Stress transformation: tractors, linear algebra, and circles within circles.

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[traction is stress at a point on a plane](#page-1-0)

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traction forces in equilibrium

nonuniform distribution of traction stress components

 $\sigma(x)$

 $\tau(\mathbf{X})$

a small volume under traction stress vectors, \vec{t}_x , \vec{t}_y

- \blacktriangleright Traction is a stress vector acting on a plane.
- In The traction stress vector \vec{t}_x acts on the x-normal plane and has components σ_{xx} and τ_{xy} .
- Fine traction stress vector \vec{t}_V acts on the y-normal plane and has components τ_{vx} and σ_{vv} .

[the state of stress is coordinate invariant](#page-6-0)

the state of stress in 2D

- \triangleright The state of stress on an infinitesimal cubic volume is completely described by the traction vectors acting on the faces of the cube.
- \triangleright In 2D (plane stress), the complete set of traction stresses is

$$
S = \left[\begin{array}{c} \vec{t}_x \\ \vec{t}_y \end{array}\right] = \left[\begin{array}{cc} \sigma_{xx} & \tau_{xy} \\ \tau_{yx} & \sigma_{yy} \end{array}\right]
$$

► S is called the **stress tensor**

traction stress vectors on coordinate planes

In The traction stress vector \vec{t}_x is the first row of S.

$$
\vec{t}_x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{xx} & \tau_{xy} \\ \tau_{yx} & \sigma_{yy} \end{bmatrix} = \vec{\imath} \cdot S
$$

Note: \vec{i} is the unit normal to the x-plane.

In The traction stress vector \vec{t}_v is the second row of S.

$$
\vec{t}_y = [0 \; 1] \cdot \left[\begin{array}{cc} \sigma_{xx} & \tau_{xy} \\ \tau_{yx} & \sigma_{yy} \end{array} \right] = \vec{j} \cdot S
$$

Note: \vec{r} is the unit normal to the y-plane.

In Just as $\vec{t}_x = \vec{t} \cdot S$ and $\vec{t}_y = \vec{j} \cdot S$, the stress vector on any other plane (with unit normal \vec{n}) is given by

$$
\vec{t}_n = \vec{n} \cdot S
$$

This is what the stress tensor does. It defines tractions on any plane.

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traction stress vectors on any plane: $\vec{t}_n = \vec{n} \cdot S$

The traction $\vec{t}_n = \vec{n} \cdot S$ is expressed in the xy coordinate system.

note: $(A \cos \theta) = An_x$ and $(A \sin \theta) = An_y$

traction stress vectors in other coordinates: $\vec{t}'_n = \vec{t}_n \cdot \vec{T}$

- Eet's express this traction \vec{t}_n in a new coordinate system x'y',
where y' is along the unit permal 3 and y' is perpendicular to where x' is along the unit normal \vec{n} and y' is perpendicular to x'.
These retated components of \vec{t} are the normal stress and shear
- In These rotated components of \vec{t}_n are the normal stress and shear stress on the plane with normal \vec{n} : $t'_n = [\sigma_{x'x'} , \tau_{x'y'}]$

unit vectors and coordinate transformation in 2D

 \triangleright The unit vectors along x and y are

$$
\vec{i} = [1, 0]
$$
 and $\vec{j} = [0, 1]$

► The unit vectors along x' and y' ... rotated by θ (ccw) ... are

$$
\vec{l}' = [\cos \theta, \sin \theta] \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{j}' = [-\sin \theta, \cos \theta]
$$

 \blacktriangleright The coordinate transformation from a vector \vec{t} (in xy) to the vector \vec{t}' (in x′y′) is

$$
\left[\begin{array}{cc} t'_x & t'_y \end{array}\right] = \left[\begin{array}{cc} t_x & t_y \end{array}\right] \left[\begin{array}{cc} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{array}\right] = \left[\begin{array}{cc} t_x & t_y \end{array}\right] \left[\begin{array}{cc} \vec{r} \cdot \vec{r} & \vec{r} \cdot \vec{j}' \\ \vec{r} \cdot \vec{r} & \vec{r} \cdot \vec{j}' \end{array}\right]
$$

 \blacktriangleright The coordinate transformation from a vector \vec{t}' (in $x'y'$) to the vector \vec{t} (in xy) is

$$
\left[\begin{array}{cc}t_{x} & t_{y}\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{cc}t'_{x} & t'_{y}\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{cc} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{cc}t_{x} & t_{y}\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{cc}\vec{r}\cdot\vec{r} & \vec{r}\cdot\vec{y} \\ \vec{r}\cdot\vec{r} & \vec{r}\cdot\vec{y}\end{array}\right]
$$

 \triangleright Tractions (stress vectors) can be transformed by coordinate rotation.

summary

In the xy coordinate system, the traction on a plane with unit normal n is

$$
\vec{t}_n = \vec{n} \cdot S
$$

= $[\cos \theta, \sin \theta] \cdot S$

 \blacktriangleright The coordinate transformation from \vec{t}_n (in xy) to \vec{t}'_n (in x'y') is

$$
\vec{t}'_n = \vec{t}_n \cdot \mathcal{T}
$$

 \triangleright Unit vectors can be similarly transformed, $\vec{n}' = \vec{n} \cdot \vec{n}$... and ...

$$
\vec{n} = \vec{n}' \cdot \mathcal{T}^T
$$

$$
[\cos \theta, \sin \theta] = [1, 0] \cdot \mathcal{T}^T
$$

putting it all together ... stress transformation

- \blacktriangleright Given:
	- stress in an xy coordinate system, S.
	- a unit vector \vec{n} along x' in an x'y' coordinate system.
- Find: The stress S' in the $x'y'$ coordinate system.
- \blacktriangleright Substitute ...

$$
\begin{array}{rcl}\n\vec{t}_n &=& \vec{t}_n \cdot T \\
\vec{t}_n &=& \vec{n} \cdot S \cdot T \\
\vec{t}_n &=& \vec{n}' \cdot T^T \cdot S \cdot T \\
\vec{t}_n &=& \vec{n}' \cdot S' \\
S' &=& T^T \cdot S \cdot T\n\end{array}
$$

In 2D, the stress transformation formula for a CCW rotation θ is:

$$
\left[\begin{array}{cc}\n\sigma_{x'x'} & \tau_{x'y'} \\
\tau_{y'x'} & \sigma_{y'y'}\n\end{array}\right] = \left[\begin{array}{cc}\n c & s \\
 -s & c\n\end{array}\right] \left[\begin{array}{cc}\n\sigma_{xx} & \tau_{xy} \\
\tau_{yx} & \sigma_{yy}\n\end{array}\right] \left[\begin{array}{cc}\n c & -s \\
 s & c\n\end{array}\right]
$$

carry out the matrix product $\mathbf{S}' = \mathbf{\mathcal{T}}^{\mathsf{T}} \cdot \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{\mathcal{T}}$

$$
\left[\begin{array}{cc}\n\sigma_{X'X'} & \tau_{X'y'} \\
\tau_{y'X'} & \sigma_{y'y'}\n\end{array}\right] = \left[\begin{array}{cc}\n c & s \\
 -s & c\n\end{array}\right] \left[\begin{array}{cc}\n\sigma_{XX} & \tau_{XY} \\
\tau_{yx} & \sigma_{yy}\n\end{array}\right] \left[\begin{array}{cc}\n c & -s \\
 s & c\n\end{array}\right]
$$

$$
= \left[\begin{array}{cc}\sigma_{xx}c^2 + \sigma_{yy}s^2 + 2\tau_{xy}cs & (\sigma_{yy} - \sigma_{xx})cs + \tau_{xy}(c^2 - s^2)\\(\sigma_{yy} - \sigma_{xx})cs + \tau_{xy}(c^2 - s^2) & \sigma_{xx}s^2 + \sigma_{yy}c^2 - 2\tau_{xy}cs\end{array}\right]
$$

(simplified using symmetry ... $\tau_{xy} = \tau_{yx}$)

For what angle θ is $\tau_{x'y'} = 0$?
1. On what planes is the shear stres

- 1. On what planes is the shear stress zero?
- 2. What is the transformation matrix T that diagonalizes S ?
- 3. What are the normal stresses on planes with no shear stress?

$$
\begin{bmatrix} c & s \\ -s & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{xx} & \tau_{xy} \\ \tau_{yx} & \sigma_{yy} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c & -s \\ s & c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 \end{bmatrix}
$$

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\begin{bmatrix} c & s \\ -s & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{xx} & \tau_{xy} \\ \tau_{yx} & \sigma_{yy} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c & s \\ -s & c \end{bmatrix}
$$

$$
\begin{bmatrix} c & s \\ \tau_{yx} & \sigma_{yy} \end{bmatrix} = \sigma_1 \begin{bmatrix} c & s \\ \sigma_2 \end{bmatrix}
$$

$$
\begin{bmatrix} -s & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{xx} & \tau_{xy} \\ \tau_{yx} & \sigma_{yy} \end{bmatrix} = \sigma_2 \begin{bmatrix} -s & c \end{bmatrix}
$$

- 1. Planes with no shear stress are normal to eigenvectors of S.
- 2. The transformation matrix T of eigenvectors of S diagonalizes S.
- 3. The normal stresses on planes with no shear stress are the eigenvalues of S, σ_1 and σ_2 . These are called **principle stresses**.
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principle stresses are the eigenvalues of the stress tensor

That sounds impressive.

But what does it mean?

Let's look at an example in 2D.

$$
S = \left[\begin{array}{c} \vec{t}_x \\ \vec{t}_y \end{array}\right] = \left[\begin{array}{cc} \sigma_{xx} & \tau_{xy} \\ \tau_{yx} & \sigma_{yy} \end{array}\right] = \left[\begin{array}{cc} 2 & -5 \\ -5 & 4 \end{array}\right] \text{kPa}
$$

Here's a plot of $\vec{t}_n(\theta) = \vec{n}(\theta) \cdot S$ for all values of $\vec{n}(\theta) = [\cos \theta, \sin \theta]$

principle stresses are the eigenvalues of the stress tensor

- At $\theta = 0$, $\vec{n}(\theta) = [1, 0]$ and $\vec{t}_n = \vec{t}_x = [S_{11}, S_{12}] = [2, -5]$
- In general, the traction vector is not in line with the normal vector.
- There are two normal vectors for which the traction vectors align with the normal vector. These are the **eigenvectors** of S.
- \triangleright For normal vectors aligned with the eigenvectors of S, the traction vector \vec{t}_n is in line with the normal vector \vec{n} , and has a length equal to the **eigenvalues** of S. These are the principal stresses. (red lines).

[Mohr's Circle \(for plane stress\)](#page-18-0)

trigonometry and algebra lead to Mohr's circle Substitute:

$$
\cos^2 \theta = (1 + \cos 2\theta)/2
$$

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$$
\sin^2 \theta = (1 - \cos 2\theta)/2
$$

\n
$$
2 \sin \theta \cos \theta = \sin 2\theta
$$

into:

$$
\sigma_{x'x'} = \sigma_{xx} \cos^2 \theta + \sigma_{yy} \sin^2 \theta + 2\tau_{xy} \sin \theta \cos \theta
$$

$$
\tau_{x'y'} = (\sigma_{yy} - \sigma_{xx}) \sin \theta \cos \theta + \tau_{xy} (\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta)
$$

square equations, add them, and do some algebra to obtain:

$$
\left(\sigma_{x'x'}-\frac{\sigma_{xx}+\sigma_{yy}}{2}\right)^2+\tau_{x'y'}^2=\left(\frac{\sigma_{xx}-\sigma_{yy}}{2}\right)^2+\tau_{xy}^2
$$

and compare to:

$$
(x-c)^2 + y^2 = r^2
$$

to recognize the equation for a circle with center $(c, 0)$ and radius r!

Mohr's circle of stress

- ► The center of Mohr's circle is at $\left(\frac{\sigma_{xx}+\sigma_{yy}}{2},0\right)$.
- **Figure 1** The radius of Mohr's circle is the maximum shear stress, τ_{max}

$$
\tau_{\text{max}} = \left[\left(\frac{\sigma_{xx} - \sigma_{yy}}{2} \right)^2 + \tau_{xy}^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}
$$

- \blacktriangleright There exists a plane on which the shear stresses are zero. This plane is inclined at an angle α from the xy axes. The normal stresses acting at this orientation are called the *principle stresses*, σ_1 and σ_2 .
- \blacktriangleright From Mohr's circle:

$$
\sigma_1 = \frac{\sigma_{xx} + \sigma_{yy}}{2} + \tau_{\text{max}} \qquad \qquad \sigma_2 = \frac{\sigma_{xx} + \sigma_{yy}}{2} - \tau_{\text{max}}
$$

In The angle, α , is given by:

$$
2\alpha = \arctan\left(\frac{2\tau_{xy}}{\sigma_{xx} - \sigma_{yy}}\right)
$$

Mohr's Circle Procedure - draw the circle

1. Draw the stress element aligned with the original x, y axes. Show the known stresses, σ_{xx} , σ_{yy} , and τ_{xy} on the stress element. Tension is positive.

Compression is negative.

- 2. Draw the σ , τ axes for Mohr's circle with τ pointing down.
- 3. Locate the center C of the circle at $\left(\frac{\sigma_{xx}+\sigma_{yy}}{2},0\right)$
- 4. Locate the point X on the circle at (σ_{xx}, τ_{xy}) .
- 5. Draw the circle passing through point X with center at point C. The circle will pass through point Y (σ_{yy} , $-\tau_{xy}$) 180 degrees from point X.

Mohr's Circle Procedure - draw the circle

Mohr's Circle Procedure - transform the stress

- 1. Draw new axes $x'y'$ rotated an angle θ counter-clockwise from the xy
ayes on the stress element from step 1a above axes on the stress element from step 1a above.
- 2. Find numerical values for the principle stresses, the maximum shear stresses, and the angle, α , from the xy axes to the principle axes.
- 3. Separate the angle θ into two parts: $\theta = \alpha + \beta$.
- 4. Calculate the new stresses:

$$
\sigma_{x'x'} = \frac{\sigma_{xx} + \sigma_{yy}}{2} + \tau_{max} \cos(-2\beta)
$$

$$
\sigma_{y'y'} = \frac{\sigma_{xx} + \sigma_{yy}}{2} - \tau_{max} \cos(-2\beta)
$$

$$
\tau_{x'y'} = \tau_{max} \sin(-2\beta)
$$

5. Points X', $(\sigma_{x'x'}, \tau_{x'y'})$ and Y', $(\sigma_{y'y'}, -\tau_{x'y'})$ lie on the circle at an angle 24 in the CCW direction from points X and X respectively angle 2θ in the CCW direction from points X and Y, respectively.

Is this easier than $S' = T^T \cdot S \cdot T$?

Mohr's Circle Procedure - transform the stress

notes on Mohr's circle

- \triangleright Why is a counter-clockwise rotation of the coordinate axes translated into a counter-clock-wise rotation on Mohr's circle?
- \triangleright Why are the rotations of the coordinate axes doubled when translated to Mohr's circle?

The answer to these questions can be answered by considering the state of stress caused by pure torsion:

notes on Mohr's circle

- \triangleright This state of stress is described by a Mohr's circle centered at the origin of the σ – τ axes with a radius equal to $\bar{\tau}$.
- **Points X and Y lie on the** τ **-axis**
- **Point X is located at** $(0, +\overline{\tau})$ **.** Point Y is located at $(0, -\overline{\tau})$.
- If a new set of axes $(x'y')$ are drawn at an angle of 45 degrees (CCW) to the xy axes, no shear stresses will act on surfaces normal to the $x'y'$ axes.
- \blacktriangleright The normal stress acting along the x'-axis will be in tension. The normal stress acting along the y'-axis will be in compression.
- These stresses correspond to points X' and Y' , rotated in a CCW direction of 90 degrees from points X and Y , respectively.
- Point X' shows a tensile stress $+7$.
Point Y' shows a compressive stream Point Y' shows a compressive stress $-\bar{\tau}$.

So what's easier, Mohr's Circle or $S' = T^T \cdot S \cdot T$?

 $S = [2 -5; 82D$ stress tensor -5 4]:

[evecS, evalS] = eig(S) % principle directions & stresses

 $tau = (max(diag(evals)) - min(diag(evals)))/2$

t = 47; % rotation angle theta (degrees) $T = [\cosh(t) , -\sinh(t) ; % \cos(dt)]$ framator matx $sind(t)$, $cosd(t)$];

St = T'*S*T % transformed stress tensor

... you may decide for yourself.

It's good to know about Linear Algebra.

[stress transformation in 3D](#page-28-0)

the continuum potato

The elemental stress cube showing "positive-facing" faces

the stress tensor

The stresses on the surfaces in the xyz coordinate system are the rows of the stress tensor.

$$
\begin{bmatrix}\n\sigma_{xx} & \tau_{xy} & \tau_{xz}\n\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}\n1 & 0 & 0\n\end{bmatrix}\n\begin{bmatrix}\n\sigma_{xx} & \tau_{xy} & \tau_{xz} \\
\tau_{yx} & \sigma_{yy} & \tau_{yz} \\
\tau_{zx} & \tau_{zy} & \sigma_{zz}\n\end{bmatrix}
$$
\n
$$
\begin{bmatrix}\n\tau_{yx} & \sigma_{yy} & \tau_{yz} \\
\tau_{yx} & \sigma_{yy} & \tau_{yz} \\
\tau_{zx} & \tau_{zy} & \sigma_{yz}\n\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}\n0 & 1 & 0\n\end{bmatrix}\n\begin{bmatrix}\n\sigma_{xx} & \tau_{xy} & \tau_{xz} \\
\tau_{yx} & \sigma_{yy} & \tau_{yz} \\
\tau_{zx} & \tau_{zy} & \sigma_{zz}\n\end{bmatrix}
$$
\n
$$
\begin{bmatrix}\n\tau_{zx} & \tau_{zy} & \sigma_{zz} \\
\tau_{zx} & \tau_{zy} & \sigma_{yz}\n\end{bmatrix}
$$

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stress vectors, or "tractions" on the coordinate planes

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The traction, \vec{t} , on a surface has xyz components. The traction on the surface with unit normal \vec{r} is

$$
\vec{t}_x = \sigma_{xx}\vec{t} + \tau_{xy}\vec{f} + \tau_{xz}\vec{k} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{xx} & \tau_{xy} & \tau_{xz} \end{bmatrix} = \vec{t} \cdot S
$$

The traction on the surface with unit normal \vec{r} is

$$
\vec{t}_y = \tau_{yx} \vec{\imath} + \sigma_{yy} \vec{\jmath} + \tau_{yz} \vec{\kappa} = [\tau_{yx} \quad \sigma_{yy} \quad \tau_{yz}] = \vec{\jmath} \cdot S
$$

The traction on the surface with unit normal \vec{k} is

$$
\vec{t}_z = \tau_{zx}\vec{i} + \tau_{zy}\vec{j} + \sigma_{zz}\vec{k} = \begin{bmatrix} \tau_{zx} & \tau_{zy} & \sigma_{zz} \end{bmatrix} = \vec{k} \cdot S
$$

Likewise ... (because the stress tensor is a linear operator) The traction on **any** surface with unit normal \vec{n} is

$$
\vec{t}_n = \vec{n} \cdot S
$$

traction on an arbitrary surface $\vec{t}_n = \vec{n} \cdot S$

From equilibrium on the tetrahedron,

$$
A\vec{t}_n = An_x\,\vec{t}_x + An_y\,\vec{t}_y + An_z\,\vec{t}_z
$$

recall from 2D: A cos $\theta = An_x$ and A sin $\theta = An_y$

traction on an arbitrary surface $\vec{t}_n = \vec{n} \cdot S$

- \triangleright Consider the three coordinate planes passing through a point with unit normal vectors \vec{i} , \vec{j} , and \vec{k}
- In The unit normal vector \vec{n} to any plane can be expressed in terms of \vec{i} , \vec{r} , and \vec{k} .

$$
\vec{n} = n_x \vec{r} + n_y \vec{j} + n_z \vec{k}
$$

 \blacktriangleright From equilibrium on the tetrahedron:

$$
\vec{t}_n = n_x \, \vec{t}_x + n_y \, \vec{t}_y + n_z \, \vec{t}_z
$$

 \triangleright So the traction \vec{t}_n on a plane with unit normal \vec{n}

$$
\vec{t}_n = n_x \vec{i} \cdot S + n_y \vec{j} \cdot S + n_z \vec{k} \cdot S = (n_x \vec{i} + n_y \vec{j} + n_z \vec{k}) \cdot S = \vec{n} \cdot S
$$

traction stress vectors in other coordinates: $\vec{t}_n' = \vec{t}_n \cdot \vec{T}$

- Eet's express this traction \vec{t}_n in a new coordinate system $x'y'z'$ where $\vec{i}, \vec{j}, \vec{k}$ are unit vectors in the x, y, z axes, and $\vec{i'} \times \vec{k'}$ are unit vectors in the x', y', z' axes $\vec{i}', \vec{j}', \vec{k}'$ are unit vectors in the x', y', z' axes.
- In These rotated components of \vec{t}_n are the normal stress and shear stress in the rotated coordinate system : $t'_n = [\sigma_{x'x'} , \tau_{x'y'} , \tau_{x'z'}]$

recall coordinate transformation matrix in 2D

[transformation of tractions and stresses](#page-37-0)

apply coordinate transformation to a traction

 \blacktriangleright the traction on surface "n" is

$$
\dots \vec{t}_n = \vec{n} \cdot S
$$

- **■** the coordinate transformation from unit normal \vec{n}' to unit normal \vec{n} is $\vec{n} = \vec{n}' \cdot \tau^{T}$ $\vec{n} = \vec{n}' \cdot \mathcal{T}^{\mathsf{T}}$
the coordinat
- the coordinate transformation from traction vectors \vec{t}_n to \vec{t}'_n is $\ldots \vec{t}'_n = \vec{t}_n \cdot \vec{\tau}$

$$
\vec{t}'_n = \vec{t}_n \cdot T
$$
\n
$$
= \vec{n} \cdot S \cdot T
$$
\n
$$
= \vec{n}' \cdot T^T \cdot S \cdot T
$$
\n
$$
= \vec{n}' \cdot (T^T \cdot S \cdot T)
$$
\n
$$
= \vec{n}' \cdot S'
$$

So, the stress tensor S' in a coordinate system with axis \vec{n}' can be expressed in terms of the stress tensor S in a coordinate system w expressed in terms of the stress tensor S in a coordinate system with axis \vec{n} where $\vec{n}' = \vec{n} \cdot \vec{n}$,

$$
S' = T^T \cdot S \cdot T
$$

[Mohr's circle in 3D](#page-39-0)

Mohr's circle in 3D

- \triangleright Make three Mohr's circles.
	- one for the xy stress square,
	- one for the yz stress square, and
	- one for the xz stress square.
- \blacktriangleright The three circles will share three principle stresses.
- If there is no traction on one face of the stress cube. then then one of the principle stresses is zero. In this case:
	- If $\sigma_1 > 0$ and $\sigma_2 < 0$, then $\tau_{\text{max}} = (\sigma_1 \sigma_2)/2$
	- If $\sigma_1 > 0$ and $\sigma_2 > 0$, then $\tau_{\text{max}} = +\sigma_1/2$
	- If σ_1 < 0 and σ_2 < 0, then $\tau_{\text{max}} = -\sigma_2/2$

Mohr's circle in 3D for $\sigma_1 > 0$, $\sigma_2 < 0$, and $\sigma_3 = 0$

What are the 3D coordinate rotations

to get from the x, y, z coordinates to the τ_{max} coordinates?

... (α about z, 45 deg. about y').

Biaxial tension: ductile shear failure. Triaxial tension: brittle tensile failure.