

28. A stress element is subjected to two normal stresses of  $S_x \sim N(50, 5^2)$  MPa and  $S_y \sim N(50, 5^2)$  MPa, and a shear stress of  $\tau_{xy} \sim N(30, 3^2)$  MPa. If  $S_x$ ,  $S_y$  and  $\tau_{xy}$  are independent, what is the mean and standard deviation of the first principal stress based on the First Order Second Moment Method?

**Solution**

According to the formula of the first principal stress,

$$S = \frac{S_x + S_y}{2} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{S_x - S_y}{2}\right)^2 + \tau_{xy}^2}$$

Let

$$g(\mathbf{X}) = S = \frac{S_x + S_y}{2} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{S_x - S_y}{2}\right)^2 + \tau_{xy}^2}$$

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

Using FOSM, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_S &= g(\boldsymbol{\mu}_X) = \frac{\mu_{S_x} + \mu_{S_y}}{2} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{\mu_{S_x} - \mu_{S_y}}{2}\right)^2 + \mu_{\tau_{xy}}^2} \\ &= \frac{50(10^6) + 50(10^6)}{2} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{50(10^6) - 50(10^6)}{2}\right)^2 + (30(10^6))^2} \\ &= 80 \text{ MPa} \end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma_S = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial S_x}\right)^2 \sigma_{S_x}^2 + \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial S_y}\right)^2 \sigma_{S_y}^2 + \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial \tau_{xy}}\right)^2 \sigma_{\tau_{xy}}^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\frac{\mu_{S_x} - \mu_{S_y}}{2}}{2 \sqrt{\left(\frac{\mu_{S_x} - \mu_{S_y}}{2}\right)^2 + \mu_{\tau_{xy}}^2}} \right)^2 \sigma_{S_x}^2 + \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\frac{\mu_{S_x} - \mu_{S_y}}{2}}{2 \sqrt{\left(\frac{\mu_{S_x} - \mu_{S_y}}{2}\right)^2 + \mu_{\tau_{xy}}^2}} \right)^2 \sigma_{S_y}^2 + \left( \frac{\mu_{\tau_{xy}}}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{\mu_{S_x} - \mu_{S_y}}{2}\right)^2 + \mu_{\tau_{xy}}^2}} \right)^2 \sigma_{\tau_{xy}}^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\frac{50(10^6) - 50(10^6)}{2}}{2 \sqrt{\left(\frac{50(10^6) - 50(10^6)}{2}\right)^2 + (30(10^6))^2}} \right)^2 (5(10^6))^2 + \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\frac{50(10^6) - 50(10^6)}{2}}{2 \sqrt{\left(\frac{50(10^6) - 50(10^6)}{2}\right)^2 + (30(10^6))^2}} \right)^2 (5(10^6))^2 + \left( \frac{30(10^6)}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{50(10^6) - 50(10^6)}{2}\right)^2 + (30(10^6))^2}} \right)^2 (3(10^6))^2}$$

$$= 4.64 \text{ MPa}$$

**Ans.**