

## Lecture 10: Mohr Circle

- Logistics:
- HW 1 will update resubmissions soon
  - HW 2 now have 6/7 thank you
  - HW 3 4/7 please submit
  - HW 4 posted later today

Last time: Extremal Stress values

⇒ constrained optimization problem

- normal stresses ⇒  $(\underline{\underline{\sigma}} - \lambda \underline{\underline{I}}) \underline{\underline{v}} = \underline{\underline{0}}$

eigenvalues  $\lambda_p = \sigma_p$  extremal normal stresses

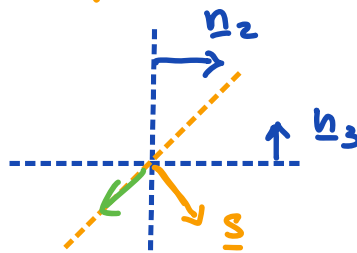
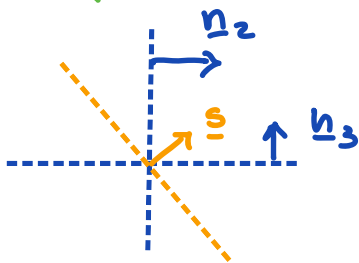
Note we assume:  $\sigma_1 > \sigma_2 > \sigma_3 \geq 0$

$\underline{\underline{v}}_p$  are normals to associated planes

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

$$\underline{\underline{s}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\underline{\underline{n}}_2 + \underline{\underline{n}}_3)$$

$$\underline{\underline{s}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\underline{\underline{n}}_2 - \underline{\underline{n}}_3)$$



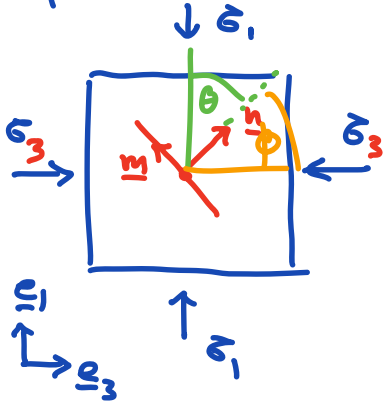
Today: - Mohr circle

- Computing stress on fault

## Mohr circle

graphical way to display normal & shear stresses on all planes.

### 2D case



$\theta$  is angle between  $\underline{n} \cdot \underline{e}_1 = \cos \theta$

$\phi$  is angle between  $\underline{n} \cdot \underline{e}_3 = \cos \phi$

$$\phi + \theta = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \phi = \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta$$

$$\underline{n} = n_1 \underline{e}_1 + n_3 \underline{e}_3 \quad n_2 = 0$$

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

$$n_3 = \underline{n} \cdot \underline{e}_3 = \cos \phi = \cos(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta) = \sin \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{n} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{m} = \begin{pmatrix} -\sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

Stress in principal frame:

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

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

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

we  $\cos^2 \theta = \frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{2}$

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

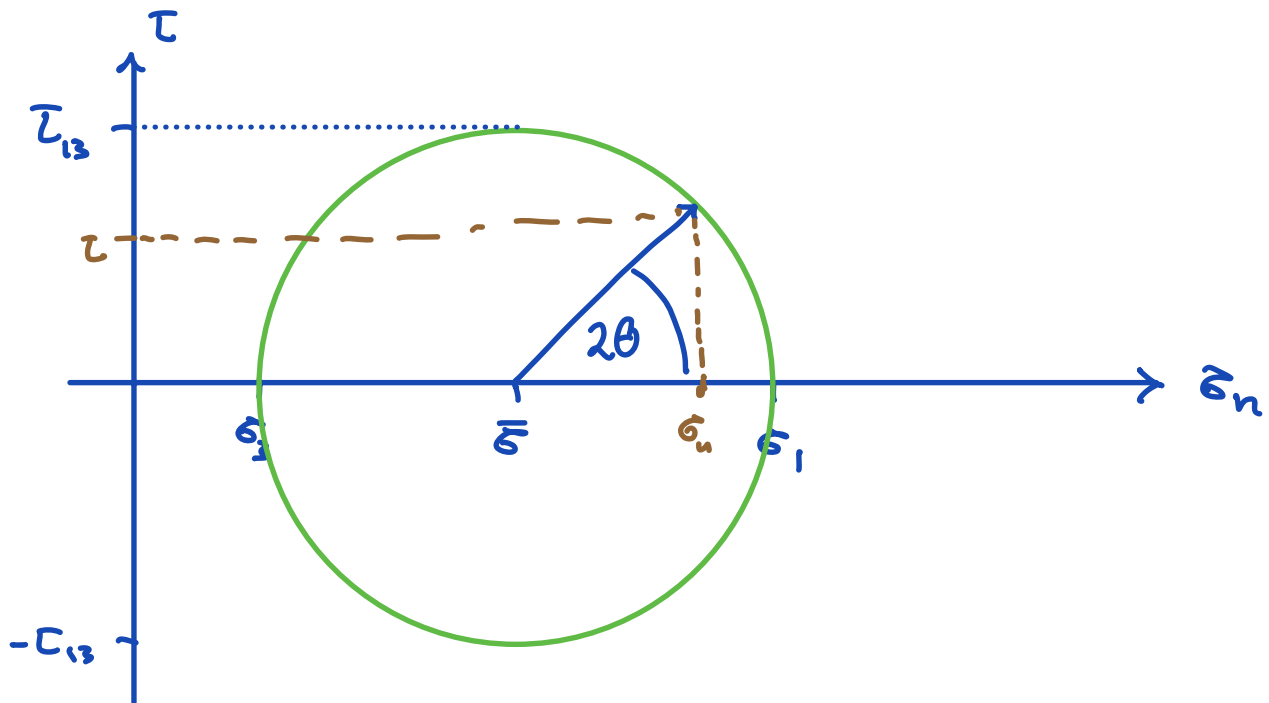
$\Rightarrow \sigma_n = \frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_3}{2} + \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3}{2} \cos 2\theta$

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

we  $2 \sin \theta \cos \theta = \sin(2\theta)$

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

Together these equations for a circle  
in  $\tau\sigma_n$ -space with radius  $R = \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3}{2}$   
and center  $\left( \frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_3}{2}, 0 \right)$

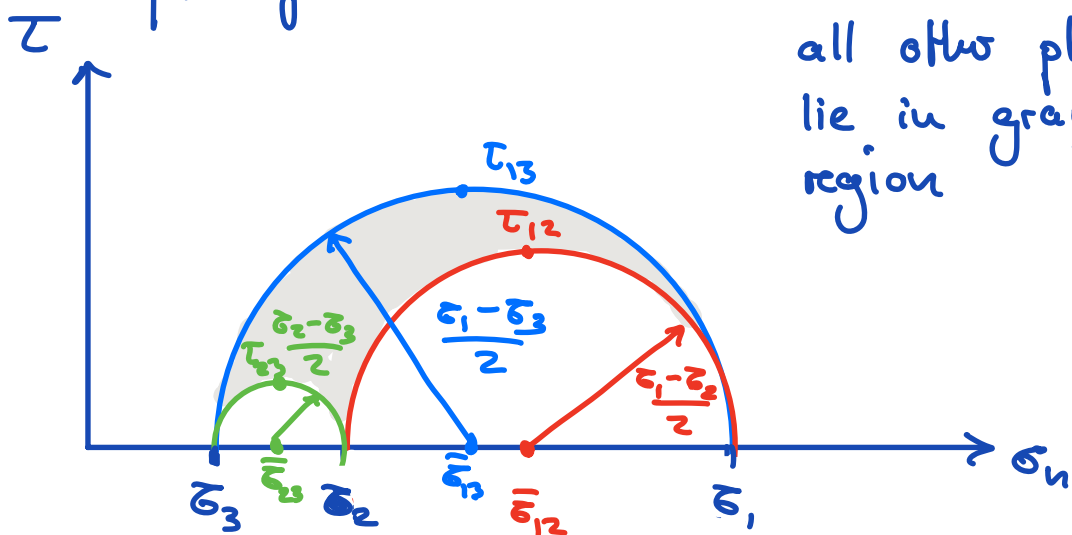


$\Rightarrow$  plane parallel to  $\underline{e}_2$

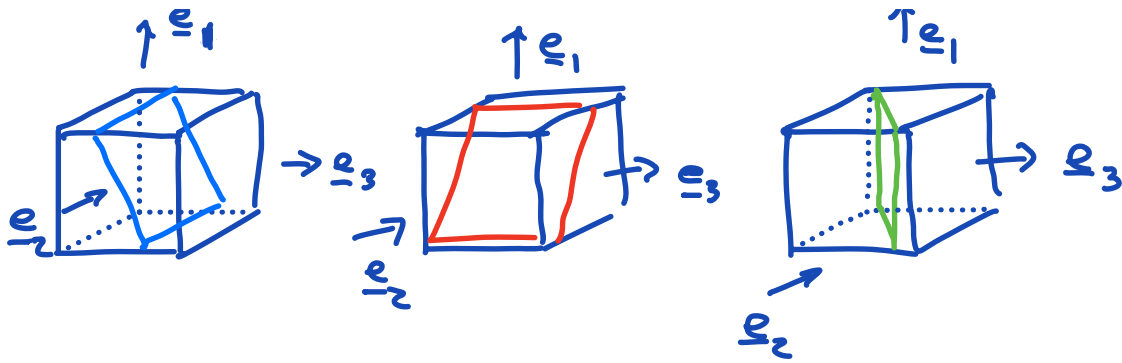
### Mohr circles in 3D

Repeat argument for planes parallel to  $\underline{e}_1$  &  $\underline{e}_3$

$\Rightarrow$  eqns for 2 circles

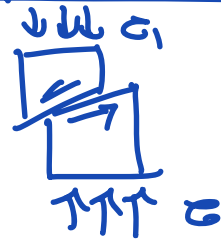


all other planes  
lie in gray shaded  
region



## Failure criteria for shear fracture

most common type of  
brittle failure



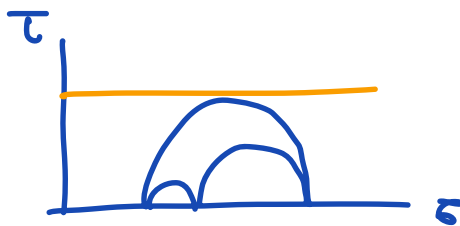
Empirical criteria for shear failure

### I) Tresca criterion

Fracture occurs when max shear stress

$\tau_{max} = \tau_{13}$  reaches the shear strength  $\sigma_y$

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



not affected by  
mean stress or intermediate stress

## II Coulomb criterion

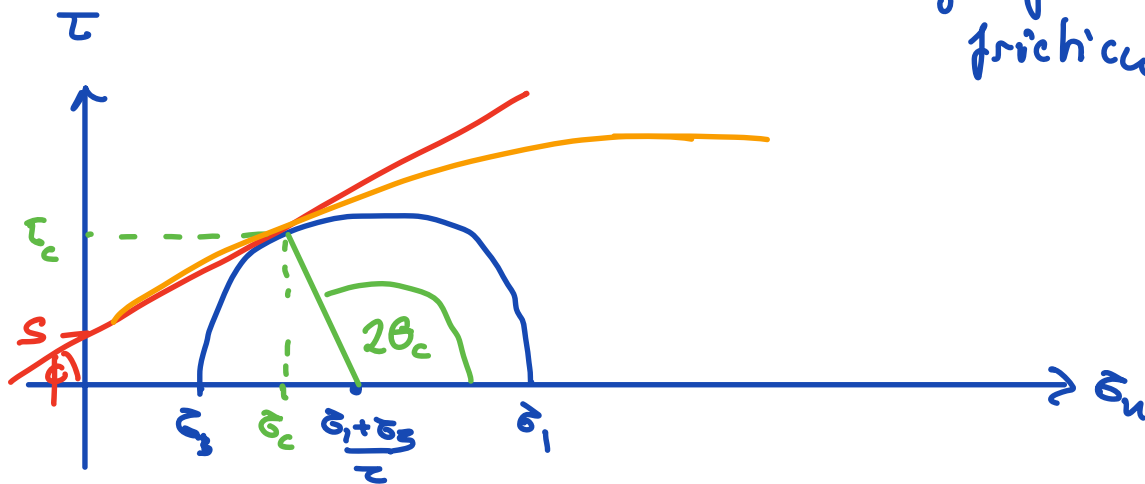
Fracture depends on both mag. of shear and normal stress

$$\tau_c = S + \mu' \sigma_n$$

$S$  = cohesive strength

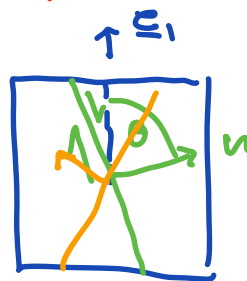
$\mu' = \tan \phi \approx 0.6$  internal friction

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



failure occurs  $\tau_c < \tau_{max}$

$$\theta_c \sim 60^\circ$$



## Byerlee's law

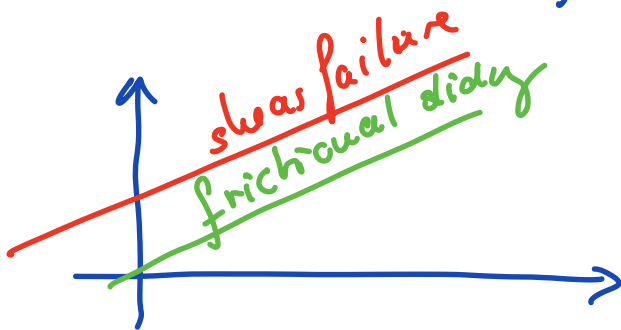
criterion for frictional sliding on fault

$$|\tau| = S_0 + \mu_0 \sigma_n$$

$S_0$  = cohesion of fault  $\sim 1-10 \text{ MPa}$

$\mu_0$  = coefficient of friction

$\sim 0.5-0.8$



Strength of brittle rocks is determined by frictional sliding