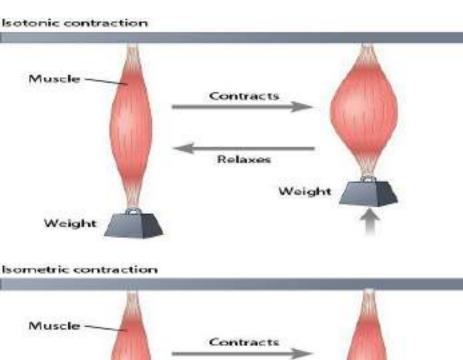
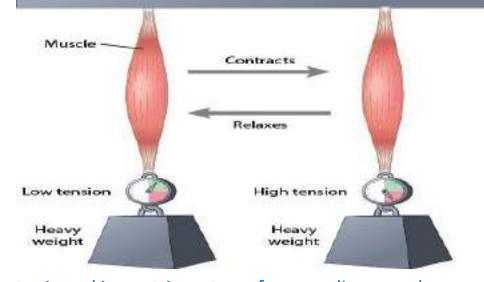
## Isometric and isotonic contractions

Isotonic contraction occurs when the force of the muscle contraction is greater than the load and the tension on the muscle remains constant during the contraction; when the muscle contracts, it shortens and moves the load.

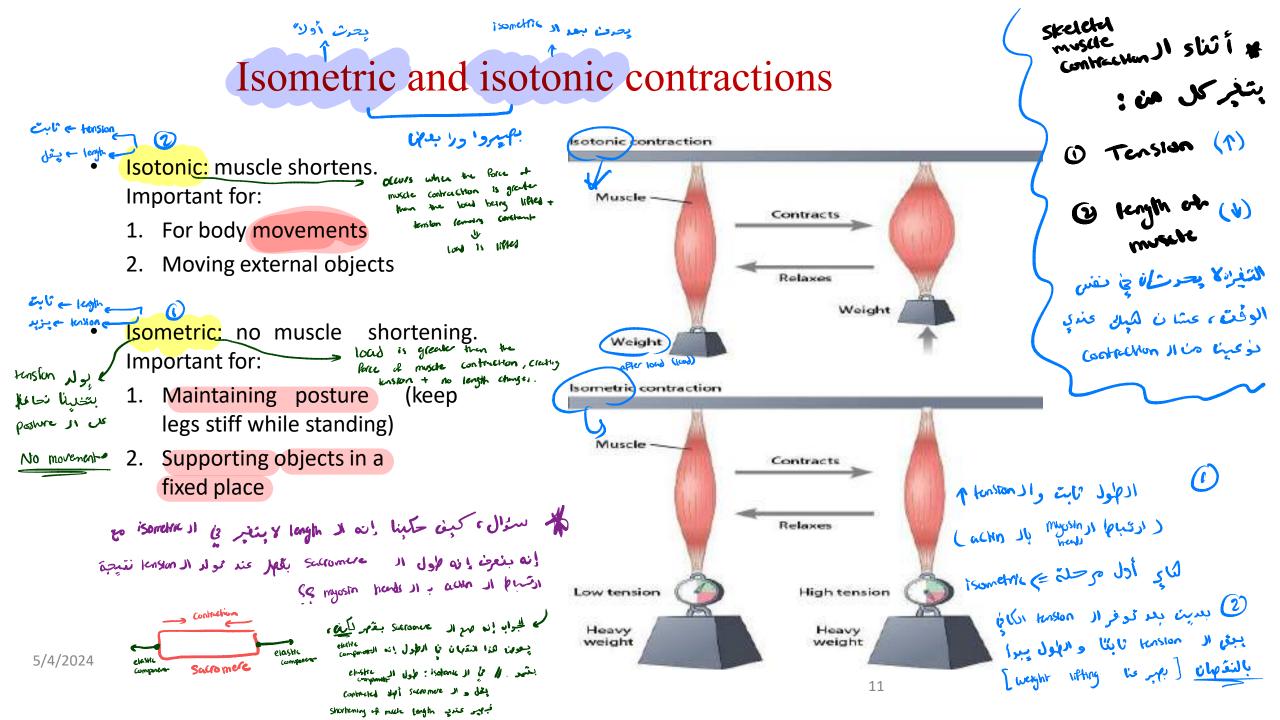
Isometric contraction occurs when the load Is greater than the force of the muscle contraction; the muscle creates tension when it contracts, but the overall length of the muscle does not change.



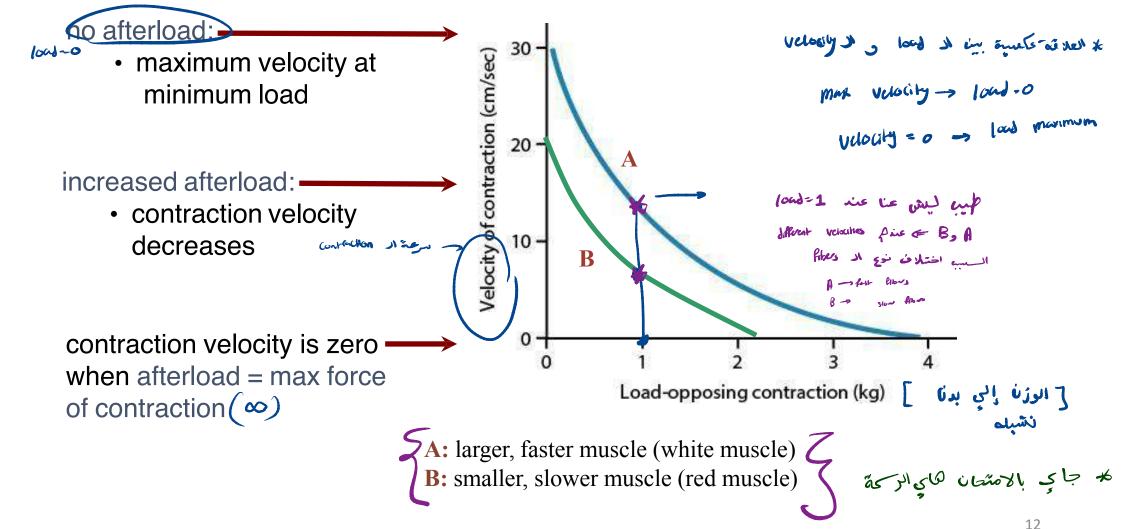


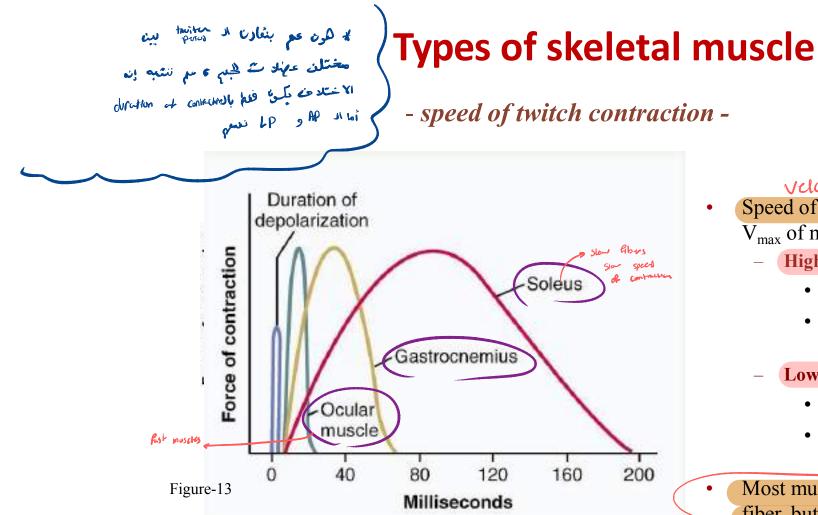


Isotonic and isometric systems for recording muscle contractions



## The force-velocity curve is generated from the study of isolated muscle during isotonic contractions





The duration of isometric contractions for different types of mammalian skeletal muscles, showing a latent period between the action potential (depolarization) and muscle

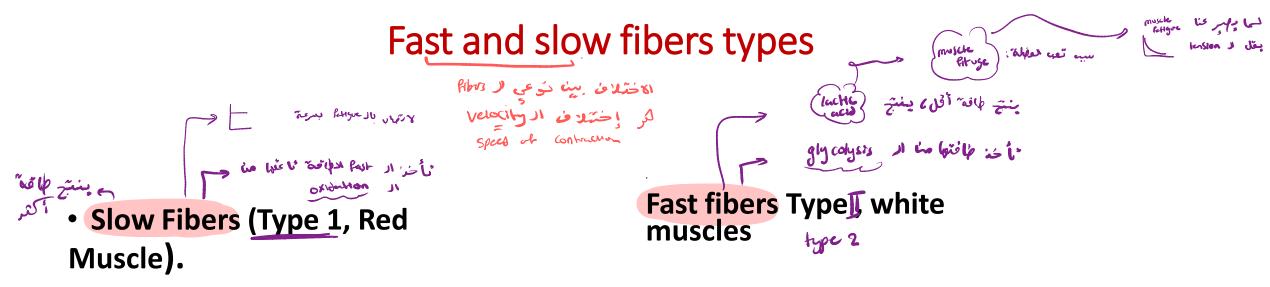
## Velocity

- Speed of contraction determined by V<sub>max</sub> of myosin ATPase.
  - High V<sub>max</sub> (fast, white)
    - rapid cross bridge cycling
    - rapid rate of shortening (fast *fiber*)
  - Low V<sub>max</sub> (slow, red)
    - slow cross bridge cycling •
    - slow rate of shortening (slow • fiber)
- Most muscles contain both types of fiber, but proportions differ

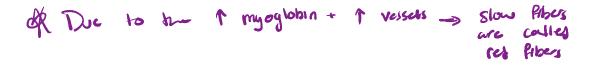
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All fibers in a particular motor unit will be of the same type, i.e., fast or slow.



- Slow fibers are smaller than fast fibers.
- Slow fibers are also innervated by smaller nerve fibers.
- Compared with fast fibers, slow fibers have a more <u>extensive blood vessel system</u> and more capillaries to supply extra amounts of oxygen.
- Slow fibers have greatly increased numbers of mitochondria to support high levels of oxidative metabolism.
- Slow fibers contain large amounts of myoglobin



- Are large for great strength of contraction.
- have an extensive sarcoplasmic reticulum is present for rapid release of calcium ions to initiate contraction.
- Have Large amounts of glycolytic enzymes are present for rapid release of energy by the glycolytic process.
- Have less extensive blood supply than do slow fibers because oxidative metabolism is of secondary importance.
- have fewer mitochondria than do slow fibers, also because oxidative metabolism is secondary.
- A deficit of red myoglobin in fast muscle gives it the name *white muscle*.

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A collection of muscle fibers innervated by a single motor neuron



A motor unit consists of a motor neuron and the group of skeletal muscle fibers it innervates. A single motor axon may branch to innervate several muscle fibers that function together as a group. Although each muscle fiber is innervated by a single motor neuron, an entire muscle may receive input from hundreds of different motor neurons.

