

61. A rotating-beam is subjected to a completely reversed stress. The fatigue strength fraction of the beam is $f = 0.8$ and the ultimate strength of the beam is $S_{ut} \sim N(220, 20^2)$ kpsi. If the yield strength of the beam is $S_y \sim N(300, 30^2)$ kpsi and the maximum probability of failure is designed to be $p_f = 10^{-5}$, determine the maximum cycles of the reversed stress using the First Order Second Moment Method. Assume that S_{ut} and S_y are independent.

Solution

The failure strength is

$$S_f = S_{ut} N^{(\log f)/3}$$

And thus the completed reversed stress is given by

$$S_{rev} = S_f = S_{ut} N^{(\log f)/3}$$

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

$$Y = g(\mathbf{X}) = S_y - S_{rev} = S_y - S_{ut} N^{(\log f)/3}$$

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

Using FOSM, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_Y &= g(\boldsymbol{\mu}_X) = \mu_{S_y} - \mu_{S_{ut}} N^{\frac{\log f}{3}} \\ \sigma_Y &= \sqrt{\left(\left. \frac{\partial g}{\partial S_y} \right|_{\boldsymbol{\mu}_X} \sigma_{S_y} \right)^2 + \left(\left. \frac{\partial g}{\partial S_{ut}} \right|_{\boldsymbol{\mu}_X} \sigma_{S_{ut}} \right)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(\sigma_{S_y})^2 + \left(N^{\frac{\log f}{3}} \sigma_{S_{ut}} \right)^2} \end{aligned}$$

The probability of failure is then given by

$$p_f = \Phi\left(\frac{-\mu_Y}{\sigma_Y}\right) = \Phi\left(\frac{-\left(\mu_{S_y} - \mu_{S_{ut}} N^{\frac{\log f}{3}}\right)}{\sqrt{(\sigma_{S_y})^2 + \left(N^{\frac{\log f}{3}} \sigma_{S_{ut}}\right)^2}}\right) = 10^{-5}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi^{-1}(10^{-5}) &= \frac{-\left(\mu_{S_y} - \mu_{S_{ut}} N^{\frac{\log f}{3}}\right)}{\sqrt{\left(\sigma_{S_y}\right)^2 + \left(N^{\frac{\log f}{3}} \sigma_{S_{ut}}\right)^2}} \\ &= \frac{-\left(300(10^3) - 220(10^3) N^{\frac{\log(0.8)}{3}}\right)}{\sqrt{\left(30(10^3)\right)^2 + \left(N^{\frac{\log(0.8)}{3}} 20(10^3)\right)^2}}\end{aligned}$$

Solving for N yields

$$N = 84$$

Ans.