

# Important Principal Stresses Formulas PDF



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**Important Principal Stresses Formulas**

## 1) Angle of Obliquity Formula ↻

Formula

$$\phi = \operatorname{atan}\left(\frac{\tau}{\sigma_n}\right)$$

Example with Units

$$84.0531^\circ = \operatorname{atan}\left(\frac{2.4 \text{ MPa}}{0.250 \text{ MPa}}\right)$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

## 2) Major Principal Stress if Member is Subjected to Two Perpendicular Direct Stress and Shear Stress Formula ↻

Formula

$$\sigma_{\text{major}} = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2}\right)^2 + \tau^2}$$

Example with Units

$$3.0547 \text{ MPa} = \frac{0.5 \text{ MPa} + 0.8 \text{ MPa}}{2} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{0.5 \text{ MPa} - 0.8 \text{ MPa}}{2}\right)^2 + 2.4 \text{ MPa}^2}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

## 3) Maximum Axial Force Formula ↻

Formula

$$P_{\text{axial}} = \sigma \cdot A$$

Example with Units

$$0.0768 \text{ kN} = 0.012 \text{ MPa} \cdot 6400 \text{ mm}^2$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

## 4) Minor Principal Stress if Member is Subjected to Two Perpendicular Direct Stress and Shear Stress Formula ↻

Formula

$$\sigma_{\text{minor}} = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} - \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2}\right)^2 + \tau^2}$$

Example with Units

$$-1.7547 \text{ MPa} = \frac{0.5 \text{ MPa} + 0.8 \text{ MPa}}{2} - \sqrt{\left(\frac{0.5 \text{ MPa} - 0.8 \text{ MPa}}{2}\right)^2 + 2.4 \text{ MPa}^2}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻



## 5) Resultant Stress on Oblique Section given Stress in Perpendicular Directions Formula

Formula

$$\sigma_R = \sqrt{\sigma_n^2 + \tau^2}$$

Example with Units

$$2.413 \text{ MPa} = \sqrt{0.250 \text{ MPa}^2 + 2.4 \text{ MPa}^2}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 6) Safe Stress given Safe Value of Axial Pull Formula

Formula

$$\sigma = \frac{P_{\text{safe}}}{A}$$

Example with Units

$$0.1953 \text{ MPa} = \frac{1.25 \text{ kN}}{6400 \text{ mm}^2}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 7) Safe Value of Axial Pull Formula

Formula

$$P_{\text{safe}} = \sigma_w \cdot A$$

Example with Units

$$38.4 \text{ kN} = 6 \text{ MPa} \cdot 6400 \text{ mm}^2$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 8) Stress along Maximum Axial Force Formula

Formula

$$\sigma = \frac{P_{\text{axial}}}{A}$$

Example with Units

$$0.1719 \text{ MPa} = \frac{1.1 \text{ kN}}{6400 \text{ mm}^2}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 9) Normal Stress Formulas

### 9.1) Equivalent Stress by Distortion Energy Theory Formula

Formula

$$\sigma_e = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \sqrt{(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_3 - \sigma_1)^2}$$

Example with Units

$$41.0513 \text{ N/m}^2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \sqrt{(87.5 - 51.43 \text{ N/m}^2)^2 + (51.43 \text{ N/m}^2 - 96.1 \text{ N/m}^2)^2 + (96.1 \text{ N/m}^2 - 87.5)^2}$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 9.2) Normal Stress across Oblique Section Formula

Formula

$$\sigma_n = \sigma \cdot (\cos(\theta_{\text{oblique}}))^2$$

Example with Units

$$0.0112 \text{ MPa} = 0.012 \text{ MPa} \cdot (\cos(15^\circ))^2$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 9.3) Normal Stress for Principal Planes at Angle of 0 Degrees given Major and Minor Tensile Stress Formula

Formula

$$\sigma_n = \frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_2}{2} + \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2}{2}$$

Example with Units

$$124 \text{ MPa} = \frac{124 \text{ MPa} + 48 \text{ MPa}}{2} + \frac{124 \text{ MPa} - 48 \text{ MPa}}{2}$$

Evaluate Formula 



## 9.4) Normal Stress for Principal Planes at Angle of 90 degrees Formula

Formula

$$\sigma_n = \frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_2}{2} - \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2}{2}$$

Example with Units

$$48 \text{ MPa} = \frac{124 \text{ MPa} + 48 \text{ MPa}}{2} - \frac{124 \text{ MPa} - 48 \text{ MPa}}{2}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 9.5) Normal Stress for Principal Planes when Planes are at Angle of 0 Degree Formula

Formula

$$\sigma_n = \frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_2}{2} + \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2}{2}$$

Example with Units

$$124 \text{ MPa} = \frac{124 \text{ MPa} + 48 \text{ MPa}}{2} + \frac{124 \text{ MPa} - 48 \text{ MPa}}{2}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 9.6) Normal Stress on Oblique Section given Stress in Perpendicular Directions Formula

Formula

$$\sigma_n = \frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_2}{2} + \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2}{2} \cdot \cos(2 \cdot \theta_{\text{oblique}})$$

Example with Units

$$118.909 \text{ MPa} = \frac{124 \text{ MPa} + 48 \text{ MPa}}{2} + \frac{124 \text{ MPa} - 48 \text{ MPa}}{2} \cdot \cos(2 \cdot 15^\circ)$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 9.7) Normal Stress using Obliquity Formula

Formula

$$\sigma_n = \frac{\tau}{\tan(\phi)}$$

Example with Units

$$2.4 \text{ MPa} = \frac{2.4 \text{ MPa}}{\tan(45^\circ)}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 9.8) Stress Amplitude Formula

Formula

$$\sigma_a = \frac{\sigma_{\text{max}} - \sigma_{\text{min}}}{2}$$

Example with Units

$$-21.935 \text{ N/m}^2 = \frac{62.43 \text{ N/m}^2 - 106.3 \text{ N/m}^2}{2}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 10) Shear Stress Formulas

### 10.1) Condition for Maximum or Minimum Shear Stress given Member under Direct and Shear Stress Formula

Formula

$$\theta_{\text{plane}} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \text{atan}\left(\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2 \cdot \tau}\right)$$

Example with Units

$$-1.7882^\circ = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \text{atan}\left(\frac{0.5 \text{ MPa} - 0.8 \text{ MPa}}{2 \cdot 2.4 \text{ MPa}}\right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 10.2) Maximum Shear Stress given Major and Minor Tensile Stress Formula

Formula

$$\tau_{\text{max}} = \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2}{2}$$

Example with Units

$$38 \text{ MPa} = \frac{124 \text{ MPa} - 48 \text{ MPa}}{2}$$

Evaluate Formula 



### 10.3) Maximum Shear Stress given Member is under Direct and Shear Stress Formula

Formula

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{\sqrt{(\sigma_x - \sigma_y)^2 + 4 \cdot \tau^2}}{2}$$

Example with Units

$$2.4047 \text{ MPa} = \frac{\sqrt{(0.5 \text{ MPa} - 0.8 \text{ MPa})^2 + 4 \cdot 2.4 \text{ MPa}^2}}{2}$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 10.4) Shear Stress using Obliquity Formula

Formula

$$\tau = \tan(\phi) \cdot \sigma_n$$

Example with Units

$$0.25 \text{ MPa} = \tan(45^\circ) \cdot 0.250 \text{ MPa}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 11) Tangential Stress Formulas

### 11.1) Tangential Stress across Oblique Section Formula

Formula

$$\sigma_t = \frac{\sigma}{2} \cdot \sin(2 \cdot \theta_{\text{oblique}})$$

Example with Units

$$0.003 \text{ MPa} = \frac{0.012 \text{ MPa}}{2} \cdot \sin(2 \cdot 15^\circ)$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 11.2) Tangential Stress on Oblique Section given Stress in Perpendicular Directions Formula

Formula

$$\sigma_t = \sin(2 \cdot \theta_{\text{oblique}}) \cdot \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2}{2}$$

Example with Units

$$19 \text{ MPa} = \sin(2 \cdot 15^\circ) \cdot \frac{124 \text{ MPa} - 48 \text{ MPa}}{2}$$






Evaluate Formula 



## Variables used in list of Principal Stresses Formulas above

- **A** Area of Cross-Section (Square Millimeter)
- **P<sub>axial</sub>** Maximum Axial Force (Kilonewton)
- **P<sub>safe</sub>** Safe Value of Axial Pull (Kilonewton)
- **θ<sub>oblique</sub>** Angle made by Oblique Section with Normal (Degree)
- **θ<sub>plane</sub>** Plane Angle (Degree)
- **σ** Stress in Bar (Megapascal)
- **σ<sub>1</sub>** Normal Stress 1
- **σ<sub>1</sub>** Major Tensile Stress (Megapascal)
- **σ<sub>2</sub>** Normal Stress 2 (Newton per Square Meter)
- **σ<sub>2</sub>** Minor Tensile Stress (Megapascal)
- **σ<sub>3</sub>** Normal Stress 3 (Newton per Square Meter)
- **σ<sub>a</sub>** Stress Amplitude (Newton per Square Meter)
- **σ<sub>e</sub>** Equivalent Stress (Newton per Square Meter)
- **σ<sub>major</sub>** Major Principal Stress (Megapascal)
- **σ<sub>max</sub>** Maximum Stress at Crack Tip (Newton per Square Meter)
- **σ<sub>min</sub>** Minimum Stress (Newton per Square Meter)
- **σ<sub>minor</sub>** Minor Principal Stress (Megapascal)
- **σ<sub>n</sub>** Normal Stress (Megapascal)
- **σ<sub>R</sub>** Resultant Stress (Megapascal)
- **σ<sub>t</sub>** Tangential Stress (Megapascal)
- **σ<sub>w</sub>** Safe Stress (Megapascal)
- **σ<sub>x</sub>** Stress acting along x-direction (Megapascal)
- **σ<sub>y</sub>** Stress acting along y-direction (Megapascal)
- **φ** Angle of Obliquity (Degree)
- **τ** Shear Stress (Megapascal)
- **τ<sub>max</sub>** Maximum Shear Stress (Megapascal)

## Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Principal Stresses Formulas above

- **Functions: atan**, atan(Number)  
*Inverse tan is used to calculate the angle by applying the tangent ratio of the angle, which is the opposite side divided by the adjacent side of the right triangle.*
- **Functions: cos**, cos(Angle)  
*Cosine of an angle is the ratio of the side adjacent to the angle to the hypotenuse of the triangle.*
- **Functions: sin**, sin(Angle)  
*Sine is a trigonometric function that describes the ratio of the length of the opposite side of a right triangle to the length of the hypotenuse.*
- **Functions: sqrt**, sqrt(Number)  
*A square root function is a function that takes a non-negative number as an input and returns the square root of the given input number.*
- **Functions: tan**, tan(Angle)  
*The tangent of an angle is a trigonometric ratio of the length of the side opposite an angle to the length of the side adjacent to an angle in a right triangle.*
- **Measurement: Area** in Square Millimeter (mm<sup>2</sup>)  
*Area Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement: Pressure** in Megapascal (MPa), Newton per Square Meter (N/m<sup>2</sup>)  
*Pressure Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement: Force** in Kilonewton (kN)  
*Force Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement: Angle** in Degree (°)  
*Angle Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement: Stress** in Megapascal (MPa)  
*Stress Unit Conversion* 



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