

Hooke's Law

The diagram shows two mechanical systems. On the left, a cube is supported by a vertical spring on a flat surface. On the right, a cube is attached to a horizontal cantilever beam that is fixed to a vertical wall on the right end.

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Basic Stress-Strain Relations

The diagram shows a 3D cube with coordinate axes x, y, and z. Normal stress components are labeled as σ_x , σ_y , and σ_z . Shear stress components are labeled as τ_{xy} , τ_{yx} , τ_{xz} , τ_{zx} , τ_{yz} , and τ_{zy} . An arrow points from the stress diagram to a deformed cube.

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Stress

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$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_x & \tau_{xy} & \tau_{xz} \\ \tau_{yx} & \sigma_y & \tau_{yz} \\ \tau_{zx} & \tau_{zy} & \sigma_z \end{bmatrix}$$

So far we have developed a general description of stress...

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Stress

Strain

σ_x	τ_{xy}	τ_{xz}
τ_{yx}	σ_y	τ_{yz}
τ_{zx}	τ_{zy}	σ_z

...and a general description of strain. We now need to tie these two together. That is, we must figure out how much strain is caused by a given stress.

ϵ_x	ϵ_{xy}	ϵ_{xz}
ϵ_{yx}	ϵ_y	ϵ_{yz}
ϵ_{zx}	ϵ_{zy}	ϵ_z

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Stress

Strain

In a mathematical sense, we can assume that stress and strain are related in some functional fashion as shown. Determining the appropriate function to use, however, is a formidable task, since every material will have its own behavior, and this behavior can be very complicated. As long as we restrict ourselves to modest loads, however, most materials used by engineers exhibit quite simple behavior: elastic and linear. We have already discussed the concept of elastic versus plastic behavior; we now consider linearity. In simple terms this means that stress = strain * factor. For our general stress and strain descriptions, the picture is more complicated.

σ_x	τ_{xy}	τ_{xz}
τ_{yx}	σ_y	τ_{yz}
τ_{zx}	τ_{zy}	σ_z

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ϵ_x	ϵ_{xy}	ϵ_{xz}
ϵ_{yx}	ϵ_y	ϵ_{yz}
ϵ_{zx}	ϵ_{zy}	ϵ_z

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Stress

Strain

$$\sigma_x = a_{xx} \epsilon_x + a_{xy} \epsilon_y + a_{xz} \epsilon_z + a_{yx} \epsilon_x + a_{yy} \epsilon_y + a_{yz} \epsilon_z$$

Since there are six stress components and six strain components, it would take 36 coefficients to relate an arbitrary stress state to the corresponding strain. Six of these constants are shown above. Fortunately, most materials do not require such a complex set of factors. In fact, we will see that more often than not we only need 2 coefficients.

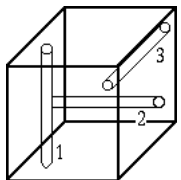
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Isotropic Material

The important feature a material must have in order to allow a 2-parameter characterization is **isotropy**. This means it exhibits the same behavior in all directions. For example if we were to take specimens from the block

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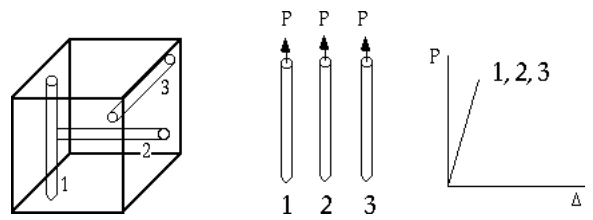
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...in several different orientations, and then test each sample...

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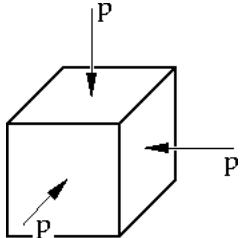
Isotropic Material



...we would observe the same behavior for each specimen. (For a material like wood, this would not be the case; such materials are called **anisotropic**). As we are about to see, an important consequence of isotropy is that we can decouple shape changes from size changes.

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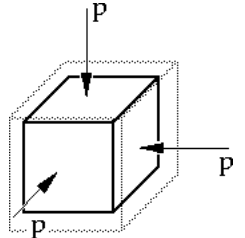
Isotropic Pressure



If we apply uniform pressure to a cube of isotropic material...

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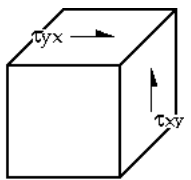
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...its volume will decrease, but it will remain a cube.

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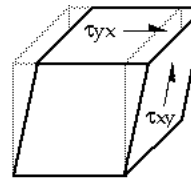
Pure Shear



If we apply pure shear to a cube of isotropic material...

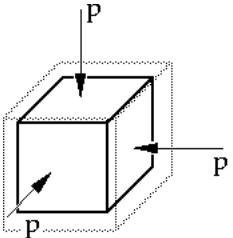
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Pure Shear

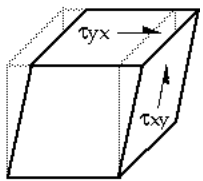


...its shape will change, but its volume will remain constant.

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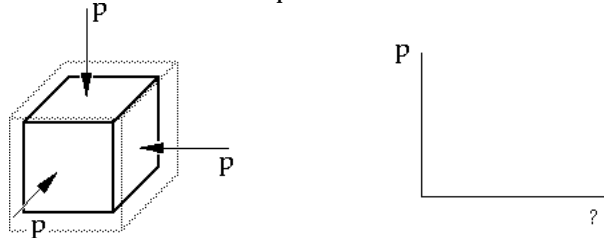


Pure Shear

The linear stress-strain behavior of an isotropic body can be characterized by considering these two types of loading separately. Any general loading can be decomposed into a pressure part and a shearing or shape changing part. There will be one linear coefficient associated with pressure/volume change, and another associated with shear/shape change. These two constants will be all we need to characterize the stress-strain behavior of an isotropic material.

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Isotropic Pressure



Consider the case of pure pressure. We wish to obtain a relation between pressure and volume change, but we do not yet have a general method for measuring volume change appropriately.

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Isotropic Pressure

Volumetric Strain $e = \frac{\delta V' - \delta V}{\delta V}$

In analogy with our definition for basic strain, change in length over original length, we define the volumetric strain, e, as change in volume over original volume.

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Isotropic Pressure

Volumetric Strain $e = \frac{\delta V' - \delta V}{\delta V}$

To relate the volumetric strain, e, to the basic strain components, ϵ_x , ϵ_y , etc., we will need to examine the change in the block dimensions. Shown here are the original block side lengths.

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Isotropic Pressure

Volumetric Strain $e = \frac{\delta V' - \delta V}{\delta V}$

$\delta V = \delta x \delta y \delta z$

The original volume is simple to calculate in terms of the original block dimensions.

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Isotropic Pressure

Volumetric Strain $e = \frac{\delta V' - \delta V}{\delta V}$

$\delta V = \delta x \delta y \delta z$

$\delta V' = \delta x' \delta y' \delta z'$

Denoting the block dimensions after deformation with primes, we can calculate the final volume in similar fashion.

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Isotropic Pressure

$\delta x' = (1 + \epsilon_x) \delta x$
 $\delta V = \delta x \delta y \delta z$
 $\delta V' = \delta x' \delta y' \delta z'$

Volumetric Strain $e = \frac{\delta V' - \delta V}{\delta V}$

We can use our definition of basic strain to relate the final dimensions to the original dimensions. Here we have the x-dimension relation.

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Isotropic Pressure

$\delta y' = (1 + \epsilon_y) \delta y$
 $\delta V = \delta x \delta y \delta z$
 $\delta V' = \delta x' \delta y' \delta z'$

Volumetric Strain $e = \frac{\delta V' - \delta V}{\delta V}$

Here is the similar y-dimension result.

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Isotropic Pressure

$\delta z' = (1 + \epsilon_z) \delta z$
 $\delta V = \delta x \delta y \delta z$
 $\delta V' = \delta x' \delta y' \delta z'$

Volumetric Strain $e = \frac{\delta V' - \delta V}{\delta V}$

And the

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Isotropic Pressure

$\delta x' \delta y' \delta z' = (1 + \epsilon_x)(1 + \epsilon_y)(1 + \epsilon_z) \delta x \delta y \delta z$

Volumetric Strain $e = \frac{\delta V' - \delta V}{\delta V}$

We can assemble these results to obtain a relation between the original and final volume.

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Isotropic Pressure

$\delta y' = (1 + \epsilon_y) \delta y$
 $\delta z' = (1 + \epsilon_z) \delta z$
 $\delta x' = (1 + \epsilon_x) \delta x$

Volumetric Strain $e = \frac{\delta V' - \delta V}{\delta V}$
 $\delta V = \delta x \delta y \delta z$
 $\delta V' = \delta x' \delta y' \delta z'$
 $\delta x' \delta y' \delta z' = (1 + \epsilon_x)(1 + \epsilon_y)(1 + \epsilon_z) \delta x \delta y \delta z$

Expanding and substituting leads to this result.

$$\delta V' = (1 + \epsilon_x + \epsilon_y + \epsilon_z + \epsilon_x \epsilon_y + \epsilon_y \epsilon_z + \epsilon_x \epsilon_z + \epsilon_x \epsilon_y \epsilon_z) \delta V$$

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Isotropic Pressure

Volumetric Strain $e = \frac{\delta V' - \delta V}{\delta V}$

We are now ready to substitute this result into our expression for e. In doing so, we will ignore the higher order terms. This approximation will be justified shortly.

$$\delta V' = (1 + \epsilon_x + \epsilon_y + \epsilon_z + \cancel{\epsilon_x \epsilon_y} + \cancel{\epsilon_y \epsilon_z} + \cancel{\epsilon_x \epsilon_z} + \cancel{\epsilon_x \epsilon_y \epsilon_z}) \delta V$$

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Isotropic Pressure

Volumetric Strain $e = \frac{\delta V' - \delta V}{\delta V}$

Substitution leads to this simple but important result: the volumetric strain is given by the sum of the normal strain components.

$$e = \epsilon_x + \epsilon_y + \epsilon_z$$

$$\delta V' = (1 + \epsilon_x + \epsilon_y + \epsilon_z) \delta V$$

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Note On Small Strains

$\epsilon_x = \epsilon_y = \epsilon_z = -0.0002$

Let's take a look at the terms we ignored previously. These terms involve products of the strain components. Since (small number)*(small number) << small number, we can ignore the product terms without significantly affecting the result. Is this a valid assumption? Let's check for a uniform strain of -0.0002.

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Note On Small Strains

$$\epsilon_x = \epsilon_y = \epsilon_z = -0.0002$$

$$\delta V' = (1 + \epsilon_x)(1 + \epsilon_y)(1 + \epsilon_z) \delta V$$

Recall the complete expression for the volume change -- including the higher order terms.

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Note On Small Strains

$$\epsilon_x = \epsilon_y = \epsilon_z = -0.0002$$

$$\delta V' = (1 + \epsilon_x)(1 + \epsilon_y)(1 + \epsilon_z) \delta V$$

$$e = \frac{\delta V' - \delta V}{\delta V} = (1 + \epsilon_x)(1 + \epsilon_y)(1 + \epsilon_z) - 1$$

This is the corresponding complete expression for the volumetric strain, e.

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Note On Small Strains

$$\epsilon_x = \epsilon_y = \epsilon_z = -0.0002$$

$$\delta V' = (1 + \epsilon_x)(1 + \epsilon_y)(1 + \epsilon_z) \delta V$$

$$e = \frac{\delta V' - \delta V}{\delta V} = (1 + \epsilon_x)(1 + \epsilon_y)(1 + \epsilon_z) - 1$$

$$= (1 - 0.0002)^3 - 1$$

If we substitute our numerical values from above...

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Note On Small Strains

$$\epsilon_x = \epsilon_y = \epsilon_z = -0.0002$$

$$\delta V' = (1 + \epsilon_x)(1 + \epsilon_y)(1 + \epsilon_z) \delta V$$

$$e = \frac{\delta V' - \delta V}{\delta V} = (1 + \epsilon_x)(1 + \epsilon_y)(1 + \epsilon_z) - 1$$

$$= (1 - 0.0002)^3 - 1$$

$$= -0.00059988$$

This is the result.

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Note On Small Strains

$$\epsilon_x = \epsilon_y = \epsilon_z = -0.0002$$

$$\delta V' = (1 + \epsilon_x)(1 + \epsilon_y)(1 + \epsilon_z) \delta V$$

$$e = \frac{\delta V' - \delta V}{\delta V} = (1 + \epsilon_x)(1 + \epsilon_y)(1 + \epsilon_z) - 1$$

$$= (1 - 0.0002)^3 - 1$$

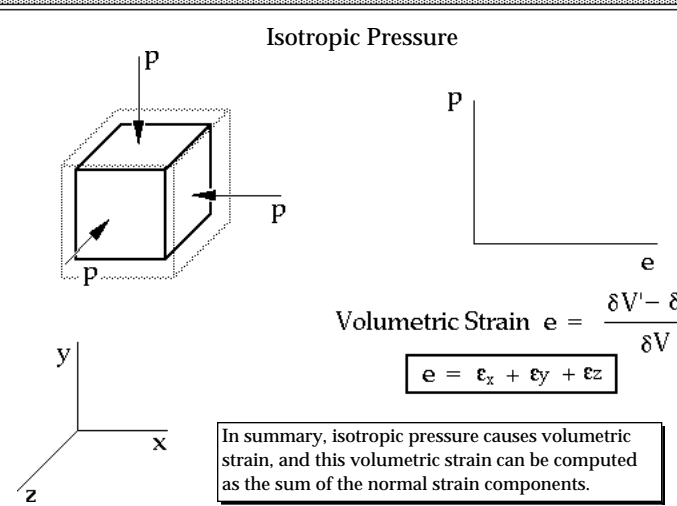
$$= -0.00059988$$

$$\epsilon_x + \epsilon_y + \epsilon_z = -0.000600$$

Here is our linear approximation to e , which is very easy to compute. Our approximation is accurate to within 0.02%. This degree of accuracy is consistent with our original assumption of small strains.

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Isotropic Pressure



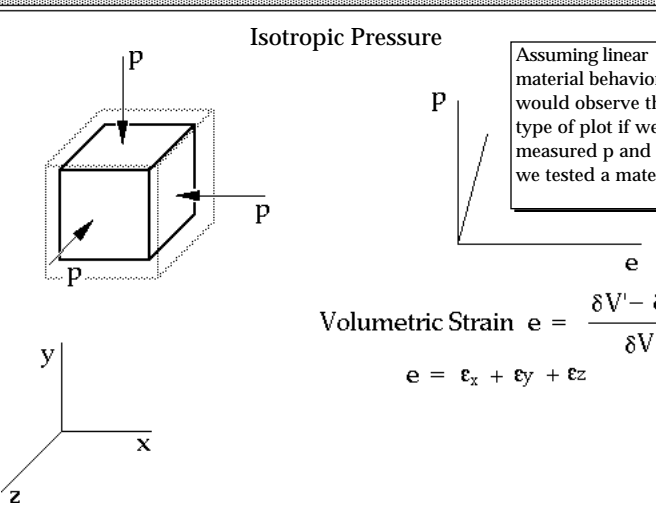
$$\text{Volumetric Strain } e = \frac{\delta V' - \delta V}{\delta V}$$

$$e = \epsilon_x + \epsilon_y + \epsilon_z$$

In summary, isotropic pressure causes volumetric strain, and this volumetric strain can be computed as the sum of the normal strain components.

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Detailed Derivation

Isotropic Pressure



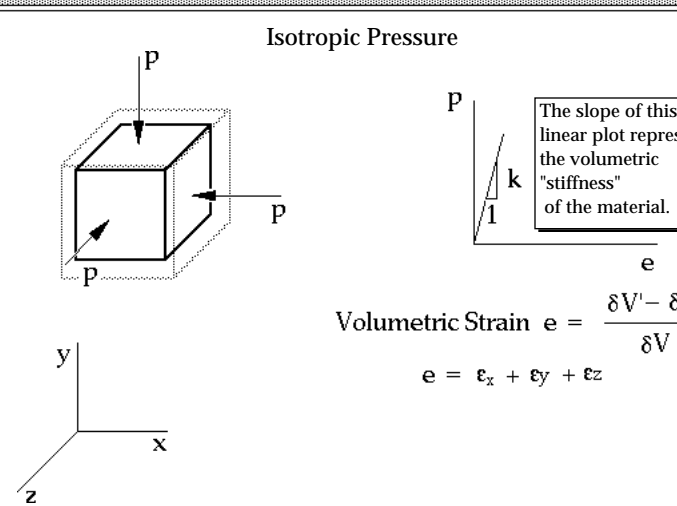
Assuming linear material behavior, we would observe this type of plot if we measured p and e as we tested a material.

$$\text{Volumetric Strain } e = \frac{\delta V' - \delta V}{\delta V}$$

$$e = \epsilon_x + \epsilon_y + \epsilon_z$$

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Isotropic Pressure



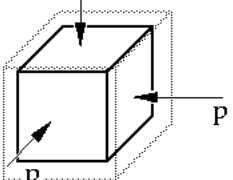
The slope of this linear plot represents the volumetric "stiffness" of the material.

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$$e = \epsilon_x + \epsilon_y + \epsilon_z$$

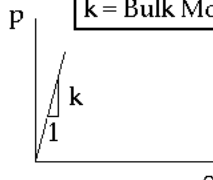
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Isotropic Pressure



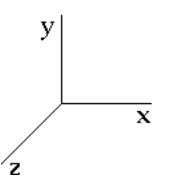
It has a special name

k = Bulk Modulus



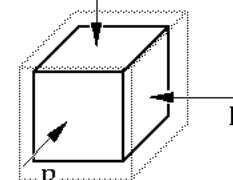
Volumetric Strain $e = \frac{\delta V' - \delta V}{\delta V}$

$e = \epsilon_x + \epsilon_y + \epsilon_z$

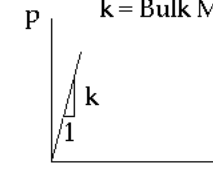


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Isotropic Pressure



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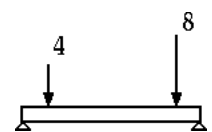
$e = \epsilon_x + \epsilon_y + \epsilon_z$

p = k e

This is the desired result: a linear relation between pressure and volumetric strain, characterized by a single coefficient. Note that since strain is dimensionless, the bulk modulus has the units of stress.

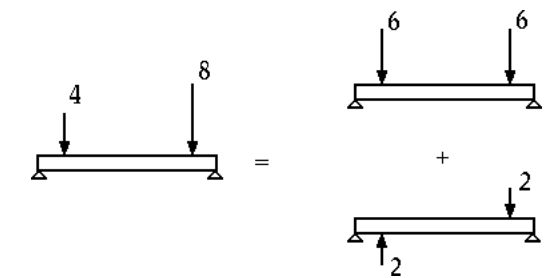
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Symmetry & Antisymmetry



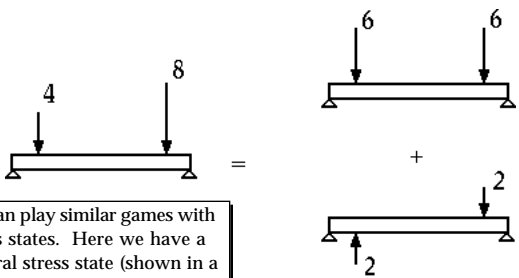
To show how we can use this type of result for more general situations, consider the simple structure shown. Provided the behavior is linear, this general load set can be decomposed into a symmetric part and an antisymmetric

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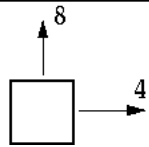
If you checked the reactions, for example, you would see the equivalence expressed here.

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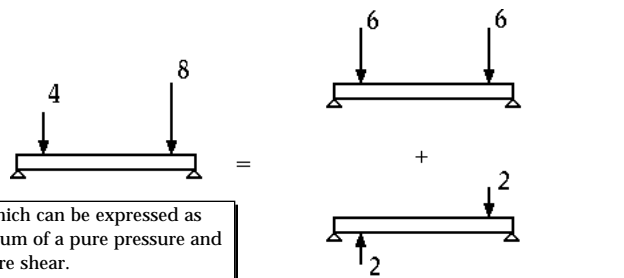
The diagram shows a beam with a downward load of 4 at the left end and 8 at the right end. This is decomposed into two beams: one with two downward loads of 6, and another with an upward load of 2 at the left end and a downward load of 2 at the right end.

We can play similar games with stress states. Here we have a general stress state (shown in a principal orientation)...



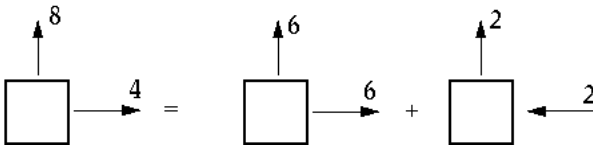
A square element with a vertical normal stress of 8 (upward arrow) and a horizontal normal stress of 4 (rightward arrow).

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The diagram shows the same beam decomposition as slide 41. Below it, the stress state is decomposed into a normal stress of 6 and a pure shear stress of 2.

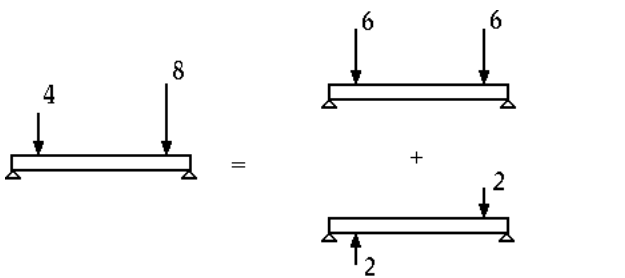
...which can be expressed as the sum of a pure pressure and a pure shear.



A square element with a vertical normal stress of 8 and a horizontal normal stress of 4 is shown to be the sum of a square element with a vertical normal stress of 6 and a horizontal normal stress of 6, and another square element with a vertical normal stress of 2 and a horizontal normal stress of 2 pointing to the left.

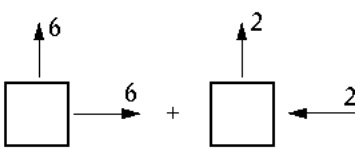
This is Pure Shear

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The diagram shows the same beam decomposition as slide 41. Below it, the stress state is decomposed into a normal stress of 6 and a pure shear stress of 2.

The "pressure-part" of any stress state can be calculated by taking the average of the three normal components as shown.



A square element with a vertical normal stress of 8 and a horizontal normal stress of 4 is shown to be the sum of a square element with a vertical normal stress of 6 and a horizontal normal stress of 6, and another square element with a vertical normal stress of 2 and a horizontal normal stress of 2 pointing to the left.

$$p = (\sigma_x + \sigma_y + \sigma_z)/3$$

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General Stress State

$$p = (\sigma_x + \sigma_y + \sigma_z)/3$$

$$p = k e$$

$$e = \epsilon_x + \epsilon_y + \epsilon_z$$

We can combine this fact with our previous results.

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General Stress State

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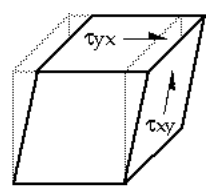
$$e = \epsilon_x + \epsilon_y + \epsilon_z$$

$$(\sigma_x + \sigma_y + \sigma_z) = 3k(\epsilon_x + \epsilon_y + \epsilon_z)$$

Here we have the pressure/volume change relation expressed entirely in terms of stress and strain components. This equation is valid for general stress-strain states.

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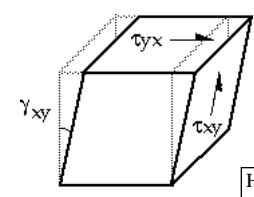
Pure Shear



The other primary load/deformation response involves pure shear.

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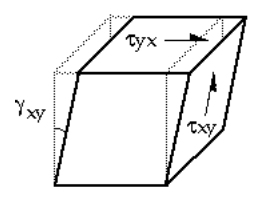
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Here we can use our stress and strain components directly. Note that this is an example in which it is convenient to use the engineering strain component, $\gamma = 2\epsilon$.

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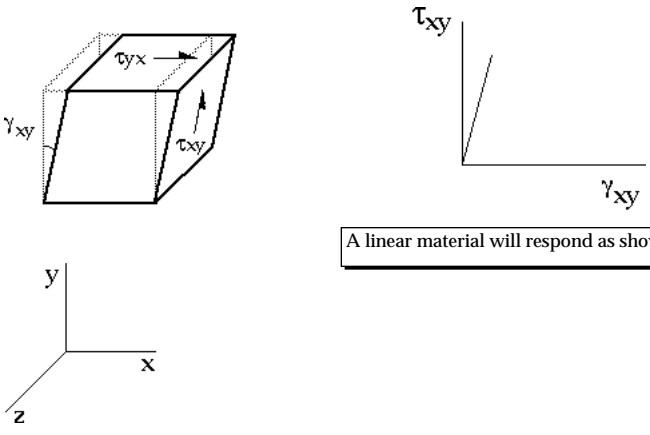
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As before, we imagine we run a test and measure the load and deformation.

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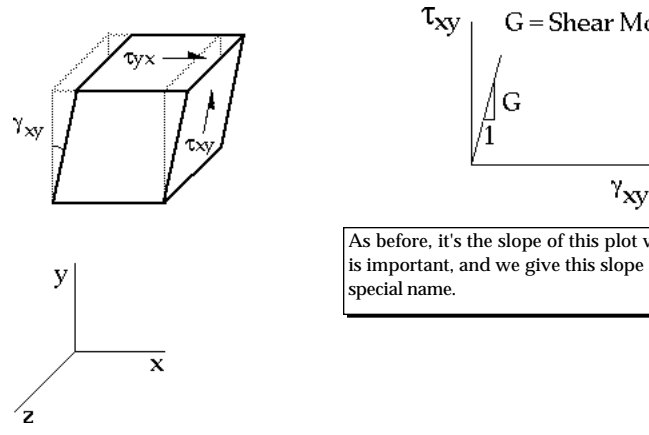
Pure Shear



A linear material will respond as shown.

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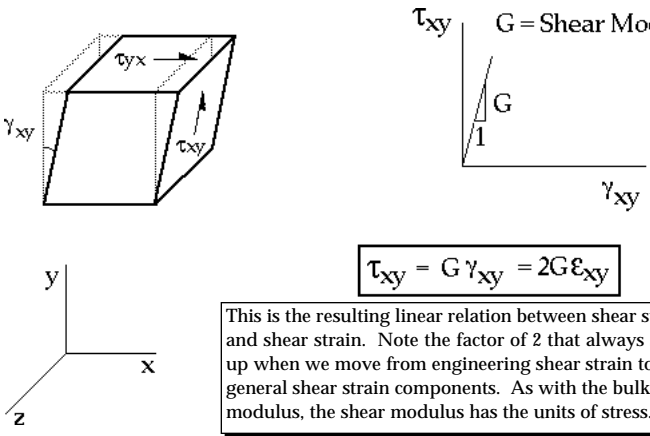
Pure Shear



As before, it's the slope of this plot which is important, and we give this slope a special name.

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Pure Shear

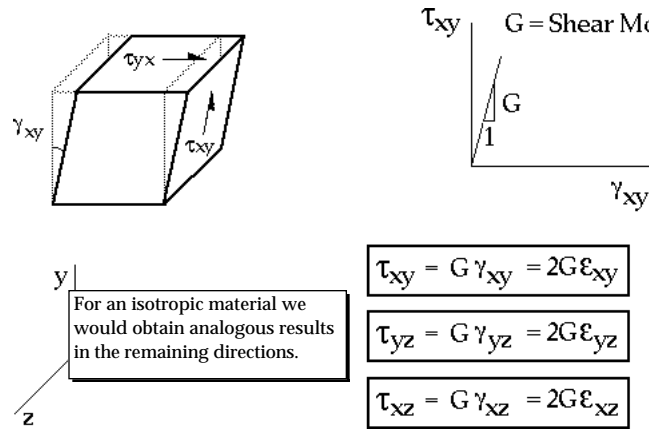


$\tau_{xy} = G \gamma_{xy} = 2G \epsilon_{xy}$

This is the resulting linear relation between shear stress and shear strain. Note the factor of 2 that always shows up when we move from engineering shear strain to general shear strain components. As with the bulk modulus, the shear modulus has the units of stress.

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Pure Shear



For an isotropic material we would obtain analogous results in the remaining directions.

$\tau_{xy} = G \gamma_{xy} = 2G \epsilon_{xy}$
 $\tau_{yz} = G \gamma_{yz} = 2G \epsilon_{yz}$
 $\tau_{xz} = G \gamma_{xz} = 2G \epsilon_{xz}$

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τ_{xy} $G = \text{Shear Modulus}$
 γ_{xy}

P $k = \text{Bulk Modulus}$
 e

An isotropic material can be completely characterized by these two constants.

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General Stress

To show conceptually how we can use these two relations for general situations, consider the stress state shown.

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General Stress

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Pure Shear

We can decompose this stress into a pressure and shear part.

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 σ

General Stress

Pressure

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τ
 σ

Pure Shear

ϵ_s
 ϵ_n

Volume Change

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ϵ_s
 ϵ_n

Shape Change

We can then map the pressure to a volumetric strain, and the shear stress to a shear strain. These strain states can then be combined...

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General Stress

General Strain

Thus we can in principle compute the strain corresponding to any stress using our two constants, the bulk and shear moduli.

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Uniaxial Stress

The procedure just outlined is a bit cumbersome for most applications, and so it is useful to consider an additional special case of loading, and to introduce two other constants we can use to characterize a material. We will show that these new constants can be expressed in terms of the old, but the new constants are often more convenient to use.

In particular, we will consider uniaxial loading as shown. When we pull on a material along a single direction...

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Uniaxial Stress

...it will extend in the direction we are pulling, and contract in the other two perpendicular directions.

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Uniaxial Stress

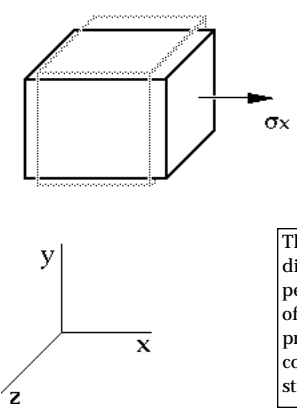
$$\sigma_x = E \epsilon_x$$

E = Modulus of Elasticity
or Young's Modulus

The relation between axial stress and axial strain is defined as shown. E is the first of our new constants.

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Uniaxial Stress



$\sigma_x = E \epsilon_x$

$E = \text{Modulus of Elasticity}$
or Young's Modulus

$\epsilon_y = -\nu \epsilon_x$

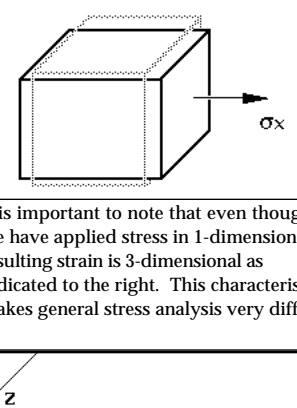
$\epsilon_z = -\nu \epsilon_x$

$\nu = \text{Poisson's Ratio}$

The relation between the extension in the direction of pulling and the contraction in the perpendicular directions is expressed in terms of the dimensionless parameter, ν -- pronounced 'gnu'. (Recall that the modulus constants, k , E , and G , all have units of stress). This is the second of our new

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Uniaxial Stress



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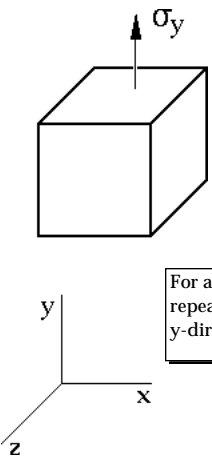
$\nu = \text{Poisson's Ratio}$

It is important to note that even though we have applied stress in 1-dimension, the resulting strain is 3-dimensional as indicated to the right. This characteristic makes general stress analysis very difficult.

$\sigma_x \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \epsilon_x = \frac{\sigma_x}{E} \\ \epsilon_y = -\nu \frac{\sigma_x}{E} \\ \epsilon_z = -\nu \frac{\sigma_x}{E} \end{array} \right.$

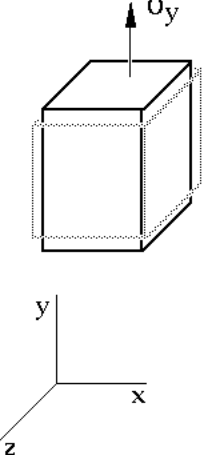
$\nu = \text{Poisson's Ratio}$

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For an isotropic material, we can repeat our experiment in the y-direction...

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...and obtain a similar result (note which strains have ν , and which do not).

$\sigma_y \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \epsilon_x = -\nu \frac{\sigma_y}{E} \\ \epsilon_y = \frac{\sigma_y}{E} \\ \epsilon_z = -\nu \frac{\sigma_y}{E} \end{array} \right.$

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We can pull in the z-direction...

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...and again end up with similar expressions.

$$\sigma_z \rightarrow \begin{cases} \epsilon_x = -\nu \frac{\sigma_z}{E} \\ \epsilon_y = -\nu \frac{\sigma_z}{E} \\ \epsilon_z = \frac{\sigma_z}{E} \end{cases}$$

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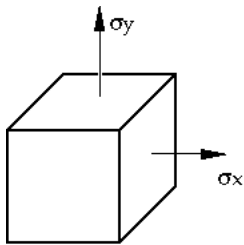
If we have axial stresses in all three directions, then we can calculate the total strain by adding up the terms for each direction individually.

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For x-direction stress we have these terms.

$$\sigma_x \rightarrow \begin{cases} \epsilon_x = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_x] \\ \epsilon_y = \frac{1}{E} [-\nu (\sigma_x)] \\ \epsilon_z = \frac{1}{E} [-\nu (\sigma_x)] \end{cases}$$

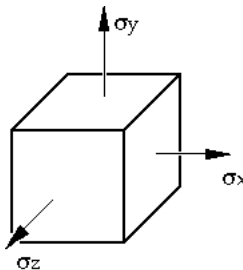
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If we add y-direction stress, we add in the terms shown.

$$\sigma_x \text{ \& \; } \sigma_y \rightarrow \begin{cases} \epsilon_x = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_x - \nu (\sigma_y \quad)] \\ \epsilon_y = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_y - \nu (\sigma_x \quad)] \\ \epsilon_z = \frac{1}{E} [\quad - \nu (\sigma_x + \sigma_y)] \end{cases}$$

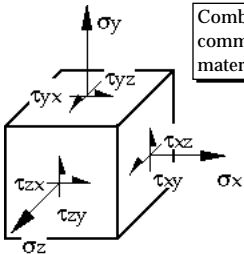
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And finally if we add z-direction stress, we end up with a complete relation for each individual normal strain component in term of the three normal stress components. This form is more convenient to use than our earlier bulk modulus equation, since the strain components here are expressed individually.

$$\sigma_x \text{ \& \; } \sigma_y \text{ \& \; } \sigma_z \rightarrow \begin{cases} \epsilon_x = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_x - \nu (\sigma_y + \sigma_z)] \\ \epsilon_y = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_y - \nu (\sigma_x + \sigma_z)] \\ \epsilon_z = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_z - \nu (\sigma_x + \sigma_y)] \end{cases}$$

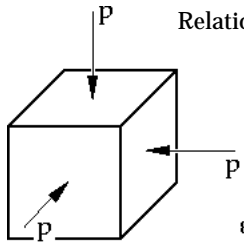
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Combined with the shear relations, these are the most common form for expressing Hooke's Law for isotropic materials in three dimensions.

$\epsilon_x = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_x - \nu (\sigma_y + \sigma_z)]$	$\tau_{xy} = G \gamma_{xy} = 2G \epsilon_{xy}$
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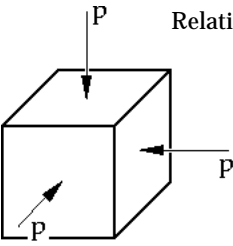
Relations Between the Constants

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_x &= \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_x - \nu (\sigma_y + \sigma_z)] \\ \epsilon_y &= \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_y - \nu (\sigma_x + \sigma_z)] \\ \epsilon_z &= \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_z - \nu (\sigma_x + \sigma_y)] \end{aligned}$$

Our final task is to relate the "new" constants, E and nu, to our original constants, G and k. We will consider k first, and apply a uniform pressure to a block as shown.

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Relations Between the Constants




$$\epsilon_x = \frac{1}{E}[\sigma_x - \nu(\sigma_y + \sigma_z)] = -p(1 - 2\nu)/E$$

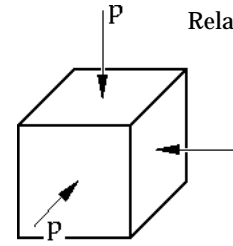
$$\epsilon_y = \frac{1}{E}[\sigma_y - \nu(\sigma_x + \sigma_z)] = -p(1 - 2\nu)/E$$

$$\epsilon_z = \frac{1}{E}[\sigma_z - \nu(\sigma_x + \sigma_y)] = -p(1 - 2\nu)/E$$

Substituting $\sigma_x = \sigma_y = \sigma_z = p$ into the stress-strain relations gives the result shown.

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Relations Between the Constants




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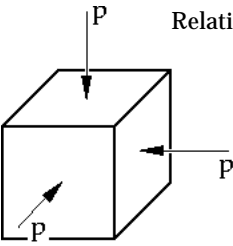
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$$e = \epsilon_x + \epsilon_y + \epsilon_z = -3p(1 - 2\nu)/E$$

We can sum these three equations to obtain the volumetric strain.

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Relations Between the Constants




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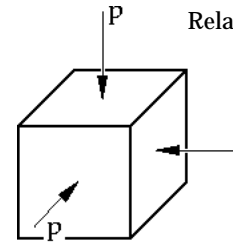
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By definition of the bulk modulus, k, we can relate the volumetric strain and pressure as shown.

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Relations Between the Constants



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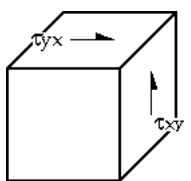
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$$k = \frac{E}{3(1 - 2\nu)}$$

Eliminating p gives the desired result: k expressed in terms of E and ν .

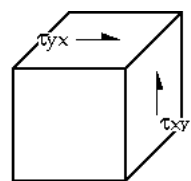
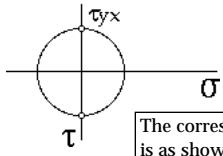
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Relating G to E and ν



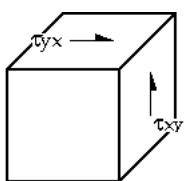
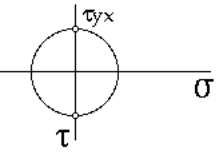
To relate the shear modulus, G, to E and ν , we consider the case of pure shear.

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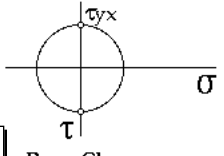
The corresponding Mohr's circle is as shown.

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Pressure

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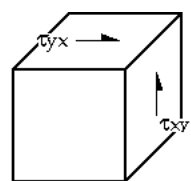


Pure Shear

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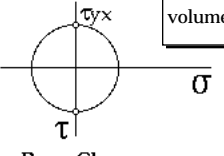
We can break this stress into a (zero) pressure and a pure shear.

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Volume Change

ϵ_s

The zero pressure gives zero volumetric strain.

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The pure shear causes a pure shear deformation expressed in terms of G as shown.

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Now we will relate the principal stresses, σ_1 and σ_2 , to the principal strain ϵ_1 .

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Recall the relation between a typical normal strain and the normal stresses.

$$\epsilon_x = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_x - \nu (\sigma_y + \sigma_z)]$$

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This is valid for any coordinate system, including the principal system. Here we have substituted in the principal stresses and strains.

$$\epsilon_1 = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_1 - \nu (\sigma_2 + 0)]$$

$\epsilon_x = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_x - \nu (\sigma_y + \sigma_z)]$
 $\epsilon_1 = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_1 - \nu (\sigma_2 + 0)]$
 $\tau_{yx}/(2G) = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_1 - \nu \sigma_2]$

We can express the left-hand side of this equation in terms of τ_{xy} by using Mohr's circle for

$\tau_{yx}/(2G) = \frac{1}{E} [\tau_{yx} + \nu \tau_{yx}]$

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We can express the principal stresses in terms of τ_{xy} using the stress circle

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 $\tau_{yx}/(2G) = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_1 - \nu \sigma_2]$
 $\tau_{yx}/(2G) = \frac{1}{E} [\tau_{yx} + \nu \tau_{yx}]$

$G = E/2(1 + \nu)$

We now can factor out τ_{xy} , and obtain the desired

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$k = \frac{E}{3(1 - 2\nu)}$

$G = E/2(1 + \nu)$

These relations show that we can always express k and G in terms of E and ν , and vice-versa.

We can make two other observations based on these equations. Consider first the relation for k . Note that if $\nu = 1/2$, then $k \rightarrow \infty$, and if $\nu > 1/2$ then $k < 0$. Negative stiffness is a no-no, since it implies creation of energy. Thus ν must be less than or equal to $1/2$, and if $\nu = 1/2$, the material can not be squished, since it has infinite stiffness with respect to volume change. Such a material is deemed **incompressible**, and common rubber is an example of a material that is nearly so.

A similar argument for the G relation shows the ν must be greater than -1 . It is interesting that there is no theoretical reason why ν can not be negative, but no one has yet found a homogeneous material with negative ν . You will generally find Poisson's ratio on the order of 0.2-0.4.

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Summary

Here is a summary of all our results. These equations are both useful and common.

$\epsilon_x = \frac{1}{E}[\sigma_x - \nu(\sigma_y + \sigma_z)]$ $\epsilon_y = \frac{1}{E}[\sigma_y - \nu(\sigma_x + \sigma_z)]$ $\epsilon_z = \frac{1}{E}[\sigma_z - \nu(\sigma_x + \sigma_y)]$	$\tau_{xy} = G \gamma_{xy} = 2G\epsilon_{xy}$ $\tau_{yz} = G \gamma_{yz} = 2G\epsilon_{yz}$ $\tau_{xz} = G \gamma_{xz} = 2G\epsilon_{xz}$
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$$(\sigma_x + \sigma_y + \sigma_z) = 3k(\epsilon_x + \epsilon_y + \epsilon_z)$$

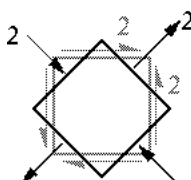
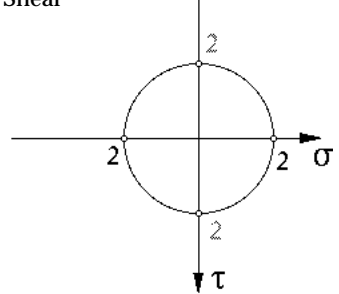
$k = \frac{E}{3(1 - 2\nu)}$	$G = \frac{E}{2(1 + \nu)}$	<p>k = Bulk Modulus G = Shear Modulus E = Modulus of Elasticity or Young's Modulus ν = Poisson's Ratio</p>
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Pure Shear

Recall that the state of pure shear is equivalent to compressive and tensile normal stresses at a relative orientation of 45°. This can perhaps be seen best by looking at the Mohr's circle for the state of pure shear.

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