

Important Theories of Failure Formulas PDF



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Examples
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**List of 20
Important Theories of Failure Formulas**

1) Maximum Principal Stress Theory Formulas

1.1) Allowable Stress in Brittle Material under Compressive Loading Formula

Formula

$$\sigma_{al} = \frac{S_{uc}}{f_s}$$

Example with Units

$$62.5 \text{ N/mm}^2 = \frac{125 \text{ N/mm}^2}{2}$$

Evaluate Formula

1.2) Allowable Stress in Brittle Material under Tensile Loading Formula

Formula

$$\sigma_{al} = \frac{S_{ut}}{f_s}$$

Example with Units

$$61 \text{ N/mm}^2 = \frac{122 \text{ N/mm}^2}{2}$$

Evaluate Formula

1.3) Allowable Stress in Ductile Material under Compressive Loading Formula

Formula

$$\sigma_{al} = \frac{S_{yc}}{f_s}$$

Example with Units

$$52.5 \text{ N/mm}^2 = \frac{105 \text{ N/mm}^2}{2}$$

Evaluate Formula

1.4) Allowable Stress in Ductile Material under Tensile Loading Formula

Formula

$$\sigma_{al} = \frac{\sigma_y}{f_s}$$

Example with Units

$$42.5 \text{ N/mm}^2 = \frac{85 \text{ N/mm}^2}{2}$$

Evaluate Formula

2) Maximum Shear Stress Theory Formulas

2.1) Shear Yield Strength by Maximum Shear Stress Theory Formula

Formula

$$S_{sy} = \frac{\sigma_y}{2}$$

Example with Units

$$42.5 \text{ N/mm}^2 = \frac{85 \text{ N/mm}^2}{2}$$

Evaluate Formula

2.2) Shear Yield Strength given Tensile Yield Strength Formula

Formula

$$S_{sy} = \frac{\sigma_y}{2}$$

Example with Units

$$42.5 \text{ N/mm}^2 = \frac{85 \text{ N/mm}^2}{2}$$

Evaluate Formula 

2.3) Tensile Yield Strength given Shear Yield Strength Formula

Formula

$$\sigma_y = 2 \cdot S_{sy}$$

Example with Units

$$85 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 2 \cdot 42.5 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

Evaluate Formula 

3) Distortion Energy Theory Formulas

3.1) Distortion Strain Energy Formula

Formula

$$U_d = \frac{(1 + \nu)}{6 \cdot E} \cdot \left((\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_3 - \sigma_1)^2 \right)$$

Example with Units

$$1.5409 \text{ kJ/m}^3 = \frac{(1 + 0.3)}{6 \cdot 190 \text{ GPa}} \cdot \left((35.2 \text{ N/mm}^2 - 47 \text{ N/mm}^2)^2 + (47 \text{ N/mm}^2 - 65 \text{ N/mm}^2)^2 + (65 \text{ N/mm}^2 - 35.2 \text{ N/mm}^2)^2 \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

3.2) Distortion Strain Energy for Yielding Formula

Formula

$$U_d = \frac{(1 + \nu)}{3 \cdot E} \cdot \sigma_y^2$$

Example with Units

$$16.4781 \text{ kJ/m}^3 = \frac{(1 + 0.3)}{3 \cdot 190 \text{ GPa}} \cdot 85 \text{ N/mm}^2^2$$

Evaluate Formula 

3.3) Shear Yield Strength by Maximum Distortion Energy Theorem Formula

Formula

$$S_{sy} = 0.577 \cdot \sigma_y$$

Example with Units

$$49.045 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 0.577 \cdot 85 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

Evaluate Formula 

3.4) Shear Yield Strength by Maximum Distortion Energy Theory Formula

Formula

$$S_{sy} = 0.577 \cdot \sigma_y$$

Example with Units

$$49.045 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 0.577 \cdot 85 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

Evaluate Formula 

3.5) Strain Energy due to Change in Volume given Principal Stresses Formula

Formula

$$U_v = \frac{(1 - 2 \cdot \nu)}{6 \cdot E} \cdot (\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3)^2$$

Example with Units

$$7.6028 \text{ kJ/m}^3 = \frac{(1 - 2 \cdot 0.3)}{6 \cdot 190 \text{ GPa}} \cdot (35.2 \text{ N/mm}^2 + 47 \text{ N/mm}^2 + 65 \text{ N/mm}^2)^2$$

Evaluate Formula 



3.6) Strain Energy due to Change in Volume given Volumetric Stress Formula

Formula

$$U_v = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \sigma_v \cdot \varepsilon_v$$

Example with Units

$$101.4 \text{ kJ/m}^3 = \frac{3}{2} \cdot 52 \text{ N/mm}^2 \cdot 0.0013$$

Evaluate Formula 

3.7) Strain Energy due to Change in Volume with No Distortion Formula

Formula

$$U_v = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{(1 - 2 \cdot \nu) \cdot \sigma_v^2}{E}$$

Example with Units

$$8.5389 \text{ kJ/m}^3 = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{(1 - 2 \cdot 0.3) \cdot 52 \text{ N/mm}^2^2}{190 \text{ GPa}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

3.8) Stress due to Change in Volume with No Distortion Formula

Formula

$$\sigma_v = \frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3}{3}$$

Example with Units

$$49.0667 \text{ N/mm}^2 = \frac{35.2 \text{ N/mm}^2 + 47 \text{ N/mm}^2 + 65 \text{ N/mm}^2}{3}$$

Evaluate Formula 

3.9) Tensile Yield Strength by Distortion Energy Theorem Formula

Formula

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

Example with Units

$$25.9931 \text{ N/mm}^2 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \left((35.2 \text{ N/mm}^2 - 47 \text{ N/mm}^2)^2 + (47 \text{ N/mm}^2 - 65 \text{ N/mm}^2)^2 + (65 \text{ N/mm}^2 - 35.2 \text{ N/mm}^2)^2 \right)}$$

Evaluate Formula 

3.10) Tensile Yield Strength by Distortion Energy Theorem Considering Factor of Safety Formula

Formula

$$\sigma_y = f_s \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \left((\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_3 - \sigma_1)^2 \right)}$$

Example with Units

$$51.9862 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 2 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \left((35.2 \text{ N/mm}^2 - 47 \text{ N/mm}^2)^2 + (47 \text{ N/mm}^2 - 65 \text{ N/mm}^2)^2 + (65 \text{ N/mm}^2 - 35.2 \text{ N/mm}^2)^2 \right)}$$

Evaluate Formula 



3.11) Tensile Yield Strength for Biaxial Stress by Distortion Energy Theorem Considering Factor of Safety Formula

Formula

$$\sigma_y = f_s \cdot \sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 - \sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2}$$

Evaluate Formula 

Example with Units

$$84.7028 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 2 \cdot \sqrt{35.2 \text{ N/mm}^2 + 47 \text{ N/mm}^2 - 35.2 \text{ N/mm}^2 \cdot 47 \text{ N/mm}^2}$$

3.12) Total Strain Energy per Unit Volume Formula

Formula

$$U_{\text{Total}} = U_d + U_v$$

Example with Units

$$31 \text{ kJ/m}^3 = 15 \text{ kJ/m}^3 + 16 \text{ kJ/m}^3$$

Evaluate Formula 

3.13) Volumetric Strain with No Distortion Formula

Formula

$$\varepsilon_v = \frac{(1 - 2 \cdot \nu) \cdot \sigma_v}{E}$$

Example with Units

$$0.0001 = \frac{(1 - 2 \cdot 0.3) \cdot 52 \text{ N/mm}^2}{190 \text{ GPa}}$$

Evaluate Formula 



Variables used in list of Theories of Failure Formulas above

- **E** Young's Modulus of Specimen (*Gigapascal*)
- **f_s** Factor of Safety
- **S_{sy}** Shear Yield Strength (*Newton per Square Millimeter*)
- **S_{uc}** Ultimate Compressive Stress (*Newton per Square Millimeter*)
- **S_{ut}** Ultimate Tensile Strength (*Newton per Square Millimeter*)
- **S_{yc}** Compressive Yield Strength (*Newton per Square Millimeter*)
- **U_d** Strain Energy for Distortion (*Kilojoule per Cubic Meter*)
- **U_{Total}** Total Strain Energy (*Kilojoule per Cubic Meter*)
- **U_v** Strain Energy for Volume Change (*Kilojoule per Cubic Meter*)
- **ε_v** Strain for Volume Change
- **σ₁** First Principal Stress (*Newton per Square Millimeter*)
- **σ₂** Second Principal Stress (*Newton per Square Millimeter*)
- **σ₃** Third Principal Stress (*Newton per Square Millimeter*)
- **σ_{al}** Allowable Stress for Static Load (*Newton per Square Millimeter*)
- **σ_v** Stress for Volume Change (*Newton per Square Millimeter*)
- **σ_y** Tensile Yield Strength (*Newton per Square Millimeter*)
- **v** Poisson's Ratio

Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Theories of Failure Formulas above







- **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.
- **Measurement: Pressure** in Gigapascal (GPa)
Pressure Unit Conversion ↻
- **Measurement: Energy Density** in Kilojoule per Cubic Meter (kJ/m³)
Energy Density Unit Conversion ↻
- **Measurement: Stress** in Newton per Square Millimeter (N/mm²)
Stress Unit Conversion ↻



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