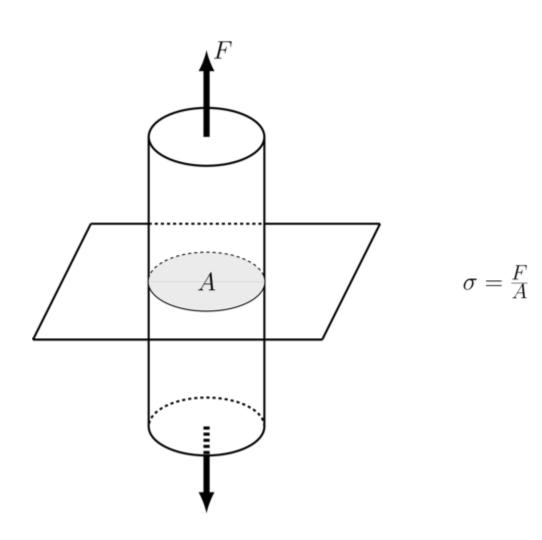
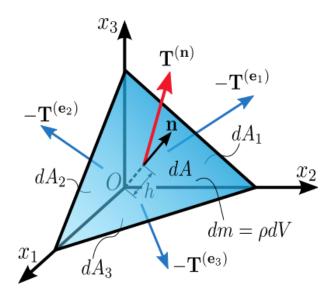
Stress



Cauchy tetrahedron



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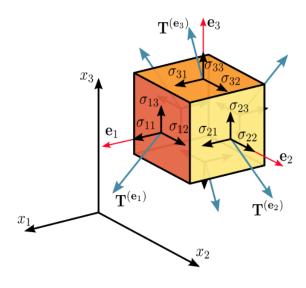


Stress tensor

$$\sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} & \sigma_{13} \\ \sigma_{21} & \sigma_{22} & \sigma_{23} \\ \sigma_{31} & \sigma_{32} & \sigma_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$



Visual definition



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- First subscripted index refers to the index of the unit vector that is normal to the face.
- Second subscripted index refers to the component of traction vector.

