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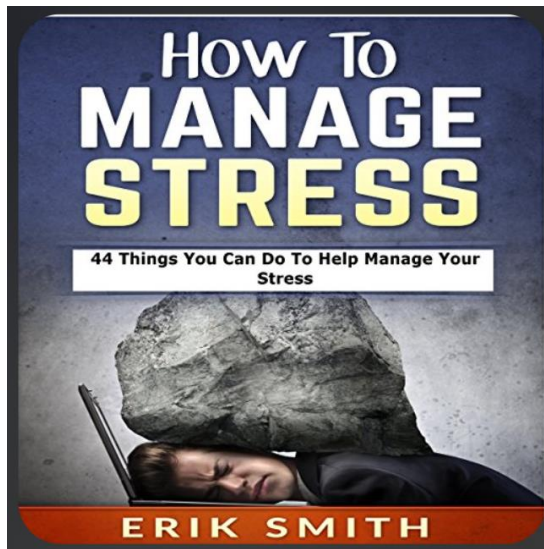
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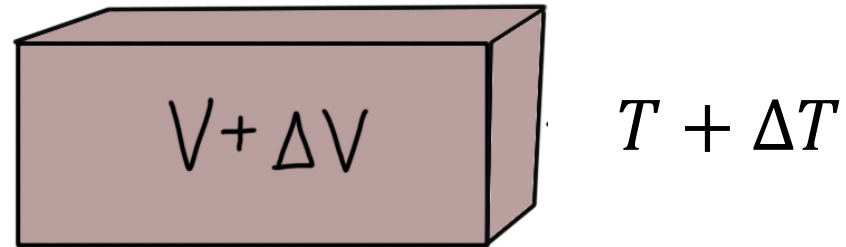
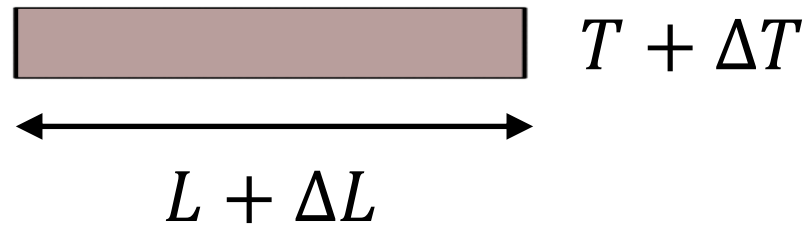
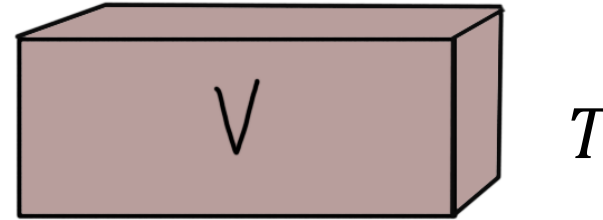
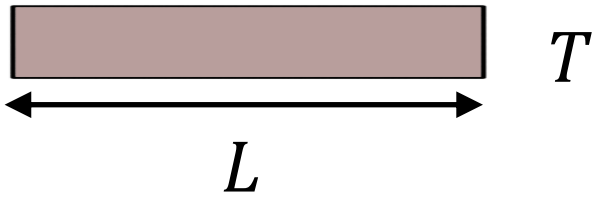
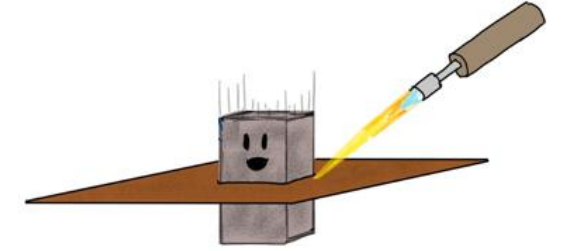
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## Lecture 6. Stress and strain



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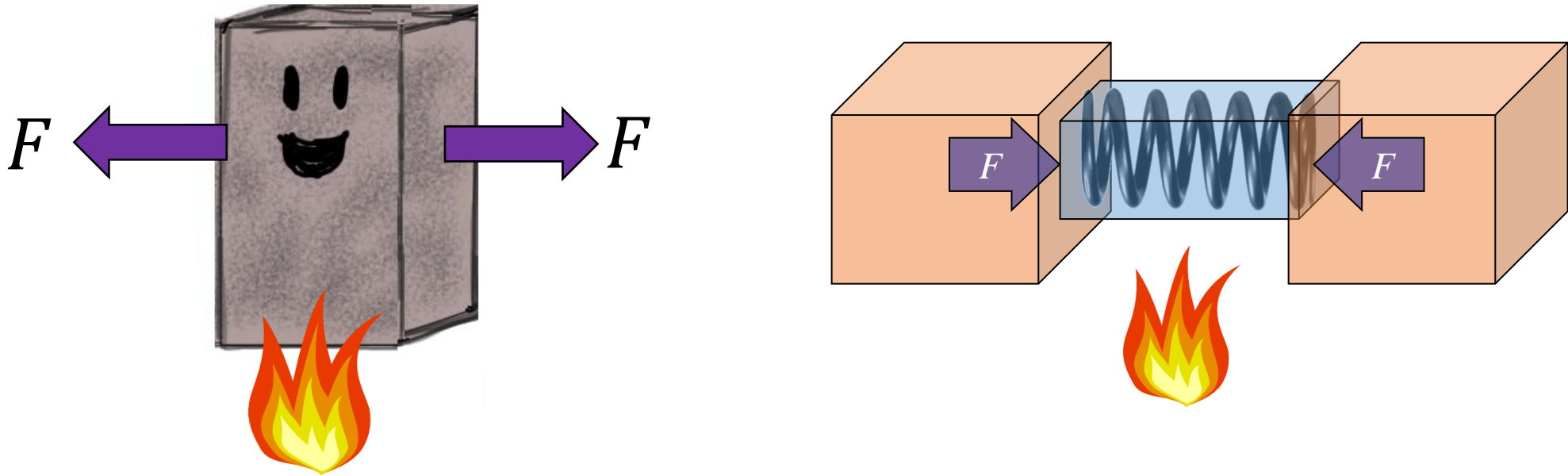
$$\Delta L = \alpha L_0 \Delta T$$

$$\Delta V = \beta V_0 \Delta T$$

$$\beta = 3\alpha$$

# Stress, Strain, and Young's Modulus

- Often, we need to understand the combined effects of **thermal expansion** together with **expansion/compression due to external mechanical forces**



- Let us learn to quantify expansion/compression due to external forces!

# Stress

- One kind of stress is overheating of your brain due to learning too much about thermodynamics 🤪
- But that's not the kind of stress that we will be talking about...
- **Tensile stress** occurs when an object is stretched by forces acting at the ends, such as a guitar string
- **Compressive stress** is similar, just the opposite sign (compression instead of extension)



## Stress... and Strain



- When you pinch your nose, the force per area that you apply to your nose is called **stress**.

$$\text{stress} = \frac{F}{A} \quad [P_a] = \frac{[N]}{[m^2]}$$

- Stress has units of pressure

- The fractional change in the size of your nose is called **strain**:
- Strain is dimensionless

$$\text{strain} = \frac{\Delta L}{L_0}$$

- The deformation is **elastic** if your nose springs back to its initial size when you stop pinching (and **plastic** if it does not...)

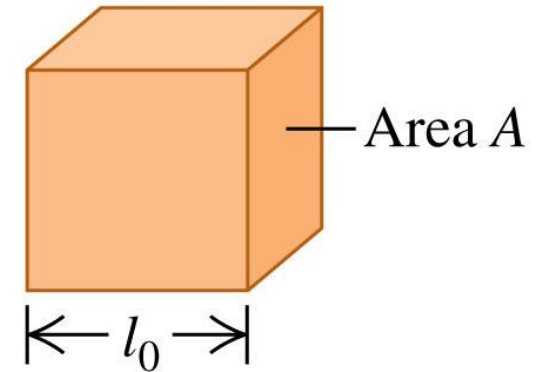
## Tensile stress and strain

- An object in tension
- The net force on the object is zero, but the object deforms
- The **tensile stress** produces a **tensile strain**

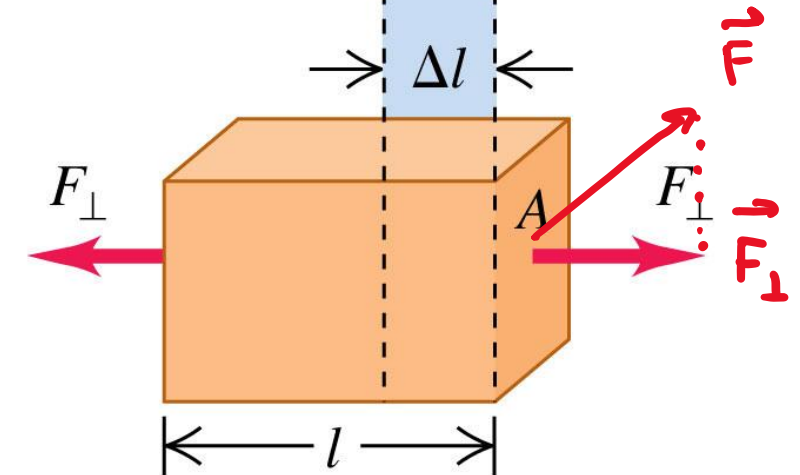
$$\text{Tensile stress} = \frac{F_{\perp}}{A}$$

$$\text{Tensile strain} = \frac{\Delta L}{L_0}$$

Initial state  
of the object

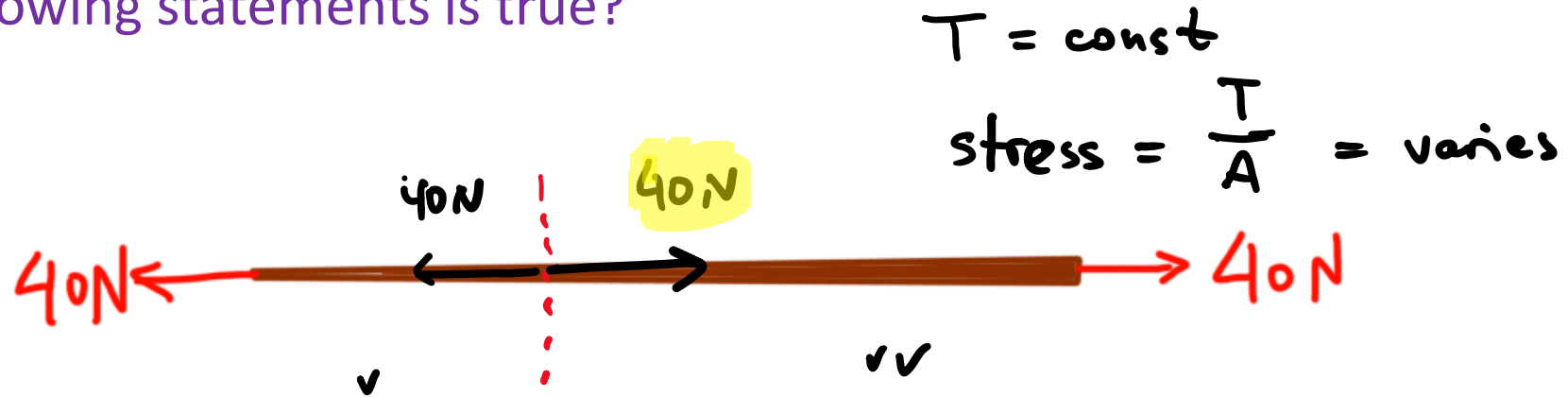


Object under  
tensile stress





Q: A copper wire of varying thickness is pulled at each end with a force of 40N.  
Which of the following statements is true?



- A. The tension is a constant 80N all along the wire, and the stress is also constant along the wire.
- B. The tension is a constant 40N all along the wire, and the stress is also constant along the wire.
- C. The stress is constant throughout the wire but the tension varies.
- D. The tension is a constant 80N all along the wire, but the stress varies along the wire.
- E. The tension is a constant 40N all along the wire, but the stress varies along the wire.





Q: A copper wire of varying thickness is pulled at each end with a force of 40N. Which of the following statements is true?



- At any point: force from each half on other is 40 N, since net force on each side is zero
- Stress =  $F/A$  varies since  $A$  varies

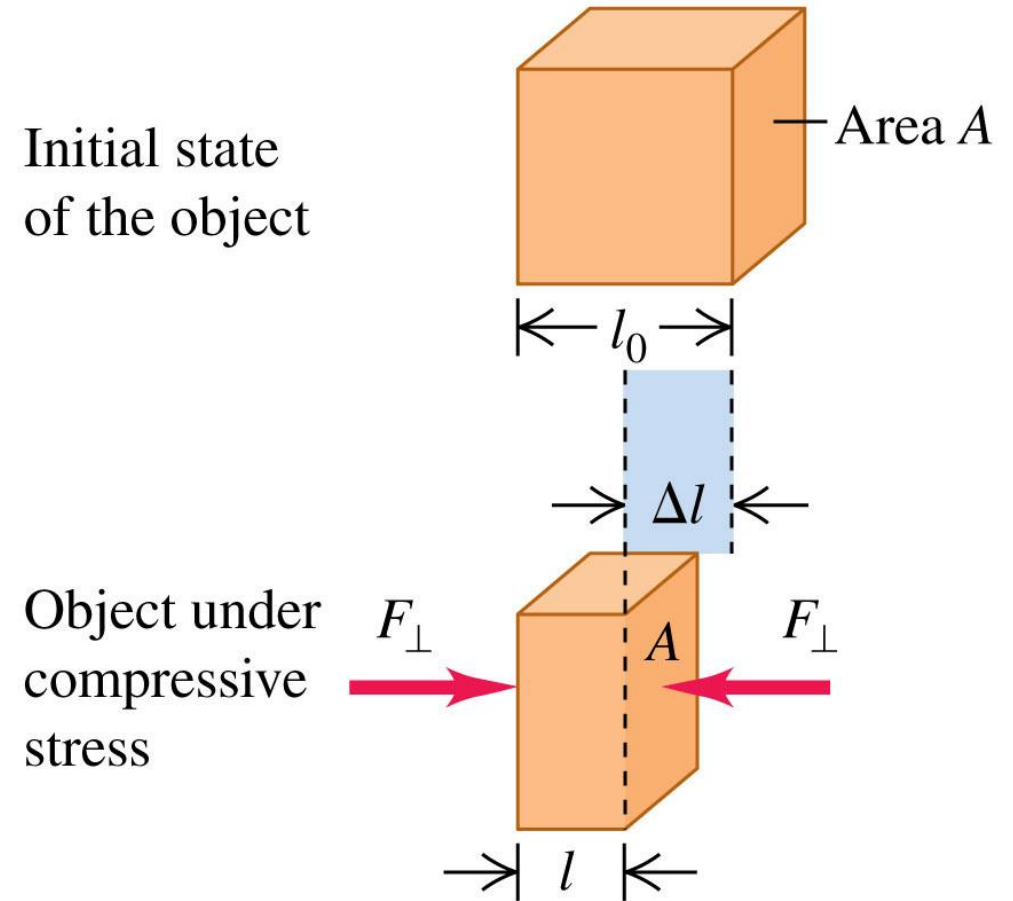
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## Compressive stress and strain

- An object in compression
- The net force on the object is zero, but the object deforms
- The **compressive stress** produces a **compressive strain**. They are defined in the same way as tensile stress and strain, except that  $\Delta L$  now denotes the distance that the object contracts

Compressive  
stress =  $\frac{F_{\perp}}{A}$

Compressive  
strain =  $\frac{\Delta L}{L_0}$



# Young's modulus

- Experiment shows that for a sufficiently small tensile or compressive stress, stress and strain are linearly proportional
- The corresponding proportionality coefficient (“*elastic modulus*”) is called *Young's modulus,  $Y$*

stress  $\rightarrow$   $\frac{F}{A} = Y \frac{\Delta L}{L_0}$   $\rightarrow$  strain

- $Y$  expresses resistance to stretching or compressing  
*stiffness!*

$$Y = \frac{\text{stress}}{\text{strain}} = \frac{F/A}{\Delta L/L_0}$$

- How does this equation appear?

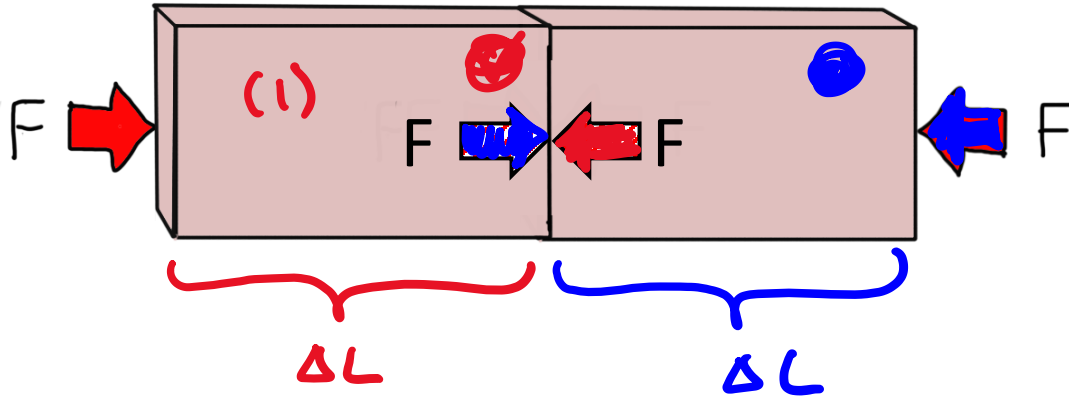
❖ Varying length of the sample,  $L_0$

Q: In the picture, the force on the right brick from the left brick has magnitude

A. 0

☒ B.  $F$

C.  $2F$



$\Delta L?$

$$= 2\Delta L = \Delta L_{\text{tot}}$$

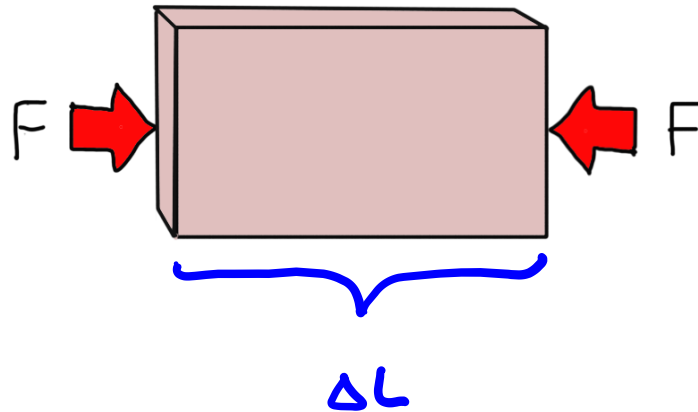
Q: How much is the brick in the picture above is compressed compared to this brick?

☒ A. More

B. Less

C. Same

$\Delta L?$

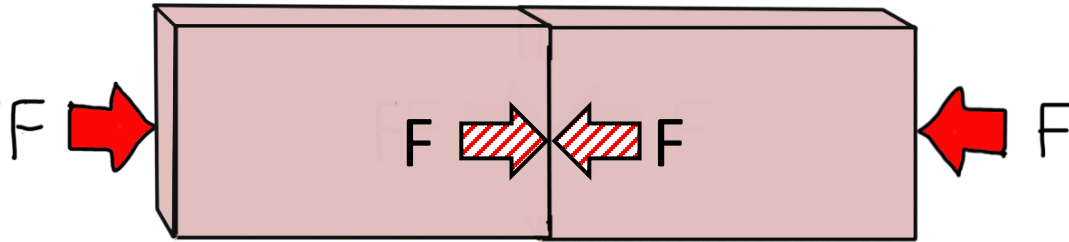


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Bricks not moving so net force on right brick must be zero.

So force of left brick on right exactly opposes force from right.

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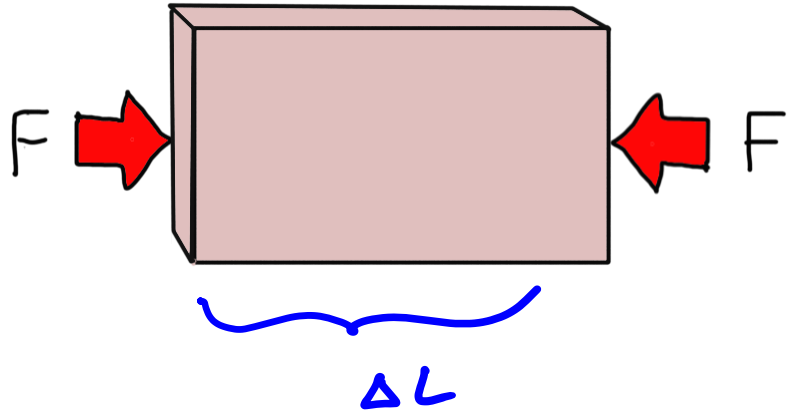
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Each brick in the picture above is identical to this one brick  $\Rightarrow$  if the latter compresses by  $\Delta L$ , the brick above compresses by  $2\Delta L$

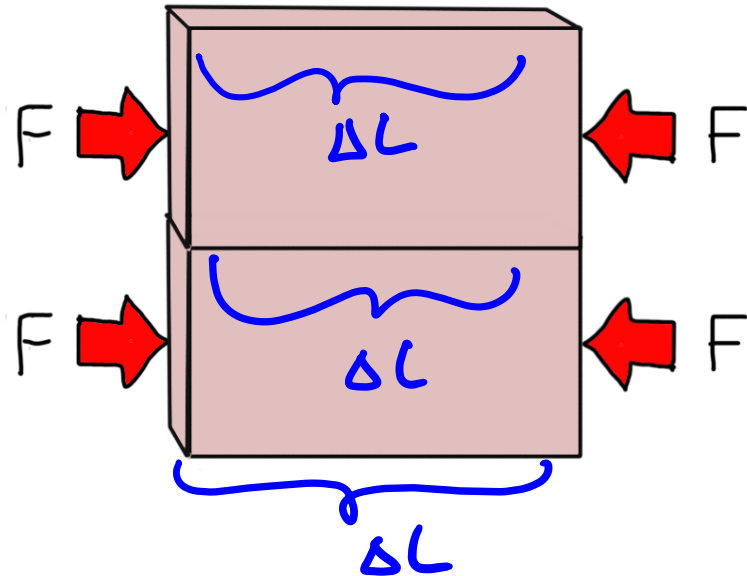
❖ Double  $L_0 \Rightarrow \Delta L$  doubles

❖ Varying the applied force  $F$  and the area  $A$



- Assume that we double the area **and** double the applied force

- All these three blocks are equally compressed  
 $\Rightarrow \Delta L$  does not change if we double  $F$  and  $A$  at the same time



## Young's modulus

$$Y = \frac{F/A}{\Delta L/L_0}$$

- Start with linear relationship:

$$\triangleright F = \text{const} \cdot \Delta L$$

*const (L<sub>0</sub>, A, material)*

- Same  $F, A$ , double  $L_0 \Rightarrow \Delta L$  doubles

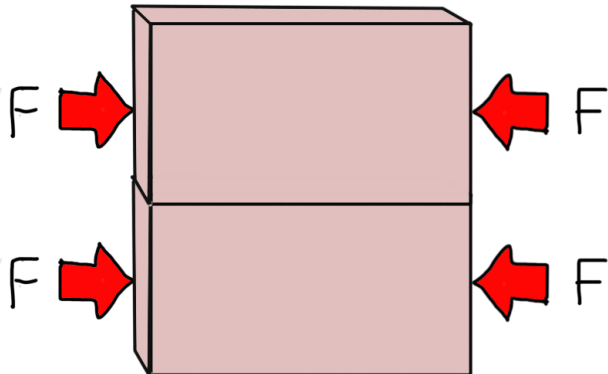
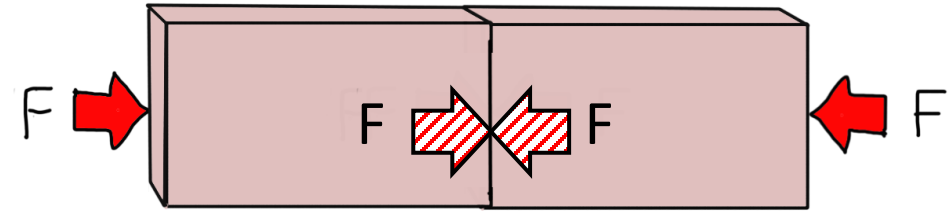
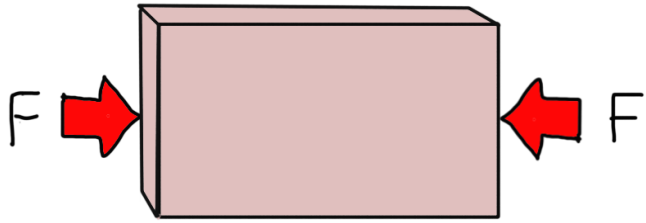
$$\triangleright F = \text{const}' \cdot \frac{\Delta L}{L_0}$$

*const' (A, material)*

- Same  $L_0$ , double  $F \& A \Rightarrow \Delta L$  remains the same

$$\triangleright F = \text{const}'' \cdot \frac{\Delta L}{L_0} A = Y \frac{\Delta L}{L_0} A$$

*const'' (material)*



*Y depends only on the material (substance), not on geometry!*

## Young's Modulus of Various Materials

Material	Young's Modulus, $Y$ (Pa)
Aluminum	$7.0 \times 10^{10}$
Brass	$9.0 \times 10^{10}$
Copper	$11 \times 10^{10}$
Iron	$21 \times 10^{10}$
Lead	$1.6 \times 10^{10}$
Nickel	$21 \times 10^{10}$
Silicone rubber	$0.001 \times 10^{10}$
Steel	$20 \times 10^{10}$
Tendon (typical)	$0.12 \times 10^{10}$

- $Y$  has units of pressure (Pa)
- It's a measure of how much pressure is required to produce a significant fractional change in length
- For example, a pressure of 0.01% of  $Y$  on ends will give 0.01% compression

$Y = \text{material const}$

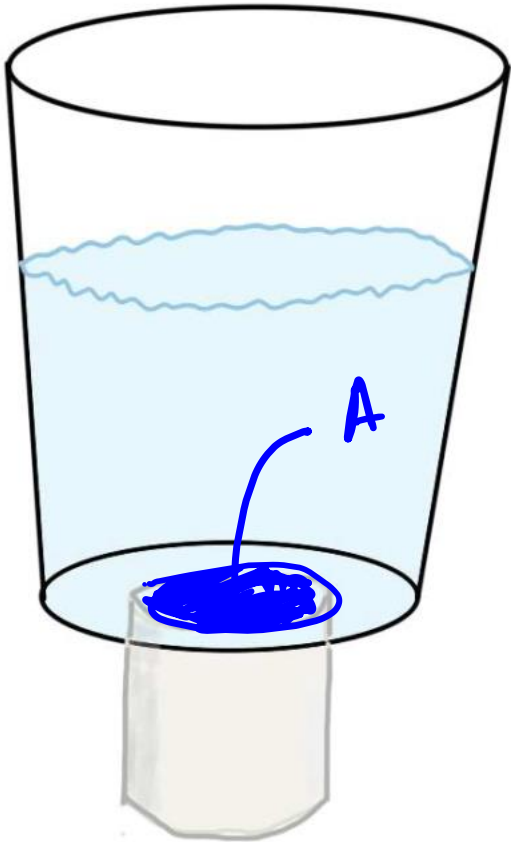
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$$\frac{F}{A} = Y \frac{\Delta L}{L_0}$$



## How to calculate Young's modulus, or Young's modulus of a marshmallow

$$\frac{F}{A} = Y \frac{\Delta L}{L_0}$$



- $\frac{\Delta L}{L_0} \approx 0.1 - 0.2$

- $F \approx 1N$

- $A \approx 5 \text{ cm}^2 = 5 \times (10^{-2}m)^2$

- This gives:  $Y \approx 10^4 \frac{N}{m^2}$

$Y_{\text{steel}} \sim 10^{10} \text{ Pa}$   
copper



Q: Suppose you repeated the measurements of  $Y$  for a mini-marshmallow.

In this case, we would expect a value of  $Y$  that is:



A. Significantly higher

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☒ C. About the same

$Y_{\text{mini}} ?$

$Y = Y(\text{material})!$



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$Y$  is a property of the materials  
and doesn't depend on the size



Q: Do you expect that the Young's modulus you measure for a marshmallow is higher or lower than for steel?

A. Higher

☒ B. Lower

C. Could be higher or lower depending on the relative dimensions of the steel and marshmallow

$\gamma = \frac{\text{resistance to compression}}{\text{expansion}}$

$$\gamma_{\text{marshmallow}} \approx 10^4 \text{ Pa} \quad \gamma_{\text{steel}} \approx 10^{10} \text{ Pa}$$



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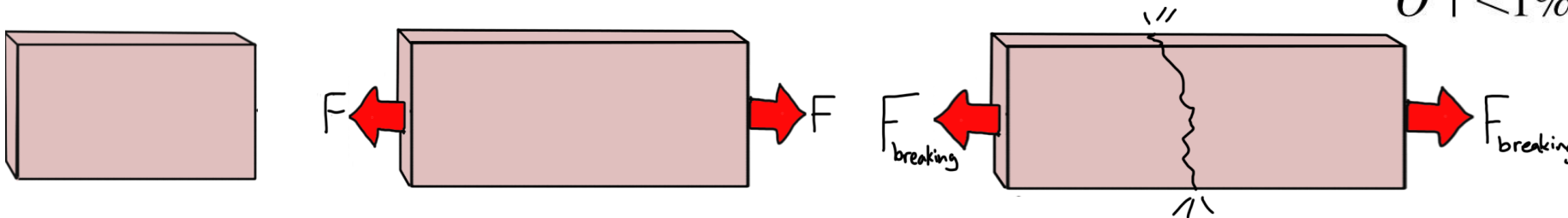
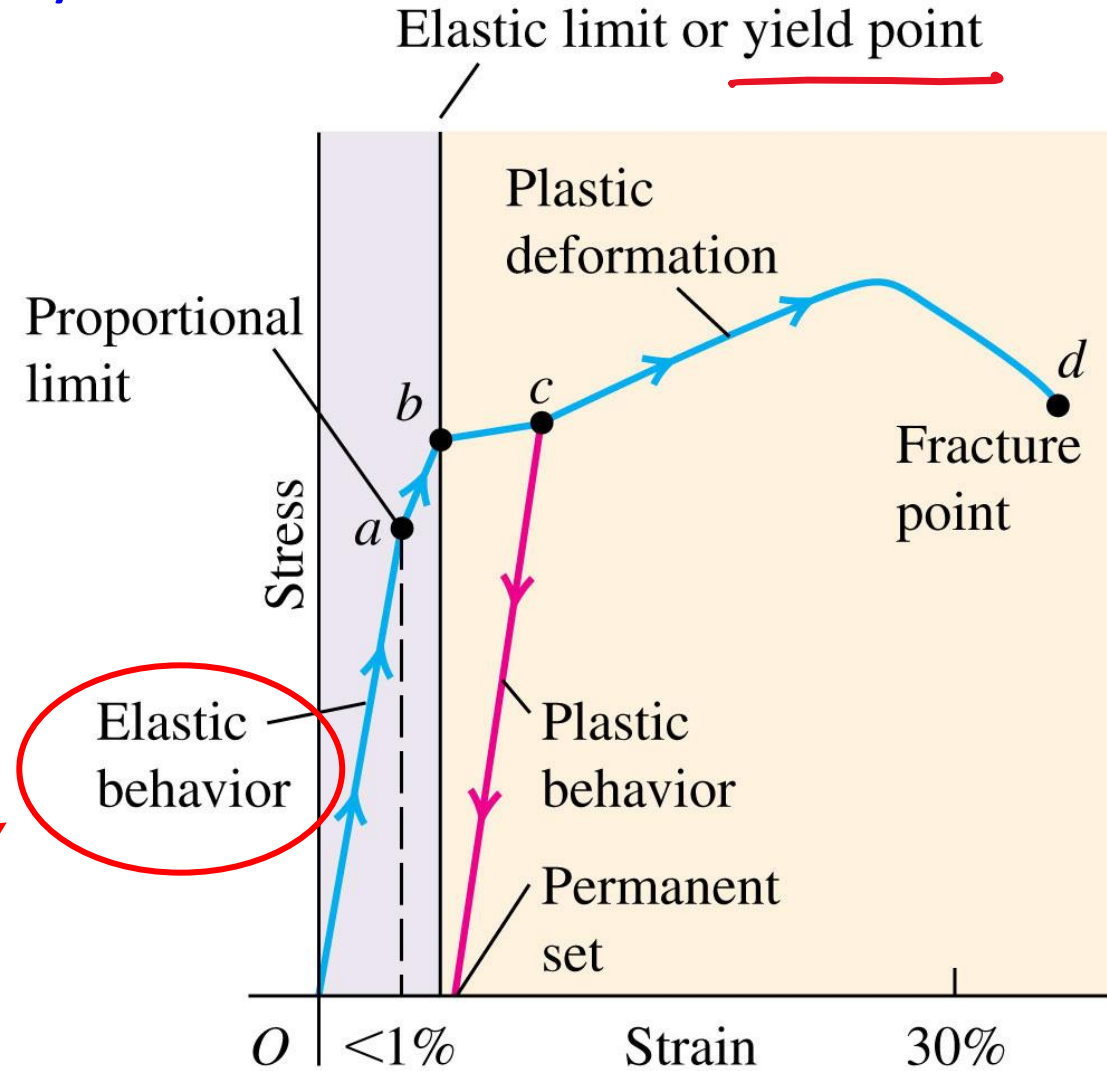
1)  $Y$  only depends on what the object is made of, not its size

2)  $\frac{F}{A} = Y \frac{\Delta L}{L_0}$  so  $Y$  lower if it takes less stress to give same change in  $L$

# Elasticity and plasticity

- Hooke's law—the proportionality of stress and strain in elastic deformations—has a limited range of validity
- Here is a typical stress-strain diagram for a **ductile** (=with large plastic region) **material**, such as copper or soft iron, under tension
- If fracture point close to yield point: **brittle material** (steel)

$$\frac{F}{A} = Y \frac{\Delta L}{L_0} \text{ valid here}$$





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- A. 0.5 mm
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- C. 2 mm
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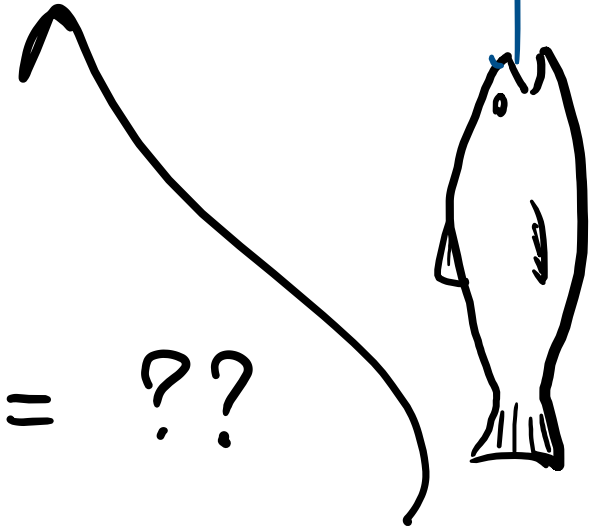
$$F' = 25 F$$

$$A' = 25 A$$

$$D' = 5 D$$

$$\rightarrow 0.2 \times ? = ??$$

$$\Delta L = \dots$$



**Extra:** By roughly how much would 1 m of 0.2 mm diameter line be stretched by a 2 kg fish? ( $Y_{\text{nylon}} = 3 \text{ GPa}$ )

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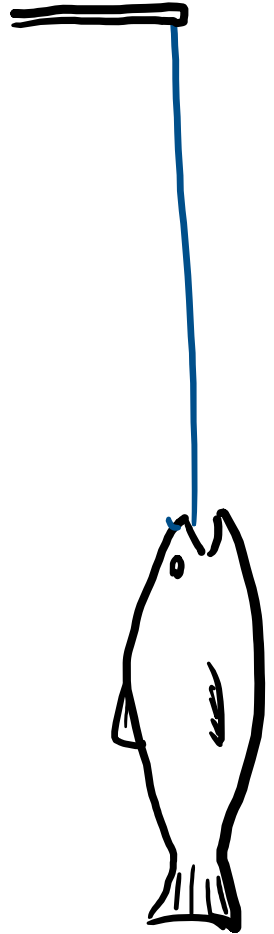


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$F$  is 25x greater. So to get equivalent “safe” stretching, need  $A$  to be 25x bigger and thus diameter must be 5x bigger

$$\Delta L = \frac{L_0}{Y} \frac{F}{A} \approx \frac{1 \text{ m}}{3 \times 10^9} \frac{20 \text{ N}}{\pi (10^{-4} \text{ m})^2} \approx 0.2 \text{ m}$$



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