

BEAM THEORY – MATERIAL FAILURE THEORIES

STRUCTURAL MECHANICS

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LECTURER/STUDENTS OBJECTIVES



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-  Present the failure due to exceeding the strength limit in the cross sections and the concept of equivalent stress.
-  Understand the concept of equivalent stress in relation to different materials and apply it to beams.

INTRODUCTION



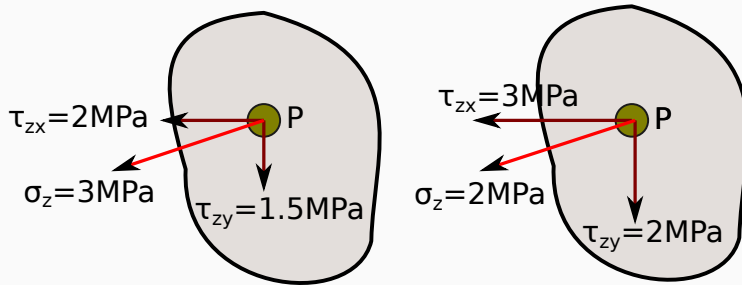
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Normal and tangential stresses

- What is the worse condition for a point P?
- How can we take into account all stresses at P to evaluate their “total” effect?



The **material failure theory** (or strength criteria) represents a way to predict the conditions under which solid materials fail under the action of external loads

The aim is...

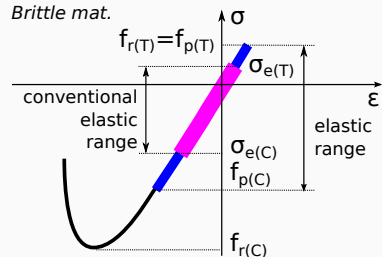
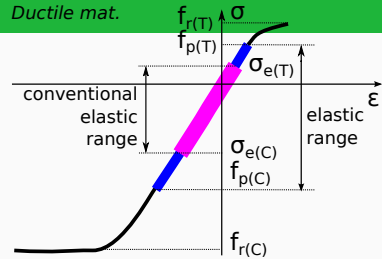
...to find a **index of the stress of the material**, or **equivalent stress**

$\sigma_{eq} = \sigma_{eq}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$, to compare with the strength limit values measured in a uniaxial laboratory test ($f_{r(T)}$ in tension and $f_{r(C)}$ in compression)

It is assumed that $f_{r(C)}$, $f_{p(C)}$ and $\sigma_{e(C)}$ are positive values

DUCTILE AND BRITTLE MATERIALS

- **Ductile materials:** the strength in tension $f_{r(T)}$ is usually equal to the strength in compression $f_{r(C)}$
- **Brittle materials:** the strength in tension $f_{r(T)}$ is usually different from the strength in compression $f_{r(C)}$



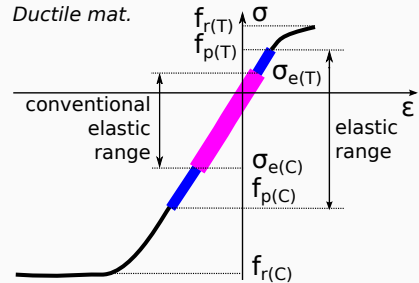
PROPORTIONAL LIMITS

The elastic range is defined by $f_{p(T)}$ and $f_{p(C)}$

To obtain a safety margin, $f_{p(T)}$ and $f_{p(C)}$ are reduced by **partial safety factors** $\gamma_{M(T)}$ and $\gamma_{M(C)}$

$$\sigma_{e(T)} = \frac{f_{p(T)}}{\gamma_{M(T)}} \quad \sigma_{e(C)} = \frac{f_{p(C)}}{\gamma_{M(C)}}$$

to define the conventional elastic range
 $(-\sigma_{e(C)}, \sigma_{e(T)})$



BRITTLE MATERIALS



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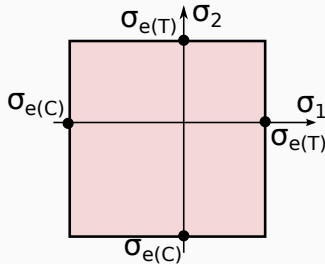


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This criterion requires to restrict the three principal stresses inside the the conventional elastic range $(-\sigma_{e(C)}, \sigma_{e(T)})$

$$-\sigma_{e(C)} \leq \sigma_1 \leq \sigma_{e(T)} \quad -\sigma_{e(C)} \leq \sigma_2 \leq \sigma_{e(T)} \quad -\sigma_{e(C)} \leq \sigma_3 \leq \sigma_{e(T)}$$

It is represented by a square in the space described by the principal stresses (σ_1, σ_2)



DUCTILE MATERIALS



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This criterion requires to limit the maximum tangential stress τ_{max} :

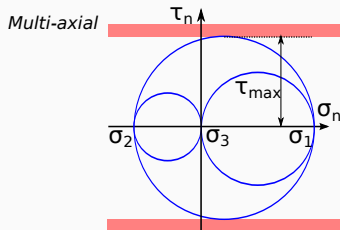
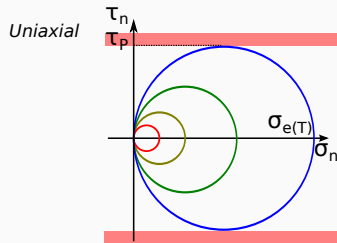
$$\tau_{max} \leq \tau_p = \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{e(T)}$$

where:

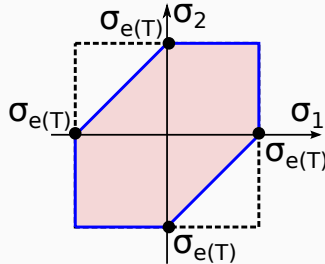
$$\tau_{max} = \frac{1}{2} \max \{ |\sigma_1 - \sigma_2|; |\sigma_1 - \sigma_3|; |\sigma_2 - \sigma_3| \}$$

It is obtained:

$$\sigma_{eq} = \max \{ |\sigma_1 - \sigma_2|; |\sigma_1 - \sigma_3|; |\sigma_2 - \sigma_3| \} \leq \sigma_{e(T)}$$

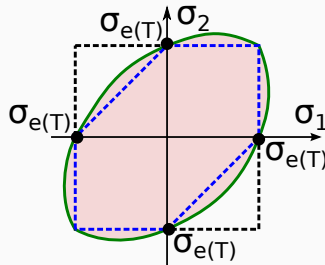


It is represented by an hexagon in the space described by the principal stresses (σ_1, σ_2)



It is represented by an ellipse in the space described by the principal stresses (σ_1, σ_2)

$$\sigma_{eq} = \sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 - \sigma_1\sigma_2} \leq \sigma_{e(T)}$$



EXPERIMENTAL CONFIRMATION

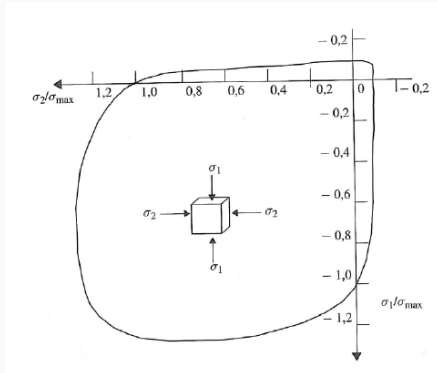


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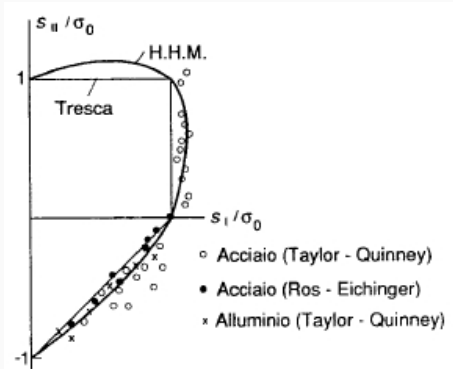
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EXPERIMENTS (CONCRETE, STEEL AND ALUMINUM)



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(acciaio: steel; alluminio: aluminum; HHM: Huber-Hencky-von Mises
criterion)

VERIFICATION CONDITIONS (DUCTILE MATERIALS)

The principal stresses are given by (Mohr's circle):

$$\sigma_1, \sigma_2 = \frac{\sigma_z}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\sigma_z^2 + 4 \tau_z^2}; \quad \sigma_3 = 0$$

the equivalent stress by:

$$\sigma_{eq} = \max \{ |\sigma_1 - \sigma_2|; |\sigma_1|; |\sigma_2| \} \quad (\text{Tresca criterion})$$

$$\sigma_{eq} = \sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 - \sigma_1 \sigma_2} \quad (\text{von Mises criterion})$$

The **verification condition** is passed if:

$$\sigma_{eq} = \sqrt{\sigma_z^2 + \mathcal{D} \tau_z^2} \leq \frac{f_{p(T)}}{\gamma_{M(T)}} = \sigma_{e(T)}$$

$$\text{where } \begin{cases} \mathcal{D} = 4 & \text{Tresca criterion} \\ \mathcal{D} = 3 & \text{von Mises criterion} \end{cases}$$

The study of structures under the elastic behavior can give unreliable results.

- The **crack formations** beyond the elastic phase does not means the loss of functionality of the structure. Sometimes, the fracture can be considered as an **hinge**, without loss of stability.
- Holes and other particular situations (notches, sharp angles) give **stress concentrations** (and/or infinite stresses) that can be avoided using elasto-plastic models (stress redistribution).