

# STRESS, STRAIN, & YOUNG'S MODULUS: DEFORMATION OF SOLIDS

- The above terms are used in relation with any wire/rod/material when a force is applied on it

## Stress:

Stress is an alternate name for pressure.

Same definition, formula, and units

Hence,

$$\text{Stress} = \frac{\text{Force}}{\text{Area}} \quad \left[ \frac{\text{Force per unit}}{\text{Area}} \right]$$

$$\text{Stress} = \frac{F}{A} \quad [\text{in Pa or } \text{Nm}^{-2}]$$

## Strain

- Ratio of change in length (extension) to the original length of the material
- Strain does not have any units (bc. it's a ratio). Hence, it is a dimensionless quantity
- It is given by the formula:

$$\left[ \text{Strain} = \frac{\Delta l}{l} \right] \quad \text{or} \quad \left[ \text{Strain} = \frac{e}{l} \right] \quad \text{where } e \text{ or } \Delta l = \text{extension} \\ l = \text{original length}$$

## Young's Modulus

- It is defined as the ratio of stress to strain
- It is measured in Pa or  $\text{Nm}^{-2}$
- It is denoted by the symbol "E"

$$\left[ \text{Young's Modulus} = \frac{\text{Stress}}{\text{Strain}} \right]$$

$$E = \frac{F}{A} \times \frac{l}{e}$$

when dealing with rods/wires/materials, etc.  $E \propto \frac{FL}{Ae}$  OR  $E = \frac{FL}{Ae}$  where

E = Young's Modulus

F = Force applied

l = unstretched length

A = Area (from stress)

e = extension

k = Spring constant

when dealing with springs  $E = \frac{kL}{A}$

$$E \propto k$$

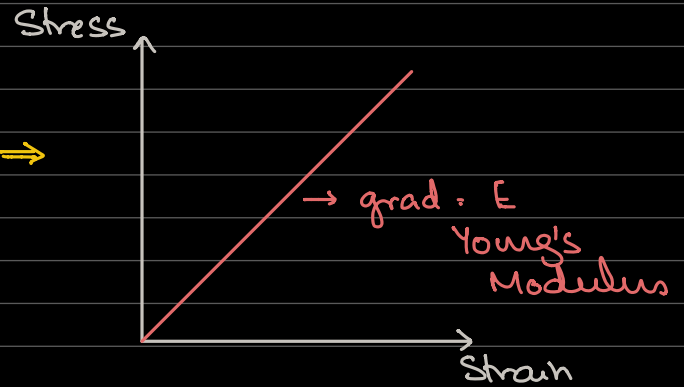
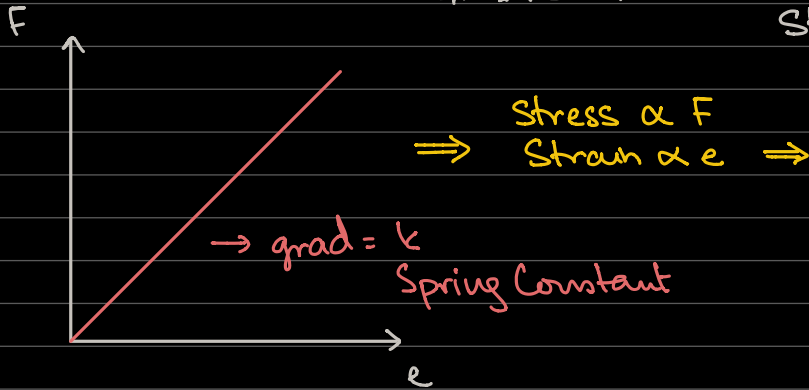
- Young's Modulus (E) is constant for a given material

Also note:

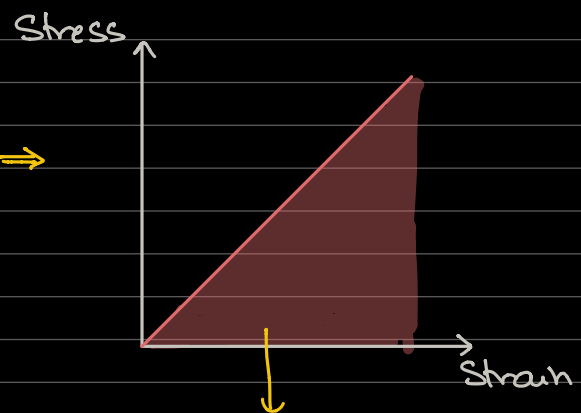
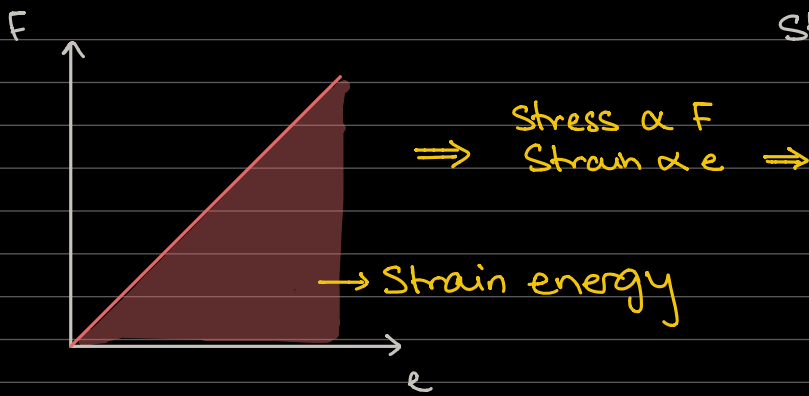
- Materials which are difficult to stretch / "extend" will have a High Young's Modulus Value (E).

↳ And vice versa

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$$\frac{1}{2} \times \text{Stress} \times \text{Strain}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{F}{A} \times \frac{e}{L}$$

$$= \frac{\text{Strain Energy}}{A \times L}$$

$$= \frac{\text{Strain Energy}}{\text{volume}}$$

↳ "Strain energy per unit volume"  
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of the material