

Manufacturing technical objects

The Technological World

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What's a technical object?



Cell phone

Technical object



Thermometer

Technical object



Hammer

Technical object



Rock

NOT A TECHNICAL OBJECT



Travel Coffee mug

Technical object

What's a technical object?

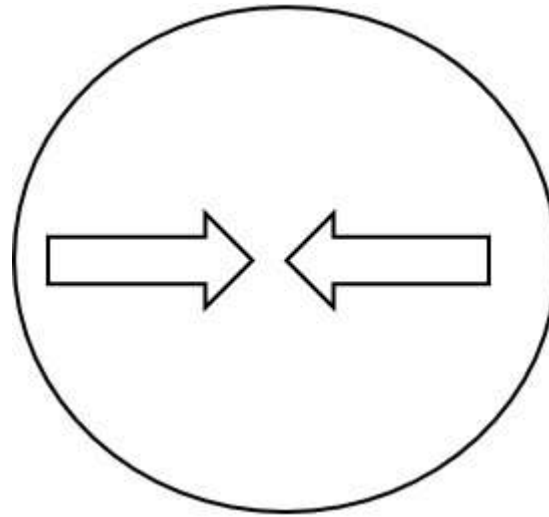
- Def: An object **designed by humans to fit a particular need**
 - So, pretty much anything which, the **material** has been **transformed** to meet a **need**
 - *Which could be something to play candy crush saga on, to figure out the temperature, to hit a nail in place, or to satisfy one's caffeine fix*
- The object must be made from **at least one material**

What's a Mechanical Constraint?

- Def: A mechanical constraint describes the effect of external forces on a material
- There are five types of mechanical constraints:
 1. Compression
 2. Tension
 3. Torsion
 4. Deflection (*Bending*)
 5. Shearing

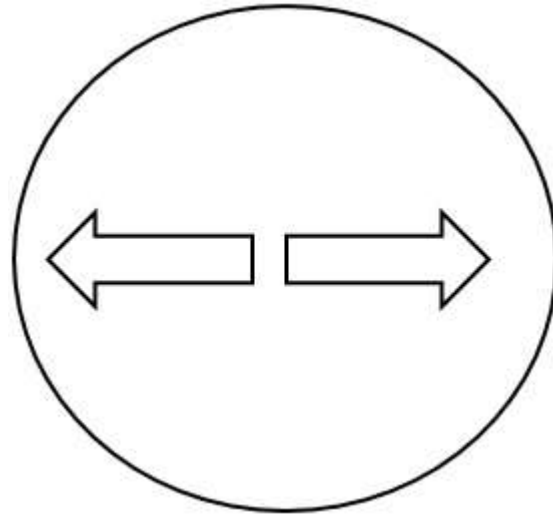
Compression

- Def: Force which crushes materials
- Symbol



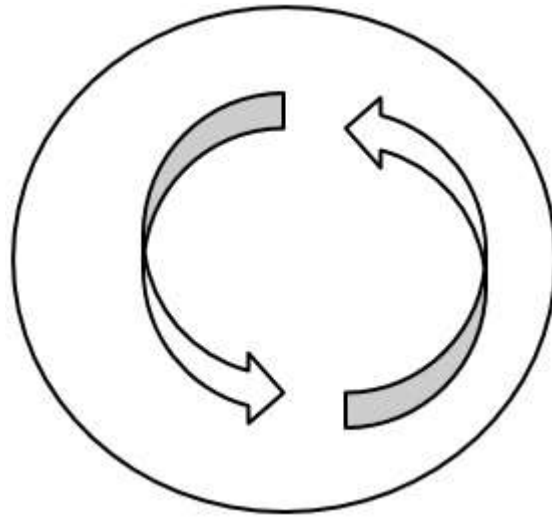
Tension

- Def: Force which stretches materials
- Symbol



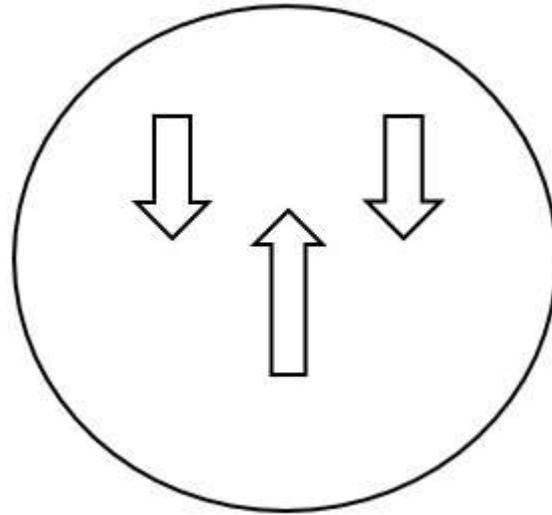
Torsion

- Def: Force which twists materials
- Symbol



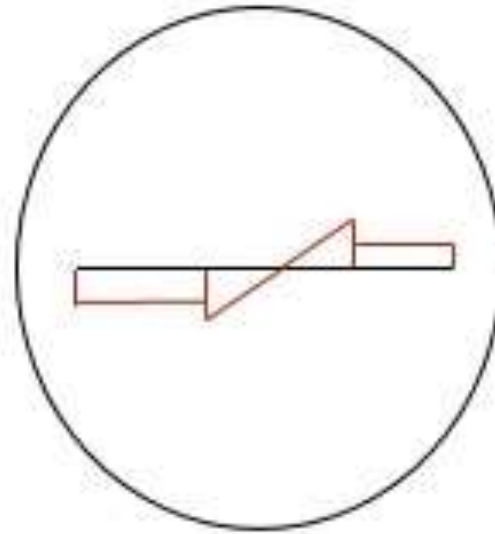
Deflection (*Bending*)

- Def: Force which bends materials
- Symbol



Shearing

- Def: Force which cuts and/or tears materials
- Symbol



In the following examples, name the Mechanical Constraint

Scenario	Students are involved in a tug of war game	A car getting crushed in a scrap yard	A dish cloth being rung out
Type of Constraint			
Symbol			

In the following examples, name the Mechanical Constraint

Scenario	Hockey players curving the end of their sticks.	Ripping a candy wrapper off.	Swinging on a swing set.
Type of Constraint			
Symbol			

Deformations

- Def: A deformation is caused by a material's inability to prevent mechanical constraints from altering their shape
- Three categories of deformations (*each is more damaging than the previous*)
 1. Elastic: Temporary; object goes to original shape after constraint is removed.
 2. Plastic: Permanent; object is deformed after constraint is removed.
 3. Fracture: Permanent; object breaks.

Relationship between deformation and mechanical constraint

- Mechanical constraints **causes** the deformation
- As the **force** applied **increases**, the **degree** of **deformation increases**.
- Ex: Bending a pencil

In the following examples, name the **deformation**, and the type of **mechanical constraint** causing it.

Scenario	Peeta Mellark bending a metal cane	Katniss Everdeen shooting an arrow from her bow	Haymitch Abernathy breaking a bottle by smashing it with a hammer
Type of Deformation			
Mechanical Constraint causing it			

Mechanical Properties

- Def: Way materials react to mechanical constraints.
- 6 key properties
 1. Hardness:
 2. Elasticity
 3. Resilience
 4. Ductility
 5. Malleability
 6. Stiffness

Hardness

- Ability to resist indentation or abrasion

Elasticity

- Ability to return to original shape after undergoing a constraint

Resilience

- Ability to resist shocks without breaking

Ductility

- Ability to be stretched without breaking

Malleability

- Ability to be flattened or bent without breaking

Stiffness

- Ability to retain their shape when subjected to various constraints

Other Properties of Materials

While not mechanical properties (i.e. property to resist a mechanical constraint) these are equally vital in choosing materials for technical objects

1. Resistance to corrosion : Resists effects of corrosive substances
2. Electrical conductivity
3. Thermal conductivity

Degradation vs Protection

Degradation

- Material's properties weaken due to the effects of the surrounding environment

Protection

- Material's properties are enhanced to prevent or delay degradation

Categories of Materials and their Properties

- 5 main categories
 1. Wood and Modified Wood
 2. Ceramics
 3. Metals and Alloys
 4. Plastics
 5. Composites

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