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## ON A CLASS OF INVARIANT FUNCTIONALS

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**Abstract.** A characterization of a class of functionals invariant under isochoric changes of domain is obtained. This class contains strictly the null Lagrangians.

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**1. Introduction.** In Fonseca and Parry [FP] we studied variational problems for crystals with defects. The model that we followed was proposed by Davini [Dv] and later developed by Davini and Parry [DP1], [DP2]. One of the main contributions of this model is the introduction of a class of defect-preserving deformations, called *neutral*, which generally involve some kind of rearrangement. It was shown in Fonseca and Parry [FP] that a neutral change of state of a perfect crystal corresponds to a lattice matrix

$$L(u(x)) = \nabla u(x) \{\nabla v(x)\}^{-1},$$

where  $u : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is the elastic deformation,  $\Omega$  is the reference configuration and  $v$  represents the slip or plastic deformation with  $\det \nabla v = 1$  a. e. in  $\Omega$ . Clearly, if  $\nabla v = \mathbb{1}$  then the deformation is elastic. The total energy is given by

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$$E(L) := \int_{\Omega} W(\nabla u(x) \{ \nabla v(x) \}^{-1}) dx \quad (1.1)$$

where  $W$  represents the bulk energy density, and we take the viewpoint that equilibria correspond to minimizers of (1.1) with  $(u, v)$  in the class of admissible pairs

$$\mathcal{A}(u_0) := \{(u, v) \in W^{1,\infty}(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^3) \mid \det \nabla u > 0 \text{ a. e. in } \Omega, u = u_0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega, \det \nabla v = 1 \text{ a. e. in } \Omega\}.$$

Existence and smoothness of solutions for this type of problems was discussed in Dacorogna and Fonseca [DF].

We remark that, formally, minimizing  $E(\cdot)$  in  $\mathcal{A}(u_0)$  involves variations of the reference domain ; indeed, setting  $\omega := u \circ v^{-1}$  the integral (1.1) becomes

$$\int_{v(\Omega)} W(\nabla \omega(y)) dy.$$

We expect that  $\nabla v$  will not be too far from the identity at equilibrium, i. e. the state of the crystal will be close to a state elastically related to the reference state and so, we want to understand the effect that penalizations on  $\nabla v$  may impose on the solution. Consider the perturbed problem

$$E_{\varepsilon}(L) := \int_{\Omega} W(\nabla u(x) \{ \nabla v(x) \}^{-1}) dx + \varepsilon \int_{\Omega} g(\nabla v(x)) dx$$

where

$$g(\mathbb{1}) = 0 \text{ and } g \geq 0. \quad (1.2)$$

In Fonseca and Parry [FP], Corollary 2.15, it was proven that the factorization of  $L$  into the elastic part  $\nabla u$  and the slip  $\nabla v$  is not unique, precisely

$$L(u(x)) = \tilde{L}(\tilde{u}(x)) = \nabla \tilde{u}(x) \{ \nabla \tilde{v}(x) \}^{-1}$$

if and only if, setting  $f := \tilde{u}^{-1} \circ u$ , the following hold :

- (i)  $f(x) = x$  on  $\partial\Omega$  ;
- (ii)  $\det \nabla f(x) = 1$  a. e. in  $\Omega$  ;
- (iii)  $v(x) = \tilde{v}(f(x)) + \text{Cont. a. e. in } \Omega$ .

As  $E_{\varepsilon}(\cdot)$  should not depend on the factorization of the lattice matrix  $L$ , we seek for a characterization of the class of integrands  $g : M^{3 \times 3} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\int_{\Omega} g(\nabla v(x)) dx = \int_{\Omega} g(\nabla(v \circ f)(x)) dx \quad (1.3)$$

for all Lipschitz functions  $v$  and  $f$  satisfying (i), (ii). This is accomplished in Theorem 2.1 where we show that

$$g(F) = A.F + B.\text{adj } F + \gamma(\det F)^1 \quad (1.4)$$

for some matrices  $A$ ,  $B$  and some smooth function  $\gamma$ . We recall that  $h$  is said to be a *null Lagrangian* (see Ball [B1], Dacorogna [Dc], Ericksen [E]) if

$$\int_{\Omega} h(\nabla v(x)) dx = \int_{\Omega} h(\nabla w(x)) dx \quad (1.5)$$

whenever  $v, w \in W^{1,\infty}(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^3)$  are such that  $v(x) = w(x)$  on  $\partial\Omega$ . It is clear that null Lagrangians satisfy (1.3); this is in accordance with (1.4) as it is well known that null Lagrangians are linear combinations of the minors of  $F$ , i. e. (1.5) holds if and only if there exist  $A, B \in M^{3 \times 3}$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$g(F) = A.F + B.\text{adj } F + c \det F. \quad (1.6)$$

We conclude that if  $g$  satisfies (1.2) and (1.4) then

$$g(F) = \gamma(\det F)$$

in which case the perturbed problem  $E_{\varepsilon}(\cdot)$  reduces to

$$E_{\varepsilon}(L) := \int_{\Omega} W(\nabla u(x) \{ \nabla v(x) \}^{-1}) dx + \varepsilon \gamma(1) \text{ meas}(\Omega)$$

and so we obtain, up to a constant, the former energy functional. As perturbed problems involving a bulk penalization are reduced, essentially, to (1.1) and as, formally, a change in  $v$  corresponds to a variation of the domain, in Fonseca and Parry [FP] we considered instead a surface energy penalization.

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<sup>1</sup>If  $A, B \in M^{N \times N}$  then  $A.B := \text{tr}(A^T B)$  and  $\text{adj } A$  is the matrix of cofactors of  $A$ , i. e.  $(\text{adj } A) = \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_{ipq} \varepsilon_{jrs} A_{pr} A_{qs}$ . In particular, if  $A$  is invertible then  $A^{-1} = \frac{(\text{adj } A)^T}{\det A}$ .

**2. Characterization of a class of functionals invariant under isochoric changes of the domain.** In what follows  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  is an open, bounded domain and  $M^{3 \times 3}$  denotes the space of  $3 \times 3$  real matrices.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $g \in C^3(M^{3 \times 3})$ . Then

$$\int_{\Omega} g(\nabla v(x)) \, dx = \int_{\Omega} g(\nabla(v \circ f)(x)) \, dx \quad (2.1)$$

for all  $v, f \in W^{1, \infty}(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^3)$  such that  $\det \nabla f(x) = 1$  a. e. in  $\Omega$  and  $f(x) = x$  on  $\partial\Omega$ , if and only if

$$g(F) = A \cdot F + B \cdot \text{adj } F + \gamma(\det F)$$

for some matrices  $A, B$  and some smooth function  $\gamma$ .

**Remark 2.2.** The function  $g$  satisfies (2.1) if and only if

$$\int_{\Omega} g(\nabla v(x)) \, dx = \int_{\Omega} g(\nabla v(x) \{ \nabla h(x) \}^{-1}) \, dx \quad (2.2)$$

for all Lipschitz functions  $v, h$  such that  $\det \nabla h(x) = 1$  a. e. in  $\Omega$  and  $h(x) = x$  on  $\partial\Omega$ . Indeed, suppose that (2.2) holds and let  $f \in W^{1, \infty}(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^3)$  be such that  $\det \nabla f(x) = 1$  a. e. in  $\Omega$  and  $f(x) = x$  on  $\partial\Omega$ . Then (see Ball [B2])  $f$  is invertible,  $f^{-1} = : h \in W^{1, \infty}(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^3)$  and

$$\begin{cases} \det \nabla h(y) = 1 & \text{in } \Omega \\ h(y) = y & \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{cases} .$$

Therefore, using the change of variable formula for Sobolev functions (see Ball [B2]) and by (2.2) we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} g(\nabla v(x)) \, dx &= \int_{\Omega} g(\nabla v(y) \{ \nabla h(y) \}^{-1}) \, dy \\ &= \int_{f(\Omega)} g(\nabla v(y) \nabla f(f^{-1}(y))) \, dy \\ &= \int_{\Omega} g(\nabla v(f(x)) \nabla f(x)) \det \nabla f(x) \, dx \\ &= \int_{\Omega} g(\nabla(v \circ f)(x)) \, dx. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, one can show easily that (2.1) implies (2.2).

We divide the proof of Theorem 2.1 into a series of lemmas. Let

$$H(F) := F^T \frac{\partial g}{\partial F}(F).$$

**Lemma 2.3.** If  $g$  satisfies (2.2) then

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} H_{ij}(\nabla v(x)) \right] = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} H_{ij}(\nabla v(x)) \right] \quad (2.3)$$

for all  $i \neq 1$  and for all  $v \in C^1(\bar{\Omega}; \mathbb{R}^3)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $f \in C^1(\bar{\Omega}; \mathbb{R}^3)$  be such that

$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{div} f(x) = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \\ f(x) = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$

and for all  $x \in \bar{\Omega}$  consider the flow

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt} X(x,t) = f(X(x,t)) \\ X(x,0) = x \end{cases}.$$

Clearly

$$X(x,t) = x \quad \text{if } x \in \partial\Omega \quad \text{and for all } t. \quad (2.4)$$

Also

$$\frac{d}{dt} \det \nabla_x X(x,t) = 0. \quad (2.5)$$

since

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \det \nabla_x X(x,t) &= (\operatorname{adj} \nabla_x X)^T \cdot \frac{d}{dt} \nabla_x X(x,t) \\ &= (\operatorname{adj} \nabla X)^T \cdot \nabla_x [f(X(x,t))] \\ &= (\operatorname{adj} \nabla X)^T \cdot \nabla X^T \nabla f(X(x,t)) \\ &= \det \nabla_x X \mathbb{1} \cdot \nabla f(X(x,t)) \\ &= \det \nabla_x X \mathbb{1} \cdot \nabla f(X(x,t)) \operatorname{div} f(X) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

By (2.4) and (2.5) we deduce that

$$\det \nabla_x X(x,t) = 1$$

and so, by (2.2)

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \int_{\Omega} g(\nabla v(x) \{ \nabla_x X(x,t) \}^{-1}) dx \\
&= \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial g}{\partial F}(\nabla v(x)) \cdot \nabla v(x) \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \{ \nabla_x X(x,t) \}^{-1} dx. \tag{2.6}
\end{aligned}$$

By (2.4)

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} [ \nabla_x X(x,t) \{ \nabla_x X(x,t) \}^{-1} ] \\
&= \nabla_x \left[ \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} X(x,t) \right] + \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} [ \{ \nabla_x X(x,t) \}^{-1} ]
\end{aligned}$$

yielding

$$\frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} [ \{ \nabla_x X(x,t) \}^{-1} ] = - \nabla f$$

which together with (2.6) implies that

$$0 = \int_{\Omega} H(\nabla v(x)) \cdot \nabla f(x) dx.$$

Hence, there exists a function  $p$  such that for all  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$

$$\sum_{j=1}^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} H_{ij}(\nabla v(x)) = \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i}$$

which is equivalent to condition (2.3).

**Lemma 2.4.** If  $g$  verifies (2.3) then the following hold.

1.  $\frac{\partial H_{li}}{\partial F_{ni}} = 0$  for all  $n, i \neq l$ ;
2.  $\frac{\partial H_{li}}{\partial F_{nl}} = \frac{\partial H_{ii}}{\partial F_{ni}} - \frac{\partial H_{ll}}{\partial F_{ni}}$  for all  $n, i \neq l$ ;
3.  $\frac{\partial H_{li}}{\partial F_{nm}} = - \frac{\partial H_{lm}}{\partial F_{ni}}$  for all  $n, \{i, l, m\} = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ;
4.  $\frac{\partial^2 H_{li}}{\partial F_{nl}^2} = 0$  for all  $n, i \neq l$ ;
5.  $\frac{\partial^2 H_{li}}{\partial F_{nl} \partial F_{nm}} = 0$  for all  $n, \{i, l, m\} = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ;
6.  $\frac{\partial^2 (H_{ll} - H_{ii})}{\partial F_{nk} \partial F_{pk}} = 0$  for all  $k, i \neq l, n \neq p$ ;



7.  $\frac{\partial^2(H_{ll} - H_{ii})}{\partial F_{nl}\partial F_{pi}} = 0$  for all  $i \neq l, n \neq p$  ;
8.  $\frac{\partial^2(H_{ii} - H_{ll})}{\partial F_{pi}\partial F_{nm}} = \frac{\partial^2(H_{mm} - H_{ll})}{\partial F_{pi}\partial F_{nm}}$  for all  $n \neq p, \{i, l, m\} = \{1, 2, 3\}$ .

**Proof.** By (2.3) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_l} \left[ \sum_{j,m,n=1}^3 \frac{\partial H_{ij}(\nabla v(x))}{\partial F_{nm}} \frac{\partial^2 v_n}{\partial x_m \partial x_j} \right] &= \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left[ \sum_{j,m,n=1}^3 \frac{\partial H_{lj}(\nabla v(x))}{\partial F_{nm}} \frac{\partial^2 v_n}{\partial x_m \partial x_j} \right] \end{aligned}$$

i. e.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 H_{ij}}{\partial F_{nm}\partial F_{pq}} \frac{\partial^2 v_p}{\partial x_q \partial x_l} \frac{\partial^2 v_n}{\partial x_m \partial x_j} + \frac{\partial H_{ij}}{\partial F_{nm}} \frac{\partial^3 v_n}{\partial x_m \partial x_j \partial x_l} &= \\ = \frac{\partial^2 H_{lj}}{\partial F_{nm}\partial F_{pq}} \frac{\partial^2 v_p}{\partial x_q \partial x_i} \frac{\partial^2 v_n}{\partial x_m \partial x_j} + \frac{\partial H_{lj}}{\partial F_{nm}} \frac{\partial^3 v_n}{\partial x_m \partial x_j \partial x_i} \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

Here we use the convention that repeated indices stand for summation, unless stated otherwise. Setting  $D^\alpha v(x_0) = 0$  except  $D^3 v(x_0)$ , with  $a_{mji} := \frac{\partial^3 v_n}{\partial x_m \partial x_j \partial x_i}(x_0)$ , we deduce that

$$\frac{\partial H_{ij}}{\partial F_{nm}} a_{mjl} = \frac{\partial H_{lj}}{\partial F_{nm}} a_{mji} \quad (2.8)$$

whenever  $a_{mji} = a_{mij} = a_{jmi} = a_{jim} = a_{ijm} = a_{imj}$ . Next, if  $D^\alpha v(x_0) = 0$  except  $D^2 v_n(x_0) = B = B^T$ , from (2.7) we have

$$\frac{\partial^2 H_{ij}}{\partial F_{nm}\partial F_{nq}} B_{ql} B_{mj} = \frac{\partial^2 H_{lj}}{\partial F_{nm}\partial F_{nq}} B_{qi} B_{mj} \quad (\text{no summation in } n) \quad (2.9)$$

and finally, if  $D^\alpha v(x_0) = 0$  except  $D^2 v_p(x_0) = B = B^T$  and  $D^2 v_n(x_0) = A = A^T$ , with  $n \neq p$ , by (2.7)

and (2.9) we conclude that

$$\frac{\partial^2 H_{ij}}{\partial F_{nm}\partial F_{pq}} B_{ql} A_{mj} + \frac{\partial^2 H_{ij}}{\partial F_{pm}\partial F_{nq}} A_{ql} B_{mj} = \frac{\partial^2 H_{lj}}{\partial F_{nm}\partial F_{pq}} B_{qi} A_{mj} + \frac{\partial^2 H_{lj}}{\partial F_{pm}\partial F_{nq}} A_{qi} B_{mj}. \quad (2.10)$$

In (2.8) set  $a_{ijk} = 0$  except  $a_{iii} = 1$ . If  $i \neq l$  then we obtain property (1), i. e.

$$\frac{\partial H_{li}}{\partial F_{ni}} \text{ (no summation).}$$

If  $a_{ijk} = 0$  except  $a_{lii} = a_{ili} = a_{il}$  then

$$\frac{\partial H_{ii}}{\partial F_{ni}} = \frac{\partial H_{li}}{\partial F_{nl}} + \frac{\partial H_{ll}}{\partial F_{ni}} \text{ (no summation)}$$

which is (2). Also, (3) follows from (2.8) where  $a_{ijk} = 0$  except for  $a_{mii} = 1 = a_{imi} = a_{im}$ .

In (2.9) let  $B = e_i \otimes e_1 + e_1 \otimes e_i$ . Then

$$\frac{\partial^2 H_{il}}{\partial F_{ni}^2} + \frac{\partial^2 H_{ji}}{\partial F_{nl} \partial F_{ni}} = \frac{\partial^2 H_{li}}{\partial F_{nl}^2} + \frac{\partial^2 H_{ll}}{\partial F_{ni} \partial F_{nl}}$$

hence

$$\frac{\partial^2 H_{ji}}{\partial F_{nl} \partial F_{ni}} - \frac{\partial^2 H_{ll}}{\partial F_{ni} \partial F_{nl}} = \frac{\partial^2 H_{li}}{\partial F_{nl}^2} - \frac{\partial^2 H_{il}}{\partial F_{ni}^2} \quad (2.11)$$

and by (2)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 H_{ji}}{\partial F_{nl} \partial F_{ni}} - \frac{\partial^2 H_{ll}}{\partial F_{ni} \partial F_{nl}} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial F_{nl}} \left[ \frac{\partial H_{ji}}{\partial F_{ni}} - \frac{\partial H_{ll}}{\partial F_{ni}} \right] \\ &= \frac{\partial^2 H_{li}}{\partial F_{nl}^2} \end{aligned}$$

which, together with (2.11) yields (4). With  $\{i, l, m\} = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $B = e_l \otimes e_l + e_m \otimes e_i + e_m \otimes e_i$ , (2.9) reduces to

$$\frac{\partial^2 H_{ij}}{\partial F_{nk} \partial F_{nl}} B_{kj} = \frac{\partial^2 H_{lj}}{\partial F_{nk} \partial F_{nm}} B_{kj}$$

or

$$\frac{\partial^2 H_{il}}{\partial F_{nl}^2} + \frac{\partial^2 H_{im}}{\partial F_{ni} \partial F_{nl}} + \frac{\partial^2 H_{ii}}{\partial F_{nm} \partial F_{nl}} = \frac{\partial^2 H_{ll}}{\partial F_{nl} \partial F_{nm}} + \frac{\partial^2 H_{lm}}{\partial F_{ni} \partial F_{nm}} + \frac{\partial^2 H_{li}}{\partial F_{nm}^2},$$

which by (1) is equivalent to

$$\frac{\partial^2 H_{im}}{\partial F_{ni} \partial F_{nl}} + \frac{\partial^2 H_{ii}}{\partial F_{nm} \partial F_{nl}} = \frac{\partial^2 H_{ll}}{\partial F_{nl} \partial F_{nm}} + \frac{\partial^2 H_{li}}{\partial F_{nm}^2}. \quad (2.12)$$

On the other hand, by (1) and (3) we have

$$\frac{\partial^2 H_{li}}{\partial F_{nm}^2} = - \frac{\partial}{\partial F_{nm}} \frac{\partial H_{lm}}{\partial F_{ni}} = 0$$

and so, from (2.12), (2) and (3) we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 H_{im}}{\partial F_{ni} \partial F_{nl}} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial F_{nm}} \frac{\partial}{\partial F_{nl}} [H_{ll} - H_{ii}] \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial F_{nm}} \frac{\partial H_{il}}{\partial F_{ni}} \\ &= - \frac{\partial}{\partial F_{ni}} \frac{\partial H_{im}}{\partial F_{nl}} \end{aligned}$$

proving (5). Replace  $B = e_i \otimes e_i$  and  $A = e_i \otimes e_l + e_l \otimes e_i$  in (2.10) to obtain

$$\frac{\partial^2 H_{ji}}{\partial F_{pi} \partial F_{ni}} = \frac{\partial^2 H_{ll}}{\partial F_{ni} \partial F_{pi}} + \frac{\partial^2 H_{li}}{\partial F_{nl} \partial F_{pi}} + \frac{\partial^2 H_{li}}{\partial F_{ni} \partial F_{nl}}$$

which, by (1) reduces to

$$\frac{\partial^2 H_{ji}}{\partial F_{pi} \partial F_{ni}} = \frac{\partial^2 H_{ll}}{\partial F_{ni} \partial F_{pi}} \quad (2.13)$$

With  $B = e_m \otimes e_i + e_i \otimes e_m$  and  $A = e_m \otimes e_l + e_l \otimes e_m$  we get, again using (1),

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial F_{nm} \partial F_{pm}} [H_{ii} - H_{ll}] = 0$$

which, together with (2.13) yields (6). Equation (7) follows from (2.10) taking  $B = e_i \otimes e_i$  and  $A = e_l \otimes e_l$ . Finally, setting  $B = e_i \otimes e_i$  and  $A = e_m \otimes e_l + e_l \otimes e_m$ , by (2.10) and (2) we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 H_{ji}}{\partial F_{pi} \partial F_{nm}} &= \frac{\partial^2 H_{ll}}{\partial F_{nm} \partial F_{pi}} + \frac{\partial^2 H_{lm}}{\partial F_{nl} \partial F_{pi}} \\ &= \frac{\partial^2 H_{ll}}{\partial F_{nm} \partial F_{pi}} + \frac{\partial}{\partial F_{pi}} \left[ \frac{\partial H_{mm}}{\partial F_{nm}} - \frac{\partial H_{ll}}{\partial F_{nm}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

concluding (8).

**Lemma 2.5.** If the conditions (1)-(8) of Lemma 2.4 are fulfilled then there exists a matrix  $M$  and some constants  $A_{ijpq}, C_{ij}$  such that for  $i \neq j$

$$H_{ij}(F) = \left\{ F^T \frac{\partial}{\partial F} \text{tr}(M \text{adj } F) \right\}_{ij} + A_{ijpq} F_{pq} + C_{ij}.$$

**Proof.** For simplicity we set  $(i, j) = (1, 2)$ . By (1) we have

$$\frac{\partial H_{12}}{\partial F_{n2}} = 0$$

and so

$$H_{12} = H_{12}(\{F_{n1}\}, \{F_{p3}\})$$

We claim that  $H_{12}$  is a polynomial of degree less than or equal to 2, i. e.

$$\frac{\partial^3 H_{12}}{\partial F_{ni} \partial F_{pj} \partial F_{kl}} = 0 \text{ for all } n, i, p, j, k, l. \quad (2.14)$$

Clearly, (2.14) holds if  $2 \in \{i, j, l\}$ . If this is not the case, then two of the indices  $\{i, j, l\}$  must be repeated, suppose that  $i = j \in \{1, 3\}$ . If  $i = j = 1$  and  $n = p$  then (4) implies that

$$\frac{\partial^2 H_{12}}{\partial F_{n1}^2} = 0 \quad (2.15)$$

in which case (2.14) is satisfied. If  $n \neq p$  then by (2) and (7) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 H_{12}}{\partial F_{n1} \partial F_{p1}} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial F_{n1}} \left[ \frac{\partial H_{22}}{\partial F_{p2}} - \frac{\partial H_{11}}{\partial F_{p2}} \right] \\ &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (2.16)$$

thus implying (2.14). Finally, if  $i = j = 3$  then (1) and (3) yield

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 H_{12}}{\partial F_{n3} \partial F_{p3}} &= - \frac{\partial}{\partial F_{n3}} \frac{\partial H_{13}}{\partial F_{p2}} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (2.17)$$

concluding (2.14). Recall that by (5)

$$\frac{\partial^2 H_{12}}{\partial F_{n1} \partial F_{n3}} = 0$$

which, together with (2.15)-(2.17), implies that

$$H_{12} = \sum_{p \neq r} \alpha_{pr} F_{r1} F_{p3} + A_{12pq} F_{pq} + C_{12} \quad (2.18)$$

and, in a similar way,

$$H_{13} = \sum_{p \neq r} \beta_{pr} F_{r1} F_{p2} + A_{13pq} F_{pq} + C_{13}. \quad (2.19)$$

By (2.18), (2.19) and (3) we must have for all F

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{p \neq r} \alpha_{pr} F_{r1} + A_{12p3} &= \frac{\partial H_{12}}{\partial F_{p3}} \\ &= -\frac{\partial H_{13}}{\partial F_{p2}} = -\sum_{p \neq r} \beta_{pr} F_{r1} - A_{13p2} \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\alpha_{pr} = -\beta_{pr} \quad \text{for } r \neq p. \quad (2.20)$$

Note that by (2.18), (2.19), (2.20), (2) and (8) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{pr} &= \frac{\partial^2 H_{12}}{\partial F_{r1} \partial F_{p3}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial F_{p3}} \left[ \frac{\partial H_{22}}{\partial F_{r2}} - \frac{\partial H_{11}}{\partial F_{r2}} \right] \\ &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial F_{r2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial F_{p3}} [H_{11} - H_{33}] \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial F_{r2}} \frac{\partial H_{13}}{\partial F_{p1}} \\ &= \beta_{rp} = -\alpha_{rp} \end{aligned}$$

and so we can rewrite (2.18) and (2.19) as

$$H_{ij} = \sum_{p \neq r} \eta_{pr}^{ki} F_{ri} F_{pk} + A_{ijpq} F_{pq} + C_{ij} \quad (\text{no summation on } k) \quad (2.21)$$

where  $\{i, j, k\} = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,

$$\eta_{pr}^{ki} = -\eta_{rp}^{ki} \quad (2.22)$$

and

$$\eta_{pr}^{ki} = -\eta_{pr}^{ji}. \quad (2.23)$$

From (2.22) we deduce that

$$\eta_{pr}^{ki} = \varepsilon_{prs} \theta_s^{ki} \quad (2.24)$$

and (2.23) implies that for  $\{i, j, k\} = \{1, 2, 3\}$

$$\epsilon_{prs} \theta_s^{ki} = -\epsilon_{prs} \theta_s^{ji}.$$

Hence

$$\theta_s^{ki} = \epsilon_{tkj} M_{ts}$$

which, together with (2.21) and (2.24) yields

$$H_{ij} = \epsilon_{prs} \epsilon_{tkj} M_{ts} F_{ri} F_{pk} + A_{ijpq} F_{pq} + C_{ij}$$

where  $\{i, j, k\} = \{1, 2, 3\}$ , so that there is no summation in  $k$ . However, this can be rewritten as

$$H_{ij} = \epsilon_{prs} \epsilon_{tkj} M_{ts} F_{ri} F_{pk} + A_{ijpq} F_{pq} + C_{ij}$$

where the summation convention operates on all repeated indices (including  $k$ ), and thus

$$H_{ij}(F) = \left\{ F^T \frac{\partial}{\partial F} \text{tr}(M \text{adj } F) \right\}_{ij} + A_{ijpq} F_{pq} + C_{ij}.$$

**Lemma 2.6.** If  $g$  satisfies the conditions (1) - (8) of Lemma 2.4 then

$$H_{ii}(F) = (M \text{adj } F)_{ii} + A_{iipq} F_{pq} + C_{ii} + p(F)$$

where  $p(0) = 0$  and  $\partial p / \partial F(0) = 0$ .

**Proof.** We claim that  $H_{11} - H_{22}$  is a polynomial of degree at most two, i. e.

$$\frac{\partial^3}{\partial F_{ni} \partial F_{pj} \partial F_{kl}} [H_{11} - H_{22}] = 0 \text{ for all } n, i, p, j, k, l. \quad (2.25)$$

If  $1 \in \{i, j, l\}$  and for simplicity, assume that  $i = 1$ , then by (2) we have

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial F_{n1}} [H_{11} - H_{22}] = \frac{\partial H_{21}}{\partial F_{n2}}$$

and so (2.25) follows from Lemma 2.5.

If  $1, 2 \notin \{i, j, l\}$  then  $i = j = l = 3$ . If two of the indices  $\{n, p, k\}$  are different then (2.25) follows from (6). If  $n = p = k = 3$  then by (2) and (1)

$$\frac{\partial^2 (H_{11} - H_{22})}{\partial F_{n3}^2} = \frac{\partial^2 (H_{11} - H_{33})}{\partial F_{n3}^2} + \frac{\partial^2 (H_{33} - H_{22})}{\partial F_{n3}^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{\partial}{\partial F_{n3}} \left( -\frac{\partial H_{13}}{\partial F_{n1}} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial F_{n3}} \left( \frac{\partial H_{23}}{\partial F_{n2}} \right) \\
&= 0
\end{aligned} \tag{2.26}$$

and once more, (2.25) holds. Next we show that

$$\frac{\partial^2(H_{11} - H_{22})}{\partial F_{ni} \partial F_{pi}} = 0 \quad \text{for all } n, p, i. \tag{2.27}$$

If  $n \neq p$  then (2.27) follows from (6). If  $n = p$  and  $i = 3$  then (2.27) reduces to (2.26). Finally if  $n = p$  and  $i = 1$  by (2) and (1)

$$\frac{\partial^2(H_{11} - H_{22})}{\partial F_{n1}^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial F_{n1}} \frac{\partial H_{21}}{\partial F_{n2}} = 0.$$

By (2.25) - (2.27) we deduce that

$$H_{11} - H_{22} = \sum_{\{p,q,r\}=\{1,2,3\}} B_{ijr} F_{ip} F_{jq} + L_{pq} F_{pq} + C.$$

In addition, (2) and (4) imply that

$$\frac{\partial^2(H_{11} - H_{22})}{\partial F_{n2} \partial F_{n1}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial F_{n2}} \frac{\partial H_{21}}{\partial F_{n2}} = 0$$

and by (7)

$$\frac{\partial^2(H_{11} - H_{22})}{\partial F_{n2} \partial F_{p1}} = 0 \quad \text{if } n \neq p.$$

Hence, we conclude that

$$H_{11} - H_{22} = \alpha_{ij} F_{i1} F_{j3} + \beta_{ij} F_{i2} F_{j3} + L_{pq} F_{pq} + C. \tag{2.28}$$

From (2) and Lemma 2.5 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha_{nj} F_{j3} + L_{n1} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial F_{n1}} [H_{11} - H_{22}] = \frac{\partial H_{21}}{\partial F_{n2}} \\
&= \varepsilon_{pns} \varepsilon_{t31} M_{ts} F_{p3} + A_{21n2} \\
&= \varepsilon_{jns} M_{2s} F_{j3} + A_{21n2}
\end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\alpha_{nj} = \varepsilon_{jns} M_{2s}. \quad (2.29)$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_{nj} F_{j3} + L_{n2} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial F_{n2}} [H_{11} - H_{22}] = -\frac{\partial H_{12}}{\partial F_{n1}} \\ &= -\varepsilon_{pns} \varepsilon_{t32} M_{ts} F_{p3} - A_{12n1} \\ &= \varepsilon_{jns} M_{1s} F_{j3} - A_{12n1} \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\beta_{nj} = \varepsilon_{jns} M_{1s}$$

which, together with (2.28) and (2.29) implies that

$$\begin{aligned} H_{11} - H_{22} &= \varepsilon_{jis} (M_{2s} F_{i1} F_{j3} + M_{1s} F_{i2} F_{j3}) + L_{pq} F_{pq} + C \\ &= -(\mathbf{M} \text{ adj } \mathbf{F})_{11} + (\mathbf{M} \text{ adj } \mathbf{F})_{22} + L_{pq} F_{pq} + C. \end{aligned} \quad (2.30)$$

Writing

$$H_{ii} = -(\mathbf{M} \text{ adj } \mathbf{F})_{ii} + g_i$$

we have

$$H_{11} - H_{22} = -(\mathbf{M} \text{ adj } \mathbf{F})_{11} + (\mathbf{M} \text{ adj } \mathbf{F})_{22} + (g_1 - g_2)$$

and by (2.30) we get

$$g_1 - g_2 = L_{pq} F_{pq} + C.$$

Set

$$g_2(\mathbf{F}) := p^*(\mathbf{F}).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} H_{ii} &= -(\mathbf{M} \text{ adj } \mathbf{F})_{ii} + p^*(\mathbf{F}) + A^*_{iipq} F_{pq} + C^*_{ii} \\ &= -(\mathbf{M} \text{ adj } \mathbf{F})_{ii} + A_{iipq} F_{pq} + C_{ii} + p(\mathbf{F}) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$p(\mathbf{F}) := p^*(\mathbf{F}) - p^*(0) - \frac{\partial p^*}{\partial \mathbf{F}}(0) \cdot \mathbf{F}, \quad A_{iipq} := A^*_{iipq} + \frac{\partial p^*}{\partial F_{pq}}(0) \quad \text{and} \quad C_{ii} := C^*_{ii} + p^*(0).$$



**Lemma 2.7.** Let  $M$  be a constant matrix. If  $h(F) = -M^T \cdot \text{adj } F = -\text{tr}(M \text{adj } F)$  then

$$F^T \frac{\partial h}{\partial F} = M \text{adj } F - (M^T \cdot \text{adj } F) \mathbb{1}.$$

**Proof.** Since

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial h}{\partial F_{ij}} &= - \frac{\partial}{\partial F_{ij}} [M_{lp} (\text{adj } F)_{pl}] \\ &= - M_{lp} \frac{\partial (\text{adj } F)_{pl}}{\partial F_{ij}} \end{aligned}$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} (F^T \frac{\partial h}{\partial F})_{kj} &= F^T_{ki} \frac{\partial h}{\partial F_{ij}} = F_{ik} \frac{\partial h}{\partial F_{ij}} \\ &= - M_{lp} \frac{\partial (\text{adj } F)_{pl}}{\partial F_{ij}} F_{ik}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.31}$$

We claim that if  $F$  is invertible then

$$\frac{\partial (\text{adj } F)_{pl}}{\partial F_{ij}} = - (\text{adj } F)_{ij} F_{lp}^{-1} - (\text{adj } F)_{jp} F_{il}^{-1} \tag{2.32}$$

Indeed

$$(\text{adj } F)_{kl} F_{km} = \det F \delta_{lm}$$

and so

$$\frac{\partial (\text{adj } F)_{kl}}{\partial F_{ij}} F_{km} + (\text{adj } F)_{kl} \delta_{ki} \delta_{mj} = (\text{adj } F)_{ij} \delta_{lm}.$$

Multiplying this inequality by  $F_{mp}^{-1}$  and adding in  $m$  yields (2.32). By (2.31) and (2.32) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (F^T \frac{\partial h}{\partial F})_{kj} &= - M_{lp} [ (\text{adj } F)_{ij} F_{lp}^{-1} - (\text{adj } F)_{il} F_{jp}^{-1} ] F_{ik} \\ &= - M_{lp} [ \det F F_{lp}^{-1} \delta_{jk} - \det F F_{jp}^{-1} \delta_{lk} ] \\ &= [ M \text{adj } F - (M^T \cdot \text{adj } F) \mathbb{1} ]_{kj}. \end{aligned}$$

This relation holds for all matrices  $F$  with  $\det F \neq 0$  and the result for all matrices follows by density and by continuity.

**Lemma 2.8.** Let  $h : M^{3 \times 3} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a  $C^1$  function. There exists a  $\omega \in C^1(\mathbb{R} ; \mathbb{R})$  such that  $h(F) = \omega(\det F)$  if and only if  $F^T \frac{\partial h}{\partial F}(F) = p(F)\mathbb{1}$  for some function  $p$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $h(F) = \omega(\det F)$ . Then

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial F}(F) = \omega'(\det F) \operatorname{adj} F$$

and so

$$F^T \frac{\partial h}{\partial F}(F) = \omega'(\det F) \det F \mathbb{1}.$$

Conversely, if  $F^T \frac{\partial h}{\partial F}(F) = p(F)\mathbb{1}$  we claim that then

i)  $h(F) = h(RF)$  for every  $F$  and for all rotations  $R$  ;

ii)  $h(F) = h(F(\mathbb{1} + a \otimes b))$  for every  $F$  and for all orthogonal vectors  $a$  and  $b$ .

In order to prove i), consider the semigroup  $\{e^{t\Lambda}\}$  where  $\Lambda$  is a skew-symmetric matrix such that  $R = e^\Lambda$ . Set

$$f(t) := h(F e^{t\Lambda}).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} f'(t) &= \frac{\partial h}{\partial F}(F e^{t\Lambda}) \cdot F e^{t\Lambda} \Lambda \\ &= (F e^{t\Lambda})^T \frac{\partial h}{\partial F}(F e^{t\Lambda}) \cdot \Lambda \\ &= p(F e^{t\Lambda}) \operatorname{trace} \Lambda = 0 \end{aligned}$$

and so  $f$  is constant ; in particular  $f(1) = f(0)$ , i. e.

$$h(F) = h(RF).$$

To prove ii) we define

$$f(t) := h(F(\mathbb{1} + ta \otimes b)).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} f'(t) &= \frac{\partial h}{\partial F}(F(\mathbb{1} + ta \otimes b)) \cdot F a \otimes b \\ &= \frac{\partial h}{\partial F}(F(\mathbb{1} + ta \otimes b)) \cdot F(\mathbb{1} + ta \otimes b)(\mathbb{1} - ta \otimes b) a \otimes b \\ &= [F(\mathbb{1} + ta \otimes b)]^T \frac{\partial h}{\partial F}(F(\mathbb{1} + ta \otimes b)) \cdot a \otimes b \\ &= p(F(\mathbb{1} + ta \otimes b)) (a \cdot b) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

and we conclude that  $f$  is constant, so that  $f(1) = f(0)$ .

If  $F \in M^{3 \times 3}$  is any matrix with  $\det F \neq 0$  then (see Chipot and Kinderlehrer [CK] and Fonseca [F])  $F$  can be written as

$$F = (\det F)^{1/3} R \prod (1 + a_i \otimes b_i), \quad 1 \leq i \leq 2,$$

where  $R$  is a rotation and  $a_i \cdot b_i = 0$ . Therefore, by i) and ii) we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} h(F) &= h((\det F)^{1/3} \mathbb{1}) \\ &=: \omega(\det F). \end{aligned}$$

The result for arbitrary  $F$  follows now from density and continuity.

Finally we prove our main result, Theorem 2.1.

**Proof of Theorem 2.1.** Suppose that

$$g(F) = A \cdot F + B \cdot \text{adj } F + \gamma(\det F).$$

Let  $v, f \in W^{1, \infty}(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^3)$  be such that  $\det \nabla f(x) = 1$  a. e. in  $\Omega$  and  $f(x) = x$  on  $\partial\Omega$ . By (1.5) and (1.6) we have

$$\int_{\Omega} [g(\nabla v(x)) - \gamma(\det \nabla v(x))] dx = \int_{\Omega} [g(\nabla(v \circ f)(x)) - \gamma(\det \nabla(v \circ f)(x))] dx \quad (2.33)$$

and by the change of variables formula for Sobolev functions (see Ball [B2])

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} \gamma(\det \nabla(v \circ f)(x)) dx &= \int_{\Omega} \gamma(\det \nabla v(f(x))) dx \\ &= \int_{f(\Omega)} \gamma(\det \nabla v(f(x))) \det \nabla f(x) dx \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \gamma(\det \nabla v(x)) dx \end{aligned}$$

which, together with (2.33), implies that

$$\int_{\Omega} g(\nabla v(x)) dx = \int_{\Omega} g(\nabla(v \circ f)(x)) dx .$$

Conversely, if the latter holds then by Remark 2.2, Lemmas 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 and 2.6 we have

$$H_{ij}(F) = - (M \text{ adj } F)_{ij} + A_{ijpq} F_{pq} + C_{ij} + p(F) \delta_{ij} \quad (2.34)$$

where  $p(0) = 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial F}(0) = 0$ . We claim that (using the summation convention for repeated indices)

$$\frac{\partial H_{sn}}{\partial F_{mj}}(F) F_{mi} - H_{in}(F) \delta_{sj} = \frac{\partial H_{ij}}{\partial F_{kn}}(F) F_{ks} - H_{sj}(F) \delta_{in}. \quad (2.35)$$

Indeed, as

$$H(F) = F^T \frac{\partial g}{\partial F}(F)$$

and since  $g \in C^2$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial H_{sn}}{\partial F_{mj}} F_{mi} &= H_{in} \delta_{sj} + F_{mi} F_{ks} \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial F_{kn} \partial F_{mj}} \\ &= H_{in} \delta_{sj} + F_{ki} F_{ms} \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial F_{mn} \partial F_{kj}} \\ &= H_{in} \delta_{sj} + \frac{\partial H_{ij}}{\partial F_{kn}} F_{ks} - H_{sj} \delta_{in}. \end{aligned}$$

In (2.35) replace  $F$  by  $tF$  and let  $t \rightarrow 0$ . We deduce that

$$H_{in}(0) \delta_{sj} = H_{sj}(0) \delta_{in}$$

or, taking into account (2.34)

$$C_{in} \delta_{sj} = C_{sj} \delta_{in}$$

which implies that

$$C_{ij} = C \delta_{ij}$$

and (2.34) reduces to

$$H_{ij}(F) = - (M \operatorname{adj} F)_{ij} + A_{ijpq} F_{pq} + C \delta_{ij} + p(F) \delta_{ij}. \quad (2.36)$$

Again by (2.35) we have

$$\frac{\partial H_{sn}}{\partial F_{mj}}(tF) tF_{mj} - [H_{jn}(tF) - H_{jn}(0)] \delta_{sj} = \frac{\partial H_{ij}}{\partial F_{kn}}(tF) tF_{ks} - [H_{sj}(tF) - H_{sj}(0)] \delta_{jn}$$

and so, dividing the latter by  $t$  and letting  $t \rightarrow 0$  we obtain

$$\frac{\partial H_{sn}}{\partial F_{mj}}(0) F_{mj} - \frac{\partial H_{jn}}{\partial F}(0) \cdot F \delta_{sj} = \frac{\partial H_{ij}}{\partial F_{kn}}(0) F_{ks} - \frac{\partial H_{sj}}{\partial F}(0) \cdot F \delta_{jn}$$

i. e.

$$\frac{\partial H_{sn}}{\partial F_{mj}}(0) F_{mj} = \frac{\partial H_{ij}}{\partial F_{kn}}(0) F_{ks}.$$

From (2.36) we deduce that

$$A_{snmj} F_{mj} = A_{jikn} F_{ks} \quad (2.37)$$

and setting<sup>2</sup>

$$A_{qp} := A_{jppq}$$

we claim that

$$A_{ijpq} F_{pq} = \left( F^T \frac{\partial(\text{trace } AF)}{\partial F} \right)_{ij}. \quad (2.38)$$

In fact, by (2.37)

$$\begin{aligned} \left( F^T \frac{\partial(\text{trace } AF)}{\partial F} \right)_{ij} &= F_{is}^T \frac{\partial}{\partial F_{sj}} (A_{lm} F_{ml}) \\ &= F_{si} A_{js} = F_{si} A_{kksj} = A_{ijpq} F_{pq} \end{aligned}$$

and so, (2.36) and (2.38) yield

$$H(F) = -M \text{adj } F + (p(F) + C) \mathbb{1} + F^T \frac{\partial(\text{trace } AF)}{\partial F}$$

and by Lemma 2.7 we obtain

$$F^T \frac{\partial}{\partial F} [g(F) - M^T \text{adj } F - \text{trace}(AF)] = q(F) \mathbb{1}$$

where

$$q(F) := p(F) + C - M^T \text{adj } F.$$

Finally, Lemma 2.8 asserts the existence of a function  $\omega$  such that

$$g(F) - M^T \text{adj } F - \text{trace}(AF) = \omega(\det F)$$

and we conclude that

$$g(F) = M^T \text{adj } F + A^T \cdot F + \omega(\det F).$$

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