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List of 20 Theories of Failure Formulas

Theories of Failure ↗

Distortion Energy Theory ↗

1) Distortion Strain Energy ↗

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

[Open Calculator ↗](#)
ex

$$1.56 \text{ kJ/m}^3 = \frac{(1 + 0.3)}{6 \cdot 190 \text{ GPa}} \cdot \left((35 \text{ N/mm}^2 - 47 \text{ N/mm}^2)^2 + (47 \text{ N/mm}^2 - 65 \text{ N/mm}^2)^2 + (65 \text{ N/mm}^2 - 35 \text{ N/mm}^2)^2 \right)$$

2) Distortion Strain Energy for Yielding ↗

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

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$$\text{ex } 16.47807 \text{ kJ/m}^3 = \frac{(1 + 0.3)}{3 \cdot 190 \text{ GPa}} \cdot (85 \text{ N/mm}^2)^2$$

3) Shear Yield Strength by Maximum Distortion Energy Theorem ↗

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

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

4) Shear Yield Strength by Maximum Distortion Energy Theory ↗

$$\text{fx } S_{sy} = 0.577 \cdot \sigma_{yt}$$

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$$\text{ex } 4.9 \text{ E}^{-6} \text{ N/mm}^2 = 0.577 \cdot 8.5 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

5) Strain Energy due to Change in Volume given Principal Stresses ↗

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

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$$\text{ex } 7.582105 \text{ kJ/m}^3 = \frac{(1 - 2 \cdot 0.3)}{6 \cdot 190 \text{ GPa}} \cdot (35 \text{ N/mm}^2 + 47 \text{ N/mm}^2 + 65 \text{ N/mm}^2)^2$$



6) Strain Energy due to Change in Volume given Volumetric Stress ↗

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

$$\text{fx } U_v = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \sigma_v \cdot \epsilon_v$$

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

7) Strain Energy due to Change in Volume with No Distortion ↗

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

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

$$\text{ex } 8.538947 \text{ kJ/m}^3 = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{(1 - 2 \cdot 0.3) \cdot (52 \text{ N/mm}^2)^2}{190 \text{ GPa}}$$

8) Stress due to Change in Volume with No Distortion ↗

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

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

$$\text{ex } 49 \text{ N/mm}^2 = \frac{35 \text{ N/mm}^2 + 47 \text{ N/mm}^2 + 65 \text{ N/mm}^2}{3}$$

9) Tensile Yield Strength by Distortion Energy Theorem ↗

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

ex

$$26.15339 \text{ N/mm}^2 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \cdot ((35 \text{ N/mm}^2 - 47 \text{ N/mm}^2)^2 + (47 \text{ N/mm}^2 - 65 \text{ N/mm}^2)^2 + (65 \text{ N/mm}^2 - 35 \text{ N/mm}^2)^2)}$$

10) Tensile Yield Strength by Distortion Energy Theorem Considering Factor of Safety ↗

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

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

ex

$$52.30679 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 2 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \cdot ((35 \text{ N/mm}^2 - 47 \text{ N/mm}^2)^2 + (47 \text{ N/mm}^2 - 65 \text{ N/mm}^2)^2 + (65 \text{ N/mm}^2 - 35 \text{ N/mm}^2)^2)}$$



11) Tensile Yield Strength for Biaxial Stress by Distortion Energy Theorem Considering Factor of Safety ↗**Open Calculator** ↗

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

$$\text{ex } 84.59314 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 2 \cdot \sqrt{(35 \text{ N/mm}^2)^2 + (47 \text{ N/mm}^2)^2 - 35 \text{ N/mm}^2 \cdot 47 \text{ N/mm}^2}$$

12) Total Strain Energy per Unit Volume ↗

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

Open Calculator ↗

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

13) Volumetric Strain with No Distortion ↗

$$\text{fx } \varepsilon_v = \frac{(1 - 2 \cdot v) \cdot \sigma_v}{E}$$

Open Calculator ↗

$$\text{ex } 0.000109 = \frac{(1 - 2 \cdot 0.3) \cdot 52 \text{ N/mm}^2}{190 \text{ GPa}}$$

Maximum Principal Stress Theory ↗**14) Allowable Stress in Brittle Material under Compressive Loading** ↗**Open Calculator** ↗

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

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

15) Allowable Stress in Brittle Material under Tensile Loading ↗**Open Calculator** ↗

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

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

16) Allowable Stress in Ductile Material under Compressive Loading ↗**Open Calculator** ↗

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

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



17) Allowable Stress in Ductile Material under Tensile Loading ↗

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

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

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

Maximum Shear Stress Theory ↗

18) Shear Yield Strength by Maximum Shear Stress Theory ↗

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

$$fx \quad S_{sy} = \frac{\sigma_{yt}}{2}$$

$$ex \quad 4.3E^-6N/mm^2 = \frac{8.5N/m^2}{2}$$

19) Shear Yield Strength given Tensile Yield Strength ↗

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

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

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

20) Tensile Yield Strength given Shear Yield Strength ↗

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

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

$$ex \quad 85N/mm^2 = 2 \cdot 42.5N/mm^2$$



Variables Used

- E Young's Modulus of Specimen (Gigapascal)
- f_s Factor of Safety
- S_{sy} Shear Yield Strength (Newton per Square Millimeter)
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- 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 per Unit Volume (Kilojoule per Cubic Meter)
- U_v Strain Energy for Volume Change (Kilojoule per Cubic Meter)
- ϵ_v Strain for Volume Change
- σ_1 First Principal Stress (Newton per Square Millimeter)
- σ_2 Second Principal Stress (Newton per Square Millimeter)
- σ_3 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)
- σ_{yt} Tensile Yield Strength (Newton per Square Meter)
- v Poisson's Ratio



Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- **Function:** **sqrt**, `sqrt(Number)`
Square root function
- **Measurement:** **Pressure** in Gigapascal (GPa), Newton per Square Meter (N/m²)
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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- Design for Brittle and Ductile Material under Static Load Formulas 
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