

ENGR 298: Engineering Analysis and Decision Making – Tensile Strength Testing

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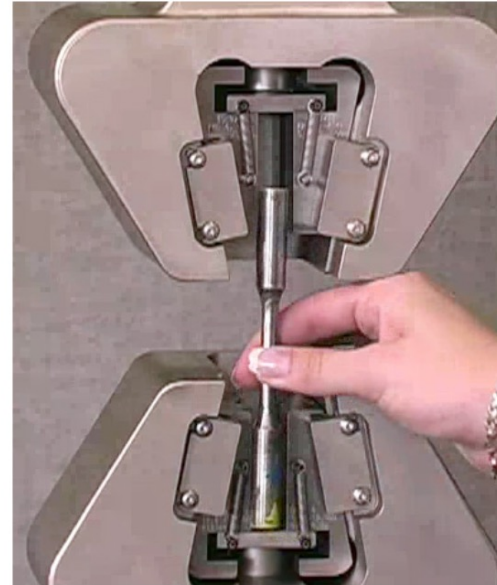
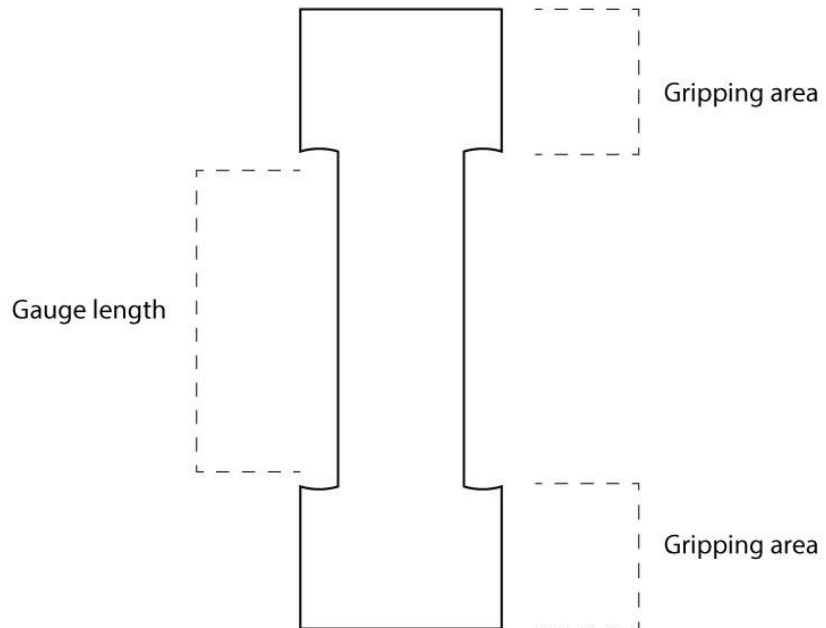


Figure 6. Insert specimen from front.



Figure 7. Install in lower grip.

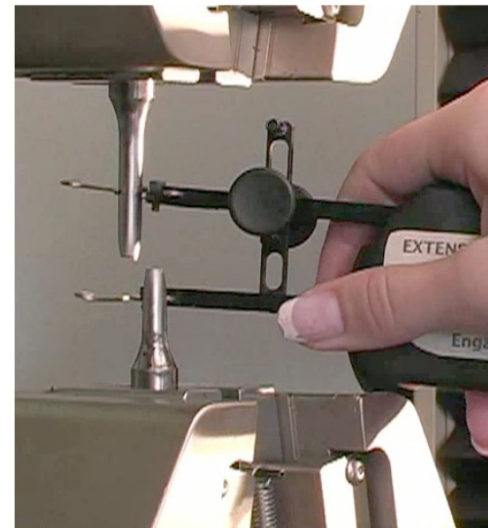
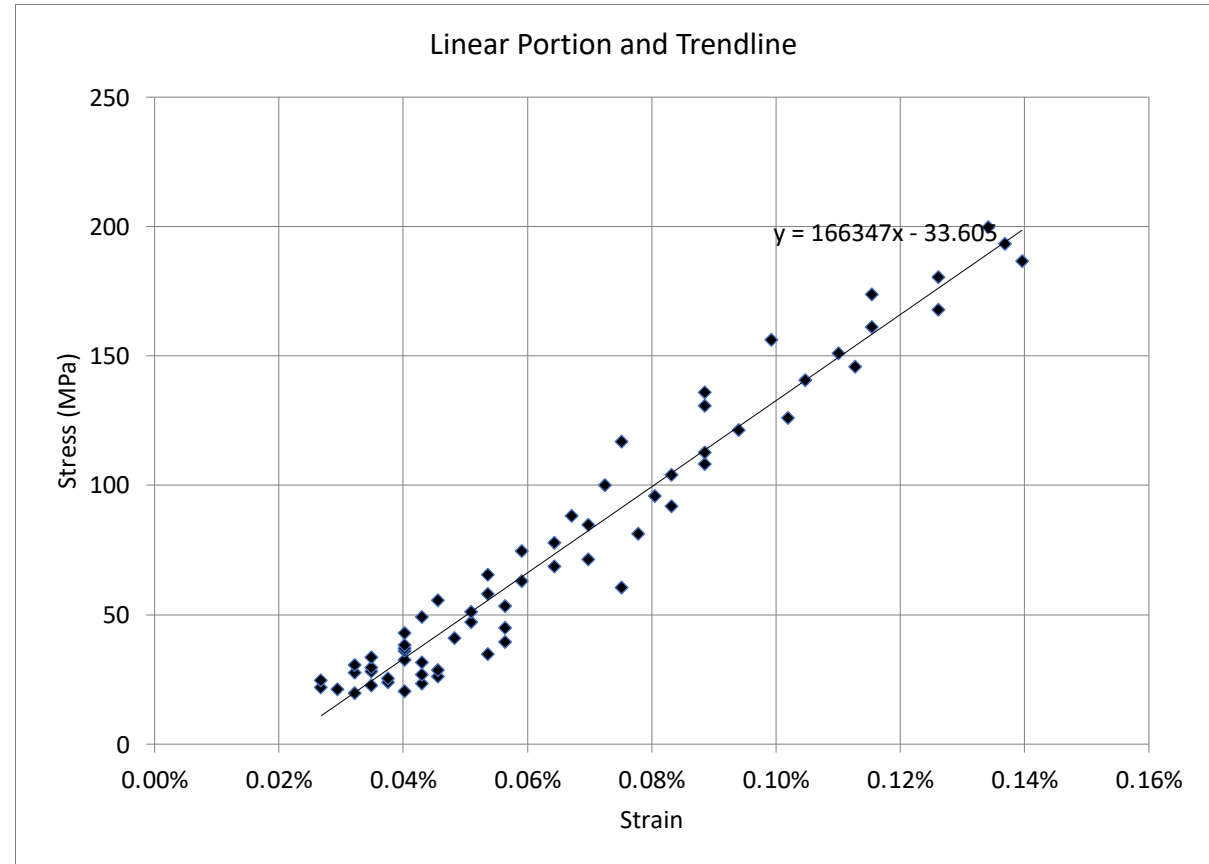
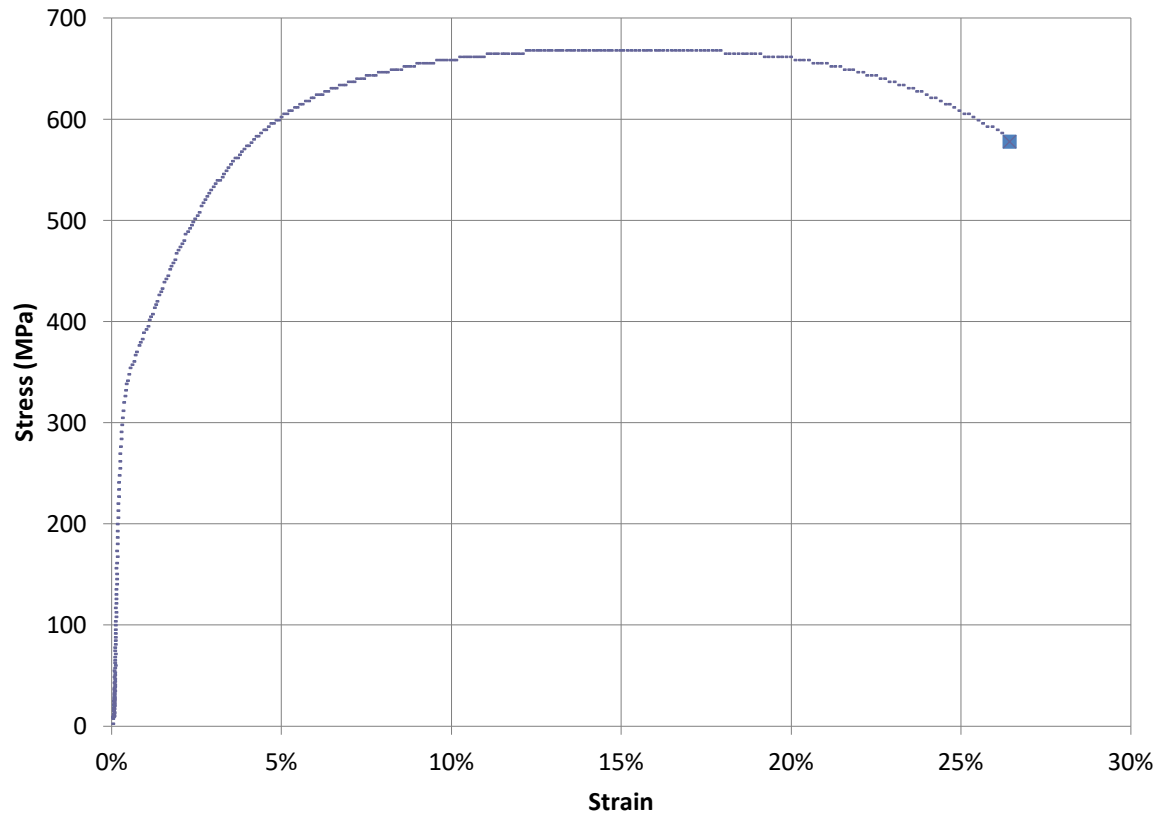


Figure 12. Push the extensometer to the right to remove.



Figure 13. Place the extensometer on its hanger.

Stress – Strain Curves and Modulus





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6	Last test time		11:03:11 AM	
7	Course		CEE300	
8	Lab Section Number		AB01	
9	Group		A	
10	Material		STEELS1045	
11	Heat Treatment		CR	
12	Other Information			
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14	Geometry		Circular	
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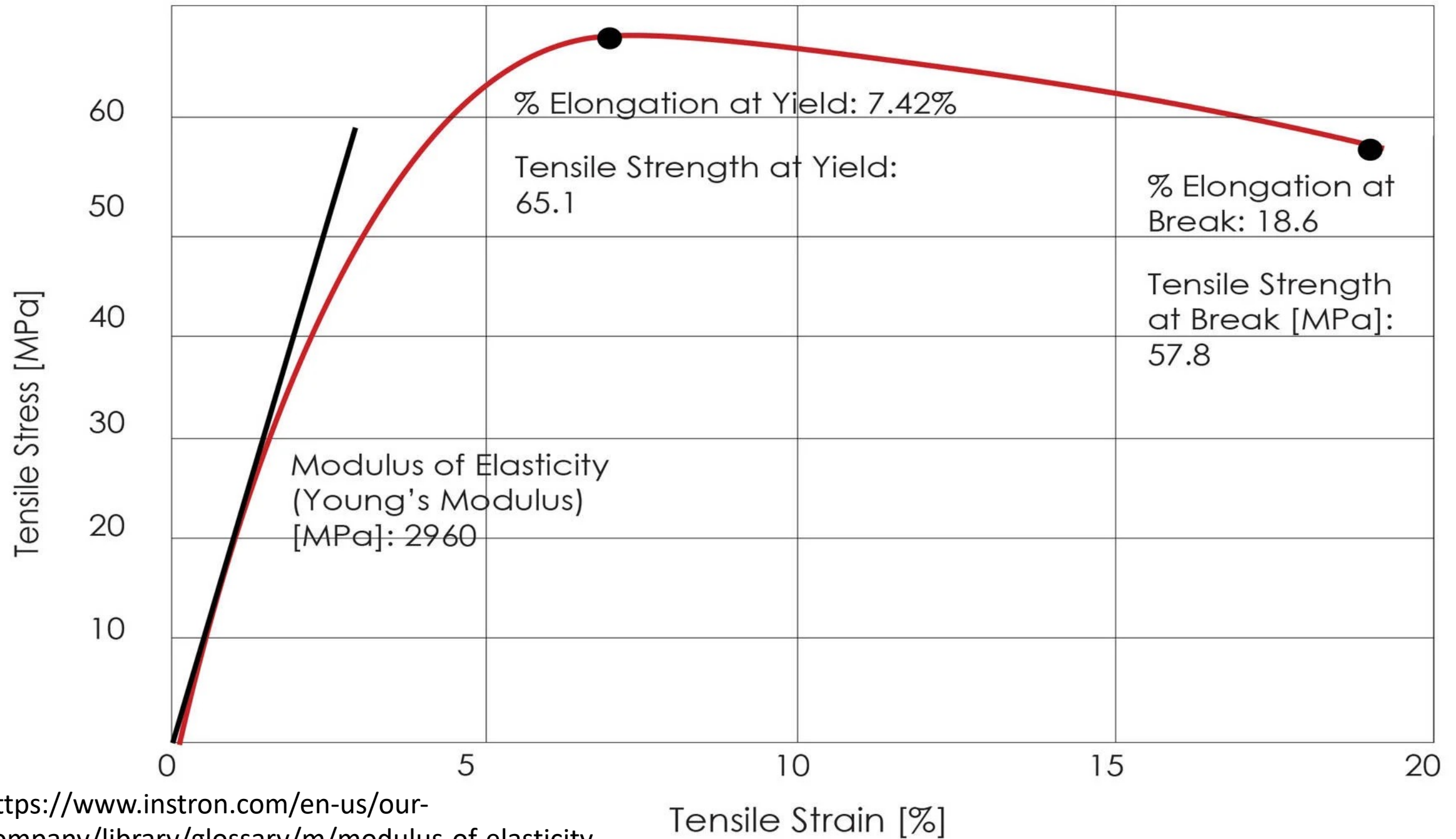
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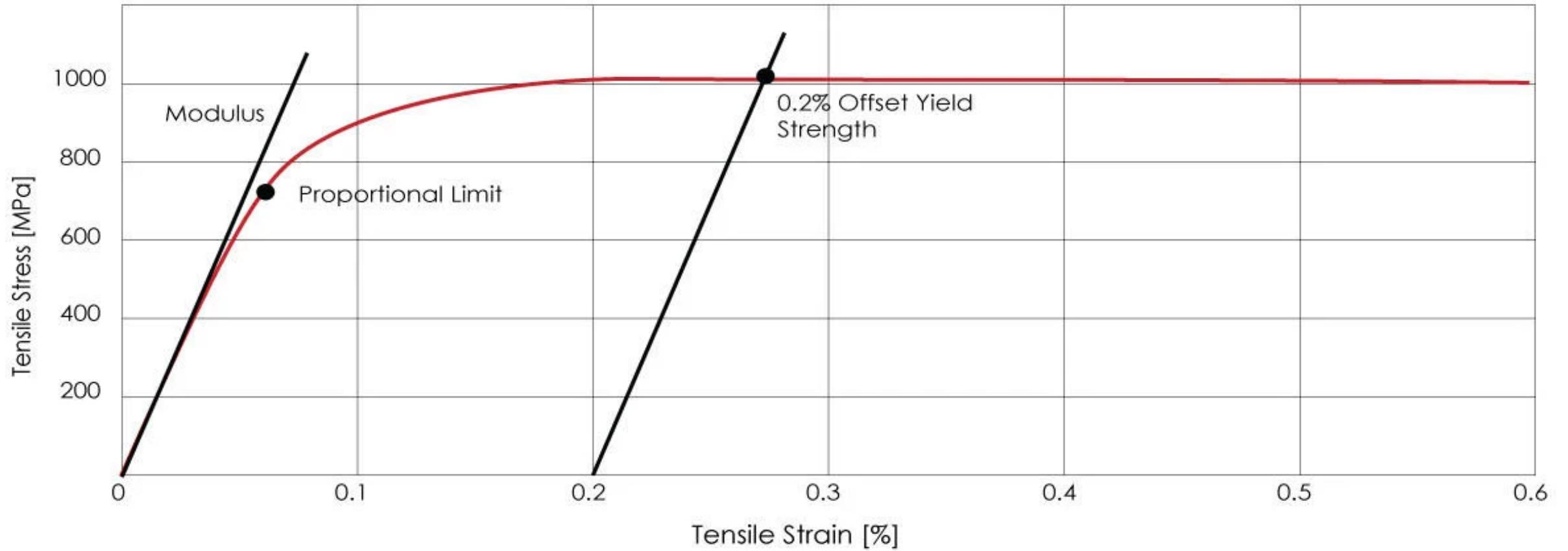
- **Metadata:** test day/time, material type, sample diameter, hardness...
- **Time series information:**
 - Time (seconds)
 - Displacement (mm)
 - Force/Load (kN)
 - Strain (mm/mm)

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What can we calculate from this information?

- **Ultimate Tensile Strength:** the maximum stress experienced by the sample ([link](#))
- **Fracture Strain:** the maximum strain experienced by the sample
- **Elastic Modulus:** measure of materials resistance to change before permanent damage ([link](#)).
- **Yield Strength:** an approximation of the elastic limit. Slightly beyond the elastic point and may have plastic strain ([link](#))





<https://www.instron.com/en-us/our-company/library/glossary/o/offset-yield-strength>

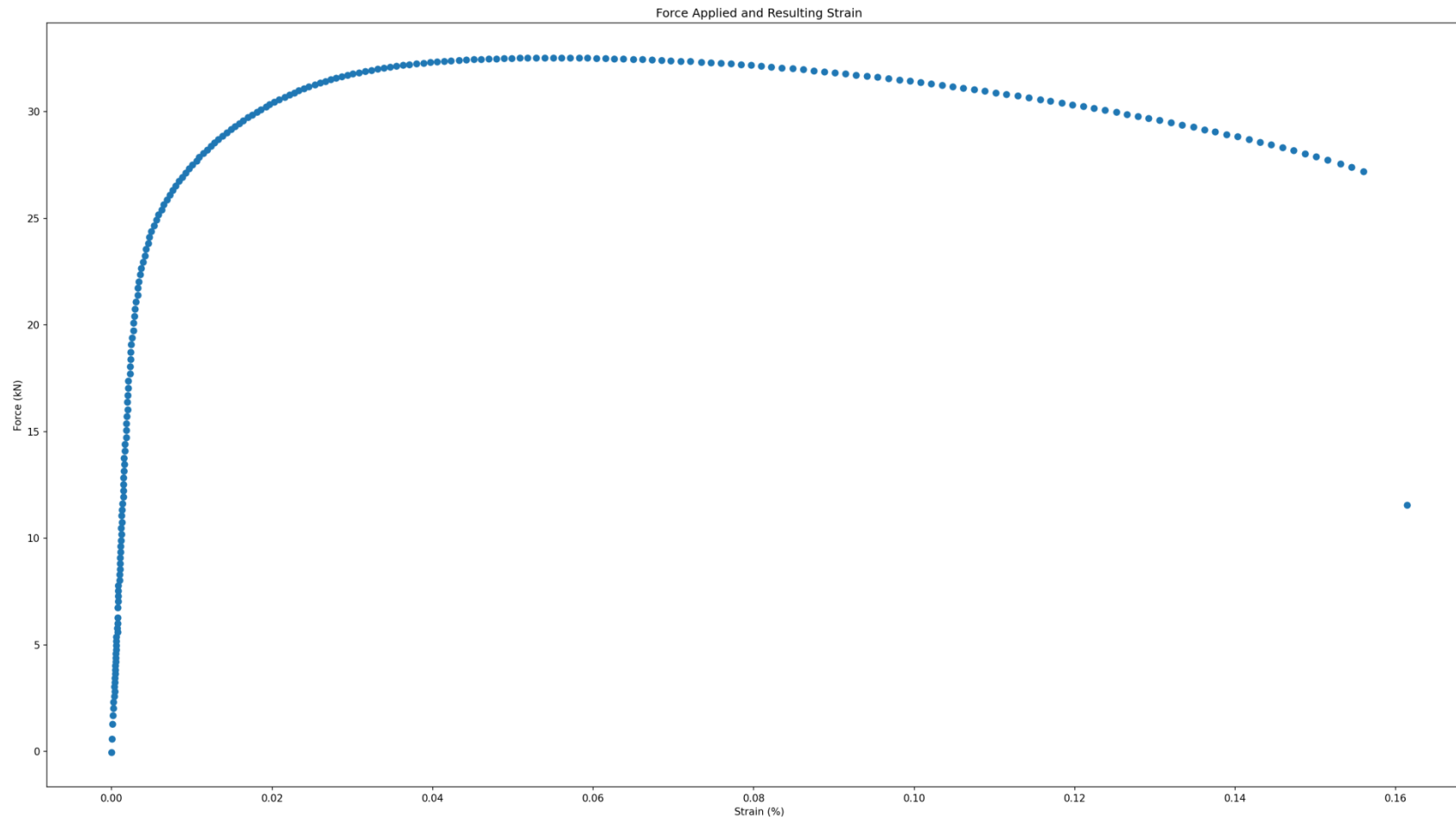
If you have 5x of these samples
to do, would you use Excel?

What about 500x?

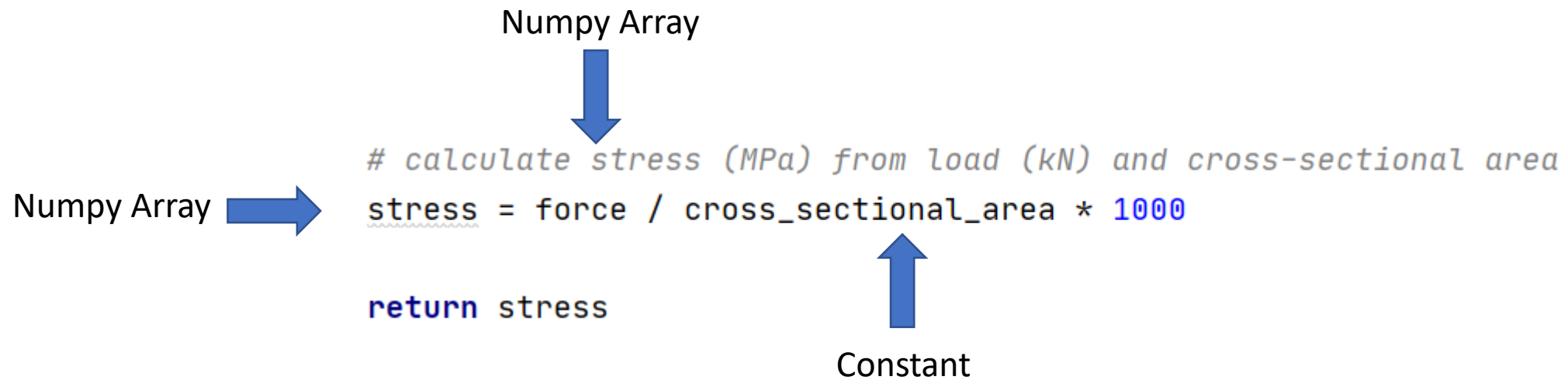
Tensile Testing in Python

- File format from Instron is odd; Instructor will provide parser that extracts sample diameter (mm), time (s), force (kN), displacement (mm), and strain (%).
- Student solution will calculate:
 - **Stress** (MPa) = Load (N) / **Area** (mm²)
 - **Ultimate Tensile Stress** (MPa) and **Fracture Strain** (%)
 - **Elastic Modulus** via Secant Modulus @ 40%
 - Yield Strength via 0.2% offset (in-progress)

Consider a plot of Load/Force (kN) Versus Strain. How would you calculate Stress (MPa)? What do you need to know? How would you do this in Python?

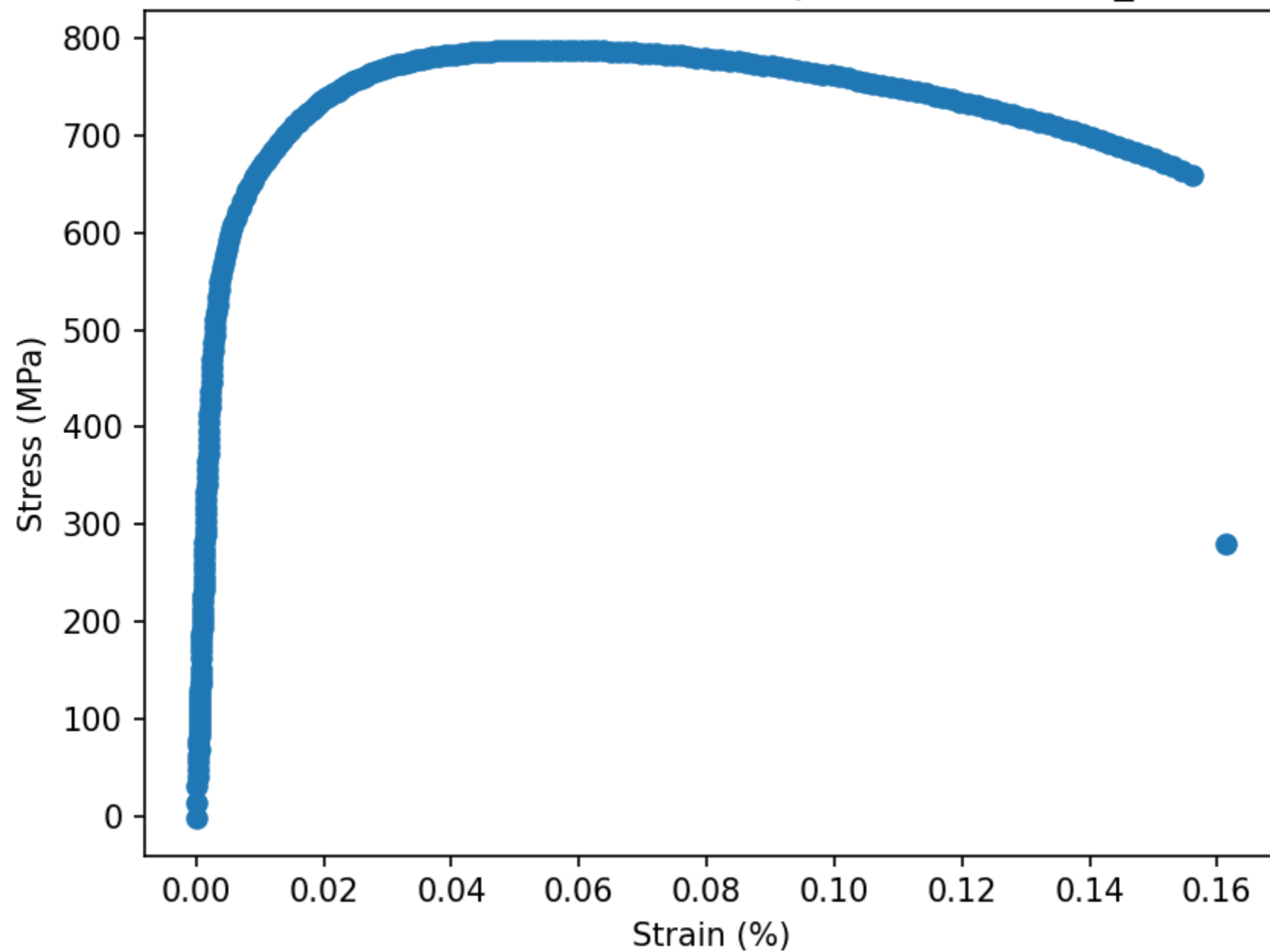


It's pretty simple if it's all in Numpy...

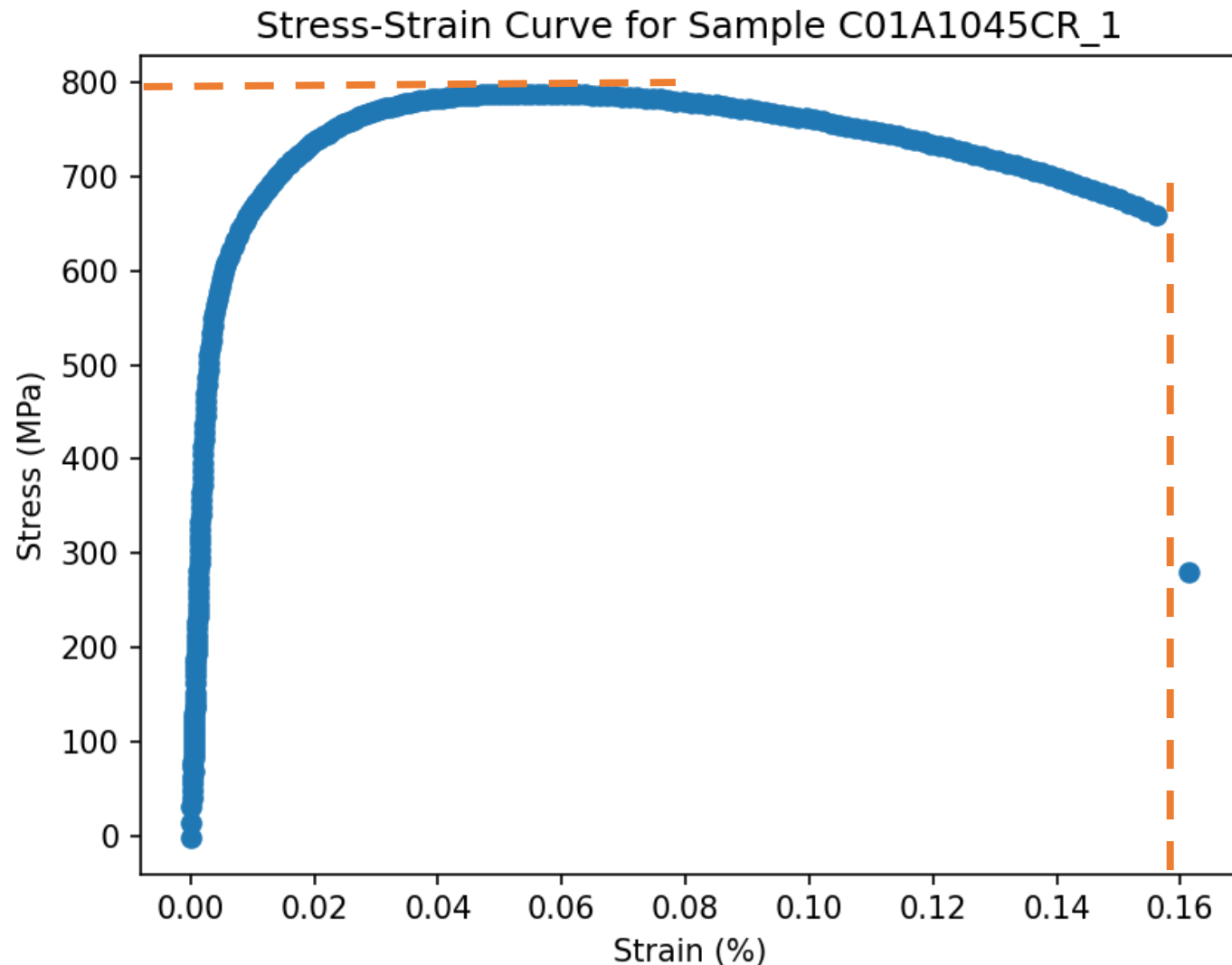


$$\text{Stress (MPa)} = \text{Load (N)} / \text{Area (mm}^2\text{)}$$

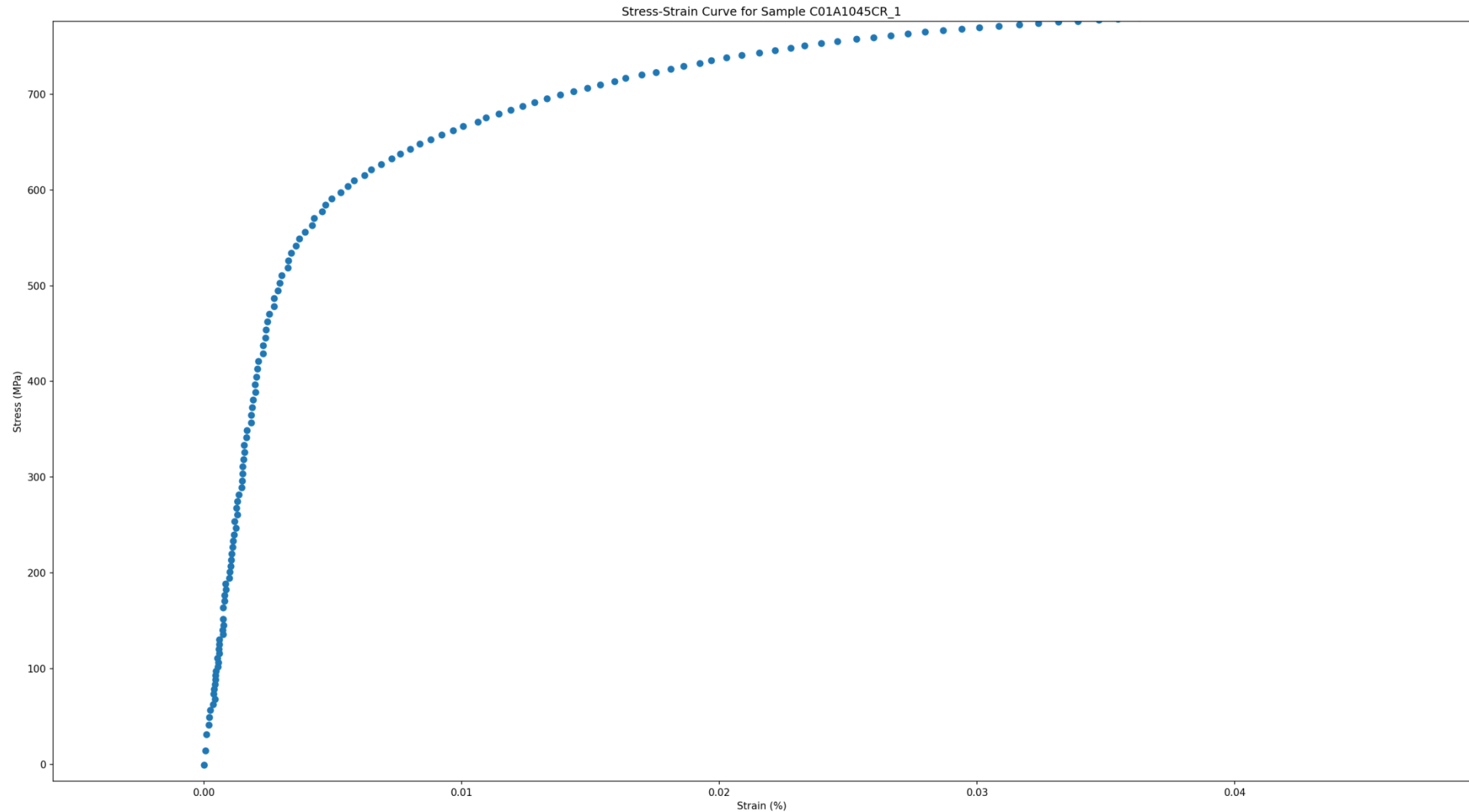
Stress-Strain Curve for Sample C01A1045CR_1



If Stress and Strain are both numpy arrays, how would you find the max Stress and Strain?



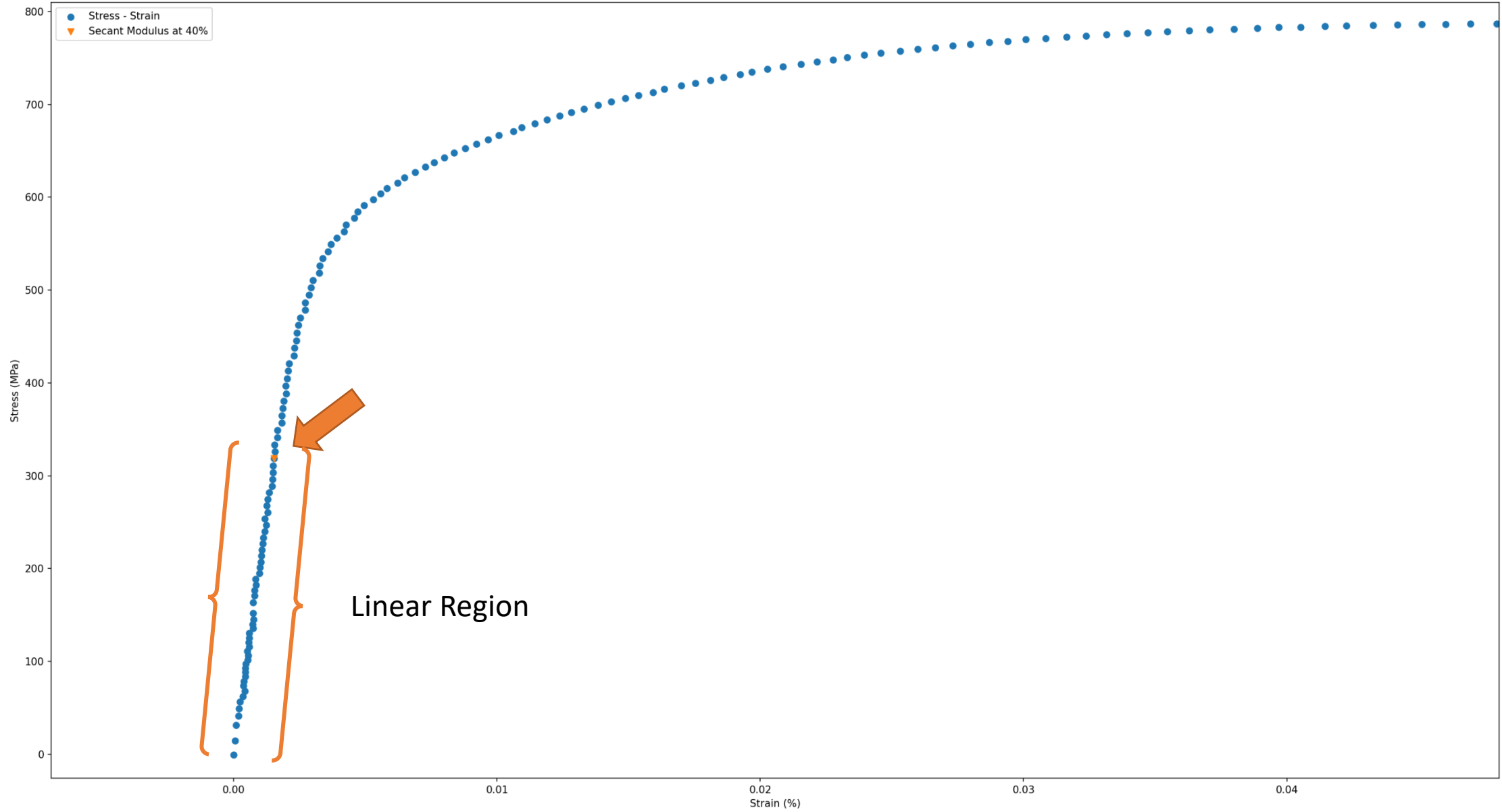
What about the linear region for modulus?



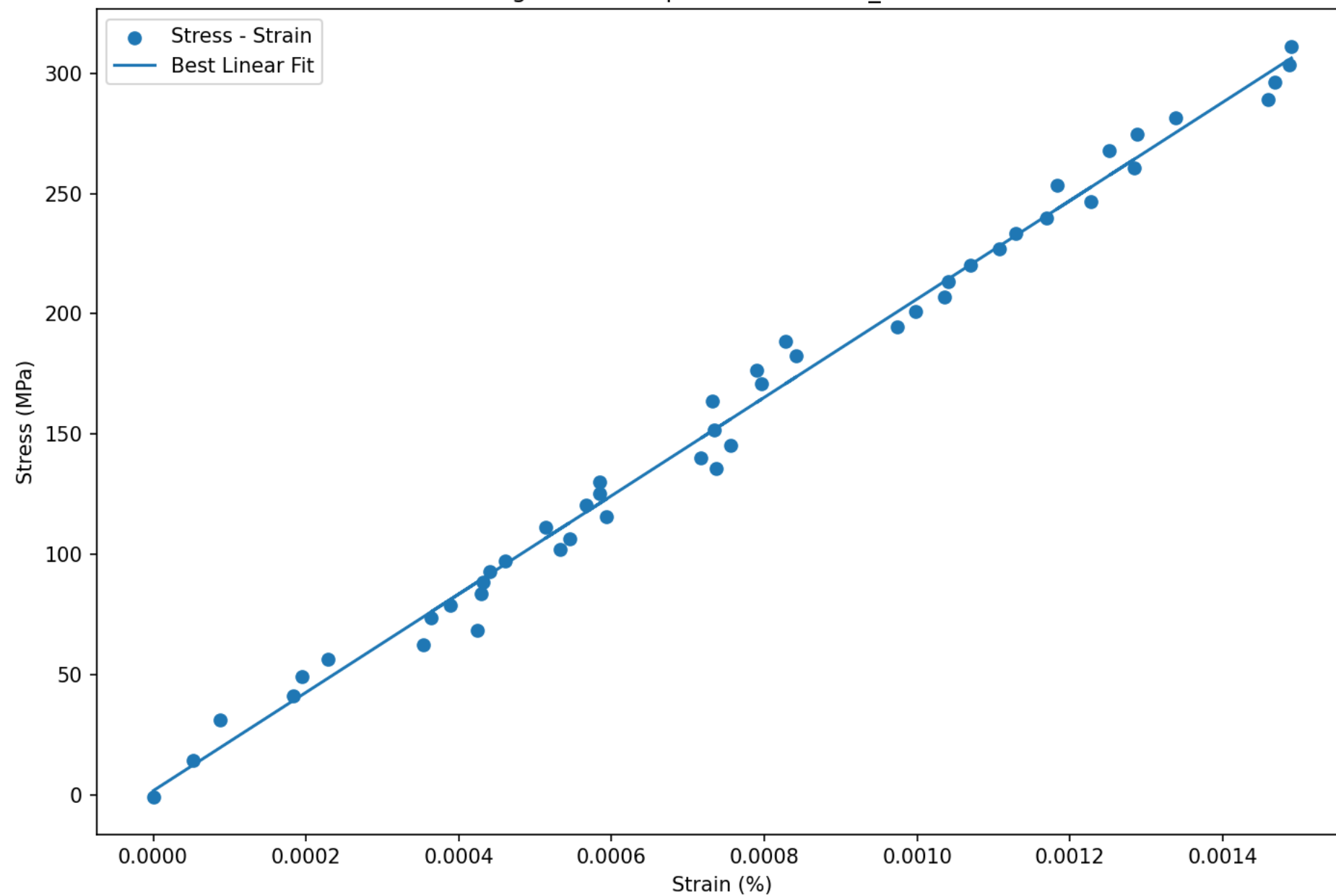
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1. Identify the point on the curve that is at 40% of the maximum stress (Secant at 40% of max strain).
2. Isolate the “linear region” between that point and the origin.
3. Perform linear best fit on region to identify slope (modulus) and intercept

Stress-Strain Curve for Sample C01A1045CR_1



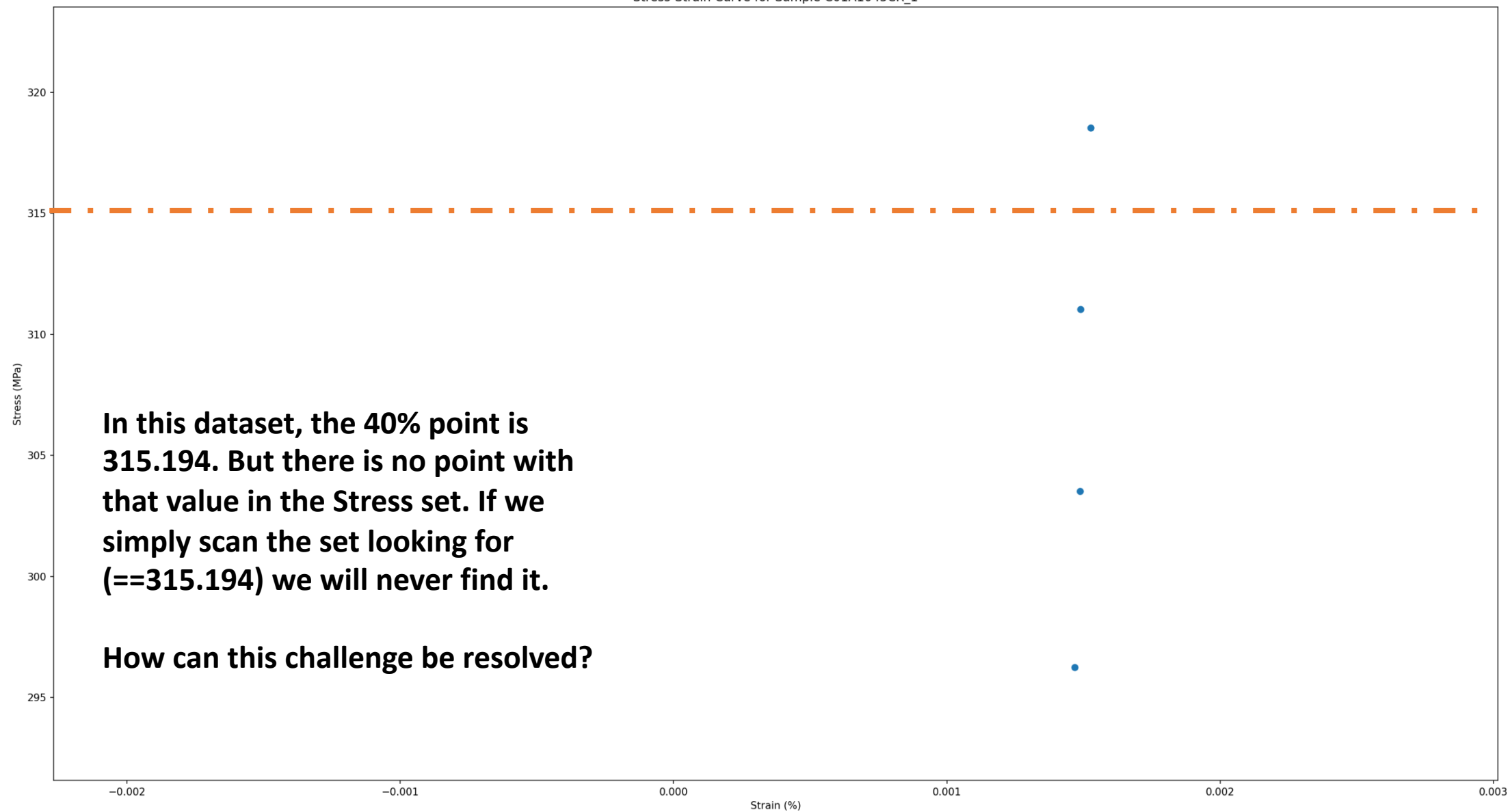
Linear Region for Sample C01A1045CR_1 with best fit



How might we do these steps in Python...

- Identify the point on the curve that is at 40% of the maximum stress (Secant at 40% of max strain).
- Finding the value of the point (0.4 of max()) is easy, but we can't just scan all the points to look for that exact value... What if it doesn't exist?

Stress-Strain Curve for Sample C01A1045CR_1



In this dataset, the 40% point is 315.194. But there is no point with that value in the Stress set. If we simply scan the set looking for (`==315.194`) we will never find it.

How can this challenge be resolved?

Options for Finding the Closest Point

- **Option #1:** Scan the whole Stress list. Track the current index and how far apart the current value is from the 40% point. Return the index where the distance is least. (Very non-Pythonic)
- **Option #2:** Subtract the 40% point from all Stress points in the array. Use `numpy.argmin()` to find the INDEX with the minimum value.

Index: 0	1	2	3	4
Value: 7	9	3	-2	3

Minimum of the array would return (-2). Argmin would return 3; which is the location of the minimum

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2. Isolate the “linear region” between that point and the origin.
 1. Previous method just returned the index of where the 40% value occurred. Use array slicing (array[0:1000]) to down select to linear region.
3. Perform linear best fit on region to identify slope (modulus) and intercept
 1. Use [numpy.plotfit\(\)](#) on a single dimension

Going Forward

- Will finish up tensile strength on Friday (need confirmation with Dr. Castaneda on yield strength)
- [Three templates on GitHub](#) for Step 1, Step 2, and Full Solution. Do them in order and copy your code over between them.
- Will develop Gradescope submission due later next week.

Stress-Strain Curve for Sample C01A1045CR_1 with 0.2% Yield

