## Principal stresses



Stresses are positive if positive face - positive direction or negative face - negative direction.
(All stresses shown are positive with respect to these axes)

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\begin{aligned}
& \cos \theta_{1}=\frac{A_{0}}{A_{2}} \Rightarrow A_{2}=A_{0} \sec \theta_{1} \\
& \tan \theta_{1}=\frac{A_{1}}{A_{0}} \Rightarrow A_{1}=A_{0} \tan \theta_{1}
\end{aligned}
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forces

From $\sum \mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{x}}=0$ and $\sum \mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{y}}=0$, $\sigma_{\mathrm{x} 1 \mathrm{x} 1}=\frac{\sigma_{\mathrm{xx}}+\sigma_{\mathrm{yy}}}{2}+\frac{\sigma_{\mathrm{xx}}-\sigma_{\mathrm{yy}}}{2} \cos 2 \theta_{1}+\tau_{\mathrm{xy}} \sin 2 \theta_{1}$
$\tau_{x 1 y 1}=\frac{-\left(\sigma_{x x}-\sigma_{y y}\right)}{2} \sin 2 \theta_{1}+\tau_{x y} \cos 2 \theta_{1}$
$\theta_{1} \varepsilon\left[0^{\circ}, 180^{\circ}\right]$
These are the "transformation equations" for plane stress. $\sigma_{\text {max }}$ and $\tau_{\text {max }}$ from these equations are the true maximum stresses in a beam (except for the special case where they occur out-of-plane). $\sigma_{\text {max }}$ and $\tau_{\text {max }}$ may occur at a location of $\left(\sigma_{x x}\right)_{\max },\left(\sigma_{y y}\right)_{\max },\left(\tau_{x y}\right)_{\max }$, or may occur at a location where none of the above are maximized.
note: $\sigma_{y y}$ for a given region in a beam is the distributed load $q$ divided by the cross-sect thickness $t$ at that location.
note: $\sigma_{y y}$ usually compressive (negative in the above equations) since our distributed loads act downward. $\sigma_{x x}$ direction determined from bending stress and external axial load $\left(\frac{\mathrm{P}}{\mathrm{A}}+\frac{\mathrm{My}}{\mathrm{I}}\right)$. $\tau$ direction determined from inspection of the internal vertical equilibrium (NOT SFD) (see below).

$\tau \quad$ reversed because location is to the right of the point load.
$\sigma$ reversed because section chosen is in upper portion of beam.
note: The beams of chapter five usually contain all three forces. Since $\sigma_{y y}$ depends on $x$ (distance along beam) and y (in relation to neutral axis), $\sigma_{\mathrm{xx}}$ depends on x and y , $\tau_{\mathrm{xy}}$ depends on x and y , and $\theta_{1}$ also varies between 0 and $180^{\circ}$, finding the exact location and angle of $\sigma_{\max }$ and $\tau_{\max }$ can usually only be approached through trial and error using the transformation equations. For design, transformation equations are accounted for in the safety factor, but can be checked as follows.

## Principal Angles

The following is useful assuming that a location O within a beam has been chosen and $\tau_{\mathrm{xy}}, \sigma_{\mathrm{xx}}, \sigma_{\mathrm{yy}}$ are known.
From $\frac{\mathrm{d} \sigma_{\mathrm{x} 1 \mathrm{x} 1}}{\mathrm{~d} \theta_{1}}=0, \quad \boldsymbol{\operatorname { t a n }} 2\left(\theta_{\mathrm{p}}\right)=\frac{2 \tau_{\mathrm{xy}}}{\sigma_{\mathrm{xx}}-\sigma_{\mathrm{yy}}}$ (critical angles for normal - "principal stress")
Two solutions: $\theta_{\mathrm{p}} \varepsilon\left[0,90^{\circ}\right]$ and $\theta_{\mathrm{p}} \varepsilon\left[90,180^{\circ}\right]$ which correspond to $\theta_{\mathrm{p} 1}$ and $\theta_{\mathrm{p} 2}$ though not necessarily in that order. $\theta_{\mathrm{p} 1}$ and $\theta_{\mathrm{p} 2}$ differ by $90^{\circ}$.
$\sigma_{\mathrm{xp} 1 \mathrm{xp1} 1}=\left(\sigma_{\mathrm{x} 1 \mathrm{x} 1}\right)_{\max }=\frac{\sigma_{\mathrm{xx}}+\sigma_{\mathrm{yy}}}{2}+\sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_{\mathrm{xx}}-\sigma_{\mathrm{yy}}}{2}\right)^{2}+\tau_{\mathrm{xy}}^{2}}$ (skipped work)
$\sigma_{\mathrm{xp} 2 \mathrm{xp} 2}=\left(\sigma_{\mathrm{x} 1 \mathrm{x} 1}\right)_{\min }=\frac{\sigma_{\mathrm{xx}}+\sigma_{\mathrm{yy}}}{2}-\sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_{\mathrm{xx}}-\sigma_{\mathrm{yy}}}{2}\right)^{2}+\tau_{\mathrm{xy}}{ }^{2}}$
(could be greater magnitude than $\left.\left(\sigma_{x 1 x 1}\right)_{\text {"max" }}\right)$
note: $\tau_{\text {xp1xp1 }}=\tau_{\text {xp2xp } 2}=0$ (proof Mohr's Circle - see next section)
note: The true min and max normal stress could be located "out-of-plane" (not calculated)

From $\frac{d \tau_{x y 1}}{d \theta_{1}}=0, \boldsymbol{\operatorname { t a n }} 2\left(\theta_{\mathrm{s}}\right)=\frac{-\left(\sigma_{\mathrm{xx}}-\sigma_{\mathrm{yy}}\right)}{2 \tau_{\mathrm{xy}}}$ (critical angles for shear stress)
Two solutions: $\theta_{\mathrm{s}} \varepsilon\left[0,90^{\circ}\right]$ and $\theta_{\mathrm{s}} \varepsilon\left[90,180^{\circ}\right]$ which correspond to $\theta_{\mathrm{s} 1}$ and $\theta_{\mathrm{s} 2}$ though not necessarily in that order. $\theta_{\mathrm{s} 1}$ and $\theta_{\mathrm{s} 2}$ differ by $90^{\circ}$.

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\begin{aligned}
& \tau_{\mathrm{xs} 1 \mathrm{ys} 1}=\left(\tau_{\mathrm{x} 1 \mathrm{y} 1}\right)_{\max }=\sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_{\mathrm{xx}}-\sigma_{\mathrm{yy}}}{2}\right)^{2}+\tau_{\mathrm{xy}}{ }^{2}} \quad \text { OR } \quad \frac{\sigma_{\mathrm{xp} 1 \mathrm{xp} 1}-\sigma_{\mathrm{xp} 2 \mathrm{xp} 2}}{2} \\
& \tau_{\mathrm{xs} 2 \mathrm{ys} 2}=\left(\tau_{\mathrm{x} 1 \mathrm{y} 1}\right)_{\min }=-\left(\tau_{\mathrm{x} 1 \mathrm{y} 1}\right)_{\max }
\end{aligned}
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note: $\sigma_{\text {ave }}=\frac{\sigma_{x x}+\sigma_{y y}}{2}=\sigma_{x s 1 x s 1}=\sigma_{x s 2 x s 2}$ (Proof Mohr's Circle - see next section) note: $\theta_{\mathrm{s} 1}=\theta_{\mathrm{p} 1}-45^{\circ}$ (Proof Mohr's Circle)
note: The true min and max shear stress is located out-of-plane if $\sigma_{\mathrm{xp1xp1} 1}$ and $\sigma_{\mathrm{xp} 2 \times p 2}$ have the same sign: $\left[\left(\tau_{\max / \min }\right)_{\text {about xp1 }}= \pm \frac{\sigma_{\mathrm{xp} 2 \times \mathrm{p} 2}}{2}\right.$ and $\left.\left(\tau_{\max / \min }\right)_{\text {about xp} 2}= \pm \frac{\sigma_{\mathrm{xplxp} 1}}{2}\right]$.
e.g.

Given: $\quad \sigma_{x x}=12300 p s i \quad \sigma_{y y}=-4200 p s i \quad \tau_{x y}=-4700 p s i$
Find: $\sigma_{x p 1 x p 1}, \sigma_{x p 2 x p 2}, \tau_{x s 1 y s 1}, \tau_{x s 2 y s 2}$


note: $\theta_{s 1}=\theta_{p 1}-45^{\circ}=165.2^{\circ}-45^{\circ}=120.2^{\circ}$
note: $\tau_{x s 1 y s 1}=-\tau_{x s 2 y s 2}=\frac{\sigma_{x p 1 x p 1}-\sigma_{x p 2 x p 2}}{2}=\frac{13540-(-5440)}{2}=9490$
note: $\tau_{x p 1 y p 1}=\tau_{x p 2 y p 2}=0$ and $\sigma_{x s 1 x s 1}=\sigma_{x s 2 x s 2}=\sigma_{\text {ave }}$ could also be shown easily

