

# Plane Stress vs. Plane Strain

Hooke's Law for isotropic materials:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_{11} \\ \epsilon_{22} \\ \epsilon_{33} \\ \epsilon_{23} \\ \epsilon_{31} \\ \epsilon_{12} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{E} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\nu & -\nu & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\nu & 1 & -\nu & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\nu & -\nu & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1+\nu & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1+\nu & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1+\nu \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11} \\ \sigma_{22} \\ \sigma_{33} \\ \sigma_{23} \\ \sigma_{31} \\ \sigma_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

Case 1: Plane Stress

$$\sigma_{33} = 0, \epsilon_{33} \neq 0: \epsilon_{11} = \frac{\sigma_{11}}{E} - \frac{\nu}{E} (\sigma_{22} + \sigma_{33})$$

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

$$\sigma_{11} - \nu \sigma_{22} = E \epsilon_{11}$$

$$\boxed{E' = E} \\ \boxed{\nu' = \nu} \quad \text{For plane stress} \\ \text{(i.e. thin sheet)}$$

Case 2: Plane Strain

$$\epsilon_{33} = 0, \sigma_{33} \neq 0$$

$$\epsilon_{33} = \frac{\sigma_{33}}{E} - \frac{\nu}{E} (\sigma_{11} + \sigma_{22}) = 0 \rightarrow \sigma_{33} = \nu (\sigma_{11} + \sigma_{22})$$

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

$$\epsilon_{11} = \frac{\sigma_{11}}{E} - \frac{\nu}{E} (\sigma_{22} + \nu (\sigma_{11} + \sigma_{22}))$$

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

$$\epsilon_{11} = \frac{1 - \nu^2}{E} \left[ \sigma_{11} - \sigma_{22} \frac{\nu}{1 - \nu} \right] \rightarrow \sigma_{11} - \frac{\nu}{1 - \nu} \sigma_{22} = \frac{E}{1 - \nu^2} \epsilon_{11}$$

$$\boxed{E' = \frac{E}{1 - \nu^2}} \\ \boxed{\nu' = \frac{\nu}{1 - \nu}} \quad \text{For plane strain} \\ \text{(i.e. thick plate)}$$