

We shall prove the relation between the linear thermal expansion and the volumetric thermal expansion (assuming the material is isotropic).

$$\alpha_V = \frac{1}{V} \cdot \frac{dV}{dT} = \frac{1}{L^3} \cdot \frac{(L + dL)^3 - L^3}{dT} = \frac{3}{(L \cdot dT)} \cdot dL + \frac{3}{(L^2 \cdot dT)} \cdot dL^2 + \frac{1}{(L^3 \cdot dT)} \cdot dL^3$$

We will now neglect the second and third order differentials.....

$$\alpha_V = \frac{3}{(L \cdot dT)} \cdot dL = 3 \cdot \alpha_L$$