

# AE333

## Mechanics of Materials

Lecture 4 - Strain

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## schedule

- 1 Feb - Allowable stress, Strain
- 4 Feb - Strain, Mechanical Properties
- 6 Feb - Mechanical Properties, Exam 1 Review, HW2 Due
- 8 Feb - Exam 1

# outline

- allowable stress
- limit state
- strain

# allowable stress design

## allowable stress

- Most of the time, we design structures so the stress is less than some limit
- By setting a conservative allowable stress, we account for some manufacturing tolerances, unintended loads, and variability in mechanical properties

## factor of safety

- The factor of safety is the failure load divided by the allowable load

$$FS = \frac{F_{fail}}{F_{allow}}$$

- Since load and stress are linearly proportional, we could also define the factor of safety in terms of stress and it would be identical

## factor of safety

- Typical values for the factor of safety will vary based on application
- Aircraft and space vehicles might have a factor close to 1 to minimize weight
- Nuclear power plants might have a factor close to 3 since weight is not as important and failure would be catastrophic

## simple connections

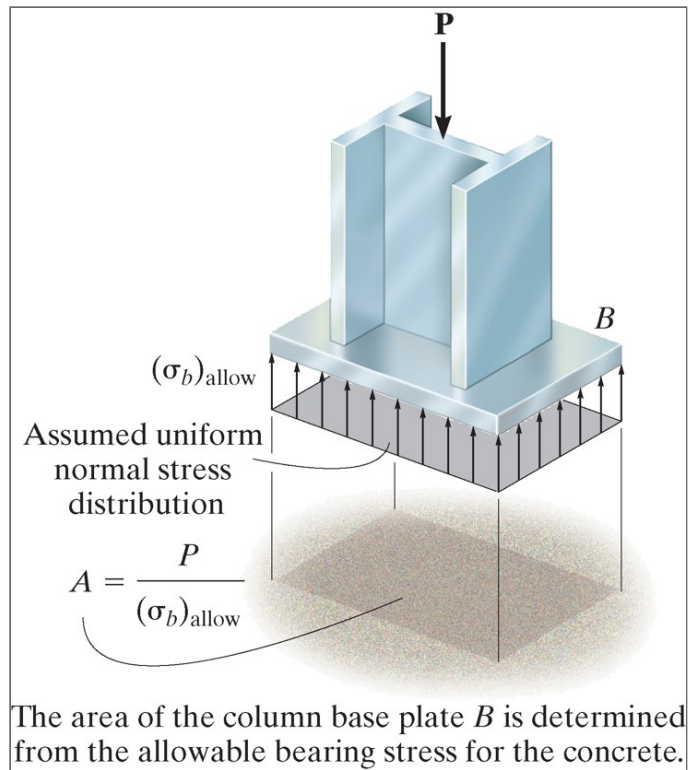
- We can rearrange the equations  $\sigma = N/A$  and  $\tau = V/A$  to size components based on some allowable stress

$$A = \frac{N}{\sigma_{allow}}$$

$$A = \frac{V}{\tau_{allow}}$$



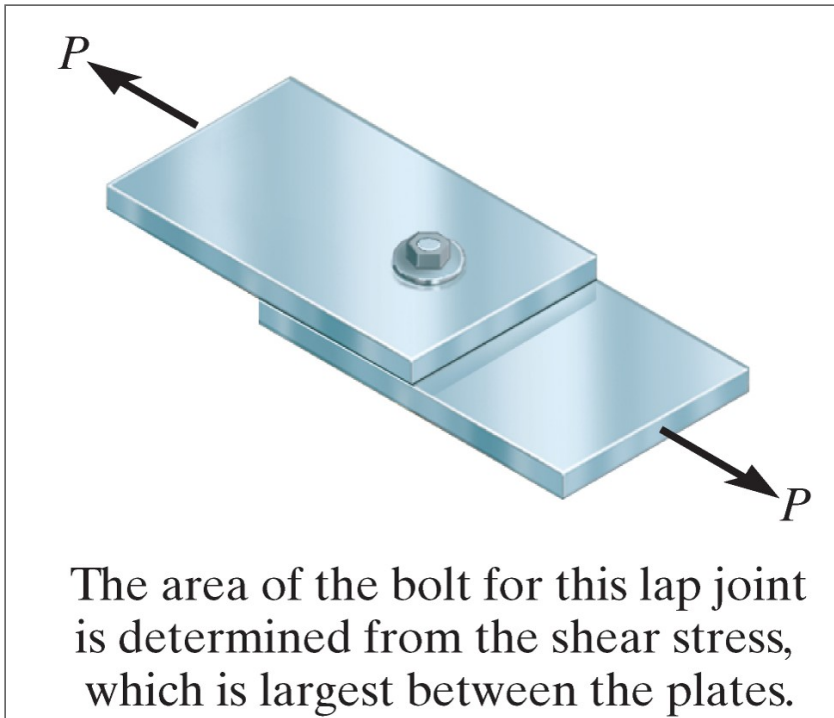
# bearing stress



# embedded shear stress



## lap joint shear



# limit state design

## limit state design

- Allowable stress design accounts for uncertainty in the applied loading and the material properties in one factor of safety
- Limit state design separates these two into load and resistance factors

## load factors

- The load factor combines uncertainty in various types of load
- For example, a building can have loading from a few different sources, such as its own weight, people in the building, and snow on top of the building
- Weight is considered a “dead load” and can usually be determined more precisely than moving things like people

## load factors

- In this simple example, we consider a load factor,  $\gamma_D = 1.2$  for the dead load,  $\gamma_L = 1.6$  and  $\gamma_S = 0.5$   
$$R = 1.2D + 1.6L + 0.5S$$
- These load factors combine the concept of a safety factor with the probability that loads will occur

## resistance factors

- Resistance factors,  $\phi$  are used to express the probability a material will fail at its limit load
- If we are very confident in the failure stress of a material (i.e. steel has little variability), we might use  $\phi = 0.9$
- If we are not as confident, (using a new material, or an organic material like wood with higher variability), we might use  $\phi = 0.7$

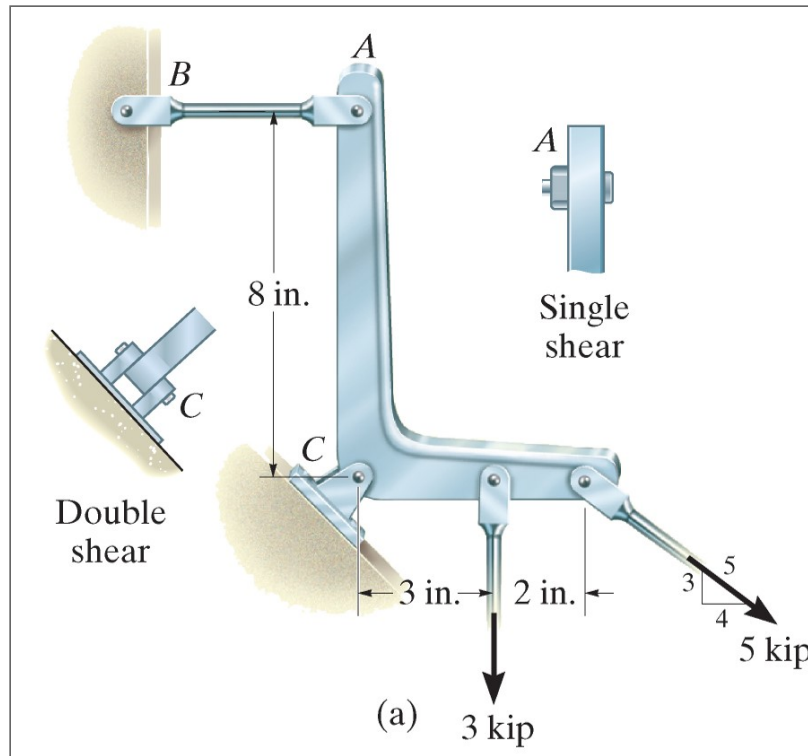


## design criteria

- If we call the nominal load  $P$ , then we can combine load and resistance factors using

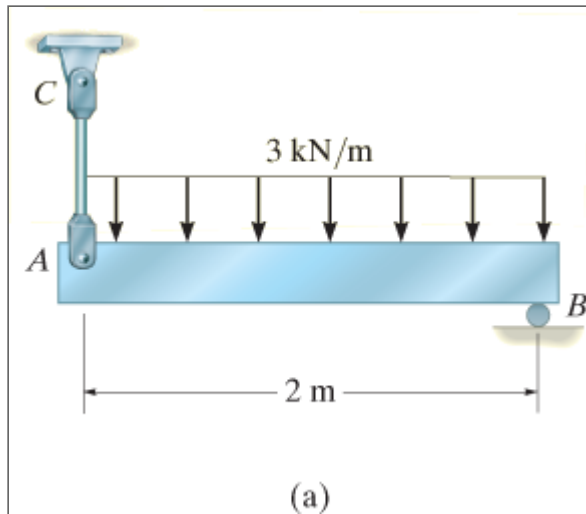
$$\phi P \geq R$$

## example 1-12



Determine to the nearest  $1/4$ " the diameters of steel pins at  $A$  and  $C$  if the factor of safety in shear is 1.5 and the failure shear stress is 12 ksi.

## example 1-15



The 400 kg uniform bar,  $AB$  is supported by a steel rod  $AC$  and a roller at  $B$ . If it supports a live distributed loading, determine the required diameter of the rod. Use  $\sigma_{fail} = 345 \text{ MPa}$  with  $\phi = 0.9$ ,  $\gamma_D = 1.2$ , and  $\gamma_L = 1.6$

# strain

# deformation

- When forces are applied to a body, it will change its shape and size
- We call these changes *deformation*
- Sometimes they are barely noticeable (steel), other times they are very significant (rubber)

## strain

- Strain is a more precise measurement of the deformation of a body
- Normal strain is given as the change in length divided by the original length

$$\epsilon = \frac{L - L_0}{L_0}$$

- We can consider the average normal strain (over an entire body) or the local strain (take an infinitely small portion and calculate the strain there)

## units

- Since we divide length by length, strain is unitless
- However it is customary to use *in/in* or for stiff specimens to use the phrase *microstrain* as a unit
- Strain can also sometimes be represented as a percent

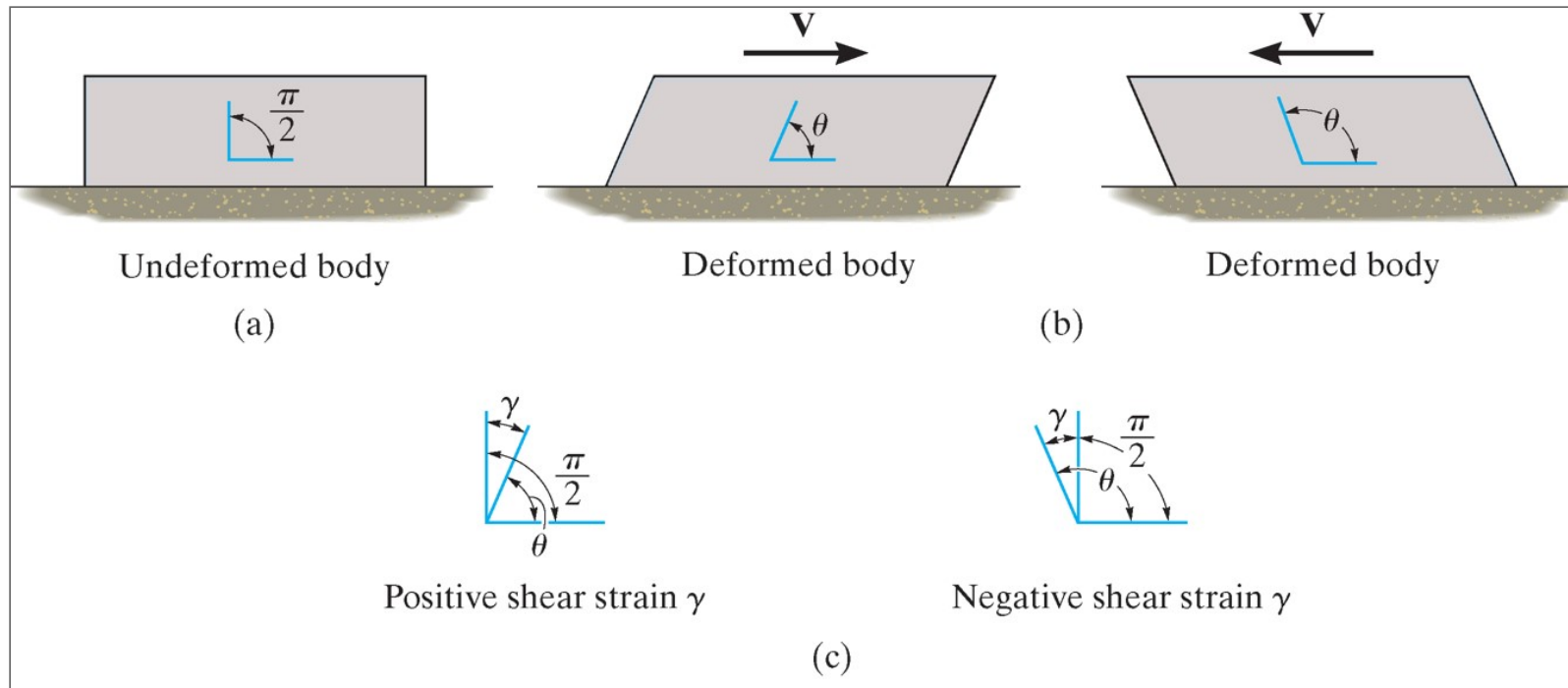
## shear strain

- Normal strain causes a line segment to expand or contract
- Deformation can also cause two lines to change their relative angle
- The change in angle between two originally perpendicular line segments is called shear strain

$$\gamma = \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta$$



# shear strain



## cartesian components

- If we consider a very small cube/prism with sides of  $\Delta x$ ,  $\Delta y$ , and  $\Delta z$ , normal strains will change the side lengths to

$$(1 + \epsilon_x)\Delta x(1 + \epsilon_y)\Delta y(1 + \epsilon_z)\Delta z$$

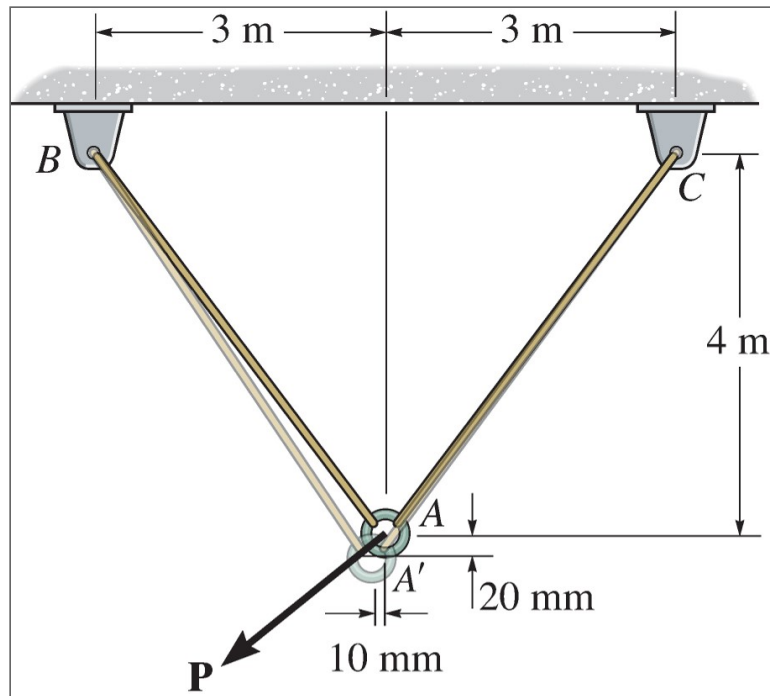
- And the shear strains will change the shape

$$\frac{\pi}{2} - \gamma_{xy} \quad \frac{\pi}{2} - \gamma_{yz} \quad \frac{\pi}{2} - \gamma_{xz}$$

## small strain

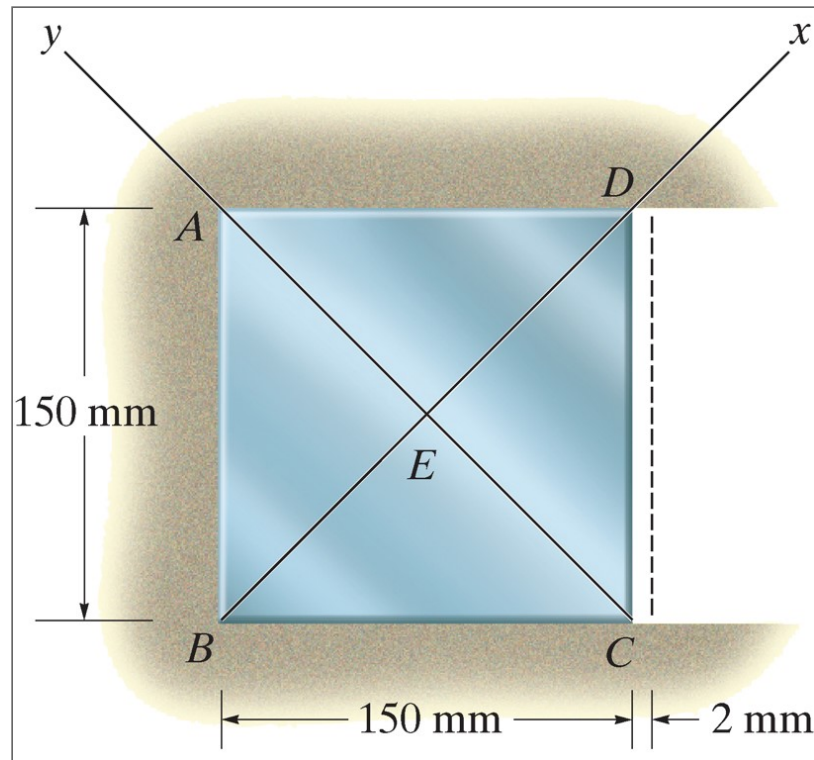
- Most engineering analysis is based on the assumption of small strains
- This is valid for many materials (wood, metal), but not for rubbers and some other polymers
- When strains are small, we assume that the change in angle,  $\Delta\theta$  is very small
- $\sin \Delta\theta \approx \Delta\theta$ ,  $\cos \Delta\theta \approx 1$ ,  $\tan \Delta\theta \approx \Delta\theta$

## example 2.1



Find the normal strains in the two wires if A moves to  $A'$

## example 2.3



The plate is fixed along AB and held in horizontal guides along AD and BC. If the right side is displaced 2 mm find the average normal strain along AC and the shear strain at E relative to the x and y axes.