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## Chapter 4. Solved Problems

### P4.2. Given the stress tensor

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

find the principal stresses, the principal axes, the invariants  $I_1$ ,  $I_2$ , and  $I_3$ , the deviatoric stress tensor, and the invariants  $J_2$  and  $J_3$ .

#### *Solution*

To calculate the principal stresses ( $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3$ ) and principal axes ( $v_1^i, v_2^i, v_3^i$ ), we calculate the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix. They are found through the equation

$$(\tau_{ij} - \sigma \delta_{ij})v_i = 0 \quad (4.2.1)$$

Putting the determinant equal to zero we obtain

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2-\sigma & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & -\sigma & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2-\sigma \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\sigma^3 - 4\sigma^2 + \sigma + 6 = 0$$

The three roots of the equation are the principal stresses

$$\sigma_1 = -1$$

$$\sigma_2 = 2$$

$$\sigma_3 = 3$$

From these values we obtain,  $\sigma_o = \frac{1}{3}(\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3) = \frac{4}{3}$

The principal axes of stress are the eigenvectors  $v_i$  associated with the three eigenvalues. Using equation (4.2.1) and substituting the obtained values of  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3$ , we obtain the for each one the values of  $v_1, v_2, v_3$ , adding the condition that  $v_1^2 + v_2^2 + v_3^2 = 1$

For  $\sigma_1 = -1$

$$(v_1^1, v_2^1, v_3^1) = \left(-1/\sqrt{6}, -2/\sqrt{6}, 1/\sqrt{6}\right)$$

For  $\sigma_2 = 2$

$$(v_1^2, v_2^2, v_3^2) = \left(1/\sqrt{3}, 1/\sqrt{3}, 1/\sqrt{3}\right)$$

For  $\sigma_3 = 3$

$$(v_1^3, v_2^3, v_3^3) = \left(1/\sqrt{2}, 0, 1/\sqrt{2}\right)$$

The invariants of the matrix are the coefficients of the characteristic equation

$$\sigma^3 - I_1\sigma^2 + I_2\sigma - I_3 = 0$$

which in terms of the values of  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3$  are.

$$I_1 = \sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3 = 4$$

$$I_2 = \sigma_1\sigma_2 + \sigma_1\sigma_3 + \sigma_2\sigma_3 = 1$$

$$I_3 = \sigma_1\sigma_2\sigma_3 = -6$$

The deviatoric stress tensor is defined as,

$$\tau'_{ij} = \tau_{ij} - \sigma_0 \delta_{ij}$$

To calculate its eigenvalues we proceed as we did before,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} - s & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & -\frac{4}{3} - s & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & \frac{2}{3} - s \end{pmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow s^3 - \frac{13}{3}s + \frac{38}{27} = 0$$

Solving the cubic equation we obtain the eigenvalues :  $s_1 = -2.22$  ,  $s_2 = 0.33$  ,  $s_3 = 1.89$ .

Comparing with the characteristic equation

$$s^3 - J_1 s^2 + J_2 s - J_3 = 0$$

The invariants are

$$J_1 = 0$$

$$J_2 = -\frac{13}{3}$$

$$J_3 = -\frac{38}{27}$$

**P4.5. Given a stress tensor**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3x_1x_2 & 5x_2^2 & 0 \\ 5x_2^2 & 0 & 2x_3 \\ 0 & 2x_3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**determine the stress vector  $\mathbf{T}$  at point  $(2, 1, \sqrt{3})$  through a plane tangential to the cylindrical surface  $x_2^2 + x_3^2 = 4$ .**

***Solution***

First we calculate the value of the stress tensor at the given point

$$\tau_{ij}(2, 1, \sqrt{3}) = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 5 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 2\sqrt{3} \\ 0 & 2\sqrt{3} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

A unit vector normal to the surface  $f = x_2^2 + x_3^2 - 4 = 0$  at the given point is

$$\mathbf{v}_i = \frac{\text{grad}f}{|\text{grad}f|} = \left( \frac{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}}{\left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \right|}, \frac{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}}{\left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} \right|}, \frac{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_3}}{\left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_3} \right|} \right) = \left( 0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)$$

Then, the stress vector acting at the point through that surface is given by,

$$T_i^v = \tau_{ij}v_j = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 5 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 2\sqrt{3} \\ 0 & 2\sqrt{3} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{pmatrix} = \left( \frac{5}{2}, 3, \sqrt{3} \right)$$

**P4.6. Given the stress tensor**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1/4 & -5/4 & (1/2)^{3/2} \\ -5/4 & 1/4 & -(1/2)^{3/2} \\ (1/2)^{3/2} & -(1/2)^{3/2} & 3/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

**(a) Determine the principal stresses (eigenvalues);**

**(b) Determine the angles with the coordinate axes of the eigenvector corresponding to the greatest principal stress.**

***Solution***

As in problem 4.2 to find the principal stresses we calculate the eigenvalues of the stress matrix.

The resulting cubic equation is :

$$\sigma^3 - 2\sigma^2 - \sigma + 2 = 0$$

Its roots are

$$\sigma_1 = 2$$

$$\sigma_2 = 1$$

$$\sigma_3 = -1$$

To find the eigenvectors corresponding to the greater eigenvalue  $\sigma_1 = 2$  we solve the equation

$$(\tau_{ij} - 2\delta_{ij})v_i = 0$$

and the condition  $v_1^2 + v_2^2 + v_3^2 = 1$

The result is

$$v_1 = -v_2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$v_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

From these values we obtain  $\theta$ , the angle with the vertical axis ( $x_3$ ) and  $\varphi$  the angle which forms its projection on the horizontal plane with  $x_1$

$$\begin{aligned}
v_1 &= \sin \mathcal{G} \cos \varphi = \frac{1}{2} \\
v_2 &= \sin \mathcal{G} \sin \varphi = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \varphi = 315^\circ, \quad \mathcal{G} = 45^\circ \\
v_3 &= \cos \mathcal{G} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}
\end{aligned}$$

**P4.9. Derive for the stress–strain relation for an isotropic medium that**

$$e_{11} = \frac{(\lambda + \mu)\tau_{11}}{\mu(3\lambda + 2\mu)} - \frac{\lambda(\tau_{22} + \tau_{33})}{2\mu(3\lambda + 2\mu)}$$

***Solution.***

We use the equation

$$\tau_{ij} = \lambda\theta\delta_{ij} + 2\mu e_{ij} \quad (4.8.1)$$

$$\tau_{11} = \lambda\theta + 2\mu e_{11} \quad (4.8.2)$$

$$\tau_{22} = \lambda\theta + 2\mu e_{22} \quad (4.8.3)$$

$$\tau_{33} = \lambda\theta + 2\mu e_{33} \quad (4.8.4)$$

$$\text{Where } \theta = e_{11} + e_{22} + e_{33}$$

From equations (4.8.3) and (4.8.4) we can write

$$e_{22} - e_{33} = \frac{\tau_{22} - \tau_{33}}{2\mu} \quad (4.8.5)$$

We can write eq. (4.8.2) as

$$\tau_{11} = \lambda(e_{22} + e_{33}) + (\lambda + 2\mu)e_{11} \quad (4.8.6)$$

If we divide (4.8.6) by  $e_{11} \Rightarrow (e_{22} + e_{33}) = \frac{-e_{11}(\lambda+2\mu)+\tau_{11}}{\lambda}$  (4.8.7)

From (4.8.3) and (4.8.4) and using (4.8.7) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\tau_{22} + \tau_{33} &= 2\lambda\theta + 2\mu\left(\frac{\tau_{11} - e_{11}(\lambda + 2\mu)}{\lambda}\right) \\ \lambda\theta &= \frac{1}{2}(\tau_{22} + \tau_{33}) - \mu\left(\frac{\tau_{11} - e_{11}(\lambda + 2\mu)}{\lambda}\right)\end{aligned}$$

(4.8.8)

Substituting (4.8.8) in (4.8.2) we obtain

$$e_{11} = \frac{(\lambda + \mu)\tau_{11}}{\mu(3\lambda + 2\mu)} - \frac{\lambda(\tau_{22} + \tau_{33})}{2\mu(3\lambda + 2\mu)}$$