14. A cantilever with a circular cross-section is subjected to an axial tension $P \sim N(10, 1^2)$ kN and a torsion $T \sim N(2, 0.2^2)$ kN·m acting at point *B*. The length of the cantilever is l = 100 mm and the diameter is d = 50 mm. If the yield strength of the cantilever is $S_y \sim N(220, 10^2)$ MPa, and *P*, *T* and S_y are independent, determine the probability of failure using the First Order Second Moment Method. Use the distortion-energy theory.



Solution

The critical stress element appears on the top surface at point A, shown in the following figure.



The normal stress resulted from axial force is given by

$$\sigma_x = \frac{P}{A} = \frac{P}{\frac{\pi}{4}d^2} = \frac{4P}{\pi d^2}$$

where A is the area of the cross-section.

The torsion stress at the critical stress element is

$$\tau_{xz} = \frac{Tr}{J} = \frac{Td}{2J} = \frac{Td}{2\frac{\pi d^4}{32}} = \frac{16T}{\pi d^3}$$

where r is the radius of the circular cross-section, and J is the polar second moment of inertial.

According to the distortion-energy theory, the von Mises stress is found to be

$$\sigma' = (\sigma_x^2 + 3\tau_{xz}^2)^{1/2}$$

So the limit-state function is the von Mises stress subtracted from the yield strength. Failure occurs when Y < 0.

$$Y = g(\mathbf{X}) = S_y - \sigma' = S_y - (\sigma_x^2 + 3\tau_{xz}^2)^{1/2} = S_y - \left(\left(\frac{4P}{\pi d^2}\right)^2 + 3\left(\frac{16T}{\pi d^3}\right)^2\right)^{1/2}$$
$$= S_y - \frac{4}{\pi d^2} \left(P^2 + 48\frac{T^2}{d^2}\right)^{1/2} = S_y - 509.30(P^2 + 19200T^2)^{1/2}$$

where $\mathbf{X} = (S_y, P, T)$.

Using FOSM, we have

$$\mu_{Y} = g(\mu_{X}) = \mu_{S_{y}} - 509.30(\mu_{P}^{2} + 19200\mu_{T}^{2})^{1/2}$$

$$= 220(10^{6}) - 509.30\left(\left(10(10^{3})\right)^{2} + 19200(2(10^{3}))^{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 7.88(10^{7}) \text{ Pa}$$

$$\sigma_{Y} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial S_{y}}\Big|_{\mu_{X}} \sigma_{S_{y}}\right)^{2} + \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial P}\Big|_{\mu_{X}} \sigma_{P}\right)^{2} + \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial T}\Big|_{\mu_{X}} \sigma_{T}\right)^{2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\left(\sigma_{S_{y}}\right)^{2} + \left(-509.30(\frac{1}{2})\frac{2\mu_{S_{P}}}{(\mu_{P}^{2} + 19200\mu_{T}^{2})^{1/2}}\right)^{2} \sigma_{P}^{2} + \left(-509.30(\frac{1}{2})\frac{19200(2)\mu_{S_{T}}}{(\mu_{P}^{2} + 19200\mu_{T}^{2})^{1/2}}\right)^{2} \sigma_{T}^{2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\left(10(10)^{6})^{2} + \left(-509.30\frac{10(10)^{3}}{\left(\left(10(10^{3})\right)^{2} + 19200(2(10^{3}))^{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}\right)\left(1(10^{3})\right)^{2}} - \left(-509.30\frac{19200(2(10^{3}))}{\left(\left(10(10^{3})\right)^{2} + 19200(2(10^{3}))^{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}\right)(200)^{2}}$$

$$= 1.73(10^{7}) \text{ Pa}$$

The probability of failure is then given by

$$p_f = \Phi\left(\frac{-\mu_Y}{\sigma_Y}\right) = \Phi\left(\frac{-7.88(10^7)}{1.73(10^7)}\right) = 2.61(10^{-6})$$
 Ans.