

AE333

Mechanics of Materials

Lecture 22 - Mohr's Circle

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## schedule

- 29 Mar - Mohr's Circle
- 1 Apr - Strain Transformation
- 3 Apr - Strain Transformation, HW7  
Due
- 5 Apr - Deflection of Beams

# outline

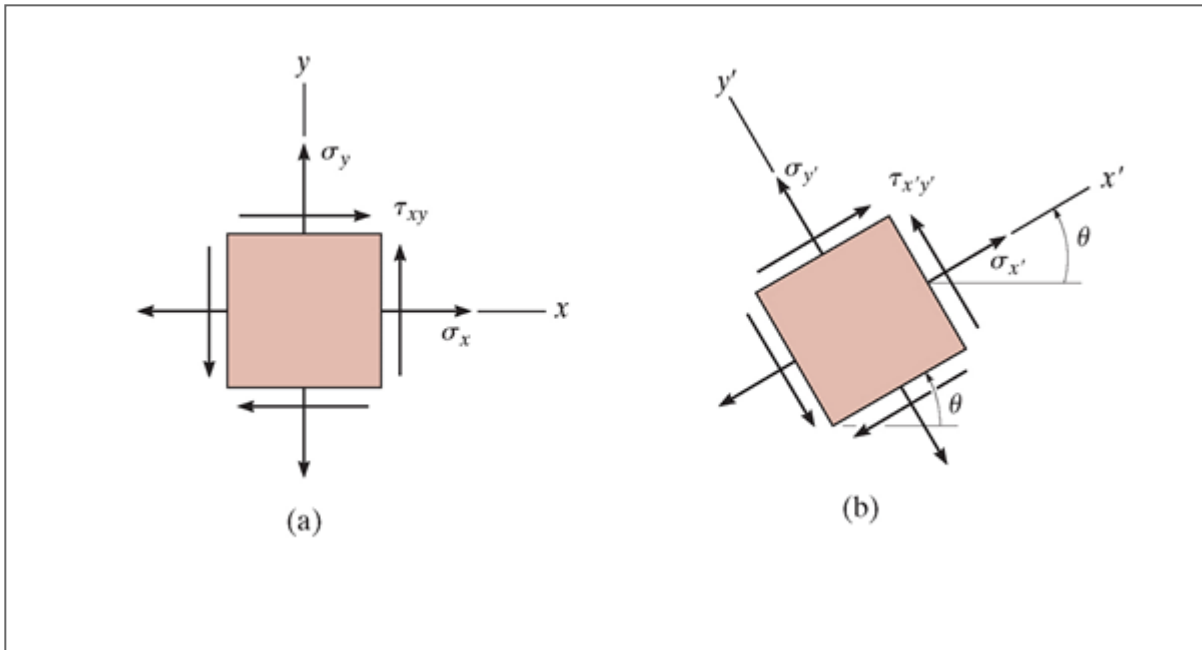
- plane stress  
transformation
- general equations
- principal stresses

# plane stress transformation

## plane stress

- In general, the state of stress at a point is characterized by six stress components
- In practice, this is rare, as most stresses and forces act in the same plane
- This case is referred to as plane stress

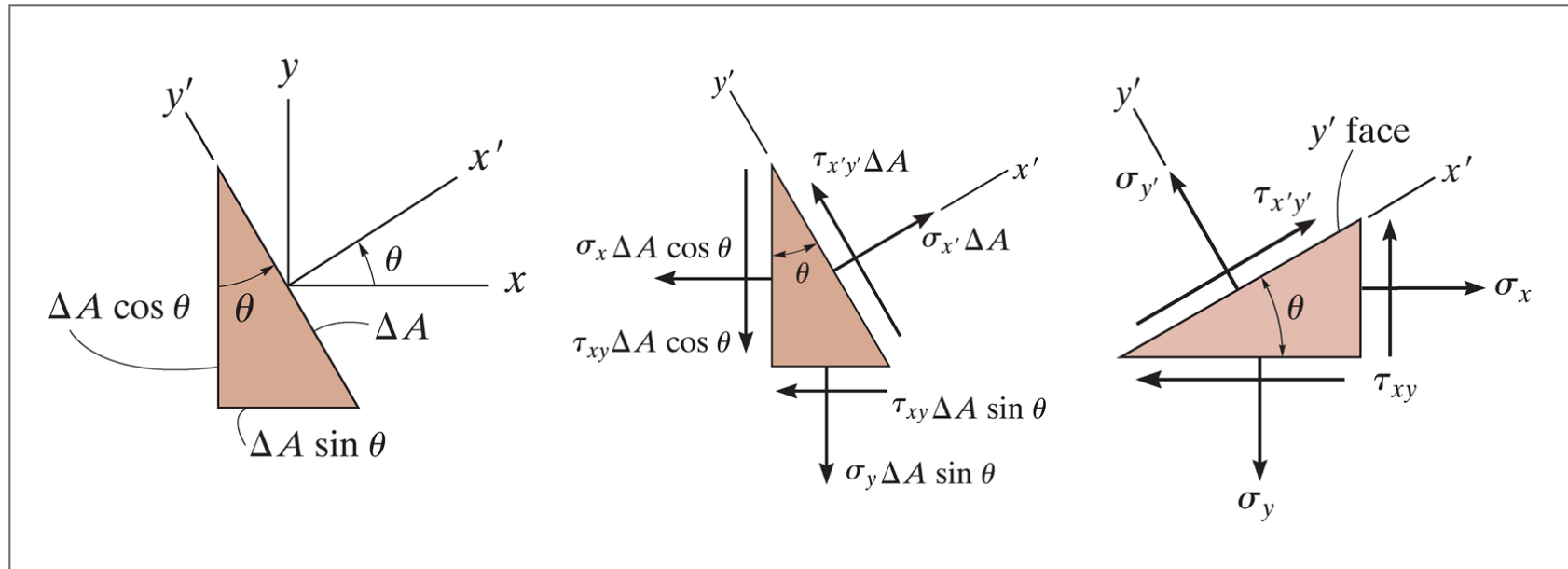
# transformation



## procedure

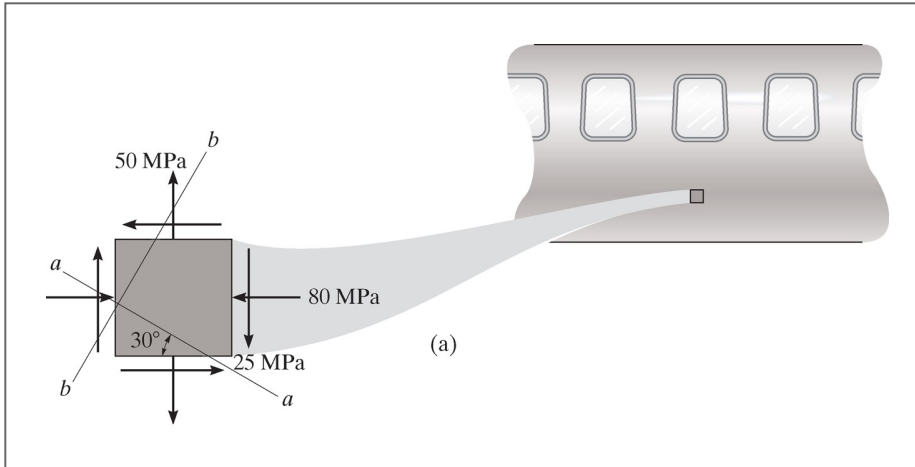
- If the state of stress ( $\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \tau_{xy}$ ) is known for a known axis system  $x$  and  $y$ , we can find the stress relative to some rotated coordinate system
- We do this by considering a section of the element perpendicular to the  $x'$  axis
- Sum of forces in  $x$  and  $y$  will give  $\sigma_{x'}$  and  $\tau_{x'y'}$
- A second section is needed to find  $\sigma_{y'}$ , perpendicular to the  $y'$  axis

# procedure





## example 9.1



Represent the state of stress shown on the fuselage section on an element rotated  $30^\circ$  clockwise from the position shown.

# general equations

## general equations

- We can follow the methodology from the previous section to develop equations for some arbitrary rotation and a completely general state of stress
- We use some trig identities to simplify the formulae

$$\sigma_{x'} = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} + \frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2} \cos 2\theta + \tau_{xy} \sin 2\theta$$

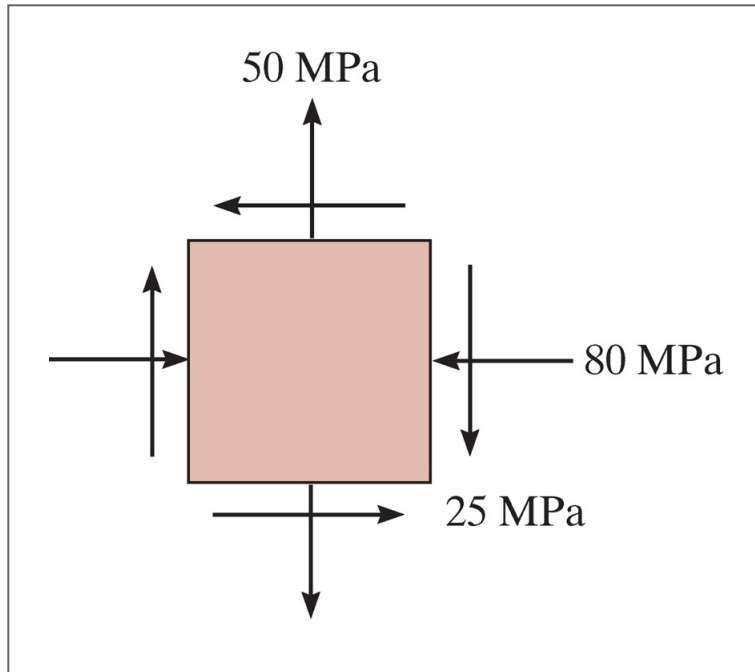
$$\tau_{x'y'} = -\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2} \sin 2\theta + \tau_{xy} \cos 2\theta$$

- To find  $\sigma_{y'}$  we can simply add  $90^\circ$  to  $\theta$

## procedure

- The procedure in general is mostly “plug and chug”
- The only thing we need to be cautious about is sign convention:  
stresses are positive in tension, shear is positive with arrows pointing to the 1st and 3rd quadrants,  $\theta$  is measured counter-clockwise from the  $x$ -axis

## example 9.2



Determine the stress at this point on an element rotated  $30^\circ$  clockwise from the position shown.

# principal stresses

## principal stresses

- Since the local stresses only change with the rotation angle, we might like to find the angle which gives the maximum stress
- This is known as the principal direction, and the stresses are known as principal stresses
- We can find this direction by differentiating the equation for  $\sigma_{x'}$

## principal stress

- We find the angle as

$$\tan 2\theta_p = \frac{2\tau_{xy}}{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}$$

- The principal stresses are then

$$\sigma_{1,2} = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2}\right)^2 + \tau_{xy}^2}$$



## maximum shear stress

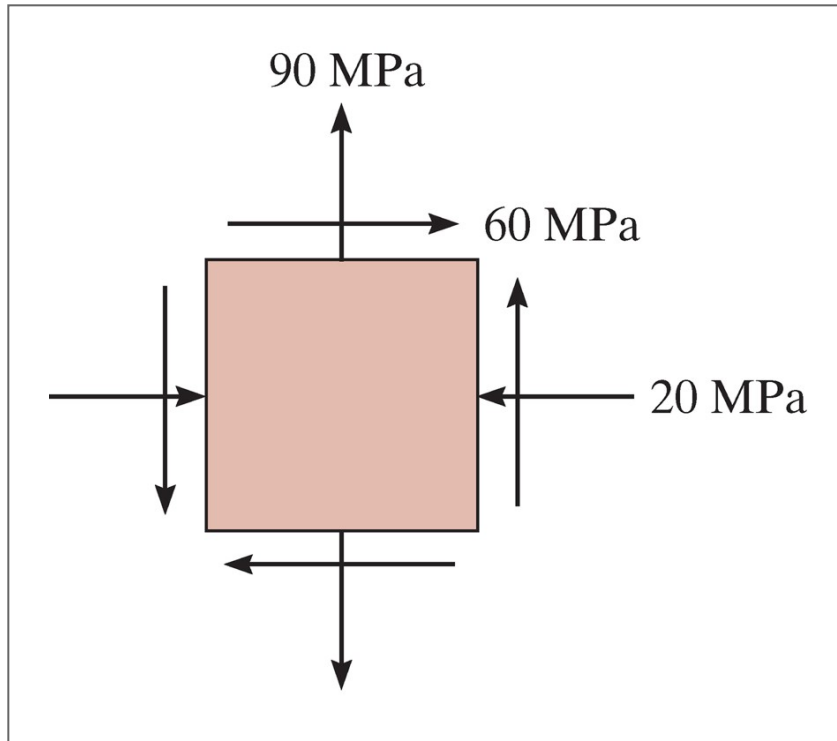
- Similarly, we might want to find the direction of maximum shear stress

$$\tan 2\theta_s = \frac{\sigma_y - \sigma_x}{2\tau_{xy}}$$

- And the maximum shear stress is

$$\tau_{max} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2}\right)^2 + \tau_{xy}^2}$$

### example 9.3



Find the principal stress for the stress state shown.

## example 9.5

- When torsional loading  $T$  is applied to a circular bar it produces a state of pure shear stress.
- Find the maximum in-plane shear stress and the associated average normal stress
- Find the principal stresses