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Calculate the fraction of atom sites that are vacant for lead at its melting temperature of 327°C (600 K). Assume an energy for vacancy formation of 0.55 eV/atom.



Atomic radius, crystal structure, electronegativity, and the most common valence are tabulated in the following table for several elements; for those that are nonmetals, only atomic radii are indicated.

Element	Atomic Radius (nm)	Crystal Structure	Electro- negativity	Valence
Cu	0.1278	FCC	1.9	+2
C	0.071			
Н	0.046			
O	0.060			
Ag	0.1445	FCC	1.9	+1
Al	0.1431	FCC	1.5	+3
Co	0.1253	HCP	1.8	+2
Cr	0.1249	BCC	1.6	+3
Fe	0.1241	BCC	1.8	+2
Ni	0.1246	FCC	1.8	+2
Pd	0.1376	FCC	2.2	+2
Pt	0.1387	FCC	2.2	+2
Zn	0.1332	HCP	1.6	+2





Which of these elements would you expect to form the following with **copper:**

- (a) A substitutional solid solution having complete solubility
- (b) A substitutional solid solution of incomplete solubility
- (c) An interstitial solid solution



For both FCC and BCC crystal structures, there are two different types of interstitial sites. In each case, one site is larger than the other and is normally occupied by impurity atoms.

For FCC, this larger one is located at the center of each edge of the unit cell; it is termed an *octahedral interstitial site*.

On the other hand, with BCC the larger site type is found at 0 ½ ¼ positions—that is, lying on {100} faces and situated midway between two unit cell edges on this face and one-quarter of the distance between the other two unit cell edges; it is termed a *tetrahedral interstitial site*.

For both FCC and BCC crystal structures, compute the radius r of an impurity atom that will just fit into one of these sites in terms of the atomic radius R of the host atom.



Calculate the composition, in weight percent, of an alloy that contains 218.0 kg titanium, 14.6 kg aluminum, and 9.7 kg vanadium.



Determine the approximate density of a high-leaded brass that has a composition of 64.5 wt% Cu, 33.5 wt% Zn, and 2 wt% Pb.



For an FCC single crystal, would you expect the surface energy for a (100) plane to be greater or less than that for a (111) plane? Why?

(Note: Use the results of the following exercise of chapter 3)

Derive planar density expressions for FCC (100) and (111) planes in terms of the atomic radius R.



- (a) For a given material, would you expect the surface energy to be greater than, the same as, or less than the grain boundary energy? Why?
- **(b)** The grain boundary energy of a small-angle grain boundary is less than for a high-angle one. Why is this so?



For each of the following stacking sequences found in FCC metals, cite the type of planar defect that exists:

- (a) . . . A B C A B C B A C B A . . .
- **(b)** . . . A B C A B C B C A B C . . .

Now, copy the stacking sequences and indicate the position(s) of planar defect(s) with a vertical dashed line.

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Why study the mechanical properties of metals?

- It is incumbent on engineers to understand how the various mechanical properties are measured and what these properties represent.
- They may be called upon to design structures/components using predetermined materials such that unacceptable levels of deformation and/or failure will not occur.
- Many materials are subjected to forces or loads when in service; examples include the aluminum alloy from which an airplane wing is constructed and the steel in an automobile axle.
- In such situations it is necessary to know the characteristics of the material and to design the member from which it is made such that any resulting deformation will not be excessive, and fracture will not occur.
- The mechanical behavior of a material reflects its response or deformation in relation to an applied load or force. Key mechanical design properties are stiffness, strength, hardness, ductility, and toughness.



- The **mechanical properties** of materials are **ascertained** by performing carefully designed **laboratory experiments** that replicate as **nearly** as possible the **service conditions**.
- Factors to be considered include the nature of the applied load and its duration, as well as the environmental conditions.
- It is possible for the load to be **tensile**, **compressive**, or **shear**, and its magnitude may be **constant with time**, or it may **fluctuate continuously**.
- Application time may be only a fraction of a second, or it may extend over a period of many years.
- Service **temperature** may be an **important factor**.



- Mechanical properties are of concern to a variety of parties (e.g., producers and consumers of materials, research organizations, government agencies) that have differing interests.
- Consequently, it is imperative that there be some consistency in the manner in which tests are conducted and in the interpretation of their results. This consistency is accomplished by using standardized testing techniques.
- Establishment and publication of these standards are often coordinated by professional societies. In the United States the most active organization is the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM).
- Its Annual Book of ASTM Standards (http://www.astm.org) comprises numerous volumes that are issued and updated yearly; a large number of these standards relate to mechanical testing techniques.



- The role of **structural engineers** is to **determine stresses** and stress **distributions** within members that are subjected to well-defined loads.
- This may be accomplished by experimental testing techniques and/or by theoretical and mathematical stress analyses. These topics are treated in traditional texts on stress analysis and strength of materials.
- Materials and metallurgical engineers, however, are concerned with producing and fabricating materials to meet service requirements as predicted by these stress analyses.
- This necessarily involves an understanding of the relationships between the microstructure (i.e., internal features) of materials and their mechanical properties.

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- Whenever a force is applied to a body, it will tend to change the body's shape and size.
- These changes are referred to as **deformation**, and they **may be highly visible** or practically **unnoticeable**.
- For example, a rubber band will undergo a very large deformation when stretched, whereas only slight deformations of structural members occur when a building is occupied.
- Deformation of a body can also occur when the temperature of the body is changed. A typical example is the thermal expansion or contraction of a roof caused by the weather.



• In a general sense, the deformation will not be uniform throughout the body, and so the change in geometry of any line segment within the body may vary substantially along its length.

• Hence, to study deformation, we will consider line segments that are very short and located in the neighborhood of a point.

Realize, however, that the deformation will also depend on the orientation of the line segment at the point.



For example, as shown in the adjacent photos, a line segment may elongate if it is oriented in one direction, whereas it may contract if it is oriented in another direction.





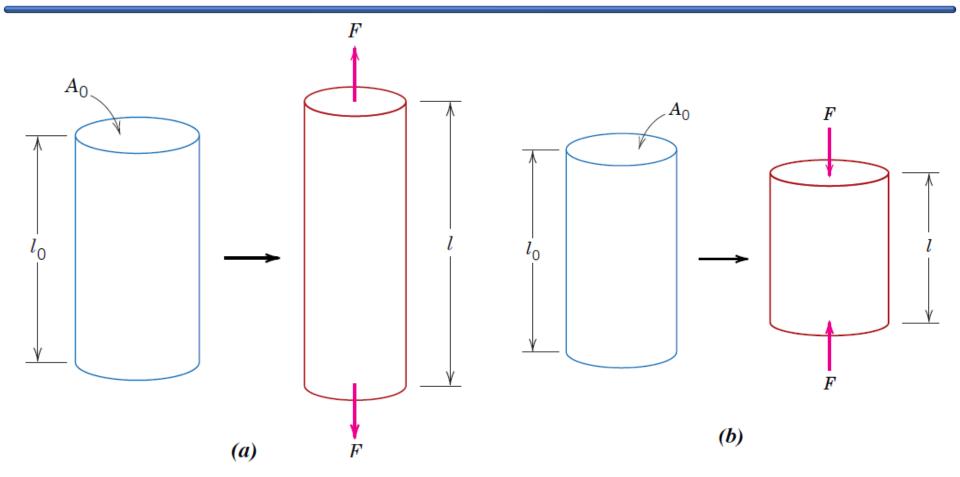
Note the before and after positions of three different line segments on this rubber membrane which is subjected to tension.

The vertical line is lengthened, the horizontal line is shortened, and the inclined line changes its length and rotates.



- If a load is static or changes relatively slowly with time and is applied uniformly over a cross section or surface of a member, the mechanical behavior may be ascertained by a simple stress-strain test; these are most commonly conducted for metals at room temperature.
- There are three principal ways in which a load may be applied: tension, compression, and shear. In engineering practice many loads are torsional rather than pure shear.

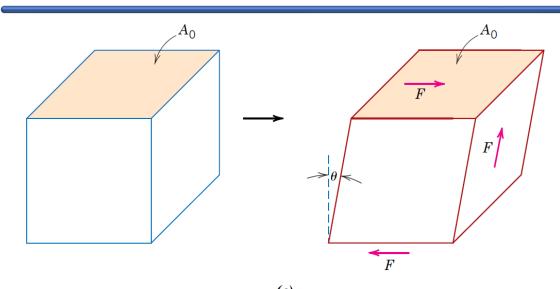




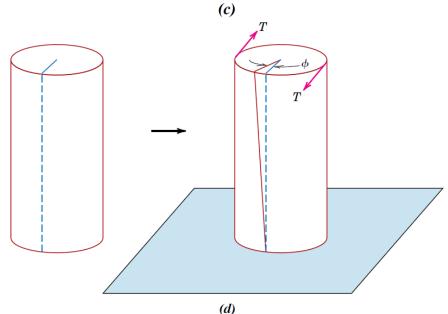
(a) Schematic illustration of how a tensile load produces an elongation and positive linear strain.

(b) Schematic illustration of how a compressive load produces contraction and a negative linear strain.





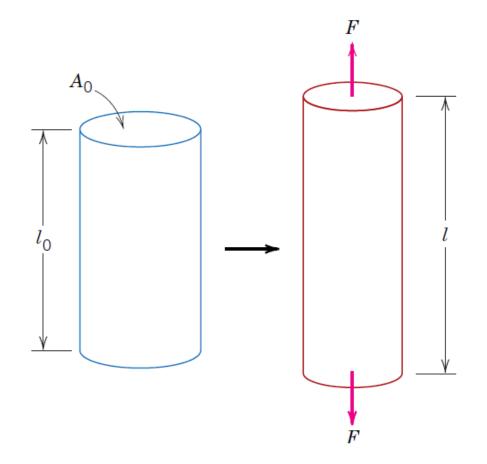
(c) Schematic representation of shear strain γ , where γ =tan θ .



(d) Schematic representation of torsional deformation (i.e., angle of twist φ) produced by an applied torque T.



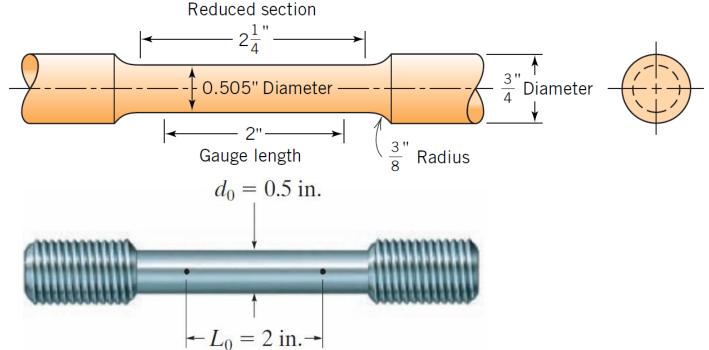
- One of the **most common** mechanical stress–strain tests is performed in tension.
- As will be seen, the tension test can be used to ascertain several mechanical properties of materials that are important in design.
- A specimen is deformed, usually to fracture, with a gradually increasing tensile load that is applied uniaxially along the long axis of a specimen.



Schematic illustration of how a tensile load produces an elongation and positive linear strain.

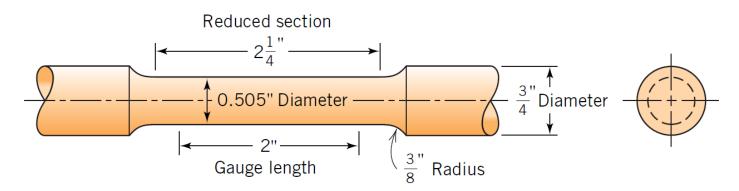


- A standard tensile specimen is shown in the figure. Normally, the cross section is circular, but rectangular specimens are also used.
- This "dogbone" specimen configuration was chosen so that, during testing, deformation is confined to the narrow center region (which has a uniform cross section along its length) and also to reduce the likelihood of fracture at the ends of the specimen.



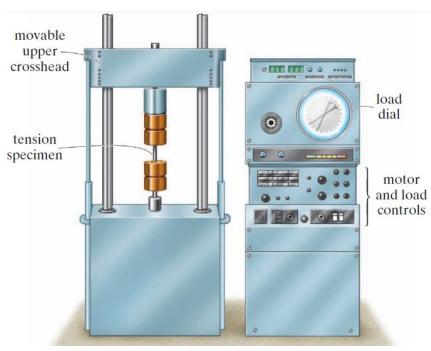


- The standard diameter is approximately 12.8 mm (0.5 in.), whereas the reduced section length should be at least four times this diameter; 60 mm (2.25 in.) is common.
- Gauge length is used in ductility computations; the standard value is **50 mm** (2.0 in.).
- Before testing, two small punch marks are sometimes placed along the specimen's uniform length.
- The specimen is mounted by its ends into the holding grips of the testing apparatus.



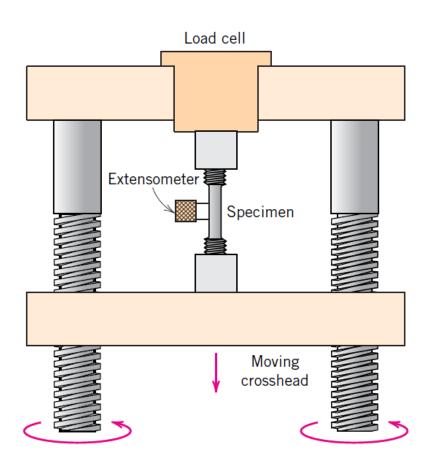


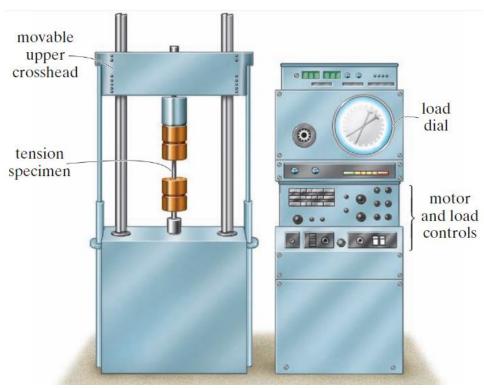
- The tensile testing machine is designed to elongate the specimen at a constant rate, and to continuously and simultaneously measure the instantaneous applied load (with a load cell) and the resulting elongations.
- A stress-strain test typically takes several minutes to perform and is destructive; that is, the test specimen is permanently deformed and usually fractured.





Tension Tests

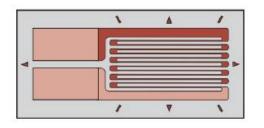


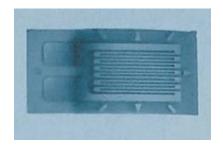


Schematic representation of the apparatus used to conduct tensile stress– strain tests. The specimen is elongated by the moving crosshead; load cell and extensometer measure, respectively, the magnitude of the applied load and the elongation.



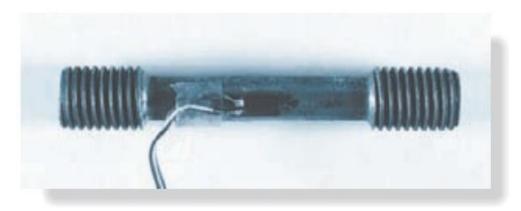
- At frequent intervals, data is recorded of the applied load.
- Also, the **elongation** $\delta = L L_0$ between the punch marks on the specimen may be measured, using either a **caliper** or a **mechanical** or **optical** device called an **extensometer**.
- Rather than taking this measurement and then calculating the strain, it is also possible to read the normal strain directly on the specimen by using an <u>electrical-resistance strain gage</u>, which looks like the one shown in the figure.







- As shown in the photo, the gage is cemented to the specimen along its length, so that it becomes an integral part of the specimen.
- When the specimen is strained in the direction of the gage, both the wire and specimen will experience the same deformation or strain.
- By measuring the change in the electrical resistance of the wire, the gage may then be calibrated to directly read the normal strain in the specimen.



Typical steel specimen with attached strain gage