

19. Principal Stresses

I Main Topics

A Cauchy's formula

B Principal stresses (eigenvectors and eigenvalues)

C Example

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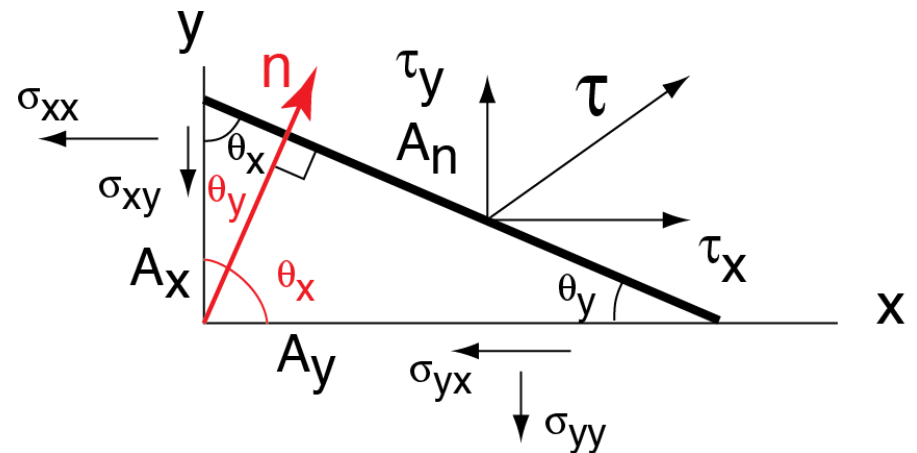
II Cauchy's formula

A Relates traction
(stress *vector*)
components to stress
tensor components in
the same reference
frame

B 2D and 3D
treatments analogous

C $\tau_i = \sigma_{ij} n_j = n_j \sigma_{ij} = n_j \sigma_{ji}$

Note: all stress components
shown are positive



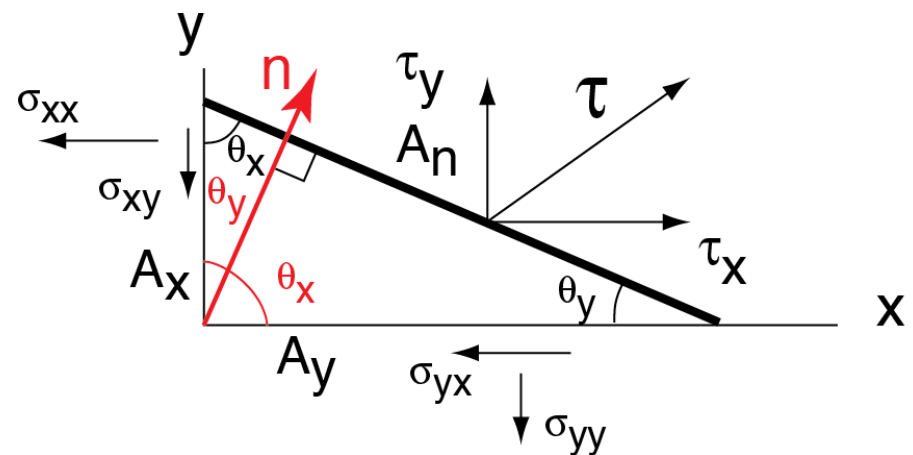
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II Cauchy's formula (cont.)

C $\tau_i = n_j \sigma_{ji}$

1 Meaning of terms

- a τ_i = traction component
- b n_j = direction cosine of angle between n-direction and j-direction
- c σ_{ji} = stress component
- d τ_i and σ_{ji} act *in* the same direction



$$n_j = \cos \theta_{nj} = a_{nj}$$

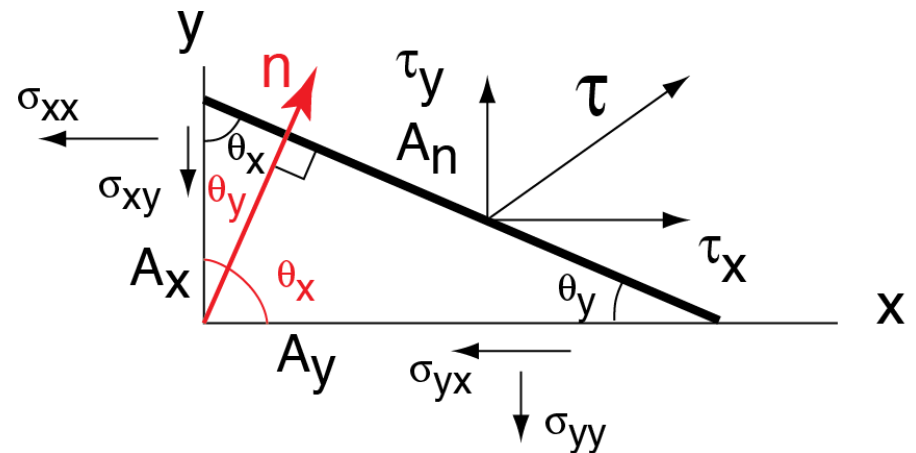
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II Cauchy's formula (cont.)

D Expansion (2D) of $\tau_i = n_j \sigma_{ji}$

$$1 \quad \tau_x = n_x \sigma_{xx} + n_y \sigma_{yx}$$

$$2 \quad \tau_y = n_x \sigma_{xy} + n_y \sigma_{yy}$$



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E Derivation:

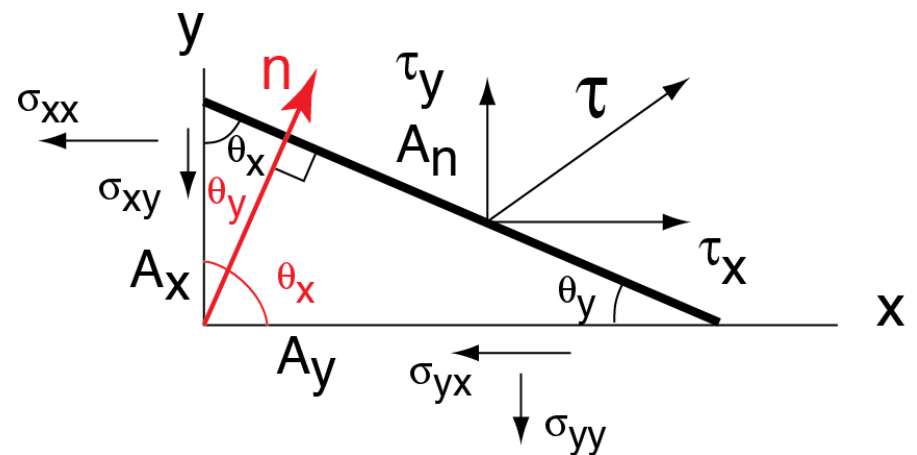
Note that all contributions must act in **x**-direction

Contributions to τ_x

$$1 \quad \tau_x = w^{(1)}\sigma_{xx} + w^{(2)}\sigma_{yx}$$

$$2 \quad \frac{F_x}{A_n} = \left(\frac{A_x}{A_n} \right) \frac{F_x^{(1)}}{A_x} + \left(\frac{A_y}{A_n} \right) \frac{F_x^{(2)}}{A_y}$$

$$3 \quad \tau_x = n_x \sigma_{xx} + n_y \sigma_{yx}$$



$$n_x = \cos\theta_{nx} = a_{nx}$$

$$n_y = \cos\theta_{ny} = a_{ny}$$

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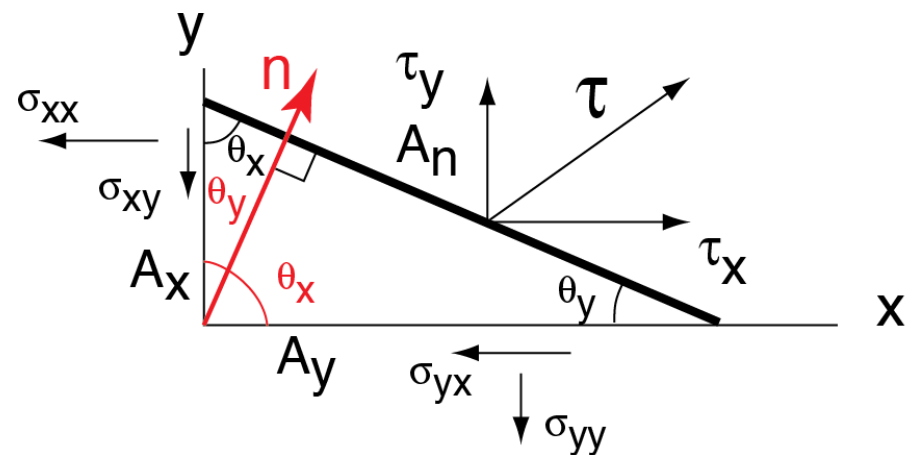
Note that all contributions must act in **y**-direction

Contributions to τ_y

$$1 \quad \tau_y = w^{(3)} \sigma_{xy} + w^{(4)} \sigma_{yy}$$

$$2 \quad \frac{F_y}{A_n} = \left(\frac{A_x}{A_n} \right) \frac{F_y^{(3)}}{A_x} + \left(\frac{A_y}{A_n} \right) \frac{F_y^{(4)}}{A_y}$$

$$3 \quad \tau_y = n_x \sigma_{xy} + n_y \sigma_{yy}$$



$$n_x = \cos \theta_{nx} = a_{nx}$$

$$n_y = \cos \theta_{ny} = a_{ny}$$

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F Alternative forms

1 $\tau_i = n_j \sigma_{ji}$

2 $\tau_i = \sigma_{ji} n_j$

3 $\tau_i = \sigma_{ij} n_j$

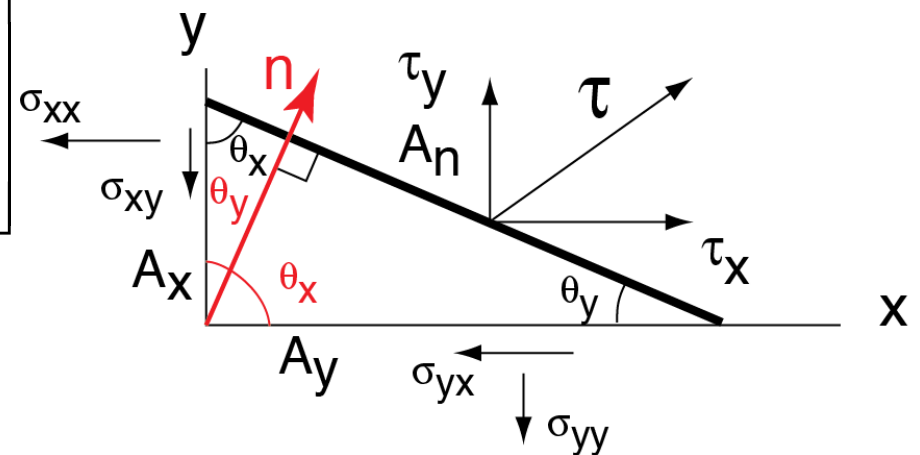
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$$\begin{bmatrix} \tau_x \\ \tau_y \\ \tau_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{xx} & \sigma_{yx} & \sigma_{zx} \\ \sigma_{xy} & \sigma_{yy} & \sigma_{zy} \\ \sigma_{xz} & \sigma_{yz} & \sigma_{zz} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} n_x \\ n_y \\ n_z \end{bmatrix}$$

5 Matlab

a $t = s' * n$

b $t = s * n$

6 Note that the stress matrix (tensor) transforms the normal vector to the plane (\mathbf{n}) to the traction vector acting on the plane ($\boldsymbol{\tau}$)



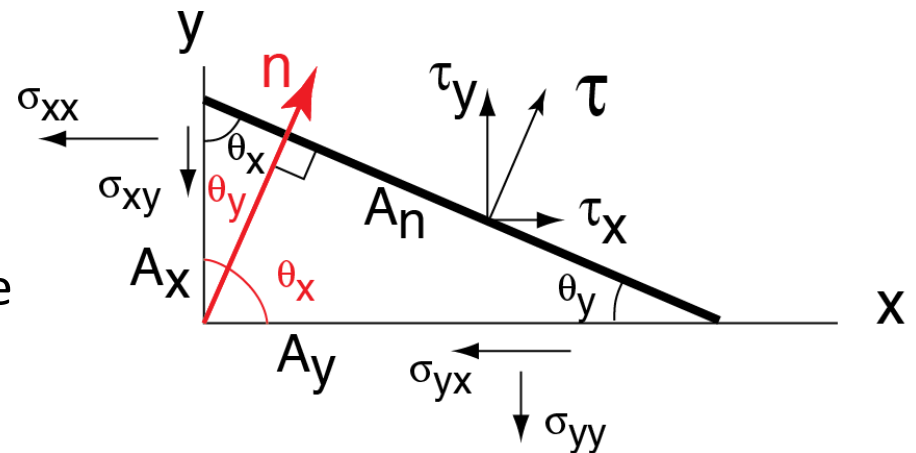
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- A Now we seek (a) the orientation of the unit normal (given by n_x and n_y) to any special plane where the associated traction vector is perpendicular (normal) to that plane, and (b) the magnitude (λ) of that traction vector.
- B These traction vectors have no shear component and hence correspond to the principal stresses.
- C The orientations of the special traction vectors are called eigenvectors, and the magnitudes of these special traction vectors are called eigenvalues.
- D An eigenvector points in the same direction as the normal to the plane, so the transformation of the normal vector to the traction vector by Cauchy's formula does not involve a rotation.

Note that the traction vector below parallels the normal vector to the plane



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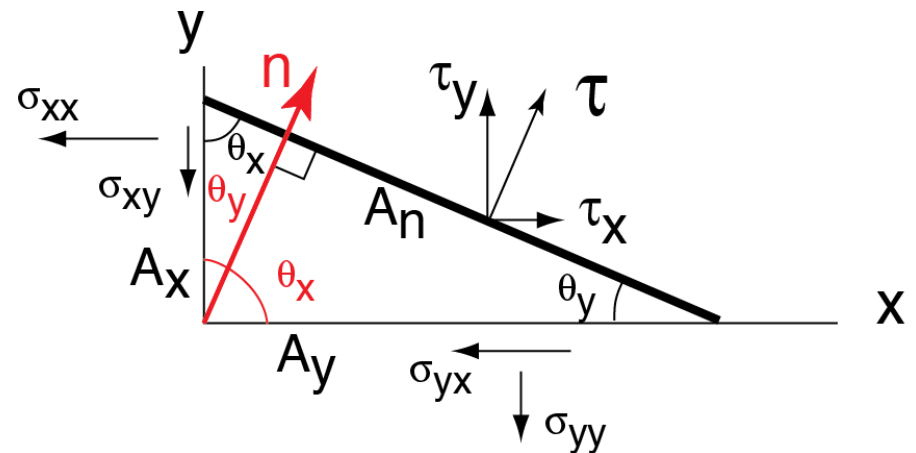
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E The x- and y- components of such a principal traction vector are obtained by projecting the vector onto the x- and y- axes:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tau_x \\ \tau_y \end{bmatrix} = |\vec{\tau}| \begin{bmatrix} n_x \\ n_y \end{bmatrix}$$

Since the magnitude of the eigenvector is a scalar, both the normal to the plane and the eigenvector point in the same direction.



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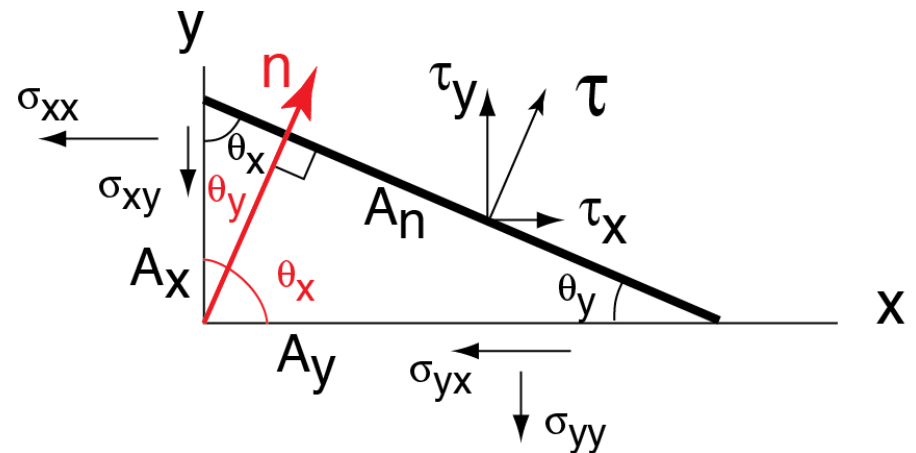
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$$\text{F} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \tau_x \\ \tau_y \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\left| \vec{\tau} \right|}_{\lambda} \begin{bmatrix} n_x \\ n_y \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Let } \lambda = \left| \vec{\tau} \right|$$

$$\text{G} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \tau_x \\ \tau_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{xx} & \sigma_{yx} \\ \sigma_{xy} & \sigma_{yy} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} n_x \\ n_y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{H} \quad \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{xx} & \sigma_{yx} \\ \sigma_{xy} & \sigma_{yy} \end{bmatrix}}_{[A]} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} n_x \\ n_y \end{bmatrix}}_{[X]} = \underbrace{\lambda}_{\lambda} \begin{bmatrix} n_x \\ n_y \end{bmatrix}$$



The form of (H) is $[A][X] = \lambda[X]$, and $[\sigma]$ is symmetric

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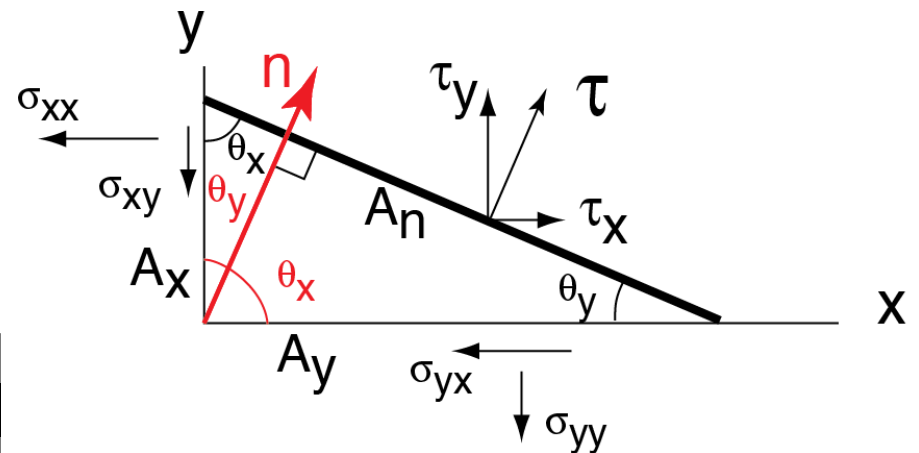
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Subtract the right side from both sides

$$I \quad \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{xx} - T & \sigma_{yx} - 0 \\ \sigma_{xy} - 0 & \sigma_{yy} - T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} n_x \\ n_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

or

$$J \quad [\sigma - IT][n] = [0] \quad , \text{ where } [I] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Now, a brief interlude to show how to solve analytically for the eigenvalues in 2D

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From previous notes

III Determinant (cont.)

D Geometric meanings of the real matrix equation $AX = B = 0$

1 $|A| \neq 0$;

a $[A]^{-1}$ exists

b Describes two lines (or 3 planes) that intersect at the origin

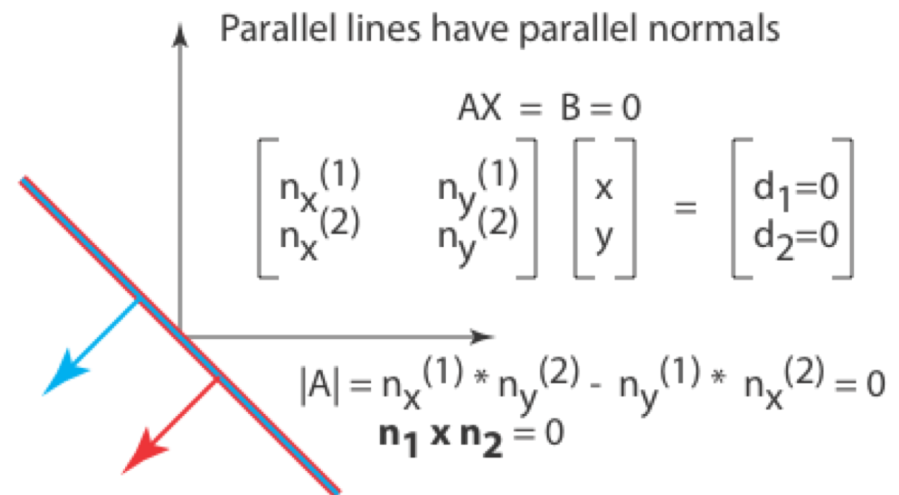
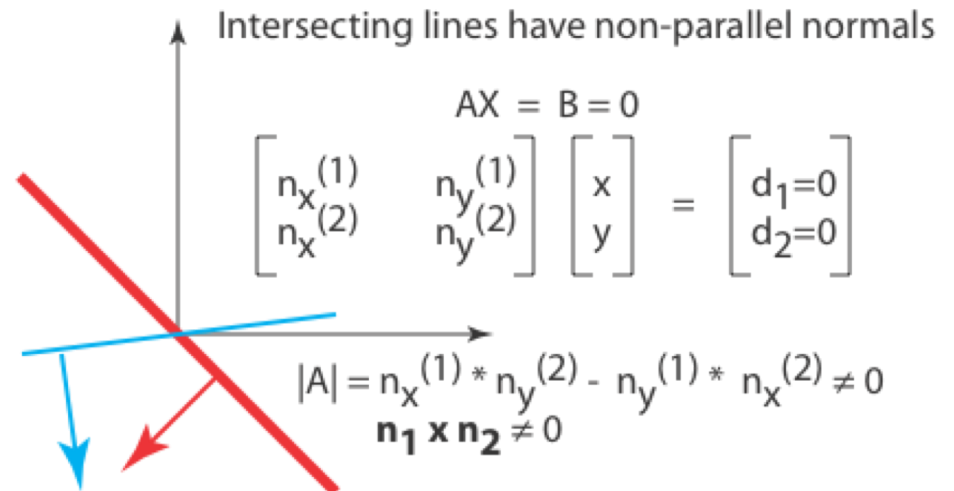
c X has a unique solution

2 $|A| = 0$;

a $[A]^{-1}$ does not exist

b Describes two co-linear lines that pass through the origin (or three planes that intersect a line or plane through the origin)

c X has no unique solution



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III Eigenvalue problems, eigenvectors and eigenvalues (cont.)

E Alternative form of an eigenvalue equation

→ 1 $[A][X] = \lambda[X]$

Subtracting $\lambda[IX] = \lambda[X]$ from both sides yields:

→ 2 $[A - I\lambda][X] = 0$ (same form as $[\mathcal{A}][X] = 0$)

F Solution conditions and connections with determinants

1 Unique trivial solution of $[X] = 0$ if and only if $|A - I\lambda| \neq 0$

→ 2 Eigenvector solutions ($[X] \neq 0$) if and only if $|A - I\lambda| = 0$

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→ G Characteristic equation: $|A - I\lambda| = 0$

1 Eigenvalues of a **symmetric** 2x2 matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & d \end{bmatrix}$$

a
$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = \frac{(a+d) \pm \sqrt{(a+d)^2 - 4(ad-b^2)}}{2}$$

b
$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = \frac{(a+d) \pm \sqrt{(a+2ad+d)^2 - 4ad + 4b^2}}{2}$$

c
$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = \frac{(a+d) \pm \sqrt{(a-2ad+d)^2 + 4b^2}}{2}$$

d
$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = \frac{(a+d) \pm \sqrt{(a-d)^2 + 4b^2}}{2}$$

Radical term
cannot be
negative.
Eigenvalues are
real.

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VI Solutions for symmetric matrices (cont.)

→ B Any distinct eigenvectors ($\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2$) of a symmetric $n \times n$ matrix are perpendicular ($\mathbf{X}_1 \bullet \mathbf{X}_2 = 0$)

$$1a \quad A\mathbf{X}_1 = \lambda_1 \mathbf{X}_1$$

$$1b \quad A\mathbf{X}_2 = \lambda_2 \mathbf{X}_2$$

$A\mathbf{X}_1$ parallels \mathbf{X}_1 , $A\mathbf{X}_2$ parallels \mathbf{X}_2 (property of eigenvectors)

Dotting $A\mathbf{X}_1$ by \mathbf{X}_2 and $A\mathbf{X}_2$ by \mathbf{X}_1 can test whether \mathbf{X}_1 and \mathbf{X}_2 are orthogonal.

$$2a \quad \mathbf{X}_2 \bullet A\mathbf{X}_1 = \mathbf{X}_2 \bullet \lambda_1 \mathbf{X}_1 = \lambda_1 (\mathbf{X}_2 \bullet \mathbf{X}_1)$$

$$2b \quad \mathbf{X}_1 \bullet A\mathbf{X}_2 = \mathbf{X}_1 \bullet \lambda_2 \mathbf{X}_2 = \lambda_2 (\mathbf{X}_1 \bullet \mathbf{X}_2)$$

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If $A=A^T$, then the left sides of (2a) and (2b) are equal:

$$\begin{aligned} 3 \quad \mathbf{X}_2 \bullet A\mathbf{X}_1 &= A\mathbf{X}_1 \bullet \mathbf{X}_2 = [A\mathbf{X}_1]^T [\mathbf{X}_2] = [[\mathbf{X}_1]^T [A]^T] [\mathbf{X}_2] \\ &= [\mathbf{X}_1]^T [A] [\mathbf{X}_2] = [\mathbf{X}_1]^T [A] [\mathbf{X}_2] = \mathbf{X}_1 \bullet A\mathbf{X}_2 \end{aligned}$$

Since the left sides of (2a) and (2b) are equal, the right sides must be equal too. Hence,


$$4 \quad \lambda_1 (\mathbf{X}_2 \bullet \mathbf{X}_1) = \lambda_2 (\mathbf{X}_1 \bullet \mathbf{X}_2)$$

Now subtract the right side of (4) from the left

$$5 \quad (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)(\mathbf{X}_2 \bullet \mathbf{X}_1) = 0$$

- The eigenvalues generally are different, so $\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 \neq 0$.

- This means for (5) to hold that $\mathbf{X}_2 \bullet \mathbf{X}_1 = 0$.



- Therefore, the eigenvectors $(\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2)$ of a symmetric 2x2 matrix are perpendicular

End of brief interlude

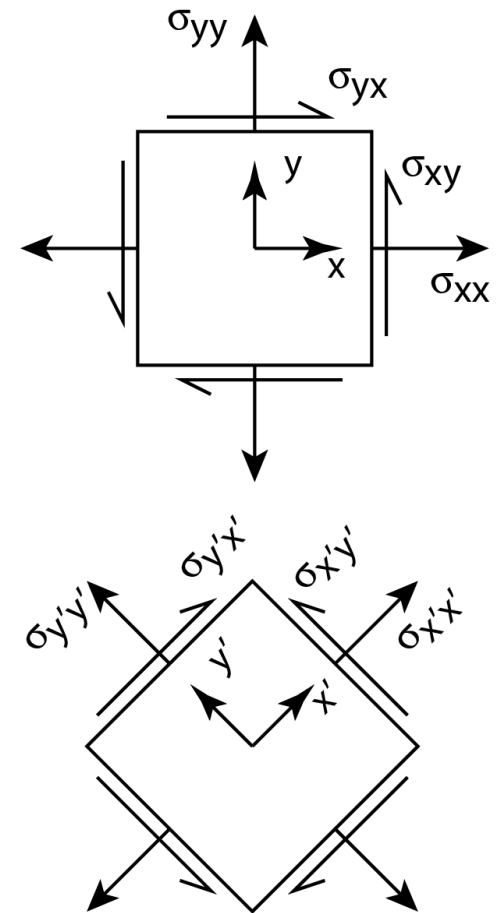
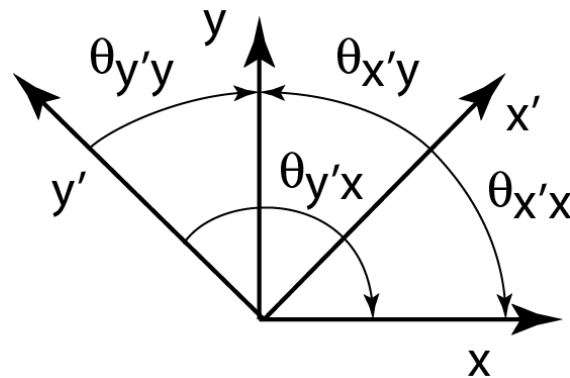
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IV Example

Find the principal stresses

given $\sigma_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{xx} = -4MPa & \sigma_{xy} = -4MPa \\ \sigma_{yx} = -4MPa & \sigma_{yy} = -4MPa \end{bmatrix}$

$$\theta_{x'x} = -45^\circ, \theta_{x'y} = 45^\circ, \theta_{y'x} = -135^\circ, \theta_{y'y} = -45^\circ$$



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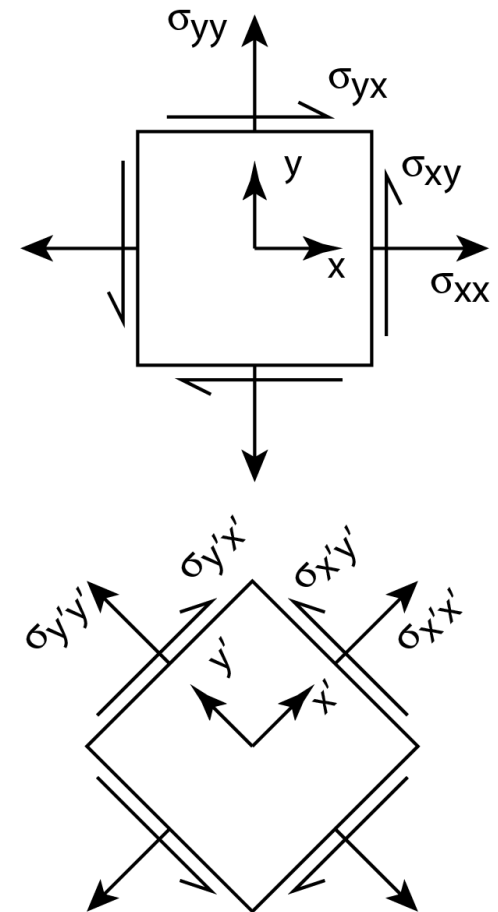
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$$\sigma_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{xx} = -4 \text{ MPa} & \sigma_{xy} = -4 \text{ MPa} \\ \sigma_{yx} = -4 \text{ MPa} & \sigma_{yy} = -4 \text{ MPa} \end{bmatrix}$$

First find eigenvalues

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = \frac{(\sigma_{xx} + \sigma_{yy}) \pm \sqrt{(\sigma_{xx} - \sigma_{yy})^2 + 4\sigma_{xy}^2}}{2}$$

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = -4 \text{ MPa} \pm \frac{\sqrt{64}}{2} \text{ MPa} = 0 \text{ MPa}, -8 \text{ MPa}$$



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$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = -4MPa \pm \frac{\sqrt{64}}{2} MPa = 0MPa, -8MPa$$

Then solve for eigenvectors (the dimensions of stress are unnecessary below and are dropped)

$$\text{For } \lambda_1 = 0: \begin{bmatrix} -4-0 & -4 \\ -4 & -4-0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} n_x \\ n_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} -4n_x - 4n_y &= 0 \Rightarrow n_x = -n_y \\ -4n_x - 4n_y &= 0 \Rightarrow n_x = -n_y \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{For } \lambda_2 = -8: \begin{bmatrix} -4-(-8) & -4 \\ -4 & -4-(-8) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} n_x \\ n_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} 4n_x - 4n_y &= 0 \Rightarrow n_x = n_y \\ -4n_x + 4n_y &= 0 \Rightarrow n_x = n_y \end{aligned}$$

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Eigenvalues

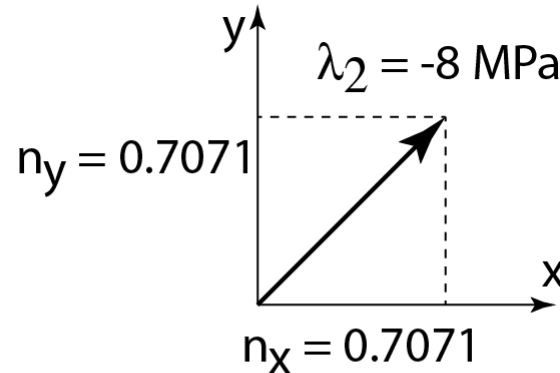
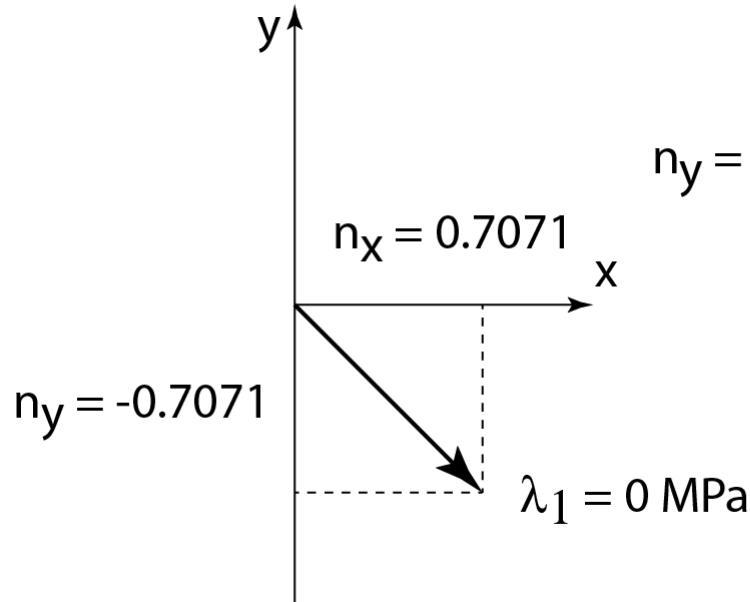
$$\lambda_1 = 0 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\lambda_2 = -8 \text{ MPa}$$

Eigenvectors

$$n_x = -n_y$$

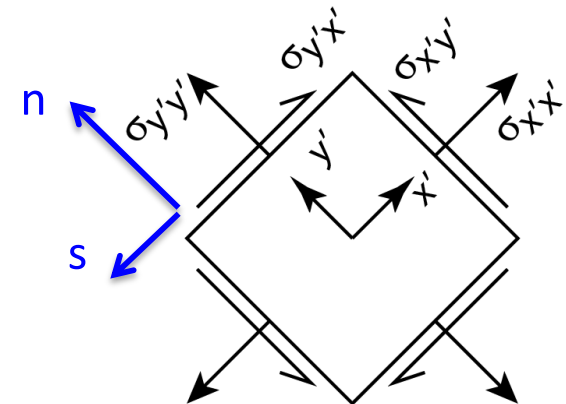
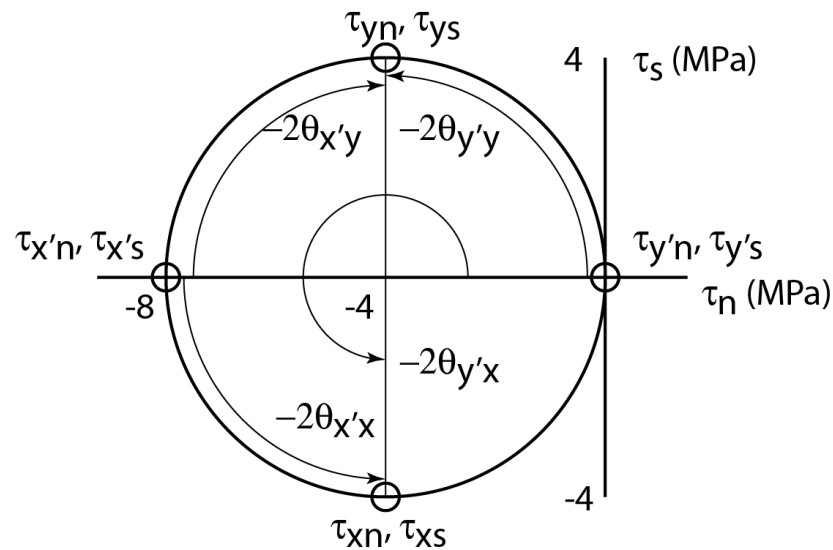
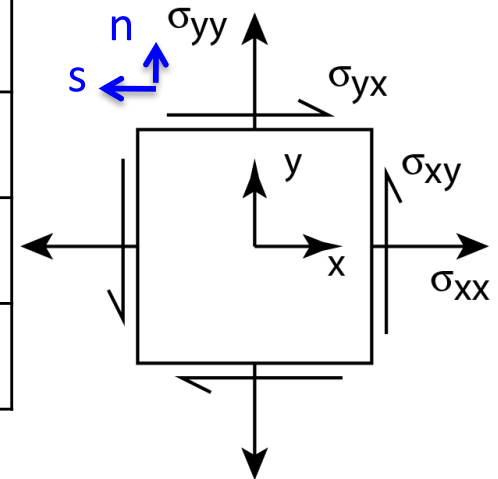
$$n_x = n_y$$



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IV Example (values in MPa)

$\sigma_{xx} = -4$	$\tau_{xn} = -4$	$\sigma_{x'x'} = -8$	$\tau_{x'n} = -8$
$\sigma_{xy} = -4$	$\tau_{xs} = -4$	$\sigma_{x'y'} = 0$	$\tau_{x's} = 0$
$\sigma_{yx} = -4$	$\tau_{ys} = +4$	$\sigma_{y'x'} = 0$	$\tau_{y's} = +0$
$\sigma_{yy} = -4$	$\tau_{yn} = -4$	$\sigma_{y'y'} = 0$	$\tau_{y'n} = 0$



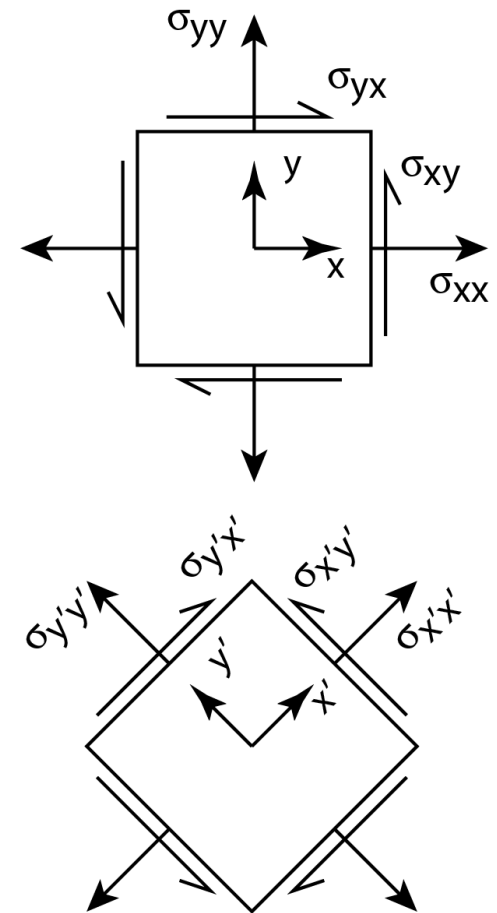
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IV Example Matrix form

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{x'x'} & \sigma_{x'y'} \\ \sigma_{y'x'} & \sigma_{y'y'} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{x'x} & a_{x'y} \\ a_{y'x} & a_{y'y} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{xx} & \sigma_{xy} \\ \sigma_{yx} & \sigma_{yy} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{x'x} & a_{x'y} \\ a_{y'x} & a_{y'y} \end{bmatrix}^T$$

$$[\sigma_{i'j'}] = [a][\sigma_{ij}][a]^T$$

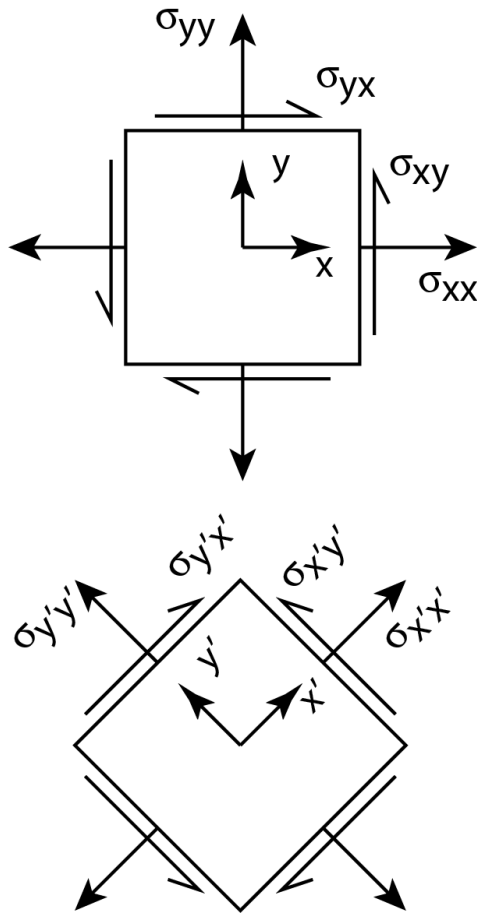
This expression is valid in 2D and 3D!



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Matrix form/Matlab



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>> sij = [-4 -4;-4 -4]
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sij =
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-4 -4
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-4 -4
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>> [vec,val]=eig(sij)
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vec =
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0.7071	-0.7071
0.7071	0.7071

Eigenvectors
(in columns)

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val =
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-8	0
0	0

Corresponding
eigenvalues
(in columns)