BALANCE LAWS

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Summary

Central to any theory of continuum mechanics, are balance laws of mass, momentum, and energy. These provide us with universal relations, which should be satisfied during every process associated with the continuous body. However, to obtain general statements of these laws, several integral theorems are required. A major portion of this chapter therefore deals with divergence theorem, Stokes’ theorem and transport theorems, which are then used to obtain the balance laws in the form of partial differential equations to be satisfied away from the singular surface and jump conditions at the singular surface.

In this chapter we use, unless specified otherwise, the notation introduced in the previous chapter on kinematics. In particular, $\mathcal{E}$ denotes a three dimensional Euclidean space, associated with which is its translation space $\mathcal{V}$, a three dimensional inner product vector space. We use in addition, the subscript $\kappa$ or $\chi$ when referring to a reference or a spatial frame, respectively. Let $\kappa(\mathfrak{B}) \subset \mathcal{E}$ and $\chi(\mathfrak{B}) \subset \mathcal{E}$ denote respectively, the fixed reference configuration and the current configuration. Let $(t_1, t_2)$ be a fixed time interval, where $\{t_1, t_2\} \in \mathbb{R}$.

Integral Theorems

In this subsection we state and prove the localization theorem, the divergence theorem, the Stokes’ theorem, and the transport theorem for volume and surface integrals. We have employed only elementary concepts from differential geometry in proving these
theorems.

1. Localization Theorem for Volume Integrals

Let \( \phi \) be a continuous function defined on an open set \( R \subset \mathcal{E} \). If for all closed sets \( \pi \subset R \)

\[
\int_\pi \phi dV = 0,
\]

then \( \phi(u) = 0 \) for all \( u \in R \). To prove this, we start by defining

\[
I_\epsilon = \left| \frac{1}{V_\epsilon} \int_{s_\epsilon} \phi(u_o) - \phi(u) \right| dV = \left| \frac{1}{V_\epsilon} \int_{s_\epsilon} (\phi(u_o) - \phi(u)) dV \right|,
\]

where \( s_\epsilon \) is a sphere of radius \( \epsilon \) and volume \( V_\epsilon \) centered at \( u_o \in R \). A theorem in

analysis (Rudin, W. Principles of Mathematical Analysis, 3rd Ed., McGraw-Hill (1976), page 317) yields,

\[
I_\epsilon \leq \frac{1}{V_\epsilon} \int_{s_\epsilon} |\phi(u_o) - \phi(u)| dV
\]

\[
\leq \frac{1}{V_\epsilon} \int_{s_\epsilon} u \in s_\epsilon \sup |\phi(u_o) - \phi(u)| dV
\]

\[
= \max_{u \in s_\epsilon} |\phi(u_o) - \phi(u)|,
\]

where in (3)_1, \( \sup \) can be replaced by \( \max \) due to continuity and compactness of \( s_\epsilon \).

Since \( \phi(u) \) is continuous, we get \( I_\epsilon \to 0 \) as \( \epsilon \to 0 \). It then follows from Eq. (2),

\[
\phi(u_o) = \epsilon \to 0 \lim \frac{1}{V_\epsilon} \int_{s_\epsilon} \phi(u) dV = 0,
\]

where the last equality is a consequence of (1). The point \( u_o \) can be chosen arbitrarily, and thus we can conclude that \( \phi(u) = 0 \) for all \( u \in R \).

Localization Theorem for Surface Integrals Let \( \varphi \) be a continuous function defined on a surface \( \mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{E} \). If for all surfaces \( \zeta \subset \mathcal{F} \)

\[
\int_\zeta \varphi dA = 0,
\]

then \( \varphi(u) = 0 \) for all \( u \in \mathcal{F} \). This can be proved using arguments similar to those used above.

Divergence Theorem for Smooth Fields Let \( f \), \( p \) and \( P \) be respectively, scalar,
vector and tensor fields defined on \( \kappa(\mathfrak{B}) \times (t_1, t_2) \). Assume these fields to be continuously differentiable over \( \kappa(\mathfrak{B}) \). Then for any part \( \Omega \subset \kappa(\mathfrak{B}) \) and at any time \( t \in (t_1, t_2) \)

\[
\int_{\Omega} (\nabla f) \, dV = \oint_{\partial \Omega} f \, \mathbf{N} \, dA \tag{6}
\]

\[
\int_{\Omega} (\text{Div} \mathbf{p}) \, dV = \oint_{\partial \Omega} \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{N} \, dA \tag{7}
\]

\[
\int_{\Omega} (\text{Div} \mathbf{P}) \, dV = \oint_{\partial \Omega} \mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{N} \, dA \tag{8}
\]

where \( \mathbf{N} \in \mathcal{V}_\kappa \) is the outward unit normal to the boundary \( \partial \Omega \) of \( \Omega \). We outline a brief proof for (7). Let \( \{\mathbf{E}_1, \mathbf{E}_2, \mathbf{E}_3\} \in \mathcal{V}_\kappa \) be an orthonormal basis for \( \mathcal{V}_\kappa \). Therefore there exists \( \{p_1, p_2, p_3, X_1, X_2, X_3\} \in \mathbb{R} \) such that \( \mathbf{p} = p_i \mathbf{E}_i \) and \( \mathbf{X} = X_i \mathbf{E}_i \), with \( i \in \{1, 2, 3\} \). Consider a cuboid \( \mathcal{R} = \{\mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{E}_\kappa : A < X_1 < B, C < X_2 < D, E < X_3 < F\} \), where \( \{A, B, C, D, E, F\} \in \mathbb{R} \) are constants. Then the surface integral in (7), when written for the two faces of the cuboid which are orthogonal to \( \mathbf{E}_1 \), is

\[
\int_{E}^{F} \int_{C}^{D} (p_1(B,Y,Z) - p_1(A,Y,Z)) \, dX_2 \, dX_3
\]

\[
= \int_{E}^{F} \int_{C}^{D} \frac{\partial p_1}{\partial X_1} \, dX_2 \, dX_3,
\]

which is obtained using the fundamental theorem of calculus (Rudin, W. ibid., page 134). We can write similar relations for the surfaces of the cuboid orthogonal to \( \mathbf{E}_2 \) and \( \mathbf{E}_3 \). We get

\[
\oint_{E}^{F} \oint_{C}^{D} (\text{Div} \mathbf{a}) \, dV = \oint_{E}^{F} \oint_{C}^{D} \left( \frac{\partial p_1}{\partial X_1} + \frac{\partial p_2}{\partial X_2} + \frac{\partial p_3}{\partial X_3} \right) \, dV = \oint_{\Omega} (\text{Div} \mathbf{p}) \, dV. \tag{10}
\]

We have therefore proved the divergence theorem for a cuboidal region. Furthermore, we can show that it holds for regions which are obtained by smooth deformations of the cuboid and also for general regions which can be obtained by pasting together the deformed cuboids (This argument can be found in the elementary texts on calculus. For a more advanced treatment see Rudin, W. ibid., page 288).

Equation (6) is obtained from (7) for a scalar \( \mathbf{p} \). A proof for (8) also follows from (7). Indeed, for an arbitrary constant \( \mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{V}_\kappa \),

\[
\oint_{\partial \Omega} \mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{N} \, dA = \oint_{\partial \Omega} (\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{a}) \cdot \mathbf{N} \, dA = \int_{\Omega} (\text{Div} \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{a}) \, dV = \int_{\Omega} (\text{Div} \mathbf{P}) \cdot \mathbf{a} \, dV, \tag{11}
\]

where in the last equality, the definition of the \( \text{Div} \) operator has been used. Since \( \mathbf{a} \) is arbitrary, we get the desired result.
**Divergence Theorem for Piecewise Smooth Fields** Assume \( p \) to be piecewise continuously differentiable over \( \kappa(\mathcal{B}) \), being discontinuous across the singular surface \( S \) (with normal \( N \) and speed \( U \)) and smooth everywhere else. Then for a domain \( \Omega \) such that \( S = \Omega \cap S \neq \emptyset \),

\[
\oint_{\partial \Omega} p \cdot N \, da = \int_{\Omega} \left( \text{Div } p \right) \, dv + \int_{S} \left[ p \right] \cdot N \, dA. \tag{12}
\]

Similar statements hold for scalar and tensor fields. We now prove (12). Let \( \Omega^{\pm} \subset \Omega \) be such that \( \Omega^{+} \cup \Omega^{-} = \Omega \) and \( \Omega^{+} \cap \Omega^{-} = S \). The normal to the surface \( S \) is oriented such that it points into \( \Omega^{+} \). Since \( p \) is smooth within \( \Omega^{+} \) and \( \Omega^{-} \), we can use (7) to write

\[
\int_{\Omega^{+}} \left( \text{Div } p \right) \, dv = \int_{\Omega^{+} \cap S} p \cdot N \, da - \int_{S} p^{+} \cdot N \, dA,
\]

\[
\int_{\Omega^{-}} \left( \text{Div } p \right) \, dv = \int_{\Omega^{-} \cap S} p \cdot N \, da + \int_{S} p^{-} \cdot N \, dA,
\]

where \( p^{\pm} \) are the limiting values of \( p \) as it approaches \( S \) from the interior of \( \Omega^{\pm} \). The relation (12) is obtained by adding these two equations.

If \( q \) is a vector field defined on \( \chi(\mathcal{B}) \times (t_{1}, t_{2}) \) and piecewise continuously differentiable over \( \chi(\mathcal{B}) \), being discontinuous across the singular surface \( s \) (with normal \( n \) and speed \( u \)). Then for \( \omega \subset \chi(\mathcal{B}) \) such that \( s = \omega \cap s \neq \emptyset \),

\[
\oint_{\partial \omega} q \cdot n \, da = \int_{\omega} \left( \text{div } q \right) \, dv + \int_{S} \left[ q \right] \cdot n \, da. \tag{13}
\]

The proof for (13) is similar to that of (12).

**Stokes’ Theorem for Smooth Fields** Let \( p \) and \( P \) be respectively, vector and tensor fields defined on \( \kappa(\mathcal{B}) \times (t_{1}, t_{2}) \). Assume these fields to be continuously differentiable over \( \kappa(\mathcal{B}) \). Then for any surface \( \mathcal{F} \subset \kappa(\mathcal{B}) \) with normal \( N \) and boundary \( \partial \mathcal{F} \)

\[
\int_{\mathcal{F}} (\text{Curl } p) \cdot N \, da = \oint_{\partial \mathcal{F}} p \cdot dX, \tag{14}
\]

\[
\int_{\mathcal{F}} (\text{Curl } P)^{T} N \, da = \oint_{\partial \mathcal{F}} P \cdot dX. \tag{15}
\]

A proof for (14) can be obtained from (Rudin, W. *ibid.*, page 287). To verify (15), we use (14). Indeed, for an arbitrary constant vector \( a \in \mathcal{V} \),

\[
a \cdot \int_{\mathcal{F}} (\text{Curl } P)^{T} N \, da = \int_{\mathcal{F}} (\text{Curl } P^{T} a) \cdot N \, da = a \cdot \oint_{\partial \mathcal{F}} P \, dX, \tag{16}
\]
where in the first equality, the definition of the Curl of a tensor field is used. The desired result follows upon using the arbitrariness of \( \mathbf{a} \).

**Stokes’ Theorem for Piecewise Smooth Fields** Consider \( \mathbf{p} \) to be piecewise continuously differentiable over \( \kappa(\mathcal{B}) \). Assume \( \mathbf{p} \) to be discontinuous across the singular surface \( S_i \) and smooth everywhere else. Let \( \Gamma = \mathcal{F} \cap S_i \) be the curve of intersection. Then

\[
\int_{\mathcal{F}} \left( \text{Curl} \, \mathbf{p} \right) \cdot \mathbf{N} \, dA = \oint_{\partial \mathcal{F}} \mathbf{p} \cdot d\mathbf{X} + \int_{\Gamma} [\mathbf{p}] \cdot d\mathbf{X},
\]

(17)

To verify this relation start by considering two subsurfaces \( \mathcal{F}^\pm \subset \mathcal{F} \) such that \( \mathcal{F}^+ \cup \mathcal{F}^- = \mathcal{F} \) and \( \mathcal{F}^+ \cap \mathcal{F}^- = \Gamma \). Since \( \mathbf{p} \) is smooth in regions \( F^\pm \), we can write using (14)

\[
\int_{\mathcal{F}^+} \left( \text{Curl} \, \mathbf{p} \right) \cdot \mathbf{N} \, dA = \int_{\partial \mathcal{F}^+} \mathbf{p} \cdot d\mathbf{X} + \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{p}^+ \cdot d\mathbf{X},
\]

\[
\int_{\mathcal{F}^-} \left( \text{Curl} \, \mathbf{p} \right) \cdot \mathbf{N} \, dA = \int_{\partial \mathcal{F}^-} \mathbf{p} \cdot d\mathbf{X} - \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{p}^- \cdot d\mathbf{X}.
\]

Adding these two relations we get (17). Similarly, we obtain for a piecewise continuously differentiable tensor field \( \mathbf{P} \):

\[
\int_{\mathcal{F}} \left( \text{Curl} \, \mathbf{P} \right)^T \mathbf{N} \, dA = \oint_{\partial \mathcal{F}} \mathbf{P} \cdot d\mathbf{X} + \int_{\Gamma} [\mathbf{P}] \cdot d\mathbf{X},
\]

(18)

If \( \mathbf{q} \) is a piecewise continuously differentiable vector field defined on \( \chi(\mathcal{B}) \times (t_1, t_2) \), being discontinuous across the singular surface \( s_i \). Consider a surface \( F \subset \chi(\mathcal{B}) \) with normal \( \mathbf{n} \) and let \( \gamma = \mathcal{F} \cap s_i \). Then

\[
\int_{\mathcal{F}} \left( \text{Curl} \, \mathbf{q} \right) \cdot \mathbf{n} \, da = \oint_{\partial \mathcal{F}} \mathbf{q} \cdot d\mathbf{X} + \int_{\Gamma} [\mathbf{q}] \cdot d\mathbf{X},
\]

(19)

The proof for (19) is similar to that of (17).

**Remark** (Surface divergence theorem) Consider a vector field \( \mathbf{p} \) continuously differentiable over the surface \( S \subset \kappa(\mathcal{B}) \) (with unit normal \( \mathbf{N} \) and mean curvature \( H \)) for a fixed time interval \( (t_1, t_2) \). Then

\[
\oint_{\partial S} \mathbf{p} \cdot v \, dl = \int_S \left( \text{Div} \, \mathbf{p} + 2H \, \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{N} \right) \, dA,
\]

(20)

where \( v \) is the outer unit normal to \( \partial S \) such that \( (\mathbf{N}, v, t) \) form a positively-oriented orthogonal triad at \( \partial S \) with \( t \) being the tangent vector along \( \partial S \). Moreover, if \( \mathbf{p} \) is tangential, i.e. \( \mathbf{p} \parallel \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{p} \), then \( \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{N} = 0 \) and (20) reduces to
\[ \oint_{\partial S} \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{v} d\mathbf{l} = \int_S \nabla \cdot \mathbf{p} \, dA. \]  

(21)

We now prove (20). By definition \( \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{t} \times \mathbf{N} \) and therefore we can use Stokes’ theorem to rewrite the term on the left hand side of Eq. (20) as

\[ \oint_{\partial S} \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{v} d\mathbf{l} = \oint_{\partial S} \mathbf{p} \cdot (\mathbf{t} \times \mathbf{N}) d\mathbf{l}, \]
\[ = \oint_{\partial S} \left( \mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{p} \right) \cdot \mathbf{t} d\mathbf{l} \]
\[ = \int_S \text{Curl}(\mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{p}) \cdot \mathbf{N} dA \]

Use the identity \( \text{Curl}(\mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{p}) = \nabla (\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{N}) - (\mathbf{p} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{N} \) to get

\[ \text{Curl}(\mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{p}) \cdot \mathbf{N} = (\nabla \mathbf{N})^T \mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{p} - (\mathbf{p} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{N} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{N}). \]  

(22)

But \( (\nabla \mathbf{N})^T \mathbf{N} = 0 \) (follows from \( \mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{N} = 1 \)) and \( \nabla \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{P} = \text{tr}(\nabla \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{P}) = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{P} \). Furthermore, \( \text{Div} \mathbf{N} = -2H \) (using a result from the chapter on kinematics). Therefore we can rewrite (23) to get

\[ \text{Curl}(\mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{p}) \cdot \mathbf{N} = 2H(\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{N}) + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{P}. \]  

(23)

Substituting this into (22) yields (20).

**Transport theorem for volume integrals with smooth fields** Let \( P \) and \( Q \) denote a scalar, vector or tensor field continuously differentiable on \( \kappa(\mathcal{B}) \times (t_1, t_2) \) and \( \chi(\mathcal{B}) \times (t_1, t_2) \), respectively. Then for arbitrary parts \( \Omega \subset \kappa(\mathcal{B}), \omega \subset \chi(\mathcal{B}) \) and at any time \( t \in (t_1, t_2) \)

\[ \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} P dV = \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} dV, \]  

(25)

\[ \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\omega} Q dv = \int_{\omega} \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} dv + \int_{\partial \omega} Q(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}) da. \]  

(26)

Since \( \Omega \) is fixed with respect to time and \( P \) is smooth over \( \Omega \), the time derivative and the volume integral in the left hand side of (25) can commute to give the right hand side of the equation. Equation (26) can be proved by first transforming the volume \( \omega \) to a fixed reference volume, say \( \Omega \). We get

\[ \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\omega} Q dv = \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} QJ dV \]
\[ = \int_{\omega} \dot{Q} dv + \int_{\omega} Q(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) dv, \]  

(27)
where \( J \) is the Jacobian associated with the mapping which transforms \( \Omega \) to \( \omega \) and \( J = J(\text{div } v) \). Equation (26) follows from (27) upon recalling the definition of the material time derivative and using the divergence theorem.

**Transport theorem for volume integrals with piecewise smooth fields**

Let \( \Omega \) be such that \( S = \Omega \cap S_i \neq \emptyset \). Then for a \( P \) which is discontinuous across \( S_i \) but smooth everywhere else,

\[
\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} P dV = \int_{\Omega} \dot{P} dV - \int_{S_i} P \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \text{div}(Q) \right] dv - \int_{S_i} (u \left[ \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} + \text{div}(Qv) \right] \cdot n) \, da.
\] (28)

We now prove this relation. Recall surface parameterization introduced at the end of the chapter on kinematics. In a small neighborhood, say \( \Omega_S \), of the singular surface \( S \) we parameterize the domain by coordinates \( \{\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3\} \) such that for \( X \in \Omega_S \) we can write \( X = \hat{X}(\xi_1, \xi_2, t) + \zeta(t)N(\xi_1, \xi_2, t) \), where \( \hat{X} \in S \) and \( \{\xi_1, \xi_2\} \) are convected. Let \( -\zeta < \zeta(t) < \zeta \), where \( \zeta \in \mathbb{R}^+ \) is constant. The position of the singular surface is indicated by \( \zeta = 0 \) and it is assumed that the surface \( S \) remains inside \( \Omega_S \) during the instantaneous motion. Obtain

\[
\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} P dV = \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega_S} P dV + \frac{d}{dt} \int_{S} P dV
\]

\[
= \int_{\Omega_S} \dot{P} dV + \int_{(\xi_1, \xi_2)} \left\{ \frac{d}{dt} \left( \int_{\zeta} P_j d\zeta \right) \right\} dA_{\xi},
\]

\[
= \int_{\Omega_S} \dot{P} dV + \int_{(\xi_1, \xi_2)} \left\{ \frac{d}{dt} \left( \int_{\zeta(t)} P_j d\zeta + \int_{\zeta(t)} P_j d\zeta \right) \right\} dA_{\xi},
\]

where \( j_s \) is the Jacobian related to the change of coordinates. On the singular surface, \( \zeta_1 = \zeta_2 = 0, \ \zeta_3 = \zeta = U, \ \dot{\zeta} = \zeta \) and \( dA = \xi dA_{\xi} \), where \( \xi \) is the surface Jacobian. Taking the limit \( |\zeta| \to 0 \) we obtain the desired result. The infinitesimal area of the surface in terms of the new coordinates can be obtained by using Nanson’s formula, \( N dA = j_s \hat{A} \hat{N} dA_{\hat{A}} \), where \( \hat{N} = N \) and \( \hat{A} \) is the gradient of the map from the new coordinates to \( X \). For the considered transformation this formula reduces to \( dA = j_s dA_{\xi} \).

Let \( \omega \) be such that \( s = \omega \cap s_i \neq \emptyset \). Then for a \( Q \) which is discontinuous across \( s_i \) but smooth everywhere else,

\[
\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\omega} Q dV = \int_{\omega} \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} + \text{div}(Qv) \right) dv - \int_{S} (u \left[ \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} + \text{div}(Qv) \right] \cdot n) \, da.
\] (29)
where \( u = U |(F^+)^T n| + n \cdot v^+ \) is the spatial speed of the singular surface \( s_i \). This relation can be proved by first transforming \( \omega \) to \( \Omega \) and then using (28). We get

\[
\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\omega} Q dv = \int_{\Omega} (JQ)^t dV - \int_S U [JQ] dA.
\] (30)

The term \( U [JQ] \) can be expanded as

\[
U [JQ] = (Q' u^+ J^+ |(F^+)^T N|) - (Q' u^- J^- |(F^-)^T N|)
\] (31)

where \( u^± = u - n \cdot v^± \). Relations \( U = u^± |(F^±)^T N| \) and \( |(F^+)^T N| = |(F^-)^T N| \) have also been used. Equation (29) follows immediately after substituting (31) into (30).

**Transport theorem for surface integrals with smooth fields** Let \( p \) be a scalar, vector or tensor field continuously differentiable on \( S \times (\tau_1, \tau_2) \). Then, for an arbitrary surface \( S \subset S_\tau \),

\[
\frac{d}{dt} \int_S p dA = \int_S (\dot{p} - 2pUH) dA,
\] (32)

where \( N \), \( U \), and \( H \) are the unit normal, normal velocity, and the mean curvature associated with \( S_\tau \), respectively. We prove this relation using the surface parameterization outlined in the chapter on kinematics. We assume that \( p \) can be extended to the small neighborhood \( \Omega_{s_\tau} \), and use the same symbol to denote its extension. Obtain

\[
\frac{d}{dt} \int_S p dA = \left\{ \frac{d}{dt} \left( \int_{(\xi, \zeta)} p \left( X(\xi, \zeta(t), t) j_A dA_\tau \right) \right) \right\}_{\zeta=0}
\] (33)

At the surface, \( \zeta = 0 \), we have \( \dot{\zeta} = U \), \( j_A = \xi \) and \( j_A = -2U H \xi \). Substituting these into (33) and recalling the definition of the normal time derivative, we obtain (32).
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