

# 1.050 Engineering Mechanics

Lecture 16:

Introduction: Deformation and  
strain

# 1.050 – Content overview

## I. Dimensional analysis

1. On monsters, mice and mushrooms
2. Similarity relations: Important engineering tools

Lectures 1-3  
Sept.

## II. Stresses and strength

2. Stresses and equilibrium
3. Strength models (how to design structures, foundations.. against mechanical failure)

Lectures 4-15  
Sept./Oct.

## III. Deformation and strain

4. How strain gages work?
5. How to measure deformation in a 3D structure/material?

Lectures 16-19  
Oct.

## IV. Elasticity

5. Elasticity model – link stresses and deformation
6. Variational methods in elasticity

Lectures 20-31  
Nov.

## V. How things fail – and how to avoid it

7. Elastic instabilities
8. Plasticity (permanent deformation)
9. Fracture mechanics

Lectures 32-37  
Dec.

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Lecture 16: Introduction: Deformation and strain

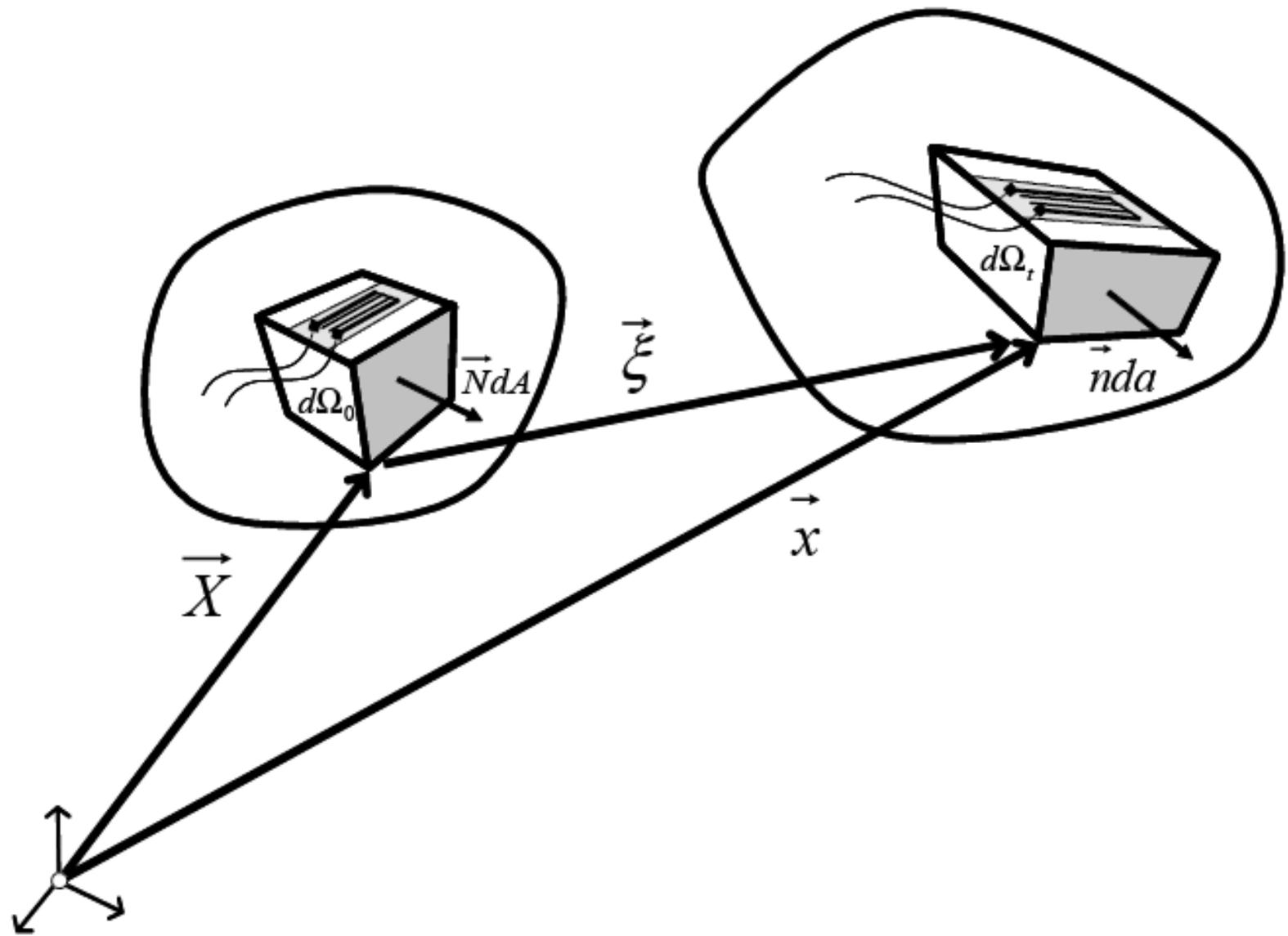
Lecture 17: Strain tensor and small deformation

Lecture 18: Mohr circle in strain space

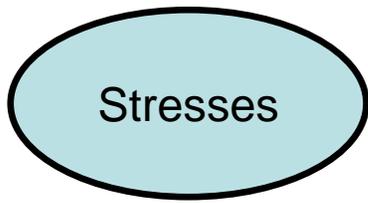
Lecture 19: Beam deformation

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Momentum  
conservation

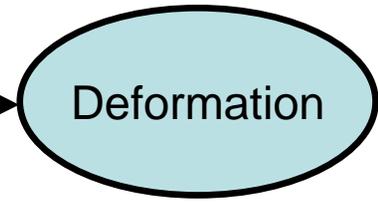


Lectures 1-15

Thermodynamics

Energy balance

Lectures 20-..



Geometrical analysis

Lectures 16-19



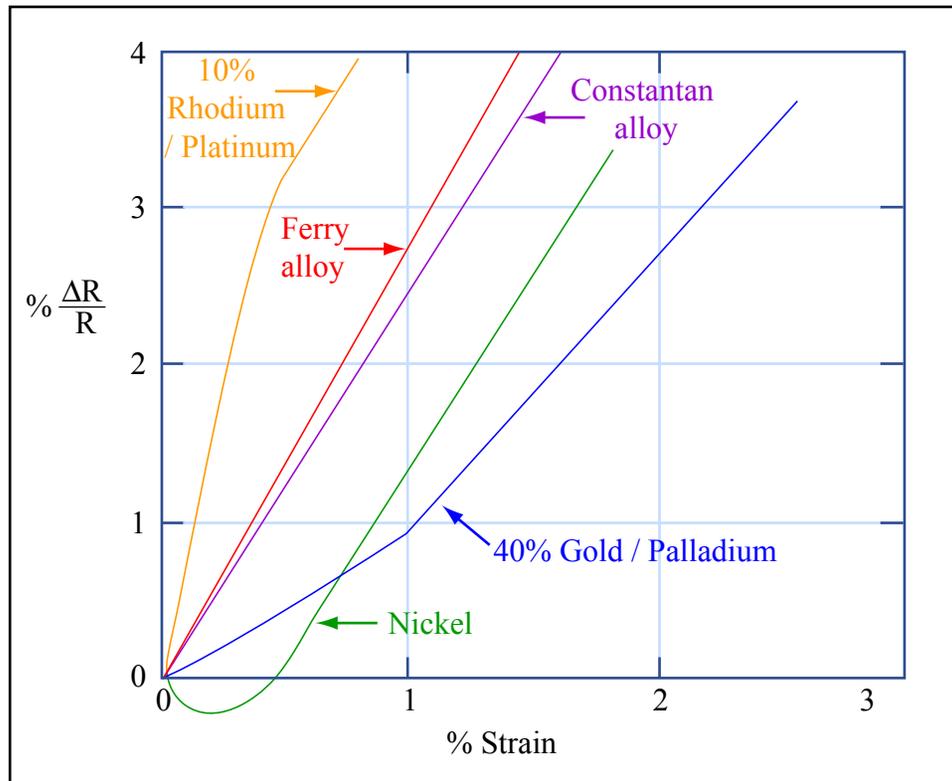


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