



Stress increases with strain in idealized isotropic nonlinear elasticity

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I propose a new constitutive condition for the Cauchy stress-strain law in isotropic nonlinear elasticity. The condition expresses „stress increases with strain“ in the form of monotonicity of the map $\log V \rightarrow \sigma(\log V)$, i.e.

$$\langle \sigma(\log V_1) - \sigma(\log V_2), \log V_1 - \log V_2 \rangle > 0 \quad (1)$$

The new condition will be motivated from a rate-formulation of nonlinear elasticity, using corotational derivatives and stipulating that the induced tangent stiffness tensor is positive definite. A noteworthy feature is that the result is practically independent of the used corotational rate, transferring to (1) a far reaching generality.