

# Continuum Mechanics (B)

## Session 06: Apply Cartesian Tensor to Elasticity

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# Stress Tensor

Index notation of stress as  $\tau_{ik}$ , or  $\sigma_{ik}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_x & \tau_{xy} & \tau_{xz} \\ \tau_{yx} & \sigma_y & \tau_{yz} \\ \tau_{zx} & \tau_{zy} & \sigma_z \end{bmatrix} = \tau_{ik} = \begin{bmatrix} \tau_{11} & \tau_{12} & \tau_{13} \\ \tau_{21} & \tau_{22} & \tau_{23} \\ \tau_{31} & \tau_{32} & \tau_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

- The first subscript  $i$  indicates the plane on which the stress acts
- The second subscript  $k$  gives the direction of the component

Now we prove that stress is a second-order tensor:

$$\tau'_{jn} = a_{ij} a_{kn} \tau_{ik}$$

# Stress Tensor

Stress equilibrium of a tetrahedron in each direction

$$\rightarrow \quad p_k = \tau_{ik} a_{i1} \quad \mathbf{p} = \boldsymbol{\tau}^T \mathbf{n} = \boldsymbol{\tau} \mathbf{n}$$

$a_{i1}$  is the normal unit vector of the plane  $x'$ .

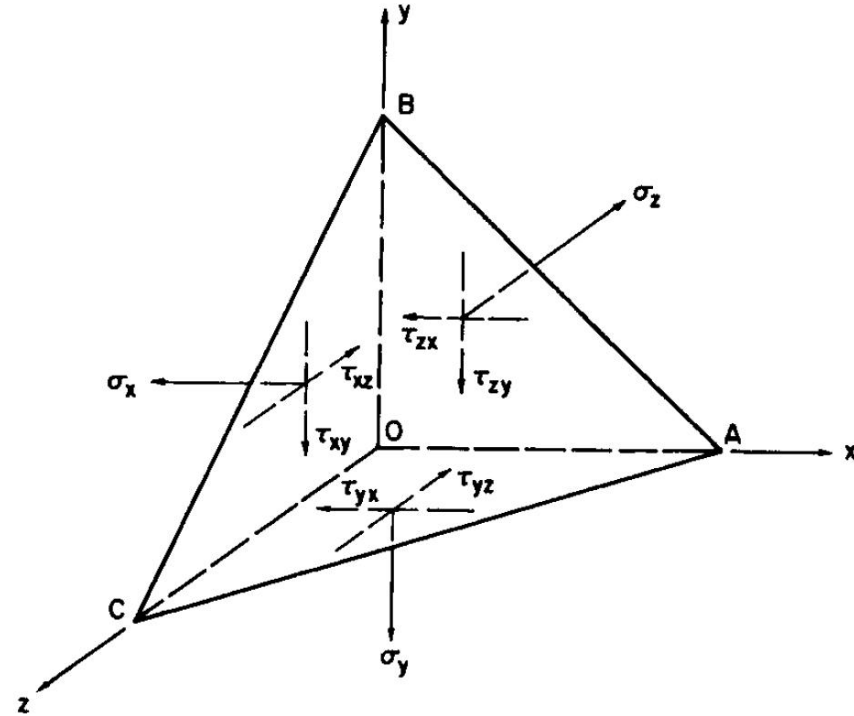
$$\tau'_{1n} = p_k a_{kn} = \tau_{ik} a_{i1} a_{kn}$$

$$\tau'_{jn} = \tau_{ik} a_{ij} a_{kn} = a_{ij} a_{kn} \tau_{ik}$$

So stress is a second-order tensor.

Since  $\tau_{ij} = \tau_{ji}$ , stress is a **symmetric second-order tensor**

Stress components on a tetrahedron



stress vector on plane ABC:  $(p_x, p_y, p_z)$

## Stress Tensor

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The stress vector on the plane with  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  as the normal unit vector  $\tau_k^\mu$  can be expressed as

$$\tau_k^\mu = p_k = \tau_{ik} \mu_i \quad \mathbf{p} = \boldsymbol{\tau}^T \mathbf{n} = \boldsymbol{\tau} \mathbf{n}$$

The stress component on the  $\mu$  plane in the  $\nu$  direction is equal to the stress component on the  $\nu$  plane in the  $\mu$  direction

i.e.,  $\tau_{ij} = \tau_{ji}$  is a special case for this rule

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\tau}^\mu \cdot \boldsymbol{\nu} &= \tau_i^\mu \nu_i = \tau_{ji} \mu_j \nu_i \\ &= \tau_{ij} \nu_i \mu_j \\ &= \tau_j^\nu \mu_j = \boldsymbol{\tau}^\nu \cdot \boldsymbol{\mu} \end{aligned}$$

## Stress Tensor: principal axes of the stress tensor

Principal axes of the stress tensor:

if  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  is the principal axes of the stress tensor, then the stress vector acting on the surface defined by  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  is parallel to  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ :

$$\tau_j^\mu = \tau \mu_j \quad \rightarrow (\tau_{ij} - \tau \delta_{ij}) \mu_i = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} \tau_{11} - \tau & \tau_{21} & \tau_{31} \\ \tau_{12} & \tau_{22} - \tau & \tau_{32} \\ \tau_{13} & \tau_{23} & \tau_{33} - \tau \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \tau^3 - I_1 \tau^2 + I_2 \tau - I_3 = 0$$

$$I_1 = \tau_{11} + \tau_{22} + \tau_{33} = \tau_{ii}$$

$$I_2 = \tau_{11}\tau_{22} + \tau_{22}\tau_{33} + \tau_{33}\tau_{11} - \tau_{12}^2 - \tau_{23}^2 - \tau_{31}^2 = \frac{1}{2}(\tau_{ij}\tau_{kk} - \tau_{ik}\tau_{ki})$$

$$I_3 = \tau_{11}\tau_{22}\tau_{33} + 2\tau_{12}\tau_{23}\tau_{31} - \tau_{11}\tau_{23}^2 - \tau_{22}\tau_{31}^2 - \tau_{33}\tau_{12}^2 = \frac{1}{6}(2\tau_{ij}\tau_{jk}\tau_{ki} - 3\tau_{ij}\tau_{jl}\tau_{kk} + \tau_{il}\tau_{jj}\tau_{kk})$$

$$= \frac{1}{6}(\epsilon_{ijk}\epsilon_{pqr}\tau_{ip}\tau_{jq}\tau_{kr})$$

the coefficients  $I_1, I_2, I_3$  must be invariant quantities (**The three stress invariants**):

because the principal stress must be the same when referred to any coordinate system.

## Stress Tensor: principal axes of the stress tensor

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the stress transformation equation

$$\tau'_{jn} = a_{ij} a_{kn} \tau_{ik}$$

can be expressed in terms of the principal stresses:

$$\tau'_{ij} = \tau_I \mu_i^I \mu_j^I + \tau_{II} \mu_i^{II} \mu_j^{II} + \tau_{III} \mu_i^{III} \mu_j^{III}$$

$\tau_I, \tau_{II}, \tau_{III}$  represents the principal stresses

$\mu_i^{II}$  represents the directional cosine between the new plane  $i$  and the principal axis direction of  $\tau_{II}$

$\mu_j^{II}$  represents the directional cosine between the stress component direction  $j$  and the principal axis direction of  $\tau_{II}$

Represent the matrix rotation with eigenvalues and eigenvectors

## Stress Tensor: stress ellipsoid

Components of the stress vector on any  $x'$  plane is

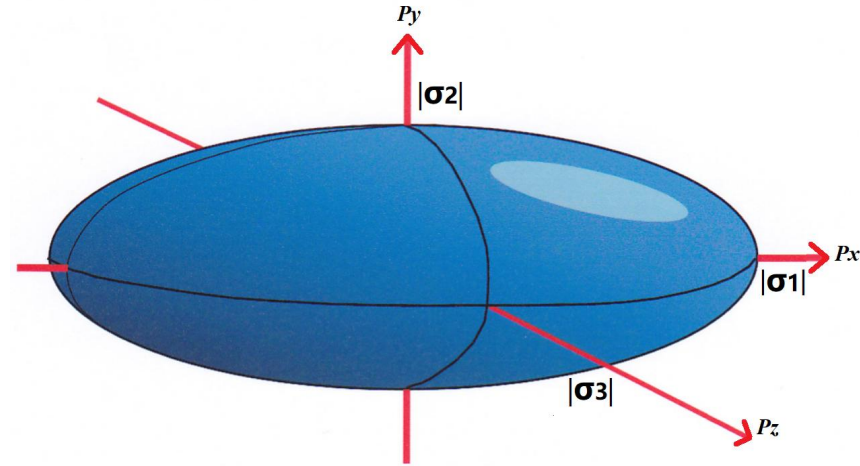
$$\begin{aligned} p_x &= \tau_{i1} a_{i1} = \sigma_1 a_{11} \\ p_y &= \tau_{i2} a_{i1} = \sigma_2 a_{21} \\ p_z &= \tau_{i3} a_{i1} = \sigma_3 a_{31} \end{aligned}$$

when  $xyz$  coincide with principal axes

$$a_{i1}^2 = 1 \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{p_x^2}{\sigma_1^2} + \frac{p_y^2}{\sigma_2^2} + \frac{p_z^2}{\sigma_3^2} = 1$$

Given any  $\mathbf{x}' = (a_{11}, a_{21}, a_{31})$ , we have  $(p_x, p_y, p_z)$  on the ellipsoid

The stress vectors on all inclinations compose the surface of an ellipsoid (the ellipsoid of Lamé, or the **stress ellipsoid**).



The Stress Ellipsoid of Lamé  
( $xyz$  coordinate in the principal stress directions)

For magnitude of stress vectors of all planes at a given point,  $\sigma_1$  is the maximum one and  $\sigma_3$  is the minimum one.



## Stress Tensor: prove that stress is a second-order tensor

$$\tau'_{jn} = a_{ij} a_{kn} \tau_{ik}$$

Verify right stress expressions by setting  $j = 1$  in the stress transformation equation.

3D stress transformation

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{x'} &= \sigma_x a_{11}^2 + \sigma_y a_{21}^2 + \sigma_z a_{31}^2 \\ &+ 2\tau_{xy} a_{11} a_{21} + 2\tau_{yz} a_{21} a_{31} + 2\tau_{zx} a_{31} a_{11}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\tau_{x'y'} &= \sigma_x a_{11} a_{12} + \sigma_y a_{21} a_{22} + \sigma_z a_{31} a_{32} \\ &+ \tau_{xy}(a_{11} a_{22} + a_{21} a_{12}) \\ &+ \tau_{yz}(a_{21} a_{32} + a_{31} a_{22}) \\ &+ \tau_{zx}(a_{31} a_{12} + a_{11} a_{32})\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\tau_{x'z'} &= \sigma_x a_{11} a_{13} + \sigma_y a_{21} a_{23} + \sigma_z a_{31} a_{33} \\ &+ \tau_{xy}(a_{11} a_{23} + a_{21} a_{13}) \\ &+ \tau_{yz}(a_{21} a_{33} + a_{31} a_{23}) \\ &+ \tau_{zx}(a_{31} a_{13} + a_{11} a_{33})\end{aligned}$$