20. A stress element shown in the figure is subjected to two-dimensional stresses  $S_x$  and  $S_y$ . The axial length of the element is  $l_x = 1$  cm. The Poission's ratio is v = 0.3 and the modulus of elasticity is E = 30 MPa. If  $S_x \sim N(20, 2^2)$  MPa and  $S_y \sim N(10, 1^2)$  MPa, estimate the mean and standarad deviation of the axial elongation using the First Order Second Moment Method. Note that  $S_x$  and  $S_y$  are independent.



## Solution

The axial strain is given by

$$\epsilon_x = \frac{1}{E}(S_x - \nu S_y)$$

Thus, the axial elongation is

$$\delta_x = \epsilon_x l_x = \frac{1}{E} (S_x - \nu S_y) l_x$$

Let

$$g(\mathbf{X}) = \delta_x = \frac{1}{E} (S_x - \nu S_y) l_x$$

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

Using FOSM, we have

$$\mu_{\delta_{x}} = g(\mu_{\mathbf{X}}) = \frac{1}{E} \left( \mu_{S_{x}} - \nu \mu_{S_{y}} \right) l_{x} = \frac{1}{30(10^{6})} \left( 20(10^{6}) - 0.3(10)(10^{6}) \right) (1)(10^{-2})$$
  
= 5.667(10<sup>-3</sup>) m  
$$\sigma_{\delta_{x}} = \sqrt{\left( \frac{\partial g}{\partial S_{x}} \Big|_{\mu_{\mathbf{X}}} \sigma_{S_{x}} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial g}{\partial S_{y}} \Big|_{\mu_{\mathbf{X}}} \sigma_{S_{y}} \right)^{2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\left(\frac{\mu_{l_x}}{E}\sigma_{S_x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{-\nu\mu_{l_x}}{E}\sigma_{S_y}\right)^2}$$
$$= \sqrt{\left(\frac{1(10^{-2})}{30(10^6)}2(10^6)\right)^2 + \left(\frac{-0.3(1)(10^{-2})}{30(10^6)}1(10^6)\right)^2}$$
$$= 6.741(10^{-4}) \text{ m}$$