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CHAPTER

SIMPLE STRESSES AND STRAINS

STRESS (σ):

It is the internal resistance offered by a body against the deformation numerically, it is given as force per unit area.

Stress on elementary area ΔA ,

$$\text{i.e. } \sigma = \lim_{\Delta A \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta F}{\Delta A} = \frac{dF}{dA} \quad (N/m^2)$$

This unit is called

Pa(Pascal)

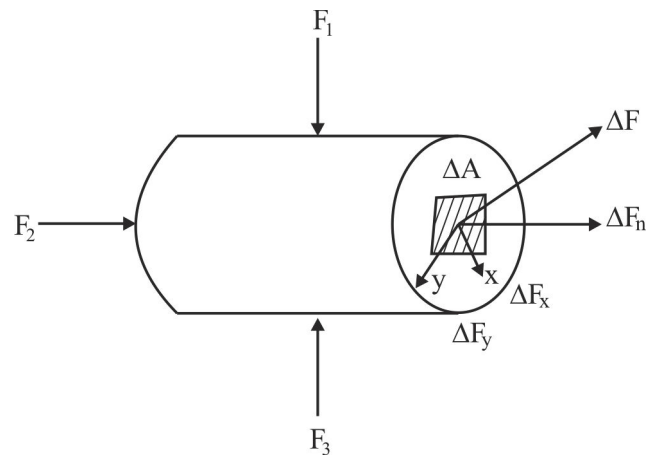
In case of normal stress dF always \perp (perpendicular) to area dA .

Pascal is a small unit in practice. These units are generally used

$$1\text{kPa} = 10^3 \text{ Pa} = 10^3 \text{ N/m}^2$$

$$1\text{MPa} = 10^6 \text{ Pa} = 10^6 \text{ N/m}^2$$

$$1\text{GPa} = 10^9 \text{ Pa} = 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2$$



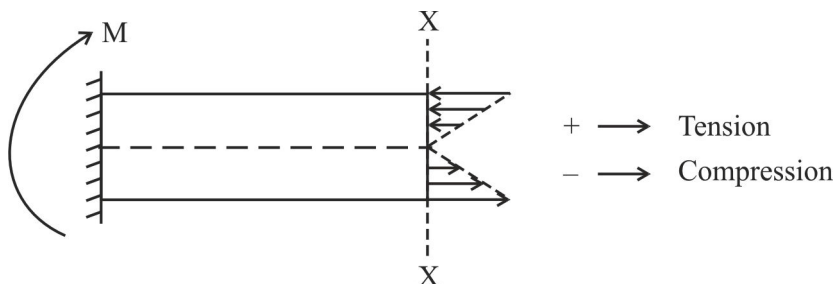
1. Normal Stress: It may be tensile or compressive depending upon the force acting on the material.

Tensile and compressive stresses are called **direct stresses**.

When, $\sigma > 0$, Tensile

When, $\sigma < 0$, Compressive

➤ The other types of normal stress is bending normal stress.



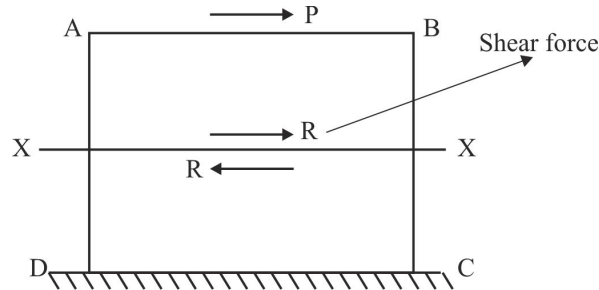
Bending stress are linearly distributed from zero at neutral axis to maximum at surface.

➤ In bending, the cross-sectional area rotates about transverse axis and the axis about which the cross-sectional area rotates is called neutral axis hence in bending, neutral axis is always transverse axis.

2. **Shear Stress (τ):** It is the intensity of shear resistance along a surface (Let X-X).

$$\tau = \frac{\text{Shear force}}{\text{Shear Area}} \quad (\text{N/m}^2)$$

In case of shear stress force always parallel to the sheared area *i.e.* P is parallel to sheared area in figure.



3. **Conventional or Engineering Stress (σ_0):** It is defined as the ratio of load (P) to the original area of cross-section (A_0):

$$\therefore \sigma_0 = \frac{P}{A_0}$$

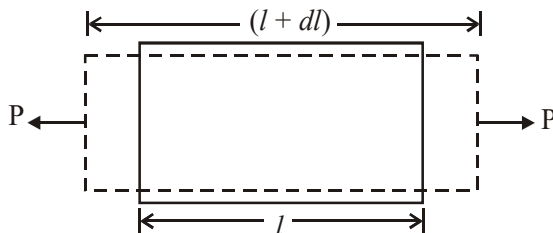
4. **True Stress (σ):** It is defined as the ratio of load (P) to the instantaneous area of cross-section (A):

$$\therefore \sigma = \frac{P}{A} \quad \text{or,} \quad \sigma = \sigma_0(1 + \varepsilon) \quad \text{Where } \varepsilon = \text{strain} \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} Al = A_0 l_0 \\ l = l_0(1 + \varepsilon) \end{array} \right] \quad \text{Initial volume} = \text{Final volume}$$

STRAINS (ε):

It is defined as the change in length per unit length. It is a dimensionless quantity.

$$i.e. \quad \varepsilon = \frac{\text{change in length}}{\text{original length}} = \frac{dl}{l}$$



1. **Conventional or Engineering strain:** It is defined as the change in length per unit original length.

$$\varepsilon = \frac{l - l_0}{l_0}$$

Where,

l = Deformed length

l_0 = Original length

e.g. from above figure.

$$\varepsilon = \frac{l + dl - l}{l} \quad \boxed{\varepsilon = \frac{dl}{l}}$$

2. **Natural Strain:** It is defined as the change in length per unit instantaneous length.

$$\bar{\varepsilon} = \int_{l_0}^l \frac{dl}{l} \neq \frac{l}{l_0} \ln(1 + \varepsilon) \quad \text{or} \quad \ln\left(\frac{A_0}{A}\right) = 2 \ln\left(\frac{d_0}{d}\right)$$

Also, $\therefore \bar{\varepsilon} = \ln(1 + \varepsilon)$

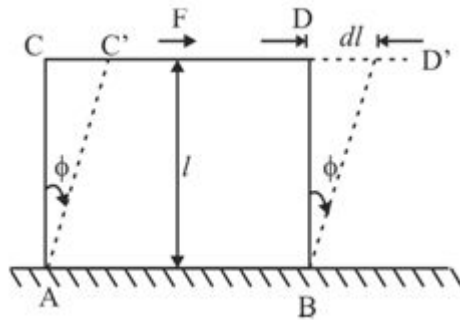
$$\Rightarrow 1 + \varepsilon = e^{\bar{\varepsilon}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \varepsilon = e^{\bar{\varepsilon}} - 1$$

Volume of the specimen is assumed to be constant during plastic deformation

$\therefore \boxed{A_0 L_0 = AL}$ -Valid till neck formation.

3. **Shear Strain (ϕ):** It is the strain produced under the action of shear stresses.



Shear Strain = $\tan \phi$

For small strain, $\boxed{\tan \phi \approx \phi}$

From figure, $\triangle ACC'$ or $\triangle BDD'$

$$\tan \phi = \frac{dl}{l} = \frac{CC'}{l}$$

$$\boxed{\phi = \frac{dl}{l} = \frac{\text{Transverse displacement}}{\text{Distance from lower face}}}$$

➤ Shear strain cause deformation in shape but volume remains same.

4. **Superficial strain (ε_s):** It is defined as the change in area of cross section per unit original area.

$$\boxed{\varepsilon_s = \frac{A - A_0}{A_0}}$$

Where, A = Final area

A_0 = Original area

5. **Volumetric Strain (ϵ_v):** It is defined as the change in volume per unit original volume.

$$\epsilon_v = \frac{V - V_0}{V_0}$$

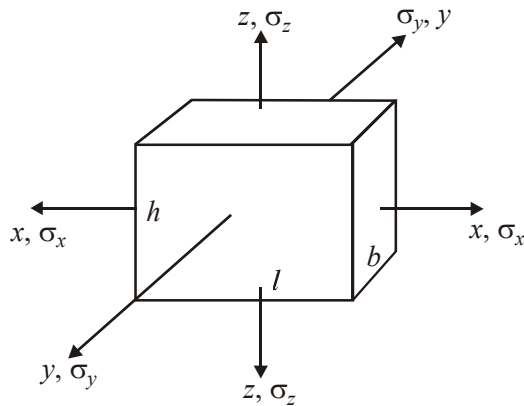
Where, V = Final volume

V_0 = Original volume

➤ Stress and strain are tensor (*neither vector nor scalar*) of 2nd order.

$$\text{Volumetric strain } \epsilon_v = \epsilon_x + \epsilon_y + \epsilon_z$$

Volumetric strain for various shapes:



(i) Rectangular body:

$$V = lbh \text{ on partial differentiation}$$

$$\delta V = \delta l(b.h) + \delta b(l.h) + \delta h(b.l)$$

$$\epsilon_v = \frac{\delta V}{V} = \frac{\delta l}{l} + \frac{\delta b}{b} + \frac{\delta h}{h}$$

$$\epsilon_v = \epsilon_x + \epsilon_y + \epsilon_z$$

Note: $\epsilon_x, \epsilon_y, \epsilon_z$ are the strain corresponding to the stresses $\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_z$ in x -direction, y -direction, z -direction respectively

$$\epsilon_v = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y + \sigma_z}{E} (1 - 2\nu)$$

$\nu \rightarrow$ POISSON Ratio

$$\nu = 0.5 \text{ For rubber}$$

(ii) For cylindrical body:

$$V = \frac{\pi}{4} d^2 l$$

$$\delta V = 2 dl \cdot \delta d \cdot \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{4} d^2 \delta l$$

$$\varepsilon_v = \frac{\delta V}{V} = 2 \frac{\delta d}{d} + \frac{\delta l}{l}$$

$$\varepsilon_v = 2\varepsilon_d + \varepsilon_l$$

(iii) For spherical body

$$\varepsilon_v = 3 \frac{\delta d}{d}$$

$$V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$$

$$d = 2r$$

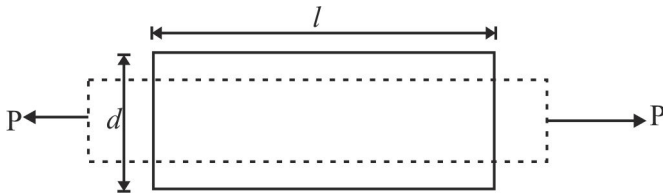
Gauge Length: It is that portion of the test specimen over which extension or deformation is measured.

i.e. this length is used in calculating strain value.

Poisson's ratio $\left(\nu \text{ or } \frac{1}{m} \right)$: Value of μ varies between $(-1 \text{ to } 0.5)$

The ratio of the lateral strain to longitudinal strain is called the Poisson's ratio.

$$\nu = \frac{\text{Lateral strain}}{\text{Longitudinal strain}} \quad \text{or} \quad \nu = \frac{-\left(\frac{\delta d}{d}\right)}{\left(\frac{\delta l}{l}\right)}$$



- For a given material, the value of ' ν ' is constant throughout the linearly elastic range.
- For most of the metals the value of ' ν ' lie between 0.25 – 0.42
- ' ν ' varies from $(- \text{ to } 0.5)$

Note: ' ν ' for ductile material is greater than ' ν ' for brittle metals.

Table

Material	Value of ' ν '	Remarks
Cork	0	∴ Used in bottle to withstand pressure
Foam	-1	
Rubber	0.5	
Concrete	0.1 – 0.2	
C.I.	0.23 – 0.27	

For cork $\nu = 0$

For rubber $\nu = 0.5$

For concrete $\nu = 0.1 - 0.2$

Isotropic Material: These materials have same elastic properties in all directions.

No. of independent elastic constants = 2, i.e. if any of 2 elastic constants is known then other can be derived.

Orthotropic Material: The number of independent elastic constants is 9.

Anisotropic materials: These materials don't have same elastic properties in all directions.

Elastic moduli will vary with additional stresses appearing. \therefore There is a coupling between shear stress and normal stress for an isotropic material.

The number of independent elastic constants is 21.

Hooke's Law: It states that when a material is loaded such that the intensity of stress is within a certain limit, the ratio of the intensity of stress to the corresponding strain is a constant which is characteristics of that material.

$$i.e. \quad \boxed{\frac{\text{Stress}}{\text{Strain}} = \text{Constant} = E} \quad i.e., \quad \sigma = E \varepsilon$$

Where, $E =$ Young's Modulus (N/m^2)

Or

Modulus of Elasticity

- For steel, value of $E = 210 \text{ GPa}$ ($1 \text{ GPa} = 10^3 \text{ N/m}^2$)
- For aluminum, value of $E = 73 \text{ GPa}$ $E_{Al} \approx \frac{1}{3} \text{rd } E_{\text{steel}}$
- For Plastic, value of $E = 1 \text{ GPa} - 14 \text{ GPa}$

Note : As flexibility increases, value of young's modulus decreases.

It is resistance to elastic strain.

Shear Modulus of Elasticity OR Modulus of Rigidity (G or C): It is defined as the ratio of shearing stress to shearing strain.

$$\boxed{G \text{ or } C = \frac{\text{Shear stress}}{\text{Shear strain}}} \quad i.e. \quad \tau = G \phi$$

Bulk Modulus (K):

It is defined as the ratio of uniform stress intensity to volumetric strain within the elastic limits.

$$\boxed{K = \frac{\text{Stress}}{\text{Volumetric Strain}}}$$

Note: Elastic constant relationship

- (i) $E = 2C(1 + \nu)$, where, $\nu =$ Poisson's ratio.
- (ii) $E = 3K(1 - 2\nu)$
- (iii) $\nu = \frac{3K - 2C}{6K + 2C}$

$$(iv) \quad E = \frac{9KC}{3K + C}$$

STRESS-STRAIN DIAGRAM:

1. Ductile material (Mild Steel):

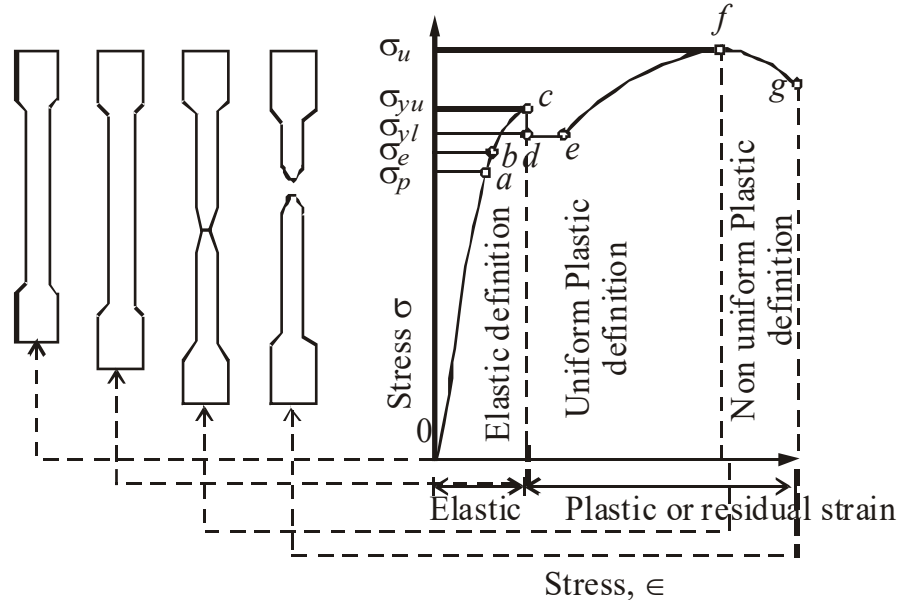


Figure: Typical stress-strain diagram for a ductile material

- Point 'a' → Limit of proportionality: Up to this point 'a', Hooke's law is obeyed; 'oa' is a straight line. Stress corresponding to this point is called 'proportional limit stress, σ_p '

Comparison of Engineering and true stress strain curve:

- The true stress-strain curve is also known as **flow curve**.
- True stress-strain curve gives a true indication of deformation characteristics because it is **based on the instantaneous dimension of specimen**.
- In engineering stress-strain curve, the stress drops down after necking since it is **based on the original area**.
- In true stress strain curve, the stress however increases after necking since the cross section area of the specimen **decreases rapidly after necking**.
- The flow curve of many metals in the region of uniform plastic deformation can be expressed by **simple power law**.

$$\sigma_T = K(\epsilon_T)^n$$

where, K is the strength co-efficient, σ_T is time stress.

n is the strain hardening coefficient.

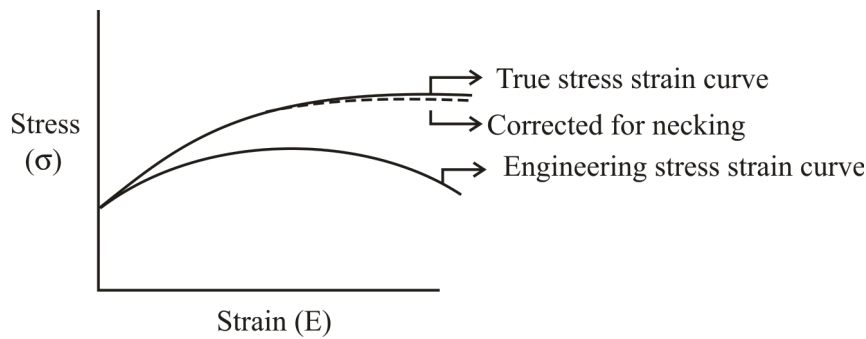
$n = 0$ for perfectly plastic solid

$n = 1$ In elastic solid

For most metals $0.1 < n < 0.5$

$\sigma_{True} > \sigma_{Nominal}$ → if force is tensile, since area decreases.

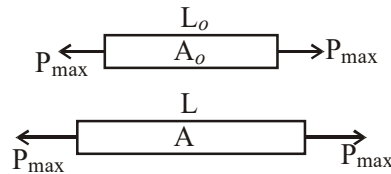
$\sigma_{True} > \sigma_{Nominal}$ → if force is compressive, since area increase.



Relation between ultimate tensile strength and true stress at maximum load.

$$\text{Ultimate tensile strength } \sigma_u = \frac{P_{\max}}{A_o}$$

$$\text{True stress at maximum load} = (\sigma_u)_T = \frac{P_{\max}}{A}$$



$$\text{True strain at max load } (\epsilon_T) = \ln \frac{A_o}{A} \text{ or } \frac{A_o}{A} = e^{\epsilon_T}$$

Eliminating P_{\max} we get

$$(\sigma_u)_T = \frac{P_{\max}}{A} \times \frac{A_o}{A_o}$$

$$= \frac{P_{\max}}{A_o} \times e^{\epsilon_T}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sigma_u)_T = \sigma_u e^{\epsilon_T}$$

Here, P_{\max} is the max force.

A_o = original cross section area

A = instantaneous cross section area

- Based on the above theory two examples has been provided.

Example 1. Only elongation no neck formation.

In the tension test of rod shown initially it was $A_o = 50\text{mm}^2$ and $L_o = 100\text{mm}$. After the application of load its $A = 40\text{mm}^2$ and $L = 125\text{mm}$.

Determine the true strain using changes in both length and area.

Solution: Here $A_o L_o = AL$

$$\text{i.e., } 50 \times 100 = 40 \times 125$$

$$\Rightarrow 5000 \text{ mm}^2 = 5000 \text{ mm}^2 \quad \therefore \text{no neck formation.}$$

\therefore true strain can be calculated both by area and length formula as follows.

$$\epsilon_T = \int_{l_o}^l \frac{dl}{l} = \ln\left(\frac{125}{100}\right) = 0.223$$

$$\epsilon_T = \int_{A_o}^A \ln\left(\frac{A_o}{A}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{50}{40}\right) = 0.223$$

Example 2: A ductile material is tested such that necking occurs then the final gauge length is $L = 140$ mm and the final minimum cross section area is $A = 35$ mm² though the rod shown initially was of area $A_o = 50$ mm² and $L_o = 100$ mm. Determine the true strain using change in both length and area.

Sol. Check $A_o L_o = 50 \times 100 = 5000$ mm³
 $AL = 35 \times 140 = 4900$ mm³

i.e. $A_o L_o > AL$ \therefore Necking occurs and force applied is tensile.

$$\therefore \epsilon_T = \ln\left(\frac{A_o}{A}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{50}{35}\right) = 0.357$$

$$\epsilon_T = \int_{l_o}^l \frac{dl}{l} = \ln\left(\frac{140}{100}\right) = 0.336 \text{ (wrong)}$$

Inference: After necking gauge length gives error but area and diameter can be used for the calculation of true strain at and before fracture.

It Elongation with neck formation.

- Upto point A, Hooke's law is obeyed and stress is proportional to strain. Therefore, OA is straight line. Point A is called limit of proportionality.
- Point 'b' → Elastic limit point: 'ab' is not a straight line but upto point 'b' the material remains elastic. Stress corresponding to this point is called elastic limit stress, σ_e .
Elastic limit > Proportional limit.

Generally, point 'a' and 'b' coincides.

- Point 'c' → upper yield point: At this point the cross-sectional area starts decreasing.
- Point 'd' → Lower yield point: At this point the specimen elongates by a considerable amount without any increase in stress. The value of stress at this point is $\sigma_y = 250$ N/mm² for mild steel.
The value of strain at yield stress is about 0.0012 or 0.12%
Lower yield point 'd' is observed, if rate of loading is slow.
- Upper yield point 'c' is observed, if rate of loading is fast.
- Portion 'de' represents 'plastic yielding': -Typical value of strain is 0.014 or 1.4% i.e. strain in range 'de' is at least 10 times the strain at the yield point.
- Portion 'ef' represents 'strain hardening': Strain increases fast with strain, till the ultimate load is reached.
- Point 'f' → Ultimate stress: Corresponding strain is 20% for mild steel. It is the maximum stress to which the material can be subjected in a simple tensile test. At this point necking of material begins.

- Point 'g' → Breaking Stress: - Corresponding strain is called fracture strain. It is about 25% for mild steel .

Concept of reduced area (RA): $q = \frac{A_f - A_o}{A_o}$

- Reduction of area is more a measure of deformation required to produce failure and its chief contribution results from necking process.
- There is a complicate state of stress in necking condition.
- RA is the most sensitive ductility parameter and is useful in detecting quality changes in materials.

2. Brittle Material (Cast Iron):

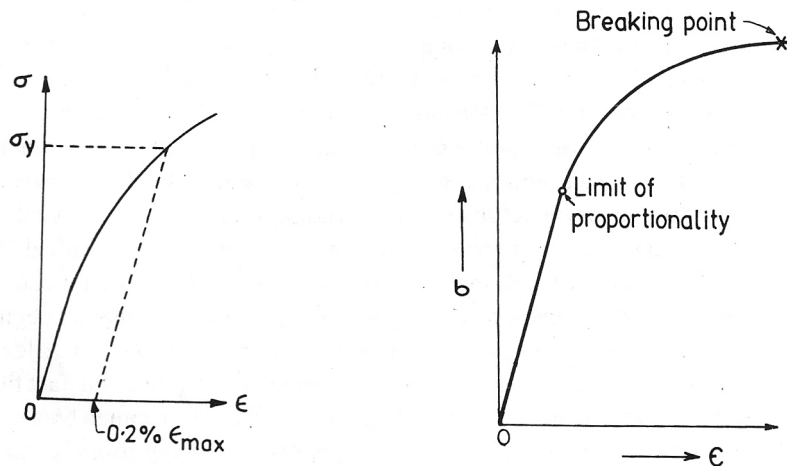


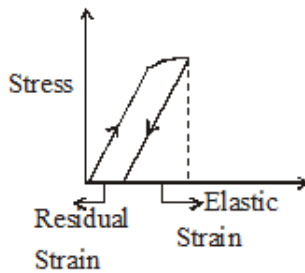
Figure: Typical stress-strain diagram for a ductile material

- In these materials, elongation and reduction in area of the specimen is very small.
- The yield point is not marked at all.
- The straight portion of the diagram is very small.
- **Proof stress:** It is given corresponding to 0.2% of strain. A line parallel to linear portion of curve is drawn passing through 0.2% strain:

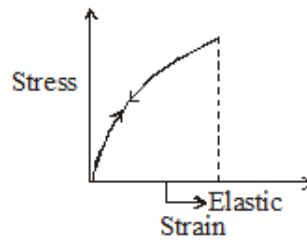
$$\sigma = \epsilon_{\text{Total}} E - \epsilon_{\text{Plastic}} E = \epsilon_{\text{Elastic}} \times E$$

Concept of Elastic and Plastic strain by graph:

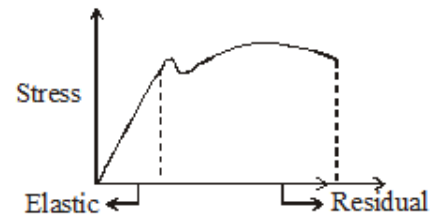
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PROPERTIES OF METALS:

- 1. Ductility:** It is the characteristics of metal by virtue of which, it can be stretched. Large deformations are thus possible in these materials before the rupture takes place.
 - Those metals are ductile which has more than 5% post elastic strain (*i.e.*, plastic strain).
e.g. - Mild Steel, Aluminium, Copper, Silver, Gold, Lead etc.
 - Yield failure occurs in ductile materials.
- 2. Brittleness:** Tendency of fracture without any appreciable deformation. Hence, for brittle material, fracture point and ultimate points are same.
 - Generally non-elastic strain is less than 5%.
e.g. - Cast iron, concrete etc.
 - Fracture occurs in brittle materials.
- 3. Toughness:** It is the ability of a material to absorb energy and deform plastically before fracture. It is usually measured by the energy absorbed in a notched impact test like charpy and Izod test. Higher toughness is desirable property for materials used for gears, chains, crains etc.
Bend the is used to detect toughness.
- 4. Malleability:** It is the property by which a material can be uniformly extended in a direction without rupture. A malleable material possesses a high degree of plasticity. This property is of great use in operations like forging, hot rolling etc.
- 5. Hardness:** It is defined as the resistance of metal to plastic deformation or scratching, abrasion or cutting.
Test on hardness is classified into:
 - (a) Scratch test :

(b) Indentation test:

- Brinell Hardness method

$$\text{Brinell hardness number} = \frac{P}{\frac{\pi d}{2} [D - \sqrt{D^2 - d^2}]}$$

Where, P = Standard load in kg
 D = diameter of steel ball (mm)
 d = diameter of indent (mm)

- Rockwell method
- Vicker hardness method

➤ Ductile materials are tough and brittle materials are hard.

6. Fatigue: It is a phenomenon which leads to fracture under repeated or fluctuating cyclic stresses below the tensile strength of the material.

- Fatigue fractures are progressive in nature.
- The number of cycles of stress that can be sustained prior to failure for a stated stress condition is called as fatigue life.
- Fatigue or Endurance limits → the maximum stress below which the material can endure an infinite number of stress cycle.

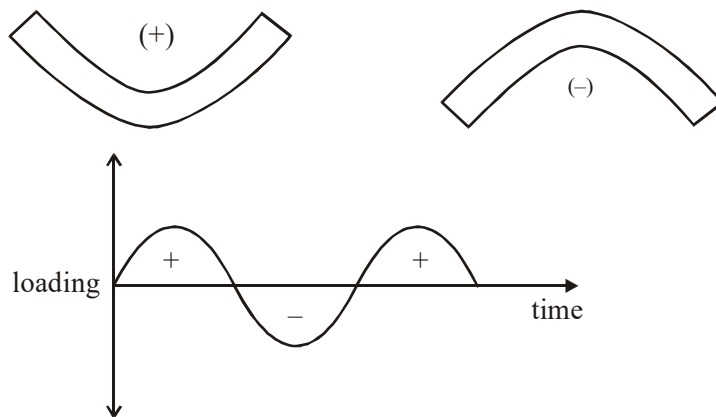
e.g. 1. Breaking of wire in reverse cycling bending.

2. Failure of fly-wheel

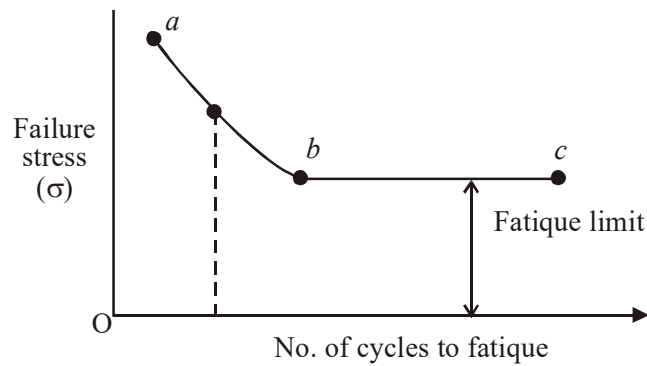
➤ Factors affecting fatigue are:

- (a) Loading condition
- (b) Frequency of loading
- (c) Corrosion, temperature etc.

Fatigue failure in material depends on cycle frequency



Endurance curve or S – N diagram showing Fatigue limit



$$\sigma_{\text{induced}} \leq 160 \text{ MPa}$$

Infinite Life

$$\sigma_{\text{induced}} > 160 \text{ MPa}$$

Finite Life

Note: When the stress level below the endurance limit components possess infinite life vice versa.

7. Creep and Stress Relaxation: It is a time dependent phenomenon of progressive deformation of metal under constant stress below its yield point or proportional limit.

- Primary or cold creep: It is a decreasing creep rate, because of the work/strain hardening resulting from the deformation.
- Secondary creep: As a result of equilibrium attained between the work/strain hardening process and an annealing effect nearly constant creep rate, represents the actual creep rate of material.
- Tertiary or accelerated creep: Final stage: It represents a process of progressive damage resulting in an imminent fracture of the material, rapid increases in creep rate due to decrease in cross sectional area.

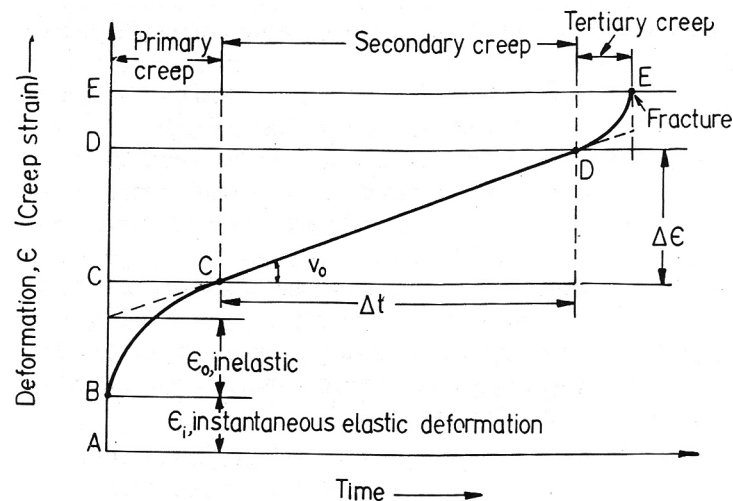
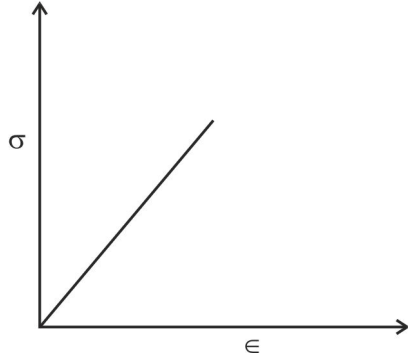


Figure: Stages of Creep

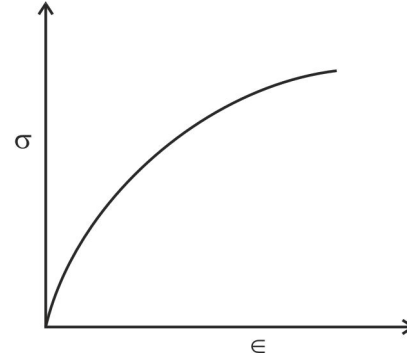
- Creep is more pronounced at higher temperature hence must be considered for design of engines and furnaces.
- When a wire is stretched between two immovable supports. So that it has an initial tensile stress (σ_0). The stress in the wire gradually diminishes, eventually reaching to a constant value. This process, which is a manifestation of creep, is called "Stress relaxation."

Types of Metal Behaviors (Types of stress-strain curves)

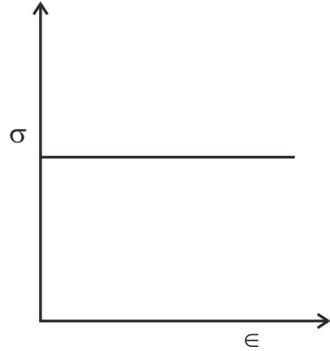
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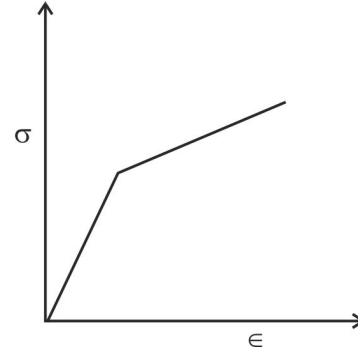
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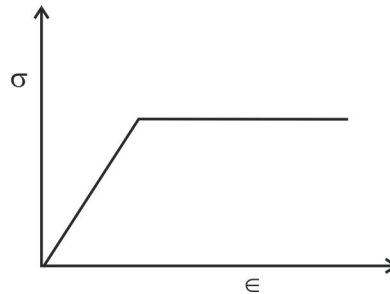
3. Perfectly plastic



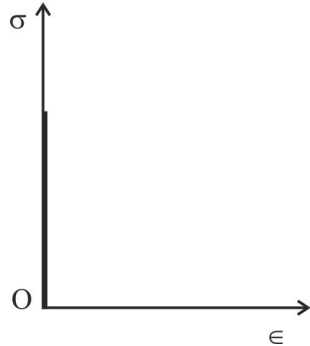
4. Elasto-plastic with strain hardening



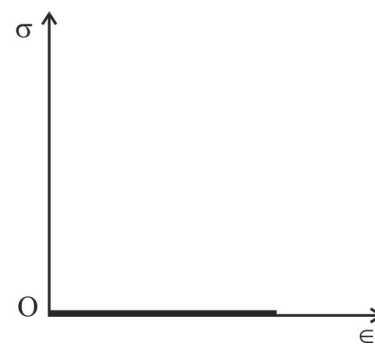
5. Elasto plastic or visco plastic



6. Ideal Rigid



7. Ideal Fluid

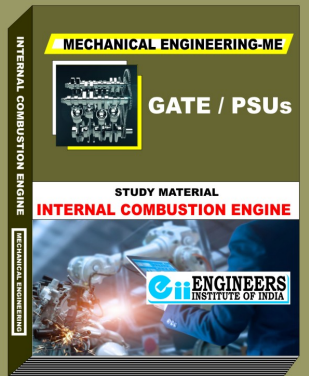
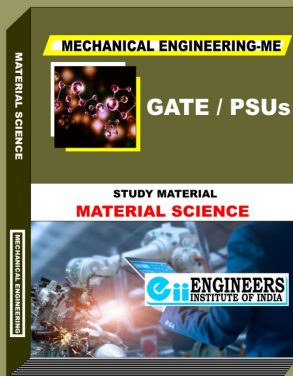
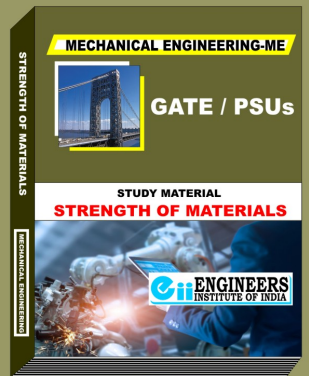
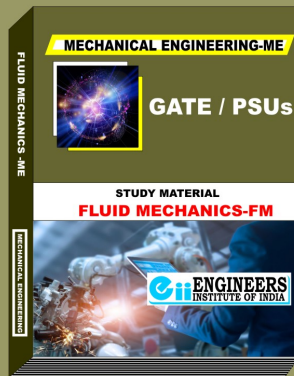
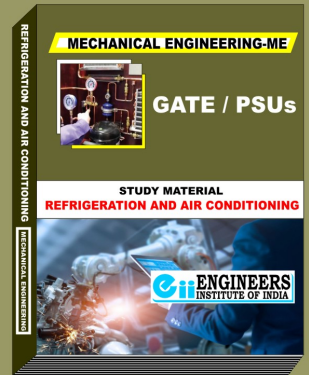
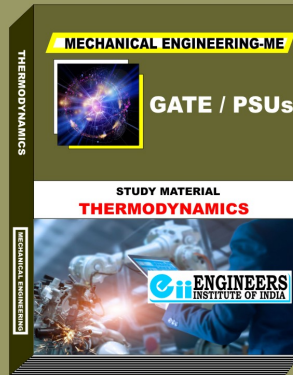
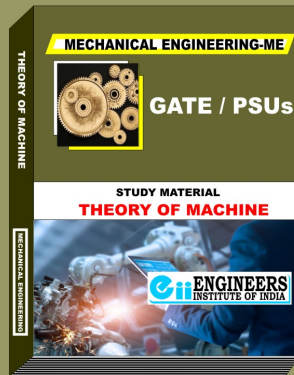
**Resilience**

It is the total elastic strain energy which can be stored in a given volume of metal and can be released after unloading. It is equal to area under load-deflection curve within elastic limit.

Note: For suspension system and spring action, a metal should be used with high resilience.

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