# Numericals

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# Normal Shearing plane

1 Evaluate the normal and shearing stresses on the planes, whose normal has the following direction cosines:

(a) 
$$n_x = n_y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, n_z = 0$$

**(b)** 
$$n_x = 0, n_y = n_z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

(c) 
$$n_x = n_y = n_z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

for a point which has 200 MPa, -100 MPa, -100 MPa normal stresses in x,y and z direction and -200 MPa is the value of  $\tau_{xy}$ ,  $\tau_{yz}$ ,  $\tau_{zx}$ .

#### Solution

(a) 
$$n_x = n_y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, n_z = 0$$

Using Cauchy's equation,

$$T_x^n = n_x \sigma_x + n_y \tau_{yx} + n_z \tau_{zx}$$

$$T_y^n = n_x \tau_{xy} + n_y \sigma_y + n_z \tau_{zy}$$

$$T_x^n = n_x \tau_{xz} + n_y \tau_{yz} + n_z \sigma_z$$

$$T_x^n = (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot 200) - (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot 200) - (0 \cdot 200)$$

$$T_x^n = 0 \quad MPa$$

$$T_y^n = -(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot 200) - (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot 100) - (0 \cdot 200)$$

$$T_y^n = -\frac{300}{\sqrt{2}} \quad MPa$$

$$T_z^n = -(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot 200) - (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot 200) - (0 \cdot 100)$$

$$T_z^n = -\frac{400}{\sqrt{2}} MPa$$

$$\sigma_n = n_x T_x^n + n_y T_y^n + n_z T_z^n$$

$$\sigma_n = (\frac{1}{(\sqrt{2}} \cdot 0) - (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{300}{\sqrt{2}}) - (0 \cdot \frac{400}{\sqrt{2}})$$

$$\sigma_n = \frac{-300}{2}$$

$$\sigma_n = -150 MPa$$

$$|T^n|^2 = \sigma_n^2 + \tau_n^2$$
  
 $\tau_n^2 = |T^n|^2 - \sigma_n^2$ 

The components of resultant stress vector are:

$$|T^{n}|^{2} = T_{x}^{n2} + T_{y}^{n2} + T_{z}^{n2}$$

$$|T^{n}|^{2} = 0 + \frac{300^{2}}{2} + \frac{400^{2}}{2}$$

$$|T^{n}|^{2} = \frac{250000}{2}$$

$$|T^{n}|^{2} = 125000$$

$$\tau_{n}^{2} = 125000 - (-150)^{2}$$

$$\tau_{n}^{2} = 102500$$

$$\tau_{n} = 320.16 \ MPa$$

(b)  $n_x = 0, n_y = n_z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ Using Cauchy's equation,

$$T_x^n = n_x \sigma_x + n_y \tau_{yx} + n_z \tau_{zx}$$

$$T_y^n = n_x \tau_{xy} + n_y \sigma_y + n_z \tau_{zy}$$

$$T_x^n = n_x \tau_{xz} + n_y \tau_{yz} + n_z \sigma_z$$

$$T_x^n = (0 \cdot 200) - (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot 200) - (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot 200)$$

$$T_x^n = -\frac{400}{\sqrt{2}} MPa$$

$$T_y^n = -(0 \cdot 200) - (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot 100) - (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot 200)$$

$$T_{y}^{n} = -\frac{300}{\sqrt{2}} MPa$$

$$T_{z}^{n} = -(0 \cdot 200) - (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot 200) - (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot 100)$$

$$T_{z}^{n} = -\frac{300}{\sqrt{2}} MPa$$

$$\sigma_{n} = n_{x}T_{x}^{n} + n_{y}T_{y}^{n} + n_{z}T_{z}^{n}$$

$$\sigma_{n} = (0 \cdot \frac{400}{\sqrt{2}}) - (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{300}{\sqrt{2}}) - (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{300}{\sqrt{2}})$$

$$\sigma_{n} = \frac{-600}{2}$$

$$\sigma_{n} = -300 MPa$$

$$|T^n|^2 = \sigma_n^2 + \tau_n^2$$
  
 $\tau_n^2 = |T^n|^2 - \sigma_n^2$ 

The components of resultant stress vector are:

$$|T^{n}|^{2} = T_{x}^{n2} + T_{y}^{n2} + T_{z}^{n2}$$

$$|T^{n}|^{2} = \frac{400^{2}}{2} + \frac{300^{2}}{2} + \frac{300^{2}}{2}$$

$$|T^{n}|^{2} = \frac{340000}{2}$$

$$|T^{n}|^{2} = 170000$$

$$\tau_{n}^{2} = 170000 - (-350)^{2}$$

$$\tau_{n}^{2} = 102500$$

$$\tau_{n} = 282.84 \ MPa$$

(c) 
$$n_x = n_y = n_z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Using Cauchy's equation,

$$T_x^n = n_x \sigma_x + n_y \tau_{yx} + n_z \tau_{zx}$$

$$T_y^n = n_x \tau_{xy} + n_y \sigma_y + n_z \tau_{zy}$$

$$T_x^n = n_x \tau_{xz} + n_y \tau_{yz} + n_z \sigma_z$$

$$T_x^n = (\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot 200) - (\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot 200) - (\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot 200)$$

$$T_x^n = -\frac{200}{\sqrt{3}} MPa$$

$$T_y^n = -(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot 200) - (\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot 100) - (\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot 200)$$

$$T_y^n = -\frac{500}{\sqrt{3}} MPa$$

$$T_z^n = -(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot 200) - (\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot 200) - (\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot 100)$$

$$T_z^n = -\frac{500}{\sqrt{3}} MPa$$

$$\sigma_n = n_x T_x^n + n_y T_y^n + n_z T_z^n$$

$$\sigma_n = -(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{200}{\sqrt{3}}) - (\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{500}{\sqrt{3}}) - (\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{500}{\sqrt{2}})$$

$$\sigma_n = -\frac{1200}{3}$$

$$\sigma_n = -400 MPa$$

$$|T^n|^2 = \sigma_n^2 + \tau_n^2$$
  
 $\tau_n^2 = |T^n|^2 - \sigma_n^2$ 

$$|T^{n}|^{2} = T_{x}^{n2} + T_{y}^{n2} + T_{z}^{n2}$$

$$|T^{n}|^{2} = \frac{200^{2}}{2} + \frac{500^{2}}{2} + \frac{500^{2}}{2}$$

$$|T^{n}|^{2} = \frac{540000}{3}$$

$$|T^{n}|^{2} = 180000$$

$$\tau_{n}^{2} = 180000 - (-400)^{2}$$

$$\tau_{n}^{2} = 20000$$

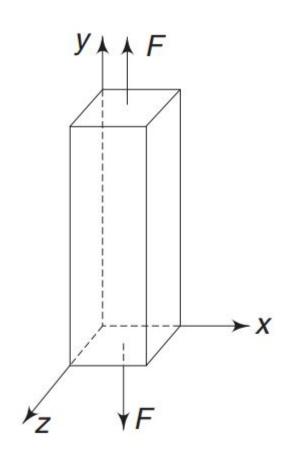
$$\tau_{n} = 141.42 \ MPa$$

2 A rectangular steel bar having a cross-section 2 cm X 3 cm is subjected to a tensile force of 6000 N (612.2 kgf). If the axes are chosen as shown in Fig., determine the normal and shear stresses on a plane whose normal has the following direction cosines:

(a) 
$$n_x = n_y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, n_z = 0$$

**(b)** 
$$n_x = 0, n_y = n_z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

(c) 
$$n_x = n_y = n_z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$



### Solution

Cross-sectional area of bar = 20 X 30 mm

$$=600mm^{2}$$

Normal stress in y-direction =  $\frac{Force}{Area}$ 

$$=6000/600$$

$$= 10 MPa$$

$$\sigma_x = \sigma_z = \tau_{xy} = \tau_{yz} = \tau_{xz} = 0$$

(a)  $n_x = n_y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, n_z = 0$ Using Cauchy's equation,

$$T_x^n = n_x \sigma_x + n_y \tau_{yx} + n_z \tau_{zx}$$

$$T_y^n = n_x \tau_{xy} + n_y \sigma_y + n_z \tau_{zy}$$

$$T_x^n = n_x \tau_{xz} + n_y \tau_{yz} + n_z \sigma_z$$

$$T_x^n = (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot 0) + (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot 0) + (0)$$

$$T_x^n = 0 \quad MPa$$

$$T_y^n = (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot 0) + (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot 10) + (0)$$

$$T_y^n = \frac{10}{\sqrt{2}} \quad MPa$$

$$T_z^n = (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot 0)(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot 0) + (0)$$

$$T_z^n = 0 \quad MPa$$

$$\sigma_n = n_x T_x^n + n_y T_y^n + n_z T_z^n$$

$$\sigma_n = (\frac{1}{(\sqrt{2}} \cdot 0) + (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{10}{\sqrt{2}}) + (0)$$

$$\sigma_n = \frac{10}{2}$$

$$\sigma_n = 5 \quad MPa$$

Normal and shear components of resultant stress vector are:

$$|T^n|^2 = \sigma_n^2 + \tau_n^2$$
  
 $\tau_n^2 = |T^n|^2 - \sigma_n^2$ 

$$|T^{n}|^{2} = T_{x}^{n^{2}} + T_{y}^{n^{2}} + T_{z}^{n^{2}}$$

$$|T^{n}|^{2} = 0 + \frac{10^{2}}{2} + 0$$

$$|T^{n}|^{2} = \frac{100}{2}$$

$$|T^{n}|^{2} = 50$$

$$\tau_{n}^{2} = 50 - (5)^{2}$$

$$\tau_{n}^{2} = 25$$

$$\tau_{n} = 5 MPa$$

(b)  $n_x = 0, n_y = n_z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ Using Cauchy's equation,

$$T_x^n = n_x \sigma_x + n_y \tau_{yx} + n_z \tau_{zx}$$

$$T_y^n = n_x \tau_{xy} + n_y \sigma_y + n_z \tau_{zy}$$

$$T_x^n = n_x \tau_{xz} + n_y \tau_{yz} + n_z \sigma_z$$

$$T_x^n = (0) - (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot 0) - (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot 0)$$

$$T_x^n = 0 \quad MPa$$

$$T_y^n = (0) + (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot 10) + (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot 0)$$

$$T_y^n = \frac{10}{\sqrt{2}} \quad MPa$$

$$T_z^n = (0) + (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot 0) + (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot 0)$$

$$T_z^n = 0 \quad MPa$$

$$\sigma_n = n_x T_x^n + n_y T_y^n + n_z T_z^n$$

$$\sigma_n = 0 + (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{10}{\sqrt{2}}) + 0$$

$$\sigma_n = \frac{10}{2}$$

$$\sigma_n = 5 \quad MPa$$

Normal and shear components of resultant stress vector are:

$$|T^n|^2 = \sigma_n^2 + \tau_n^2$$
  
 $\tau_n^2 = |T^n|^2 - \sigma_n^2$ 

$$|T^{n}|^{2} = T_{x}^{n2} + T_{y}^{n2} + T_{z}^{n2}$$

$$|T^{n}|^{2} = 0 + \frac{10^{2}}{2} + 0$$

$$|T^{n}|^{2} = \frac{100}{2}$$

$$|T^{n}|^{2} = 50$$

$$\tau_{n}^{2} = 50 - (5)^{2}$$

$$\tau_{n}^{2} = 25$$

$$\tau_{n} = 5 MPa$$

(c) 
$$n_x = n_y = n_z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$
  
Using Cauchy's equation,

$$T_x^n = n_x \sigma_x + n_y \tau_{yx} + n_z \tau_{zx}$$

$$T_y^n = n_x \tau_{xy} + n_y \sigma_y + n_z \tau_{zy}$$

$$T_z^n = n_x \tau_{xz} + n_y \tau_{yz} + n_z \sigma_z$$

$$T_x^n = (\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot 0) + (\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot 0) + (\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot 0)$$

$$T_x^n = 0 \quad MPa$$

$$T_y^n = (\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot 0) + (\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot 10) + (\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot 0)$$

$$T_y^n = \frac{10}{\sqrt{3}} \quad MPa$$

$$T_z^n = (\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot 0) + (\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot 0) + (\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot 0)$$

$$T_z^n = 0 \quad MPa$$

$$\sigma_n = n_x T_x^n + n_y T_y^n + n_z T_z^n$$

$$\sigma_n = (\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot 0) + (\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{10}{\sqrt{3}}) + (\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot 0)$$

$$\sigma_n = \frac{10}{3}$$

$$\sigma_n = 3.34 \quad MPa$$

$$|T^n|^2 = \sigma_n^2 + \tau_n^2$$
  
 $\tau_n^2 = |T^n|^2 - \sigma_n^2$ 

$$|T^{n}|^{2} = T_{x}^{n2} + T_{y}^{n2} + T_{z}^{n2}$$

$$|T^{n}|^{2} = 0 + \frac{10^{2}}{3} + 0$$

$$|T^{n}|^{2} = \frac{100}{3}$$

$$|T^{n}|^{2} = 33.34$$

$$\tau_{n}^{2} = 33.34 - (3.34)^{2}$$

$$\tau_{n}^{2} = 22.18$$

$$\tau_{n} = 4.71 \ MPa$$

3 At a point P in a body,  $\sigma_x = 10,000 \text{ N}/cm^2$  (1020 kgf/cm<sup>2</sup>),  $\sigma_y = -5,000 \text{ N}/cm^2$  (-510 kgf/cm<sup>2</sup>),  $\sigma_z = -5,000 \text{ N}/cm^2$ ,  $\tau_{xy} = \tau_{yz} = \tau_{xz} = 10,000 \text{cm}^2$ .

Determine the normal and shearing stresses on a plane that is equally inclined to all the three axes.

### Solution

A plane that is equally inclined to all the three axes will have

$$n_x = n_y = n_z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

since,

$$n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2 = 1$$

Using Cauchy's equation,

$$T_{x}^{n} = n_{x}\sigma_{x} + n_{y}\tau_{yx} + n_{z}\tau_{zx}$$

$$T_{y}^{n} = n_{x}\tau_{xy} + n_{y}\sigma_{y} + n_{z}\tau_{zy}$$

$$T_{x}^{n} = n_{x}\tau_{xz} + n_{y}\tau_{yz} + n_{z}\sigma_{z}$$

$$T_{x}^{n} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot 10000\right) + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot 10000\right) + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot 10000\right)$$

$$T_{x}^{n} = \frac{30000}{\sqrt{3}} \frac{N}{cm^{2}}$$

$$T_{y}^{n} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot 10000\right) - \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot 5000\right) + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot 10000\right)$$

$$T_{y}^{n} = \frac{15000}{\sqrt{3}} \frac{N}{cm^{2}}$$

$$T_{z}^{n} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot 10000\right) + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot 10000\right) - \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot 5000\right)$$

$$T_{z}^{n} = 15000 \frac{N}{cm^{2}}$$

$$\sigma_{n} = n_{x}T_{x}^{n} + n_{y}T_{y}^{n} + n_{z}T_{z}^{n}$$

$$\sigma_{n} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{30000}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{15000}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{15000}{3}\right)$$

$$\sigma_{n} = \frac{60000}{3}$$

$$\sigma_{n} = 20000 \frac{N}{cm^{2}}$$

$$|T^n|^2 = \sigma_n^2 + \tau_n^2$$
  
 $\tau_n^2 = |T^n|^2 - \sigma_n^2$ 

$$|T^{n}|^{2} = T_{x}^{n2} + T_{y}^{n2} + T_{z}^{n2}$$

$$|T^{n}|^{2} = \frac{30000^{2}}{3} + \frac{15000^{2}}{3} + \frac{15000^{2}}{3}$$

$$|T^{n}|^{2} = \frac{1350 \cdot 10^{6}}{3}$$

$$|T^{n}|^{2} = 450 \cdot 10^{6}$$

$$\tau_{n}^{2} = (450 \cdot 10^{6}) - (20000)^{2}$$

$$\tau_{n}^{2} = 50 \cdot 10^{6}$$

$$\tau_{n} = 7071.1 \frac{N}{cm^{2}}$$

# **Principal Stresses**

4 At a point P, the rectangular stress components are  $\sigma_x = 1$ ,  $\sigma_y = -2$ ,  $\sigma_z = 4$ ,  $\tau_{xy} = 2$ ,  $\tau_{yz} = -3$  and  $\tau_{xz} = 1$  all in units of kPa. Find the principal stresses.

#### Soultion

Stresses can be written in form of a matrix as:

$$[\tau_{ij}] = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_x & \tau_{xy} & \tau_{xz} \\ \tau_{xy} & \sigma_y & \tau_{yz} \\ \tau_{xz} & \tau_{yz} & \sigma_z \end{bmatrix}$$
$$[\tau_{ij}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 & -3 \\ 1 & -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

The first stress invariant is given as

$$l_1 = \sigma_x + \sigma_y + \sigma_z$$
$$l_1 = 1 - 2 + 4$$
$$l_1 = 3$$

The second stress invariant is given as:

$$l_{2} = \begin{vmatrix} \sigma_{x} & \tau_{xy} \\ \tau_{xy} & \sigma_{y} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} \sigma_{y} & \tau_{yz} \\ \tau_{yz} & \sigma_{z} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} \sigma_{x} & \tau_{xz} \\ \tau_{xz} & \sigma_{z} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$l_{2} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} -2 & -3 \\ -3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$l_{2} = (-2 - 4) + (-8 - 9) + (4 - 1)$$

$$l_{2} = -20$$

The third stress invariant is given as:

$$l_{3} = \begin{vmatrix} \sigma_{x} & \tau_{xy} & \tau_{xz} \\ \tau_{xy} & \sigma_{y} & \tau_{yz} \\ \tau_{xz} & \tau_{yz} & \sigma_{z} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$l_{3} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 & -3 \\ 1 & -3 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$l_{3} = 1(-8 - 9) - 2(8 + 3) + 1(-6 + 2)$$

 $l_3 = -43$ 

$$f(\sigma) = \sigma^3 - l_1 \cdot \sigma^2 + l_2 \cdot \sigma - l_3 = 0 \tag{1}$$

Putting values of  $l_1$ ,  $l_2$  and  $l_3$  in eq. (1).

$$\sigma^3 - 3 \cdot \sigma^2 - 20 \cdot \sigma + 43 = 0$$

Three roots of this equation are: 5.25 kPa, -4.2 kPa and 1.95 kPa

$$\sigma_1 > \sigma_2 > \sigma_3$$

Hence,

 $\sigma_1 = 5.25 \text{ kPa}$ 

 $\sigma_2 = 1.95 \text{ kPa}$ 

 $\sigma_3 = -4.2 \text{ kPa}$ 

5 The following state of stress exists. Determine the principal stresses and their associated directions.

$$[\tau_{ij}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

### Solution

The first stress invariant is given as:

$$l_1 = \sigma_x + \sigma_y + \sigma_z$$
$$l_1 = 1 + 1 + 1$$
$$l_1 = 3$$

The second stress invariant is given as:

$$l_{2} = \begin{vmatrix} \sigma_{x} & \tau_{xy} \\ \tau_{xy} & \sigma_{y} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} \sigma_{y} & \tau_{yz} \\ \tau_{yz} & \sigma_{z} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} \sigma_{x} & \tau_{xz} \\ \tau_{xz} & \sigma_{z} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$l_{2} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$l_2 = (1 - 4) + (1 - 1) + (1 - 1)$$
  
 $l_2 = -3$ 

The third stress invariant is given as:

$$l_{3} = \begin{vmatrix} \sigma_{x} & \tau_{xy} & \tau_{xz} \\ \tau_{xy} & \sigma_{y} & \tau_{yz} \\ \tau_{xz} & \tau_{yz} & \sigma_{z} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$l_{3} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$l_{3} = 1(1-1) - 2(2-1) + 1(2-1)$$

$$l_{3} = -1$$

$$f(\sigma) = \sigma^3 - l_1 \cdot \sigma^2 + l_2 \cdot \sigma - l_3 = 0 \tag{2}$$

Putting values of  $l_1$ ,  $l_2$  and  $l_3$  in eq. (2).

$$\sigma^3 - 3 \cdot \sigma^2 - 3 \cdot \sigma + 1 = 0$$

Three roots of this equation are: -1 kPa, 0.27 kPa and 3.73 kPa

$$\sigma_1 > \sigma_2 > \sigma_3$$

Hence,

$$\sigma_1 = 3.73 \text{ kPa}$$
 $\sigma_2 = 0.27 \text{ kPa}$ 

$$\sigma_3 = -1 \text{ kPa}$$

$$n_x(\sigma_x - \sigma) + n_y \tau_{yx} + n_z \tau_{zx} = 0$$
  

$$n_x \tau_{xy} + n_y(\sigma_y - \sigma) + n_z \tau_{zy} = 0$$
  

$$n_x \tau_{xz} + n_y \tau_{yz} + n_z(\sigma_z - \sigma) = 0$$

Putting the roots or values of  $\sigma_1$ ,  $\sigma_2$  and  $\sigma_3$  one by one in above three equations. For  $\sigma = 3.73$ 

$$(1 - 3.73)n_x + 2n_y + 1n_z = 0 (3)$$

$$2n_x + (1 - 3.73)n_y + 1n_z = 0 (4)$$

$$1n_x + 1n_y + (1 - 3.73)n_z = 0 (5)$$

$$n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2 = 1 (6)$$

Subtracting eq (4) from eq (3)

$$-4.73n_x + 4.73n_y = 0$$
$$n_x = n_y$$

Put in eq (5)

$$-2.73n_x + 2n_x + 1n_z = 0$$
$$n_z = 0.73n_x$$

Put in eq(6)

$$n_x^2 + n_x^2 + (0.73)^2 \cdot n_x^2 = 1$$
$$2.53n_x^2 = 1$$
$$n_x = 0.63$$
$$n_y = 0.63$$
$$n_z = 0.46$$

**For**  $\sigma = 0.27$ 

$$(1 - 0.27)n_x + 2n_y + 1n_z = 0 (7)$$

$$2n_x + (1 - 0.27)n_y + 1n_z = 0 (8)$$

Subtracting eq (8) from eq (7)

$$-1.27n_x + 1.27n_y = 0$$
$$n_x = n_y$$

Put in eq (5)

$$0.73n_x + 2n_x + 1n_z = 0$$
$$n_z = -2.73n_x$$

Put in eq(6)

$$n_x^2 + n_x^2 + (-2.73)^2 \cdot n_x^2 = 1$$
$$9.45n_x^2 = 1$$

$$n_x = 0.33$$
$$n_y = 0.33$$
$$n_z = -0.9$$

For  $\sigma = -1$ 

$$(1 - (-1))n_x + 2n_y + 1n_z = 0 (9)$$

$$2n_x + (1 - (-1))n_y + 1n_z = 0 (10)$$

$$1n_x + 1n_y + (1 - (-1)n_z = 0 (11)$$

Multiplying eq (11) with 2 and subtracting it from eq (10)

$$0 \cdot n_x + 0_y - 3n_z = 0$$
$$n_z = 0$$

Put in eq (10)

$$2n_x + 2n_y = 0$$
$$n_x = -n_y$$

Put in eq(6)

$$(-n_y)^2 + n_y^2 = 1$$
$$2n_y^2 = 1$$
$$n_x = -0.71$$
$$n_y = 0.71$$
$$n_z = 0$$