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Lecture No. 6

Linear relation between E, G and

1. Strain

Definition:

Strain is a measure of deformation in a material due to applied stress. It is defined as the ratio of the change in dimension (length, angle, or volume) to the original dimension.

• Formula:

$$\epsilon = \frac{\Delta L}{L_0}$$

Where:

- ϵ : Strain (dimensionless)
- ΔL : Change in length
- L_0 : Original length

Types of Strain:

1. Normal Strain:

- Deformation along the axis of loading (tensile or compressive).
- Example: Stretching a rubber band.

2. Shear Strain:

- Deformation due to tangential forces causing angular distortion.
- Example: Cutting with scissors.

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Example:

A steel rod of length 2 m is stretched by 0.002 m. Calculate the strain.

- Solution:**

$$\epsilon = \frac{\Delta L}{L_0} = \frac{0.002}{2} = 0.001$$

2. Hooke's Law

Definition:

Hooke's Law states that for small deformations, the stress (σ) in a material is directly proportional to the strain (ϵ).


- Formula:**

$$\sigma = E\epsilon$$

Where:

- σ : Stress (force per unit area, Pa or N/m²)
- E : Young's modulus (modulus of elasticity, Pa)
- ϵ : Strain

Key Points:

- Hooke's Law applies only to the **elastic region** of a material (where deformation is reversible).
- Beyond the elastic limit, materials exhibit plastic deformation, and Hooke's Law no longer applies 

Example:

A force of 10,000 N is applied to a steel rod with a cross-sectional area of 0.01 m². If Young's modulus for steel is 200 GPa, calculate the strain.

- Solution:**

$$\sigma = \frac{F}{A} = \frac{10,000}{0.01} = 1,000,000 \text{ Pa (1 MPa)}$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{\sigma}{E} = \frac{1,000,000}{200 \times 10^9} = 5 \times 10^{-6}$$

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3. Poisson's Ratio (ν)

Definition:

Poisson's ratio is the ratio of transverse strain to axial strain when a material is subjected to uniaxial stress.

• Formula:

$$\nu = - \frac{\epsilon_{\text{transverse}}}{\epsilon_{\text{axial}}}$$

Where:

- $\epsilon_{\text{transverse}}$: Strain perpendicular to the applied force
- ϵ_{axial} : Strain in the direction of the applied force

Key Points:

- Poisson's ratio ranges between 0 and 0.5 for most materials.
- For incompressible materials (e.g., rubber), $\nu = 0.5$.



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The **bulk modulus** (K) is a material property that measures its resistance to uniform compression. It quantifies how much a material will compress under an applied external pressure. It is defined as the ratio of **volumetric stress** (pressure) to **volumetric strain** (relative change in volume).

Mathematical Definition

The bulk modulus is given by the formula:

$$K = -V \frac{\Delta P}{\Delta V}$$

Where:

- K : Bulk modulus (units: Pascals, Pa)
- V : Original volume of the material
- ΔP : Change in pressure (applied stress)
- ΔV : Change in volume (volumetric strain)



Volumetric Strain

Volumetric strain (ϵ_v) is the relative change in volume due to applied pressure:

$$\epsilon_v = \frac{\Delta V}{V}$$

Thus, the bulk modulus can also be written as:

$$K = -\frac{\Delta P}{\epsilon_v}$$

Key Points About Bulk Modulus

1. Units:

- The SI unit of bulk modulus is **Pascals (Pa)** or **Gigapascals (GPa)**.
- $1 \text{ GPa} = 10^9 \text{ Pa}$.

2. Physical Meaning:

- A high bulk modulus means the material is **less compressible** (e.g., solids like steel).
- A low bulk modulus means the material is **more compressible** (e.g., gases).

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5. Linear Relationship Between E , G , and ν

For isotropic materials, the elastic constants E (Young's modulus), G (shear modulus), and ν (Poisson's ratio) are related as follows:

1. Relationship between E , G , and ν :

$$G = \frac{E}{2(1 + \nu)}$$

- This equation shows how the shear modulus G depends on Young's modulus E and Poisson's ratio ν .

2. Relationship between E , G , and ν (alternative form):

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

- This equation expresses Young's modulus E in terms of the shear modulus G and Poisson's ratio ν .

3. Relationship between E , K (bulk modulus), and ν :

$$E = 3K(1 - 2\nu)$$



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Example 1: Calculating Shear Modulus (G)

- **Given:**

- Young's modulus (E) for steel: $E = 200 \text{ GPa}$
- Poisson's ratio (ν) for steel: $\nu = 0.3$

- **Find:**

- Shear modulus (G) for steel.

- **Solution:**

Using the relationship:

$$G = \frac{E}{2(1 + \nu)}$$

Substitute the values:

$$G = \frac{200 \text{ GPa}}{2(1 + 0.3)} = \frac{200}{2.6} \approx 76.92 \text{ GPa}$$

- **Answer:**

The shear modulus of steel is approximately 76.92 GPa.

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Example 2: Calculating Poisson's Ratio (ν)

- **Given:**

- Young's modulus (E) for aluminum: $E = 70 \text{ GPa}$
- Shear modulus (G) for aluminum: $G = 26 \text{ GPa}$

- **Find:**

- Poisson's ratio (ν) for aluminum.

- **Solution:**

Using the relationship:

$$G = \frac{E}{2(1 + \nu)}$$

Rearrange to solve for ν :

$$\nu = \frac{E}{2G} - 1$$

Substitute the values:

$$\nu = \frac{70}{2 \times 26} - 1 = \frac{70}{52} - 1 \approx 1.346 - 1 = 0.346$$

Example 3: Calculating Young's Modulus (E)

- **Given:**

- Shear modulus (G) for rubber: $G = 0.001 \text{ GPa}$
- Poisson's ratio (ν) for rubber: $\nu = 0.5$ (incompressible material)

- **Find:**

- Young's modulus (E) for rubber.

- **Solution:**

Using the relationship:

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

Substitute the values:

$$E = 2 \times 0.001 \times (1 + 0.5) = 0.002 \times 1.5 = 0.003 \text{ GPa}$$

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Example 4: Calculating Bulk Modulus (K)

- **Given:**

- Young's modulus (E) for glass: $E = 70 \text{ GPa}$
- Poisson's ratio (ν) for glass: $\nu = 0.2$

- **Find:**

- Bulk modulus (K) for glass.

- **Solution:**

Using the relationship:

$$E = 3K(1 - 2\nu)$$

Rearrange to solve for K :

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

Substitute the values:

$$K = \frac{70}{3(1 - 2 \times 0.2)} = \frac{70}{3(1 - 0.4)} = \frac{70}{3 \times 0.6} = \frac{70}{1.8} \approx 38.89 \text{ GPa}$$