

Everything about ES 241 Advanced Elasticity

Mechanics, thermodynamics, polymers

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Lectures: Maxwell Dworkin 221, Tuesday and Thursday 1:30 PM - 2:45 PM (Fall 2024)

Office hour: After each class, or appointment by email.

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Grades

Homework 40%

Final exam 60%

We will have a closed-book final exam. Exam problems will be similar to homework problems.

Textbook

I will adopt a draft of a [book](#) that Rui Huang and I are writing. As the semester progresses, chapters will be released in the table below.

[Tweets by Rui Huang](#) on his course using the same book

[Schedule of Rui Huang's course](#)

Class Notes, Problem Sets

Jan 23	Polymer network, uniaxial stress	
Jan 25	Multiaxial stress	
Jan 30	Inhomogeneous deformation	
Feb 1	Inhomogeneous deformation	HW 01-04
Feb 6	Basic algorithm of thermodynamics	

Feb 8	Entropy	HW 05-08
Feb 13	Temperature	
Feb 15	Free energy	HW 09-12
Feb 20	Pressure	
Feb 22	Entropic elasticity of gas	HW 13-16
Feb 27	Entropic elasticity of elastomer	
Feb 29	Free energy of elastomer	HW 17-20
Mar 5	Free energy of elastomer	
Mar 7	Geometry of homogeneous deformation	HW 21-24
Mar 19	Geometry of homogeneous deformation	
Mar 21	Geometry of homogeneous deformation	HW 25-28
Mar 26	Thermodynamics of homogeneous deformation	
Mar 28	Thermodynamics of homogeneous deformation	HW 29-32
Apr 2	Thermodynamics of homogeneous deformation	
Apr 4	Inhomogeneous deformation	HW 33-36
Apr 9	Basic algorithm of statistical mechanics	
Apr 11	Statistical mechanics of rubber elasticity	HW 37-40

Apr 16	<u>Chemical potential</u>	
Apr 18	<u>Polymer gels</u>	<u>HW 41-44</u>
Apr 23	<u>Dielectric elastomers</u>	
May 10	Final Exam 9:00 AM - 12 Noon Emerson 101	<u>HW 45-50</u>