MATERIALS AND CONSTRAINTS

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Constraints

Constraints are external forces that are exerted on materials and that have a tendency to deform them.

Constraint	Examples	Description	symbol
Compression		crushing	
Compression		force	$\Rightarrow \bigoplus$
Tension		stretching	
Tension		force	
Torsion		twisting	
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Deflection		bending	
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Deformations:

Depending on the constrains there are three types of deformations which can occur.

Type of deformation	Example	Description
Elastic	PORTUGASIA PARTUGASIA PARTUGASIA	Temporarily changes shape, then goes back to original form
Plastic		Permanent change in shape even when constraint removed
Fracture		Constraint causes material to break

PropertiesMechanical properties describe how a material reacts when subjected to one or more constraints.

	Definition	Example
Hardness	Resists indentation or scratching	diamonds ceramic
Elasticity	Returns to original shape when constraint removed	elastics bedsprings
Resilience	Resists shock by becoming deformed and then returning to its original shape	plastic metal
Ductility	Can be stretched into wires without breaking	elastics metal
Malleability	Can be flattened or bent without breaking	metal plastic
Stiffness	Retains shape when subject to constraints	ceramics concrete
Fragility	Material has the capacity to break without undergoing a deformation	ceramics glass

other properties

resists corrosion	Does not rust in the presence of salt and water	ceramics plastics
Ciccuicai	Allows current to flow through it	metals salt water
thermal conductivity	Allows heat to flow through it	metals

Materials

Looking at characteristics, degradation and protection.

Degradation: breaking down or wearing down of a material.

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	Wood and modified wood	Ceramics	Metals and alloys
Fact	Wood is produced by the harvesting of trees and modified wood is wood mixed with other substances (glue, plastics)	Created by heating inorganic matter Usually formed using an oxide, sand and clay.	A metal is extracted from an ore. An alloy is made up of many metals and or other substances. Ferrous alloy has iron in it.
Pros	Resilient and does not conduct. Can recover from water damage	Hard, does not rust and does not conduct. Used in building materials.	Conducts heat and electricity. Malleable and ductile.
Cons	Can be ruined by too much water. Damaged by insects	Very fragile	Will rust
Degradation	Sun, insects and water	Can be deteriorated by certain acids and bases.	Rust due to water and salt
Protection	Treating wood with a solution containing copper	Care in baking process can determine its resiliency	Coatings are put on the metal (paint and oils). Galvanized-coated with zinc.

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	Plastics	Composites
		Made up of 2 parts:
	Plastics are made from fossil fuels. Thermoplastics will	1- Matrix (skeleton and gives shape)
Fact	soften when heated and changes shape when cooled.	2- Reinforcement (fills the matrix).
	Thermosetting plastics remain hard even when heated.	Used in airplane wings, bulletproof vests and sport equipment.
Pros	Can be used for basically everything and anything. Cheap to produce. Can be molded in all colours and sizes.	Produces high quality products.
Cons	All thermosetting plastics are not recyclable. Cheap, therefore creates a lot of waste.	Very expensive to produce.
Degradation	Water, oxygen and UV rays can damage them.	Matrix and reinforcement loses its adherence. Deformation or fracture of materials.
Protection	Use waterproof coating, add antioxidants and add pigments which absorb UV rays.	Using products which will adhere together well.

Characteristics of matrices and reinforcements

Matrix	Reinforcement	Properties
Plastic	×	Durable, lightweight, resilient, inexpensive
Metal	×	Ductile, good conductor, stiff
Ceramic	×	Durable, heat resistant
×	Fiberglass	Stiff, resists corrosion
×	Kevlar	Low density, resilient
×	Carbon	Still. low density, conducts electricity

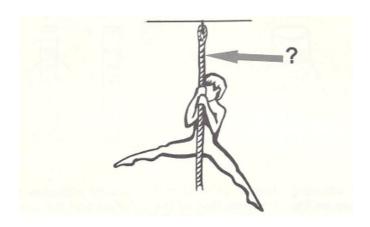
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Past exam question

1. A circuit performer holds onto a twisted rope, maintaining the same position for a few seconds.



Which of the following choices indicates the two mechanical constraints to which the rope is subjected at the location where the arrow is pointing?

- A) tension and compression
- B) compression and deflection
- C) deflection and torsion
- (D) torsion and tension

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