

Chapter 8 Applications of Plane Stress

8.2 Spherical Pressure Vessels

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1. Pressure vessels: c_____ structures containing liquids or gases under pressure

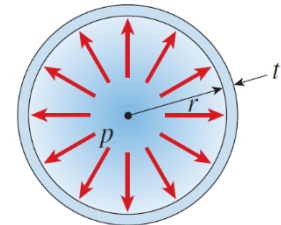
- 1) Examples: tanks, pipes, pressurized cabins in aircraft and space vehicles
- 2) More general category: s_____ structures (other examples: roof domes, airplane wings, submarine hulls)



Thin-walled spherical pressure vessel used for storage of propane in this oil refinery

2. "Thin-walled" structure: $r/t \geq 10$

→ Can determine the stresses in the walls with reasonable accuracy using statics alone



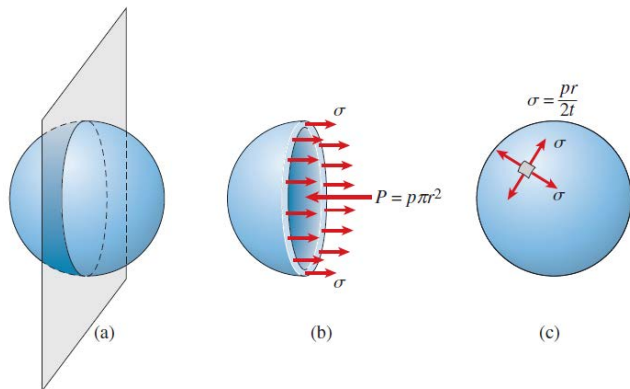
3. Horizontal resultant force by the pressure:

$$P = p\pi r^2$$

Note: Internal pressure _____ external pressure (otherwise, buckling)

4. The resultant of the tensile stresses σ : $\sigma(2\pi r_m t)$

where $r_m = r + t/2$



5. From the equilibrium of horizontal forces, the tensile stresses in the wall of the vessel is

$$\sigma = \frac{pr^2}{2r_m t}$$

6. For thin-walled vessel, $r_m \cong r$, thus

$$\sigma = \frac{pr}{2t}$$

7. From (rotational) symmetry, it is found that the wall of a pressurized spherical vessel is subjected to uniform tensile stresses σ in all directions.

⊙ Stresses at the Outer Surface

1. Usually free of any external loads and rotational symmetry:

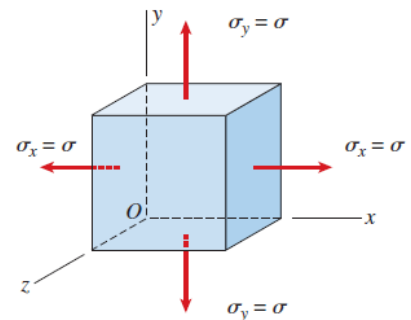
$$\sigma_x = \sigma_y = \quad , \quad \sigma_z = \quad , \quad \tau_{xy} = \quad$$

2. Using the transformation formula

$$\tau_{x_1y_1} = -\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2} \sin 2\theta + \tau_{xy} \cos 2\theta =$$

$$\sigma_{x_1} = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} + \frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2} \cos 2\theta + \tau_{xy} \sin 2\theta =$$

$$\sigma_{y_1} = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} - \frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2} \cos 2\theta - \tau_{xy} \sin 2\theta =$$



→ Every plane and direction is a p_____ plane and direction with

$$\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = \text{---} \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_3 =$$

This means there is z_____ shear stress in any direction

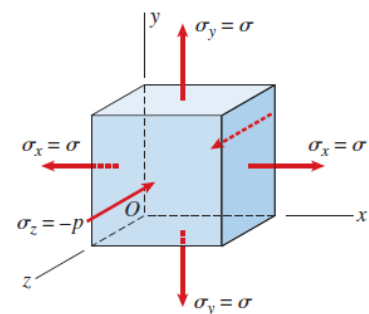
3. Maximum shear stress: occurs when rotated 45° around x or y axes (i.e. out-of-plane)

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{\sigma}{2} = \frac{pr}{4t}$$

⊙ Stresses at the Inner Surface

1. In addition to the stresses at the outer surface, there is a compressive stress $\sigma_z = -p$
2. In any direction (within xy plane), we see principal stresses, i.e.

$$\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = \frac{pr}{2t} \quad \sigma_3 = -p$$

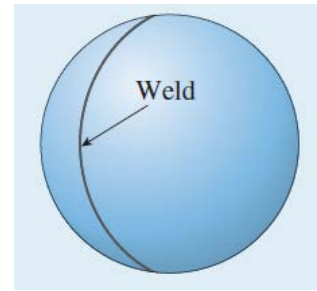


3. Maximum (out-of-plane) shear stress (when rotated 45° around x or y axis):

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{\sigma + p}{2} = \frac{pr}{4t} + \frac{p}{2} = \frac{p}{2} \left(\frac{r}{2t} + 1 \right)$$

4. When the ratio $\frac{r}{t} \gg 1$ (thin-walled), $\tau_{\max} \cong \frac{pr}{4t}$
5. Thus, for a thin-walled spherical shell structure, the stress state at the inner surface can be considered as the same as at the outer surface (under biaxial stress).

⊙ **Example 8-1:** Consider a compressed-air tank with inner diameter 5.5 m and wall thickness $t = 45$ mm, formed by welding two steel hemispheres



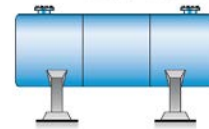
- (a) Maximum permissible air pressure p_a when the allowable tensile stress of the steel is $\sigma_{\text{allow}} = 93$ MPa.
- (b) Maximum permissible air pressure p_b when the allowable shear stress of the steel is $\tau_{\text{allow}} = 42$ MPa.
- (c) If the normal strain at the outer surface of the tank is not to exceed 0.0003, what is the maximum permissible pressure p_c ? (Note: Hooke's law is valid and $E = 210$ GPa and $\nu = 0.28$)
- (d) The welded seam can sustain the tensile load up to 7.5 MN per meter. If the required factor of safety is 2.5, what is the maximum permissible pressure p_d ?
- (e) Considering the four preceding factors, what is the allowable pressure p_{allow} ?

8.3 Cylindrical Pressure Vessels

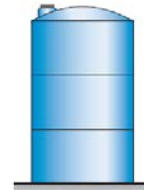
⊙ Cylindrical Pressure Vessels

1. Examples: compressed air tanks, fire extinguishers, propane tanks, grain silos
2. Stresses:
 - 1) σ_1 : circumferential stress or h_____ stress
 - 2) σ_2 : longitudinal stress or axial stress

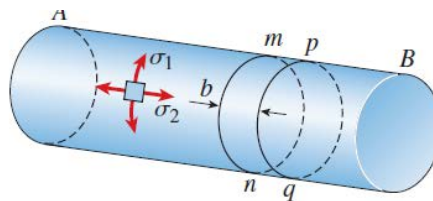
Cylindrical pressure vessels with circular cross sections



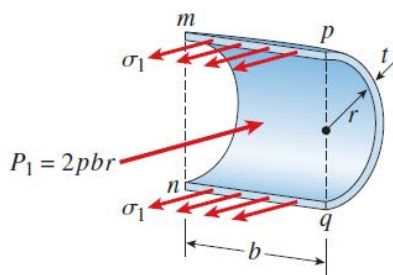
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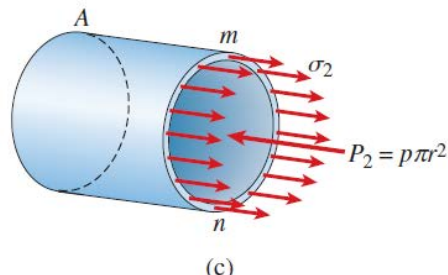
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(b)



(c)

⊙ Circumferential (Hoop) Stress

1. Resultant forces

$$P_1 = 2pbr \text{ and } \sigma_1(2bt)$$

2. From the equilibrium,

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{pr}{t}$$

⊙ Longitudinal (Axial) Stress

1. Resultant forces: $P_2 = p\pi r^2$ and $\sigma_2(2\pi rt)$

2. From the equilibrium, $\sigma_2 = \frac{pr}{2t}$

3. It is noted that

$$\sigma_1 = 2\sigma_2$$

⊙ Stresses at the Outer Surface

1. Maximum in-plane shear stress (when rotated by 45°)

$$(\tau_{\max})_z = \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2}{2} = \frac{\sigma_1}{4} = \frac{pr}{4t}$$

2. Maximum out-of-plane shear stress (when rotated by 45° around x and y axes)

$$(\tau_{\max})_x = \frac{\sigma_1 - 0}{2} = \frac{pr}{2t} \quad (\tau_{\max})_y = \frac{\sigma_2 - 0}{2} = \frac{pr}{4t}$$

⊙ Stresses at the Inner Surface

1. Stresses: $\sigma_1 = \frac{pr}{t}$, $\sigma_2 = \frac{pr}{2t}$ and $\sigma_3 = -p$

2. Three maximum shear stresses

$$1) (\tau_{\max})_x = \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3}{2} = \frac{pr}{2t} + \frac{p}{2} \cong \frac{pr}{2t}$$

$$2) (\tau_{\max})_y = \frac{\sigma_2 - \sigma_3}{2} = \frac{pr}{4t} + \frac{p}{2} \cong \frac{pr}{4t}$$

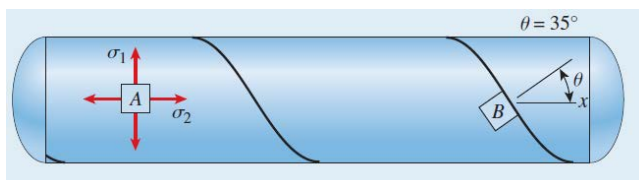
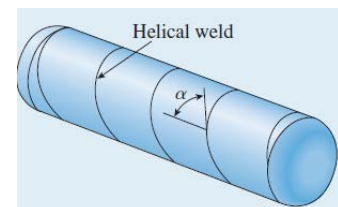
$$3) (\tau_{\max})_z = \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2}{2} = \frac{pr}{4t}$$

3. It is noted once again that we can disregard the presence of the compressive stress $-p$ for a thin-walled cylindrical vessels

⊙ **Example 8-2:** Cylindrical pressure vessel welded following a helical joint with angle $\alpha = 55^\circ$ with the longitudinal axis.

The vessel has $r = 1.8$ m, $t = 20$ mm, $E = 200$ GPa, $\nu = 0.30$ and $p = 800$ kPa. Calculate the followings: (a) σ_1 and σ_2 ,

(b) the maximum in-plane and out-of-plane shear stresses, (c) circumferential and longitudinal strains ϵ_1 and ϵ_2 ; and (d) the normal stress σ_w and shear stress τ_w acting perpendicular and parallel, respectively to the welded seam.



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