

**MEC 3352 – STRENGTH OF MATERIALS II**

# **Principal Strains in Three Dimensions**

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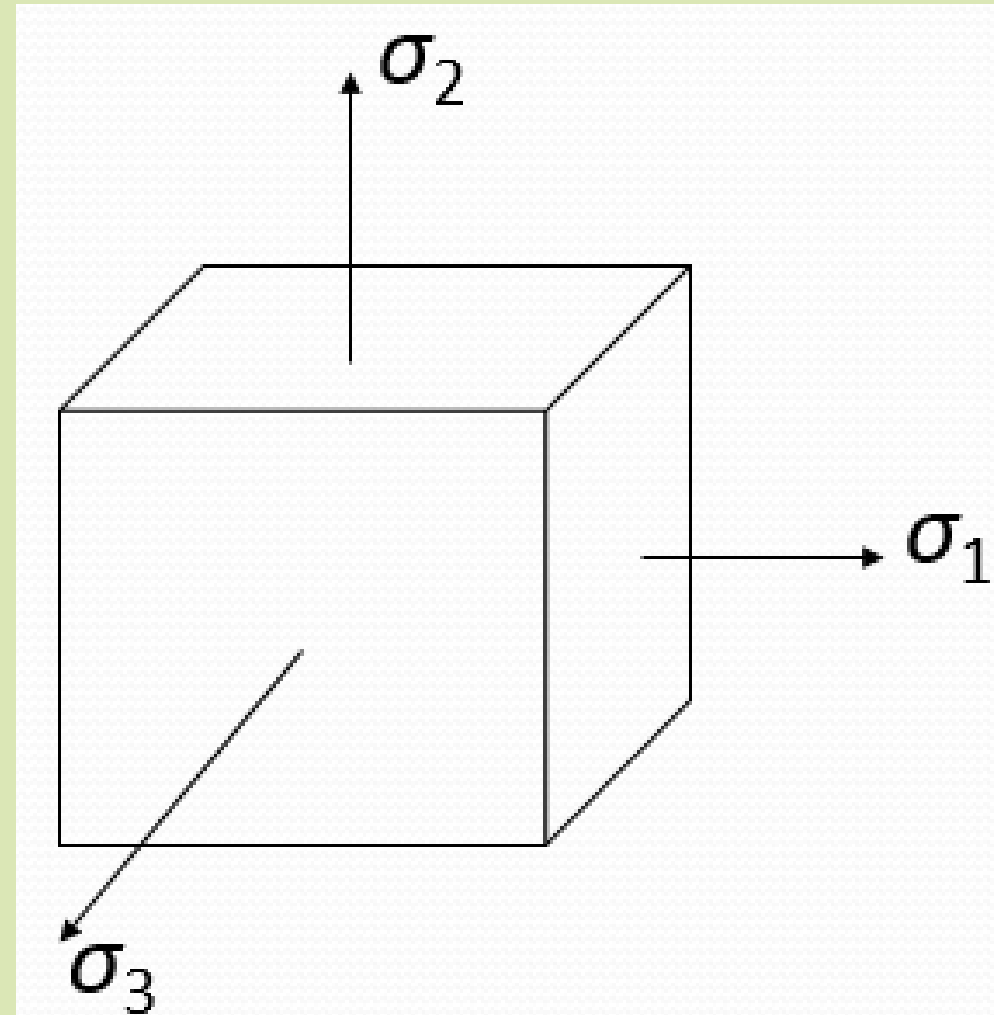
# PRINCIPAL STRAINS IN THREE DIMENSIONS

From the 2D case, it can be shown that the principal strains in the directions  $\sigma_1$ ,  $\sigma_2$  and  $\sigma_3$  are:

- $\varepsilon_1 = \sigma_1/E - \nu\sigma_2/E - \nu\sigma_3/E$  (1)

- $\varepsilon_2 = \sigma_2/E - \nu\sigma_3/E - \nu\sigma_1/E$  (2)

- $\varepsilon_3 = \sigma_3/E - \nu\sigma_1/E - \nu\sigma_2/E$  (3)



# Principal Stresses Determined from Principal Strains

(a) *3D stress system*. Re-writing Eqs. (1), (2) and (3):

- $E\varepsilon_1 = \sigma_1 - \nu\sigma_2 - \nu\sigma_3$  (4)

- $E\varepsilon_2 = \sigma_2 - \nu\sigma_3 - \nu\sigma_1$  (5)

- $E\varepsilon_3 = \sigma_3 - \nu\sigma_1 - \nu\sigma_2$  (6)

- Subtracting (5) from (4):

- $E(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2) = (\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)(1 + \nu)$  (7)

From (1) and (3), eliminating  $\sigma_3$ :

$$E(\varepsilon_1 + v\varepsilon_3) = \sigma_1(1 - v^2) - \sigma_2(1 + v)v \quad (8)$$

Multiplying (7) by  $v$  and subtracting from (8):

$$\begin{aligned} E[(1 - v)\varepsilon_1 + v(\varepsilon_2 + \varepsilon_3)] &= \sigma_1(1 - v^2) - \sigma_2(1 + v)v - (\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)(1 + v)v \\ &= \sigma_1(1 - v - 2v^2) \\ &= \sigma_1(1 + v)(1 - 2v) \end{aligned}$$

Rearranging:

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{E[(1 - \nu)\varepsilon_1 + \nu(\varepsilon_2 + \varepsilon_3)]}{(1 + \nu)(1 - 2\nu)} \quad (9)$$

Similarly

$$\sigma_2 = \frac{E[(1 - \nu)\varepsilon_2 + \nu(\varepsilon_3 + \varepsilon_1)]}{(1 + \nu)(1 - 2\nu)} \quad (10)$$

and

$$\sigma_3 = \frac{E[(1 - \nu)\varepsilon_3 + \nu(\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2)]}{(1 + \nu)(1 - 2\nu)} \quad (11)$$

***(b) 2D stress system.***

If  $\sigma_3 = 0$ , (4), (5) and (6) reduce to:

$$E\varepsilon_1 = \sigma_1 - \nu\sigma_2 \quad (12)$$

$$E\varepsilon_2 = \sigma_2 - \nu\sigma_1 \quad (13)$$

Solving (12) and (13) for  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  gives

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{E(\varepsilon_1 + \nu\varepsilon_2)}{(1 - \nu^2)} \quad (14)$$

and

$$\sigma_2 = \frac{E(\varepsilon_2 + \nu\varepsilon_1)}{(1 - \nu^2)} \quad (15)$$

# Volumetric Strain

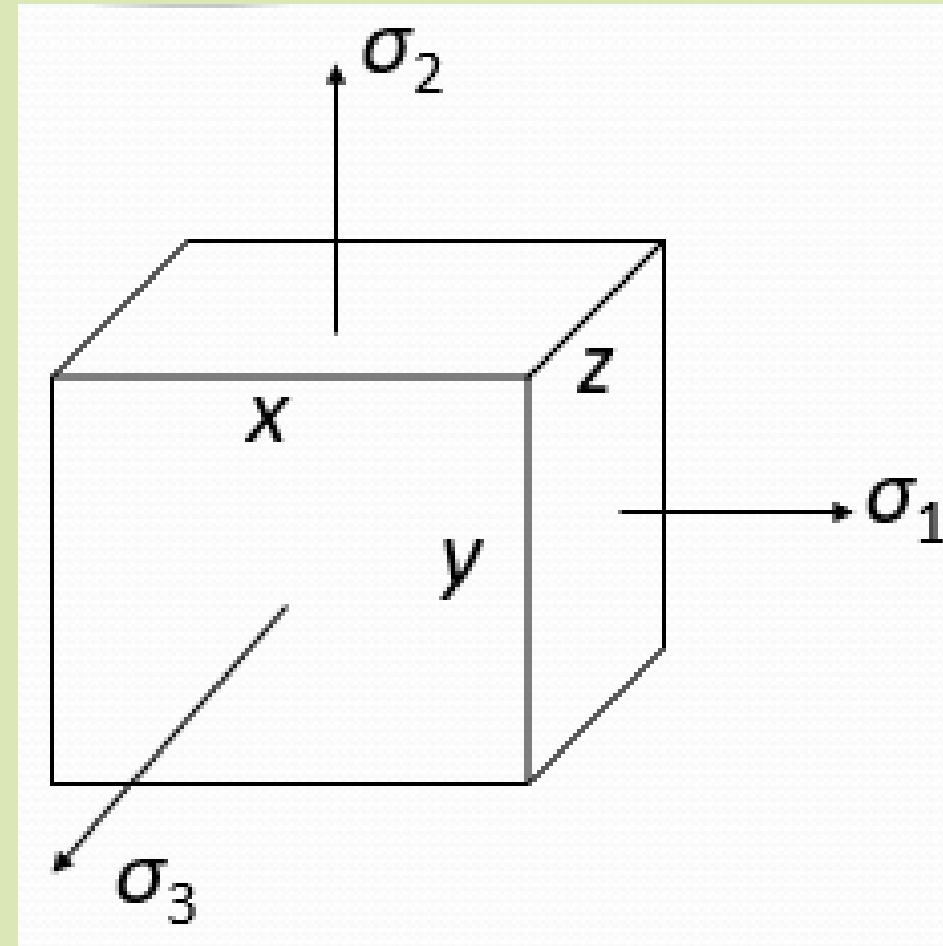
Consider a block with sides  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  acted upon by principal stresses  $\sigma_1$ ,  $\sigma_2$  and  $\sigma_3$ .

Let corresponding linear strains be  $\varepsilon_1$ ,  $\varepsilon_2$  and  $\varepsilon_3$ .

Corresponding resultant dimensions are:

$$x + \varepsilon_1 x, \quad y + \varepsilon_2 y \quad \text{and} \quad z + \varepsilon_3 z$$

or  $x(1 + \varepsilon_1), \quad y(1 + \varepsilon_2) \quad \text{and} \quad z(1 + \varepsilon_3)$



Let *volumetric strain*, be  $\varepsilon_v = \frac{\text{Change in volume}}{\text{Original volume}}$

$$\varepsilon_V = \frac{x(1 + \varepsilon_1) + y(1 + \varepsilon_2) + z(1 + \varepsilon_3)}{xyz}$$

$$= (1 + \varepsilon_1) + (1 + \varepsilon_2) + (1 + \varepsilon_3) - 1$$

Expanding and neglecting second order terms – since strains are small:

$$\varepsilon_V = \varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2 + \varepsilon_3 \quad (16)$$

Expressing the strains in terms of principal stresses (using Eqs. (1), (2) and (3)):

$$\text{Volumetric Strain, } \varepsilon_V = \frac{(\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3)(1 - 2\nu)}{E} \quad (17)$$



# Strain Energy

Strain energy,  $U$  = work done by a system of stresses in straining a material. Consider a cube acted upon by a system of principal stresses  $\sigma_1$ ,  $\sigma_2$  and  $\sigma_3$ . For the corresponding strains of  $\varepsilon_1$ ,  $\varepsilon_2$  and  $\varepsilon_3$ ,

The work done  $U = \sum \frac{1}{2} \sigma \varepsilon$  (if the stresses are gradually applied).

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \sigma_1 \varepsilon_1 + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_2 \varepsilon_2 + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_3 \varepsilon_3$$

$$= [\sigma_1(\sigma_1 - \nu\sigma_2 - \nu\sigma_3) + \sigma_2(\sigma_2 - \nu\sigma_3 - \nu\sigma_1) + \sigma_3(\sigma_3 - \nu\sigma_1 - \nu\sigma_2)]$$

from (1), (2) and (3).

$$U = \left( \frac{1}{2E} \right) [\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2 - 2\nu(\sigma_1\sigma_2 + \sigma_2\sigma_3 + \sigma_3\sigma_1)] \quad \text{per unit volume.} \quad (18)$$

For a 2D stress system,  $\sigma_3 = 0$

$$U = \left( \frac{1}{2E} \right) [\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 - 2\nu(\sigma_1\sigma_2)] \quad \text{per unit volume.} \quad (19)$$

# Shear Strain Energy

Writing

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{1}{3}(\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3) + \frac{1}{3}(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2) + \frac{1}{3}(\sigma_1 - \sigma_3) \quad (20)$$

$$\sigma_2 = \frac{1}{3}(\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3) + \frac{1}{3}(\sigma_2 - \sigma_3) + \frac{1}{3}(\sigma_2 - \sigma_1) \quad (21)$$

$$\sigma_3 = \frac{1}{3}(\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3) + \frac{1}{3}(\sigma_3 - \sigma_1) + \frac{1}{3}(\sigma_3 - \sigma_2) \quad (22)$$

Then under the action of the mean stress there WILL BE volumetric strain with NO distortion of shape (i.e. no shear stress anywhere).

∴ The strain energy under this mean stress acting in each direction is obtained from the general formula, Eq. (18), and may be called *the volumetric strain energy*,

$$U = \left( \frac{3}{2E} \right) \left[ \frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3}{3} \right]^2 \cdot (1 - 2\nu)$$

Giving

$$U = \left( \frac{1}{6E} \right) [\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3]^2 \cdot (1 - 2\nu) \quad (23)$$

The other terms in the rearrangement of  $\sigma_1$ ,  $\sigma_2$  and  $\sigma_3$  are proportional to the maximum shear stress values in the three planes, and will cause a distortion of the shape.

Let  $U_s = \text{Shear strain energy} = \text{Total strain energy} - \text{Volumetric strain energy}$

$$\begin{aligned}U_s &= \left(\frac{1}{2E}\right) [\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2 - 2\nu(\sigma_1\sigma_2 + \sigma_2\sigma_3 + \sigma_3\sigma_1)] \\&\quad - \left(\frac{1}{6E}\right) [(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2) \cdot (1 - 2\nu)] \\&= \left(\frac{1}{6E}\right) [(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2)(3 - 1 + 2\nu) - (\sigma_1\sigma_2 + \sigma_2\sigma_3 + \sigma_3\sigma_1)(6\nu + 2 - 4\nu)] \\&= \left(\frac{1 + \nu}{6E}\right) [2(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2) - 2(\sigma_1\sigma_2 + \sigma_2\sigma_3 + \sigma_3\sigma_1)] \\U_s &= \left(\frac{1}{12G}\right) [(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_3 - \sigma_1)^2] \quad (24)\end{aligned}$$

since  $E = 2G(1 + \nu)$ .

The quantities in brackets are each twice the maximum shear stress in their respective planes .

In pure shear system (stress  $\tau$ ), the principal stresses are  $\pm\tau, 0$  (review maximum shear stresses).

$$\therefore U_s = \left(\frac{1}{12G}\right) [(2\tau)^2 + (-\tau)^2 + (-\tau)^2]$$

(Since  $\sigma_1 = \tau, \sigma_2 = -\tau$  when  $\sigma_3 = 0$ )

$$U_s = \frac{\tau^2}{2G} \tag{25}$$

(Compare with strain energy in direct shear stress)



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