

CERI 7105/8105
Global Seismology
Fall 2018
Homework Set #1
Due Wednesday September 12, 2018

Some MatLab or ObsPy practice:

1. Find the PREM500 and iasp91 earth models on the iris.edu website. Download each earth model and plot V_p and V_s as a function of Earth's radius such that the upper edge of the plot is Earth's surface and zero radius is at the bottom of the plot. (Plot V_{pv} and V_{sv} for the PREM model.) Label the major discontinuities and parts of the velocity models.

Einstein notation, strain and rotation:

2. Write out all of the terms for the following quantities:

a. $a_k b_k$

b. $c_{ij} d_{jk}$

c. $\alpha_{ijk} \beta_{jk}$

d. $\omega_{ij} \delta x_i \delta x_j$

3. Show that

$$\omega_{ij} \delta x_i \delta x_j = 0 \quad .$$

4. Show that (note the “ i ” subscript on the right hand side)

$$\delta u_i = \varepsilon_{ij} \delta x_j + \frac{1}{2} [(\nabla \times \vec{u}) \times \delta \vec{x}]_i \quad .$$

5. Show that

$$\delta V' = \delta V (1 + \varepsilon_{kk}) \quad .$$

6. Radial cylindrical displacement for a P wave is given by

$$\vec{q}(t, r) = a_p \frac{e^{-b^2(t-\frac{r}{\alpha})^2}}{r} \hat{e}_r$$

where

$$r = [(x_1 - \xi_1)^2 + (x_2 - \xi_2)^2]^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Derive

a) $\frac{\partial \vec{q}}{\partial t}$

b) $\frac{\partial \vec{q}}{\partial x_1}$

and

c) Sketch $\frac{\partial \vec{q}}{\partial t}$. (Do not program this and make a plot – sketch.)