
Laminate Strength and Failure Tsai-Wu Criterion

MER452: Composite Materials

Typical Failure Stresses (Mpa)

	Graphite Reinforced	Glass Reinforced
σ_1^c	-1250	-600
σ_1^t	1500	1000
σ_2^c	-200	-120
σ_2^t	50	30
τ_{12}^f	100	70

Failure Criteria

□ von Mises Criteria – Isotropic Materials

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\sigma^Y} \right)^2 \cdot \left[(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_1 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 \right] = 1$$

$$F(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3) = 1$$

$$F(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3) < 1$$

□ Von Mises Criteria – Orthotropic Materials

■ Proposed by Hill

$$F \cdot (\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + G \cdot (\sigma_1 - \sigma_3)^2 + H \cdot (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 + 2 \cdot L \cdot \tau_{12}^2 + 2 \cdot M \cdot \tau_{13}^2 + 2 \cdot N \cdot \tau_{23}^2 = 1$$

$$F(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3, \tau_{23}, \tau_{13}, \tau_{12}) = 1$$

$$F(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3, \tau_{23}, \tau_{13}, \tau_{12}) < 1$$

Failure Criteria: Tsai-Wu

□ Composite Materials – Plane Stress

$$\begin{aligned} F(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \tau_{12}) = & F_1 \cdot \sigma_1 + F_2 \cdot \sigma_2 + F_6 \cdot \tau_{12} + F_{11} \cdot \sigma_1^2 + F_{22} \cdot \sigma_2^2 + F_{66} \cdot \tau_{12}^2 \\ & + 2 \cdot F_{12} \cdot \sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2 + 2 \cdot F_{16} \cdot \sigma_1 \cdot \tau_{12} + 2 \cdot F_{26} \cdot \sigma_2 \cdot \tau_{12} \end{aligned}$$

$$F(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \tau_{12}) = 1$$

$$F(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \tau_{12}) < 1$$

Constant Determination

F_1, F_{11}

$$F_1 \cdot \sigma_1^T + F_{11} \cdot (\sigma_1^T)^2 = 1$$

$$F_1 \cdot \sigma_1^C + F_{11} \cdot (\sigma_1^C)^2 = 1$$

$$F_1 = \frac{1}{\sigma_1^T} + \frac{1}{\sigma_1^C}$$

$$F_1 = -\frac{1}{\sigma_1^T \cdot \sigma_1^C}$$

Constant Determination

F_2, F_{22}

$$F_2 \cdot \sigma_2^T + F_{22} \cdot (\sigma_2^T)^2 = 1$$

$$F_2 \cdot \sigma_2^C + F_{22} \cdot (\sigma_2^C)^2 = 1$$

$$F_2 = \frac{1}{\sigma_2^T} + \frac{1}{\sigma_2^C}$$

$$F_2 = -\frac{1}{\sigma_2^T \cdot \sigma_2^C}$$

Constant Determination

F_6, F_{66}

$$F_6 \cdot \tau_{12}^T + F_{66} \cdot \left(\tau_{12}^T\right)^2 = 1$$

$$F_6 \cdot \tau_{12}^C + F_{66} \cdot \left(\tau_{12}^C\right)^2 = 1$$

$$F_6 = 0$$

$$F_{66} = \left(\frac{1}{\tau_{12}^F}\right)^2$$

Constant Determination

F_{16}, F_{26}

$$F_1 \cdot \sigma_1^* + F_{11} \cdot (\sigma_1^*)^2 + F_{66} \cdot (\tau_{12}^*)^2 + 2 \cdot F_{16} \cdot \sigma_1^* \cdot \tau_{12}^* = 1$$

$$F_1 \cdot \sigma_1^* + F_{11} \cdot (\sigma_1^*)^2 + F_{66} \cdot (\tau_{12}^*)^2 - 2 \cdot F_{16} \cdot \sigma_1^* \cdot \tau_{12}^* = 1$$

$$F_{16} = 0$$

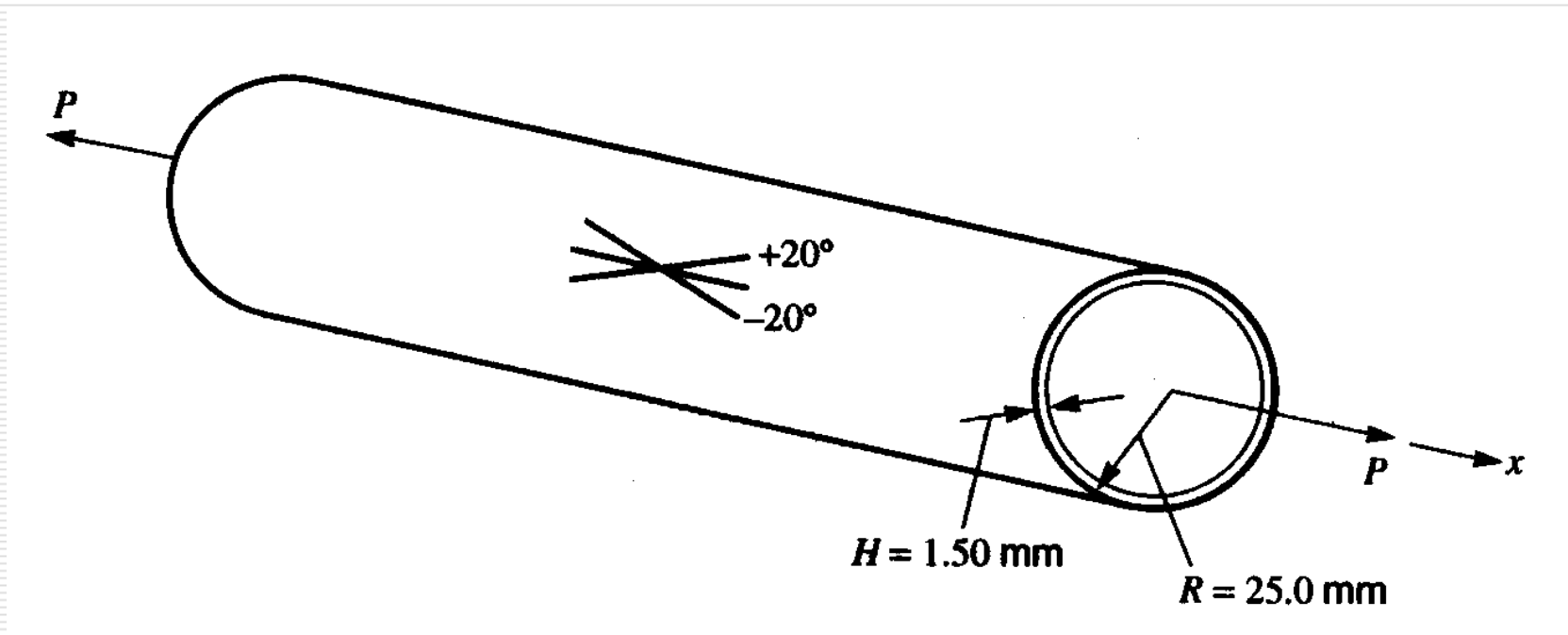
$$F_{26} = 0$$

Constant Determination

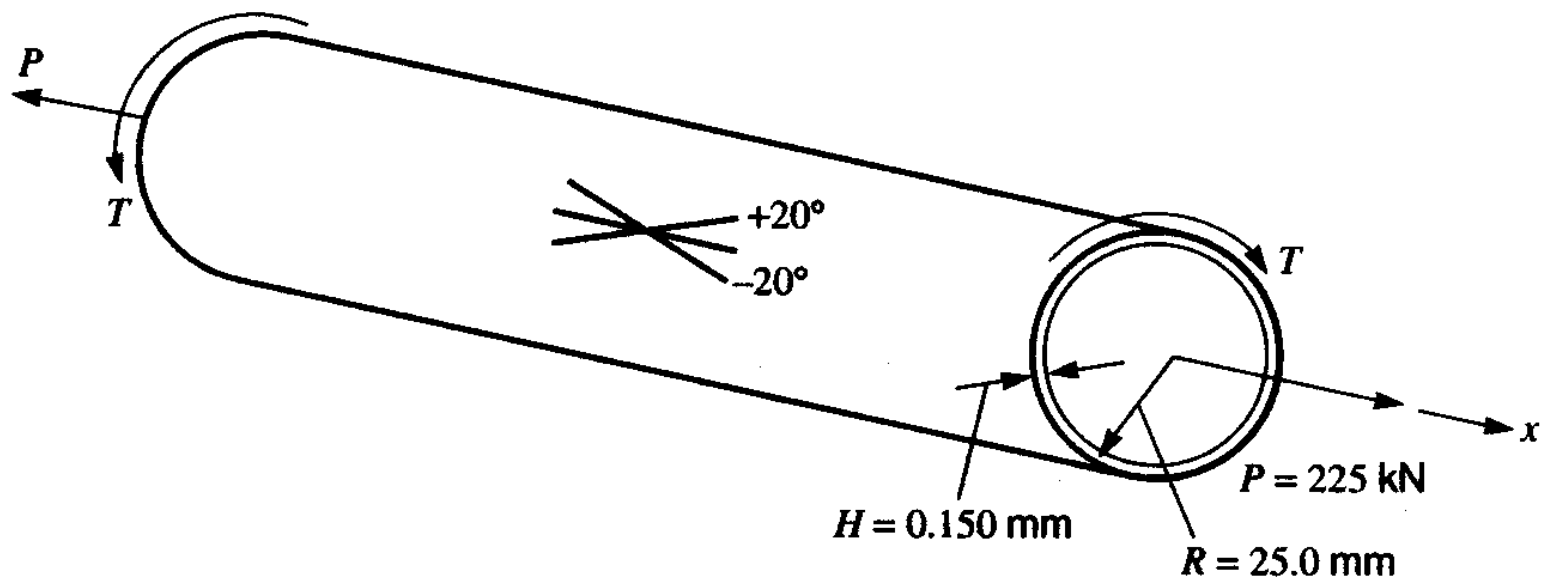
F_{12}

$$F_{12} = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \sqrt{F_{11} \cdot F_{11}}$$

Example $[\pm 20/0_3]_s$



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