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1. A 45-degree strain rosette is used to measure strains on a steel surface. The readings are  $\epsilon_a = 100 \mu\text{m/m}$ ,  $\epsilon_b = 400 \mu\text{m/m}$ , and  $\epsilon_c = 900 \mu\text{m/m}$ . Determine the principal strains and stresses.

**Solution:** Calculate strain components  $\epsilon_{11}$ ,  $\epsilon_{22}$ , and  $\gamma_{12}$ :

$$\epsilon_{11} = \epsilon_a = 100 \mu\text{m/m}$$

$$\epsilon_{22} = \epsilon_c = 900 \mu\text{m/m}$$

$$\gamma_{12} = 2\epsilon_b - (\epsilon_a + \epsilon_c) = 2 \times 400 - (100 + 900) = -200 \mu\text{m/m}$$

Calculate principal strains:

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_{I,II} &= \frac{\epsilon_{11} + \epsilon_{22}}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{\epsilon_{11} - \epsilon_{22}}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\gamma_{12}}{2}\right)^2} \\ \epsilon_{I,II} &= \frac{100 + 900}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{100 - 900}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{-200}{2}\right)^2} \\ \epsilon_I &= 912.31 \mu\text{m/m}, \quad \epsilon_{II} = 87.69 \mu\text{m/m}\end{aligned}$$

Calculate principal stresses:

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_I &= \frac{E}{1 - \nu^2}(\epsilon_I + \nu\epsilon_{II}) \\ \sigma_{II} &= \frac{E}{1 - \nu^2}(\epsilon_{II} + \nu\epsilon_I)\end{aligned}$$

For a given steel with  $E = 205 \text{ GPa}$  and  $\nu = 0.29$ , we can calculate the principal stresses as  $\sigma_I = 209.85 \text{ MPa}$  and  $\sigma_{II} = 78.83 \text{ MPa}$ .

2. Consider a  $60^\circ$  strain gauge rosette to be mounted on the surface of a specimen as shown in Fig. 1.

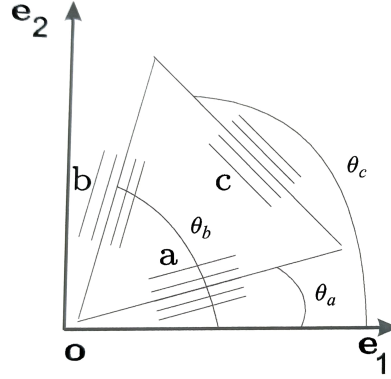


Figure 1: Schematic representation of a  $60^\circ$  strain-gauge rosette.

- (a) Let  $\{\mathbf{e}_a, \mathbf{e}_b, \mathbf{e}_c\}$  denote three non-collinear unit vectors which represent the directions in which the three strain gauges in a rosette are arranged, and let

$$E_{aa} = \mathbf{e}_a \cdot \mathbf{E} \mathbf{e}_a, \quad E_{bb} = \mathbf{e}_b \cdot \mathbf{E} \mathbf{e}_b, \quad E_{cc} = \mathbf{e}_c \cdot \mathbf{E} \mathbf{e}_c,$$

denote the components of the strain measured in the directions  $\{\mathbf{e}_a, \mathbf{e}_b, \mathbf{e}_c\}$ . Determine a general expression for the components of strain,  $\mathbf{E}$ , (i.e  $E_{11}, E_{22}, E_{12} = E_{21}$ ) with respect to the basis  $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2\}$ , as functions of  $(E_{aa}, E_{bb}, E_{cc})$  and the orientations  $(\theta_a, \theta_b, \theta_c)$ .

- (b) Evaluate  $E_{11}, E_{22}$  and  $E_{12}$  for  $\theta_a = 0^\circ$ ,  $\theta_b = 60^\circ$ , and  $\theta_c = 120^\circ$ .

**Solution:** (a) Given that the components of the strain measured in the directions  $\{\mathbf{e}_a, \mathbf{e}_b, \mathbf{e}_c\}$  is

$$E_{aa} = \mathbf{e}_a \cdot \mathbf{E} \mathbf{e}_a, \quad E_{bb} = \mathbf{e}_b \cdot \mathbf{E} \mathbf{e}_b, \quad E_{cc} = \mathbf{e}_c \cdot \mathbf{E} \mathbf{e}_c \quad (1)$$

where the strain  $\mathbf{E}$  with respect to the basis  $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2\}$  can be defined as  $\mathbf{E} = E_{ij} \mathbf{e}_i \otimes \mathbf{e}_j$ . Thus Eq. (1) can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} E_{aa} &= \mathbf{e}_a \cdot (E_{ij} (\mathbf{e}_i \otimes \mathbf{e}_j) \mathbf{e}_a) \\ &= \mathbf{e}_a \cdot (E_{ij} (\mathbf{e}_j \cdot \mathbf{e}_a) \mathbf{e}_i) \quad \text{since } (\mathbf{e}_i \otimes \mathbf{e}_j) \mathbf{e}_a = (\mathbf{e}_j \cdot \mathbf{e}_a) \mathbf{e}_i \\ &= E_{ij} (\mathbf{e}_i \cdot \mathbf{e}_a) (\mathbf{e}_j \cdot \mathbf{e}_a) \\ \implies E_{aa} &= E_{11} (\mathbf{e}_1 \cdot \mathbf{e}_a) (\mathbf{e}_1 \cdot \mathbf{e}_a) + E_{12} (\mathbf{e}_1 \cdot \mathbf{e}_a) (\mathbf{e}_2 \cdot \mathbf{e}_a) + E_{21} (\mathbf{e}_2 \cdot \mathbf{e}_a) (\mathbf{e}_1 \cdot \mathbf{e}_a) + E_{22} (\mathbf{e}_2 \cdot \mathbf{e}_a) (\mathbf{e}_2 \cdot \mathbf{e}_a) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly  $E_{bb}$  and  $E_{cc}$  can be determined as

$$\begin{aligned} E_{bb} &= \mathbf{e}_b \cdot (E_{ij} (\mathbf{e}_i \otimes \mathbf{e}_j) \mathbf{e}_b) \\ &= \mathbf{e}_b \cdot (E_{ij} (\mathbf{e}_j \cdot \mathbf{e}_b) \mathbf{e}_i) \quad \text{since } (\mathbf{e}_i \otimes \mathbf{e}_j) \mathbf{e}_b = (\mathbf{e}_j \cdot \mathbf{e}_b) \mathbf{e}_i \\ &= E_{ij} (\mathbf{e}_i \cdot \mathbf{e}_b) (\mathbf{e}_j \cdot \mathbf{e}_b) \end{aligned}$$

$$\implies E_{bb} = E_{11}(\mathbf{e}_1 \cdot \mathbf{e}_b)(\mathbf{e}_1 \cdot \mathbf{e}_b) + E_{12}(\mathbf{e}_1 \cdot \mathbf{e}_b)(\mathbf{e}_2 \cdot \mathbf{e}_b) + E_{21}(\mathbf{e}_2 \cdot \mathbf{e}_b)(\mathbf{e}_1 \cdot \mathbf{e}_b) + E_{22}(\mathbf{e}_2 \cdot \mathbf{e}_b)(\mathbf{e}_2 \cdot \mathbf{e}_b),$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} E_{cc} &= \mathbf{e}_c \cdot (E_{ij}(\mathbf{e}_i \otimes \mathbf{e}_j)\mathbf{e}_c) \\ &= \mathbf{e}_c \cdot (E_{ij}(\mathbf{e}_j \cdot \mathbf{e}_c)\mathbf{e}_i) \quad \text{since } (\mathbf{e}_i \otimes \mathbf{e}_j)\mathbf{e}_c = (\mathbf{e}_j \cdot \mathbf{e}_c)\mathbf{e}_i \\ &= E_{ij}(\mathbf{e}_i \cdot \mathbf{e}_c)(\mathbf{e}_j \cdot \mathbf{e}_c) \\ \implies E_{cc} &= E_{11}(\mathbf{e}_1 \cdot \mathbf{e}_c)(\mathbf{e}_1 \cdot \mathbf{e}_c) + E_{12}(\mathbf{e}_1 \cdot \mathbf{e}_c)(\mathbf{e}_2 \cdot \mathbf{e}_c) + E_{21}(\mathbf{e}_2 \cdot \mathbf{e}_c)(\mathbf{e}_1 \cdot \mathbf{e}_c) + E_{22}(\mathbf{e}_2 \cdot \mathbf{e}_c)(\mathbf{e}_2 \cdot \mathbf{e}_c) \end{aligned}$$

From Fig. 1, the dot product between the basis vectors can be determined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{e}_1 \cdot \mathbf{e}_a &= \cos \theta_a, & \mathbf{e}_1 \cdot \mathbf{e}_b &= \cos \theta_b, & \mathbf{e}_1 \cdot \mathbf{e}_c &= \cos \theta_c \\ \mathbf{e}_2 \cdot \mathbf{e}_a &= \sin \theta_a, & \mathbf{e}_2 \cdot \mathbf{e}_b &= \sin \theta_b, & \mathbf{e}_2 \cdot \mathbf{e}_c &= \sin \theta_c \end{aligned}$$

Thus the components of the strain measured in the directions  $\{\mathbf{e}_a, \mathbf{e}_b, \mathbf{e}_c\}$  can be expressed as (by considering a symmetric tensor i.e,  $E_{12} = E_{21}$ ) as

$$\begin{aligned} E_{aa} &= E_{11} \cos^2 \theta_a + 2E_{12} \cos \theta_a \sin \theta_a + E_{22} \sin^2 \theta_a \\ E_{bb} &= E_{11} \cos^2 \theta_b + 2E_{12} \cos \theta_b \sin \theta_b + E_{22} \sin^2 \theta_b \\ E_{cc} &= E_{11} \cos^2 \theta_c + 2E_{12} \cos \theta_c \sin \theta_c + E_{22} \sin^2 \theta_c, \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

which can be expressed in the matrix form as

$$\begin{bmatrix} E_{aa} \\ E_{bb} \\ E_{cc} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos^2 \theta_a & 2 \cos \theta_a \sin \theta_a & \sin^2 \theta_a \\ \cos^2 \theta_b & 2 \cos \theta_b \sin \theta_b & \sin^2 \theta_b \\ \cos^2 \theta_c & 2 \cos \theta_c \sin \theta_c & \sin^2 \theta_c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} E_{11} \\ E_{12} \\ E_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, the general expression for the components of strain,  $\mathbf{E}$ , (i.e  $E_{11}$ ,  $E_{22}$ ,  $E_{12} = E_{21}$ ) with respect to the basis  $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2\}$  can be found as

$$\begin{bmatrix} E_{11} \\ E_{12} \\ E_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos^2 \theta_a & 2 \cos \theta_a \sin \theta_a & \sin^2 \theta_a \\ \cos^2 \theta_b & 2 \cos \theta_b \sin \theta_b & \sin^2 \theta_b \\ \cos^2 \theta_c & 2 \cos \theta_c \sin \theta_c & \sin^2 \theta_c \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} E_{aa} \\ E_{bb} \\ E_{cc} \end{bmatrix} \tag{3}$$

(b) Given that  $\theta_a = 0^\circ$ ,  $\theta_b = 60^\circ$ , and  $\theta_c = 120^\circ$ , the components of strain,  $E_{11}$ ,  $E_{22}$ ,  $E_{12}$  can be determined by substituting the values of  $\theta_a$ ,  $\theta_b$ ,  $\theta_c$  in Eq. (3) as

$$\begin{bmatrix} E_{11} \\ E_{12} \\ E_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{3}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{3}{4} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} E_{aa} \\ E_{bb} \\ E_{cc} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} E_{aa} \\ E_{bb} \\ E_{cc} \end{bmatrix}. \tag{4}$$

The values of  $E_{11}$ ,  $E_{22}$ ,  $E_{12}$  can be found from Eq. (4) as

$$E_{11} = E_{aa}, \quad E_{12} = \frac{E_{bb} - E_{cc}}{\sqrt{3}}, \quad E_{22} = \frac{-E_{aa} + 2E_{bb} + 2E_{cc}}{3}.$$

3. Stress is not a directly measurable quantity for most materials and is usually computed from the strain measurements in a complex engineering system. A common method for measuring the state of strain is to use *strain gauges* which are simple electrical devices that can measure only the normal strain along its length.

A strain rosette having three strain gauges a, b and c is installed on a block as shown in Fig.2. During a static test of the block in plane strain ( $\epsilon_{zz} = 0, \gamma_{xz} = 0$  and  $\gamma_{yz} = 0$ ), the strain rosettes read  $\epsilon_a = 0.003$ ,  $\epsilon_b = 0.001$  and  $\epsilon_c = 0.001$ .

- 1) Calculate the shear strain  $\gamma_{xy}$  for an element oriented along the xy plane (Round your answer to 4 decimal points). Note that for a strain gauge oriented at an angle of  $\theta$  to the  $x$ -axis, the gauge reading  $\epsilon_\theta$  can be expressed as:

$$\epsilon_\theta = \epsilon_{xx} \cos^2(\theta) + \epsilon_{yy} \sin^2(\theta) + \gamma_{xy} \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta)$$

- 2) If the block is made of a material with elastic modulus  $E = 100$  GPa and Poisson's ratio  $\nu = 0.3$ , use Hooke's law to find the stress components in the  $x - y$  plane.
- 3) Determine the principal stresses in the block.

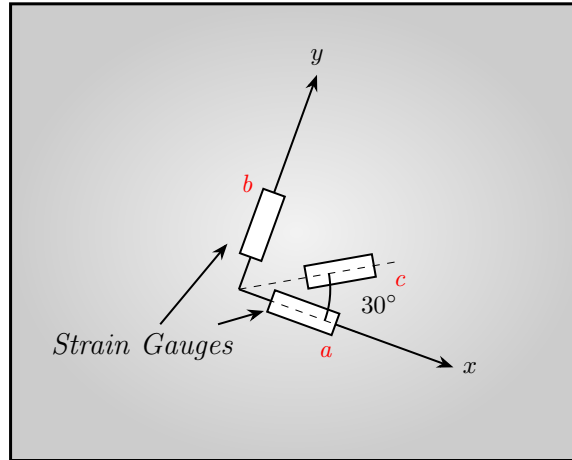


Figure 2: Strain Gauges

**Solution:** We use the given strain transformation equation for each gauge:

- Gauge a ( $\theta_a = 0^\circ$ ):

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_a &= \epsilon_{xx} \cos^2(0^\circ) + \epsilon_{yy} \sin^2(0^\circ) + \gamma_{xy} \sin(0^\circ) \cos(0^\circ) \\ 0.003 &= \epsilon_{xx}(1) + \epsilon_{xy}(0) + \gamma_{xy}(0) \\ \implies \epsilon_{xx} &= 0.003\end{aligned}$$

- Gauge b ( $\theta_b = 90^\circ$ ):

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_b &= \epsilon_{xx} \cos^2(90^\circ) + \epsilon_{yy} \sin^2(90^\circ) + \gamma_{xy} \sin(90^\circ) \cos(90^\circ) \\ 0.001 &= \epsilon_{xx}(0) + \epsilon_{yy}(1) + \gamma_{xy}(0) \\ \implies \epsilon_{yy} &= 0.001\end{aligned}$$

- Gauge c ( $\theta_c = 30^\circ$ ):

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_c &= \epsilon_{xx} \cos^2(30^\circ) + \epsilon_{yy} \sin^2(30^\circ) + \gamma_{xy} \sin(30^\circ) \cos(30^\circ) \\ 0.001 &= (0.003)(\cos 30^\circ)^2 + (0.001)(\sin 30^\circ)^2 + \gamma_{xy}(\sin 30^\circ)(\cos 30^\circ) \\ 0.001 &= (0.003)(0.75) + (0.001)(0.25) + \gamma_{xy}(0.5)(0.866) \\ 0.001 &= 0.00225 + 0.00025 + 0.433\gamma_{xy} \\ 0.001 &= 0.0025 + 0.433\gamma_{xy} \\ -0.0015 &= 0.433\gamma_{xy} \\ \implies \gamma_{xy} &\approx -0.0035\end{aligned}$$

First, calculate the shear modulus  $G$ :

$$G = \frac{E}{2(1 + \nu)} = \frac{100 \text{ GPa}}{2(1 + 0.3)} = 38.46 \text{ GPa}$$

The shear stress  $\tau_{xy}$  is:

$$\tau_{xy} = G\gamma_{xy} = (38.46 \text{ GPa})(-0.0035) = -0.1346 \text{ GPa}$$

For plane strain ( $\epsilon_{zz} = 0$ ), we use the 3D Hooke's Law equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_{xx} &= \frac{1}{E}[\sigma_{xx} - \nu(\sigma_{yy} + \sigma_{zz})] \\ \epsilon_{yy} &= \frac{1}{E}[\sigma_{yy} - \nu(\sigma_{xx} + \sigma_{zz})] \\ \epsilon_{zz} &= \frac{1}{E}[\sigma_{zz} - \nu(\sigma_{xx} + \sigma_{yy})] = 0\end{aligned}$$

Substituting known values (with  $E=100$  GPa):

$$\begin{aligned} 0.003 &= \frac{1}{100}[\sigma_{xx} - 0.3(\sigma_{yy} + \sigma_{zz})] \implies 300 = \sigma_{xx} - 0.3\sigma_{yy} - 0.3\sigma_{zz} \\ 0.001 &= \frac{1}{100}[\sigma_{yy} - 0.3(\sigma_{xx} + \sigma_{zz})] \implies 100 = \sigma_{yy} - 0.3\sigma_{xx} - 0.3\sigma_{zz} \\ 0 &= \frac{1}{100}[\sigma_{zz} - 0.3(\sigma_{xx} + \sigma_{yy})] \implies \sigma_{zz} = 0.3(\sigma_{xx} + \sigma_{yy}) \end{aligned}$$

Solving this system of 3 equations (all stresses in GPa):

$$\sigma_{xx} = 0.4615 \text{ GPa}, \quad \sigma_{yy} = 0.3077 \text{ GPa}, \quad \sigma_{zz} = 0.2308 \text{ GPa}.$$

Since the problem is in plane strain ( $\gamma_{xz} = 0, \gamma_{yz} = 0$ ), there are no shear stresses on the z-face. This means the z-axis is a principal direction. Therefore, one of the principal stresses is  $\sigma_{zz}$ :

$$\sigma_{II} = \sigma_{zz} = 0.2308 \text{ GPa}$$

The other two principal stresses,  $\sigma_I$  and  $\sigma_{III}$ , lie in the xy-plane. We find them using the center and radius of the Mohr's circle for the xy-plane:

$$\sigma_{ave} = \frac{\sigma_{xx} + \sigma_{yy}}{2} = \frac{0.4615 + 0.3077}{2} = 0.3846 \text{ GPa}$$

$$R = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_{xx} - \sigma_{yy}}{2}\right)^2 + \tau_{xy}^2} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{0.4615 - 0.3077}{2}\right)^2 + (-0.1346)^2} = \sqrt{(0.0769)^2 + (-0.1346)^2} = 0.1550 \text{ GPa}$$

The principal stresses are:

$$\sigma_I = \sigma_{ave} + R = 0.3846 + 0.1550 = 0.5396 \text{ GPa} \quad (\text{Max})$$

$$\sigma_{III} = \sigma_{ave} - R = 0.3846 - 0.1550 = 0.2296 \text{ GPa} \quad (\text{Min})$$

So  $\sigma_I = 0.5396$  GPa,  $\sigma_{II} = 0.2308$  GPa,  $\sigma_{III} = 0.2296$  GPa.

4. A rectangular strain rosette (0-90 degrees) is used to measure strains on an aluminum surface. The readings are  $\epsilon_{11} = 200 \mu\text{m/m}$  and  $\epsilon_{22} = 100 \mu\text{m/m}$ . Determine the strain measured by a 45-degree gauge.

**Solution:** The normal strain measured by a gauge oriented at an angle  $\theta$  from the  $x_1$ -axis is given by the strain transformation equation:

$$\epsilon_\theta = \epsilon_{11} \cos^2 \theta + \epsilon_{22} \sin^2 \theta + \frac{\gamma_{12}}{2} \sin 2\theta. \quad (5)$$

For a 45-degree gauge, we have:

$$\cos^2 45^\circ = \sin^2 45^\circ = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \sin 2(45^\circ) = 1.$$

Thus the strain at 45 degrees becomes:

$$\epsilon_{45^\circ} = \frac{\epsilon_{11} + \epsilon_{22}}{2} + \frac{\gamma_{12}}{2}. \quad (6)$$

Since a rectangular rosette does not measure the in-plane shear strain  $\gamma_{12}$ , it is common to assume

$$\gamma_{12} = 0,$$

unless additional data are provided. With this assumption:

$$\epsilon_{45^\circ} = \frac{200 + 100}{2} = 150 \mu\text{m/m}.$$

So,

$\epsilon_{45^\circ} = 150 \mu\text{m/m}$

5. A rectangular strain rosette is attached to a steel plate with gauge angles of  $0^\circ$ ,  $45^\circ$ , and  $90^\circ$ . If the measured strains are  $1000 \mu\epsilon$ ,  $800 \mu\epsilon$ , and  $1200 \mu\epsilon$ , respectively, calculate the principal strains and stresses.

**Solution:** Given a rectangular strain rosette with gauges at  $0^\circ$ ,  $45^\circ$ , and  $90^\circ$  measures:

$$\epsilon_{0^\circ} = \epsilon_{11} = 1000 \mu\epsilon, \quad \epsilon_{45^\circ} = 800 \mu\epsilon, \quad \epsilon_{90^\circ} = \epsilon_{22} = 1200 \mu\epsilon.$$

The strain at  $45^\circ$  can be written as:

$$\epsilon_{45^\circ} = \frac{\epsilon_{11} + \epsilon_{22}}{2} + \frac{\gamma_{12}}{2}. \quad (7)$$

Solving for the engineering shear strain  $\gamma_{12}$ :

$$\gamma_{12} = 2\epsilon_{45^\circ} - (\epsilon_{11} + \epsilon_{22}) = 2(800) - (1000 + 1200) = 1600 - 2200 = -600 \mu\epsilon.$$

The in-plane strain tensor is:

$$[\mathbf{E}] = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_{11} & \gamma_{12}/2 \\ \gamma_{12}/2 & \epsilon_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1000 & -300 \\ -300 & 1200 \end{bmatrix} \mu\epsilon.$$

The average strain is:

$$\bar{\epsilon} = \frac{\epsilon_{11} + \epsilon_{22}}{2} = \frac{1000 + 1200}{2} = 1100 \mu\epsilon.$$

The strain radius is

$$R = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\epsilon_{11} - \epsilon_{22}}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\gamma_{12}}{2}\right)^2} = \sqrt{(-100)^2 + (-300)^2} = \sqrt{10000 + 90000} = 316.2278 \mu\epsilon.$$

Thus the principal strains are:

$$\epsilon_I = \bar{\epsilon} + R = 1100 + 316.2278 = 1416.23 \mu\epsilon,$$

$$\epsilon_{II} = \bar{\epsilon} - R = 1100 - 316.2278 = 783.77 \mu\epsilon.$$

The principal direction is:

$$\tan(2\theta_p) = \frac{\gamma_{12}}{\epsilon_{11} - \epsilon_{22}} = \frac{-600}{1000 - 1200} = \frac{-600}{-200} = 3.$$

So

$$2\theta_p = \arctan(3), \quad \theta_p \approx 35.78^\circ.$$

Assume, plane stress with:

$$E = 210 \text{ GPa}, \quad \nu = 0.30.$$

Hooke's law in principal directions:

$$\sigma_I = \frac{E}{1 - \nu^2}(\epsilon_I + \nu\epsilon_{II}), \quad \sigma_{II} = \frac{E}{1 - \nu^2}(\epsilon_{II} + \nu\epsilon_I).$$

Converting  $\mu\epsilon$  to strain:

$$\epsilon_I = 1.41623 \times 10^{-3}, \quad \epsilon_{II} = 0.78377 \times 10^{-3}.$$

Then:

$$\sigma_I = \frac{210 \times 10^3}{1 - 0.3^2} (1.41623 \times 10^{-3} + 0.3(0.78377 \times 10^{-3})) \approx 381.08 \text{ MPa},$$

$$\sigma_{II} = \frac{210 \times 10^3}{1 - 0.3^2} (0.78377 \times 10^{-3} + 0.3(1.41623 \times 10^{-3})) \approx 278.92 \text{ MPa}.$$

Hence,

$$\boxed{\gamma_{12} = -600 \mu\epsilon}$$

$$\boxed{\epsilon_I = 1416.23 \mu\epsilon, \quad \epsilon_{II} = 783.77 \mu\epsilon}$$

$$\boxed{\theta_p \approx 35.78^\circ}$$

$$\boxed{\sigma_I \approx 381.08 \text{ MPa}, \quad \sigma_{II} \approx 278.92 \text{ MPa}}$$



6. A delta strain rosette with gauge angles of  $0^\circ$ ,  $60^\circ$ , and  $120^\circ$  measures strains of  $500 \mu\epsilon$ ,  $700 \mu\epsilon$ , and  $900 \mu\epsilon$ . Determine the principal strains, principal stresses, and maximum shear stress.

**Solution:** Given a delta strain rosette has gauges at angles  $0^\circ$ ,  $60^\circ$ , and  $120^\circ$  and records:

$$\epsilon_{0^\circ} = 500 \mu\epsilon, \quad \epsilon_{60^\circ} = 700 \mu\epsilon, \quad \epsilon_{120^\circ} = 900 \mu\epsilon.$$

We assume plane stress and take typical steel elastic constants:

$$E = 210 \text{ GPa}, \quad \nu = 0.30.$$

The general strain transformation for a gauge at angle  $\theta$  is

$$\epsilon_\theta = \epsilon_{xx} \cos^2 \theta + \epsilon_{yy} \sin^2 \theta + \frac{\gamma_{xy}}{2} \sin 2\theta.$$

Applying this for  $\theta = 0^\circ, 60^\circ, 120^\circ$  gives the linear system

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_{0^\circ} &= \epsilon_{xx}, \\ \epsilon_{60^\circ} &= \epsilon_{xx} \cos^2 60^\circ + \epsilon_{yy} \sin^2 60^\circ + \frac{\gamma_{xy}}{2} \sin 120^\circ, \\ \epsilon_{120^\circ} &= \epsilon_{xx} \cos^2 120^\circ + \epsilon_{yy} \sin^2 120^\circ + \frac{\gamma_{xy}}{2} \sin 240^\circ. \end{aligned}$$

Solving the above three equations yields

$$\epsilon_{xx} = 500 \mu\epsilon, \quad \epsilon_{yy} = 900 \mu\epsilon, \quad \gamma_{xy} \approx -230.9401 \mu\epsilon.$$

So, the in-plane strain tensor:

$$[\mathbf{E}] = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_{xx} & \frac{\gamma_{xy}}{2} \\ \frac{\gamma_{xy}}{2} & \epsilon_{yy} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 500 & -115.47005 \\ -115.47005 & 900 \end{bmatrix} \mu\epsilon.$$

The average strain and radius are

$$\bar{\epsilon} = \frac{\epsilon_{xx} + \epsilon_{yy}}{2} = 700 \mu\epsilon, \quad R = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\epsilon_{xx} - \epsilon_{yy}}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\gamma_{xy}}{2}\right)^2} \approx 230.9401 \mu\epsilon.$$

Hence the principal strains are

$$\epsilon_I = \bar{\epsilon} + R \approx 930.9401 \mu\epsilon,$$

$$\epsilon_{II} = \bar{\epsilon} - R \approx 469.0599 \mu\epsilon.$$

The principal direction (angle from the  $x$ -axis to the  $\epsilon_I$  principal axis) satisfies

$$\tan(2\theta_p) = \frac{\gamma_{xy}}{\epsilon_{xx} - \epsilon_{yy}} = \frac{-230.9401}{500 - 900} = \frac{-230.9401}{-400} = 0.5773503.$$

So

$$2\theta_p = \arctan(0.5773503) \Rightarrow \theta_p \approx -75^\circ.$$

Using Hooke's law for plane stress in principal directions:

$$\sigma_I = \frac{E}{1-\nu^2}(\epsilon_I + \nu\epsilon_{II}), \quad \sigma_{II} = \frac{E}{1-\nu^2}(\epsilon_{II} + \nu\epsilon_I).$$

Convert principal strains to dimensionless form ( $1 \mu\varepsilon = 10^{-6}$ ) and compute:

$$\epsilon_I = 930.9401 \times 10^{-6}, \quad \epsilon_{II} = 469.0599 \times 10^{-6}.$$

Numerically (with  $E = 210 \text{ GPa} = 210000 \text{ MPa}$ ):

$$\sigma_I \approx 247.306 \text{ MPa}, \quad \sigma_{II} \approx 172.694 \text{ MPa}.$$

For plane stress the maximum in-plane shear stress equals half the difference of the principal stresses:

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{\sigma_I - \sigma_{II}}{2} \approx \frac{247.306 - 172.694}{2} \approx 37.3057 \text{ MPa}.$$

Hence,

$$\epsilon_{xx} = 500 \mu\varepsilon, \quad \epsilon_{yy} = 900 \mu\varepsilon, \quad \gamma_{xy} = -230.9401 \mu\varepsilon$$

$$\epsilon_I \approx 930.94 \mu\varepsilon, \quad \epsilon_{II} \approx 469.06 \mu\varepsilon$$

$$\theta_p \approx -75^\circ$$

$$\sigma_I \approx 247.31 \text{ MPa}, \quad \sigma_{II} \approx 172.69 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\tau_{\max} \approx 37.31 \text{ MPa}$$

(**Note:** You should give the above expressions in terms of  $E$  and  $\nu$  if you want to make the expression generic for any material.).

7. A strain gauge rosette is used to measure the strain on a machine component. If the measured strains are  $2000 \mu\varepsilon$ ,  $1500 \mu\varepsilon$ , and  $2500 \mu\varepsilon$  at angles of  $0^\circ$ ,  $45^\circ$ , and  $90^\circ$ , calculate the normal strain in the  $x$ -direction, normal strain in the  $y$ -direction, and shear strain in  $x - y$  plane.

**Solution:** Given a rectangular strain rosette with gauges at  $0^\circ$ ,  $45^\circ$ , and  $90^\circ$  measures:

$$\epsilon_{0^\circ} = 2000 \mu\varepsilon, \quad \epsilon_{45^\circ} = 1500 \mu\varepsilon, \quad \epsilon_{90^\circ} = 2500 \mu\varepsilon.$$

Normal Strain in the  $x$ -Direction

$$\epsilon_{xx} = \epsilon_{0^\circ} = 2000 \mu\varepsilon.$$

Normal Strain in the  $y$ -Direction

$$\epsilon_{yy} = \epsilon_{90^\circ} = 2500 \mu\epsilon.$$

For a  $0^\circ$ – $45^\circ$ – $90^\circ$  rosette, the strain at  $45^\circ$  is

$$\epsilon_{45^\circ} = \frac{\epsilon_{xx} + \epsilon_{yy}}{2} + \frac{\gamma_{xy}}{2}.$$

Solving for the engineering shear strain:

$$\gamma_{xy} = 2\epsilon_{45^\circ} - (\epsilon_x + \epsilon_y) = 2(1500) - (2000 + 2500) = 3000 - 4500 = -1500 \mu\epsilon.$$

Hence,

$$\boxed{\epsilon_{xx} = 2000 \mu\epsilon, \quad \epsilon_{yy} = 2500 \mu\epsilon, \quad \gamma_{xy} = -1500 \mu\epsilon}$$

8. A material with a Young's modulus of 200 GPa and Poisson's ratio of 0.3 is subjected to a strain gauge rosette measurement. If the principal strains are  $1500 \mu\epsilon$  and  $800 \mu\epsilon$ , calculate the principal stresses and maximum shear stress.

**Solution:** Given the material properties are:

$$E = 200 \text{ GPa} = 200000 \text{ MPa}, \quad \nu = 0.3.$$

The principal strains are:

$$\epsilon_I = 1500 \mu\epsilon = 1500 \times 10^{-6}, \quad \epsilon_{II} = 800 \mu\epsilon = 800 \times 10^{-6}.$$

Assume plane stress conditions. For plane stress, Hooke's law in the principal directions gives:

$$\sigma_I = \frac{E}{1 - \nu^2} (\epsilon_I + \nu\epsilon_{II}), \quad \sigma_{II} = \frac{E}{1 - \nu^2} (\epsilon_{II} + \nu\epsilon_I).$$

Compute the elastic constant:

$$\frac{E}{1 - \nu^2} = \frac{200000}{1 - 0.3^2} = \frac{200000}{0.91} \approx 219780.22 \text{ MPa}.$$

Now evaluate the stresses:

$$\sigma_I \approx 219780.22 (1500 \times 10^{-6} + 0.3(800 \times 10^{-6})) \approx 382.42 \text{ MPa},$$

$$\sigma_{II} \approx 219780.22 (800 \times 10^{-6} + 0.3(1500 \times 10^{-6})) \approx 274.73 \text{ MPa}.$$

For plane stress, the maximum in-plane shear stress is:

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{|\sigma_I - \sigma_{II}|}{2}.$$

Thus:

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{382.42 - 274.73}{2} \approx 53.85 \text{ MPa.}$$

Hence,

$$\sigma_I \approx 382.42 \text{ MPa, } \sigma_{II} \approx 274.73 \text{ MPa, } \tau_{\max} \approx 53.85 \text{ MPa.}$$

9. A steel plate with a Young's modulus of 210 GPa and Poisson's ratio of 0.29 is subjected to a load. If the measured strains using a strain gauge rosette are  $1000 \mu\epsilon$ ,  $600 \mu\epsilon$ , and  $1200 \mu\epsilon$  at angles of  $0^\circ$ ,  $60^\circ$ , and  $120^\circ$ , calculate the principal stresses and maximum shear stress.

**Solution:** Given a steel plate is instrumented with a  $(0^\circ, 60^\circ, 120^\circ)$  delta strain rosette. Measured strains:

$$\epsilon_{0^\circ} = 1000 \mu\epsilon, \quad \epsilon_{60^\circ} = 600 \mu\epsilon, \quad \epsilon_{120^\circ} = 1200 \mu\epsilon.$$

Material properties:

$$E = 210 \text{ GPa, } \nu = 0.29.$$

For a delta rosette, the in-plane strains are

$$\epsilon_{xx} = \epsilon_{0^\circ},$$

$$\gamma_{xy} = \frac{2(\epsilon_{60^\circ} - \epsilon_{120^\circ})}{\sqrt{3}},$$

$$\epsilon_{yy} = \frac{2}{3}(\epsilon_{60^\circ} + \epsilon_{120^\circ}) - \frac{1}{3}\epsilon_{0^\circ}.$$

Thus,

$$\epsilon_{xx} = 1000 \mu\epsilon,$$

$$\gamma_{xy} = \frac{2(600 - 1200)}{\sqrt{3}} = -692.8203 \mu\epsilon,$$

$$\epsilon_{yy} = \frac{2}{3}(600 + 1200) - \frac{1}{3}(1000) = 866.6667 \mu\epsilon.$$

Average normal strain:

$$\bar{\epsilon} = \frac{\epsilon_{xx} + \epsilon_{yy}}{2} = 933.3333 \mu\epsilon.$$

Radius of Mohr's circle:

$$R = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\epsilon_{xx} - \epsilon_{yy}}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\gamma_{xy}}{2}\right)^2} = 352.7668 \mu\epsilon.$$

Principal strains:

$$\epsilon_I = \bar{\epsilon} + R = 1286.10 \mu\epsilon,$$

$$\epsilon_{II} = \bar{\epsilon} - R = 580.57 \mu\epsilon.$$

Assuming plane stress, Hooke's law gives

$$\sigma_I = \frac{E}{1-\nu^2}(\epsilon_I + \nu\epsilon_{II}), \quad \sigma_{II} = \frac{E}{1-\nu^2}(\epsilon_{II} + \nu\epsilon_I),$$

where strains are converted to dimensionless values. Thus,

$$\sigma_1 \approx 333.48 \text{ MPa}, \quad \sigma_2 \approx 218.63 \text{ MPa}.$$

Maximum Shear Stress

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{|\sigma_I - \sigma_{II}|}{2} = 57.43 \text{ MPa}.$$

Hence,

$$\epsilon_I \approx 1286.10 \mu\epsilon, \quad \epsilon_{II} \approx 580.57 \mu\epsilon$$

$$\sigma_I \approx 333.48 \text{ MPa}, \quad \sigma_{II} \approx 218.63 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\tau_{\max} \approx 57.43 \text{ MPa}$$

10. A machine component is subjected to a complex loading condition. If the strain gauge rosette measurements are  $2500 \mu\epsilon$ ,  $1800 \mu\epsilon$ , and  $3000 \mu\epsilon$  at angles of  $0^\circ$ ,  $45^\circ$ , and  $90^\circ$ , calculate the principal strains, principal stresses, and von Mises stress.

**Solution:** Assume plane stress and material properties typical for steel:

$$E = 210 \text{ GPa}, \quad \nu = 0.30.$$

To compute the in-plane strain components for a  $0^\circ$ – $45^\circ$ – $90^\circ$  rosette, we have

$$\epsilon_{xx} = \epsilon_{0^\circ}, \quad \epsilon_{yy} = \epsilon_{90^\circ},$$

and the engineering shear strain

$$\gamma_{xy} = 2\epsilon_{45^\circ} - (\epsilon_{0^\circ} + \epsilon_{90^\circ}).$$

Numerically,

$$\epsilon_{xx} = 2500 \mu\epsilon, \quad \epsilon_{yy} = 3000 \mu\epsilon,$$

$$\gamma_{xy} = 2(1800) - (2500 + 3000) = -1900 \mu\epsilon.$$

Thus,  $\epsilon_{xy} = \gamma_{xy}/2 = -950 \mu\epsilon$  is the tensor shear component. The in-plane strain tensor

$$[\mathbf{E}] = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_{xx} & \epsilon_{xy} \\ \epsilon_{xy} & \epsilon_{yy} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2500 & -950 \\ -950 & 3000 \end{bmatrix} \mu\epsilon.$$

Compute the average strain and radius (Mohr's circle for strain):

$$\bar{\epsilon} = \frac{\epsilon_{xx} + \epsilon_{yy}}{2} = \frac{2500 + 3000}{2} = 2750 \text{ } \mu\epsilon,$$

$$R = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\epsilon_{xx} - \epsilon_{yy}}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\gamma_{xy}}{2}\right)^2} = \sqrt{(-250)^2 + (-950)^2} \approx 982.34 \text{ } \mu\epsilon.$$

Hence the principal strains are

$$\epsilon_I = \bar{\epsilon} + R \approx 2750 + 982.34 = 3732.34 \text{ } \mu\epsilon,$$

$$\epsilon_{II} = \bar{\epsilon} - R \approx 2750 - 982.34 = 1767.66 \text{ } \mu\epsilon.$$

Equivalently in dimensionless form:  $\epsilon_I \approx 3.73234 \times 10^{-3}$ ,  $\epsilon_{II} \approx 1.76766 \times 10^{-3}$ .

Using Hooke's law for plane stress in principal directions:

$$\sigma_I = \frac{E}{1 - \nu^2} (\epsilon_I + \nu \epsilon_{II}), \quad \sigma_{II} = \frac{E}{1 - \nu^2} (\epsilon_{II} + \nu \epsilon_I).$$

With  $E = 210 \text{ GPa}$  and  $\nu = 0.30$ , and converting microstrain to dimensionless strain,

$$\sigma_I \approx 983.69 \text{ MPa}, \quad \sigma_{II} \approx 666.31 \text{ MPa}.$$

For plane stress, the von Mises equivalent stress computed from principal stresses is

$$\sigma_{\text{vm}} = \sqrt{\sigma_I^2 - \sigma_I \sigma_{II} + \sigma_{II}^2}.$$

Numerically,

$$\sigma_{\text{vm}} \approx 869.58 \text{ MPa}.$$

So,

$$\boxed{\epsilon_I \approx 3732.34 \text{ } \mu\epsilon, \quad \epsilon_{II} \approx 1767.66 \text{ } \mu\epsilon}$$

$$\boxed{\sigma_I \approx 983.69 \text{ MPa}, \quad \sigma_{II} \approx 666.31 \text{ MPa}}$$

$$\boxed{\sigma_{\text{vm}} \approx 869.58 \text{ MPa}}.$$