

Geothermal Energy (Week 8, 19 Oct) - Reservoir Geomechanics

민기복

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Mid-term exam



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- Average: 85
- Maximum: 98

- (1) Typical range of thermal conductivity of rock is around $1.5 \sim 4.0 \text{ W/m}\cdot\text{K}$. (T, F)
- (2) Specific heat capacity of water is larger than average rock, e.g., unweathered granite. (T, F)
- (3) Linear thermal expansion coefficient of rock (for example, sandstone) is in the order of $10^{-5} / ^\circ\text{C}$. (T, F)
- (4) Hydraulic conductivity of shale is typically a few orders larger than that of sandstone (T,F)
- (5) Peclet number expresses the transport of energy by bulk fluid motion to the energy transport by conduction.(T, F)

Introduction

1st half of the course



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- Week 1: Introduction to the course
- Week 2: Overview of Geothermal Energy
- Week 3: Heat Transfer (1) – conduction, convection, radiation
- Week 4: Heat Transfer (2) – Heat diffusion equation
- Week 5: Fluid flow in porous media
- Week 6: Fluid flow in fractured media
Exploration techniques (invited lecture)
- Week 7: Fluid flow in porous media (conduction-convection problem)

Mid-term exam

Introduction

2nd half of the course



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- Week 8: Reservoir Geomechanics
 - Week 9: Reservoir Geomechanics **Progress report (24:00 30 Oct)**
 - Week 10: Environmental Impact/Enhanced Geothermal System (EGS)
Geothermal Power Generation
 - Week 11: Video (direct and indirect use of geothermal energy)
 - Week 12: **Field Visit (석모도, Friday, 20 Nov)**
 - Week 13: Geothermal Energy in Korea (invited lecture)
Heat Pump applications in Korea (invited lecture)
Final Exam - take-home exam (?)
 - Week 14: Report writing guide **Final report (24:00 4 Dec)**
 - Week 15: **Student conference (7 & 9 Dec)**

Questions



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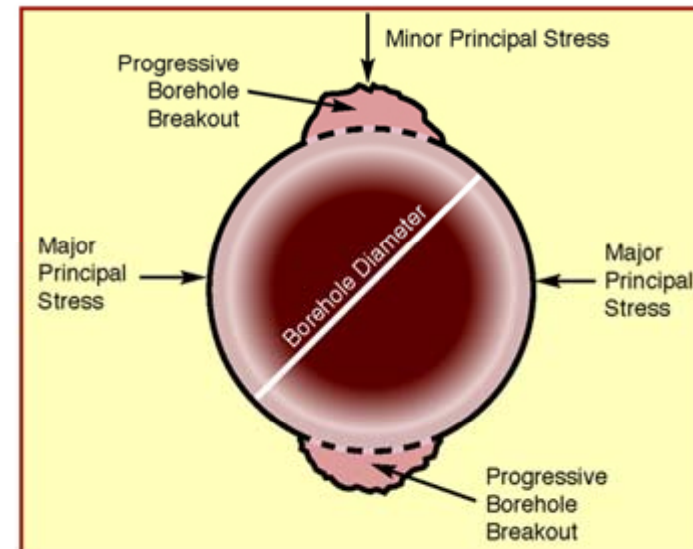
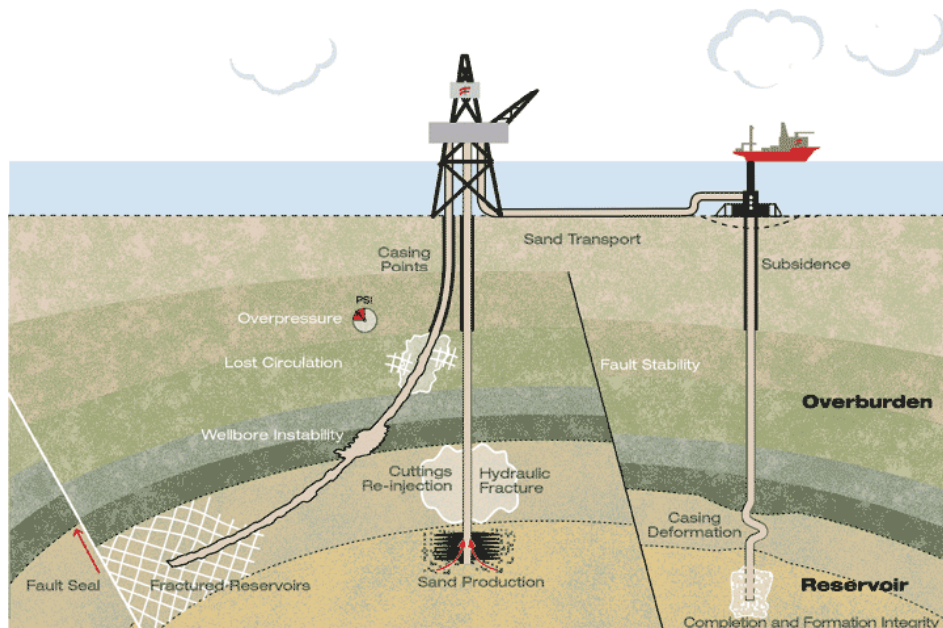
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- What if I didn't take 3rd year 'rock mechanics', 'petroleum engineering' or 'hydrogeology'?
 - Method of evaluation?
 - absolute evaluation (절대평가)

Reservoir Geomechanics outline



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- Fundamentals of rock mechanics
- Borehole stability – stability of geothermal wellbore
- Mechanics of Hydraulic fracturing
- Reservoir Geomechanics



<http://www.swri.edu/3PUBS/BROCHURE/D20/geotech/geotech.HTM>

<http://www.helix-rds.com/EnergyServices/HelixRDS/Capabilities/Geomechanics/tabid/178/Default.aspx>

Reservoir Geomechanics



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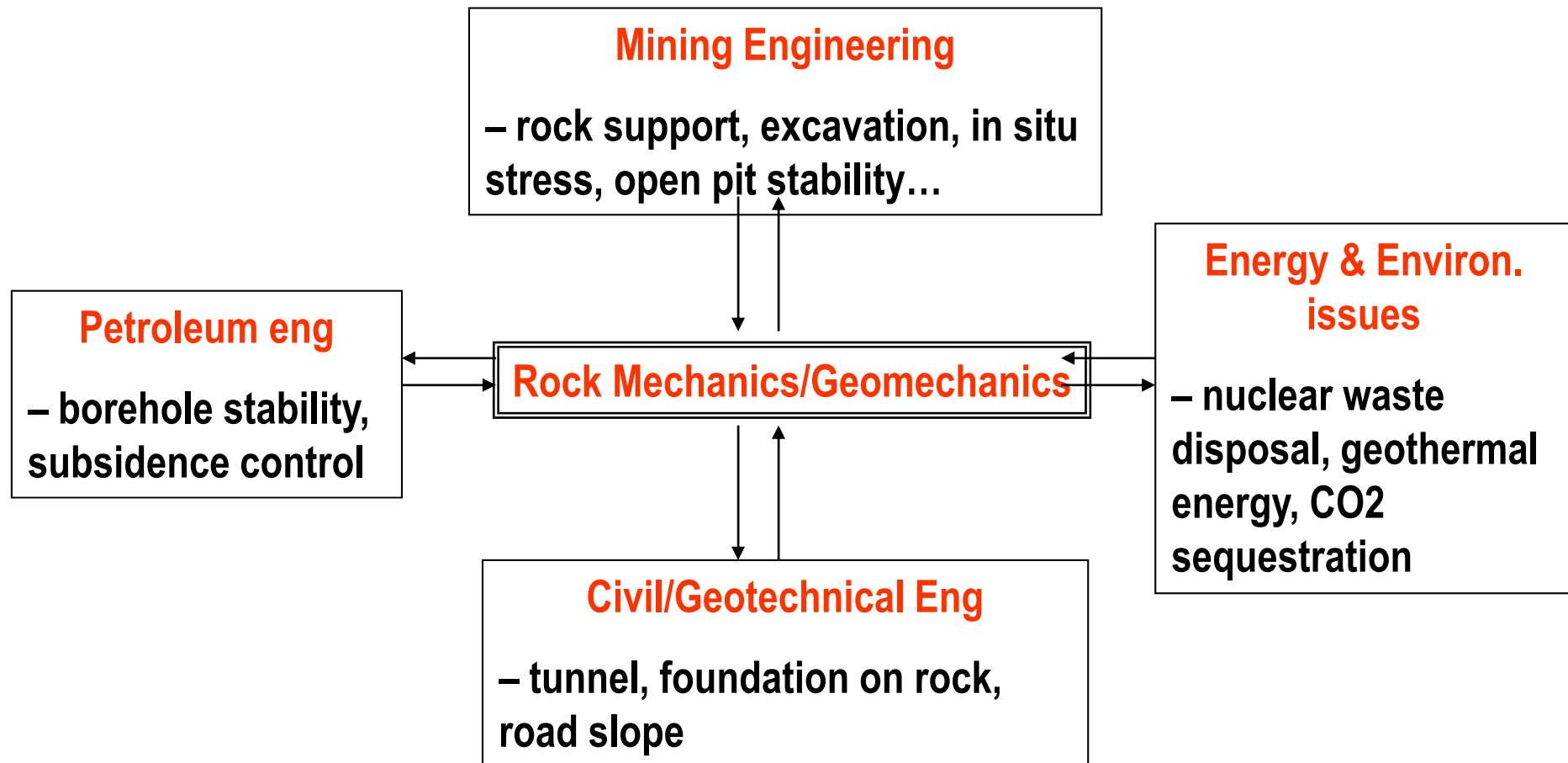
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- Fundamentals of rock mechanics
 - Concept of stress & Mohr Circle
 - Mechanical properties (Elastic modulus and Poisson's ratio)
 - Strength (compressive, tensile)
 - In situ stress
 - Equilibrium Equation

Reservoir Geomechanics

What is it?



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Reservoir Geomechanics

What is it?



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- Rock mechanics: discipline concerned with the stressing, deformation and failure of rock
- Rock Engineering: Rock mechanics + application to engineering
- Geomechanics: Rock mechanics + Soil Mechanics ← used more by petroleum industry
- Geotechnical Engineering: (Rock mechanics + soil Mechanics) + application to engineering ← used more by civil engineering industry
- Reservoir Geomechanics: application of rock mechanics or geomechanics to (petroleum/geothermal/???) reservoirs
 - ↻ Borehole stability, hydraulic fracturing, subsidence, ...

Stress (응력) Definition



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– Stress

∞: a force acting over a given area, F/A ← simple definition

∞ the internal distribution of force per unit area that balances and reacts to external loads applied to a body ← exact definition

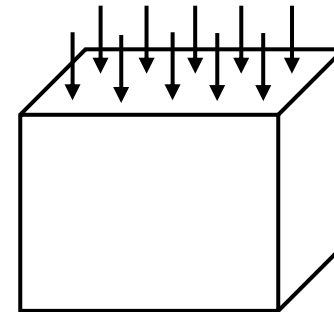
– Normal stress: Normal force/Area

$$\sigma = \frac{F_n}{A}$$

– Shear stress: Shear force/Area

$$\tau = \frac{F_s}{A}$$

- Unit: $\text{N/m}^2 = \text{Pa}$, $10^6 \text{Pa} = \text{MPa}$, $10^9 \text{Pa} = \text{GPa}$
 $145 \text{ psi} = 1 \text{ MPa} = 10 \text{ bar} = 10 \text{ kg중/cm}^2$



Stress 2D



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- Stress in 2D

$$\mathbf{2D:} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_x & \tau_{xy} \\ \tau_{yx} & \sigma_y \end{pmatrix}$$

τ_{xy}
Direction of surface normal
upon which the stress acts

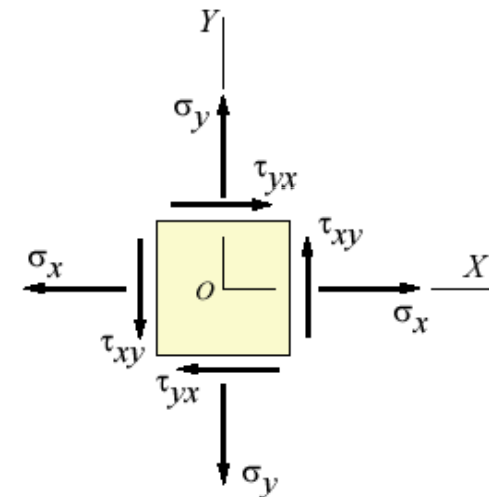
Direction of the
stress component

- Normal stress: acting perpendicular to the plane
- Shear stress: acting tangent to the plane
- Stress is a 2nd order tensor

‣ Force is 1st order tensor (=vector)

‣ Can be defined according to the reference axis

‣ Principal stresses are defined



Stress 3D



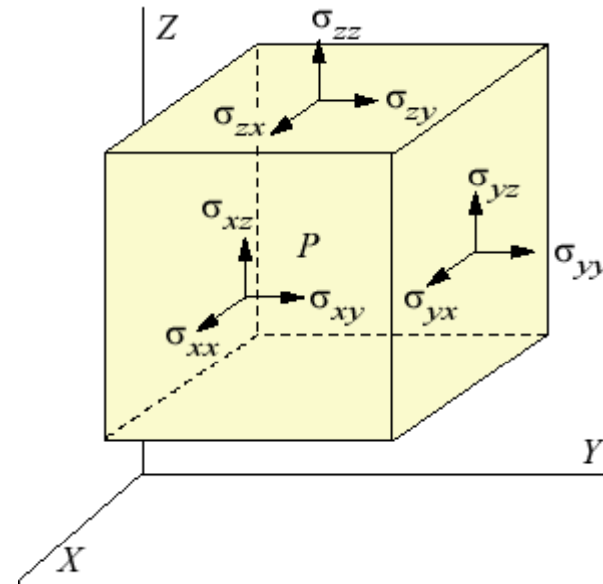
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$$\begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{xx} & \sigma_{xy} & \sigma_{xz} \\ \sigma_{yx} & \sigma_{yy} & \sigma_{yz} \\ \sigma_{zx} & \sigma_{zy} & \sigma_{zz} \end{pmatrix}$$

Tensor form

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{xx} \\ \sigma_{yy} \\ \sigma_{zz} \\ \sigma_{yz} \\ \sigma_{xz} \\ \sigma_{xy} \end{pmatrix}$$

**matrix
form**



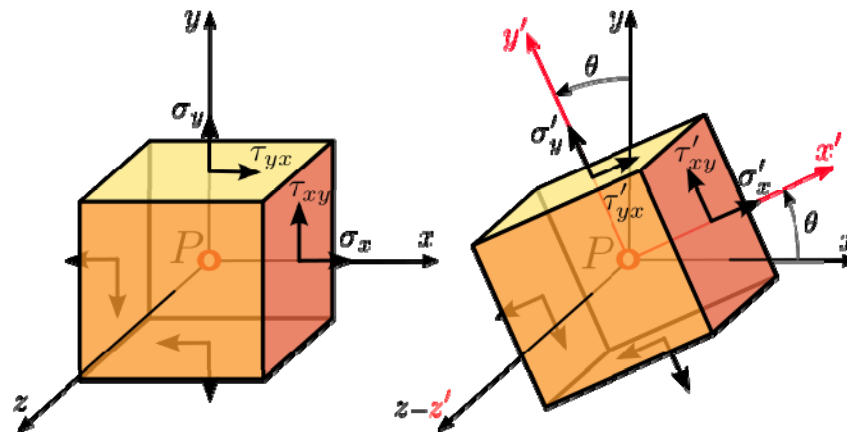
Stress Transformation



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- Transformation of stress
 - When we choose axis rotated by θ , normal and shear stress becomes

$$\sigma'_x = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} + \frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2} \cos 2\theta + \tau_{xy} \sin 2\theta \quad \tau'_{xy} = -\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2} \sin 2\theta + \tau_{xy} \cos 2\theta$$



Stress

Mohr's Circle

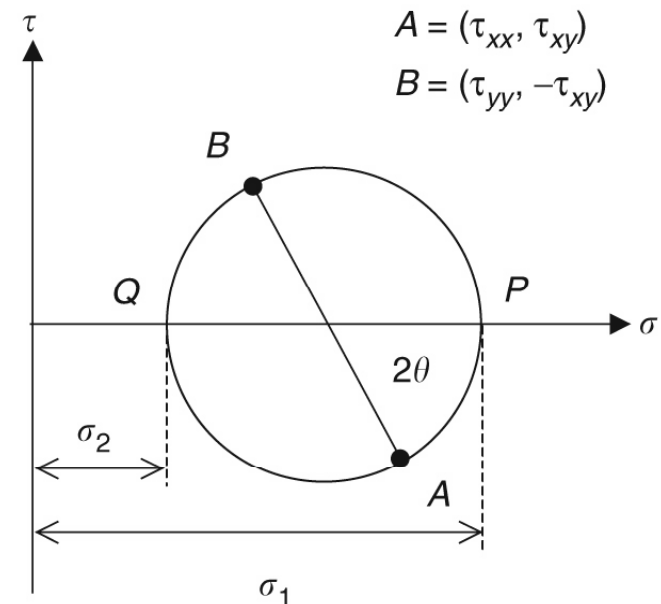


- One can always find an axis where shear stress goes zero → principal axsi & principal stress
- Using principal stresses (σ_1 and σ_2),

$$\sigma_x' = \frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_2}{2} + \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2}{2} \cos 2\theta + \tau_{xy} \sin 2\theta$$

$$\tau_{xy}' = -\frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2}{2} \sin 2\theta + \tau_{xy} \cos 2\theta$$

- Radius: $\frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2}{2}$
- Center: $\frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_2}{2}$
- Maximum shear stress: $\frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2}{2}$

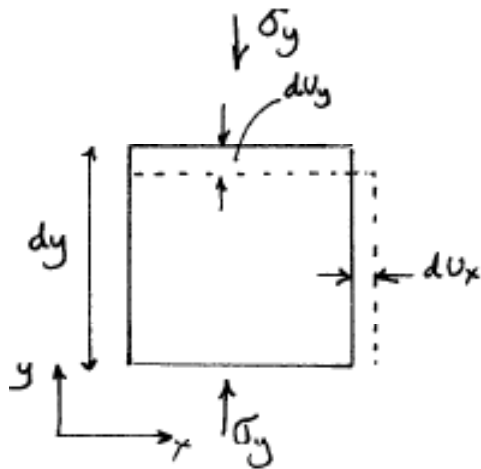


Strain – 1D & 2D

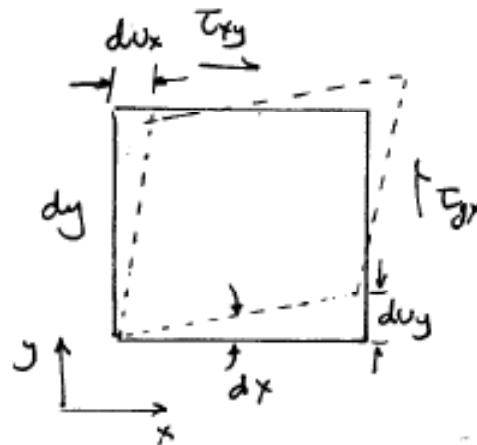


- Geometric expression of deformation caused by stress (dimensionless)

1D $\epsilon = \frac{\Delta L}{L} = \frac{du}{dx}$



$$\epsilon_y = \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} \approx \frac{\Delta u_y}{\Delta y}$$



$$\gamma_{xy} = \left(\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} \right)$$

$$\epsilon_{xx} = \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x}, \epsilon_{yy} = \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y},$$

$$\gamma_{xy} = \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x}$$

Strain – 3D



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$$\varepsilon_{xx} = \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x}, \varepsilon_{yy} = \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y}, \varepsilon_{zz} = \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z},$$

$$\varepsilon_{xy} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} \right)$$

$$\varepsilon_{yz} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_y}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$\varepsilon_{xz} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial x} \right)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_{xx} & \varepsilon_{xy} & \varepsilon_{xz} \\ \varepsilon_{yx} & \varepsilon_{yy} & \varepsilon_{yz} \\ \varepsilon_{zx} & \varepsilon_{zy} & \varepsilon_{zz} \end{pmatrix}$$

**Tensor
form**

$$\begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_{xx} \\ \varepsilon_{yy} \\ \varepsilon_{zz} \\ \gamma_{yz} \\ \gamma_{xz} \\ \gamma_{xy} \end{pmatrix}$$

**Matrix
form**

Strain is also a 2nd order tensor and symmetric by definition.

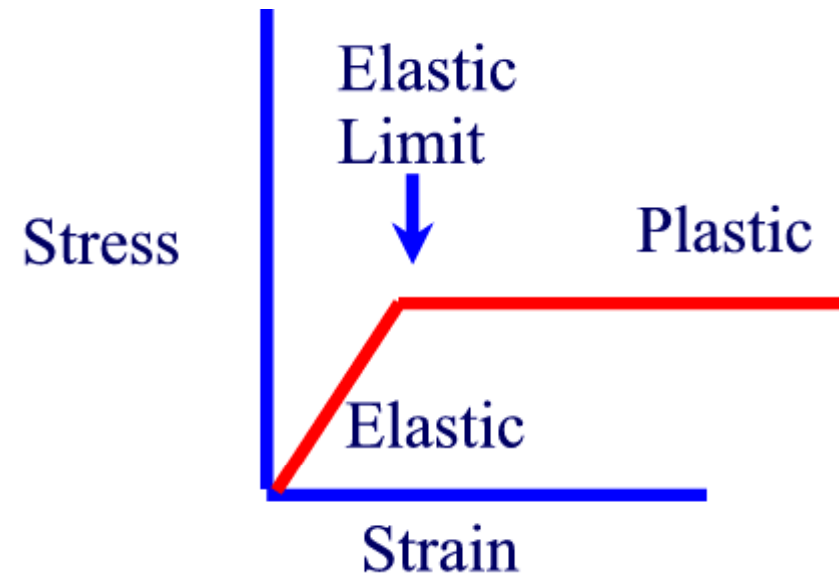
Mechanical Properties

elastic properties



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- Elastic
 - Loaded deformation recovers when unloaded
- Plastic
 - Not recoverable





Mechanical Properties

- Rate equation/Constitute Equation

- Hooke's law $\sigma = E \varepsilon = E \frac{du}{dx}$ ← $q_x'' = -k \frac{dT}{dx}$
 $q_x = -K_x \frac{\partial h}{\partial x}$

- Elastic (Young's) modulus, E (N/m²=Pa)

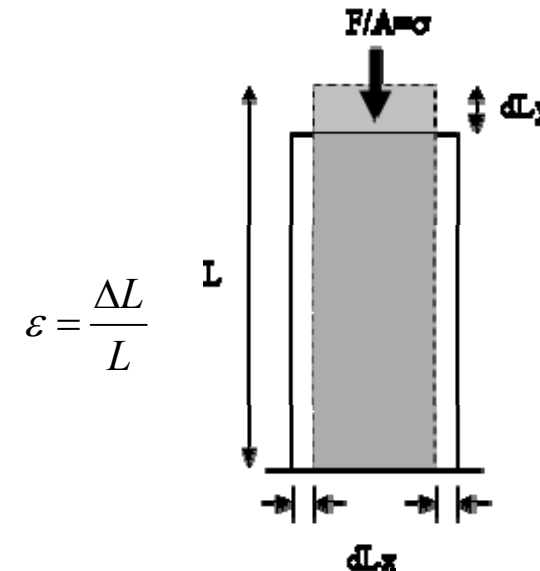
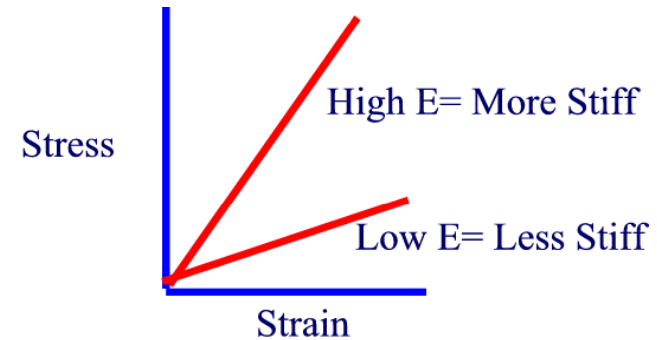
$$E = \frac{\sigma_y}{\varepsilon_y}$$

- Poisson's ratio, ν (dimensionless)

$$\nu = -\frac{\text{lateral strain}}{\text{axial strain}} = -\frac{\varepsilon_x}{\varepsilon_y}$$

- Typical range of properties

- Concrete $\sigma_c = 20\text{-}50$ MPa $E \sim 25$ GPa
- Granite $\sigma_c = 100\text{-}200$ MPa $E \sim 60$ GPa
- Alloy steel $\sigma_c = >500$ MPa $E \sim 200$ GPa



Mechanical Properties

Hooke's law in 3D



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- Hooke's Law

$$\boxed{1D} \quad \sigma = E\varepsilon$$

- Shear modulus G

$$\tau_{xy} = G\gamma_{xy}$$

- Generalized Hooke's law (isotropy)
 - 2 independent parameters (E , ν) for isotropic material

$$G = \frac{E}{2(1+\nu)}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_x \\ \varepsilon_y \\ \varepsilon_z \\ \gamma_{yz} \\ \gamma_{xz} \\ \gamma_{xy} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{E} & -\frac{\nu}{E} & -\frac{\nu}{E} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{\nu}{E} & \frac{1}{E} & -\frac{\nu}{E} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{\nu}{E} & -\frac{\nu}{E} & \frac{1}{E} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{G} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{G} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{G} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \\ \sigma_z \\ \tau_{yz} \\ \tau_{xz} \\ \tau_{xy} \end{pmatrix}$$

Mechanical Properties

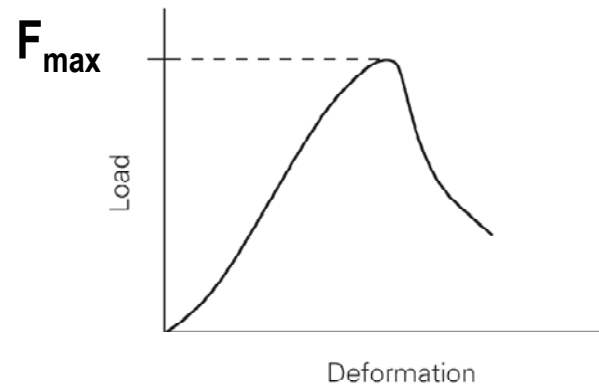
Uniaxial compressive strength (단축압축강도)



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- Uniaxial Compressive Strength: maximum stress that the specimen can sustain under uniaxial stress condition
- Same unit as stress (Pa), usually in MPa.

$$\sigma_c = \frac{F_{\max}}{A}$$





Properties

Uniaxial compressive strength (단축압축강도)

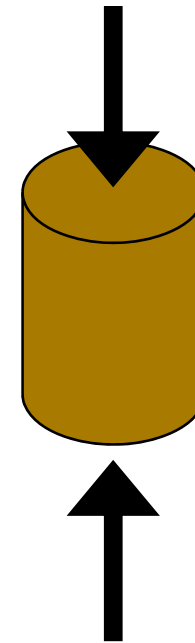
Gold medal in Beijing Olympic, 186 kg



$$\text{Force (F)} = mg = 186 \text{ kg} \times 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 = 1860 \text{ N}$$

$$\text{Area of two palms (A)} = 0.1 \text{ (m)} \times 0.1 \text{ (m)} \times 2 = 0.02 \text{ m}^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_c \text{ (maximum stress = Strength)} \\ &= F/A = 1860 / 0.02 = 93000 \text{ N/m}^2 = 93 \text{ kPa} \end{aligned}$$



Properties

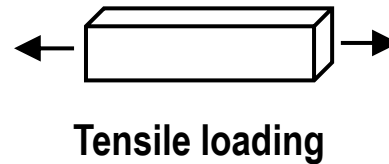
Tensile strength



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- Tensile strength: Maximum tensile stress that the specimen can sustain

$$\sigma_t = \frac{T_{\max}}{A}$$

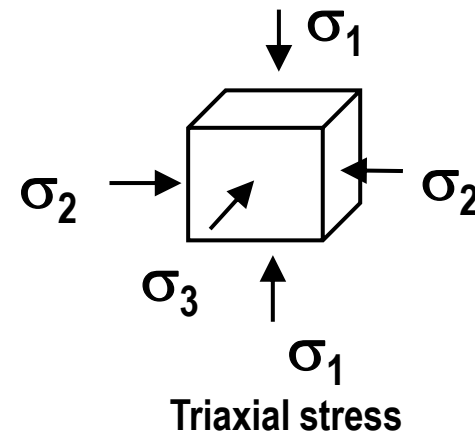
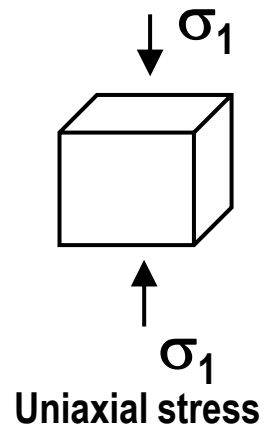


- Tensile strength of rock is usually 1/10 ~ 1/20 of UCS

State of Stress



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**Close to the reality in
deep underground**

In situ Stress (초기응력 혹은 현지응력)

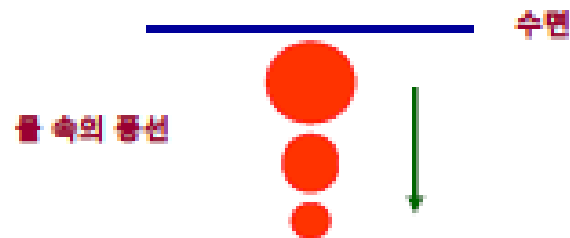


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- Water pressure with respect to depth (z)

$$p = \rho g z = \text{density} \times \text{acceleration}(\text{due to gravity}) \times \text{depth}$$

$$p = \rho g z = 0.01 \times z (\text{MPa})$$

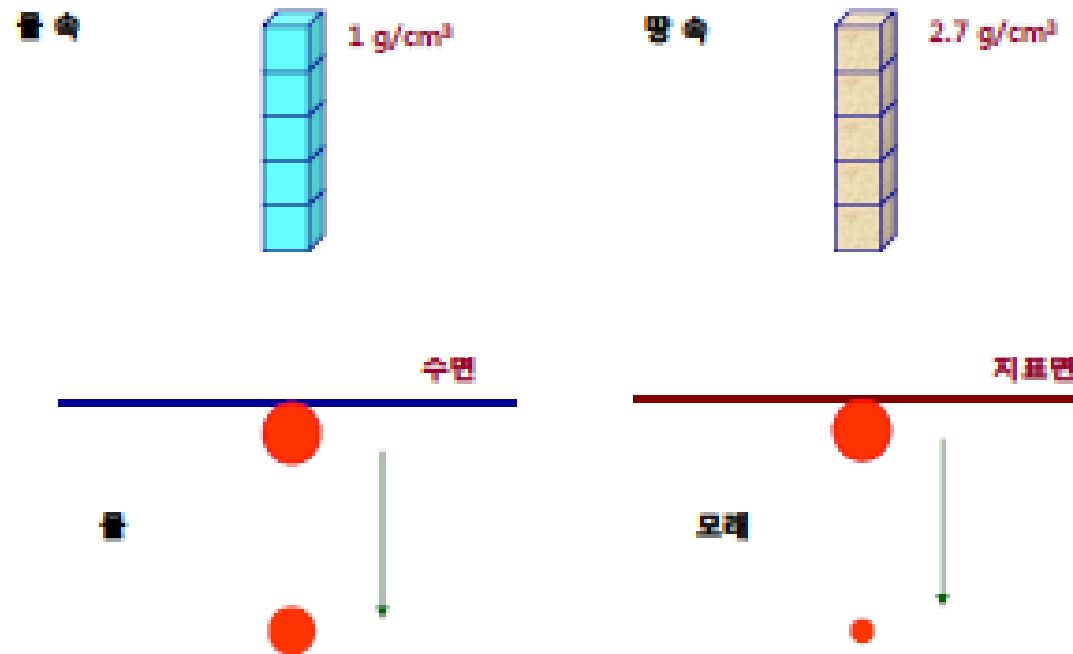


In situ Stress (초기응력 혹은 현지응력)



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$$p = \rho g z = \text{밀도} \times \text{중력가속도} \times \text{심도}$$



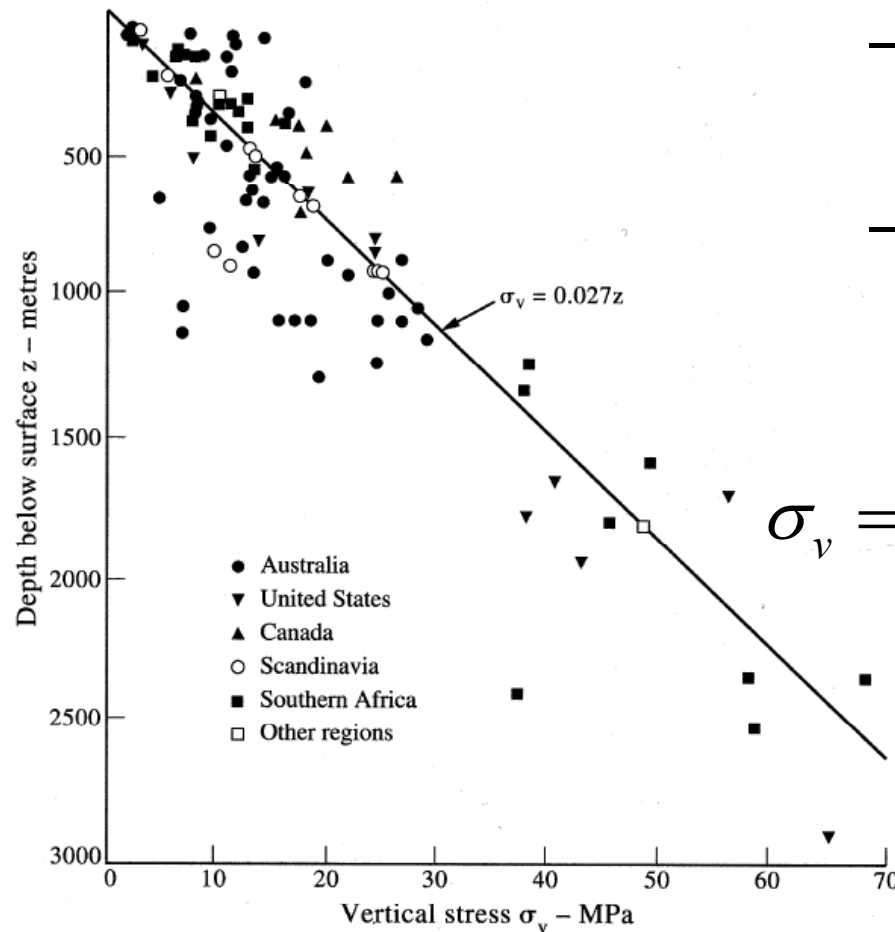
$$p = \rho g z = 0.01 \times z (\text{MPa}) \quad p = \rho g z = 0.027 \times z (\text{MPa})$$

In situ stress

Magnitude of Vertical stress



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- Vertical component of in situ stress
- More or less similar to predicted stress

$$\sigma_v = \rho gh = 0.027 \times h(\text{MPa})$$

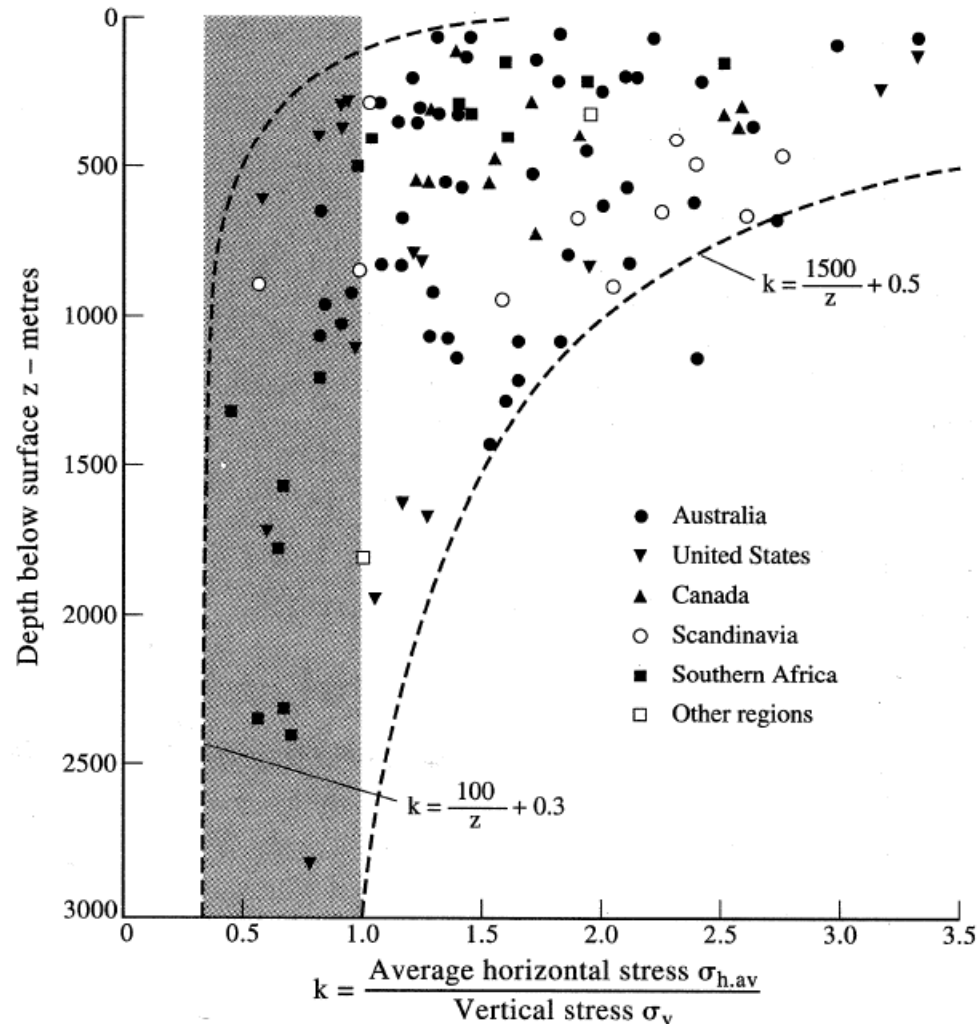
Vertical stress vs depth

In situ stress

Magnitude of Horizontal stress



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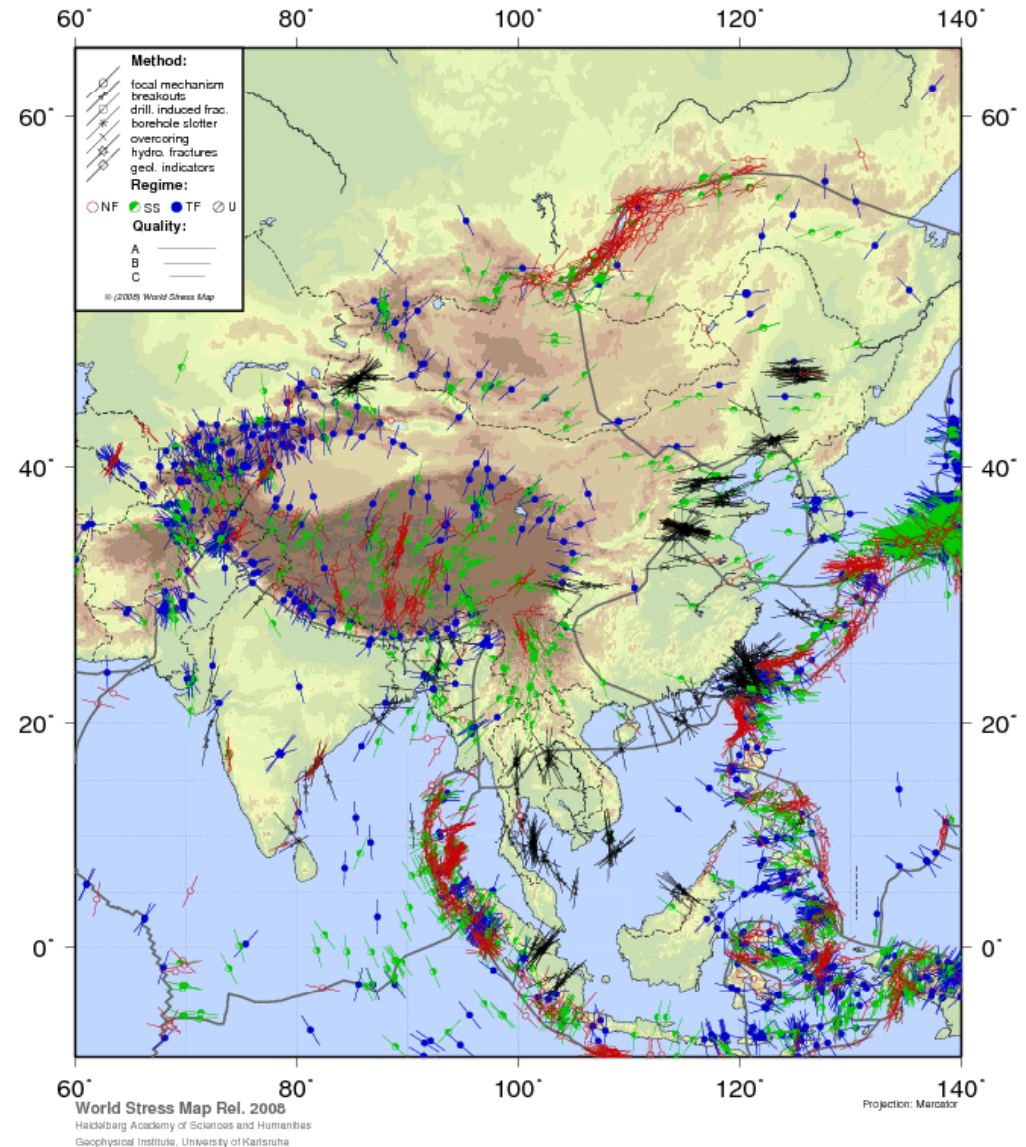
- Horizontal components of insitu stress
- Average horizontal stress is usually 0.3 ~ 4.0 times of vertical stress
- High horizontal stress: tectonic stress, erosion, topography

In situ stress World stress map



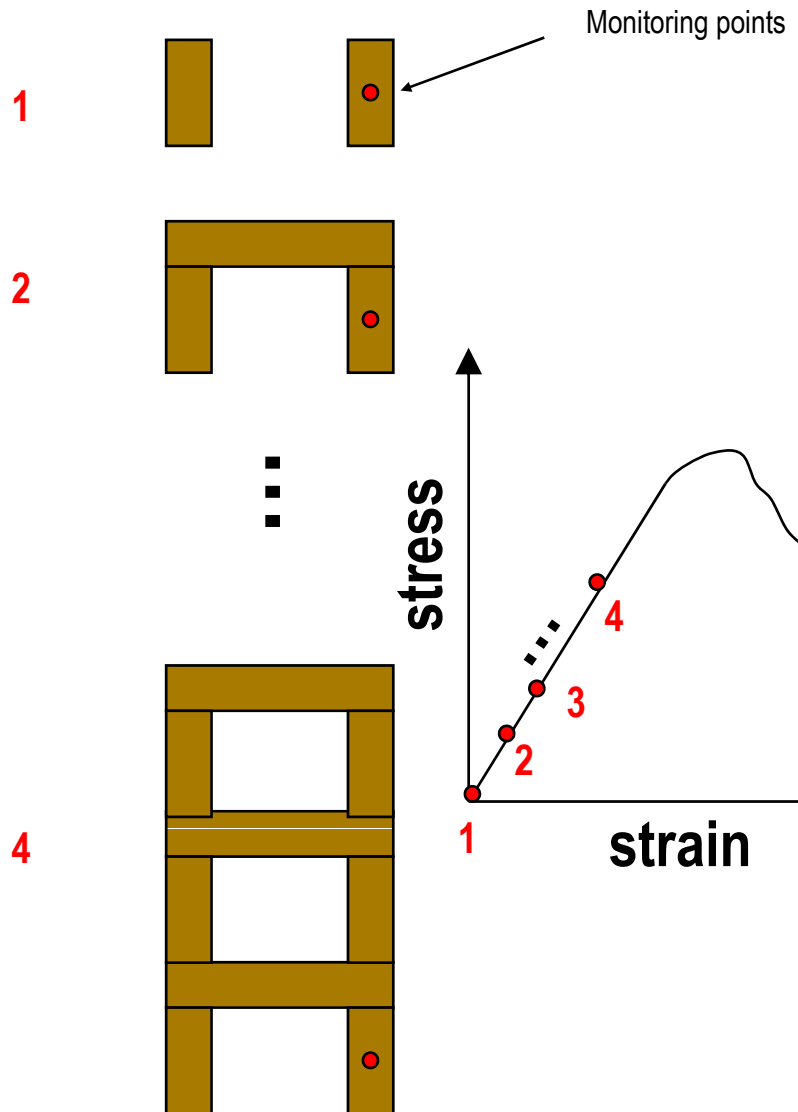
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- <http://dc-app3-14.gfz-potsdam.de/>

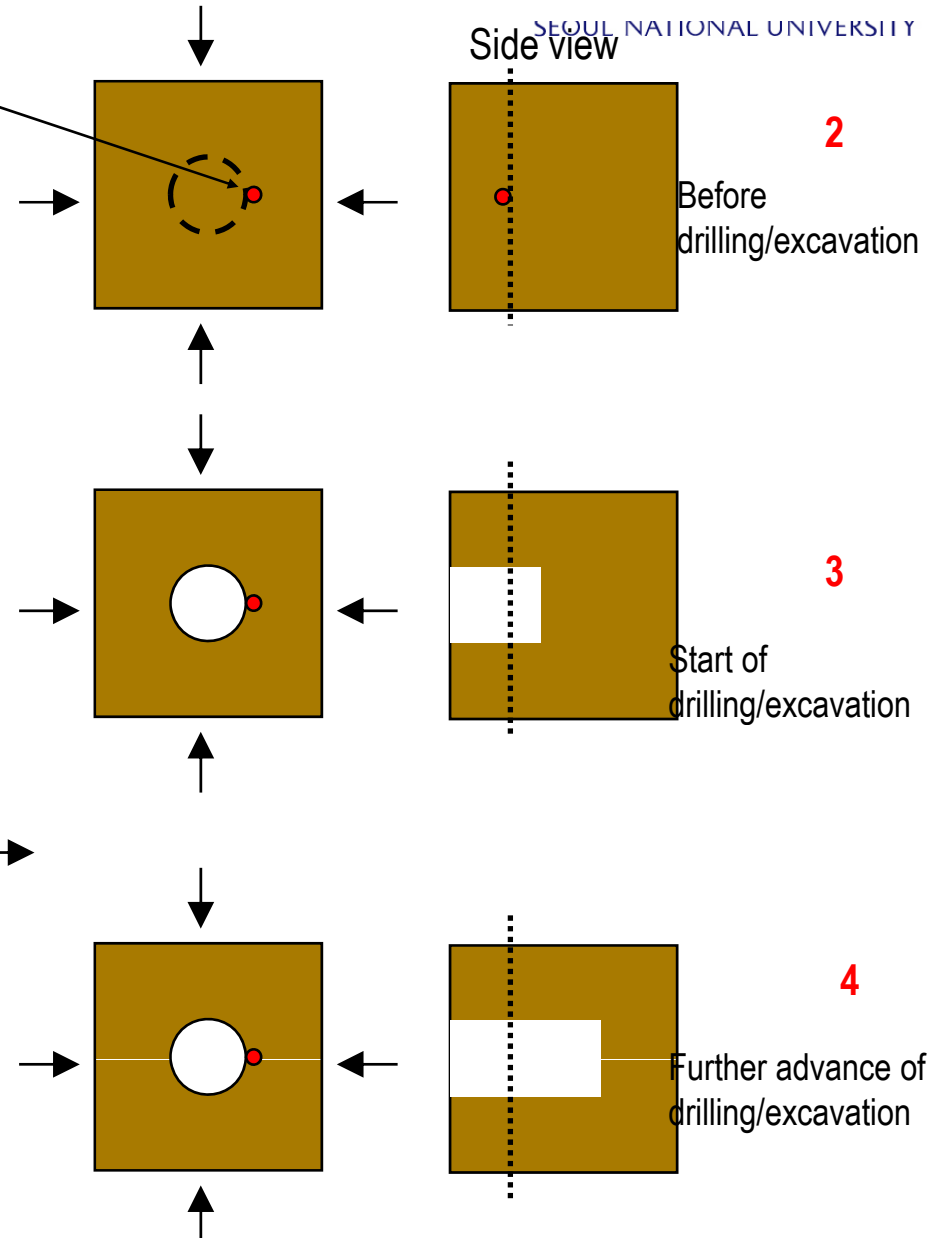


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Civil structural problem: Mechanics of “Addition”



Petroleum/ Mining Geomechanics problem: Mechanics of “Removal”

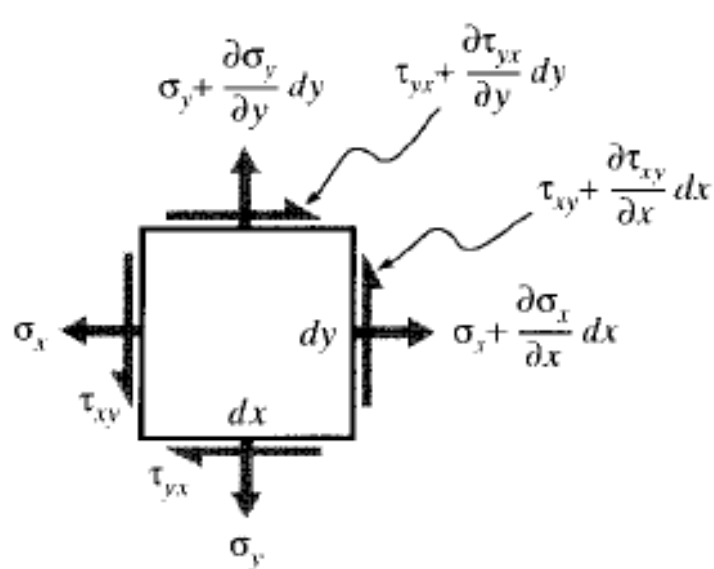


Equilibrium equation



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- Sum of traction, body forces (and moment) are zero (static case)



$$\sum F_i = 0 \longrightarrow$$

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_{xx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yx}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{zx}}{\partial z} + \rho b_x = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{yy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{zy}}{\partial z} + \rho b_y = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \tau_{xz}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yz}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{zz}}{\partial z} + \rho b_z = 0$$

- b_x, b_y, b_z are components of acceleration due to gravity.

$$\sum M_i = 0 \longrightarrow \tau_{xy} = \tau_{yx}$$

Equilibrium equation



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- Strain-displacement relationship
- Stress-strain relationship
- Static Equilibrium Equation

- Final equation for elasticity

$$\varepsilon = \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{1}{E} \sigma$$

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_{xx}}{\partial x} + \rho b_x = 0$$

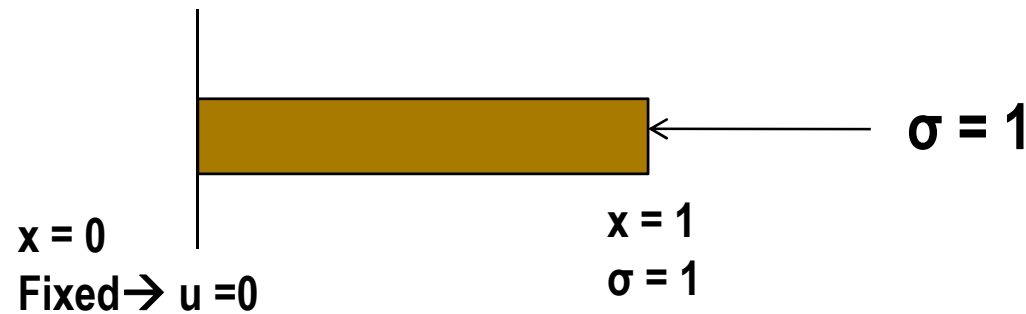
$$E \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial x^2} + \rho b_x = 0$$

Equation of motion (Equilibrium equation) – A 1D example



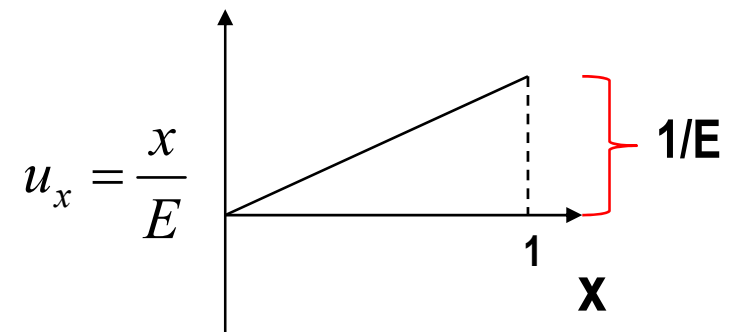
- With no body force, and static case

$$E \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial x^2} + \cancel{\rho b_x} = \rho \cancel{\frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial t^2}} \quad E \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial x^2} = 0$$



$$E \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} = C_1 \quad \rightarrow \text{From } \sigma = 1, C_1 = 1$$

$$E u_x = x + C_2 \quad \rightarrow \text{From } u = 0 \text{ at } x=0, C_2 = 0$$



Formulation for elasticity (2) – 3D



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- In 3D, it is slightly more complicated - Navier's equation

$$G \left(\frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial z^2} \right) + (\lambda + G) \left(\frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial x \partial y} + \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial x \partial z} \right) + \rho b_x = 0$$

$$G \left(\frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial z^2} \right) + (\lambda + G) \left(\frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial x \partial y} + \frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial y \partial z} \right) + \rho b_y = 0$$

$$G \left(\frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial z^2} \right) + (\lambda + G) \left(\frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial x \partial z} + \frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial y \partial z} + \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial z^2} \right) + \rho b_z = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{E\nu}{(1+\nu)(1-2\nu)}$$

Physical variables for various physical problems



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Physical problem	Conservation Principle $\nabla \cdot q = 0$	State Variable u	Flux σ	Material properties k	Source f	Constitutive equation $\sigma = ku'$
Elasticity	Conservation of linear momentum (equilibrium)	Displacement u	Stress σ	Young's modulus & Poisson's ratio	Body forces	Hooke's law
Heat conduction	Conservation of energy	Temperature T	Heat flux Q	Thermal conductivity k	Heat sources	Fourier's law
Porous media flow	Conservation of mass	Hydraulic head h	Flow rate Q	Permeability k	Fluid source	Darcy's law
Mass transport	Conservation of mass	Concentration C	Diffusive flux q	Diffusion coefficient D	Chemical source	Fick's law

Structure of state variables and fluxes are mathematically similar –
a convenient truth!

Today



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- Fundamentals of rock mechanics
 - Concept of stress & Mohr Circle
 - Mechanical properties (Elastic modulus and Poisson's ratio)
 - Strength (compressive, tensile)
 - In situ stress
 - Equilibrium Equation



- Stability of geothermal wellbore
 - Failure criteria
 - Basic solutions for stress distribution around wellbore