

## Pressure Vessels – Thin cylinder and Thick Cylinder

**Thin cylinder - 1**  
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$L$  = Length of cylinder  
 $P_o = 0$  &  $P_i$  is uniformly distributed over inner surface  
 $D_i = 2r_i$   
 $D_o = 2r_o$   
 $t = r_o - r_i$

Hemispherical end-closure  
 Transverse Section X-X  
 Longitudinal section Y-Y  
 Ratio value = 20

$\frac{D_i}{t} > \text{Ratio value for thin cylinder}$   
 $\frac{D_i}{t} \leq \text{Ratio value for thick cylinder}$

For the design of thin cylinder ~~pressure~~ subjected to internal pressure only, the design procedure has been simplified through the use of following two assumptions.

- i) Effect radial stress in thin cylinder is negligible.
- ii) Tangential stress  $\sigma_t$  and longitudinal stress  $\sigma_l$  are uniformly distributed over wall thickness of cylinder.

Analysis of longitudinal stress:  $\sigma_l$   
 Based on Transverse section and forces in longitudinal direction. stresses are assumed to ~~will~~ be uniformly distributed.

Force  $F = \frac{\pi}{4} D_i^2 P_i$  (Based on projected area)

Cross-sectional Area  $A = \frac{\pi}{4} D_o^2 - \frac{\pi}{4} D_i^2 \approx \pi D_i t$

Longitudinal stress  $= \frac{F}{A} = \sigma_l = \frac{P_i D_i}{4t}$

Analysis of tangential stress:  $\sigma_t$   
 Based on longitudinal section passing through axis of symmetry.

Force  $F = D_i P_i$  and Area  $= 2t$  (For unit length)

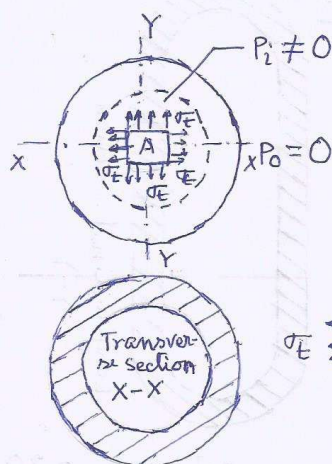
Tangential stress  $\sigma_t = \frac{\text{Force}}{\text{Area}} = \frac{D_i P_i}{2t}$

Design will be based on tangential stress  $\sigma_t$ .  $t$  can be calculated using allowable tensile stress  $[\sigma_t]$ .  $[\sigma_t] > \sigma_t \Rightarrow t > \frac{P_i D_i}{2[\sigma_t]}$

Brittle:  $\sigma_{ut}/F.S. = [\sigma_t]$ ; Ductile:  $[\sigma_t] = \sigma_{yield}/F.S.$

Wall thickness of cylinder ( $t$ ) = calculated value of  $t$  + corrosion allowance (Rounded)





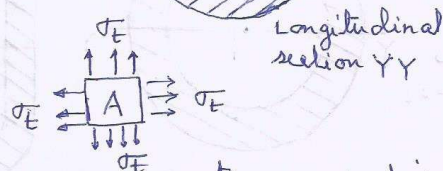
Thin spherical vessel.  
(Thin Hollow sphere)

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Outer diameter =  $D_o$   
Inner diameter =  $D_i$   
Wall Thickness =  $\frac{1}{2}D_o - \frac{1}{2}D_i$   
 $= \frac{1}{2}(D_o - D_i) = t$

$D_o = 2r_o$  &  $D_i = 2r_i$   
 $t = r_o - r_i$

of thin cylinder



Assumptions used in the design procedure are also applicable here. For thin hollow sphere, there is no longitudinal direction - no  $\sigma_l$ .

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Internal Pr. =  $P_i$

External Pr. =  $P_o$

Two principal stress:  $\sigma_r$  and  $\sigma_t$

$\sigma_r$  is not considered. Tangential stress  $\sigma_t = \frac{F}{A} = \frac{P_i D_i}{4t}$

\* can estimate the probable maximum reduction of wall thickness of the vessel. To avoid any failure, extra thickness is added to the calculated value of wall thickness.

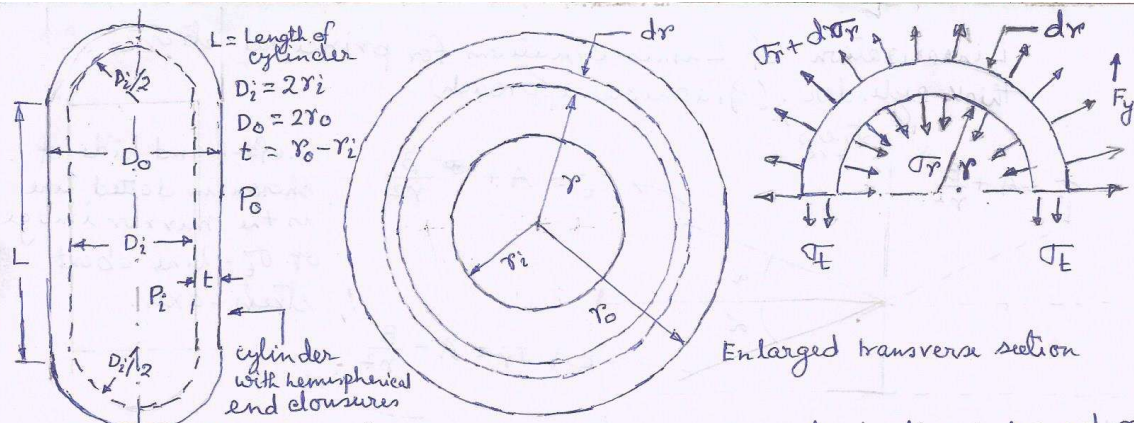
This concept is applicable for design of hemispherical end closures. Students are advised to study the concepts of semi-ellipsoidal end closure and Torispherical end closure from the chapter "END CLOSURES" of prescribed text book. Students are also advised to study "GASKETS" and "GASKETED JOINT" from the prescribed text book.

Discussion on thick-walled hollow sphere is not included in syllabus.

Practise :-

- 1) Worked-out examples
- 2) Numerical exercise Problems.
- 3) Theoretical Problems.

Corrosion Allowance :- Every pressure vessel has a life (in years) specified by its designer. It is expected that the Pressure vessel will function throughout the span of life without Onset of any failure. It is observed that the inner surface and outer surface of pressure vessel are corroded nonuniformly by the corrosive action of the fluid stored inside the vessel and by the corrosive action of the atmospheric fluid surrounding the vessel respectively. The corrosion experts\*



The tensile stress is positive. The following derivation is based on Positive tensile stress concept.

$$F_y = -2\sigma_t dr - 2r\sigma_r + 2(r+dr)(\sigma_r + d\sigma_r) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\sigma_t dr - r\sigma_r + (r+dr)(\sigma_r + d\sigma_r) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\sigma_t dr - r\sigma_r + r\sigma_r + r d\sigma_r + \sigma_r dr + dr d\sigma_r = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\sigma_t dr + \sigma_r dr + r d\sigma_r = 0 \quad [\text{Putting } dr d\sigma_r \approx 0]$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_r - \sigma_t + r \frac{d\sigma_r}{dr} = 0 \quad \dots (a)$$

Applying generalized Hooke's in longitudinal direction,

$$\epsilon_r = \frac{\sigma_r}{E} - \frac{\mu}{E}(\sigma_t + \sigma_r); \Rightarrow \sigma_r + \sigma_t = \frac{E}{\mu} \left( \frac{\sigma_r}{E} - \epsilon_r \right) \quad (b)$$

$$\sigma_r + \sigma_t = 2A \quad \dots (c) \text{ for in text book, } A = C_1.$$

$$\sigma_r - \sigma_t + r \frac{d\sigma_r}{dr} = 0$$

$$\sigma_r + \sigma_t = 2A$$

$$2\sigma_r + r \frac{d\sigma_r}{dr} = 2A$$

$$\sigma_r + \sigma_t = 2A \Rightarrow \sigma_t = 2A - \sigma_r$$

$$\sigma_t = 2A - A + \frac{B}{r^2} = A + \frac{B}{r^2}$$

$$2\sigma_r + r \frac{d\sigma_r}{dr} = 2A$$

$$2r\sigma_r + r^2 \frac{d\sigma_r}{dr} = 2Ar$$

$$\frac{d}{dr}(r^2\sigma_r) = 2Ar$$

Integrating w.r. to  $r$ ,

$$r^2\sigma_r = \frac{2Ar^2}{2} - B \quad (B = C_2)$$

$$\sigma_r = A - \frac{B}{r^2}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \sigma_r &= A - \frac{B}{r^2} \\ \sigma_t &= A + \frac{B}{r^2} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Lame's equations of for Principal stresses for thick cylinder}$$

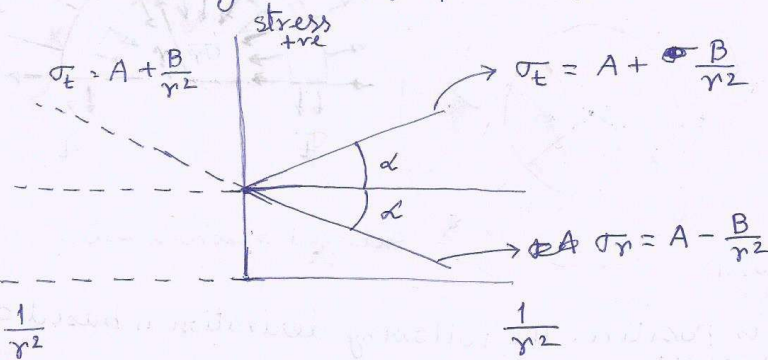
These two equations can be linearized in following form.

$$\sigma_r = A - BX \text{ \& } \sigma_t = A + BX$$

$$\text{By putting } \frac{1}{r^2} = X$$



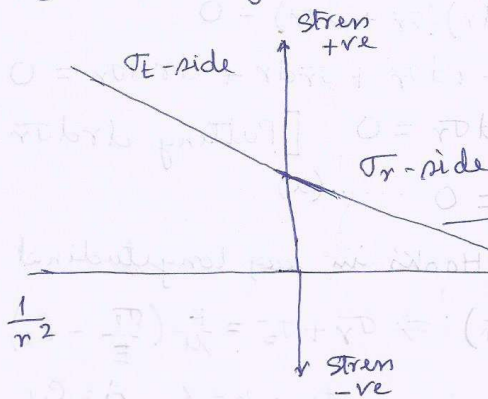
Linearization of Lamé's equations for principal stresses of thick cylinder. (Graphical approach)



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Taking mirror image line for  $\sigma_t$  and neglecting original  $\sigma_t$  line

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This is a single-line representation for Lamé's equations of Thick cylinder. This line is called Lamé's Line.

Mathematical approach:

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At  $r=r_o$ ,  $\sigma_r = -P_o$

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Solving eqn (i) and eqn (ii)

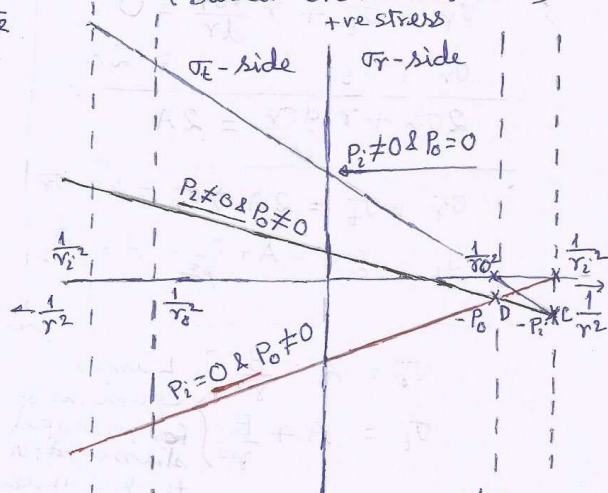
$$A = \frac{r_i^2 P_i - r_o^2 P_o}{r_o^2 - r_i^2}$$

$$B = \frac{(P_i - P_o) r_o^2 r_i^2}{r_o^2 - r_i^2}$$

$$\sigma_t = A + \frac{B}{r^2}; \quad \sigma_r = A - \frac{B}{r^2}; \quad \sigma_\theta = A + \frac{B}{r^2}$$

$$\sigma_r = \frac{P_i r_i^2 - P_o r_o^2}{r_o^2 - r_i^2}$$

Graphical Approach  
(Based on Lamé's Line)

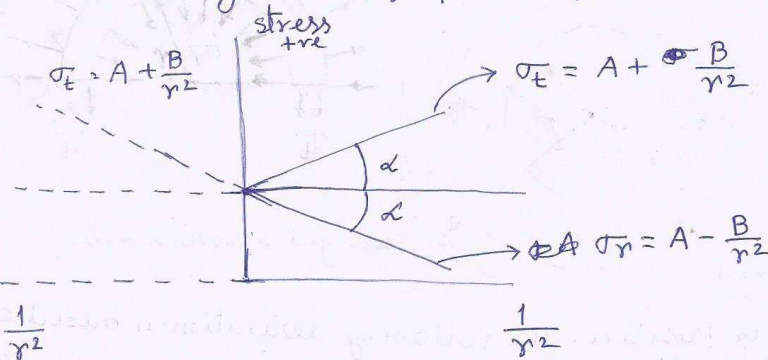


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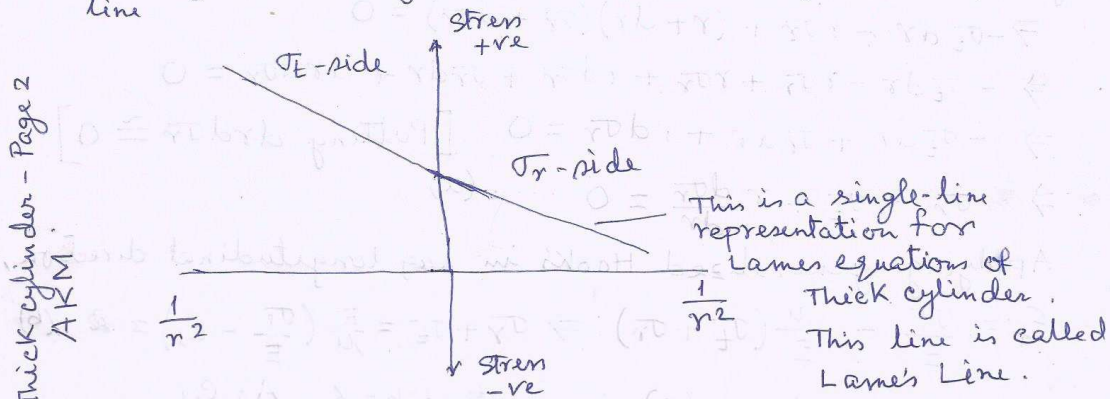
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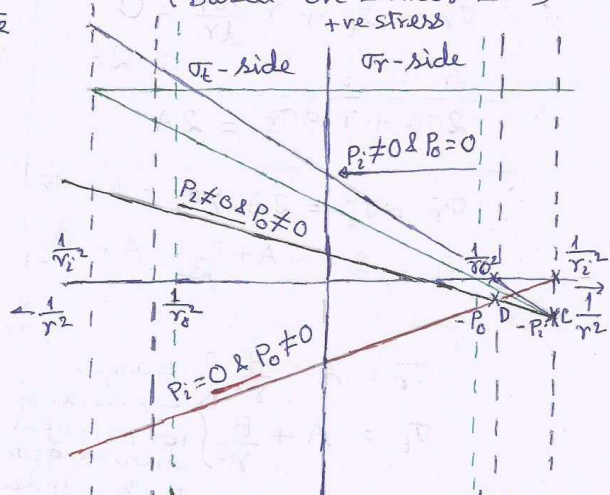
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$$B = \frac{(P_i - P_o) r_o^2 r_i^2}{r_o^2 - r_i^2}$$

$$\sigma_t = A + \frac{B}{r^2}; \sigma_r = A - \frac{B}{r^2}; \sigma_r = \frac{P_i r_i^2 - P_o r_o^2}{r_o^2 - r_i^2}$$

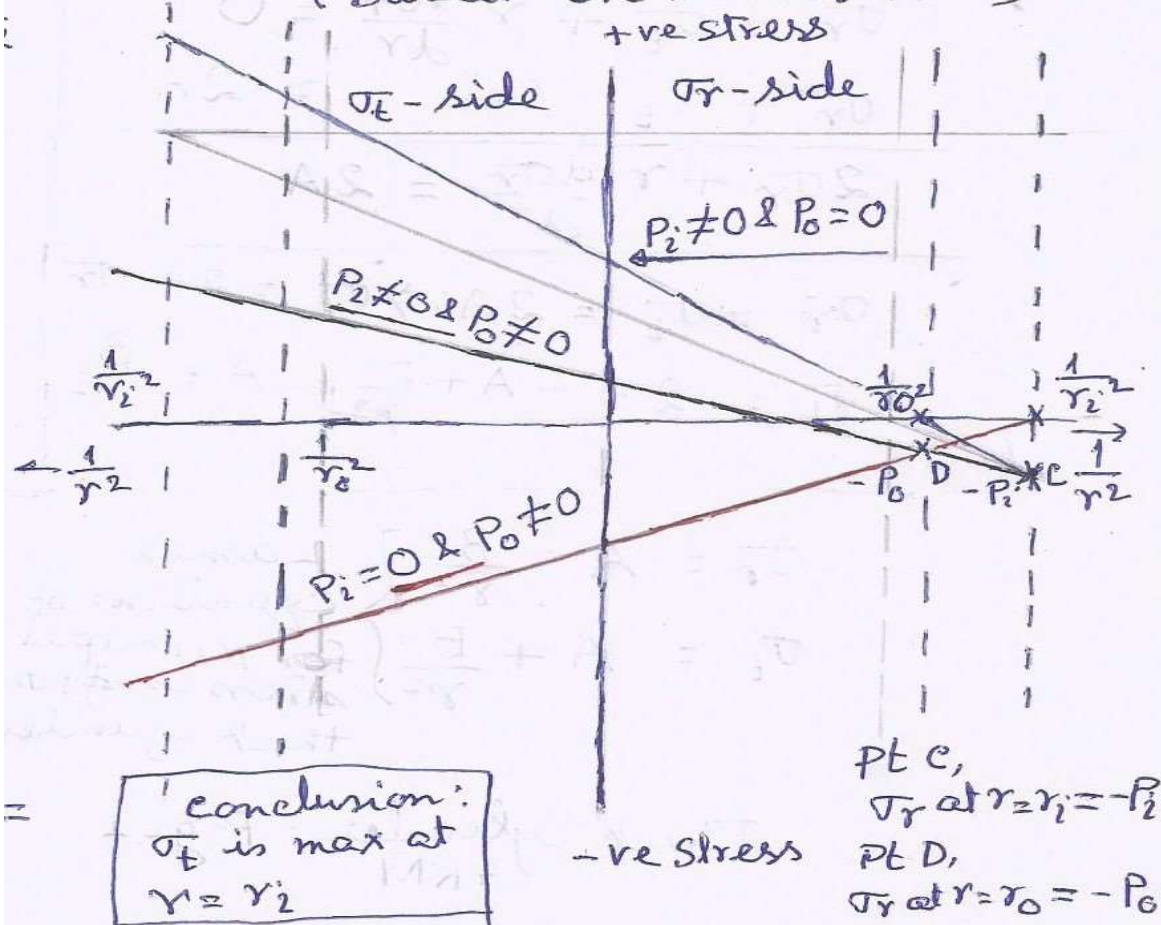
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# Graphical Approach (Based on Lamé's Line)





For straight cylinder with hemispherical end-closures at both ends,

$$\sigma_r = A - \frac{B}{r^2} \quad A = \frac{D_o^2 P_i - D_o^2 P_o}{D_o^2 - D_i^2} = \frac{r_o^2 P_i - r_o^2 P_o}{r_o^2 - r_i^2}$$

$$\sigma_t = A + \frac{B}{r^2} \quad B = \frac{(P_i - P_o) D_o^2 D_i^2}{4(D_o^2 - D_i^2)} = \frac{(P_i - P_o) r_o^2 r_i^2}{r_o^2 - r_i^2}$$

$$\sigma_l = \frac{r_o^2 P_i - r_o^2 P_o}{r_o^2 - r_i^2} = \frac{D_o^2 P_i - D_o^2 P_o}{D_o^2 - D_i^2}$$

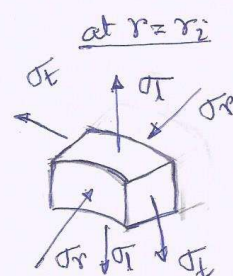
Most critically stressed location is inner surface for which  $r = r_i$ . This is shown through graphical approach based on Lamé's line.

If  $P_i \neq 0$  and  $P_o = 0$ , i.e. outside atmospheric pressure is negligible, stresses at  $r = r_i$ .

$$\sigma_r = -P_i$$

$$\sigma_t = \frac{P_i (r_o^2 + r_i^2)}{r_o^2 - r_i^2} = \frac{P_i (D_o^2 + D_i^2)}{D_o^2 - D_i^2}$$

$$\sigma_l = \frac{P_i r_i^2}{r_o^2 - r_i^2} = \frac{P_i D_i^2}{D_o^2 - D_i^2}$$



Infinitesimal freebody, curved surface will be plane.

$$\sigma_t > \sigma_l > \sigma_r \quad \text{and} \quad |\sigma_t| > |\sigma_l| > |\sigma_r|$$

$\sigma_t, \sigma_l$  and  $\sigma_r$  are principal stresses.

Based on the above stresses, Lamé's equation for the wall thickness of thick cylinder can be derived for brittle material.

$$t \geq \left( \frac{D_i}{2} \left[ \sqrt{\frac{[\sigma_t] + P_i}{[\sigma_t] - P_i}} - 1 \right] \right) \quad \text{or} \quad r_i \left[ \sqrt{\frac{[\sigma_t] + P_i}{[\sigma_t] - P_i}} - 1 \right]$$

$$\text{When } [\sigma_t] = \frac{\sigma_{ut}}{\text{F.S.}}$$

Maximum Principal stress theory of failure.

Based on above stresses, Clavarino's equation and Birnie's equation for the wall thickness of thick cylinder can be derived for ductile material.

$$t \geq \frac{D_i}{2} \left[ \sqrt{\frac{[\sigma_t] + (1-2\mu)P_i}{[\sigma_t] - (1+\mu)P_i}} - 1 \right] \quad \text{or}$$

$$t \geq \frac{D_i}{2} \left[ \sqrt{\frac{[\sigma_t] + (1-\mu)P_i}{[\sigma_t] - (1+\mu)P_i}} - 1 \right]$$

Maximum strain theory of failure.  $[\sigma_t] = \frac{\sigma_{yield}}{\text{F.S.}}$ ;  $[\tau] = \frac{\tau_{yield}}{\text{F.S.}}$

Application of Max. shear stress theory

$$\tau_{max} = \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{P_i (r_o^2 + r_i^2)}{r_o^2 - r_i^2} + P_i \right|$$

$$= \frac{r_o^2 P_i}{r_o^2 - r_i^2}$$

$$[\tau] \gg \tau_{max}; \Rightarrow [\tau] \gg \frac{r_o^2 P_i}{r_o^2 - r_i^2}$$

$$\frac{r_o^2}{r_i^2} \gg \frac{[\tau]}{[\tau] - P_i}; \Rightarrow \frac{r_o}{r_i} \gg \sqrt{\frac{[\tau]}{[\tau] - P_i}}$$

$$\frac{r_i + t}{r_i} \gg \sqrt{\frac{[\tau]}{[\tau] - P_i}}; t \gg r_i \left[ \sqrt{\frac{[\tau]}{[\tau] - P_i}} - 1 \right]$$

For brittle material, design is done on the basis of maximum principal stress theory of failure.

For safe design,  $[\sigma_t] \gg \sigma_t$ ;  $[\sigma_r] \gg \frac{P_i(r_o^2 + r_i^2)}{r_o^2 - r_i^2}$  where  $[\sigma_t] = \frac{\sigma_{ut}}{F.S.}$

$$[\sigma_t](r_o^2 - r_i^2) \gg P_i(r_o^2 + r_i^2); [\sigma_t]r_o^2 - [\sigma_r]r_i^2 \gg P_i r_o^2 + P_i r_i^2;$$

$$[\sigma_t]r_o^2 - P_i r_o^2 \gg [\sigma_r]r_i^2 + P_i r_i^2; ([\sigma_t] - P_i)r_o^2 \gg ([\sigma_r] + P_i)r_i^2;$$

$$\frac{r_o^2}{r_i^2} \gg \frac{[\sigma_r] + P_i}{[\sigma_t] - P_i}; \frac{r_o}{r_i} \gg \sqrt{\frac{[\sigma_r] + P_i}{[\sigma_t] - P_i}}; \frac{t + r_i}{r_i} \gg \sqrt{\frac{[\sigma_r] + P_i}{[\sigma_t] - P_i}};$$

$$\frac{t}{r_i} + 1 \gg \sqrt{\frac{[\sigma_r] + P_i}{[\sigma_t] - P_i}}; t \gg r_i \left[ \sqrt{\frac{[\sigma_r] + P_i}{[\sigma_t] - P_i}} - 1 \right] \text{ where } r_i = \frac{D_i}{2}$$

For ductile material, design is done on the basis of maximum strain theory of failure. Allowable failure strain  $[\epsilon_t] = \epsilon_{yield}/FS = \sigma_{yield}/(E \cdot FS)$

For safe design,  $[\epsilon_t] \gg \epsilon_{max}$ ;  $[\epsilon_t] \gg \epsilon_t$  where  $\epsilon_t = \frac{\sigma_t}{E} - \frac{\mu}{E}(\sigma_r + \sigma_l)$

$$\epsilon_t \leq [\epsilon_t]; \frac{\sigma_t}{E} - \frac{\mu}{E}(\sigma_r + \sigma_l) \leq \frac{[\sigma_t]}{E}; \sigma_t - \mu\sigma_r - \mu\sigma_l \leq [\sigma_t]$$

$$\frac{P_i(r_o^2 + r_i^2)}{r_o^2 - r_i^2} + \mu P_i - \frac{\mu P_i r_i^2}{r_o^2 - r_i^2} \leq [\sigma_t]; \frac{(r_o^2 + r_i^2) + \mu(r_o^2 - r_i^2) - \mu r_i^2}{r_o^2 - r_i^2} \leq \frac{[\sigma_t]}{P_i}$$

$$\frac{r_o^2(1 + \mu) + r_i^2(1 - 2\mu)}{r_o^2 - r_i^2} \leq \frac{[\sigma_t]}{P_i}; \frac{[\sigma_t]}{P_i} \gg \frac{r_o^2(1 + \mu) + r_i^2(1 - 2\mu)}{r_o^2 - r_i^2}$$

$$[\sigma_t](r_o^2 - r_i^2) \gg r_o^2(1 + \mu)P_i + r_i^2(1 - 2\mu)P_i;$$

$$[\sigma_t]r_o^2 - [\sigma_t]r_i^2 \gg r_o^2(1 + \mu)P_i + r_i^2(1 - 2\mu)P_i;$$

$$[\sigma_t]r_o^2 - r_o^2(1 + \mu)P_i \gg [\sigma_t]r_i^2 + r_i^2(1 - 2\mu)P_i$$

$$([\sigma_t] - (1 + \mu)P_i)r_o^2 \gg ([\sigma_t] + (1 - 2\mu)P_i)r_i^2$$

$$\frac{r_o^2}{r_i^2} \gg \frac{[\sigma_t] + (1 - 2\mu)P_i}{[\sigma_t] - (1 + \mu)P_i}; \frac{r_o}{r_i} \gg \sqrt{\frac{[\sigma_t] + (1 - 2\mu)P_i}{[\sigma_t] - (1 + \mu)P_i}}$$

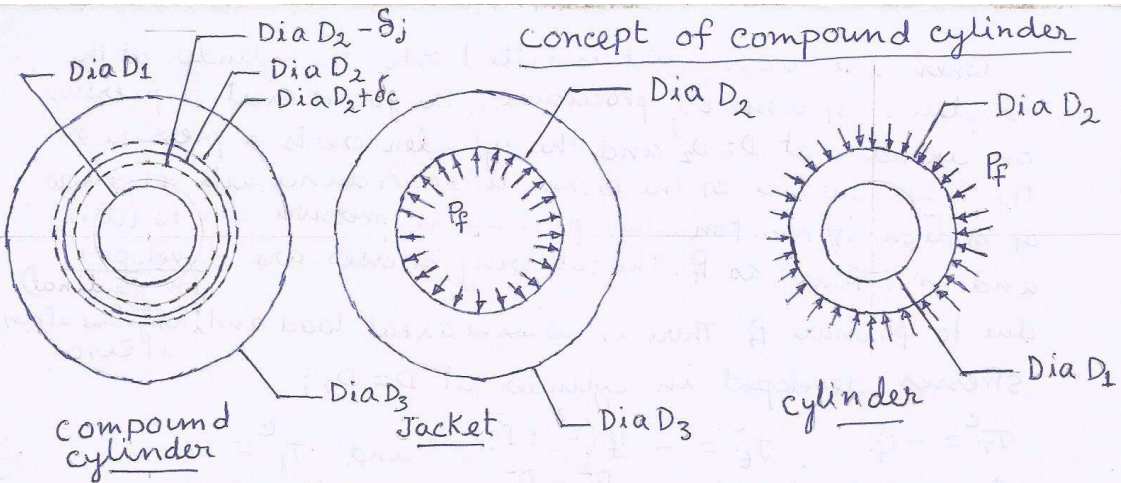
$$t \gg r_i \left[ \sqrt{\frac{[\sigma_t] + (1 - 2\mu)P_i}{[\sigma_t] - (1 + \mu)P_i}} - 1 \right] \text{ where } r = \frac{D_i}{2} \text{ and } [\sigma_t] = \frac{\sigma_{yield}}{F.S.}$$

This formula is applicable where both the ends of the cylinder are closed. When the ends of cylinder are open,  $\sigma_l = 0$ . Then

$\sigma_t - \mu\sigma_r \leq [\sigma_t]$ . From the equation, following formula can be derived.

$$t \gg r_i \left[ \sqrt{\frac{[\sigma_t] + (1 - \mu)P_i}{[\sigma_t] - (1 + \mu)P_i}} - 1 \right]$$





### Principle of autofrettage:

Before fitting of jacket onto the cylinder, the inner diameter of Jacket is less than the outer diameter of cylinder. With the application of any process of autofrettage, the assembly is done. During the process of assembly, the outer surface of cylinder and inner surface of jacket become identical. In this process, outer diameter of cylinder decreases to  $D_2$  and inner diameter of the jacket increases to  $D_2$ . Let us consider that the outer diameter of cylinder decreases by amount  $\delta_c$  to  $D_2$  and inner diameter of jacket increases by amount  $\delta_j$  to  $D_2$ . So, before assembly, the inner diameter of Jacket was  $D_2 - \delta_j$  and before assembly, the outer diameter of cylinder was  $D_2 + \delta_c$ . See Graphical approach (Based on Lamé's line)

So, clearance amount =  $(D_2 - \delta_j) - (D_2 + \delta_c) = -(\delta_j + \delta_c) = -\delta$  with the negative value of clearance, natural insertion is not possible. It is called interference problem and  $\delta = (\delta_j + \delta_c)$  is called diametral interference.

As a result of assembly, tangential strain  $\epsilon_t$  occurs in the jacket as well as in the cylinder.

$$\epsilon_t = \frac{(\text{Final Perimeter} - \text{initial perimeter})}{\text{initial Perimeter}}$$

$$\epsilon_t^c \text{ at } D = D_2 \text{ for cylinder} = \frac{\pi D_2 - \pi (D_2 + \delta_c)}{\pi (D_2 + \delta_c)} = -\frac{\delta_c}{D_2 + \delta_c} \approx -\frac{\delta_c}{D_2} \text{ for } \delta_c \ll D_2$$

$$\delta_c = -D_2 \epsilon_t^c$$

$$\epsilon_t^j \text{ at } D = D_2 \text{ for jacket} = \frac{\pi D_2 - \pi (D_2 - \delta_j)}{\pi (D_2 - \delta_j)} = \frac{\delta_j}{D_2 - \delta_j} \approx \frac{\delta_j}{D_2} \text{ for } \delta_j \ll D_2$$

$$\delta_j = D_2 \epsilon_t^j$$

$$\delta = \delta_j + \delta_c = D_2 (\epsilon_t^j - \epsilon_t^c)$$



When the ~~is~~ jacket is fitted onto the cylinder at the completion of assembly procedure, the jacket exerts a pressure on cylinder at  $D = D_2$  and the cylinder exerts a pressure on the inner surface of the jacket in accordance with third law of motion of Newton. This pressure is pressure due to fitting and is referred as  $P_f$ . The following stresses are developed due to pressure  $P_f$ . There is no axial load and ~~longitudinal~~ <sup>longitudinal</sup> stress is zero.

Stresses developed in cylinder at  $D = D_2$ ,

$$\sigma_r^c = -P_f \quad \sigma_t^c = -\frac{P_f(D_2^2 + D_1^2)}{D_2^2 - D_1^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_l^c = 0$$

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$$\epsilon_t^c = \frac{\sigma_t^c}{E} - \frac{\mu}{E}(\sigma_r^c + \sigma_l^c) = -\frac{P_f}{E} \left( \frac{D_2^2 + D_1^2}{D_2^2 - D_1^2} \right) + \frac{\mu}{E} P_f$$

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$$\text{So, } \delta = D_2(\epsilon_t^j - \epsilon_t^c) = \frac{D_2 P_f}{E} \left[ \frac{D_3^2 + D_2^2}{D_3^2 - D_2^2} + \mu + \frac{D_2^2 + D_1^2}{D_2^2 - D_1^2} - \mu \right]$$

$$= \frac{D_2 P_f}{E} \left( \frac{D_3^2 + D_2^2}{D_3^2 - D_2^2} + \frac{D_2^2 + D_1^2}{D_2^2 - D_1^2} \right) = \frac{2 P_f D_2^3}{E} \left[ \frac{D_3^2 - D_1^2}{(D_3^2 - D_2^2)(D_2^2 - D_1^2)} \right]$$

$$\delta = \frac{2 P_f D_2^3}{E} \left[ \frac{D_3^2 - D_1^2}{(D_3^2 - D_2^2)(D_2^2 - D_1^2)} \right] = \frac{4 P_f r_2^3}{E} \left[ \frac{r_3^2 - r_1^2}{(r_3^2 - r_2^2)(r_2^2 - r_1^2)} \right]$$

The above relation correlates diametral interference  $\delta$  and pressure  $P_f$  due to fitting. Graphical approach based on Lamé's line may be used as a useful tool for the analysis and design of compound cylinder.

Stress calculation method for compound cylinder:

Step 1: Calculate the distribution of stresses along radius for a single cylinder subjected to internal pressure  $P_i$  only. The wall thickness and inner diameter of the cylinder are equal to those of compound cylinder - no jacket and no pressure  $P_f$  for fitting. Outside atmospheric pressure is negligible.

Step 2: Calculate the distribution of stresses along radius in compound cylinder subjected to pressure  $P_f$  due to fitting - no internal pressure and no external pressure.

Step 3: Superimpose the two stress distributions calculated in step 1 and step 2.

Design guidelines for compound cylinder:

- ① cylinder and all jackets are safe from failure.
- ② Maximum tangential stress  $\sigma_t$  in cylinder and jackets are same.

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