

Deformation: Foam Compression Worksheet

Pre-Activity Define stress and strain.

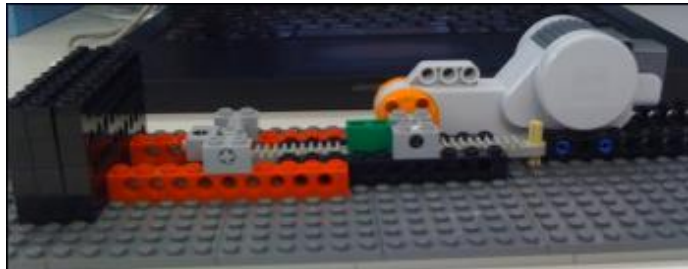
Stress is:

Strain is:

Hypothesis

What type of object, hard or soft, requires the most compression? Why?

List Materials



Write the Procedure

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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Data Collection

Equation 1: $\text{Strain} = (L_{\text{change}}) / L$

| Object (hard or soft) | Number of motor rotation for compression (power) | L (cm) | L _{change} (cm) | Strain | Does the object go back to its original shape? |
|--------------------------|---|--------|--------------------------|--------|--|
| Play-Doh | | | | | |
| bread | | | | | |
| marshmallow | | | | | |
| foam | | | | | |

Graphing

Create a graph of the number of rotations (x-axis) vs. the strain (y-axis) for the objects listed in the above table



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Results & Conclusions

1. Which object had the greatest strain/deformation?

2. Which object had the most rotations?