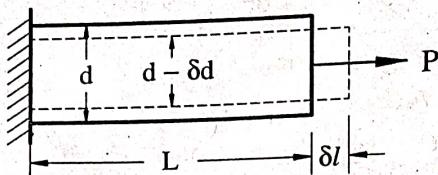


## Linear Strain and Lateral Strain :

When a rod is subjected to an axial tensile load, its length increases (i.e. linear deformation), but at the same time there is decrease in diameter of the rod (i.e. lateral deformation). Therefore, there are strains in linear and lateral directions. Refer fig.



### Linear Strain :

The strain in the direction of applied force is known as *linear strain* or *longitudinal strain* or *primary strain*. It is the ratio of change in linear dimension to the original linear dimension. It is denoted by  $e$ . It has no unit. It may be positive or negative.

$$\text{Linear strain} = \frac{\text{Change in linear dimension}}{\text{Original linear dimension}}$$

For a bar subjected to axial load,

$$\text{Linear strain } e = \frac{\delta l}{L}$$

where  $\delta l$  = Change in length,  $L$  = Original length

### Lateral Strain :

The strain in the direction at right angles to the direction of applied force is known as *lateral strain* or *secondary strain*. It is the ratio of change in lateral dimension to the original lateral dimension.

Lateral strain is always opposite to linear strain. i.e. if linear strain is tensile (+ve), then lateral strain is compressive (-ve). It is denoted by  $e_L$ . It has no unit. It may be positive or negative.

$$\text{Lateral strain} = \frac{\text{Change in lateral dimension}}{\text{Original lateral dimension}}$$

For a circular bar,

$$\text{Lateral strain } e_L = \frac{\delta d}{d}$$

where  $\delta d$  = Change in diameter,  $d$  = Original diameter

For a rectangular bar,

$$\text{Lateral strain } e_L = \frac{\delta b}{b} = \frac{\delta t}{t}$$

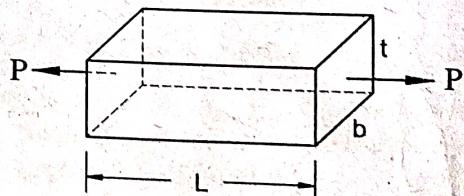
where  $\delta b$  = Change in width,  $b$  = Original width  
 $\delta t$  = Change in thickness,  $t$  = Original thickness

Consider a bar of length  $L$ , width  $b$  and thickness  $t$  subjected to an axial tensile load  $P$  as shown in fig. Due to tensile load  $P$ , the length of the bar increases by amount  $\delta l$ . But, width and thickness decreases by amount  $\delta b$  and  $\delta t$ .

Therefore,

$$\text{Linear strain } e = \frac{\delta l}{L} \text{ (Tensile) and}$$

$$\text{Lateral strain } e_L = \frac{\delta b}{b} = \frac{\delta t}{t} \text{ (Compressive)}$$



### Poisson's Ratio :

When a homogeneous material is loaded within its elastic limit, the ratio of the lateral strain to the linear strain is constant and is known as *Poisson's ratio*. The value of Poisson's ratio for different materials varies from 0.25 to 0.35. It is denoted by  $\mu$  or  $1/m$ .

$$\therefore \text{Poisson's ratio} = \frac{\text{Lateral strain}}{\text{Linear strain}}$$

$$\therefore \mu \text{ or } \frac{1}{m} = \frac{e_L}{e}$$

$$\therefore \text{Lateral strain } e_L = \mu \times e \text{ or } \frac{1}{m} \times e$$

As lateral strain is always opposite to linear strain, hence algebraically, lateral strain is written as

$$\text{Lateral strain } e_L = -\mu \times e$$

## Volumetric Strain :

When a body is subjected to external forces on its faces, there will be change in its volume. The ratio of change in volume to the original volume is known as **volumetric strain**. It is denoted by  $e_v$ .

Volumetric strain

$$e_v = \frac{\delta V}{V}$$

where  $\delta V$  = Change in volume,  $V$  = Original volume

Volumetric strain is the algebraic sum of all axial or linear strains.

$$e_v = e_x + e_y + e_z$$

i.e.

where

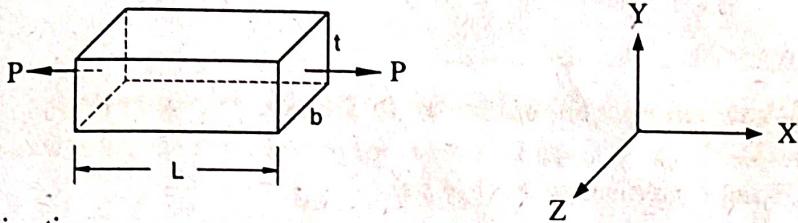
$e_x$  = strain in X-direction

$e_y$  = strain in Y-direction

$e_z$  = strain in Z-direction

## **Volumetric Strain in a rectangular bar subjected to Uni-axial stress system :**

Consider a rectangular bar of length  $L$ , width  $b$  and thickness  $t$  subjected to a tensile force  $P$  along X-direction as shown in fig.



Here stress in X-direction,

$$\sigma_x = \frac{P}{A} = \frac{P}{b \times t}$$

Since there is no load in Y and Z direction, stresses in Y and Z directions are zero.

i.e.

$$\sigma_y = \sigma_z = 0$$

Strain in X-direction = Linear strain due to  $\sigma_x$

$$e_x = \frac{\sigma_x}{E}$$

Strain in Y-direction = Lateral strain due to  $\sigma_x$

$$e_y = -\mu \times e_x = -\mu \frac{\sigma_x}{E}$$

Strain in Z-direction = Lateral strain due to  $\sigma_x$

$$e_z = -\mu \times e_x = -\mu \frac{\sigma_x}{E}$$

∴ Volumetric strain

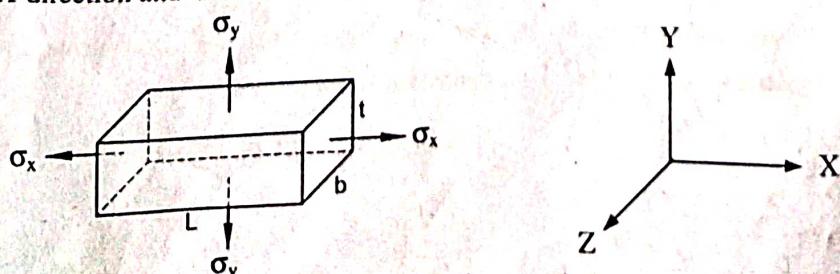
$$e_v = e_x + e_y + e_z$$

$$\therefore e_v = \frac{\sigma_x}{E} - \mu \frac{\sigma_x}{E} - \mu \frac{\sigma_x}{E}$$

$$\therefore e_v = \frac{\delta V}{V} = \frac{\sigma_x}{E} (1 - 2\mu) = e_x (1 - 2\mu)$$

## **Volumetric Strain in a rectangular bar subjected to Bi-axial stress system:**

Consider a rectangular bar of length  $L$ , width  $b$  and thickness  $t$  subjected to a two tensile stresses  $\sigma_x$  and  $\sigma_y$  along X-direction and Y-direction as shown in fig.



Since there is no load in Z direction, stress in Z direction is zero.

i.e.  $\sigma_z = 0$

Strain in X-direction = Linear strain due to  $\sigma_x$  + Lateral strain due to  $\sigma_y$

$$e_x = \frac{\sigma_x}{E} - \mu \frac{\sigma_y}{E}$$

Strain in Y-direction = Linear strain due to  $\sigma_y$  + Lateral strain due to  $\sigma_x$

$$e_y = \frac{\sigma_y}{E} - \mu \frac{\sigma_x}{E}$$

Strain in Z-direction = Lateral strain due to  $\sigma_x$  + Lateral strain due to  $\sigma_y$

$$e_z = -\mu \frac{\sigma_x}{E} - \mu \frac{\sigma_y}{E}$$

$\therefore$  Volumetric strain

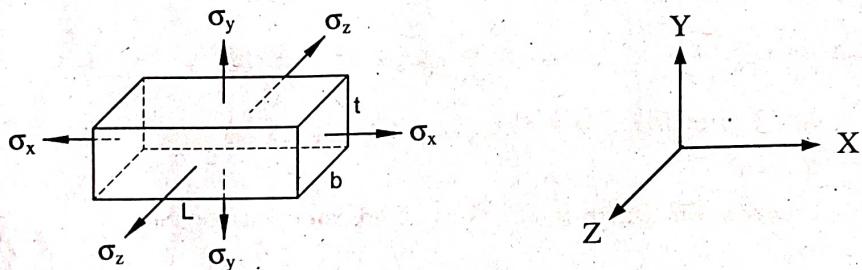
$$e_v = e_x + e_y + e_z$$

$$\therefore e_v = \left[ \frac{\sigma_x}{E} - \mu \frac{\sigma_y}{E} \right] + \left[ \frac{\sigma_y}{E} - \mu \frac{\sigma_x}{E} \right] + \left[ -\mu \frac{\sigma_x}{E} - \mu \frac{\sigma_y}{E} \right]$$

$$\therefore e_v = \frac{\delta V}{V} = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{E} (1 - 2\mu)$$

### Volumetric Strain in a rectangular bar subjected to Tri-axial stress system :

Consider a rectangular bar of length L, width b and thickness t subjected to a three tensile stress  $\sigma_x$ ,  $\sigma_y$  and  $\sigma_z$  along X, Y and Z directions as shown in fig.



Strain in X-direction = Linear strain due to  $\sigma_x$  + Lateral strains due to  $\sigma_y$  and  $\sigma_z$

$$e_x = \frac{\sigma_x}{E} - \mu \frac{\sigma_y}{E} - \mu \frac{\sigma_z}{E}$$

Strain in Y-direction = Linear strain due to  $\sigma_y$  + Lateral strains due to  $\sigma_x$  and  $\sigma_z$

$$e_y = \frac{\sigma_y}{E} - \mu \frac{\sigma_x}{E} - \mu \frac{\sigma_z}{E}$$

Strain in Z-direction = Linear strain due to  $\sigma_z$  + Lateral strains due to  $\sigma_x$  and  $\sigma_y$

$$e_z = \frac{\sigma_z}{E} - \mu \frac{\sigma_x}{E} - \mu \frac{\sigma_y}{E}$$

$\therefore$  Volumetric strain

$$e_v = e_x + e_y + e_z$$

$$\therefore e_v = \left[ \frac{\sigma_x}{E} - \mu \frac{\sigma_y}{E} - \mu \frac{\sigma_z}{E} \right] + \left[ \frac{\sigma_y}{E} - \mu \frac{\sigma_x}{E} - \mu \frac{\sigma_z}{E} \right] + \left[ \frac{\sigma_z}{E} - \mu \frac{\sigma_x}{E} - \mu \frac{\sigma_y}{E} \right]$$

$$\therefore e_v = \frac{\delta V}{V} = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y + \sigma_z}{E} (1 - 2\mu)$$

### Generalized Hooke's law

The generalized Hooke's law shows the linear relationship between stress and strain.

For 2-Dimensional stress system

$$e_x = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_x - \mu \sigma_y]$$

$$e_y = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_y - \mu \sigma_x]$$

$$e_z = \frac{1}{E} [-\mu (\sigma_x + \sigma_y)]$$

For 3-Dimensional stress system

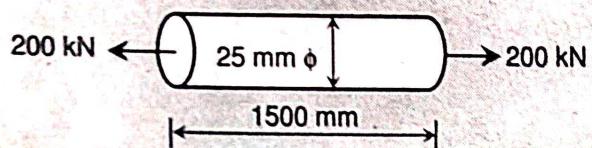
$$e_x = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_x - \mu (\sigma_y + \sigma_z)]$$

$$e_y = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_y - \mu (\sigma_x + \sigma_z)]$$

$$e_z = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_z - \mu (\sigma_x + \sigma_y)]$$

1. A bar of steel 25 mm diameter, 1500 mm long is subjected to an axial tensile force of 200 kN. If  $E = 2 \times 10^5$  N/mm $^2$  and  $\mu = 0.3$ , calculate

- 1) Normal stress,
- 2) Linear strain,
- 3) Lateral strain,
- 4) Change in length of bar,
- 5) Change in diameter of bar, and
- 6) Change in volume of bar.



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Solution : Given :  $d = 25$  mm,  $L = 1500$  mm,  $P = 200$  kN =  $200 \times 10^3$  N (T),  $E = 2 \times 10^5$  N/mm $^2$  and  $\mu = 0.3$

$$\therefore A = \frac{\pi}{4} d^2 = \frac{\pi}{4} 25^2 = 156.25\pi \text{ mm}^2 \quad \text{and} \quad V = A \times L = 156.25\pi \times 1500 = 234375\pi \text{ mm}^3$$

$$1) \text{Normal stress} \quad \sigma = \frac{P}{A} = \frac{200 \times 10^3}{156.25\pi} = 407.43 \text{ N/mm}^2 (\text{T})$$

$$2) \text{Linear strain} \quad e = \frac{\sigma}{E} = \frac{636.61}{2 \times 10^5} = 2.03718 \times 10^{-3} (\text{T})$$

$$3) \text{Lateral strain} \quad e_L = \mu \times e = 0.3 \times 2.03718 \times 10^{-3} = 6.1115 \times 10^{-4} (\text{C})$$

$$4) \text{As Linear strain} \quad e = \frac{\delta l}{L}$$

$$\therefore \text{Change in length} \quad \delta l = e \times L = 2.03718 \times 10^{-3} \times 1500 = 3.055 \text{ mm (elongation)}$$

$$5) \text{As Lateral strain} \quad e_L = \frac{\delta d}{d}$$

$$\therefore \text{Change in dia.} \quad \delta d = e_L \times d = 6.1115 \times 10^{-4} \times 20 = 0.0152 \text{ mm (contraction)}$$

$$6) \text{As Volumetric Strain} \quad e_V = \frac{\delta V}{V} = e(1 - 2\mu) = 2.03718 \times 10^{-3} (1 - 2 \times 0.3) = 8.1487 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$\therefore \text{Change in volume} \quad \delta V = e_V \times V = 8.1487 \times 10^{-4} \times 234375\pi = 600 \text{ mm}^3 (\text{expansion})$$

6. A bar of steel  $80 \text{ mm} \times 80 \text{ mm} \times 200 \text{ mm}$  long is subjected to a tensile load of  $350 \text{ kN}$  along the longitudinal axis and tensile loads of  $750 \text{ kN}$  and  $500 \text{ kN}$  on lateral faces. Find the change in the dimensions of the bar and change in volume.

Take :  $E = 2.1 \times 10^5 \text{ N/mm}^2$ ,  $\mu = 0.3$ .

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**Solution :** Given :

$$L = 200 \text{ mm}, b = 80 \text{ mm}, t = 80 \text{ mm},$$

$$P_x = 350 \text{ kN} = 350 \times 10^3 \text{ N (T)},$$

$$P_y = 750 \text{ kN} = 750 \times 10^3 \text{ N (T)},$$

$$P_z = 500 \text{ kN} = 500 \times 10^3 \text{ N (T)},$$

$$E = 2.1 \times 10^5 \text{ N/mm}^2, \mu = 0.3,$$

Find  $\delta l$ ,  $\delta b$ ,  $\delta t$ , and  $\delta V = ?$

