

TRANSFORMATION OF STRESS FREQUENCY IN CRITERIA FOR
MULTIAXIAL RANDOM FATIGUE

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A frequency analysis of a number of linear and nonlinear criteria has been done with digital simulation and it has been shown how frequencies of stress state components transform while reduction of the multiaxial stress state to the uniaxial one. The criteria for which increase of frequency of the equivalent stress is large and unacceptable from the physical point of view have been shown.

INTRODUCTION

Bandwidth of frequency of the equivalent stress $\sigma_{eq}(t)$, influences a number of counted cycles and half-cycles, determines a value of cumulated damages and, as a consequence, determines fatigue life of materials. At the constant variance increase of frequency of the stress $\sigma_{eq}(t)$ leads to determination of lower fatigue life.

This paper contains an analysis of quantitative changes in bandwidth of frequency of the stress $\sigma_{eq}(t)$ according to nine mathematical models of multiaxial fatigue criteria for four stress states. The analysis concerns stationary and ergodic Gaussian processes.

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THE STRENGTH CRITERIA

Equations expressing the stress $\sigma_{eq}(t)$ according to the analysed criteria are the following:

- Criterion of the maximum normal stress in the fracture plane

$$\sigma_{eq}(t) = \hat{i}_1^2 \sigma_{xx}(t) + \hat{m}_1^2 \sigma_{yy}(t) + \hat{n}_1^2 \sigma_{zz}(t) + 2\hat{i}_1\hat{m}_1 \sigma_{xy}(t) + 2\hat{i}_1\hat{n}_1 \sigma_{xz}(t) + 2\hat{m}_1\hat{n}_1 \sigma_{yz}(t) \quad (1)$$

- Criterion of the maximum normal strain in the fracture plane

$$\sigma_{eq}(t) = [\hat{i}_1^2 (1+\nu) - \nu] \sigma_{xx}(t) + [\hat{m}_1^2 (1+\nu) - \nu] \sigma_{yy}(t) + [\hat{n}_1^2 (1+\nu) - \nu] \sigma_{zz}(t) + 2(1+\nu) \hat{i}_1\hat{m}_1 \sigma_{xy}(t) + 2(1+\nu) \hat{i}_1\hat{n}_1 \sigma_{xz}(t) + 2(1+\nu) \hat{m}_1\hat{n}_1 \sigma_{yz}(t) \quad (2)$$

- Criterion of the maximum shear stress in the fracture plane

$$\sigma_{eq}(t) = (\hat{i}_1^2 - \hat{i}_3^2) \sigma_{xx}(t) + (\hat{m}_1^2 - \hat{m}_3^2) \sigma_{yy}(t) + (\hat{n}_1^2 - \hat{n}_3^2) \sigma_{zz}(t) + 2(\hat{i}_1\hat{m}_1 - \hat{i}_3\hat{m}_3) \sigma_{xy}(t) + 2(\hat{i}_1\hat{n}_1 - \hat{i}_3\hat{n}_3) \sigma_{xz}(t) + 2(\hat{m}_1\hat{n}_1 - \hat{m}_3\hat{n}_3) \sigma_{yz}(t) \quad (3)$$

- Criterion of the principal maximum stress

$$\sigma_{eq}(t) = \sigma_1(t) \quad (4)$$

- Criterion of the extreme normal stresses

$$\sigma_{\text{eq}}(t) = \max \left\{ \sigma_1(t) ; - \frac{\sigma_3(t)}{\mu} \right\} \quad (5)$$

- Criterion of the extreme normal strains

$$\sigma_{\text{eq}}(t) = \max \left\{ (\sigma_1(t) - \nu [\sigma_2(t) + \sigma_3(t)]); - \frac{1}{\mu} (\sigma_3(t) - \nu [\sigma_1(t) + \sigma_2(t)]) \right\} \quad (6)$$

- Criterion of the maximum shear stresses

$$\sigma_{\text{eq}}(t) = \sigma_1(t) - \sigma_3(t) \quad (7)$$

- Criterion of strain energy of distortion

$$\sigma_{\text{eq}}(t) = \left\{ \sigma_1^2(t) + \sigma_2^2(t) + \sigma_3^2(t) - [\sigma_1(t) \sigma_2(t) + \sigma_2(t) \sigma_3(t) + \sigma_1(t) \sigma_3(t)] \right\}^{1/2} \quad (8)$$

- Criterion of total energy of distortion

$$\sigma_{\text{eq}}(t) = \left\{ \sigma_1^2(t) + \sigma_2^2(t) + \sigma_3^2(t) - 2\nu [\sigma_1(t) \sigma_2(t) + \sigma_2(t) \sigma_3(t) + \sigma_1(t) \sigma_3(t)] \right\}^{1/2} \quad (9)$$

In criteria (1) - (3) the fatigue fracture plane position is defined by the mean direction cosines of principal strains and stresses $\hat{i}_n, \hat{m}_n, \hat{n}_n$, ($n = 1, 2, 3$). It should be stated that the stress $\sigma_{\text{eq}}(t)$ according to equations (1) - (3) is linearly, σ_{eq} and according to equations (4) - (9) nonlinearly dependent on stress $\sigma_{ij}(t)$, ($i, j = x, y, z$). In literature there are many examples of application of criteria (4) - (9) for description of multiaxial cyclic fatigue where static values of stresses are replaced by their amplitudes or ranges.

SIMULATION CALCULATIONS

The digital simulation included:

- generation of six stationary and ergodic random components of the stress state tensor σ_{ij} , ($i, j = x, y, z$) with normal probability distribution and low-band frequency spectrum,
- calculations of σ_{eq} according to equations (1) - (9)
- calculations of σ_{eq} power spectral density function for stresses σ_{ij} and σ_{eq} with FFT.

The random sequences of stresses σ_{ij} and σ_{eq} contained $N=81920$ values. Constants $\nu_{ij} = 0.25$ and $\mu = 0.644$ were assumed as typical for cast iron. The fatigue fracture plane position is determined, according to paper (4), by the following direction cosines

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{i}_1 &= -0.17727, & \hat{m}_1 &= 0.92392, & \hat{n}_1 &= 0.33903 \\ \hat{i}_3 &= 0.93362, & \hat{m}_3 &= 0.048894, & \hat{n}_3 &= 0.35492 \end{aligned}$$

After calculations of autospectral and cross-spectral density functions of the generated stress state components their maximum frequencies f_{maxij} , ($i, j = 1, \dots, 6$) were determined; they form the matrix

163	158	158	158	158	168	Hz
158	164	162	159	142	165	
158	162	163	162	166	160	
158	159	162	155	159	161	
158	142	166	159	155	161	
168	165	160	161	161	164	

In a similar way the maximum frequencies of the equivalent stress $f_{max \sigma_{eq}}$ were determined. In Table 1 there are the $f_{max \sigma_{eq}}$ values of $f_{max \sigma_{eq}}$ according to nine analysed criteria and $f_{max \sigma_{eq}}$ four random states.

ANALYSIS OF THE CALCULATION RESULTS

From Table 1 it results that for linear criteria (1) - (3) $f_{max \sigma_{eq}} = 160$ Hz and the following inequality is right

$$f_{max \sigma_{eq}} \leq \max_{ij} \{ f_{maxij} \}, \quad (i, j = 1, \dots, 6) \quad (10)$$

For the nonlinear criteria (4) - (9) the mean value of

TABLE 1 - Maximum frequencies of the equivalent stress $f_{\max \sigma_{eq}}$ in Hz according to 9 criteria for four types of random stress state

Criter. Number	The stress state caused by					
	σ_{xx}	σ_{xy}	$\sigma_{xx}, \sigma_{yy}, \sigma_{xy}$	$\sigma_{xx}, \sigma_{zz}, \sigma_{xz}$	$\sigma_{yy}, \sigma_{xy}, \sigma_{yz}$	
1	160	168	155		155	
2	165	158	160		160	
3	160	158	160		165	
4	187	221	190		192	
5	225	227	225		215	
6	235	232	215		230	
7	235	224	212		215	
8	225	224	229		225	
9	232	225	230		210	

$f_{\max \sigma_{eq}} = 220$ Hz and it means that mean increase of the frequency band by 37.5 % appears in relation to the frequency band of the stress state tensor (160 Hz). As it results from Table 1, the increase can reach even 46.9% ($f_{\max \sigma_{eq}} = 235$ Hz). Thus the following inequality,

$$f_{\max \sigma_{eq}} > \max_{ij} \{ f_{\max ij} \}, \quad (i, j = 1, \dots, 6) \quad (11)$$

has been verified and the quantitative effect of change in width of the frequency band while applying different nonlinear criteria for random fatigue has been shown. This increase is not acceptable from the physical point of view and means that there is a new important limitation for generalization of criteria for multiaxial cyclic fatigue to the range of random loading.

CONCLUSIONS

1. While reducing multiaxial random stress state to the equivalent uniaxial one with the linear fatigue criteria, frequency bands of the stress state components transform to the frequency band of the equivalent stress without enlarging its width. The

frequency band of the equivalent stress according to the nonlinear fatigue criteria widens in relation to that one for the random stress state tensor.

2. Any simple attempts of generalization of the criteria for cyclic or static loads, in which there are nonlinear combinations of the stress state components, to multiaxial random loads, meet some very important limitations, connected with changes in frequency structure of the equivalent stress.

SYMBOLS USED

$\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \sigma_3$	=	principal stresses (MPa)
ν	=	Poisson's ratio
\mathcal{N}	=	material constant
FFT	=	Fast Fourier Transform
t	=	time (s)

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