

# \* Fatigue test

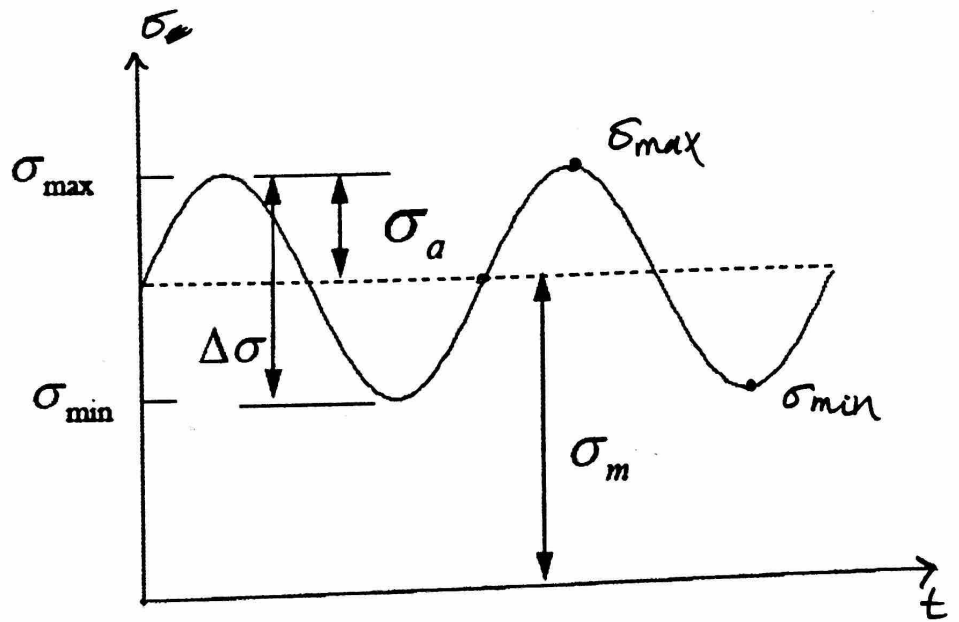
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Fatigue: Failure resulted from repeated loading.

## Fluctuating stress

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The +/- changing stress

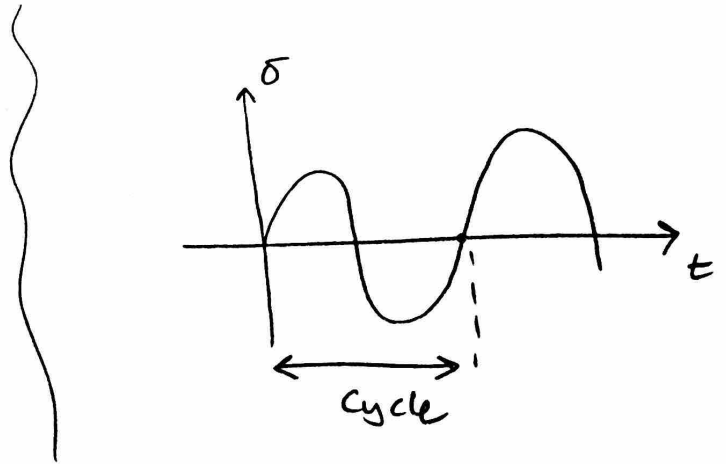


maximum stress ( $\sigma_{max}$ )

Minimum stress ( $\sigma_{min}$ )

mean stress ( $\sigma_m$ )

$$\sigma_m = \frac{\sigma_{max} + \sigma_{min}}{2}$$



## Alternating stress

$$\sigma_a = \sigma_{max} - \sigma_m$$

$$\sigma_a = \sigma_m - \sigma_{min}$$

Stress Range  $\Delta\sigma = \sigma_{min} - \sigma_{max}$

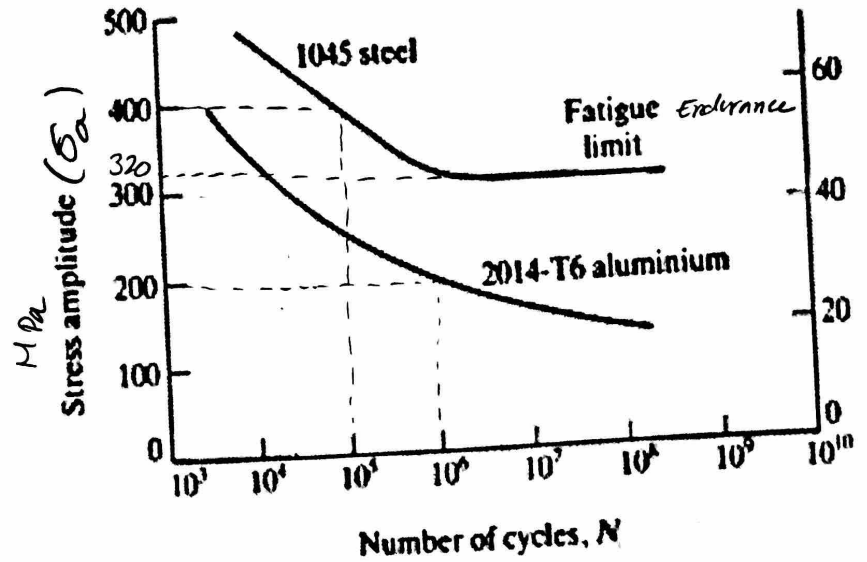
## \* Fatigue Curves (S-N) Curves

Fatigue life : Number of cycles to cause failure at certain  $\sigma_a$

Example at  $\sigma_a = 200 \text{ MPa}$  } Aluminium  
Fatigue life =  $10^6$  cycles }

### Fatigue strength

The stress at which failure will occur at certain number of cycles



### For steel

at cycles =  $10^5$  the fatigue strength = 400 MPa

### Fatigue Endurance limit

Stress level at which failure will never occur for infinite number of cycles.

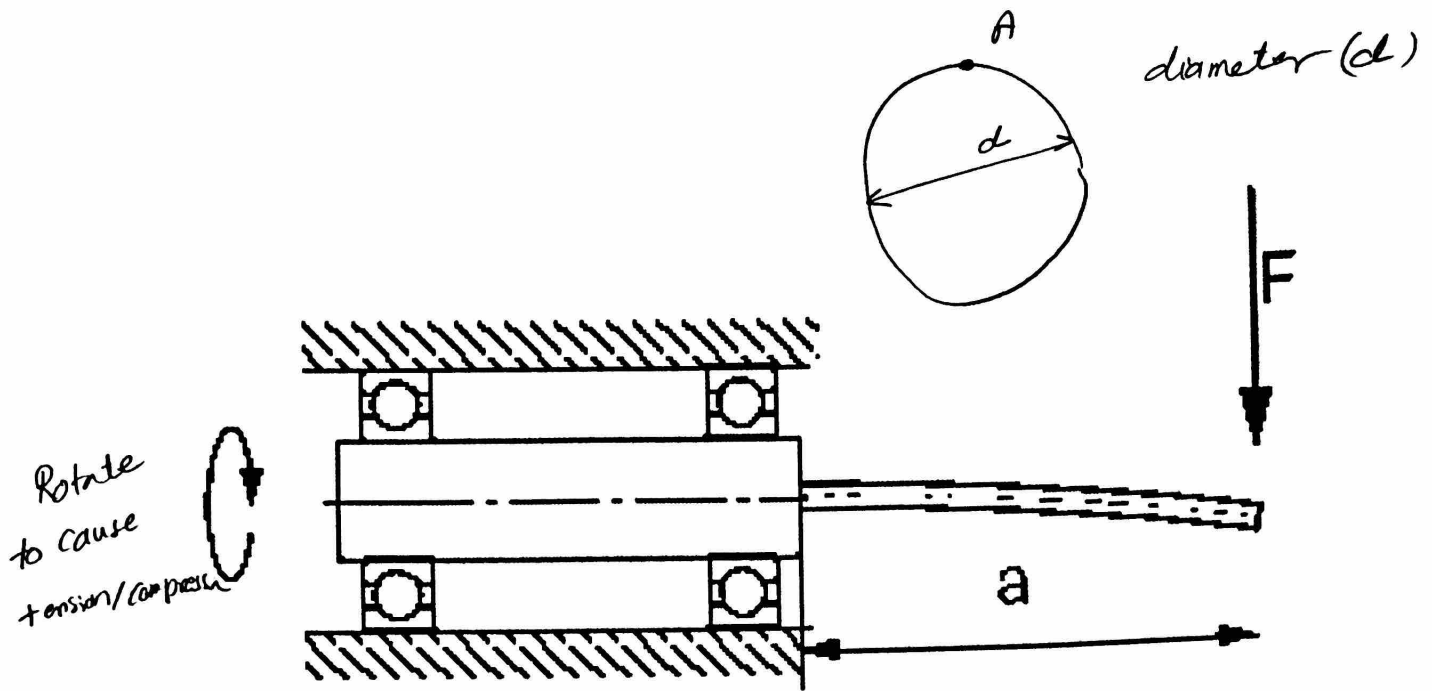
- Not all materials have endurance limits
- Basically steel alloys have endurance limits

### Endurance

Number of cycles before failure at certain

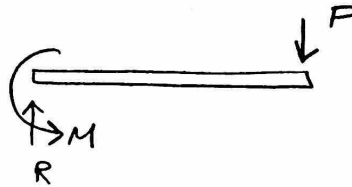
In the lab, what will we do?

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$$R = F$$
$$M = Fa$$



Normal stress at point A

$$\sigma_A = \frac{My}{I} = \frac{Fa \cdot d/2}{\frac{\pi}{64} d^4}$$

$$I = \frac{\pi}{64} d^4$$

$$\sigma_A = \frac{32 Fa}{\pi d^3} \rightarrow \text{Alternating stress } (\sigma_a)$$

Run till failure  $\rightarrow$  measure all previously discussed quantities.