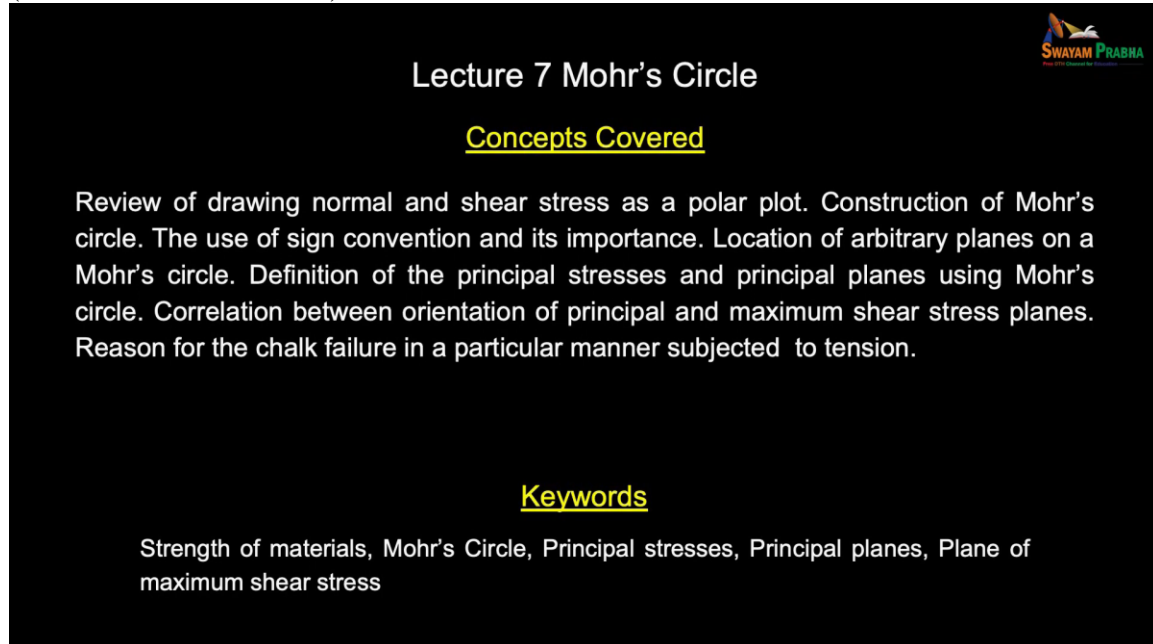


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**Lecture 7 Mohr's Circle**

Concepts Covered

Review of drawing normal and shear stress as a polar plot. Construction of Mohr's circle. The use of sign convention and its importance. Location of arbitrary planes on a Mohr's circle. Definition of the principal stresses and principal planes using Mohr's circle. Correlation between orientation of principal and maximum shear stress planes. Reason for the chalk failure in a particular manner subjected to tension.

Keywords

Strength of materials, Mohr's Circle, Principal stresses, Principal planes, Plane of maximum shear stress

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See, we have looked at stress in a very simplistic manner as  $P/A$  from then on we graduated that we need to find out what happens at a point of interest. We developed new mathematical entity like a stress vector, then we said we need to get stress vector on all the possible infinite planes passing through the point of interest. Then we developed the concept of state of stress at a point. We have looked at what is the pictorial representation, it was also showing three dimensions, then we have also written it for a planar situation. Then we have looked at what is the tensorial representation and I said what are the possible ways of graphical representation, we had seen one in the earlier class, we will continue with that.

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### State of Stress at a Point

State of stress at a point is the totality of all the stress vectors for all the infinite planes passing through the point.

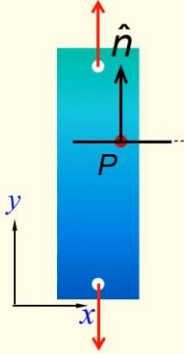
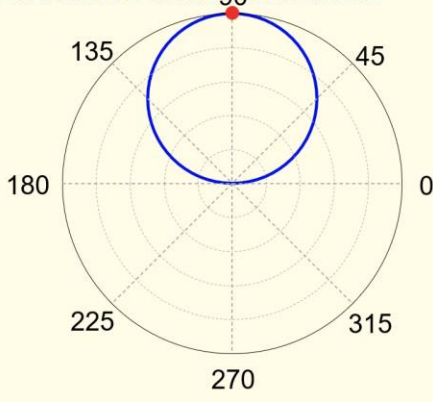
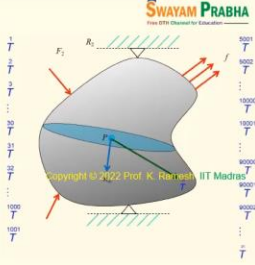
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See, the moment you say state of stress at a point, you show the stress vector like this, it is only a representation, I have not modified the size of the vector. So, do not think that every plane you have this as constant value, it is only a representation. Suppose, I put all of these points together and when I look at it, I get that as an ellipsoid when I look at from a principal stress planes, we will postpone it for the time being. So, the idea is there could be multiple graphical representations, fine. And we said that only if I have all the possible stress vectors passing through the point of interest, I get what is known as state of stress at the point. And we also said that it was looking insurmountable, then Cauchy's formula rescued you.

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### Polar Plot of Stress Vector in Uniaxial Stress

Polar plot of stress vector as a function of  $\theta$

$$\frac{n}{T} = \sqrt{\frac{n_x^2}{T_x^2} + \frac{n_y^2}{T_y^2}} = \frac{F}{A} \sin \theta$$

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See, when you look at this, you also have the stress vector can be represented as a polar plot.

$$\frac{n}{T} = \sqrt{\frac{n_x^2}{T_x^2} + \frac{n_y^2}{T_y^2}} = \frac{F}{A} \sin \theta$$

If a quantity is varying as a function of  $\theta$ , the first step what you would have is, plot them as a function of  $\theta$ , that is natural. And if you look at any of the books, they do not spend time at all in this, but this is also very important. See, if you wanted to write graphical representation, you would have started only like this, fine.

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## Normal and Shear Stress

$$\left| \frac{n}{T} \right|^2 = \sigma^2 + \tau^2 = T_x^2 + T_y^2 + T_z^2$$

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Then we said stress vector is not sufficient, we need to find out what is the normal and shear stress acting at the plane of interest, that also we have looked at. We have a stress vector that could be represented either as components along  $x, y, z$  directions or component along the normal and tangential to the surface. In fact, while we developed  $\sigma_{xx}, \tau_{xy}, \tau_{xz}$ , whatever the shear stress which is acting on the surface, we also resolved it into two additional components, fine. I suppose you understand that subtleties, because we have taken a plane passing through the  $x$ -plane. So, I could also write the shear stress as components  $\tau_{xy}$  and  $\tau_{xz}$ . Here, when I am showing this, I am having only this as on the plane what is the shear stress. So, we felt that on each and every plane passing through the point of interest, it is desirable for us to know what is the normal stress as well as shear stress, because this helps in predicting the failure theories, fine. Here, when I am showing this, I am having only this as on the plane what is the shear stress. So, we felt that on each and every plane passing through the point of interest, it is desirable for us to know what is the normal stress as well as shear stress, because this helps in predicting the failure theories, fine. So, when I have this a natural selection, we have also looked at that this can be represented in these forms and a natural selection is go for a polar plot.

$$\left| \frac{n}{T} \right|^2 = \sigma^2 + \tau^2 = T_x^2 + T_y^2 + T_z^2$$

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And I said I am also plotting this as a graphical representation only, but this is as a function of load, I am plotting only one quantity. Photoelasticity also plots only one quantity, this is as a function of load, you get this at every point in the model.

Mohr's Circle

### Normal and Shear Stress

Polar plot of normal and shear stress

$$[\sigma] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{F}{A} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_n = T \cdot \hat{n} = \frac{F}{A} \sin^2 \theta \quad \tau = \sqrt{T^2 - \sigma_n^2} = \frac{F}{A} \sin \theta \cos \theta$$

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This is one form of representation which is also useful, fine. At a given point, how do the normal stress and shear stress varies on each of the possible infinite planes, that is also important.

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So, you have two different representations, this is obtainable from a experiment, this is also useful, because you know what happens in the neighborhood point, you have an advantage of getting a whole field information of the stress. And this is another representation what happens at a point of interest, for a given load, the load we have taken is  $F$  and then, you have this as  $F/A$ , this also we discussed,  $F/A$  appears to be a scalar. All components whether it is a vectorial components or tensorial components will appear only as numbers. I have also said you should have the practice of putting these as tensorial quantities. So, in the case of simple uniaxial tension like this, you write the stress tensor in this fashion, I have

$$[\sigma] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{F}{A} \end{bmatrix}$$


So, that practice also you should get, this is a tensorial quantity. And you know we have also plotted the shear stress, it was looking very beautiful. And, I also made one more statement, I do not know how many of you really appreciated it, we have looked at what is the range of values of normal stress, it varies from 0 to  $F/A$ . And in the case of shear stress, it varies from 0 to  $F/2A$ . Fine. I have said on two planes, you have only normal stress, can

you identify that from this picture, what are the two planes? Good, your hand says that, but you spell it out. So, I have the  $x$ -plane as well as  $y$ -plane, in the  $x$ -plane I have this as 0. Fine, In the  $y$ -plane I have this as  $F/A$ . And that is what is shown here in your tensorial representation, I have 0 and  $F/A$ . And it so happens that these two planes are also special planes, because on these planes I do not have a shear stress, I have only normal stress. So, they are given a special name called principal planes. And this also I made a statement that when you have a graph like this pictorially it is very nice, difficult to draw and also difficult to cull out information that you want easily. We will see another representation, we have taken simplest stress state of uniaxial tension, that itself gives you such beautiful pattern. Suppose, I have this tensorial, this one is populated only the mathematics will give you what kind of a geometric pattern that I am going to get, it may be very difficult to visualize and plot.

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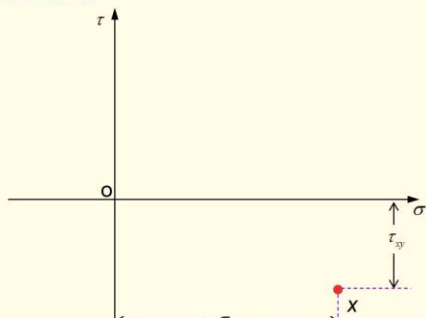
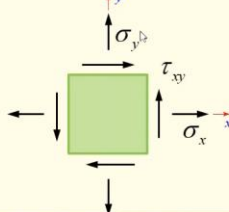
## Construction of Mohr's Circle


1. Locate point  $x$  which is the point representing the stress condition on the  $x$ -plane of the element ( $\theta = 0^\circ$ ).
2. For this one has


$$\sigma = \sigma_x \quad \tau = \tau_{xy}$$

**Sign Convention**

Positive Shear on  $x$ -plane plot downwards!





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Let us see what is the way that we would put it, and this you will have to give credit to the scientist, and this has also taken sufficient time. See, we had seen in 1822 stress tensor was identified by Cauchy. This form of representation, see we want to know what is the normal stress and what is the shear stress. And I have already said in engineering and science, what you plot on  $x$ -axis and  $y$ -axis has really revolutionized the understanding of data. And when I go to this graphical representation, this also comes with an adjective that this is Mohr's circle. So even before you see what is the geometric pattern, you are going to get only a circle and circle is easy for you to draw. And what I do is, I have on the  $x$ -axis the normal stress and on the  $y$ -axis I plot the shear stress. This came about in 1882, it took about 60 years from the development of what is the stress tensor to this representation. And what we



are going to focus in this lecture is the construction of it. And if you want a mathematical proof, we will have to go back to the stress transformation and we will do that in the next class, fine. Because the Mohr's circle representation is very elegant and many of the concepts that you want to understand in stress analysis can be understood very easily by looking at the Mohr's circle. And let us look at what is the way that we learn how to plot. See what we are going to plot is, we are going to plot what is the stress vector acting on plane  $x$  and what is the stress vector acting on plane  $y$ . And what you have on plane  $x$ , I have a normal stress  $\sigma_{xx}$  and I have a shear stress  $\tau_{xy}$ . And in the representation I have also used the equality of cross shears, I am not putting it as  $\tau_{xy}$   $\tau_{yx}$  and so on. We are, we have learnt already from moment equilibrium that  $\tau_{yx}$  equal to  $\tau_{xy}$ . In certain mathematical representations, we need to preserve this  $\tau_{yx}$  and  $\tau_{xy}$  that we will see later. But equality of cross shear is a useful property, it makes the stress tensor symmetric. Now, I have to plot what is happening on plane  $x$ , ok.

So, it has  $\sigma_{xx}$  and  $\tau_{xy}$ . So,  $\sigma$  is on the  $x$ -axis and  $\tau$  is on the  $y$ -axis. Where will you normally plot? Which quadrant it will be? We have learnt the sign convention. You can at least say which quadrant it will be? if you are given a choice. It is going to be in which quadrant? first quadrant, we will not follow that. See, I said engineering is one discipline where conventions are very very important. Why we have conventions? it helps us later. Fine, naturally when you are asked to plot, you will plot it only in the first quadrant, but I am going to break that. And I am going to have a special rule for what to do for  $x$ -plane. For  $y$ -plane, whatever you see, whatever you have said, we will do that.

But for  $x$ -plane alone, we will plot it differently, there is a reason behind it. I have  $\sigma_x$ , so I have to put  $\tau_{xy}$  that is easy to put, you will take some  $\sigma_x$  somewhere, so it is lying on this line. Now, I have to know  $\tau_{xy}$ , the convention is when I have a positive value of shear on the  $x$ -plane, I would plot it downwards. I will use the same magnitude, but I will plot it downwards. So, I will have  $\tau_{xy}$  marked like this, that is what the sign convention said, positive shear on  $x$ -plane, plot downwards. So, when I use that convention, I will mark  $\tau_{xy}$  like this and I will have the point marked and this is the  $x$ -plane. So, on a Mohr circle, if you take a point on the circle, each point represents a plane passing through the point of interest. See, when you want to plot a circle, what all you need? You need to know what is the center, you need to know what is the radius, these are determined by the stress state, that is what you have to appreciate. From the pictorial representation, I have the information of what is  $\sigma_x$  and  $\tau_{xy}$ , I also have what is  $\sigma_y$  and  $\tau_{xy}$  and what is the sign for  $\sigma_y$  and  $\tau_{xy}$  on the  $y$ -plane? both are positive.

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### Construction of Mohr's Circle

3. Locate point  $y$ , representing the stress condition on the  $y$  face of the element ( $\theta = 90^\circ$ ).

For this the co-ordinates are

$$\sigma = \sigma_y \quad \tau = \tau_{xy}$$

The diagram shows a coordinate system with a vertical  $\tau$ -axis and a horizontal  $\sigma$ -axis. Point  $y$  is plotted in the first quadrant at coordinates  $(\sigma_y, \tau_{xy})$ . A dashed line connects the origin  $O$  to point  $y$ . Below the graph, a stress element is shown with normal stress  $\sigma_y$  acting on the  $y$ -face and shear stress  $\tau_{xy}$  acting on the  $x$ -face.

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Ok. So, the next job is, I have to locate point  $y$  and for point  $y$ , we use the normal sign convention to plot. I have the  $x$ -axis, I have the  $y$ -axis, I simply mark the point  $y$ , I have  $\sigma$  equal to  $\sigma_y$ . So, I have  $\sigma_y$  and this is the line on which you can identify point  $y$ . Now, I have  $\tau_{xy}$ , so this horizontal line meets and I get the point  $y$ . And what you will have to know is, the points  $x$  and  $y$  are on a diameter, that you do not know right now, fine.

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Mohr's Circle

### Construction of Mohr's Circle

4. Join points  $x$  and  $y$ . This locates the center  $C$  of the circle.

Its co-ordinates are

$$\sigma = \sigma_{average} \quad \text{and} \quad \tau = 0$$

The diagram shows the same coordinate system as the previous slide. A line segment connects point  $x$  (located on the  $\sigma$ -axis) and point  $y$ . The midpoint of this segment is labeled as point  $C$ , which is the center of the Mohr's circle. A dashed vertical line drops from point  $C$  to the  $\sigma$ -axis, where the average normal stress  $\sigma_{average}$  is indicated. Below the graph, the same stress element is shown.

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So, I join these two points. I join these two points, to locate the center. See, in those days you should appreciate, they were not even having a calculator. Now, you have a very powerful computer and even the calculator, some of them do some symbolic computations, all that has come. In the early 19th century also, they had only slide rule and most of the development, they were very comfortable in graphic representations. So, the graphical representation has really helped early development of science, in all disciplines people had graphical representations. So, you should give the due credit for those graphical representations. So, now I have the center C and I have already said that this forms a diameter, what strikes you directly? See, in a physical plane I have  $x$  and  $y$  are separated by what angle? but in the Mohr's circle how they are represented? I have this angle doubled, so that is one observation, keep that observation in your mind. Now, I draw the circle with C as the center and you can also say what is the coordinate? One thing you can say, because it is lying on this axis, the shear is 0. And what is the value of this? Suppose, I have this as  $\sigma_x$  and  $\sigma_y$ , I can call this as average of that, we will see what is the average later, keep it as  $\sigma_{average}$  and  $\tau$  as 0. So, we know the coordinates of C. Now, I can draw a circle passing through the points  $x$  and  $y$ , I know the radius, so I can draw the circle.

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**Mohr's Circle**  
**Construction of Mohr's Circle**

5. Draw the circle through points  $x$  and  $y$  using the center at C

- Points  $x$  and  $y$  represent the planes at  $90^\circ$  to each other.
- These are  $180^\circ$  apart on the circle.
- Every point on the circle represents a particular plane.

The slide contains three main diagrams: 1) A Mohr's circle on a  $\sigma$ - $\tau$  coordinate system with center C and diameter  $xy$ . 2) A stress element (green square) with normal stresses  $\sigma_x$  and  $\sigma_y$  and shear stresses  $\tau_{xy}$ . 3) A 3D stress state diagram showing principal stresses  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3$  and shear stresses  $\tau$  on a cube.

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See, I have taken up a generic problem, do not confuse that we have discussed the polar plot for a uniaxial stress, whether this circle belongs to uniaxial stress? No, it is a generic problem, because I have taken a generic state of stress, I have some  $\sigma_x$ , some  $\tau_{xy}$ , some  $\sigma_y$ . So, I have both shear and normal stress existing. So, you learn for a generic case. Later on

as an exercise, we can do it for a variety of cases, we have looked at uniaxial tension, we have looked at pure shear, likewise we can learn how these circles appear. So, what you have here? The graphical representation of the state of stress that is what happens in infinite planes passing through the point of interest is simply a circle, no matter what is the state of stress represented. The circle size may be different, the origin may be shifted and the planes  $x$  and  $y$  may be relocated, but the geometric shape remains a circle, do not you feel it is an advantage? It is a real breakthrough, we will prove that it is a circle from a mathematical perspective that we will see, fine. At this stage, we learn how to do the construction, because in the construction we follow a convention, why do we follow a convention? That will become apparent when we see what happens in an arbitrary plane. So, this is what is summarized here, what we discussed in the previous slide. So, what you find here is the planes  $x$  and  $y$  appear along the diameter separated by  $180^\circ$  on the Mohr's circle. So, whatever the angle that you see in Mohr's circle is twice the physical angle and I go from  $x$  to  $y$  in anticlockwise direction, I can go from  $x$  to  $y$  in the anticlock direction in the Mohr's circle provided I followed the convention, that will become apparent when we seek a arbitrary plane.

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Mohr's Circle

### Stress on any arbitrary plane using Mohr's Circle

- To determine the stresses acting on an inclined face of the element oriented at an angle  $\theta$  from the  $x$ -axis.
- Physically the plane is in the counter-clockwise direction from the  $x$ -plane
- On Mohr's circle, take an angle  $2\theta$  counterclockwise from the radius  $Cx$  to locate point  $x'$ .


The coordinates are

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See we have done a stress transformation law from vectorial transformation to tensorial transformation, you have those expressions. Now, what we are going to do is from the Mohr's circle, we will find out if I have a plane oriented at angle  $\theta$  from the  $x$ -axis, how will I get it? Fine, I have to locate the point, the issue is I have to locate the point on this Mohr's circle appropriately, because once I have located the point, the magnitude of normal and shear stress are immediately known, they are nothing but the coordinates of that point.


So, I have the stress tensor given and then I want to find out what happens at a plane  $\theta$  and we have labeled that axis as  $x'$  and  $y'$ . In the earlier case also we had labeled it as  $x'$   $y'$ , what we determined was we determined  $T_{x'x'}$ , you have to interpret that as  $\sigma_{xx}$ . So, I was cautioning you, it is not like a vectorial transformation, it is slightly more than that because you have two subscripts, ok. Now, the  $x'$ -plane is separated by angle  $\theta$ , how do I locate the plane in the Mohr's circle? From whatever the discussion we have had, can you say how do I, because I know where is the location of  $x$ -plane on the Mohr's circle. Now, I have to locate  $x'$ -plane, how do I do it?  $2\theta$ , so that is fair enough, is not it? So, I have to move by angle  $2\theta$  from the  $x$ -plane and I would get the  $x'$ -plane on the Mohr's circle. So, I go by  $2\theta$ , so I locate this as  $x'$ , is the idea clear? Because I want to preserve how do I move in the physical plane to Mohr's circle, we have a special convention on how to plot quantities on a  $x$ -plane. If I plot positive shear downwards on  $x$ -plane, it is easy for me to locate the planes from the physical plane to the Mohr's circle, in the same manner. The only difference is if it is  $\theta$ , I should look at that twice the angle  $2\theta$ . So, once I know this  $x'$ , I can find out what is  $\sigma_{x'x'}$  as well as  $\tau_{x'y'}$ , that is nothing but reading it from the graph. So, your stress transformation becomes simple and straight forward. So, that is a greatest advantage. What you have to realize is every point on the circle represents a particular physical plane. See here we have taken a two-dimensional representation. Suppose, if I want to go to three dimensions, there again Mohr's circle is useful which we will also see in the next class tomorrow. So, what you have here is I have to locate the point  $x$ , locate the point  $y$ , then find out what is the center and what is the radius my job is done. And if I want to find out for any arbitrary point, it is easy for me to do that. Let us also look at some of the special points. So, the coordinates are  $\sigma_x$  and  $\tau_{x'y'}$ . I have already said we will interchangeably say  $\sigma_x$  or  $\sigma_{x'x'}$ , because it is understood when you put the symbol as  $\sigma$ , it is normal stress. So, it is automatically understood in one fashion. So, we take the liberty to call it like that.

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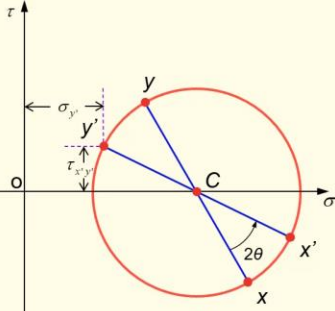
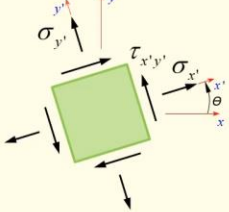
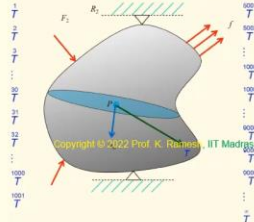



Mohr's Circle


### Stress on any arbitrary plane using Mohr's Circle



- Point  $y'$  is diametrically opposite to point  $x'$
- Point  $y'$  represents the stresses on a face of the stress element  $90^\circ$  from the face represented by point  $x'$ .
- Point  $y'$  gives the stresses on the  $y'$  face:  $\sigma_{y'y'}$ ,  $\tau_{x'y'}$





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And how do I locate the  $y'$ -plane? We have already seen that  $x$  and  $y$  are actually separated by  $180^\circ$ . On similar fashion  $x'$  and  $y'$  are separated by  $180^\circ$ . I simply extend the radius to the diameter. So, I locate the point  $y'$ . So, I can read what is  $\sigma_{y'y'}$  and  $\tau_{x'y'}$  from this diagram.

So, it is as simple as that. See many times we may not make the calculation from the Mohr's circle, but we may want to find out the sense from the Mohr's circle. We will also see what is that, how it can be used, sense of rotation from the Mohr's circle. So, point  $y'$  gives the stresses on the  $y$  face. They are nothing but  $\sigma_{y'y'}$  and  $\tau_{x'y'}$ . So, stress transformation is simple and straight forward.

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Mohr's Circle

### Stress on any arbitrary plane using Mohr's Circle

- As we rotate the physical axes counterclockwise through an angle  $\theta$ , the point on the Mohr's circle corresponding to  $x$  face moves counterclockwise through an angle  $2\theta$ .


Positive Shear on  $x$ -plane plot downwards!

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There is no difficulty at all, ok. And this is emphasized that it is moving by the angle  $2\theta$ . And by looking at this circle, can you identify certain interesting planes? Which was difficult to find out when I had the polar plot, only when you look at it very intently you will be in a position to identify. I can easily see the circle cuts the  $x$ -axis which is nothing but  $\sigma$ -axis at two points. What is the implication of that? On those planes I have only normal stress and we have already said something very special. So, whenever I look at any stress state, when I draw a circle with  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$ , it will always cut that horizontal axis. So, I am always going to have planes on which only normal stress exists. They are very special, they are called as principal planes. So, that is one thing. There is also another information you can gather. I have this as the maximum value of shear stress. When I have maximum value of shear stress, in general you will always have a normal stress. That is what we had seen in the polar plot also. That is very clear here. Is the idea you are able to appreciate? Ok. So I have this direction  $\theta$ , what I have in the physical plane is represented as  $2\theta$  is reemphasized in this slide. So, I move to this. So, I have this as  $2\theta$ . That is what you have. On a similar vein, we will also go and find out what is the principal stress, ok. And for me to do this anticlockwise rotation  $\theta$  and anticlockwise rotation  $2\theta$  is possible only when I follow the sign convention. If I do not follow the sign convention, I lose that advantage. So, if I am going to have an advantage, better to follow a convention. See, we are in a society where you know people if they break the convention, they think that they are more close to people. It is not so. In science and engineering, you will have to follow the convention because it has its definite role to play. Is it not? Now, you find the celebrities they break the convention and the fans are very happy. That does not work in engineering. You have to follow the convention.



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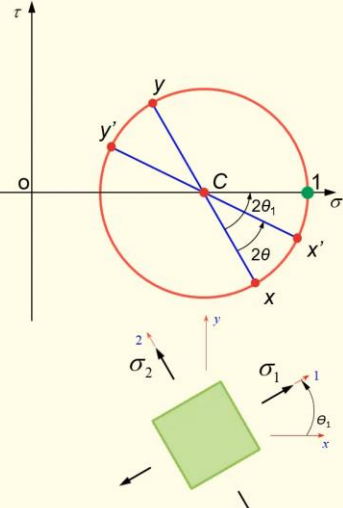



Mohr's Circle




## Principal Stresses Using Mohr's Circle


- At point 1 on the circle, the normal stress reaches its algebraically the largest value and the shear stress is zero.
- Hence 1 represents a principal plane.







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Now, we will find out the principal stresses. So, by definition principal planes are those planes where the stress state is such on that plane you have only a normal stress. Apriori you do not know at what angle with respect to the  $x$ -axis do you have the principal plane. So, this is one of the quantities that you have to find out in a physical problem.

Second aspect is what is the magnitude of the stress? I need to know what is the magnitude and what is the orientation of the principal plane. All that can be easily gathered from Mohr's circle. Instead of telling this as an arbitrary plane, now we have fixed. Find out a plane on which you have only normal stress. The same question I raised when we had the Cauchy's formula where I had

$$\vec{T} = [\sigma] \{n\}$$


$$n = \cos \theta \hat{i} + \sin \theta \hat{j}$$

I said two class of problems can be formed. In one class of problems you are given the direction cosines, find out what is the stress vector. In another class of problems find out the direction cosines if you dictate what should be the nature of the stress vector. Mathematically that requires little more calculations, but graphically it is a child's play, because in a point of interest, among the infinite planes passing to the point of interest, the principal planes are always important. You will find when I said we live in linear elasticity, you have a greatest advantage. You will see the advantage of the concept of principal stresses, because when I have multiple loads acting, you have torsion, bending and axial




forces acting on a member, I can do the principle of superposition very easily, ok. Failure theories are written with the help of principal stresses. So, now I have this as  $2\theta_1$ . So, you can find out what is the orientation of the principal stress direction in the physical plane, it is  $\theta_1$ . Fine. So, when I go to  $\theta_1$ , make a neat sketch, you will have to recognize on the principal planes I have only normal stress, they are very special. And I have labeled this as 1 and I can also find out when I have this, the other principal plane is perpendicular to that in the physical plane. On the Mohr circle, it is separated by angle 180. So, I will have this 2 as marked here. And you know there is also a convention, how do you label the principal stresses? Suppose in a problem I solve it mathematically, I would always label the algebraically larger value as  $\sigma_1$ , this is again a convention. In the diagram I have shown this, compared to this, this has algebraically larger value, fine. When I say  $\sigma_1$  at a given point of interest, if I have multiple normal stresses, I can have in a three-dimensional problem three principal planes. Of these, the algebraically the largest I will call it as  $\sigma_1$ , the next algebraically largest as  $\sigma_2$ , the least value as  $\sigma_3$ . So, this is the convention that is also used.

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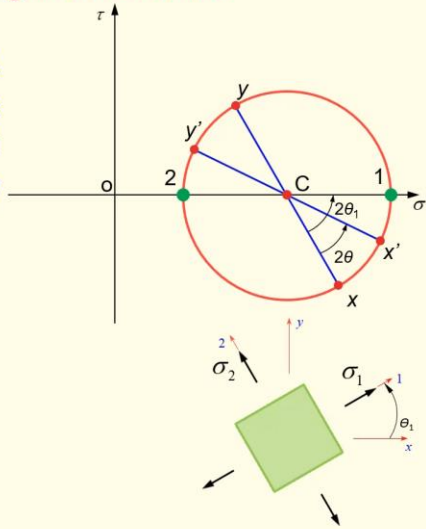



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### Principal Stresses Using Mohr's Circle

- The other principal plane, associated with the algebraically smallest normal stress, is represented by point 2.









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So, the other principal plane you can represent it by 0.2 and this is separated by angle 180 from the principal plane 1 and I have this as  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$ , I have this angle as  $2\theta$ . See from the diagram, I can also write mathematical expressions of what are the magnitudes of these stresses and what is the orientation, I can do that, we will also do that.

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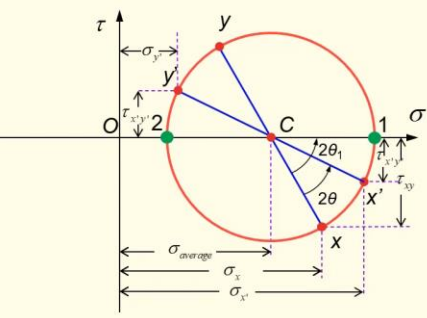


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## Principal Stresses from Mohr's Circle


- From the geometry of the circle, one can see that the expression for larger principal stress is




$$\sigma_1 = OC + CP_1 = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} + R$$

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

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2}\right)^2 + \tau_{xy}^2}$$





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So, you have a summary that is I have a Mohr's circle, I have the arbitrary plane is represented and also the principal planes are represented and I want to find out what is the magnitude of this from the Mohr's circle. Suppose, I want to find out what is the value of  $\sigma_1$ , how will you write  $\sigma_1$ ? So, I have to know what is the distance OC and what is the distance C1.

Can you find out what is the distance OC? We have written that as  $\sigma_{\text{average}}$  and that is nothing but  $(\sigma_x + \sigma_y)/2$  and your C1 is your radius R. See from the Mohr's circle, we are also in a position to write the expressions for you to find out these quantities mathematically. And what is the value of R? Because we know only the stress tensor at the point given with respect to the reference axis  $x$  and  $y$ , we call that as  $\sigma_x$ ,  $\tau_{xy}$  and  $\sigma_y$ . Can I find out what is the expression for radius R? You can easily work it out because we know what is the, what are the coordinates for  $x$  and  $y$ .

From these, you can easily find out an expression for the radius. Please work it out and then check it from my slide. It is not very difficult, it is very simple, simple property of circle is what you will have to use. So, I can get the expression for R as simply

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

And whenever I have a square root, when I want to find out  $\sigma_1$  or  $\sigma_2$ , I will call this as plus or minus. I have  $\sigma_1$  is represented this way

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2}\right)^2 + \tau_{xy}^2}$$

and  $\sigma_2$  will be, I will have a minus sign here.

So, I can find out what is  $\sigma_1$  as well as  $\sigma_2$  from the Mohr's circle. Now let me ask one more question. Can I find out the angle from this? I do not have the expressions here. Can you work it out? Can you work it out and tell me? It is again a very famous expression, which we will again determine from mathematics later. From Mohr's circle itself, you can get the expression. The clue is you have written R, from there you have to proceed. Anybody has the expression? What is the expression for  $2\theta_1$ . or in a simplistic term find out what is

$\tan 2\theta_1$ ? What is  $\tan 2\theta_1$ ? It is very simple I say,  $\frac{2\tau_{xy}}{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}$ , fine. Ok, let me ask one thing.

See many times when you learn engineering, you will have to bring in all aspects of your learning from mathematics. I have only  $\tan 2\theta_1 = \frac{2\tau_{xy}}{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}$ . If I want to find out  $\theta_1$ , what

happens to inverse trigonometric functions? Is it single valued function or multi valued function? It is a multi valued function. So, you will always have a tie, whether I have to take  $\theta_1$  as the given value that I get from a calculator or do I have to add additional  $90^\circ$ ? You can resolve that easily if I have a circle diagram like this, I do not have to draw it with geometric perfection. If I want to find out this, I have this  $2\theta_1$  is an acute angle, if I want to find out  $2\theta_2$ , it is an obtuse angle. So, when you get the mathematical expression, find out the  $\theta$ , if you want to associate that correctly to  $\sigma_1$  direction, because  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3$  we have said

it is dictated by the algebraic value. When I have the expression  $\tan 2\theta_1 = \frac{2\tau_{xy}}{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}$ , it is not


$\theta_1$  or  $\theta_2$  or  $\theta_3$ . You cannot say algebraically arrange them and then call it as like we said  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3, \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3$  also we will do it algebraically, you cannot do that. You have to identify the associated direction. So, to find out the associated direction, because these are multi valued functions, you can use the Mohr's circle very effectively. You do not have to do a geometric sketch, your Mohr's circle can directly give you whether it is an acute angle or obtuse angle. So, you have an advantage.

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withstand? It cannot withstand at all. That came up for retrofitting in our civil engineering department, those professors were communicating and if not IIT, which institution can salvage this kind of a situation. So, they have to put extra supports and make sure that the build that bridge at least last for the minimum service life. So, you have to have inbuilt checks in all these aspects of calculation, it is not speed.

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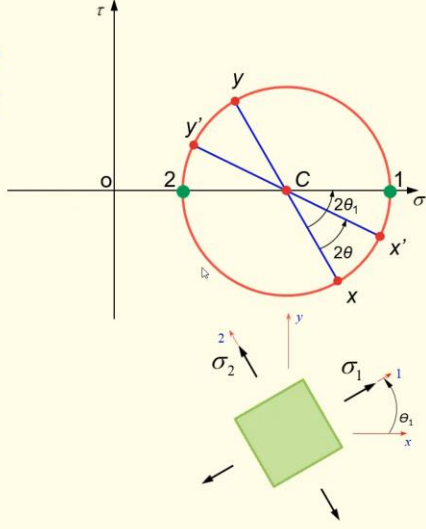



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## Orientation of Principal Stress Using Mohr's Circle

- The angle  $2\theta_2$  to the other principal point is  $180^\circ$  larger than  $2\theta_1$ .
- Hence  $\theta_2 = \theta_1 + 90^\circ$ .







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So, you forget about your JEE training, where you were all told speed is very important, speed is not important in practicing engineers, correctness is important. So, I get  $\theta_1$  from this and  $\theta_2$  is  $\theta_1 + 90^\circ$ , which is very clear from Mohr's circle. I have taken a problem in such a manner that I have this as acute angle and obtuse angle, it could be of any category. But when I mathematically solve, you should recognize that I am handling a multivalued function, it is not a single valued function, inverse trigonometric quantities are multivalued and you should apply all the basics. But many times people do not apply the basics and many times people have not attached what is the angle that they have got to the relevant principal stress, that is also very important, that you can easily do when you have the Mohr's circle. And we have said that you also have a maximum shear stress and can you tell me what is the orientation of the maximum shear stress in the physical plane? Can you tell me what is the orientation of the maximum shear stress in the physical plane?  $45^\circ$  to principal stress plane, fine.



So, you understand. Now, can you go back and think something happened to chalk, we were telling  $45^\circ$ , is not it? So,  $45^\circ$  was not arbitrary, there is some meaning attached to it. So, you should know what kind of stress state is introduced when I apply torsion. When I apply torsion, what happens? You should know and you should also know what causes a chalk to failure. Suppose I say chalk fails by normal stress exceeding a limit, fine. Then you can explain what happened when you pulled, what happened when you twisted.

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### Planes of Maximum Shear Stress


- Points  $d$  and  $e$ , representing the planes of maximum shear stresses, are located on the circle at angle  $90^\circ$  from points 1 and 2.

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So, here it is at  $45^\circ$ , you have correctly identified in the physical plane, in the Mohr's circle it is at  $90^\circ$ . So, you have the points  $d$  and  $e$  representing the planes of maximum shear stress. And you will have to recognize maximum shear stress plane always has some amount of normal stress in general. I can also have in special situation when the center is shifted to the origin, I will have on the maximum shear stress plane only shear stress, I will not have normal stress, ok. But in general only when you have normal stress, you can identify either two planes in two dimensions or three planes in three dimensions where the stress is wholly normal.

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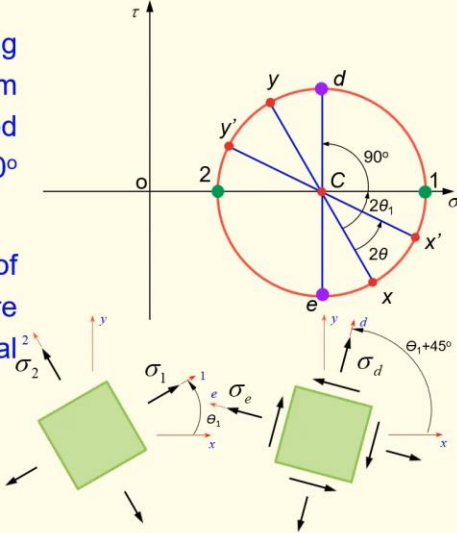


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- Hence the planes of maximum shear stress are at  $45^\circ$  to the principal planes.




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So, they are very important, ok. So, I have this at  $90^\circ$ . So, on the physical plane you can identify, from the principal stress plane, they are oriented at  $45^\circ$ . So, now you can appreciate instead of looking at what happens as state of stress at the point of interest, if you look at from principal planes as the reference, your matrix also becomes very simple to write and you also find out what is shear. Even before we go into theories of failure, experiments have revealed brittle materials fail by maximum normal stress and ductile materials fail by shear stress. So, that is the reason why we attach more importance to finding out at a given plane of interest what is the normal stress as well as the shear stress. That is the reason why we play attention. So, this gives you a very important aspect that at a given point of interest, when I want to draw the Mohr's circle, I should identify the plane  $x$  and plane  $y$ , then draw the circle. Once I draw the circle, the two important aspects are what are the principal planes and what are the maximum shear stress planes. Whether you want to find out on an arbitrary plane is secondary. At a given point, you always want to know what are the principal stresses and what are the maximum shear stress, how they are located, the magnitude of the maximum shear stress as well as its location.

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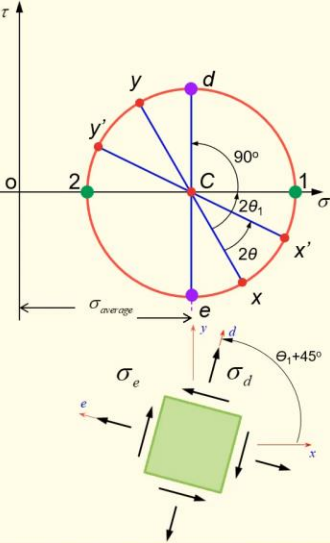
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## Normal Stress Value On Maximum Shear Plane

- Also, the normal stress on the planes of maximum shear stress are equal to the abscissa of point C, which is the average normal stress.

$$\sigma_{average} = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2}$$







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So, I have this normal stress is nothing but  $\sigma_{average}$ , ok and this is what you have. So, I have shear stress as well as the normal stress acting on those planes. So, in this lecture we have looked at a very powerful graphical representation that goes with the name of Mohr's circle. The scientist who determined this is Otto Mohr and I said that this was determined in 1882, 60 years later than stress tensor was determined. So, some of these quantities take such a long time to develop, we study them in 15 minutes in a class, one class to the next class we travel by 100 years, fine. So, that is the way the learning goes. Thank you very much.