

# **1 A Reduced Cosserat Model for the Flow of Granular Materials**

Dilatant, Rotational Shear

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**Cosserat models in granular materials**

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## REMARKS ON MODELLING

- Simple model - may explain trends and general features
- Complex model - may obscure understanding
- Continuum model - good for simple theories and explanations
- No standard continuum model has met with universal acceptance
- Retain as much of the classical models as possible
- Choose the simplest model possible
- Evidence for existence of couple stresses?
- Rotation in a granular material is self evident! - not present in classical models

## STRESS

$\sigma$ — Cauchy stress tensor ( $\sigma_{ij}$ )

Planar flows

Planar invariants

$$\begin{aligned} p &= -\frac{1}{2}(\sigma_{11} + \sigma_{22}) \\ q &= \frac{1}{2} [(\sigma_{11} - \sigma_{22})^2 + (\sigma_{12} + \sigma_{21})^2]^{1/2} \\ r &= \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_{12} - \sigma_{21}) \end{aligned}$$

Angle greater principal direction (symmetric part) of the stress makes with  $x_1$ -axis

$$\tan 2\psi_\sigma = \frac{\sigma_{12} + \sigma_{21}}{\sigma_{11} - \sigma_{22}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{11} &= -p + q \cos 2\psi_\sigma, & \sigma_{22} &= -p - q \cos 2\psi_\sigma \\ \sigma_{12} &= r + q \sin 2\psi_\sigma, & \sigma_{21} &= -r + q \sin 2\psi_\sigma \end{aligned}$$

## YIELD CONDITION

$\sigma^s$  – symmetric part of the stress

$$f(\sigma^s) \leq 0$$

Coulomb-Mohr yield condition

$$q \leq p \sin \phi + c \cos \phi$$

$\phi$ - angle of internal friction

$c$ - coefficient of cohesion

$\sigma^a$  – anti-symmetric part of the stress

Rotational yield condition

$$|r| \leq M$$

## STRESS REPRESENTATION

Prescribe  $\sigma_{22} = -\sigma$

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma &= p + q \cos 2\psi_\sigma \\ p &= \frac{\sigma - c \cos \phi \cos 2\psi_\sigma}{1 + \sin \phi \cos 2\psi_\sigma} \\ q &= \frac{\sigma \sin \phi + c \cos \phi}{1 + \sin \phi \cos 2\psi_\sigma} \\ \sigma_{11} &= \frac{-\sigma (1 - \sin \phi \cos 2\psi_\sigma) + 2c \cos \phi \cos 2\psi_\sigma}{1 + \sin \phi \cos 2\psi_\sigma} \\ \frac{\sigma_{12} + \sigma_{21}}{2} &= \frac{(\sigma \sin \phi + c \cos \phi) \sin 2\psi_\sigma}{1 + \sin \phi \cos 2\psi_\sigma} \\ \frac{|\sigma_{12} - \sigma_{21}|}{2} &\leq M\end{aligned}$$

This is a one parameter representation of the stress

## KINEMATICS

### Non-Cosserat Models

Rectangular Cartesian axes  $Ox_i$

**v**— Eulerian velocity

$\Gamma$ — velocity gradient tensor  $\left( \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_j} \right)$

**d**— deformation-rate tensor:

symmetric part of  $\Gamma$

**s**— spin tensor: anti-symmetric part of  $\Gamma$

### Reduced-Cosserat Models

$\omega$ — intrinsic spin

**I**— moment of inertia density

## NON-COSSEMERAT MODELS

plastic potential model

$$d_{ij} = \dot{\lambda} \frac{\partial g}{\partial \sigma_{ij}}$$

$d_{ij}$  – deformation-rate tensor components

$g$  – plastic potential

$\sigma_{ij}$  – stress components

$\dot{\lambda}$  – scalar multiplier

Planar flows

(a) dilatancy

$$\begin{aligned} & d_{11} + d_{22} \\ &= \sin \chi [(d_{11} - d_{22}) \cos 2\psi_\sigma + 2d_{12} \sin 2\psi_\sigma] \end{aligned}$$

$\chi$  – dilatancy parameter (obtained from  $g$ )

(b) coaxiality of  $\mathbf{d}, \sigma$

$$(d_{11} - d_{22}) \sin 2\psi_\sigma - 2d_{12} \cos 2\psi_\sigma = 0$$

double-shearing model

(a) dilatancy

$$\begin{aligned} & (d_{11} + d_{22}) \cos(\phi - \nu) \\ = & \sin \nu [(d_{11} - d_{22}) \cos 2\psi_\sigma + 2d_{12} \sin 2\psi_\sigma] \end{aligned}$$

(b) non-coaxiality

$$\begin{aligned} & 2(\dot{\psi}_\sigma - s_{21}) \sin(\phi - \nu) \\ = & \cos \nu [(d_{11} - d_{22}) \sin 2\psi_\sigma - 2d_{12} \cos 2\psi_\sigma] \end{aligned}$$

$\phi$ — angle of internal friction

$\nu$ — angle of dilatancy

double-sliding free rotating model

$$\begin{aligned} & 2(\Omega - s_{21}) \sin(\phi - \nu) \\ = & \cos \nu [(d_{11} - d_{22}) \sin 2\psi_\sigma - 2d_{12} \cos 2\psi_\sigma] \end{aligned}$$

$\Omega$ — free rotation

## REDUCED COSSERAT MODEL

**(a)** Linear momentum

$$\begin{aligned}\rho(\partial_t v_1 + v_1 \partial_1 v_1 + v_2 \partial_2 v_1) &= \partial_1 \sigma_{11} + \partial_2 \sigma_{21} + \rho F_1 \\ \rho(\partial_t v_2 + v_1 \partial_1 v_2 + v_2 \partial_2 v_2) &= \partial_1 \sigma_{12} + \partial_2 \sigma_{22} + \rho F_2\end{aligned}$$

$F_1, F_2$ — body force components

**(b)** Rotational momentum

$$\rho I (\partial_t \omega + v_1 \partial_1 \omega + v_2 \partial_2 \omega) - 2r - \rho G = 0$$

$I$ —moment of inertia density

$G$ —body couple

**(c)** Coulomb yield condition

$$q \leq p \sin \phi + c \cos \phi$$

**(d)** Rotational yield condition

$$|\sigma_{12} - \sigma_{21}| \leq M(\rho)$$

**(e)** Continuity

$$\partial_t \rho + v_1 \partial_1 \rho + v_2 \partial_2 \rho + \rho \partial_1 v_1 + \rho \partial_2 v_2 = 0$$

**(f)** dilatancy

$$\begin{aligned}& (d_{11} + d_{22}) \cos(\phi - \nu) \\ &= \sin \nu [(d_{11} - d_{22}) \cos 2\psi_\sigma + 2d_{12} \sin 2\psi_\sigma]\end{aligned}$$

**(g)** rotational/coaxiality equation

$$\begin{aligned}& 2(\omega - s_{21}) \sin(\phi - \nu) \\ &= \cos \nu [(d_{11} - d_{22}) \sin 2\psi_\sigma - 2d_{12} \cos 2\psi_\sigma]\end{aligned}$$

$\omega$ —intrinsic spin,  $s_{21}$ —spin component

## DILATANT, ROTATIONAL SHEAR

Material parameters  $\phi, I$  constant.  
angle of dilatancy:  $\nu$  variable.  
Not perfect plasticity.  
Rate independent material.  
Quasi-static loading.

Stresses homogeneous in space.  
No body forces/ couples.

$$\sigma_{ij} = \sigma_{ij}(t)$$

Flow: dilatant shear

$$v_1 = \alpha x_2, \quad v_2 = \beta(t) x_2, \quad \omega = \omega(t).$$

Initial conditions

$$\alpha > 0, \quad \beta(0) = \beta_0, \quad \omega(0) = \omega_0$$

$|\beta(t)|$  decreasing function of  $t$ ,  $\beta(t) \rightarrow 0$ .

$\beta = 0$  simple shear:  $\nu = 0$

$\alpha \gg |\beta_0|$

$\beta > 0$  dilatation

$\beta = 0$  isochoric flow

$\beta < 0$  consolidation

## NON-COAXIAL FLOW

Dilatant rotational shear

$$v_1 = \alpha x_2, \quad v_2 = \beta(t) x_2, \quad \omega = \omega(t).$$

where  $\alpha = \alpha_0$  or  $\alpha(t)$

Deformation-rate/spin tensor

$$\begin{aligned} d_{11} &= d_{21} = 0, & d_{22} &= \beta, \\ 2d_{12} &= \alpha, & 2s_{21} &= -\alpha \end{aligned}$$

Constitutive equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta \\ \alpha \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2\omega \sin(\phi - \nu) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11} &= \cos(\phi - \nu) + \sin \nu \cos 2\psi_\sigma \\ a_{12} &= -\sin \nu \sin 2\psi_\sigma \\ a_{21} &= \cos \nu \sin 2\psi_\sigma \\ a_{22} &= \sin(\phi - \nu) + \cos \nu \cos 2\psi_\sigma \end{aligned}$$

Unique solutions for  $\alpha, \beta$  unless

$$\cos(\phi - 2\nu)(\sin \phi + \cos 2\psi_\sigma) = 0$$

i.e.

$$\cos 2\psi_\sigma = -\sin \phi, \quad \sin 2\psi_\sigma = \cos \phi.$$

**Case (1)**  $\cos 2\psi_\sigma = -\sin \phi$  : solution is

$$\omega = 0, \quad \beta = \alpha \tan \nu, \quad .$$

where  $\alpha$  is arbitrary. Only true for quasi-static flows.

**Case (2)**  $\cos 2\psi_\sigma \neq -\sin \phi$  solution is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\beta}{\sin \nu \sin 2\psi_\sigma} &= \frac{\alpha}{\cos(\phi - \nu) + \sin \nu \cos 2\psi_\sigma} \\ &= \frac{-2\omega \sin(\phi - \nu)}{\cos(\phi - 2\nu)(\sin \phi + \cos 2\psi_\sigma)} \end{aligned}$$

**Special cases**

(1)  $\nu = 0 \Rightarrow \beta = 0$

$$\alpha = \frac{-2 \sin \phi}{\sin \phi + \cos 2\psi_\sigma} \omega$$

shear strength depends on  $\omega$

$$(2) \cos 2\psi_\sigma \rightarrow -\sin \phi, \sin 2\psi_\sigma \rightarrow \cos \phi$$

$$\beta \rightarrow \alpha \tan \nu$$

Also

$$\begin{aligned}\beta &= \frac{-2 \sin \nu \sin (\phi - \nu) \sin 2\psi_\sigma}{\cos (\phi - 2\nu)} \frac{\omega}{\sin \phi + \cos 2\psi_\sigma} \\ \alpha &= \frac{-2 \sin (\phi - \nu) [\cos (\phi - \nu) + \sin \nu \cos 2\psi_\sigma]}{\cos (\phi - 2\nu)} \\ &\quad \times \frac{\omega}{\sin \phi + \cos 2\psi_\sigma}\end{aligned}$$

$\omega \rightarrow 0, \sin \phi + \cos 2\psi_\sigma \rightarrow 0$  simultaneously  
 $\Rightarrow \alpha$  arbitrary.

Finally

$$\begin{aligned}\beta &= \frac{\alpha \sin \nu \sin 2\psi_\sigma}{\cos (\phi - \nu) + \sin \nu \cos 2\psi_\sigma} \\ &= \frac{-2 \sin \nu \sin (\phi - \nu) \sin 2\psi_\sigma}{\cos (\phi - 2\nu)} \frac{\omega}{\sin \phi + \cos 2\psi_\sigma}\end{aligned}$$

## COAXIAL FLOW

$$\begin{aligned} & 2(\omega - s_{21}) \sin(\phi - \nu) \\ = & \cos \nu (-\beta \sin 2\psi_\sigma - \alpha \cos 2\psi_\sigma). \end{aligned}$$

**Case (1)**

(large negative) intrinsic spin = half the vorticity

$$\omega = s_{21} = -\frac{1}{2}\alpha$$

Coaxiality

$$(d_{11} - d_{22}) \sin 2\psi_\sigma - 2d_{12} \cos 2\psi_\sigma = 0$$

Parameter

$$\frac{\cos \nu}{\sin(\phi - \nu)}$$

is arbitrary

$(\phi \neq \nu$  non-associated flow rule).

$$\begin{aligned} [\cos(\phi - \nu) + \sin \nu \cos 2\psi_\sigma] \beta - (\sin \nu \sin 2\psi_\sigma) \alpha &= 0 \\ \sin 2\psi_\sigma \beta + \cos 2\psi_\sigma \alpha &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Non-trivial solutions if

$$\cos 2\psi_\sigma = -\frac{\sin \nu}{\cos(\phi - \nu)}$$

then

$$\sin 2\psi_\sigma = \frac{\sqrt{\cos(\phi - 2\nu) \cos \phi}}{\cos(\phi - \nu)}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}\beta &= -\alpha \cot 2\psi_\sigma \\ &= \alpha \frac{\sin \nu}{\sqrt{\cos \phi \cos (\phi - 2\nu)}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\nu = 0$$

$$\psi_\sigma = \frac{1}{4}\pi$$

### Case (2)

$\phi = \nu$  large dilatancy (associated flow rule)

$$\omega - s_{21}$$

is arbitrary!

$$d_{11} + d_{22} = \sin \phi [(d_{11} - d_{22}) \cos 2\psi_\sigma + 2d_{12} \sin 2\psi_\sigma],$$

$$0 = (d_{11} - d_{22}) \sin 2\psi_\sigma - 2d_{12} \cos 2\psi_\sigma.$$

Metal plasticity ( $\phi = \nu = 0$ ) loses friction, dilatation and intrinsic spin!

$$\cot 2\psi_\sigma = -\frac{\beta}{\alpha} = -\tan \phi$$

## STRESS IN TERMS OF FLOW PARAMETERS

**Case (1)**  $\nu = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\beta &= 0 \\ \cos 2\psi_\sigma &= -\left(1 + \frac{2\omega}{\alpha}\right) \sin \phi\end{aligned}$$

Thus the principal stress direction depends on the ratio  
intrinsic spin/shear strength

Classical stress solutions:

- Non-coaxial:  $\omega = 0$ .

$$\psi_\sigma = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\phi}{2}.$$

Unstable solution.

- Coaxial:  $\omega = -\frac{1}{2}\alpha$  gives

$$\psi_\sigma = \frac{\pi}{4}.$$

Unstable solution.

- restriction on spin

$$-(1 + \csc \phi) \leq \frac{2\omega}{\alpha} \leq \csc \phi - 1$$

**Case (2)**  $\nu \neq 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\beta}{\sin \nu \sin 2\psi_\sigma} &= \frac{\alpha}{\cos(\phi - \nu) + \sin \nu \cos 2\psi_\sigma} \\ &= \frac{-2\omega_0 \sin(\phi - \nu)}{\cos(\phi - 2\nu)(\sin \phi + \cos 2\psi_\sigma)} \\ \cos 2\psi_\sigma &= -\frac{\alpha \cos(\phi - 2\nu) \sin \phi + \omega \sin 2(\phi - \nu)}{\alpha \cos(\phi - 2\nu) - 2\omega \sin(\phi - \nu) \sin \nu}\end{aligned}$$

Regard  $\alpha$  as given (or arbitrary) ( $\phi$  known constant) then equations determine  $\psi_\sigma$  in terms of  $\omega, \nu$  (or  $\rho$ ).

## DENSITY

Constant  $tr\mathbf{d}$  : homogeneous  $\rho = \rho(t) = \rho(\beta) = \rho(\nu)$ .

$$\partial_t \rho + v_1 \partial_1 \rho + v_2 \partial_2 \rho + \rho \partial_1 v_1 + \rho \partial_2 v_2 = 0.$$

$$\partial_t \rho + \rho \beta = 0.$$

Density cannot indefinitely decrease/increase. Let  $\rho_c$  denote a critical density (dependent upon pressure  $p$ ) such that  $\rho \rightarrow \rho_c$  as  $\beta \rightarrow 0$ . Initial density  $\rho_0 > \rho_c$  : material dilates ( $\beta > 0$ ),

Initial density  $\rho_0 < \rho_c$  : material consolidates ( $\beta < 0$ )  
Volumetric strain

$$e = \int tr\mathbf{d} dt = \int \beta dt$$

Write

$$\int_{\rho_0}^{\rho} \frac{d\rho'}{\rho' \beta} = - \int_0^t dt'$$

Let  $\beta = \beta(\rho)$ :  $\beta = 0$  in the asymptotic simple shear

$$\beta = k(\rho - \rho_c)$$

$k$  – material parameter

$$\int_{\rho_0}^{\rho} \frac{d\rho}{\rho(\rho - \rho_c)} = -k \int_0^t dt$$

Evolution of the density:

$$\frac{\rho(t)}{\rho_0} = \frac{\rho_c}{\rho_0 - (\rho_0 - \rho_c) \exp(-k\rho_c t)}$$

$$t = 0: \rho(0) = \rho_0$$

$$t \rightarrow \infty, \rho \rightarrow \rho_c$$

Simple shear reached asymptotically as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ :  
truly translationally quasi-static!

## ROTATION

$$\rho I (\partial_t \omega + v_1 \partial_1 \omega + v_2 \partial_2 \omega) = \sigma_{12} - \sigma_{21}$$

Rotationally quasi-static conditions:  $\sigma_{12} = \sigma_{21}$ :

$$\omega = \omega_0.$$

Choose  $M(\rho)$  to be such that  $M(t) \rightarrow 0$ , as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , e.g.

$$M(\rho) = M_0(\rho - \rho_c)$$

$\rho_c$  is the "critical" density in the asymptotic steady simple shear.

$$\rho I \frac{d\omega}{dt} = \sigma_{12} - \sigma_{21}$$

subject to  $t = 0, \omega = \omega_0$

$$\int_{\omega_0}^{\omega} d\omega' = \pm \frac{M_0}{I} \int_0^t \frac{\rho - \rho_c}{\rho} d\tau.$$

But

$$\frac{\rho(t)}{\rho_0} = \frac{\rho_c}{\rho_0 - (\rho_0 - \rho_c) \exp(-k\rho_c t)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t \frac{\rho - \rho_c}{\rho} d\tau \\ &= \frac{\rho_0 - \rho_c}{\rho_0} \int_0^t \exp(-k\rho_c \tau) d\tau \end{aligned}$$

$$\omega(t) - \omega_0 = \mp \frac{M_0}{I} \frac{\rho_0 - \rho_c}{k\rho_c \rho_0} [1 - \exp(-k\rho_c t)]$$

As  $t \rightarrow \infty$  if  $\rho_c$  known

$$\omega \rightarrow \omega_0 \mp \frac{M_0}{I} \frac{\rho_0 - \rho_c}{k\rho_c \rho_0}$$

As  $t \rightarrow \infty$  if  $\omega_\infty$  known

$$\rho_c \rightarrow \rho_0 \left[ \frac{M_0}{M_0 \mp Ik\rho_0 (\omega_\infty - \omega_0)} \right]$$

Classical "double-shearing" type solution,  $\omega_\infty = 0$ .

Classical "coaxial" type solution,  $\omega_\infty = -\alpha$ .

- Either  $\rho$  evolves to a known  $\rho_c$  and  $\omega$  evolves in accordance with above formula.
- Or  $\omega$  evolves to a known value and  $\rho_c$  evolves in accordance with above formula.
- But a prescribed evolution of both  $\rho$  and  $\omega$  is not possible.

## CONCLUSIONS

New Model:

- for flow of granular materials based on reduced Cosserat continuum
- extends classical models of plastic potential and double shearing
- distinguishes between solutions for stress under simple shear by ascribing different rotation regimes to each solution (double shearing  $\omega = 0$ ; plastic potential  $\omega = -\alpha$ )

Assuming

- translational quasi-static conditions
- homogeneous stress states
- dilatant shear flow

we have shown

- flow determines the stress; is determined by density  $\rho$ , intrinsic spin  $\omega$
- evolution of  $\rho$ ,  $\omega$  using continuity, rotational equation of motion, yields asymptotic steady shear flow
- Single equation relates asymptotic values of  $\rho_\infty, \omega_\infty$ : the material may find it impossible to evolve to a state corresponding to the classical stress solutions in simple shear.