

# Constitutive Model for Anterior Leaflet of Heart with Physical Invariants

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**Abstract** – Much research has been done in determining constitutive models for Nonlinear Transversely Isotropic Solids. The strain energy functions with different types of invariants were developed in the past to serve some purposes. In isotropic elasticity, phenomenological strain energy functions with principal stretches have certain attractive features from both the mathematical and physical viewpoints. These forms of strain energy have been widely and successfully used in predicting elastic deformations. In this paper, we extend these successful principal-stretches-isotropic models to characterise transversely isotropic solids based on previous work. We introduce five invariants that have immediate physical interpretation. Three of the invariants are the principal extension ratios and the other two are the cosines of the angles between the principal directions of the right stretch tensor and the material preferred direction. This model has an experimental advantage and the theory is compared well with experimental data. **Copyright © 2015 Penerbit Akademia Baru - All rights reserved.**

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Hyperelasticity is the capability of a material to experience large elastic strain due to small forces, without losing its original properties [1]. A hyperelastic material has a nonlinear behaviour, which means that its answer to the load is not directly proportional to the deformation.

The modeling and design of hyperelastic materials consists of the selection of an appropriate strain energy function  $W$  and accurate determination of isotropic, hyperelastic materials, therefore extending these models to include anisotropic, pseudoelastic behaviour creates models appropriate for biological tissues. The essential concept of this class of theory is that the energy density in the material can be determined as a function of the strain state. Once the strain-energy function  $W$  is known, the stress state can be determined by taking the derivative of  $W$  with respect to a strain measure, such as

$$\sigma = \frac{\partial W}{\partial \varepsilon} \quad (1)$$

where  $\sigma$  is the Cauchy (true) stress tensor and  $\varepsilon$  is the Green strain tensor. The most common form used to determine stresses for the materials considered here is

$$\sigma = -pI + 2F \frac{\partial W}{\partial C} F^T \quad (2)$$

where  $F$  is the deformation gradient,  $C$  is the left Cauchy-Green strain tensor,  $p$  is the Lagrange multiplier to enforce incompressibility, and  $I$  is the identity tensor [2]. The basic physical properties of biological tissue govern the assumptions that can be made in the formulation of a constitutive model. Many models exist that involve assuming a strain-energy function for the tissue. Based on observations for rat mesentery, Fung and co-workers [3] proposed that the strain-energy should be exponentially related to the strain. In transverse isotropy, the material has one preferred direction parallel to the fiber direction, and the responses in every direction perpendicular to the referred direction are identical to each other.

### 1.1 Transversely Isotropic Model

In general (in three dimensions), two independent invariants are sufficient to characterize the anisotropic nature of a transversely isotropic material model, one of which is related directly to the fiber stretch and is denoted by  $I_4$ . The standard reinforcing model is a quadratic function that depends only on this invariant. The other invariant, denoted by  $I_5$ , is also related to the fiber stretch but introduces an additional effect that relates to the behaviour of the reinforcement under shear deformations. When the deformation is restricted to plane strain with the fiber direction in the considered plane these two invariants are no longer independent [4,5]. The models in this section determine strain-energy functions based on the assumption of transverse isotropy and in terms of strain invariants. Transverse hyperelasticity can be completely described by the three strain invariants and two pseudo-invariants [2].

In [6], for transversely isotropic the fourth strain invariants is included in energy function, i.e.  $W(I_1, I_2, I_3, I_4)$ .  $\lambda_i$  is denoted as principal stretches of deformation gradient  $F$  and  $I_i$  is a function of a strain-energy function for transversely isotropic solid i.e. mitral valve tissue was carefully determined and verified by [7,8]. In the past, the stress deformation response was shown to be chiefly a function of the first invariant and the stretch in the fiber direction,

$$W = W(I_1, \alpha) \quad (3)$$

Specifically, the response was modeled by a form analogous to the exponential proposed by [9],

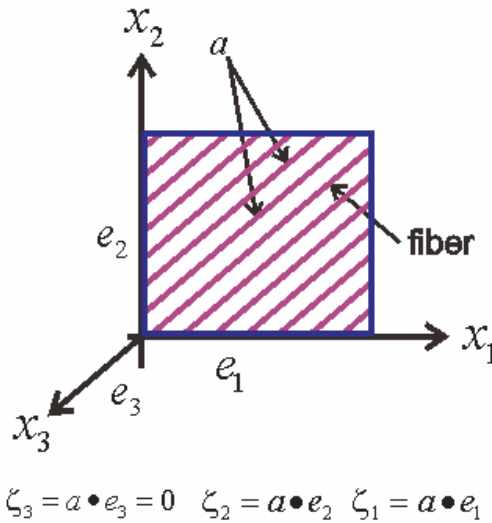
$$W(I_1, I_4) = c_0 \left\{ \exp \left[ c_1 (I_1 - 3)^2 + c_2 \left( I_4^{1/2} - I \right)^4 \right] - 1 \right\} \quad (4)$$

where  $c_0, c_1, c_2$  are constants fit to the experimental data, and they used pseudo-invariant that defined in terms of the Cauchy-Green strain by [10] such as

$$I_4 = N \cdot C \cdot N = \alpha^2 \quad (5)$$

to substitute  $I_4$  for  $\alpha$ . The interior and posterior leaflets have slightly different responses, reflected by the difference in values for the three constants. The strain-energy function in above along with the coefficient values accurately predicts the stress deformation behaviour of biological tissues i.e. the leaflet tissue and also any other author such that [11-15] but not all their strain-energy function have immediate physical interpretation and the constitutive equation does not experimental friendly.

We proposed to form the strain-energy function of transversely isotropic solids have immediate physical interpretation by introduce five invariants. Three of the invariants are the principal extension ratios  $\lambda_i > 0 (i=1, 2, 3)$  and the other two are  $I \geq \zeta_1 = (a \cdot e_1)^2 \geq 0$  and  $I \geq \zeta_2 = (a \cdot e_2)^2 \geq 0$ , where  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  are any two of the principal directions of the right stretch tensor  $U$ . The physical meaning of  $\lambda_i$  is obvious and it is clear that  $a \cdot e_i (i=1, 2)$  is the cosine of the angle between the principal direction  $e_i$  and the preferred direction  $a$ .



**Figure 1:** Modelling for cosine of angle between the principal direction  $e_i$  and the preferred direction  $a$

It is hoped that strain-energy functions of transversely isotropic elastic solids which depend explicitly on the variables  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \zeta_1$  and  $\zeta_2$  may achieve the same success as strain-energy functions of isotropic elastic solids which depend explicitly on  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  and  $\lambda_3$ . To obtain a specific form of the strain-energy from an experiment, it is convenient to have explicit and analytic expressions for the five derivatives of the strain-energy function with respect to its invariants. We will also show that a strain-energy function written in terms of the proposed variables enjoys a symmetry and orthogonal properties similar to the symmetry possessed by a strain-energy function of an isotropic elastic solid written in terms of principal stretches.

## 1.2 Continuum Mechanics

We consider an elastic material for which the material properties are characterized in terms of a strain-energy (per unit volume), denoted  $W = W(F)$  and defined on the space of deformation gradients. This theory is known as hyperelasticity. For an inhomogeneous material, i.e. One whose properties vary from point to point,  $W$  depends on  $X$  in addition to  $F$ , but we do not indicate this dependence explicitly in what follows.

For an unconstrained hyperelastic material the nominal stress is given by

$$S = H(F) = \frac{\partial W}{\partial F}, \quad (6)$$

where the notation  $H$  is defined. The tensor function  $H$  is referred to as the response function of the material relative to the deformed configuration,  $B_r$ , in respect of the nominal stress tensor. In components, the derivative in (6) is written  $S_{\alpha i} = \frac{\partial W}{\partial F_{i\alpha}}$ , which provides our

convention for ordering of the indices in the partial derivative with respect to  $F$ .

For an incompressible material the counterpart of (6) is

$$S = \frac{\partial W}{\partial F} - pF^{-1}, \quad \det F = 1 \quad (7)$$

where  $p$  is the Lagrange multiplier associated with the incompressibility constraint and is referred to as the arbitrary hydrostatic pressure.

The Cauchy stress tensor corresponding to (6), then to be given by

$$\sigma = G(F) \equiv J^{-1} F \frac{\partial W}{\partial F} \quad (8)$$

Wherein the response function  $G$  associated with  $\sigma$  is defined. As for  $H$ , the form of  $G$  depends on the choice of reference configuration, and  $G$  is referred to as the response function of the material relative to  $B_r$  associated with the Cauchy stress tensor. Unlike  $H$ , however,  $G$  is a symmetric tensor-valued function. For incompressible materials (8) is replaced by

$$\sigma = F \frac{\partial W}{\partial F} - pI, \quad \det F = 1 \quad (9)$$

## 2.0 Strain Energy Function with Physical Invariants

Let  $F = \frac{\partial x}{\partial X}$  be the deformation gradient tensor, where  $X$  is the position vector of a material particle in the undeformed configuration and  $x$  is the corresponding position vector in the deformed configuration. The right Cauchy-Green deformation tensor, denoted  $C$ , is given by  $C = F^T F$  and  $I_1, I_2$  and  $I_3$  are its principal invariants, which are given by

$$I_1 = \text{tr } C, \quad I_2 = \frac{1}{2} [(\text{tr } C)^2 - \text{tr } (C^2)], \quad I_3 = \det C = (\det F)^2 \quad (10)$$

Let the unit vector  $A$  define the direction of the fiber reinforcement in the undeformed configuration. Then, additional invariants, denoted  $I_4$  and  $I_5$ , that couple  $A$  and  $C$  are given by

$$I_4 = (FA) \cdot (FA) = A \cdot (CA), \quad I_5 = A \cdot (C^2 A) \quad (11)$$

We extend the above principal stretches isotropic models to characterize transversely isotropic solids where the principal stretch  $\lambda_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) is given by

$$\lambda_i = \sqrt{e_i \cdot U^2 e_i} \quad (12)$$

where  $U^2 = F^T F$  and  $e_i$  is a principal direction of  $U$ . In this paper, all subscripts  $i$  and  $j$  take the values 1, 2 and 3, unless stated otherwise.

The material response of a transversely isotropic solid is indifferent to arbitrary rotations about the direction  $a$  and by replacement of  $a$  by  $-a$ . Following [16], such materials can be characterized with a strain-energy function  $W_e$  which depends on  $U$  and the tensor  $A = a \otimes a$  ( $\otimes$  denotes the dyadic product), i.e.,

$$W_e = \hat{W}(U, A) \quad (13)$$

Since

$$U = \lambda_1 E_1 + \lambda_2 E_2 + \lambda_3 E_3 \quad (14)$$

where  $E_i = e_i \otimes e_i$ . We can express

$$\hat{W}(U, A) = \tilde{W}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, E_1, E_2, E_3, A). \quad (15)$$

[2] has shown that the strain-energy function can be written in the form

$$W_e = W_f(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \zeta_1, \zeta_2, \zeta_3). \quad (16)$$

The function  $W_f$  enjoys the symmetrical property [2]

$$W_f(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \zeta_1, \zeta_2, \zeta_3) = W_f(\lambda_2, \lambda_1, \lambda_3, \zeta_2, \zeta_1, \zeta_3) = W_f(\lambda_3, \lambda_2, \lambda_1, \zeta_3, \zeta_2, \zeta_1) \quad (17)$$

However,  $\zeta_3$  depends on  $\zeta_1$  and  $\zeta_2$ , i.e.,

$$\zeta_3 = 1 - \zeta_1 - \zeta_2 \quad (18)$$

Hence, we can omit  $\zeta_3$  from the list in Equation (16) and we then have

$$W_e = \tilde{W}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \zeta_1, \zeta_2) = W_f(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \zeta_1, \zeta_2, 1 - \zeta_1 - \zeta_2) \quad (19)$$

The commonly used invariants can be written explicitly in terms of the physical variables, i.e.,

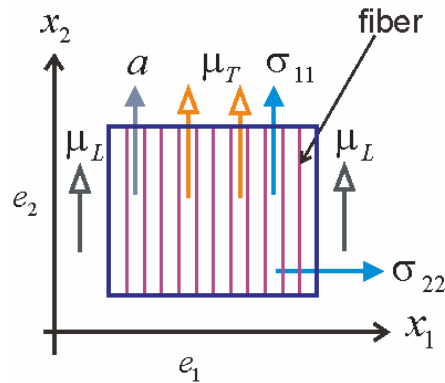
$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2^2 + \lambda_3^2, & I_2 &= \lambda_1^2 \lambda_2^2 + \lambda_1^2 \lambda_3^2 + \lambda_2^2 \lambda_3^2, & I_3 &= (\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3)^2 \\ I_4 &= \lambda_1^2 \zeta_1 + \lambda_2^2 \zeta_2 + \lambda_3^2 \zeta_3, & I_5 &= \lambda_1^4 \zeta_1 + \lambda_2^4 \zeta_2 + \lambda_3^4 \zeta_3 \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

For an incompressible material  $\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 = 1$ , the number of variables is reduce to 4 and we can express

$$W_e = W(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \zeta_1, \zeta_2) = \tilde{W}\left(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \frac{1}{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}, \zeta_1, \zeta_2\right) \quad (21)$$

In the reference state  $U = I, \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 1$ , any orthonormal set of vectors can represent the principal directions of  $U$ . For simplicity, we let  $a = e_3$  and it is clear that  $\zeta_3 = 1, \zeta_1 = \zeta_2 = 0$  in this state. To be consistent with the classical linear theory of incompressible transversely isotropic elasticity, appropriate for infinitesimal deformations, we must have the relations

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial \lambda_1^2}(1, 1, 0, 0) &= \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial \lambda_2^2}(1, 1, 0, 0) = 4\mu_L + \beta, \\ \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial \lambda_1 \partial \lambda_2}(1, 1, 0, 0) &= 4\mu_L - 2\mu_T + \beta, \\ \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial \lambda_i \partial \zeta_j}(1, 1, 0, 0) &= \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial \zeta_i \partial \zeta_j}(1, 1, 0, 0) = 0, \quad i, j = 1, 2. \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$



**Figure 2:**  $\mu_T$  and  $\mu_L$ , represent the elastic shear moduli in the ground state and  $\beta$  can be related to other elastic constant which has more direct physical interpretation, such as the extension modulus.

## 2.1 Stress –Strain for Biological Soft Tissues

Using series expansion techniques, the strain-energy function can be written as

$$W_e = \sum_{i=1}^3 \hat{f}(\lambda_i, \zeta_i) + \hat{g}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \zeta_1, \zeta_2) + \hat{g}(\lambda_1, \lambda_3, \zeta_1, \zeta_3) + \hat{g}(\lambda_2, \lambda_3, \zeta_2, \zeta_3) \quad (23)$$

where  $\lambda_3 = \frac{1}{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}$ , the function  $\hat{g}$  has the symmetry  $\hat{g}(x, y, \phi, \varphi) = \hat{g}(y, x, \varphi, \phi)$ . A special case of (21) is augmented form

$$W_e = W_{iso}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3) + W_{tm}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \zeta_1, \zeta_2, \zeta_3) \quad (24)$$

Where

$$W_{iso}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3) = \sum_{i=1}^3 r(\lambda_i) + \bar{g}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) + \bar{g}(\lambda_1, \lambda_3) + \bar{g}(\lambda_2, \lambda_3)$$

$$W_{tm}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \zeta_1, \zeta_2, \zeta_3) = \sum_{i=1}^3 f(\lambda_i, \zeta_i) + g(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \zeta_1, \zeta_2) + g(\lambda_1, \lambda_3, \zeta_1, \zeta_3) + g(\lambda_2, \lambda_3, \zeta_2, \zeta_3)$$

$g$  has the same symmetry property as  $\hat{g}$  and  $\bar{g}(x, y) = \bar{g}(y, x)$ .  $W_{iso}$  is a strain-energy function for an isotropic material. A special form of the augmented strain-energy done by Shariff [17,18] with its isotropic base taking the Valanis & Landel model to the semi-linear form

$$W_e = \sum_{i=1}^3 \mu_T (\lambda_i - 1)^2 + 2(\mu_L - \mu_T) \sum_{i=1}^3 \zeta_i (\lambda_i - 1)^2 + \frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^3 \zeta_i \zeta_j (\lambda_i - 1)(\lambda_j - 1) \quad (25)$$

for mathematical simplicity, we proposed the special form of  $W_e$  which is linear in its parameters, i.e.,

$$W_e = \sum_{i=1}^3 \mu_T r(\lambda_i) + 2(\mu_L - \mu_T) \sum_{i=1}^3 \zeta_i s(\lambda_i) + \frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^3 \zeta_i \zeta_j t(\lambda_i) t(\lambda_j) \quad (26)$$

For an incompressible material, we have

$$\sigma_{11} = \lambda_1 \frac{\partial W}{\partial \lambda_1}, \quad \sigma_{22} = \lambda_2 \frac{\partial W}{\partial \lambda_2}, \quad \sigma_{12} = 2 \left( \frac{\partial W}{\partial \zeta_1} - \frac{\partial W}{\partial \zeta_2} \right) \frac{\lambda_1 \lambda_2 e_1 \cdot A e_2}{\lambda_1^2 - \lambda_2^2},$$

$$\sigma_{13} = 2 \left( \frac{\partial W}{\partial \zeta_1} - \frac{\partial W}{\partial \zeta_3} \right) \frac{\lambda_1 \lambda_3 e_1 \cdot A e_3}{\lambda_1^2 - \lambda_3^2}, \quad \sigma_{23} = 2 \left( \frac{\partial W}{\partial \zeta_1} - \frac{\partial W}{\partial \zeta_2} \right) \frac{\lambda_1 \lambda_2 e_1 \cdot A e_2}{\lambda_1^2 - \lambda_2^2}, \quad (27)$$

Where  $A = a \otimes a$ ,  $\sigma_{12} = \sigma_{13} = \sigma_{23} = 0$  since  $e_1 \perp e_2, e_1 \perp e_3, e_2 \perp e_3$ . Preferred direction is  $a$  perpendicular to  $e_3$ , we have  $\zeta_3 = 0$  and  $\zeta_2 = 1 - \zeta_1$ , where  $\zeta_3 = 1 - \zeta_1 - \zeta_2$ .

The strain-energy function can be expressed as

$$W(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \zeta_1, \zeta_2) = f(\lambda_1) \left[ \mu_T + 2(\mu_L - \mu_T)\zeta_1 + \frac{\beta}{2}\zeta_1^2 \right] + f(\lambda_2) \left[ \mu_T + 2(\mu_L - \mu_T)\zeta_2 + \frac{\beta}{2}\zeta_2^2 \right] + f(\lambda_3) \left[ \mu_T + 2(\mu_L - \mu_T)\zeta_3 + \frac{\beta}{2}\zeta_3^2 \right] + \frac{\beta}{2} [2\zeta_1\zeta_2s(\lambda_1)s(\lambda_2) + 2\zeta_1\zeta_3s(\lambda_1)s(\lambda_3) + 2\zeta_2\zeta_3s(\lambda_2)s(\lambda_3)] \quad (28)$$

For incompressible material,  $\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 = 1$ , then  $\lambda_3 = \frac{1}{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}$ . After differentiate equation (28) with respect to  $\lambda_1$ , we will obtain:

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial \lambda_1} = f'(\lambda_1) \left[ \mu_T + 2(\mu_L - \mu_T)\zeta_1 + \frac{\beta}{2}\zeta_1^2 \right] + f'(\lambda_3) \left( -\frac{1}{\lambda_1^2 \lambda_2} \right) \left[ \mu_T + 2(\mu_L - \mu_T)\zeta_3 + \frac{\beta}{2}\zeta_3^2 \right] + \beta \left[ \zeta_1\zeta_2s'(\lambda_1)s(\lambda_2) + \zeta_1\zeta_3 \left( s'(\lambda_1)s(\lambda_3) + s(\lambda_1)s'(\lambda_3) \left( -\frac{1}{\lambda_1^2 \lambda_2} \right) \right) + \zeta_2\zeta_3s(\lambda_2)s'(\lambda_3) \left( -\frac{1}{\lambda_1^2 \lambda_2} \right) \right]$$

Then,

$$\sigma_{11} = \lambda_1 \frac{\partial W}{\partial \lambda_1} = \lambda_1 f'(\lambda_1) \left[ \mu_T + 2(\mu_L - \mu_T)\zeta_1 + \frac{\beta}{2}\zeta_1^2 \right] + \lambda_1 f'(\lambda_3) \left( -\frac{1}{\lambda_1^2 \lambda_2} \right) \left[ \mu_T + 2(\mu_L - \mu_T)\zeta_3 + \frac{\beta}{2}\zeta_3^2 \right] + \beta \left[ \zeta_1\zeta_2\lambda_1s'(\lambda_1)s(\lambda_2) + \zeta_1\zeta_3 \left( \lambda_1s'(\lambda_1)s(\lambda_3) + \lambda_1s(\lambda_1)s'(\lambda_3) \left( -\frac{1}{\lambda_1^2 \lambda_2} \right) \right) + \zeta_2\zeta_3\lambda_1s(\lambda_2)s'(\lambda_3) \left( -\frac{1}{\lambda_1^2 \lambda_2} \right) \right] \quad (29)$$

Substitute  $\lambda_3 = \frac{1}{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}$  into third terms of equation (29) we obtain:

$$\sigma_{11} = \lambda_1 \frac{\partial W}{\partial \lambda_1} = \lambda_1 f'(\lambda_1) \left[ \mu_T + 2(\mu_L - \mu_T)\zeta_1 + \frac{\beta}{2}\zeta_1^2 \right] - \lambda_3 f'(\lambda_3) \left[ \mu_T + 2(\mu_L - \mu_T)\zeta_3 + \frac{\beta}{2}\zeta_3^2 \right] + \beta \left[ \zeta_1\zeta_2\lambda_1s'(\lambda_1)s(\lambda_2) + \zeta_1\zeta_3 (\lambda_1s'(\lambda_1)s(\lambda_3) - \lambda_3s(\lambda_1)s'(\lambda_3)) + \zeta_2\zeta_3\lambda_3s(\lambda_2)s'(\lambda_3) \right] \quad (30)$$

Similarly integrate equation (28) with respect to  $\lambda_2$ , we obtain:

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial \lambda_2} = f'(\lambda_2) \left[ \mu_T + 2(\mu_L - \mu_T)\zeta_2 + \frac{\beta}{2}\zeta_2^2 \right] + f'(\lambda_3) \left( -\frac{1}{\lambda_1 \lambda_2^2} \right) \left[ \mu_T + 2(\mu_L - \mu_T)\zeta_3 + \frac{\beta}{2}\zeta_3^2 \right] + \beta \left[ \zeta_1\zeta_2s(\lambda_1)s'(\lambda_2) + \zeta_1\zeta_3s(\lambda_1)s'(\lambda_3) \left( -\frac{1}{\lambda_1 \lambda_2^2} \right) + \zeta_2\zeta_3 \left( s'(\lambda_2)s(\lambda_3) + s(\lambda_2)s'(\lambda_3) \left( -\frac{1}{\lambda_1 \lambda_2^2} \right) \right) \right] \quad (31)$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_{22} = \lambda_2 \frac{\partial W}{\partial \lambda_2} = & \lambda_2 f'(\lambda_2) \left[ \mu_T + 2(\mu_L - \mu_T) \zeta_2 + \frac{\beta}{2} \zeta_2^2 \right] - \\
 & \lambda_2 f'(\lambda_3) \left( -\frac{1}{\lambda_1 \lambda_2^2} \right) \left[ \mu_T + 2(\mu_L - \mu_T) \zeta_3 + \frac{\beta}{2} \zeta_3^2 \right] + \\
 & \beta \left[ \zeta_1 \zeta_2 \lambda_2 s(\lambda_1) s'(\lambda_2) + \zeta_1 \zeta_3 \lambda_2 s(\lambda_1) s'(\lambda_3) \left( -\frac{1}{\lambda_1 \lambda_2^2} \right) + \right. \\
 & \left. \zeta_2 \zeta_3 \left( \lambda_2 s'(\lambda_2) s(\lambda_3) + \lambda_2 s(\lambda_2) s'(\lambda_3) \left( -\frac{1}{\lambda_1 \lambda_2^2} \right) \right) \right]
 \end{aligned} \tag{32}$$

Substitute  $\lambda_3 = \frac{1}{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}$  into third terms of equation (32) we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_{22} = \lambda_2 f'(\lambda_2) \left[ \mu_T + 2(\mu_L - \mu_T) \zeta_2 + \frac{\beta}{2} \zeta_2^2 \right] - \\
 \lambda_3 f'(\lambda_3) \left[ \mu_T + 2(\mu_L - \mu_T) \zeta_3 + \frac{\beta}{2} \zeta_3^2 \right] + \\
 \beta \left[ \zeta_1 \zeta_2 \lambda_2 s(\lambda_1) s'(\lambda_2) - \zeta_1 \zeta_3 \lambda_3 s(\lambda_1) s'(\lambda_3) + \zeta_2 \zeta_3 (\lambda_2 s'(\lambda_2) s(\lambda_3) - \lambda_3 s(\lambda_2) s'(\lambda_3)) \right]
 \end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

For preferred direction  $a$  parallel to  $e_1$  (in the direction of fiber) and preferred direction  $a$  perpendicular to  $e_2$  (perpendicular at the fiber direction). For equibiaxial test,  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda$  and  $\lambda_3 = \frac{1}{\lambda_1 \lambda_2} = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$ .

Therefore we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_{11} = \lambda f'(\lambda) \left[ \mu_T + 2(\mu_L - \mu_T) \zeta_1 + \frac{\beta}{2} \zeta_1^2 \right] - \\
 \left( \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right) f' \left( \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right) \left[ \mu_T + 2(\mu_L - \mu_T) \zeta_3 + \frac{\beta}{2} \zeta_3^2 \right] + \\
 \beta \left[ \zeta_1 \zeta_2 \lambda s'(\lambda) s(\lambda) + \zeta_1 \zeta_3 \left( \lambda s'(\lambda) s \left( \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right) - \left( \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right) s(\lambda) s' \left( \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right) \right) - \right. \\
 \left. \zeta_2 \zeta_3 \left( \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right) s(\lambda) s' \left( \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right) \right]
 \end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

Since  $\zeta_1 = a \cdot e_1$ ,  $\zeta_2 = a \cdot e_2$ , and  $\zeta_3 = a \cdot e_3$ , where  $a // e_1$ ,  $a \perp e_2$ ,  $a \perp e_3$ , then  $\zeta_1 = 1$ ,  $\zeta_2 = 0$  and  $\zeta_3 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_{11} = \lambda f'(\lambda) \left[ \mu_T + 2(\mu_L - \mu_T) + \frac{\beta}{2} \right] - \left( \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right) f' \left( \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right) \mu_T \\
 \sigma_{11} = \mu_T \left[ \lambda f'(\lambda) - \left( \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right) f' \left( \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right) \right] - \lambda f'(\lambda) \left[ 2(\mu_L - \mu_T) + \frac{\beta}{2} \right]
 \end{aligned} \tag{35}$$

is parallel to the fiber direction. Similarly for  $\sigma_{22}$

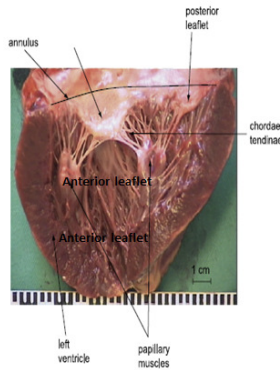
$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{22} = & \lambda f'(\lambda) \left[ \mu_T + 2(\mu_L - \mu_T) \zeta_2 + \frac{\beta}{2} \zeta_2^2 \right] - \\ & \left( \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right) f' \left( \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right) \left[ \mu_T + 2(\mu_L - \mu_T) \zeta_3 + \frac{\beta}{2} \zeta_3^2 \right] + \\ & \beta \left[ \zeta_1 \zeta_2 \lambda s(\lambda) s'(\lambda) - \zeta_1 \zeta_3 \left( \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right) \lambda_3 s(\lambda_1) s' \left( \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right) + \right. \\ & \left. \zeta_2 \zeta_3 \left( \lambda s'(\lambda) s \left( \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right) - \left( \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right) s(\lambda) s' \left( \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right) \right) \right] \\ \sigma_{22} = & \lambda f'(\lambda) \mu_T - \left( \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right) f' \left( \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right) \mu_T \\ = & \mu_T \left[ \lambda f'(\lambda) - \left( \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right) f' \left( \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

is perpendicular at the fiber direction. Therefore we obtain:

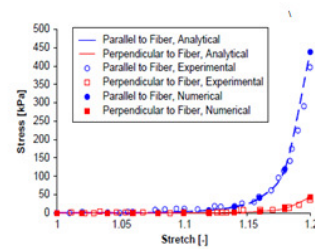
$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{11} - \sigma_{22} = & \lambda f'(\lambda) \left[ 2(\mu_L - \mu_T) + \frac{\beta}{2} \right] \\ \sigma_{11} = & \sigma_{22} + \lambda f'(\lambda) \left[ 2(\mu_L - \mu_T) + \frac{\beta}{2} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

### 2.3 Application to Mitral Valve Leaflet

The advantage of this model, in a triaxial test of an incompressible solid, where  $W_e = W(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \zeta_1, \zeta_2)$ , the principal stretches  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  can be provided independently. The invariants  $\zeta_1$  and  $\zeta_2$  can be varied independently by taking different samples, of the same material, with different preferred directions (relative to a principal direction,  $a$  is a preferred direction,  $\sigma_{11}$  is parallel to fiber and  $\sigma_{22}$  is perpendicular to fiber).



**Figure 3:** Mitral apparatus of human heart source [19]



**Figure 4:** Equibiaxial strain applied to anterior leaflet: source [8]

In previous work [20,21] Maple and standard least square method has been used to fit the theoretical curve to experimental data [6]. In this paper we use Maple 13 and Mathematica 9,0 to determined accurate material constants after make comparison to the result of both methods.

**Table 1** : Typical equibiaxial stress-stretch data  $\sigma_{11}$ ,  $\sigma_{22}$  and  $\sigma_{11} - \sigma_{22}$  of anterior mitral valve leaflet.

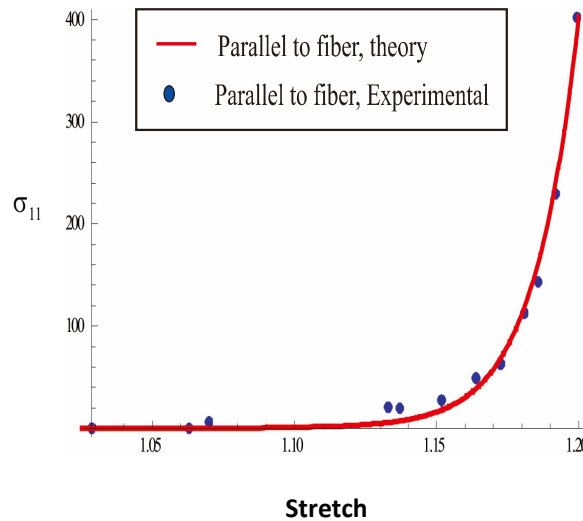
$\lambda$	1.029	1.062	1.070	1.1329	1.1370	1.152	1.164	1.173	1.1809	1.186	1.192	1.200
$\sigma_{11}$	0.000	0.000	5.754	20.934	19.311	27.983	48.721	62.819	112.700	143.270	229.270	401.679
$\sigma_{22}$	0.000	0.000	4.131	5.754	5.754	12.262	13.484	10.230	18.902	17.820	24.869	38.418
$\sigma_{11} - \sigma_{22}$	0.000	0.000	1.623	15.180	13.557	15.557	35.237	52.590	93.795	125.246	204.401	363.261

Two function such as  $\lambda f'(\lambda) = \lambda(\lambda - 1)^\alpha e^{\beta\lambda}$  for  $\sigma_{11}$  (parallel to the fiber) and  $\lambda f'(\lambda) = \lambda^\alpha (\lambda - 1)$  for  $\sigma_{22}$  (perpendicular to the fiber) are used to investigate and substitute into the biaxial constitutive equation. These two functions represent the ground state of the curve. We used Least squares Method by MAPLE 13 and Mathematica 9.0 in curve fitting to determine the material constants.

### 3.0 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

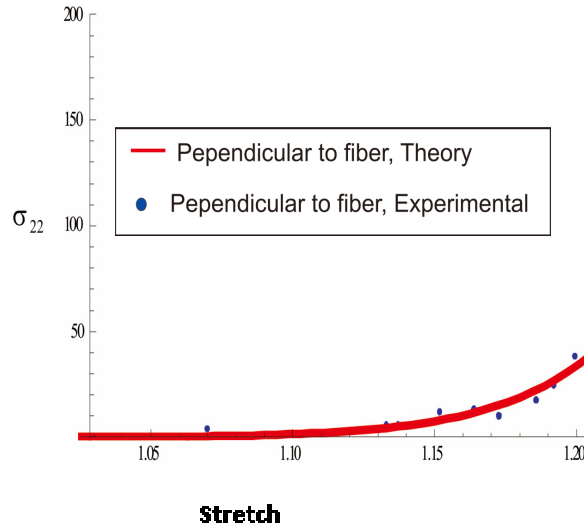
#### 3.1 Curve Fitting Methods

Case 1: For the stretch deformation parallel to fiber (equation 35), the graph is expected to be an exponential curve and the polinomial ,we proposed the constitutive equation of the form  $\lambda f'(\lambda) = \lambda(\lambda - 1)^\alpha e^{\beta\lambda}$  gives the results as follow:



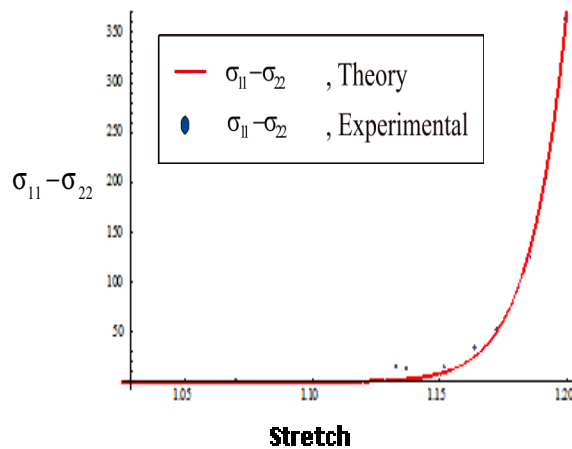
**Figure 5:** The graph of the curve fitting in the parallel direction to the fiber

Case 2: For the stretch deformation pependicular to fiber (equation 36) ,we proposed the constitutive equation of the form  $\lambda f'(\lambda) = \lambda^\alpha (\lambda - 1)$  gives the result as follow:



**Figure 6:** The graph of curve fitting in the direction pependicular to the fiber

Case 3: For  $\sigma_{11} - \sigma_{22}$  (equation 37), the graph is an exponential curve and the polinomial ,we proposed the constitutive equation of the form  $\lambda f'(\lambda) = \lambda(\lambda - 1)^\alpha e^{\lambda}$  gives the results as follow:



**Figure 7:** The graph the curve fitting for  $\sigma_{11} - \sigma_{22}$

### 3.1 Elastic Contants

Since the Maple curve fitting method have limitation on the form of constitutive equation where is not all the parameters can be determined with the unique values, and the only value for the stretch deformation pependicular to the fiber we obtain  $\mu_T = 0.9988$  see table 2.

Furthermore  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$  have to determine with values 9 and 18 respectively. Using Mathematica curve fitting method is better, where all the value of parameters can be determined in a single process.

**Table 2:** Elastic constants obtain from the curve fitting process by MAPLE 13

Constitutive Model	stress	$\alpha$	$\gamma$	Equation in term of $\mu_T, \mu_L, \beta$
$\lambda f'(\lambda) = \lambda(\lambda - 1)^\alpha e^{-\lambda}$	$\sigma_{11}$	9	18	$2(\mu_L - \mu_T) + \frac{\beta}{2} = 0.2643, \mu_T = 2.3848$
	$\sigma_{11} - \sigma_{22}$	10	18	$2(\mu_L - \mu_T) + \frac{\beta}{2} = 1.2572$
$\lambda f'(\lambda) = (\lambda - 1)\lambda^\alpha$	$\sigma_{22}$	28		$\mu_T = 0.9988$

**Table 2:** Material constants obtain from the curve fitting process by Mathematica 9.0

Constitutive Model	stress	$\alpha$	$\gamma$	$\mu_T$	$\mu_L$	$\beta$
$\lambda f'(\lambda) = \lambda(\lambda - 1)^\alpha e^{-\lambda}$	$\sigma_{11}$	9	18	2.3848	0.6623	2.6491
	$\sigma_{11} - \sigma_{22}$	10	18	0.6545	1.3455	2.3821
$\lambda f'(\lambda) = (\lambda - 1)\lambda^\alpha$	$\sigma_{22}$	28		0.9988		

#### 4.0 CONCLUSION

From all the graphs of the curve fitting figure 5, figure 6 and figure 7 shows that the theory compares well to the experimental data. Elastic constants will be determined by make a comparison to the result from table 2 and table 3. It's clearly that  $\mu_T = 0.9988$  are identically from both tables. With the condition that the elastic constants must be unique and  $\mu_L, \mu_T$  and  $\beta$  must be greater than zero where  $\mu_L > \mu_T$ . Therefore the value of the elastic constants are  $\mu_L = 1.3455$  and  $\beta = 2.3821$ . We only use  $\mu_L, \mu_T$  and  $\beta$  to predict the experiment and with the simple form of constitutive equation in-terms of physical invariants has an advantage to carry out experiments. In the near future, this constitutive model will be compared with various types of experiment data and with type of materials.

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