Smart Materials
Problem set #3: Shape memory effect

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> **Problem 1:**
>
> Assuming that the stress required to initiate martensitic transformation in a Nitinol wire increases linearly by 5 MPa for every 1°C increase in temperature, calculate the stress required to initiate martensitic transformation at 50°C. It is given that Nitinol undergoes martensitic transformation at a stress of 300 MPa at 30°C.

Following the assumption of linear relation between the starting martensitic transformation stress with temperature[1], we can use the following mathematical expression,

$$T(\theta) = C_M\theta + T_o.$$

Where T_o is the stress required to start martensitic transformation at $0\,°\mathrm{C}$. We can compute that value by applying the given data, $C_M = 5\,\mathrm{MPa}\,°\mathrm{C}^{-1}$ and $T(30\,°\mathrm{C}) = 300\,\mathrm{MPa}$,

$$\begin{aligned}
T(\theta) &= C_M\theta + T_o \\
T_o &= T(\theta) - C_M\theta \\
&= 300\,\mathrm{MPa} - 5\,\mathrm{MPa}\,°\mathrm{C}^{-1} 30\,°\mathrm{C} \\
&= 300\,\mathrm{MPa} - 150\,\mathrm{MPa} \\
&= 150\,\mathrm{MPa}.
\end{aligned}$$

That that we know this value, we can compute the stress required to initiate martensitic transformation at $50\,°\mathrm{C}$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
T(\theta) &= C_M\theta + T_o \\
T(50\,°\mathrm{C}) &= 5\,\mathrm{MPa}\,°\mathrm{C}^{-1} 50\,°\mathrm{C} + 150\,\mathrm{MPa} \\
&= 250\,\mathrm{MPa} + 150\,\mathrm{MPa} \\
&= 400\,\mathrm{MPa}.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, martensitic transformation starts by applying $400\,\mathrm{MPa}$ of stress at $50\,°\mathrm{C}$.

$$\boxed{T(50\,°\mathrm{C}) = 400\,\mathrm{MPa}}$$

[1] It is important to say that this linear relation is about the starting value of stress to *initiate* the martensitic transformation, we are not analizing the inial and final points of the transfromation.

> **Problem 2:**
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> A SMA wire shows a stress plateau during martensitic transformation from 350 MPa to 400 MPa. The strain increases from 0.02 to 0.05 during this plateau. Calculate the approximate

> work done per unit volume during the martensitic transformation.

Recalling that the units of pressure are Pa$\equiv$N m^{-2}=N m m^{-3}=J m^{-3} and that the strain is an adimensional measure, we need to compute the area under the given plateau. For that, we can asume a linear relation and separate the area into two elements, as shown in figure 1.

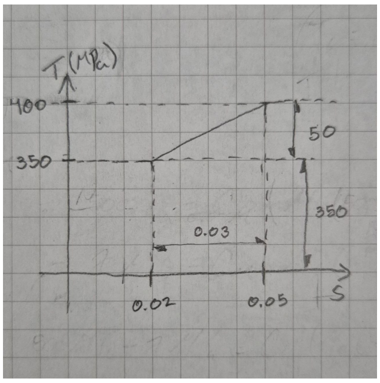

Figure 1: Graphical representation of the plateau.

Replacing the numeric values,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{N\,m\,m^{-3}} &= 0.03 \cdot 350\,\mathrm{MPa} + \frac{1}{2}0.03 \cdot 50\,\mathrm{MPa} \\
&= 10\,\mathrm{MPa} + 1.5\,\mathrm{MPa} \\
&= 11.5\,\mathrm{MPa}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\mathrm{N\,m}}{\mathrm{m^3}} = 11.5\,\mathrm{MPa}}$$

> **Problem 3:**
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> A Nitinol wire has a stress-induced martensitic transformation starting at 200 MPa at 30 °C and ending at 500 MPa. The transformation stress increases by 10 MPa/°C. If the wire is heated to 80 °C, determine the new stress required to start and complete the transformation. Calculate the stress required to start and complete the transformation at 80 °C.

From the first sentence, it is understood that the martensitic transfromation goes from $\xi = 0$ at 30 °C with 200 MPa with stress applied to $\xi = 1$ at 30 °C with 500 MPa. Assuming once more that the stress-induced martensitic transformation is linearly related to temperature, we can use the following mathematical expression:

$$M_s(T) = M_s + \frac{T}{C_M},$$

where M_s is the martensitic transformation starting temperature at stress 0 and C_M is the rate of change of the starting point with stress. With the information given in the first two sentences, we can compute M_s,

$$\begin{aligned}
M_s(T) &= M_s + \frac{T}{C_M} \\
M_s &= M_s(T) - \frac{T}{C_M} \\
M_s &= 30\,^\circ\mathrm{C} - \frac{200\,\mathrm{MPa}}{10\,\mathrm{MPa}\,^\circ\mathrm{C}^{-1}} \\
&= 30\,^\circ\mathrm{C} - 20\,^\circ\mathrm{C} \\
&= 10\,^\circ\mathrm{C}.
\end{aligned}$$

Now that we now this value we can compute the starting stress-induced martensitic transformation at 80 °C as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} M_s(T) &= M_s + \frac{T}{C_M} \\ T &= C_M(M_s(T) - M_s) \\ &= 10\,\mathrm{MPa}\,{}^{\circ}\mathrm{C}^{-1}\,(80\,{}^{\circ}\mathrm{C} - 10\,{}^{\circ}\mathrm{C}) \\ &= 700\,\mathrm{MPa}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, to start stress-induced martensitic transformation at 80 °C we required 700 MPa of stress.

$$\boxed{T(80\,{}^{\circ}\mathrm{C}) = 700\,\mathrm{MPa}}$$

Now, with this information and assuming the linear relation, we can compute the finish stress-induced martensitic transformation at 80 °C as follows:

$$T(\theta_2) - T(\theta_1) = C_M(\theta_2 - \theta_1).$$

In this case $\theta_2 = 80\,{}^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$ and $\theta_1 = 30\,{}^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$ and $T(\theta_1) = 500\,\mathrm{MPa}$. Solving for $T(\theta_2)$ and replacing the numeric values,

$$\begin{aligned} T(80\,{}^{\circ}\mathrm{C}) &= 10\,\mathrm{MPa}\,{}^{\circ}\mathrm{C}^{-1}(80\,{}^{\circ}\mathrm{C} - 30\,{}^{\circ}\mathrm{C}) + 500\,\mathrm{MPa} \\ &= 10\,\mathrm{MPa}\,{}^{\circ}\mathrm{C}^{-1} 50\,{}^{\circ}\mathrm{C} + 500\,{}^{\circ}\mathrm{C} \\ &= 500\,\mathrm{MPa} + 500\,\mathrm{MPa} \\ &= 1000\,\mathrm{MPa} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, to finish the stress-induced martensitic transformation at 80 °C we required 1000 MPa of stress.

$$\boxed{T(80\,{}^{\circ}\mathrm{C}) = 1000\,\mathrm{MPa}}$$

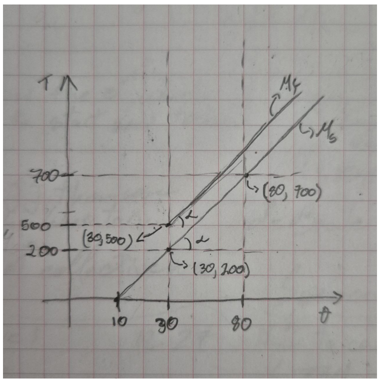

Figure 2: Linear relations between the initial and final temperature-stress of martensitic transformations

Problem 4:

The martensite start and finish temperatures (Ms and Mf), the austenite start and finish temperatures (As and Af) and the slopes of the variation of Ms and Mf with stress (T) i.e., CM and the slope of variation of As and Af with T, i.e., CA, of a shape memory material are as follows: Ms = 25 ◦C, Mf = 5 ◦C, As = 29 ◦C, Af = 51 ◦C, CA = 4.5 MPa/◦C, CM = 11.3 MPa/◦C. The elastic modulus of the material is 15 GPa and it has a recovery strain of 8%. For this material compute the following:

- Calculate the martensitic fraction when the material is cooled to 20 °C from 25 °C in a zero-stress state.

- If the temperature is maintained at 25 °C, determine the martensitic fraction when a tensile stress of 100 MPa is applied to the wire.
- The wire is heated above Af = 51 ○C, and then cooled under zero stress to 30 °C. Subsequently, it is subjected to loading to activate the shape memory effect, leading to complete phase transformation, starting from point a to point e (as illustrated in the Figure below).

Calculate the stress and strain values at points a, b, c, and d on the stress–strain diagram.

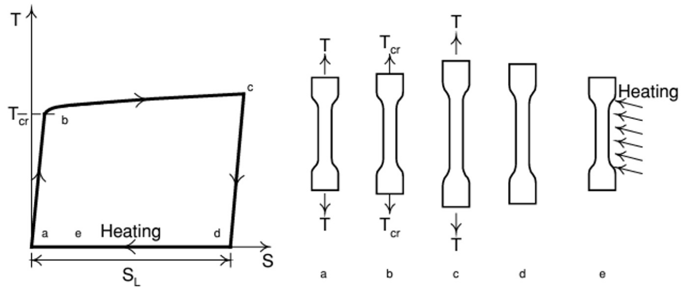

Figure 3: Strain-Stress curve