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# **Steady Load Failure Theories**

## **Lecture 5**

**Engineering 473**

**Machine Design**



# Steady Load Failure Theories

Ductile  
Materials

- Maximum-Normal-Stress
- Maximum-Normal-Strain
- Maximum-Shear-Stress
- Distortion-Energy
  - Shear-Energy
  - Von Mises-Hencky
  - Octahedral-Shear-Stress
- Internal-Friction
- Fracture Mechanics

Brittle  
Materials

Uniaxial  
Stress/Strain  
Field

Multiaxial  
Stress/Strain  
Field

Many theories have been put forth – some agree reasonably well with test data, some do not.

# The Maximum-Normal-Stress Theory

**Postulate:** Failure occurs when one of the three principal stresses equals the strength.

$\sigma_1$ ,  $\sigma_2$ , and  $\sigma_3$  are  
principal stresses

$$\sigma_1 > \sigma_2 > \sigma_3$$

**Failure occurs when either**

$$\sigma_1 = S_t \quad \text{Tension}$$

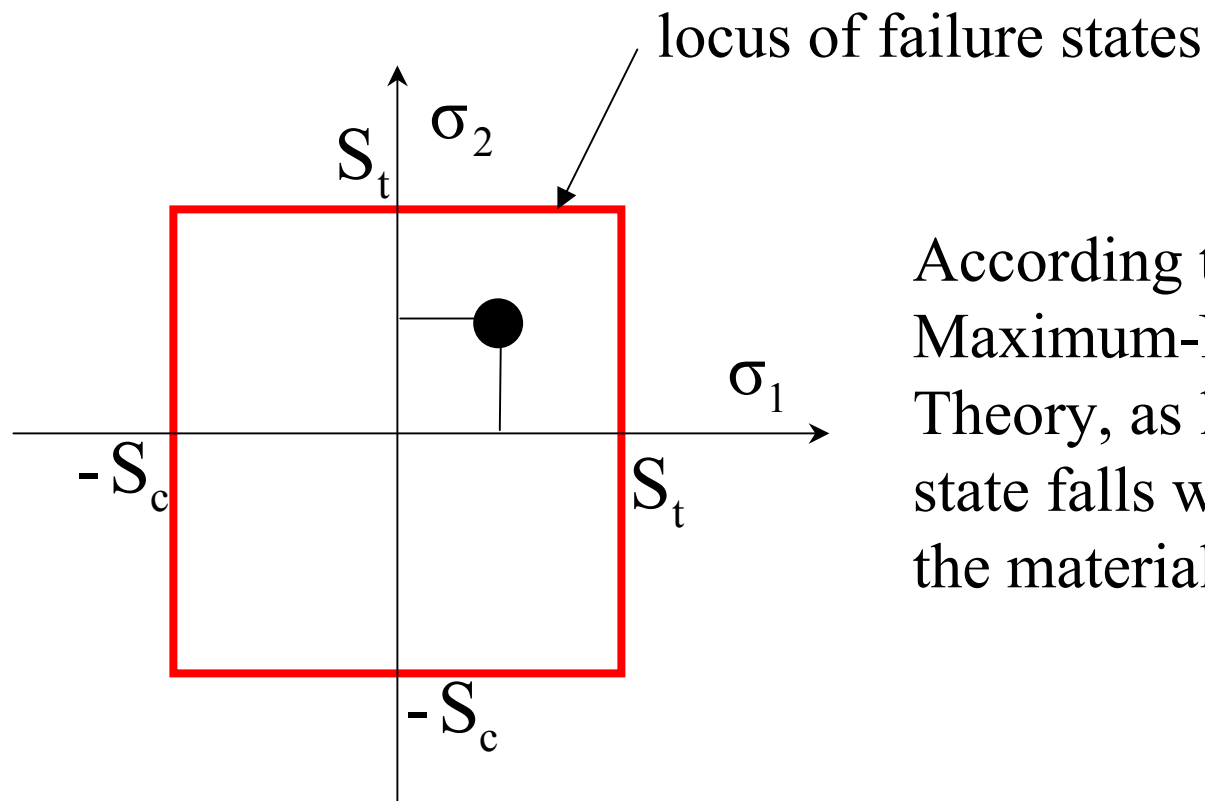
$$\sigma_3 = -S_c \quad \text{Compression}$$

$S_t \equiv$  Strength in Tension

$S_c \equiv$  Strength in Compression

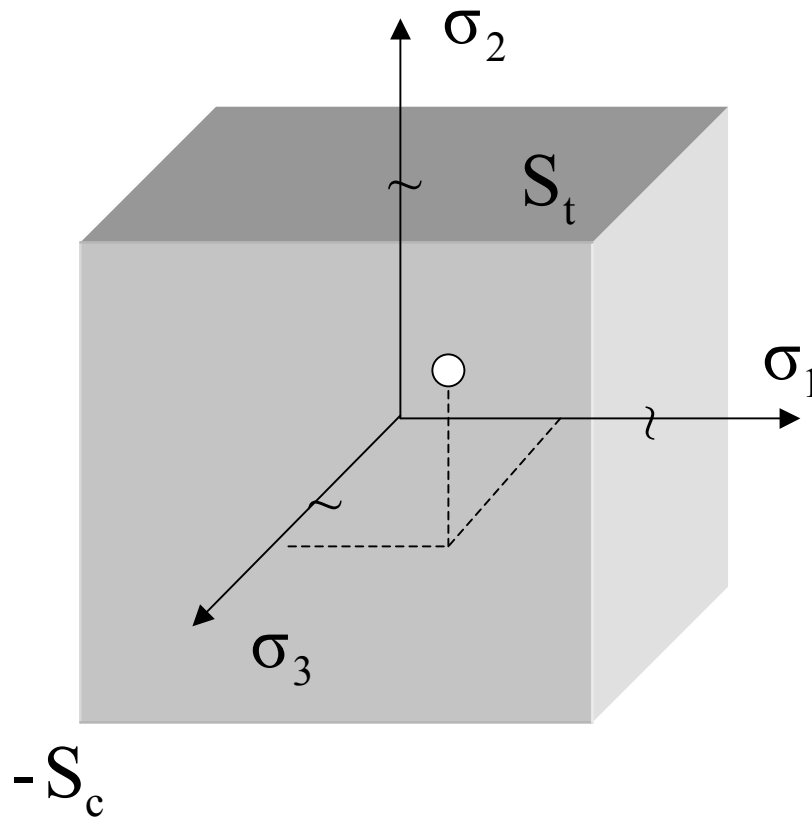
# Maximum-Normal-Stress Failure Surface

(Biaxial Condition)



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# Maximum-Normal-Stress Failure Surface (Three-dimensional Case)



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# The Maximum-Normal-Strain Theory

## (Saint-Venant's Theory)

**Postulate:** Yielding occurs when the largest of the three principal strains becomes equal to the strain corresponding to the yield strength.

$$E\varepsilon_1 = \sigma_1 - \nu(\sigma_2 + \sigma_3) = \pm S_y$$

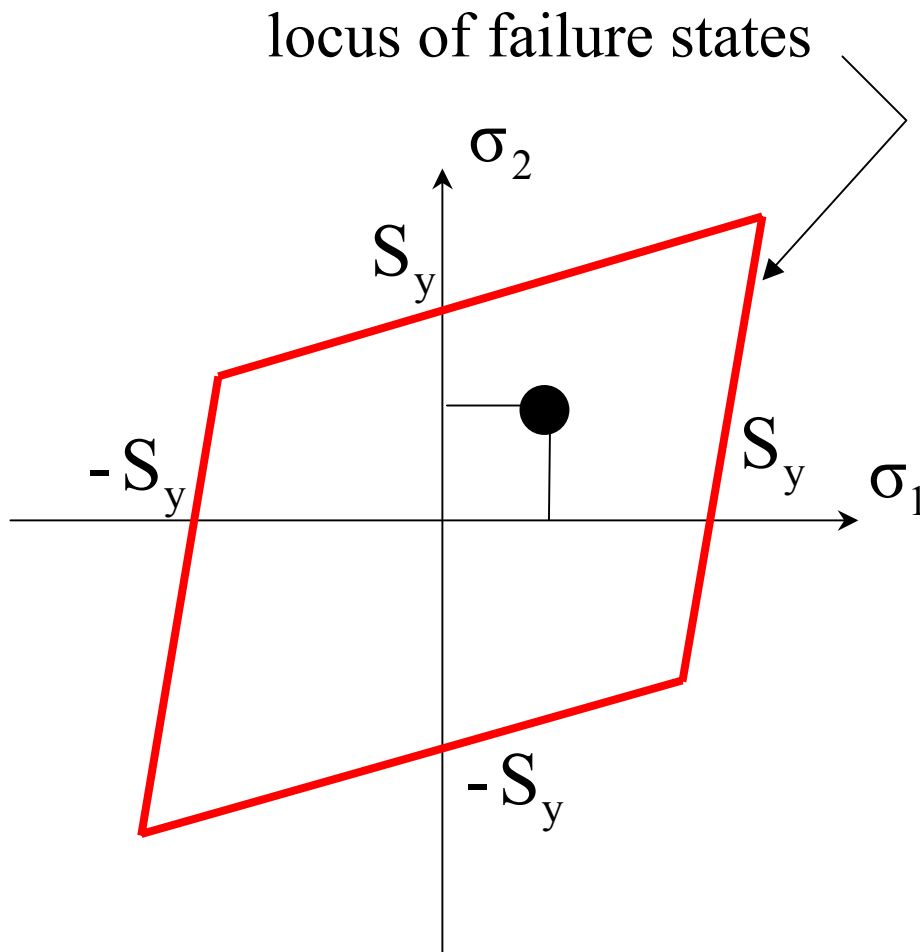
$$E\varepsilon_2 = \sigma_2 - \nu(\sigma_1 + \sigma_3) = \pm S_y$$

$$E\varepsilon_3 = \sigma_3 - \nu(\sigma_1 + \sigma_2) = \pm S_y$$

$E \equiv$  Young's Modulus

$\nu \equiv$  Poisson's Ratio

# Maximum-Normal-Strain Theory (Biaxial Condition)



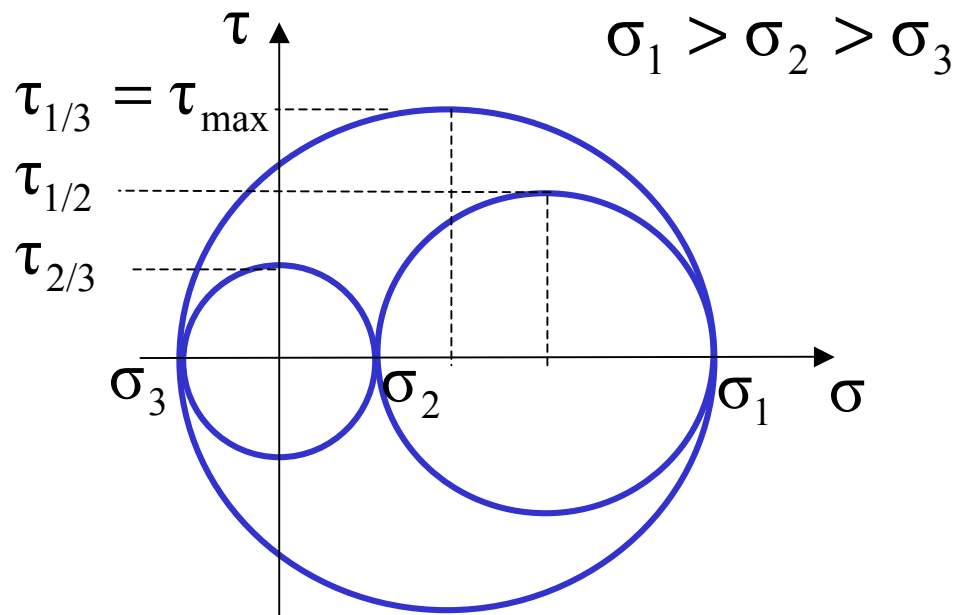
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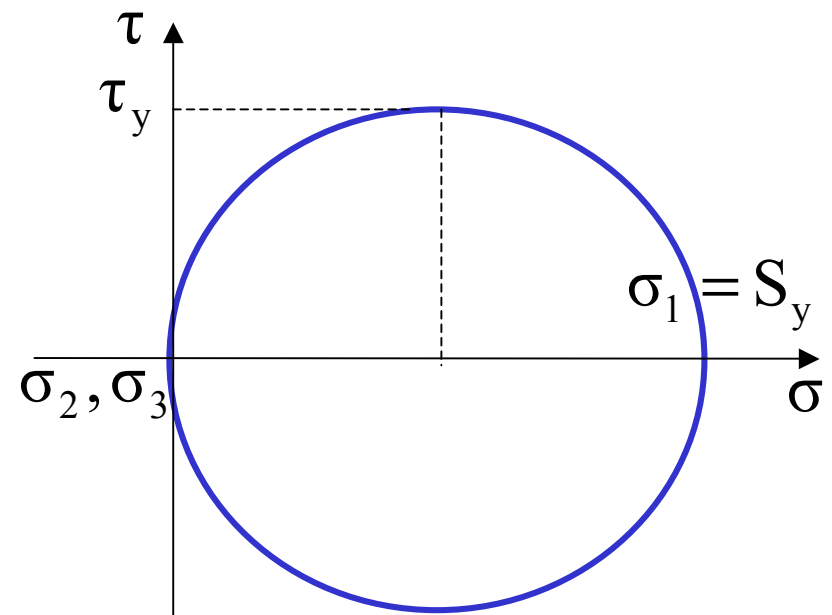
As long as the stress state falls within the polygon, the material will not yield.

# Maximum-Shear-Stress Theory (Tresca Criterion)

**Postulate:** Yielding begins whenever the maximum shear stress in a part becomes equal to the maximum shear stress in a tension test specimen that begins to yield.



**Stress State in Part**



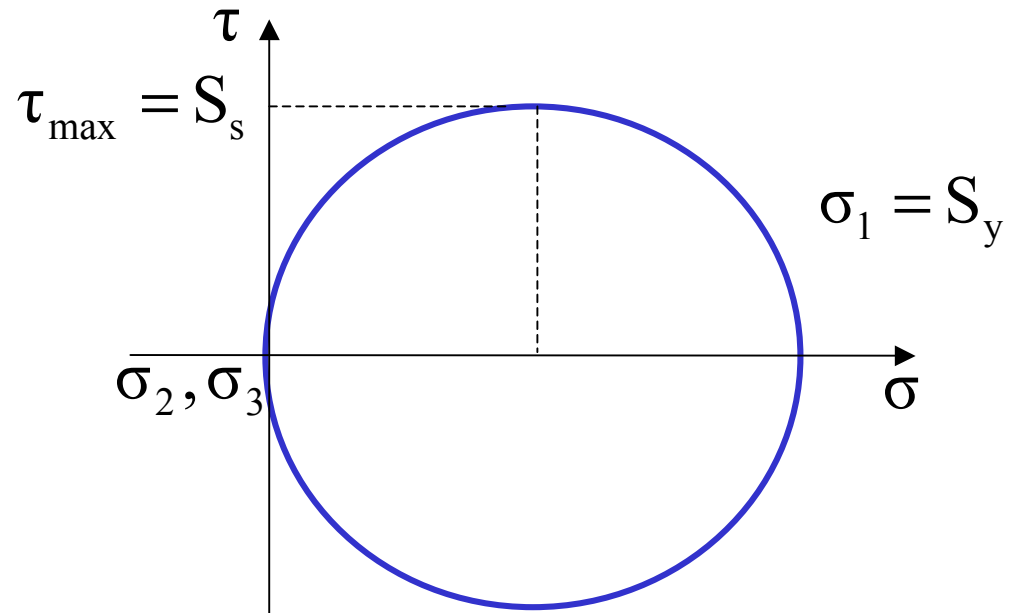
**Tensile Test Specimen**

# Maximum-Shear-Stress Theory (Continued)

## Tensile Test Specimen

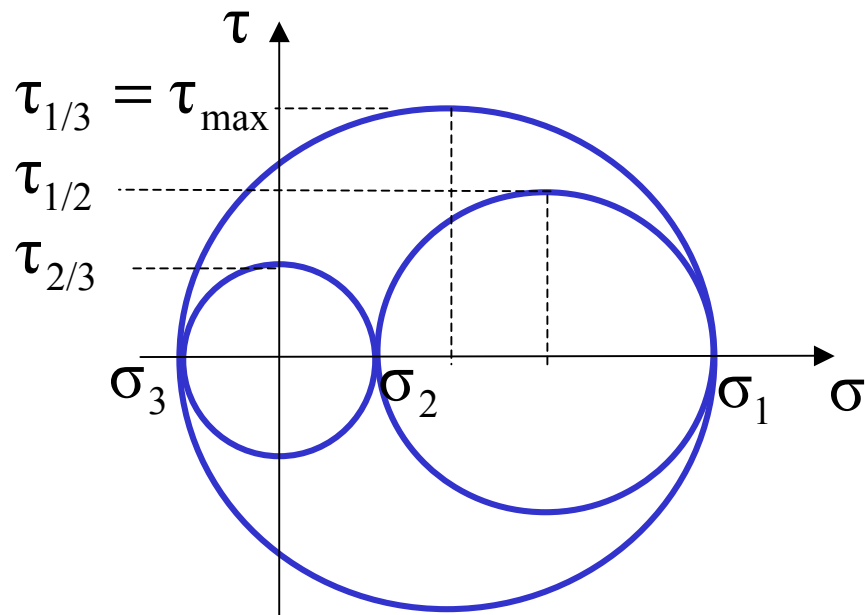
$$S_s = 0.5S_y$$

The shear yield strength is equal to one-half of the tension yield strength.



# Maximum-Shear-Stress Theory (Continued)

## Stress State in Part



$$\sigma_1 > \sigma_2 > \sigma_3$$

$$\tau_{1/2} = \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2}{2}$$

$$\tau_{2/3} = \frac{\sigma_2 - \sigma_3}{2}$$

$$\tau_{1/3} = \tau_{\max} = \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3}{2}$$

# Maximum-Shear-Stress Theory

(Continued)

$$S_s = \frac{S_y}{2}$$

From Mohr's circle for a tensile test specimen

$$\tau_{1/3} = \tau_{\max} = \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3}{2}$$

From Mohr's circle for a three-dimensional stress state.

$$S_y = \sigma_1 - \sigma_3$$

# Maximum-Shear-Stress Theory

## (Hydrostatic Effect)

Principal stresses **will always** have a hydrostatic component (equal pressure)

$$\sigma_1 = \sigma_1^d + \sigma^h$$

$$\sigma_2 = \sigma_2^d + \sigma^h$$

$$\sigma_3 = \sigma_3^d + \sigma^h$$

$$\sigma^h = \frac{1}{3} I_1 = \frac{1}{3} (\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3)$$

d => deviatoric component

h => hydrostatic

$$\tau_{1/2} = \frac{\sigma_1^d - \sigma_2^d}{2}$$

$$\tau_{2/3} = \frac{\sigma_2^d - \sigma_3^d}{2}$$

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The maximum shear stresses are independent of the hydrostatic stress.

# Maximum-Shear-Stress Theory

## (Hydrostatic Effect – Continued)

### Hydrostatic Stress State

$$\text{If } \sigma_1^d = \sigma_2^d = \sigma_3^d$$

Then  $\tau_{\max} = 0$ , and there is no yielding regardless of the magnitude of the hydrostatic stress.

**The Maximum-Shear-Stress Theory postulates that yielding is independent of a hydrostatic stress.**

# Maximum-Shear-Stress Theory

## (Biaxial Representation of the Yield Surface)

Yielding will occur if any of the following criteria are met.

$$\pm S_y = \sigma_1 - \sigma_2$$

$$\pm S_y = \sigma_2 - \sigma_3$$

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For biaxial case  
(plane stress)

$$\sigma_3 = 0$$

$$\pm S_y = \sigma_1 - \sigma_2$$

$$\pm S_y = \sigma_2$$

$$\pm S_y = \sigma_1$$

**In general, all three conditions must be checked.**

# Maximum-Shear-Stress Theory

## (Biaxial Representation of the Yield Surface)

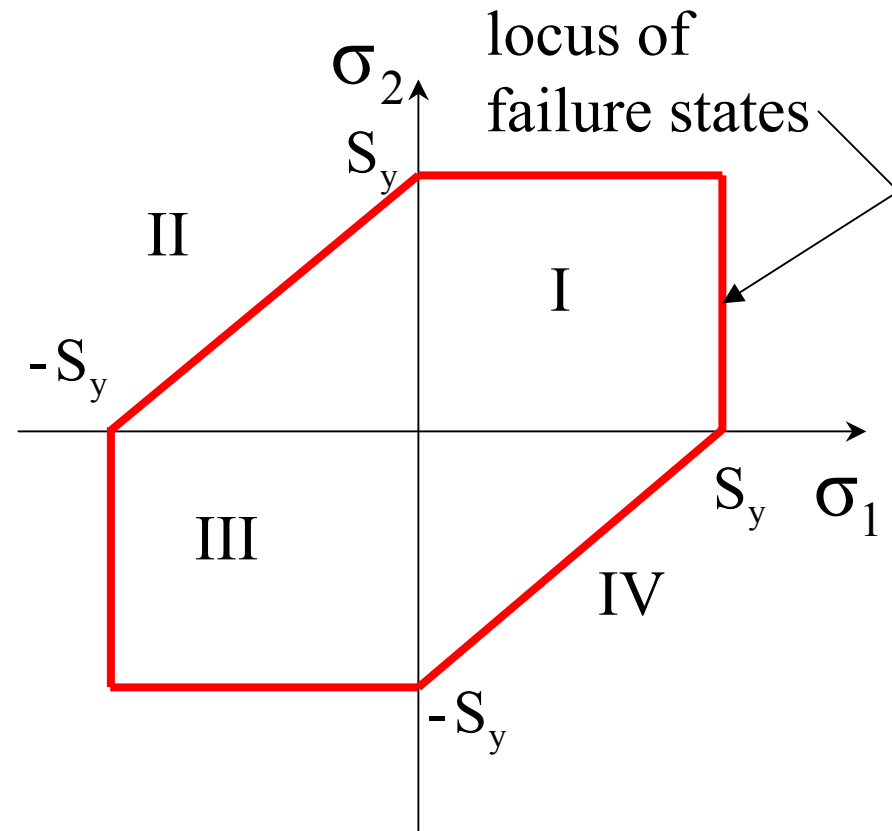
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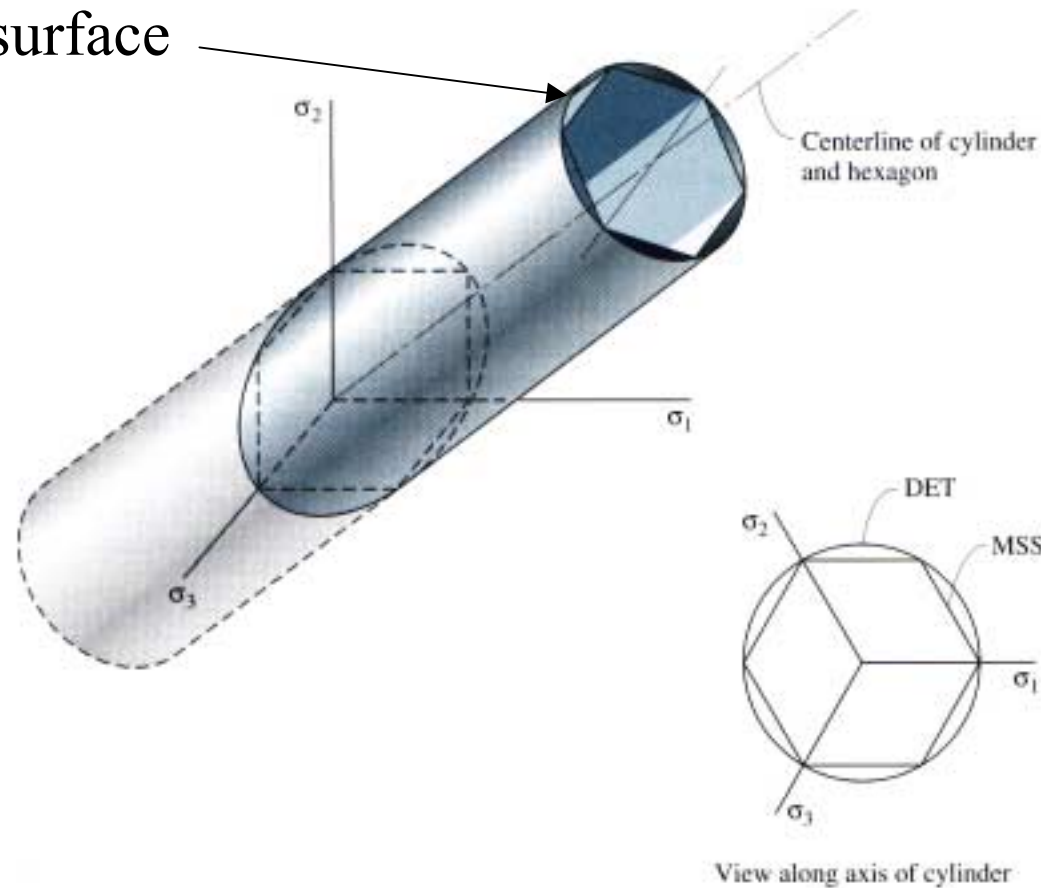


Note that in the I and III quadrants the Maximum-Shear-Stress Theory and Maximum-Normal-Stress Theory are the same for the biaxial case.

# Maximum-Shear-Stress Theory

(Three-dimensional Representation of the Yield Surface)

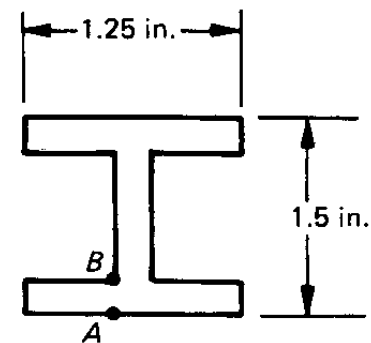
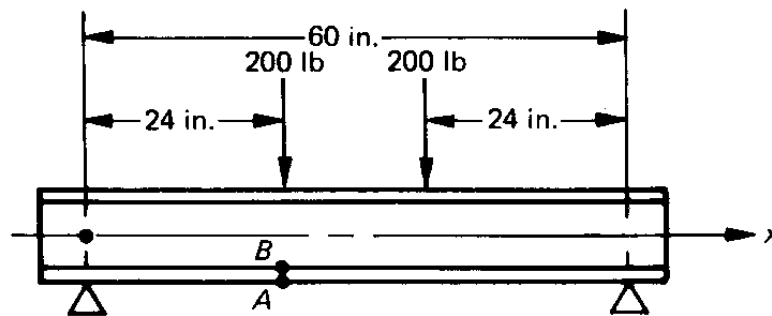
failure surface



# Assignment

Failure Theories, Read Section 5-9.

(a) Find the bending and transverse shear stress at points A and B in the figure. (b) Find the maximum normal stress and maximum shear stress at both points. (c) For a yield point of 50,000 psi, find the factor of safety based on the maximum normal stress theory and the maximum shear stress theory.



Web and flange  
thickness = 0.125 in

Problem Figure 6