

## MECHANICS OF MATERIALS: STRESS AND STRAIN

## **Stress:**

- There are four types of forces:
  - o Normal force (N) is perpendicular to the surface
  - o Shear force (V) is parallel to the surface
  - o Torsional moment  $(M_t)$  is about the axis normal (perpendicular) to the surface
  - o Bending moment  $(M_{_B})$  is about the axis parallel to the surface



- Stress measures the intensity of the force per given area:
  - o Normal stress ( $\sigma$ ) results from the normal force N and/or bending moment  $M_p$
  - o Shear stress (T) results from shear stress V and/or torsional moment  $M_{_{t}}$
- Stress can occur on oblique planes:



• Factor of safety is the ratio of failure load case to the necessary/typical load case:

$$FS = \frac{\textit{ultimate load}}{\textit{allowable load}} = \frac{\textit{ultimate stress}}{\textit{allowable stress}}$$

## Strain:

• Strain is a measure of the material's response to stress and is expressed as a ratio to the change in length to the original length (where elongation results in positive strain, and compression

results in negative strain): 
$$\varepsilon_{avg} = \frac{L_f - L_0}{L_0} = \frac{\Delta L}{L_0}$$

- Shear strain is based on the rotation of the object, measured in radians:  $\gamma = angle of deformation$
- Young's Modulus defines the relationship between normal stress and lateral strain:

$$E = \frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon}$$

This can be graphically represented on a stress-strain diagram (note it only holds for the elastic region) as the rise-run ratio. Young's Modulus is material-dependent and can be found in tables.



- Modulus of Rigidity is similar to Young's Modulus but measures the ratio of shear stress to angle of deformation:  $G = \frac{\tau}{\gamma}$
- Poisson's Ratio measures the rate of lateral strain to axial strain; determining how likely the sample is to "neck" (think of taffy as it is pulled):

$$v = -\frac{lateral strain}{axial strain} = -\frac{\varepsilon_y}{\varepsilon_x} = -\frac{\varepsilon_z}{\varepsilon_x}; \varepsilon_y = \varepsilon_z = -\frac{v\sigma}{E}; -\varepsilon_{dia} = \frac{\Delta Dia}{Dia_o}$$

A typical ratio is 0.2 to 0.4, indicating the "sideways" strain will be 40% of the "linear" strain.

• Relationship between these three (E, G, v) can be described using the following, such that knowing any two results in knowing the third: E = 2G(1 + v)

• Strain Energy observes how much energy is absorbed before entering the plastic deformation zone and in total before failure:

