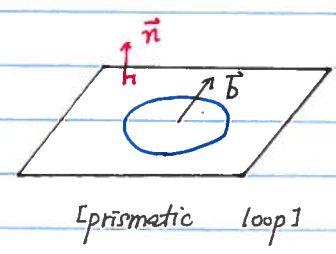
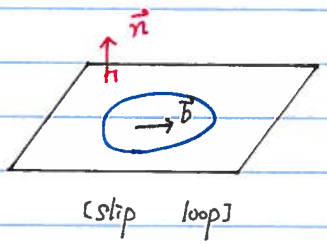


Dislocation loops

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1. Formation of loops

- The actual forms of dislocations in materials.
 - Not straight, circle, ...
- The main part of dislocations formed during plastic deformation is in the form of loops.
- Two kinds of dislocation loop.
 - slip loops ; $\vec{b} \cdot \vec{n} = 0$
 - prismatic loops ; $\vec{b} \cdot \vec{n} \neq 0$



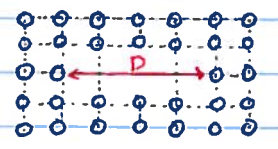
- Slip loops

- usually formed under external stress or by stress concentration on inhomogeneities
- can further extend up to $1\mu \sim 100\mu$

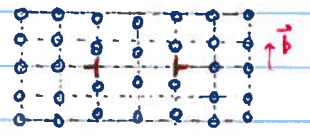
- Prismatic loops

... first proposed by Nabarro (1947)

- vacancy precipitation forms discs.
- collapse of the vacancy disc.



- can glide along its slip cylinder
- can only move on its plane by climb
- formed after quenching, which



produces a high supersaturation of vacancies.

and during subsequent annealing, which enables diffusion and precipitation of vacancies.

-- average $D \sim 300\text{\AA}$

• Precipitation of vacancies (FCC).

- Assume that the disc of vacancies is form in (111)

- Energy of disc (E_0)

$$E_0 = 2\pi R^2 \gamma_0$$

(γ_0 ; surface energy density).

- Prismatic loop can be formed by the collapse of disc.

- The Burgers vector of the loop.

$$\vec{b}_1 = \frac{1}{3} [111] \sim \text{normal to the loop plane.}$$

- The loop is formed by a partial dislocation and encloses a stacking fault.

- The energy of the loop (E_1)

$$E_1 = E_1' + E_1'' = \text{Total stacking fault } E + \text{(Elastic energy Core)}$$
$$= \pi R^2 \gamma'' + E_1''$$

- if $E_1 \leq E_0$... disc will collapse.

- R_c (critical radius) ~ few atomic distance in FCC

.. After further growth, a partial dislocation loop can change into a dislocation loop with a complete Burgers vector $\vec{b} = \frac{1}{2} [110]$ without stacking fault

- if $E_2 \leq E_1$.. transformation occurs.

$$R_{c2} \sim 100\text{\AA}$$

($R > R_{c2}$.. Complete \vec{b}
 $R < R_{c2}$.. Partial \vec{b}

.. as $\gamma \uparrow$.. $R_{c2} \downarrow$.. complete Burgers vector

• The process of vacancy precipitation ~ purity, defects, thermal treatment

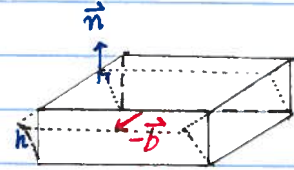
• Prismatic loops can be formed by punching effect

(Annealing the crystal containing precipitates with different thermal expansion coefficient)

• Prismatic loops are also formed in plastically deformed crystals by the motion of screw dislocations with large jogs.

2. Infinitesimal loops.

- Displacement & Stress field around it.
- Consider a plate-like region \mathbb{T} with an area SA and a thickness h .



I. Take \mathbb{T} out of the body

& transform it (upper side will be displaced by $-b$)

- plastic displacement ;
$$u_k = -\frac{b_k}{h} (x'_e - x_e^0) n_e$$

x'_e : coordinates of a point of the region

x_e^0 ; " " " " on the lower side

- plastic strain

$$e_{kj}^T = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x'_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x'_k} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2h} (b_k n_j + b_j n_k)$$

- stress in \mathbb{T} = "0"

Stress formally calculated from Hooker's law using e_{kj}^T

$$\sigma_{kj}^T = \lambda e_{kk}^T \delta_{kj} + 2\mu e_{kj}^T$$

II. Apply $-\sigma_{kj}^T v_k$ on the surface of \mathbb{T}

(v_k ; unit normal to the surface of \mathbb{T})

It brings the region back to the original shape.

Put it back in the body & join across the whole surface

Then, the surface forces have now become a layer of body force spread over A

III. Let these body forces relax. or

Apply a further distribution $+\sigma_{kj}^T v_k$ over A

The displacement component u_i at point \vec{x} , due to the component F_j of a point force acting at the point \vec{x}' :

$$u_i = U_{ij} F_j$$

$$U_{ij} = \frac{1}{16\pi\mu(1-\nu)} \left[\delta_{ij} \frac{1}{e} (3-4\nu) + \frac{\rho_i \rho_j}{\rho^3} \right]$$

$$\rho = x_i - x'_i$$

$$\rho = \sqrt{(x_1 - x'_1)^2 + (x_2 - x'_2)^2 + (x_3 - x'_3)^2}$$

The displacement u_i from a surface distribution of forces $+\sigma_{kj}^T U_k$

$$u_i = \iint_{(A)} U_{ij} \underbrace{\sigma_{kj}^T}_{dF_j} dA_k$$

or, Using the Gauss theorem

$$u_i = \iiint_{(V)} \sigma_{kj}^T U_{ij,k'} dV' = \sigma_{kj}^T \iiint_{(V)} U_{ij,k'} dV'$$

σ_{kj}^T ; constant inside \mathbb{T}

At a large distance from \mathbb{T} , the displacement

$$u_i = U_{ij,k'} \sigma_{kj}^T V' \quad (V' = SA \cdot h)$$

The $U_{ij,k'}$ is taken with respect to the coordinate x'_k of an internal point of \mathbb{T} . Let's take center of \mathbb{T} as x'_k

$$u_i = -\frac{1}{8\pi(1-\nu)\rho^2} \left\{ \frac{1-2\nu}{\rho} [n_i b_k \rho_k + b_i n_k \rho_k - \rho_i b_k n_k] + \frac{3\rho_i b_k \rho_k n_i \rho_k}{\rho^3} \right\} SA \quad (2.9)$$

... not depend on h (thickness)

... $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} u \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$; dislocation loop

u_i ; displacement at a large distance from ^(finite) dislocation loop

• For an infinitesimal area SA the loop can be infinitesimal

$$du_i = -\frac{1}{8\pi(1-\nu)\rho^2} \{ \dots \} dA$$

• The stress tensor σ_{ij} at a large distance from a finite loop or $d\sigma_{ij}$ around an infinitesimal loop (2.11)

$$\sigma_{ij} = \frac{-\mu}{4\pi\rho^3(1-\nu)} \left\{ \left[\frac{3(1-2\nu)}{\rho^2} b_k \rho_k n_i \rho_k + (4\nu-1) b_k n_k \right] \delta_{ij} + (1-2\nu)(b_i n_j + n_i b_j) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{3\nu}{\rho^2} [b_k \rho_k (n_i \rho_j + \rho_i n_j) + n_k \rho_k (b_i \rho_j + \rho_i b_j)] \right. \\ \left. + \frac{3(1-2\nu)}{\rho^2} b_k n_k \rho_i \rho_j - \frac{15}{\rho^4} b_k \rho_k n_i \rho_k \rho_i \rho_j \right\} SA$$

- Displacement decreases with distance ρ as $1/\rho^2$
Stresses $\sim 1/\rho^3$
- The displacements and stresses of a general dislocation are given as surface integrals over its area SA

$$u_i = \iint_{(SA)} du_i \quad (2.12)$$

$$\sigma_j = \iint_{(SA)} d\sigma_j \quad (2.13)$$

- Displacements) do not depend on the shape.
Stresses)

only depend on the area of the loop.

3. Stress field and energy of finite loop

• $\underline{\sigma}$; can be derived in different ways.

ex) from (2.13)

- very complicated.

- ref [10] [35] [19].

- pure prismatic circular loop
- slip circular loop
- angular dislocations.

{ in the neighbourhood of the dislocation line of the loop

$$\sigma \sim 1/\rho$$

. at a large distance

$$\sigma \sim 1/\rho^3$$

- Stresses of an infinitesimal loop gives a very good approximation for the stresses of finite loop not only at large distances but also not very far away from the loop ($\sim \rho > 2/R$)

• The elastic energy E of the loop.

- Volume integral of the strain energy density

- core of dislocation (ϵ) must be left out.

- $\epsilon \sim b$

$$E = \frac{1}{2} \iint_{(SA)'} n_i \sigma_{ij} b_j dA$$

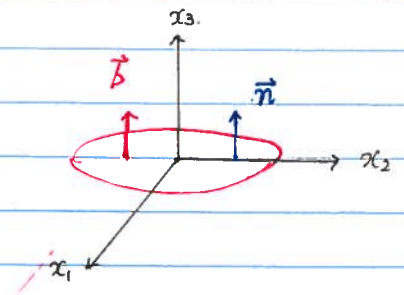
(SA' : area of the loop from which the neighbourhood of dislocation line is left out)

For a plane loop (n_i, b_i constant)
Volterra

$$E = \frac{1}{2} n_i b_j \iint_{(SA)'} \sigma_{ij} dA$$

example) Pure prismatic loop

$$E = \frac{1}{2} b \iint_{(SA)'} \sigma_{33} dA$$



$$E = \frac{\mu}{2(1-\nu)} b^2 R \left(\ln \frac{8R}{\epsilon} - 1 \right) \quad (\text{pure prismatic circular loop})$$

$$E = \frac{\mu(2-\nu)}{4(1-\nu)} b^2 R \left(\ln \frac{8R}{\epsilon} - 1 \right) \quad (\text{slip circular loop})$$

$$E_E = \frac{\mu b^2}{4\pi(1-\nu)} \ln \frac{r_i}{\epsilon} \quad ; \quad E/\text{length} \quad (\text{straight edge dislocation})$$

$$E_S = \frac{\mu b^2}{4\pi} \ln \frac{r_i}{\epsilon} \quad ; \quad E/\text{length} \quad (\text{"screw"})$$

(r_i : dimension of the crystal $\sim 1\text{cm}$)

[Note] $E/\text{length} |_{\text{loop}} < E/\text{length} |_{\text{straight}}$

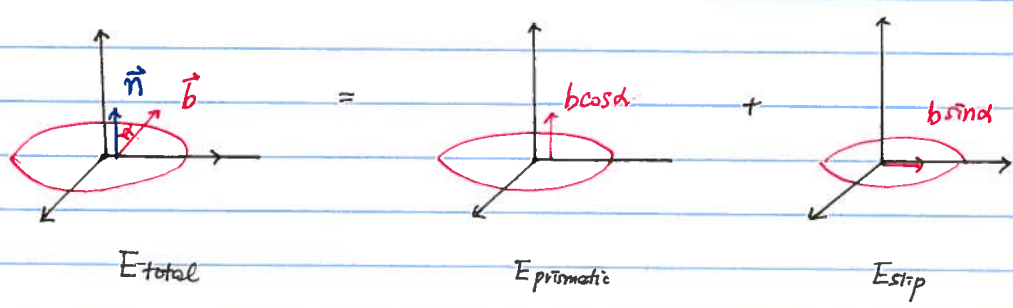
• The total loop energy = elastic energy + core energy.

- Peierls - Nabarro model : $E_{\text{core}}/\text{length} = \frac{\mu b^2}{4\pi(1-\nu)}$ (edge)

$\frac{\mu b^2}{4\pi}$ (screw)

• Rough approximation $E_{\text{total}} \approx E_{\text{elastic}}$ (if $\epsilon \ll 1$)

• The energy of a general prismatic loop.
 = energies of pure prismatic loop with $\vec{b} = b \cos \alpha \hat{n}$
 + energies of a slip loop with $\vec{b} = b \sin \alpha$.



(interaction E of these loops = "0")

$$E \approx \frac{\mu b^2}{4\pi(1-\nu)} L \left(\cos^2 \alpha + \frac{1-\nu}{2} \sin^2 \alpha \right) \ln \frac{R}{\epsilon}$$

\uparrow
2πR

4. Interaction of loops with other lattice defects.

- only elastic interaction.
- Consider σ_{ij}' (from external force or another defect or finite plane loop)
- E_{int} (work necessary to form the loop in the stress σ_{ij}')

$$E_{int} = n \cdot b_j \iint_{(SA')} \sigma_{ij}' dA$$
- dF' (force on the element of dislocation line ds due to σ_{ij}')

$$dF'_i = \epsilon_{ijk} \sigma_{jl}' b_l ds_k$$

- F (total force)

$$F_i = \oint_{CS} \epsilon_{ijk} \sigma_{jl}' b_l ds_k$$

- For a homogeneous stress field σ_{ij}'

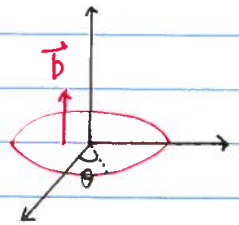
$$\begin{cases} F = 0 \\ E = \text{constant} \end{cases}$$

Only the resultant of the force dF'_i is zero, but the force dF'_i try to expand or contract the loop.

- Ex1) Pure prismatic loop.

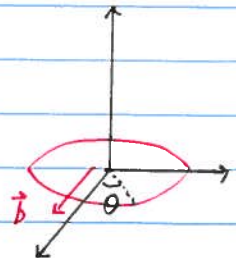
f'_i ; force on unit element of circular loop.

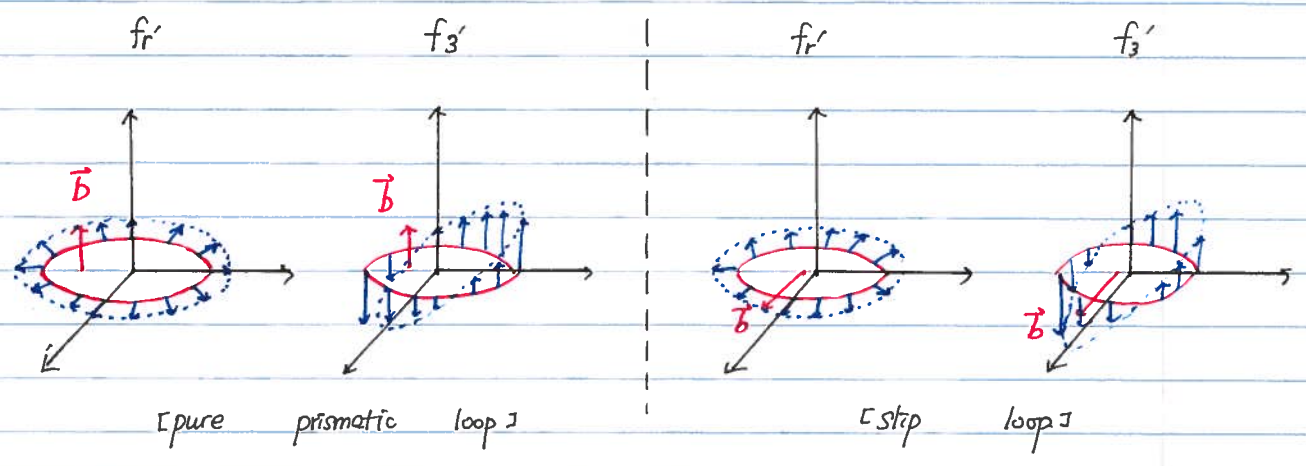
$$\begin{cases} f'_1 = -\sigma_{33}' b_3 \cos\theta \\ f'_2 = -\sigma_{33}' b_3 \sin\theta \\ f'_3 = (\sigma_{13}' \cos\theta + \sigma_{23}' \sin\theta) b_3 \end{cases} \quad f'_r = -\sigma_{33}' b_3$$



Ex2) Slip loop.

$$\begin{cases} f'_1 = -\sigma_{13}' b_1 \cos\theta \\ f'_2 = -\sigma_{13}' b_1 \sin\theta \\ f'_3 = (\sigma_{11}' \cos\theta + \sigma_{12}' \sin\theta) b_1 \end{cases} \quad f'_r = -\sigma_{13}' b_1$$





f_r' ; expand the loop by climb (for prismatic loop)
 by glide (for slip loop)
 f_s' ; rotate the loop

• In a non-homogeneous $\sigma_{ij} \rightarrow$ non-zero resultant \rightarrow translate the loop

• The influence of σ_{ij} on an infinitesimal dislocation loop.

- The interaction energy

$$E_{int} = n_i \sigma_{ij} b_j SA$$

- The total force

$$F_k = - \frac{\partial E_{int}}{\partial x_k} = - n_i \sigma_{ij, k} b_j SA$$

- The "induced surface tension"

- $E_{int} / \text{unit Area}$

$$p' = n_i \sigma_{ij} b_j$$

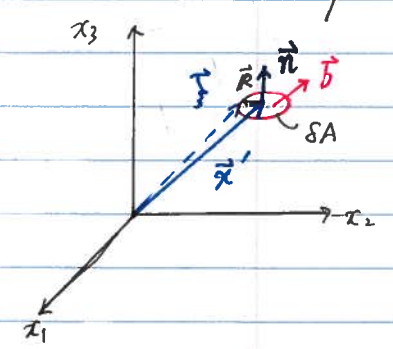
if $p' > 0$; acts inwards ~ contract the loop

$p' < 0$; acts outwards ~ expand the loop

- The moment of forces.

$$M'_i = \oint e_{ijk} x_j dF_k$$

$$x_j = x'_j + R_j$$



$$M'_i = M_{Fi} + F_{Ci}$$

$$= \oint \epsilon_{ijk} x'_j dF'_k + \oint \epsilon_{ijk} R_j dF'_k$$

$$\left(\begin{aligned} &= \epsilon_{ijk} x'_j \oint dF'_k \\ &= \epsilon_{ijk} x'_j F_k \sim \end{aligned} \right.$$

moment of the total force on the loop with respect to the origin of coordinate sys.

For infinitesimal loop.

$$M_{Fi} = - \epsilon_{ijk} x'_j n_l \sigma'_{lm, k'} b_m \delta A$$

- M_F depends on the choice of the coordinate system
 - not interesting from the physical point of view.
- $M_{C'}$ ~ physically important.
 - ~ moment of the forces on the loop w.r.t its center.

$$M_{C'_i} = - \epsilon_{ijk} n_j b_l \sigma'_{lk} \delta A$$

- $E_{int}, P', M_{C'_i} \sim \sigma'_{ij}$
 - ~ non-zero in the homogeneous σ'_{ij}
 - (cf) $F_k, M_{Fi} = 0$
- $E_{int}, P', F_k, M_{Fi}, M_{C'_i}$
 - ~ do not depend on the shape of the infinitesimal loop
- Self-energy of small loop depends on its shape
- Self-force try to contract the loop.
- The total self-force = "0"