



# Explicit Hashin-Shtrikman bounds in 3D linearized elasticity and applications

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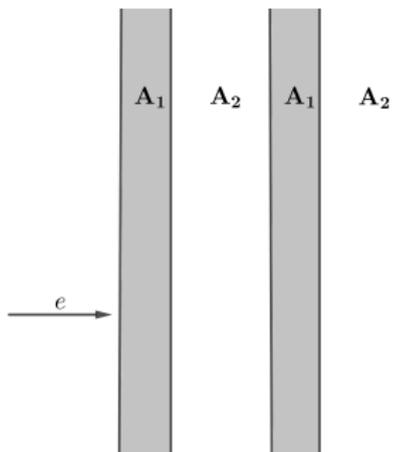


## Laminated materials

**Simple laminates:** if  $\chi_n$  depend only on  $x_1$ , then

$$\theta(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}_2)^{-1} = (\mathbf{A}_1 - \mathbf{A}_2)^{-1} + (1 - \theta)f_2(\mathbf{e}_1),$$

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## Explicit upper Hashin-Shtrikman bound on the primal energy in 3D

### Theorem

In three dimensional, well-ordered case, let  $\xi$  be a symmetric matrix with eigenvalues  $\xi_1, \xi_2$  and  $\xi_3$  and corresponding orthonormal eigenvectors  $e_1, e_2$  and  $e_3$ . Then, the upper Hashin-Shtrikman bound on primal energy can be expressed explicitly by exactly one of the following five cases. In each case (except the case D) one is free to take any choice  $(i, j, k) \in \{(1, 2, 3), (2, 3, 1), (3, 1, 2)\}$ .

A If

$$\begin{aligned} f(\xi_i, \xi_j, \xi_k)g(\xi_i, \xi_j, \xi_k) &< 0 \\ f(\xi_i, \xi_k, \xi_j)g(\xi_i, \xi_k, \xi_j) &< 0, \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

then

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This bound is achieved by a simple laminate with the lamination direction  $e_i$ .

B If ...

E



## Equivalence between upper primal bound and lower complementary bound.

For fixed  $\theta$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}f_-^c(\theta, \cdot)$  is Legendre-Fenchel transformation of  $\frac{1}{2}f_+(\theta, \cdot)$  and vice-versa:

$$\frac{1}{2}f_-^c(\theta, \boldsymbol{\sigma}) = \max_{\boldsymbol{\xi} \in \text{Sym}_d} \left[ \boldsymbol{\sigma} : \boldsymbol{\xi} - \frac{1}{2}f_+(\theta, \boldsymbol{\xi}) \right]. \quad (5)$$

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- $\nabla f_+$  is bijection  $\text{Sym}_d \longrightarrow \text{Sym}_d$
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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} J(\theta, \mathbf{A}) = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} + l \int_{\Omega} \theta(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x}. \longrightarrow \min, \\ (\theta, \mathbf{A}) \in \{(\theta, \mathbf{A}) \in L^{\infty}(\Omega; [0, 1] \times \text{Sym}_d^4) : \mathbf{A} \in G(\theta) \text{ a.e. on } \Omega\} \\ \mathbf{u} \in H_0^1(\Omega; \mathbf{R}^d) \text{ solves } -\text{div}(\mathbf{A}e(\mathbf{u})) = \mathbf{f} \end{array} \right.$$

By the principle of minimal complementary energy we have

$$\min_{(\theta, \mathbf{A}) \in \mathcal{A}} J(\theta, \mathbf{A}) = \min_{(\theta, \mathbf{A}) \in \mathcal{A}} \min_{\substack{\tau \in L^2(\Omega; \text{Sym}_d) \\ -\text{div} \tau = \mathbf{f} \text{ in } \Omega}} \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{A}^{-1} \tau : \tau \, d\mathbf{x} + l \int_{\Omega} \theta(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x}.$$



## Necessary conditions of optimality

### Theorem

If  $(\theta^*, \mathbf{A}^*)$  is a minimizer of the objective function  $J$ , and if  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}^*$  is the unique corresponding minimizer, then  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}^* = \mathbf{A}^* e(\mathbf{u}^*)$ , where  $\mathbf{u}^*$  is the state function for  $(\theta^*, \mathbf{A}^*)$ . Furthermore,  $\mathbf{A}^*$  satisfies, almost everywhere in  $\Omega$ ,

$$\mathbf{A}^{*-1} \boldsymbol{\sigma}^* : \boldsymbol{\sigma}^* = f_-^c(\theta^*, \boldsymbol{\sigma}^*), \quad (6)$$

while  $\theta^*$  is the unique minimizer of the convex minimization problem

$$\min_{0 \leq \theta \leq 1} (f_-^c(\theta, \boldsymbol{\sigma}^*) + l\theta), \quad \text{a.e. on } \Omega. \quad (7)$$



## Algorithm

Take some initial  $\theta^0$  and  $\mathbf{A}^0$ . For  $k \geq 0$ :

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$$\begin{cases} -\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{A}^k e(u^k)) = \mathbf{f} \\ u^k \in H_0^1(\Omega; \mathbf{R}^d), \end{cases}$$

and define  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}^k := \mathbf{A}^k e(u^k)$ .

- 2 For  $\mathbf{x} \in \Omega$ , take  $\theta^{k+1}(\mathbf{x})$  as the zero of the function

$$\theta \mapsto \frac{\partial f_-^c}{\partial \theta}(\theta, \boldsymbol{\sigma}^k(\mathbf{x})) + l,$$

and if a zero doesn't exist, take 0 (or 1) if the function is positive (or negative) on  $[0, 1]$ .

- 3 Let  $(\mathbf{A}^{k+1})(\mathbf{x})$  be the minimizer in the definition of  $f_-^c(\theta^{k+1}(\mathbf{x}), \boldsymbol{\sigma}^k(\mathbf{x}))$ .



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