Lecture - 3

- Inclined Surface
- Stress Invariants
- Maximum Shear Stress

Normal and shear stresses on inclined sections

To obtain a complete picture of the stresses in a bar, we must consider the stresses acting on an "inclined" (as opposed to a "normal") section through the bar.



Because the stresses are the same throughout the entire bar, the stresses on the sections are uniformly distributed.



2D view of the normal section

(but don't forget the thickness perpendicular to the page)



2D view of the inclined section



Specify the orientation of the inclined section pq by the angle θ between the *x* axis and the normal to the plane.



The force *P* can be resolved into components: Normal force *N* perpendicular to the inclined plane, $N = P \cos \theta$ Shear force *V* tangential to the inclined plane $V = P \sin \theta$ If we know the areas on which the forces act, we can calculate the associated stresses.



Maximum stresses on a bar in tension

Ρ Ρ а b $\sigma_x = \sigma_{max} = P / A$ σ_{x} а No shear stresses Ρ Ρ а b $\sigma_x/2$ Angle σ_{θ} τ_{θ} $\theta = 45^{\circ}$ σ_x/2 σ_x/2 σ_x/2 σ_x/2 -σ_x/2 σ_x/2 σ_x/2 -σ_x/2 $\theta = 45^{\circ}$ θ = 135° $\tau_{max} = \sigma_x/2$ θ = -45°

In case b (θ = 45°), the normal stresses on all four faces are the same, and all four shear stresses have equal and maximum magnitude.

x σ_x/2

b

 $\theta = 225^{\circ}$

- As it was noted, if the loaded body is in equilibrium, then any of its cut parts must also be in equilibrium, i.e. the principal vector and the principal moment of all loads applied to this part must be equal to zero. This also applies to the surface of the body. In general, the surface of a body, like any of its elementary plane, is inclined to coordinate axes.
- An external load may be applied to this surface. Therefore, it is necessary to establish a relationship between the projections of the external load (external stress) on a small inclined plane and the stresses arising at the faces parallel to the coordinate Planes.

- Extract from the body the elementary tetrahedron Oabc (Fig.) with the planes Oa = dx, Ob = dy, and Oc = dz. For the inclined plane abc, draw the normal vector v.
- Denote the cosines of its inclination angles with the x, y, and z coordinate axes, respectively: cos(x, v), cos(y, v) and cos(z, v), i.e. the cosines of the angles between the external normal v and the x, y, and z coordinate axes, respectively, through I, m, and n: cos(x, v) = I, cos(y, v) = m and cos(z, v) = n.



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- Suppose the total external stress is p, then its components will be Xv, Yv, and Zv.
- If we denote the area of the inclined face abc by dA, then the areas of the faces coinciding with the coordinate planes will be, respectively:

$$A_{Oab} = dA \cdot n,$$

$$A_{Obc} = dA \cdot l,$$

$$A_{Oac} = dA \cdot m.$$



The equilibrium equation on the x-axis, i.e. $\sum X = 0$:

$$X_{\nu}dA - \sigma_{x}dA \cdot l - \tau_{xy}dA \cdot m - \tau_{xz}dA \cdot n = 0.$$

$$X_{\nu} = \sigma_x l + \tau_{xy} m + \tau_{xz} l$$

• In the same way, we get the other two equations with respect to the y and z axes.

$$X_{\nu} = \sigma_{x}l + \tau_{xy}m + \tau_{xz}n;$$

$$Y_{\nu} = \tau_{yx}l + \sigma_{y}m + \tau_{yz}n;$$

$$Z_{\nu} = \tau_{zx}l + \tau_{zy}m + \sigma_{z}n.$$

In the case of a plane stress state, we will have:

$$X_{\nu} = \sigma_{x}l + \tau_{xy}m;$$

$$Y_{\nu} = \tau_{yx}l + \sigma_{y}m.$$

Investigation of the stress state at the point of the body. By equation

$$X_{\nu} = \sigma_{x}l + \tau_{xy}m + \tau_{xz}n;$$

$$Y_{\nu} = \tau_{yx}l + \sigma_{y}m + \tau_{yz}n;$$

$$Z_{\nu} = \tau_{zx}l + \tau_{zy}m + \sigma_{z}n.$$

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It is possible to compute the stress components Xv, Yv, and Zv of the stress pv at any inclined plane. The total stress pv is computed as the geometric sum of these components Xv, Yv, and Zv:

$$p_{\nu} = \sqrt{X_{\nu}^2 + Y_{\nu}^2 + Z_{\nu}^2}$$

Decompose the obtained total stress pv into its components along the normal v and along the plane of the face, i.e. into the normal σv and the shear τv stress (Fig.).

The normal stress σv is calculated as the sum of the projections of the components Xv, Yv and Zv on the v axis.

$$\sigma_{\nu} = X_{\nu} \cdot l + Y_{\nu} \cdot m + Z_{\nu} \cdot n$$

$$X_{\nu} = \sigma_{x}l + \tau_{xy}m + \tau_{xz}n;$$

$$Y_{\nu} = \tau_{yx}l + \sigma_{y}m + \tau_{yz}n;$$

$$Z_{\nu} = \tau_{zx}l + \tau_{zy}m + \sigma_{z}n.$$



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 $\sigma_{\nu} = (\sigma_{x}l + \tau_{x\nu}m + \tau_{xz}n) \cdot l + (\tau_{\nu x}l + \sigma_{\nu}m + \tau_{\nu z}n) \cdot m + (\tau_{zx}l + \tau_{z\nu}m + \sigma_{z}n) \cdot n$ $\sigma_{\nu} = \sigma_x l^2 + \sigma_y m^2 + \sigma_z n^2 + 2\tau_{x\nu} lm + 2\tau_{\nu z} mn + 2\tau_{zx} nl.$ or

• The shear stress is calculated from a right-angled triangle according to the Pythagorean theorem: $au_{
u}^2 = p_{
u}^2 - \sigma_{
u}^2$

This formula only gives the value of the shear stress, but does not specify its direction is in the plane of the site.

Find the component of the shear stress in the plane with the normal **v** in the given direction **η** with direction cosines **l1**, **m1**, **n1** (Fig.). Since the directions of v and η are mutually perpendicular, their direction cosines, known from analytic geometry:

$$ll_1 + mm_1 + nn_1 = 0$$



• The desired shear stress is equal to the sum of the projections of the stress components Xv, Yv, Zv on the direction of η

$$\tau_{\eta\nu} = X_{\nu}l_1 + Y_{\nu}m_1 + Z_{\nu}n_1$$

Substituting here the values of the constituents Xv, Yv, and Zv :

$$\tau_{\eta\nu} = (\sigma_x l + \tau_{xy} m + \tau_{xz} n) \cdot l_1 + (\tau_{yx} l + \sigma_y m + \tau_{yz} n) \cdot m_1 + (\tau_{zx} l + \tau_{zy} m + \sigma_z n) \cdot n = \sigma_x l l_1 + \sigma_y m m_1 + \sigma_z n n_1 + \tau_{yx} (l m_1 + l_1 m) + \tau_{yz} (m n_1 + m n_1) + \tau_{zx} (n l_1 + l n_1)$$

If we take $\tau v = 0$ in the expression (below), we get that $pv = \sigma v$, i.e. on the principal plane the total stress pv coincides with the normal σv in magnitude and direction. $\tau_{\nu}^2 = p_{\nu}^2 - \sigma_{\nu}^2$

Using the condition $\tau v = 0$, we determine the value of the principal stresses and the position of the principal planes. Let's denote the principal stress with the letter σ . By projecting the σ onto the coordinate axes, we find its components

$$X_{\nu} = \sigma \cdot l, \ Y_{\nu} = \sigma \cdot m, \ Z_{\nu} = \sigma \cdot n$$

$$X_{\nu} = \sigma_{x} \cdot l + \tau_{xy} \cdot m + \tau_{xz} \cdot n;$$

$$X_{\nu} = \sigma \cdot n, \quad Z_{\nu} = \sigma \cdot n \qquad Y_{\nu} = \tau_{yx} \cdot l + \sigma_{y} \cdot m + \tau_{yz} \cdot n;$$

$$Z_{\nu} = \tau_{zx} \cdot l + \tau_{zy} \cdot m + \sigma_{z} \cdot n.$$

$$\sigma \cdot l = \sigma_{x} \cdot l + \tau_{xy} \cdot m + \tau_{xz} \cdot n;$$

$$\sigma \cdot m = \tau_{yx} \cdot l + \sigma_{y} \cdot m + \tau_{yz} \cdot n;$$

$$\sigma \cdot n = \tau_{zx} \cdot l + \tau_{zy} \cdot m + \sigma_{z} \cdot n.$$

$$(\sigma_{x} - \sigma) \cdot l + \tau_{xy} \cdot m + \tau_{xz} \cdot n = 0;$$

$$\tau_{yx} \cdot l + (\sigma_{y} - \sigma) \cdot m + \tau_{yz} \cdot n = 0;$$

$$\tau_{zx} \cdot l + \tau_{zy} \cdot m + (\sigma_{z} - \sigma) \cdot n = 0.$$

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Three linear homogeneous equations with respect to *l, m,* and *n* were obtained. In our case, the system can't have a zero *I=m=n=0* solution:

$$l^2 + m^2 + n^2 = 1$$

Therefore, the system can have solutions at zero determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} (\sigma_x - \sigma) & \tau_{xy} & \tau_{xz} \\ \tau_{yx} & (\sigma_y - \sigma) & \tau_{yz} \\ \tau_{zx} & \tau_{zy} & (\sigma_z - \sigma) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

or

$$(\sigma_x - \sigma) (\sigma_y - \sigma) (\sigma_z - \sigma) + 2\tau_{yx}\tau_{zy}\tau_{xz} - (\sigma_y - \sigma)\tau_{zx}^2 - (\sigma_x - \sigma)\tau_{yz}^2 - (\sigma_z - \sigma)\tau_{xy}^2 = 0$$

• After multiplying and grouping by powers of *σ*, we get the cubic equation:

$$\sigma^{3} - (\sigma_{x} + \sigma_{y} + \sigma_{z})\sigma^{2} + (\sigma_{x}\sigma_{y} + \sigma_{y}\sigma_{z} + \sigma_{z}\sigma_{x} - \tau_{yx}^{2} - \tau_{yz}^{2} - \tau_{zx}^{2})\sigma - \begin{vmatrix} \sigma_{x}\tau_{xy}\tau_{xz} \\ \tau_{yx}\sigma_{y}\tau_{yz} \\ \tau_{zx}\tau_{zy}\sigma_{z} \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

or shorter

$$\sigma^3 - S_1 \sigma^2 - S_2 \sigma - S_3 = 0$$

Where:

$$S_{1} = \sigma_{x} + \sigma_{y} + \sigma_{z}$$

$$S_{2} = -\sigma_{x}\sigma_{y} - \sigma_{y}\sigma_{z} - \sigma_{z}\sigma_{x} + \tau_{yx}^{2} + \tau_{yz}^{2} + \tau_{zx}^{2}$$

$$S_{3} = \sigma_{x}\sigma_{y}\sigma_{z} + 2\tau_{yx}\tau_{yz}\tau_{xz} - \sigma_{x}\tau_{yz}^{2} - \sigma_{y}\tau_{zx}^{2} - \sigma_{z}\tau_{xy}^{2}$$

To solve the cubic equation, we use the following substitution $\sigma = x + \frac{1}{3}S_1$

Equation would then take the form

$$\tau_{\nu}^{2} = p_{\nu}^{2} - \sigma_{\nu}^{2} \implies x^{3} + 3px + 3q = 0 \qquad p = \frac{1}{3} \left(S_{2} - \frac{1}{3} S_{1}^{2} \right)$$
$$q = -\frac{1}{27} S_{1}^{3} + \frac{1}{6} S_{1} S_{2} - \frac{1}{3} S_{1}^{2} + \frac{1}{6} S_{1} S_{2} - \frac{1}{3} S_{1} - \frac{1}{6} S_{1$$

• All three roots, $\sigma 1$, $\sigma 2$ and $\sigma 3$, are valid when the discriminant is negative:

 $\Delta = p^3 + q^2 < 0$

If substitute the corresponding numerical values of the coefficients S1, S2, S3 into the expressions for p and q, and then compute Δ , you can see that Δ is always negative. This also follows from physical considerations: the principal stresses can only be real quantities.

At Δ <0, the so-called trigonometric method is used to solve the cubic equation

In this case, the roots of the below cubic equation can be represented as follows $\sigma^3 - S_1 \sigma^2 - S_2 \sigma - S_3 = 0$

$$x_1 = 2\sqrt{|p|}\cos\varphi, \ x_2 = 2\sqrt{|p|}\cos(\varphi + 120^\circ), \ x_3 = 2\sqrt{|p|}\cos(\varphi - 120^\circ),$$

$$\varphi = \frac{1}{3} \arccos \frac{-q}{|p|^{\frac{3}{2}}}.$$

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For the subsequent determination of the principal stresses σ 1, σ 2 and σ 3, the determined values of the roots x1, x2 and x3 are substituted into the expression below:

$$\sigma = x + \frac{1}{3}S_1$$

Assuming: $\sigma_1 \ge \sigma_2 \ge \sigma_3$

To find the *cosines* of any principal stresses σ (i = 1, 2, 3), we need to insert its value into equations $(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2) \cdot l + \sigma_2 \cdot m + \sigma_3 \cdot r$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\sigma_{x} - \sigma) \cdot l + \tau_{xy} \cdot m + \tau_{xz} \cdot n = 0; \\ \tau_{yx} \cdot l + (\sigma_{y} - \sigma) \cdot m + \tau_{yz} \cdot n = 0; \\ \tau_{zx} \cdot l + \tau_{zy} \cdot m + (\sigma_{z} - \sigma) \cdot n = 0. \end{array} \right\}$$

and then solve together with equation $l^2 + m^2 + n^2 = 1$

$$\begin{array}{l} (\sigma_{x} - \sigma) \cdot l + \tau_{xy} \cdot m + \tau_{xz} \cdot n = 0; \\ \tau_{yx} \cdot l + (\sigma_{y} - \sigma) \cdot m + \tau_{yz} \cdot n = 0; \\ l^{2} + m^{2} + n^{2} = 1. \end{array} \right\}_{19}$$

 Cosines are found in the same way for the other two principal stresses. The obtained cosine values correspond to the principal stresses, which are mutually perpendicular, so the principal plane will be mutually perpendicular. This proves that at any point of a stressed body it is possible to draw three mutually perpendicular principal planes. In this particular case:

$$S_1 = \sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3$$

$$S_2 = \sigma_1 \sigma_2 + \sigma_2 \sigma_3 + \sigma_3 \sigma_1$$

$$S_3 = \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_3$$

Obviously, the roots of the cubic equation cannot depend on the choice of coordinate axes, therefore, its coefficients S1, S2, S3 must remain constant when transforming the axes, i.e. they must essentially be invariants. The first invariant is called the value

$$S_1 = \sigma_x + \sigma_y + \sigma_z = \sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3$$

It shows that the sum of the normal stresses at the three mutually perpendicular planes is a constant quantity.

• The second invariant is:

 $S_{2} = \sigma_{x}\sigma_{y} + \sigma_{y}\sigma_{z} + \sigma_{z}\sigma_{x} - \tau_{yx}^{2} - \tau_{yz}^{2} - \tau_{zx}^{2} = \sigma_{1}\sigma_{2} + \sigma_{2}\sigma_{3} + \sigma_{3}\sigma_{1}$

It is used in the theory of plasticity.

The third invariant is the quantity that is the determinant composed from the stress tensor elements:

$$S_3 = \begin{vmatrix} \sigma_x \tau_{xy} \tau_{xz} \\ \tau_{yx} \sigma_y \tau_{yz} \\ \tau_{zx} \tau_{zy} \sigma_z \end{vmatrix} = \sigma_x \sigma_y \sigma_z + 2\tau_{yx} \tau_{yz} \tau_{xz} - \sigma_x \tau_{yz}^2 - \sigma_y \tau_{zx}^2 - \sigma_z \tau_{xy}^2 = \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_3$$

Example

The shown stresses act on the element at the critical section of the cast-iron member (in MPa). Check the strength of the member.

The plane on which $\tau=0$ is principal plane (perpendicular to z axis

Let show stress state on the other two planes in xOz plane

$$\sigma_{\max,\min} = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2}\right)^2 + \tau_{xy}^2} = \frac{-30 + 50}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{-30 - 50}{2}\right)^2 + 20^2}$$

$$\sigma_{\max} = 10 + 44,7 = 54.7$$

$$\sigma_{\min} = 10 - 44,7 = -34.7$$



Principal Stresses

 $\sigma_1 = 54.7$ $\sigma_2 = -34.7$ $\sigma_3 = -70$

Check the results using sum of normal stresses $\sigma_x + \sigma_y + \sigma_z = \sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3 = \text{const};$ -30 + 50 - 70 = 54.7 - 34.7 - 70 = -50.

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The x, y, and z coordinate axes are compatible with the directions of the previously found principal stresses σ1, σ2, σ3. Let's draw an arbitrary plane ABC with the area dA and the normal v. Let the total stress acting on this plane be equal to pv, its components in the x, y, z axes are equal to Xv, Yv and Zv, and the normal and shear stresses at the plane dA are equal to σv and τv. We have obvious equations.



$$p_{\nu}^2 = X_{\nu}^2 + Y_{\nu}^2 + Z_{\nu}^2$$

 $p_{\nu}^2 = \sigma_{\nu}^2 + \tau_{\nu}^2$

$$\begin{aligned} X_{\nu} &= \sigma_{x} \cdot l + \tau_{xy} \cdot m + \tau_{xz} \cdot n; \\ Y_{\nu} &= \tau_{yx} \cdot l + \sigma_{y} \cdot m + \tau_{yz} \cdot n; \\ Z_{\nu} &= \tau_{zx} \cdot l + \tau_{zy} \cdot m + \sigma_{z} \cdot n. \end{aligned} \qquad p_{\nu}^{2} = X_{\nu}^{2} + Y_{\nu}^{2} + Z_{\nu}^{2} \\ p_{\nu}^{2} &= \sigma_{\nu}^{2} + \tau_{\nu}^{2} \end{aligned} \\ x_{\nu} &= \sigma_{1} \cdot l, \quad Y_{\nu} = \sigma_{2} \cdot m, \quad Z_{\nu} = \sigma_{3} \cdot n \end{aligned} \qquad p_{\nu}^{2} = \sigma_{\nu}^{2} + \tau_{\nu}^{2} \end{aligned}$$

By projecting Xv, Yv, and Zv in the direction v, we get the expression for σv

$$\sigma_{\nu} = \sigma_1 l^2 + \sigma_2 m^2 + \sigma_3 n^2$$

$$p_{\nu}^{2} = \sigma_{1}^{2}l^{2} + \sigma_{2}^{2}m^{2} + \sigma_{3}^{2}n^{2} \qquad p_{\nu}^{2} = \sigma_{\nu}^{2} + \tau_{\nu}^{2}$$

$$\sigma_{\nu} = \sigma_{1}l^{2} + \sigma_{2}m^{2} + \sigma_{3}n^{2} \qquad p_{\nu}^{2} = \sigma_{\nu}^{2} + \tau_{\nu}^{2}$$

$$\tau_{\nu}^{2} = \sigma_{1}^{2}l^{2} + \sigma_{2}^{2}m^{2} + \sigma_{3}^{2}n^{2} - (\sigma_{1}l^{2} + \sigma_{2}m^{2} + \sigma_{3}n^{2})^{2}$$

Substituting the equation $n^2 = 1 - l^2 - m^2$, obtained from the geometric relation $n^2 + l^2 + m^2 = 1$ we get the following expression for $\tau^2 v$.

$$\tau_{\nu}^{2} = (\sigma_{1}^{2} - \sigma_{3}^{2}) l^{2} + (\sigma_{2}^{2} - \sigma_{3}^{2})m^{2} + \sigma_{3}^{2} - [(\sigma_{1} - \sigma_{3})l^{2} + (\sigma_{2} - \sigma_{3})m^{2} + \sigma_{3}]^{2}$$

Thus, the magnitude of the shear stress τν depends on two independent variables *I* and *m*. To determine the extremum of this magnitude, it is necessary to take the partial derivatives of τν by *I* and *m* and equate them to zero:

$$\frac{\partial(\tau_{\nu})^{2}}{\partial l} = 2l\{\sigma_{1}^{2} - \sigma_{3}^{2} - 2(\sigma_{1} - \sigma_{3})[(\sigma_{1} - \sigma_{3})l^{2} + (\sigma_{2} - \sigma_{3})m^{2} + \sigma_{3}]\} = 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial(\tau_{\nu})^{2}}{\partial m} = 2m\{\sigma_{2}^{2} - \sigma_{3}^{2} - 2(\sigma_{2} - \sigma_{3})[(\sigma_{1} - \sigma_{3})l^{2} + (\sigma_{2} - \sigma_{3})m^{2} + \sigma_{3}]\} = 0.$$

After reducing the first equation by $(\sigma 1 - \sigma 3)$ and the second by $(\sigma 2 - \sigma 3)$, we get the following system of equations for finding the values *I*, *m*, *n* that satisfy the conditions of the extremum of the shear stress τv :

$$\begin{aligned} &l\{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3 - 2[(\sigma_1 - \sigma_3)l^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)m^2]\} = 0, \\ &m\{\sigma_2 - \sigma_3 - 2[(\sigma_1 - \sigma_3)l^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)m^2]\} = 0, \\ &l^2 + m^2 + n^2 - 1 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

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- The conditions *I=0* and n=1 correspond to the principal planes where the shear stresses are zero.
- If *I≠0* and *m=0*, then the second equation is satisfied at any values of *I*, and the first equation is satisfied at

$$\sigma_1 - \sigma_3 - 2(\sigma_1 - \sigma_3) l^2 = 0$$

From where $2l^2 = 1$ and $l = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$. Then, from the third $l^2 + m^2 + n^2 - 1 = 0$.

For *n* we get $n = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$.

The same can be obtained with *I=0* and $m \neq 0$ by the second equation $m=\pm 1/(\sqrt{2})$ and from the third equation $n=\pm 1/(\sqrt{2})$

• As a result, for angles indicating the direction of extreme plane shear stresses, we get Table.

l	m	n
0	0	<u>±1</u>
0	<u>±1</u>	0
<u>±1</u>	0	0
0	$\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	$\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
$\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	0	$\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
$\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	$\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	0

The first three rows of the table correspond to the directions of the v normal that coincide with the principal axes of coordinates

l	m	n
0	0	<u>±1</u>
0	<u>±1</u>	0
<u>±1</u>	0	0
0	$\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	$\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
$\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	0	$\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
$\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	$\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	0

 $(\tau = 0).$

The other three rows correspond to the planes that pass through one of the principal axes and divide the corner between the other two in half.

Thus, the planes of extreme shear stresses are at an angle of 45° with the principal planes. Substituting in the expression –

$$\tau_{\nu}^{2} = (\sigma_{1}^{2} - \sigma_{3}^{2}) l^{2} + (\sigma_{2}^{2} - \sigma_{3}^{2})m^{2} + \sigma_{3}^{2} - [(\sigma_{1} - \sigma_{3})l^{2} + (\sigma_{2} - \sigma_{3})m^{2} + \sigma_{3}]^{2}$$

for τν value l, m, n, turning it into an extremum, we get the following extreme Shear Stress Values:

$$\tau_{\nu}^{max} = \pm \frac{\sigma_2 - \sigma_3}{2}, \tau_{\nu}^{max} = \pm \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3}{2}, \quad \tau_{\nu}^{max} = \pm \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2}{2}$$

Since
$$\sigma_1 > \sigma_2 > \sigma_3, \text{ to } \tau_{\nu}^{max} = \pm \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3}{2}$$

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Problems

1-Determine the maximum shear stress for the stress state:

 σ_1 =120 MPa σ_2 =50 MPa σ_3 =-60 MPa

2- Determine the stress invariants in a body under stress state shown by below matrix:

All stresses are in MPa

3- A body is under a direct tensile stress of 400 MPa in one plane and a shear stress of 150 MPa on the same plane.

Determine the maximum normal stress on this plane.