

Problem 1 (60 points)

Given the reservoir conditions below, and a desire to keep breakout widths as small as possible for wellbore stability, which direction and type of well (e.g. vertical, horizontal, $\phi = 20^\circ$, etc.) would be the safest to drill. Support your recommendation with a figure. Preferably one that quantitatively shows the expected wellbore breakout widths for a given drilling trajectory.

You can assume a Mohr-Coloumb failure criterion with an unconfined compressive strength of the rock of 34 MPa and an internal friction of $\mu_I = 1$. The Poisson ratio is $\nu = 0.2$.

$$S_{Hmax} = 115 \text{ MPa in the direction N}30^\circ\text{E}$$

$$S_{hmin} = 90 \text{ MPa}$$

$$S_v = 70 \text{ MPa}$$

$$P_p = P_m = 33 \text{ MPa}$$