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• For a slender bar subjected to axial loading:

$$\varepsilon_x = \frac{\sigma_x}{E} \quad \sigma_y = \sigma_z = 0$$

• The elongation in the x-direction is accompanied by a contraction in the other directions. Assuming that the material is isotropic (no directional dependence),

$$\varepsilon_y = \varepsilon_z \neq 0$$

• Poisson's ratio is defined as

$$v = \left| \frac{\text{lateral strain}}{\text{axial strain}} \right| = -\frac{\varepsilon_y}{\varepsilon_x} = -\frac{\varepsilon_z}{\varepsilon_x}$$

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Generalized Hooke's Law



(a) y σ_y $1 + \epsilon_x$ σ_x $1 + \epsilon_z$ (b)

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- For an element subjected to multi-axial loading, the normal strain components resulting from the stress components may be determined from the *principle of superposition*. This requires:
 - 1) strain is linearly related to stress
 - 2) deformations are small
- With these restrictions:

$$\varepsilon_{x} = +\frac{\sigma_{x}}{E} - \frac{v\sigma_{y}}{E} - \frac{v\sigma_{z}}{E}$$
$$\varepsilon_{y} = -\frac{v\sigma_{x}}{E} + \frac{\sigma_{y}}{E} - \frac{v\sigma_{z}}{E}$$
$$\varepsilon_{z} = -\frac{v\sigma_{x}}{E} - \frac{v\sigma_{y}}{E} + \frac{\sigma_{z}}{E}$$

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Shearing Strain







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• A cubic element subjected to a shear stress will deform into a rhomboid. The corresponding *shear* strain is quantified in terms of the change in angle between the sides,

 $\tau_{xy} = f(\gamma_{xy})$

• A plot of shear stress vs. shear strain is similar to the previous plots of normal stress vs. normal strain except that the strength values are approximately half. For small strains,

$$\tau_{xy} = G \gamma_{xy} \quad \tau_{yz} = G \gamma_{yz} \quad \tau_{zx} = G \gamma_{zx}$$

where G is the modulus of rigidity or shear modulus.

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Example 2.10



A rectangular block of material with modulus of rigidity G = 90 ksi is bonded to two rigid horizontal plates. The lower plate is fixed, while the upper plate is subjected to a horizontal force *P*. Knowing that the upper plate moves through 0.04 in. under the action of the force, determine a) the average shearing strain in the material, and b) the force *P* exerted on the plate.

SOLUTION:

- Determine the average angular deformation or shearing strain of the block.
- Apply Hooke's law for shearing stress and strain to find the corresponding shearing stress.
- Use the definition of shearing stress to find the force *P*.

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• Determine the average angular deformation or shearing strain of the block.

 $\gamma_{xy} \approx \tan \gamma_{xy} = \frac{0.04 \text{ in.}}{2 \text{ in.}}$ $\gamma_{xy} = 0.020 \text{ rad}$

• Apply Hooke's law for shearing stress and strain to find the corresponding shearing stress.

$$\tau_{xy} = G\gamma_{xy} = (90 \times 10^3 \text{ psi})(0.020 \text{ rad}) = 1800 \text{ psi}$$

• Use the definition of shearing stress to find the force *P*.

 $P = \tau_{xy}A = (1800 \,\mathrm{psi})(8 \,\mathrm{in.})(2.5 \,\mathrm{in.}) = 36 \times 10^3 \,\mathrm{lb}$

 $P = 36.0 \,\mathrm{kips}$

MECHANICS OF MATERIALS Relation Among *E*, *v*, and *G*





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- An axially loaded slender bar will elongate in the axial direction and contract in the transverse directions.
- An initially cubic element oriented as in top figure will deform into a rectangular parallelepiped. The axial load produces a normal strain.
- If the cubic element is oriented as in the bottom figure, it will deform into a rhombus. Axial load also results in a shear strain.
- Components of normal and shear strain are related,

$$\frac{E}{2G} = (1 + \nu)$$