

Practice Problems

3. A unidirectional graphite/epoxy material has the following properties.

$$E_{11} = 130 \text{ GPa}$$

$$E_{22} = 10.5 \text{ GPa}$$

$$\nu_{12} = 0.28$$

$$G_{12} = 6 \text{ GPa}$$

The material is transversely isotropic, which means that

$$\nu_{12} = \nu_{13}$$

$$E_{22} = E_{33}$$

The applied stress is

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{11} &= 60 \text{ MPa} \\ \sigma_{22} &= 30 \text{ MPa} \end{aligned} \quad \left. \right\} \text{ given}$$

$$\sigma_{33} = \sigma_{23} = \sigma_{13} = 0 \leftarrow \text{since material is loaded in the plane of its fibers.}$$

To determine the strain components, let's write the stress-strain relations in terms of the strains.

$$\epsilon_{ii} = \frac{1}{E_1} \sigma_{ii} - \frac{\nu_{12}}{E_1} \sigma_{22} - \frac{\nu_{13}}{E_1} \sigma_{33} \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$\epsilon_{22} = -\frac{\nu_{12}}{E_1} \sigma_{11} + \frac{1}{E_2} \sigma_{22} - \frac{\nu_{23}}{E_2} \sigma_{33} \quad \text{--- ②}$$

$$\epsilon_{33} = -\frac{\nu_{13}}{E_1} \sigma_{11} - \frac{\nu_{23}}{E_2} \sigma_{22} + \frac{1}{E_3} \sigma_{33} \quad \text{--- ③}$$

$$\epsilon_{13} = \frac{1}{2G_{13}} \sigma_{13} \quad \text{--- ④}$$

$$\epsilon_{12} = \frac{1}{2G_{12}} \sigma_{12} \quad \text{--- ⑤}$$

$$\epsilon_{11} = \frac{1}{2G_{11}} \sigma_{11} \quad \text{--- ⑥}$$

Now, plug the given elastic constants into equations ① ~ ⑥ to obtain strains.

$$\textcircled{1} \rightarrow \epsilon_{11} = \frac{60 \text{ MPa}}{1306 \text{ Pa}} - \frac{0.28}{1306 \text{ Pa}} (30 \text{ MPa})$$

$$= \underbrace{46.2 \times 10^{-6}}_{\sigma_{11} \text{ contribution}} - \underbrace{64.6 \times 10^{-6}}_{\sigma_{12} \text{ contribution}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \epsilon_{11} = 397 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \rightarrow \epsilon_{22} = -\frac{0.28}{1306 \text{ Pa}} (60 \text{ MPa}) + \frac{30 \text{ MPa}}{10.56 \text{ Pa}}$$

$$= \underbrace{-129 \times 10^{-6}}_{\sigma_{11} \text{ contribution}} + \underbrace{2857 \times 10^{-6}}_{\sigma_{12} \text{ contribution}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \epsilon_{22} = 2728 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \rightarrow \epsilon_{33} = -\frac{0.28}{1306 \text{ Pa}} \xleftarrow{\nu_{13} = \nu_{12}} (60 \text{ MPa}) - \frac{\nu_{23}}{10.56 \text{ Pa}} (30 \text{ MPa}) \\ = \underbrace{-129 \times 10^{-6}}_{J_{11} \text{ contribution}} - \underbrace{2857 \times 10^{-6} \nu_{23}}_{J_{12} \text{ contribution}}$$

$$\textcircled{4} \rightarrow \epsilon_{23} = 0$$

$$\textcircled{5} \rightarrow \epsilon_{13} = 0$$

$$\textcircled{6} \rightarrow \epsilon_{12} = 0$$

To summarize:

$\epsilon_{11} = 397 \mu\text{strain}$
$\epsilon_{22} = 2728 \mu\text{strain}$
$\epsilon_{33} = -129 - 2857 \nu_{23} \mu\text{strain}$

4. The strains in the piece of aluminum can be obtained in the same manner as in previous problem

Elastic constants:

$$E = 10.3 \text{ ksi} = 10.3 \text{ ksi} \times \frac{6.895 \text{ GPa}}{1 \text{ ksi}} \\ \Rightarrow E = 716 \text{ Pa}$$

$$\nu = 0.30$$

Applied stress : $\sigma_{11} = 60 \text{ MPa}$

$$\sigma_{22} = 30 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_{33} = \sigma_{23} = \sigma_{13} = \sigma_{12} = 0$$

The stress-strain relations for the isotropic case are :

$$\epsilon_{11} = \frac{1}{E} \sigma_{11} - \frac{\nu}{E} \sigma_{22} - \frac{\nu}{E} \sigma_{33} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\epsilon_{22} = -\frac{\nu}{E} \sigma_{11} + \frac{1}{E} \sigma_{22} - \frac{\nu}{E} \sigma_{33} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\epsilon_{33} = -\frac{\nu}{E} \sigma_{11} - \frac{\nu}{E} \sigma_{22} + \frac{1}{E} \sigma_{33} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\epsilon_{23} = \frac{1}{2G_{23}} \sigma_{23} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\epsilon_{13} = \frac{1}{2G_{13}} \sigma_{13} \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

$$\epsilon_{12} = \frac{1}{2G_{12}} \sigma_{12} \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

Plugging the elastic constants and applied stresses into equations

(1) through (6), we can find the strains.

$$(1) \rightarrow \epsilon_{11} = \frac{60 \text{ MPa}}{716 \text{ Pa}} - \frac{0.3}{716 \text{ Pa}} (30 \text{ MPa})$$

$$= \underbrace{845 \times 10^{-6}}_{\sigma_{11} \text{ contribution}} - \underbrace{129 \times 10^{-6}}_{\sigma_{22} \text{ contribution}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \epsilon_{11} = 718 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{2} \rightarrow \epsilon_{22} &= -\frac{0.3}{716 \text{ Pa}} (60 \text{ MPa}) + \frac{30 \text{ MPa}}{716 \text{ Pa}} \\ &= -\underbrace{254 \times 10^{-6}}_{\sigma_{11} \text{ contribution}} + \underbrace{422 \times 10^{-6}}_{\sigma_{22} \text{ contribution}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \epsilon_{22} = 168 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{3} \rightarrow \epsilon_{33} &= -\frac{0.3}{716 \text{ Pa}} (60 \text{ MPa}) - \frac{0.3}{716 \text{ Pa}} (30 \text{ MPa}) \\ &= -\underbrace{254 \times 10^{-6}}_{\sigma_{11} \text{ contribution}} - \underbrace{127 \times 10^{-6}}_{\sigma_{33} \text{ contribution}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \epsilon_{33} = -381 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$\textcircled{4} \rightarrow \epsilon_{23} = 0$$

$$\textcircled{5} \rightarrow \epsilon_{13} = 0$$

$$\textcircled{6} \rightarrow \epsilon_{12} = 0$$

To summarize:

$\epsilon_{11} = 718 \mu\text{strain}$
$\epsilon_{22} = 168 \mu\text{strain}$
$\epsilon_{33} = -381 \mu\text{strain}$