



## Plasticity

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## Equivalent Stresses

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- Maximum Shear Stress Theory (Tresca)
- Maximum Distortion Strain Energy Theory (v. Mises)
- Work-hardening
  - Isotropic Hardening
  - Kinematic Hardening
- Plastic Flow





## **Equivalent Stresses**

- As we have seen, stress states are described by tensors and mechanical testing only provides scalar mechanical properties.
- Hence, there is a need for hypotheses on how multiaxial stress states initiate failure. What is actually considered failure depends on the needs: it can be fracture, onset of plastic deformation, small plastic strain, necking, etc.
- Since the failure criterion cannot depend on the choice of the coordinate system by the observer, all following theories utilize scalar invariants of tensors, equivalent stresses σ<sub>V</sub>, in comparison to scalars σ<sub>c</sub> determined in mechanical tests!
- **Design criterion for parts is then**  $\sigma_V < \sigma_c$  and the **onset of failure** occurs **at**  $\sigma_V = \sigma_c$ .
- In general, any combination of invariants could be utilized for equivalent stress hypotheses but there are some which prevailed due to their physical basis.





- Normal stress theory is utilized for brittle materials. It is assumed that materials do not deform plastic and failure occurs by cleavage (normal stress induced fracture).
- In case that  $\sigma^{(1)}$ ,  $\sigma^{(2)}$  and  $\sigma^{(3)}$  are the principle stresses of a stress state  $\sigma_{ik}$ , maximum normal stress is given by the largest principle stress:  $\sigma_{V} = \max(|\sigma^{(1)}|, |\sigma^{(2)}|, |\sigma^{(3)}|)$ .
- The critical scalar from mechanical testing is the cleavage stress.
- In engineering, the principle stresses are typically assigned in an ordered way:  $\sigma^{(1)} > \sigma^{(2)} > \sigma^{(3)}$ .























- The maximum normal stress is a plane intersecting at  $\sigma_{\rm V} = \sigma^{(1)} = \sigma_{\rm c}$ .
- Strictly, cleavage under compression load is not possible.
- However, higher critical stresses for special types of fracture (shear compression fracture) are also sometimes assumed for compression load.



## **Maximum Shear Stress Theory (Tresca)**



- It became clear very early that metallic materials exhibit plastic deformation when exposed to shear loading.
- Maximum shear stress of a stress state corresponds to the maximum difference of the principle stress:  $\sigma_{V} = \max(|\sigma^{(1)} \sigma^{(2)}|, |\sigma^{(1)} \sigma^{(3)}|, |\sigma^{(2)} \sigma^{(3)}|).$
- The critical scalar from mechanical testing is the yield strength.



## **Maximum Shear Stress Theory (Tresca)**







# Max. Distortion Strain Energy Theory (v. Mises)



- It is assumed that the material exhibits plastic deformation once a critical distortion strain energy is achieved.
- In most cases, very good agreement is found for the onset of plastic deformation in metallic materials. Therefore, v. Mises criterion is the standard theory for design in mechanical engineering.

• The equivalent stress is as follows: 
$$\sigma_V = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \left( (\sigma^{(1)} - \sigma^{(2)})^2 + (\sigma^{(1)} - \sigma^{(3)})^2 + (\sigma^{(2)} - \sigma^{(3)})^2 \right) =$$

$$\int_{2}^{1} \left( (\sigma_{11} - \sigma_{22})^2 + (\sigma_{11} - \sigma_{33})^2 + (\sigma_{22} - \sigma_{33})^2 \right) + 3(\tau_{12}^2 + \tau_{23}^2 + \tau_{13}^2)$$

The critical scalar from mechanical testing is the yield strength.



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## Max. Distortion Strain Energy Theory (v. Mises)





## Comparison





This is the projection into the deviatoric plane (view along the hydrostatic straight line):  $\sigma^{(1)} + \sigma^{(2)} + \sigma^{(3)} = 0.$ 



## Comparison





For a plane stress state  $\sigma^{(3)} = 0$ , the projection becomes distorted.





## Hardening

- The aforementioned theories describe the onset of plasticity under complex, multiaxial loading conditions. All introduced theories describe isotropic onset of plasticity.
- As shown in Ch. 2, metallic materials exhibit a more or less pronounced work-hardening during plastic deformation. Hence, the critical value for onset of plasticity increases with increasing plastic strain. This has to be considered when materials are upset or in case of failure analysis.
- There are two fundamental possibilities of hardening which can be superimposed:
  - Isotropic: The hardening does not depend on the previous plastic deformation, the solid was exposed to. The yield surface increases isotropic in principle stress space.
  - Kinematic: The hardening depends on the direction of the plastic deformation, the solid was exposed to. The yield surface shifts in principle stress space.



## **Isotropic Hardening**









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## **Kinematic Hardening**







## **Plastic Flow**



- In the previous slides, criteria for the onset of plasticity under multiaxial stress states and principles for the hardening behavior were introduced: The questions of when the yield surface is reached and how it changes during plastic flow are described.
- In order to fully describe the macroscopic plastic deformation of materials, assumptions about the extent and direction of plastic strain release are necessary, so-called flow rules. This addresses the question how the solid deforms when the yield surface is reached.
- When plastic deformation is initiated, there is no biunique correlation of stress and strain anymore. Rather, the current state of the solid depends on the history of straining.
- Hence, most flow theories, utilize incremental description of plastic deformation:  $d\varepsilon_{ik}^{pl} = d\varepsilon_{ik}^{pl}(\sigma_{ik})$ .
- The plastic strain rate  $\frac{d\varepsilon_{ik}^{pl}}{dt} = \dot{\varepsilon}_{ik}^{pl}(\sigma_{ik})$  is usually used in order to avoid an entire differential description. In case of the by far mostly employed theories, associated flow, the direction of the plastic strain rate is perpendicular to the yield surface. The magnitude (plastic multiplier) depends on the respective theory.





## Summary

- Equivalent stress theories allow for the determination of the onset of plastic deformation under multiaxial stress states.
- Hardening rules allow for the description of changing yield surfaces due to multiple work-hardening processes over the course of plastic deformation.
- Flow rules describe the plastic flow initiated when yield surface is reached.

