

# Detailed study 2: Investigating structures and materials

Chapter 8

## Investigating materials

1. (a) Reading from the graph,

$$\Delta l = 0.60 \text{ mm}$$

- (b) Young's modulus is determined from the slope of the  $\sigma$  vs  $\epsilon$  graph. However, in this case use the relationship  $\sigma = Y \times \epsilon$ :

$$\begin{aligned} Y &= \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon} = \frac{F \times L}{A \times \Delta l} \\ &= \frac{150 \times 0.100}{50 \times 10^{-6} \times 0.6 \times 10^{-3}} \\ &= 500 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa} \\ &= 500 \text{ MPa} \end{aligned}$$

2. Estimate the area of your feet. Taking a mass of 60 kg supported on two feet, each approximately 25 cm  $\times$  6 cm, the stress would be

$$\frac{60 \times 10}{2 \times 0.25 \times 0.06} = 2 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa.}$$

$$\text{The stress in the column is } \frac{4000}{\pi(0.100)^2} = 1.3 \times 10^5.$$

The column causes the larger stress.

3. (a) Strain =  $\epsilon$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\Delta l}{L} \\ &= \frac{100}{10\,000} \\ &= 0.01 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Stress =  $\sigma = \frac{F}{A}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{50 \times 10^3}{\pi \times (0.004)^2} \\ &= 9.9 \times 10^8 \text{ Pa} \end{aligned}$$

4.  $Y = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{80 \text{ MPa}}{0.002} \\ &= 4 \times 10^4 \text{ MPa} \\ &= 40 \text{ GPa} \end{aligned}$$

5. (a) Young's modulus is given by the slope of the  $\sigma$  vs  $\epsilon$  graph. A has the larger Young's modulus as it is the steepest.

- (b) B

- (c) Toughness is given by the area under the  $\sigma$  vs  $\epsilon$  graph. B is therefore the tougher material.

- (d) B exhibits more plastic behaviour and is therefore more ductile.

- (e) A

$$\begin{aligned} 6. \text{ (a) Stress} &= \sigma = \frac{F}{A} \\ &= \frac{100 \times 10^3}{\pi \times 0.100^2} \\ &= 3.2 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa} \\ &= 3.2 \text{ MPa} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(b) } \epsilon = \frac{\Delta l}{L} = \frac{0.05 \times 10^{-3}}{5} = 1 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 7. \sigma &= Y \times \epsilon \\ &= 110 \times 10^9 \times 3 \times 10^{-4} \\ &= 3.3 \times 10^7 \text{ Pa} \\ &= 33 \text{ MPa} \end{aligned}$$

8. From:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma &= \frac{F}{A} \\ &= Y \times \epsilon \\ &= \frac{Y \times \Delta l}{L} \end{aligned}$$

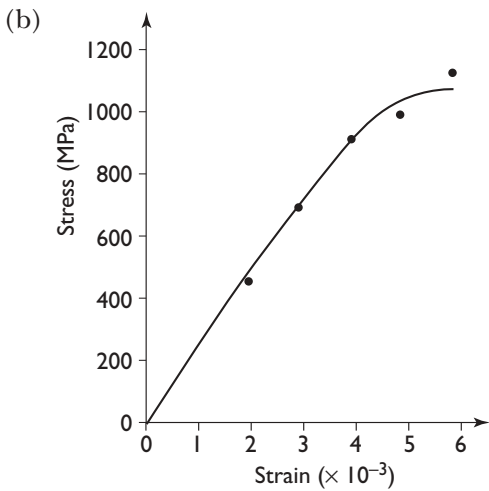
$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \Delta l &= \frac{F \times L}{A \times Y} \\ &= \frac{15 \times 10^3 \times 5}{\pi \times (0.001)^2 \times 200 \times 10^9} \\ &= 0.119 \text{ m} \\ &\cong 120 \text{ mm} \end{aligned}$$

9. (a) Using stress =  $\sigma = \frac{F}{A}$ ,

$$\text{where } A = 12.7 \times 12.7 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2 \cong 161 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2,$$

$$\text{and strain} = \epsilon = \frac{\Delta l}{L}, \text{ where } L = 5.08 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}$$

Stress (MPa)	Strain
0	0
449	$1.97 \times 10^{-3}$
673	$2.95 \times 10^{-3}$
898	$3.94 \times 10^{-3}$
999	$4.92 \times 10^{-3}$
1170	$5.91 \times 10^{-3}$

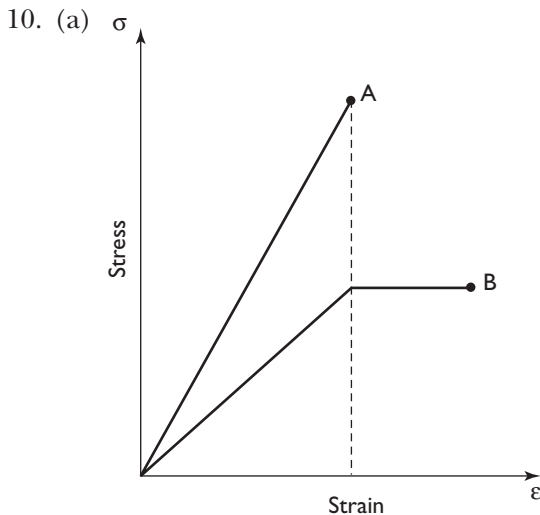


$$Y = \frac{680 \text{ MPa}}{3 \times 10^{-3}}$$

$$= 227 \times 10^3 \text{ MPa}$$

$$= 227 \text{ GPa}$$

(c) A strain of 0.5% = 0.005 is beyond the elastic limit. Therefore use the graph rather than the relationship  $\sigma = Y \times \epsilon$ . From the graph  $\sigma \cong 1030 \text{ MPa}$ .



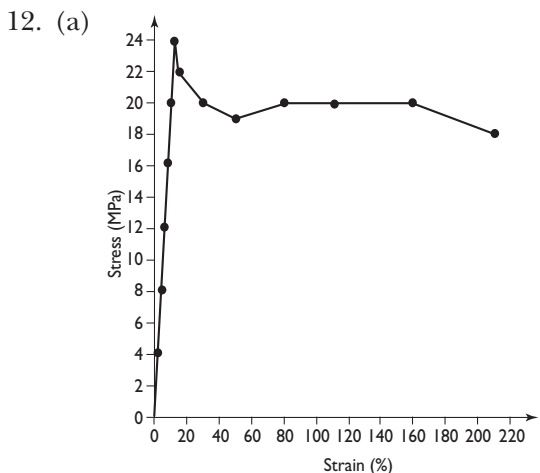
Area under curve A = area under curve B.

(b) As A and B are equally tough, the areas under the graphs must be equal. This shows that A is stiffer by a factor of 2.

11.  $\sigma = Y \times \epsilon$

$$= 110 \times 10^3 \text{ MPa} \times 5 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$= 55 \text{ MPa}$$



(b) It is ductile because of its noticeable plastic behaviour.

(c) From the slope of the linear portion of the graph before yielding,  $Y = \frac{24 \text{ MPa}}{12 \times 10^{-2}} = 200 \text{ MPa}$ .

(d) When stretched to twice its original length,  $\Delta L = L$ ; that is,  $\epsilon = \frac{L}{L} = 1 = 100\%$ .

The stored energy is found from the area under the  $\sigma$  vs  $\epsilon$  graph.

$$\text{Stored energy} \cong 20 \times 10^6 \times 1 = 2 \times 10^7 \text{ J m}^{-3}$$

13. The stiffness of fishing line (a) is constant but the stiffness of (b) and (c) changes. When the stress-strain graph is steeper, the fishing line is stiffer. In each case the fisherman will feel the same increasing force, assuming that the stress in each case is applied at a constant rate.

14. Energy =  $\frac{1}{2} \sigma \times \epsilon$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{54 \times 10^6 \times 2 \times 10^{-3}}{5}$$

$$= 1.1 \times 10^4 \text{ J m}^{-3}$$

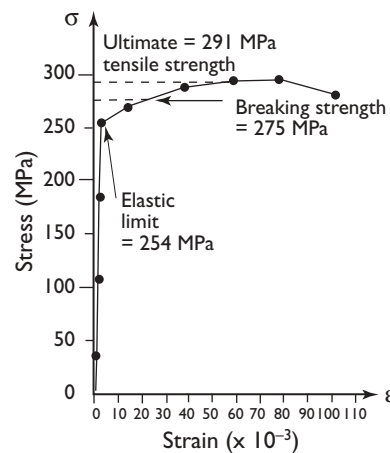
15. (a) Using stress =  $\sigma = \frac{F}{A}$ ,

where  $A = \pi \left( \frac{12.5 \times 10^{-3}}{2} \right)^2 \text{ m}^2 \cong 122 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2$ ,

and strain =  $\epsilon = \frac{\Delta l}{L}$ , where  $L = 50.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$

Stress (MPa)	Strain
0.0	0.0000
36.7	0.0004
109	0.0014
182	0.0026
254	0.0036
272	0.0150
287	0.0400
291	0.0600
291	0.0800
275	0.1030

(b) and (c)



(d) (i)  $\sigma_Y = \frac{31.2 \times 10^3}{122 \times 10^{-6}} = 254 \text{ MPa}$

(ii) The ultimate tensile strength is given by the largest stress = 291 MPa.

(iii) Breaking strength = stress at fracture = 275 MPa

16. (a) The minimum force to cause plastic deformation will be just larger than the force at yield.

That is,

$$\begin{aligned} F &= \sigma_Y \times A \\ &= 55 \times 10^6 \times \pi \times (1.5 \times 10^{-3})^2 \\ &\cong 3.9 \times 10^2 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

(b)  $\Delta l = \epsilon \times L$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\sigma_Y \times L}{Y} \\ &= \frac{55 \times 10^6 \times 40 \times 10^{-3}}{76 \times 10^9} \\ &= 2.9 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m} \\ &= 2.9 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mm} \end{aligned}$$

(c)  $F = \sigma \times A = 125 \times 10^6 \times \pi \times 0.0015^2 = 884 \text{ N}$

17.  $\epsilon = \frac{\sigma}{Y} = \frac{90 \times 10^6}{75 \times 10^9} = 1.2 \times 10^{-3}$

$$\Delta l = \epsilon \times L = 1.2 \times 10^{-3} \times 1 = 1.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m} = 1.2 \text{ mm}$$

18. (a)  $\sigma = \frac{F}{A} = \frac{6 \times 10^3}{\pi \times (1.5 \times 10^{-3})^2} = 850 \text{ MPa}$

(b)  $\epsilon = \frac{\Delta l}{L} = \frac{0.4}{500} = 8 \times 10^{-4}$

(c)  $Y = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon} = \frac{850 \times 10^6}{8 \times 10^{-4}} = 1.1 \times 10^{12} \text{ Pa}$

(d) From the area under the graph of force vs extension,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{strain energy} &= \frac{1}{2} \times 6.0 \times 10^3 \times 0.4 \times 10^{-3} \\ &= 1.2 \text{ J} \end{aligned}$$

(e) Total energy =  $\frac{1}{2} \times 6.0 \times 10^3 \times 0.4 \times 10^{-3} = 1.2 \text{ J}$

19. (a) (i) Tension

(ii) Shear

(iii) Tension

(iv) Compression

(v) Tension

(vi) Tension

(vii) Tension

(viii) Compression

(ix) Tension

(x) Compression

(b) (i) Nylon — tough, elastic, stiff

(ii) Steel — strong, hard, stiff

(iii) Skin — elastic (decreases with age), soft, tough

(iv) Plastic — tough, stiff

(v) Rubber — elastic, tough

(vi) Plastic — tough

(vii) Nylon — elastic

(viii) Rubber — tough, elastic

(ix) Plastic — plastic, tough

(x) Putty or silicon — depends on material and purpose