CHAPTER 6: Mechanical properties

ISSUES TO ADDRESS...

- Stress and strain: What are they and why are they used instead of load and deformation?
- Elastic behavior: When loads are small, how much deformation occurs? What materials deform least?
- Plastic behavior: At what point do dislocations cause permanent deformation? What materials are most resistant to permanent deformation?
- Toughness and ductility: What are they and how do we measure them?

Elastic deformation





Engineering stress



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Common states of stress



Other common stress states (1)

• Simple compression:



Other common stress states (2)

• **Bi-axial** tension:



Pressurized tank (photo courtesy P.M. Anderson)



• Hydrostatic compression:



Fish under water $\sigma_h < 0$

(photo courtesy P.M. Anderson)

Engineering strain



Stress-strain testing



Linear elastic properties

- Modulus of Elasticity, E: (also known as Young's modulus)
- Hooke's Law:

 $\sigma = E \epsilon$

• Poisson's ratio, v:

$$v = -\frac{\varepsilon_{L}}{\varepsilon}$$

metals: $v \sim 0.33$ ceramics: ~0.25 polymers: ~0.40

Units: E: [GPa] or [psi] v: dimensionless





Young's moduli: comparison



Eceramics > Emetals >> Epolymers

Based on data in Table B2, *Callister 6e*. Composite data based on reinforced epoxy with 60 vol% of aligned carbon (CFRE), aramid (AFRE), or glass (GFRE) fibers.

Useful linear elastic relations

Simple tension:

• Simple torsion:



- Material, geometric, and loading parameters all contribute to deflection.
- Larger elastic moduli minimize elastic deflection.

Plastic (permanent) deformation

(at lower temperatures, $T < T_{melt}/3$)



Yield strength, σ_y

• Stress at which *noticeable* plastic deformation has occurred.





Tensile strength, TS

• Maximum possible engineering stress in tension.



Adapted from Fig. 6.11, *Callister 6e.*

- Metals: occurs when noticeable necking starts.
- Ceramics: occurs when crack propagation starts.
- Polymers: occurs when polymer backbones are aligned and about to break.





Note: %AR and %EL are often comparable.
--Reason: crystal slip does not change material volume.
--%AR > %EL possible if internal voids form in neck.

Toughness

- Energy to break a unit volume of material
- Approximate by the area under the stress-strain curve.



Resilience

Resilience is the capacity to absorb energy in the elastic region Modulus of resilience is the total elastic strain energy per unit volume (Area under elastic portion of σ vs. ε)



Elastic properties of spring mtls

σ_v	Prop limit	E	Recov.	Normalized
(ksi)	(ksi)	10 ³ ksi	strain %	Mod. of resil.
30	27	10	1.00	1
200	180	29	0.62	2.2
225	203	33.6	0.6	2.4
250	225	30	0.75	3.3
120	108	16.5	0.65	1.4
120	108	13.0	0.83	1.8
170	160	13.0	1.18	3.6
210	185	15.5	1.22	4.6
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Hardness

- Resistance to permanently indenting the surface.
- Large hardness means:
 - --resistance to local plastic deformation or cracking in compression.
 - --better wear properties.



Adapted from Fig. 6.18, *Callister 6e.* (Fig. 6.18 is adapted from G.F. Kinney, *Engineering Properties and Applications of Plastics*, p. 202, John Wiley and Sons, 1957.)

Strain hardening

• An increase in σ_y due to plastic deformation.



• Curve fit to the stress-strain response:



Design or safety factors

Often N is

between

1.2 and 4

- Design uncertainties mean we do not push the limit.
- Factor of safety, N



• Ex: Calculate a diameter, d, to ensure that yield does not occur in the 1045 carbon steel rod below when subjected to a load of 200, 000N. Use a factor of safety of 5.



Summary

- Stress and strain: These are size-independent measures of load and displacement, respectively.
- Elastic behavior: This reversible behavior often shows a linear relation between stress and strain. To minimize deformation, select a material with a large elastic modulus (E or G).
- Plastic behavior: This permanent deformation behavior occurs when the tensile (or compressive) uniaxial stress reaches σy.
- Toughness: The energy needed to break a unit volume of material.
- Resilience: Energy absorbed during elastic deformation
- Ductility: The plastic strain at failure.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reading: Chapter 6.1-12

Core Problems: Chapter 6, Problems 4, 8, 25, 29, 46

Self-help Problems: Review Example problems 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.4, 6.5