1. Basics

The two-scalar formulation depends on hydrostatic stress *p* and von Mises equivalent stress *q*.

$$p = \frac{\mathrm{tr}\sigma}{3} = \frac{I_1}{3}, \qquad q = \sqrt{3J_2} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}s:s} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}|s|.$$
 (1)

2. Yield Function

The yield function is defined as

$$F = \frac{(p - p_t + a)^2}{b^2} + \frac{q^2}{M^2} - a^2,$$
(2)

where $p_t \ge 0$ is the tensile yield strength, b = 1 if $p_e \ge 0$ and $b = \beta$ if $p_e < 0$ with $p_e = p - p_t + a$ denotes relative stress to the origin of ellipse, β is a constant that controls the shape of negative-wards half of yielding ellipse, M is the ratio between two radii of yielding ellipse.

3. Flow Rule

The associative plasticity is assumed so that

$$\Delta \varepsilon^{p} = \Delta \gamma \frac{\partial F}{\partial \sigma} = \Delta \gamma \left(\frac{2p_{e}}{3b^{2}} I + \frac{3}{M^{2}} s \right)$$
(3)

via the following relationship

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}q^2}{\mathrm{d}\sigma} = \frac{3}{2}\frac{\mathrm{d}\,(s:s)}{\mathrm{d}\sigma} = \frac{3}{2}\left(\frac{\mathrm{d}s}{\mathrm{d}\sigma}:s+s:\frac{\mathrm{d}s}{\mathrm{d}\sigma}\right) = 3s$$

Accordingly,

$$\Delta \varepsilon_v^p = \Delta \gamma \frac{2p_e}{b^2}, \qquad \Delta \varepsilon_d^p = \Delta \gamma \frac{3}{M^2} s, \tag{4}$$

where $\Delta \varepsilon_v^p = \text{tr} \Delta \varepsilon^p$ is the volumetric strain scalar and $\Delta \varepsilon_d^p$ is the deviatoric strain tensor.

4. Hardening Rule

The hardening variable α is defined as the volumetric strain ε_v^p so that

$$\alpha = \varepsilon_v^p. \tag{5}$$

The corresponding incremental form is then

$$\alpha - \alpha_n = \Delta \alpha = \Delta \varepsilon_v^p = \Delta \gamma \frac{2p_e}{b^2},\tag{6}$$

$$\alpha - \alpha_n - \Delta \gamma \frac{2p_e}{b^2} = 0. \tag{7}$$

The hardening rule is then defined as a function of α ,

$$a = a(\alpha) \ge 0. \tag{8}$$

5. Residual

By using the elastic relationship,

$$s = 2G\varepsilon_d^e = 2G\left(\varepsilon_d^{tr} - \Delta\varepsilon_d^p\right) = s^{tr} - \Delta\gamma \frac{6G}{M^2}s,\tag{9}$$

$$p = K\varepsilon_v^e = K\left(\varepsilon_v^{tr} - \Delta\varepsilon_v^p\right) = p^{tr} - K\left(\alpha - \alpha_n\right).$$
(10)

Hence,

$$s = \frac{M^2}{M^2 + 6G\Delta\gamma} s^{tr}, \qquad q = \frac{M^2}{M^2 + 6G\Delta\gamma} q^{tr}.$$
(11)

The governing residual equations for independent variables $x = \begin{bmatrix} \Delta \gamma & \alpha \end{bmatrix}^T$ can be expressed as

$$R = \begin{cases} \frac{p_e^2}{b^2} + \frac{q^2}{M^2} - a^2 = 0, \\ \alpha - \alpha_n - \Delta \gamma \frac{2}{b^2} p_e = 0. \end{cases}$$
(12)

where $p_e = p^{tr} - K\alpha + K\alpha_n - p_t + a$ and $q = \frac{M^2}{M^2 + 6G\Delta\gamma}q^{tr}$.

6. Local Iteration

The Jacobian can be formed accordingly.

$$J = \frac{\mathrm{d}R}{\mathrm{d}x} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-12GM^2q^{tr,2}}{(M^2 + 6G\Delta\gamma)^3} & \frac{2}{b^2}p_e(a' - K) - 2aa'\\ -\frac{2}{b^2}p_e & 1 - \Delta\gamma\frac{2}{b^2}(a' - K) \end{bmatrix}.$$
(13)

7. Tangent Stiffness

At local iteration, ε^{tr} is fixed and *R* is iterated out. Noting that in the global iteration, ε^{tr} is also a variable that changes. If local iteration is converged, then R = 0, so

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}R}{\mathrm{d}\varepsilon^{tr}} = \frac{\partial R}{\partial\varepsilon^{tr}} + \frac{\partial R}{\partial x}\frac{\mathrm{d}x}{\mathrm{d}\varepsilon^{tr}} = 0,\tag{14}$$

consequently,

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}x}{\mathrm{d}\varepsilon^{tr}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\mathrm{d}\Delta\gamma}{\mathrm{d}\varepsilon^{tr}} \\ \frac{\mathrm{d}\alpha}{\mathrm{d}\varepsilon^{tr}} \end{bmatrix} = -\left(\frac{\partial R}{\partial x}\right)^{-1} \frac{\partial R}{\partial\varepsilon^{tr}} = -J^{-1} \frac{\partial R}{\partial\varepsilon^{tr}}.$$
(15)

Taking derivatives about ε^{tr} gives

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial \varepsilon^{tr}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2p_e K}{b^2} I + \frac{6G}{M^2 + 6G\Delta\gamma} s \\ \frac{-2\Delta\gamma K}{b^2} I \end{bmatrix}$$
(16)

The stress can be expressed as

$$\sigma = s + pI = \frac{M^2}{M^2 + 6G\Delta\gamma} s^{tr} + \left(p^{tr} - K\left(\alpha - \alpha_n\right)\right) I.$$
(17)

Direct differentiation gives

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma}{\mathrm{d}\varepsilon} = \frac{M^2}{M^2 + 6G\Delta\gamma} \frac{\mathrm{d}s^{tr}}{\mathrm{d}\varepsilon} + s^{tr} \otimes \frac{\mathrm{d}\frac{M^2}{M^2 + 6G\Delta\gamma}}{\mathrm{d}\varepsilon} + I \otimes \frac{\mathrm{d}\left(p^{tr} - K\left(\alpha - \alpha_n\right)\right)}{\mathrm{d}\varepsilon}$$
(18)

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma}{\mathrm{d}\varepsilon} = \frac{2GM^2}{M^2 + 6G\Delta\gamma} I_d + KI \otimes I - KI \otimes \frac{\mathrm{d}\alpha}{\mathrm{d}\varepsilon} - \frac{6GM^2}{\left(M^2 + 6G\Delta\gamma\right)^2} s^{tr} \otimes \frac{\mathrm{d}\Delta\gamma}{\mathrm{d}\varepsilon},\tag{19}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\varepsilon} = D^{\varepsilon} - \frac{12G^2\Delta\gamma}{M^2 + 6G\Delta\gamma}I_d - KI \otimes \frac{d\alpha}{d\varepsilon} - \frac{6G}{M^2 + 6G\Delta\gamma}s \otimes \frac{d\Delta\gamma}{d\varepsilon}.$$
(20)