# **Volumetric stress and volumetric strain:**



If the forces acting on an object deform it in such a way that there is a change to the volume of that object, then we are talking about volumetric stress.

#### Volumetric Stress is equal to the following pressure:

 $Volumetric \ Stress = \frac{Load}{Area} = Pressure = dP$ 

# <u>Volumetric Strain:</u>

If the load applied cause volume change then the strain is called **volumetric strain**, When there is volumetric stress, volumetric deformation or volume strain changes the volume of the body. Mathematically, we define that change as:

#### **Strength of Material**

 $\label{eq:Volumetric Strain} \text{Volume} = -\frac{\text{Change in Volume}}{\text{Original Volume}} = \frac{dV}{V}$ 

Similar to Tensile Strain, Volumetric Strain also has no units.

# • Bulk's Modulus of Elasticity:

Bulk's Modulus is a numerical constant that describes the elastic properties of a solid or fluid when it is under pressure on all surfaces. The applied pressure reduces the volume of the material.

Mathematically, Bulk's Modulus is defined as:

Bulk's Modulus =  $\frac{\text{Pressure}}{\text{Strain}} = \frac{\Delta P}{\Delta V/V} = B$ 

- $B = Bulk modulus in N/m^2 or Pa$
- $\Delta P = Change of the pressure that applied on the material$
- $\Delta V =$  Change of the volume of the material
- V = Initial volume of the material

When the value is independent of pressure, this equation is basically a specific form of Hooke's law of elasticity.



# **Bulk modulus of elasticity:**

Denoted by "K", so that its constant through the elastic limit and its equal to:

$$K = \frac{\text{Volumetric stress}}{\text{Volumetric strain}}$$
$$K = -\frac{dP}{\frac{dV}{V}} = -V\frac{dP}{dV}$$

Negative sign shows decrease in volume.

## Characteristics of Bulk Modulus of Elasticity:

- Within the elastic limit, it is the ratio of volumetric stress to volumetric strain.
- It is associated with the change in the volume of a body.
- It exists in solids, liquids, and gases.
- It determines how much the body will compress under a given amount of external pressure.
- The bulk modulus of a material of a body is given by

## Compressibility:

The reciprocal of bulk modulus of elasticity is called as compressibility. Mathematically

Compressibility = 1 / K

Its S.I. unit is  $m^2 N^{-1}$  or Pa-1 and its dimensions are  $[L^{-1}M^{-1}T^2]$ .

### Example – 1:

A solid rubber ball has its volume reduced by 14.5% when subjected to uniform stress of  $1.45 \times 10^4$  N/m<sup>2</sup>. Find the bulk modulus for rubber.

Given: Volumetric strain =  $14.5 \% = 14.5 \times 10^{-2}$ , Volumetric stress =  $1.45 \times 10^4 \text{ N/m}^2$ ,

To Find: Bulk modulus of elasticity =?

### Solution:

Bulk modulus of elasticity = K = Volumetric stress / Volumetric strain

:  $K = (1.45 \times 10^4) / (14.5 \times 10^{-2}) = 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2$ 

Ans: Bulk modulus of elasticity of rubber is  $10^5 \,\mathrm{N/m^2}$ 

### Example 2:

What pressure should be applied to a lead block to reduce its volume by 10% Bulk modulus for lead =  $6 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2$ ?

Given: Volumetric strain =  $10 \% = 10 \times 10^{-2}$ , Bulk modulus of elasticity =  $6 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2$ .

To Find: Pressure intensity =?

#### Solution:

Bulk modulus of elasticity = K = Volumetric stress / Volumetric strain

 $\therefore$  Volumetric stress = K × Volumetric strain

 $\therefore$  Pressure intensity = K ×Volumetric strain

 $\therefore$  Pressure intensity =  $6 \times 10^9 \times 10 \times 10^{-2}$ 

 $\therefore$  Pressure intensity =  $6 \times 10^8 \text{ N/m}^2$ 

Ans: Pressure intensity is  $6 \times 10^8 \,\mathrm{N/m^2}$ 

### Example 3:

A volume of 5 litres of water is compressed by a pressure of 20 atmospheres. If the bulk modulus of water is  $20 \times 10^8 \text{ N/m}^2$ , find the change produced in the volume of water. Density of Mercury = 13,600 kg/m<sup>3</sup>; g = 9.8 m/s<sup>2</sup>. Normal atmospheric pressure = 75 cm of mercury.

Given: Original Volume =  $5 L = 5 \times 10^{-3} m^3$ , Pressure = dP = 20 atm=  $20 \times 75 \times 10^{-2} \times 13600 \times 9.8 N/m^2$ , Bulk modulus of elasticity of water =  $20 \times 10^8 N/m^2$ .

To Find: Change in volume = dV =?

Solution:

Volumetric Stress = Pressure intensity = dP

Bulk modulus of elasticity =  $K = (dP \times V)/dV$ 

 $\therefore$  Change in volume = dV = (dP × V)/K

$$dV = 5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3 = 5 \text{ cc}$$

### **EX.4**:

A volume of  $10^{-3}$  m<sup>3</sup> of water is subjected to a pressure of 10 atmospheres. The change in volume is  $10^{-6}$  m<sup>3</sup>. Find the bulk modulus of water. Atm. pressure =  $10^5$  N/m<sup>2</sup>.

Given: Original Volume =  $10^{-3}$  m<sup>3</sup>, Pressure = dP = 10 atm =  $10 \times 76$ ×  $10^{-2} \times 13600 \times 9.8$  N/m<sup>2</sup>, Change in volume = dV =  $10^{-6}$  m<sup>3</sup>,

To Find: Bulk modulus of elasticity of water =?

Solution:

Volumetric Stress = Pressure intensity = dP  
Bulk modulus of elasticity = K = 
$$(dP \times V)/dV$$
  
 $\therefore$  K =  $(10 \times 76 \times 10^{-2} \times 13600 \times 9.8 \times 10^{-3})/10^{-6}$   
 $\therefore$  K =  $1.01 \times 10^9$  N/m<sup>2</sup>

Ans: Bulk modulus of elasticity of water is  $1.01 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2$ 

## Example 5:

Find the increase in the pressure required to decrease volume of mercury by 0.001%. Bulk modulus of mercury =  $2.8 \times 10^{10} \text{ N/m}^2$ .

Given: Volumetric strain =  $0.001\% = 0.001 \times 10^{-2} = 10^{-5}$ , Bulk modulus of elasticity =  $2.8 \times 10^{10}$  N/m<sup>2</sup>.

To Find: Pressure intensity =?

#### Solution:

Bulk modulus of elasticity = K = Volumetric stress / Volumetric strain

 $\therefore$  Volumetric stress = K × Volumetric strain

 $\therefore$  Pressure intensity = K ×Volumetric strain

 $\therefore$  Pressure intensity =  $2.8 \times 10^{10} \times 10^{-5}$ 

 $\therefore$  Pressure intensity =  $2.8 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2$ 

Ans: Pressure intensity is  $2.8 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2$