

## Engineering Structures and Materials

- **Mechanics of materials** is a branch of applied mechanics that deals with the behavior of solid bodies subjected to various types of loading
- A thorough understanding of mechanical behavior is essential for the safe design of all structures
- **Mechanics of materials** is a basic subject in many engineering fields

## Mechanics of Material *Earthquakes*

The **2017 Central Mexico earthquake** struck at 13:14 on September, 19 2017 with a magnitude estimated to be  $M_w$  7.1 and strong shaking for about 20 seconds.



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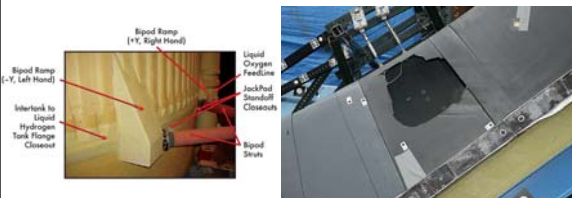


## Mechanics of Material *Space Shuttle Columbia*



The Space Shuttle Columbia disaster occurred on February 1, 2003, when the Space Shuttle Columbia disintegrated over Texas during re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere.

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The loss of Columbia was a result of damage sustained during launch when a piece of foam insulation the size of a small briefcase broke off the Space Shuttle external. The debris struck the leading edge of the left wing, damaging the Shuttle's thermal protection system.

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The historical development of mechanics of materials is a fascinating blend of both theory and experiment

- Leonardo da Vinci (1452–1519)
- Galileo Galilei (1564–1642)  
performed experiments to  
determine the strength of wires,  
bars, and beams



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- Leonhard Euler (1707–1783)  
Developed the mathematical theory of columns and calculated the theoretical critical load of a column in 1744, long before any experimental evidence existed to show the significance of his results.



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- Numerical problems require that you work with **specific units of measurements**.
- The two accepted standards of measurement are the **International System of Units (SI)** and the **U.S. Customary System (USCS)**.
- As you know **significant digits** are very important in engineering.
- In our work in this section, **three significant digits** provides enough accuracy.

## Stress and Strain

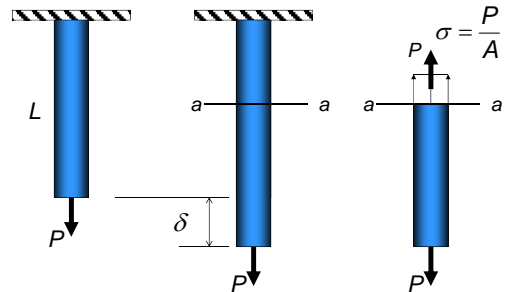
- The fundamental concepts of

**stress** and **strain**

can be illustrated by considering a prismatic bar that is loaded by axial forces  $P$  at the ends

- A **prismatic bar** is a straight structural member having constant cross section throughout its length
- In this illustration, the axial forces produce a uniform stretching of the bar; hence, the bar is said to be in **tension**

## Stress and Strain



## Stress

- The tensile load  $P$  acts at the bottom end of the bar
- At the top of the bar are forces representing the action of the removed part of the bar
- The intensity of force (that is, the force per unit area) is called the

**STRESS**

$$\sigma = \frac{P}{A}$$

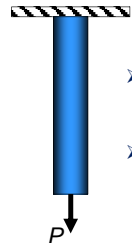
(commonly denoted by the Greek letter  $\sigma$ ).

## Stress

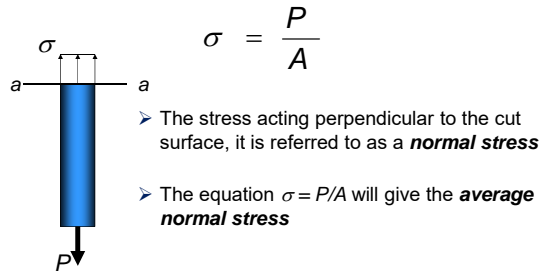
- The axial force is equal to the intensity  $\sigma$  times the cross-sectional area  $A$  of the bar

$$P = \sigma A$$

- When the bar is stretched by the force  $P$ , the resulting stresses are **tensile stresses**
- If the force  $P$  cause the bar to be compressed, we obtain **compressive stresses**



## Stress

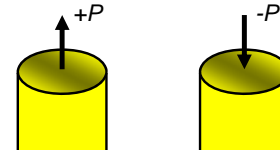


$$\sigma = \frac{P}{A}$$

- The stress acting perpendicular to the cut surface, it is referred to as a **normal stress**
- The equation  $\sigma = P/A$  will give the **average normal stress**

## Stress

- **Sign convention** for normal stresses is:  
(+) for tensile stresses and  
(-) for compressive stresses
- Because the normal stress  $s$  is obtained by dividing the axial force by the cross-sectional area, it has **units of force per unit of area**

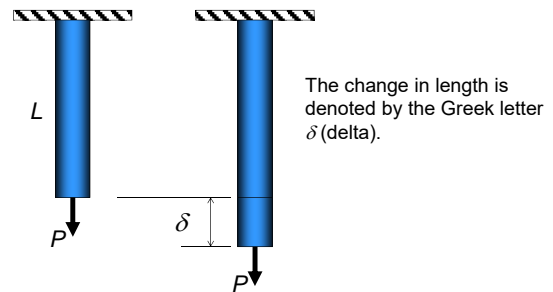


## Stress

- **In SI units:**  
Force is expressed in newtons (N) and area in square meters ( $m^2$ ). A  $N/m^2$  is a pascals (Pa).
- **In USCS units:**  
Stress is customarily expressed in pounds per square inch (psi) or kips per square inch (ksi).

7,000 Pa to make 1 psi

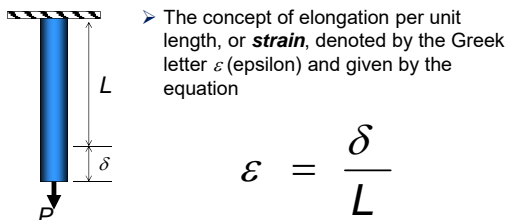
## Normal Strain



The change in length is denoted by the Greek letter  $\delta$  (delta).

## Normal Strain

- An axially loaded bar undergoes a change in length, becoming longer when in tension and shorter when in compression



$$\epsilon = \frac{\delta}{L}$$

- The concept of elongation per unit length, or **strain**, denoted by the Greek letter  $\epsilon$  (epsilon) and given by the equation

## Normal Strain

- If the bar is in tension, the strain is called a **tensile strain**
- If the bar is in compression, the strain is called a **compressive strain**
- Tensile strain is taken as positive (+), and compressive strain as negative (-).

## Normal Strain

- The strain  $\varepsilon$  is called a **normal strain** because it is associated with normal stresses.
- Because normal strain  $\varepsilon$  is the ratio of two lengths, it is a **dimensionless quantity**; that is, it has no units.

## Example

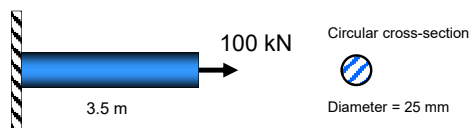
Consider a steel bar having length  $L$  of 2.0 m. When loaded in tension, the bar might elongate by an amount  $\delta$  equal to 1.4 mm.

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\delta}{L} = \frac{1.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}}{2.0 \text{ m}} = 0.00070 = 7.0 \times 10^{-4}$$

The resulting state of stress and strain is called **uniaxial stress and strain**

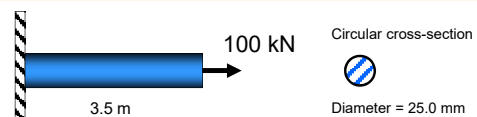
## Example

A prismatic bar with a circular cross section is subjected to an axial tensile force. The measured elongation is  $\delta = 1.5$  mm. Calculate the tensile stress and strain in the bar.



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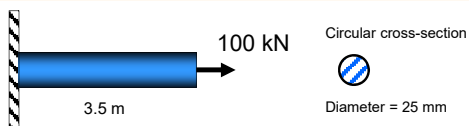


Assuming the axial force act at the center of the end cross section, then the stress is:

$$\sigma = \frac{P}{A} = \frac{100 \text{ kN}}{\frac{\pi (25.0 \text{ mm})^2}{4}} = 203.718327 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{mm}^2} = 204 \text{ Mpa}$$

1,000 mm = 1 m

## Example



The strain is

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\delta}{L} = \frac{1.5 \text{ mm}}{3.5 \text{ m}} \left( \frac{1 \text{ m}}{1,000 \text{ mm}} \right) = 0.0004286 \dots$$

$$= 4.3 \times 10^{-4}$$

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End of Part 1

Any Questions?