

Mechanisms of tooth movements

translation

extrusion intrusion bodily movement

rotation

rotation translation + rotation tipping

fulcrum (center of resistance = CR)

bone formation (red) / bone decay (blue)

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Force couple

Couple: a pair of forces, equal in magnitude, oppositely directed, and displaced by perpendicular distance.

Resultant force:
 $F_r = F + (-F) = 0$

Resultant torque:
 $\tau_r = \tau_1 + \tau_2$
 $\tau_r = (F \cdot r_1) + (-F \cdot r_2)$
 $\tau_r = F \cdot (r_1 - r_2) = F \cdot \Delta r$

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„couple = torque“

Any set of forces on a body can be replaced by a single force and a single couple.

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Forces required for tooth movements

extrusion: F $\tau_F = 0$

intrusion: F $\tau_F = 0$

single force without torque
 \Rightarrow translation without rotation

Example:

dental bracket

force distribution (!):

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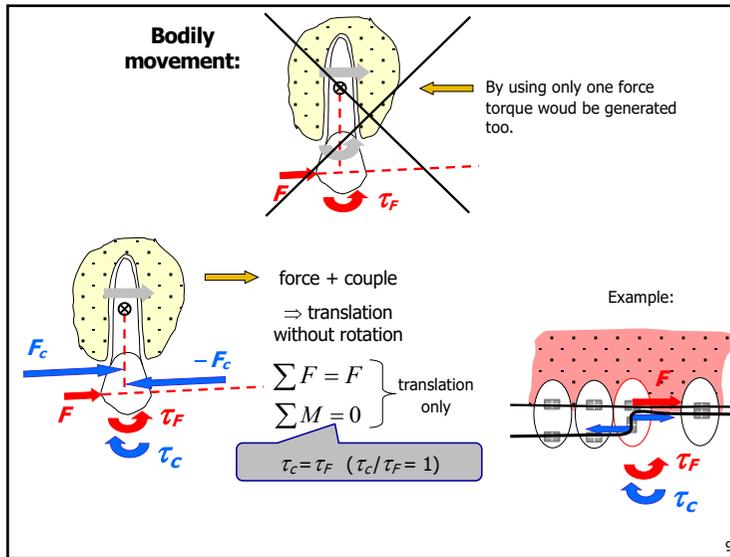
Rotation:

$\Sigma F = 0$ couple = c

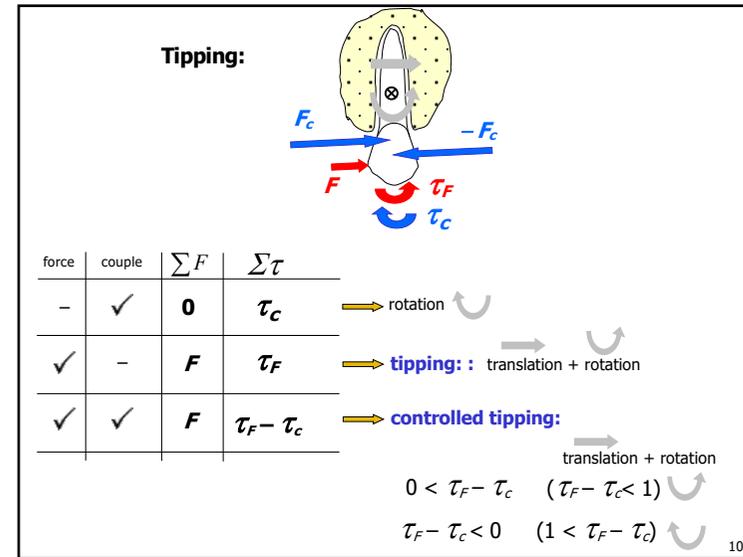
Couple results in torque only without net force
 \Rightarrow rotation without translation

example:

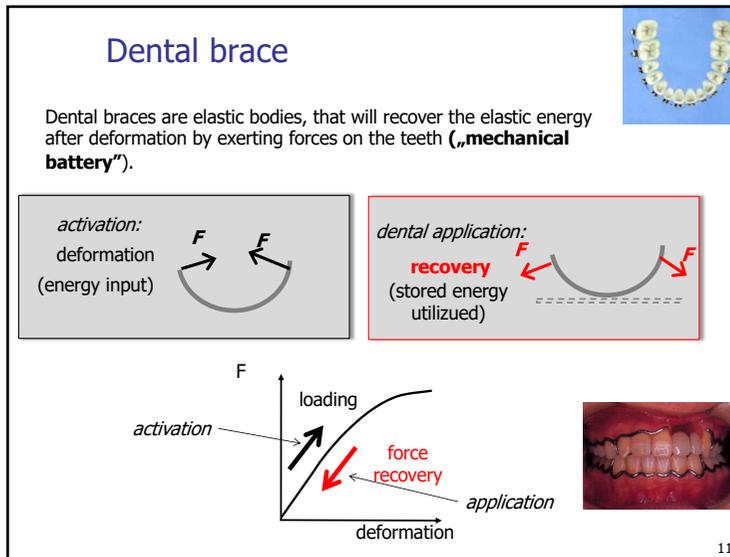
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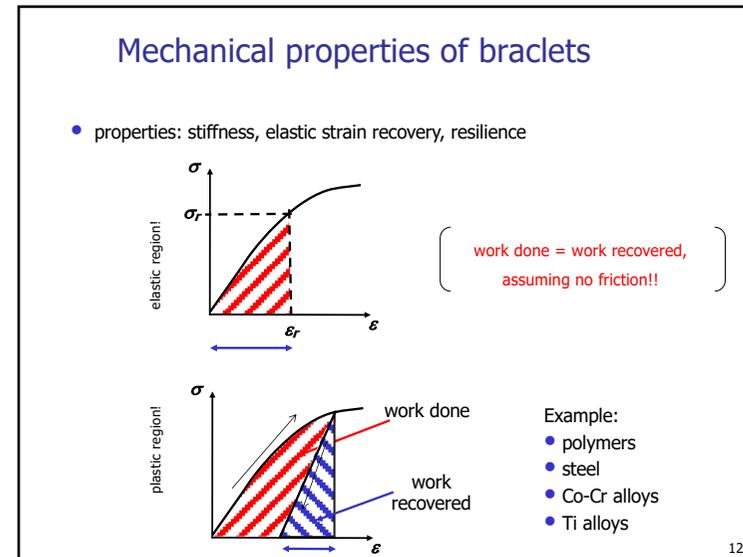
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