

## Lecture 8: Mohr circle & failure

logistics: - HW2 graded → outline

- HW3 due

Last time: - Extremal values of normal & shear stress

→ constrained optimization

to find normal to planes

1) Normal stress → eigenvalue problem

$$(\underline{\underline{\sigma}} - \sigma_i \underline{\underline{I}}) \underline{\underline{n}}_i = 0$$

→  $\sigma_i$  principal stresses  $\sigma_{ij}$

→  $\underline{\underline{v}}_i$  principal directions

$$\underline{\underline{\sigma}} = \sum_{i=1}^3 \sigma_i \underline{\underline{n}}_i \otimes \underline{\underline{n}}_i$$

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2) Shear stress

min:  $\tau = 0$  on  $s = \pm \underline{\underline{n}}_i$

max:  $\tau_{23} = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)$  on  $s = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\pm \underline{\underline{n}}_2 \pm \underline{\underline{n}}_3)$

$\tau_{13} = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_1 - \sigma_3)$  on  $s = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\pm \underline{\underline{n}}_1 \pm \underline{\underline{n}}_3)$

$\tau_{22} = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)$  on  $s = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\pm \underline{\underline{n}}_1 \pm \underline{\underline{n}}_2)$

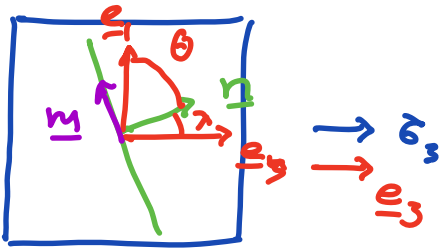
Today: Stress representation in Mohr circle  
 Failure criteria  
 Geological example

## Mohr circle

graphical display of normal & shear stresses

Look at 2D case

$\underline{e}_1 \uparrow \downarrow \underline{\sigma}_1$



$\theta$  is angle between  $\underline{e}_1$  &  $\underline{n}$

$\lambda$  is angle between  $\underline{e}_3$  &  $\underline{n}$

$$\lambda + \theta = \frac{\pi}{2} (90^\circ) \quad \lambda = \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta$$

$$\underline{n} = n_1 \underline{e}_1 + n_3 \underline{e}_3$$

$$n_1 = \underline{n} \cdot \underline{e}_1 = |\underline{n}| |\underline{e}_1| \cos \theta = \cos \theta$$

$$n_3 = \underline{n} \cdot \underline{e}_3 = \sin \theta$$

$$\underline{n} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ 0 \\ \sin \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{m} \cdot \underline{n} = 0$$

$$\underline{m} = \begin{pmatrix} -\sin \theta \\ 0 \\ \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

Stress in principal form

$$\underline{\underline{\sigma}} = \sigma_1 \underline{e}_1 \otimes \underline{e}_1 + \sigma_2 \underline{e}_2 \otimes \underline{e}_2 + \sigma_3 \underline{e}_3 \otimes \underline{e}_3$$

traction:  $\underline{t}_n = \underline{\underline{\sigma}} \underline{n} = \sigma_1 \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \underline{n} \cdot \underline{e}_1}}{\cos \theta} \underline{e}_1 + \sigma_3 \sin \theta \underline{e}_3$

normal stress:  $\sigma_n = \underline{n} \cdot \underline{t}_n = \sigma_1 \cos^2 \theta + \sigma_3 \sin^2 \theta$

use  $\cos^2 \theta = \frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{2}$       $\sin^2 \theta = \frac{1 - \cos 2\theta}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_n = \frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_3}{2} + \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3}{2} \cos(2\theta)$$

shear stress:  $\tau = \underline{m} \cdot \underline{t}_n = (\sigma_1 - \sigma_3) \sin \theta \cos \theta$

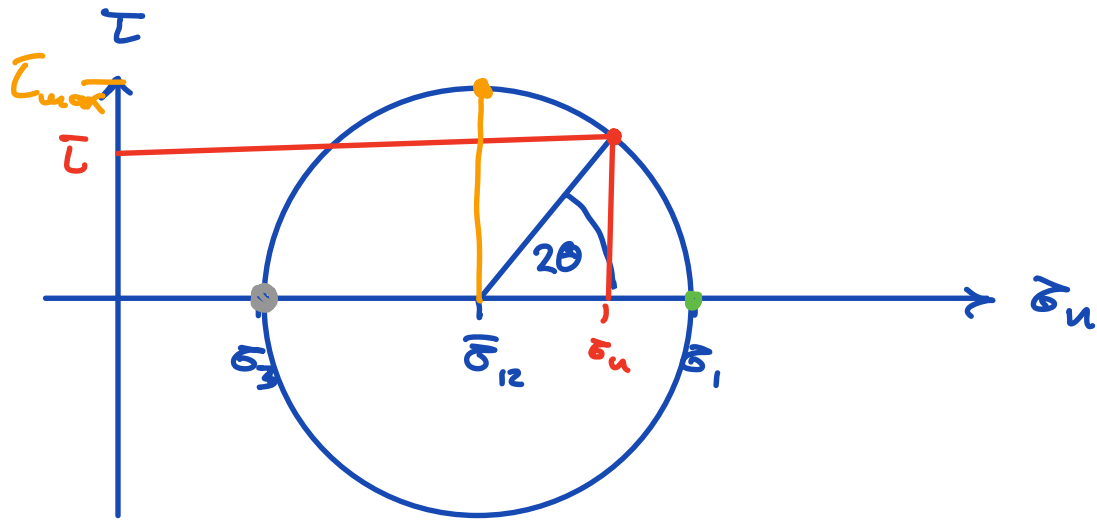
use  $2 \sin \theta \cos \theta = \sin 2\theta$

$$\Rightarrow \tau = \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3}{2} \sin 2\theta$$

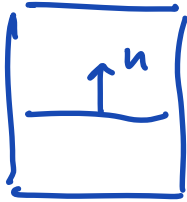
Eqs for circle in  $\sigma_n \tau$  with center

$(\frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_3}{2}, 0)$  with radius  $\frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3}{2}$

Note:  $\bar{\sigma}_{13} = \frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_3}{2}$       $\tau_{max} = \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3}{2}$

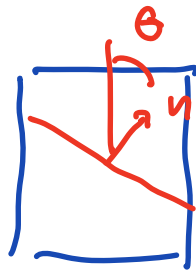


$$\theta = 0$$



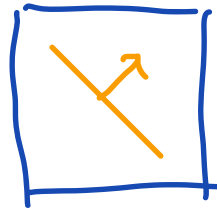
$$\sigma_u = \sigma_1$$

$$\tau = 0$$



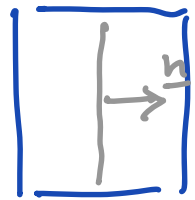
$$\sigma_3 < \sigma_u < \sigma_1$$

$$\tau > 0$$



$$\sigma_u = \bar{\sigma}_{1,3}$$

$$\tau = \tau_{max}$$



$$\sigma_u = \sigma_3$$

$$\tau = 0$$

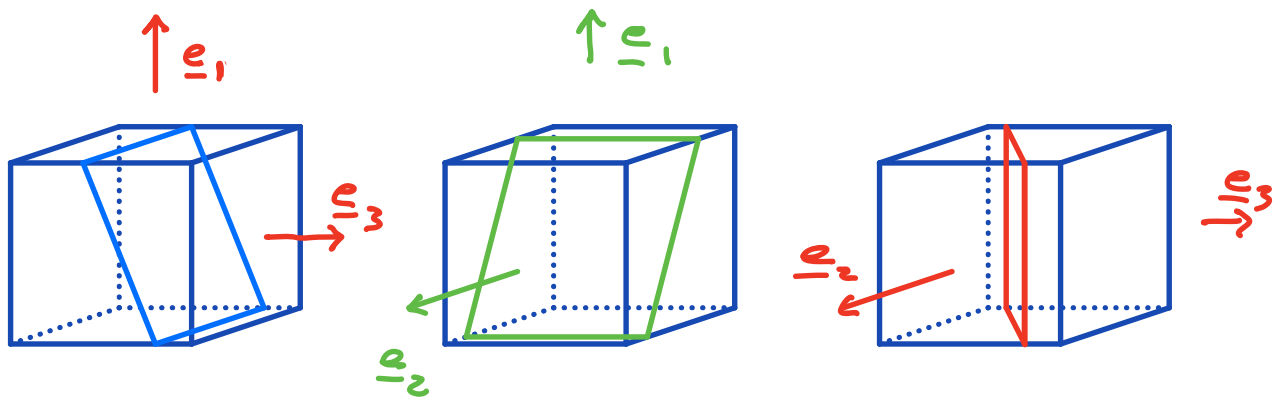
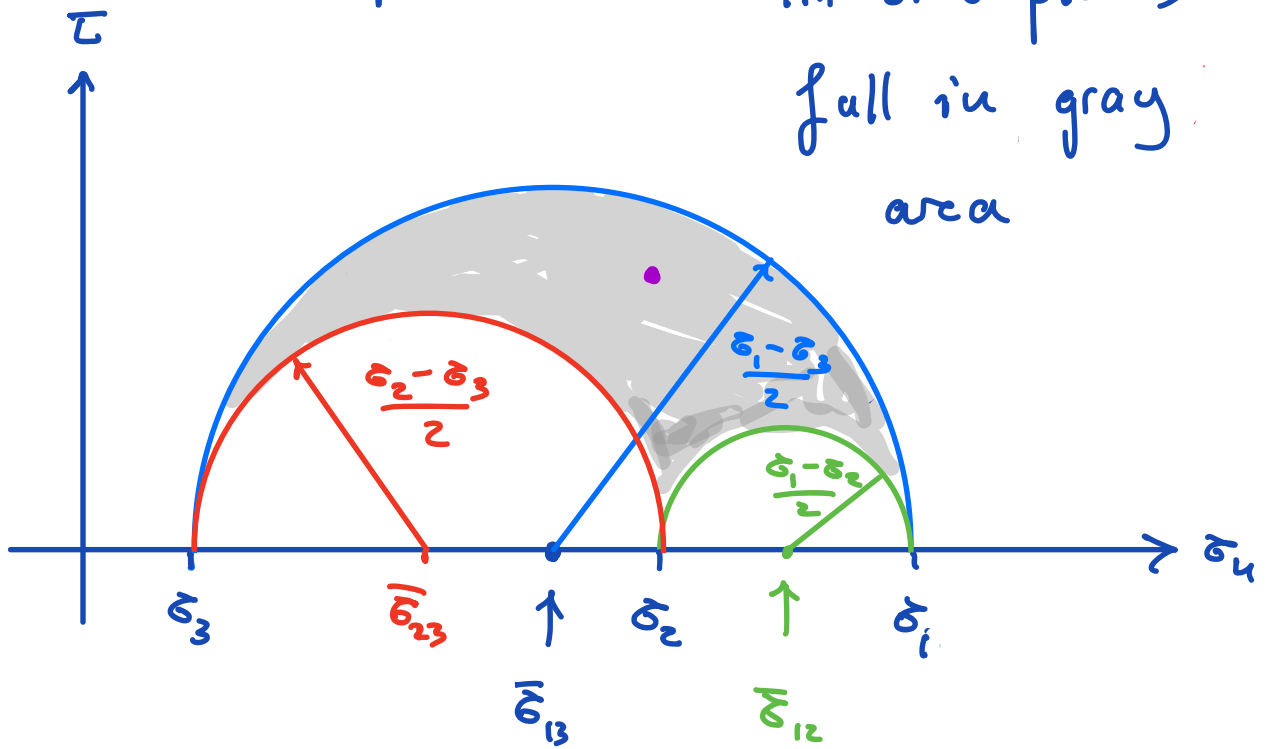
⇒ this for plane that is parallel  
to  $e_2$

# Mohr circle in 3D

Repeat these arguments for planes parallel to  $\underline{e}_1$  or  $\underline{e}_3$ .

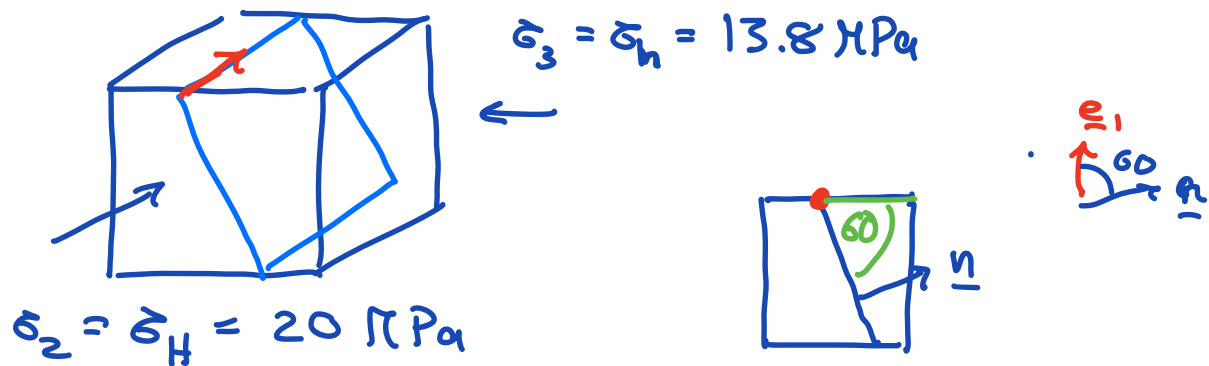
⇒ Two additional circles for the  $\sigma_n$  &  $\tau$  on those planes.

All other planes fall in gray area



Example: Normal & Shear stress on a fault  
(N. Espinoza)

$$\sigma_1 = \sigma_v = 23 \text{ MPa}$$



Fault orientation:

strike: azimuth  $0^\circ$

dip:  $60^\circ$



Note: Neglect pore pressure

mean stress:  $\bar{\sigma}_{13} = \frac{23 + 13.8}{2} = 18.4 \text{ MPa}$

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3}{2} = 4.6 \text{ MPa}$$

normal stress:  $\sigma_n = \bar{\sigma}_{13} + \tau_{\max} \cos(2 \cdot 60^\circ) = 16.1 \text{ MPa}$

shear stress:  $\tau = \tau_{\max} \sin(2 \cdot 60^\circ) = 4.0 \text{ MPa}$

More general way  $\rightarrow$  change of basis tensor  
 $\rightarrow$  switch to cubes

## Failure criteria for shear fracture



most common type of failure

$\Rightarrow$  empirical criteria

### I Tresca criterion

Fracture occurs if  $\tau_{\max} = \tau_{13} = \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3}{2}$   
reaches the shear yield strength  $\sigma_y$

$$|\tau_{\max}| = \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3}{2} = \sigma_y$$

Note: Not affected by mean stress

$\Rightarrow$  predicts conjugate shear planes  
at  $45^\circ$  to principal dir.

## II Coulomb criterion

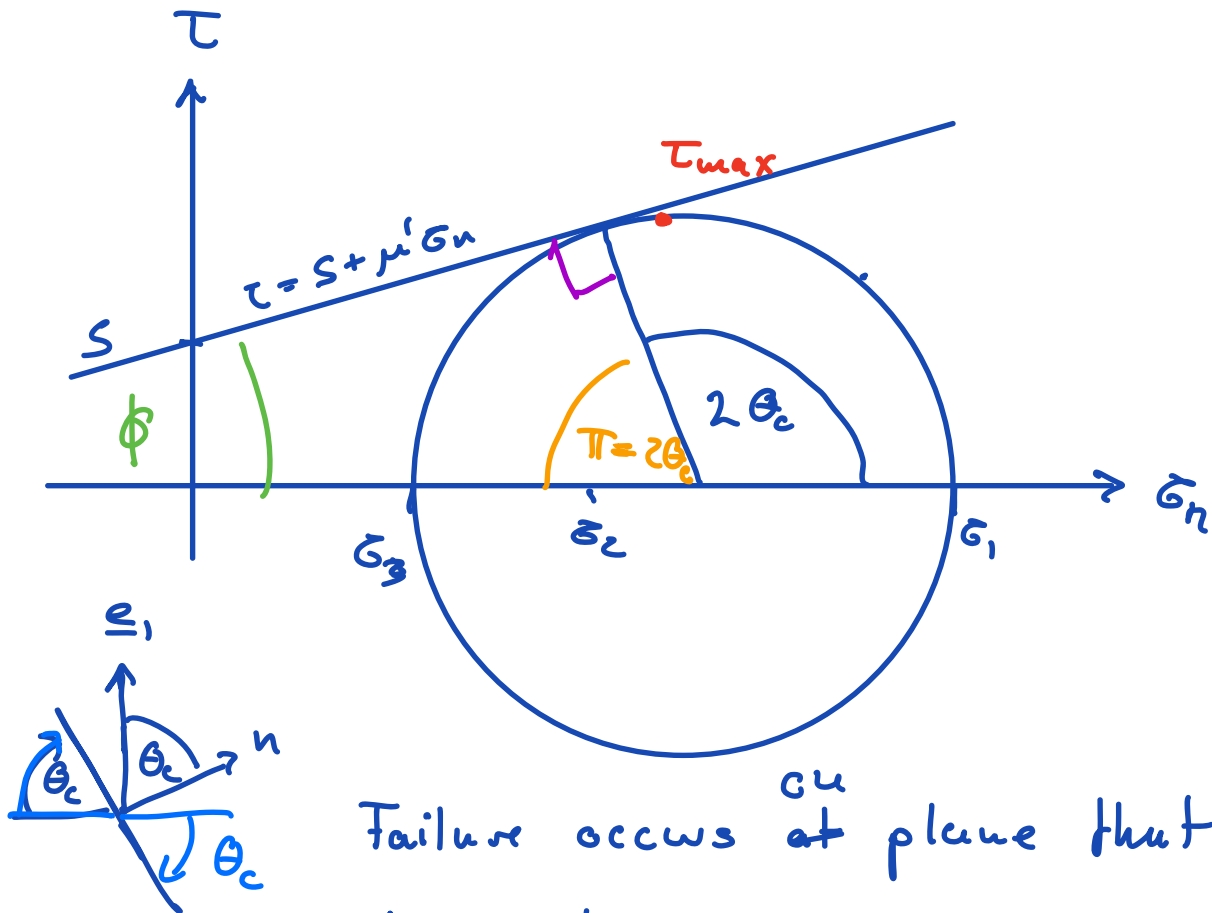
Fracture depends on both mag. shear stress and the normal stress

$$|\tau| = s + \mu' \sigma_n$$

$s$  = cohesion strength  $\sim 10 - 100 \text{ MPa}$

$\mu' = \tan \phi$  internal friction  $\sim 0.6$

$\phi = 30^\circ$  angle of internal friction



Failure occurs at plane that does not experience  $\tau_{max}$



$$\phi - \frac{\pi}{2} + (\pi - 2\theta_c) = \pi$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta_c = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\phi}{2} = 60^\circ$$

$45^\circ \quad 15^\circ$

