NON – LINEAR BEHAVIOUR

LINEAR BEHAVIOUR - asumes small strains and strain rates SOLIDS - Hooke's law

FLUIDS - Newton's law

VISCOELASTICITY - non linear response as a function of time modeled by assuming a linear relationship between stress and strain. Simple mechanical models were constructed by combining linear elastic and viscous elements

NON - LINEAR BEHAVIOUR - larger strains and strain rates SOLIDS - will only consider rubber elasticity

FLUIDS AND VISCOELASTIC MATERIALS - some qualitative obsevations

RUBBER ELASTICITY

THERMODYNAMICS REVISTED

F = E - TS



STRETCHING OF A SINGLE CHAIN



NETWORKS

We need to consider the stretching of a cross linked network. real networks have defects. We will consider the stretching of a model network where the functionality of all the cross link points is identical, there are no dangling ends,



and the number of segments between all the junction points is the same

RUBBER ELASTICITY THEORY

Define extension ratio = l/d

Assume no change in Volume upon stretching

1 2 3 **= 1**

In the unstrained state

$$\mathbf{R}_{0}^{2} = \mathbf{x}_{0}^{2} + \mathbf{y}_{0}^{2} \mathbf{y}_{0}^{2} \mathbf{z}$$



Hence

$$s_0 = constant - k^2 (x_0^2 + y_0^2 + y_0^2)$$

RUBBER ELASTICITY THEORY

Affine assumption - chaindeforms in exact proportion to Sample as a whole (parent cube on previous overhead)

 $x = x_{0}$, $y = y_{0}$, $z = z_{0}$

$$s = constant - k^{2} (x^{2} + y^{2} + z^{2})$$

= constant - k (x 1 + y 2 + z 2)
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$$s = constant - k^{2} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 - 1 \end{pmatrix} x_{0}^{2} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 - 1 \end{pmatrix} y_{0}^{2} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 - 1 \end{pmatrix} z_{0}^{2} \right)$$

$$R_{0}^{2} = x_{0}^{2} + y_{0}^{2} + x_{0}^{2}$$

$$R_{0}^{2} = x_{0}^{2} = y_{0}^{2} = x_{0}^{2}$$

$$R_{0}^{2} = N < R_{0}^{2} >$$

$$S = -(1/2)Nk(r_{1}^{2} + r_{2}^{2} + r_{3}^{2} - 3)$$

RUBBER ELASTICITY THEORY

$$S = -(1/2)Nk(1^{2} + 2^{2} + 3^{2} - 3)$$



Question - what would happen to a stretched rubber sample upon heating ?

RUBBER ELASTICITY THEORY - comparison to experiment



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 $f = NkT(1 - 1/1^2)$

Agreement not bad at strains up to $\sim 300\%$, but the semi - empirical Mooney - Rivlin equation provides a better fit

$$= 2 (C + 2C /) (1 - 1/1^{2})$$

More advanced theories (eg Flory Constrained Junction Model) does a better job, but this is beyond the scope of this course

NON – LINEAR BEHAVIOUR OF POLYMER MELTS – some qualitative observations





MELT FRACTURE



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SEMI – CRYSTALLINE POLYMERS

NON - LINEAR RESPONSE TO STRESS.SIMPLE MODELS AND THE TIME - TEMPERATURE SUPERPOSITION PRINCIPLE DO NOT APPLY



EFFECT OF CROSS – LINKING AND CRYSTALLINITY ON CREEP

