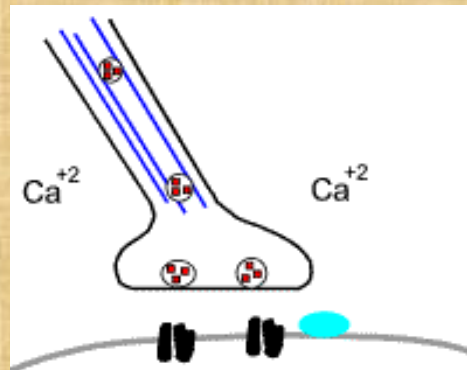
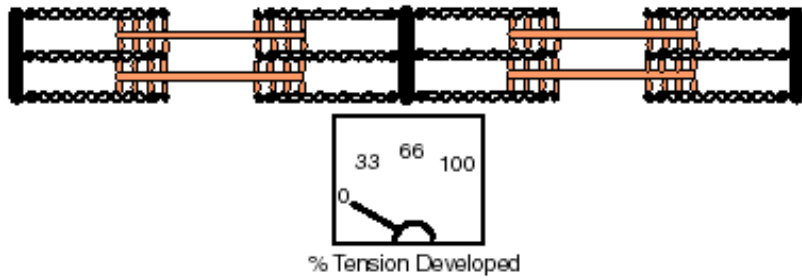


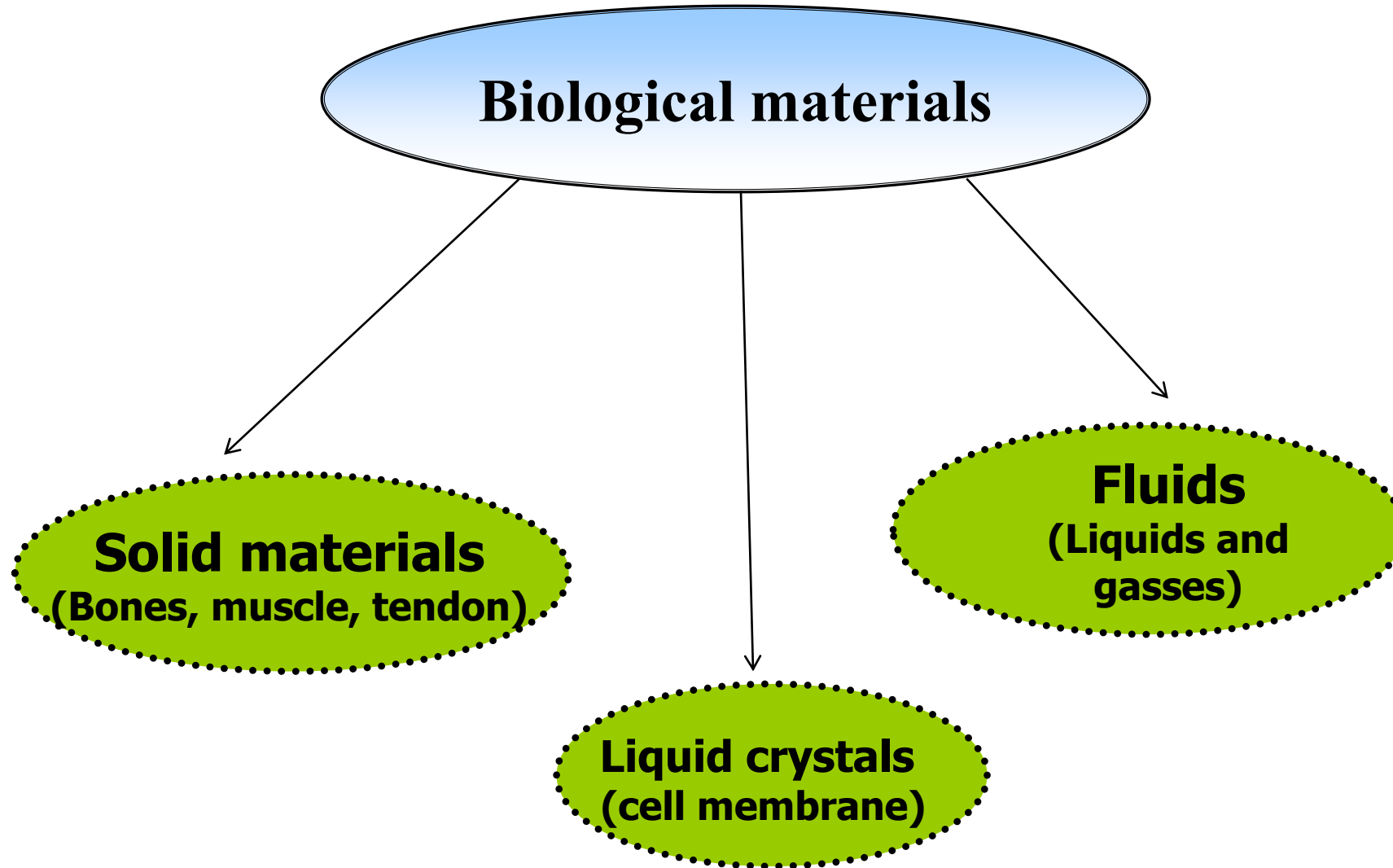
# Viscoelastic and elastic properties of biological materials



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# Lecture outline

- Biological materials
- Introduction to Elasticity and Viscosity
- Relationship between stress and strain
- Comparison of Elasticity and Viscoelasticity
- HOOKE'S LAW
- Mechanical Properties of the Materials



# BIOLOGICAL MATERIALS

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**Rigid materials:** These are the material which does not undergo deformation (Strain) whatever the amount of stress is applied.

**Elastic materials:** Structures that change shape in the face of an external force but can take their former shape when the force is removed.  
(solids and fluids)

**Plastic (inelastic) materials :** Structures that change shape in the face of an external force and never return to their former shape when the force is removed.

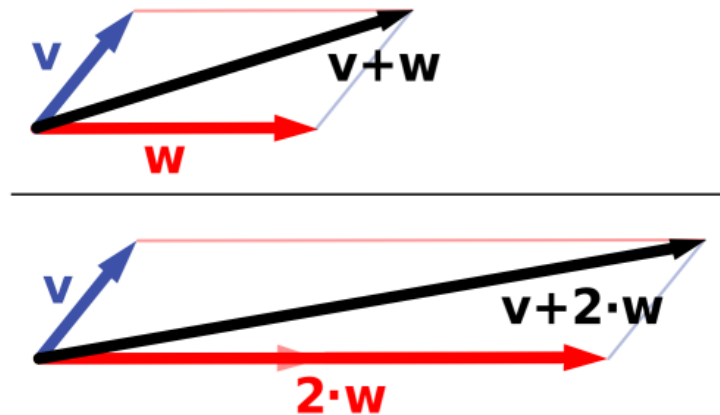
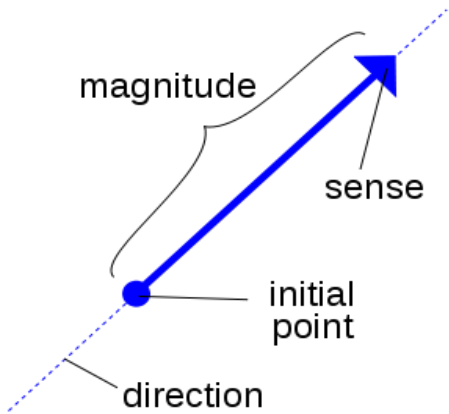
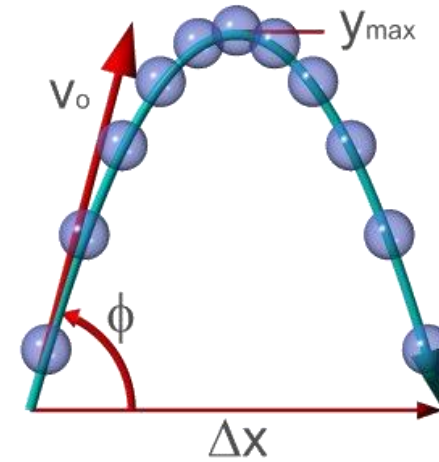
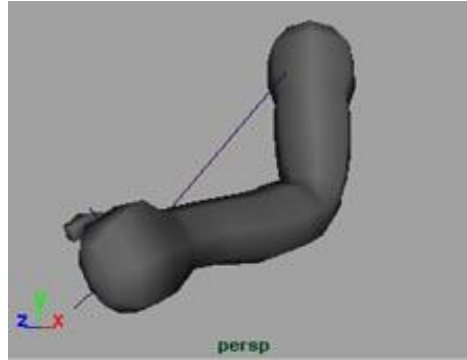
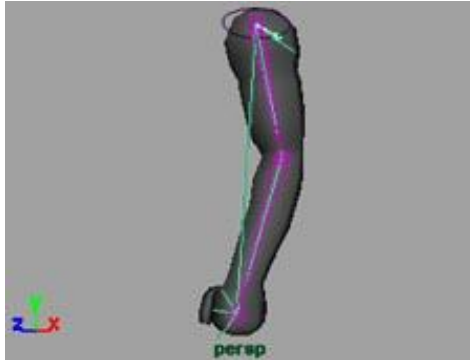
**Viscoelastic materials :** Such as bone, muscle, tendon, vein, nerve..

**Elastomers:** structures such as rubber (polimer's behaviours; for example, the change in length can be 10-15 times)

The forces applied to biological materials are examined with physics principles.

# TERMINOLOGY

## VECTORS



### Scalars vs. Vectors

Scalars are physical quantities represented by a single number, and vectors are represented by both a number and a direction.

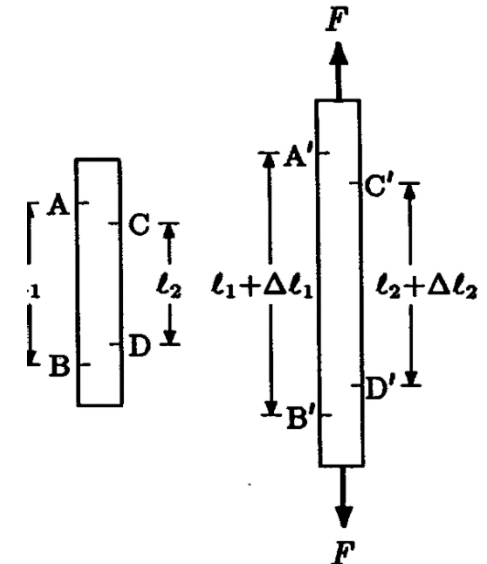
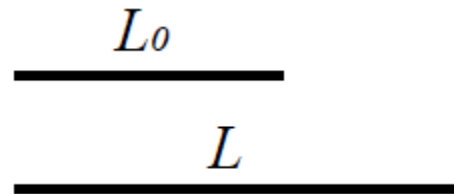
# Introduction to elasticity and viscosity

- Elasticity is a material property that generates recovering force at an application of an external force to deform the material.

# Introduction to elasticity and viscosity

- The recovering force divided by the cross sectional area that the external force is working on is defined as stress,  $\sigma$ . Suppose the material is initially in a shape of rod of length  $L_0$  and cross-sectional area,  $A_0$ . The force is applied to the length direction and the length after the deformation is  $L$ . The deformation is generally normalized as,

$$\varepsilon = \frac{L - L_0}{L_0}$$



where  $\varepsilon$  is called the engineering strain or the Cauchy strain



# Introduction to elasticity and viscosity

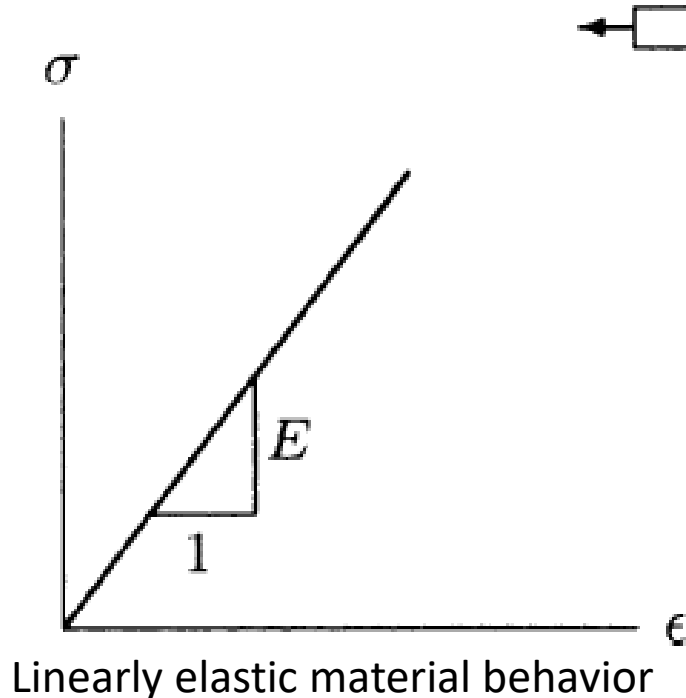
- For an elastic material, the relationship between stress and strain can be expressed in the following general form;

$$\sigma = \sigma(\varepsilon)$$

This equation states that the normal stress  $\sigma$  is a function of normal strain  $\varepsilon$  only.

# Relationship between stress and strain

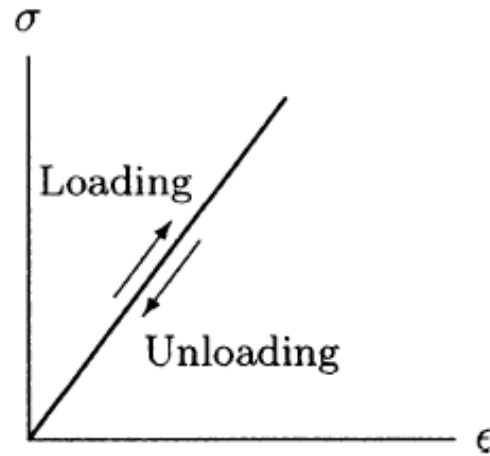
- For a linearly elastic material, stress is linearly proportional to strain, and in the case of normal stress and strain, the constant of proportionality is the **elastic modulus  $E$**  of the material;



$$\sigma = E\varepsilon.$$

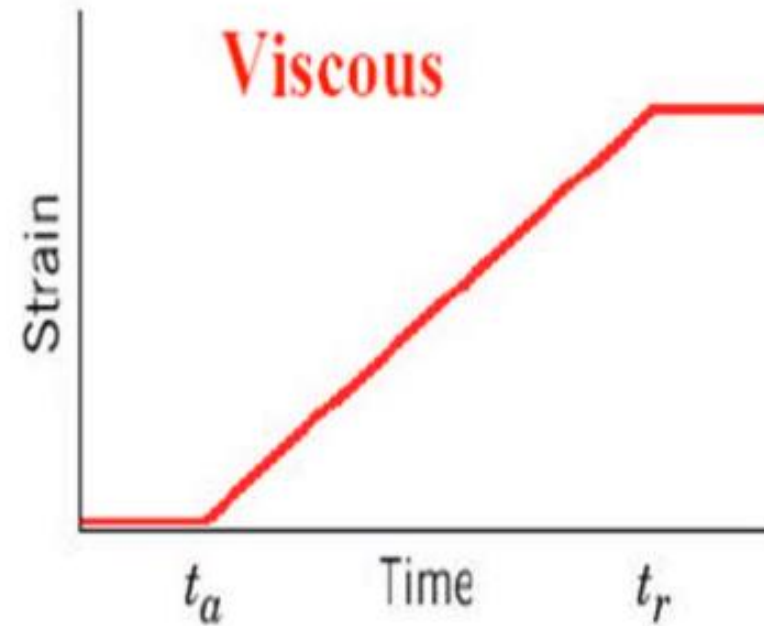
# Elastic behavior

- Instant deformation under load
- Deformation is recovered
- Elastic materials show time-independent material behavior



# Vicous behavior

- Not instantaneous deformation
- Deformation cant be recovered
- Totally dependent with time
- Stress independent strain

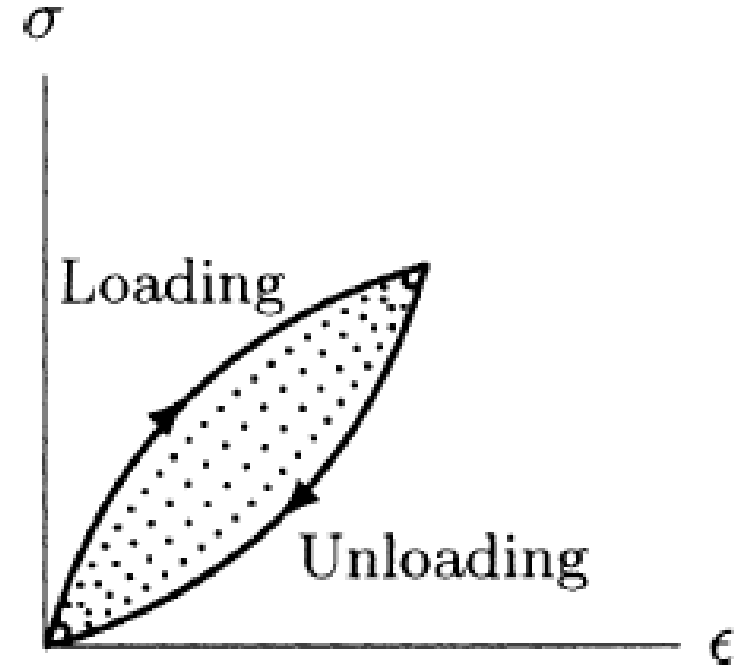


# Viscoelastic behavior

- Viscoelastic= viscous +elastic behavior
  - Instantaneous and delayed deformation
  - Some deformation is recovered , some is not
  - Hysteresis loop
  - Time dependent behavior

# Vicoelastic behavior

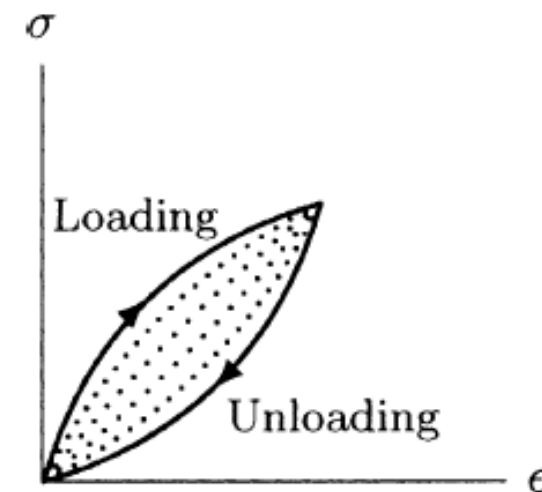
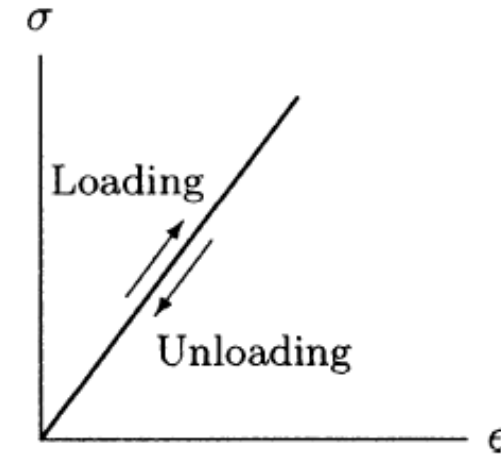
- The area enclosed by the loading and unloading paths is called the hysteresis loop, which represents the energy dissipated as heat during the deformation and recovery phases.



Hysteresis loop

# Comparison of Elasticity and Viscoelasticity

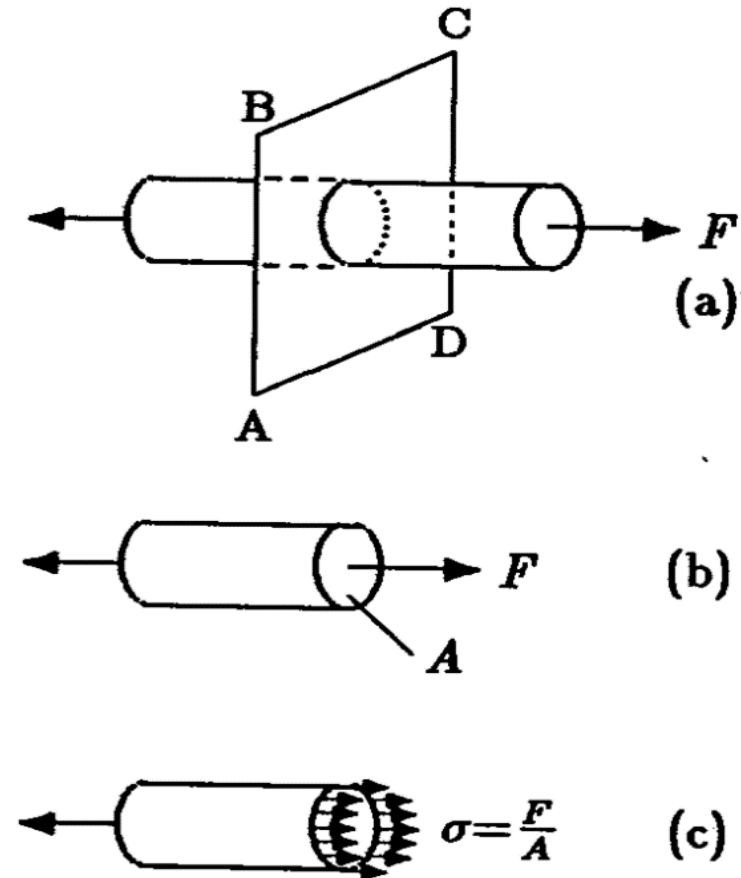
- An elastic material has a unique stress–strain relationship that is independent of the time or strain rate
- Viscoelastic materials exhibit time-dependent material behavior. The response of a viscoelastic material to an applied stress not only depends upon the magnitude of the stress but also on how fast the stress is applied to or removed from the material.



# Stress ( $\sigma$ )

$$\sigma = F/A \text{ (N/m}^2 \text{ or Pa)}$$

- **Normalized load**
- **Force applied per unit area** measured from the surface perpendicular to the force vector.



**Figure 14.10** Normal (axial) stress.



# Strain ( $\varepsilon$ )

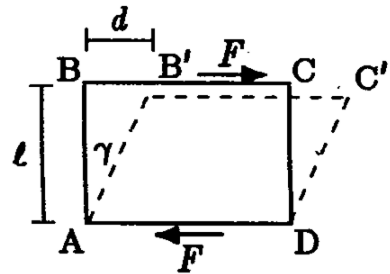


Figure 14.13 Shear strain.

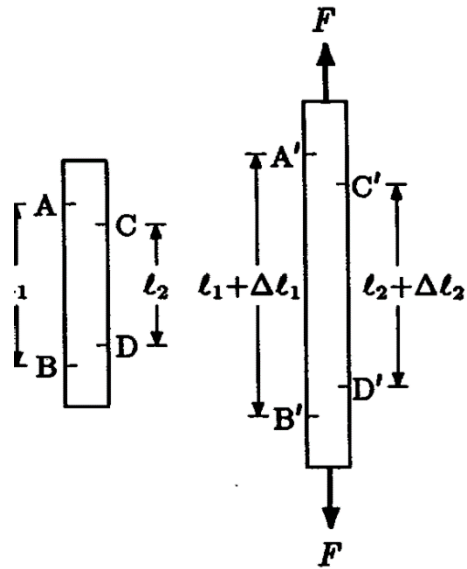


Figure 14.12 Normal strain.

- **Normalized deformation**
- The shape changes of a material according to its initial state.

$$\frac{L_0}{L}$$

$$\varepsilon_I = \frac{L - L_0}{L_0}$$

# Terminology

- Load – the sum of all forces or moments acting on an object or system
- Deformation – local shape changes in the object

# Load-deformation relationship

- The shape changes (deformation) when the tissue or structure is subjected to various loads.

# The degree of deformation depends on:

- Size and shape (geometry)
- Material
  - Structure
  - Environmental factors (temperature, humidity)
- Depends on loading type
  - the magnitude, direction and duration of the applied load
  - Application point (location)
  - Speed of applied force
  - The frequency of the applied force
  - Variation of the size of the force

# Loading types:

## Uniaxial Loading

- Axial
  - Compression
  - Tension
- shear

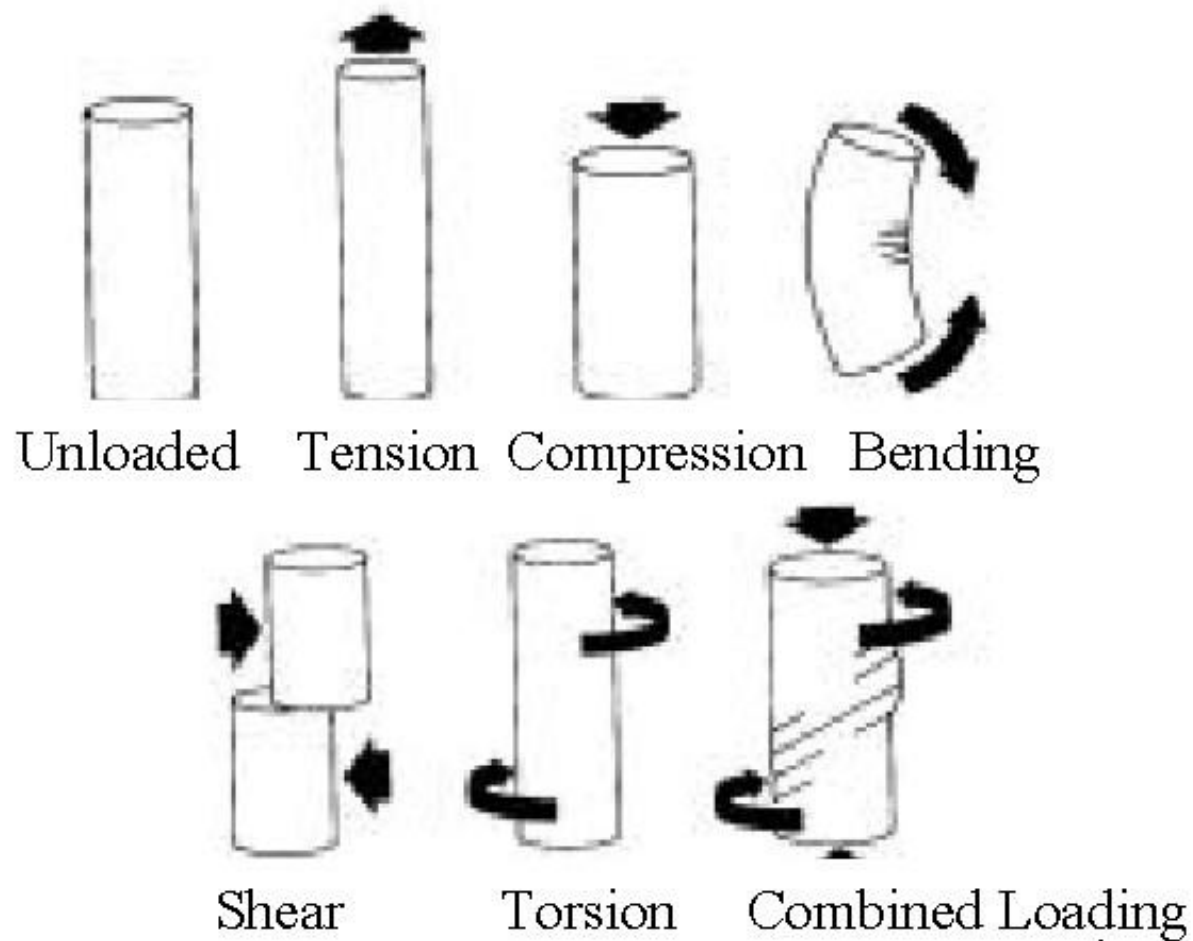
## Multiaxial Loading

- Biaxial load
- Triaxial load
- Bending
- Torsion

# GENERAL MECHANICAL CONCEPTS

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**Mechanical properties of a material are generally determined by applying mechanical tests:**

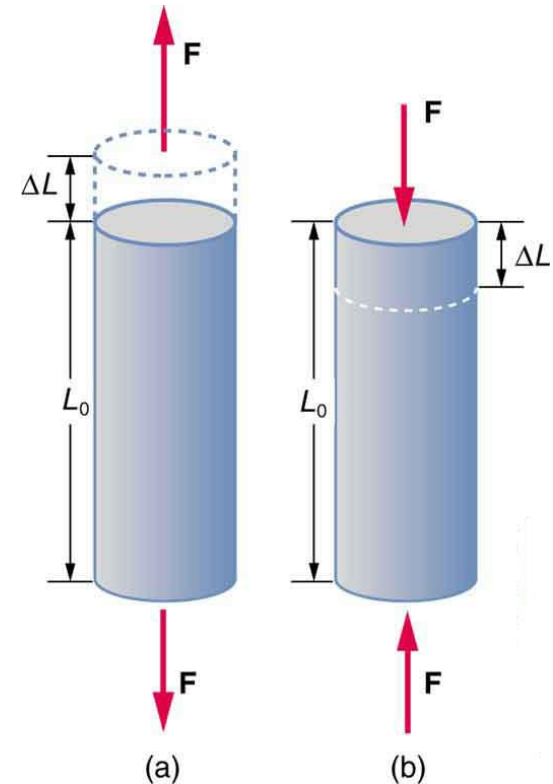


Elastic deformation has three basic changes such as elongation, change in volume and shear. The force applied to a rod-shaped flexible body in the direction of the rod is directly proportional to the elongation it creates and;

$$F \propto \Delta L$$

More conveniently,  $A$  is the cross-sectional area,

$$F/A = Y \Delta L/L$$



# HOOKE'S LAW

$$F/A=Y\Delta L/L$$

Stress ( $\sigma$ )=The Young's Modulus X strain ( $\epsilon$ )

Stress = force / cross sectional area

Strain = change in length / original length



$$F/A=Y\Delta L/L$$

The Young's Modulus (Y) of a material is a fundamental property of every material that cannot be changed. It is dependent upon temperature and pressure.

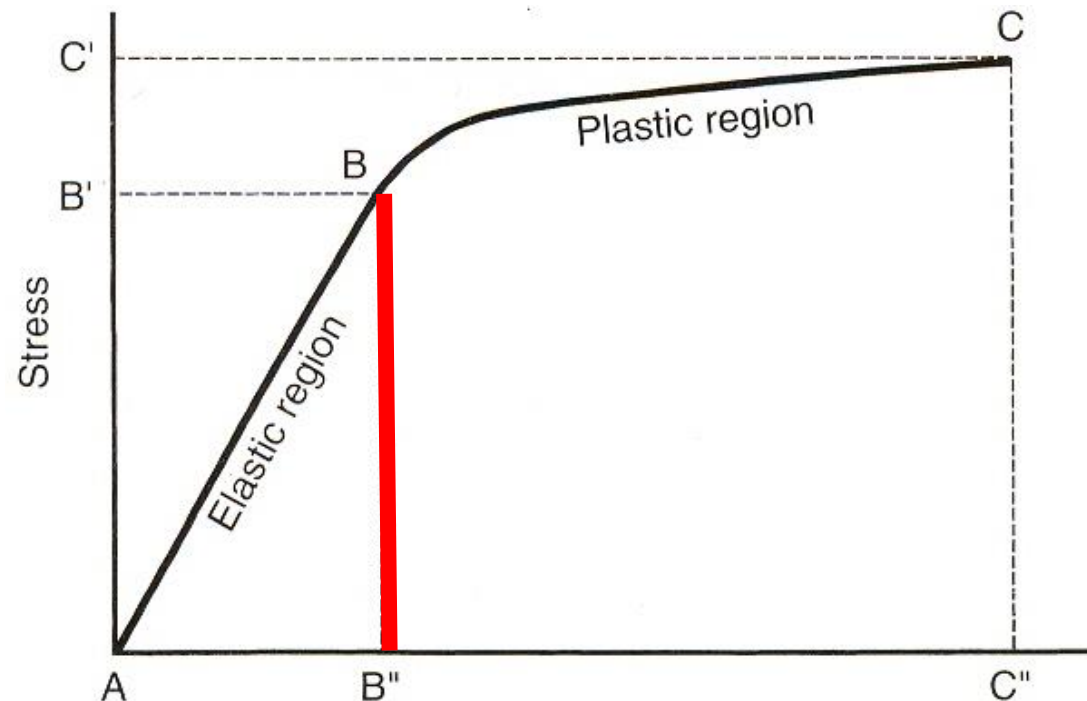
To be more exact, the physics and numerical values are worked out like this:

$$\text{Young's Modulus} = \text{Stress} / \text{Strain}$$

# Elastic and plastic region

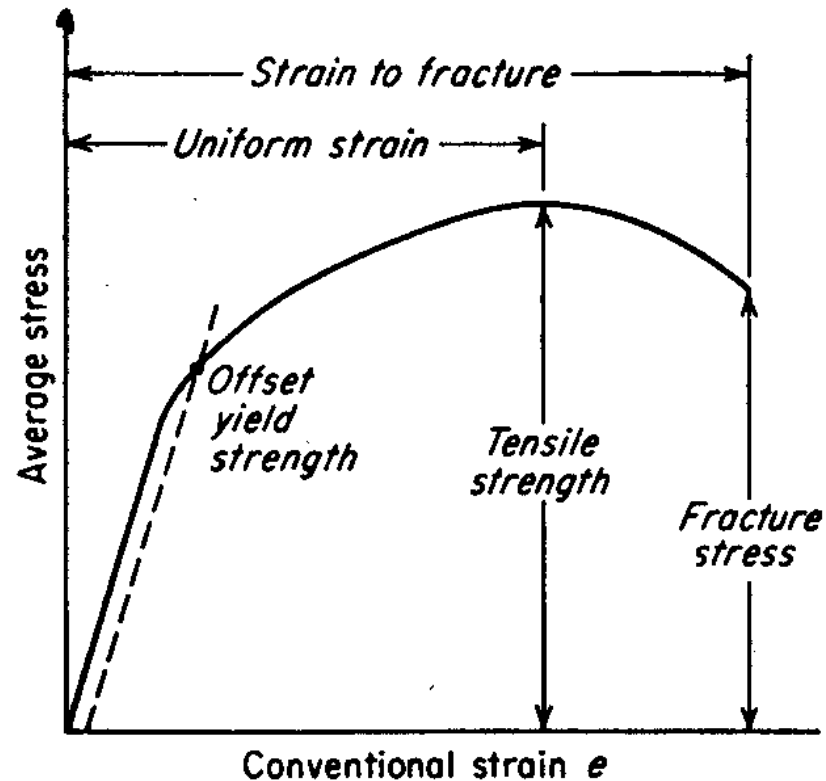
Elastic region– the response is linear, the texture of the tissue has not changed; according to Hooke's Law;  $F=kx$

Plastic region – the response is not linear, the slope of the curve is variable; the texture of the tissue has changed; permanent change in tissue



# Young's Modulus

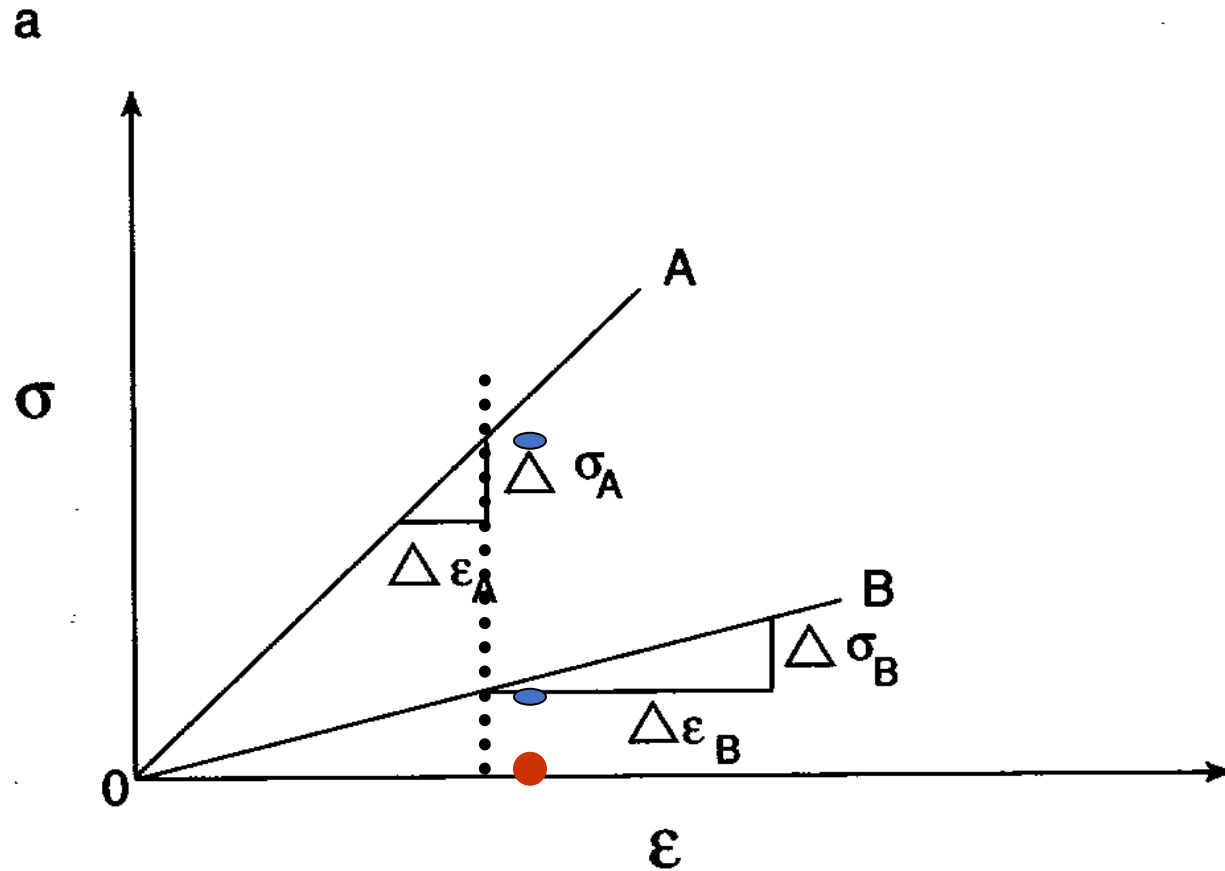
- The Young's modulus is the slope of the initial section of the curve (i.e.  $m$  in  $y = mx + b$ ).



# Mechanical properties of the materials

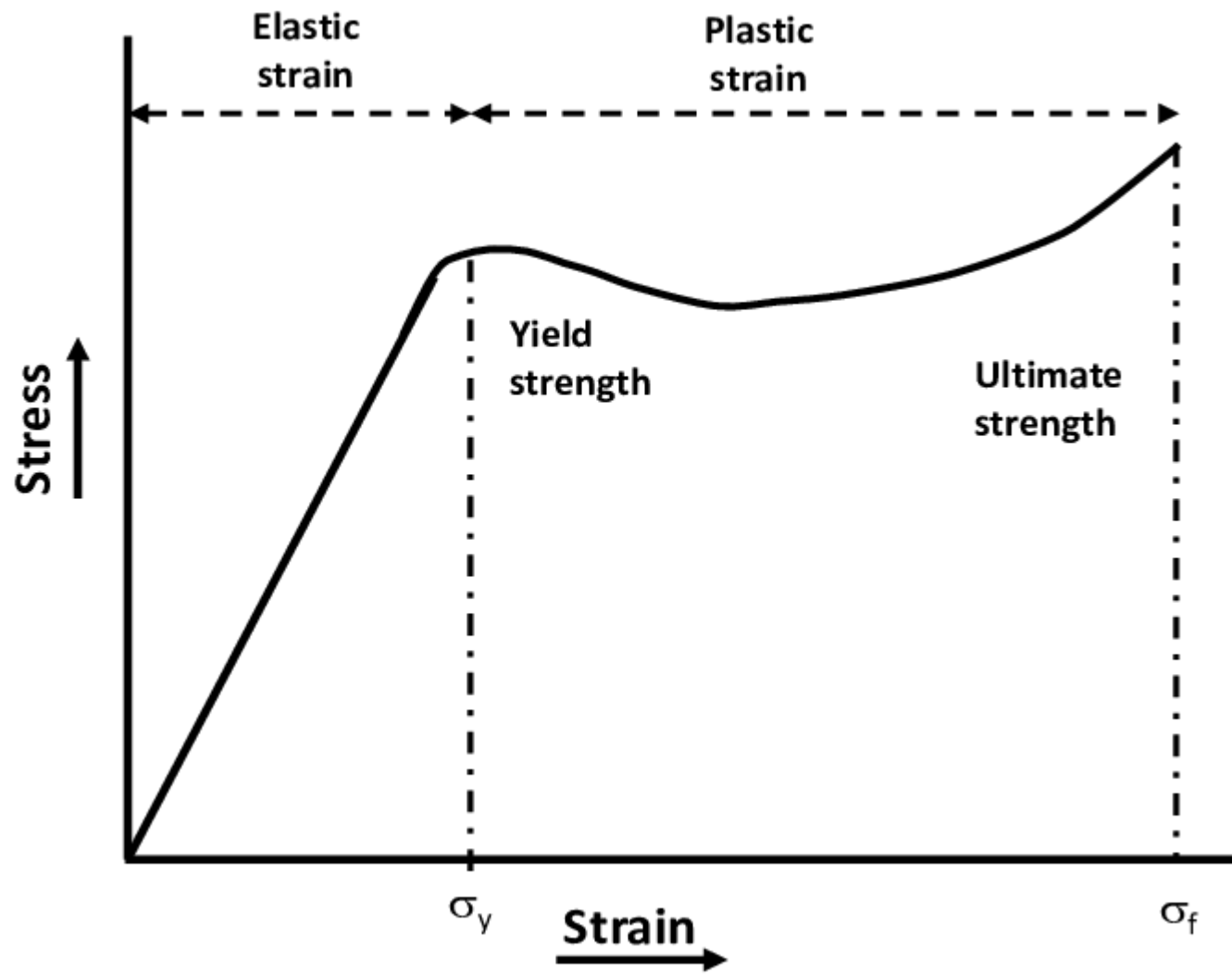
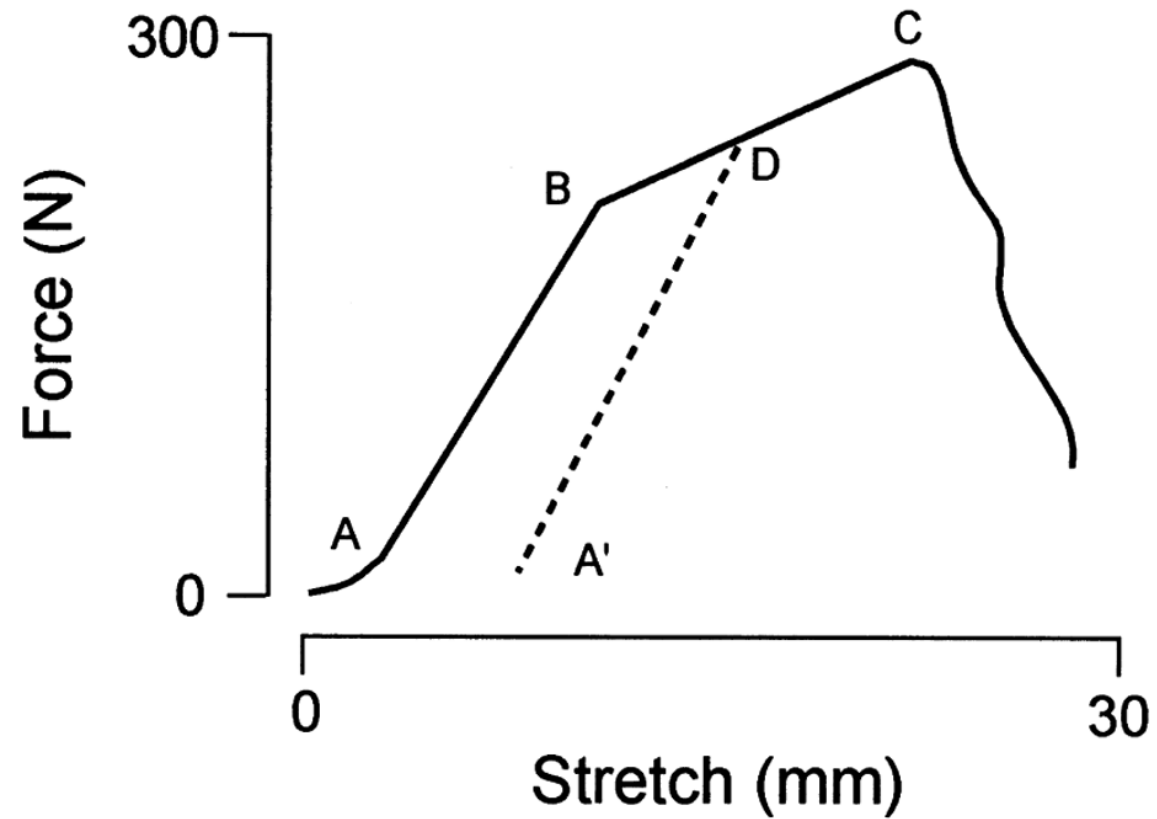
- Stiffness
- Strength
- Elasticity
- Ductility
- Brittleness
- Malleability
- Toughness
- Resilience
- Hardness

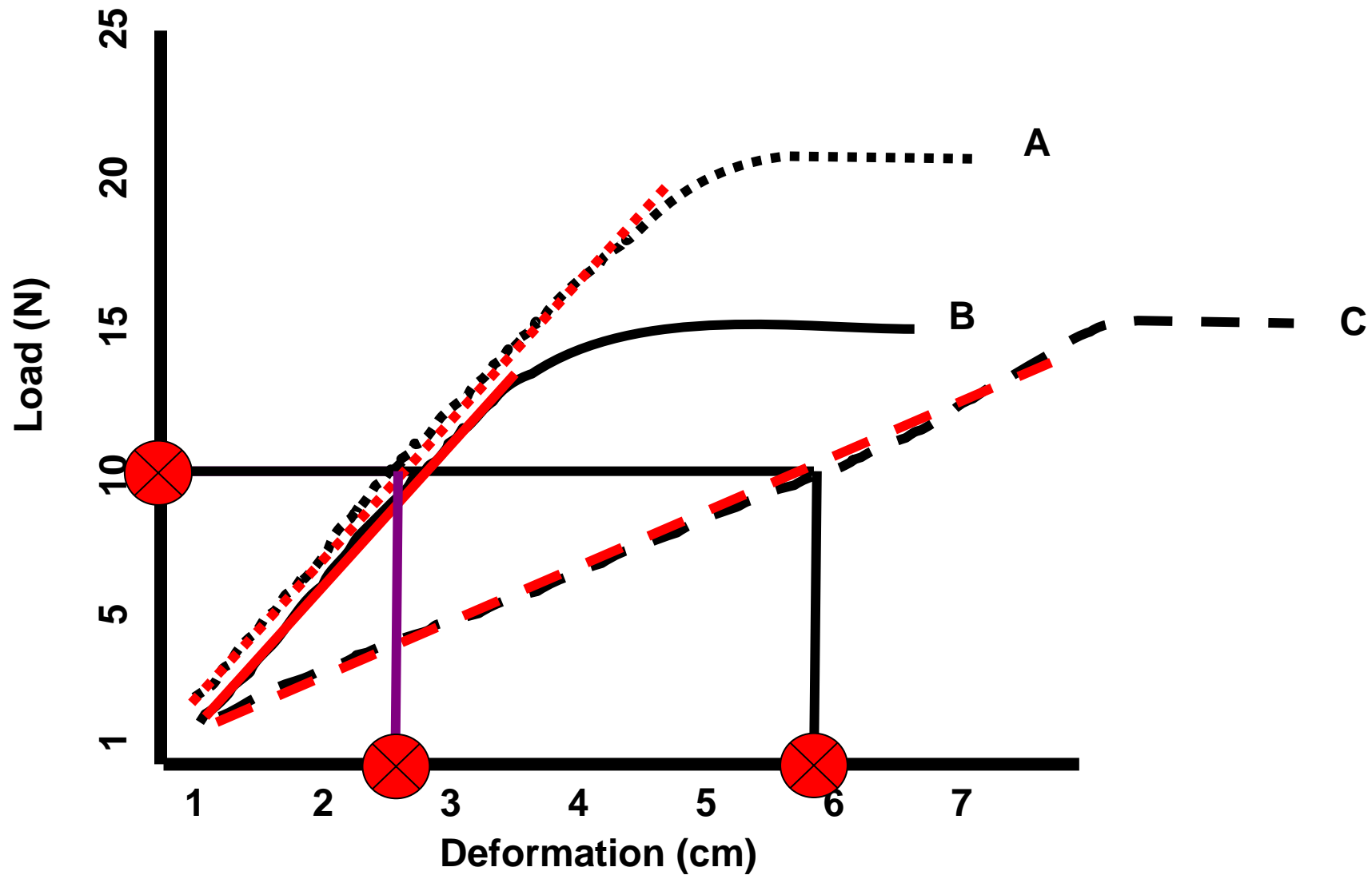
# Stiffness



- It is a measure of resistance to deformation of the material
- Expressed as the slope of the stress-strain curve

# Stiffness

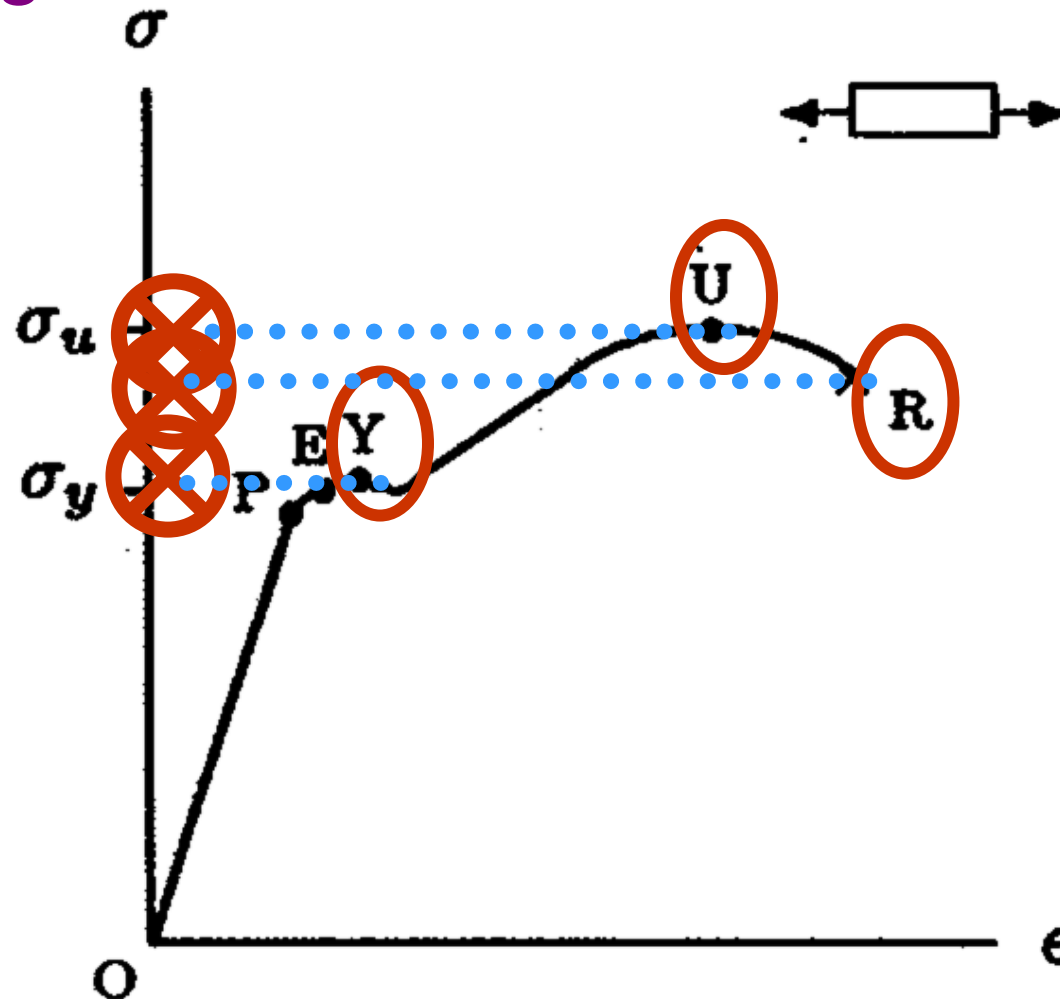




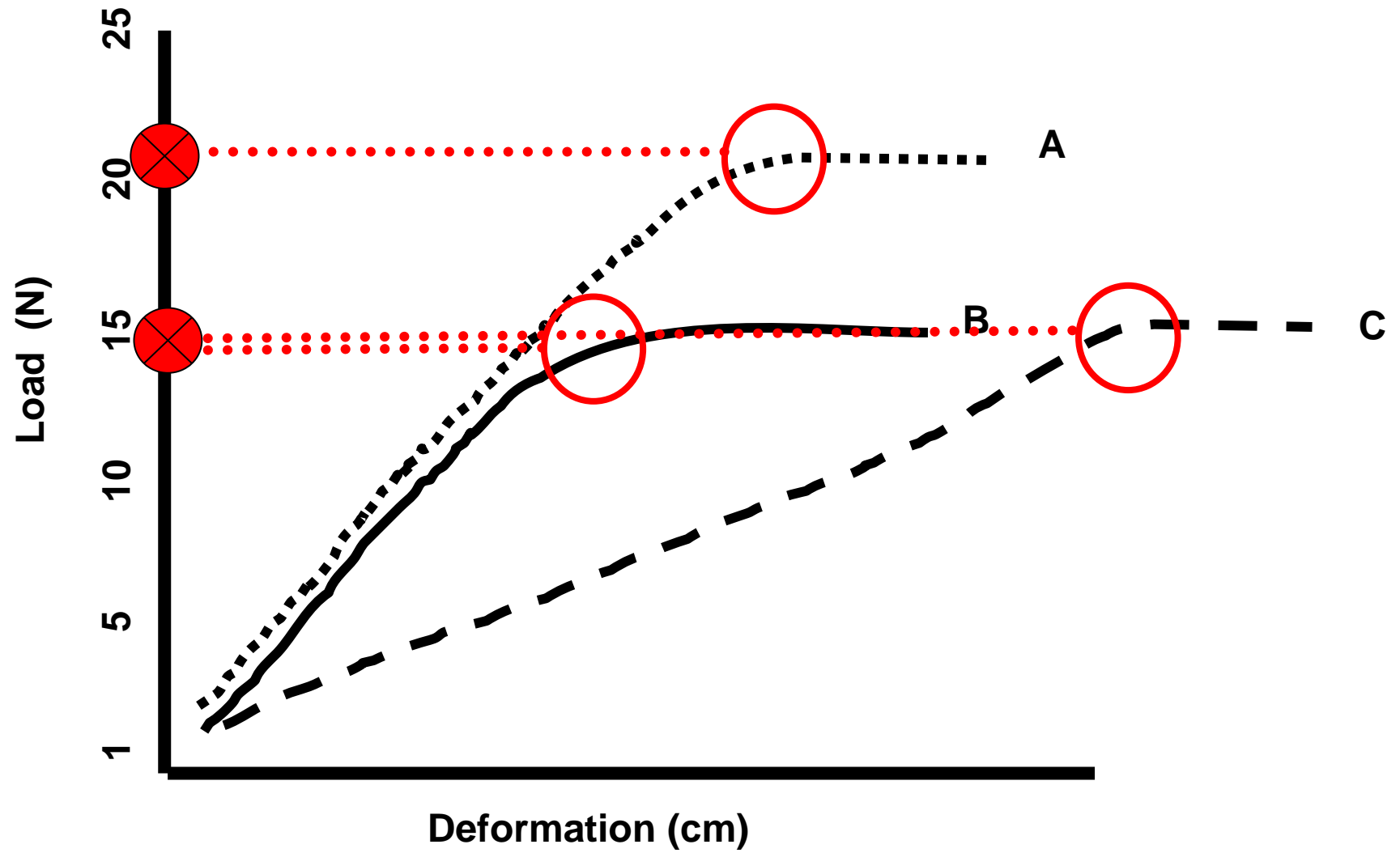


# Strength

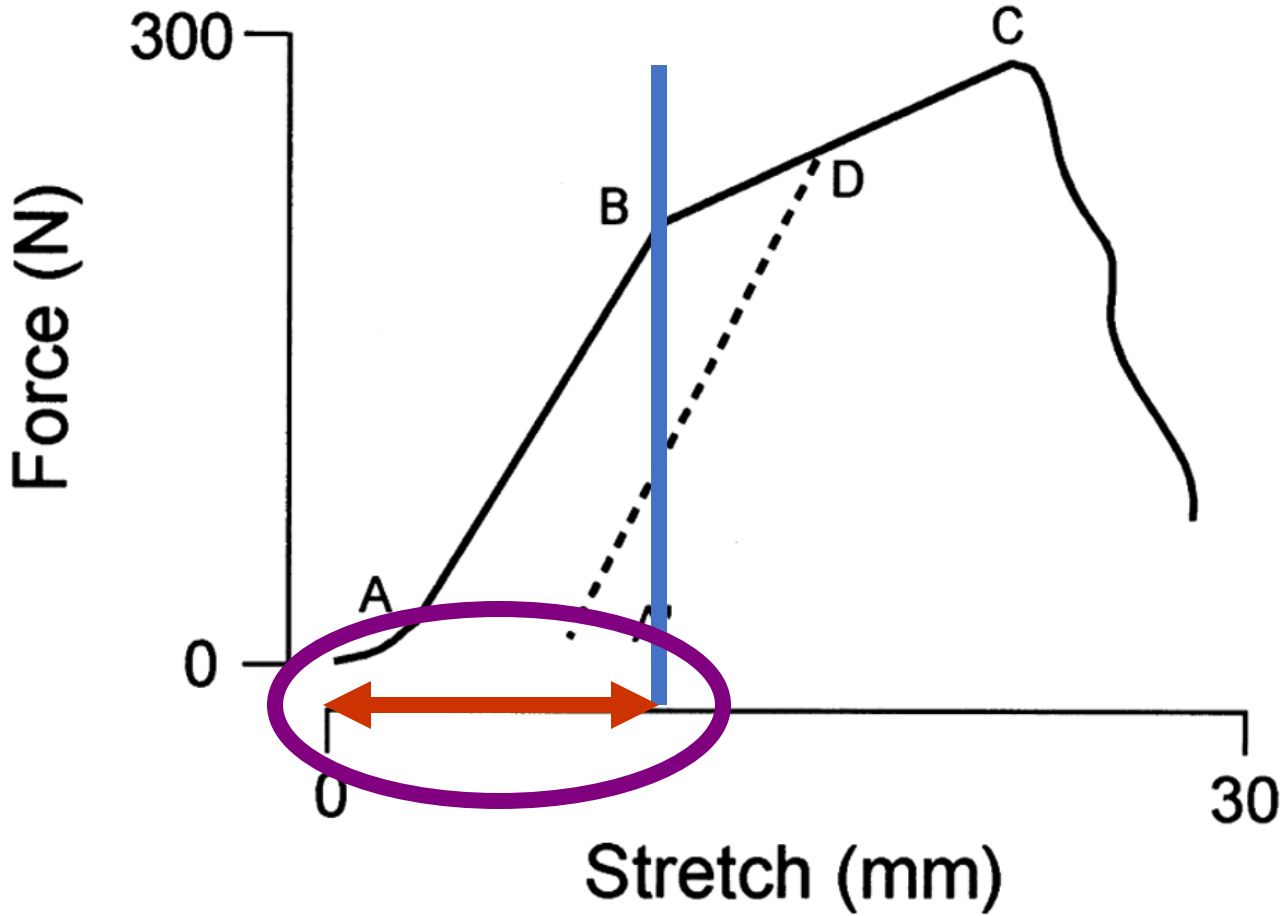
stiffness  $\neq$  strength



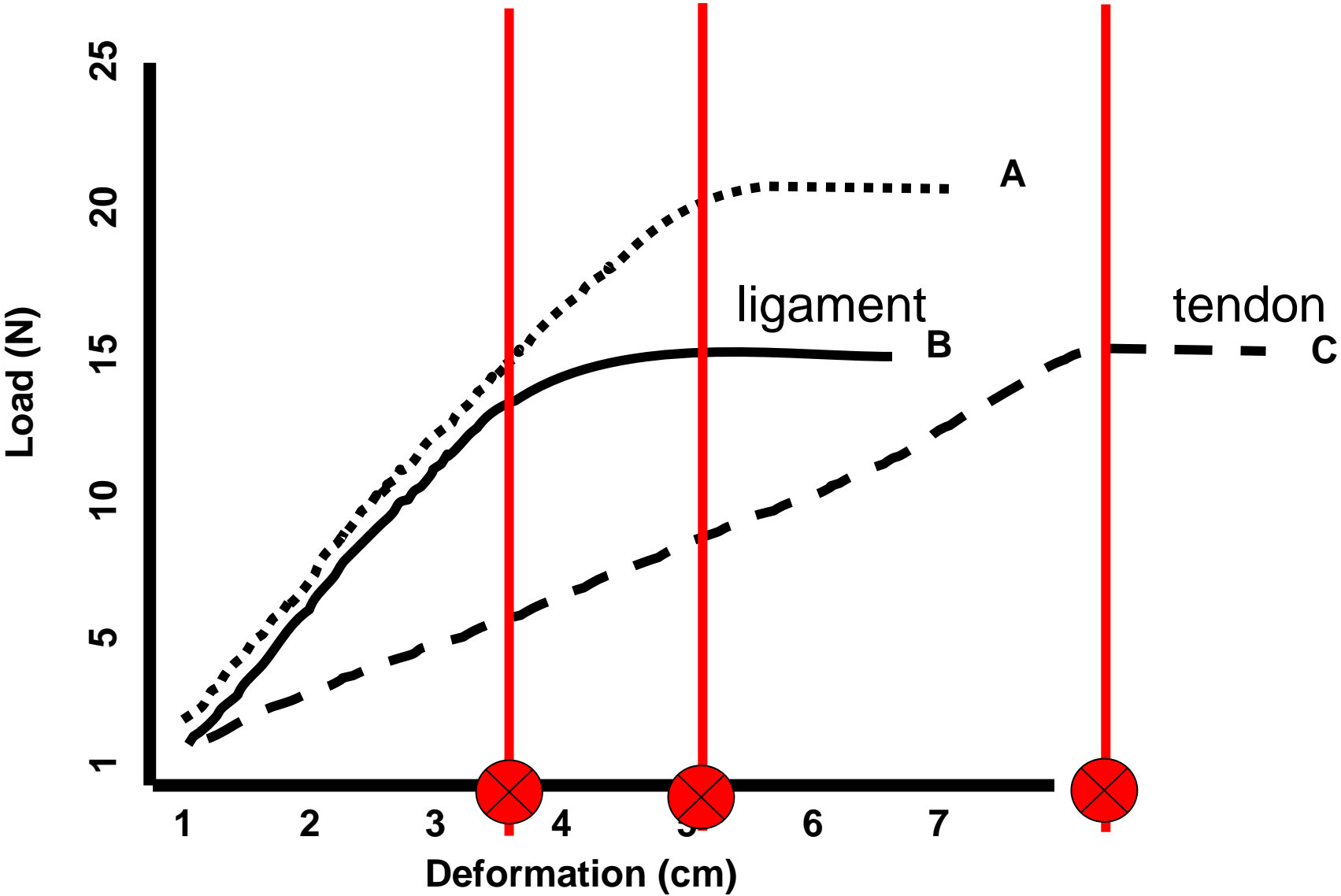
- Yield
- Ultimate Strength
- Failure



# Elasticity



# Extensibility



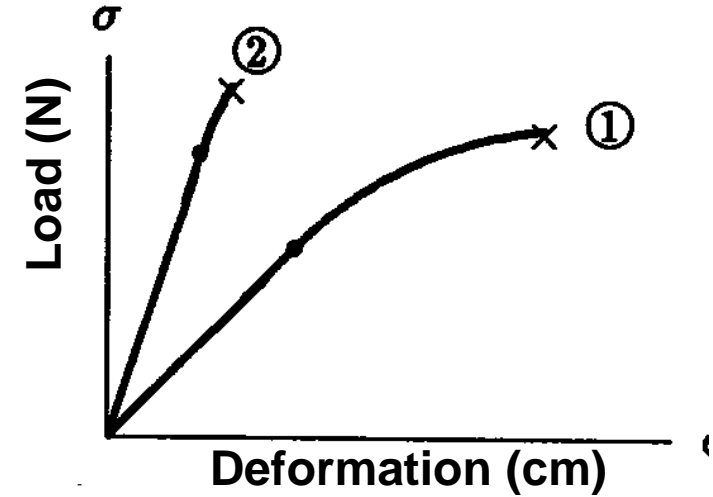
# Brittleness

- It is the measure of the absence of plastic deformation before fracture

- It breaks suddenly
- There is no yield point
- Ultimate strength= rupture strength

**Which one is less brittleness? (1)**

**Which one has more Strength? (2)**

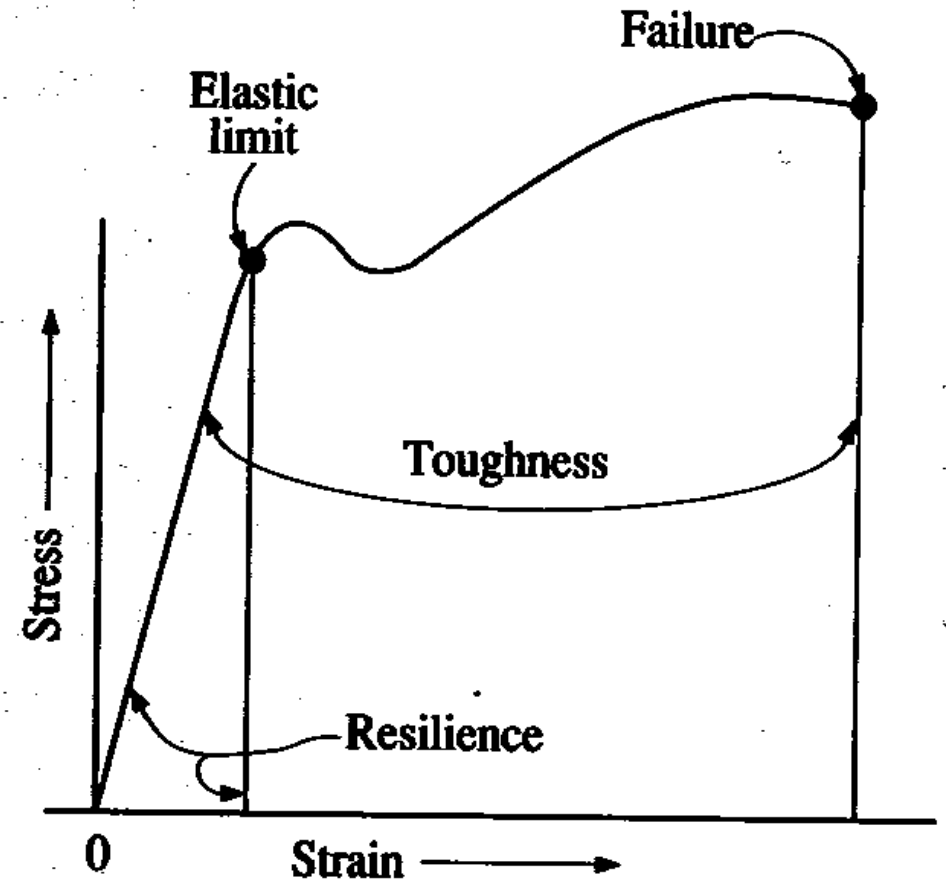


**Figure 14.34** *Material 1 is more ductile and less brittle than material 2.*

Ductility: refers to the characteristic of a material that undergoes large plastic deformation before rupturing under tensile load.

# Resilience

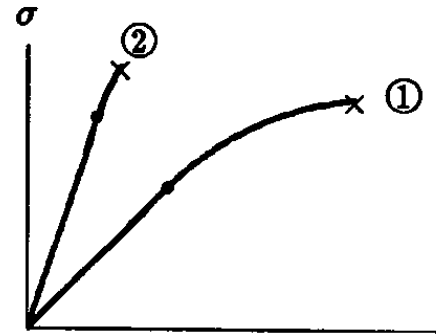
- The ability of a material to stand large loads without exceeding the elastic limit
- It is measured by calculating the area of the elastic part of the curve,
- Objects that back rapidly to their original shape are called resilient objects.



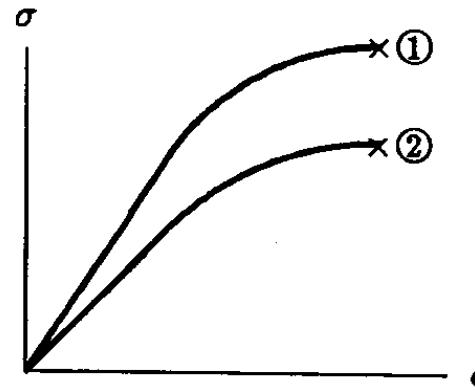
**FIGURE 10-6** Resilience and toughness.

# Toughness

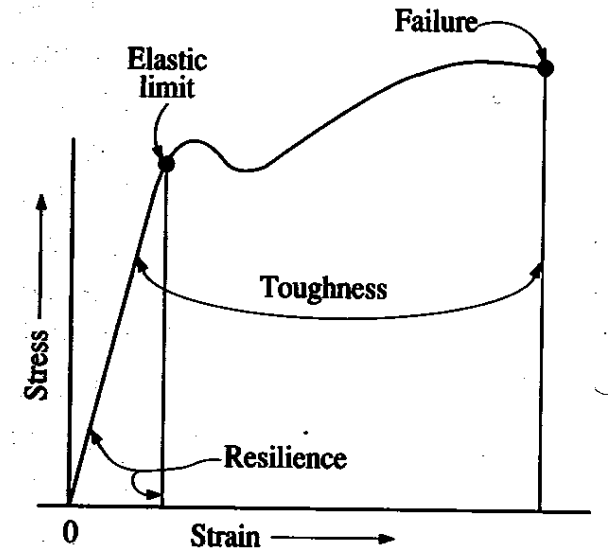
- The capacity of a material to withstand permanent deformation
- If the material can bear high stress and deforms without breaking, it means the strength is good.
- Fragile materials have small strength (less plastic deformation before fracture)



**Figure 14.34** Material 1 is more ductile and less brittle than material 2.

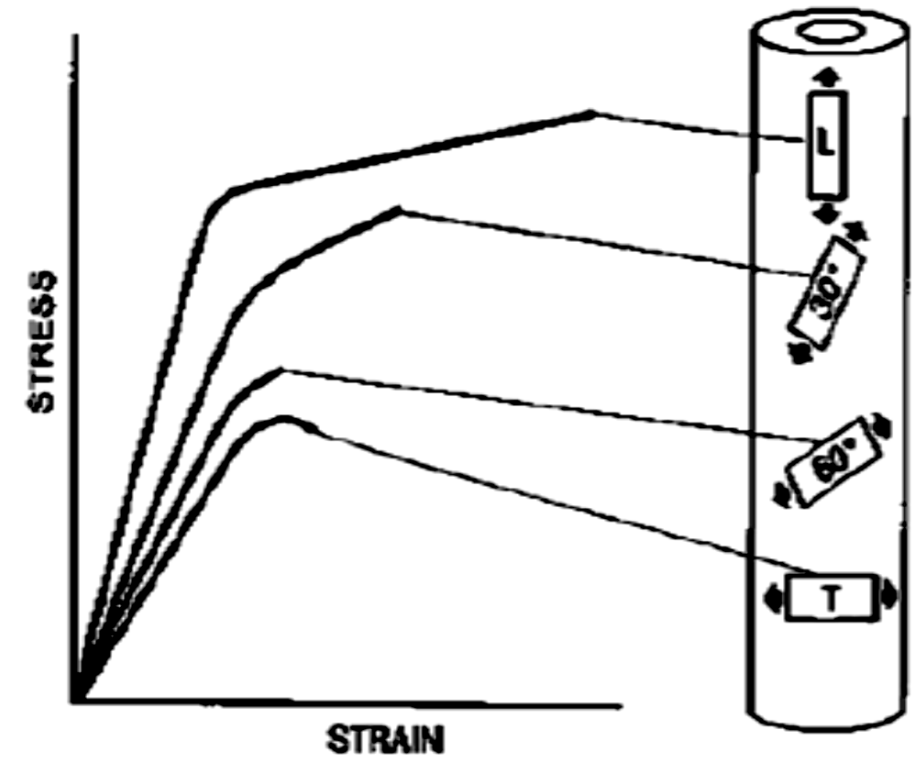
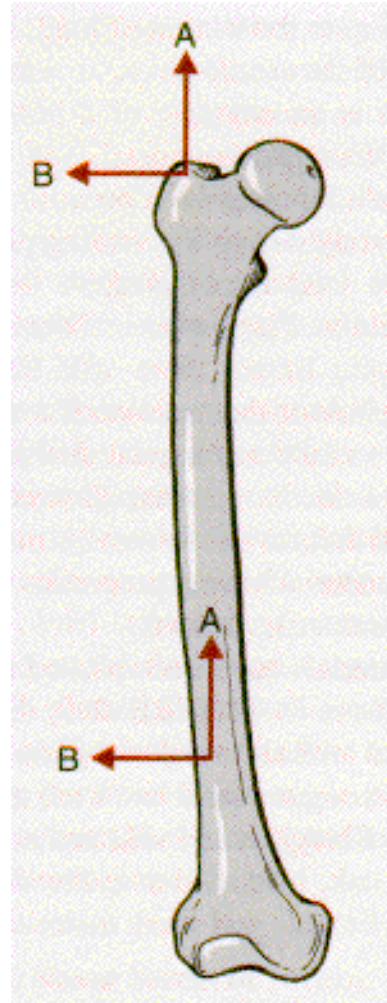


**Figure 14.35** Material 1 is tougher than material 2.



# Specific characteristics of biological materials

- Anisotropic
- The bone responds differently depending on the direction of the applied load. The stress-strain curve changes according to the direction of the load.
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