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# COMPARISON OF HUBER-MISES AND TRESKA YIELD CRITERIA

The purpose of the paper is to compare the Huber-Mises and Treska yield criteria. The paper has a review character. The Huber-Mises and Treska yield criteria are the most often used in engineering practice. The literature on various forms of yield conditions is broad (see [1-25], for instance). In isotropic material the loading function F involves the principal components of symmetric stress tensor  $\sigma$ , i.e. the three principal stresses  $\sigma_1$ ,  $\sigma_2$  and  $\sigma_3$ . The principal stresses can be expressed in terms of the three first invariants of the stress tensor. We denote the first invariant of the stress tensor by  $J_{1\sigma}$ , the second invariant of the stress deviator tensor  $\mathbf{s} = \boldsymbol{\sigma} - (\text{tr } \boldsymbol{\sigma}/3)\mathbf{1}$  by  $J_{2s}$  and the third invariant of the stress deviator tensor by  $J_{3s}$ 

$$J_{1\sigma}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}) = \operatorname{tr} \boldsymbol{\sigma} = 3p \tag{1}$$

$$h^{2} = J_{2s}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}) = \frac{1}{2} s_{ij} s_{ji} = \frac{1}{2} tr(\boldsymbol{s} \cdot \boldsymbol{s})$$
(2)

$$J_{3s}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}) = \frac{1}{3} s_{ij} s_{jk} s_{kl}$$
(3)

By (2) we have

$$h^{2} = \frac{1}{6} \left[ (\sigma_{1} - \sigma_{2})^{2} + (\sigma_{1} - \sigma_{3})^{2} + (\sigma_{2} - \sigma_{3})^{2} \right]$$
(4)

For isotropic models of plasticity the loading function can be represented by

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{p}) \tag{5}$$

Consider the space  $\{\sigma_i\}$  with **0** as the origin. Let the point **1**  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3)$  represents the stress state  $\sigma$ . Let the point **2** is its orthogonal projection with regard to the Euclidean product onto trisector ( $\Delta$ ) defined by the unit vector with  $(1/\sqrt{3}, 1/\sqrt{3}, 1/\sqrt{3})$  as cosine directions. The distances  $\overline{02}$  and  $\overline{12}$  can by expressed as

$$\overline{\mathbf{02}} = \sqrt{3}\sigma \qquad \overline{12}^2 = \overline{01}^2 - \overline{02}^2 = 2h^2 \tag{6}$$

In the loading point space  $\{\sigma_i\}$  the yield surface defined by F = 0 is the axisymmetric surface around the trisector ( $\Delta$ ) as illustrated in Figure 1.

The loading function F in the case of isotropic hardening materials is expressed in the form

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F} \left( \mathbf{h}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{\eta} \right) \tag{7}$$

where  $\eta$  is the hardening force describing the evolution of the yield surface in loading point space { $\sigma_i$ }. In isotropic hardening the yield surface is derived through a homothety of center 0 in the loading point space { $\sigma_i$ }. Then the hardening force  $\eta$ reduces to a scalar variable  $\eta$  which defines this homothety.



Fig. 1. Isotropic criteria of plasticity in the space  $\{\sigma_i\}$ 

The expression (7) can be written as

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{\eta}) \tag{8}$$

The loading function given by (8) can be expressed as a homogeneous polynome of degree n with regard to h and  $\eta$ 

$$F = F(h, p, \eta) = \eta^{n} F(h/\eta, p/\eta, 1)$$
(9)

where by convection  $\eta$  is specified as the ratio of the homothety that transforms the yield surface defined by  $\eta = 1$  into the present yield surface. In kinematic hardening, the yield surfaces are defined from each other through a translation in the loading point space  $\{\sigma_i\}$ . The hardening force  $\eta$  reduces to a second-order symmetric tensor  $\eta$  that defines this translation

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F} \left[ \mathbf{J}_{2s} \left( \boldsymbol{\sigma} + \boldsymbol{\eta} \right), \, \mathbf{J}_{1\sigma} \left( \boldsymbol{\sigma} + \boldsymbol{\eta} \right) \right] \tag{10}$$

In space  $\{\sigma_i\}$  vector  $(\eta)$  represents the vector of translation that transforms the yield surface defined by  $(\eta) = (0)$  into the present yield surface. Assume the convex loading function for the isotropic plastic material

$$F(h, p) = h + \alpha p - q \tag{11}$$

where  $\alpha$  and q are material characteristics. The constant q is necessarily non-negative to ensure that the zero loading point satisfies F (0,0)  $\leq$  0. The coefficient  $\alpha$  is non-negative to describe an infinite tensile stress. The yield surface given by (11) is an axisymmetric surface around the trisector in principal stress space { $\sigma_i$ }. If  $\alpha = 0$ the loading function reduces to the Huber-Mises loading function.

The form of the Huber-Mises loading function is of the form

$$F = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\sqrt{\sigma_{11}^2 + \sigma_{22}^2 + \sigma_{33}^2 - \sigma_{11}\sigma_{22} - \sigma_{22} - \sigma_{33} - \sigma_{33}\sigma_{11} + 3(\sigma_{12}^2 + \sigma_{23}^2 + \sigma_{31}^2)} - q \quad (12)$$

and for principal directions

$$F = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2 - \sigma_1 \sigma_2 - \sigma_2 \sigma_3 - \sigma_3 \sigma_1} - q$$
(13)

The equivalent form of the Huber-Mises loading function is

$$F = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \sqrt{\left(\sigma_{11} - \sigma_{22}\right)^2 + \left(\sigma_{22} - \sigma_{33}\right)^2 + \left(\sigma_{33} - \sigma_{11}\right)^2 + 6\left(\sigma_{12}^2 + \sigma_{23}^2 + \sigma_{31}^2\right)} - q \qquad (14)$$

or

$$F = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \sqrt{(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_3 - \sigma_1)^2} - q$$
(15)

The Huber-Mises loading function can be transformed to the equivalent forms if we introduce material parameter  $q = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sigma_o$ , where  $\sigma_o$  is the yield point of the material in uniaxial tension. Then the Huber-Mises loading function is expressed in the frequently met form:

$$F = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\sqrt{\sigma_{11}^2 + \sigma_{22}^2 + \sigma_{33}^2 - \sigma_{11}\sigma_{22} - \sigma_{22} - \sigma_{33} - \sigma_{33}\sigma_{11} + 3(\sigma_{12}^2 + \sigma_{23}^2 + \sigma_{31}^2)} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\sigma_o \quad (16)$$

$$F = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2 - \sigma_1\sigma_2 - \sigma_2\sigma_3 - \sigma_3\sigma_1} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\sigma_o$$
(17)

$$F = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \sqrt{\left(\sigma_{11} - \sigma_{22}\right)^2 + \left(\sigma_{22} - \sigma_{33}\right)^2 + \left(\sigma_{33} - \sigma_{11}\right)^2 + 6\left(\sigma_{12}^2 + \sigma_{23}^2 + \sigma_{31}^2\right)} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sigma_o \qquad (18)$$

or

$$F = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \sqrt{(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_3 - \sigma_1)^2} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sigma_o$$
(19)

(20)

In order to present its geometrical interpretation, the Huber-Mises criterion is rewritten using principal stress deviator components as



Fig. 2. The Huber-Mises yield locus in the space  $\{s_i\}$  of principal stress deviators

In the space  $\{s_i\}$  the expression (19) represents spherical surface of the radius  $h\sqrt{2}$ . The points inside the spherical surface represent the elastic state. If the material is in a plastic range then the point (s) is on the surface of the sphere. In the space  $\{\sigma_i\}$  of principal stresses the Huber-Mises yield criterion represents a circular cylinder with an axis of unit vector with  $(1/\sqrt{3}, 1/\sqrt{3}, 1/\sqrt{3})$  as the cosine directors.

In the space  $\{\sigma_i\}$  of principal stresses the stress tensor and its isotropic or deviatoric part are described by three components so in this space can be treated as vectors.

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = (\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3)$$
$$\boldsymbol{p} = (p, p, p) \tag{21}$$

$$\mathbf{s} = (\sigma_1 - \mathbf{p}, \sigma_2 - \mathbf{p}, \sigma_3 - \mathbf{p}) \tag{22}$$

where

$$\mathbf{p} = (\mathrm{tr} \, \boldsymbol{\sigma}/3) \, \mathbf{1} \tag{23}$$

The geometrical interpretation of an isotropic part of stress tensor is the trisector defined by the unit vector with  $(1/\sqrt{3}, 1/\sqrt{3}, 1/\sqrt{3})$  as cosine directors. Since

 $\sigma = s + p$ , the deviatoric stress represents deviation of the stress  $\sigma$  from the axis of the cylinder, which is presented in Figure 3. A deviation of stress from the axis of the cylinder symmetry is the measure of material effort. This distance is

$$|s| = \sqrt{s_i s_i} = \sqrt{s_1^2 + s_2^2 + s_3^2}$$
 (24)

and is equal to the radius of the Huber-Mises cylinder.



Fig. 3. The Huber-Mises yield locus in the space  $\{\sigma_i\}$  of principal stresses

In the case of a plane state of strain the Huber-Mises yield criterion represents in the space  $\{\sigma_{11}, \sigma_{22}, \sigma_{12}\}$  an elliptic cylinder with the axis on the plane  $\{\sigma_{11}, \sigma_{22}\}$  defined by a unit vector with  $(1/\sqrt{2}, 1/\sqrt{2})$  as cosine directors (Fig. 4).

In the case of a plane state of stress the Huber-Mises yield criterion in the space  $\{\sigma_1, \sigma_2\}$  is represented by an ellipse being the trace of the cross section of the Huber-Mises cylinder by the plane  $\sigma_3 = 0$  (Fig. 5).



Fig. 4. The Huber-Mises yield locus for the plane state of strain in the space  $\{\sigma_1 \times \sigma_{21} \times \sigma_{12}\}$ 



Fig. 5. The Huber-Mises yield locus for the plane state of stress in the space  $\{\sigma_1\times\sigma_2\}$ 

Based on Eq. (19) the Huber-Mises yield criterion can be written as

$$|\sigma_1 - \sigma_2|^n + |\sigma_2 - \sigma_3|^n + |\sigma_3 - \sigma_1|^n = 2\sigma_o^n$$
 (25)

where n = 2. If  $n \to \infty$  in Eq. (25) the yield criterion became the so-called the Treska yield criterion. According to the Treska criterion the loading function reads

$$F = \operatorname{Sup}_{i,j=1,2,3}(\sigma_i - \sigma_j)$$
(26)

The Treska yield criterion can be written as

$$\left[ (\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 - \sigma_o^2 \right] \left[ (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 - \sigma_o^2 \right] \left[ (\sigma_3 - \sigma_1)^2 - \sigma_o^2 \right] = 0$$
(27)



Fig. 6. The Treska yield criterion in the space  $\{\sigma_i\}$ 

The geometrical interpretation of the Treska yield criterion is given in Figure 6. The Treska yield criterion for a plane state of stress is

$$\left(\sigma_{11} - \sigma_{22}\right)^2 + 4\sigma_{12}^2 = 4q^2 \tag{28}$$

It has the identical form as the Huber-Mises yield criterion (15) if we put  $\sigma_{13} = \sigma_{23} = 0$ and  $\sigma_3 = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_{11} + \sigma_{22})$ . The difference is when we change q onto  $\sigma_0$ . For the Treska yield criterion

$$\sigma_{\rm o} = 2q \tag{29}$$

and for the Huber-Mises criterion

$$\sigma_{o} = \sqrt{3q} \tag{30}$$

The Treska yield criterion represents a prism inscribed in a Huber-Mises cylinder. Any plane orthogonal to the trisector, i.e. any deviatoric plane defined by  $\sigma = \text{const}$  intersects with the loading surface along a regular hexagon. A comparison of the Huber-Mises and the Treska yield criteria in the space  $\{\sigma_i\}$  is given in Figure 7 and on the plane of deviators in Figure 8. On the plane  $\sigma_3 = 0$  representing a plane state of stress the Huber-Mises and the Treska yield criteria are presented in Figure 9.



Fig. 7. Comparison of the Huber-Mises and the Treska yield criteria in the space  $\{\sigma_i\}$ 



Fig. 8. Comparison of the Huber-Mises and the Treska yield criteria on a plane of deviators; plane normal to the cylinder and prism axis



Fig. 9. Comparison of the Huber-Mises and the Treska yield criteria on a plane  $\{\sigma_1, \sigma_2\}$ 

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#### Abstract

The purpose of the paper is to compare two basic yield criteria met in engineering mechanics i.e. Huber-Mises and Treska. The various forms of the yield locus are presented and discussed. The paper has a review character.

#### Streszczenie

Artykuł przedstawia analizę porównawczą dwóch kryteriów plastyczności, tj. Hubera-Misesa i Treski. Zaprezentowano różne postacie warunków plastyczności. Praca ma charakter przeglądowy.