

In this Maple worksheet, we study linear elasticity in a space of dimension 2. For more details, we refer to J.-F. Pommaret, *Partial Differential Control Theory*, Kluwer, 2001, and L. Landau, E. Lifschitz, *Physique théorique*, Tome 7: *Elasticité*, second edition, MIR, 1990.

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> with(Ore_algebra):
> with(OreModules):
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We define the Weyl algebra $Alg = A_2$, where D_i represents the differential operator w.r.t. x_i , $i = 1, 2$.

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> Alg := DefineOreAlgebra(diff=[D[1],x[1]], diff=[D[2],x[2]],
> polynom=[x[1],x[2]], comm=[alpha,beta]):
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Using the Lie derivative of the euclidean metric $w[i, j] = \delta[i, j]$, where $\delta[i, j]$ denotes the Kronecker symbol, we obtain the following *Killing operator*:

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> R := evalm([[D[1],0],[D[2]/2,D[1]/2],[D[2]/2,D[1]/2],[0,D[2]]]);
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$$R := \begin{bmatrix} D_1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} D_2 & \frac{1}{2} D_1 \\ \frac{1}{2} D_2 & \frac{1}{2} D_1 \\ 0 & D_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The symmetric small strain tensor ε is defined by

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> ApplyMatrix(R, [seq(xi[i](x[1],x[2]),i=1..2)],Alg)=
> evalm([[epsilon[1,1](x[1],x[2])],[epsilon[1,2](x[1],x[2])],
> [epsilon[2,1](x[1],x[2])],[epsilon[2,2](x[1],x[2])]]);
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$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \xi_1(x_1, x_2) \\ \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \xi_1(x_1, x_2) \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \xi_2(x_1, x_2) \right) \\ \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \xi_1(x_1, x_2) \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \xi_2(x_1, x_2) \right) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \xi_2(x_1, x_2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{1,1}(x_1, x_2) \\ \varepsilon_{1,2}(x_1, x_2) \\ \varepsilon_{2,1}(x_1, x_2) \\ \varepsilon_{2,2}(x_1, x_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

where $\xi = (\xi[1], \xi[2])^T$ denotes the displacement. The rank of the Alg -module M associated with R is:

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> OreRank(R, Alg);
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0

Therefore, the Alg -module M is torsion. Let us compute the autonomous elements of the system:

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> AutonomousElements(R, [xi[1](x[1],x[2]),xi[2](x[1],x[2])], Alg);
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$$\left[\left[\begin{array}{l} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \theta_1(x_1, x_2) \right) + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \theta_2(x_1, x_2) \right) = 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \theta_1(x_1, x_2) = 0 \\ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2} \theta_1(x_1, x_2) = 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \theta_2(x_1, x_2) = 0 \end{array} \right], \left[\begin{array}{l} \theta_1 = -C1 x_2 + -C2 \\ \theta_2 = -C1 x_1 + -C3 \end{array} \right], \left[\begin{array}{l} \theta_1 = \xi_1(x_1, x_2) \\ \theta_2 = \xi_2(x_1, x_2) \end{array} \right] \right]$$

Hence, $R\xi = 0$ implies that $\xi_1 = C1 x_2 + C2$ and $\xi_2 = -C1 x_1 + C3$, where $C1$, $C2$ and $C3$ are three constants. The displacement ξ which satisfies $R\xi = 0$ generates a Lie group of transformations with the three infinitesimal generators D_1 , D_2 and $x_1 D_2 - x_2 D_1$ (two translations and one rotation).

The compatibility conditions of the strain tensor ε are defined by

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> R2 := SyzygyModule(R, Alg);
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$$R2 := \begin{bmatrix} D_2^2 & 0 & -2D_1D_2 & D_1^2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

or equivalently by:

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> ApplyMatrix(R2, [epsilon[1,1](x[1],x[2]),epsilon[1,2](x[1],x[2]),
> epsilon[2,1](x[1],x[2]),epsilon[2,2](x[1],x[2])], Alg)=evalm([[0]$2]);
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$$\begin{bmatrix} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2} \varepsilon_{1,1}(x_1, x_2) \right) - 2 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2 \partial x_1} \varepsilon_{2,1}(x_1, x_2) \right) + \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} \varepsilon_{2,2}(x_1, x_2) \right) \\ \varepsilon_{1,2}(x_1, x_2) - \varepsilon_{2,1}(x_1, x_2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let us point out that the compatibility conditions of the strain tensor ε are of order 2 whereas the Killing operator is only of order 1. This result comes from the fact that the Killing operator defines a formally integrable system which is not involutive. For more details, see J.-F. Pommaret, *Lie Pseudogroups and Mechanics*, Gordon and Breach, 1998.

We know that the compatibility conditions of the the strain tensor ε are parametrized by the Killing operator. Let us check this result by using extension modules. We first define the formal adjoint $R2_adj$ of $R2$.

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> R2_adj := Involution(R2, Alg);
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$$R2_adj := \begin{bmatrix} D_2^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ -2D_1D_2 & -1 \\ D_1^2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then, the compatibility conditions of the strain tensor ε are parametrizable if and only if the Alg -module associated with $R2$ is torsion-free or, equivalently, if and only if the first extension module ext^1 with values in Alg of the Alg -module associated with $R2_adj$ is 0.

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> Ext1 := Exti(R2_adj, Alg, 1);
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$$\text{Ext1} := \left[\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} D_2^2 & 0 & -2D_1D_2 & D_1^2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2D_1 & 0 \\ -D_2 & -D_1 \\ -D_2 & -D_1 \\ 0 & -2D_2 \end{bmatrix} \right]$$

As the first matrix $\text{Ext1}[1]$ is the identity matrix, we obtain that the Alg -module associated with $R2$ is torsion-free and the compatibility conditions are parametrized by $\text{Ext1}[3]$. We easily check that up to the constant $-\frac{1}{2}$, we recover the Killing operator. Let us check whether or not the Alg -module associated with $R2$ is reflexive.

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> Exti(R2_adj, Alg, 2);
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$$\left[\begin{bmatrix} D_1 & 0 \\ D_2^2 & 0 \\ 0 & D_2 \\ 0 & D_1^2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{SURJ}(2) \right]$$

As the first matrix is not the identity matrix, we obtain that the Alg -module associated with $R2$ is not reflexive, and thus, not free.

Let us define the formal adjoint R_adj of R .

> R_adj := Involution(R, Alg);

$$R_adj := \begin{bmatrix} -D_1 & -\frac{1}{2}D_2 & -\frac{1}{2}D_2 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2}D_1 & -\frac{1}{2}D_1 & -D_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

If we consider $-R_adj$ as a differential operator from the symmetric stress tensor σ to the density of forces f , then we have:

> ApplyMatrix(evalm(-R_adj), [sigma[1,1](x[1],x[2]),sigma[1,2](x[1],x[2]),
> sigma[1,2](x[1],x[2]),sigma[2,2](x[1],x[2])], Alg)=
> evalm([seq([f[i](x[1],x[2])],i=1..2)]);

$$\begin{bmatrix} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \sigma_{1,1}(x_1, x_2)\right) + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \sigma_{1,2}(x_1, x_2)\right) \\ \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \sigma_{1,2}(x_1, x_2)\right) + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \sigma_{2,2}(x_1, x_2)\right) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(x_1, x_2) \\ f_2(x_1, x_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

Let us check whether or not there exist compatibility conditions for the previous inhomogeneous system:

> SyzygyModule(R_adj, Alg);

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We obtain that there is no compatibility condition on the density of forces f .

Let us check if the stress tensor ε is parametrizable when $f[i] = 0, i = 1, 2$.

> ext1 := Exti(R, Alg, 1);

$$ext1 := \left[\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2D_1 & D_2 & D_2 & 0 \\ 0 & D_1 & D_1 & 2D_2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} D_2^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ -2D_1D_2 & -1 \\ D_1^2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right]$$

Therefore, we obtain that the stress tensor σ is then parametrizable and a parametrization is defined by $ext[3]$.

> ApplyMatrix(ext1[3], [seq([lambda[i](x[1],x[2])],i=1..2)], Alg)=
> evalm([[sigma[1,1](x[1],x[2])], [sigma[1,2](x[1],x[2])], [sigma[2,1](x[1],x[2])],
> [sigma[2,2](x[1],x[2])]]);

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2} \lambda_1(x_1, x_2) \\ \lambda_2(x_1, x_2) \\ -2\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2 \partial x_1} \lambda_1(x_1, x_2)\right) - \lambda_2(x_1, x_2) \\ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} \lambda_1(x_1, x_2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{1,1}(x_1, x_2) \\ \sigma_{1,2}(x_1, x_2) \\ \sigma_{2,1}(x_1, x_2) \\ \sigma_{2,2}(x_1, x_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

Using the fact that the stress tensor σ is symmetric, i.e., $\sigma[1,2] = \sigma[2,1]$, we obtain that $\lambda_2 = -D_1 D_2 \lambda_1$. Hence, if we neglect the dependent variable $\sigma[2,1]$, then we obtain the following parametrization:

> ApplyMatrix(linalg[submatrix](ext1[3], [1,3,4], 1..1),
> [seq([lambda[i](x[1],x[2])],i=1..2)], Alg)
> =evalm([[sigma[1,1]], [sigma[1,2]], [sigma[2,2]]]);

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2} \lambda_1(x_1, x_2) \\ -2\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2 \partial x_1} \lambda_1(x_1, x_2)\right) \\ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} \lambda_1(x_1, x_2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{1,1} \\ \sigma_{1,2} \\ \sigma_{2,2} \end{bmatrix}$$

In the literature, the function λ_1 is usually called the *Airy function*.

Now, let us consider the constitutive law, i.e., the *Hooke law* defined by the matrix

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> B := evalm([[alpha+2*beta,0,0,alpha],[0,2*beta,0,0],[0,0,2*beta,0],
> [alpha,0,0,alpha+2*beta]]);
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$$B := \begin{bmatrix} \alpha + 2\beta & 0 & 0 & \alpha \\ 0 & 2\beta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2\beta & 0 \\ \alpha & 0 & 0 & \alpha + 2\beta \end{bmatrix}$$

where α and β are the *Lamé constants*. Then, the stress tensor σ is related to the strain tensor ε as follows:

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> evalm([[sigma[1,1](x[1],x[2])],[sigma[1,2](x[1],x[2])],[sigma[2,1](x[1],x[2])],
> [sigma[2,2](x[1],x[2])]])=ApplyMatrix(B,[epsilon[1,1](x[1],x[2]),
> epsilon[1,2](x[1],x[2]),epsilon[2,1](x[1],x[2]),epsilon[2,2](x[1],x[2])], Alg);
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$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{1,1}(x_1, x_2) \\ \sigma_{1,2}(x_1, x_2) \\ \sigma_{2,1}(x_1, x_2) \\ \sigma_{2,2}(x_1, x_2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (\alpha + 2\beta)\varepsilon_{1,1}(x_1, x_2) + \alpha\varepsilon_{2,2}(x_1, x_2) \\ 2\beta\varepsilon_{1,2}(x_1, x_2) \\ 2\beta\varepsilon_{2,1}(x_1, x_2) \\ \alpha\varepsilon_{1,1}(x_1, x_2) + (\alpha + 2\beta)\varepsilon_{2,2}(x_1, x_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, if we compose the parametrization $\varepsilon = R\xi$ of the strain tensor ε by the displacement ξ , the Hooke law $\sigma = B\varepsilon$ and the differential operator $-R_{adj}\sigma = f$, then we obtain $T\xi = 0$, where $T = -R_{adj} \circ B \circ R$ is defined by:

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> T := Mult(-1, R_adj, B, R, Alg);
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$$T := \begin{bmatrix} D_1^2\alpha + 2D_1^2\beta + D_2^2\beta & D_1\alpha D_2 + D_2\beta D_1 \\ D_1\alpha D_2 + D_2\beta D_1 & D_1^2\beta + D_2^2\alpha + 2D_2^2\beta \end{bmatrix}$$

In terms of ξ , we have the following equations

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> ApplyMatrix(T,[seq(xi[i](x[1],x[2]),i=1..2)], Alg)=
> evalm([seq([f[i](x[1],x[2])],i=1..2)]);
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$$\begin{bmatrix} (\alpha + 2\beta)\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2}\xi_1(x_1, x_2)\right) + \beta\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2}\xi_1(x_1, x_2)\right) + (\alpha + \beta)\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2\partial x_1}\xi_2(x_1, x_2)\right) \\ (\alpha + \beta)\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2\partial x_1}\xi_1(x_1, x_2)\right) + \beta\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2}\xi_2(x_1, x_2)\right) + (\alpha + 2\beta)\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2}\xi_2(x_1, x_2)\right) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(x_1, x_2) \\ f_2(x_1, x_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

called the *Navier equations*.

Let us point out that the Hooke law is invertible and its inverse is defined by:

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> B_inv := linalg[inverse](B);
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$$B_{inv} := \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\alpha + 2\beta}{4\beta(\alpha + \beta)} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{\alpha}{4\beta(\alpha + \beta)} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2\beta} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2\beta} & 0 \\ -\frac{\alpha}{4\beta(\alpha + \beta)} & 0 & 0 & \frac{\alpha + 2\beta}{4\beta(\alpha + \beta)} \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore, the strain tensor ε is related to the stress tensor σ as follows:

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> evalm([[epsilon[1,1](x[1],x[2])],[epsilon[1,2](x[1],x[2])],
> [epsilon[2,1](x[1],x[2])],[epsilon[2,2](x[1],x[2])]])=ApplyMatrix(B_inv,
> [sigma[1,1](x[1],x[2]),sigma[1,2](x[1],x[2]),sigma[2,1](x[1],x[2]),
> sigma[2,2](x[1],x[2])], Alg);

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$$\begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{1,1}(x_1, x_2) \\ \varepsilon_{1,2}(x_1, x_2) \\ \varepsilon_{2,1}(x_1, x_2) \\ \varepsilon_{2,2}(x_1, x_2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} \frac{(\alpha + 2\beta) \sigma_{1,1}(x_1, x_2)}{\beta(\alpha + \beta)} - \frac{1}{4} \frac{\alpha \sigma_{2,2}(x_1, x_2)}{\beta(\alpha + \beta)} \\ \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sigma_{1,2}(x_1, x_2)}{\beta} \\ \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sigma_{2,1}(x_1, x_2)}{\beta} \\ -\frac{1}{4} \frac{\alpha \sigma_{1,1}(x_1, x_2)}{\beta(\alpha + \beta)} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{(\alpha + 2\beta) \sigma_{2,2}(x_1, x_2)}{\beta(\alpha + \beta)} \end{bmatrix}$$

If we compose the parametrization $R2_adj \lambda = \sigma$ of the stress tensor σ by the Airy functions λ , the inverse of the Hooke law $\varepsilon = B_inv \sigma$ and the compability condition $R2 \varepsilon = 0$ of the strain tensor ε , then we obtain $C \lambda = 0$, where C is defined by:

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> C := simplify(Mult(R2, B_inv, R2_adj, Alg));

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$$C := \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} \frac{D_2^4 \alpha + 2 D_2^4 \beta + 6 D_2^2 D_1^2 \alpha + 8 D_2^2 D_1^2 \beta + D_1^4 \alpha + 2 D_1^4 \beta}{\beta(\alpha + \beta)} & \frac{D_1 D_2}{\beta} \\ \frac{D_1 D_2}{\beta} & \frac{1}{\beta} \end{bmatrix}$$

Equivalently, we have the following system:

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> ApplyMatrix(C, [seq(lambda[i](x[1],x[2]),i=1..2)], Alg)=evalm([[0]$2]);

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$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} \frac{(6\alpha + 8\beta) \left(\frac{\partial^4}{\partial x_2^2 \partial x_1^2} \%1\right)}{\beta(\alpha + \beta)} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{(\alpha + 2\beta) \left(\frac{\partial^4}{\partial x_2^4} \%1\right)}{\beta(\alpha + \beta)} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{(\alpha + 2\beta) \left(\frac{\partial^4}{\partial x_1^4} \%1\right)}{\beta(\alpha + \beta)} \\ + \frac{\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2 \partial x_1} \lambda_2(x_1, x_2)}{\beta} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2 \partial x_1} \%1}{\beta} + \frac{\lambda_2(x_1, x_2)}{\beta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\%1 := \lambda_1(x_1, x_2)$

From the second equation, we can express λ_2 in terms of λ_1 and, by substitution in the first one, we finally obtain the following system:

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> E := Elimination(C, [lambda[1],lambda[2]], [0,0], Alg, [lambda[1]]):
> ApplyMatrix(E[1], [lambda[2](x[1],x[2])], Alg)=ApplyMatrix(E[2],
> [lambda[1](x[1],x[2])], Alg);

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \lambda_2(x_1, x_2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\left(\frac{\partial^4}{\partial x_1^4} \%1\right) - \left(\frac{\partial^4}{\partial x_2^4} \%1\right) - 2\left(\frac{\partial^4}{\partial x_2^2 \partial x_1^2} \%1\right) \\ -\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2 \partial x_1} \%1\right) \end{bmatrix}$$

$\%1 := \lambda_1(x_1, x_2)$

In particular, λ_1 satisfies the partial differential equation *BiLaplacian* $\lambda_1 = 0$, where BiLaplacian is defined by:

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> BiLaplacian := factor(-E[2][1,1]);

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$$BiLaplacian := (D_1^2 + D_2^2)^2$$

Moreover, from the system $C\lambda = 0$, we also obtain the following equations:

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> F := Elimination(C, [lambda[1],lambda[2]], [0,0], Alg, [lambda[2]]):
> ApplyMatrix(F[1], [lambda[1](x[1],x[2])], Alg)=ApplyMatrix(F[2],
> [lambda[2](x[1],x[2])], Alg);
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$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2 \partial x_1} \%1 \\ (\frac{\partial^4}{\partial x_1^4} \%1) + (\frac{\partial^4}{\partial x_2^4} \%1) \\ \frac{\partial^5}{\partial x_2^5} \%1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -(\frac{\partial^4}{\partial x_1^4} \%2) - (\frac{\partial^4}{\partial x_2^4} \%2) - 2(\frac{\partial^4}{\partial x_2^2 \partial x_1^2} \%2) \\ -\%2 \\ 2(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2 \partial x_1} \%2) \\ (\frac{\partial^3}{\partial x_1^3} \%2) + 2(\frac{\partial^3}{\partial x_2^2 \partial x_1} \%2) \end{bmatrix}$$

$\%1 := \lambda_1(x_1, x_2)$
 $\%2 := \lambda_2(x_1, x_2)$

In particular, the first equation shows that λ_2 also satisfies the equation $BiLaplacian \lambda_2 = 0$.

Now, if we consider the case without where the density of forces f is 0, then we have

$$R_{adj} \sigma = 0 \iff \sigma = R_{2_adj} \lambda.$$

Therefore, $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2)^T$ must satisfy $BiLaplacian \lambda = 0$, and thus, λ_1 and λ_2 are two biharmonic functions.