

## Direct expression of incompatibility in curvilinear systems

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### Abstract

We would like present a method to compute the incompatibility operator in any system of curvilinear coordinates (components). The procedure is independent of the metric in the sense that the expression can be obtained by means of the basis vectors only, which are first defined as normal or tangent to the domain boundary and then extended to the whole domain. It is an intrinsic method to some extent, since the chosen curvilinear system depends solely on the geometry of the domain boundary. As an application, the in extenso expression of incompatibility in a spherical system is given.

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### 1. Introduction

Let us consider a smooth body  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ . The incompatibility, denoted as  $\text{inc}$ , is a well-known operator in elasticity, since as applied to the linearized strain tensor  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ , it determines whether the strain is derived from a displacement field. Specifically, let the elastic strain be obtained by a constitutive law from the stress tensor  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ , i.e.,  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \mathbb{C}\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ , with  $\mathbb{C}$  the compliance fourth-rank tensor, then  $\text{inc } \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = 0$  if and only if  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \nabla^S \mathbf{u}$  for some displacement field  $\mathbf{u}$ . If on the contrary it does not vanish, then Kröner's works [11] tell us that dislocations are present, preventing the existence of a well-defined displacement field defined in the whole body. In general a dislocation is a three-dimensional line singularity for the strain field, reducing to a straight line in some simplified cases where a two-dimensional (2D) treatment is sufficient, cf., e.g., [19]). Specifically, Kröner's relation reads

$$\text{Curl } \boldsymbol{\kappa} = \text{inc } \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}, \quad (1.1)$$

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where the contortion tensor  $\kappa$  is related to the tensor-valued dislocation density  $\Lambda$  by  $\kappa = \Lambda - \frac{1}{2} \text{tr } \Lambda \mathbb{I}_2$ . At the mesoscopic scale the dislocation density reads  $\Lambda = \Lambda_{\mathcal{L}} = \tau \otimes \mathbf{b} \mathcal{H}_{|\mathcal{L}}^1$ , where  $\mathcal{H}_{|\mathcal{L}}^1$  stands for the one-dimensional Hausdorff measure concentrated in the dislocation loop  $\mathcal{L}$ . At the mesoscale, Kröner's relation also holds, as proved in [16, 17]. At the macro (or continuous) scale (which is the scale considered in the present work),  $\Lambda$  is a smooth tensor obtained from its mesoscopic counterpart by some regularization. The fact that at the mesoscale dislocations are closed loops or end at the boundary implies that  $\text{div } \Lambda^t = 0$ . However  $\text{div } \kappa^t \neq 0$  except in particular cases, for instance if one considers pure edge dislocation loops in  $3D$ , i.e., satisfying  $\text{tr } \Lambda = 0$ , and therefore the knowledge of the right-hand side of (1.1) is in general not sufficient to uniquely determine the field  $\kappa$ . Note that in this case, The Frank tensor  $\text{Curl}^t \varepsilon$  and the dislocation density are univoquely related, since (1.1) reduces to  $\text{Curl}^t \varepsilon = \kappa$  in  $\Omega$  with  $\varepsilon \times N = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega$ , by virtue of (1.4) and a uniqueness result as proved in [15].

Being a symmetric tensor, the elastic strain satisfies Beltrami decomposition [13],

$$\varepsilon = \nabla^S \mathbf{u} + \varepsilon^0 \quad (1.2)$$

with  $\mathbf{u}$  a vector field and where  $\varepsilon^0 = \text{inc } F$  represents in a Cartesian system the incompatible part of the strain, for some symmetric and solenoidal second-rank tensor  $F$ . Thus, the field  $F$ , related to the presence of dislocations satisfies by (1.1) and (1.2) an equation of the following form:

$$\text{inc } \text{inc } F = \text{inc } (\text{inc } F) = \text{Curl } \kappa, \quad (1.3)$$

where  $\text{inc } \text{inc}$  stands for twice the application of the  $\text{inc}$  operator. Eq. (1.3) is proven in [1] to be well posed (with appropriate boundary conditions on  $F$  and  $\text{Curl}^t F \times N$ ), provided the dislocation density is given (here we assume that  $\kappa$  is known, for instance by solving a transport-reaction-diffusion equation, as done for point-defects in [18]).

The incompatibility operator on second-rank tensors is classically defined as

$$\text{inc } T := \text{Curl } \text{Curl}^t T, \quad (1.4)$$

meaning (in a Cartesian system) that the curl is taken over the rows and the columns of a second-rank tensor  $T$ , consecutively. In the present work, our concern is to compute the incompatibility in a subset of  $\Omega$ , say an inclusion, whose shape might be arbitrary, or solution of a geometric optimization problem. For this reason, there is a need to express incompatibility in curvilinear systems, chosen to fit the inclusion geometry.

In a general curvilinear system, the same definition (1.4) holds, but care must be taken, since the covariant derivatives do not commute in general because the basis vectors depend on the position, and hence must also be differentiated in (1.4). We will write the general second-rank tensor as  $T$  in the Cartesian basis as  $T = T_{ij}^{\text{CART}} e^i \otimes e^j$ ,

and in the curvilinear basis as  $T = T_{ij}^{\text{CURV}} \mathbf{g}^i \otimes \mathbf{g}^j$ . As explained in [1], the basis  $\{\mathbf{g}^i\}_i = \{N, \boldsymbol{\tau}^R\}$  for  $R = A, B$ , where  $\boldsymbol{\tau}^R$  are tangent to the boundary, and  $N$  is its unit outwards normal, is first defined on the domain boundary  $\partial\Omega$  and then extended to  $\Omega$ , where its differentials can be computed. This latter operation gives rise to five numbers:  $\kappa^R$ , the two surface curvatures,  $\gamma^R$ , the two divergences of  $\boldsymbol{\tau}^R$ , and  $\xi$ , the deviation with respect to the principal directions. From these five numbers, the Christoffel symbols [7] can be found and hence the covariant derivatives, thus the expression of the curvilinear curl, and eventually of the incompatibility. An important preliminary step is to express the differentials of the basis vectors in terms of  $\kappa^R, \gamma^R, \xi$ , which is given in Theorem 3.2 whose proof can be found in [1]. The curvilinear coordinates are simply the abscissae of the curves with tangent vector  $\boldsymbol{\tau}^R$ , and the radial coordinate  $r$  associated to  $N$ .

Expressions of the incompatibility in a general curvilinear system are rarely found in extenso in the literature. Let us mention L. E. Malvern's textbook [14], where an expression can be found in Appendix II, expressed in terms of the metric factors  $h_i$  defining the intrinsic metric. Our approach can be considered as a metric-free alternative to Malvern approach, and we base our method on the sole geometry of the domain boundary and on the natural orthogonal basis that we may define on it. In Section 5, we apply our method to the spherical system, and provide explicit expressions of all six components of  $\text{inc } T$ .

Applications of this method can be found in dislocation modelling, where the incompatibility in an inclusion is to be found, in order to determine its dislocation content, and design an optimization method where inclusions are inserted as to obtain a maximal increase (or decrease) of certain functionals.

**1.1. Notations and conventions** Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded domain of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with smooth boundary  $\partial\Omega$ . By smooth we mean  $C^\infty$ , but this assumption could be considerably weakened. Curl, incompatibility and cross product with 2nd order tensors are defined componentwise as follows with the summation convention on repeated indices. Here,  $\mathbf{E}$  represents second-rank tensors,  $\mathbf{N}$  is a unit vector, and  $\epsilon$  is the Levi-Civita third rank (pseudo-)tensor [7]. we have:

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{Curl } \mathbf{E})_{ij} &:= (\nabla \times \mathbf{E})_{ij} = \epsilon_{jkm} \partial_k E_{im}, \\ (\text{inc } \mathbf{E})_{ij} &:= (\text{Curl } \text{Curl}^t \mathbf{E})_{ij} = \epsilon_{ikm} \epsilon_{jln} \partial_k \partial_l E_{mn} \\ (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{N})_{ij} &= -(\mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{E})_{ij} = -\epsilon_{jkm} N_k E_{im}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that the transpose of  $\text{Curl } E$  will be denoted by  $\text{Curl}^t E$ . Moreover, the tensorial product of two vectors  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  will be denoted by  $\mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{b}$ , while  $\mathbf{a} \odot \mathbf{b} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b} \otimes \mathbf{a})$ .

## 2. Some motivations

In this section, we provide two examples of models in which the incompatibility plays a crucial role and must be expressed in a curvilinear system.

**2.1. The incompatibility operator in linearized elasticity with dislocations** The strain energy density in small-strain elasticity and for an isotropic material reads

$$W_e(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{A} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \cdot \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}, \quad (2.1)$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$  is the linearized elastic strain tensor. The stress tensor is classically defined as  $\boldsymbol{\sigma} := \frac{\partial W_e}{\partial \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}} = \mathbb{A} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ . Furthermore, by the symmetry property of  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ , Beltrami decomposition (1.2) holds. The potential energy is defined as

$$\mathcal{W}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) = \int_{\Omega} (W_e(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) - \boldsymbol{f} \cdot \boldsymbol{u} - \mathbb{G} \cdot \boldsymbol{F}) dx, \quad (2.2)$$

which, in the absence of dislocations, i.e., as  $\boldsymbol{F} = 0$ , yields by minimization the standard Equilibrium equation,

$$-\operatorname{div} (\mathbb{A} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) = -\operatorname{div} (\mathbb{A} \nabla^S \boldsymbol{u}) = \boldsymbol{f}, \quad (2.3)$$

with  $\boldsymbol{f}$  the body force and  $\boldsymbol{u}$  the displacement field, and  $\nabla^S \boldsymbol{u} := \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \boldsymbol{u} + \nabla' \boldsymbol{u})$ .

Now, in the general case where dislocation lines are present, the minimization problem writes as

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}} \mathcal{W}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) = \min_{\substack{\boldsymbol{u}, \boldsymbol{F}: \\ \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \nabla^S \boldsymbol{u} + \operatorname{inc} \boldsymbol{F}}} \mathcal{W}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}). \quad (2.4)$$

Letting  $\tilde{\boldsymbol{u}}$  and  $\tilde{\boldsymbol{F}}$  be variations in appropriate function spaces with vanishing boundary conditions, Euler-Lagrange equations read

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \frac{\delta \mathcal{W}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon})}{\delta \boldsymbol{u}}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{u}} \right\rangle &= \int_{\Omega} (\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \nabla^S \tilde{\boldsymbol{u}} - \boldsymbol{f} \cdot \tilde{\boldsymbol{u}}) dx = 0, \\ \left\langle \frac{\delta \mathcal{W}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon})}{\delta \boldsymbol{F}}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{F}} \right\rangle &= \int_{\Omega} (\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \operatorname{inc} \tilde{\boldsymbol{F}} - \mathbb{G} \cdot \tilde{\boldsymbol{F}}) dx = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

providing after some easy integration by parts, the strong forms

$$\begin{cases} -\operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\sigma} &= \boldsymbol{f}, \\ \operatorname{inc} \boldsymbol{\sigma} &= \mathbb{G}, \end{cases}$$

which appear clearly as a generalization of (2.3). Recalling (1.2), the complete problem consists in solving the coupled problem with unknowns  $\boldsymbol{u}$  and  $\boldsymbol{F}$ :

$$\begin{cases} -\operatorname{div} (\mathbb{A} \nabla^S \boldsymbol{u}) &= \boldsymbol{f} + \operatorname{div} (\mathbb{A} \operatorname{inc} \boldsymbol{F}), \\ \operatorname{inc} (\mathbb{A} \operatorname{inc} \boldsymbol{F}) &= \mathbb{G} - \operatorname{inc} (\mathbb{A} \nabla^S \boldsymbol{u}). \end{cases} \quad (2.6)$$

Material isotropy yields  $\mathbb{A} = \mu \mathbb{I}_4 + \lambda \mathbb{I}_2 \otimes \mathbb{I}_2$  and hence (2.8) rewrites as

$$\begin{cases} -\operatorname{div} (\mathbb{A} \nabla^S \boldsymbol{u}) &= \boldsymbol{f} + \operatorname{div} (\lambda \operatorname{tr} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^0 \mathbb{I}_2), \\ \operatorname{inc} (\mathbb{A} \operatorname{inc} \boldsymbol{F}) &= \mathbb{G} - \operatorname{inc} (\lambda \operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{u} \mathbb{I}_2). \end{cases} \quad (2.7)$$

Note that the decoupled problem is found as soon as either  $\lambda = 0$ , or incompressibility is assumed, i.e.,  $\text{tr } \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \text{tr } \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^0 = \text{div } \mathbf{u} = 0$ , and reads

$$\begin{cases} -\text{div} \left( \tilde{\mathbb{A}} \nabla^S \mathbf{u} \right) = \mathbf{f} \\ \text{inc} \left( \tilde{\mathbb{A}} \text{inc } \mathbf{F} \right) = \mathbb{G} \end{cases} \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$

where the special form of  $\tilde{\mathbb{A}}$  due to incompressibility can be found in [10].

It seems usefull to have an expression of incompatibility in curvilinear coordinates/components systems according to the geometry of  $\Omega$ .

**2.2. Dislocation-induced dissipation** Let us define the system specific Helmholtz free energy density [9] as

$$\Psi := W_e(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) + W_{\text{dislo}}(\text{Curl } \boldsymbol{\kappa}), \quad (2.8)$$

whose elastic part is simply the strain energy of previous section, and whose defect part is assumed to depend on a unique internal variable, namely the curl of the contortion tensor  $\boldsymbol{\kappa}$ . Therefore, the free energy  $\Psi$  is partially of second-order in the sense that the defect internal variable appears in the form of its derivatives (here its curl). For simplicity, let us assume a quadratic law in the higher-order terms, viz.,  $W_{\text{dislo}}(\text{Curl } \boldsymbol{\kappa}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{M} \text{Curl } \boldsymbol{\kappa} \cdot \text{Curl } \boldsymbol{\kappa}$ , with  $\mathbb{M}$  a positive-definite fourth-rank tensor. By Kröner's relation (1.1), the energy of an inclusion  $\omega \subset \Omega$  reads

$$\mathcal{W}_{\text{dislo}} := \int_{\omega} \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{M} \text{inc } \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^0 \cdot \text{inc } \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^0 dx. \quad (2.9)$$

Therefore, minimizing this energy will again lead one to evaluate or express the incompatibility in local basis appropriate to the geometry of  $\omega$ .

Note that a full second-order energy density would read for instance  $\Psi := W_e(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) + \hat{W}_e(\text{Curl}^l \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}, \text{div } \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) + \hat{W}_{\text{dislo}}(\boldsymbol{\kappa}, \text{Curl } \boldsymbol{\kappa}, \text{div } \boldsymbol{\kappa}) + \bar{W}_{\text{dislo}}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^0)$ , where  $\text{Curl}^l \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$  is recognized as the Frank tensor, i.e. the gradient of the rotation field, as introduced in [19].

### 3. Extension and differentiation of the normal and tangent vectors to a surface

The aim here is to construct a curvilinear basis on the boundary which should be smooth and also orthonormal, starting from the vector  $N_{\partial\Omega}$  normal to the boundary and defining two tangent vectors perpendicular to  $N_{\partial\Omega}$ . This basis is then extended to the whole body. The natural moving frame sought is close in spirit to the Darboux frame of surfaces [5, 12, 8], though in principle the latter may only be defined at non-umbilical points. As a matter of fact, in order to achieve a certain level of generality, we will not consider principal lines of curvature with their associated principal curvatures, and hence the gradient of the normal vector will be given by a symmetric matrix with possibly non-zero extradiagonal components. Detail on this section, and in particular, the proofs, can be found in [1].

**3.1. Signed distance function and extended unit normal** We denote by  $N_{\partial\Omega}$  the outward unit normal to  $\partial\Omega$ , and by  $b$  the signed distance to  $\partial\Omega$ , i.e.,

$$b(x) = \begin{cases} \text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega) & \text{if } x \notin \Omega, \\ -\text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega) & \text{if } x \in \Omega. \end{cases}$$

We recall the following results ([6], Chap. 5, Thms 3.1 and 4.3).

**THEOREM 3.1.** *There exists an open neighborhood  $W$  of  $\partial\Omega$  such that the following conditions hold:*

1.  $b$  is smooth in  $W$ ;
2. every  $x \in W$  admits a unique projection  $p_{\partial\Omega}(x)$  onto  $\partial\Omega$ ;
3. this projection satisfies  $p_{\partial\Omega}(x) = x - \frac{1}{2}\nabla b^2(x)$ ,  $x \in W$ ;
4.  $\nabla b(x) = N_{\partial\Omega}(p_{\partial\Omega}(x))$ ,  $x \in W$ .

In particular, this latter property shows that  $\nabla b(x) = N_{\partial\Omega}(x)$  for all  $x \in \partial\Omega$  and  $|\nabla b(x)| = 1$  for all  $x \in W$ . Therefore, we define the extended unit normal by

$$N(x) := \nabla b(x) = N_{\partial\Omega}(p_{\partial\Omega}(x)), \quad x \in W. \quad (3.1)$$

**3.2. Tangent vectors on  $\partial\Omega$**  For all  $x \in \partial\Omega$ , we denote by  $T_{\partial\Omega}(x)$  the tangent plane to  $\partial\Omega$  at  $x$ , that is, the orthogonal complement of  $N_{\partial\Omega}(x)$ . As  $\partial\Omega$  is smooth, there exists a covering of  $\partial\Omega$  by open balls  $B_1, \dots, B_M$  of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  such that, for each index  $k$ , two smooth vector fields  $\tau_{\partial\Omega}^A, \tau_{\partial\Omega}^B$  can be constructed on  $\partial\Omega \cap B_k$  where, for all  $x \in \partial\Omega \cap B_k$ ,  $(\tau_{\partial\Omega}^A(x), \tau_{\partial\Omega}^B(x))$  is an orthonormal basis of  $T_{\partial\Omega}(x)$ . In all the sequel, the index  $k$  will be implicitly considered as fixed and the restriction to  $B_k$  will be omitted. In fact, for our needs, global properties and constructions will be easily obtained from local ones through a partition of unity subordinate to the covering.

Using that the Jacobian matrix  $DN(x) = D^2b(x)$  of  $N(x)$  is symmetric, differentiating the equality  $|N(x)|^2 = 1$  entails

$$\partial_N N(x) = DN(x)N(x) = 0, \quad x \in W. \quad (3.2)$$

In other words,  $N(x)$  is an eigenvector of  $DN(x)$  for the eigenvalue 0. For all  $x \in \partial\Omega$ , the system  $(\tau_{\partial\Omega}^A(x), \tau_{\partial\Omega}^B(x), N_{\partial\Omega}(x))$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . In this basis,  $DN(x)$  takes the form

$$DN(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \kappa_{\partial\Omega}^A(x) & \xi_{\partial\Omega}(x) & 0 \\ \xi_{\partial\Omega}(x) & \kappa_{\partial\Omega}^B(x) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad x \in \partial\Omega, \quad (3.3)$$

where  $\kappa_{\partial\Omega}^A, \kappa_{\partial\Omega}^B$  and  $\xi$  are smooth scalar fields defined on  $\partial\Omega$ .

If  $R \in \{A, B\}$ , we denote by  $R^*$  the complementary index of  $R$ , that is,  $R^* = B$  if  $R = A$  and  $R^* = A$  if  $R = B$ .

**3.3. Extended tangent vectors in  $\Omega$  and their curvilinear differentials** Let  $d$  be defined in  $W$  by  $d = (1 + b \kappa_{\partial\Omega}^A \circ p_{\partial\Omega}) (1 + b \kappa_{\partial\Omega}^B \circ p_{\partial\Omega}) - (b \xi_{\partial\Omega} \circ p_{\partial\Omega})^2$ . Possibly adjusting  $W$  so that  $d(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in W$ , we define in  $W$ , and for  $R = A, B$ ,

$$\tau^R = \tau_{\partial\Omega}^R \circ p_{\partial\Omega}, \quad \kappa^R = d^{-1} \left( (1 + b \kappa_{\partial\Omega}^{R*} \circ p_{\partial\Omega}) (\kappa_{\partial\Omega}^R \circ p_{\partial\Omega}) - b (\xi_{\partial\Omega} \circ p_{\partial\Omega})^2 \right), \quad (3.4)$$

$$\xi = d^{-1} \xi_{\partial\Omega} \circ p_{\partial\Omega}, \quad \kappa = \kappa^A + \kappa^B, \quad \gamma^R = \operatorname{div} \tau^R. \quad (3.5)$$

Obviously, for each  $x \in W$ , the triple  $(\tau^A(x), \tau^B(x), N(x))$  forms an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Next, we compute the normal and tangential derivatives of these vectors. We denote the tangential derivative  $\partial_{\tau^R}$  by  $\partial_R$  for simplicity, i.e.,  $\partial_R u := Du \tau^R$ , where  $Du$  stands for the differential of  $u$ , and  $\partial_R u$  its value in the direction  $\tau^R$ .

**THEOREM 3.2 ([1]).** *The following holds in  $W$ :*

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_N \tau^R &= 0, \quad \partial_R N = \kappa^R \tau^R + \xi \tau^{R*}, \quad \partial_R \tau^R = -\kappa^R N - \gamma^R \tau^{R*}, \quad \partial_{R*} \tau^R = \gamma^R \tau^{R*} - \xi N, \\ \operatorname{div} N &= \operatorname{tr} DN = \Delta b = \kappa. \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

**COROLLARY 3.3 ([1]).** *If  $f$  is twice differentiable in  $\Omega$  it holds*

$$\partial_R \partial_N f = \partial_N \partial_R f + \kappa^R \partial_R f + \xi \partial_{R*} f. \quad (3.7)$$

#### 4. Differential geometry on the boundary with curvilinear basis

At each point  $x \in \partial\Omega$  the curvilinear basis  $(\mathbf{g}^i(x))_{i=A,B,N} := (\tau^A(x), \tau^B(x), N_{\partial\Omega}(x))$  is orthonormal and differentiable by Theorem 3.2. Therefore it will be called *curvilinear normal*. Remark that indices  $P, Q, R$  will stand for  $A$  or  $B$ , and denote one of the two orthogonal tangent vectors on the boundary, whereas index  $N$  will always be associated to the normal  $N_{\partial\Omega}$ . Let  $N$  be the extension of  $N_{\partial\Omega}$  in a neighbourhood of  $\partial\Omega$ . In some sense, the chosen curvilinear basis is a generalization to general surfaces of the spherical or cylindrical bases. We recall that  $\partial_i$  means the differential in the direction  $\mathbf{g}^i$ . Let  $u$  be a scalar. Then,  $\partial_i u = \partial_R u = \tau^R \cdot \nabla u = Du \tau^R$  for  $R = A, B$ , or  $\partial_N u = N \cdot \nabla u = Du N$  for  $i = N$ , with  $\nabla = e^i \partial_{x_i}$  the Cartesian gradient operator, where  $e^i$  stands for the  $i$ th Cartesian basis vector. For instance, in spherical coordinates, the gradient  $\nabla u = \partial_r u \mathbf{g}^r + \frac{1}{r} \partial_\phi u \mathbf{g}^\phi + \frac{1}{r \sin \phi} \partial_\theta u \mathbf{g}^\theta$  and hence  $\partial_A = \frac{1}{r} \partial_\phi$  and  $\partial_B = \frac{1}{r \sin \phi} \partial_\theta$ . Recall that partial curvilinear derivatives do not commute, as shown in Corollary 3.3.

**4.1. Christoffel symbols and Riemannian curvature** A general vector field will be written as  $\mathbf{v} = v_i \mathbf{g}^i$  with  $v_i$  its covariant components. Moreover, the extrinsic metric is Euclidean, since  $g^{ij} := \mathbf{g}^i \cdot \mathbf{g}^j = \delta^{ij}$ . Let  $\mathbf{g}_i := \delta_{ij} \mathbf{g}^j$  be the dual of the basis vector, where  $g_{ij} = \delta_{ij}$  is the inverse of  $g^{ij} = \delta^{ij}$ . The second Christoffel symbol  $\Gamma_{ij}^p$  is defined as the linear operator [4]

$$\partial_j \mathbf{g}^p = -\Gamma_{ij}^p \mathbf{g}^i. \quad (4.1)$$

In other words,  $\Gamma_{ij}^p := -\mathbf{g}_i \cdot \partial_j \mathbf{g}^p = \mathbf{g}^p \cdot \partial_j \mathbf{g}_i$ . Note also that since  $\Omega$  is embedded in a Euclidean space, one has  $\partial_j \mathbf{g}_i = \delta_{ik} \partial_j \mathbf{g}^k$ .

**Connection.** As a consequence, for vector  $\mathbf{v}$  it holds

$$\partial_j \mathbf{v} = \partial_j (v_i \mathbf{g}^i) = (\partial_j v_i - \Gamma_{ij}^p v_p) \mathbf{g}^i = v_{i||j} \mathbf{g}^i, \quad (4.2)$$

where the covariant derivative of the covariant component of  $\mathbf{v}$  reads

$$v_{i||j} := \partial_j v_i - \Gamma_{ij}^p v_p. \quad (4.3)$$

Thus, for vector  $\mathbf{v} = v_i \mathbf{g}^i = \hat{v}_j \mathbf{e}^j$ , one has  $(\nabla \mathbf{v})_{mn} = \partial_{x_m} v_n$ , and hence

$$\text{grad} \mathbf{v} := (\nabla \mathbf{v})_{mn} \mathbf{e}^m \otimes \mathbf{e}^n = v_{i||j} \mathbf{g}^i \otimes \mathbf{g}^j = \partial_j \mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{g}^j. \quad (4.4)$$

Accordingly, the curl of a vector  $\mathbf{v}$  in the curvilinear basis writes as

$$\text{Curl} \mathbf{v} := (\text{Curl} \mathbf{v})_k \mathbf{g}^k = \epsilon_{kij} v_{i||j} \mathbf{g}^k. \quad (4.5)$$

**Curvilinear coordinates.** Let  $q_R \in \omega^R$  be the curvilinear coordinate associated to  $\mathbf{g}^R$  in the sense that  $\mathbf{g}^R = \frac{\partial q_R \mathbf{x}}{G_R}$ , with  $G_R := \|\partial_{q_R} \mathbf{x}\|$ , and where  $\mathbf{x}$  stands for the position vector of a point. Otherwise said,  $q_R$  is the curvilinear abscissa of the curve with tangent vector  $\boldsymbol{\tau}^R$ . In general one has

$$\partial_{q_R} \cdot = \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial q_R} \partial_{x_i} \cdot = g_i^R G^R \partial_{x_i} \cdot = G_R \partial_R \cdot. \quad (4.6)$$

Hence the gradient of scalar  $u$  reads (no summation on the underlined indice)

$$\text{gradu} = \partial_i u \mathbf{g}^i = \frac{1}{G_{\underline{i}}} \partial_{q_i} u \mathbf{g}^i, \quad (4.7)$$

and of vector  $\mathbf{v} = v_i \mathbf{g}^i$  as

$$\text{grad} \mathbf{v} = \partial_j \mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{g}^j = \frac{1}{G_{\underline{j}}} \partial_{q_j} \mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{g}^j. \quad (4.8)$$

We call the curvilinear expression of the gradient the operator  $\nabla^{\text{CURV}}(\cdot) := h_j \partial_{q_j}(\cdot) \mathbf{g}^j$  with  $h_j := \frac{1}{G_j}$ , the  $j$ th metric factor. Remark that the  $\partial_R$  derivatives do not commute, contrarily to  $\partial_{q_R}$ , because of the factors  $G_R$ . As an example, consider the spherical base system, where  $G_N = G_r = 1$ ,  $G_A = G_\phi = \frac{1}{r}$ ,  $G_B = G_\theta = \frac{1}{r \sin \phi}$ , and  $q_A = \phi$  (polar angle),  $q_B = \theta$  (azimuthal angle); it holds,

$$(\partial_A \partial_r - \partial_r \partial_A) = \frac{1}{r^2} \partial_\phi, \quad (\partial_B \partial_r - \partial_r \partial_B) = \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \phi} \partial_\theta, \quad (4.9)$$

$$(\partial_B \partial_A - \partial_A \partial_B) = \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \phi \tan \phi} \partial_\theta. \quad (4.10)$$

**Christoffel symbols in the curvnormal basis.** By Theorem 3.2, it is easily deduced by identification with (4.1) that the only nonvanishing components of  $\Gamma_{ij}^p$  read (with no sum on repeated indices)

$$\Gamma_{RR^*}^N = -\xi, \Gamma_{RR}^N = -\kappa^R, \Gamma_{NR}^{R^*} = \xi, \Gamma_{R^*R}^R = \gamma^{R^*}, \Gamma_{NR}^R = \kappa^R, \Gamma_{R^*R^*}^R = -\gamma^R. \quad (4.11)$$

Moreover, it is observed that  $\Gamma_{ij}^p$  is not symmetric, i.e.,  $\Gamma_{ij}^p \neq \Gamma_{ji}^p$ . Therefore, the torsion is nonvanishing (this is due to the fact that the moving curvnormal frame is non-holonomic, whereas the connection is obviously symmetric), and reads

$$T_{ij}^p := \Gamma_{ij}^p - \Gamma_{ji}^p.$$

In the curvnormal basis, it is easily computed that the only nonvanishing components of  $T_{ij}^p$  are

$$T_{ij}^R = \kappa^R \delta_{iN} \delta_{jR} + \xi \delta_{iN} \delta_{jR^*} + (\gamma^{R^*} - \gamma^R) \delta_{iR^*} \delta_{jR}.$$

Note that the Riemann curvature tensor is defined as [7]

$$\text{Riem}_{ijk}^q := \partial_k \Gamma_{ij}^q - \partial_j \Gamma_{ik}^q + \Gamma_{ij}^p \Gamma_{pk}^q - \Gamma_{ik}^p \Gamma_{pj}^q. \quad (4.12)$$

**Spherical system.** As an example, in a spherical coordinates/components system (here,  $\phi$  denotes the polar, and  $\theta$  the azimuthal coordinate, respectively), it holds  $i, j \in \{\phi, \theta\}$ ,  $\kappa^R = \frac{1}{r}$ ,  $\gamma^\theta = \frac{1}{\tan \phi}$ ,  $\gamma^\theta = 0$ , and hence

$$\Gamma_{ij}^r = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{r} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{r} \end{pmatrix}, \Gamma_{ij}^\phi = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{r} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{r \tan \phi} \end{pmatrix}, \Gamma_{ij}^\theta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{r \tan \phi} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{r \tan \phi} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.13)$$

Hence, the torsion reads

$$T_{ij}^r = 0, T_{ij}^\phi = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{r} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{r} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, T_{ij}^\theta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{r \tan \phi} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{r \tan \phi} \\ -\frac{1}{r} & -\frac{1}{r \tan \phi} & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (4.14)$$

Accordingly, the covariant derivative expression reads

$$\left( v_{i||j} \right)_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_r v_r & \frac{1}{r} \partial_\phi v_r - \frac{v_\theta}{r} & \frac{1}{r \sin \phi} \partial_\theta v_r - \frac{v_\theta}{r} \\ \partial_r v_\phi & \frac{1}{r} \partial_\phi v_\phi + \frac{v_r}{r} & \frac{1}{r \sin \phi} \partial_\theta v_\phi - \frac{v_\theta}{r \tan \phi} \\ \partial_r v_\theta & \frac{1}{r} \partial_\phi v_\theta & \frac{1}{r \sin \phi} \partial_\theta v_\theta + \frac{v_r}{r} + \frac{v_\phi}{r \tan \phi} \end{pmatrix}_{ij}. \quad (4.15)$$

Hence the curl of a vector  $\mathbf{v}$ ,  $(\text{Curl } \mathbf{v})_i := \epsilon_{ikj} v_{k||j}$ , writes by (4.5) and (4.15) as

$$(\text{Curl } \mathbf{v})_i = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{r \tan \phi} v_\theta + \frac{1}{r} \partial_\phi v_\theta - \frac{1}{r \sin \phi} \partial_\theta v_\phi \\ \frac{1}{r \sin \phi} \partial_\theta v_r - \frac{1}{r} v_\theta - \partial_r v_\theta \\ \frac{1}{r} v_\phi + \partial_r v_\phi - \frac{1}{r} \partial_\phi v_r \end{pmatrix}_i. \quad (4.16)$$

**4.2. Commutation operator in the curvinormal basis** The covariant components of a second-rank tensor  $T$  reads [7]

$$T_{i||k} = \partial_k T_{ij} - \Gamma_{ik}^l T_{lj} - \Gamma_{jk}^l T_{il}. \quad (4.17)$$

Let  $T_{ij} = v_{i||j}$ . Then by (4.17) one has  $v_{i||jk} := (v_{i||j})_{||k}$  and hence

$$\begin{aligned} v_{i||jk} \mathbf{g}^i &= \partial_k v_{i||j} \mathbf{g}^i - (\Gamma_{ik}^l v_{l||j} + \Gamma_{jk}^l v_{i||l}) \mathbf{g}^i = \partial_k (v_{i||j} \mathbf{g}^i) + v_{i||j} \Gamma_{lk}^i \mathbf{g}^l - (\Gamma_{ik}^l v_{l||j} + \Gamma_{jk}^l v_{i||l}) \mathbf{g}^i \\ &= \partial_k (v_{i||j} \mathbf{g}^i) - \Gamma_{jk}^l v_{i||l} \mathbf{g}^i, \end{aligned}$$

where (4.3) and a change of dumb indices have been used. Therefore,

$$\partial_k (\partial_j \mathbf{v}) = (v_{i||jk} + \Gamma_{jk}^l v_{i||l}) \mathbf{g}^i. \quad (4.18)$$

In particular,

$$v_{i||jk} - v_{i||kj} = (\partial_k \partial_j - \partial_l \partial_k) \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{g}^i - T_{jk}^l v_{i||l}, \quad (4.19)$$

that following [7] can be rewritten by means of the Riemann curvature as

$$v_{i||jk} - v_{i||kj} = \text{Riem}_{iqkj} v_q - T_{jk}^l v_{i||l}. \quad (4.20)$$

Remark that in spherical coordinates and by (4.14), (4.9) and (4.10), Eq. (4.19) yields

$$v_{i||r\phi} - v_{i||\phi r} = v_{i||r\theta} - v_{i||\theta r} = v_{i||\theta\phi} - v_{i||\phi\theta} = 0, \quad (4.21)$$

(with a slight abuse of notations, since  $q_R$  is used as covariant differentiation indice in (4.21), instead of  $R$  as it should be according to (4.9) and (4.10)). Therefore, the second covariant derivatives commute in spherical coordinates/components. In particular, one has  $\epsilon_{ljk} v_{i||jk} = \epsilon_{ljk} (v_{i||j})_{||k} = 0$  in spherical coordinates/components. Note that the identity  $\text{Curl } \nabla u = 0$  is immediate if  $u$  is a smooth scalar-valued function, whereas its vector counterpart  $\text{Curl } \nabla \mathbf{v}$  reads

$$\text{Curl } \nabla \mathbf{v} = \text{Curl} \left( (\nabla \mathbf{v})_{ij}^{\text{CART}} \mathbf{e}^i \otimes \mathbf{e}^j \right) = \text{Curl} \left( (\nabla \mathbf{v})_{ij}^{\text{CURV}} \mathbf{g}^i \otimes \mathbf{g}^j \right),$$

that is, in the Cartesian system,

$$\text{Curl} \left( (\nabla \mathbf{v})_{ij}^{\text{CART}} \mathbf{e}^i \otimes \mathbf{e}^j \right) = -\epsilon_{ijk} (v_{i,j})_{,k} \mathbf{e}^i \otimes \mathbf{e}^j = 0,$$

by Schwarz lemma. However, in a general curvilinear system, one has

$$\text{Curl} \left( (\nabla \mathbf{v})_{ij}^{\text{CURV}} \mathbf{g}^i \otimes \mathbf{g}^j \right) = \nabla^{\text{CURV}} (\nabla \mathbf{v})_{ij}^{\text{CURV}} \times \mathbf{g}^i \otimes \mathbf{g}^j + (\nabla \mathbf{v})_{ij}^{\text{CURV}} \text{Curl}^{\text{CURV}} (\mathbf{g}^i \otimes \mathbf{g}^j) = 0,$$

and hence

$$\nabla^{\text{CURV}} (\nabla \mathbf{v})_{ij}^{\text{CURV}} \times (\mathbf{g}^i \otimes \mathbf{g}^j) = (v_{i||j})_{||k} \mathbf{g}^i \otimes \epsilon_{lkj} \mathbf{g}^l = -(\nabla \mathbf{v})_{ij}^{\text{CURV}} \text{Curl}^{\text{CURV}} (\mathbf{g}^i \otimes \mathbf{g}^j) \quad (4.22)$$

Remark that in the spherical system, the first term on the RHS of (4.22) vanishes by (4.21).

Summarizing, Eq. (4.22) shows that the non-commutation operator in the RHS of (4.20) is related in the curvilinear system to the curl of the basis diads. This fact will appear crucial in the calculations of the following sections.

**4.3. Expression of the incompatibility in the curvilinear basis** Now, the incompatibility operator on a second-rank tensor  $T$  is defined as:

$$\text{inc } T := \text{Curl } \text{Curl}^t T, \quad (4.23)$$

(for some authors, e.g. L. E. Malvern [14] the incompatibility is defined with a minus sign) which in a Cartesian system is equivalent to writing componentwise

$$\text{inc } T = \epsilon_{ikm} \epsilon_{jln} \partial_k \partial_l T_{mn} \mathbf{e}^i \otimes \mathbf{e}^j.$$

In a general curvilinear system, Eq. (4.23) shows that it suffices to express the curl of a tensor and apply twice the curl operator. In fact, (4.23) rewrites as

$$\text{inc } T = \text{Curl} \left( \text{Curl}^t \left( T_{ij}^{\text{CART}} \mathbf{e}^i \otimes \mathbf{e}^j \right) \right) = \text{Curl} \left( \text{Curl}^t \left( T_{ij}^{\text{CURV}} \mathbf{g}^i \otimes \mathbf{g}^j \right) \right),$$

with

$$\text{Curl} \left( T_{ij}^{\text{CURV}} \mathbf{g}^i \otimes \mathbf{g}^j \right) = \nabla^{\text{CURV}} T_{ij}^{\text{CURV}} \times \mathbf{g}^i \otimes \mathbf{g}^j + T_{ij}^{\text{CURV}} \text{Curl}^{\text{CURV}} (\mathbf{g}^i \otimes \mathbf{g}^j). \quad (4.24)$$

Remark that, as compared with the Cartesian system case, the second term in the RHS is nonvanishing and requires to compute the curl of the basis diads. Summarizing, one has

$$\text{Curl}^t \left( T_{ij}^{\text{CURV}} \mathbf{g}^i \otimes \mathbf{g}^j \right) = S_{ij}^{\text{CURV}} \mathbf{g}^i \otimes \mathbf{g}^j, \quad (4.25)$$

for some components  $S_{ij}^{\text{CURV}}$  obtained by rearranging (4.24). Hence, the incompatibility in the curvilinear system writes as

$$\begin{aligned} \text{inc } T &= \nabla^{\text{CURV}} S_{ij}^{\text{CURV}} \times (\mathbf{g}^i \otimes \mathbf{g}^j) + S_{ij}^{\text{CURV}} \text{Curl}^{\text{CURV}} (\mathbf{g}^i \otimes \mathbf{g}^j) \\ &= \nabla^{\text{CURV}} S_{ij}^{\text{CURV}} \times (\mathbf{g}^i \otimes \mathbf{g}^j) + S_{ij}^{\text{CURV}} \left( (\nabla^{\text{CURV}} \mathbf{g}^i) \times \mathbf{g}^j + \mathbf{g}^i \otimes \text{Curl}^{\text{CURV}} \mathbf{g}^j \right) \\ &= \eta_{ij} \mathbf{g}^i \otimes \mathbf{g}^j. \end{aligned} \quad (4.26)$$

Obviously,  $\eta_{ij}$  is symmetric as soon as  $T$  is, by the symmetry property of its Cartesian counterpart  $\epsilon_{ikm} \epsilon_{jln} \partial_k \partial_l T_{mn}$ . Moreover, its explicit expression only requires to determine the gradient of scalar  $S_{ij}^{\text{CURV}}$  in the curvilinear system, which is expressed by means of the tangent vectors as

$$\nabla^{\text{CURV}} S_{ij}^{\text{CURV}} = DS_{ij}^{\text{CURV}}(x) [\mathbf{g}^l] \mathbf{g}^l = (\mathbf{g}^l \cdot \nabla S_{ij}^{\text{CURV}}) \mathbf{g}^l$$

(see also Eq. (4.7)), together with the curvilinear differentials of the basis tensors to be found in Section 3.3 (by means of Eq. (4.1), (4.3) and (4.5)), and expressed by means of  $\kappa^R$ ,  $\gamma^R$  and  $\xi$ , which are intrinsic numbers of the boundary as related to the choice of the basis. Note that we used the identity

$$\text{Curl } \mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{b} = \nabla \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{a} \otimes \text{Curl } \mathbf{b}. \quad (4.27)$$

### 5. Incompatibility in the spherical system

Recall that  $\phi$  and  $\theta$  are, respectively, polar and azimuthal angles. Moreover  $\mathbf{x} = r\mathbf{g}^r$ , with  $r$  the radius. The spherical system consists of the triad  $\{\mathbf{g}^r, \mathbf{g}^\phi, \mathbf{g}^\theta\}$ , with according to our conventions,  $\mathbf{N} = \mathbf{g}^r$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\tau}^A = \mathbf{g}^\phi$  and  $\boldsymbol{\tau}^B = \mathbf{g}^\theta$ , the latter two being tangent to the sphere with radius  $r$  and normal  $\mathbf{g}^r$ .

We consider a symmetric tensor

$$T = T_{rr}\mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^r + T_{\phi\phi}\mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi + T_{\theta\theta}\mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta + 2T_{r\phi}\mathbf{g}^r \odot \mathbf{g}^\phi + 2T_{r\theta}\mathbf{g}^r \odot \mathbf{g}^\theta + 2T_{\phi\theta}\mathbf{g}^\phi \odot \mathbf{g}^\theta. \quad (5.1)$$

**5.1. Curl of the diads** By virtue of (4.15) and (4.16), and recalling (4.27), let us first compute the curl of the base diads.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Curl}(\mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^r) &= -\frac{1}{r}(\mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta - \mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi), \\ \text{Curl}(\mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi) &= \frac{1}{r}(\mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta - \mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^r), \\ \text{Curl}(\mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta) &= -\frac{1}{r}(\mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi - \mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^r) + \frac{1}{r \tan \phi} \mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^r, \\ \text{Curl}(\mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^r) &= \frac{1}{r} \mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta + \frac{1}{r \tan \phi} \mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi, \\ \text{Curl}(\mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi) &= -\frac{1}{r \tan \phi} \mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^r + \frac{1}{r} \mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta, \\ \text{Curl}(\mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta) &= -\frac{1}{r}(\mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^r + \mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi) + \frac{1}{r \tan \phi} \mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^r, \\ \text{Curl}(\mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^r) &= -\frac{1}{r} \mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi - \frac{1}{r \tan \phi} \mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi, \\ \text{Curl}(\mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi) &= \frac{1}{r}(\mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^r + \mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta) + \frac{1}{r \tan \phi} \mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^r, \\ \text{Curl}(\mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta) &= \frac{1}{r \tan \phi} \mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^r - \frac{1}{r} \mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi. \end{aligned} \quad (5.2)$$

**5.2. Computation of  $\text{inc } T_{rr}\mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^r$**  Let us first compute the curl of  $T = T_{rr}\mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^r$ , by using the formulation

$$\text{Curl}(T_{ij}\mathbf{g}^i \otimes \mathbf{g}^j) = \nabla T_{ij} \times (\mathbf{g}^i \otimes \mathbf{g}^j) + T_{ij} \text{Curl}(\mathbf{g}^i \otimes \mathbf{g}^j).$$

One has

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Curl } T &= \nabla T_{rr} \times (\mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^r) + T_{rr} \text{Curl}(\mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^r) \\ &= -\frac{\partial_\phi T_{rr}}{r} \mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta + \frac{\partial_\theta T_{rr}}{r \sin \phi} \mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi - \frac{T_{rr}}{r} (\mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta - \mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi). \end{aligned} \quad (5.3)$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Curl Curl}^t \mathbf{T} &= - \nabla \left( \frac{\partial_\phi T_{rr}}{r} \right) \times (\mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^r) + \nabla \left( \frac{\partial_\phi T_{rr}}{r \sin \phi} \right) \times (\mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^r) \\
&+ \nabla \left( \frac{T_{rr}}{r} \right) \times (\mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta - \mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi) - \frac{\partial_\phi T_{rr}}{r} \text{Curl} (\mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^r) \\
&+ \frac{\partial_\phi T_{rr}}{r \sin \phi} \text{Curl} (\mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^r) + \frac{T_{rr}}{r} \text{Curl} (\mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta - \mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi), \\
\text{inc } \mathbf{T} &= - \frac{2T_{rr}}{r^2} \mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^r - \left( \frac{\partial_r T_{rr}}{r} - \frac{\partial_\phi T_{rr}}{r^2 \tan \phi} - \frac{\partial_\theta^2 T_{rr}}{r^2 \sin^2 \phi} \right) \mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi \\
&+ \left( \frac{\partial_\phi^2 T_{rr}}{r^2} - \frac{\partial_r T_{rr}}{r} \right) \mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta + \frac{2\partial_\phi T_{rr}}{r^2} \mathbf{g}^r \odot \mathbf{g}^\phi \\
&+ \frac{2\partial_\theta T_{rr}}{r^2 \sin \phi} \mathbf{g}^r \odot \mathbf{g}^\theta + \frac{2}{r^2 \sin \phi} \left( \frac{\partial_\theta T_{rr}}{\tan \phi} - \partial_\theta \partial_\phi T_{rr} \right) \mathbf{g}^\phi \odot \mathbf{g}^\theta. \quad (5.4)
\end{aligned}$$

**5.3. Complete expression of the incompatibility** Collecting (A.1) and all the computations of the Appendix, one arrives at the general formula.

$$\begin{aligned}
(\text{inc } \mathbf{T})_{rr} &= -\frac{2T_{rr}}{r^2} + \left( \frac{\partial_\theta^2 T_{\phi\phi} + T_{\phi\phi}}{r^2 \sin \phi} - \frac{\partial_\phi T_{\phi\phi}}{r^2 \tan \phi} + \frac{\partial_r T_{\phi\phi}}{r} + \frac{2T_{\phi\phi}}{r^2} \right) \\
&+ \left( \frac{\partial_\phi^2 T_{\theta\theta}}{r^2} + \frac{2\partial_\phi T_{\theta\theta}}{r^2 \tan \phi} + \frac{\partial_r T_{\theta\theta}}{r} \right) - \frac{2\partial_\phi (T_{r\phi} \sin \phi)}{r^2 \sin \phi} \\
&- \frac{2\partial_\theta T_{r\theta}}{r^2 \sin \phi} - \frac{2}{\sin \phi} \left( \frac{\partial_\theta \partial_\phi T_{\phi\theta}}{r^2} + \frac{\partial_\theta T_{\phi\theta}}{r^2 \tan \phi} \right), \tag{5.5}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(\text{inc } \mathbf{T})_{\phi\phi} &= -\left( \frac{\partial_r T_{rr}}{r} - \frac{\partial_\phi T_{rr}}{r^2 \tan \phi} - \frac{\partial_\theta^2 T_{rr}}{r^2 \sin^2 \phi} \right) + \left( \partial_r^2 T_{\theta\theta} + \frac{2\partial_r T_{\theta\theta}}{r} \right) \\
&- \frac{4T_{r\phi}}{r^2 \tan \phi} - 2 \left( \frac{\partial_\theta T_{r\phi}}{r^2 \sin \phi} + \frac{\partial_\theta \partial_r T_{r\theta}}{r \sin \phi} \right), \tag{5.6}
\end{aligned}$$

$$(\text{inc } \mathbf{T})_{\theta\theta} = \left( \frac{\partial_\phi^2 T_{rr}}{r^2} - \frac{\partial_r T_{rr}}{r} \right) + \left( \partial_r^2 T_{\phi\phi} + \frac{2\partial_r T_{\phi\phi}}{r} \right) - 2 \left( \frac{\partial_r \partial_\phi T_{r\phi}}{r} + \frac{\partial_\phi T_{r\phi}}{r^2} \right) \tag{5.7}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(\text{inc } \mathbf{T})_{r\phi} &= \frac{\partial_\phi T_{rr}}{r^2} + \frac{\partial_r T_{\phi\phi}}{r \tan \phi} - \left( \frac{\partial_r \partial_\phi T_{\theta\theta}}{r} + \frac{\partial_r T_{\theta\theta}}{r \tan \phi} \right) - \left( \frac{\partial_\theta^2 T_{r\phi}}{r^2 \sin^2 \phi} + \frac{2T_{r\phi}}{r^2} \right) \\
&+ \frac{\partial_\phi (\partial_\theta T_{r\theta} \sin \phi)}{r^2 \sin^2 \phi} + \frac{\partial_\phi \partial_r T_{\phi\theta}}{r \sin \phi}, \tag{5.8}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(\text{inc } \mathbf{T})_{r\theta} &= \frac{\partial_\theta T_{rr}}{r^2 \sin \phi} - \frac{\partial_r \partial_\theta T_{\phi\phi}}{r \sin \phi} + \frac{1}{\sin \phi} \left( \frac{\partial_\phi \partial_\theta T_{r\phi}}{r^2} - \frac{\partial_\theta T_{r\phi}}{r^2 \tan \phi} \right) \\
&- \left( \frac{\partial_\phi (\partial_\phi T_{r\theta} \sin \phi)}{r^2 \sin \phi} + \frac{T_{r\theta}}{r^2} - \frac{T_{r\theta}}{r^2 \tan^2 \phi} \right) + \left( \frac{2\partial_r T_{\phi\theta}}{r \tan \phi} + \frac{\partial_r \partial_\phi T_{\phi\theta}}{r} \right), \tag{5.9}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(\text{inc } \mathbf{T})_{\phi\theta} &= \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \phi} \left( \frac{\partial_\theta T_{rr}}{\tan \phi} - \partial_\theta \partial_\phi T_{rr} \right) + \left( \frac{\partial_r \partial_\theta T_{r\phi}}{r \sin \phi} + \frac{\partial_\theta T_{r\phi}}{r^2 \sin \phi} \right) \\
&+ \left( \frac{\partial_r \partial_\phi T_{r\theta}}{r} - \frac{\partial_r T_{r\theta}}{r \tan \phi} - \frac{T_{r\theta}}{r^2 \tan \phi} + \frac{\partial_\phi T_{r\theta}}{r^2} \right) - \left( \partial_r^2 T_{\theta\phi} + \frac{2\partial_r T_{\theta\phi}}{r} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

**5.4. Application: determining the dislocation-induced force in linearized elasticity** Before the conclusion, a simple application of our full expression will be given.

Recall the general form of second-order free energy  $\Psi := W_e(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) + \hat{W}_e(\text{Curl}^1 \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}, \text{div } \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) + \hat{W}_{\text{dislo}}(\boldsymbol{\kappa}, \text{Curl } \boldsymbol{\kappa}, \text{div } \boldsymbol{\kappa}) + \bar{W}_{\text{dislo}}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^0)$ . Let  $\varphi_e(\mathbf{u}) = \int_\Omega W_e(\nabla \mathbf{u}) dx$  and  $\varphi_{\text{dislo}}(F) = \int_\Omega \bar{W}_{\text{dislo}}(\text{inc } F) dx$ . The Fréchet derivative of  $\varphi_e$  at  $\mathbf{u}$  in the direction  $\mathbf{u}$  reads  $D\varphi_e(\mathbf{u})[\mathbf{u}] = \int_\Omega \mathbb{A} \nabla \mathbf{u} \nabla \mathbf{u} dx = - \int \text{div} (\mathbb{A} \nabla \mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{v} dx$ , that is, by Riesz theorem [3], the differential  $\varphi'_e(\mathbf{u}) := D\varphi_e(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{f}$ . Also,  $D\varphi_{\text{dislo}}(F)[V] = \int_\Omega \text{inc } \bar{W}'_{\text{dislo}}(\text{inc } F) \cdot V dx$  and we set  $\mathbb{G} := \varphi'_{\text{dislo}}(F) = \text{inc } \bar{W}''_{\text{dislo}}(\text{inc } F)$  which is symmetric and divergence free.

Assume also that  $\mathbb{G}$  is independent of  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^0$ . Now we would like to solve (2.8) with  $\Omega$  the unit sphere, in the simplified case where  $\mathbb{A} = \alpha \mathbb{I}_4$ , and taking  $\mathbb{G} = \mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta$ , that is, we seek  $F$  such that  $\text{inc } (\alpha \text{ inc } \mathbf{F}) = \mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta$ .

The solution of  $\text{inc } \mathbf{T} = \mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta$  is found by (5.7) as  $T(r)\mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^r$  with  $T(r) = -\frac{1}{2}r^2 + c$ . Moreover, by (5.5)  $\mathbf{F} = F(r)\mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^r$  is a solution with  $F(r) = \frac{1}{4\alpha}r^4 - \frac{c}{2\alpha}r^2$ . Uniqueness is obtained by imposing the natural homogeneous Dirichlet conditions  $\mathbf{F} = \text{Curl}^4 \mathbf{F} \times \mathbf{N} = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega$ , i.e., at  $r = 1$ , that is, for  $c = 1/2$ . Thus  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^0 = -\frac{1}{2\alpha}(r^2 - 1)\mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^r$ . Now the displacement  $\mathbf{u}$  is obtained by solving  $-\text{div } (\mathbb{A}\nabla\mathbf{u}) = f + \text{div } (\mathbb{A}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^0)$ , where  $\text{div } (\mathbb{A}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^0) = -\left(2r - \frac{1}{r}\right)\mathbf{g}^r$  is a radial force due to the presence of dislocations.

## 6. Concluding remarks

In this note a method to compute the incompatibility operator in a system of curvilinear components/coordinates is proposed. Moreover an in-extenso expression of the incompatibility is given in the spherical system. It has been shown that the incompatibility of the elastic strain is directly linked to the dislocation density of a solid. Therefore in the first step, our method allows us to compute the energy related to dislocations in spherical inclusions. In a second step, as done in two dimensions in [2] our computations will allow us to optimize the location of these spherical inclusions in the elastic solid with a view to minimizing or maximizing certain cost functionals and to predict the creation of plastic regions, i.e., regions with high dislocation mobility and strain incompatibility. In three-dimensions this will be the purpose of future work.

### A. Other terms of the incompatibility

**A.1. Computation of  $\text{inc } T_{\phi\phi}\mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi$**  Let us compute the curl of  $T = T_{\phi\phi}\mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi$ . One has

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Curl } T &= \nabla T_{\phi\phi} \times (\mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi) + T_{\phi\phi} \text{Curl } (\mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi) \\ &= \partial_r T_{\phi\phi} \mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta - \frac{1}{r \sin \phi} \partial_\theta T_{\phi\phi} \mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^r + \frac{T_{\phi\phi}}{r} (\mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta - \frac{1}{\tan \phi} \mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^r). \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Curl Curl}^t \mathbf{T} &= \nabla(\partial_r T_{\phi\phi}) \times (\mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi) - \nabla\left(\frac{\partial_\theta T_{\phi\phi}}{r \sin \phi}\right) \times (\mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi) \\
&+ \nabla\left(\frac{T_{\phi\phi}}{r}\right) \times \left(\mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi - \frac{1}{\tan \phi} \times (\mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta)\right) \\
&+ \partial_r T_{\phi\phi} \text{Curl}(\mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi) - \frac{\partial_\theta T_{\phi\phi}}{r \sin \phi} \text{Curl}(\mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi) \\
&+ \frac{T_{\phi\phi}}{r} \text{Curl}\left(\mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi - \frac{1}{\tan \phi} \mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta\right), \\
\text{inc } \mathbf{T} &= \left(\frac{\partial_\theta^2 T_{\phi\phi} + T_{\phi\phi}}{r^2 \sin \phi} - \frac{\partial_\phi T_{\phi\phi}}{r^2 \tan \phi} + \frac{\partial_r T_{\phi\phi}}{r} + \frac{2T_{\phi\phi}}{r^2}\right) \mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^r \\
&+ \left(\partial_r^2 T_{\phi\phi} + \frac{2\partial_r T_{\phi\phi}}{r}\right) \mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta \\
&+ \frac{2\partial_r T_{\phi\phi}}{r \tan \phi} \mathbf{g}^r \odot \mathbf{g}^\phi - \frac{2\partial_r \partial_\theta T_{\phi\phi}}{r \sin \phi} \mathbf{g}^r \odot \mathbf{g}^\theta. \tag{A.1}
\end{aligned}$$

**A.2. Computation of  $\text{inc } T_{\theta\theta} \mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta$**  Let us compute the curl of  $T = T_{\theta\theta} \mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta$ . One has

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Curl } T &= \nabla T_{\theta\theta} \times (\mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta) + T_{\theta\theta} \text{Curl}(\mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta) \\
&= -\partial_r T_{\theta\theta} \mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi + \frac{\partial_\phi T_{\theta\theta}}{r} \mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^r + \frac{T_{\theta\theta}}{r} \left(\frac{1}{\tan \phi} \mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^r - \mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi\right).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Curl Curl}^t \mathbf{T} &= -\nabla(\partial_r T_{\theta\theta}) \times (\mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta) + \nabla\left(\frac{\partial_\phi T_{\theta\theta}}{r}\right) \times (\mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta) \\
&+ \nabla\left(\frac{T_{\theta\theta}}{r}\right) \times \left(\frac{1}{\tan \phi} \mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta - \mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta\right) - \partial_r T_{\theta\theta} \text{Curl}(\mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta) \\
&+ \frac{\partial_\phi T_{\theta\theta}}{r} \text{Curl}(\mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta) + \frac{T_{\theta\theta}}{r} \text{Curl}\left(\frac{1}{\tan \phi} \mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta - \mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta\right), \\
\text{inc } \mathbf{T} &= \left(\frac{\partial_\phi^2 T_{\theta\theta}}{r^2} + \frac{2\partial_\phi T_{\theta\theta}}{r^2 \tan \phi} + \frac{\partial_r T_{\theta\theta}}{r}\right) \mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^r + \left(\partial_r^2 T_{\theta\theta} + \frac{2\partial_r T_{\theta\theta}}{r}\right) \mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi \\
&- 2\left(\frac{\partial_r \partial_\phi T_{\theta\theta}}{r} + \frac{\partial_r T_{\theta\theta}}{r \tan \phi}\right) \mathbf{g}^r \odot \mathbf{g}^\phi.
\end{aligned}$$

**A.3. Computation of  $\text{inc } 2T_{r\phi} \mathbf{g}^r \odot \mathbf{g}^\phi$**  Let us compute the curl of  $T = 2T_{r\phi} \mathbf{g}^r \odot \mathbf{g}^\phi$ . One has

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Curl } T &= 2\nabla T_{r\phi} \times (\mathbf{g}^r \odot \mathbf{g}^\phi) + 2T_{r\phi} \text{Curl} (\mathbf{g}^r \odot \mathbf{g}^\phi) \\ &= \partial_r T_{r\phi} \mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta + \frac{\partial_\phi T_{r\phi}}{r} \mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta - \frac{\partial_\theta T_{r\phi}}{r \sin \phi} \mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^r + \frac{\partial_\theta T_{r\phi}}{r \sin \phi} \mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi \\ &+ \frac{T_{r\phi}}{r} (2\mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta - \mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^r + \frac{1}{\tan \phi} \mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Curl } \text{Curl}^\dagger T &= \nabla(\partial_r T_{r\phi}) \times (\mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^r) - \nabla\left(\frac{\partial_\phi T_{r\phi}}{r}\right) \times (\mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi) - \nabla\left(\frac{\partial_\theta T_{r\phi}}{r \sin \phi}\right) \times (\mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^r) \\ &+ \nabla\left(\frac{\partial_\theta T_{r\phi}}{r \sin \phi}\right) \times (\mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi) + \nabla\left(\frac{T_{r\phi}}{r}\right) \times (2\mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^r - \mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta) \\ &+ \nabla\left(\frac{T_{r\phi}}{r \tan \phi}\right) \times (\mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta) \\ &+ \partial_r T_{r\phi} \text{Curl} (\mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^r) - \frac{\partial_\phi T_{r\phi}}{r} \text{Curl} (\mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi) - \frac{\partial_\theta T_{r\phi}}{r \sin \phi} \text{Curl} (\mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^r) \\ &+ \frac{\partial_\theta T_{r\phi}}{r \sin \phi} \text{Curl} (\mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi) + \frac{T_{r\phi}}{r} \text{Curl} (2\mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^r - \mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta) + \frac{T_{r\phi}}{r \tan \phi} \text{Curl} (\mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta), \\ \text{inc } T &= -2\left(\frac{\partial_\phi T_{r\phi}}{r^2} + \frac{T_{r\phi}}{r^2 \tan \phi}\right) \mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^r - \frac{4T_{r\phi}}{r^2 \tan \phi} \mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi \\ &- 2\left(\frac{\partial_r \partial_\phi T_{r\phi}}{r} + \frac{\partial_\phi T_{r\phi}}{r^2}\right) \mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta - 2\left(\frac{\partial_\theta^2 T_{r\phi}}{r^2 \sin^2 \phi} + \frac{2T_{r\phi}}{r^2}\right) \mathbf{g}^r \odot \mathbf{g}^\phi \\ &+ 2\left(\frac{\partial_\phi \partial_\theta T_{r\phi}}{r^2 \sin \phi} - \frac{\partial_\theta T_{r\phi}}{r^2 \sin \phi \tan \phi}\right) \mathbf{g}^r \odot \mathbf{g}^\theta + 2\left(\frac{\partial_r \partial_\theta T_{r\phi}}{r \sin \phi} + \frac{\partial_\theta T_{r\phi}}{r^2 \sin \phi}\right) \mathbf{g}^\phi \odot \mathbf{g}^\theta. \end{aligned}$$

**A.4. Computation of  $\text{inc } 2T_{r\theta} \mathbf{g}^r \odot \mathbf{g}^\theta$**  Let us compute the curl of  $T = 2T_{r\theta} \mathbf{g}^r \odot \mathbf{g}^\theta$ . One has

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Curl } T &= 2\nabla T_{r\theta} \times (\mathbf{g}^r \odot \mathbf{g}^\theta) + 2T_{r\theta} \text{Curl} (\mathbf{g}^r \odot \mathbf{g}^\theta) \\ &= -\partial_r T_{r\theta} \mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi + \frac{\partial_\phi T_{r\theta}}{r} (\mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^r - \mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta) + \frac{\partial_\theta T_{r\theta}}{r \sin \phi} \mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi \\ &+ \frac{T_{r\theta}}{r} \left( \mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^r - 2\mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi + \frac{1}{\tan \phi} (\mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^r - \mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Curl Curl}^t T &= -\nabla(\partial_r T_{r\theta}) \times (\mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^r) + \nabla\left(\frac{\partial_\phi T_{r\theta}}{r}\right) \times (\mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^r - \mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta) + \nabla\left(\frac{\partial_\theta T_{r\theta}}{r \sin \phi}\right) \times (\mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta) \\
&+ \nabla\left(\frac{T_{r\theta}}{r}\right) \times \left(\mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi - 2\mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^r + \frac{1}{\tan \phi}(\mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^r - \mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi)\right) \\
&- \partial_r T_{r\theta} \text{Curl}(\mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^r) + \frac{\partial_\phi T_{r\theta}}{r} \text{Curl}(\mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^r - \mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta) + \frac{\partial_\theta T_{r\theta}}{r \sin \phi} \text{Curl}(\mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta) \\
&+ \frac{T_{r\theta}}{r} \text{Curl}\left(\mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi - 2\mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^r + \frac{1}{\tan \phi}(\mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^r - \mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi)\right), \\
\text{inc } T &= -\frac{2\partial_\theta T_{r\theta}}{r^2 \sin \phi} \mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^r - 2\left(\frac{\partial_\theta T_{r\phi}}{r^2 \sin \phi} + \frac{\partial_\theta \partial_r T_{r\theta}}{r \sin \phi}\right) \mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta \\
&+ \frac{2}{\sin \phi} \left(\frac{\partial_\phi \partial_\theta T_{r\theta}}{r^2} + \frac{\partial_\theta T_{r\theta}}{r^2 \tan \phi}\right) \mathbf{g}^r \odot \mathbf{g}^\phi \\
&- 2\left(\frac{\partial_\phi^2 T_{r\theta}}{r^2} + \frac{T_{r\theta}}{r^2} - \frac{T_{r\theta}}{r^2 \tan^2 \phi} + \frac{\partial_\phi T_{r\theta}}{r^2 \tan \phi}\right) \mathbf{g}^r \odot \mathbf{g}^\theta \\
&+ 2\left(\frac{\partial_r \partial_\phi T_{r\theta}}{r} - \frac{\partial_r T_{r\theta}}{r \tan \phi} - \frac{T_{r\theta}}{r^2 \tan \phi} + \frac{\partial_\phi T_{r\theta}}{r^2}\right) \mathbf{g}^\phi \odot \mathbf{g}^\theta.
\end{aligned}$$

**A.5. Computation of  $\text{inc } 2T_{\phi\theta} \mathbf{g}^\phi \odot \mathbf{g}^\theta$**  Let us compute the curl of  $T = 2T_{\phi\theta} \mathbf{g}^\phi \odot \mathbf{g}^\theta$ . One has

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Curl } T &= 2\nabla T_{\phi\theta} \times (\mathbf{g}^\phi \odot \mathbf{g}^\theta) + 2T_{\phi\theta} \text{Curl}(\mathbf{g}^\phi \odot \mathbf{g}^\theta) \\
&= \partial_r T_{\phi\theta} (\mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta - \mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi) + \frac{\partial_\phi T_{\phi\theta}}{r} \mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^r - \frac{\partial_\theta T_{\phi\theta}}{r \sin \phi} \mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^r \\
&+ \frac{T_{\phi\theta}}{r} \left(\mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta - \mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi + \frac{2}{\tan \phi} \mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^r\right). \tag{A.2}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Curl Curl}^t T &= \nabla(\partial_r T_{\phi\theta}) \times (\mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta - \mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi) + \nabla\left(\frac{\partial_\phi T_{\phi\theta}}{r}\right) \times (\mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi) \\
&- \nabla\left(\frac{\partial_\theta T_{\phi\theta}}{r \sin \phi}\right) \times (\mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta) + \nabla\left(\frac{T_{\phi\theta}}{r}\right) \times \left(\mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta - \mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi + \frac{2}{\tan \phi} \mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi\right) \\
&+ \partial_r T_{\phi\theta} \text{Curl}(\mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta - \mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi) + \frac{\partial_\phi T_{\phi\theta}}{r} \text{Curl}(\mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi) - \frac{\partial_\theta T_{\phi\theta}}{r \sin \phi} \text{Curl}(\mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta) \\
&+ \frac{T_{\phi\theta}}{r} \text{Curl}\left(\mathbf{g}^\theta \otimes \mathbf{g}^\theta - \mathbf{g}^\phi \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi + \frac{2}{\tan \phi} \mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^\phi\right), \\
\text{inc } T &= -\frac{2}{\sin \phi} \left(\frac{\partial_\theta \partial_\phi T_{\phi\theta}}{r^2} + \frac{\partial_r T_{\phi\theta}}{r^2 \tan \phi}\right) \mathbf{g}^r \otimes \mathbf{g}^r + 2 \frac{\partial_\phi \partial_r T_{\phi\theta}}{r \sin \phi} \mathbf{g}^r \odot \mathbf{g}^\phi \\
&+ 2 \left(\frac{2\partial_r T_{\phi\theta}}{r \tan \phi} + \frac{\partial_r \partial_\phi T_{\phi\theta}}{r}\right) \mathbf{g}^r \odot \mathbf{g}^\theta - 2 \left(\partial_r^2 T_{\theta\phi} + \frac{2\partial_r T_{\phi\theta}}{r}\right) \mathbf{g}^\phi \odot \mathbf{g}^\theta.
\end{aligned}$$

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