

# Important Mohr's Circle Formulas PDF



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Important Mohr's Circle Formulas**

## 1) Mohr's Circle when a Body is Subjected to Two Mutual Perpendicular and a Simple Shear Stress Formulas ↻

### 1.1) Condition for Maximum Value of Normal Stress Formula ↻

Formula

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

Example with Units

$$24.3339^\circ = \frac{\text{atan}\left(\frac{2 \cdot 41.5 \text{ MPa}}{95 \text{ MPa} - 22 \text{ MPa}}\right)}{2}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

### 1.2) Condition for Minimum Normal Stress Formula ↻

Formula

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

Example with Units

$$24.3339^\circ = \frac{\text{atan}\left(\frac{2 \cdot 41.5 \text{ MPa}}{95 \text{ MPa} - 22 \text{ MPa}}\right)}{2}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

### 1.3) Maximum Value of Normal Stress Formula ↻

Formula

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

Evaluate Formula ↻

Example with Units

$$113.7675 \text{ MPa} = \frac{95 \text{ MPa} + 22 \text{ MPa}}{2} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{95 \text{ MPa} - 22 \text{ MPa}}{2}\right)^2 + 41.5 \text{ MPa}^2}$$

### 1.4) Maximum Value of Shear Stress Formula ↻

Formula

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

Example with Units

$$55.2675 \text{ MPa} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{95 \text{ MPa} - 22 \text{ MPa}}{2}\right)^2 + 41.5 \text{ MPa}^2}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻



## 1.5) Minimum Value of Normal Stress Formula ↻

Formula

$$\sigma_{n,\min} = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} - \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2}\right)^2 + \tau^2}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

Example with Units

$$3.2325 \text{ MPa} = \frac{95 \text{ MPa} + 22 \text{ MPa}}{2} - \sqrt{\left(\frac{95 \text{ MPa} - 22 \text{ MPa}}{2}\right)^2 + 41.5 \text{ MPa}^2}$$

## 1.6) Normal Stress on Oblique Plane with Two Mutually Perpendicular Unequal Stresses Formula ↻

Formula

$$\sigma_\theta = \frac{\sigma_{\text{major}} + \sigma_{\text{minor}}}{2} + \frac{\sigma_{\text{major}} - \sigma_{\text{minor}}}{2} \cdot \cos(2 \cdot \theta_{\text{plane}})$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

Example with Units

$$62.25 \text{ MPa} = \frac{75 \text{ MPa} + 24 \text{ MPa}}{2} + \frac{75 \text{ MPa} - 24 \text{ MPa}}{2} \cdot \cos(2 \cdot 30^\circ)$$

## 1.7) Shear Stress on Oblique Plane given Two Mutually Perpendicular and Unequal Stress Formula ↻

Formula

$$\sigma_t = \frac{\sigma_{\text{major}} - \sigma_{\text{minor}}}{2} \cdot \sin(2 \cdot \theta_{\text{plane}})$$

Example with Units

$$22.0836 \text{ MPa} = \frac{75 \text{ MPa} - 24 \text{ MPa}}{2} \cdot \sin(2 \cdot 30^\circ)$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

## 2) Mohr's Circle when a Body is Subjected to Two Mutual Perpendicular Stress which are Unequal and Unlike Formulas ↻

### 2.1) Normal Stress on Oblique Plane for Two Perpendicular Unequal and Unlike Stress Formula ↻

Formula

$$\sigma_\theta = \frac{\sigma_{\text{major}} - \sigma_{\text{minor}}}{2} + \frac{\sigma_{\text{major}} + \sigma_{\text{minor}}}{2} \cdot \cos(2 \cdot \theta_{\text{plane}})$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

Example with Units

$$50.25 \text{ MPa} = \frac{75 \text{ MPa} - 24 \text{ MPa}}{2} + \frac{75 \text{ MPa} + 24 \text{ MPa}}{2} \cdot \cos(2 \cdot 30^\circ)$$



## 2.2) Radius of Mohr's Circle for Unequal and Unlike Mutually Perpendicular Stresses Formula



Formula

$$R = \frac{\sigma_{\text{major}} + \sigma_{\text{minor}}}{2}$$

Example with Units

$$49.5 \text{ MPa} = \frac{75 \text{ MPa} + 24 \text{ MPa}}{2}$$

Evaluate Formula

## 2.3) Shear Stress on Oblique Plane for Two Perpendicular Unequal and Unlike Stress Formula



Formula

$$\sigma_t = \frac{\sigma_{\text{major}} + \sigma_{\text{minor}}}{2} \cdot \sin(2 \cdot \theta_{\text{plane}})$$

Example with Units

$$42.8683 \text{ MPa} = \frac{75 \text{ MPa} + 24 \text{ MPa}}{2} \cdot \sin(2 \cdot 30^\circ)$$

Evaluate Formula

## 3) Mohr's Circle when a Body is Subjected to Two Mutual Perpendicular Tensile Stress of Unequal Intensity Formulas

### 3.1) Maximum Shear Stress Formula

Formula

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

Example with Units

$$55.2675 \text{ MPa} = \frac{\sqrt{(95 \text{ MPa} - 22 \text{ MPa})^2 + 4 \cdot 41.5 \text{ MPa}^2}}{2}$$

Evaluate Formula

### 3.2) Normal Stress on Oblique Plane with Two Mutually Perpendicular Forces Formula

Formula

$$\sigma_\theta = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} + \frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2} \cdot \cos(2 \cdot \theta_{\text{plane}}) + \tau \cdot \sin(2 \cdot \theta_{\text{plane}})$$

Example with Units

$$112.6901 \text{ MPa} = \frac{95 \text{ MPa} + 22 \text{ MPa}}{2} + \frac{95 \text{ MPa} - 22 \text{ MPa}}{2} \cdot \cos(2 \cdot 30^\circ) + 41.5 \text{ MPa} \cdot \sin(2 \cdot 30^\circ)$$

Evaluate Formula

### 3.3) Radius of Mohr's Circle for Two Mutually Perpendicular Stresses of Unequal Intensities Formula

Formula

$$R = \frac{\sigma_{\text{major}} - \sigma_{\text{minor}}}{2}$$

Example with Units

$$25.5 \text{ MPa} = \frac{75 \text{ MPa} - 24 \text{ MPa}}{2}$$

Evaluate Formula



**Formula**

$$\sigma_t = \frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2} \cdot \sin(2 \cdot \theta_{\text{plane}}) - \tau \cdot \cos(2 \cdot \theta_{\text{plane}})$$

**Example with Units**



$$10.8599 \text{ MPa} = \frac{95 \text{ MPa} - 22 \text{ MPa}}{2} \cdot \sin(2 \cdot 30^\circ) - 41.5 \text{ MPa} \cdot \cos(2 \cdot 30^\circ)$$



## Variables used in list of Mohr's Circle Formulas above








- **R** Radius of Mohr's circle (Megapascal)
- **$\theta_{\text{plane}}$**  Plane Angle (Degree)
- **$\sigma_{\text{major}}$**  Major Principal Stress (Megapascal)
- **$\sigma_{\text{minor}}$**  Minor Principal Stress (Megapascal)
- **$\sigma_{n,\text{max}}$**  Maximum Normal Stress (Megapascal)
- **$\sigma_{n,\text{min}}$**  Minimum Normal Stress (Megapascal)
- **$\sigma_t$**  Tangential Stress on Oblique Plane (Megapascal)
- **$\sigma_x$**  Stress Along x Direction (Megapascal)
- **$\sigma_y$**  Stress Along y Direction (Megapascal)
- **$\sigma_\theta$**  Normal Stress on Oblique Plane (Megapascal)
- **T** Shear Stress in Mpa (Megapascal)
- **$T_{\text{max}}$**  Maximum Shear Stress (Megapascal)

## Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Mohr's Circle 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: Angle** in Degree ( $^\circ$ )  
*Angle Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement: Stress** in Megapascal (MPa)  
*Stress Unit Conversion* 



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