

6. Axial deformation

Objectives:

To study the relationships between applied axial loads and axial deformations in structural components.

Background:

- Stress-strain relationship for uni-axial loading for isotropic, linearly elastic material (loading in the x -direction):

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

$$\varepsilon_y = \varepsilon_z = -\frac{\nu \sigma_x}{E}$$

Lecture topics:

- a) General theory of axial deformation
- b) Axial deformation examples
 - i) uniform axial deformations
 - ii) non-homogeneous cross sections
 - iii) axially varying cross sections
 - iv) axially varying loadings
- c) Stress analysis of statically indeterminate structures with externally applied loads
- d) Deformation and stress analysis of one-node planar trusses

Learning Objective:

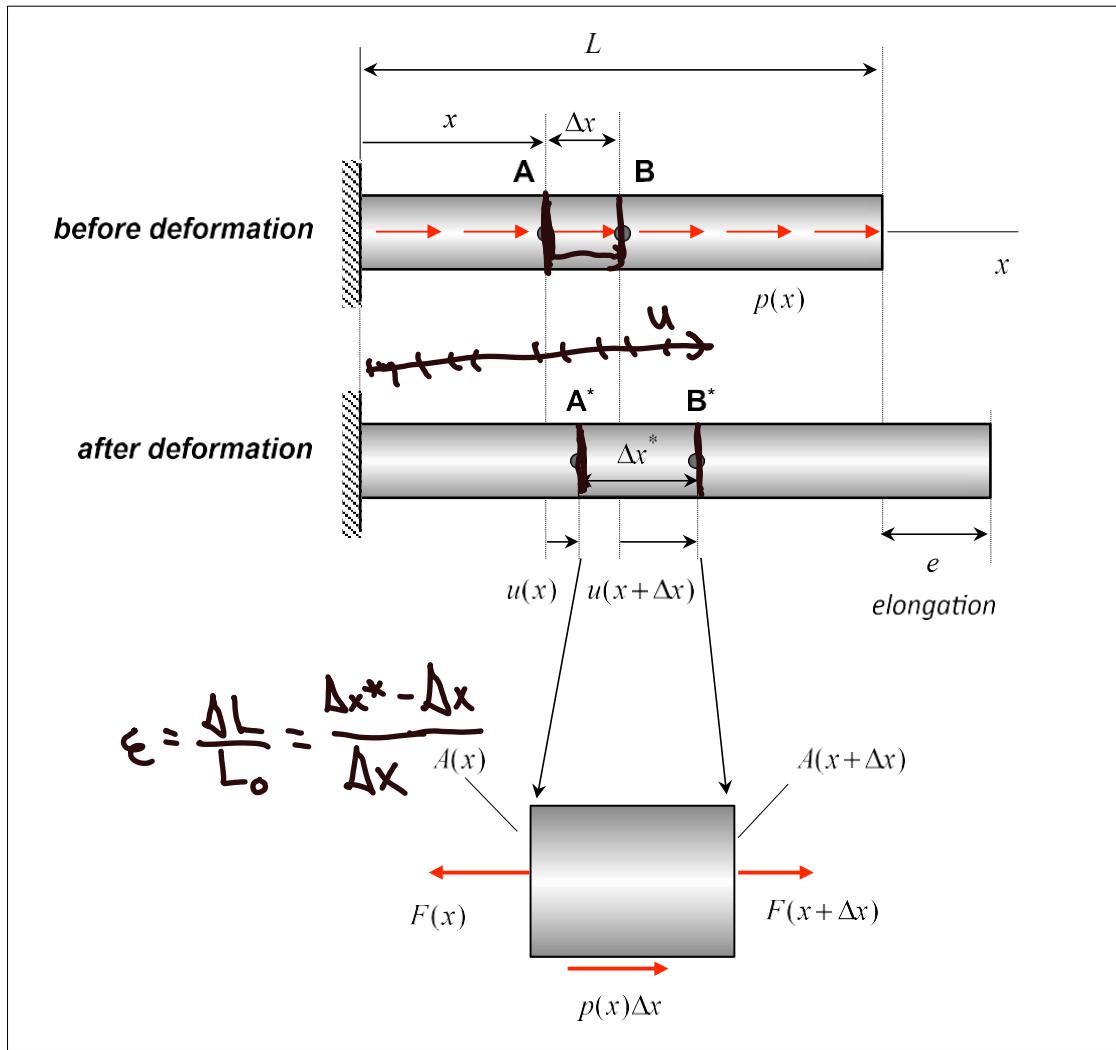
- Given the loading conditions on an axial member, determine the elongation of the member.



Lecture Notes

a) General theory of axial deformation

- Loading $p(x)$ (force/length) applied along x -axis on a structural component.
- Two points A and B (originally at locations x and $x+\Delta x$), respectively, move to points A^* and B^* through displacements $u(x)$ and $u(x+\Delta x)$, respectively.
- Before deformation, A and B are separated by a distance of Δx .
- After deformation, A^* and B^* are separated by a distance of Δx^* , where $\Delta x^* - \Delta x = u(x+\Delta x) - u(x)$.

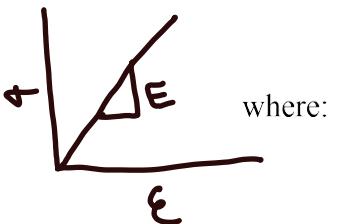


$$\sum F = -F(x) + F(x + \Delta x) + p(x)\Delta x = 0$$

Axial strain (geometric relationship)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underline{\varepsilon(x)} &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta x^* - \Delta x}{\Delta x} \\
 &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{u(x + \Delta x) - u(x)}{\Delta x} ; \quad \text{see preceding figure} \\
 &= \frac{du}{dx} ; \quad \text{definition of a derivative}
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Hooke's Law (stress-strain relationship)



$$\underline{\sigma(x)} = E(x)\varepsilon(x) \Rightarrow \varepsilon(x) = \frac{\sigma(x)}{E(x)} = \frac{F(x)}{A(x)E(x)} \tag{2}$$

where:

$$F(x) = \int_{\text{area}} \sigma(x) dA = A(x)\sigma(x)$$

Resultant axial force corresponding to axial load/length $p(x)$ (force balance relationship)

$$\sum F_x = F(x + \Delta x) - F(x) + p(x)\Delta x = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{F(x + \Delta x) - F(x)}{\Delta x} = -p(x)$$

Therefore,

$$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(x + \Delta x) - F(x)}{\Delta x} = \frac{dF}{dx} = -\underline{p(x)}$$

Integrating gives:

$$F(x) = \underline{F(0)} - \int_0^x p(x) dx \tag{3}$$

Axial elongation (force-displacement relationship)

$$\varepsilon(x) = \frac{du}{dx} \Rightarrow \underline{\varepsilon(x)} = \underline{u(0)} + \int_0^x \varepsilon(x) dx \tag{4}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underline{e} &= \underline{u(L)} - \underline{u(0)} = \int_0^L \varepsilon(x) dx = \text{total elongation of member} \\
 &= \int_0^L \frac{F(x)}{A(x)E(x)} dx
 \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Summary

Using equation (3), we can determine the resultant axial force $F(x)$ at any location x along the member through integration:

$$F(x) = F(0) - \int_0^x p(x) dx$$

This result is then used in equation (5) to determine the total axial elongation e of the member through integration:

$$e = \int_0^L \frac{F(x)}{A(x)E(x)} dx$$

b) Axial deformation examples

In the following, we will consider examples of special situations in using the above equations for determining the total elongation of an axially-loaded member:

i) Uniform axial deformations:

For this special case, we consider examples for which the applied axial loading $p(x)$ is zero, along with E and A being constant across a cross section and constant along the length of the member. For this special case, equation (6) reduces to:

$$e = \int_0^L \frac{F(x)}{A(x)E(x)} dx = \frac{F}{AE} \int_0^L dx = \frac{FL}{AE} \quad e = \frac{FL}{EA} \quad (5a)$$

This is a simple, easy-to-use equation for deformation analysis. However, recall the assumptions made in order to arrive at this simple equation.

ii) Non-homogeneous cross sections:

Here the cross section of the rod is not homogeneous in its material makeup (that is, the elastic modulus is not a constant across the rod cross section). The load shared by the different materials is not the same; however, the axial strain seen by each material is the same. We will see examples of this in this section of the course material.

iii) Non-constant cross section along the length of the member:

Here the cross sectional area Young's modulus E is assumed to be constant throughout the member and the axial load F is assumed to be constant along its length. However, the cross-section area $A(x)$ varies with position x . Evaluation of the total member elongation requires the following integration:

$$e = \int_0^L \frac{F(x)}{E(x)A(x)} dx = \frac{F}{E} \int_0^L \frac{dx}{A(x)} \quad (5b)$$

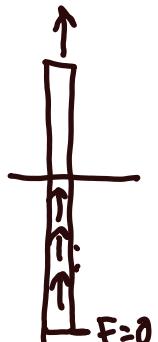
iv) Non-uniform loading along the member:

Here the cross sectional area Young's modulus E is assumed to be constant throughout the member and the cross sectional area A is assumed to be constant along its length. However, the force/length loading $p(x)$ varies with position x . Evaluation of the total member elongation requires the following integration:

$$e = \int_0^L \frac{F(x)}{E(x)A(x)} dx = \frac{1}{EA} \int_0^L F(x) dx \quad (5c)$$

where:

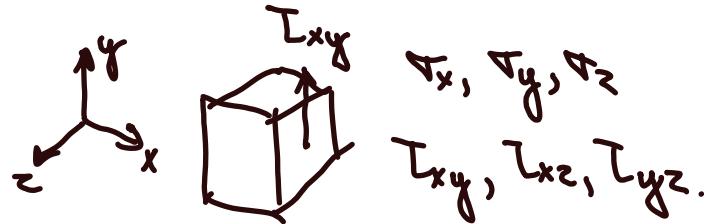
$$F(x) = F(0) - \int_0^x p(x) dx$$



Lecture 5 Review Questions:

How many independent stresses can exist on a general stress element?

- 4
- **6**
- 8
- 18
- Depends on the geometry



The two subscripts on the shear stress represent:

τ_{ij}

- Direction along which the force acts, direction perpendicular to the force
- ✗ Direction of primary force, direction of secondary force
- Plane on which force acts, direction along which the force acts

For a structure with no mechanical constraints, the shear strain increases with temperature.

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- True
- False

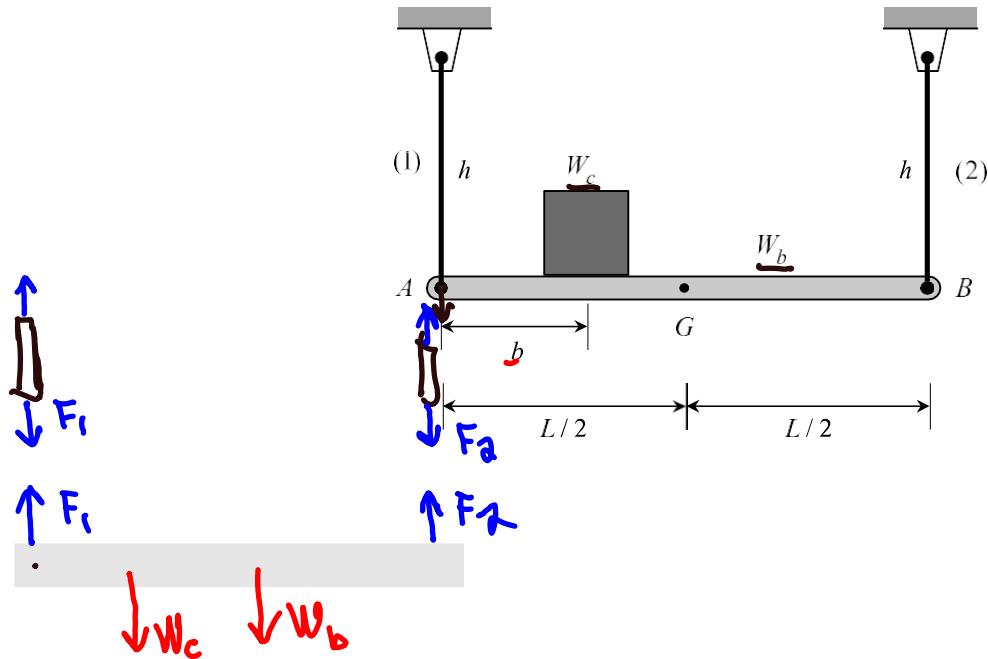
$$\epsilon_x = \frac{1}{E} (\sigma_x - \nu (\sigma_y + \sigma_z)) + \alpha \Delta T$$

$$\gamma_{xy} = \frac{\tau_{xy}}{G}$$



Example 6.1

Rigid beam AB (weighing $W_b = 200 \text{ lb}$) supports a crate weighing $W_c = 1000 \text{ lb}$. In turn, the beam is supported by rods (1) and (2) with lengths of $h = 6 \text{ ft}$, Young's moduli $E_1 = E_2 = E = 30 \times 10^3 \text{ ksi}$, and diameters $d_1 = d_2 = 0.4 \text{ in}$, respectively. What are the downward displacements u_A and u_B of ends A and B, respectively, of the beam? Assume small rotations in the beam.



$$(\Sigma M)_A = -W_c(b) - W_b\left(\frac{L}{2}\right) + F_2(L) = 0$$

$$F_2 = \frac{b}{L} W_c + W_b \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$\Sigma F_y = F_1 + F_2 - W_c - W_b = 0$$

$$F_1 = W_c + W_b - \left(\frac{b}{L} W_c + \frac{1}{2} W_b\right)$$

$$F_1 = \left(1 - \frac{b}{L}\right) W_c + \frac{1}{2} W_b$$

$$v_A = \underline{e_{(1)}} = \frac{F_{(1)} L_{(1)}}{E_{(1)} A_{(1)}} =$$

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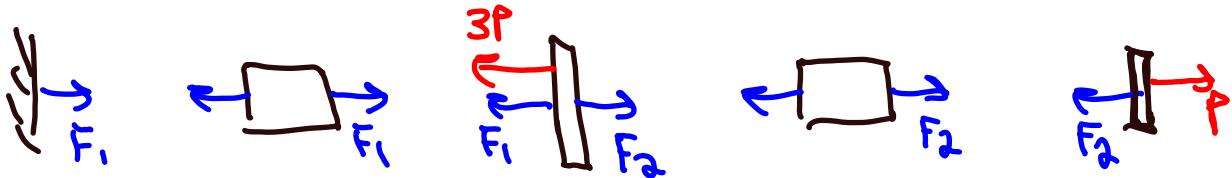
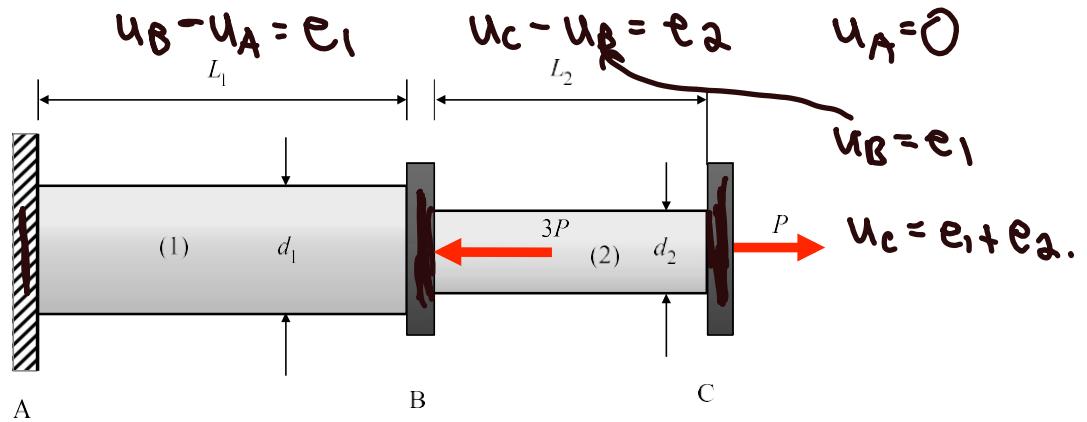
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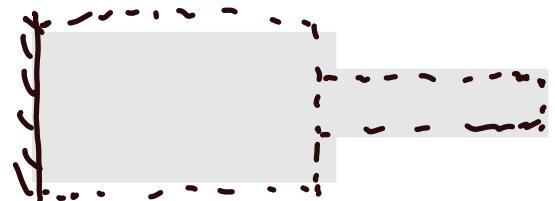
$$v_B = \underline{e_{(2)}} = \frac{F_{(2)} L_{(2)}}{E_{(2)} A_{(2)}}.$$

Example 6.6

A rod is constructed from elements (1) and (2), with these elements being made up of materials having Young's moduli of E_1 and E_2 , respectively. Elements (1) and (2) have lengths of $L_1 = 2L$ and $L_2 = L$, and diameters of $d_1 = 2d$ and $d_2 = d$, respectively. Elements (1) and (2) are joined by a rigid connector at B, with a rigid connector being attached to element (2) at C. The rod is loaded on connectors B and C, as shown in the figure below. Determine the displacement of C.



$$\begin{aligned} (\sum F_x)_C &= P - F_2 = 0 \Rightarrow F_2 = P \\ (\sum F_x)_B &= F_2 - F_1 - 3P = 0 \Rightarrow F_1 = -2P \end{aligned}$$



$$e_2 = \frac{F_2 L_2}{E_2 A_2} = \frac{P L}{E_2 (\pi (d/2)^2)}$$

$$e_1 = \frac{F_1 L_1}{E_1 A_1} = \frac{-2P(2L)}{E_1 (\pi (2d/2)^2)}$$

$$e_1 = \frac{4PL}{E_1 \pi d^2}$$

$$e_1 = \frac{-4PL}{E_1 \pi d^2}$$

$$u_c = e_1 + e_2$$

$$= -\frac{4PL}{\pi E_1 d^2} + \frac{4PL}{\pi E_2 d^1}$$

$$u_c = \frac{4PL}{\pi d^2} \left(\frac{1}{E_2} - \frac{1}{E_1} \right)$$

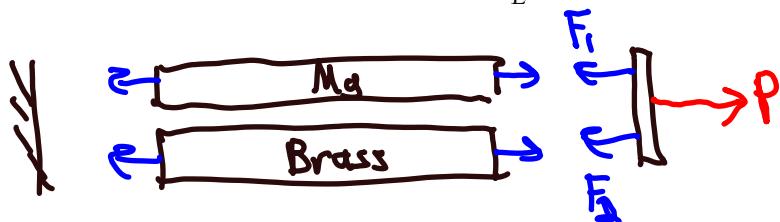
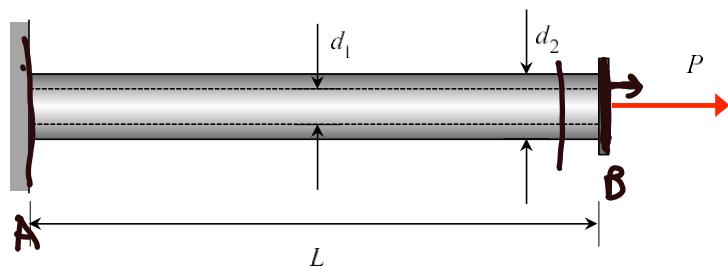
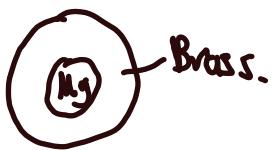
Example 6.3

A magnesium-alloy rod ($E_1 = 8 \times 10^3 \text{ ksi}$), having a diameter of $d_1 = 1 \text{ in}$, is encased in a brass tube ($E_2 = 16 \times 10^3 \text{ ksi}$), having an outer diameter of $d_2 = 2 \text{ in}$. The rod and tube both have a length of $L = 30 \text{ in}$. An axial load $P = 20 \text{ kips}$ is applied to the free end, as shown below.

- Determine the normal stresses σ_1 and σ_2 in the two materials.
- Determine the elongation of the bimetallic rod.

$$u_B - u_A = \epsilon_1$$

$$u_B - u_A = \epsilon_2$$



$$\begin{aligned} \sum F_x &= P - F_1 - F_2 = 0 & \text{1 eqn} \\ (1) \quad F_1 + F_2 &= P & \text{2 unknowns.} \end{aligned}$$

Elongation:

$$e_1 = \frac{F_1 L_1}{E_1 A_1} \quad e_2 = \frac{F_2 L_2}{E_2 A_2}$$

Compatibility:

$$e_1 = e_2 \quad \frac{F_1 L_1}{E_1 A_1} = \frac{F_2 L_2}{E_2 A_2} \quad (2)$$

$$F_1 = F_2 \left(\frac{L_2}{E_2 A_2} \right) \left(\frac{E_1 A_1}{L_1} \right)$$

$$F_2 \left(\frac{L_2}{E_2 A_2} \right) \left(\frac{E_1 A_1}{L_1} \right) + F_2 = P$$

$$F_2 \left(1 + \frac{E_1 A_1}{E_2 A_2} \right) = P \quad \}$$

$$\sigma_{U,concrete} = 0.33 \text{ ksi}$$

$$\sigma_{U,steel} = 60 \text{ ksi}$$

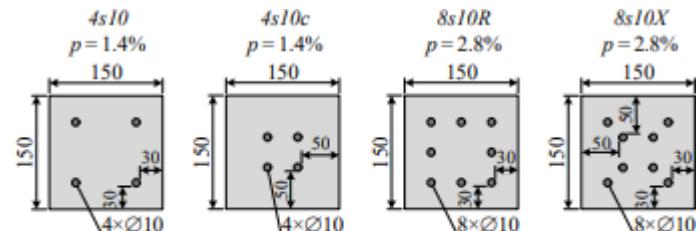


Figure 5. Cross-sections of the test specimens

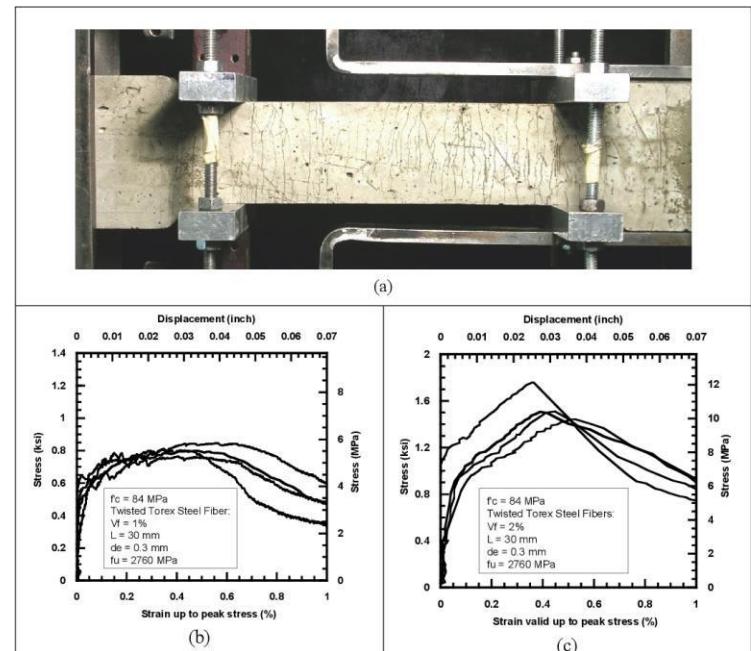
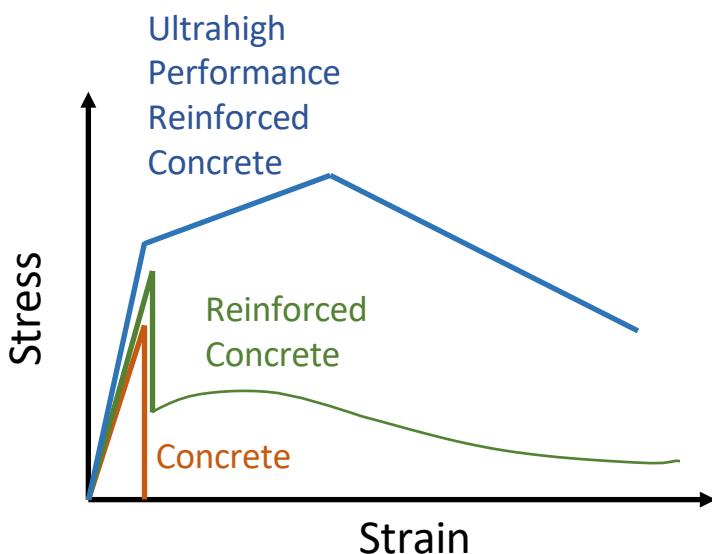
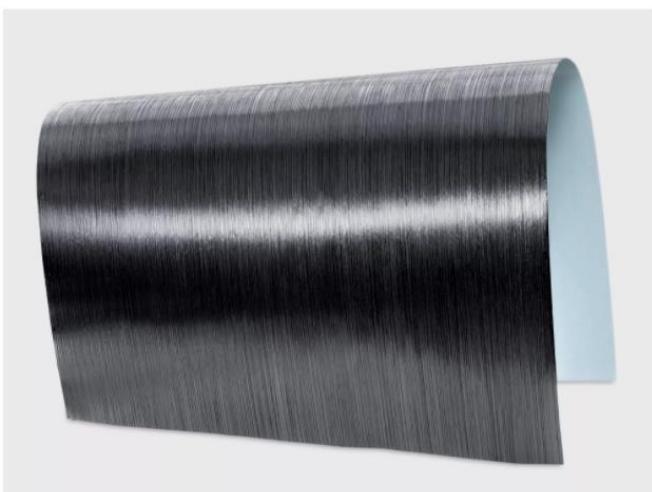
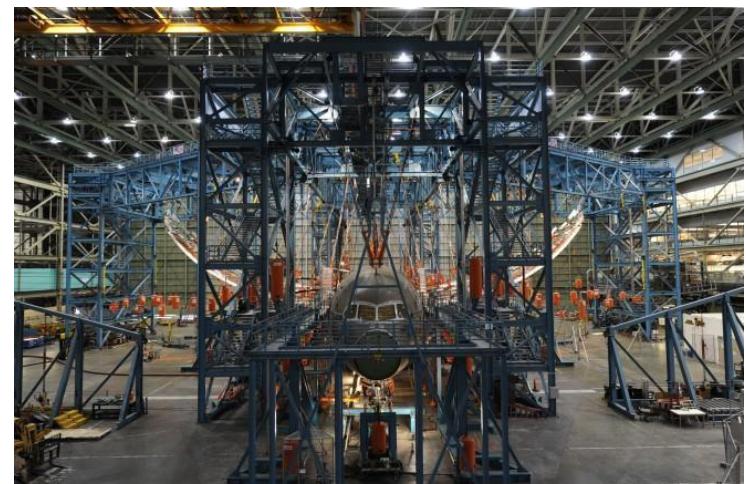


Figure 6. Tension stress-strain curves in tension of HPRC composite for two series of tests

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Example 6.4

A tapered rod having a length of L and made up of a material with a Young's modulus of E is loaded with an axial load P , as shown below. The cross sectional area of the rod varies linearly from A_0 at $x = 0$ to A_1 at $x = L$. Determine the total axial elongation of the rod as a result of the axial load P .

