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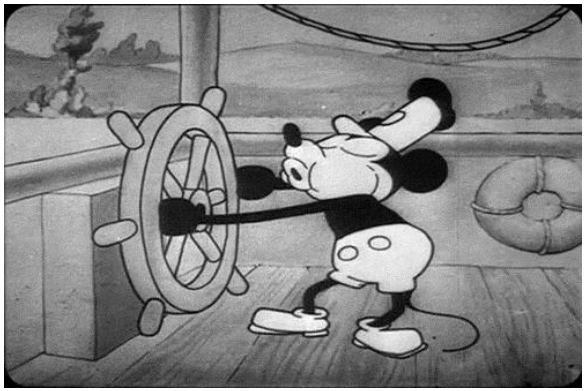

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Lecture 04:
Unit 3: definition of normal and shear stress

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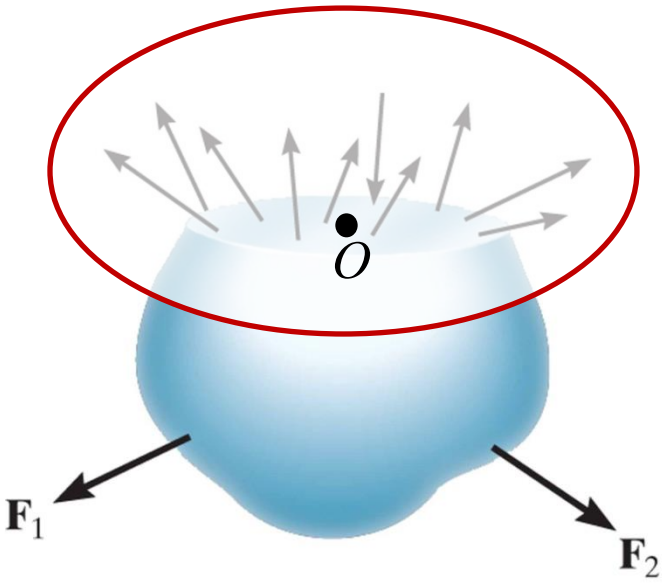

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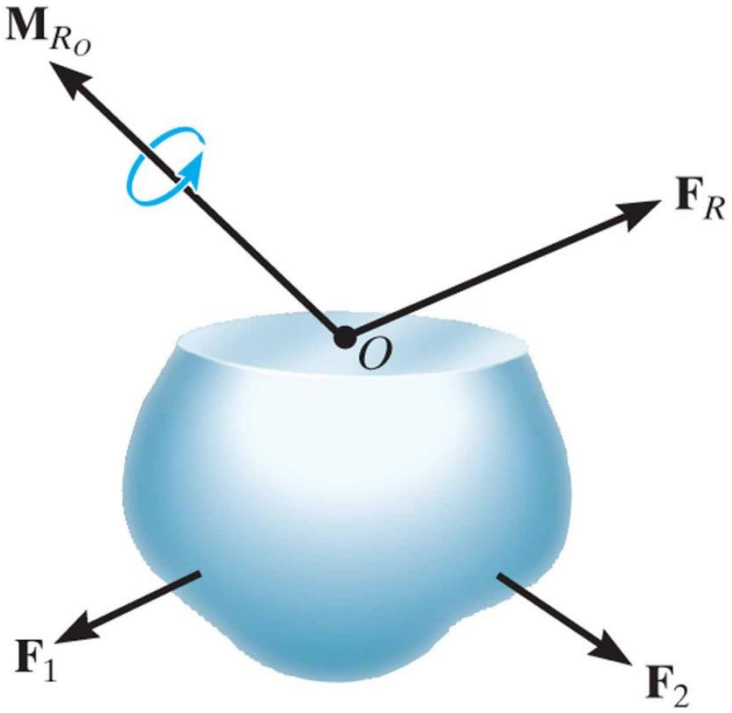
Equivalent force and moment at the section



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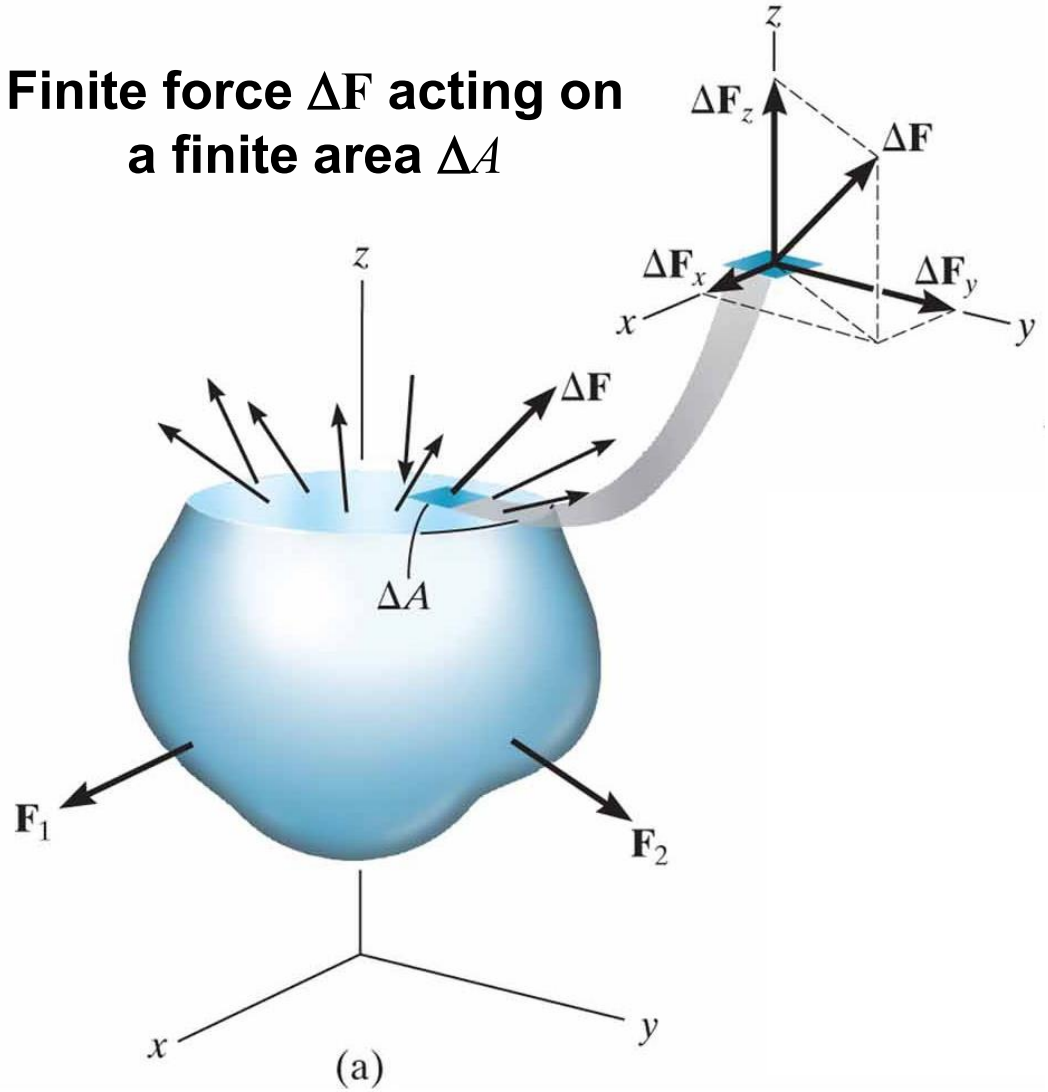

Definition

Normal stress:

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

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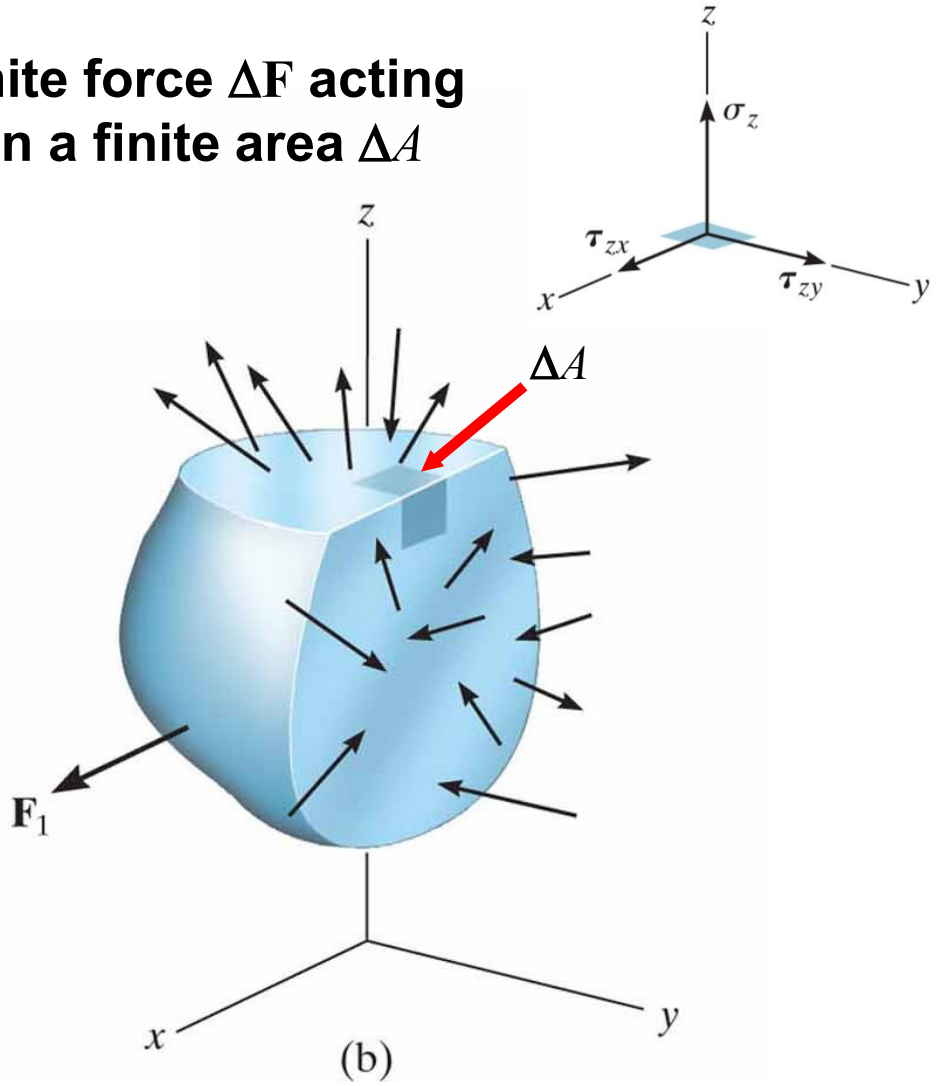

Definitions

Shear stresses:

$$\tau_{zx} = \lim_{\Delta A \to 0} \frac{\Delta F_x}{\Delta A}$$

$$\tau_{zy} = \lim_{\Delta A \to 0} \frac{\Delta F_y}{\Delta A}$$

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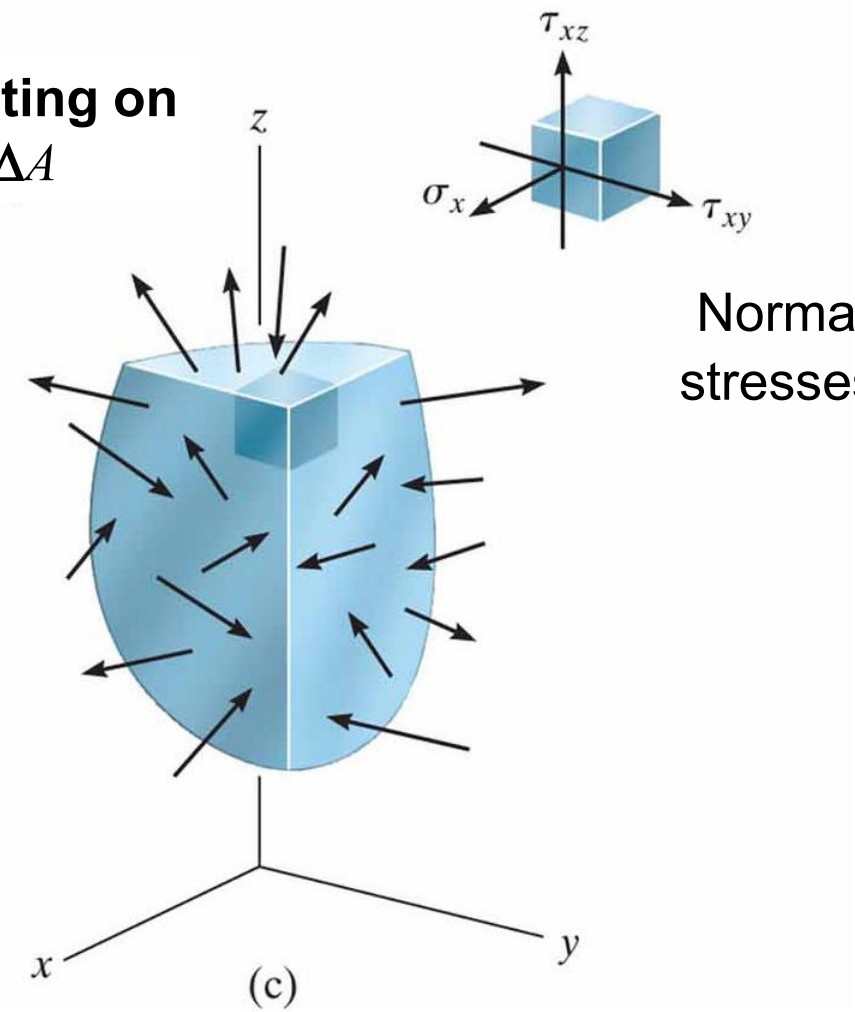
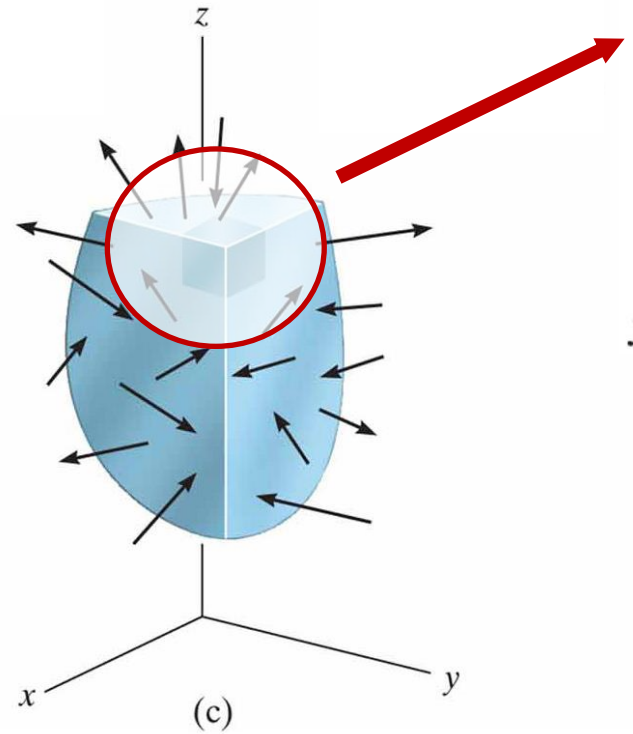


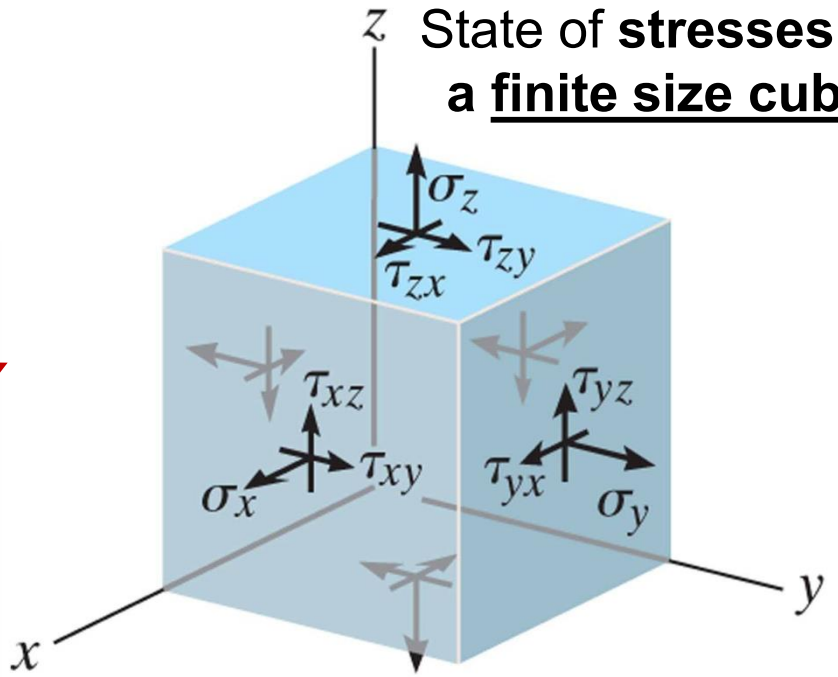
Normal and shear stresses on plane x

General state of stresses

Further sectioning leads to a **"stress cube"**



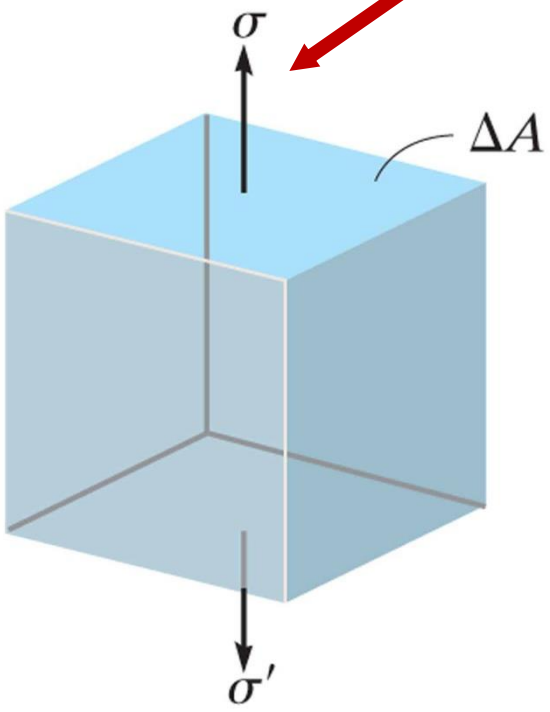
State of **stresses of a <u>finite size cube</u>**



State of stresses: normal stress equilibrium (1D)

Finite size cube:
stress cube

One-dimensional
normal stress



$$\sum \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0}; \quad \Rightarrow$$

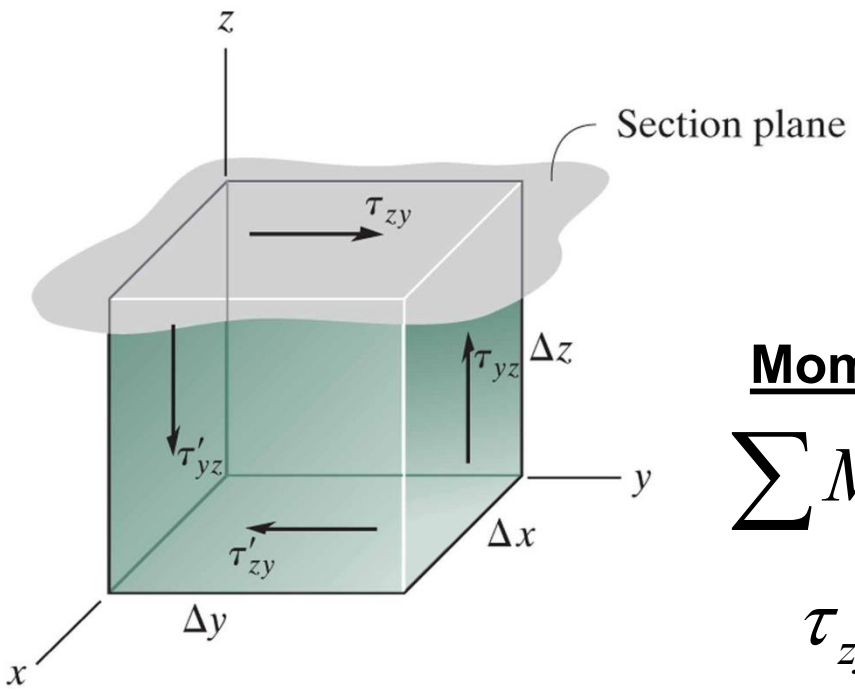
$$\sigma(\Delta A) = \sigma'(\Delta A)$$

Therefore,

$$\sigma = \sigma'$$

State of stresses: shear stress equilibrium

Finite size cube:
stress cube



Forces:

$$\sum F_y = 0; \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$\tau_{zy}\,(\Delta x\ \Delta y) = \tau'_{zy}\,(\Delta x\ \Delta y)$$

Therefore, $\tau_{zy} = \tau'_{zy}$

Moments:

$$\sum M_x = 0; \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$\tau_{zy}\,(\Delta x\ \Delta y)\cdot\Delta z = \tau_{yz}\,(\Delta x\ \Delta z)\cdot\Delta y$$

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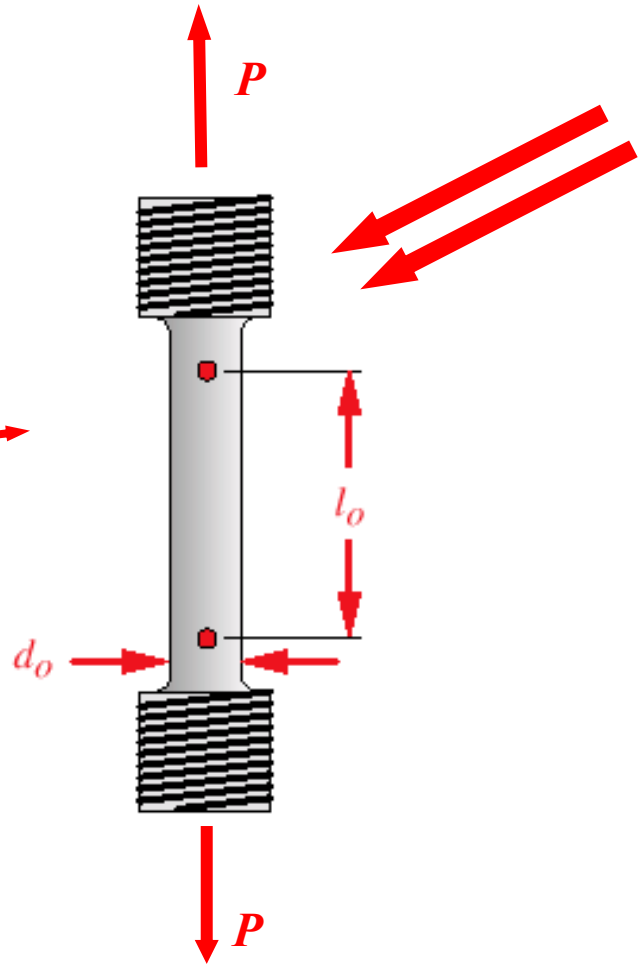
Average normal stress in an axially loaded bar

Tensile test



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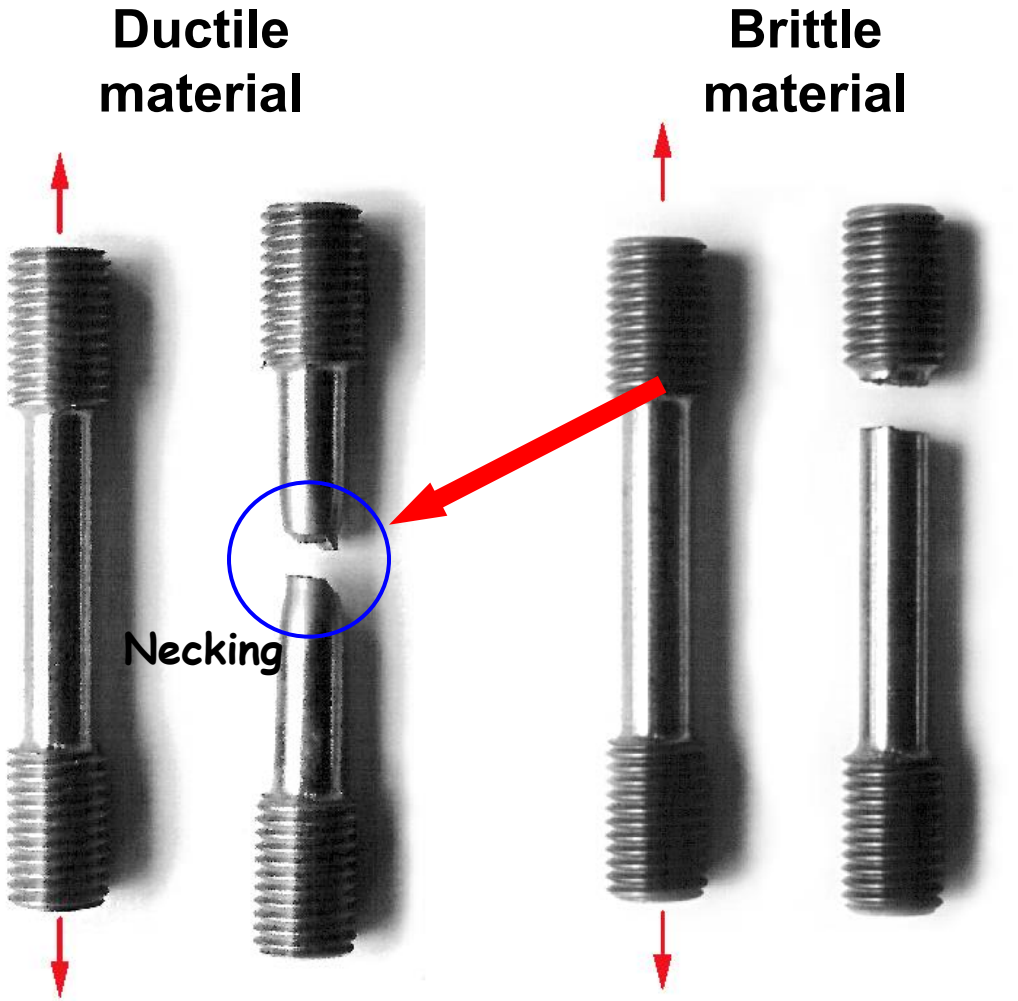
Typical results



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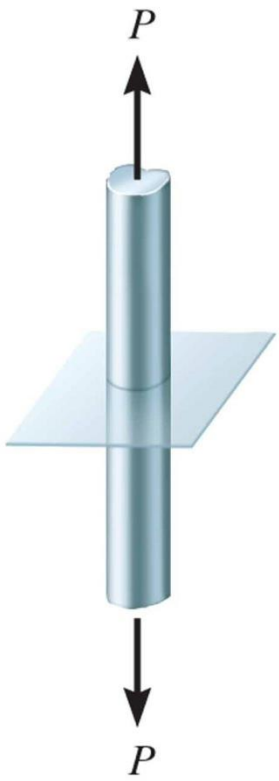
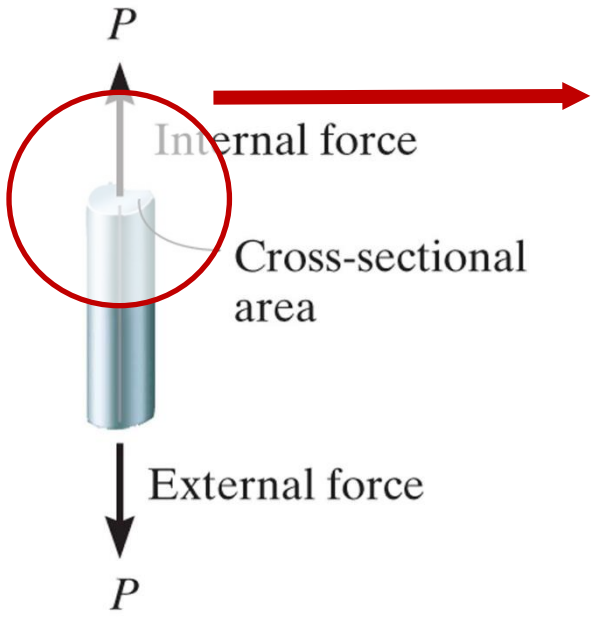
Bar subjected to axial load





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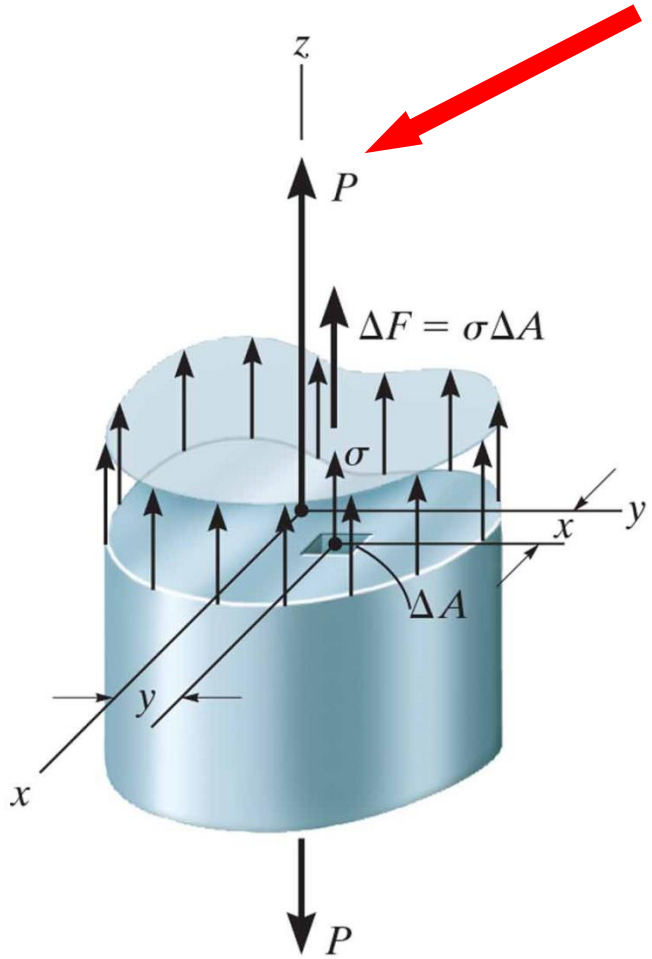

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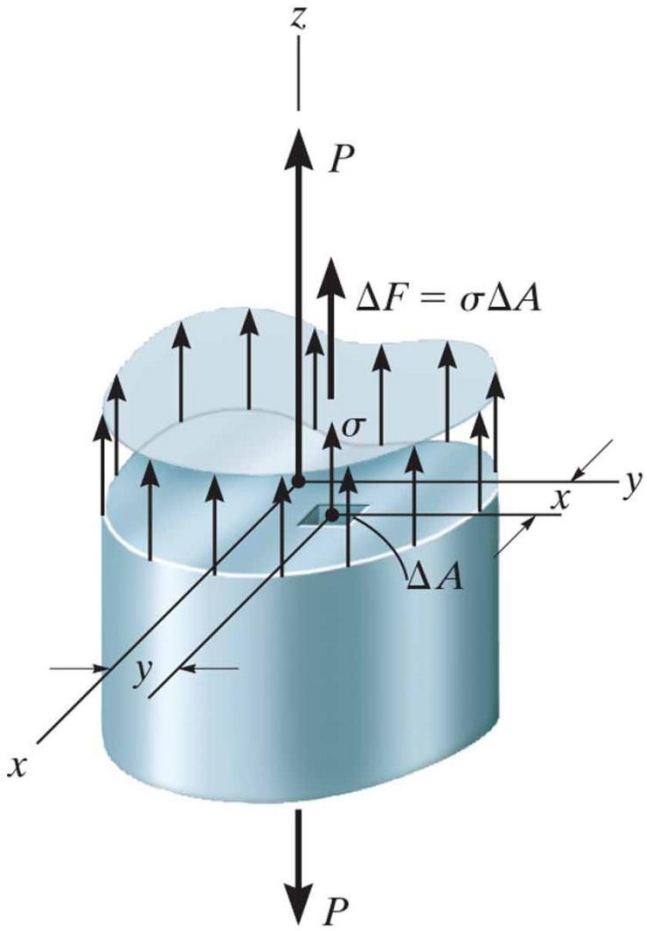


$$+\uparrow F_{Rz} = \sum F_z$$

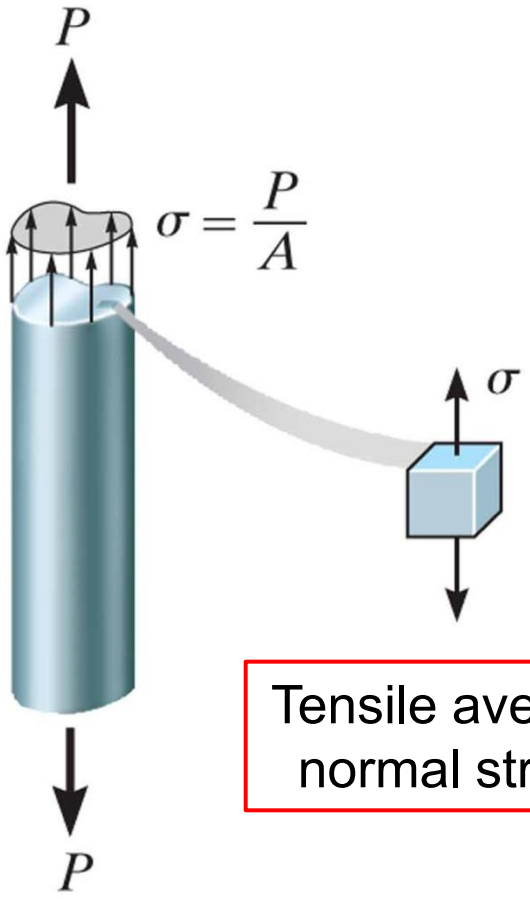
$$\int dF = \int_A \sigma \, dA$$

$$P = \sigma A$$

Average normal stress:

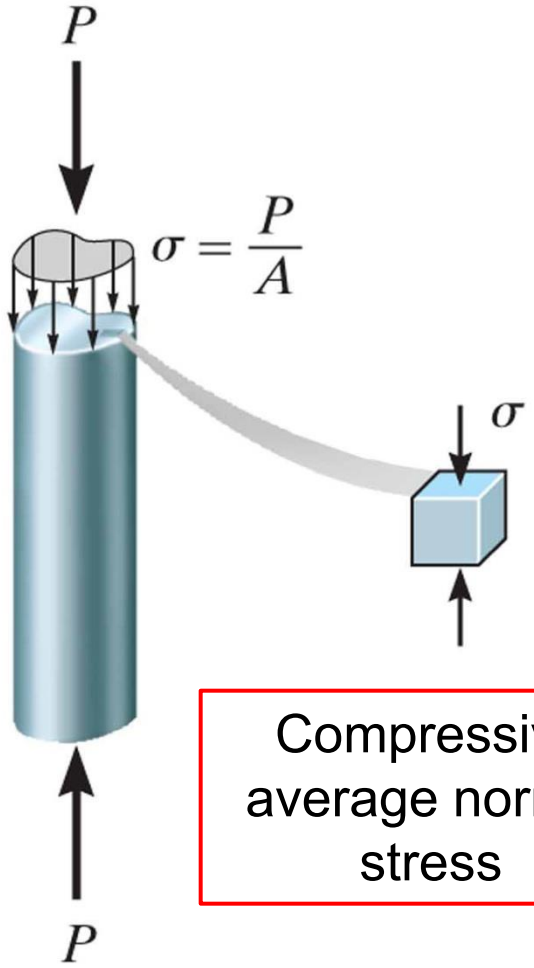
$$\sigma = \frac{P}{A}$$

Average normal stress in an axially loaded bar



Tensile average normal stress

Tension



Compressive average normal stress

Compression

Average normal stress in an axially loaded bar

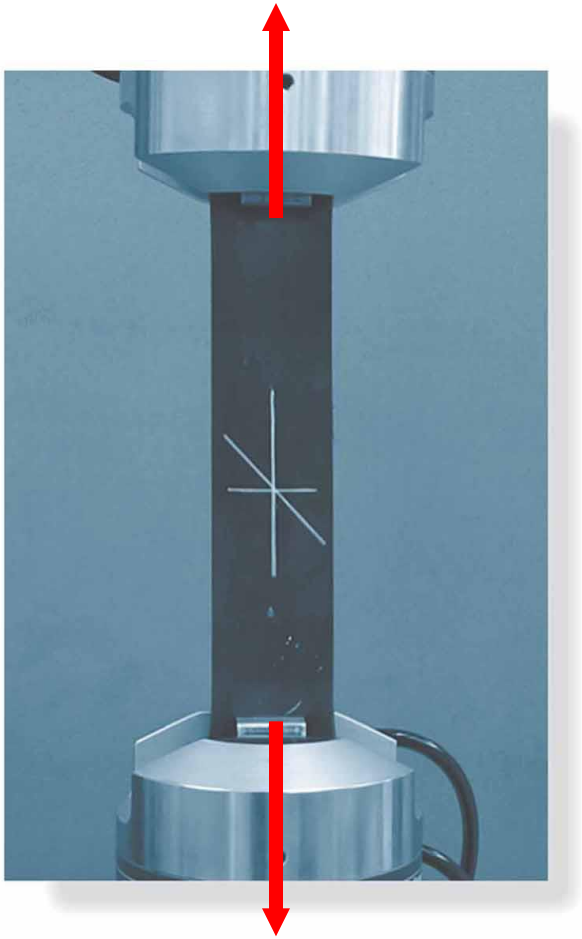


Figure: 02-01-A-UN

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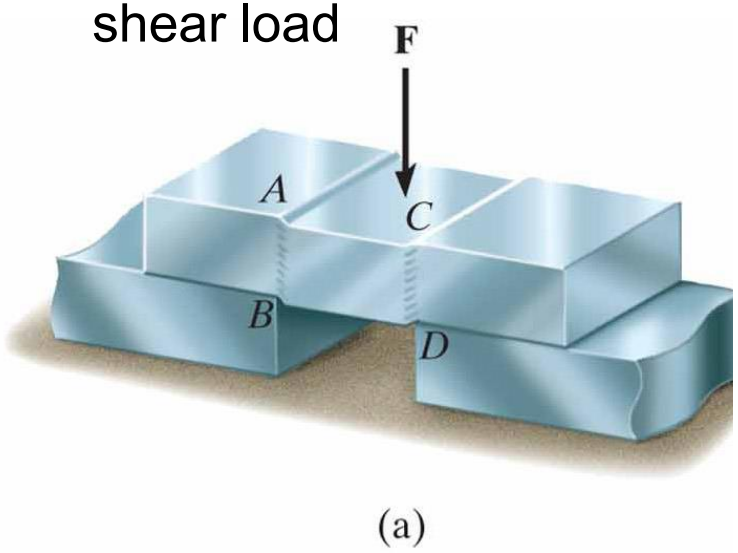
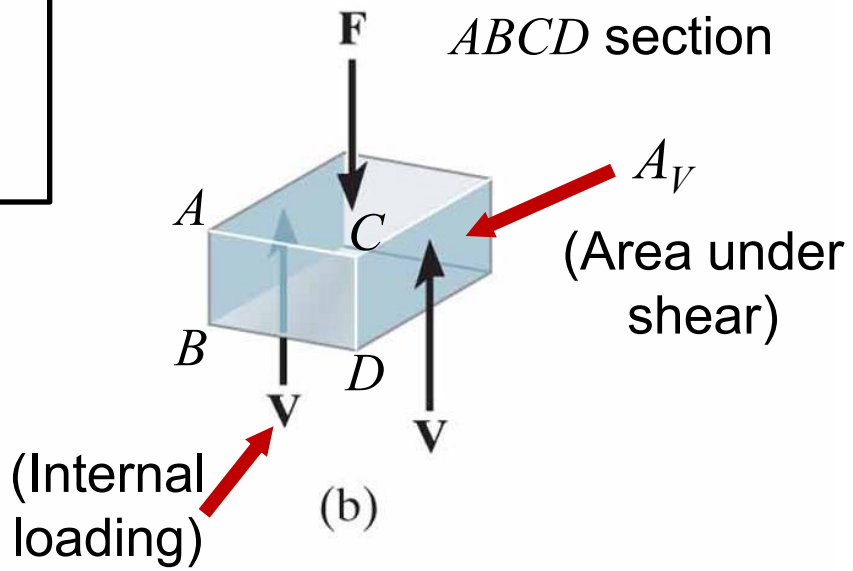
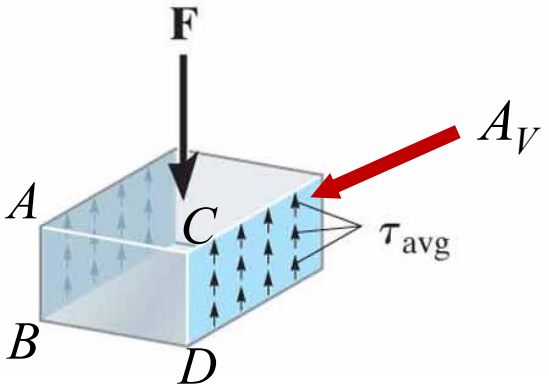
Average *direct shear* stress

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

Bar subjected to shear load







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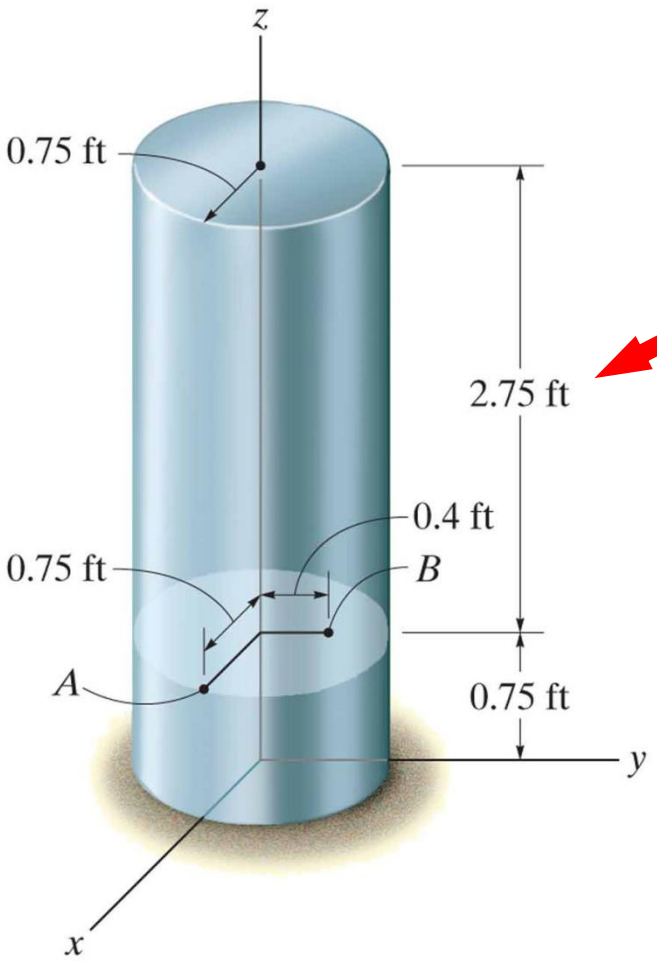

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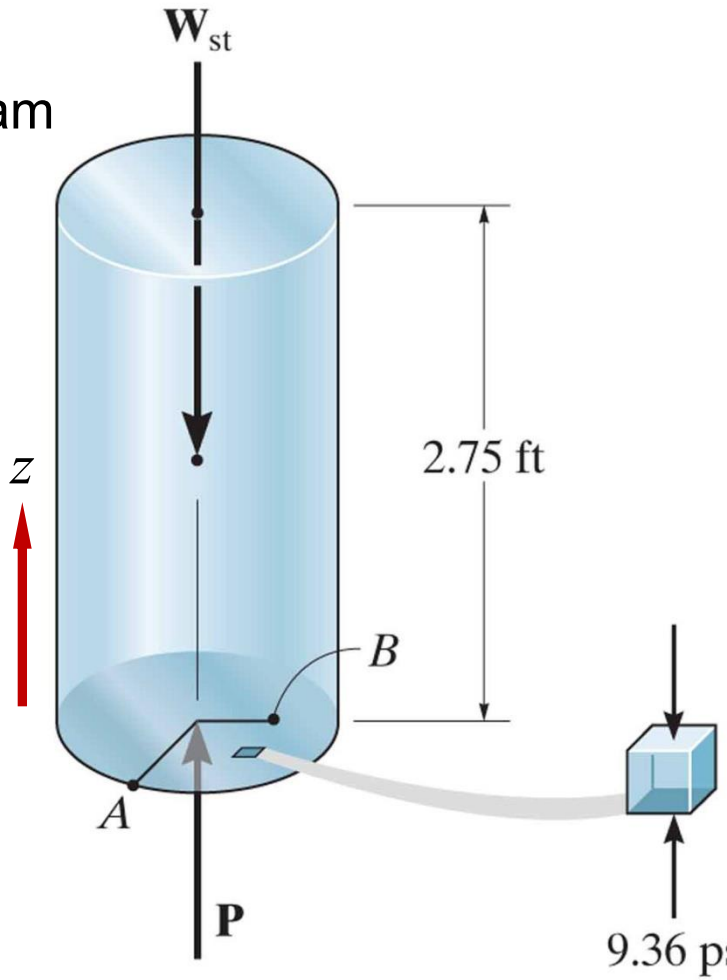

Compute internal loading

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Average compressive stresses

(Stress cube)

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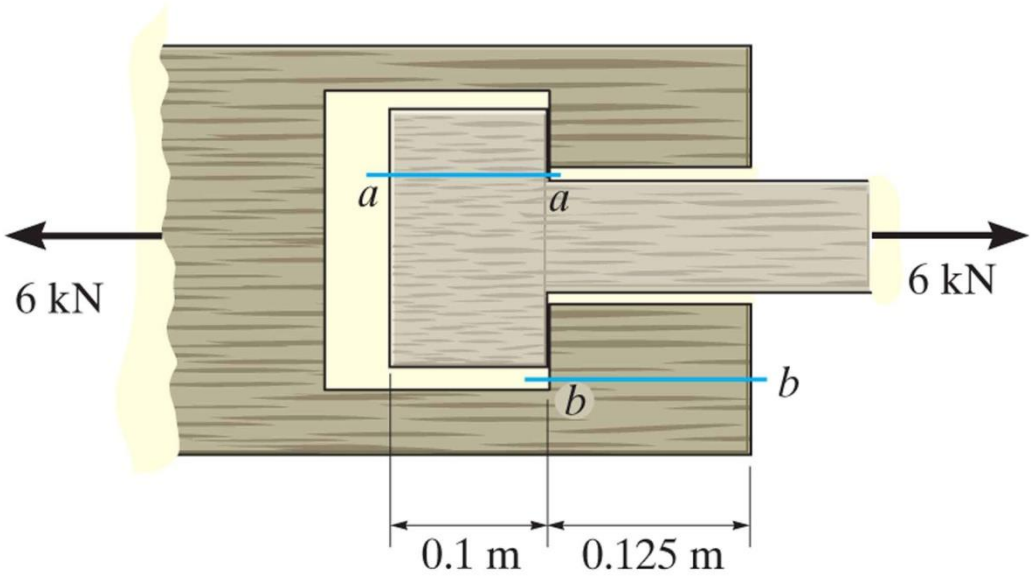

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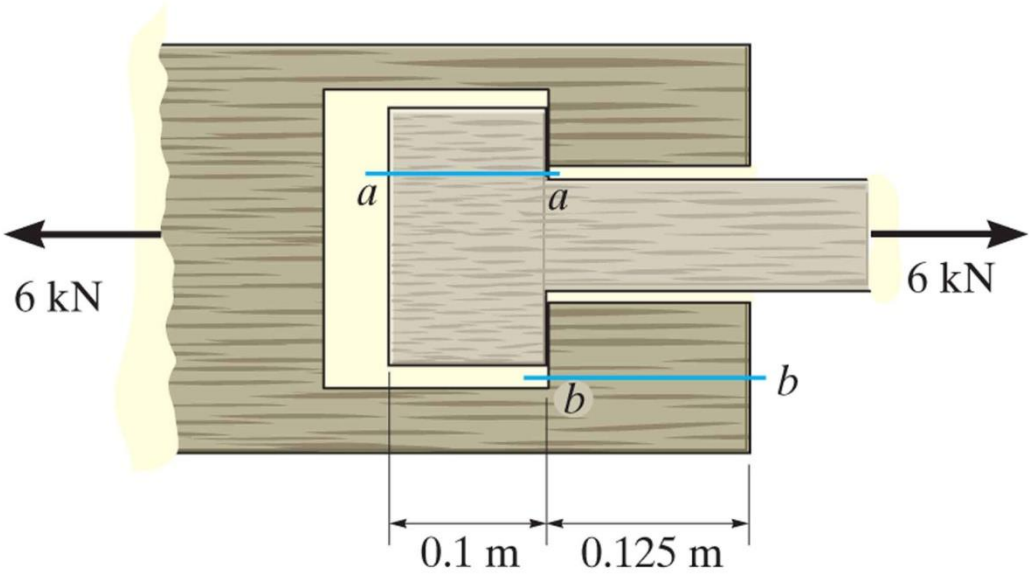

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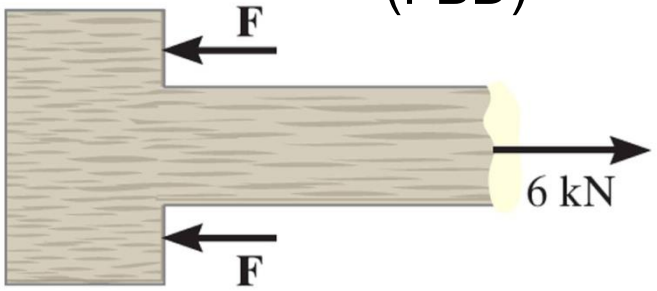

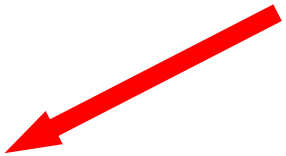

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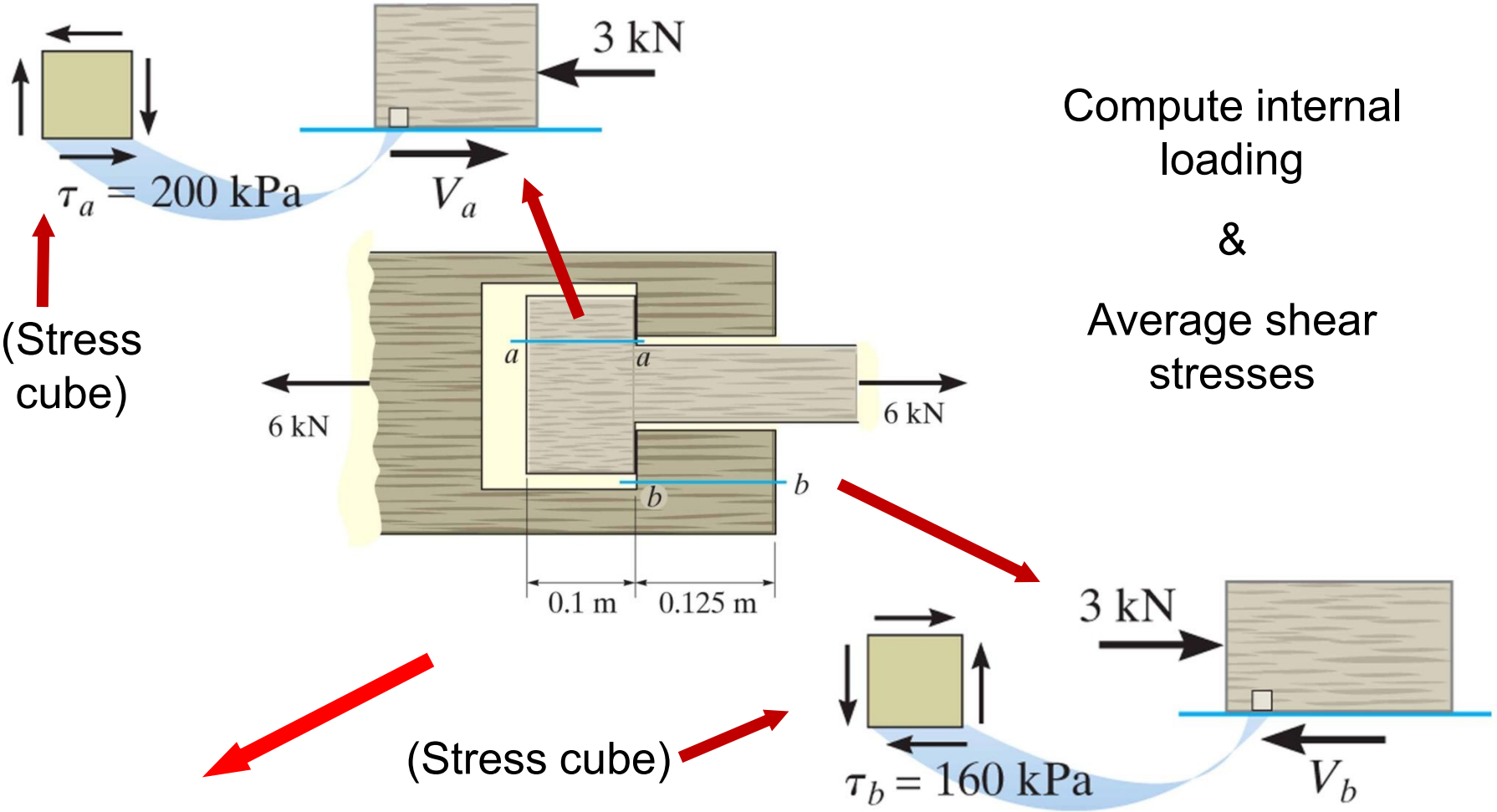

Reading assignment

- Chapter 1 of textbook
- Review notes and text: ES2001, ES2501

Homework assignment

- As indicated on webpage of our course