

13. A ductile shaft is subjected to a torque $T \sim N(200, 20^2)$ N·m. The diameter of the shaft is $d = 25$ mm. If the yield strength in tension of the shaft is $S_{yt} \sim N(180, 10^2)$ MPa and the yield strength in compression is $S_{yc} \sim N(160, 10^2)$ MPa, and T, S_{yt} and S_{yc} are independent, determine the probability of failure using the First Order Second Moment Method.

Solution

Based on the Coulomb-Mohr theory for ductile materials, the shear yield strength is given by

$$S_{sy} = \frac{S_{yt}S_{yc}}{S_{yt} + S_{yc}}$$

The maximum shear stress is

$$\tau_{max} = \frac{16T}{\pi d^3}$$

So the limit-state function is the maximum shear stress subtracted from the shear yield strength. Failure occurs when $Y < 0$.

$$Y = g(\mathbf{X}) = S_{sy} - \tau_{max} = \frac{S_{yt}S_{yc}}{S_{yt} + S_{yc}} - \frac{16T}{\pi d^3} = \frac{S_{yt}S_{yc}}{S_{yt} + S_{yc}} - 3.26(10^5)T$$

where $\mathbf{X} = (S_{yt}, S_{yc}, T)$.

Using FOSM, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_Y &= g(\boldsymbol{\mu}_X) = \frac{\mu_{S_{yt}}\mu_{S_{yc}}}{\mu_{S_{yt}} + \mu_{S_{yc}}} - 3.26(10^5)\mu_T \\ &= \frac{180(10^6)(160)(10^6)}{180(10^6) + 160(10^6)} - 3.26(10^5)(200) = 1.95(10^7) \text{ Pa} \\ \sigma_Y &= \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial S_{yt}}\bigg|_{\boldsymbol{\mu}_X} \sigma_{S_{yt}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial S_{yc}}\bigg|_{\boldsymbol{\mu}_X} \sigma_{S_{yc}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial T}\bigg|_{\boldsymbol{\mu}_X} \sigma_T\right)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{\left(\frac{\mu_{S_{yc}}}{\mu_{S_{yt}} + \mu_{S_{yc}}} - \frac{\mu_{S_{yt}}\mu_{S_{yc}}}{(\mu_{S_{yt}} + \mu_{S_{yc}})^2}\right)^2 (\sigma_{S_{yt}})^2 + \left(\frac{\mu_{S_{yt}}}{\mu_{S_{yt}} + \mu_{S_{yc}}} - \frac{\mu_{S_{yt}}\mu_{S_{yc}}}{(\mu_{S_{yt}} + \mu_{S_{yc}})^2}\right)^2 (\sigma_{S_{yc}})^2 + (-3.26(10^5)\sigma_T)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sqrt{\left(\frac{160(10^6)}{180(10^6) + 160(10^6)} - \frac{180(10^6)(160)(10^6)}{(180(10^6) + 160(10^6))^2}\right)^2 (10(10^6))^2} \\
&\quad + \left(\frac{180(10^6)}{180(10^6) + 160(10^6)} - \frac{180(10^6)(160)(10^6)}{(180(10^6) + 160(10^6))^2}\right)^2 (10(10^6))^2 + (-3.26(10^5)20)^2 \\
&= 4.84(10^6) \text{ Pa}
\end{aligned}$$

The probability of failure is then given by

$$p_f = \Phi\left(\frac{-\mu_Y}{\sigma_Y}\right) = \Phi\left(\frac{-1.95(10^7)}{4.84(10^6)}\right) = 2.72(10^{-5})$$

Ans.