

Let us assume that the total traction acting on the surface of a material volume $V(t)$ is given by the formula

$$\int_{\partial V(t)} \mathbf{t}(\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{x}, t) \, ds, \quad (1)$$

where $\mathbf{t}(\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{x}, t)$ is the *traction* acting on the surface ds with unit outward normal \mathbf{n} , and let $\mathbf{t}(\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{x}, t)$ be a sufficiently smooth function. Show that there exists a tensorial quantity $\mathbb{T}(\mathbf{x}, t)$ such that

$$\mathbf{t}(\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{x}, t) = \mathbb{T}(\mathbf{x}, t)\mathbf{n}. \quad (2)$$

The tensor \mathbb{T} is referred to as the Cauchy stress tensor.