

# Mechanical properties of solids

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# Mechanical properties of solids: contents

- basic definitions: stress and strain
- elastic and plastic deformation, fracture
- macroscopic picture for elastic deformation: Young's modulus, Hooke's law, Poisson's ratio, shear stress, modulus of rigidity, bulk modulus.
- elastic deformation on the microscopic scale, forces between atoms.
- atomic explanation of shear stress / yielding to shear stress, dislocations and their movement
- plastic deformation, easy glide, work hardening, fracture
- brittle fracture, brittle-ductile transition

# Basic definitions

stress: force on an  
object per area  
perpendicular to force

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

unit: Pa

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strain: length change  
relative to absolute length

$$\epsilon = \frac{\Delta l}{l}$$

unit: dimensionless  
technical: m/m

# Basic definitions

tensile stress

compressive stress

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# Elastic and plastic deformation, fracture

what happens when the tensile stress is increased?

1. elastic deformation (reversible)
2. plastic deformation (irreversible)
3. fracture

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Materials which show plastic deformation are called **ductile**.

Materials which show no plastic deformation are called **brittle**.

# stress/strain curve for a ductile metal

$$\sigma = \frac{F}{A}$$
$$\epsilon = \frac{\Delta l}{l}$$

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# Macroscopic picture: elastic deformation the linear region

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behaviour is linear and reversible  
for a strain of up to 0.01 or so



# Young's modulus

stress: force on an object per area

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

strain: length change relative to absolute length

$$\epsilon = \frac{\Delta l}{l}$$

Young's modulus

$$Y = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon} = \frac{F}{A} \frac{l}{\Delta l}$$

unit: Pa

# Young's modulus and Hooke's law

Young's modulus

$$Y = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon} = \frac{F}{A} \frac{l}{\Delta l}$$



Hooke's law

$$F = \frac{YA}{l} \Delta l$$

stress  $\sigma = \frac{F}{A}$

strain  $\epsilon = \frac{\Delta l}{l}$

# Young's modulus

