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A solid deforms in response to external actions (e.g., forces, heat, etc.). The deformation is completely reversible – meaning the solid returns to its original shape after the removal of the external actions.

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Two Types of Elastic Solids

Type 1: Linear elasticity of materials:

This type of elasticity occurs to solids undergoing small deformations, such as springs that exhibit linear relationships between the applied force (F) and the induced elongation (x) that can be represented by a mathematical formula as: F = kx where *k* is a constant known as the *rate* or *spring constant*. Many metallic materials fall into the category of linear elastic solids

It can also be stated as a linear relationship between stress (σ) and strain (ϵ) in stretching or compressing a thin rod by The expression: $\sigma = E\epsilon$ where *E* is known as the elastic modulus or Young's modulus

Type 2: Nonlinear elasticity of materials:

This type of solids behaves as elastic materials as described above, but can exhibit large deformations, such as rubbers and polymers

The FE formulation presented in this course will be based on linear elasticity theory

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