

Symmetry and elastic deformation of corpuscle rings – formulae for the elastic spring model

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If a deformation of a corpuscle structure leads to new edge lengths $D_{\alpha\beta}$, the deformation energy is given by

$$E = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{pairs}(\alpha,\beta)} (D_{\alpha\beta} - L_{\alpha\beta})^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{pairs}(\alpha,\beta)} \left(\sqrt{\|x_\alpha - x_\beta\|^2} - L_{\alpha\beta} \right)^2 \quad (1)$$

where we assume a standard edge length $L_{\alpha\beta} = 1$ for all pairs and x_γ is the position vector of the γ^{th} node. The partial derivatives of the deformed edge lengths with respect to the node positions read

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial D_{\alpha\beta}}{\partial x_{i\gamma}} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i\gamma}} \sqrt{\sum_j (x_{j\alpha} - x_{j\beta})^2} = \frac{1/2}{D_{\alpha\beta}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i\gamma}} \sum_j (x_{j\alpha} - x_{j\beta})^2 \\ &= \frac{1/2}{D_{\alpha\beta}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i\gamma}} (x_{i\alpha} - x_{i\beta})^2 = \frac{1/2}{D_{\alpha\beta}} 2(x_{i\alpha} - x_{i\beta}) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i\gamma}} (x_{i\alpha} - x_{i\beta}) = \frac{x_{i\alpha} - x_{i\beta}}{D_{\alpha\beta}} (\delta_{\gamma\alpha} - \delta_{\gamma\beta}) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Likewise, the derivatives of the deformation energy read

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial x_{i\gamma}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{pairs}(\alpha,\beta)} 2(D_{\alpha\beta} - L_{\alpha\beta}) \frac{\partial D_{\alpha\beta}}{\partial x_{i\gamma}} = \sum_{\text{pairs}(\alpha,\beta)} \frac{D_{\alpha\beta} - L_{\alpha\beta}}{D_{\alpha\beta}} (x_{i\alpha} - x_{i\beta}) (\delta_{\gamma\alpha} - \delta_{\gamma\beta}) \quad (3)$$

with Kronecker's $\delta_{\alpha\beta} = 1$ if $\alpha = \beta$, and 0 otherwise. The second δ term can be omitted if all pairs are counted in both directions.

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial x_{i\gamma}} = \sum_{\text{directedpairs}(\gamma,\beta)} \frac{D_{\gamma\beta} - L_{\gamma\beta}}{D_{\gamma\beta}} (x_{i\gamma} - x_{i\beta}) = \sum_{\text{directedpairs}(\gamma,\beta)} \left(1 - \frac{L_{\gamma\beta}}{D_{\gamma\beta}}\right) (x_{i\gamma} - x_{i\beta}) \quad (4)$$

The second derivatives of the energy function read (consider only first term and then consider pairs in both directions)

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial E}{\partial x_{r\kappa} x_{i\gamma}} &= \sum_{\text{directedpairs}(\gamma,\beta)} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{r\kappa}} \left(1 - \frac{L_{\gamma\beta}}{D_{\gamma\beta}}\right) \right] (x_{i\gamma} - x_{i\beta}) + \left(1 - \frac{L_{\gamma\beta}}{D_{\gamma\beta}}\right) \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{r\kappa}} (x_{i\gamma} - x_{i\beta}) \right] \\
&= \sum_{\text{directedpairs}(\gamma,\beta)} - \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{r\kappa}} \frac{L_{\gamma\beta}}{D_{\gamma\beta}} \right] (x_{i\gamma} - x_{i\beta}) + \left(1 - \frac{L_{\gamma\beta}}{D_{\gamma\beta}}\right) \delta_{ri} (\delta_{\kappa\gamma} - \delta_{\kappa\beta}) \\
&= \sum_{\text{directedpairs}(\gamma,\beta)} \frac{L_{\gamma\beta}}{D_{\gamma\beta}^2} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{r\kappa}} D_{\gamma\beta} \right] (x_{i\gamma} - x_{i\beta}) + \left(1 - \frac{L_{\gamma\beta}}{D_{\gamma\beta}}\right) \delta_{ri} (\delta_{\kappa\gamma} - \delta_{\kappa\beta}) \\
&= \sum_{\text{directedpairs}(\gamma,\beta)} \frac{L_{\gamma\beta}}{D_{\gamma\beta}^2} \left[\frac{(x_{r\gamma} - x_{r\beta})}{D_{\gamma\beta}} (\delta_{\kappa\gamma} - \delta_{\kappa\beta}) \right] (x_{i\gamma} - x_{i\beta}) + \left(1 - \frac{L_{\gamma\beta}}{D_{\gamma\beta}}\right) \delta_{ri} (\delta_{\kappa\gamma} - \delta_{\kappa\beta}) \\
&= \sum_{\text{directedpairs}(\gamma,\beta)} (\delta_{\kappa\gamma} - \delta_{\kappa\beta}) \left(\frac{L_{\gamma\beta} (x_{r\gamma} - x_{r\beta}) (x_{i\gamma} - x_{i\beta})}{D_{\gamma\beta}^3} + \delta_{ri} \left(1 - \frac{L_{\gamma\beta}}{D_{\gamma\beta}}\right) \right) \tag{5}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial E}{\partial x_{r\kappa} x_{i\gamma}} &= \delta_{\kappa\gamma} \sum_{\text{directedpairs}(\gamma,\beta)} \left(\frac{L_{\gamma\beta} (x_{r\gamma} - x_{r\beta}) (x_{i\gamma} - x_{i\beta})}{D_{\gamma\beta}^3} + \delta_{ri} \left(1 - \frac{L_{\gamma\beta}}{D_{\gamma\beta}}\right) \right) \\
&\quad - \left(\frac{L_{\gamma\kappa} (x_{r\gamma} - x_{r\kappa}) (x_{i\gamma} - x_{i\kappa})}{D_{\gamma\kappa}^3} + \delta_{ri} \left(1 - \frac{L_{\gamma\kappa}}{D_{\gamma\kappa}}\right) \right) \tag{6}
\end{aligned}$$