

SOLID MECHANICS

2 Chapter

Strain



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CHAPTER OBJECTIVES

- Define concept of **normal strain**
- Define concept of **shear strain**
- Determine normal and shear strain in **engineering applications**





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1. Deformation

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2.1 DEFORMATION

Deformation

- Occurs when a **force** is applied to a body
- Can be highly visible or practically unnoticeable
- Can also occur when **temperature** of a body is changed
- Is not uniform throughout a body's volume, thus

change in geometry of any line segment within body may vary along its length

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2.1 DEFORMATION

- When a force is applied to a body, it will change the body's shape and size.
- These changes are *deformation*.



Note the positions of 3 line segments before and after where the material is subjected to tension.

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Normal strain

- Defined as the elongation or contraction of a line segment per unit of length
- Consider line AB in figure below
- After deformation, Δs changes to $\Delta s'$

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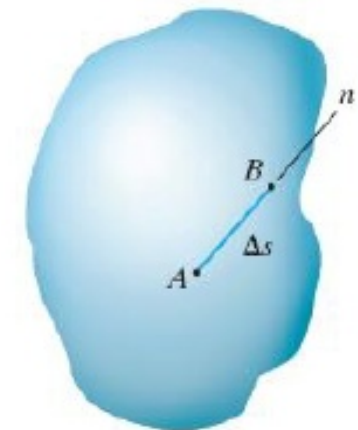
Normal strain

- **Average normal strain** is defined as ϵ_{avg} (**epsilon**)

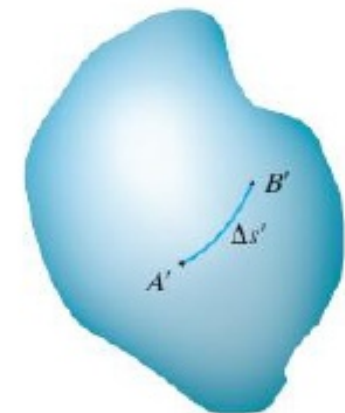
$$\epsilon_{avg} = \frac{\Delta s' - \Delta s}{\Delta s}$$

- As: $\Delta s \rightarrow 0, \Delta s' \rightarrow 0$

$$\epsilon = \lim_{B \rightarrow A \text{ along } n} \frac{\Delta s' - \Delta s}{\Delta s}$$



Undeformed body



Deformed body

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Normal strain

- If normal strain ε is known, use the equation to obtain approx. final length of a *short* line segment in direction of n after deformation.

$$\Delta s' \approx (1 + \varepsilon) \Delta s$$

ε is Positif (+) \rightarrow line elongates

ε is Negatif (-) \rightarrow line contracts

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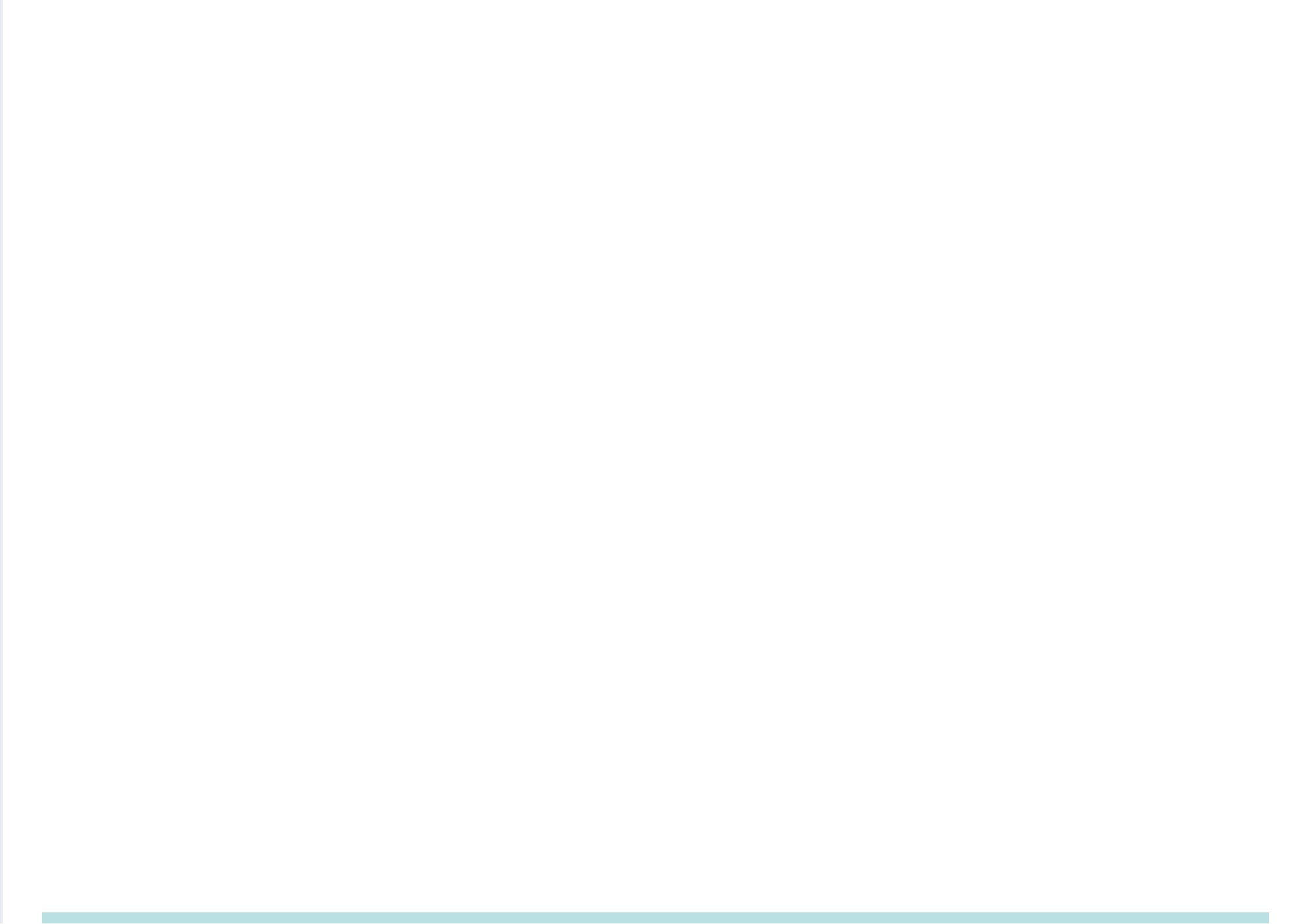
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Units

- Normal strain is a *dimensionless quantity*, as it's a ratio of two lengths
- But common practice to state it in terms of **meters/meter (m/m)**
- ϵ is small for most engineering applications, so is normally expressed as **micrometers per meter ($\mu\text{m}/\text{m}$)** where $1 \mu\text{m} = 10^{-6}$
- Also expressed as a **percentage**, e.g., $0.001 \text{ m/m} = 0.1 \%$

Shear strain

- Defined as the *change in angle* that occurs between two line segments that were *originally perpendicular* to one another
- This angle is denoted by γ (**gamma**) and measured in radians (rad).



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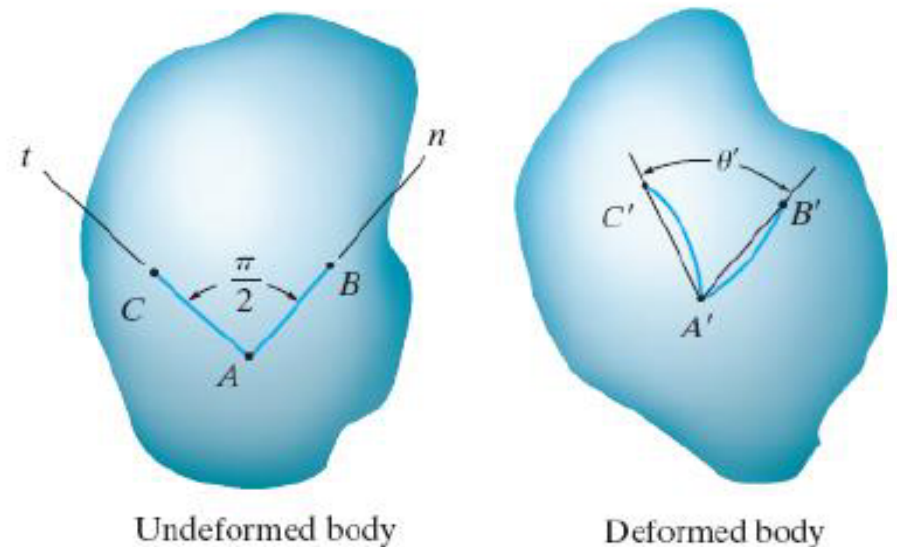
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Shear strain

- Hence, shear strain at point A associated with n and t axes is

$$\gamma_{nt} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \lim_{\substack{B \rightarrow A \text{ along } n \\ C \rightarrow A \text{ along } t}} \theta'$$

- $\Theta < 90 \rightarrow$ positive (+) shear strain
 $\Theta > 90 \rightarrow$ negative (-) shear strain

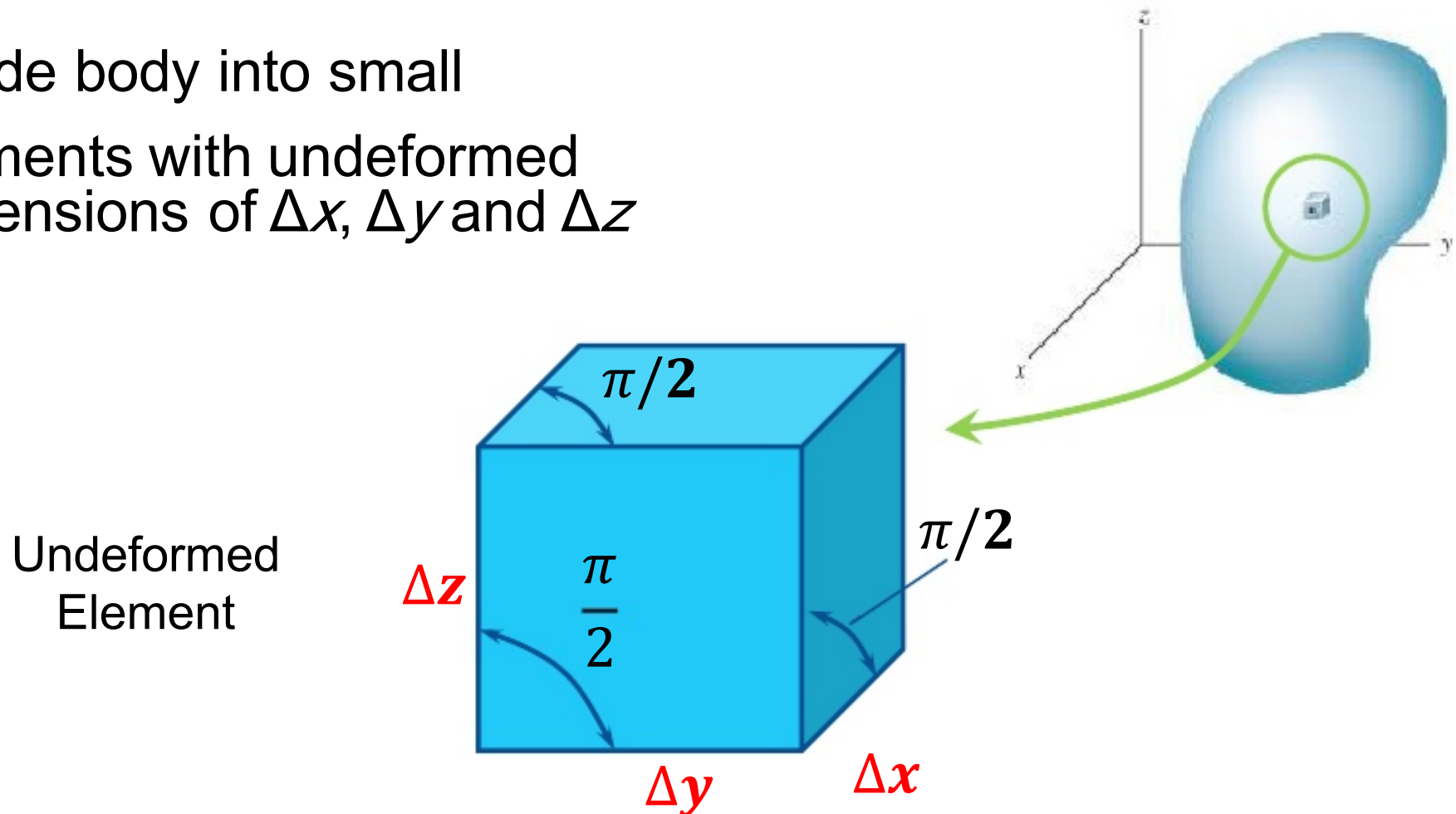


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Cartesian strain components

- Using above definitions of normal and shear strain, we show how they describe the deformation of the body
- Divide body into small elements with undeformed dimensions of Δx , Δy and Δz

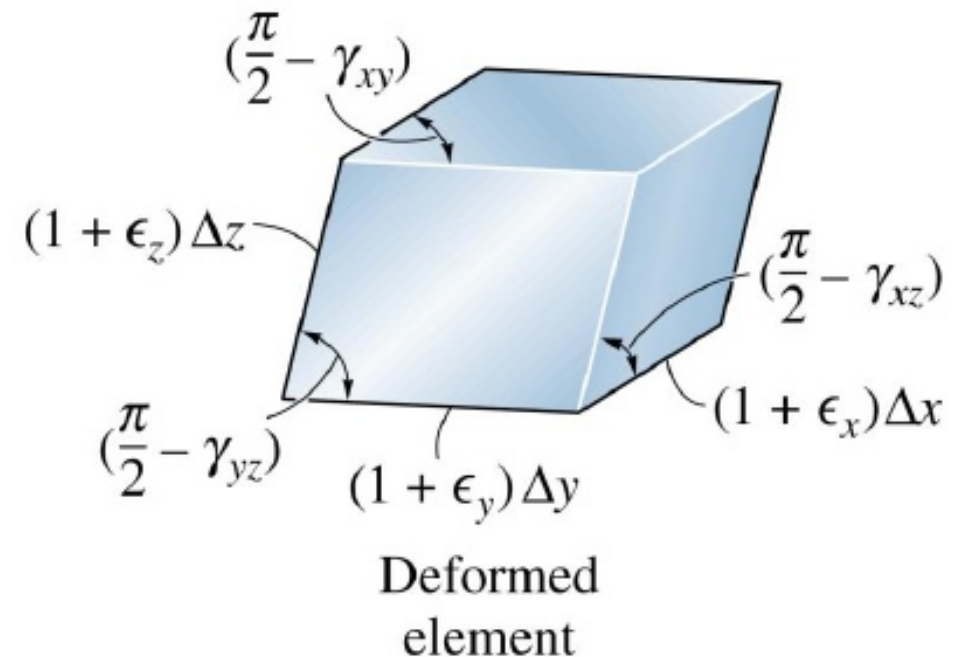




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Cartesian strain components

- Since element is very small, deformed shape of element is a parallelepiped



- Approx. lengths of sides of parallelepiped are

$$(1 + \epsilon_x) \Delta x$$

$$(1 + \epsilon_y) \Delta y$$

$$(1 + \epsilon_z) \Delta z$$

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Cartesian strain components

- Approx. angles between the sides are

$$\frac{\pi}{2} - \gamma_{xy}$$

$$\frac{\pi}{2} - \gamma_{yz}$$

$$\frac{\pi}{2} - \gamma_{xz}$$

- **Normal strains** cause a change in its *volume*
- **Shear strains** cause a change in its *shape*
- To summarize, state of strain at a point requires specifying: **3 normal strains** : $\epsilon_x, \epsilon_y, \epsilon_z$

and

3 shear strains of : $\gamma^{xy}, \gamma^{yz}, \gamma^{xz}$

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Small strain analysis

- Most engineering design involves applications for which only *small deformations* are allowed
- We'll assume that deformations that take place within a body are almost infinitesimal, so *normal strains* occurring within material are *very small* compared to 1, i.e., $\varepsilon \ll 1$.

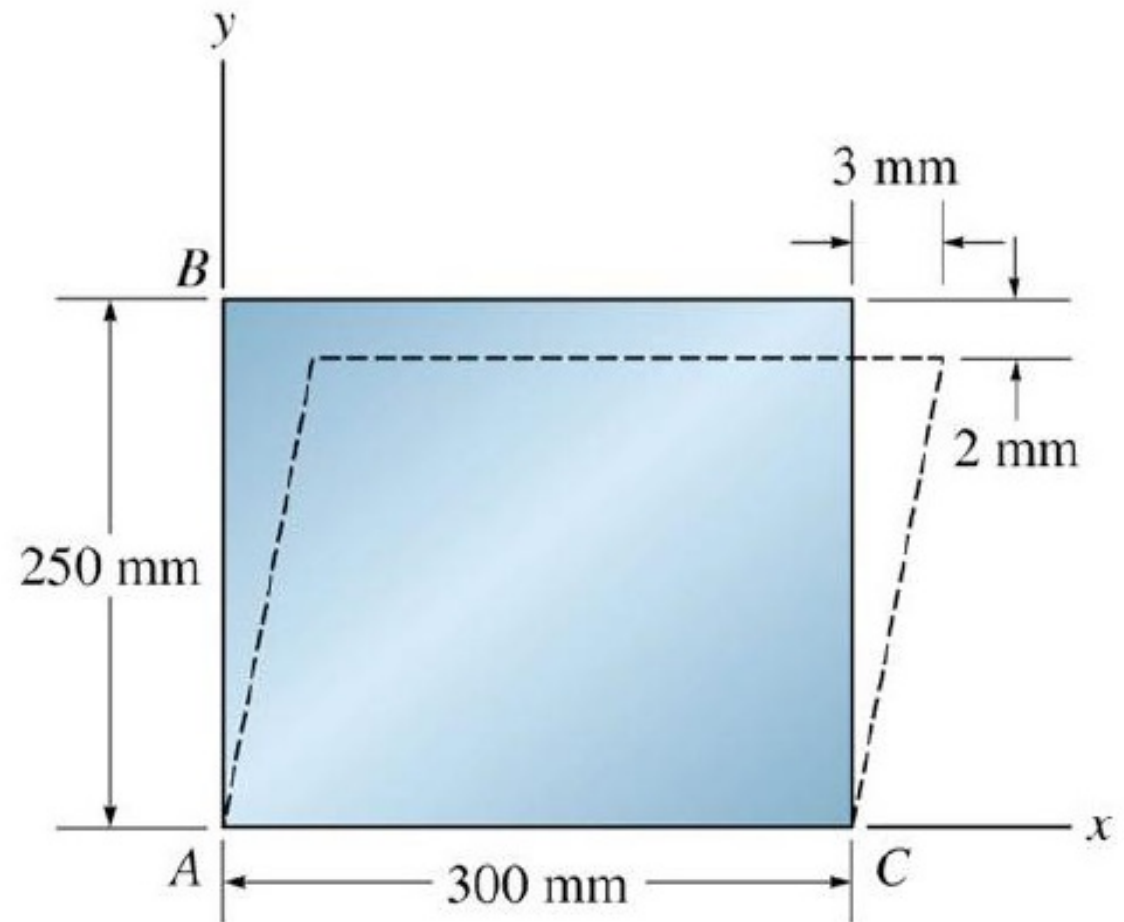
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EXAMPLE 2.3

Plate is deformed as shown in figure. In this deformed shape, horizontal lines on the on plate remain horizontal and do not change their length.

Determine

- (a) average **normal strain** along side AB ,
- (b) average **shear strain** in the plate relative to x and y axes

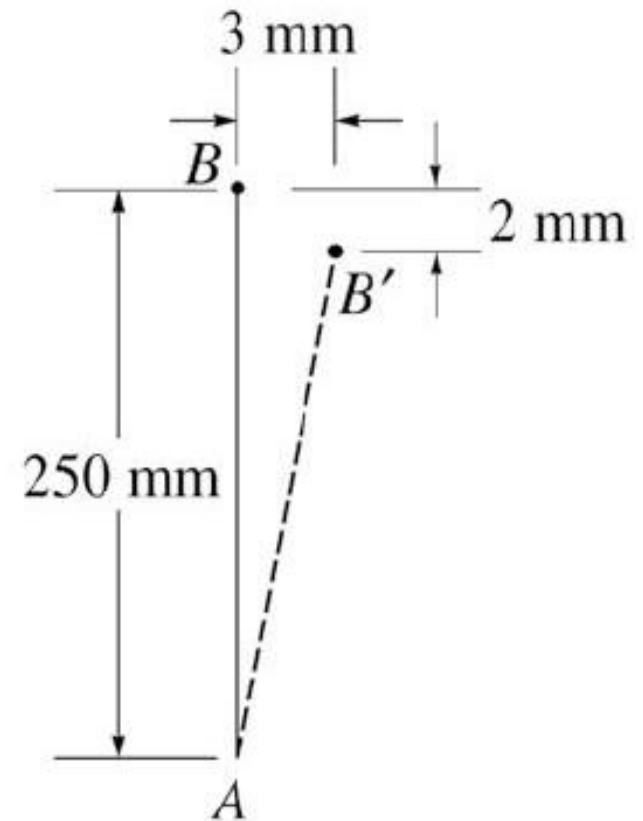


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- (a) Line AB , coincident with y axis, becomes line AB' after deformation. Length of line AB' is

$$AB' = \sqrt{(250 - 2)^2 + (3)^2} = 248.018 \text{ mm}$$



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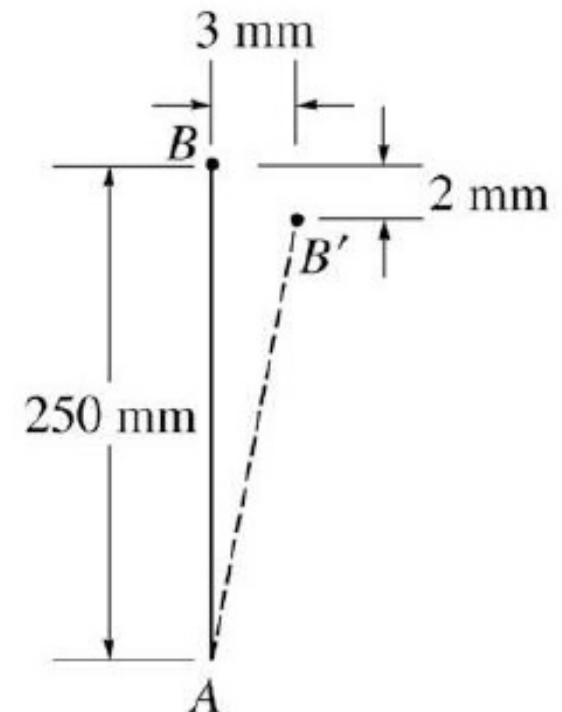
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(a) Therefore, average normal strain for AB is,

$$\begin{aligned}(\epsilon_{AB})_{\text{avg}} &= \frac{AB' - AB}{AB} = \frac{248.018 \text{ mm} - 250 \text{ mm}}{250 \text{ mm}} \\ &= -7.93(10^{-3}) \text{ mm/mm}\end{aligned}$$

Negative sign means

strain causes a contraction of AB .



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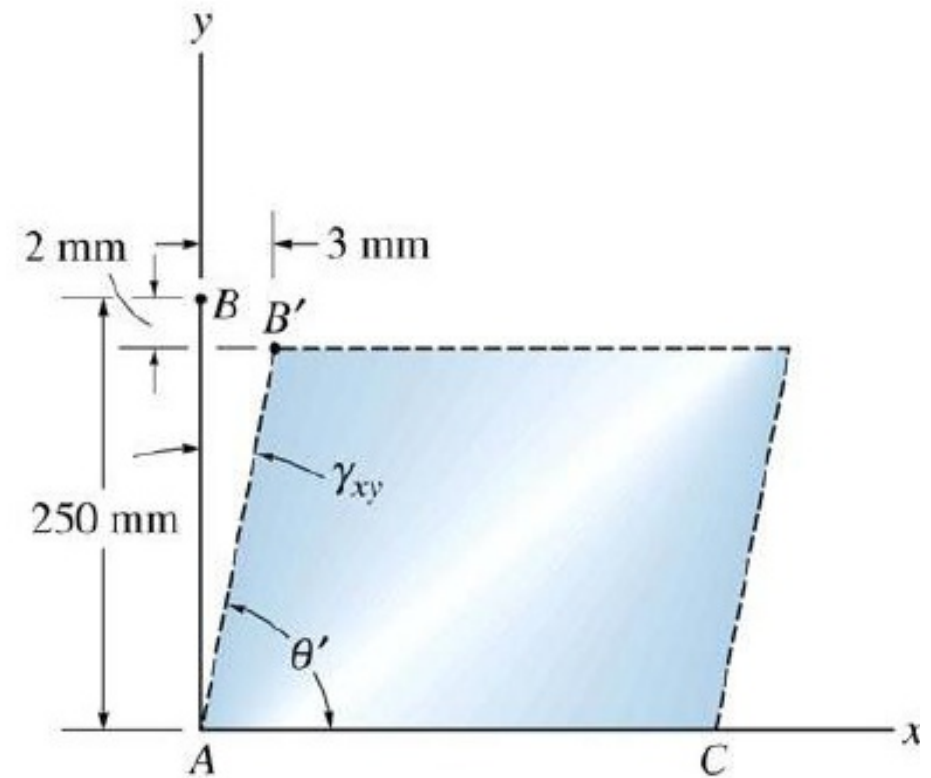
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(b) Due to displacement of B to B' , angle BAC referenced from x, y axes changes to θ' .

Since $\gamma^{xy} = \pi/2 - \theta'$,
thus

$$\gamma_{xy} = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{3\text{mm}}{250\text{mm} - 2\text{mm}} \right)$$

$$\gamma_{xy} = 0.0121 \text{ rad}$$



CHAPTER REVIEW

- Loads cause bodies to deform, thus points in the body will undergo *displacements or changes in position*
- *Normal strain* is a measure of elongation or contraction of small line segment in the body
- *Shear strain* is a measure of the change in angle that occurs between two small line segments that are originally perpendicular to each other

CHAPTER REVIEW

- State of strain at a point is described by six strain components:
 - a) Three normal strains: ϵ_x , ϵ_y , ϵ_z
 - b) Three shear strains: γ_{xy} , γ_{xz} , γ_{yz}
 - c) These components depend upon the orientation of the line segments and their location in the body
- Strain is a geometrical quantity measured by *experimental techniques*. Stress in body is then determined from material property relations

CHAPTER REVIEW

Most engineering materials undergo small deformations, so normal strain $\varepsilon \ll 1$. This assumption of “small strain analysis” allows us to simplify calculations for normal strain, since first-order approximations can be made about their size