

Writing an Article for Technische Mechanik Journal

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3.1 General Remarks

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$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\int_{\Omega} \rho \eta \, dV \right) \geq \int_{\partial\Omega} \rho \eta (u_n - \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}) \, dA - \int_{\partial\Omega} \frac{\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{n}}{T} \, dA + \int_{\Omega} \frac{\rho s}{T} \, dV \quad (1)$$

In principle, variables are to be presented in italics. Units, functions and operators are to be presented in upright letters. Powers of e are often more conveniently denoted by `exp`. Number consecutively all equations that have to be displayed separately from the text.

In order to tackle the wild growth of various notations in the field of mechanics, we introduce an (essentially) uniform notation in our journal. Thereby we divide between Tensor and Vector-Matrix Notation.

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Classes	Subclass	Length	Action Mechanism
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Translation	mRNA cleavage	21	mRNA cleavage
Translation	mRNA	21–22	mRNA cleavage
Translation	mRNA	24–26	Histone and DNA Modification

3.2 Tensor Notation

The following commands are introduced for Tensors.

0 th order tensors	<code>a, A</code>	a, A	–	italic, normal font weight
1 st order tensors	<code>\tena{a}</code>	a		lowercase, italic, bold
2 nd order tensors	<code>\tenb{A}</code>	A		uppercase, italic, bold
4 th order tensors	<code>\tend{A}</code>	\mathbb{A}		uppercase, upright, black board bold

Thus we can give equations as follows.

$$\rho \ddot{\mathbf{u}} = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{T} + \rho \mathbf{b} \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbb{C} : \mathbf{E} \quad \mathbb{C} = 2\mu \mathbb{I}^{\text{sym}} + \lambda \mathbf{I} \otimes \mathbf{I} \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \nabla^{\text{sym}} \mathbf{u} \quad (4)$$

These restrictions should be sufficient for most of the work. However, if tensors of further orders are necessary, they should be defined in an analogous manner and applied consistently.

3.3 Vector-Matrix Notation

In Vector-Matrix Notation, we use the following specifications.

vectors `\vek{a}` \mathbf{a} lowercase, upright, sans serif, bold

matrices `\mat{A}` \mathbf{A} uppercase, upright, sans serif, bold

The following description is thus achieved.

$$\mathbf{K} \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{r} \quad (5)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} K_{11} & K_{12} & K_{13} \\ K_{21} & K_{22} & K_{23} \\ K_{31} & K_{32} & K_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ r_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

If necessary, one can declare the size of a matrix by $\mathcal{R}^{m \times n}$ where m is the number of rows and n is the number of columns.

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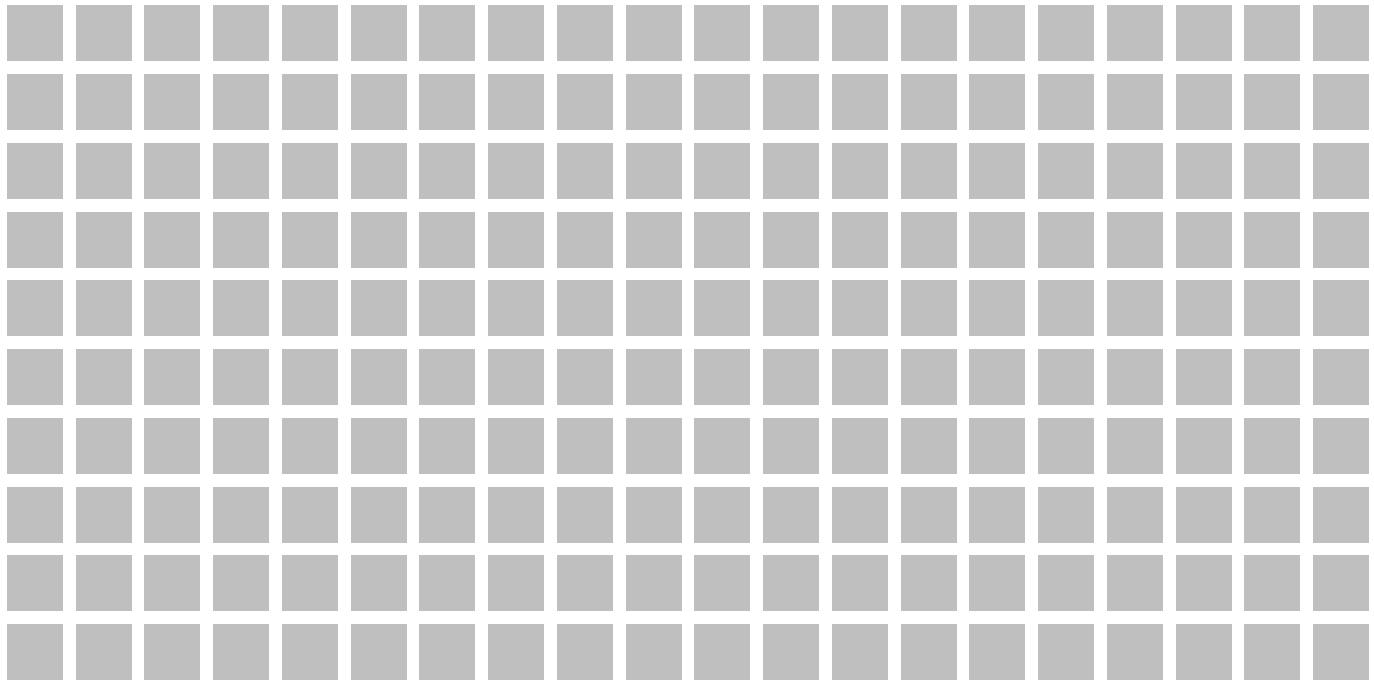


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- etc.

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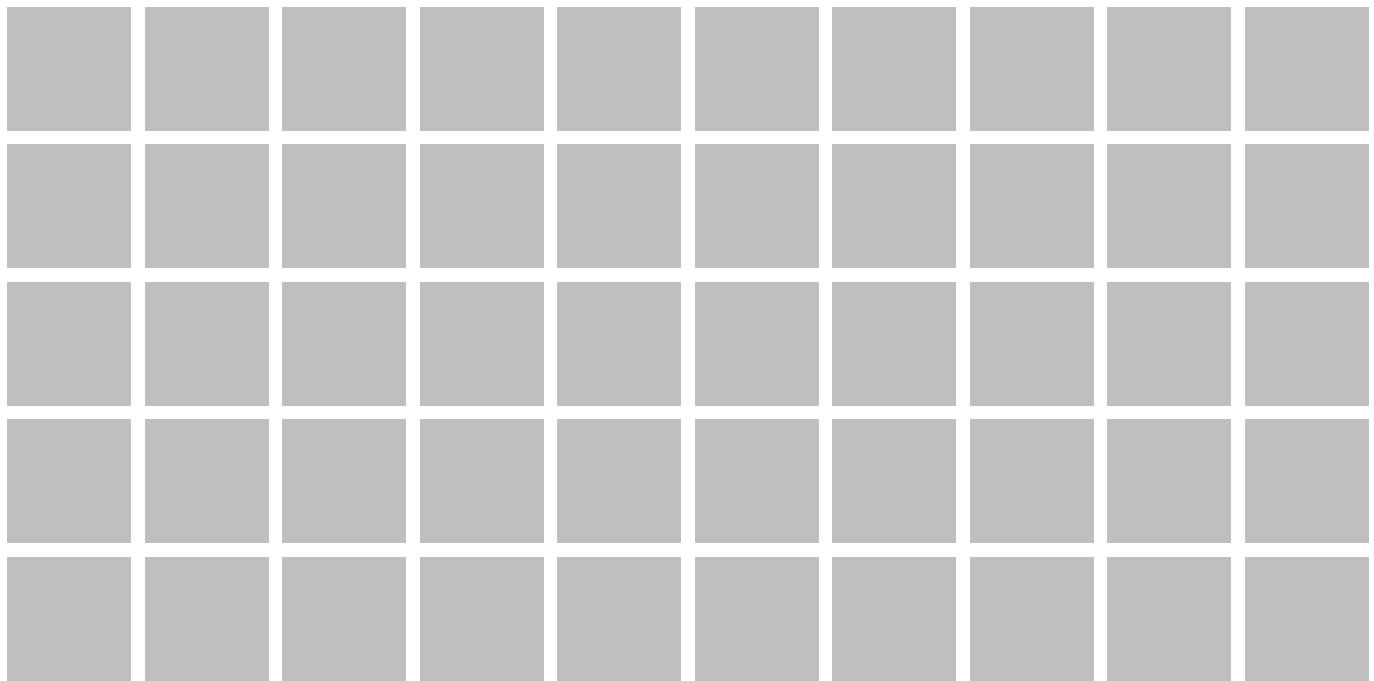


Fig. A.1: A figure in the appendix

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