



Mechanics of Thin-walled Structures

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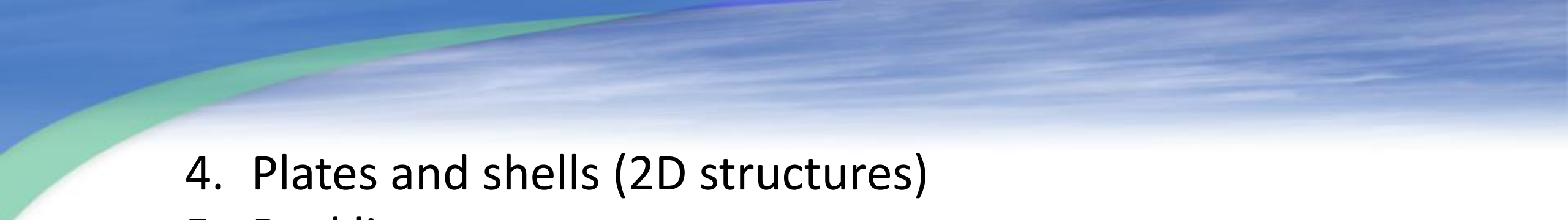
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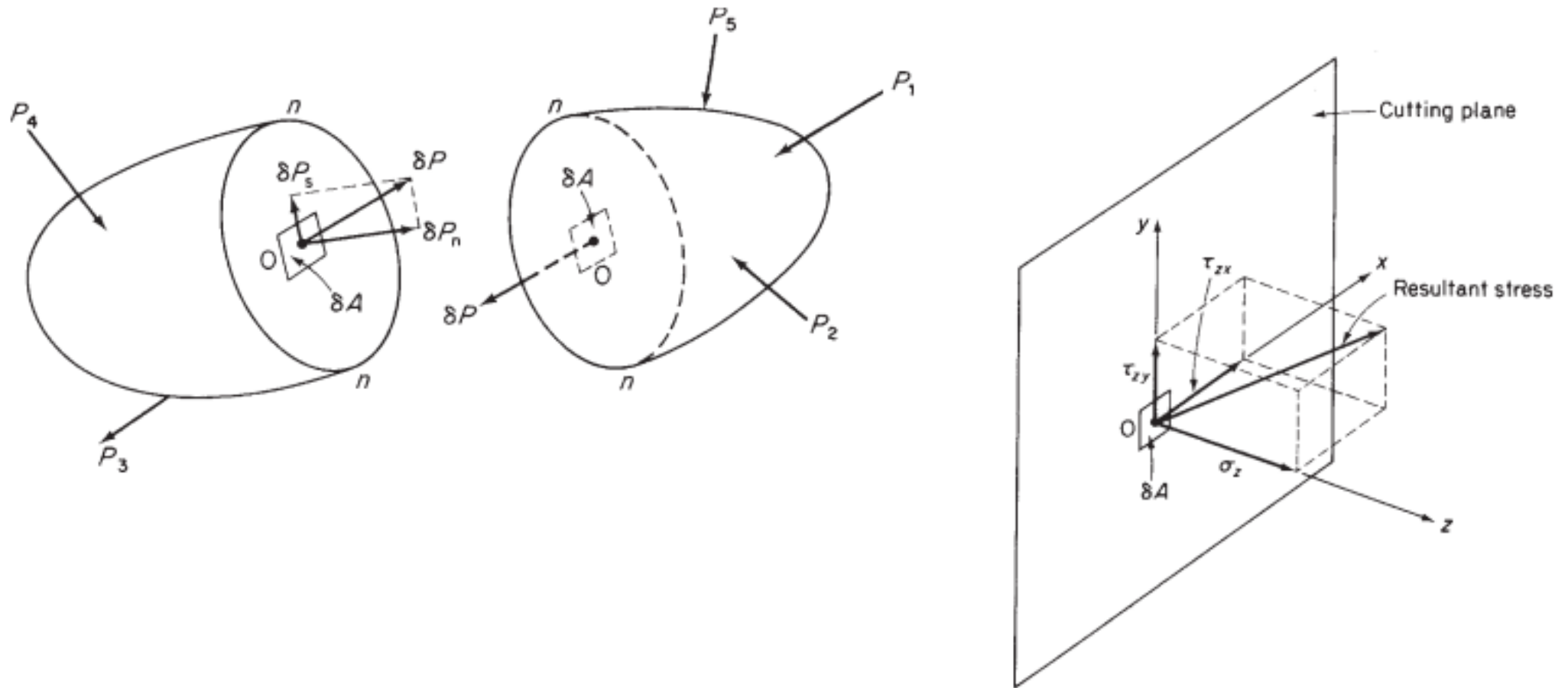


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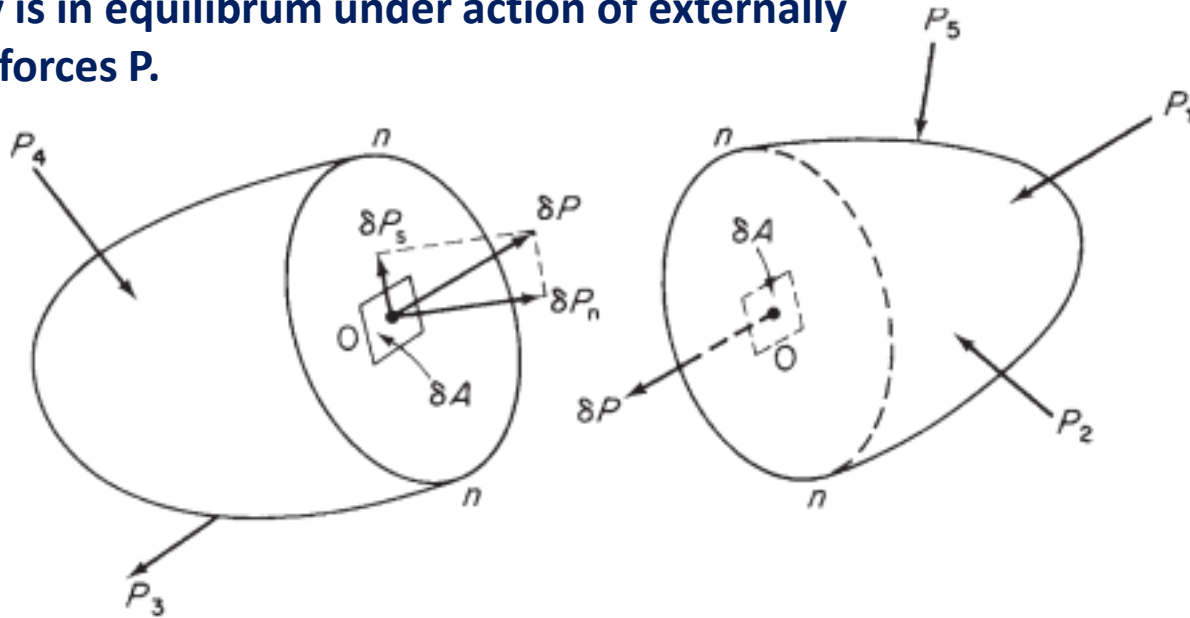
**Stress, Strain, Hooke`s law,
moments of area (inertia)**

State of stress



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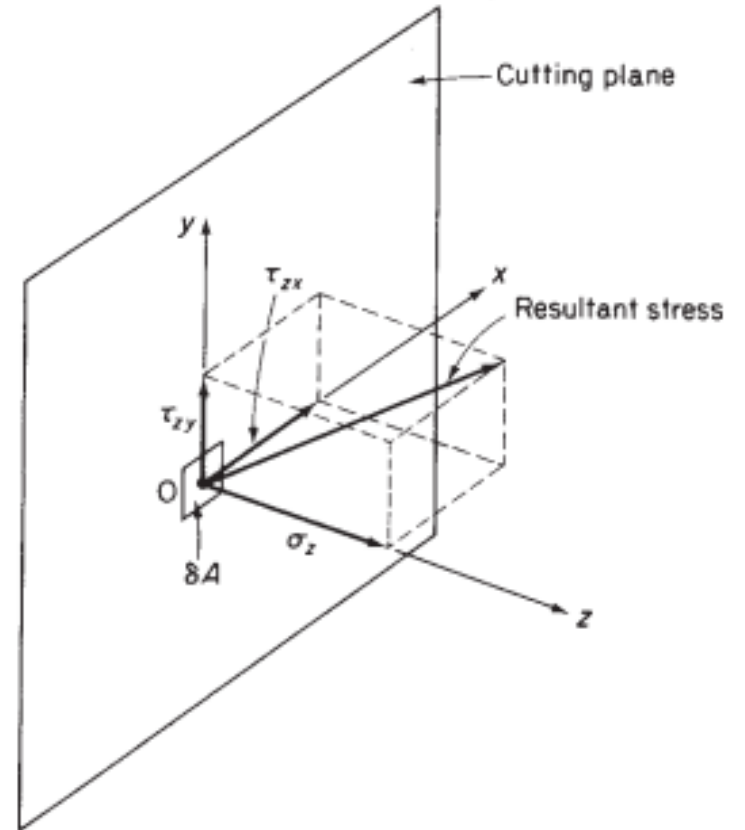
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δP – resultant force

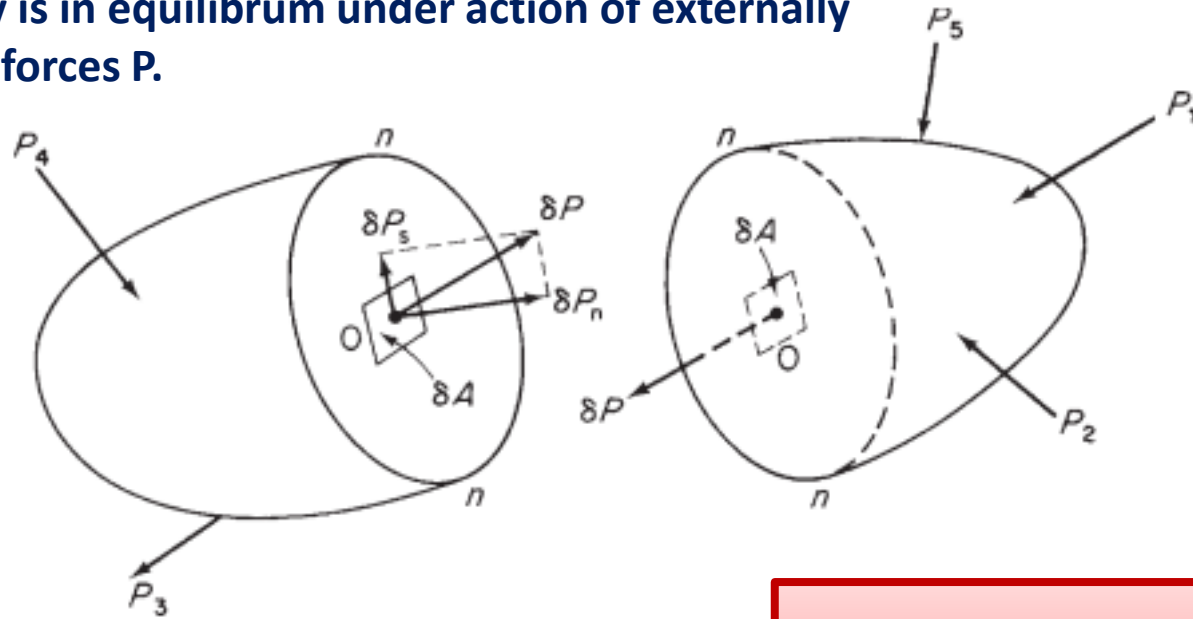
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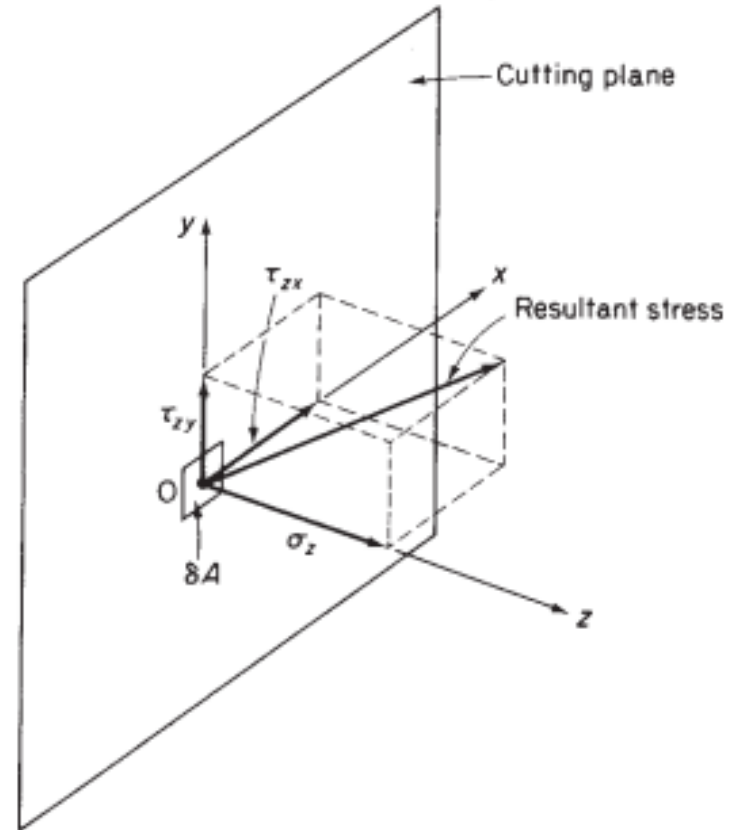
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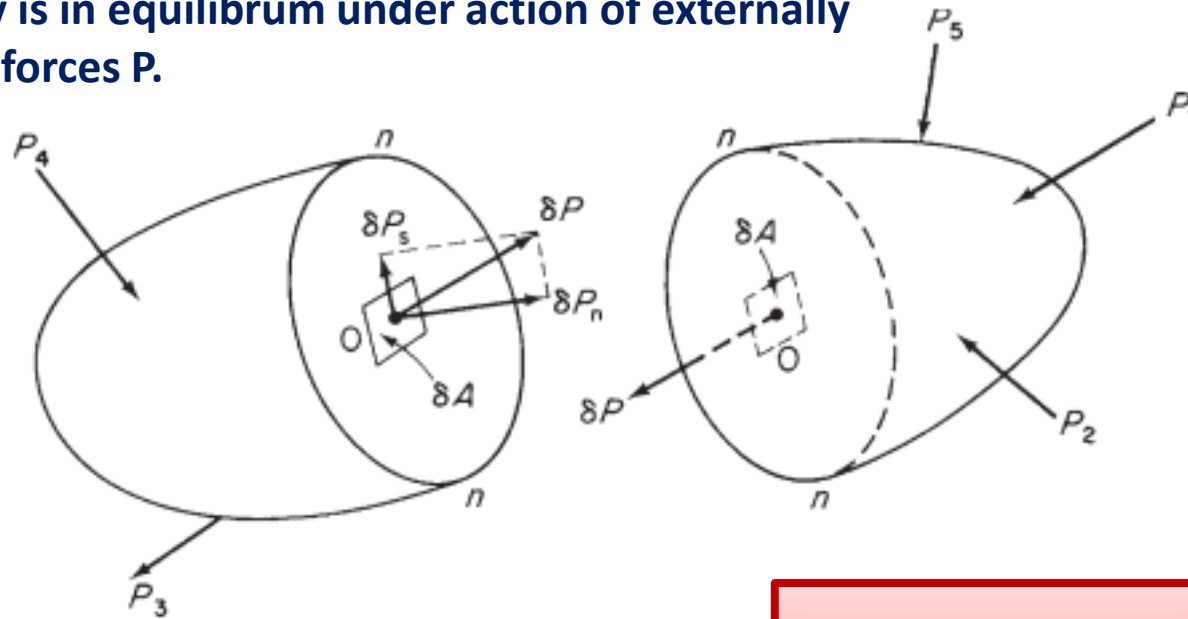
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The direction of δP is not normal to the area δA , in which case it is usual to resolve δP into two components:

δP_n - normal to the plane

δP_s - acting in the plane itself

Plane containing δP is perpendicular to δA .
The stresses associated with the above-mentioned components are:

Normal stress or direct stress

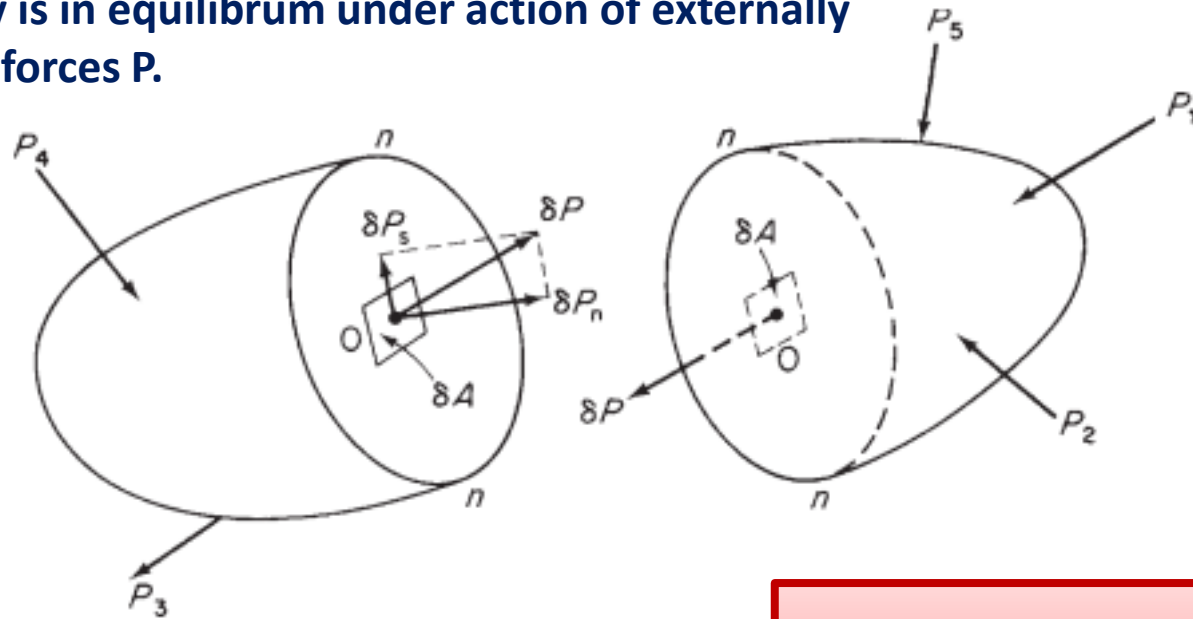
$$\sigma = \lim_{\delta A \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta P_n}{\delta A}$$

Shear stress

$$\tau = \lim_{\delta A \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta P_s}{\delta A}$$

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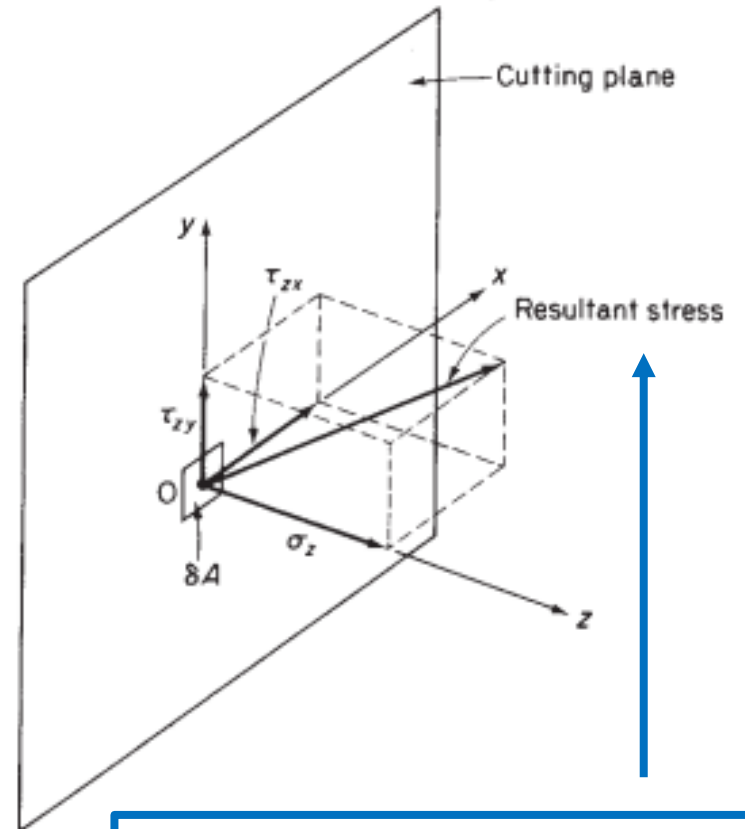
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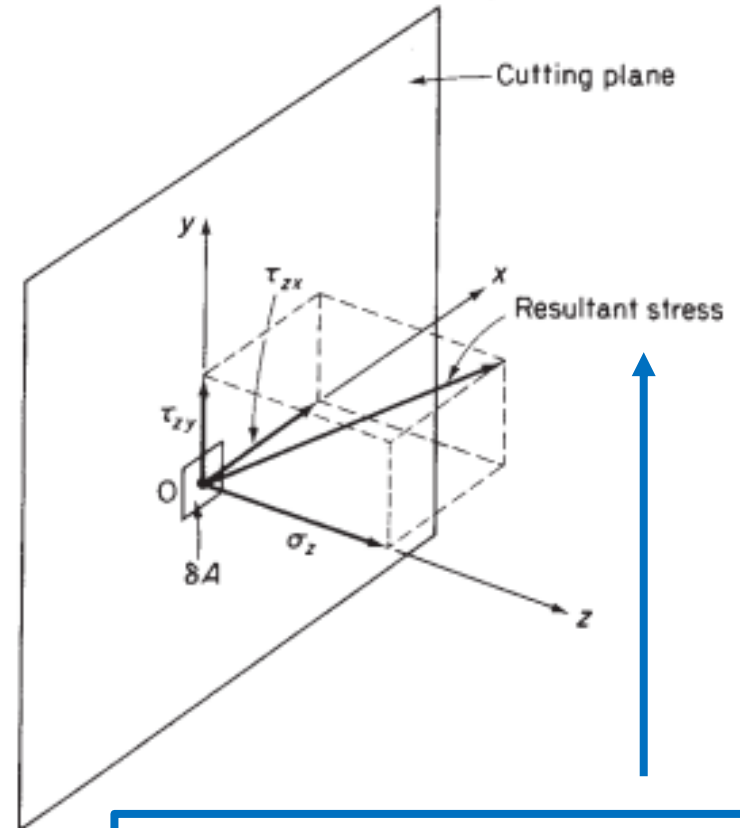
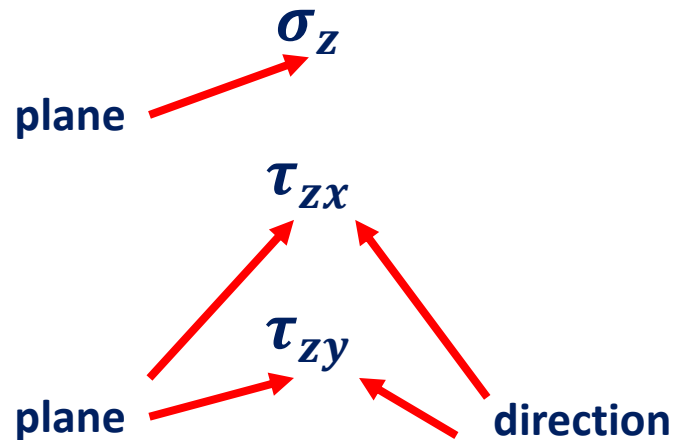


$$\text{Resultant stress} = \sqrt{\sigma^2 + \tau^2}$$

State of stress

The resultant force δP may be resolved into the following components:

- one normal component
- two in-plane components of shear stress



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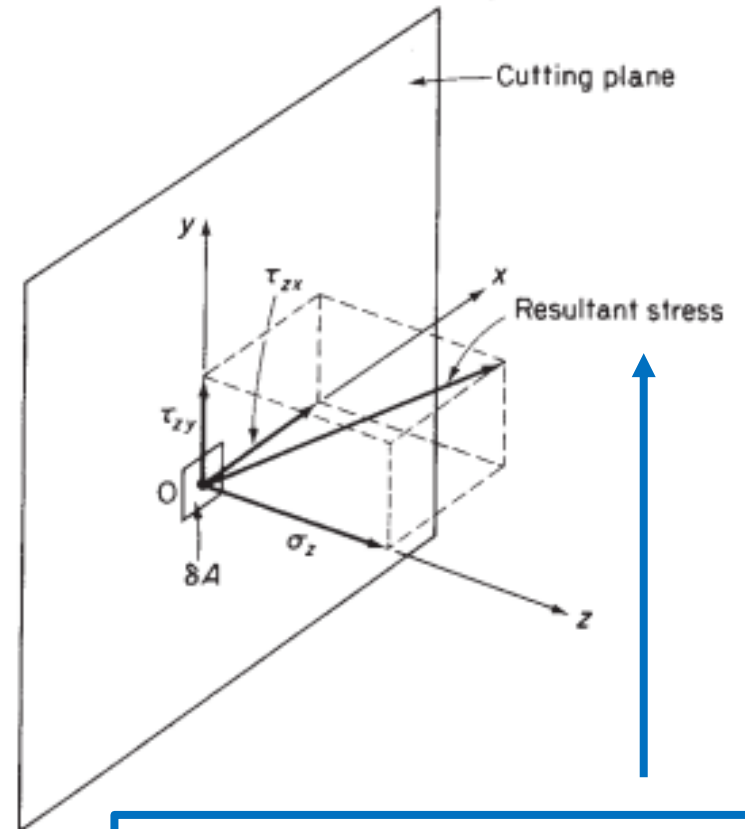
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→ tensor

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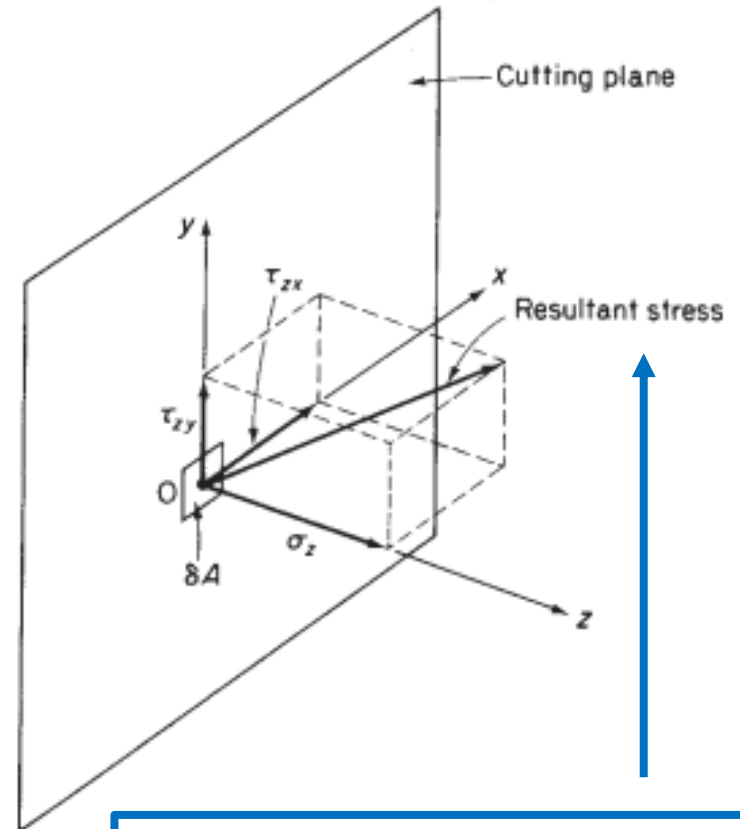
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The following elements must be specified to determine the stress:

- magnitude
- direction
- plane on which stress acts

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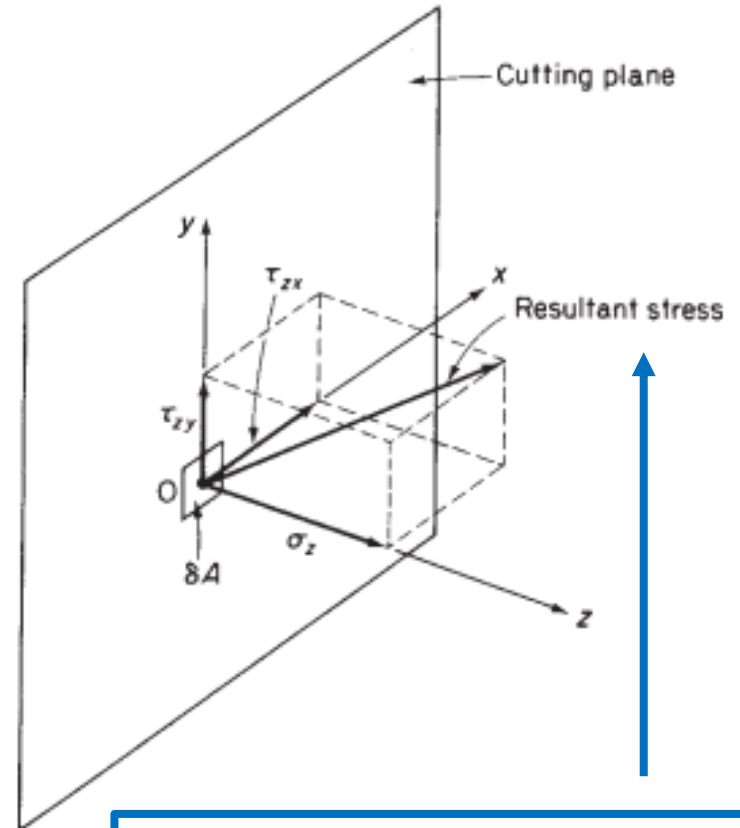
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State of stress

What is the unit of stress?

$$\left[\frac{N}{m^2} \right] = [Pa]$$

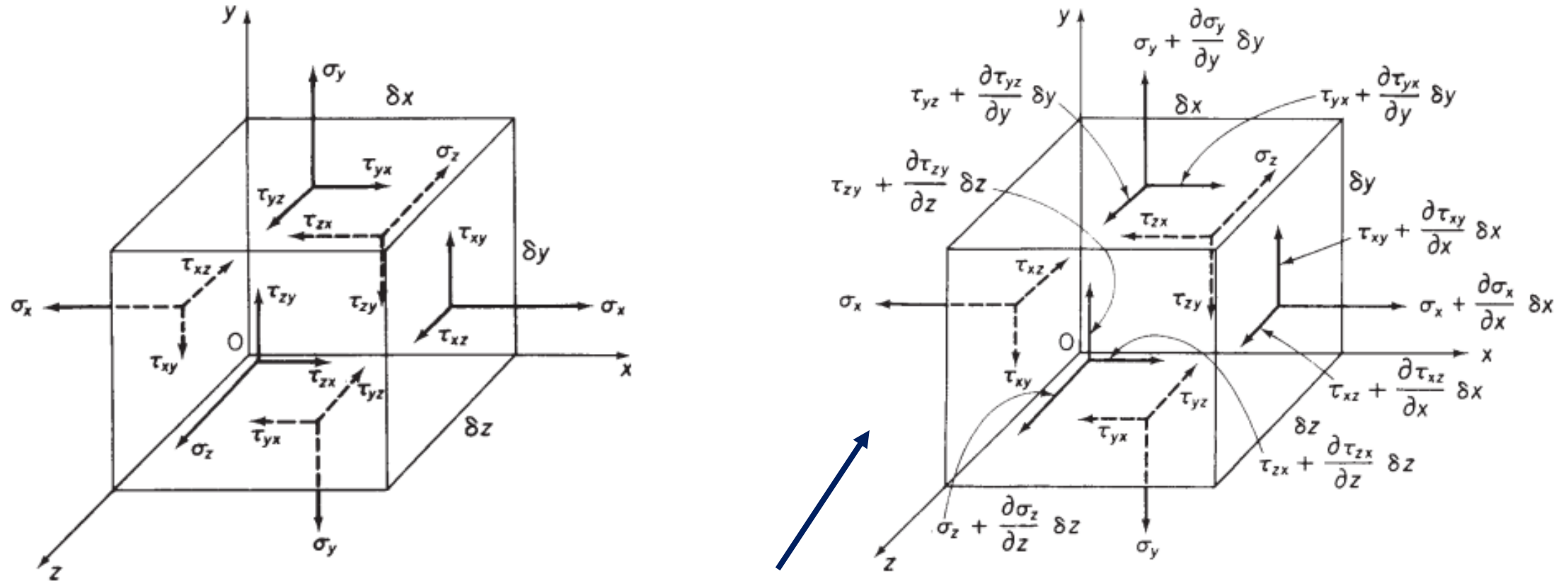
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State of stress

Normal and shear stresses:



Generally, except in cases of uniform stress, the normal and shear stresses on opposite faces of an element are not equal but differ by small amounts.

State of stress

After solving, the equations of equilibrium can be written:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \sigma_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xz}}{\partial z} + X &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial \sigma_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yz}}{\partial z} + Y &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial \sigma_z}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial \tau_{zx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{zy}}{\partial y} + Z &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

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2D case – plane stress:

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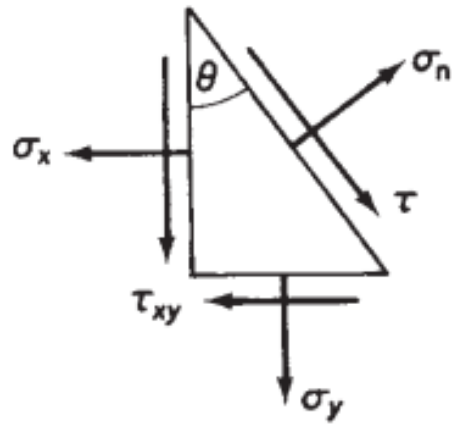
$$\sigma_z = 0$$

$$\tau_{xz} = 0$$

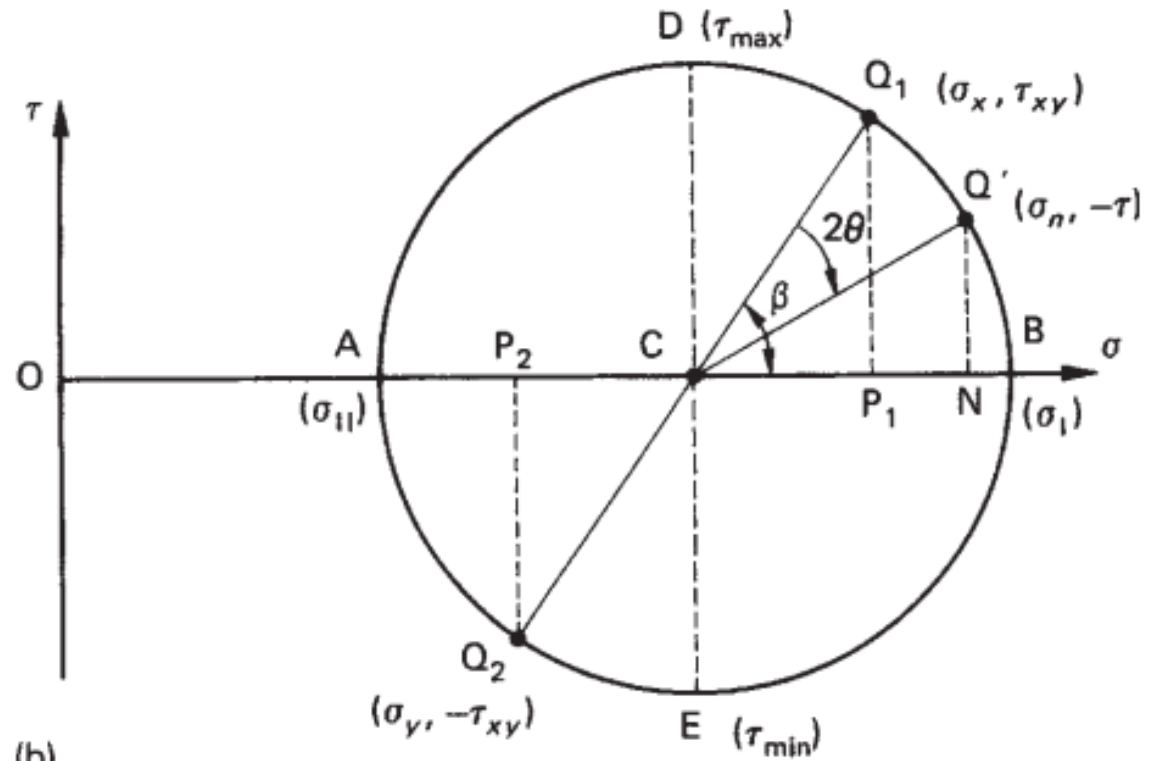
$$\tau_{yz} = 0$$

State of stress

Mohr's circle of stress

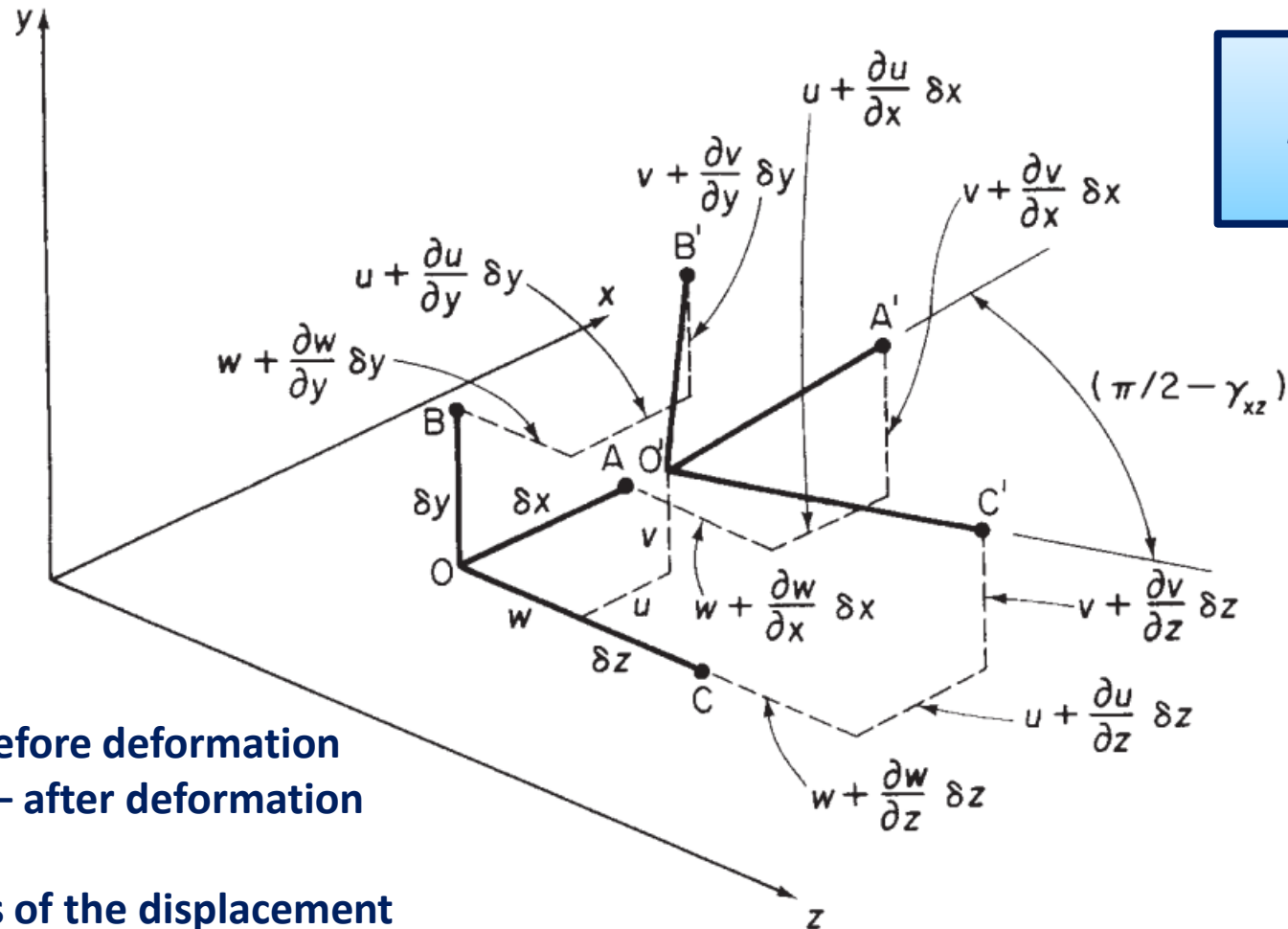


(a)



(b)

State of strain



$$\text{Strain} = \lim_{L \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta L}{L}$$

Lines OA, OB, OC – before deformation
 Lines O'A', O'B', O'C' – after deformation

u, v, w – components of the displacement

State of strain

Longitudinal or direct strains:

$$\varepsilon = \lim_{L \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta L}{L}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \varepsilon_x &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \\ \varepsilon_y &= \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \\ \varepsilon_z &= \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Shear strains:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \gamma_{xz} &= \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \\ \gamma_{xy} &= \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ \gamma_{yz} &= \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Stress – strain relations

1-D case

$$\varepsilon_x = \frac{\sigma_x}{E} \quad \varepsilon_y = -\nu \frac{\sigma_x}{E} \quad \varepsilon_z = -\nu \frac{\sigma_x}{E}$$

Stress – strain relations

3-D case

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \varepsilon_x &= \frac{1}{E}[\sigma_x - \nu(\sigma_y + \sigma_z)] \\ \varepsilon_y &= \frac{1}{E}[\sigma_y - \nu(\sigma_x + \sigma_z)] \\ \varepsilon_z &= \frac{1}{E}[\sigma_z - \nu(\sigma_x + \sigma_y)] \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_x &= \frac{\nu E}{(1 + \nu)(1 - 2\nu)} e + \frac{E}{(1 + \nu)} \varepsilon_x \\ \sigma_y &= \frac{\nu E}{(1 + \nu)(1 - 2\nu)} e + \frac{E}{(1 + \nu)} \varepsilon_y \\ \sigma_z &= \frac{\nu E}{(1 + \nu)(1 - 2\nu)} e + \frac{E}{(1 + \nu)} \varepsilon_z \end{aligned}$$

$$e = \varepsilon_x + \varepsilon_y + \varepsilon_z$$

Stress – strain relations

2-D case

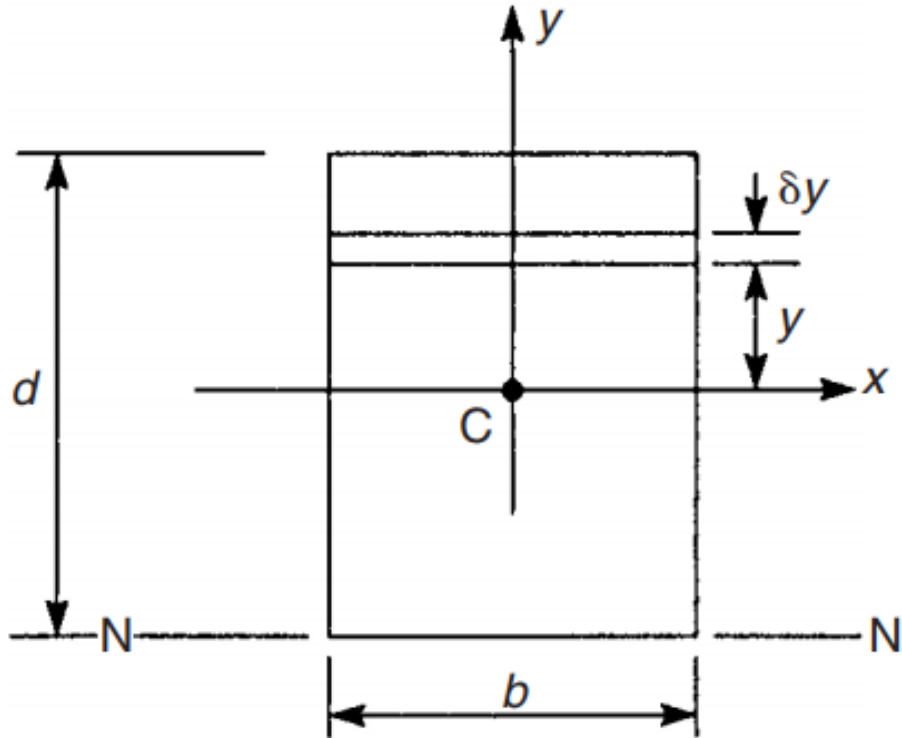
$$\sigma_x = \frac{E}{1 - \nu^2} (\varepsilon_x + \nu \varepsilon_y)$$

$$\sigma_y = \frac{E}{1 - \nu^2} (\varepsilon_y + \nu \varepsilon_x)$$

$$\gamma = \tau / G$$

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

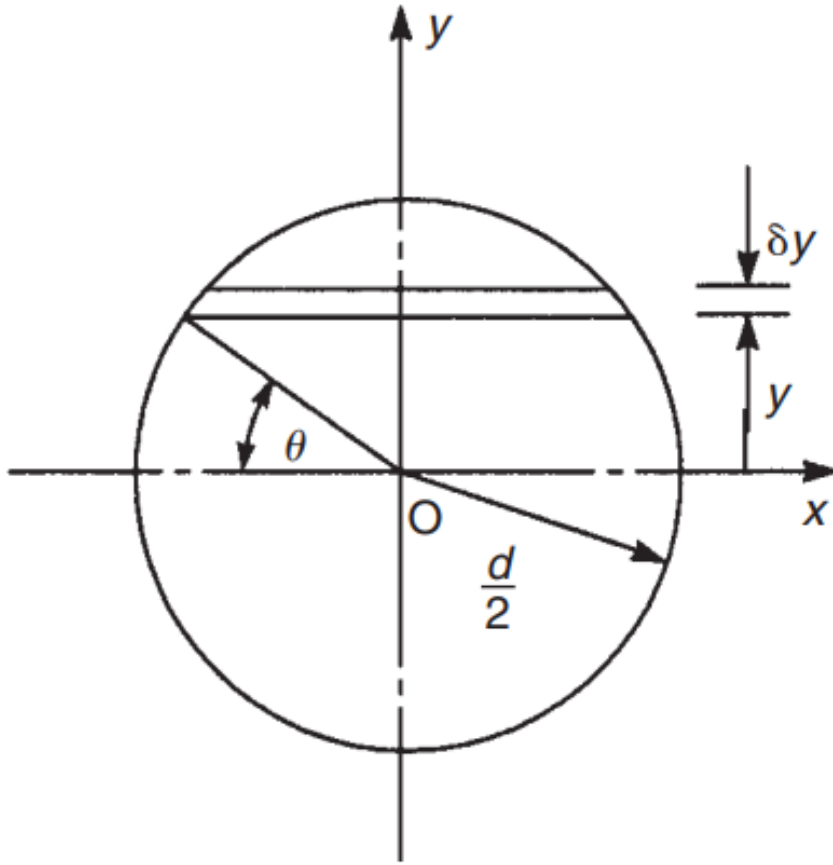
Second moment of area (inertia)



$$I_{xx} = \int_A y^2 dA = \int_{-d/2}^{d/2} by^2 dy = b \left[\frac{y^3}{3} \right]_{-d/2}^{d/2}$$

$$I_{xx} = \frac{bd^3}{12}$$

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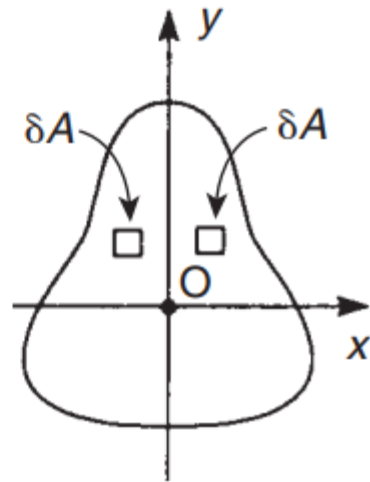
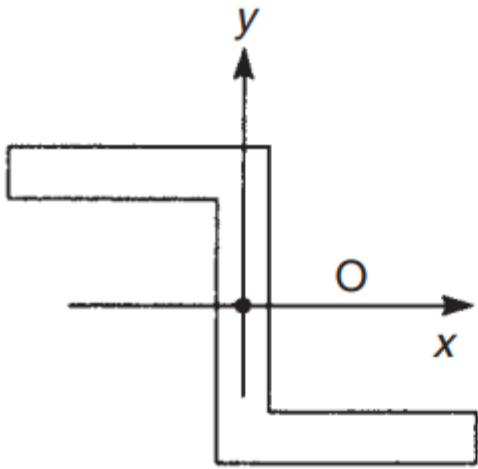
$$I_{xx} = \int_A y^2 dA = \int_{-d/2}^{d/2} 2 \left(\frac{d}{2} \cos \theta \right) y^2 dy$$

$$I_{xx} = \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} d \cos \theta \left(\frac{d}{2} \sin \theta \right)^2 \frac{d}{2} \cos \theta d\theta$$

$$I_{xx} = \frac{d^4}{8} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta d\theta$$

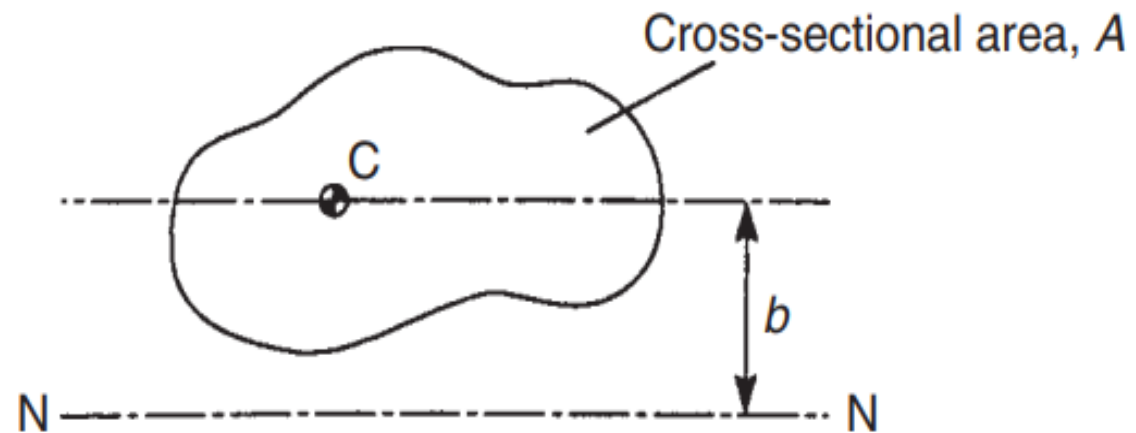
$$I_{xx} = \frac{\pi d^4}{64}$$

Product second moment of area (inertia)



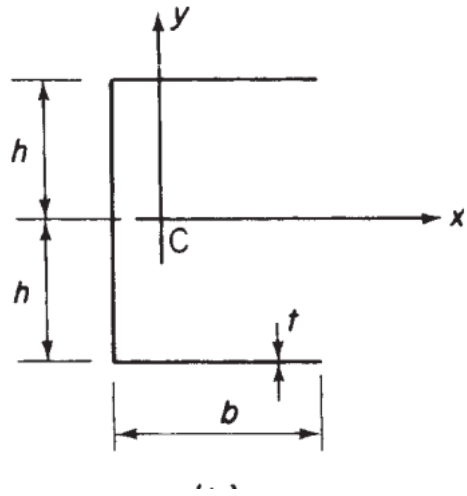
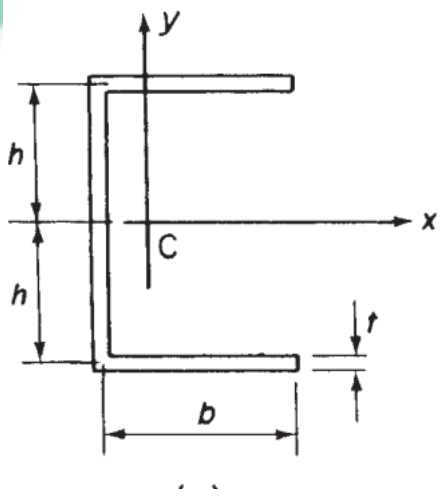
$$I_{xy} = \int_A xy \, dA$$

Parallel axes theorem (Steiner principle)



$$I_N = I_C + Ab^2$$

Aproximations for Thin-Walled sections

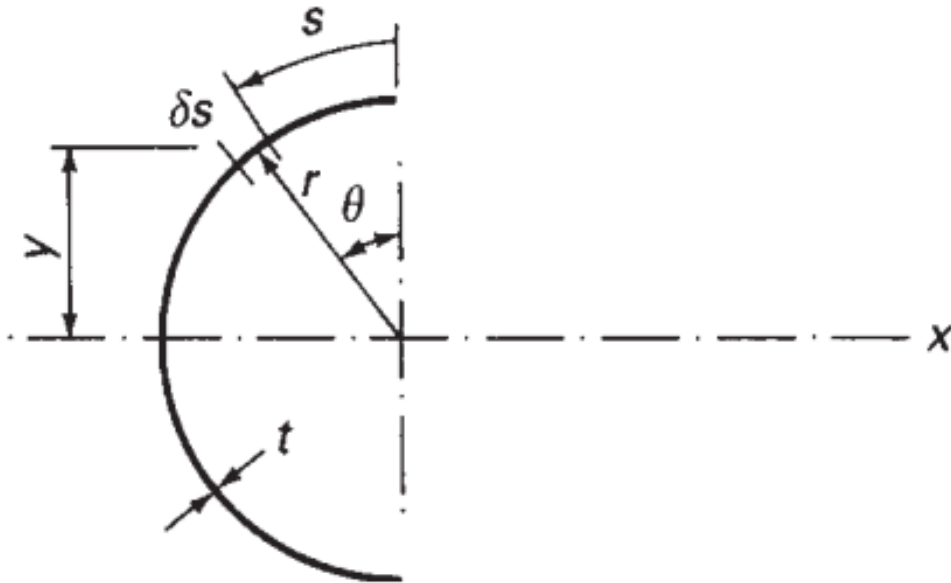


$$I_{xx} = 2 \left[\frac{(b + t/2)t^3}{12} + \left(b + \frac{t}{2}\right) th^2 \right] + t \frac{[2(h - t/2)]^3}{12}$$

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$$I_{xx} = 2bth^2 + t \frac{(2h)^3}{12}$$

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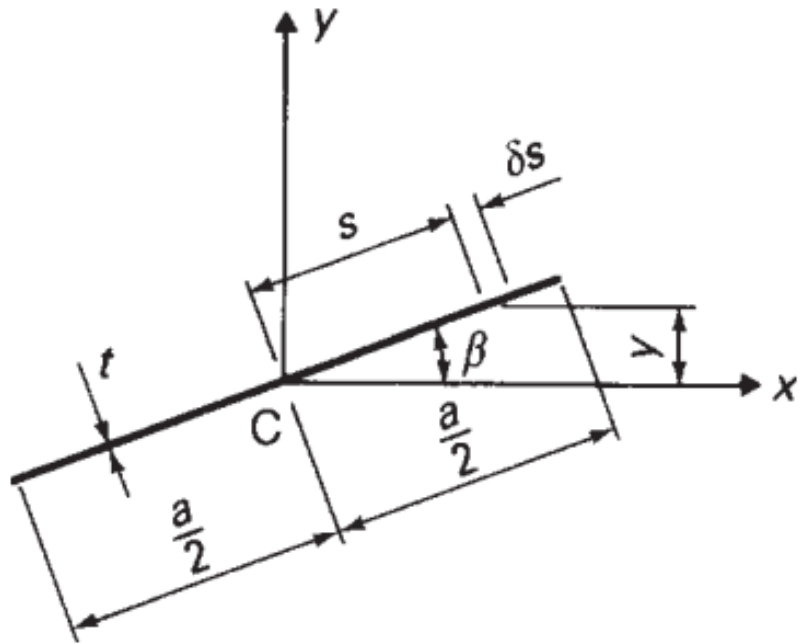


$$I_{xx} = \int_0^{\pi r} ty^2 ds$$

$$I_{xx} = \int_0^{\pi} t(r \cos \theta)^2 r d\theta$$

$$I_{xx} = \frac{\pi r^3 t}{2}$$

Thin-Walled sections – inclined walls



$$I_{xx} = 2 \int_0^{a/2} ty^2 ds = 2 \int_0^{a/2} t(s \sin \beta)^2 ds$$

$$I_{xx} = \frac{a^3 t \sin^2 \beta}{12}$$

$$I_{yy} = \frac{a^3 t \cos^2 \beta}{12}$$

$$I_{xy} = \frac{a^3 t \sin 2\beta}{24}$$