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ME 323 – Mechanics of Materials

Lecture 37 – Failure theories

Reading assignment: Ch.15 lecturebook



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No so unsinkable – Learning from our mistakes

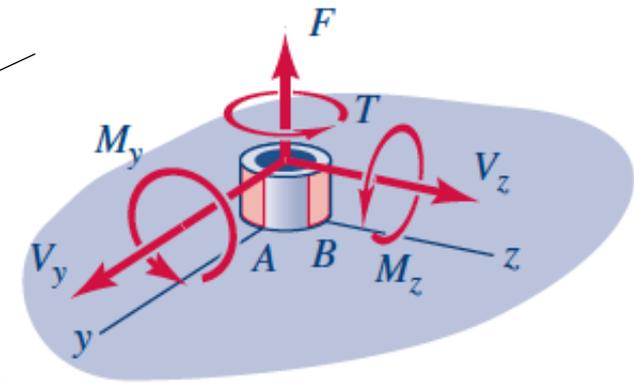
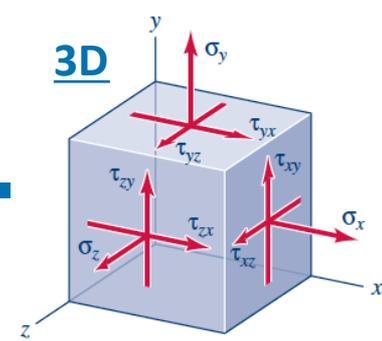
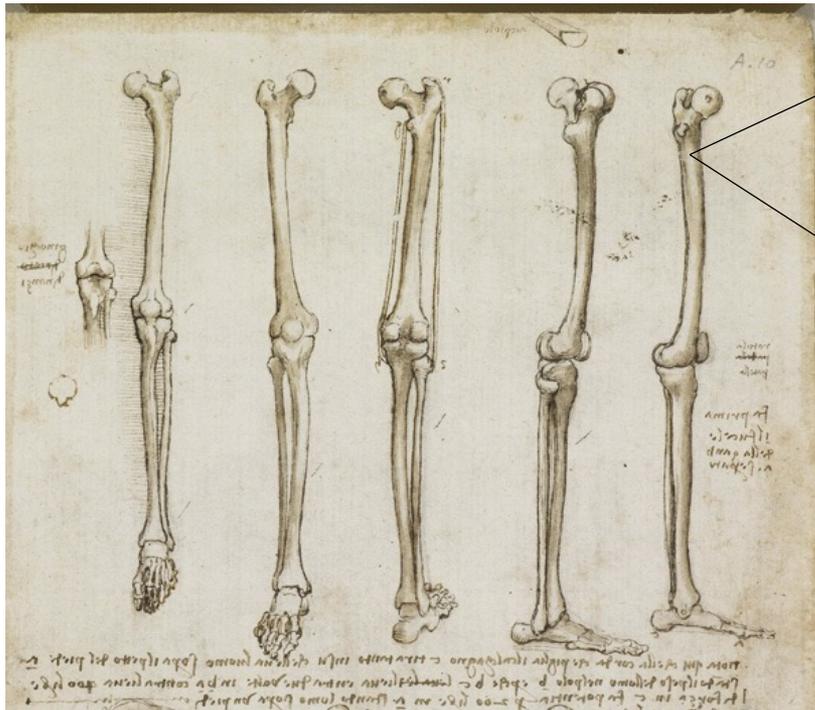
The failure of the hull steel resulted from brittle fractures caused by the high sulphur content of the steel, the low temperature water on the night of the disaster, and the high impact loading of the collision with the iceberg. When the Titanic hit the iceberg, the hull plates split open and continued cracking as the water flooded the ship. Low water temperatures and high impact loading also caused the brittle failure of the rivets used to fasten the hull plates to the ship's main structure.

[Video](#)



Failure theories

Stress due to combined loads



- Determine the internal resultants at a given point.
- Determine the centroid of the cross section (principal axes pass through the centroid).
- Calculate and combine individual stresses.
- Determine principal stresses and maximum shear stress.
- **Failure due to excessive stress?!**

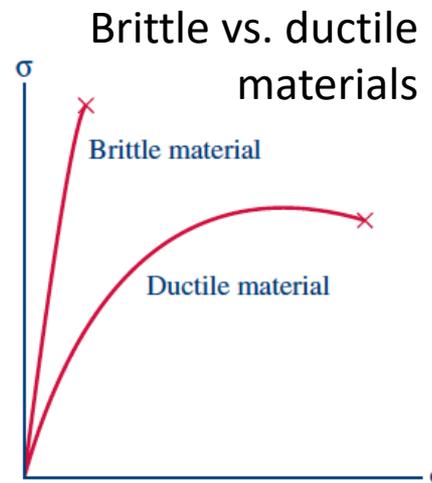
Failure theories

Material properties from stress-strain diagrams (Lecture 3)

- Tensile uniaxial test – two distinct failure mechanisms



Brittle



Ductile
(yielding before fracture)

- What is the criterion if the solid is under combined loads and the state of stress is triaxial?

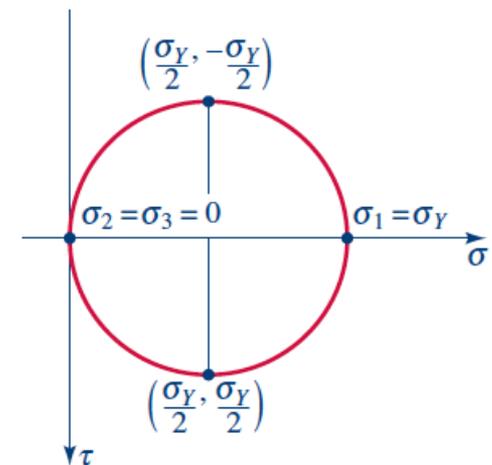
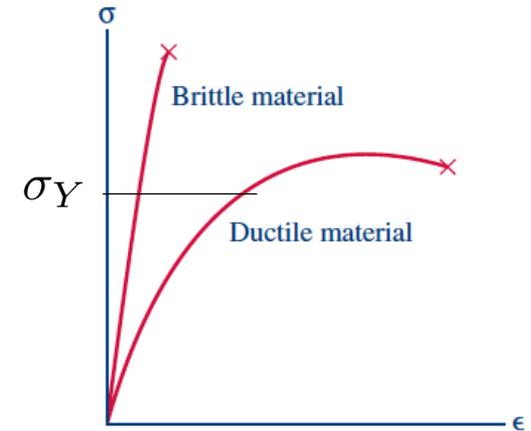
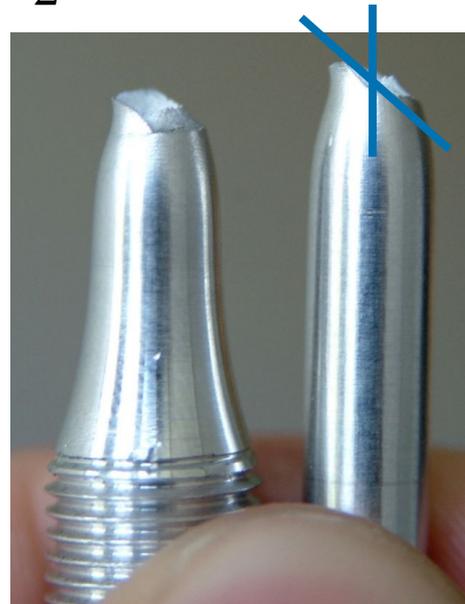
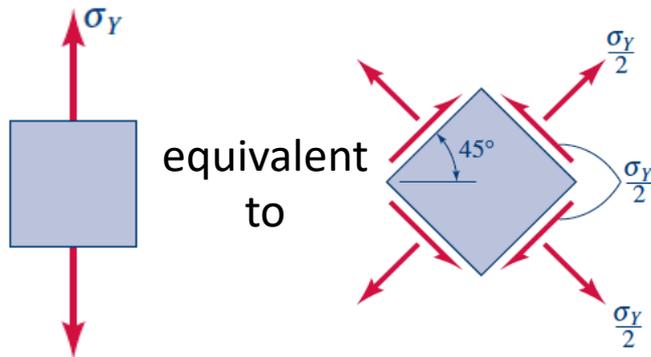
Failure theories - Ductile materials

Failure criteria for ductile materials

- Maximum-shear-stress theory

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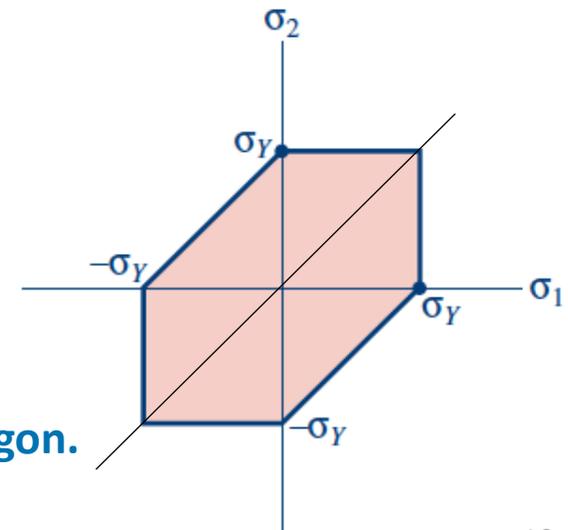
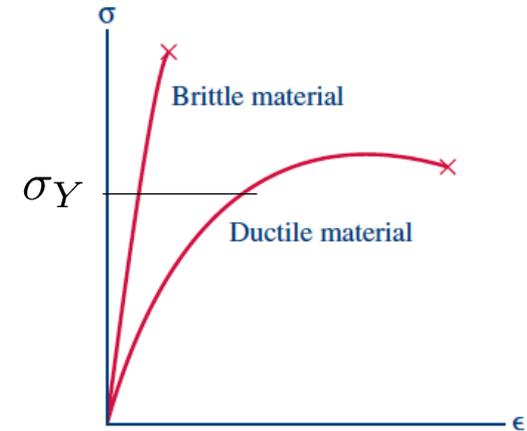
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For plane stress, using $\sigma_3 = 0$ in this analysis!

- $\sigma_1 > 0$ $\sigma_2 > 0$
 - $\sigma_1 < 0$ $\sigma_2 < 0$
 - $\sigma_1 > 0$ $\sigma_2 < 0$
- What are the conditions for each quadrant?*

The failure envelope is a hexagon.
+ inside: no failure
+ outside: failure



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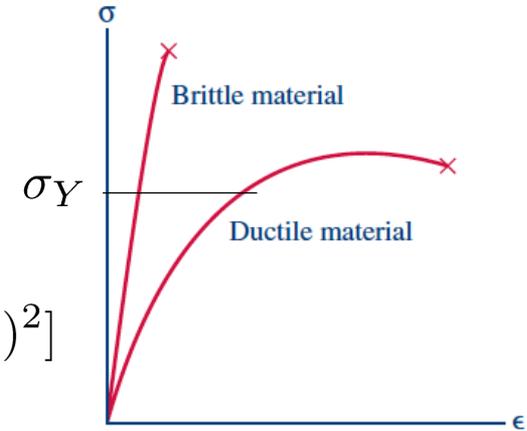
- Maximum-distortion-energy theory

Total elastic energy = Change of volume + Distortion

Distortion energy:

$$\bar{u}_d = \frac{1}{12G} [(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_1 - \sigma_3)^2]$$

Distortion energy at yielding point: $(\bar{u}_d)_Y = \frac{1}{6G} \sigma_Y^2$



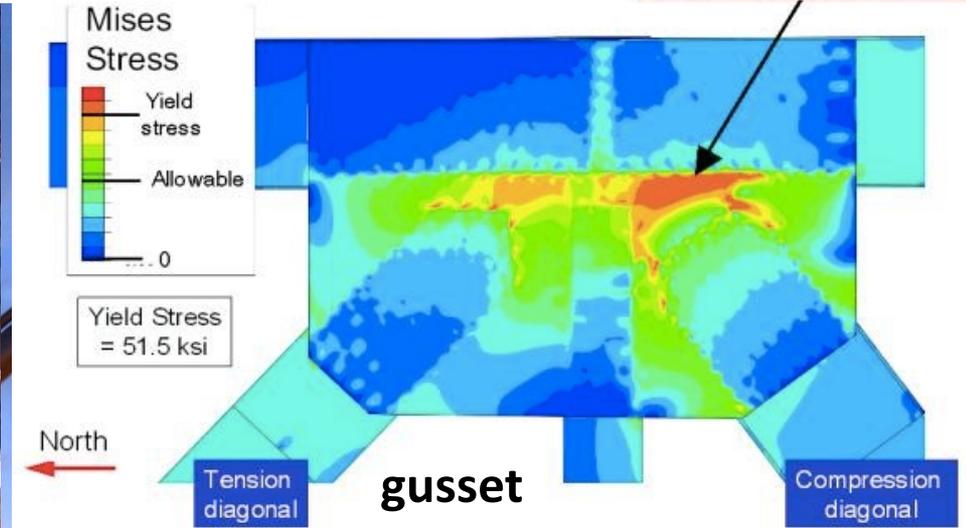
Failure criterion (for a triaxial state of stress)

$$\sigma_M = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_1 - \sigma_3)^2]^{1/2} = \sigma_Y$$

$$\sigma_M = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [(\sigma_x - \sigma_y)^2 + (\sigma_y - \sigma_z)^2 + (\sigma_x - \sigma_z)^2 + 6(\tau_{xy}^2 + \tau_{yz}^2 + \tau_{xz}^2)]^{1/2} = \sigma_Y$$

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Mises equivalent stress

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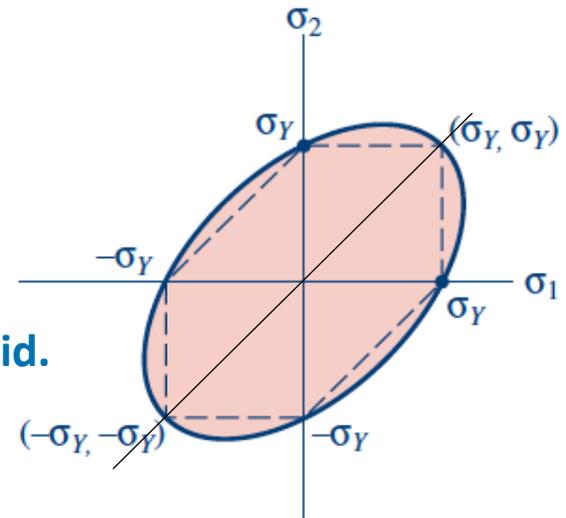
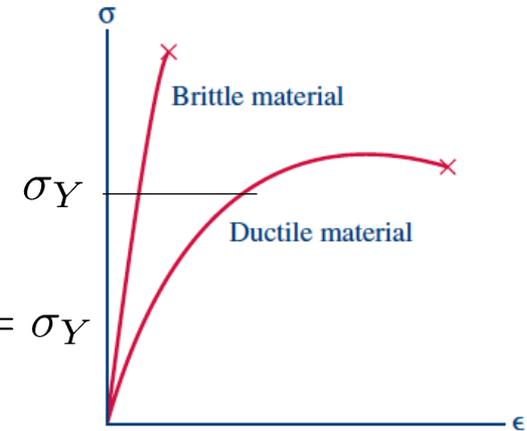
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$$\sigma_M = [\sigma_1^2 - \sigma_1\sigma_2 + \sigma_2^2]^{1/2} = \sigma_Y \quad \text{failure criterion}$$

$$\sigma_M = [\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2 - \sigma_x\sigma_y + 3\tau_{xy}^2]^{1/2} = \sigma_Y$$

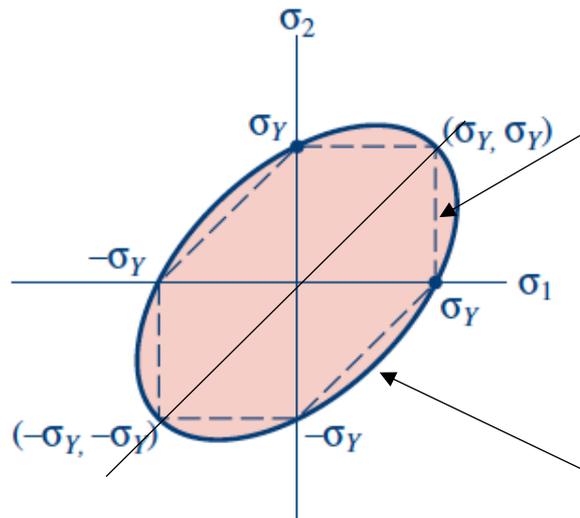
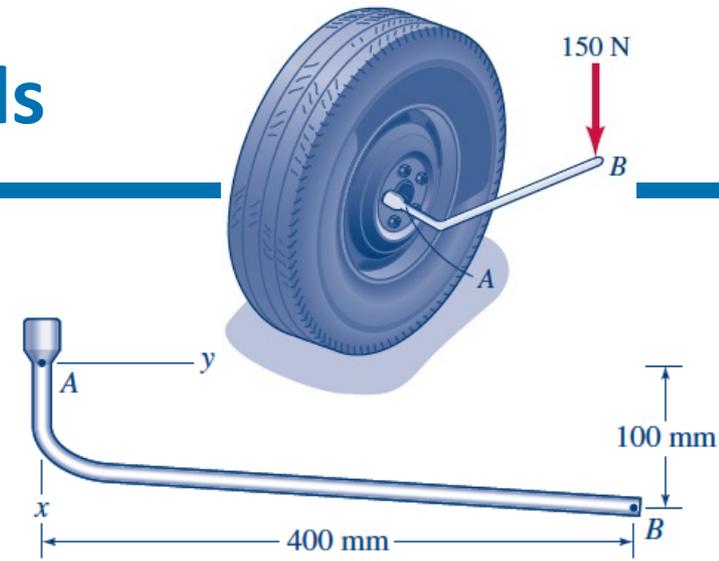
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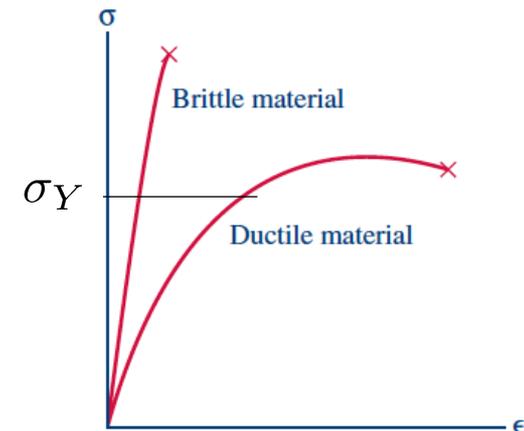
Problem 82:

Determine the principal stresses and the maximum shear stress at point A (i.e., the point on top of the wrench handle). The diameter of the circular cross section is 12.5 mm. **The material is ductile.** The yield stress is 300 MPa.



Maximum
shear
Stress
theory

Maximum
Distortion
Energy
theory



Failure theories

Any questions?