

# BEAM THEORY – CONSTITUTIVE EQUATIONS

## STRUCTURAL MECHANICS

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# LECTURER/STUDENTS OBJECTIVES



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-  Link static and kinematic behavior of beams.
-  Understand the relationships between the internal forces and deformations.

# INTRODUCTION

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The aim of the lecture is to provide the information necessary to understand:

- relations between internal forces and deformations, i.e., **global constitutive equations**

# CONSTITUTIVE EQUATIONS FOR BEAMS

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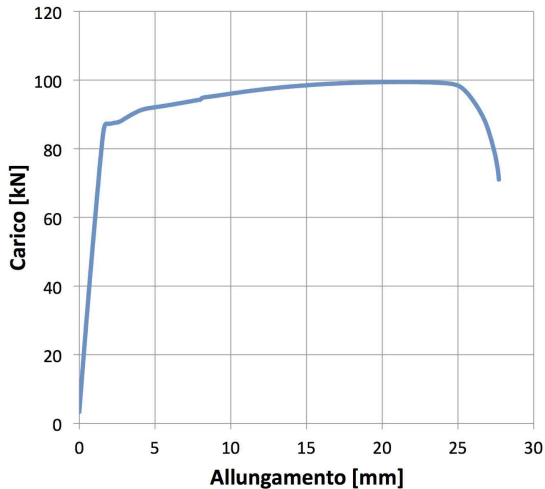


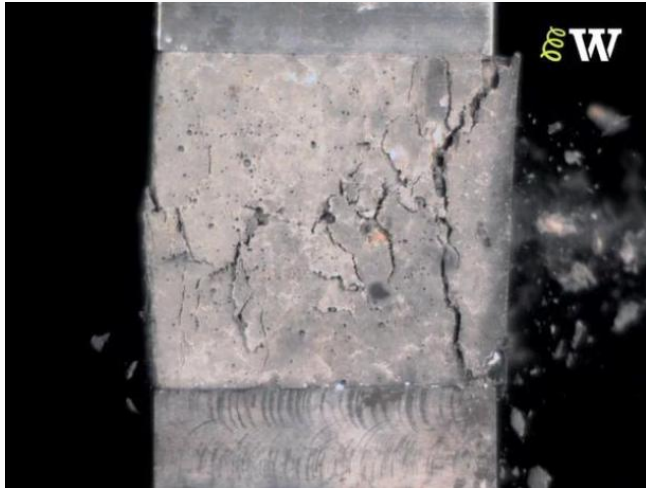
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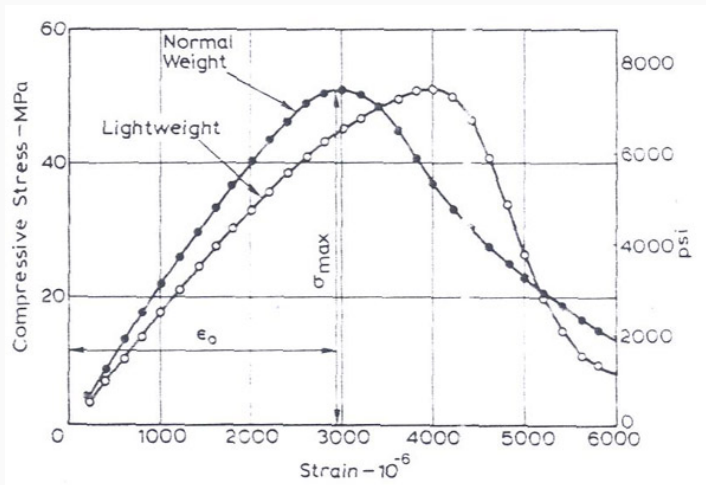


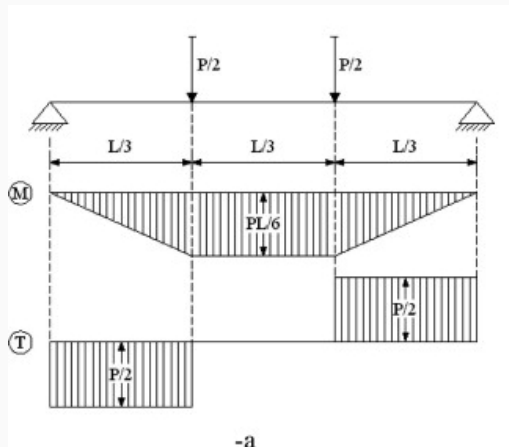




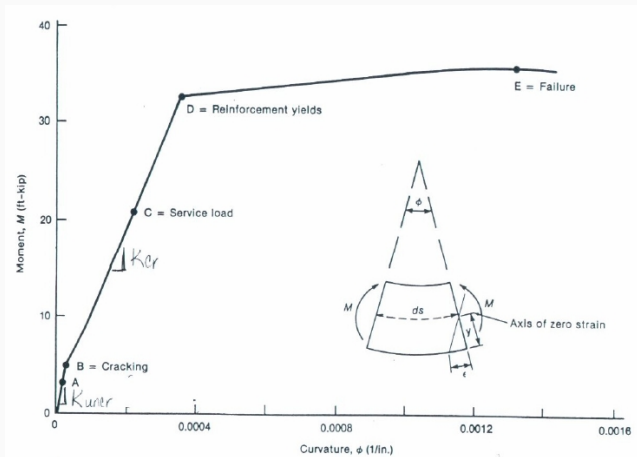






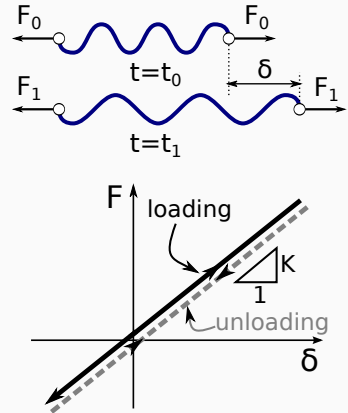


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- The linear elastic relationship is such that:
  1. the force is a unique function of deformation
  2. if the force is removed, the original (usually **undeformed**) state is obtained without **residual** or **permanent** deformations. It is a **reversible** behavior.
- The linear elastic behavior is a particular elastic relationship expressed by a linear law (Hooke's law)

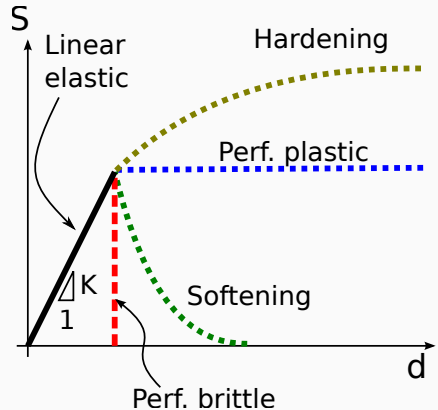


Given an internal force  $S(z)$ , the corresponding deformation  $d(z)$  can be given as  $d(z) = \frac{S(z)}{K}$

Internal force $S$	Deformation $d$	Stiffness $K = \frac{\Delta S}{\Delta d}$
$N$	$\varepsilon_0$	$K_{A,e} = EA$
$T$	$\gamma$	$K_{S,e} = GA_T$
$M$	$\chi$	$K_{B,e} = EI_x$

For an elementary beam (length  $dz$ ):

- $K_{A,e} = EA$ : axial stiffness
- $K_{S,e} = GA_T$ : shear stiffness
- $K_{B,e} = EI_x$ : bending stiffness





## Internal forces and deformations

Proportion between internal forces ( $N, M, T$ ) and deformations ( $\epsilon_0, \chi, \gamma$ ) through the **stiffness**

The **stiffness** (slope of  $S - d$  diagram) depends on **material** ( $E, G$ ) and on the cross section **shape** ( $A, I_x, A_T = \frac{A}{t}$ )

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_0(z) &= \frac{N(z)}{K_{A,e}} = \frac{N(z)}{EA} \\ \gamma(z) &= \frac{T(z)}{K_{S,e}} = \frac{T(z)}{GA_T} = t \frac{T(z)}{GA} \\ \chi(z) &= \frac{M(z)}{K_{B,e}} = \frac{M(z)}{EI_x}\end{aligned}$$

## Geometrical properties of the cross section

- $A$ : area
- $t > 1$ : shear factor ( $A_T = \frac{A}{t}$ )
- $I_x$ : second moment of area (or moment of inertia)

The lecture about the geometrical properties of areas deepens this topic.

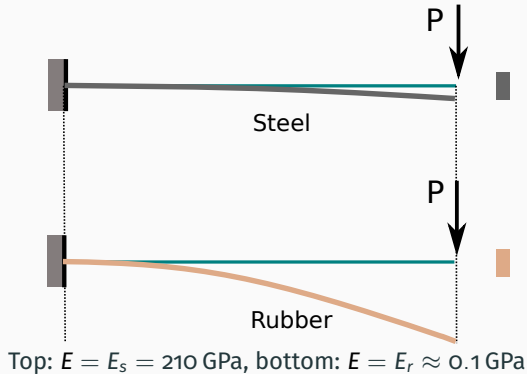
## Material properties

- $E$ : modulus of elasticity (Young's modulus)
- $G$ : shear modulus

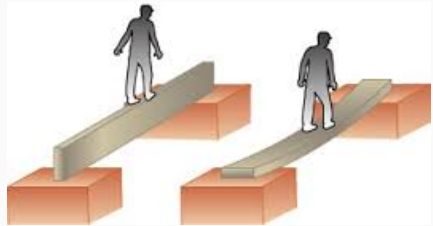
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# STIFFNESS: INFLUENCE OF MATERIAL AND SECTION

Different **material**, same cross section  
(with respect to the same vertical  
loading direction)



Same material, different **cross section**  
(different inertia with respect to the  
same vertical loading direction)



Left:  $I_x = \frac{b h^3}{12}$ , right:  $I_x = \frac{h b^3}{12}$  (where  $x$  is the  
horizontal axis, orthogonal to the direction of gravity)

# PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS

Quantity	Physical dimension	SI unit
$E, G$	$FL^{-2}$	Pa
$A$	$L^2$	$m^2$
$I_x$	$L^4$	$m^4$
$t$	–	–
$K_{A,e}, K_{S,e}$	F	N
$K_{B,e}$	$FL^2$	$Nm^2$