

# *Flexure, Design of RC Beam*

# ***Lecture Goals***

- ◆ Basic Concepts
- ◆ Rectangular Beams

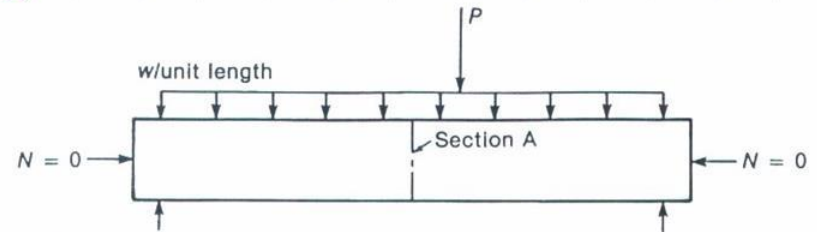
# Flexural Stress

The beam is a structural member used to support the internal moments and shears. It would be called a beam-column if a compressive force existed.

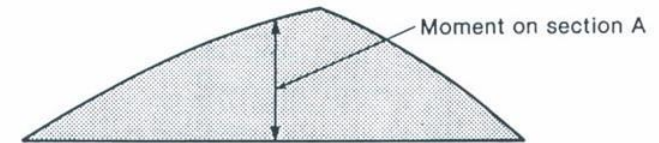
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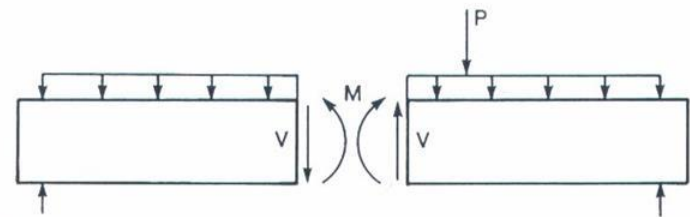
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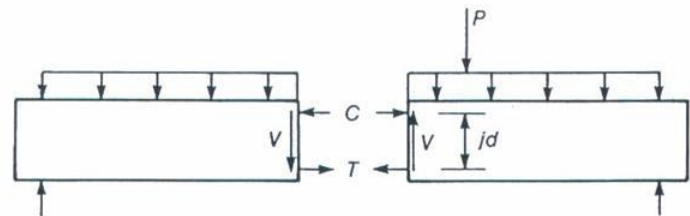
(a) Beam.



(b) Bending moment diagram.



(c) Free body diagrams showing internal moment and shear force.



(d) Free body diagrams showing internal moment as a compression-tension force couple.

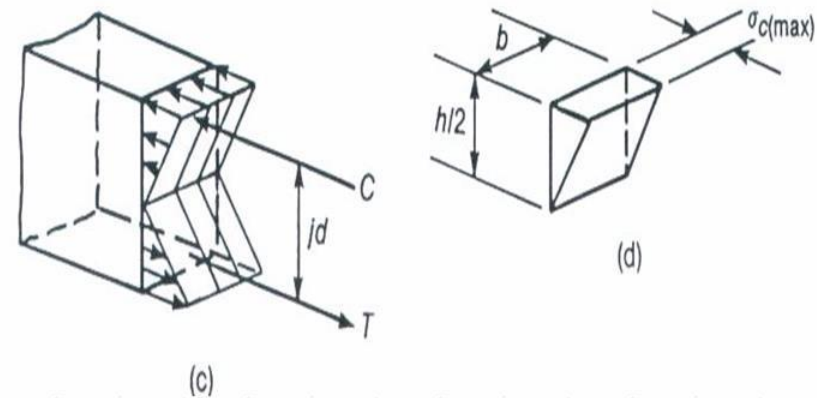
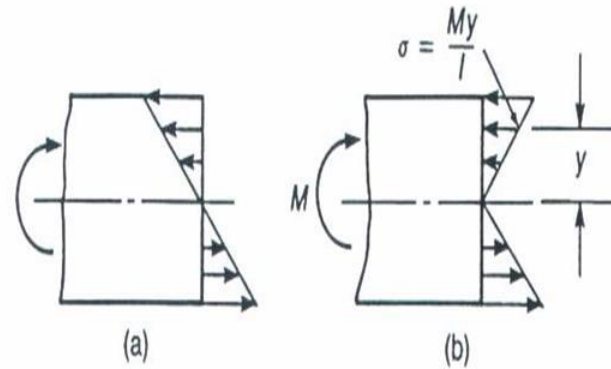
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The stress in the block is defined as:

$$\sigma = (M \cdot y) / I$$

$$S_{xx} = I / (y_{\max})$$

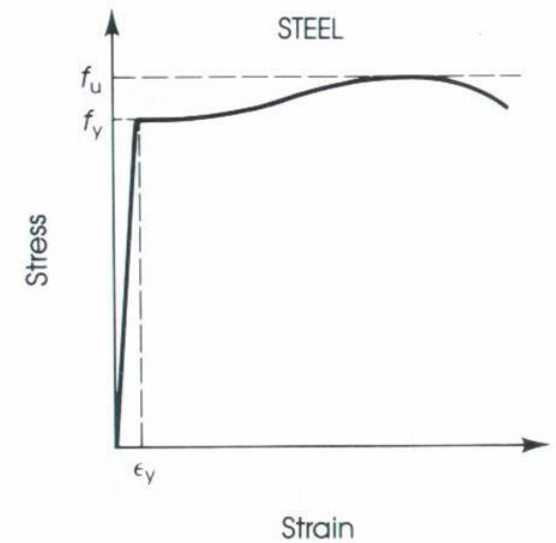
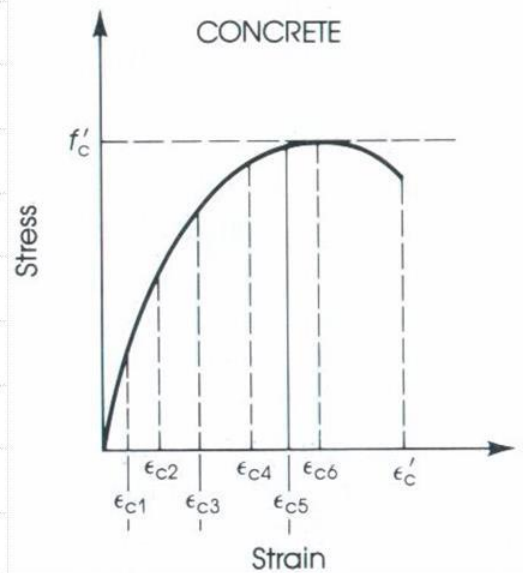
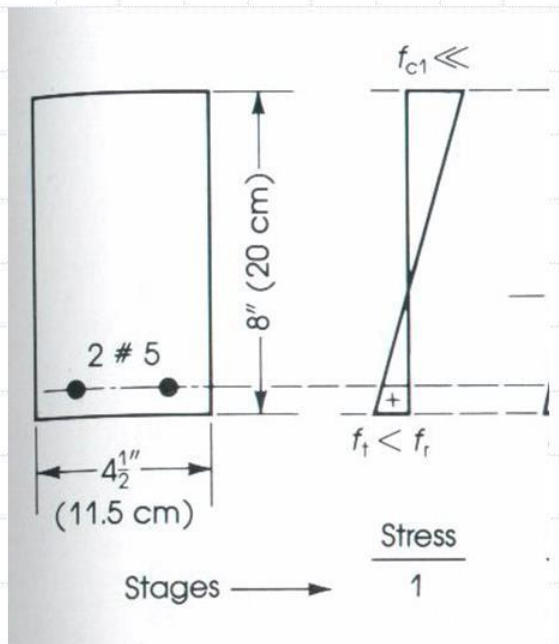
The equation for  $S_{xx}$  modulus for calculating maximum compressive stress.



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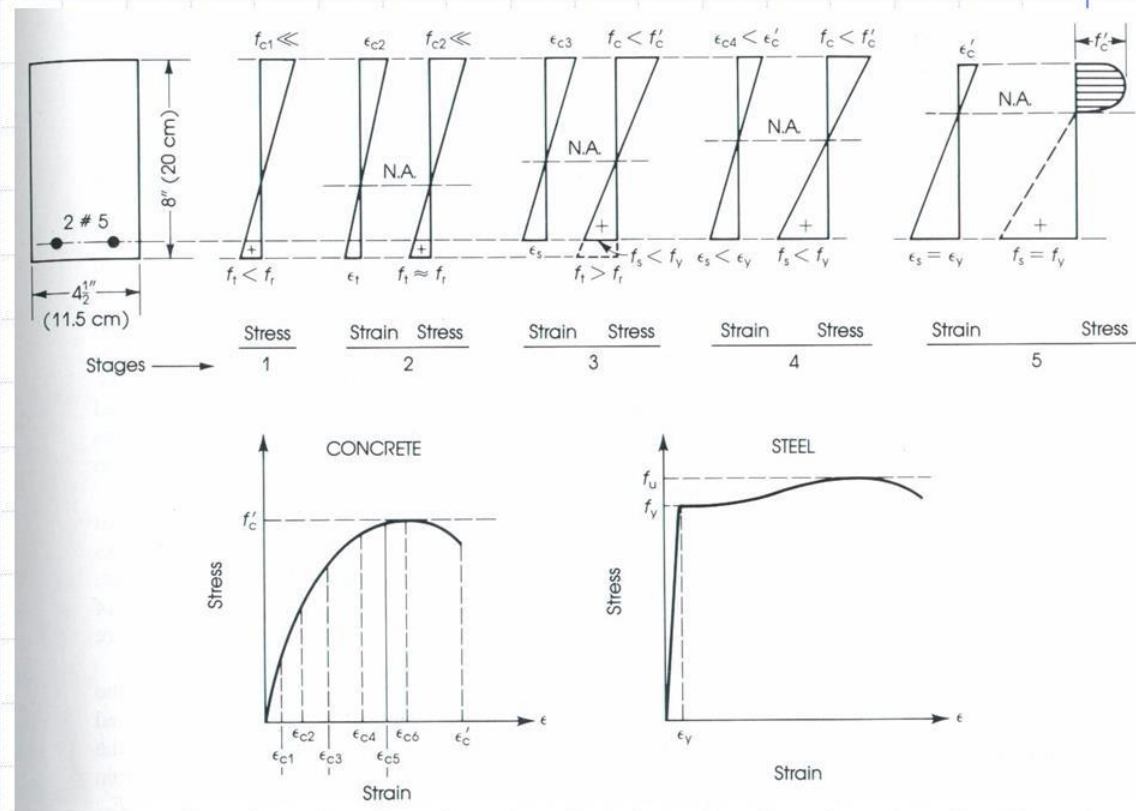
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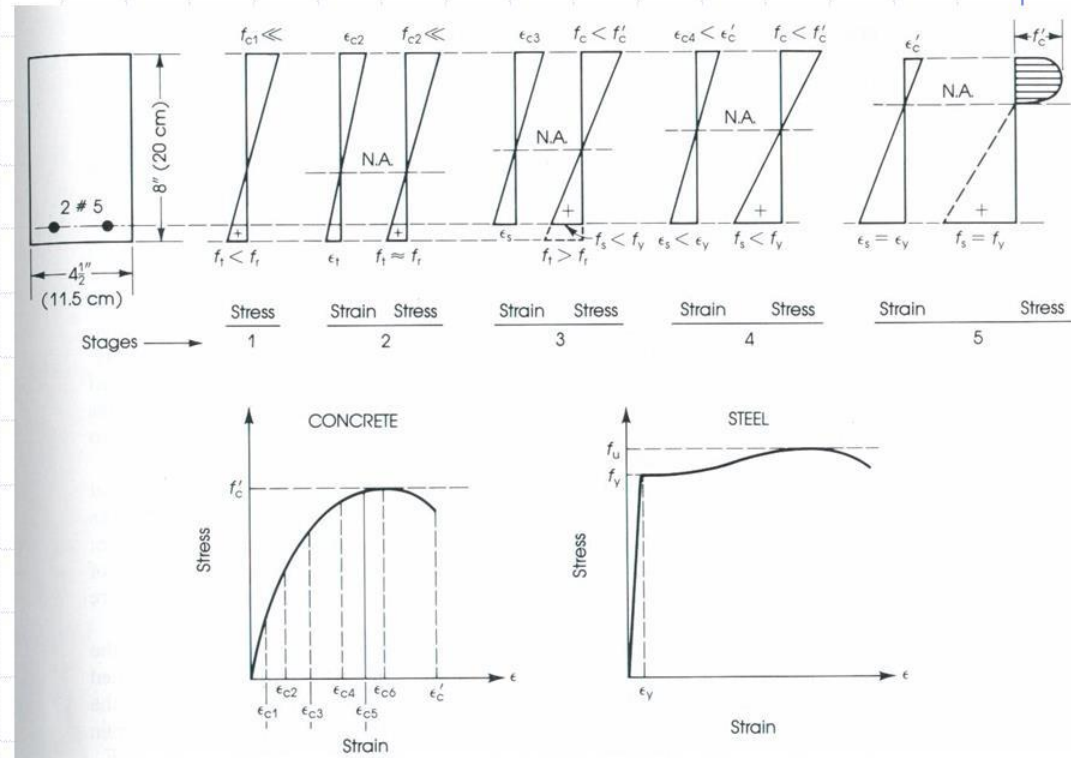
**Stage 2:** the external load  $P$  cause the bottom fibers to equal to modulus of rupture of the concrete. Entire concrete section was effective, steel bar at tension side has same strain as surrounding concrete.



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**Stage 3:** The tensile strength of the concrete exceeds the rupture  $f_r$  and cracks develop. The neutral axis shifts upward and cracks extend to neutral axis. Concrete loses tensile strength and steel starts working effectively and resists the entire tensile load.

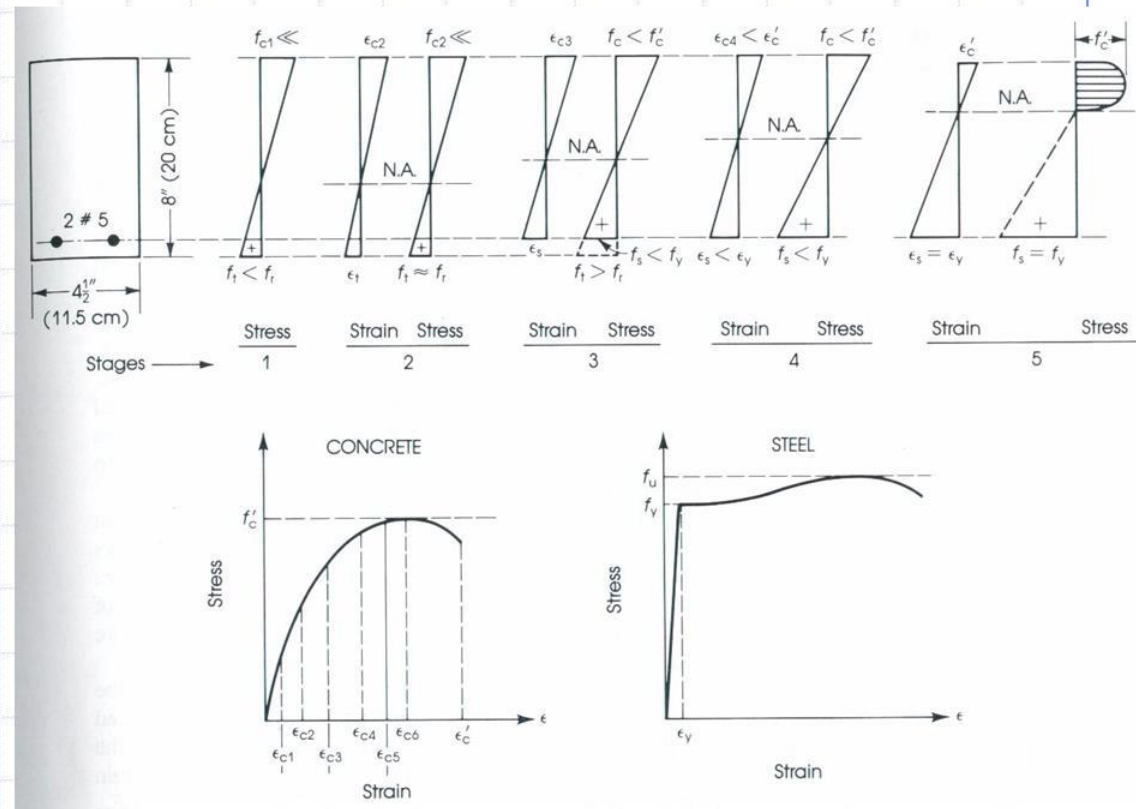


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**Stage 4:** The reinforcement yields.

**Stage 5:** Failure of the beam.





# Flexural Stress

The three stages of the beam.

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**Stage 3:** Service loading on the beam.

**Stage 5:** Beam failure.

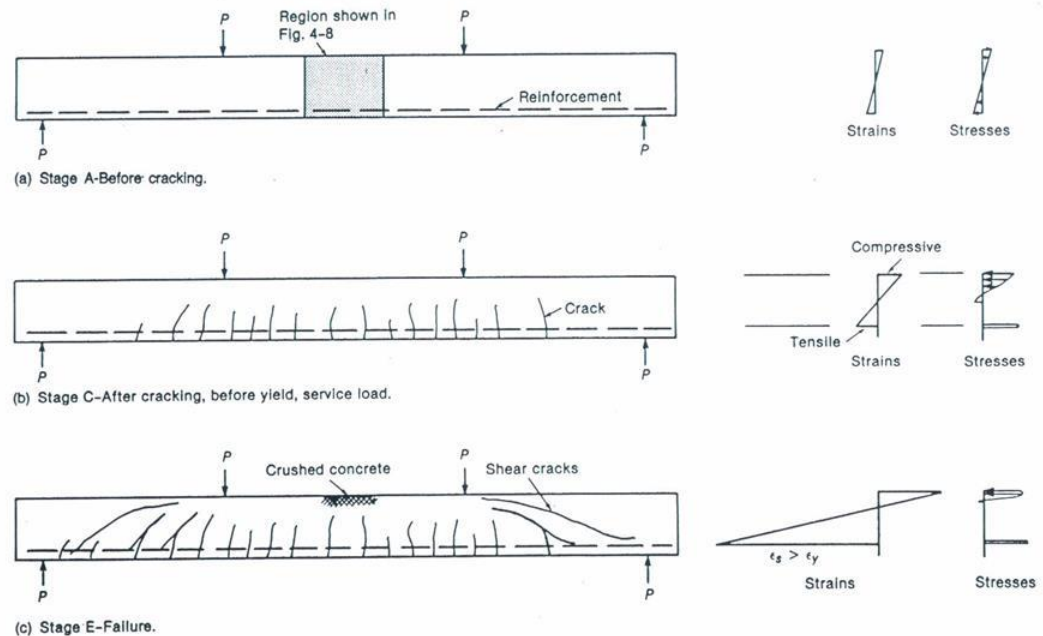


Fig. 4-5  
Cracks, strains, and stresses in test beam.

# Flexural Stress

The moment-curvature diagram show the five stages of the beam. The plot is of the curvature angle,  $\phi$ , verse the moment.

$$\phi = (\epsilon / y) = [ \sigma / E ] / y$$

$$= [(My / I) / E] / y$$

$$\phi = M / (EI)$$

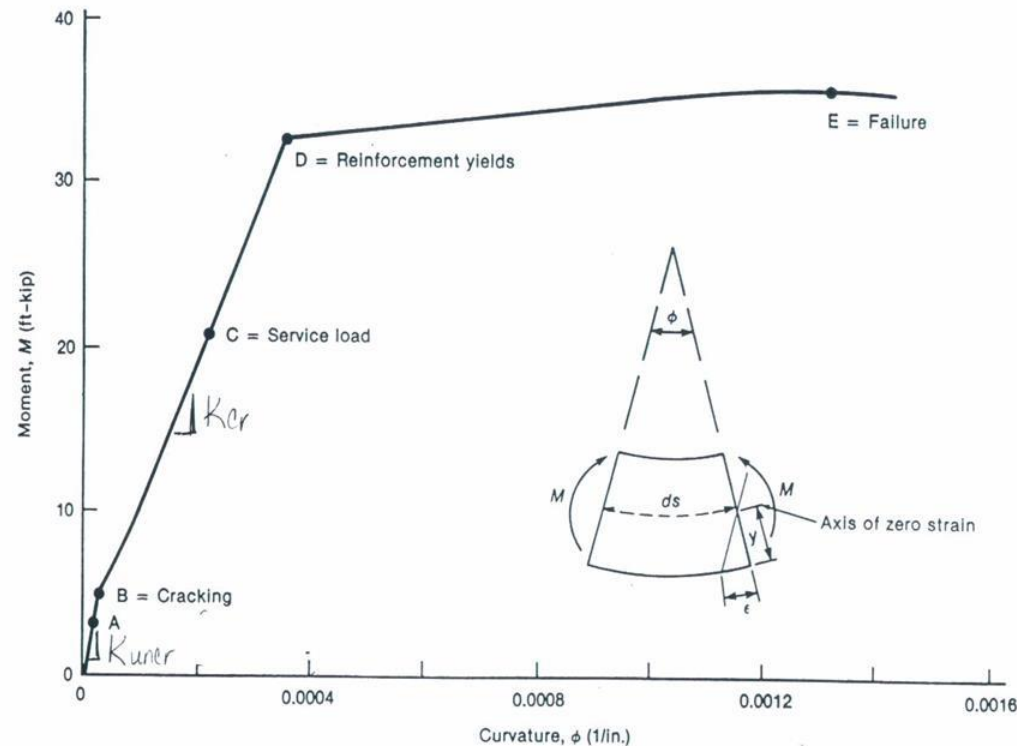
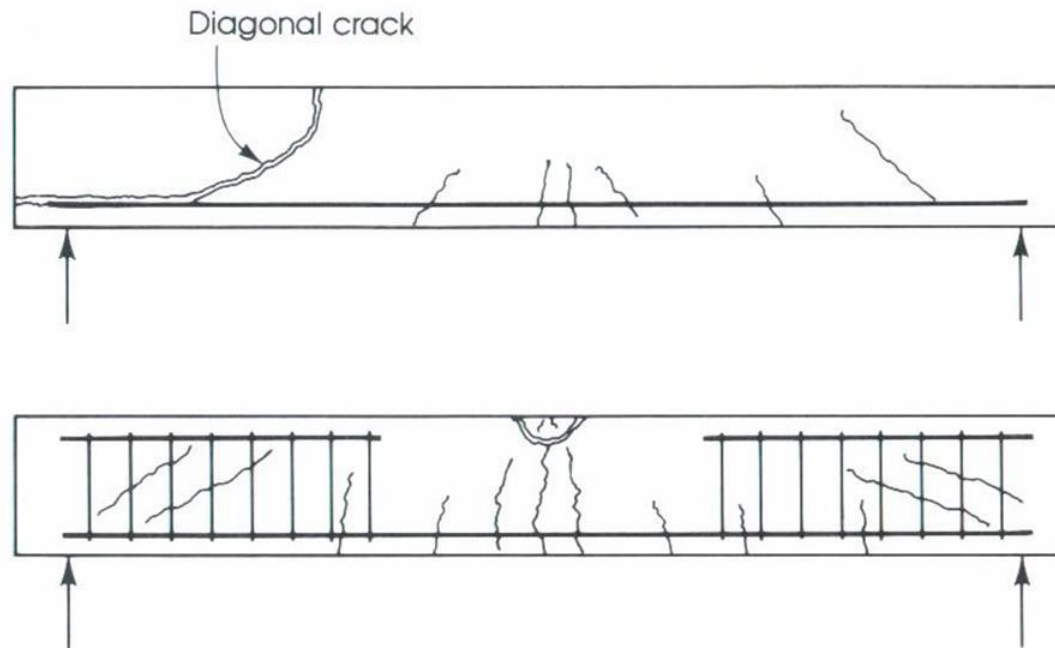


Fig. 4-7  
Moment-curvature diagram for test beam.

# *Flexural Stress*

The beam fails first in shear and the second beam fails in bending moment.



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There are three types of flexural failure of a structural member.

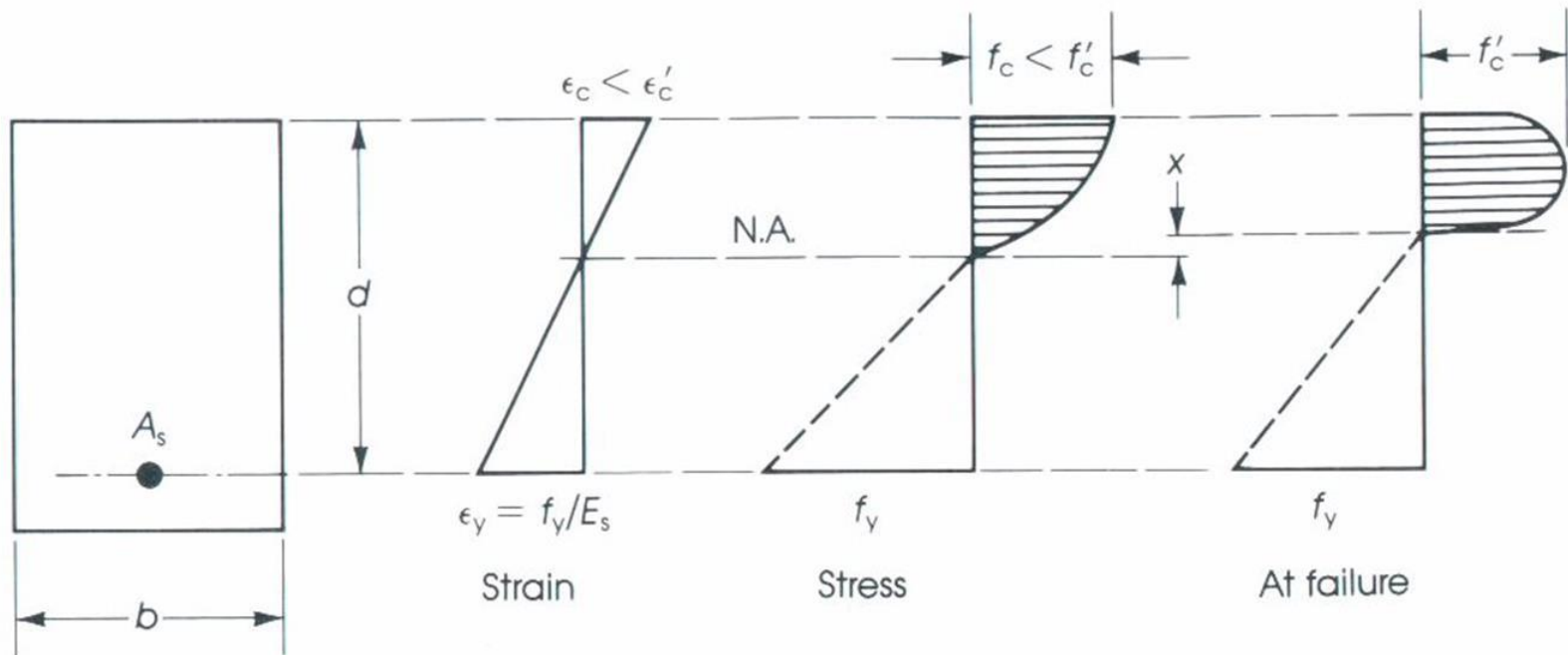
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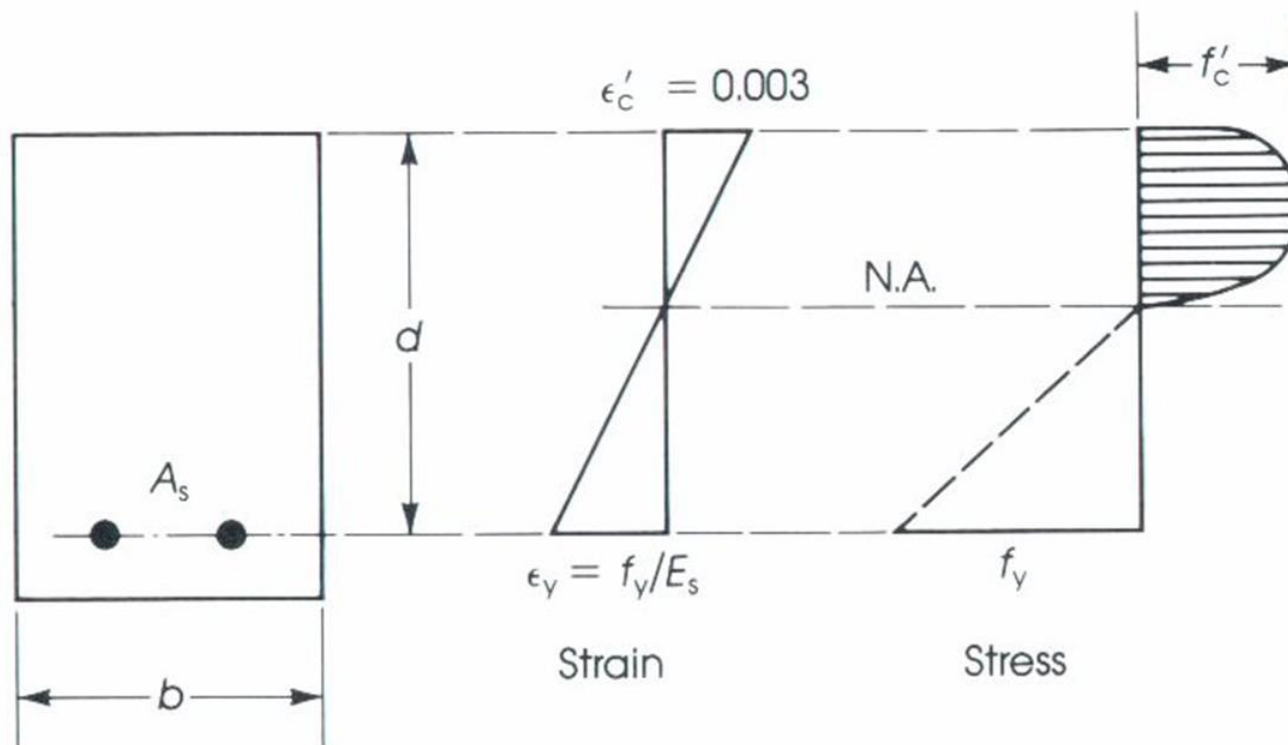
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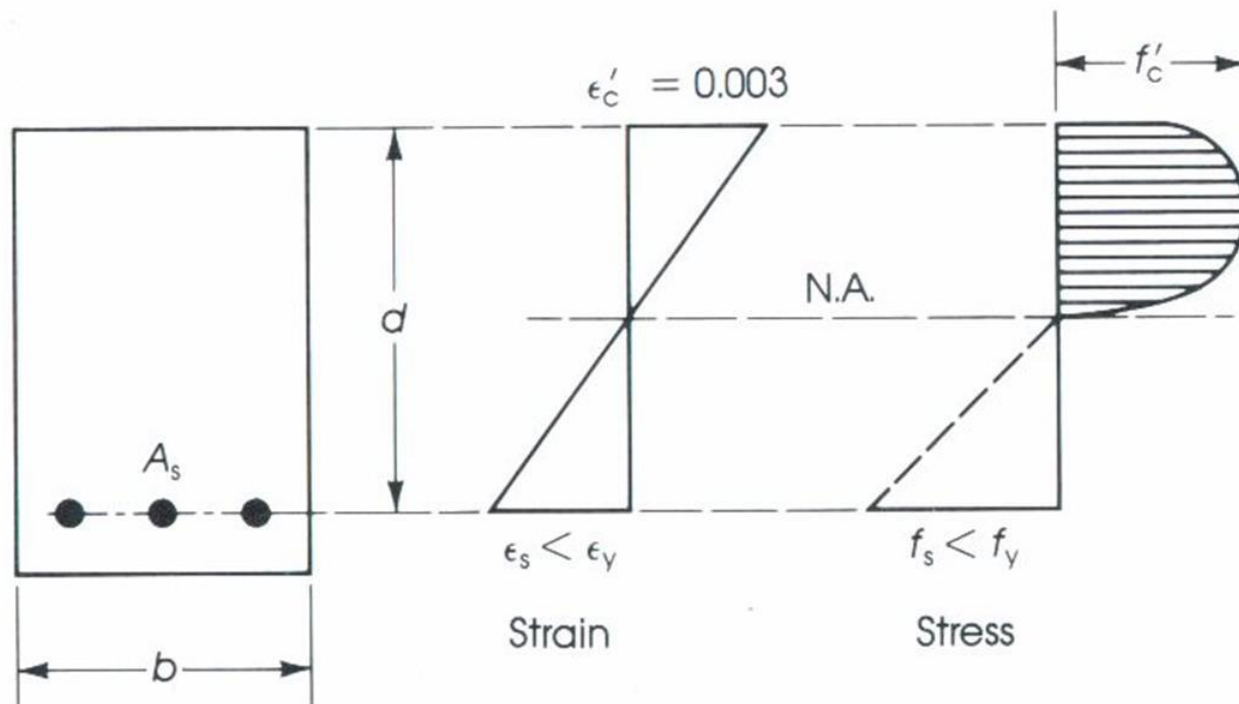
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## *Additional Assumptions for design (for simplification)*

- ◆ Tensile strength of concrete is neglected for calculation of flexural strength.
- ◆ Concrete is assumed to fail in compression, when  $\varepsilon_c$  (concrete strain) =  $\varepsilon_{cu}$  (limit state) = 0.003
- ◆ Compressive  $\sigma$ - $\varepsilon$  relationship for concrete may be assumed to be any shape that results in an acceptable prediction of strength.