

FAILURE CRITERIA HANDOUT

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Example 1)

An ASTM 30 cast iron has a minimum ultimate strength of 30 kpsi in tension and 100 kpsi in compression. Find the factor of safety if the cast iron is loaded as follows:

$$\sigma_x := 20 \text{ kpsi} \quad \sigma_y := -40$$

Note that we have a BRITTLE material where

$$S_{ut} := 30 \text{ kpsi} \quad S_{uc} := 100 \text{ kpsi} \quad S_{ut} \neq S_{uc}$$

Which will lead us to use the Mod. II Mohr theory.

$$0 \leq \sigma_1 \leq S_{ut} \quad -S_{uc} \leq \sigma_3 \leq S_{ut}$$

Through Mohr's circle analysis:

$$\sigma_1 := 20 \text{ kpsi} \quad \sigma_3 := -40 \text{ kpsi}$$

$$\frac{n \cdot \sigma_1}{S_{ut}} = 1 - \left(\frac{n \cdot \sigma_3 + S_{ut}}{-S_{uc} + S_{ut}} \right)^2$$

From this expression $n := 1.333$:

Example 2)

A T6 319 cast aluminum fixture is loaded as follows:

$$\sigma_x := 72 \text{ kpsi} \quad \sigma_y := 12 \text{ kpsi}$$

Note that we have a BRITTLE material where

$$S_{ut} := S_{uc} \quad S_{ut} := 36$$

Which will lead us to use the Maximum-Normal-Stress Hypothesis theory.

Through Mohr's circle analysis:

$$\sigma_1 := 72 \text{ kpsi} \quad \sigma_3 := 12 \text{ kpsi}$$

$$|\sigma_1| \geq |\sigma_3| \quad \text{Therefore} \quad n := \frac{S_{ut}}{\sigma_1}$$

From this expression: $n := 0.5$

Note that an $n < 1$ signifies failure of the component

Example 3)

This problem was taken from Shigley's Mechanical Engineering Design 5th Ed.

A hot-rolled bar of ductile material has a minimum yield strength in tension and compression of 44 kpsi. Find the factors of safety for each applicable theory of failure for the following stress states.

$$d) \sigma_x = 11 \text{ kpsi}, \sigma_y = 4 \text{ kpsi}, \tau_{xy} = 1 \text{ kpsi cw}$$

Note that we have a DUCTILE material where

$$S_{ut} := S_{uc} \quad S_{ut} := 36$$

Which will lead us to use the Distortion-Energy Hypothesis

Through Mohr's circle analysis:

$$\sigma_1 := 11.14 \text{ kpsi} \quad \sigma_2 := 3.85 \text{ kpsi} \quad \sigma_3 := 0$$

$$\sigma' := \sqrt{\frac{(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_3 - \sigma_1)^2}{2}}$$

$$\sigma' := 9.79 \text{ kpsi}$$

$$n := \frac{S_{ut}}{\sigma'}$$

$$\text{From this expression } n := 3.67$$

Example 4)

A ductile component with an ultimate compressive strength of 100 kpsi and an ultimate tensile strength of 50 kpsi is loaded as follows:

$$\sigma_x := 20 \text{ kpsi} \quad \sigma_y := -30 \text{ kpsi} \quad \tau_{xy} := 15$$

Note that we have a DUCTILE material where

$$S_{ut} \neq S_{uc}$$

Which will lead us to use the Coulomb Mohr Hypothesis.

Through Mohr's circle analysis:

$$\sigma_1 := 24.1 \text{ kpsi} \quad \sigma_2 := 0 \text{ kpsi}$$

Because $\sigma_1 > 0$ and $\sigma_3 < 0$ the material is in quadrant 3

Therefore n can be found from the equation

$$\frac{\sigma_1}{S_{ut}} - \frac{\sigma_3}{S_{uc}} := \frac{1}{n}$$

From this expression $n := 1.21$