

Q 5.1 If you had to perform a Uniaxial Compressive Strength Test on rock, what standard procedures would you consult? (name at least 2) [4] (2)

First I'd make sure that my specimen is cylindrical, smooth and flat. Diameter of specimen should be $\geq 54\text{ mm}$ and the height to diameter ratio should be between 3.5 - 2.0. I would use a uniaxial test method and compress the rock until its maximum resistance of stress by the load.

Q 5.2 What happens when a rock material has a Poisson's Ratio $\nu = 0.5$ [3]

This means that the lateral strain of a rock is half the axial strain or $\epsilon_a = 2\epsilon_l$. The rock at $\nu = 0.5$ gets deformed and strained, the strain in the axial direction of a rock material becomes twice that of elongation or lateral one.

Q 5.3 Explain the term Young's Modulus (E-Modulus) and give formula [4] (3)

Is the change in stress ^{over} the change in axial strain.

$$E = \frac{\Delta\sigma}{\Delta\epsilon_a} \quad \checkmark \quad \begin{array}{l} \Delta\sigma = \text{change in stress} \\ \Delta\epsilon_a = \text{change in axial strain} \end{array}$$

Q 5.4 For all practical purposes steel has constant values for E and ν . Briefly explain why for rock it is necessary to define different E's and ν 's and name and explain these. What other variable would you have to state when listing values for E and ν ? [8] (1)

To identify by how much/amount the rock was deformed and strained mostly in terms of ratios. E's give us the relationship between the axial strain and stress a rock is experiencing/has experienced.

ν 's tell us by how much variation of lateral strain to axial strain our rock was deformed/strained. $E = \frac{\Delta\sigma}{\Delta\epsilon_a}$ \therefore in E; $\Delta\sigma$ (change in stress) should be stated and $\Delta\epsilon_a$ (change in axial strain). E is young's modulus.

In ν (Poisson's ratio) the lateral strain (ϵ_l) and the axial strain (ϵ_a) should be stated ~~because~~ because $\nu = \frac{\Delta\epsilon_l}{\Delta\epsilon_a}$.