

## Learning goals:

- Give an example of a material where the thermal expansion coefficient has a significant temperature dependence and describe some consequences of this
- Define the concepts of stress and strain and explain how the Young's modulus of a material is defined
- To argue that the Young's modulus depends only on the material and not on the shape or size
- To calculate the fractional change in length of an object given its dimensions, the Young's modulus, and the forces applied
- For static systems with multiple parts, to use Newton's second and third law to related the various internal forces
- to calculate the mechanical forces (thermal stress) on a constrained system arising from changes in temperature.

Homework sessions with TAs:

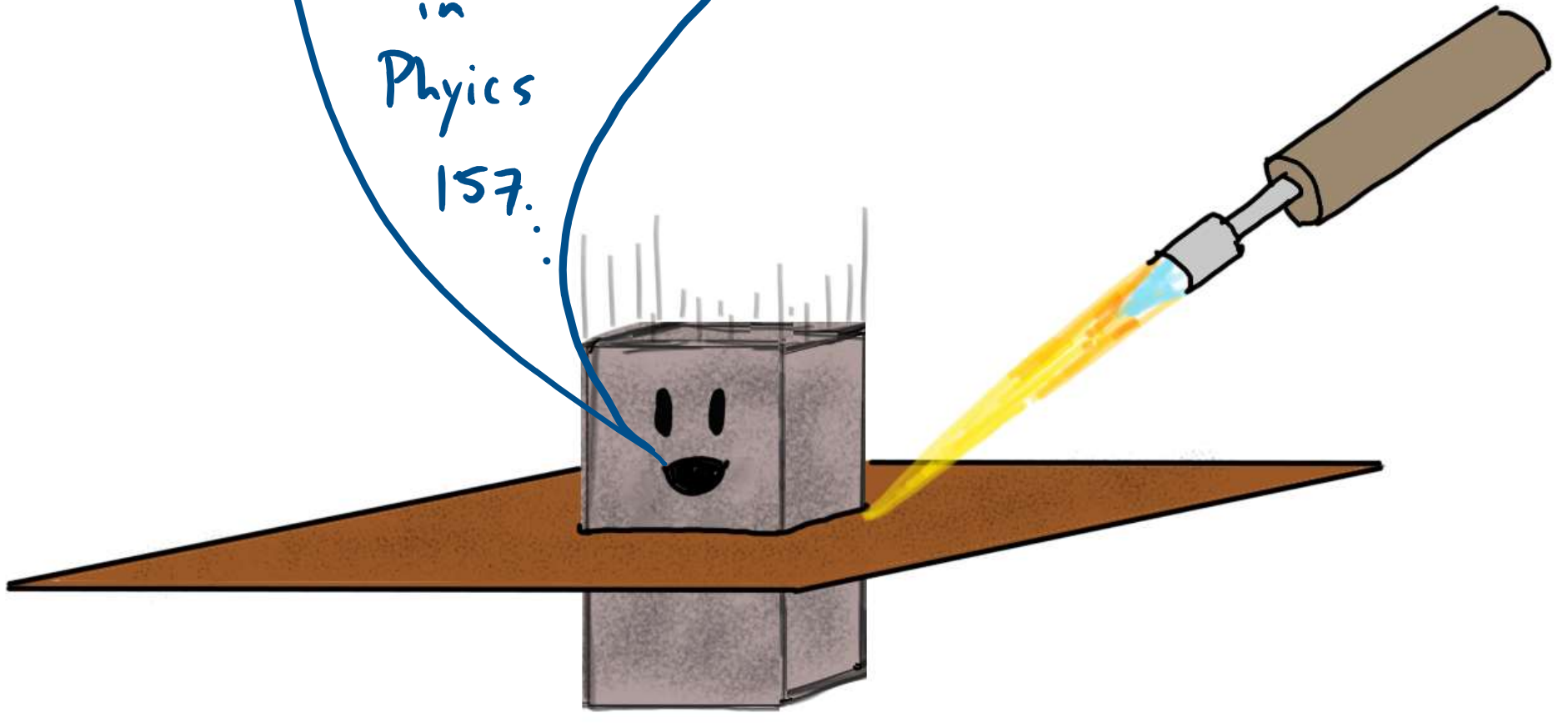
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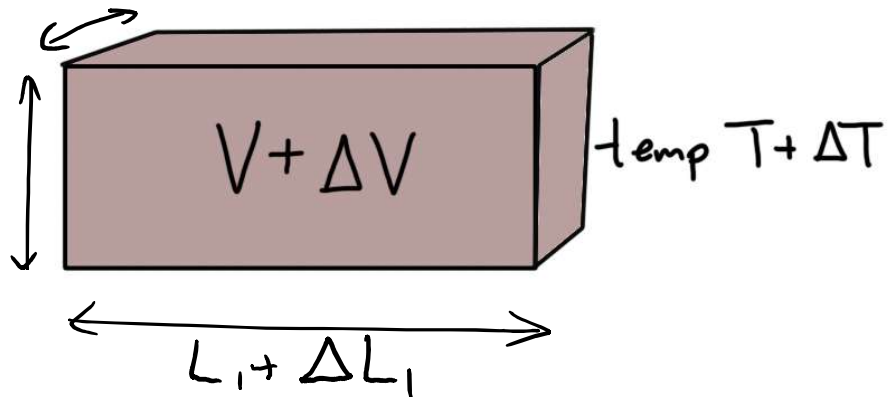
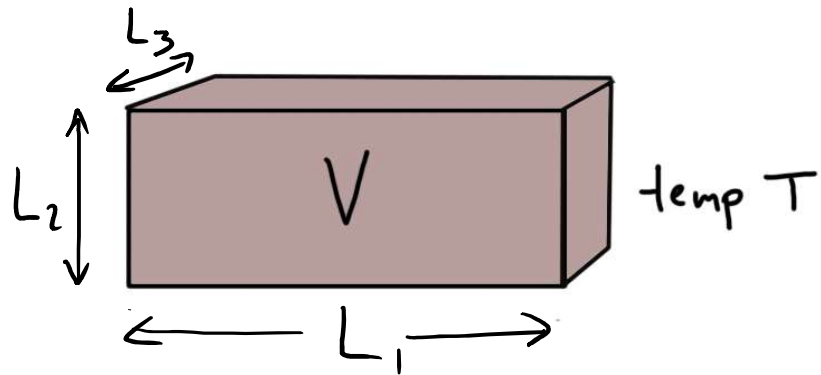
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# Thermal expansion:



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to liquids



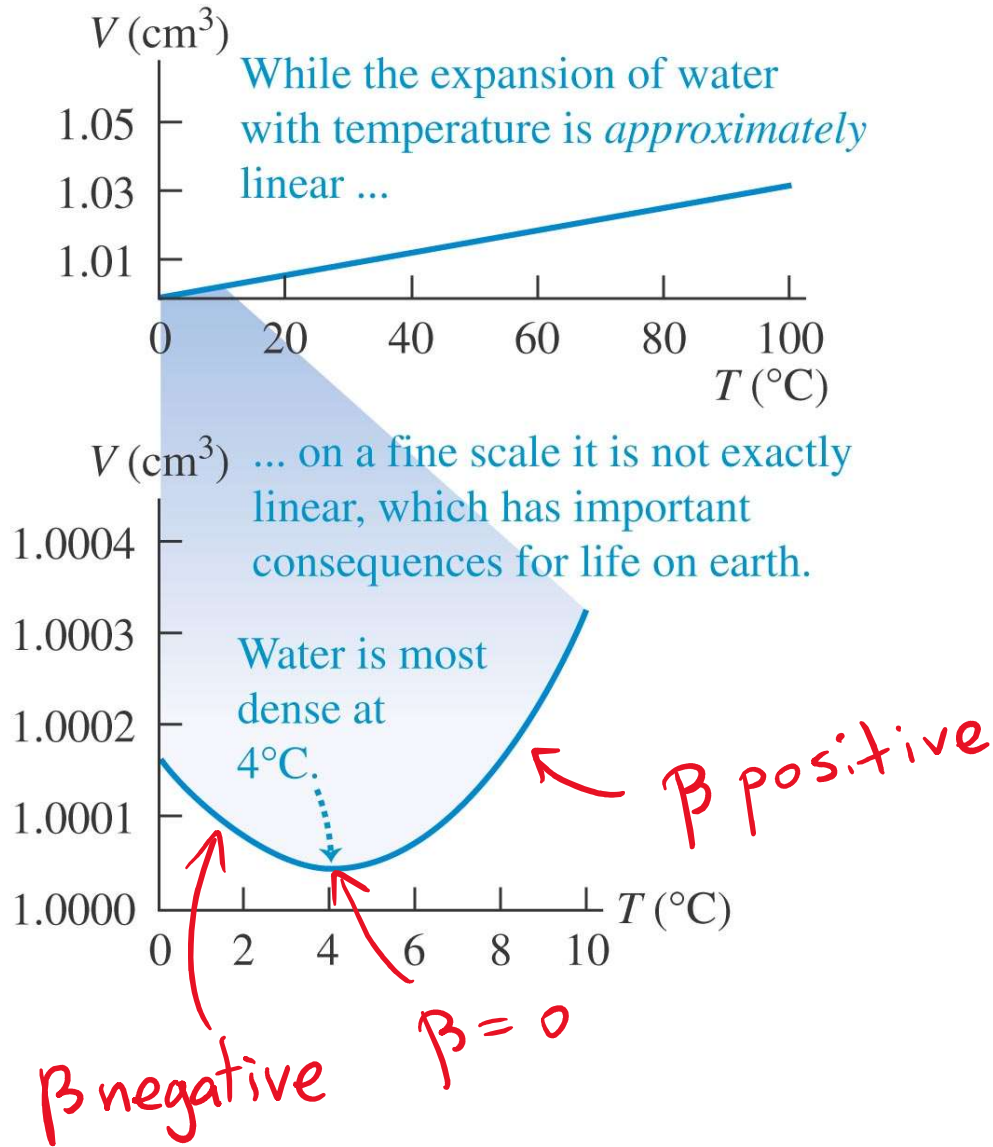
$$\Delta L = \alpha L_0 \Delta T$$

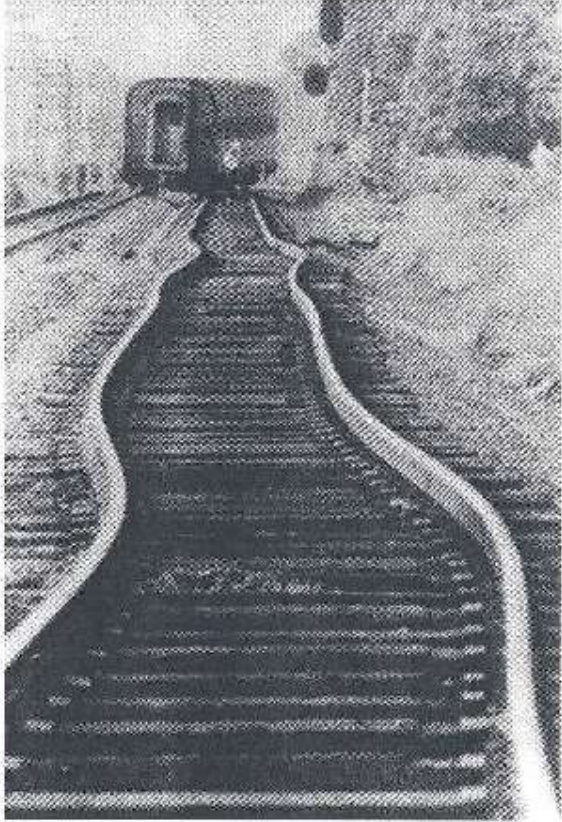
applies to each dimension

$$\Delta V = \beta V_0 \Delta T$$

$\beta = 3\alpha$  for solids

- Water, a special example



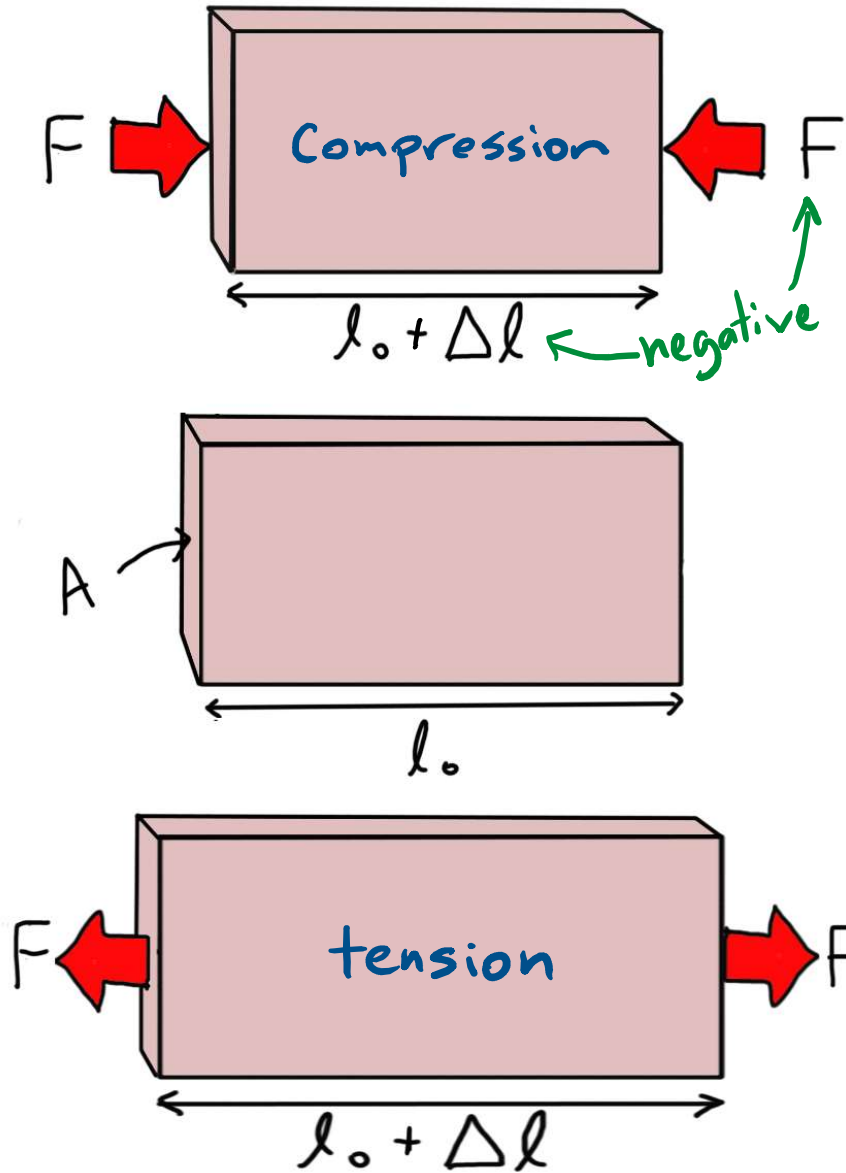


Today: thermal expansion



forces

# STRESS & STRAIN



$$\frac{F}{A} = Y \frac{\Delta l}{l_0}$$

↑ stress (units of pressure)

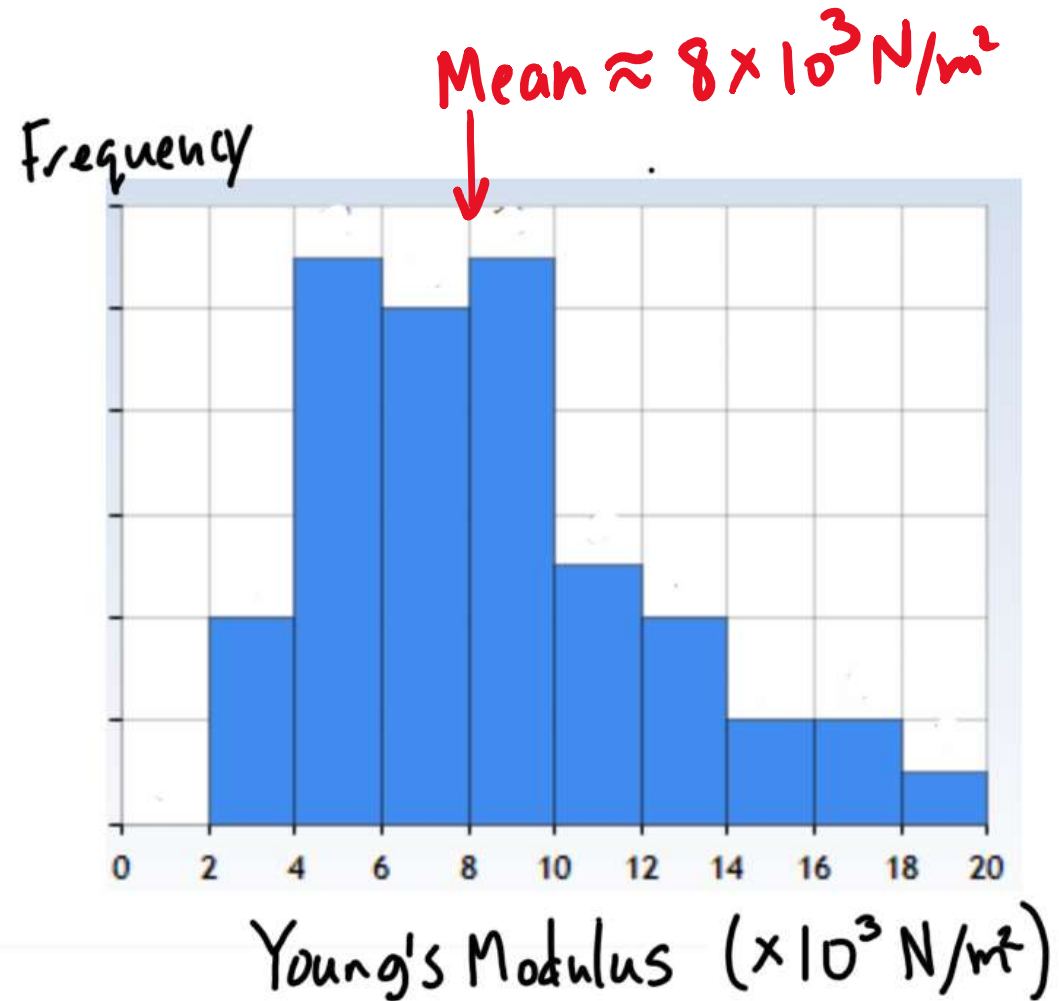
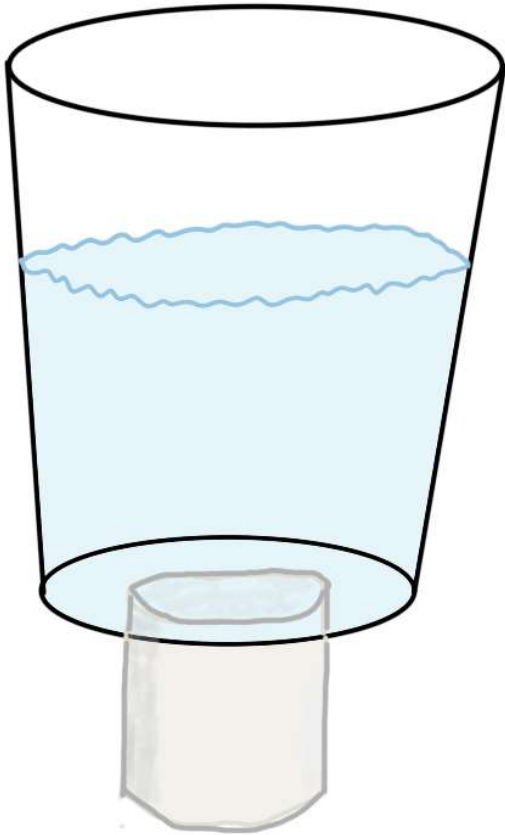
↑ Young's modulus  
" a basic property of a material (resistance to squishing)

↑ strain

like  $F = k\Delta x$  for spring

# Young's modulus of a marshmallow

$$\frac{F}{A} = Y \frac{\Delta L}{L}$$





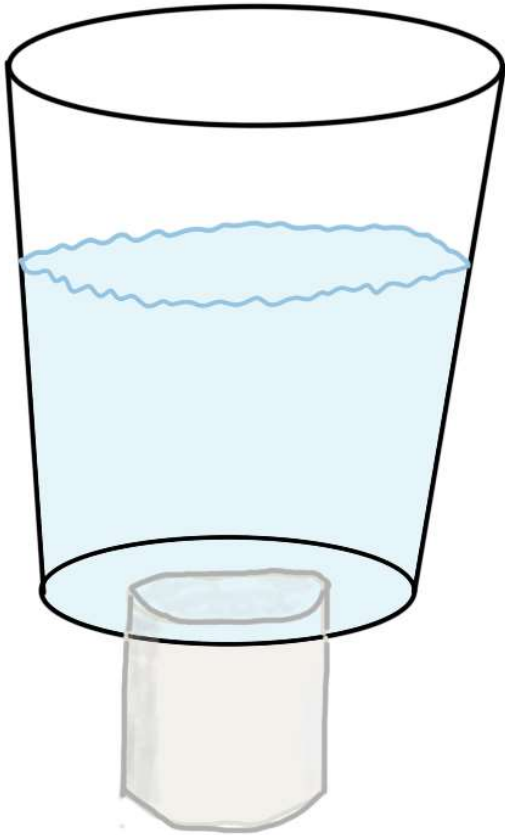
## Young's modulus of a marshmallow

$$\frac{F}{A} = Y \frac{\Delta L}{L_0}$$

$$\frac{\Delta L}{L_0} \approx 0.1 - 0.2$$

$$F \approx 1 \text{ N}$$

$$A \approx 5 \text{ cm}^2 \\ = 5 \times (10^{-2} \text{ m})^2$$



gives  $Y \approx 10^4 \text{ N/m}^2$

**Clicker:** Suppose you repeated the measurement of Y for a mini-marshmallow. In this case, we would expect a value of Y that is

- A. Significantly higher
- B. Significantly lower
- C. About the same

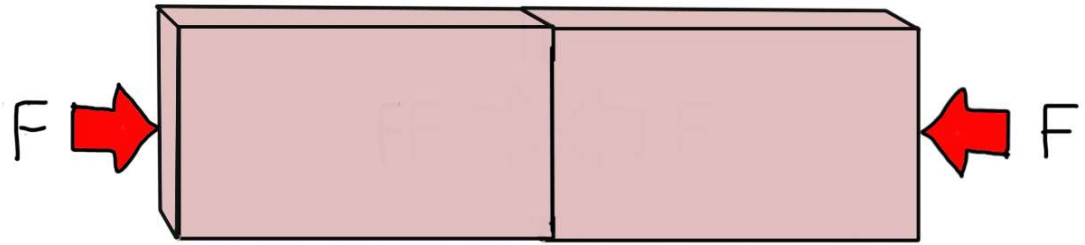
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A) 0

B)  $F$

C)  $2F$



*All forces shown have the same magnitude.*

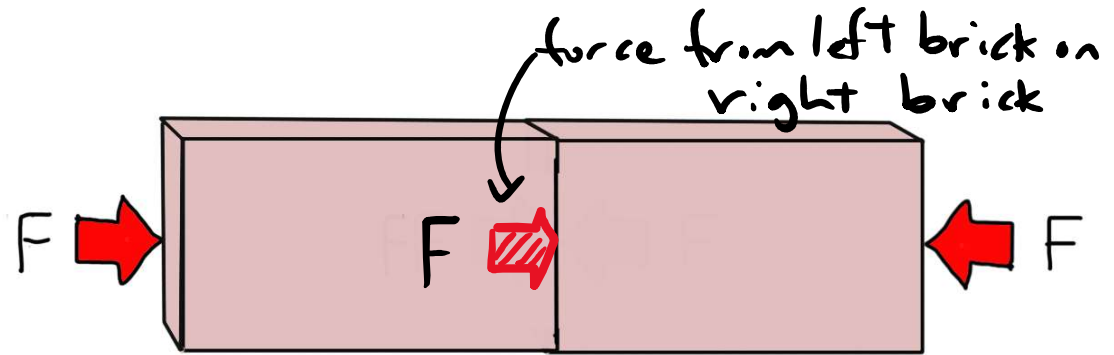
**EXTRA:** can you come up with a sharp argument for your answer?

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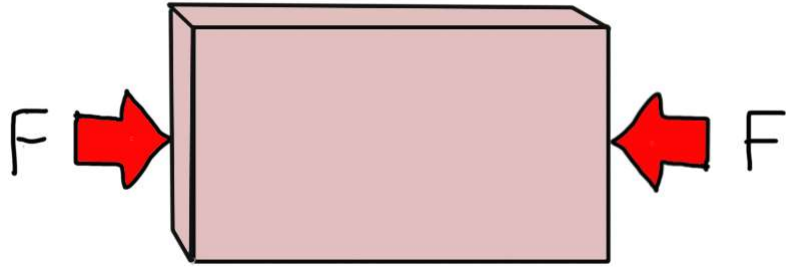
- bricks not moving so net force on right brick must be zero, so force of left brick

on right exactly opposes force from right

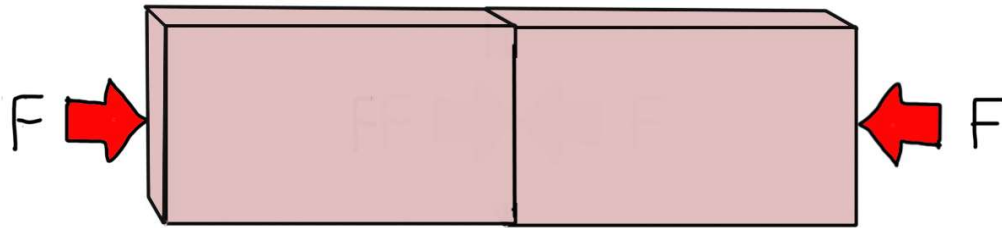
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Each half above has same compression as this brick

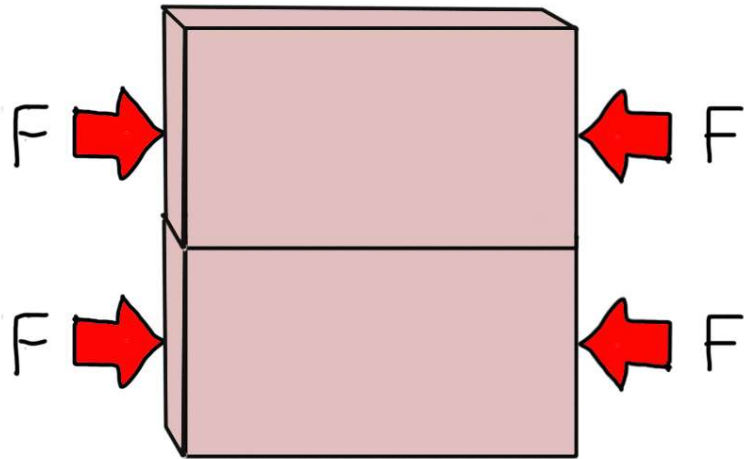




$$Y = \frac{F/A}{\Delta L/L_0}$$



same  $F, A$   
double  $L_0$ , double  $\Delta L$   
 $\therefore$  same  $Y$



double  $F$ , double  $A$   
same  $\Delta L, L$   
 $\therefore$  same  $Y$

$Y$  is the same in all cases  
 $\rightarrow$  it only depends on the material

# Young Modulus of Various Materials

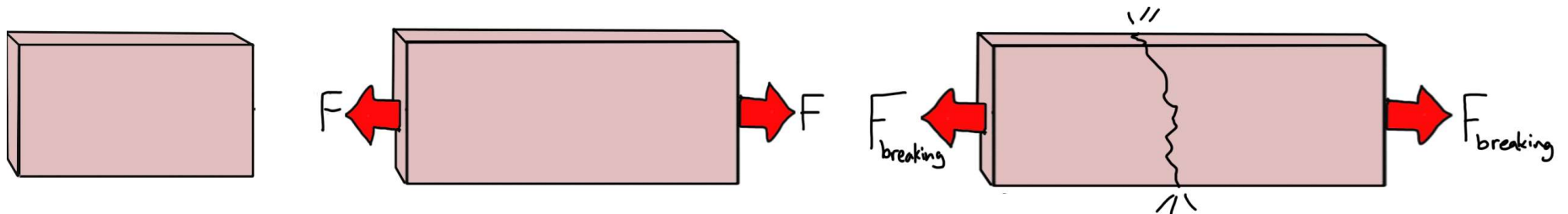
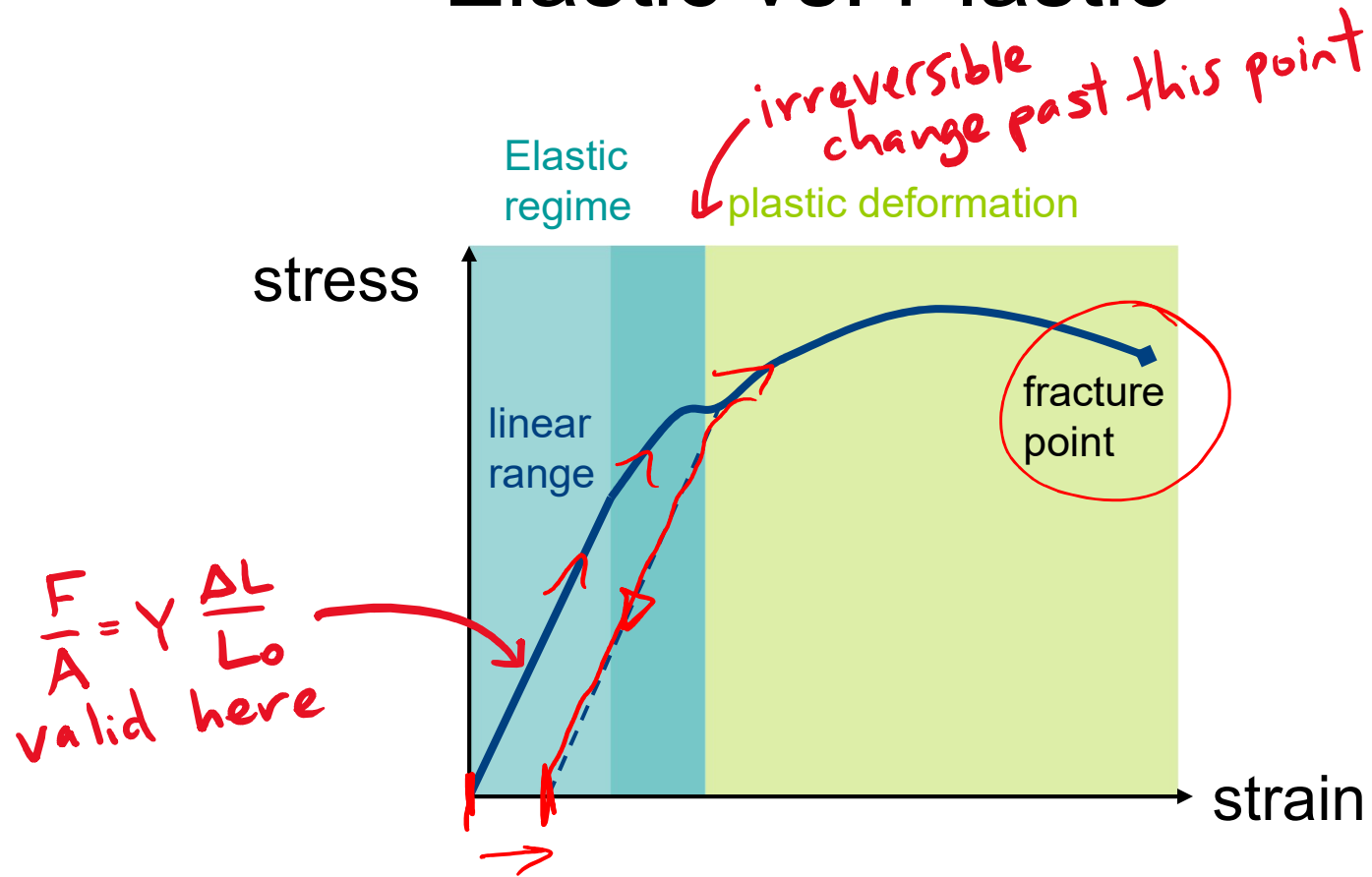
Material	Young's Modulus, $Y$ (Pa)
Aluminum	$7.0 \times 10^{10}$
Brass	$9.0 \times 10^{10}$
Copper	$11 \times 10^{10}$
Crown glass	$6.0 \times 10^{10}$
Iron	$21 \times 10^{10}$
Lead	$1.6 \times 10^{10}$
Nickel	$21 \times 10^{10}$
Steel	$20 \times 10^{10}$
Marshmallow	$8 \times 10^3$

units of pressure:

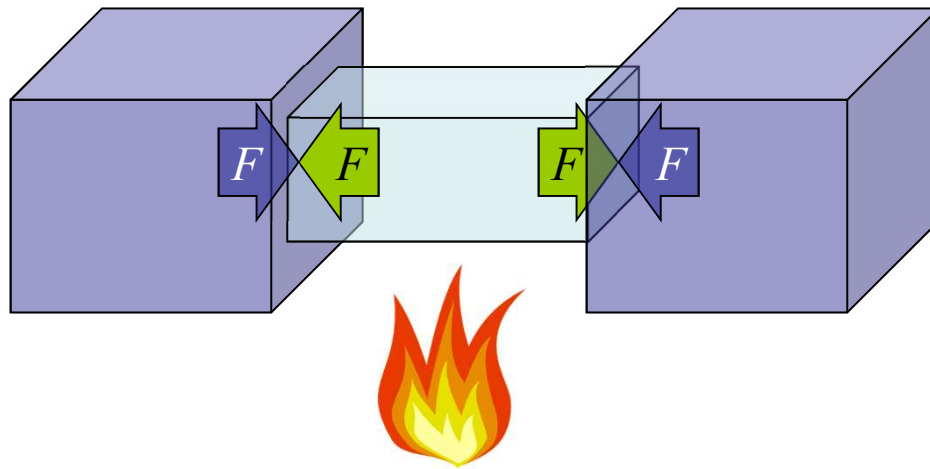
eg. Pressure of 0.01% of  $Y$  on ends will give 0.01% compression

$$\frac{F}{A} = Y \frac{\Delta L}{L}$$

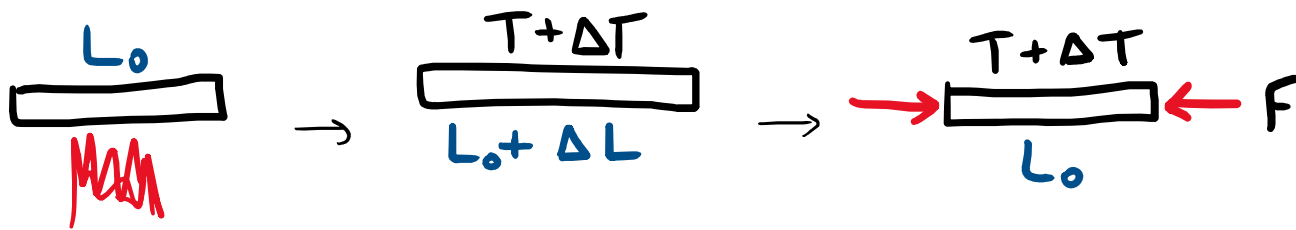
# Elastic vs. Plastic



THERMAL STRESS : forces on a material due to surrounding materials preventing thermal expansion/contraction







A steel rod of length  $L_0$  is heated by temperature  $\Delta T$ .

How much stress (force per unit area) is required to compress the rod back to its original length?

Write an answer in terms of  $\Delta T$  and the parameters  $Y$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $L_0$  for the rod.

**Click A if you have an answer, B if you are stuck.**

thermal expansion:

$$\Delta L = \alpha L_0 \Delta T$$

stress vs strain:

$$\frac{F}{A} = Y \frac{\Delta L}{L_0}$$

A steel rod of length  $L_0$  is heated by temperature  $\Delta T$  and expands. How much stress (force per unit area) is required to compress the rod back to its original length?

Write an answer for the magnitude of  $F/A$  in terms of  $Y$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $L_0$ , and  $\Delta T$ .

*Thermal Expansion*

A)  $Y \propto L_0 \Delta T$

$$\Delta L_{th} = \alpha L_0 \Delta T$$

B)  $Y \propto \Delta T$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{want } \Delta L_F &= -\Delta L_{th} \\ &= -\alpha L_0 \Delta T \end{aligned}$$

C)  $Y L_0 \Delta T$

$$\frac{F}{A} = Y \left( \frac{\Delta L_F}{L_0} \right)$$

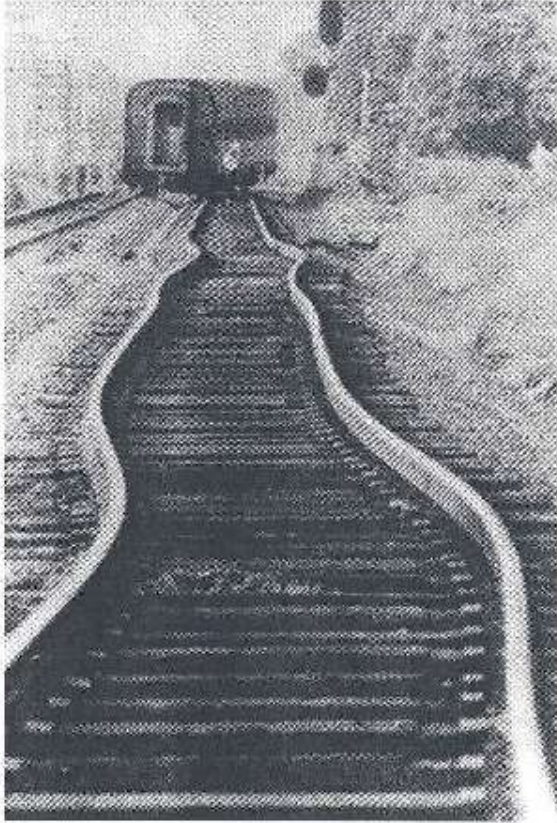
D)  $\alpha L_0 \Delta T$

$$= Y (-\alpha \Delta T) \leftarrow$$

*- sign means compressive force*

E)  $Y \propto L_0$

$$\left| \frac{F}{A} \right| = Y \alpha \Delta T$$



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*Cross sectional area of rail:  $0.01\text{m}^2$*

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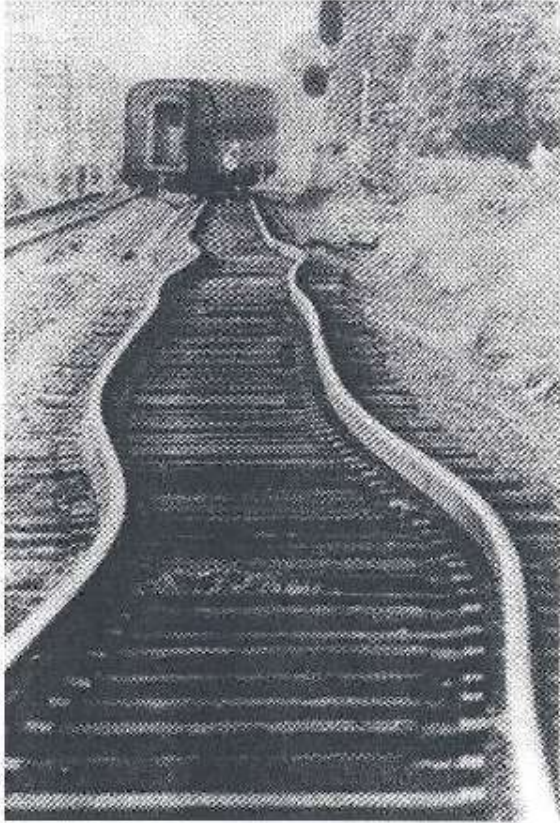
$$\alpha_{steel} = 1.2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ K}^{-1}$$

previous result:

$$\frac{F}{A} = Y\alpha \Delta T$$

- A) 700 N      B) 7,000 N      C) 70,000 N  
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$$F \approx 10^{-2} \times 2 \times 10^{11} \times 1.2 \times 10^{-5} \times 30 \approx 7 \times 10^5$$

EXTRA: How much gap should have been left?  $\Delta L = \alpha L_0 \Delta T$   
 $\approx 3.6 \text{ mm}$



**Extra Clicker:** Do you expect that the Young's modulus you measured for a marshmallow is higher or lower than for steel?

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*Y only depends on what the object is made of, not its size*

$$\frac{F}{A} = Y \frac{\Delta L}{L} : Y \text{ bigger if it takes more force to give same change in } L.$$

*Y has units of pressure: roughly, the pressure required to produce a significant fractional change in length.*