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**Bending and Direct Stress: A Summary**

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**ENGINEERING DESIGN & ANALYSIS 2 (M2H721926) – Direct and Bending Stresses - Revision**

**Loads**

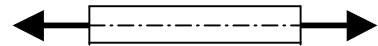
Types of loading imposed on components/structures:

- a) **STATIC or DEAD LOADS** – non-fluctuating, non-moving (static), gravity (weight), thermal.
- b) **LIVE LOADS** – short time span, moving (dynamic).
- c) **IMPACT or SHOCK LOADS** – very short time span, large magnitudes.
- d) **ALTERNATING or FATIGUE LOADS** – magnitude and sign (+ve / -ve) changes with time.

Effects of loading on components/structures:

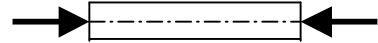
**TENSILE**

pulling/stretching



**COMPRESSIVE**

pushing/squeezing



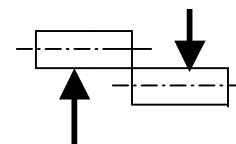
**BENDING**

flexure



**SHEAR**

sliding

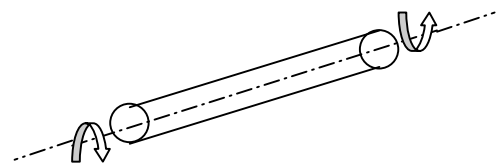


**THERMAL**

expansion/contraction with change in temperature

**TORSION**

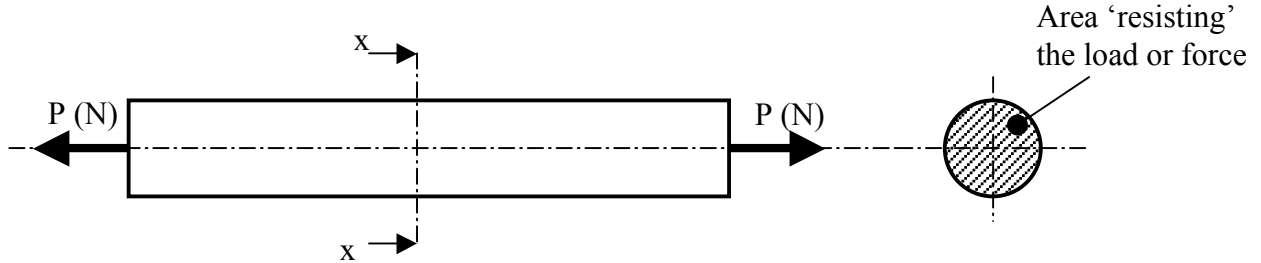
twisting



**DIRECT STRESS**

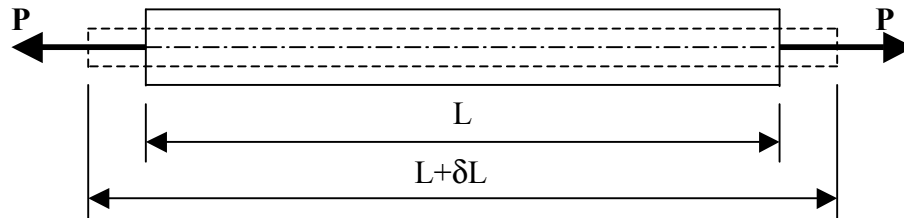
Direct Stress,  $\sigma = \frac{P}{A} (N / m^2)$  [Note: +ve for tensile load, -ve for compression load]

Note: Units:  $1 N/m^2 = 1 \text{ Pascal (Pa)}$   
 $1 MN/m^2 = 1 \times 10^6 N/m^2 = 1 N/mm^2$



**DIRECT STRAIN**

Longitudinal Strain,  $\epsilon_L = \frac{\delta L}{L}$  [Note:  $\epsilon_L$  has *no* units!]



**ELASTIC MATERIAL**

Young’s Modulus of Elasticity,  $E = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_L} (N/m^2)$

A value for E for a material can be obtained from a *tensile test* where a test specimen of the material of specified shape and dimensions is stretched until it breaks. E is calculated as the gradient of the straight line within the elastic behaviour region of the stress-strain graph obtained from the test. The graph below shows typical tensile test curves for various materials with significant points highlighted.

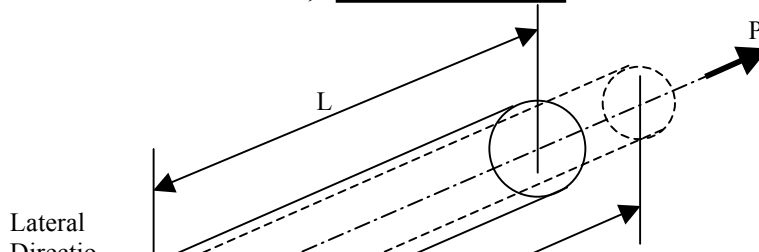
Note: For Low Carbon Steel,  $E = 200 \text{ GN/m}^2$ ; Aluminium,  $E = 70 \text{ GN/m}^2$

**POISSON’S RATIO**

Lateral strain,  $\epsilon_{Lat} = \frac{\delta R}{R}$  or  $\epsilon_{Lat} = \frac{\delta d}{d}$  or  $\epsilon_{Lat} = \frac{\delta W}{W}$

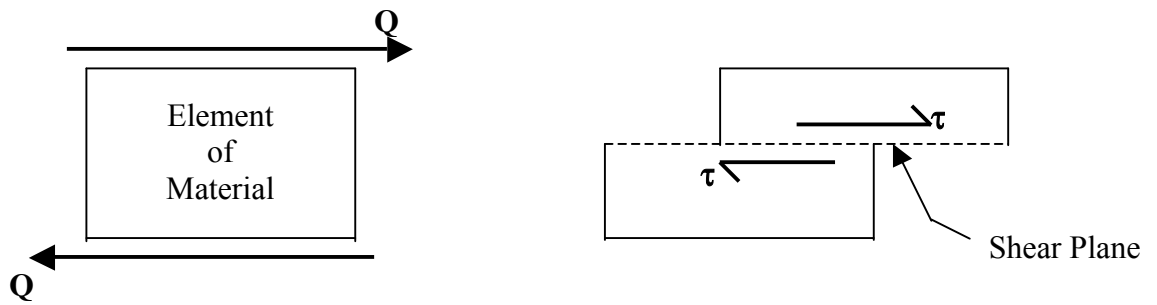
Poisson’s ratio,  $\nu = \frac{\epsilon_{Lat}}{\epsilon_L}$  [Note:  $\nu$  has *no* units!]

Note: For most metallic materials,  $0.25 < \nu < 0.33$ .

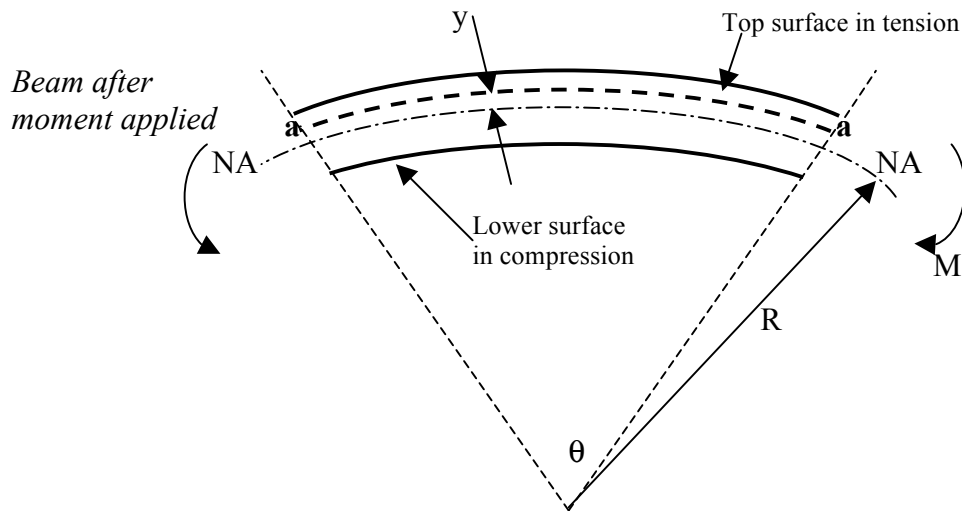
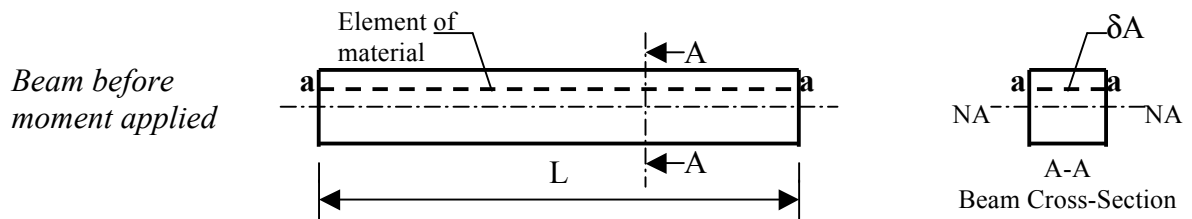


**INDIRECT STRESS: SHEAR STRESS**

Shear stress,  $\tau = \frac{Q}{A_s}$  (N/m<sup>2</sup>)



**BENDING STRESS**

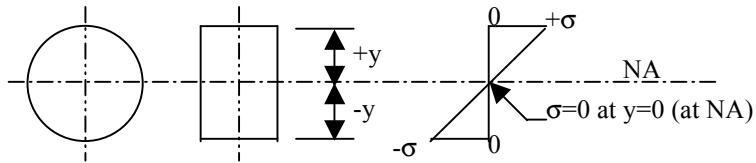


The theory of elastic bending equation is given by:  $\frac{M}{I} = \frac{\sigma_b}{y} = \frac{E}{R}$

The bending stress can be calculated from:  $\sigma_b = \frac{My}{I}$  (N/m<sup>2</sup>)

Bending stress is distributed down through a cross-section as follows:

*Symmetrical Cross-Sections:*



*Unsymmetrical Cross-Sections:*

