

# CE394M: Stress paths and invariants

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## 1D consolidation / simple shear

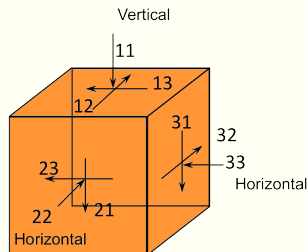
- Zero lateral strain ( $\epsilon_{22} = \epsilon_{33} = 0$ )
- Stresses:  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$
- Strains:  $\epsilon_{11} = \epsilon_v$  and  $\gamma$

## 2D plane strain

- Zero lateral strain ( $\epsilon_{22} = \gamma_{12} = \gamma_{23} = 0$ )
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- Strains:  $\epsilon_v$  and  $\epsilon_\gamma$

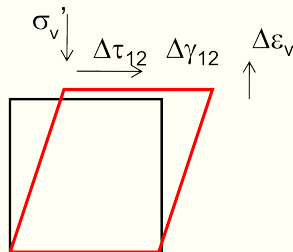
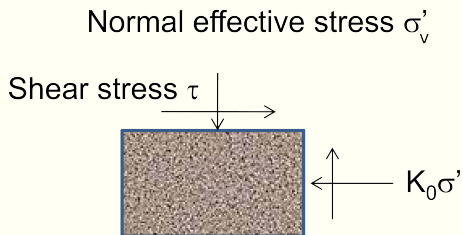
## 3D general (axi-symmetric as a special case)

- Stresses:  $p$  and  $q$
- Strains:  $\epsilon_v$  and  $\epsilon_s$



# 1D simple shear

- 1 No lateral strain
- 2 Constant normal effective stress  $\sigma'_v$
- 3 Increasing shear strain  $\gamma$
- 4 Measure shear resistance  $\tau$
- 5 Measure volumetric strain  $\varepsilon_v$  or void ratio  $e = e_0 - (1 + e_0)\varepsilon_v$
- 6 **No information for the lateral direction**



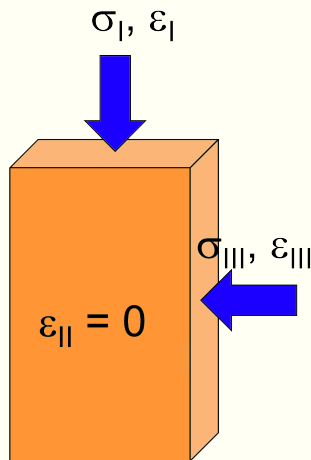
# 2D plane strain / Mohr-Coulomb model

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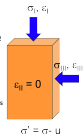
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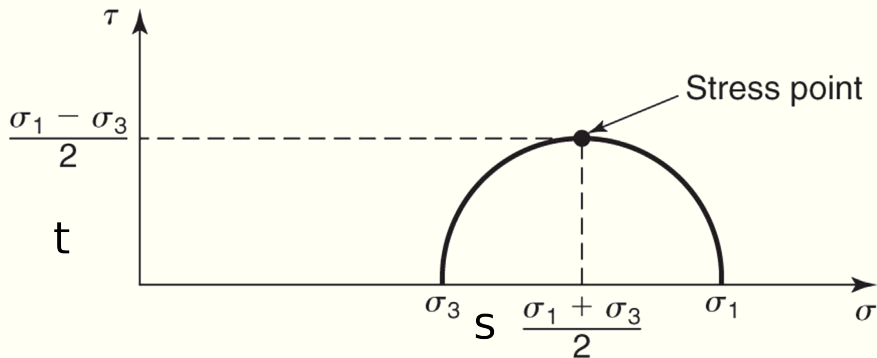
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Principal stresses  $\sigma_I > \sigma_{II} > \sigma_{III}$ . This equation holds good and is the definition of  $\sigma$  in principal stress notations, i.e.,  $I > II > III$ .

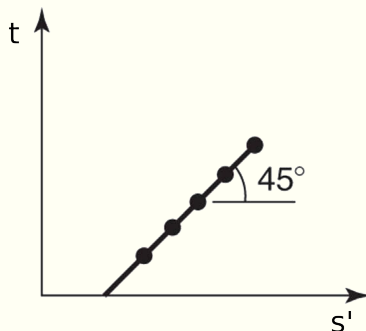
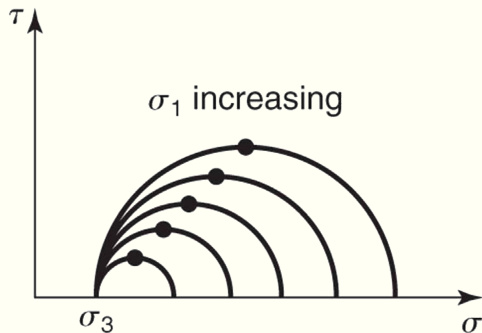
No shear stresses on these planes.

# 2D Mohr circle



# Mohr circle to 2D stress components

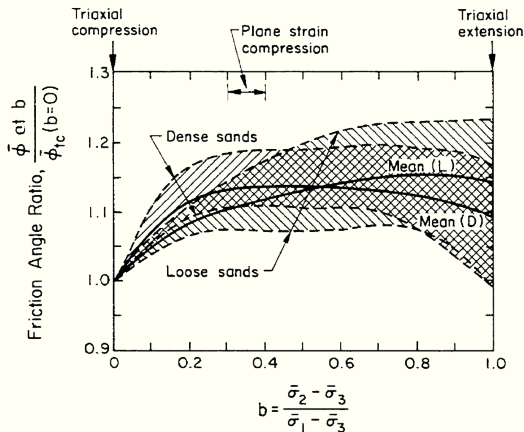
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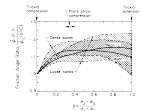
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$\sigma_{II}$  do have an effect on soil behavior. For example, the friction angle depends on the loading condition: triaxial compression, plane-strain, triaxial extension and others . . . ., The effect of  $\sigma_{II}$  can be measured using true triaxial apparatus or hollow cylinder torsional shear apparatus. In general, the peak friction angle increases 10 to 15 percent from  $b = 0$  (triaxial compression) to  $b = 0.3$  to  $0.4$  (plane strain), and it stays constant or slightly decreases as  $b$  reaches 1 (tri-axial extension).

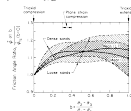
The variation of measured friction angle with changes in  $\sigma_{II}$  can be attributed to the effects of different mean stress and stress anisotropy on the dilatancy and particle rearrangement contributions to the total strength. For given maximum and minimum principal stresses, the TXE conditions have the largest mean effective stress, whereas the triaxial compression conditions have the smallest mean effective stress. The higher confinement for triaxial extension and plane strain conditions contributes to the increasing friction angle for these conditions. (Mitchell and Soga., 2005)

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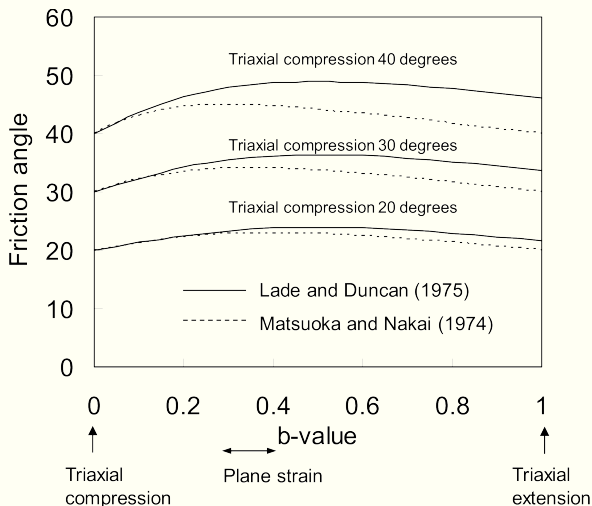
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In TXC major principal stress,  $\sigma_I$  acts vertically, compared to triaxial extension mode of loading, where  $\sigma_I$  acts horizontally. The effect of the intermediate principal stress is comparatively smaller, and is often assessed using the parameter  $b = (\sigma_{II} - \sigma_{III}) / (\sigma_I - \sigma_{III})$ , which is zero in triaxial compression, and one in triaxial extension. In TXE  $\sigma_I = \sigma_{II}$  (radial), while  $\sigma_{III}$  is the vertical stress.

# Effect of $\sigma_{II}$ on friction



Chapter 11., Mitchell and Soga, 2005

# Effect of $\sigma_{II}$ on friction

Various models fit the experimental data showing the intermediate stress effect. Lade and Duncan (1975)

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Matsuoka and Nakai (1974)

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$$l_1 = \sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3$$

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Given the large scatter in the published experimental data, it is not possible to conclude that one model is better than the other.

# Triaxial stresses and strains: independent components

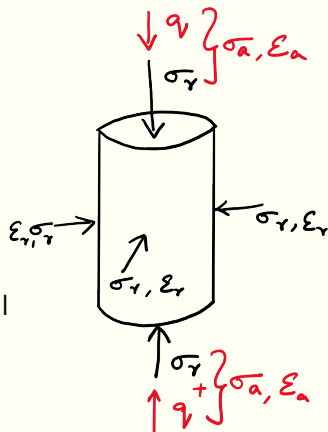
- We split the stress system into:
  - purely volumetric deformation ' $p$ '
  - purely distortional deformation ' $q$ '
- Mean stress:

$$p = (\sigma_a + 2\sigma_r)/3 \quad p' = p - u$$

- Volumetric strain:  $\varepsilon_v = (\varepsilon_a + 2\varepsilon_r)$
- Deviatoric / shear stress (purely distortional deformation):

$$q = (\sigma_a - \sigma_r) \quad q' = q$$

- Deviatoric / shear strain:  $\varepsilon_s = 2/3(\varepsilon_a - \varepsilon_r)$



# Triaxial deviatoric strain

- Deviatoric / shear strain:  $\varepsilon_s = 2/3(\varepsilon_a - \varepsilon_r)$
- Why 2/3?:
- Work equation:  $\delta W = p'\delta\varepsilon_v + q'\delta\varepsilon_s$

$$\delta W = \sigma'_1\delta\varepsilon_1 + \sigma'_2\delta\varepsilon_2 + \sigma'_3\delta\varepsilon_3 = \sigma'_a\delta\varepsilon_a + 2\sigma'_r\delta\varepsilon_r$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta W &= (1/3\sigma'_a + 2/3\sigma'_r)(\delta\varepsilon_a + 2\delta\varepsilon_r) + (\sigma'_a - \sigma'_r)(2/3)(\delta\varepsilon_a - \delta\varepsilon_r) \\ &= \sigma'_a\delta\varepsilon_a + 2\sigma'_r\delta\varepsilon_r\end{aligned}$$



# Triaxial stress - strain relationship

Relationship in terms of axial and radial direction:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_a \\ \varepsilon_r \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{E} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2\nu \\ -\nu & (1 - \nu) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_a \\ \sigma_r \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

Relationship in terms of 'p' and 'q':

$$\begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 & 2/3 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_a \\ \sigma_r \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{invert} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_a \\ \sigma_r \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2/3 \\ 1 & -1/3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

Strain:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_v \\ \varepsilon_s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2/3 & -2/3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_a \\ \varepsilon_r \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

# Volume - shear coupling

Equation (1) and eq. (2) in eq. (3) to relate  $\varepsilon_v, \varepsilon_s$  to  $p, q$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_v \\ \varepsilon_s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3(1 - 2\nu)/E & 0 \\ 0 & 2(1 + \nu)/3E \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \end{bmatrix}$$

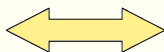
$$\begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_v \\ \varepsilon_s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/K & 0 \\ 0 & 1/3G \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \end{bmatrix}$$

- ❶ Off-diagonal zeros indicate no coupling between volumetric and distortional effects.
- ❷ Applying pure shear cannot induce volume changes - **not true for soils!**
- ❸ Plasticity theory will deal with this.

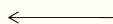
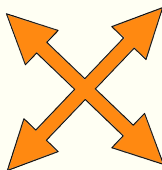
# Volume shear coupling

Usually volume change and shear deformation are decoupled (i.e. bulk modulus and shear modulus), but in soils they are coupled:

Change in  
confining stress

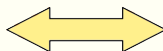


Volumetric strain  
increment



If particulate matter

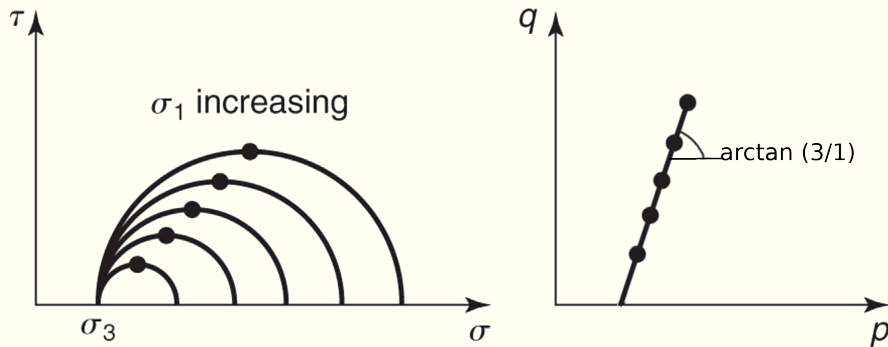
Change in shear  
stress



Deviator strain  
increment

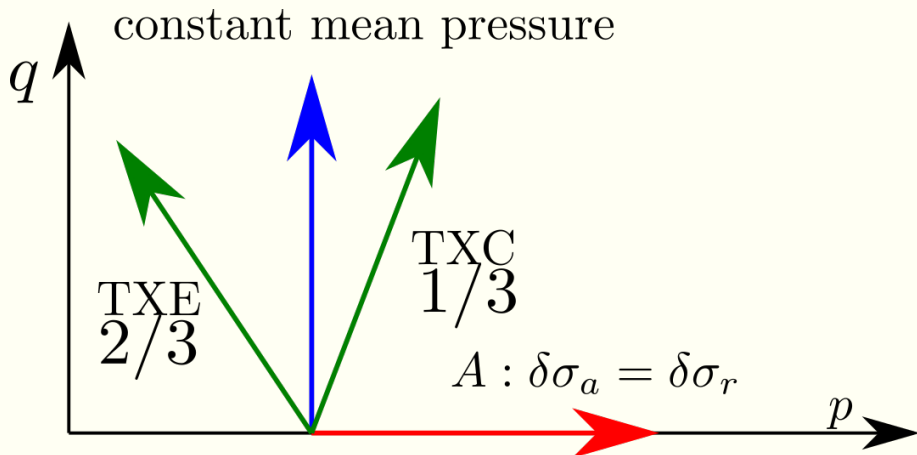
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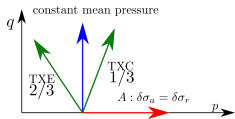


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A mean total stress  $p = \frac{\sigma_a + 2\sigma_r}{3}$  and deviatoric stress  $q = \sigma_a - \sigma_r$ . In triaxial compression the cell pressure is held constant,  $\delta\sigma_r = 0$  and axial load is increased.

$$\delta p = \frac{\delta q}{3}$$

In triaxial extension, to keep the axial stress constant while changing the cell pressure requires that the ram force (or deviatoric stress) and cell pressure must be changed simultaneously. For  $\delta\sigma_a = 0, \delta\sigma_r = -\delta q$ . The differential form is:

$$\delta p = \frac{2\delta\sigma_r}{3} = \frac{-2\delta q}{3}$$

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- Mean pressure:  $p' = (\sigma'_{11} + \sigma'_{22} + \sigma'_{33})/3$
- Deviator stress:  $q = \sqrt{3/2} \sqrt{s_{11}^2 + s_{22}^2 + s_{33}^2 + 2\tau_{12}^2 + 2\tau_{23}^2 + 2\tau_{31}^2}$
- where  $s_{11} = \sigma'_{11} - p'$ ,  $s_{22} = \sigma'_{22} - p'$ ,  $s_{33} = \sigma'_{33} - p'$
- Volumetric strain:  $\varepsilon_v = \varepsilon_{11} + \varepsilon_{22} + \varepsilon_{33}$
- Deviatoric strain:  
$$\varepsilon_s = \sqrt{2/3} \sqrt{e_{11}^2 + e_{22}^2 + e_{33}^2 + \gamma_{12}^2/2 + \gamma_{23}^2/2 + \gamma_{31}^2/2}$$
- where  $e_{11} = \varepsilon_{11} - \varepsilon_v/3$ ,  $e_{22} = \varepsilon_{22} - \varepsilon_v/3$ ,  $e_{33} = \varepsilon_{33} - \varepsilon_v/3$



## 3 Principal stresses and strains

- Mean pressure:  $p' = (\sigma'_I + \sigma'_{II} + \sigma'_{III})/3$
- Deviator stress:  $q = \sqrt{1/2} \sqrt{(\sigma'_I - \sigma'_{II})^2 + (\sigma'_{II} - \sigma'_{III})^2 + (\sigma'_{III} - \sigma'_I)^2}$
- Volumetric strain:  $\varepsilon_v = \varepsilon_I + \varepsilon_{II} + \varepsilon_{III}$
- Deviatoric strain:  $\varepsilon_s = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} \sqrt{(\varepsilon'_I - \varepsilon'_{II})^2 + (\varepsilon'_{II} - \varepsilon'_{III})^2 + (\varepsilon'_{III} - \varepsilon'_I)^2}$

### In triaxial condition (principal stresses/strains)

$$p' = (\sigma_I + 2\sigma_{III})/3 \quad q = \sigma_I - \sigma_{III} \quad \varepsilon_v = \varepsilon_I + 2\varepsilon_{III} \quad \varepsilon_s = 2(\varepsilon_I - \varepsilon_{III})/3$$

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## └ Stress invariants

## └ Stress and strain invariants in 3D

## 3 Principal stresses and strains

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- Deviator stress:  $q = \sqrt{1/2[(\sigma'_I - \sigma'_II)^2 + (\sigma'_II - \sigma'_III)^2 + (\sigma'_III - \sigma'_I)^2]}$

- Volumetric strain:  $\epsilon_v = \epsilon_I + \epsilon_{II} + \epsilon_{III}$

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The magnitudes of the components of the stress vector (i.e.  $\sigma_{xx}, \sigma_{yy}, \sigma_{zz}, \tau_{xy}, \tau_{xz}, \tau_{yz}$ ) depend on the chosen direction of the coordinate axes. The principal stresses ( $\sigma_I, \sigma_{II}$ , and  $\sigma_{III}$ ) however, always act on the same planes and have the same magnitude, no matter which direction is chosen for the coordinate axes. They are therefore invariant to the choice of axes. Consequently, the state of stress can be fully defined by either specifying the six component values for a fixed direction of the coordinate axis, or by specifying the magnitude of the principal stresses and the directions of the three planes on which these principal stresses act. In either case six independent pieces of information are required.

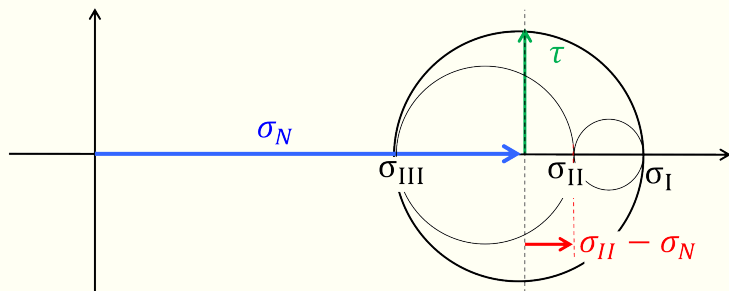
# The missing stress invariant

- **General stresses:**  $\sigma_{ij} (i, j = 1, 2, 3)$   $\sigma_{11}, \sigma_{22}, \sigma_{33}, \sigma_{12}, \sigma_{13}, \sigma_{23}$   
 $\Updownarrow$

- **Principal stresses:**  $\sigma_I, \sigma_{II}, \sigma_{III} + 3 \text{ angles}$   
 $\Downarrow$   $\nexists$

Two stress invariant (mean pressure  $p$  or  $s$ , deviator stress  $q$  or  $t$ ). One more stress invariant is needed to go back to 3 principal stresses: **Lode angle!**

# The Lode parameter



Maximum shear stress:  $\tau = \frac{\sigma_I - \sigma_{III}}{2}$

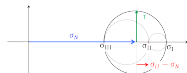
Normal stress:  $\sigma_N = \frac{\sigma_I + \sigma_{III}}{2}$

Position of intermediate principal stress:  $L = \frac{\sigma_{II} - \sigma_N}{\tau}$

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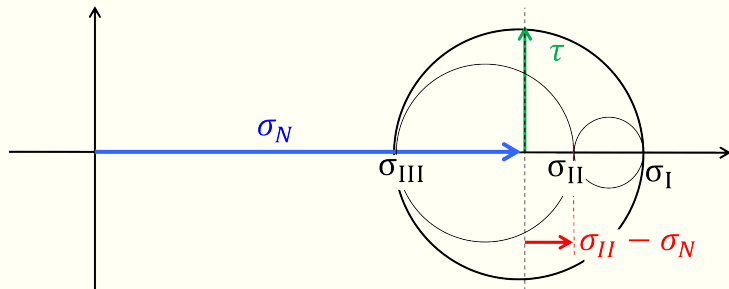
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If one is interested in the overall magnitude of the stress, all three principal stresses would be needed, but not the directions of the planes on which they act. In geotechnical engineering it is often convenient to work with alternative invariant quantities which are combinations of the principal effective stresses.

# The Lode parameter



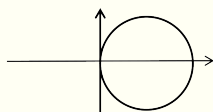
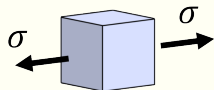
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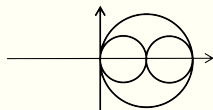
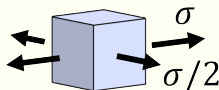
# Which states have the same Lode parameter?

- Uniaxial tension



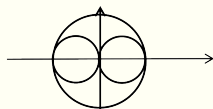
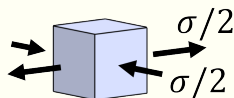
$$\left. \begin{aligned} \sigma_m &= \sigma/3 \\ \bar{\sigma} &= \sigma \end{aligned} \right\}$$

- Plane strain tension



$$\left. \begin{aligned} \sigma_m &= \sigma/2 \\ \bar{\sigma} &= \sqrt{3}/2 \sigma \end{aligned} \right\}$$

- Pure shear



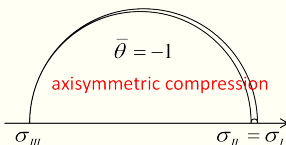
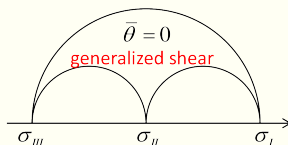
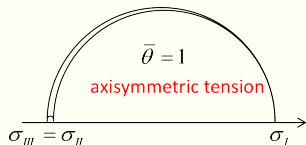
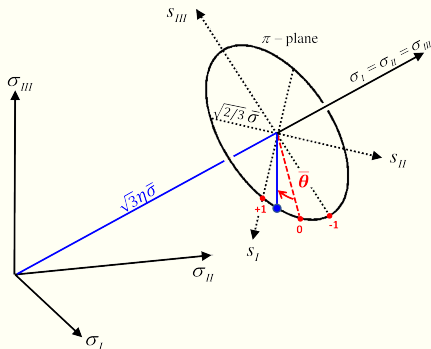
$$\left. \begin{aligned} \sigma_m &= 0 \\ \bar{\sigma} &= \sqrt{3}/2 \sigma \end{aligned} \right\}$$

# Lode angle parameter

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(Lode, 1926)

$$L = \frac{2\sigma_{II} - \sigma_I - \sigma_{III}}{\sigma_I - \sigma_{III}}$$

Lode angle  $\bar{\theta} \approx -L$

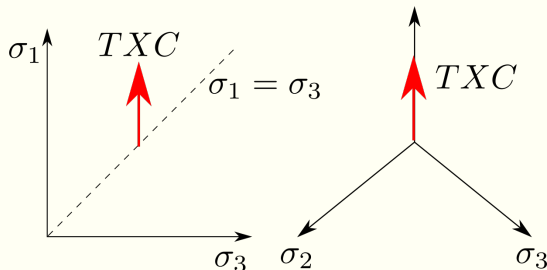
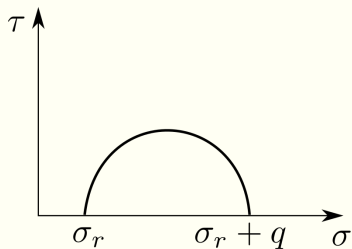
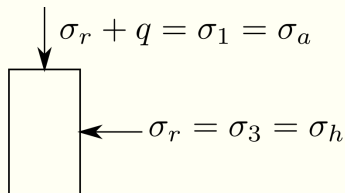




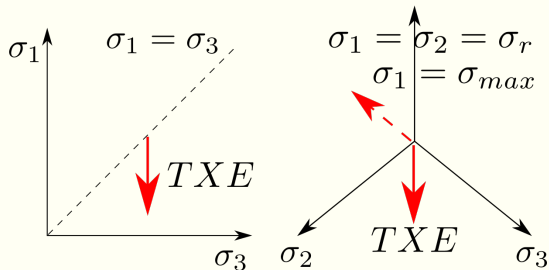
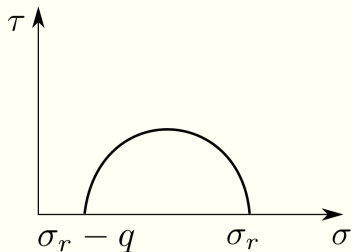
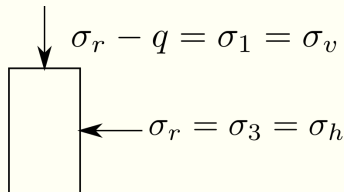
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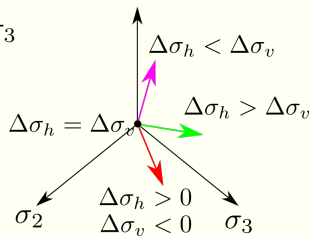
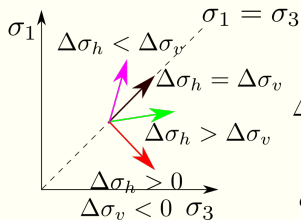
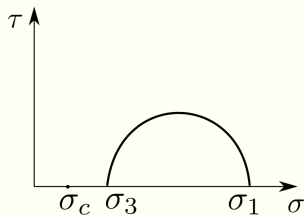
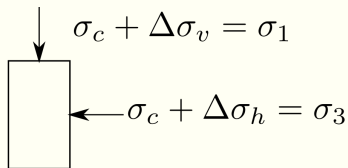


# $\pi$ plane: Triaxial extension



w/o forcing  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_{max}$

# $\pi$ plane: Random stress paths



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# Stress invariant

Principal stresses (3 components)  $\Leftrightarrow$  Invariants (3 components)

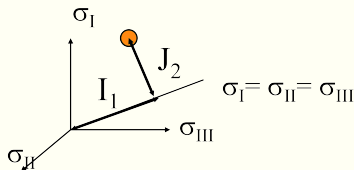
- $I_1 = p' = \sigma'_{ii}/3$

- $s_{ij} = \sigma'_{ij} - \delta_{ij}p'$

- $J_2 = \frac{1}{2}s_{ij}s_{ij}$

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- $q = \sqrt{3/2}(s_{ij}s_{ij})^{0.5} = \sqrt{3}J_2$



Lode angle:

- $\sin 3\theta = \frac{-3\sqrt{3}}{2} \frac{J_3}{J_2^{3/2}}$

- $\theta = \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left( 2 \frac{(\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)}{(\sigma_1 - \sigma_3)} - 1 \right) \right]$

- $TXC = \pi/6 \quad TXE = -\pi/6$

- $SHR = 0$ , when  
 $\sigma_2 = (\sigma_1 + \sigma_3)/2$  (note  
 $SHR \neq PS$ )