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# Nominal (Engineering) $\sigma$ & $\varepsilon$

- $\sigma = P/A_o$  Force/Original x-sectional area
  - Tensile stress (+)
  - Compressive stress (-)
  - Only valid if uniformly distributed force over entire area, A.
- $\varepsilon = \delta / L_o$ , elongation/original length
  - Ratio of two lengths (unitless)

• Also, 
$$\varepsilon = L-L_o/L_o = L/L_o-1 = \lambda-1$$

# Normal (True) $\sigma$ & $\varepsilon$

- $\sigma = P/A$  Force/Area  $\leftarrow A$  changes with time
  - Tensile stress (+)
  - Compressive stress (-)
  - Only valid if uniformly distributed force over entire area, A.
- $\varepsilon = \delta/L'$  elongation/length  $\leftarrow$  This changes with time
  - Ratio of two lengths (unitless)
  - $\varepsilon = int(dL/L)$  from Lo to L = ln(L/Lo)

# Small $\varepsilon$ (strain) condition

- *E* ~ *E*nominal
  - Because,  $\varepsilon = \ln(1 + \varepsilon_{\text{nominal}})$
- $\sigma \sim \sigma_{\rm nominal}$ 
  - Because,  $\sigma = \sigma_{\text{nominal}} (1 + \varepsilon_{\text{nominal}})$
- This shows that when dealing w/ elastic strains (not rubbers), it doesn't matter whether true or normal or nominal stresses/strains are used in calculation

# Hooke's Law

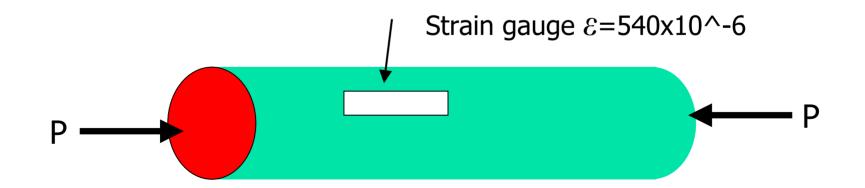
- Linear Elasticity allows conversion from raw data to stress vs. strain curves
- *σ*=Eε
- E= Young's Modulus (Elastic Modulus)
- Similarly,
  - F=kd (force = constant\*distance)
  - P=k \delta (force = spring constant\*displacement)

# Elasticity & Poisson's ratio

- Linear (metals, ceramics)  $\rightarrow$  ALL mat'ls exhibit elastic behavior at  $\varepsilon$  < 0.001%
- Nonlinear (polymers, rubbers)→Some mat'ls exhibit large strain elasticity
- $v = -\varepsilon' / \varepsilon$  (if bar stretched in x-direction)
  - $\varepsilon$  is axial strain (the x-related strain)
  - ε' is lateral (either y or z strain)

# Example Problem 1

A circular aluminum tube of length L=500mm is loaded in compression by forces P. The outside & inside diameters are 60mm & 50mm, respectively. A strain gage is placed on the outside to measure normal strains in the longitudinal direction.



## Problem 1 Continued...

(a) If the measured strain is  $\varepsilon$ =540x10^-6, what is the shortening  $\delta$  of the bar?  $\delta = \varepsilon L = 0.270 \text{mm}$ 

(b) If the compressive stress in the bar is intended to be 40 MPa, what should be the load, P ?

 $\sigma$ = 40MPa, A =  $\pi/4[d_2^2 - d_1^1] = 863.9$ mm^2,

 $P = \sigma A = 40 MPa * 863.9 mm^2 = 34.6 kN$ 

## Example Problem 2

Imagine a long copper wire hangs virtically from a high-altitude balloon.

- (a) What is the greatest length (feet) it can have without yielding if the copper yields at 25 ksi?
- (b) If the same wire hangs from a ship at sea, what is the greatest length?
- $\gamma$ c = wt. Density of copper = 556 lb/ft^3  $\gamma$ w = wt density of sea water = 63.8lb/ft^3

#### Problem 2 Continued...

- (a) W = total weight of copper wire =  $\gamma_c AL$ ,  $\sigma max = W/A = \gamma cL$ , Lmax =  $\sigma max/\gamma c = 25,000 psi/556 lb/ft^3$  (b/c 1,000 psi in 1 ksi)
- (b) F = tensile force at top of wire, F= ( $\gamma$ c-  $\gamma$ w)AL,  $\sigma$ max =F/A = ( $\gamma$ c-  $\gamma$ w)L, Lmax =  $\sigma$ max/ ( $\gamma$ c-  $\gamma$ w) = 7310 ft.

## Example Problem 3

A prismatic bar of circular cross section is loaded by tensile forces, P. The bar has length, L=3.0m and diameter d=30mm. It is made of an aluminum alloy with modulus of elasticity E=73 GPa. And Poissons ratio v = 1/3. If th bar elongates by 7.0mm, what is the decrease in diameter  $\Delta d$ ? What is the magnitude of the load P?



## Problem 3 Continued...

Axial strain:  $\varepsilon = \delta/L = 7$ mm/3m = 0.002333

Lateral strain:  $\varepsilon' = -v \varepsilon = -1/3 (0.002333) = -0.000778$ 

(Minus sign means shortening)

Decrease in diameter:  $\Delta d = |\varepsilon'|d = (0.000778)(30mm)$ 

Tensile loads: Axial stress  $\sigma = E \varepsilon = 73$ GPa\*0.002333 = 170.3MPa

(This stress is less than the yield stress, so Hooke's law is applicable)

 $P = \sigma A = (170.3 MPa)(\pi/4)(30 mm)^2 = 120 kN$