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**Strength of Material**  
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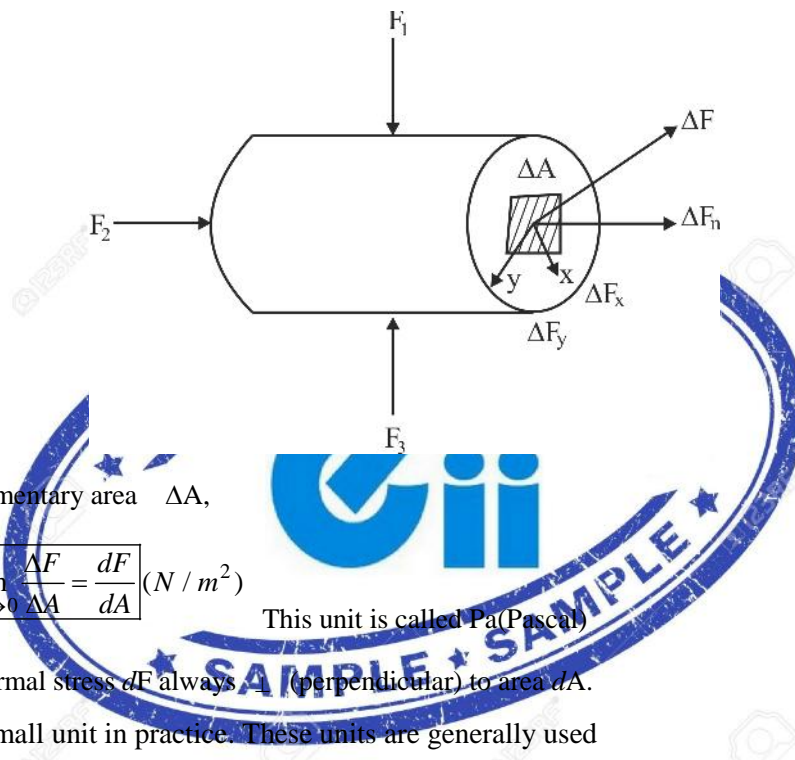
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# CHAPTER-1

## SIMPLE STRESSES AND STRAINS

**STRESS (†):**

It is the internal resistance offered by a body against the deformation numerically, it is given as force per unit area.



Stress on elementary area  $\Delta A$ ,

i.e.  $\dagger = \lim_{\Delta A \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta F}{\Delta A} = \frac{dF}{dA} \text{ (N / m}^2\text{)}$

This unit is called Pa(Pascal)

In case of normal stress  $dF$  always  $\perp$  (perpendicular) to area  $dA$ .

Pascal is a small unit in practice. These units are generally used

$$1\text{kPa} = 10^3 \text{ Pa} = 10^3 \text{ N/ m}^2$$

$$1\text{MPa} = 10^6 \text{ Pa} = 10^6 \text{ N/ m}^2$$

$$1\text{GPa} = 10^9 \text{ Pa} = 10^9 \text{ N/ m}^2$$

**1. Normal Stress:** It may be tensile or compressive depending upon the force acting on the material.

Tensile and compressive stresses are called **direct stresses**.

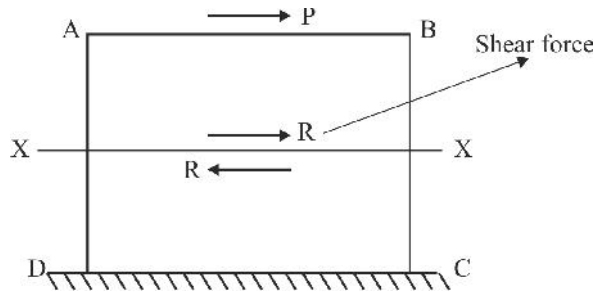
When,  $\sigma > 0$ , Tensile

When,  $\sigma < 0$ , Compressive

**2. Shear Stress (‡):** It is the intensity of shear resistance along a surface (Let X-X).

$$\tau = \frac{\text{Shear force}}{\text{Shear Area}} \text{ (N/m}^2\text{)}$$

In case of shear stress force always parallel to the sheared area *i.e.* P is parallel to sheared area in figure.



**3. Conventional or Engineering Stress ( $\tau_0$ ):** It is defined as the ratio of load (P) to the original area of cross-section ( $A_0$ ):

$$\therefore \tau_0 = \frac{P}{A_0}$$

**4. True Stress ( $\tau$ ):** It is defined as the ratio of load (P) to the instantaneous area of cross-section (A):

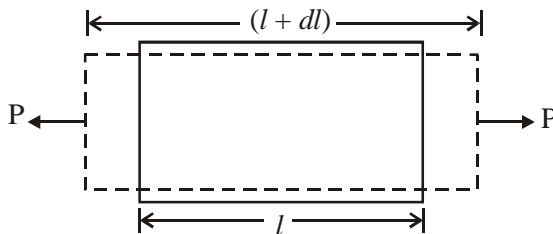
$$\therefore \tau = \frac{P}{A} \text{ or, } \tau = \tau_0(1+v) \text{ Where } \epsilon = \text{strain } [Av = A_0l_0] \text{ Initial volume = Final volume}$$

volume

**STRAINS ( $v$ ):**

It is defined as the change in length per unit length. It is a dimensionless quantity.

$$i.e. \quad v = \frac{\text{change in length}}{\text{original length}} = \frac{dl}{l}$$



**1. Conventional or Engineering strain:** It is defined as the change in length per unit original length.

$$v = \frac{l - l_0}{l_0}$$

Where,

$l$  = Deformed length

$l_0$  = Original length

e.g. from above figure.

$$\varepsilon = \frac{l + dl - l}{l} \quad \varepsilon = \frac{dl}{l}$$

2. **Natural Strain:** It is defined as the change in length per unit instantaneous length.

$$\bar{v} = \int_{l_0}^l \frac{dl}{l} = \ln \frac{l}{l_0} = \ln(1 + v) = \ln\left(\frac{A_0}{A}\right) = 2 \ln\left(\frac{d_0}{d}\right)$$

Also,  $\therefore \bar{\varepsilon} = \ln(1 + \varepsilon)$

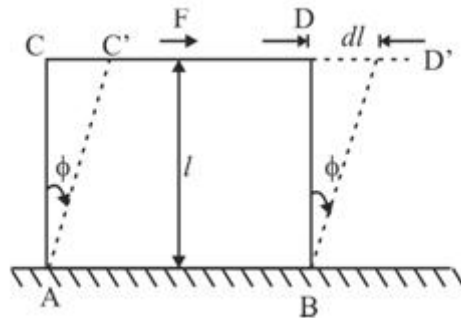
$$\Rightarrow 1 + \varepsilon = e^{\bar{\varepsilon}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \varepsilon = e^{\bar{\varepsilon}} - 1$$

Volume of the specimen is assumed to be constant during plastic deformation

$\therefore A_0 L_0 = AL$  - Valid till neck formation.

3. **Shear Strain ( $w$ ):** It is the strain produced under the action of shear stresses.



Shear Strain =  $\tan \phi$

For small strain,  $\tan w \approx w$

From figure,  $\Delta ACC'$  or  $\Delta BDD'$

$$\tan \phi = \frac{dl}{l} = \frac{CC'}{l}$$

$$w = \frac{dl}{l} = \frac{\text{Transverse displacement}}{\text{Distance from lower face}}$$

- Shear strain cause deformation in shape but volume remains same.

**4. Superficial strain ( $v_s$ ):** It is defined as the change in area of cross section per unit original area.

$$v_s = \frac{A - A_0}{A_0}$$

Where,  $A$  = Final area

$A_0$  = Original area

**5. Volumetric Strain ( $v_v$ ):** It is defined as the change in volume per unit original volume.

$$v_v = \frac{V - V_0}{V_0}$$

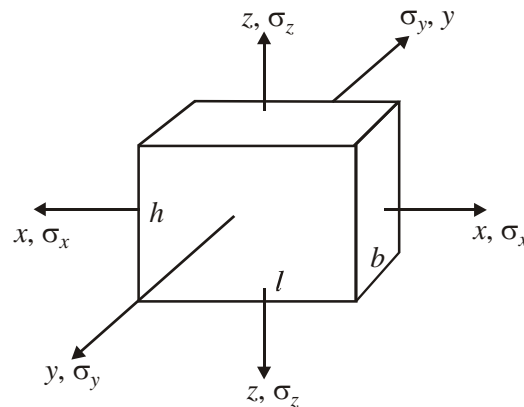
Where,  $V$  = Final volume

$V_0$  = Original volume

- Stress and strain are tensor (*neither vector nor scalar*) of 2<sup>nd</sup> order.

$$\text{Volumetric strain } \epsilon_v = \epsilon_x + \epsilon_y + \epsilon_z$$

### Volumetric strain for various shapes





**(i) Rectangular body:**

$$V = lbh \text{ on partial differentiation}$$

$$\delta V = \delta l(b.h) + \delta b(l.h) + \delta h(b.l)$$

$$\epsilon_v = \frac{\delta V}{V} = \frac{\delta l}{l} + \frac{\delta b}{b} + \frac{\delta h}{h}$$

$$\boxed{\epsilon_v = \epsilon_x + \epsilon_y + \epsilon_z}$$

**Note:**  $\epsilon_x, \epsilon_y, \epsilon_z$  are the strain corresponding to the stresses  $\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_z$  in  $x$ -direction,  $y$ -direction,  $z$ -direction respectively

$$\boxed{\epsilon_v = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y + \sigma_z}{E}(1 - 2\nu)}$$

$\nu \rightarrow$  POISSON Ratio

$$\nu = 0.5 \text{ For rubber}$$

**(ii) For cylindrical body:**

$$V = \frac{\pi}{4} d^2 l$$

$$\delta V = 2 dl \cdot \delta d \cdot \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{4} d^2 \delta l$$

$$\epsilon_v = \frac{\delta V}{V} = 2 \frac{\delta d}{d} + \frac{\delta l}{l}$$

$$\boxed{\epsilon_v = 2\epsilon_d + \epsilon_l}$$

**(iii) For spherical body**

$$\boxed{\epsilon_v = 3 \frac{\delta d}{d}}$$

$$\boxed{V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3} \quad d = 2r$$

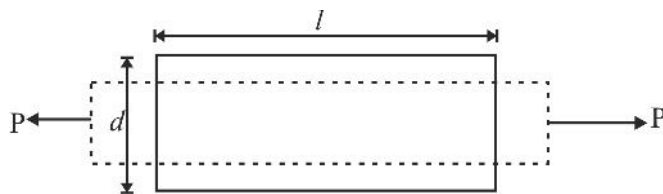
**Gauge Length:** It is that portion of the test specimen over which extension or deformation is measured.

i.e. this length is used in calculating strain value.

**Poisson's ratio**  $\left( \nu \text{ or } \frac{1}{m} \right)$ : Value of  $\mu$  varies between (-1 to 0.5)

The ratio of the lateral strain to longitudinal strain is called the Poisson's ratio.

$$\boxed{\nu = \frac{\text{Lateral strain}}{\text{Longitudinal strain}}} \quad \text{or} \quad \boxed{\nu = - \frac{\left( \frac{\delta d}{d} \right)}{\left( \frac{\delta l}{l} \right)}}$$



- For a given material, the value of ‘ $\nu$ ’ is constant throughout the linearly elastic range.
- For most of the metals the value of ‘ $\nu$ ’ lie between 0.25 – 0.42
- ‘ $\nu$ ’ varies from (– to 0.5)

**Note:** ‘ $\nu$ ’ for ductile material is greater than ‘ $\nu$ ’ for brittle metals.

**Table**

Material	Value of ‘ $\nu$ ’	Remarks
Cork	0	∴ Used in bottle to withstand pressure
Foam	–1	
Rubber	0.5	
Concrete	0.1 – 0.2	
C.I.	0.23 – 0.27	

For cork  $\nu = 0$

For rubber  $\nu = 0.5$

For concrete  $\nu = 0.1 - 0.2$

**Isotropic Material:** These materials have same elastic properties in all directions.

No. of independent elastic constants = 2, *i.e.* if any of 2 elastic constants is known then other can be derived.

**Anisotropic materials:** These materials don’t have same elastic properties in all directions.

Elastic moduli will vary with additional stresses appearing. ∴ There is a coupling between shear stress and normal stress for an isotropic material.

**Hooke’s Law:** It states that when a material is loaded such that the intensity of stress is within a certain limit, the ratio of the intensity of stress to the corresponding strain is a constant which is characteristics of that material.

*i.e.*  $\frac{\text{Stress}}{\text{Strain}} = \text{Constant} = E$  *i.e.,*  $\sigma = E \epsilon$



Where,  $E =$  Young's Modulus ( $\text{N/m}^2$ )

Or

Modulus of Elasticity

- For steel, value of  $E = 210 \text{ GPa}$  ( $1 \text{ GPa} = 10^3 \text{ N/m}^2$ )
- For aluminum, value of  $E = 73 \text{ GPa}$   $E_{Al} \approx \frac{1}{3} \text{rd } E_{\text{steel}}$
- For Plastic, value of  $E = 1 \text{ GPa} - 14 \text{ GPa}$

**Note :** As flexibility increases, value of young's modulus decreases.

It is resistance to elastic strain.

**Shear Modulus of Elasticity OR Modulus of Rigidity (G or C):** It is defined as the ratio of shearing stress to shearing strain.

$$G \text{ or } C = \frac{\text{Shear stress}}{\text{Shear strain}} \quad \text{i.e. } \dagger = G \omega$$

**Bulk Modulus (K):**

It is defined as the ratio of uniform stress intensity to volumetric strain within the elastic limits.

$$K = \frac{\text{Stress}}{\text{Volumetric Strain}}$$

**Note:** Elastic constant relationship

- (i)  $E = 2C(1 + \nu)$ , where,  $\nu =$  Poisson's ratio.
- (ii)  $E = 3K(1 - 2\nu)$
- (iii)  $\nu = \frac{3K - 2C}{6K + 2C}$
- (iv)  $E = \frac{9KC}{3K + C}$

**STRESS-STRAIN DIAGRAM:**

**1. Ductile material (Mild Steel):**

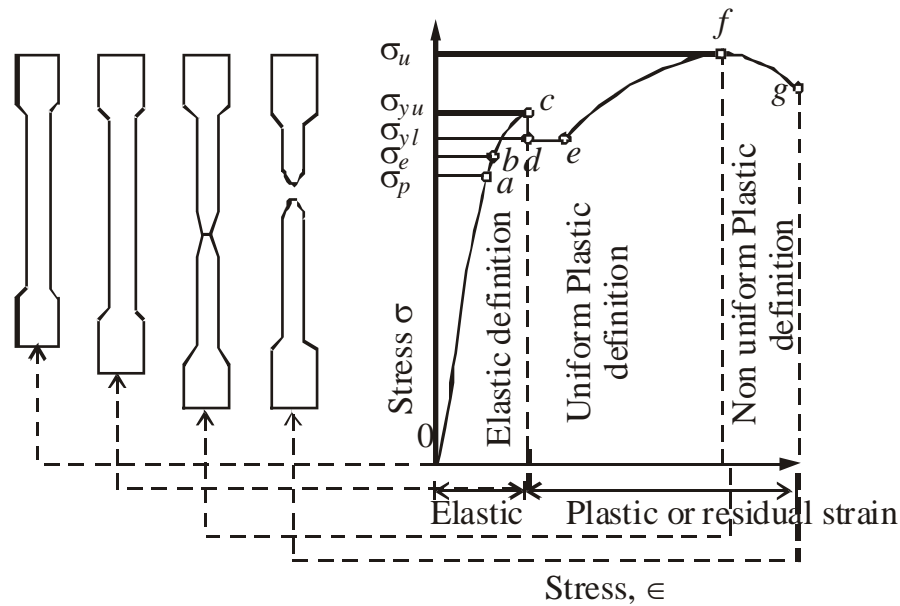


Figure: Typical stress-strain diagram for a ductile material

➤ Point 'a' → Limit of proportionality: Up to this point 'a', Hooke's law is obeyed; 'oa' is a straight line. Stress corresponding to this point is called 'proportional limit stress,  $\sigma_p$ '

**Comparison of Engineering and true stress strain curve:**

- The true stress-strain curve is also known as **flow curve**.
- True stress-strain curve gives a true indication of deformation characteristics because it is **based on the instantaneous dimension of specimen**.
- In engineering stress-strain curve, the stress drops down after necking since it is **based on the original area**.
- In true stress strain curve, the stress however increases after necking since the cross section area of the specimen **decreases rapidly after necking**.
- The flow curve of many metals in the region of uniform plastic deformation can be expressed by **simple power law**.

$$\sigma_T = K(\epsilon_T)^n$$

where, K is the strength co-efficient,  $\sigma_T$  is time stress.

n is the strain hardening coefficient.

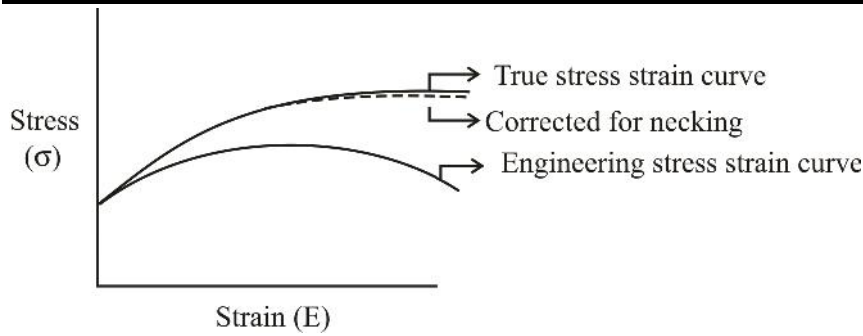
n = 0 for perfectly plastic solid

n = 1 In elastic solid

For most metals  $0.1 < n < 0.5$

$\sigma_{True} > \sigma_{Nominal}$  → if force is tensile, since area decreases.

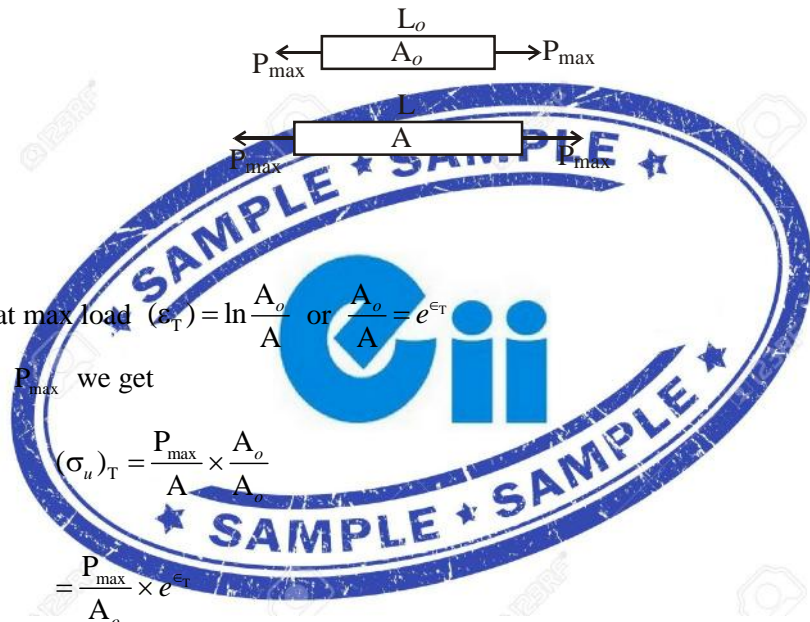
$\sigma_{True} > \sigma_{Nominal}$  → if force is compressive, since area increase.



# Relation between ultimate tensile strength and true stress at maximum load.

Ultimate tensile strength  $\sigma_u = \frac{P_{max}}{A_o}$

True stress at maximum load =  $(\sigma_u)_T = \frac{P_{max}}{A}$



True strain at max load  $(\epsilon_T) = \ln \frac{A_o}{A}$  or  $\frac{A_o}{A} = e^{\epsilon_T}$

Eliminating  $P_{max}$  we get

$$(\sigma_u)_T = \frac{P_{max}}{A} \times \frac{A_o}{A_o}$$

$$= \frac{P_{max}}{A_o} \times e^{\epsilon_T}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sigma_u)_T = \sigma_u e^{\epsilon_T}$$

Here,  $P_{max}$  is the max force.

$A_o$  = original cross section area

$A$  = instantaneous cross section area

- Based on the above theory two examples has been provided.

**Example 1.** Only elongation no neck formation.

In the tension test of rod shown initially it was  $A_o = 50\text{mm}^2$  and

$L_o = 100\text{mm}$ . After the application of load its  $A = 40\text{mm}^2$  and  $L = 125\text{mm}$ .

Determine the true strain using changes in both length and area.

**Solution:** Here  $A_o L_o = AL$

$$i.e., \quad 50 \times 100 = 40 \times 125$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad 5000 \text{ mm}^2 = 5000 \text{ mm}^2 \quad \therefore \text{ no neck formation.}$$

$\therefore$  true strain can be calculated both by area and length formula as follows.

$$\epsilon_T = \int_{l_0}^l \frac{dl}{l} = \ln\left(\frac{125}{100}\right) = 0.223$$

$$\epsilon_T = \int_{A_0}^A \ln\left(\frac{A_0}{A}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{50}{40}\right) = 0.223$$

## II. Elongation with neck formation

**Example.** A ductile material is tested such that necking occurs then the final gauge length is  $L = 140 \text{ mm}$  and the final minimum cross section area is  $A = 35 \text{ mm}^2$  though the rod shown initially was of area  $A_0 = 50 \text{ mm}^2$  and  $L_0 = 100 \text{ mm}$ . Determine the true strain using change in both length and area.

**Solution.** Check  $A_0 L_0 = 50 \times 100 = 5000 \text{ mm}^3$

$$AL = 35 \times 140 = 4900 \text{ mm}^3$$

*i.e.*  $A_0 L_0 > AL \therefore$  Necking occurs and force applied is tensile.

$$\therefore \epsilon_T = \ln\left(\frac{A_0}{A}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{50}{35}\right) = 0.357$$

$$\epsilon_T = \int_{l_0}^l \frac{dl}{l} = \ln\left(\frac{140}{100}\right) = 0.336 \text{ (wrong)}$$

**Inference:** After necking gauge length gives error but area and diameter can be used for the calculation of true strain at and before fracture.

- Point 'b' → Elastic limit point: 'ab' is not a straight line but upto point 'b' the material remains elastic. Stress corresponding to this point is called elastic limit stress,  $\sigma_e$ .  
Elastic limit > Proportional limit.

**Generally, point 'a' and 'b' coincides.**

- Point 'c' → upper yield point: At this point the cross-sectional area starts decreasing.

- Point 'd' → Lower yield point: At this point the specimen elongates by a considerable amount without any increase in stress. The value of stress at this point is

$$\tau_y = 250N/mm^2 \text{ for mild steel.}$$

The value of strain at yield stress is about 0.0012 or 0.12%

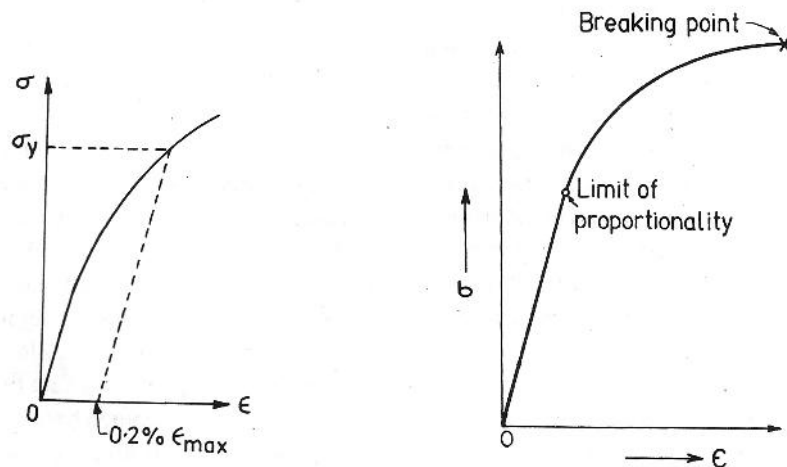
Lower yield point 'd' is observed, if rate of loading is slow.

- Upper yield point 'c' is observed, if rate of loading is fast.
- Portion 'de' represents 'plastic yielding': -Typical value of strain is 0.014 or 1.4% i.e. strain in range 'de' is at least 10 times the strain at the yield point.
- Portion 'ef' represents 'strain hardening': Strain increases fast with strain, till the ultimate load is reached.
- Point 'f' → Ultimate stress: Corresponding strain is 20% for mild steel. It is the maximum stress to which the material can be subjected in a simple tensile test. At this point necking of material begins.
- Point 'g' → Breaking Stress: - Corresponding strain is called fracture strain. It is about 25% for mild steel.

**Concept of reduced area (RA):**  $q = \frac{A_f - A_o}{A_o}$

- Reduction of area is more a measure of deformation required to produce failure and its chief contribution results from necking process.
- There is a complicate state of stress in necking condition.
- RA is the most sensitive ductility parameter and is useful in detecting quality changes in materials.

## 2. Brittle Material (Cast Iron):



**Figure: Typical stress-strain diagram for a ductile material**

- In these materials, elongation and reduction in area of the specimen is very small.

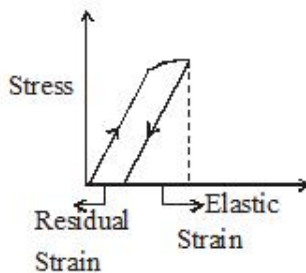


- The yield point is not marked at all.
- The straight portion of the diagram is very small.
- **Proof stress:** It is given corresponding to 0.2% of strain. A line parallel to linear portion of curve is drawn passing through 0.2% strain:

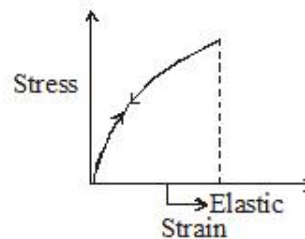
$$\sigma = \epsilon_{\text{Total}} E - \epsilon_{\text{Plastic}} E = \epsilon_{\text{Elastic}} \times E$$

**Concept of Elastic and Plastic strain by graph:**

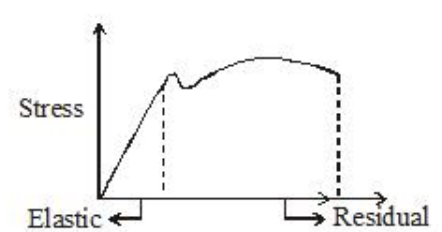
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**PROPERTIES OF METALS:**

1. **Ductility:** It is the characteristics of metal by virtue of which, it can be stretched. Large deformations are thus possible in these materials before the rupture takes place.  
e.g. - Mild Steel, Aluminium, Copper, Silver, Gold, Lead etc.
- Yield failure occurs in ductile materials.

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