

CG 03

CONCEPTS OF PLASTICITY

MOHR COULOMB MODEL

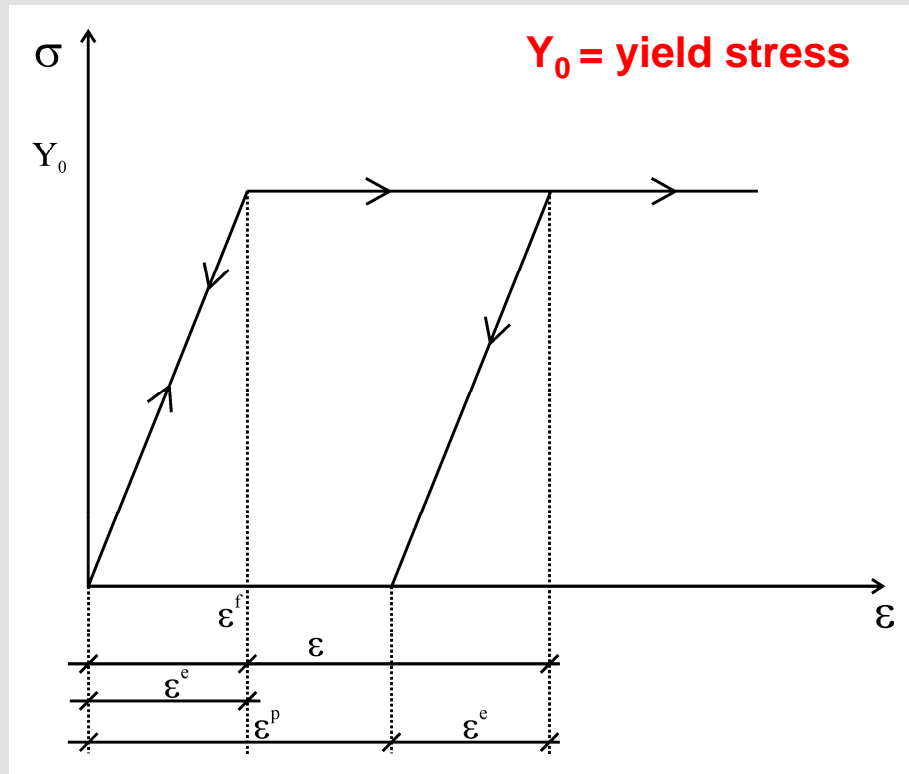
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LINEAR ELASTIC - PERFECTLY PLASTIC

One-dimensional



IMPORTANT: yield stress = failure stress for perfect plasticity

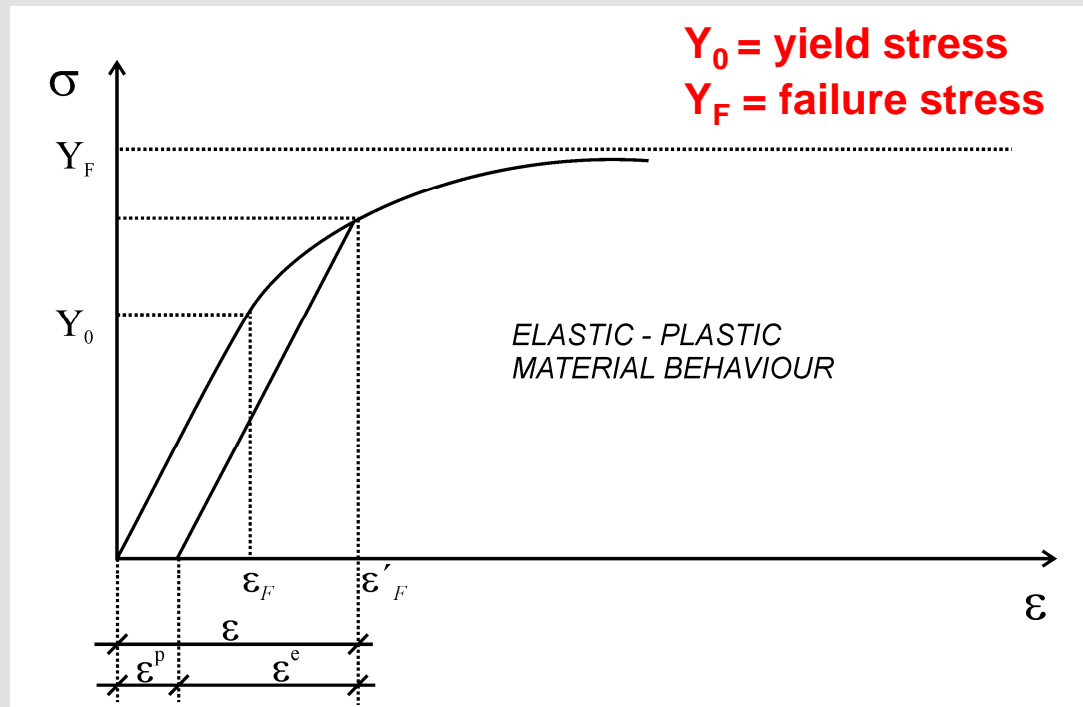
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General three-dimensional stress state

$$\{\varepsilon\} = \{\varepsilon\}^e + \{\varepsilon\}^p$$

LINEAR ELASTIC - PLASTIC

One-dimensional



IMPORTANT: yield stress \neq failure stress

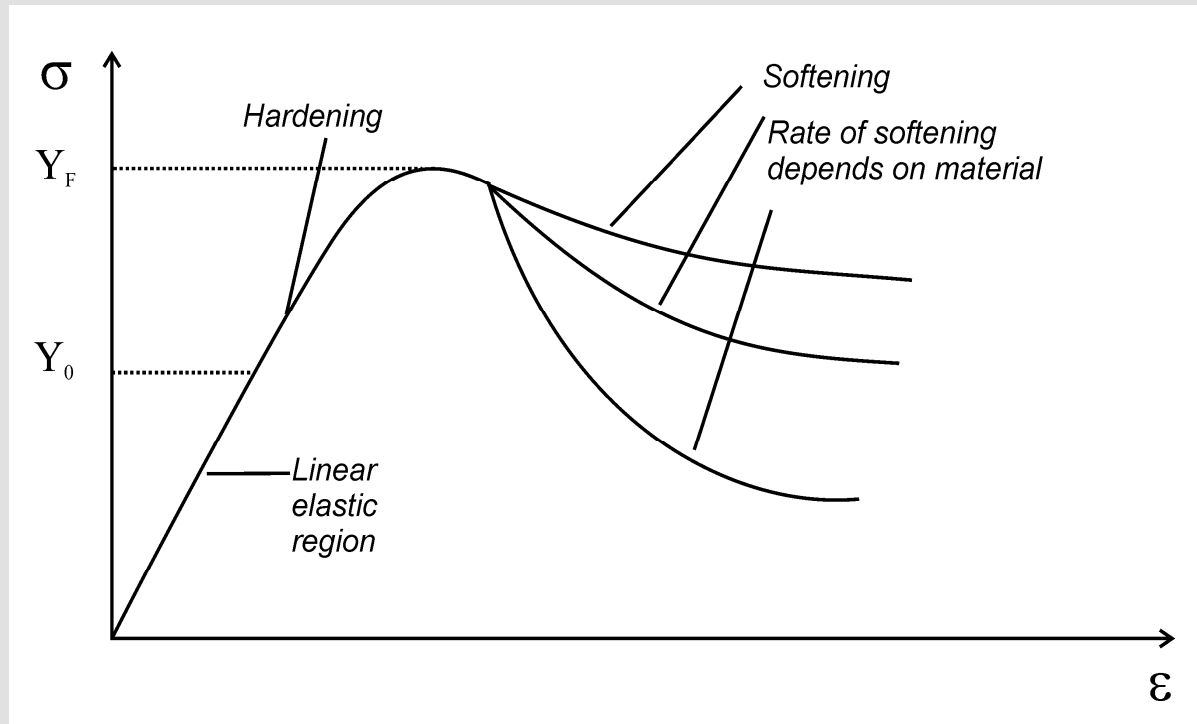
$$\epsilon = \epsilon^e + \epsilon^p$$

General three-dimensional stress state

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LINEAR ELASTIC - PLASTIC WITH SOFTENING

One-dimensional



Y_0 = yield stress

Y_F = failure stress

THEORY OF PLASTICITY

For describing linear elastic - plastic material behaviour we need
(for general stress states):

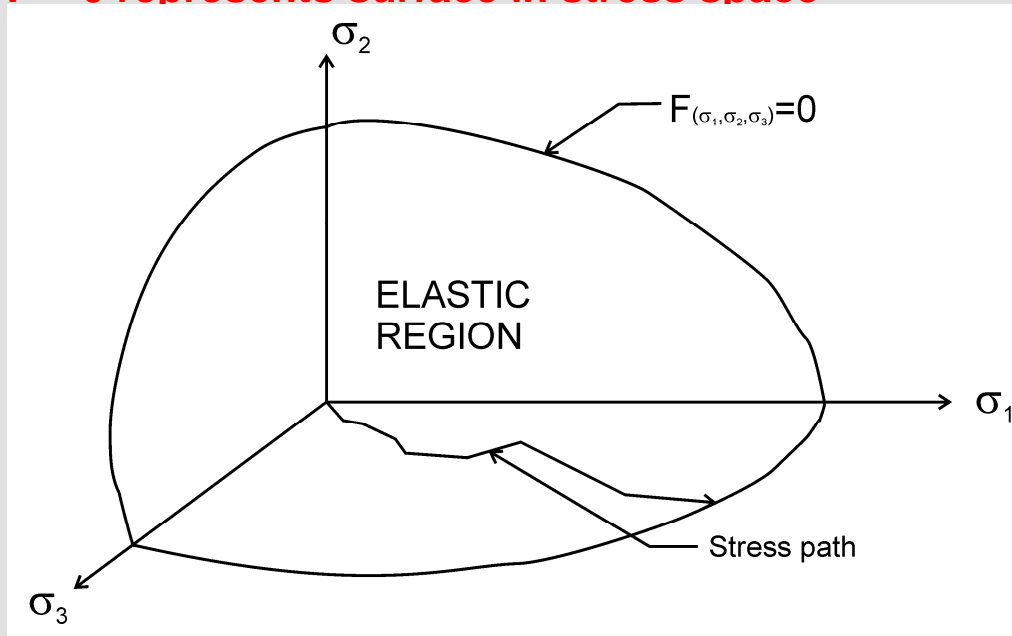
1. Stress-strain behaviour in elastic range
2. **Yield function or failure function**
(defines onset of plastic deformation)
3. **Flow rule**
(defines direction of plastic strain increment)
4. Definition of strain hardening (softening)
(defines change of yield function with stress and/or strain)

For standard MC-model:

- Linear elasticity in elastic range
- No strain hardening/softening > perfect plasticity

YIELD / FAILURE FUNCTION

F = 0 represents surface in stress space



$$f_{(\{\sigma\})} = f_{(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3)}$$

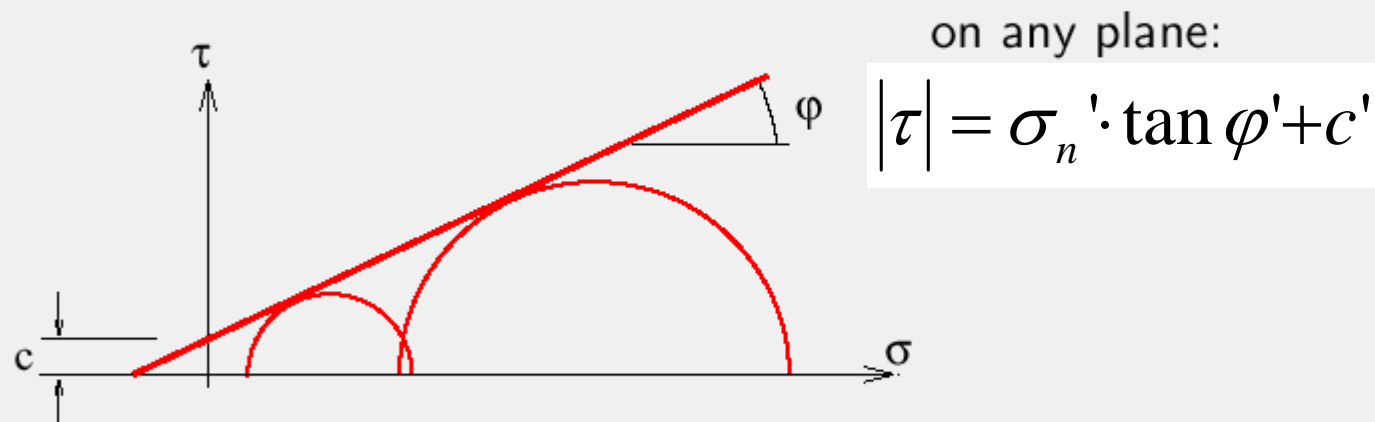
$f_{(\{\sigma\})} < 0$ **stress state is elastic**

$f_{(\{\sigma\})} = 0$ **stress state is plastic**

$f_{(\{\sigma\})} > 0$ **stress state not admissible**

MOHR COULOMB CRITERION

Mohr-Coulomb yield function



yield function:
$$f = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_1' - \sigma_3') + \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_1' + \sigma_3') \sin \varphi' - c' \cos \varphi'$$

σ_1' and σ_3' : major and minor principal stresses

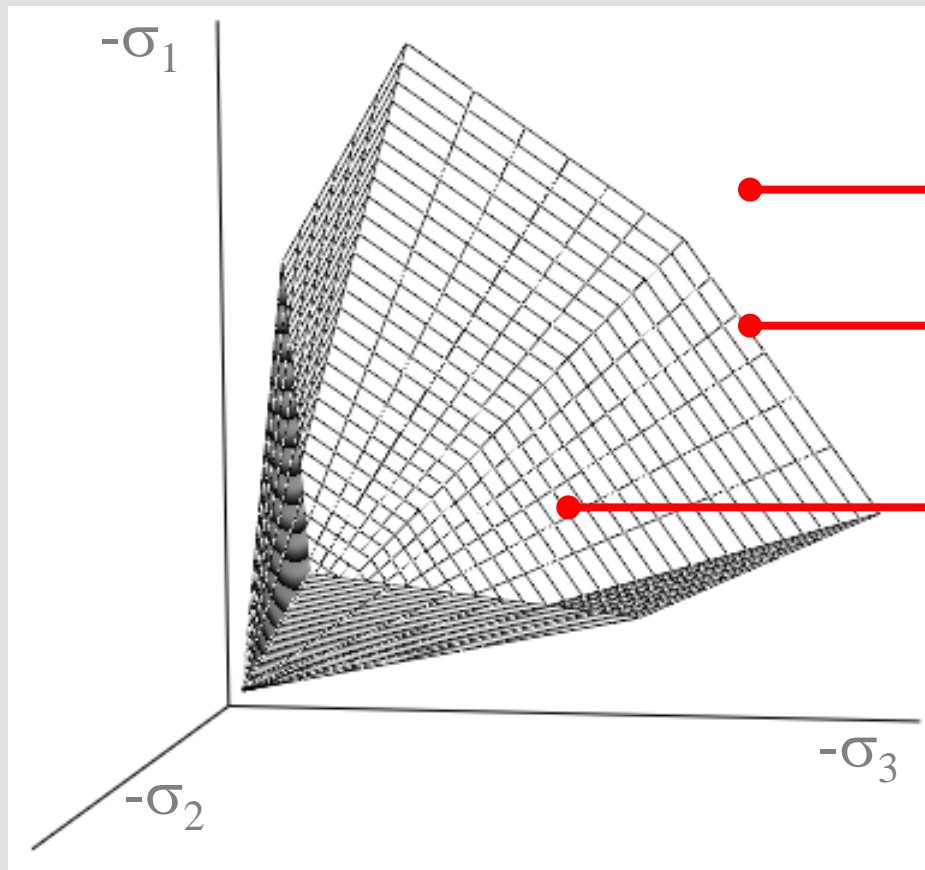
sign convention

positive: tensile stress, elongation, volume increase

negative: compressive stress, compression, volume decrease

MOHR COULOMB IN 3D STRESS SPACE

$$f = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma'_1 - \sigma'_3) + \frac{1}{2}(\sigma'_1 + \sigma'_3)\sin\varphi' - c'\cos\varphi'$$

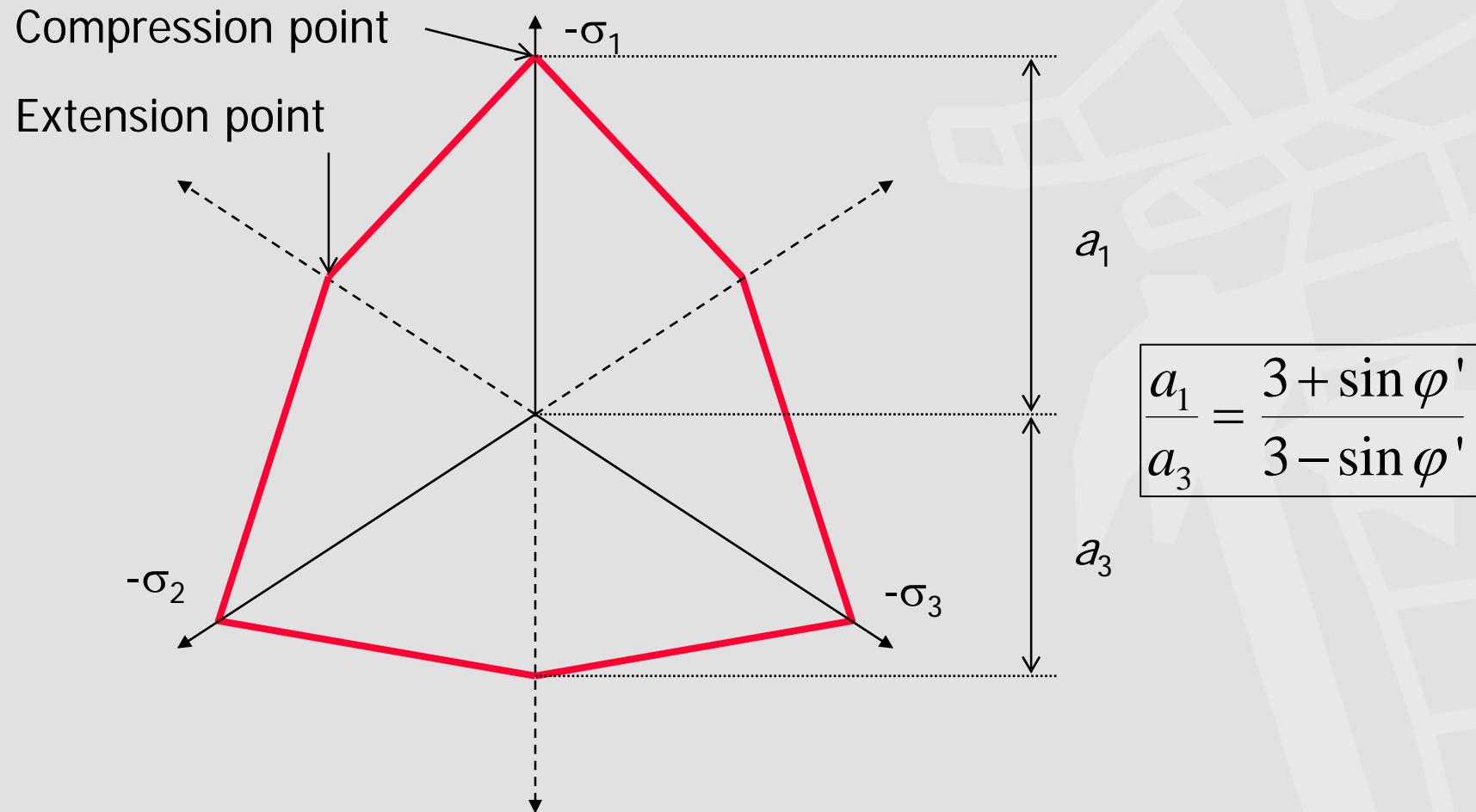


$f > 0$ Not acceptable

$f = 0$ Plasticity

$f < 0$ Elasticity

MOHR COULOMB IN DEVIATORIC PLANE



FLOW RULE

Check of yield / failure function tells us whether we have plastic strains but not direction and magnitude of plastic strain increment > another function required > plastic potential

Plastic strain increments

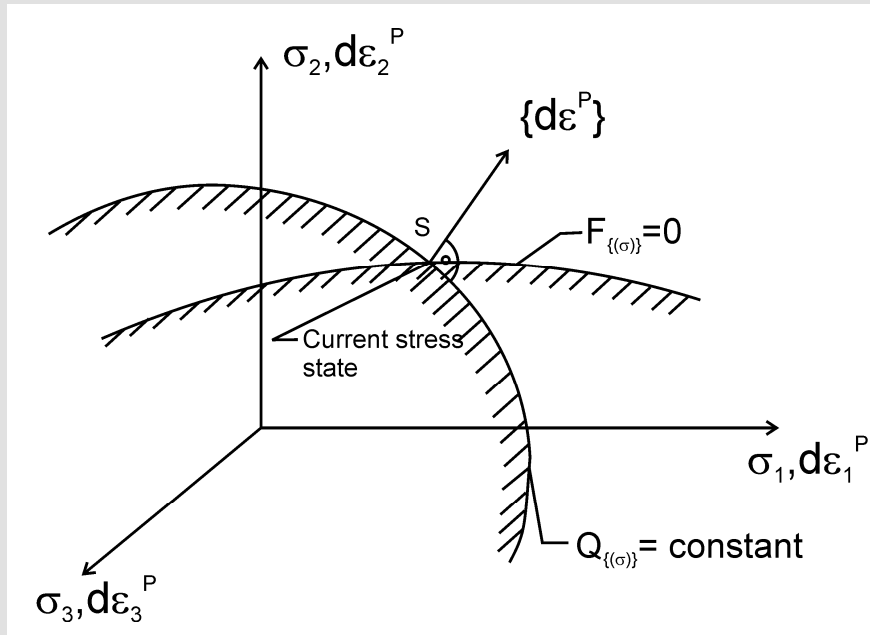
$$\{d\varepsilon\}^P = d\lambda \left\{ \frac{\partial g}{\partial \{\sigma\}} \right\}$$

g plastic potential

$d\lambda$ constant factor, **NOT a material parameter**

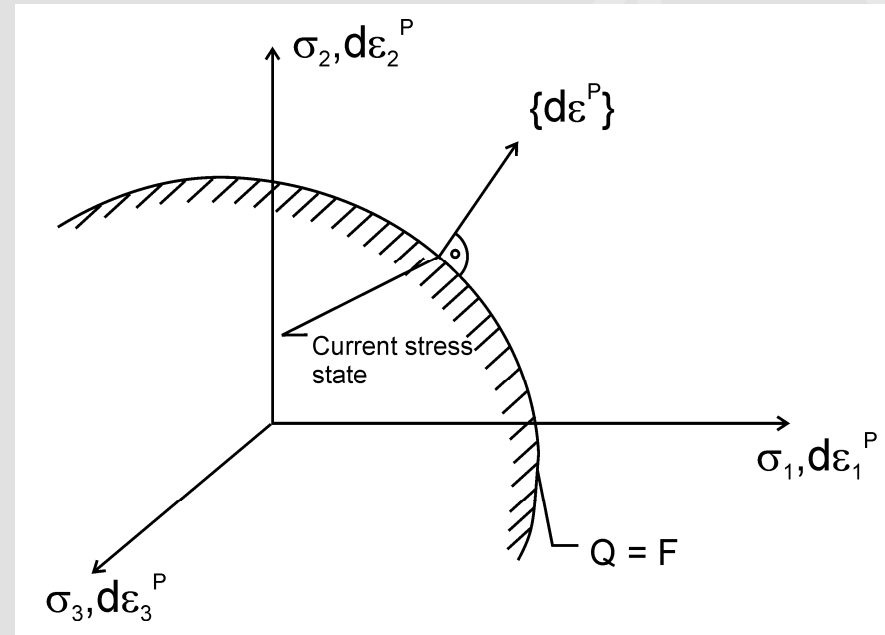
$$g = g(\{\sigma\})$$

FLOW RULE



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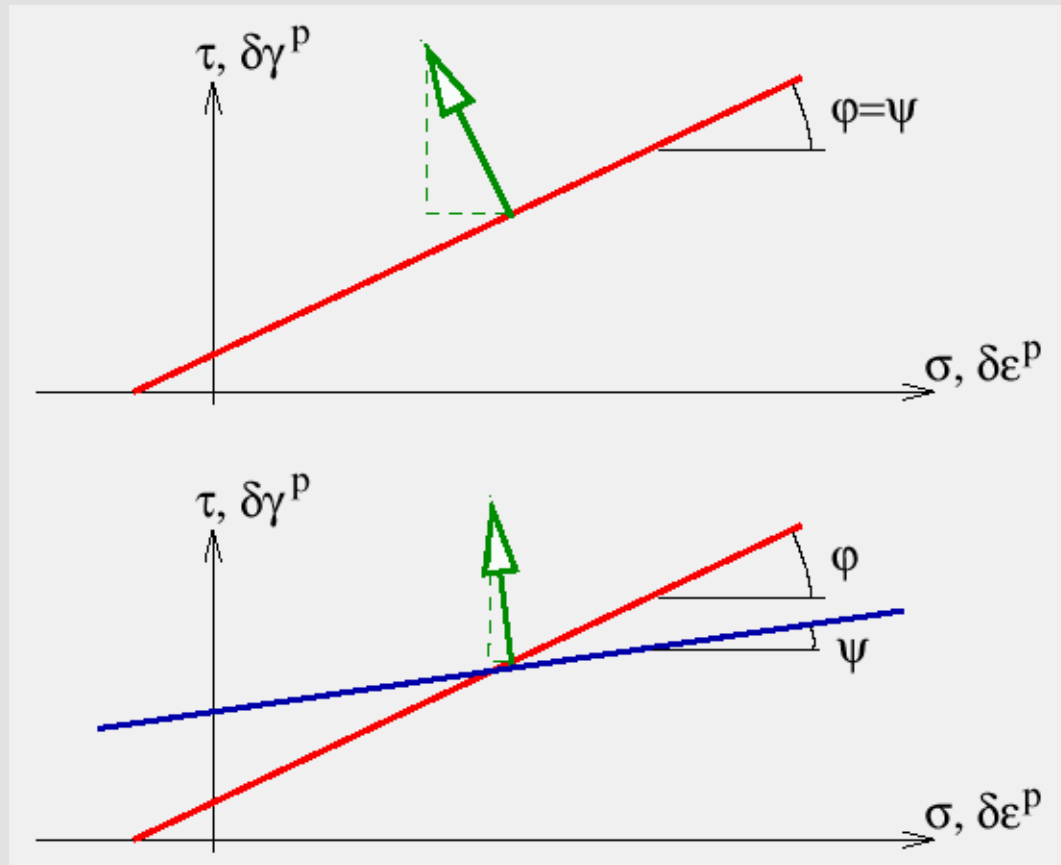
$g \neq f$ > non associated flow rule



$$\{d\varepsilon\}^P = d\lambda \left\{ \frac{\partial F}{\partial \{\sigma\}} \right\}$$

$g = f$ > associated flow rule

MOHR COULOMB MODEL - PLASTIC POTENTIAL



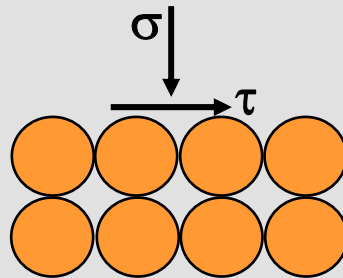
$$f = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma'_1 - \sigma'_3) + \frac{1}{2}(\sigma'_1 + \sigma'_3) \sin \phi' - c' \cos \phi'$$

$$g = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma'_1 - \sigma'_3) + \frac{1}{2}(\sigma'_1 + \sigma'_3) \sin \psi + \text{const.}$$

dilatancy angle

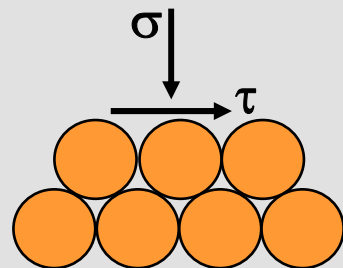
DILATANCY

Model



loose soils are
non-dilatant or
contractant

$$\psi = 0$$

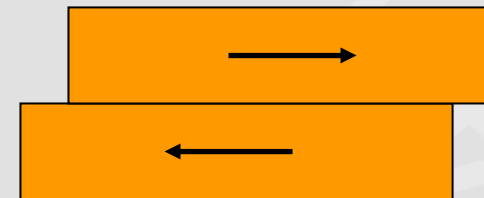


dense soils are
dilatant

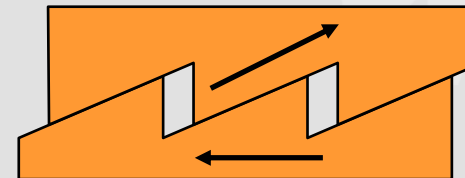
$$\psi \neq 0, \text{ but } < \phi'$$

strength = friction + dilatancy

Mechanism



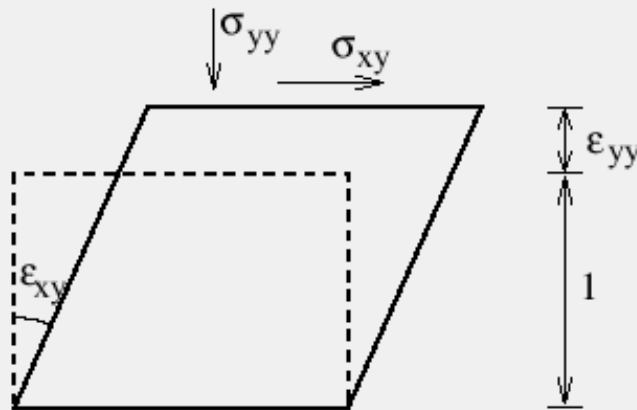
loose



dense

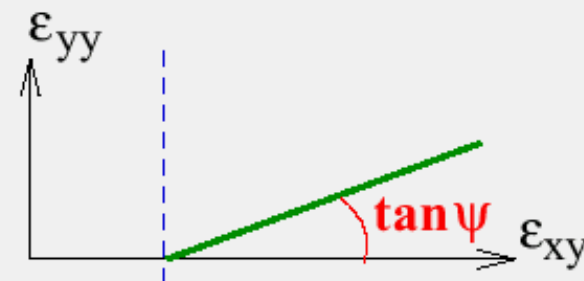
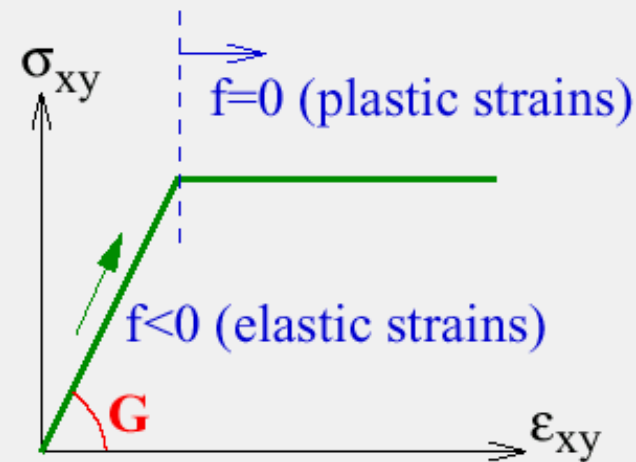
DILATANCY

Simple shear test (drained)



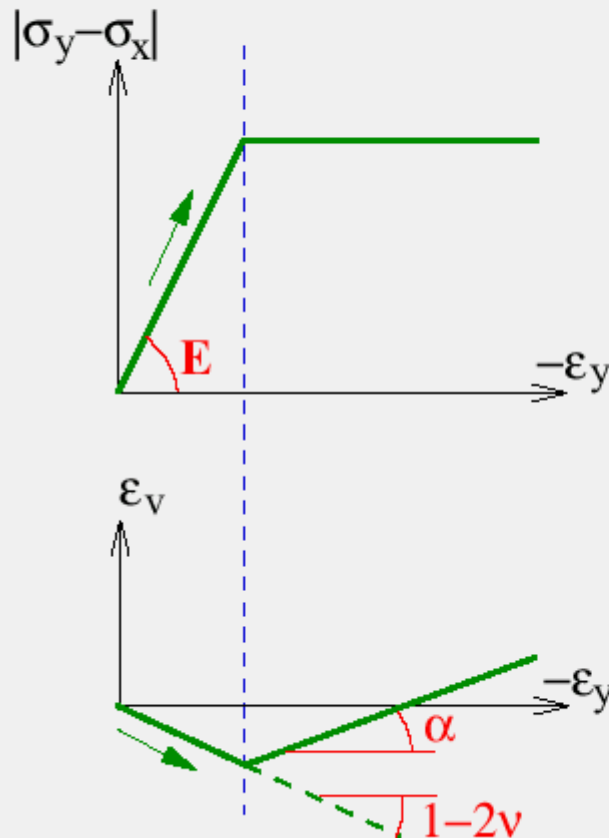
$$G = \frac{E}{2(1 + \nu)}$$

$$\tan \psi = \frac{\Delta \epsilon_{yy}}{\Delta \epsilon_{xy}}$$



DILATANCY

Triaxial test (drained)



$$E = \frac{\Delta |\sigma_y - \sigma_x|}{\Delta |\varepsilon_y|} = 2G(1 + \nu)$$

$$\varepsilon_v = 2\varepsilon_x + \varepsilon_y$$

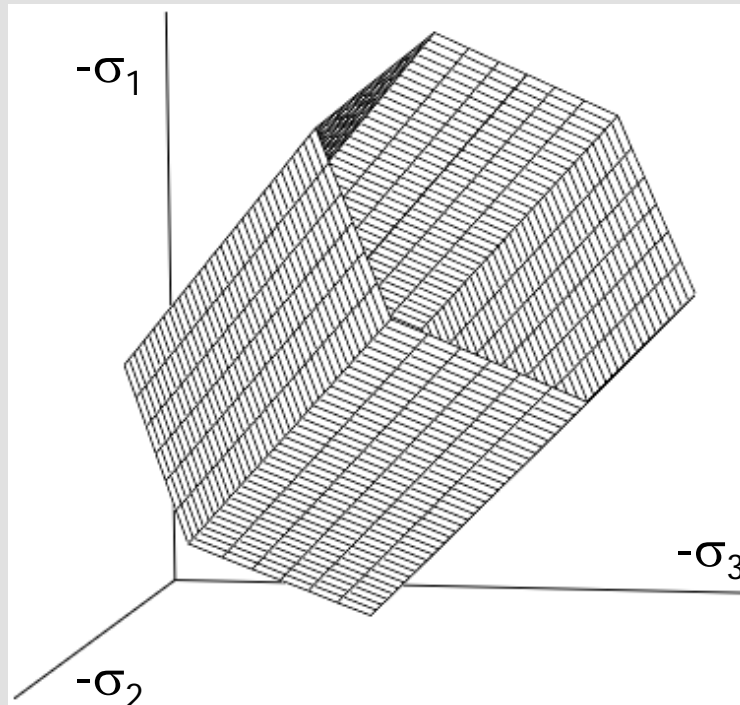
$$\tan \alpha = \frac{2 \sin \psi}{1 - \sin \psi}$$

MOHR COULOMB MODEL - PARAMETERS

E	Young's modulus	[kN/m ²]
ν	Poisson's ratio	[-]
c'	(effective) cohesion	[kN/m ²]
ϕ'	(effective) friction angle	[°]
ψ	Dilatancy angle	[°]

TRESCA FAILURE CRITERION

Tresca = Mohr-Coulomb with $\phi = 0$ and $c \neq 0 = c_u$



$\psi = 0$ > no plastic volumetric strains

$\nu = 0.495$ > negligible elastic volumetric strains

> can be used for undrained analysis in terms of total stresses

MOHR COULOMB MODEL - POSSIBILITIES AND LIMITATIONS

- **Simple elastic perfectly-plastic model**
- **First order approach of soil behaviour in general**
- **Suitable for some practical applications** (not for deep excavations and tunnels)
- **Limited number and clear parameters**
- **Good representation of failure behaviour (drained)**
- **Dilatancy can be included**

MOHR COULOMB MODEL - POSSIBILITIES AND LIMITATIONS

- **Isotropic and homogeneous behaviour**
- **Linear elastic behaviour until failure**
- **No stress-dependent stiffness**
- **No distinction between primary loading and unloading or reloading**
- **No dilatancy cut off**
(for associated flow dilatancy is significantly overpredicted)
- **Undrained behaviour not always realistic**
- **No anisotropy, no time-dependency (creep)**