

# Mechanics of Materials

Lecture 2

## Stress

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# Concept of stress

Material properties

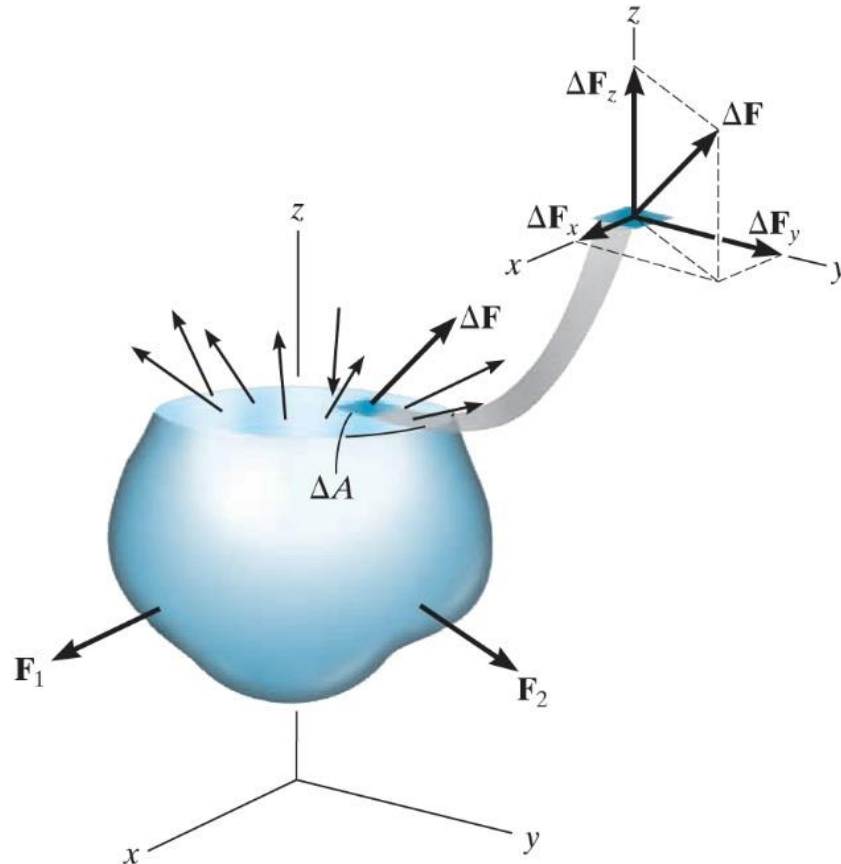
## *Continuous*

To consist of a continuum or uniform distribution of matter having no voids.

## *Cohesive*

All portions of matter are connected together, without having breaks, cracks, or separations

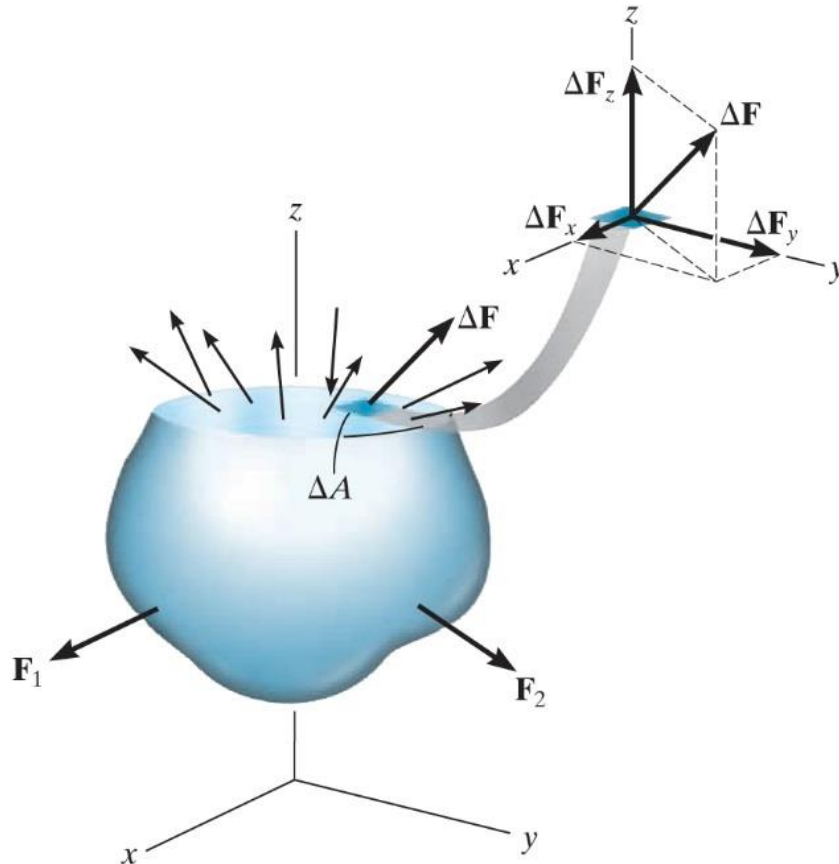
# Concept of stress



$\Delta A$  Sectioned area to be subdivided into small areas

$\Delta F$  A typical finite very small force acting on the area

# Concept of stress



The Force can be replaced by its three components:

$\Delta F_x$  Tangent to the area.

$\Delta F_y$  Tangent to the area.

$\Delta F_z$  Normal to the area.

# Concept of stress

The quotient of the force and area

$$\lim_{\Delta A \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta F}{\Delta A}$$

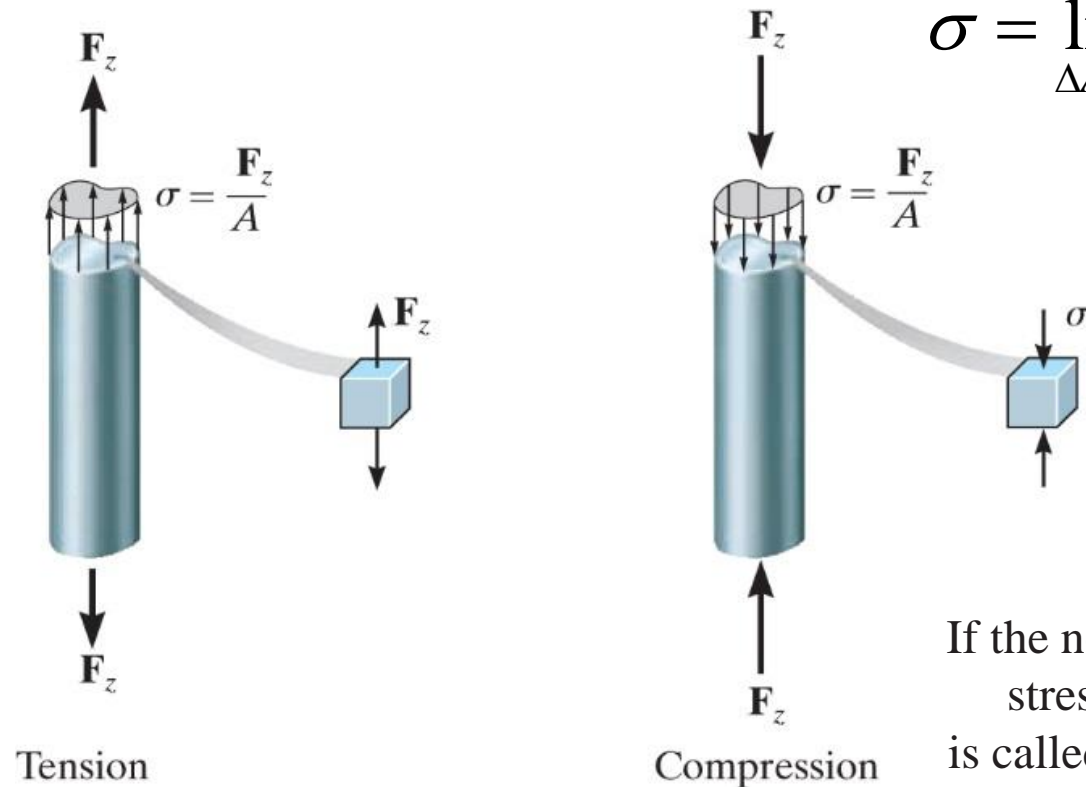
It describes the intensity of the internal force acting on a specific plane (area) passing through a point.

As the area approaches zero, so do the force and its components, this quotient will, in general, approach a finite limit.

# Normal Stress

The *intensity* of the force acting normal to the area

$$\sigma = \lim_{\Delta A \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta F_z}{\Delta A}$$



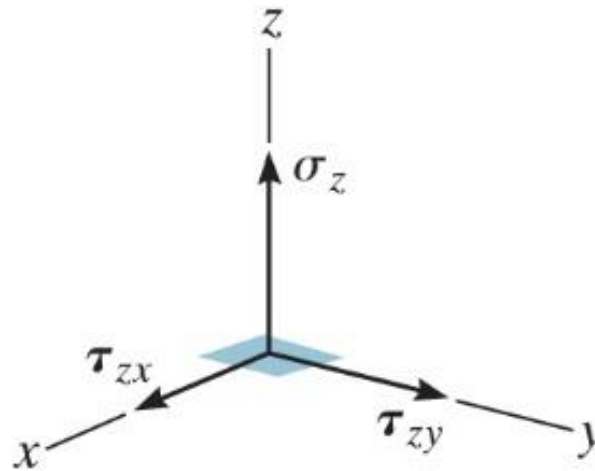
If the normal force or stress “pulls” is referred to as *tensile stress*,

Tension

Compression

If the normal force or stress “pushes” is called *compressive stress*.

# Normal Stress



$$\sigma_z = \lim_{\Delta A \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta F_z}{\Delta A}$$

$z$

specifies the  
orientation of the area

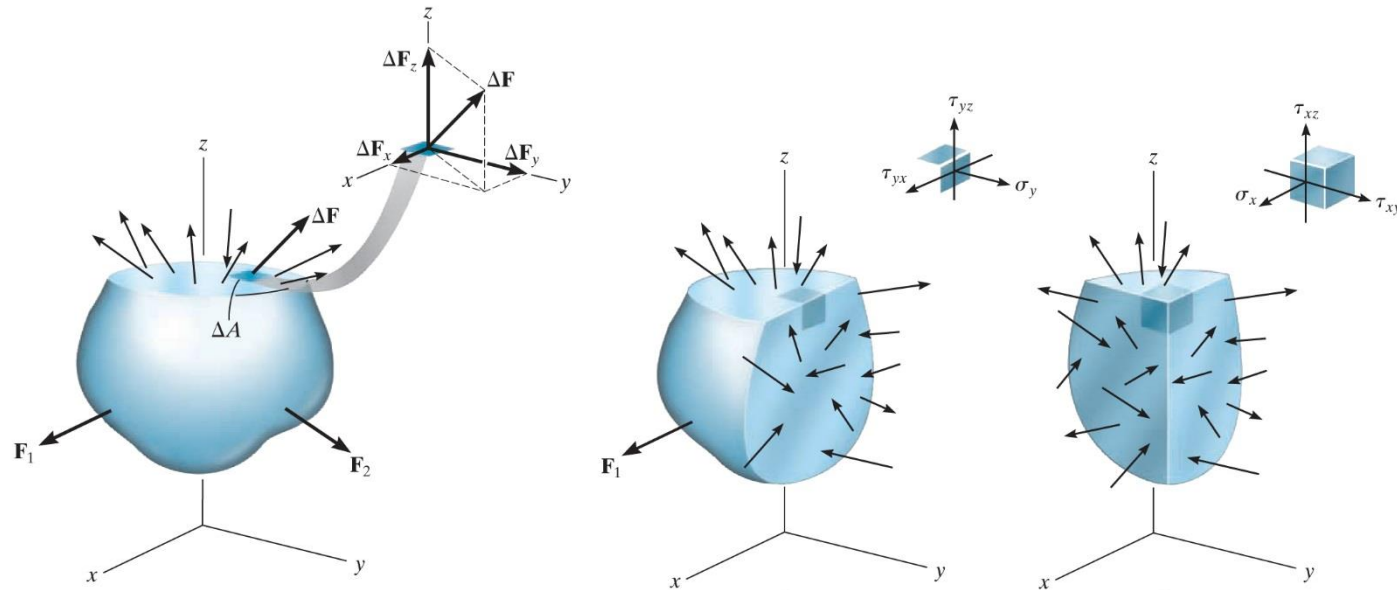
indicate the axes along  
which Normal stress acts.





# State of stress

If the body is further sectioned by planes parallel to the  $xz$  plane, and the  $y-z$  plane, we can then “cut out” a cubic volume element of material that represents the ***state of stress*** acting around the chosen point in the body.





# Stress

## Units:

Since stress represents a force per unit area, in the International Standard or SI system, the magnitudes of both normal and shear stress are specified in the basic units of newtons per square meter. This unit, called a pascal, is rather small.

$$\left[ N / m^2 \right] = Pa$$

$$\left[ N / mm^2 \right] = MPa$$





# Average Normal Stress

As a result, each small area  $\Delta A$  on the cross section is subjected to a force  $\Delta F = \sigma \Delta A$ , and the *sum* of these forces acting over the entire cross-sectional area must be equivalent to the internal resultant force  $\mathbf{P}$  at the section.

$$\int dF = \int_A \sigma \cdot dA \Rightarrow P = \sigma \cdot A \Rightarrow \sigma = \frac{P}{A}$$

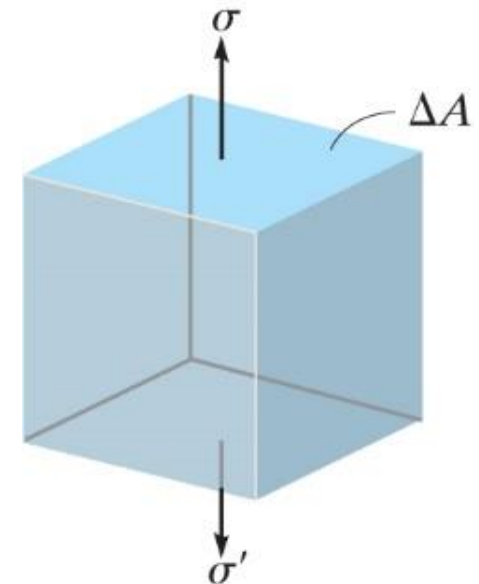
- Here
- $\sigma$  average normal stress at any point on the cross-sectional area
  - $P$  *internal resultant normal force*, which acts through the *centroid* of the cross-sectional area.  $P$  is determined using the method of sections and the equations of equilibrium
  - $A$  cross-sectional area of the bar where is determined

# Average Normal Stress

**Equilibrium.** It should be apparent that only a normal stress exists on any small volume element of material located at each point on the cross section of an axially loaded bar. If we consider vertical equilibrium of the element, then apply the equation of force equilibrium,

$$\sum F_z = 0 \Rightarrow \sigma \cdot \Delta A - \sigma' \cdot \Delta A = 0 \Rightarrow \sigma = \sigma'$$

In other words, the two normal stress components on the element must be equal in magnitude but opposite in direction. This is referred to as *uniaxial stress*.



# Maximum Average Normal Stress.

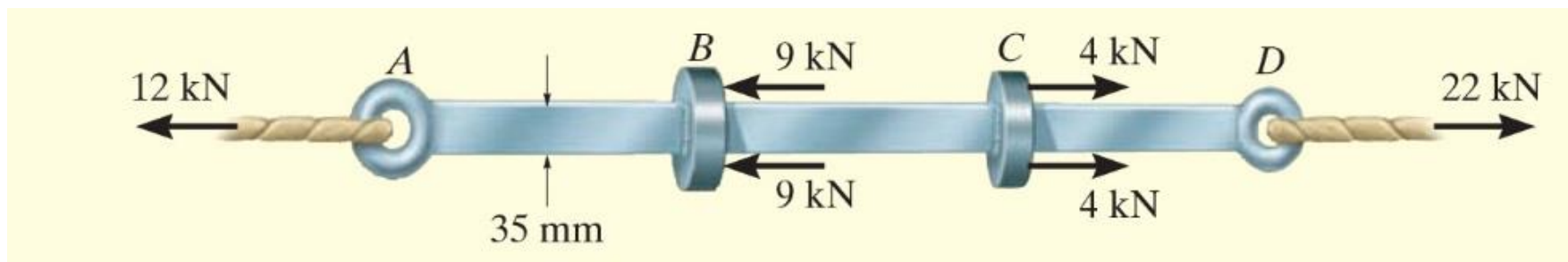
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} P \\ A \end{array} \right\} = \text{const.} \Rightarrow \sigma = \text{const.}$$

Generally the bar may be subjected to *several* external loads along its axis, or a change in its cross-sectional area may occur. As a result, the normal stress within the bar could be different from one section to the next, and, if the *maximum* average normal stress is to be determined, then it becomes important to find the location where the ratio  $P/A$  is a *maximum*. To do this it is necessary to determine the internal force  $P$  at various sections along the bar. Here it may be helpful to show this variation by drawing an ***axial or normal force diagram***. Specifically, this diagram is a plot of the normal force  $P$  versus its position  $x$  along the bar's length. As a sign convention,  $P$  will be positive if it causes tension in the member, and negative if it causes compression. Once the internal loading throughout the bar is known, the maximum ratio of  $P/A$  can then be identified.

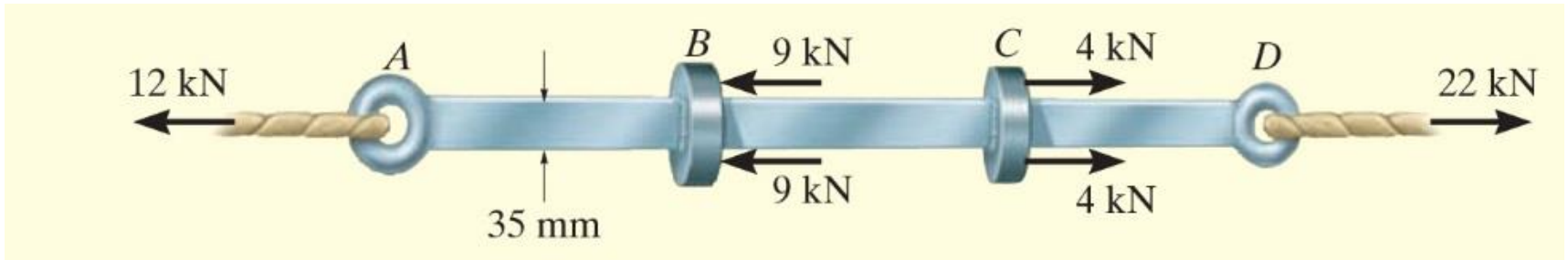


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# Average Shear Stress

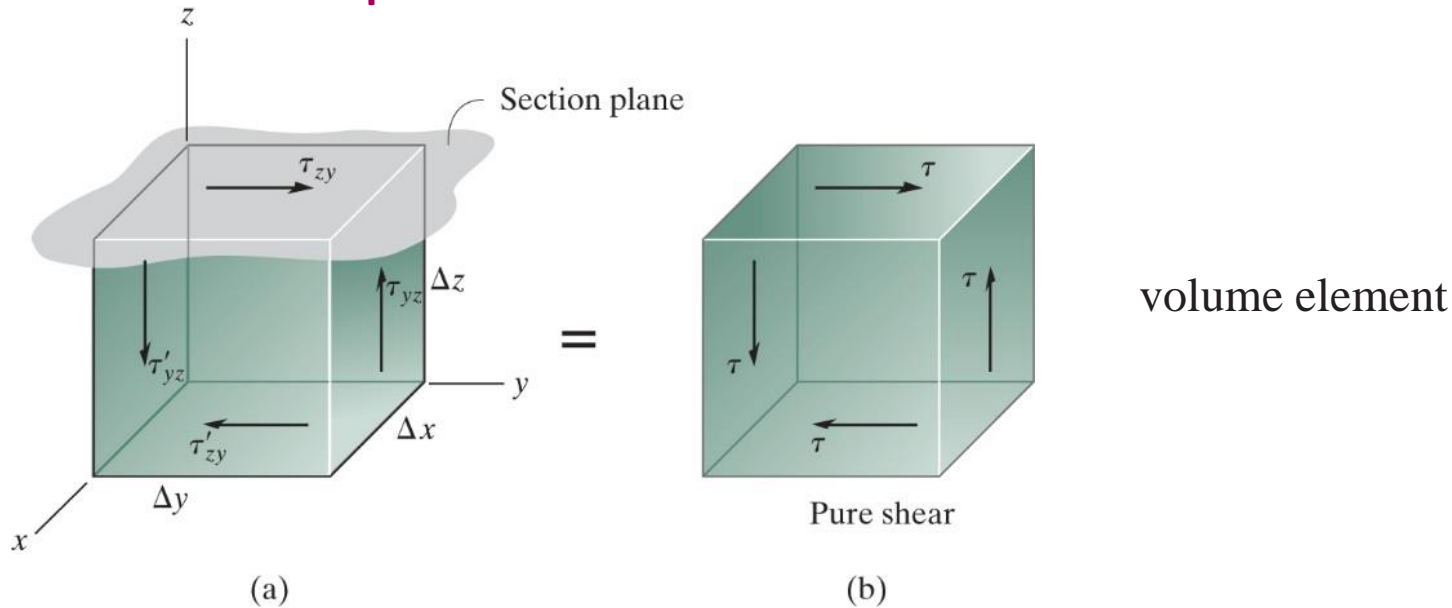
$$\tau_{avg} = \frac{V}{A}$$

Here

- $\tau$  average shear stress at the section, which is assumed to be the *same* at each point located on the section
- $V$  internal resultant shear force on the section determined from the equations of equilibrium
- $A$  area at the section

# Average Shear Stress

## Shear Stress Equilibrium.



$$\sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow \tau_{zy} (\Delta x \cdot \Delta y) - \tau'_{zy} (\Delta x \cdot \Delta y) = 0 \Rightarrow \tau_{zy} = \tau'_{zy}$$

$$\sum M_x = 0 \Rightarrow -\tau_{zy} (\Delta x \cdot \Delta y) \Delta z + \tau_{yz} (\Delta x \cdot \Delta z) \Delta y = 0 \Rightarrow \tau_{zy} = \tau_{yz}$$

# Average Shear Stress

**All four shear stresses must have equal magnitude and be directed either toward or away from each other at opposite edges of the element**







# Design Loadings $\leftrightarrow$ Actual Loadings

**Are**  
**Actual Loadings**  
**similar to**  
**Design Loadings**





# Allowable Stress

To properly *design* a structural member or mechanical element it is necessary to restrict the stress in the material to a level that will be safe.

To ensure this safety, it is therefore necessary to choose an allowable stress that restricts the applied load to one that is *less* than the load the member can fully support.



# Allowable Stress

If the load applied to the member is *linearly related* to the stress developed within the member, as in the case of using and then we can also express the factor of safety as a ratio of the failure stress  $\sigma_{fail}$  (or  $\tau_{fail}$ ) to the allowable stress  $\sigma_{allow}$  (or  $\tau_{allow}$ ); that is,

$$F.S = \frac{\sigma_{fail}}{\sigma_{allow}}$$

$$F.S = \frac{\tau_{fail}}{\tau_{allow}}$$

$$F.S > 1$$

# Allowable Stress

What is the relationship between the load, geometry and material) and factor of safety ????



