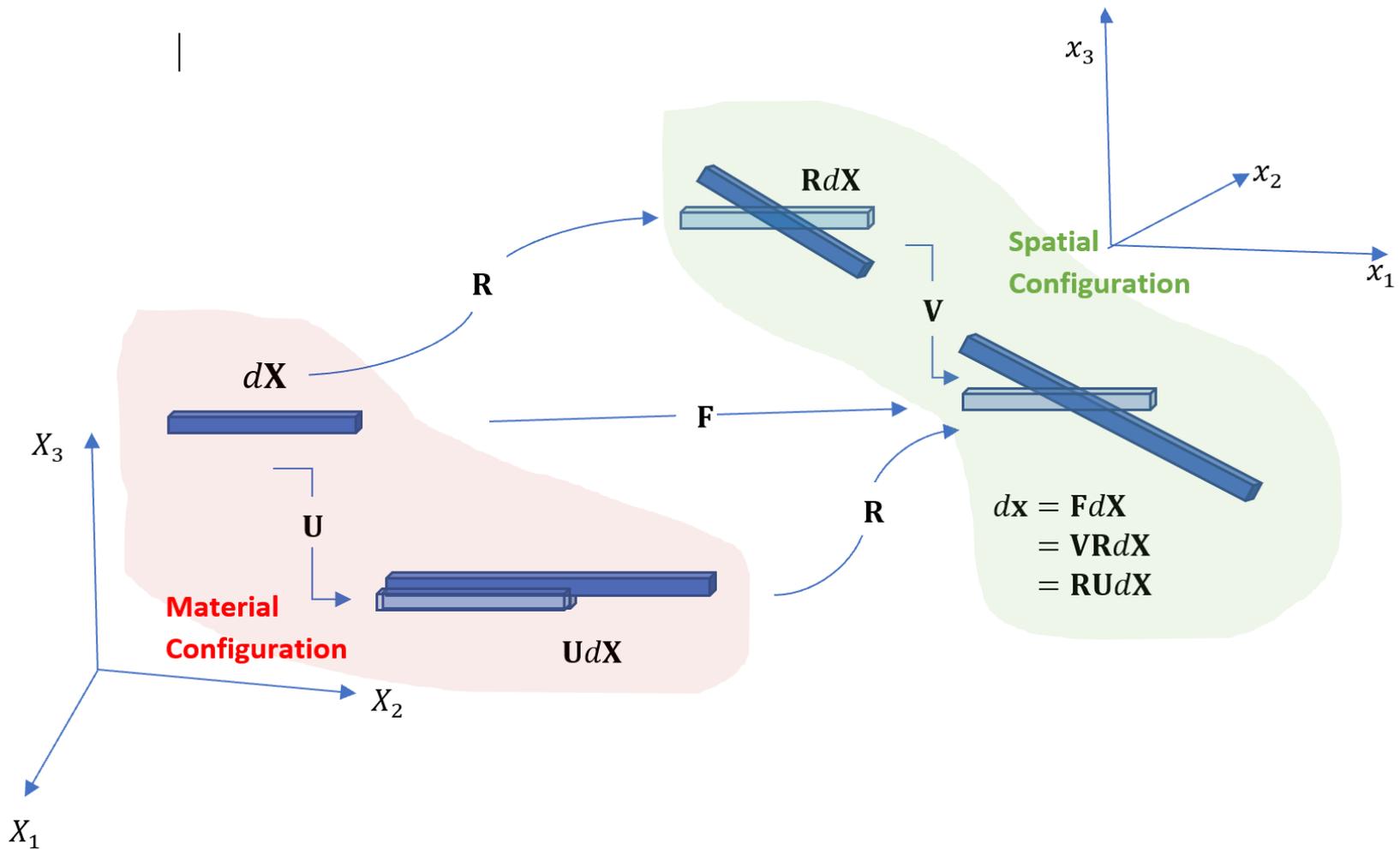
$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{F} &= \mathbf{U} \mathbf{U} \\ &= \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{I} \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{U} \\ &= (\mathbf{R} \mathbf{U})^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{U}\end{aligned}$$

- \* Which shows that  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{R} \mathbf{U}$
- \* We can also find a positive definite tensor  $\mathbf{V}$  such that  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{V} \mathbf{R}$

$$\text{Write } \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{R} \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{V} \mathbf{R} \Rightarrow \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{R} \mathbf{U} \mathbf{R}^{-1}$$

The fact that  $\mathbf{V}$  is positive definite can also be established from the fact that  $\mathbf{V}^2 = \mathbf{R} \mathbf{U} \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{R} \mathbf{U} \mathbf{R}^{-1} = \mathbf{R} \mathbf{U} \mathbf{U} \mathbf{R}^{-1} = \mathbf{R} \mathbf{U} \mathbf{U}^T = \mathbf{R} \mathbf{U} (\mathbf{R} \mathbf{U})^T = \mathbf{F} \mathbf{F}^T$  which is obviously positive definite.

# Polar Decomposition of Deformation Gradient



# Referential & Spatial Transformations

- \* In the above figure, we have an exaggerated infinitesimal material vector  $d\mathbf{X}$  transforming in three different ways to the spatial vector  $d\mathbf{x}$ .
  1. Direct application of the deformation gradient,  $\mathbf{F}$
  2. A rotation followed by a stretch  $\mathbf{VR}$ , and
  3. A stretch followed by a rotation  $\mathbf{RU}$ .
- \* The fact that the first is a direct transformation from material to spatial is obvious. How do we explain that the rotation tensor is also a mixed tensor from material to spatial while the left stretch is a spatial tensor and the right stretch a material tensor?

# Transpose and Inverses of the deformation gradient

- \* Consider a spatial vector  $\mathbf{s}$ . The dot product  $\mathbf{s} \cdot d\mathbf{x}$  has physical significance while  $\mathbf{s} \cdot d\mathbf{X}$  does not as the two operands do not exist at the same time so an operation between them makes no physical sense.
- \* Clearly,  $\mathbf{s} \cdot d\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{s} \cdot \mathbf{F}d\mathbf{X} = d\mathbf{X} \cdot \mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{s}$  meaning that  $\mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{s}$  is a material vector so that  $\mathbf{F}^T$  transforms spatial vectors to material.
- \* Beginning with a material vector  $\mathbf{t}$ . The physically meaningful product,

$$\mathbf{t} \cdot d\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{F}^{-1}d\mathbf{x} = d\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{F}^{-T} \mathbf{t}$$

Showing that  $\mathbf{F}^{-T}$  transforms material to spatial while  $\mathbf{F}^{-1}$  transforms spatial vectors to material.

# Stretch and Rotation tensors

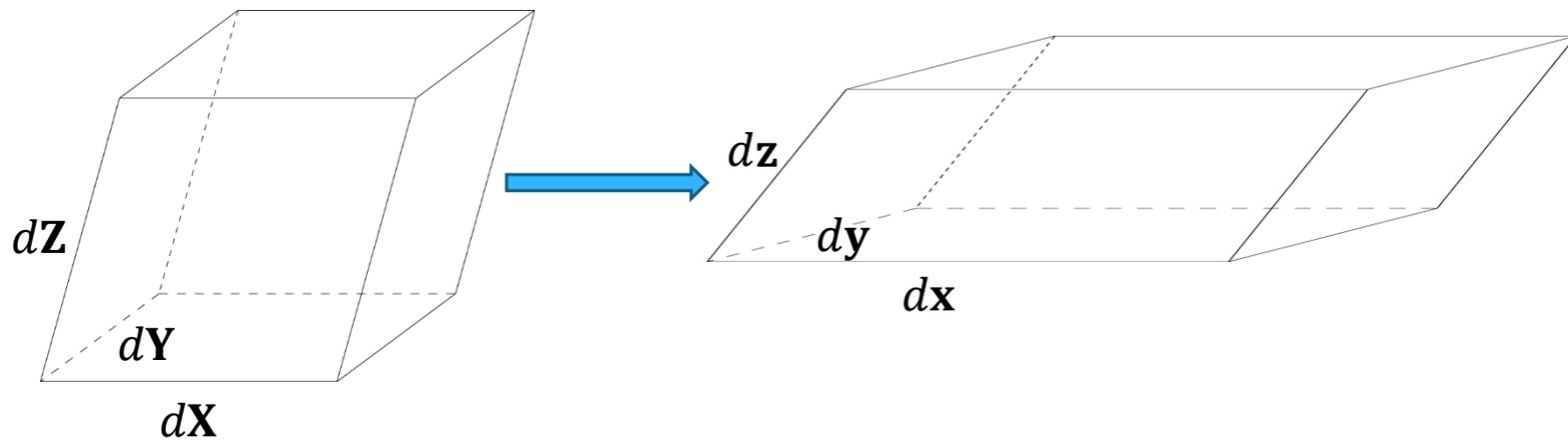
- \* Above arguments immediately lead to the conclusion that  $\mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{F}$  is a material tensor field while  $\mathbf{F} \mathbf{F}^T$  is a spatial tensor field. Their square roots,  $\mathbf{U}$ ,  $\mathbf{V}$  have their respective properties.
- \*  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{R} \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{V} \mathbf{R}$  and the nature of  $\mathbf{U}$ ,  $\mathbf{V}$  as material and spatial fields respectively conclude the proof that  $\mathbf{R}$  transforms a material vector to spatial. Is a mixed tensor field like the deformation gradient itself.
- \* These facts are demonstrated in the above figure.

# Volume & Area Changes

Consider an elemental volume in the reference state in the form of a parallelepiped with dimensions  $d\mathbf{X}$ ,  $d\mathbf{Y}$  and  $d\mathbf{Z}$ . Let this deform to the parallelepiped bounded by  $d\mathbf{x}$ ,  $d\mathbf{y}$  and  $d\mathbf{z}$  in the current placement caused by a deformation gradient  $\mathbf{F}$ .

- \* We require that this parallelepiped be of a non-trivial size, i.e.  $[d\mathbf{X}, d\mathbf{Y}, d\mathbf{Z}] \neq 0$
- \* This means the material vectors  $d\mathbf{X}$ ,  $d\mathbf{Y}$  and  $d\mathbf{Z}$  are linearly independent.
- \* Clearly, we must have that  $d\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{F} d\mathbf{X}$ ,  $d\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{F} d\mathbf{Y}$  and  $d\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{F} d\mathbf{Z}$ .

# Deformation of Volume



# The Volume change

The scalar, undeformed, volume is given by,

$$dV = [d\mathbf{X}, d\mathbf{Y}, d\mathbf{Z}]$$

and the deformed volume

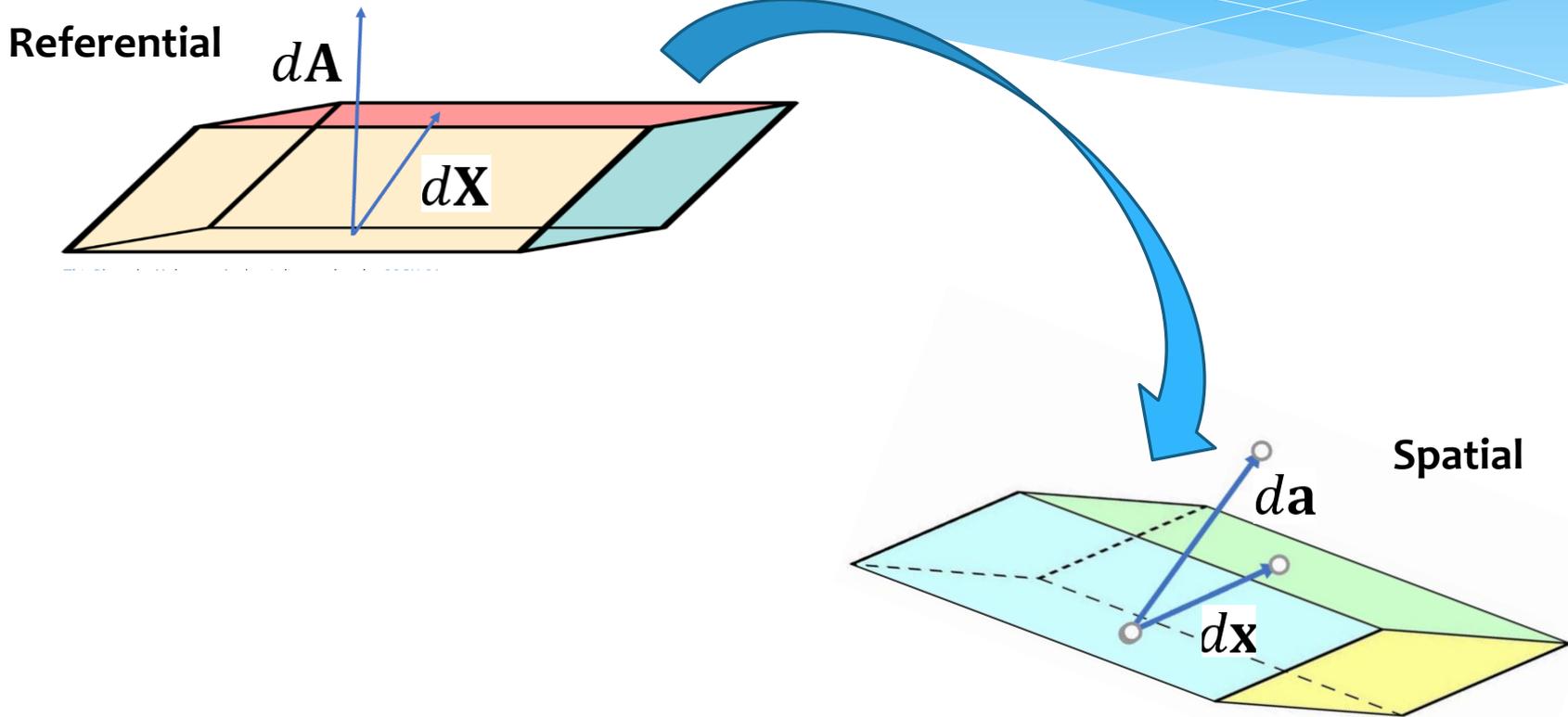
$$dv = [d\mathbf{x}, d\mathbf{y}, d\mathbf{z}] = [\mathbf{F}d\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{F}d\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{F}d\mathbf{Z}]$$

Clearly seeing that  $d\mathbf{X}$ ,  $d\mathbf{Y}$  and  $d\mathbf{Z}$  are independent vectors,

$$\frac{dv}{dV} = \frac{[\mathbf{F}d\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{F}d\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{F}d\mathbf{Z}]}{[d\mathbf{X}, d\mathbf{Y}, d\mathbf{Z}]} = I_3(\mathbf{F}) = \det \mathbf{F} \equiv J > 0$$

We can also write,  $dv = JdV$

# Area Transformation



# Area Changes

For an element of area  $d\mathbf{a}$  in the deformed body with a vector  $d\mathbf{x}$  projecting out of its plane (does not have to be normal to it). For the elemental volume, we have the following relationship:

$$d\mathbf{v} = Jd\mathbf{V} = d\mathbf{a} \cdot d\mathbf{x} = Jd\mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{X}$$

where  $d\mathbf{A}$  is the element of area that transformed to  $d\mathbf{a}$  and  $d\mathbf{X}$  is the image of  $d\mathbf{x}$  in the undeformed material. Noting that,  $d\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{F}d\mathbf{X}$  we have,

$$\begin{aligned} d\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{F}d\mathbf{X} - Jd\mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{X} &= 0 \\ &= (\mathbf{F}^T d\mathbf{a} - Jd\mathbf{A}) \cdot d\mathbf{X} \end{aligned}$$

# Nanson Formula

For an arbitrary vector  $d\mathbf{X}$ , we have:

$$\mathbf{F}^T d\mathbf{a} - Jd\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0}$$

so that,

$$d\mathbf{a} = J\mathbf{F}^{-T}d\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{F}^c d\mathbf{A}$$

where  $\mathbf{F}^c$  is the cofactor tensor of the deformation gradient.

# Examples

1. A body moves according to the function,

$$\mathbf{x} = \left( X_1 + 2X_2 \sin t + \frac{X_3}{2} \right) \mathbf{E}_1 - \left( \frac{X_1}{3} - X_2 + X_3 \sin t \right) \mathbf{E}_2 + \left( X_1^2 \sin 2t + \frac{3}{2} X_3 \right) \mathbf{E}_3$$

Find (a) The deformation gradient, (b) Left and Right Stretch Tensors, (c.) Volume Ratio (d) Area change and (e.) Rotation tensor at the material point (1,1,0) at time  $t=0.3$  secs. What is the deformed location of this material point?