THEORY OF FAILURE

1. Maximum Shear stress theory (Tresca Theory)

- Ductile Materials
- Yielding would occur when the maximum shear stress exceeds the shear stress at the tensile yield point.
- Graph is a hexagon.



2. Distortion energy theory (von-Mises yield criteria/ Maximum shear strain energy theory)

- Same as octahedral shear stress theory
- Ductile Materials
- Yielding would occur when the distortion energy exceeds the value of distortion energy at the yield point in a simple tension test.

$$\left(\frac{1+\vartheta}{6E}\right)\left[(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_3 - \sigma_1)^2\right] \le u_{\text{max}}$$
$$u_{max} = \frac{2(1+\vartheta)\sigma_{y^2}}{6E} = \frac{\sigma_{y^2}}{6G}$$
$$(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_3 - \sigma_1)^2 \le 2\sigma_{y^2}$$

In Torsion,

In tension,

$$\sigma_1 = \tau, \sigma_2 = 0, \sigma_3 = -\tau$$

$$\frac{-\frac{6(1+u)\tau_{y^2}}{6E}}{-\frac{6}{6E}} = u_{max}$$

$$\frac{\tau_y}{\sigma_y} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$



NOTE: Comparison between Tresca and Von-Mises theory

• Tresca is more conservative theory i.e. more cost and heavier design.



- 3. Max principle stress theory (Rankine theory)
 - Brittle materials
 - If one of the principles stress σ_1 and σ_2 and exceeds the ultimate stress, failure would occur.



- Graph is a square.
- Drawback Take tensile and compressive strength as same.
- Mohr's Theory is used to overcome this drawback, i.e. different strength in tensile and compressive.

- 4. Maximum strain energy theory (Haigh's theory)
 - Used for Brittle materials.

$$(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2 + \sigma_3)^2 \cdot 2(1 + \vartheta)(\sigma_1 \sigma_2 + \sigma_2 \sigma_3 + \sigma_3 \sigma_1) < \sigma_y^2$$



5. Max principal strain theory (St. Venant's theory)

- Used for Brittle materials.
- Graph is a rhombus.

$$\frac{1}{E}(\sigma_1 - \vartheta(\sigma_2 + \sigma_3)) < \varepsilon_{max}$$

In tension,

$$\sigma_1 - \vartheta(\sigma_2 + \sigma_3) < \sigma_y$$

In torsion, $\sigma_1= au, \sigma_2=0, \sigma_3=- au$

$$\mathcal{E}_{max} = \frac{\tau}{E} + \frac{\vartheta\tau}{E} = \frac{\tau}{E}(1+\vartheta)$$

$$\tau_y = \frac{E}{(1+\vartheta)}E_{max}$$

$$\frac{\tau_y}{\sigma_y} = \frac{1}{1+\vartheta} = 0.8 \text{ at } \vartheta = 0.25$$