

Lecture 10

Note Title

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Principal planes and principal stress components

$$\sigma_{nn} = \underline{t}^n \cdot \underline{n} = (\underline{\sigma} \underline{n}) \cdot \underline{n} = \sum_i \sum_j \sigma_{ij} n_j n_i$$

$$f = \sum_i \sum_j \sigma_{ij} n_i n_j - \lambda \left(\sum_i n_i n_i - 1 \right)$$

$$\underline{\sigma} \underline{n} = \lambda \underline{n}$$

\uparrow principal plane \rightarrow principal stress component

\Rightarrow no shear component of traction on principal plane

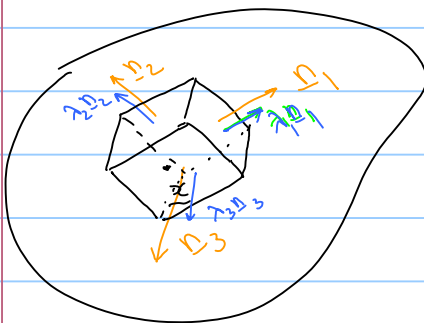
\rightarrow The fact that $\underline{\sigma}$ is symmetric implies that all its eigenvalues are real!

$$\underline{\sigma} \underline{n}_1 = \lambda_1 \underline{n}_1, \quad \underline{\sigma} \underline{n}_2 = \lambda_2 \underline{n}_2$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{dot with } \underline{n}_2} \quad \quad \quad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{dot with } \underline{n}_1}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Downarrow & \quad \quad \quad \Downarrow \\ (\underline{\sigma} \underline{n}_1) \cdot \underline{n}_2 &= \lambda_1 \underline{n}_1 \cdot \underline{n}_2 & (\underline{\sigma} \underline{n}_2) \cdot \underline{n}_1 &= \lambda_2 (\underline{n}_2 \cdot \underline{n}_1) \\ \Downarrow & & \swarrow & \\ (\underline{n}_1 \cdot \underline{\sigma} \underline{n}_2) &= \lambda_1 \underline{n}_1 \cdot \underline{n}_2 & \text{Subtract} & \\ & & 0 &= (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) (\underline{n}_1 \cdot \underline{n}_2) \end{aligned}$$

* If $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$ are all different, then $(\underline{n}_1, \underline{n}_2, \underline{n}_3)$ form an orthonormal triad!



$$\Rightarrow [\underline{\sigma}]_{(\underline{n}_1, \underline{n}_2, \underline{n}_3)} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

What if $(\lambda_1 = \lambda_2)$ are the same?

$$\alpha_1 (\underline{\sigma} \underline{n}_1 = \lambda \underline{n}_1), \quad (\underline{\sigma} \underline{n}_2 = \lambda \underline{n}_2) \alpha_2$$

sum

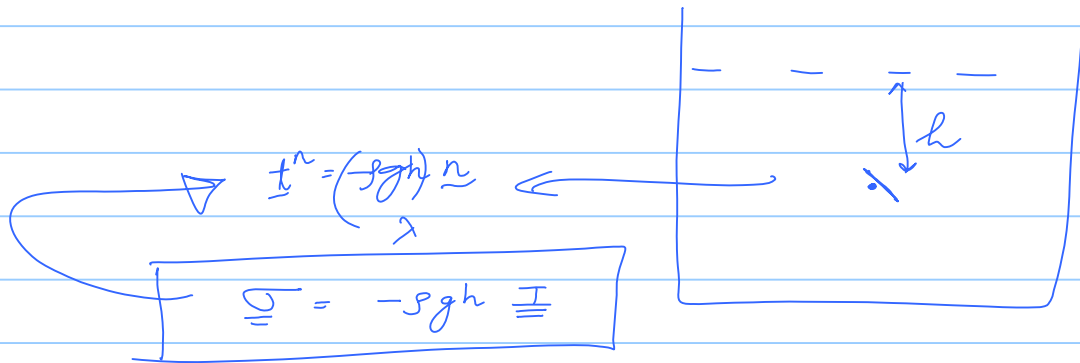
$$\alpha_1 \underline{\sigma} \underline{n}_1 + \alpha_2 \underline{\sigma} \underline{n}_2 = \alpha_1 \lambda \underline{n}_1 + \alpha_2 \lambda \underline{n}_2 \Rightarrow \underline{\sigma} (\alpha_1 \underline{n}_1 + \alpha_2 \underline{n}_2) = \lambda (\alpha_1 \underline{n}_1 + \alpha_2 \underline{n}_2)$$

eigenvector

all planes with normal $\frac{\alpha_1 \underline{n}_1 + \alpha_2 \underline{n}_2}{\|\underline{n}\|}$ are also principal planes

* If $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = \lambda$, all planes are principal planes!

$$\underline{\underline{\sigma}} \underline{n} = \lambda \underline{n}$$



Maximising the shear component of traction

$$\underline{t} = \underline{\underline{\sigma}} \underline{n}, \quad \sigma_{nn} = (\underline{\underline{\sigma}} \underline{n}) \cdot \underline{n}$$

$$\underline{t} = \sigma_{nn} \underline{n} + \underbrace{(\underline{t} - \sigma_{nn} \underline{n})}_{\tau \underline{n}^\perp}$$



$$\tau^2 = \|\underline{t}\|^2 - \sigma_{nn}^2 \quad \left(\text{Using Pythagoras theorem} \right)$$

$$= \|\underline{\underline{\sigma}} \underline{n}\|^2 - (\underline{\underline{\sigma}} \underline{n} \cdot \underline{n})^2$$

let us choose the coordinate system to be the ones corresponding to principal normals!

$$\tau^2 = \left\| \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 n_1 \\ \lambda_2 n_2 \\ \lambda_3 n_3 \end{bmatrix} \right\|^2 - (\lambda_1 n_1^2 + \lambda_2 n_2^2 + \lambda_3 n_3^2)^2$$

$$= \lambda_1^2 n_1^2 + \lambda_2^2 n_2^2 + \lambda_3^2 n_3^2 - (\lambda_1 n_1^2 + \lambda_2 n_2^2 + \lambda_3 n_3^2)^2$$

$$\tau^2 = \sum_i \lambda_i^2 n_i^2 - \left(\sum_i \lambda_i n_i^2 \right)^2$$

$$f = \sum_i \lambda_i^2 n_i^2 - \left(\sum_i \lambda_i n_i^2 \right)^2 + \alpha \left(\sum_i n_i^2 - 1 \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial n_k} = \sum_i \lambda_i^2 2 n_i \delta_{ik} - 2 \left(\sum_i \lambda_i n_i^2 \right) \left(\sum_i 2 \lambda_i n_i \delta_{ik} \right) + \alpha \sum_i 2 n_i \delta_{ik} = 0$$

$$= 2 \lambda_k^2 n_k - 4 \lambda_k n_k \left(\sum_i \lambda_i n_i^2 \right) + 2 \alpha n_k = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n_k \left(\lambda_k^2 - 2 \lambda_k \sum_i \lambda_i n_i^2 + \alpha \right) = 0$$

$$n_1 \left(\lambda_1^2 - 2 \lambda_1 \left(\lambda_1 n_1^2 + \lambda_2 n_2^2 + \lambda_3 n_3^2 \right) + \alpha \right) = 0$$

$$n_2 \left(\begin{array}{ccc} - & - & - \end{array} \right) = 0$$

$$n_3 \left(\begin{array}{ccc} - & - & - \end{array} \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n_1 = 0$$

$$\lambda_2^2 - 2 \lambda_2 \left(\lambda_2 n_2^2 + \lambda_3 n_3^2 \right) + \alpha = 0$$

$$\lambda_3^2 - 2 \lambda_3 \left(\lambda_2 n_2^2 + \lambda_3 n_3^2 \right) + \alpha = 0$$

$$(\lambda_2^2 - \lambda_3^2) - 2(\lambda_2 - \lambda_3) (\lambda_2 n_2^2 + \lambda_3 n_3^2) = 0$$

$$(\lambda_2 - \lambda_3) \left[(\lambda_2 + \lambda_3) - 2(\lambda_2 n_2^2 + \lambda_3 n_3^2) \right] = 0$$

$$= \lambda_2 (1 - 2 n_2^2) + \lambda_3 (1 - 2 n_3^2) = 0$$

\Downarrow arbitrary (λ_2, λ_3)

$$\boxed{n_1 = 0 \quad n_2 = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad n_3 = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}$$