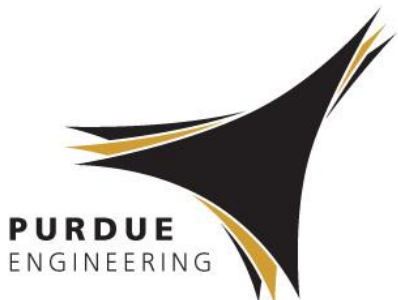


Lecture 40-41: Failure analysis (static failure theories)

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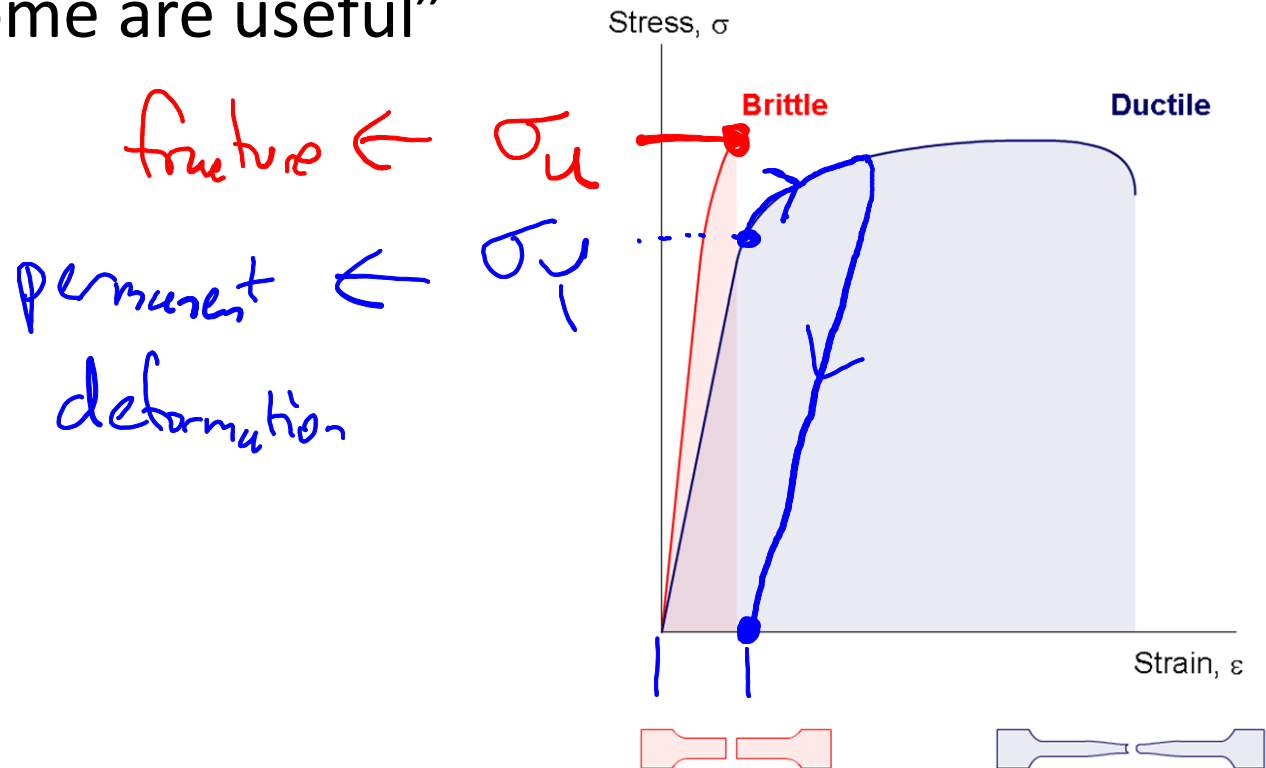


Motivation

- We have spent the last few classes finding the **state of stress** at various points in a body due to **combined loading**
 - We have seen various combinations of normal stresses and shear stresses
- **Mohr's circle** gives us a way to **compare** different states of stress
 - For **any** state of stress, we can identify three important parameters: the **two in-plane principal stresses** and the **absolute maximum shear stress**
- Now: how can we **use** this information to predict whether a point in a body will **fail**?
 - First, we need to define what “failure” means...this depends on the type of material!

Failure theories overview

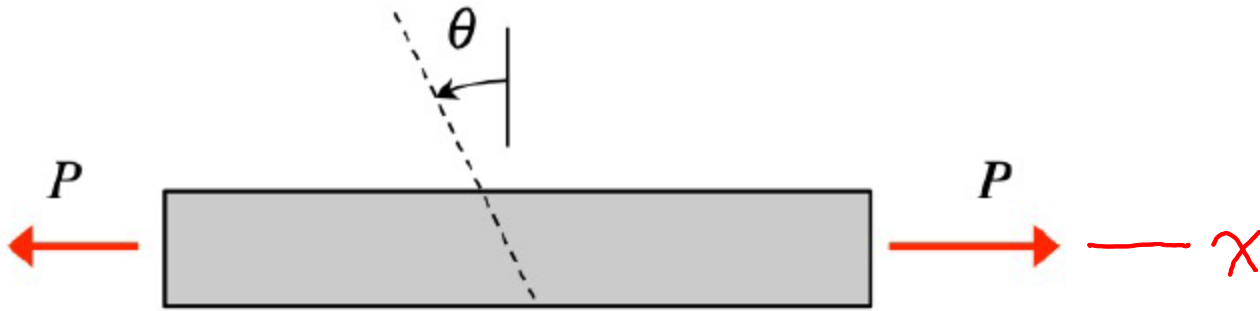
- Use the results of “simple” tests to formulate hypotheses
 - Usual hypothesis: the mechanism that causes failure in a tensile test is *the same mechanism* that causes failure in more complex stress states
- We have different failure theories for brittle and ductile materials
- “All models are wrong, but some are useful”



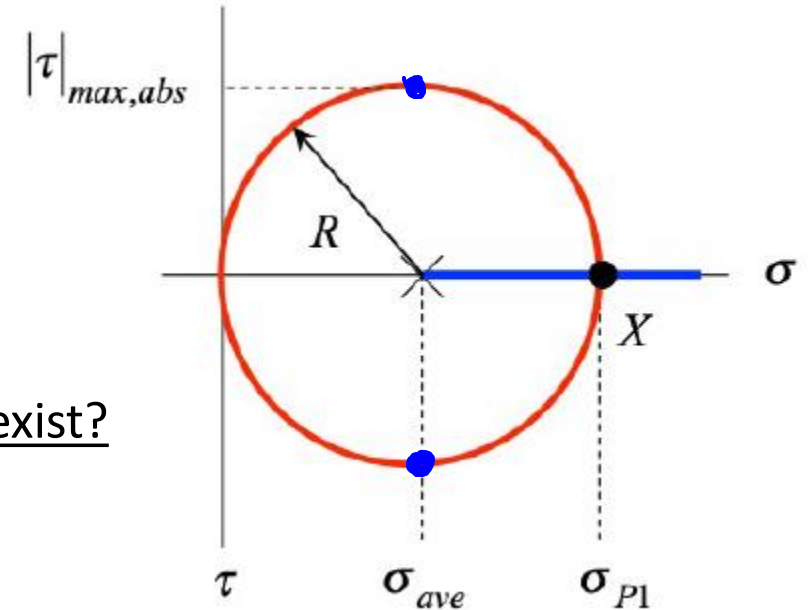
The tensile test

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Free-body diagram



Mohr's circle at any point on any cross section



What is the maximum normal stress? On which plane does this stress exist?

$$\sigma_{P1} = \sigma = P/A = \sigma_x$$

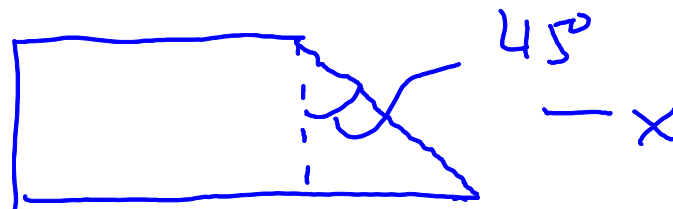
$$\theta = 0^\circ$$



What is the maximum shear stress? On which planes does this stress exist?

$$\tau_{max}^{abs} = R = \sigma/2$$

$$\theta = \pm 45^\circ$$

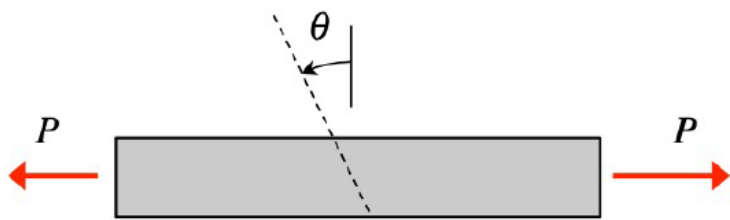


Brittle failure: Maximum normal stress theory

Hypothesis: A brittle material fractures when the maximum principal stress equals or exceeds the ultimate normal stress when fracture occurs in a tensile test

Define this “ultimate normal stress” as the **ultimate strength**

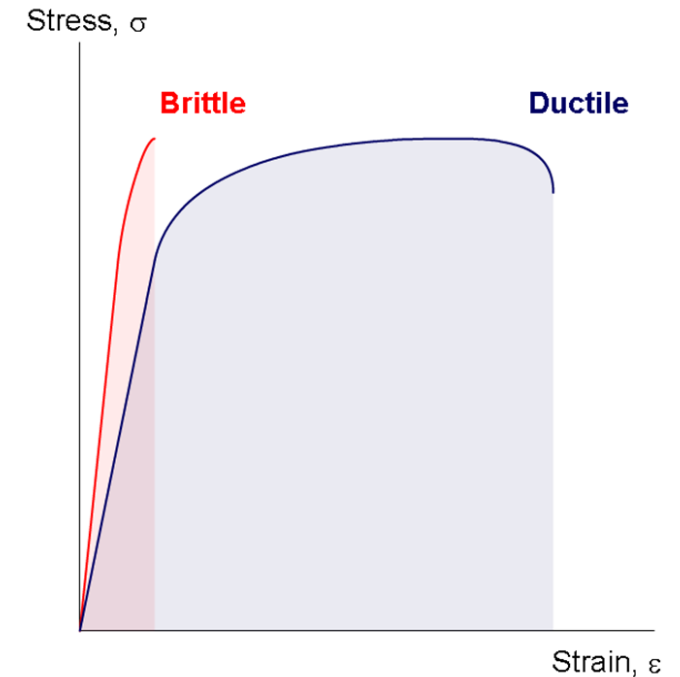
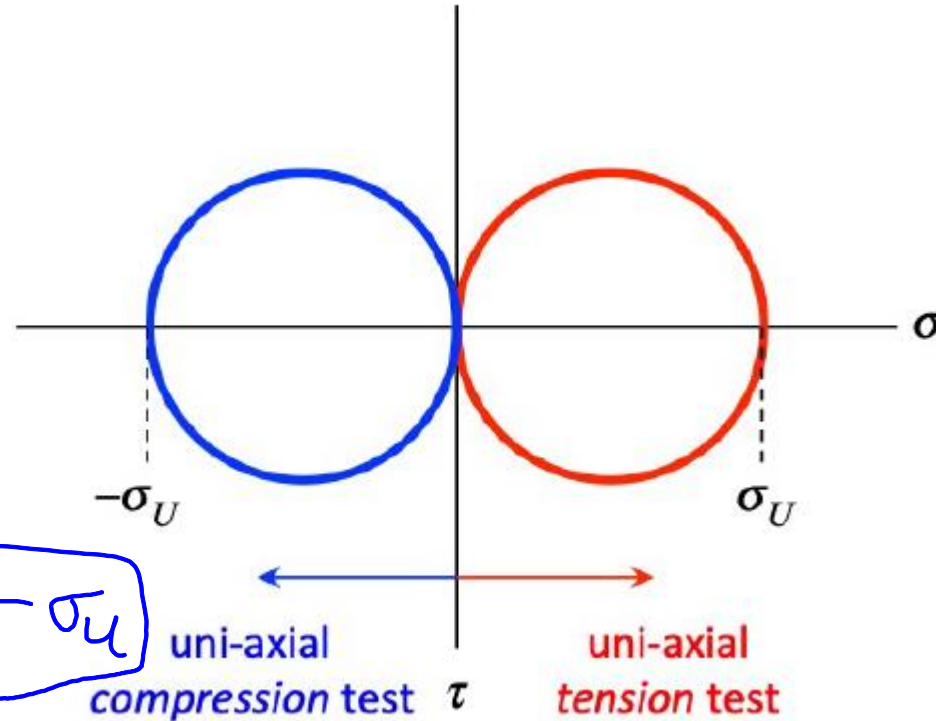
Assumption: the ultimate strength in tension and compression is the same



tensile: $\frac{P}{A} = \sigma_u$

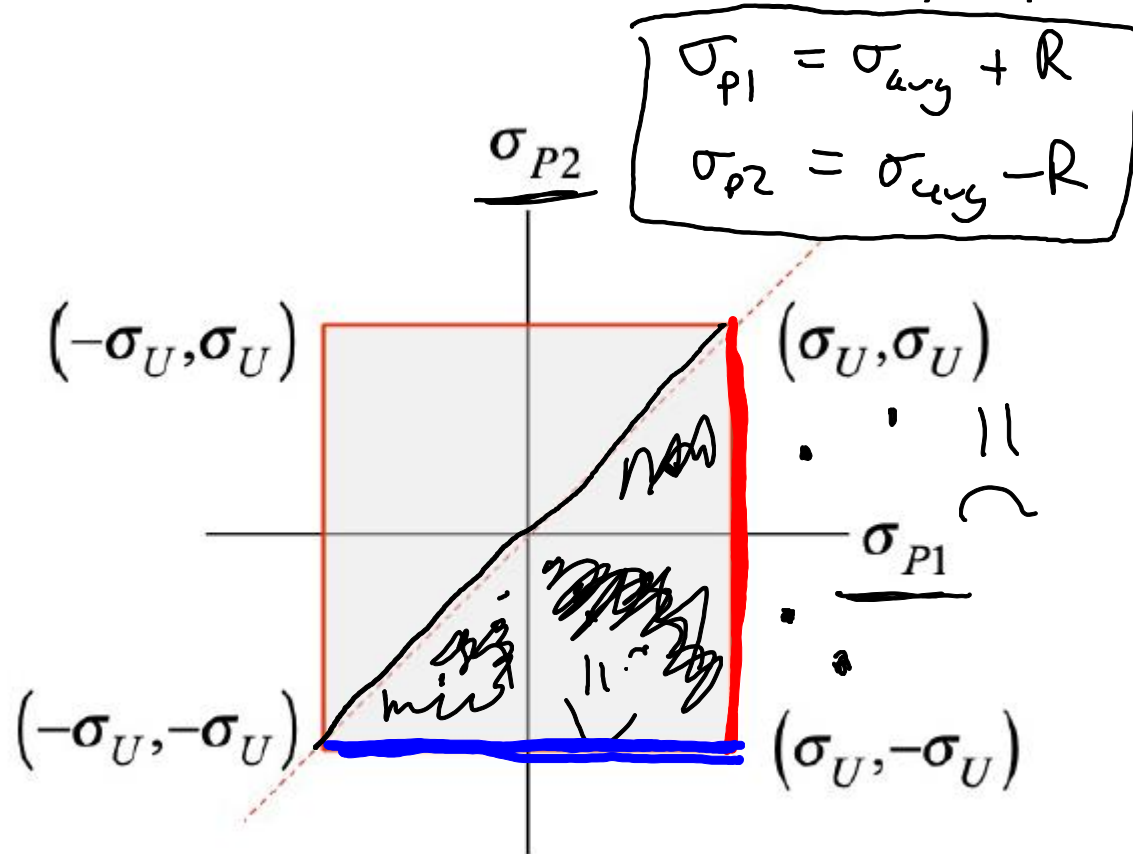
$$\sigma_{p1} \geq \sigma_u$$

Comp: $\frac{P}{A} = -\sigma_u \rightarrow \sigma_{p2} \leq -\sigma_u$



Brittle failure: Maximum normal stress theory

We can visualize the failure boundary in principal stress space



Failure criteria

$$\underline{\sigma_{p1} \geq \sigma_U}$$

$$\underline{\sigma_{p2} \leq -\sigma_U}$$

Factor of safety

$$FS = \frac{\sigma_U}{\sigma_{p1}}$$

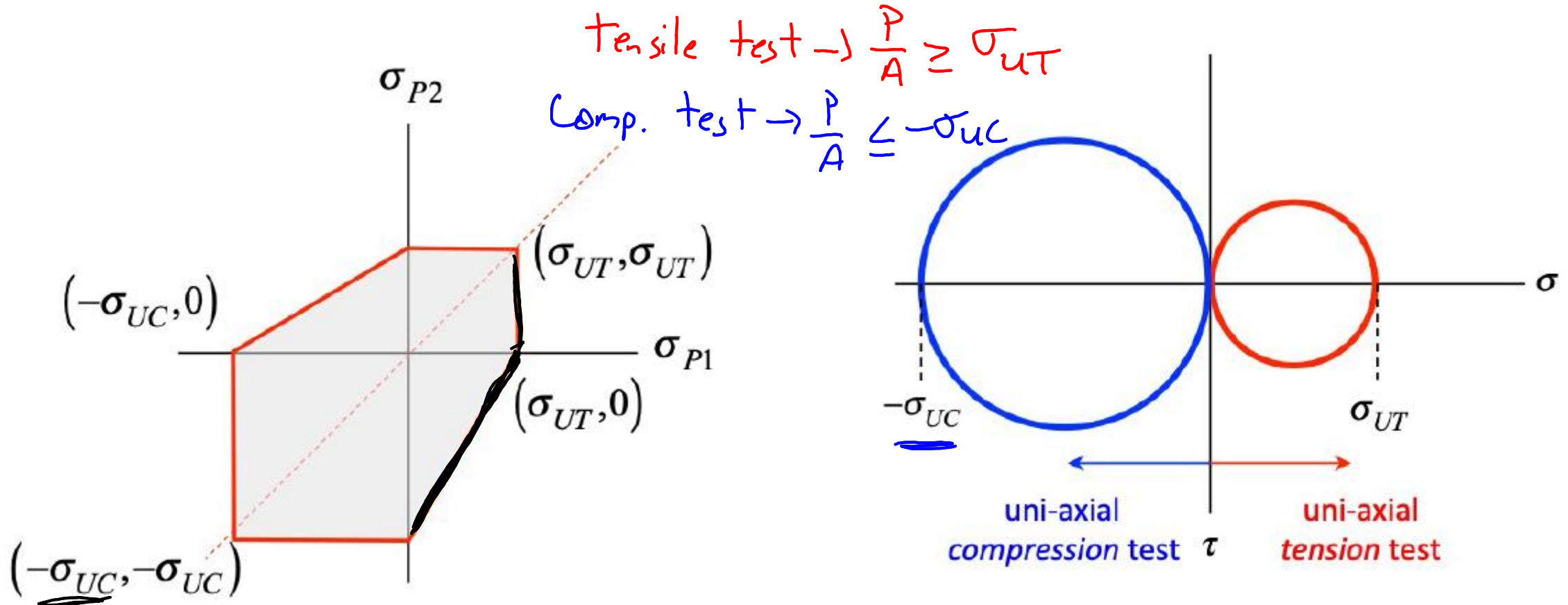
$$FS = \left| \frac{\sigma_U}{\sigma_{p2}} \right|$$

The "real" FS is whichever of these is smaller

Brittle failure: Mohr's theory

$$\sigma_{uc} > \sigma_{ut}$$

Modification to maximum normal stress theory based on the observation that many materials are stronger in compression than they are in tension, i.e. $\sigma_{UT} < \sigma_{UC}$, and the maximum normal stress theory is non-conservative when the principal stresses have different signs

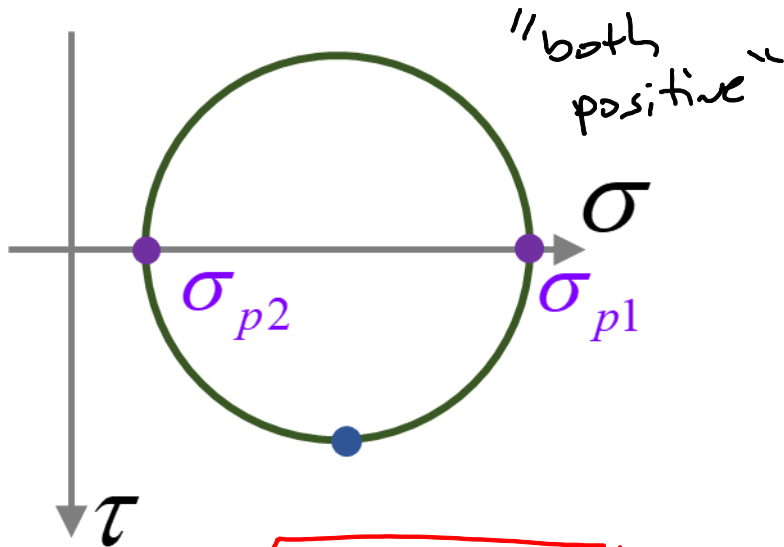


Brittle failure: Mohr's theory

For a general state of plane stress, there are three possible situations

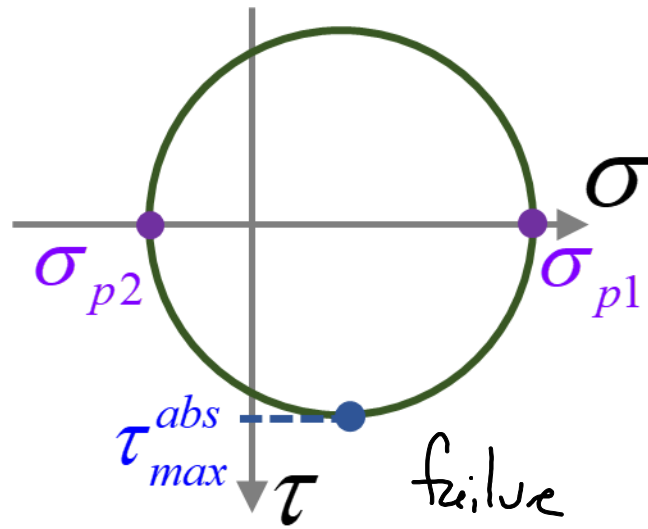
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Case 1: $\sigma_{p1} > \sigma_{p2} > 0$



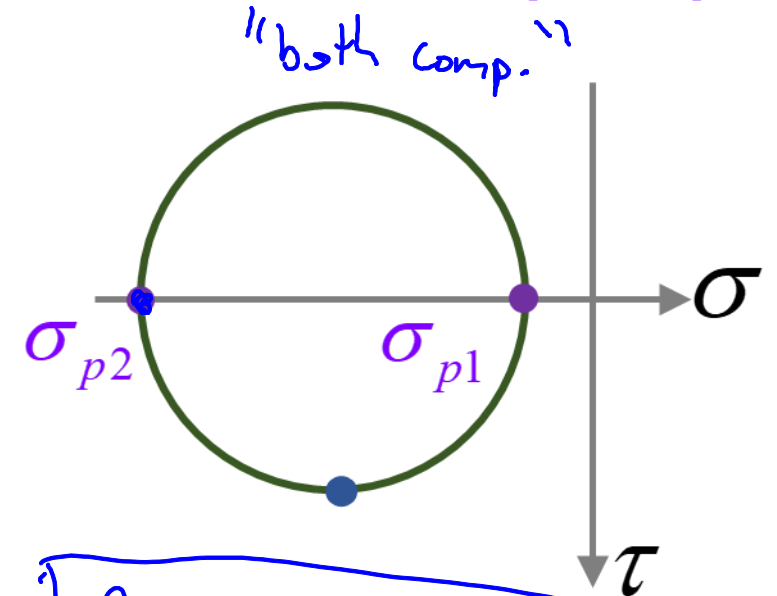
failure: $\sigma_{p1} \geq \sigma_{UT}$

Case 2: $\sigma_{p1} > 0 > \sigma_{p2}$



$$\frac{\sigma_{p1}}{\sigma_{UT}} - \frac{\sigma_{p2}}{\sigma_{UC}} \geq 1$$

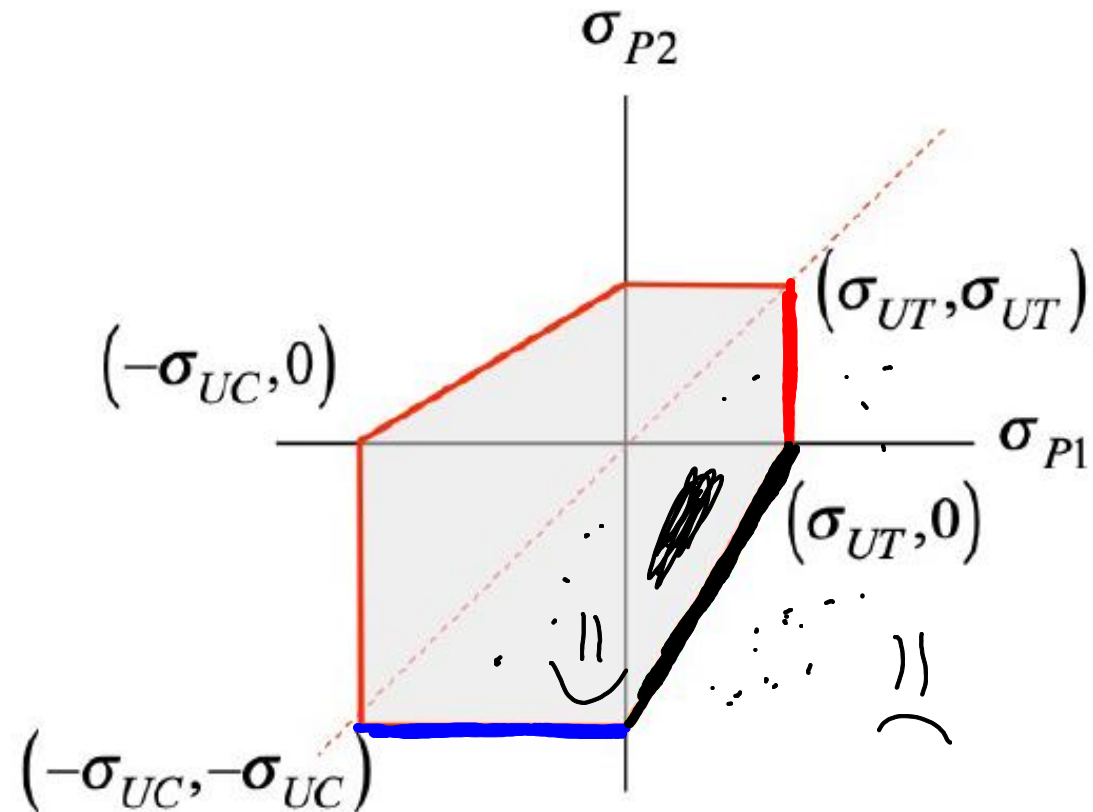
Case 3: $0 > \sigma_{p1} > \sigma_{p2}$



failure: $\sigma_{p2} \leq -\sigma_{UC}$

Brittle failure: Mohr's theory

We can visualize the failure boundary in principal stress space



Failure criteria

Case 1: $\sigma_{p1} > \sigma_{p2} > 0$

$$\sigma_{p1} \geq \sigma_{UT}$$

$$\sigma_1 = \sigma_{p1}$$

$$\sigma_2 = \sigma_{p2}$$

$$\sigma_3 = 0$$

Factor of safety

$$FS = \frac{\sigma_{UT}}{\sigma_{p1}}$$

Case 2: $\sigma_{p1} > 0 > \sigma_{p2}$

$$\frac{\sigma_{p1}}{\sigma_{UT}} - \frac{\sigma_{p2}}{\sigma_{UC}} \geq 1$$

$$\sigma_1 = \sigma_{p1}$$

$$\sigma_2 = 0$$

$$\sigma_3 = \sigma_{p2}$$

$$FS = \frac{1}{\frac{\sigma_{p1}}{\sigma_{UT}} - \frac{\sigma_{p2}}{\sigma_{UC}}}$$

Case 3: $0 > \sigma_{p1} > \sigma_{p2}$

$$\sigma_{p2} \leq -\sigma_{UC}$$

$$\sigma_1 = 0$$

$$\sigma_2 = \sigma_{p1}$$

$$\sigma_3 = \sigma_{p2}$$

$$FS = \left| \frac{\sigma_{UC}}{\sigma_{p2}} \right|$$

Re-order the principal stresses $\rightarrow \sigma_1 > \sigma_2 > \sigma_3$

$$\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_{UT}} - \frac{\sigma_3}{\sigma_{UC}} \geq 1$$

Brittle failure: Summary

Maximum normal stress theory

Failure criterion

$$\sigma_{p1} \geq \sigma_U \quad \text{or} \quad \sigma_{p2} \leq -\sigma_U$$

Factor of safety

$$FS = \left| \frac{\sigma_U}{\sigma_{p1}} \right| \quad \text{or} \quad FS = \left| \frac{\sigma_U}{\sigma_{p2}} \right|$$

(whichever is *smaller* is the real factor of safety)

Mohr's failure theory

Failure criteria (3 possible cases based on the signs of the principal stresses)

$$\sigma_{p1} > \sigma_{p2} > 0: \sigma_{p1} \geq \sigma_{UT}$$

$$0 > \sigma_{p1} > \sigma_{p2}: \sigma_{p2} \leq -\sigma_{UC}$$

$$\sigma_{p1} > 0 > \sigma_{p2}: \frac{\sigma_{p1}}{\sigma_{UT}} - \frac{\sigma_{p2}}{\sigma_{UC}} \geq 1$$

$$\left(\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_{UT}} - \frac{\sigma_3}{\sigma_{UC}} \geq 1 \right)$$

Factor of safety

$$\sigma_{p1} > \sigma_{p2} > 0: FS = \frac{\sigma_{UT}}{\sigma_{p1}}$$

$$0 > \sigma_{p1} > \sigma_{p2}: FS = \left| \frac{\sigma_{UC}}{\sigma_{p2}} \right|$$

$$\sigma_{p1} > 0 > \sigma_{p2}: FS = \frac{1}{\frac{\sigma_{p1}}{\sigma_{UT}} - \frac{\sigma_{p2}}{\sigma_{UC}}} = \frac{\sigma_{UT}\sigma_{UC}}{\sigma_{p1}\sigma_{UC} - \sigma_{p2}\sigma_{UT}}$$

$$\text{Re-order } \sigma_1 > \sigma_2 > \sigma_3 \rightarrow FS = \frac{1}{\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_{UT}} - \frac{\sigma_3}{\sigma_{UC}}}$$

Example 15.7

The state of stress shown exists at a location in a component made of a brittle material with $\sigma_{UC} = 850 \text{ MPa}$ and $\sigma_{UT} = 170 \text{ MPa}$. According to Mohr's theory, has the material failed?

$$\sigma_x = 0$$

$$\sigma_y = +120 \text{ MPa}$$

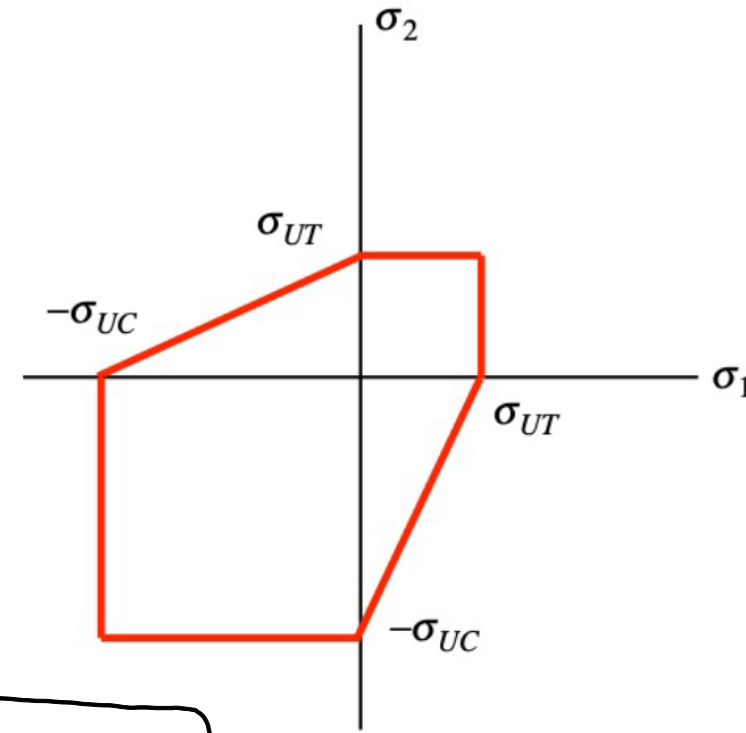
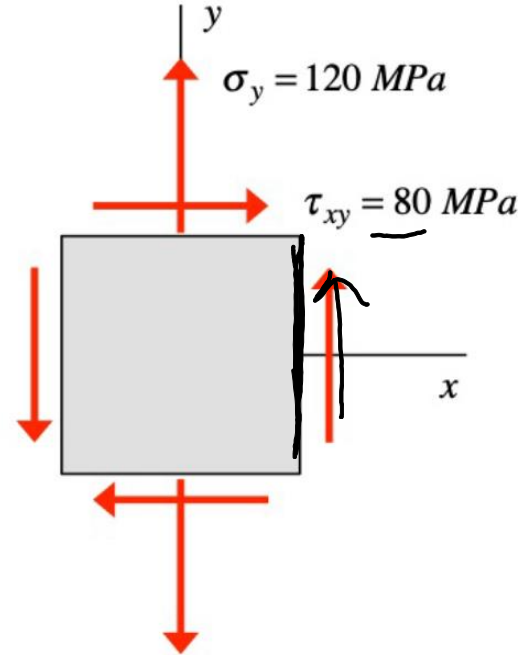
$$\tau_{xy} = +80 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_{avg} = \frac{120 + 0}{2} = 60 \text{ MPa}$$

$$R = \sqrt{\left(\frac{0 - 120}{2}\right)^2 + (80)^2} = \sqrt{60^2 + 80^2} = 100 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_{p1} = \sigma_{avg} + R = 160 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_{p2} = \sigma_{avg} - R = -40 \text{ MPa}$$



$$\sigma_1 = \sigma_{p1} \quad \sigma_2 = 0 \quad \sigma_3 = \sigma_{p2} = -40 \text{ MPa}$$
$$= 160 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_{p1} \geq \sigma_{ut}$$

~~OR~~

$$\sigma_{p2} \leq \sigma_{uc}$$

$$\sigma_{p3} = 0$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{p1}}{\sigma_{ut}} - \frac{\sigma_{p2}}{\sigma_{uc}} = 1$$

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$$\frac{160 \text{ MPa}}{170 \text{ MPa}} - \frac{(-40 \text{ MPa})}{850 \text{ MPa}}$$

$$\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_{ut}} - \frac{\sigma_3}{\sigma_{uc}} \geq 1$$

where

$$\sigma_1 > \sigma_2 > \sigma_3$$

$$= 0.99 \leq 1 \Rightarrow$$

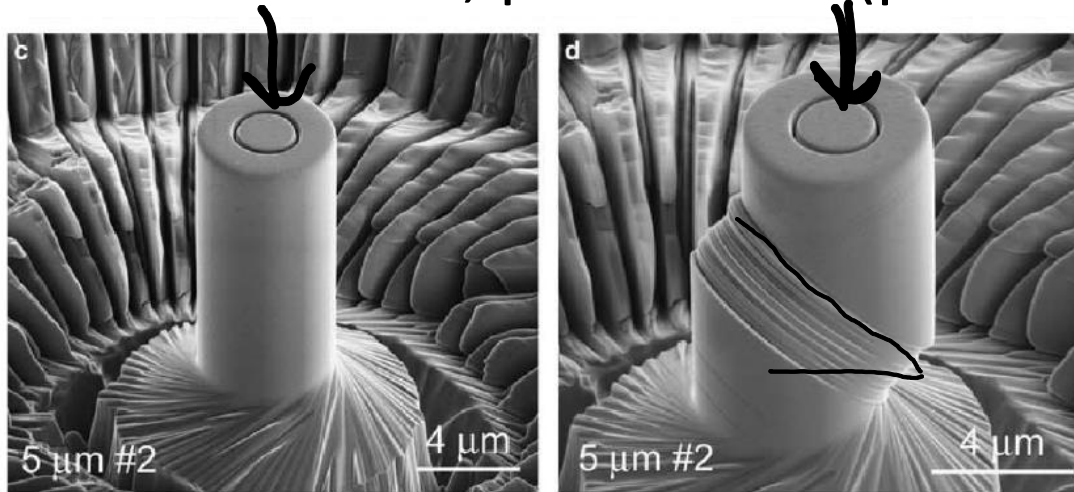
Safe

What value of σ_{p2} would cause failure?

$$\frac{\sigma_{p1}}{\sigma_{ut}} - \frac{\sigma_{p2}^{\text{fail}}}{\sigma_{uc}} = 1 \rightarrow \sigma_{p2}^{\text{fail}} = -50 \text{ MPa}$$

Ductile failure: Maximum shear stress theory

- On the microscale, permanent (plastic) deformation occurs by “slip”



“micropillar compression”
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- Failure in a tensile test of a ductile material often looks very similar

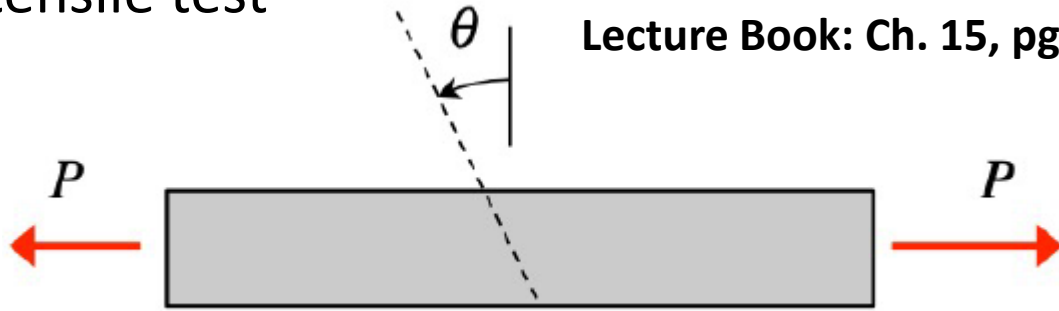
Aluminum – failure due to normal or shear stress?



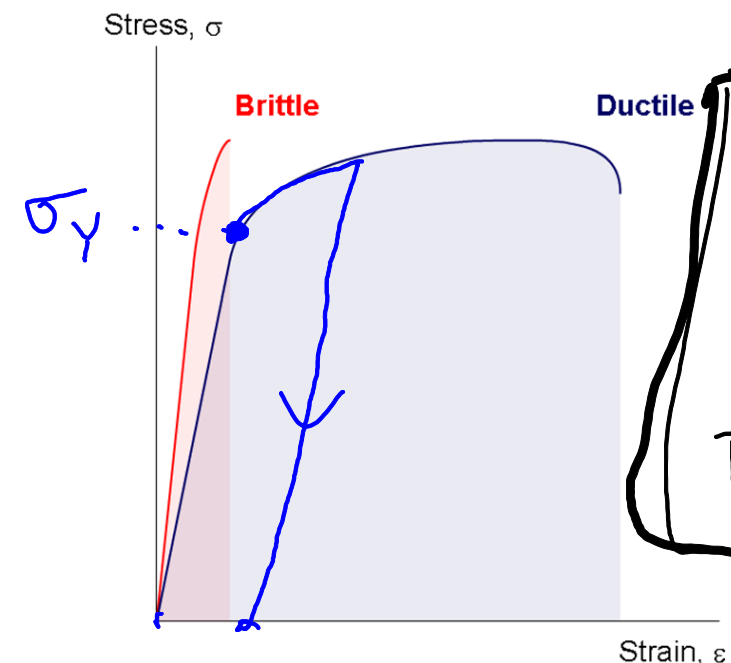
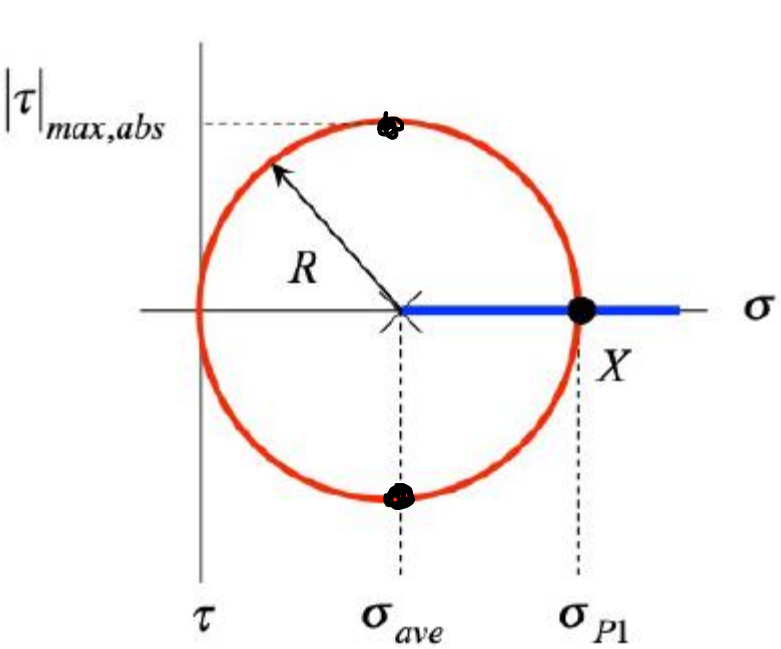
Ductile failure: Maximum shear stress theory

Hypothesis: for any stress state, yielding of a ductile material occurs when the absolute maximum shear stress equals or exceeds the maximum shear stress when yielding occurs in a tensile test

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Uniaxial tension $\rightarrow \tau_{max}^{abs} = R = \frac{\sigma}{2}$
 failure $\rightarrow \sigma_{p1} = \sigma = \sigma_Y$



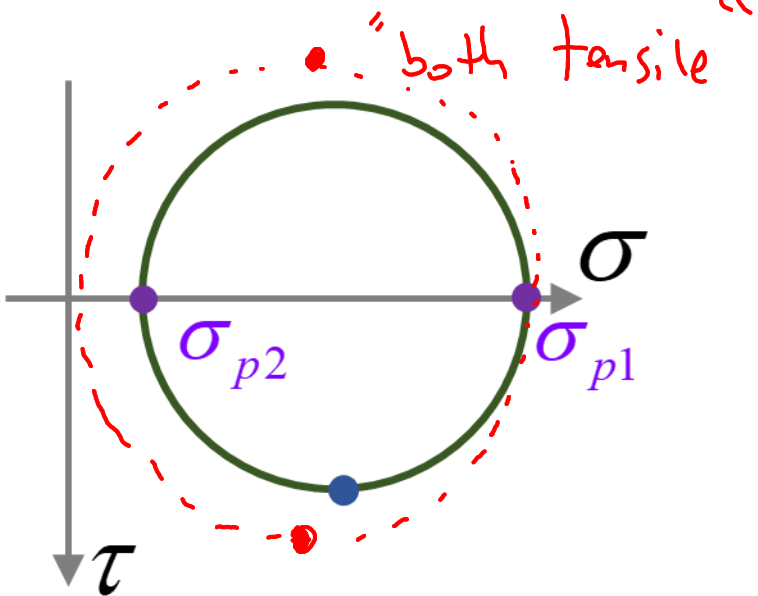
Failure criterion:
 $\tau_{max}^{abs} \geq \frac{\sigma_Y}{2}$
 Factor of safety: $FS = \frac{\sigma_Y}{2\tau_{max}^{abs}}$

Ductile failure: Maximum shear stress theory

For a general state of plane stress, there are three possible situations

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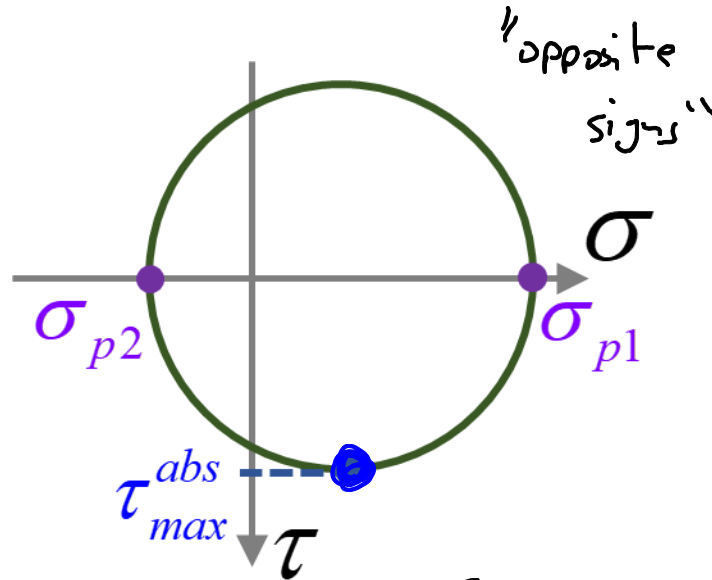
Case 1: $\sigma_{p1} > \sigma_{p2} > 0$



$$\tau_{max}^{abs} = \frac{\sigma_{p1}}{2}$$

Failure: $\tau_{max}^{abs} = \frac{\sigma_{p1}}{2} \geq \frac{\sigma_Y}{2}$

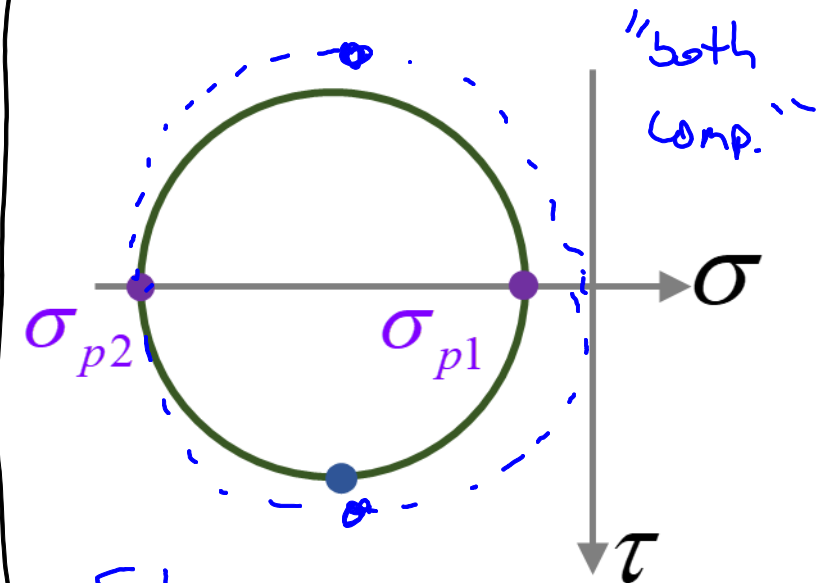
Case 2: $\sigma_{p1} > 0 > \sigma_{p2}$



$$\tau_{max}^{abs} = R = \frac{\sigma_{p1} - \sigma_{p2}}{2}$$

$\frac{\sigma_Y}{2}$

Case 3: $0 > \sigma_{p1} > \sigma_{p2}$



Failure:

$$\tau_{max}^{abs} = \left| \frac{\sigma_{p2}}{2} \right| \geq \frac{\sigma_Y}{2}$$

Reorder the principal stresses so that $\sigma_1 > \sigma_2 > \sigma_3$

$$\tau_{\max}^{\text{abs}} = \left| \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3}{2} \right|$$



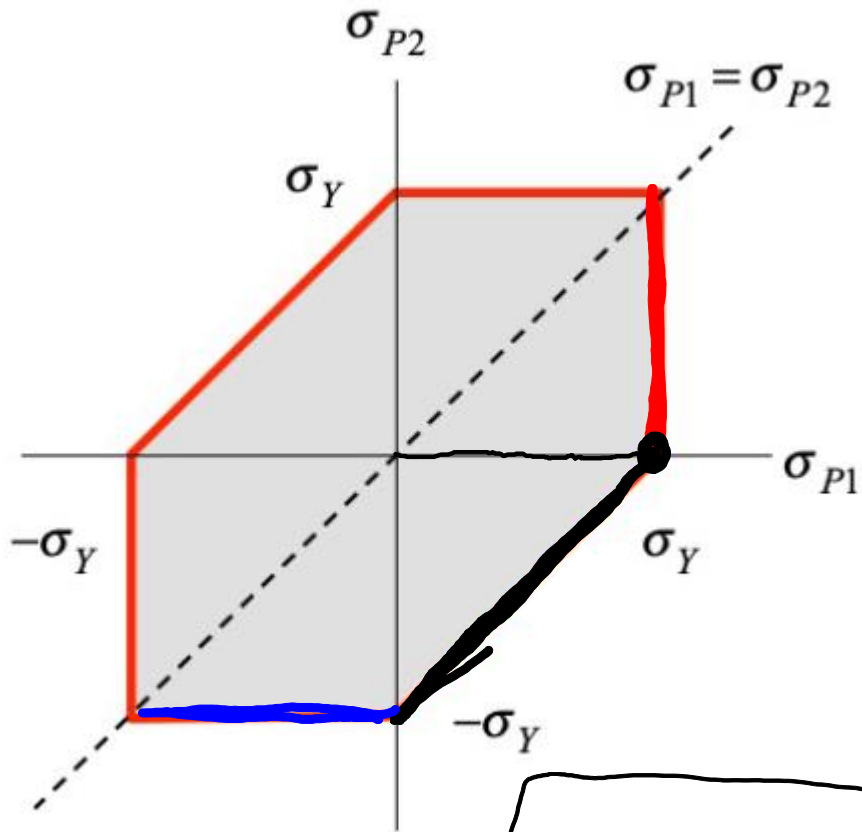
$$\tau_{\max}^{\text{abs}} \geq \frac{\sigma_Y}{2}$$

is the failure criterion

Ductile failure: Maximum shear stress theory

We can visualize the failure boundary in principal stress space

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Failure criteria

Case 1: $\sigma_{p1} > \sigma_{p2} > 0$

$$\underline{\sigma_{p1} \geq \sigma_Y}$$

Case 2: $\sigma_{p1} > 0 > \sigma_{p2}$

$$\underline{\sigma_{p1} - \sigma_{p2} \geq \sigma_Y}$$

Case 3: $0 > \sigma_{p1} > \sigma_{p2}$

$$\underline{|\sigma_{p2}| \geq \sigma_Y}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_1 &= \sigma_{p1} \\ \sigma_2 &= \sigma_{p2} \\ \sigma_3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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Factor of safety

$$\begin{aligned} FS &= \frac{\sigma_Y}{2\sigma_{max}^{abs}} \\ &= \frac{\sigma_Y}{|\sigma_1 - \sigma_3|} \end{aligned}$$

$$\tau_{max}^{abs} = \left| \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3}{2} \right| \geq \sigma_Y$$

Ductile failure: Maximum distortional energy theory

von Mises proposed a different hypothesis: yielding occurs when the *distortion energy density* equals or exceeds the distortion energy density when yielding occurs in a tensile test

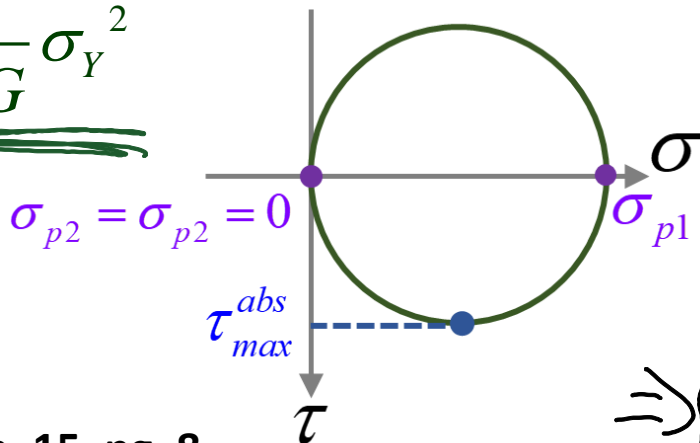
Evidence: a material subjected to purely hydrostatic stress ($\sigma_{p1} = \sigma_{p2} = \sigma_{p3}$) *never* yields

Total elastic strain energy density = change of volume + distortion (change of shape)

$$\bar{u} = \frac{1}{2E} [\sigma_{p1}^2 + \sigma_{p2}^2 - 2\nu\sigma_{p1}\sigma_{p2}] \quad \bar{u}_v = \frac{1}{2G} (\sigma_{p1} + \sigma_{p2}) \quad \bar{u}_d = \frac{1}{6G} (\sigma_{p1}^2 - \sigma_{p1}\sigma_{p2} + \sigma_{p2}^2)$$

For yielding in the tensile test

$$\bar{u}_{d,yield} = \frac{1}{6G} \sigma_Y^2$$



So, our failure criterion for any plane stress state is

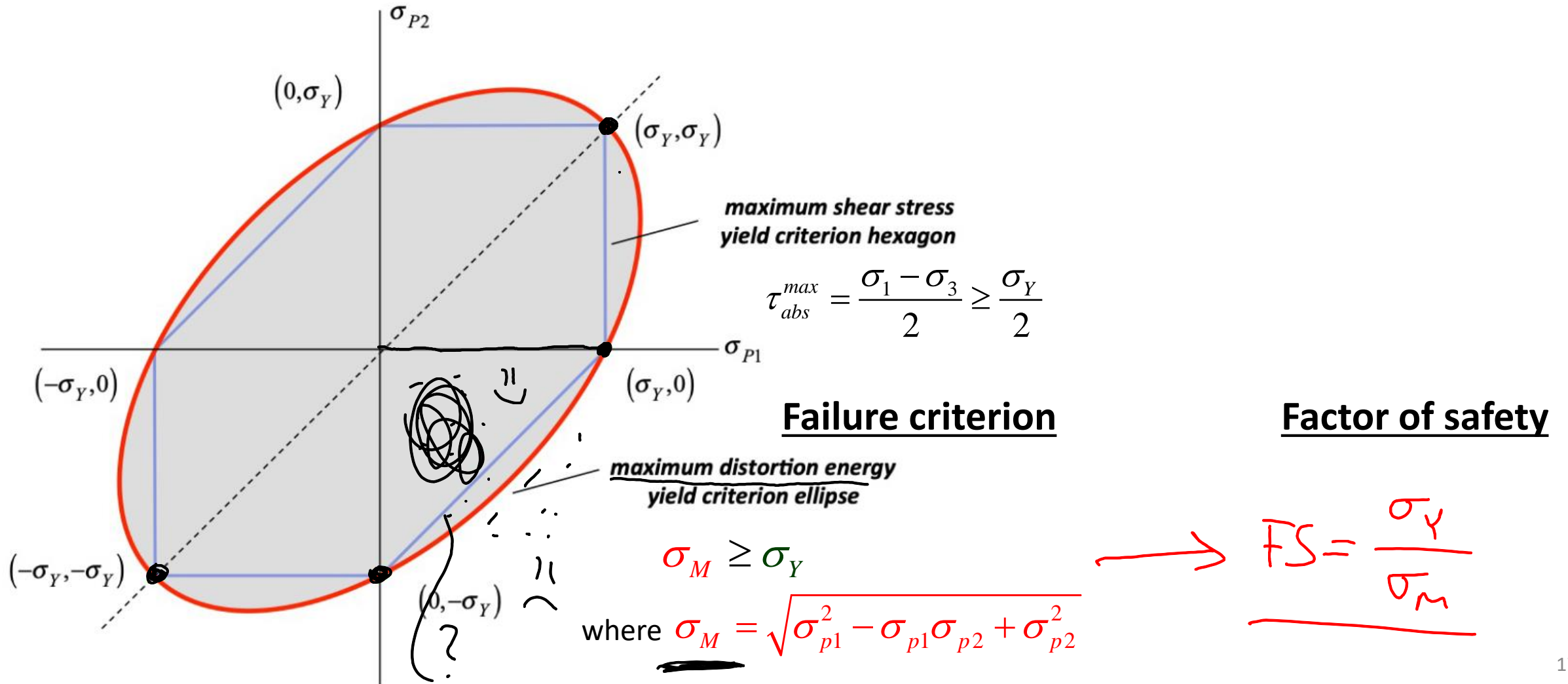
$$\frac{1}{6G} (\sigma_{p1}^2 - \sigma_{p1}\sigma_{p2} + \sigma_{p2}^2) = \frac{1}{6G} \sigma_Y^2$$

Von Mises stress: $\sigma_M = \sqrt{\sigma_{p1}^2 - \sigma_{p1}\sigma_{p2} + \sigma_{p2}^2}$

\Rightarrow failure criterion: $\sigma_M \geq \sigma_Y$

Ductile failure: Maximum distortional energy theory

In principal stress space, the maximum distortional energy failure boundary is an ellipse



Ductile failure: Summary

Maximum shear stress theory

Failure criterion: $\tau_{max}^{abs} \geq \frac{\sigma_Y}{2}$

3 possible cases for τ_{max}^{abs} based on signs of principal stresses

$$\sigma_{p1} > \sigma_{p2} > 0: \sigma_{p1} \geq \sigma_Y \quad 0 > \sigma_{p1} > \sigma_{p2}: |\sigma_{p2}| \geq \sigma_Y$$

$$\sigma_{p1} > 0 > \sigma_{p2}: \sigma_{p1} - \sigma_{p2} \geq \sigma_Y$$

Or, if you re-order the principal stresses so $\sigma_1 > \sigma_2 > \sigma_3$,

$$\tau_{abs}^{max} = \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3}{2} \geq \frac{\sigma_Y}{2} \text{ is the failure criterion for all cases}$$

Factor of safety: $FS = \frac{\sigma_Y}{2\tau_{max}^{abs}} = \frac{\sigma_Y}{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3}$

Maximum distortional energy (von Mises) theory

Failure criterion (based on the von Mises stress):

$$\sigma_M = \sqrt{\sigma_{p1}^2 - \sigma_{p1}\sigma_{p2} + \sigma_{p2}^2} \geq \sigma_Y$$

Factor of safety: $FS = \frac{\sigma_Y}{\sigma_M}$

Or, equivalently,

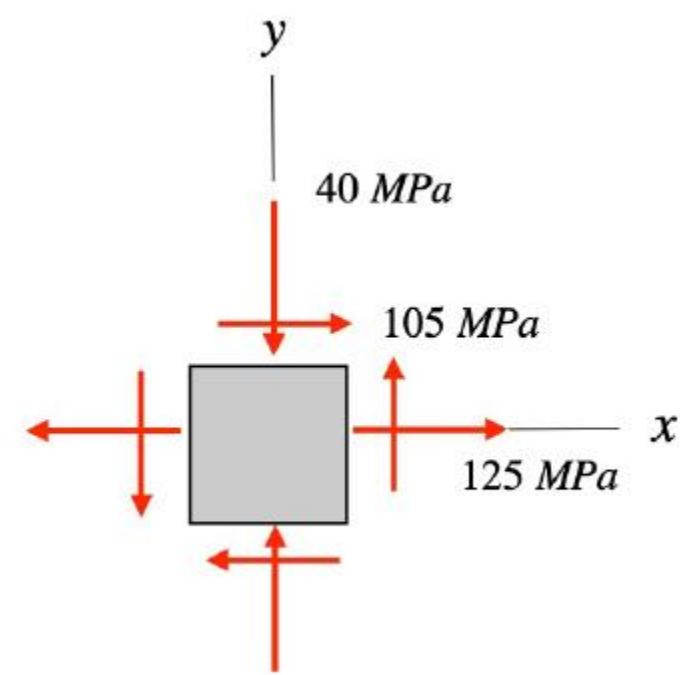
$$\sigma_1 > \sigma_2 > \sigma_3$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_M = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left[(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_1 - \sigma_3)^2 \right]}$$

Example 15.1

$$85/2 = 42.5$$

The state of stress shown is in a component made of a ductile material with a **yield strength** of $\sigma_Y = 250$ MPa. Does the maximum shear stress theory predict failure for the material? Does the maximum distortion energy predict failure for the material?



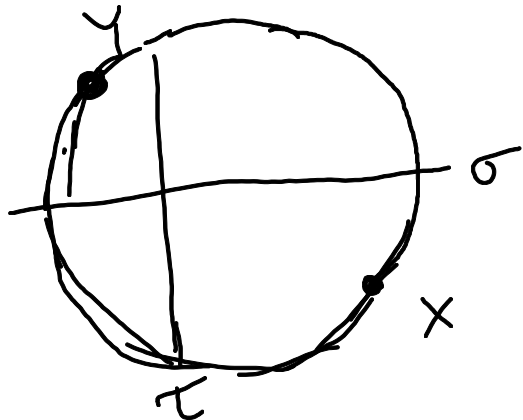
$$\sigma_x = +125 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_{avg} = \frac{125 + (-40)}{2} = 42.5 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_y = -40 \text{ MPa}$$

$$R = \sqrt{\left(\frac{125 - (-40)}{2}\right)^2 + (105)^2} = 133.5 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\tau_{xy} = +105 \text{ MPa}$$



$$\sigma_{p1} = 176 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_{p2} = -91 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_{p3} = 0$$

MDE / von Mises

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_m &= \sqrt{\sigma_{p1}^2 - \sigma_{p1}\sigma_{p2} + \sigma_{p2}^2} = \underline{235.2 \text{ MPa}} \\ &= \sqrt{176^2 - (176)(-91) + (-91)^2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{\sigma_Y = 250 \text{ MPa}}$$

$\sigma_m < \sigma_Y \Rightarrow$ safe
by MDE!

MSS

$$\sigma_1 = 176 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_2 = 0$$

$$\sigma_3 = -91 \text{ MPa}$$

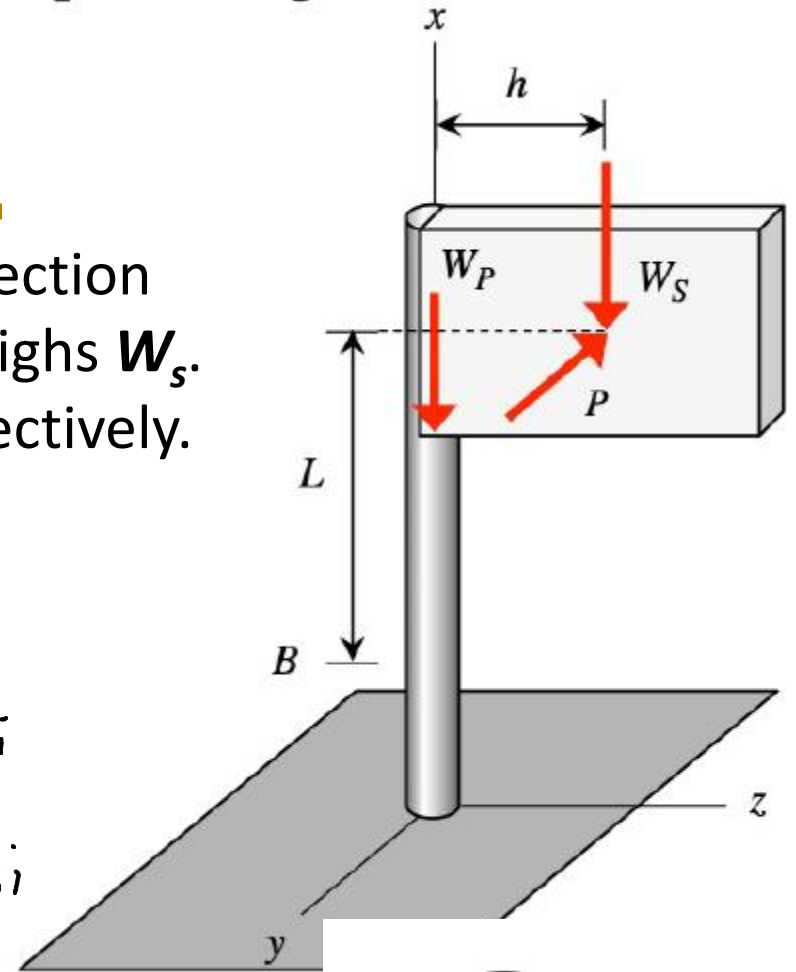
$$\Rightarrow \tau_{max}^{abs} = \left| \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3}{2} \right| = 133.5 \text{ MPa} > \frac{\sigma_Y}{2} = 125 \text{ MPa}$$

$$FS = \frac{\sigma_Y}{2\tau_{max}^{abs}} = \frac{\sigma_Y}{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3} = 0.94 < 1 \Rightarrow \text{fail by MSS}$$

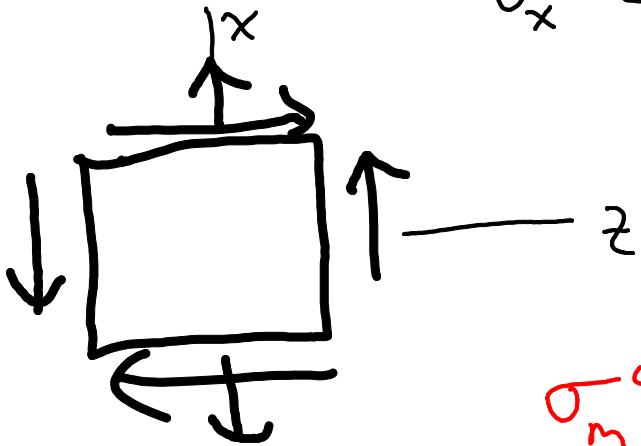
Revisit Example 14.12

Wind blowing on a sign produces a resultant force \mathbf{P} in the $-y$ direction at the point shown. The support pole weighs \mathbf{W}_p and the sign weighs \mathbf{W}_s . The pole is a pipe with outer and inner diameters d_o and d_i , respectively.

What are the factors of safety for points a and b according to the maximum distortion energy theory if the pole is made from an aluminum alloy with a yield strength of 20 ksi? $\rightarrow \sigma_Y = 20 \text{ ksi}$



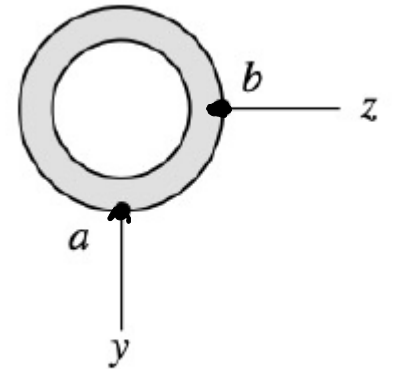
Point a



$$\sigma_x^a = \frac{-W_p - W_s}{A} + \frac{PL d_o}{2 I_{zz}} = 9433 \text{ psi}$$

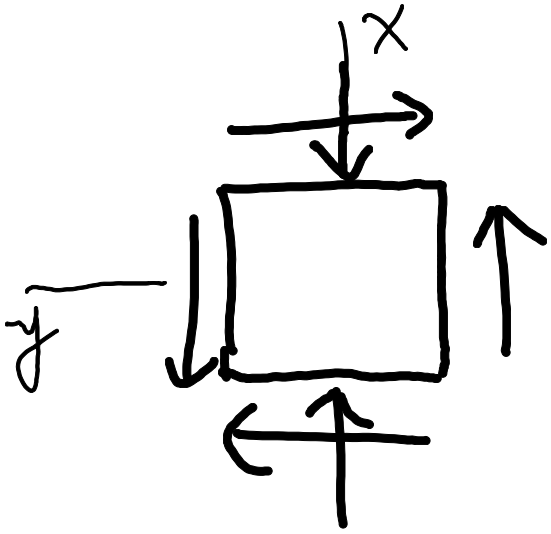
$$\tau_{xz}^a = \frac{(Ph)d}{2 I_p} = 871 \text{ psi}$$

$$\sigma_m^a = 9.6 \text{ ksi} \Rightarrow \boxed{FS^a = \frac{20}{9.1} = 2.1}$$



pipe cross section at B

Point b



$$\sigma_x^b = \frac{-W_p - W_s}{A} - \frac{W_s h d_o}{2 I_{yy}} = -3025 \text{ psi}$$

$$\tau_{xy}^b = \frac{-(Ph) d_o}{2 I_p} - \frac{2P}{A} = -938 \text{ psi}$$

$$\sigma_m^b = 3.4 \text{ ksi} \Rightarrow FS^b = \frac{20}{3.4} = 5.9$$

the "real" factor of safety is the smaller one (point a is closer to failure)

Bonus example

Determine the principal stresses and the maximum shear stress at point A (i.e., the point on top of the wrench handle). The diameter of the circular cross section is 12.5 mm.

all lengths in mm, stresses in MPa, forces in N

If the wrench is made of a ductile material with a yield strength of 300 MPa, what value of the force will cause yielding at point A according to the maximum shear stress theory? How about the maximum distortion energy theory?

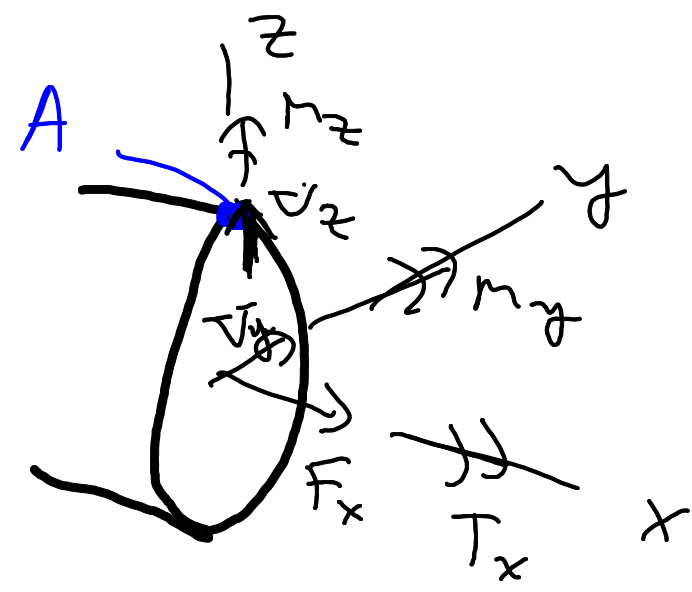
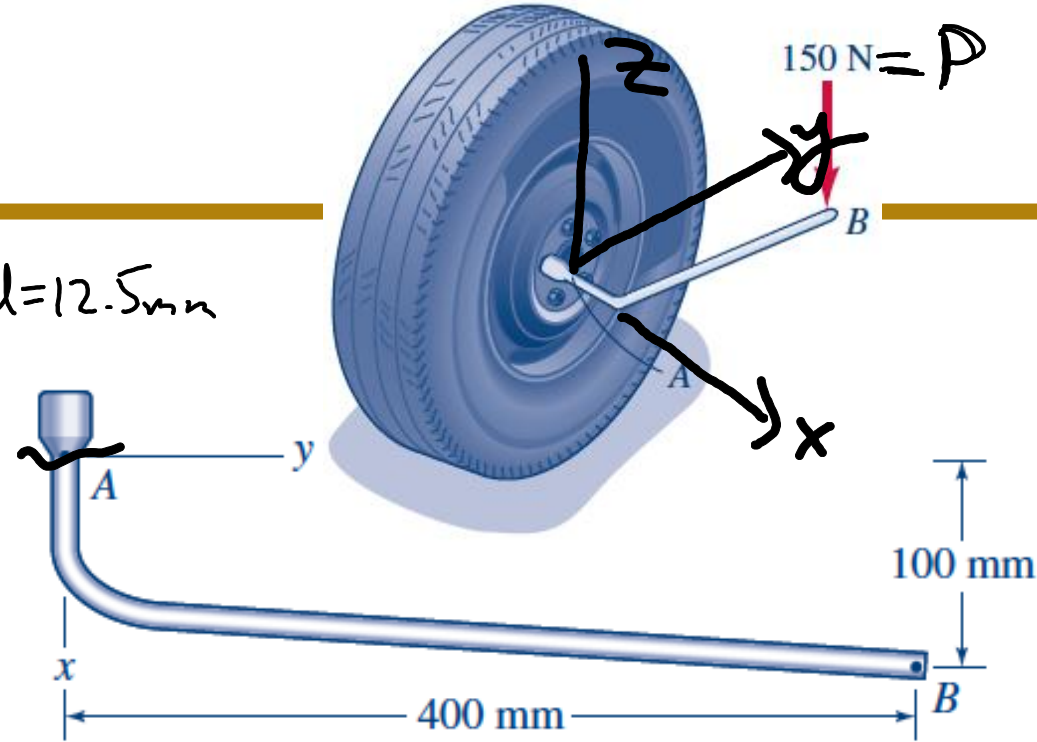
$$\sigma_Y = 300 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\vec{F} = -P\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{r} = (100\hat{i} + 400\hat{j}) \text{ mm}$$

$d = 12.5 \text{ mm}$

units work out!



$$F_x \hat{i} + V_y \hat{j} + V_z \hat{k} = \vec{F} = -P \hat{k}$$

$$V_z = -P$$

$$T_x \hat{i} + M_y \hat{j} + M_z \hat{k} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F} = -400P \hat{i} + 100P \hat{j} + 0 \hat{k}$$

$$T_x = -400P \quad M_y = 100P$$

Load

Stress dist

Stress at a

$$V_z = -P$$

$$T_x = -400P$$

$$M_y = 100P$$

$$\tau_{xy} = \frac{+(400P)(d/2)}{I_p}$$

$$\sigma_x = \frac{-(100P)(d/2)}{I}$$

Combine stresses

$$\sigma_x^A = \frac{-3200P}{\pi d^3}$$

$$\tau_{xy}^A = \frac{6400P}{\pi d^3}$$

Note: the units work out in all of these equations since there is a "mm" dimension embedded in the numerator

Principal stresses & failure

$$\sigma_{avg} = \frac{-1600P}{\pi d^3}$$

$$R = \frac{6597P}{\pi d^3}$$

$$\sigma_{p1} = \sigma_{avg} + R = \frac{4997P}{\pi d^3}$$

$$\sigma_{p2} = \sigma_{avg} - R = \frac{-8197P}{\pi d^3}$$

$$\sigma_1 = \sigma_{p1}$$

$$\sigma_2 = 0$$

$$\sigma_3 = \sigma_{p2}$$

MSS

$$\tau_{max}^{abs} = \left| \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3}{2} \right| = \frac{6597P}{\pi d^3} = \frac{\sigma_y}{2} \Rightarrow$$

$$P_{MSS} = 139.5 N$$

MDE

$$\sigma_m = \sigma_y \Rightarrow$$

$$P_{MDE} = 159.5 N$$

$$\sigma_m = \frac{11538P}{\pi d^3}$$