



# AS2070: Aerospace Structural Mechanics

## Module 2: Composite Material Mechanics

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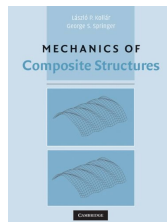
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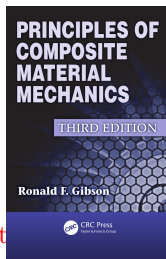
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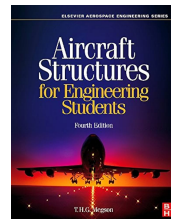
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*Chapters 1-3, 11  
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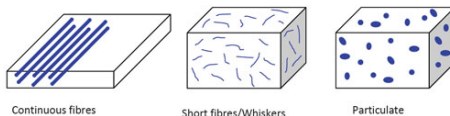


*Chapter 25  
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## Introduction

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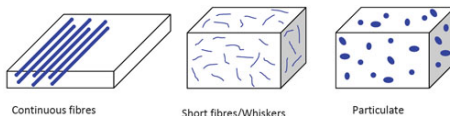
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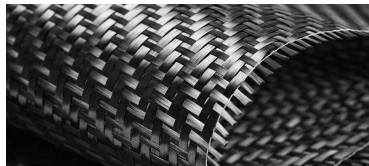
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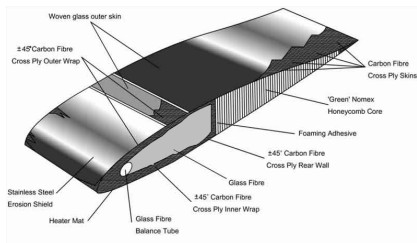


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### CFRP Helicopter Blades



(Figures from *Carbon Fiber Top Helicopter Blades 2025*)

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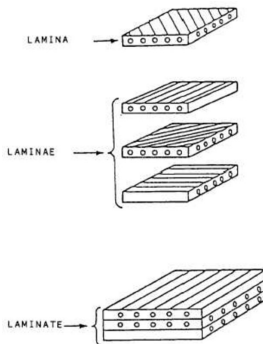
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  - High fatigue resistance. But quite brittle.
  - Main- and tail-planes, fuselages, etc. Helicopter blades.

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### Laminated Composites



(Figure from Kalkan 2017)



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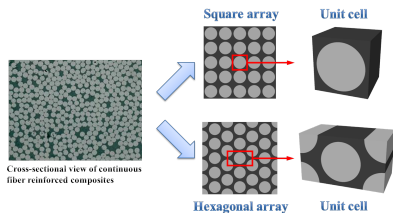
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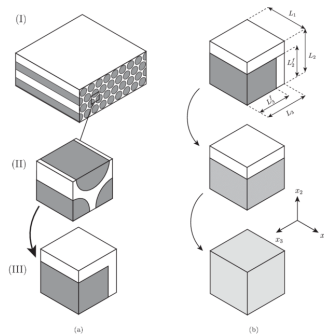
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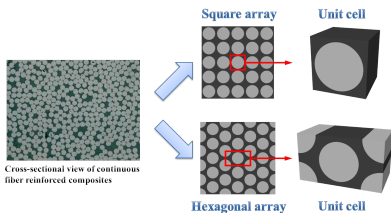
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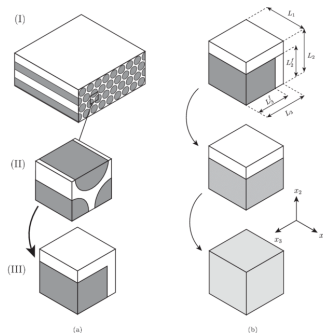
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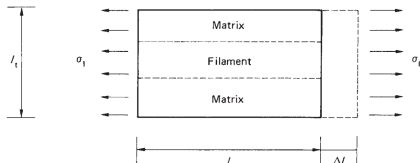
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## Introduction

### Axial Elongation



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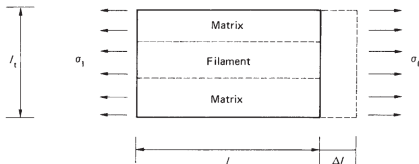
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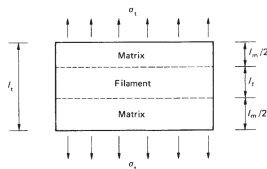
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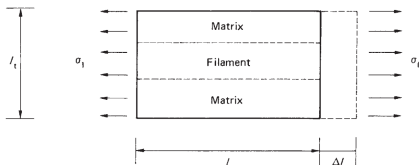
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$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{1}{E_t} = \frac{1}{E_m} \frac{l_m}{l_t} + \frac{1}{E_f} \frac{l_f}{l_t}}$$

# 1.3. Constitutive Modeling for Composites

Introduction: Poisson Effects

## Axial-Transverse Coupling



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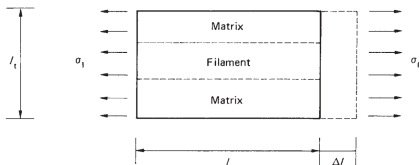
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(Figures from Megson [2013](#))

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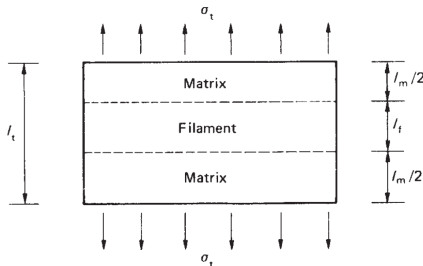


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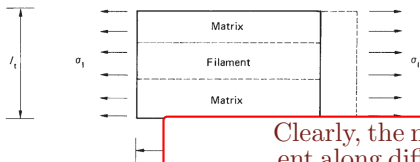
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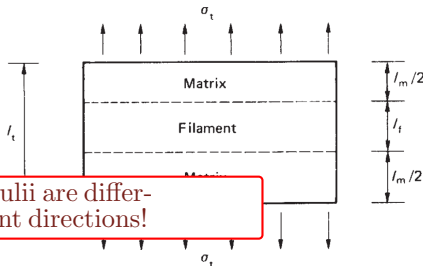


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Introduction: Anisotropy

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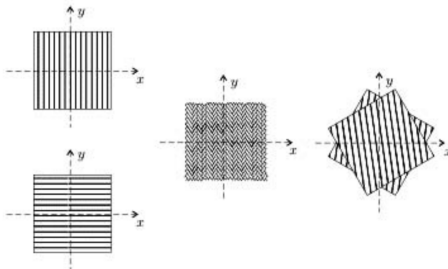
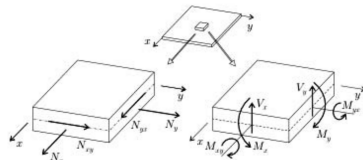
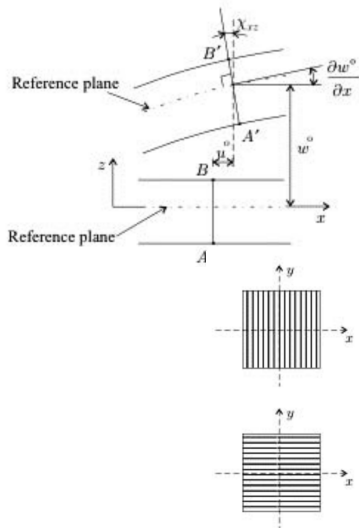
## Transversely Isotropic

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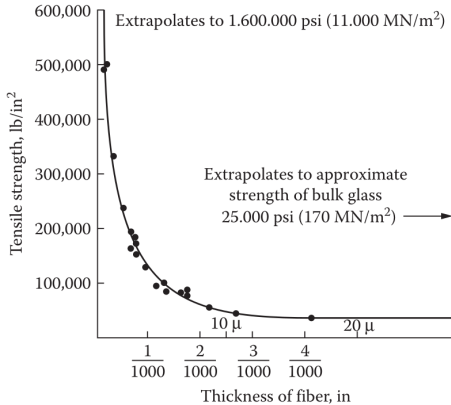
# 1.4. Classical Laminate Theory

## Introduction



Figures from Kollár and Springer 2003

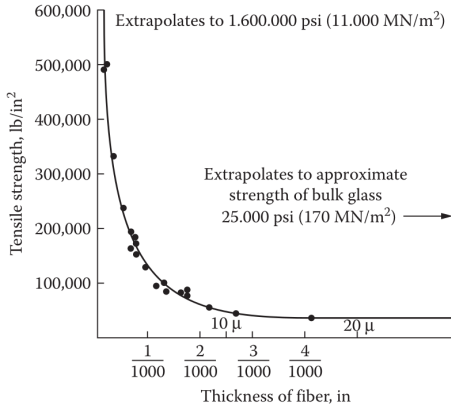
## 2. Composite Materials



*Griffith's experiments with glass fibres (1920)*

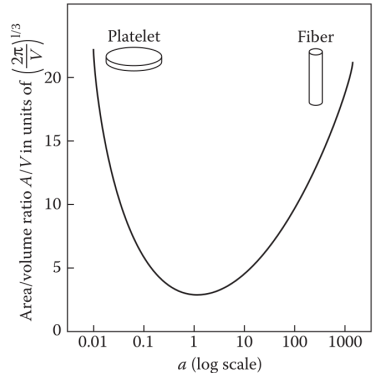
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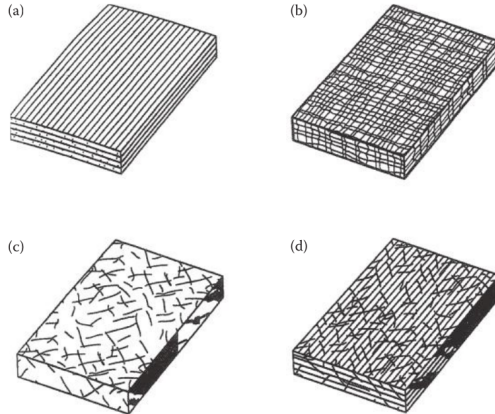
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## 2.1. Types of Composite Materials

### Composite Materials



**FIGURE 1.4**

Types of fiber-reinforced composites. (a) Continuous fiber composite, (b) woven composite, (c) chopped fiber composite, and (d) hybrid composite.

*(Figure from Gibson 2012)*

# 3.1. The Rule of Mixtures

## Micro-Mechanics Descriptions

The *rule of mixtures* is introduced as a very simple framework for developing “overall”/representative mechanical properties.

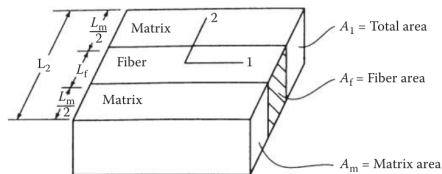
### Basic Definitions

Subscripts  $(\cdot)_f$ ,  $(\cdot)_m$ ,  $(\cdot)_v$ , and  $(\cdot)_c$  denote quantities corresponding to the fiber, matrix, void, and composite (as a whole).

**Volume Fraction**  $v_f = \frac{V_f}{V_c}$ ,  $v_m = \frac{V_m}{V_c}$ ,  $v_v = \frac{V_v}{V_c}$  such that  $v_f + v_m + v_v = 1$ .

Note that composite density  $\rho_c = \rho_f v_f + \rho_m v_m$ .

**Weight Fraction**  $w_f = \frac{\rho_f}{\rho_c} v_f$



(Figure 3.5a from Gibson 2012)

$$E_1 = v_f E_f + v_m E_m$$

$$(\times) E_2 = \left( \frac{v_f}{E_f} + \frac{v_m}{E_m} \right)^{-1}$$

$$\nu_{12} = v_f \nu_f + v_m \nu_m$$

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# 3.1. The Rule of Mixtures

## Micro-Mechanics Descriptions

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### Basic

Subscri

matrix,

Volum

Weigh

° Finite difference

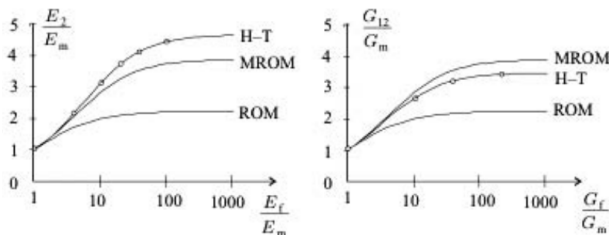
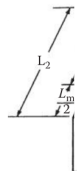


Figure 11.8: The transverse Young and shear moduli calculated by the rule of mixtures (ROM), the modified rule of mixtures (MROM), the Halpin-Tsai (H-T) equations, and the finite difference solutions (circles) of Adams and Doner ( $\nu_f = 0.55$ ).

(Figure 11.8 from Kollár and Springer 2003)



$A_m$  = Matrix area

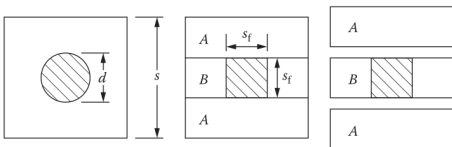
(Figure 3.5a from Gibson 2012)

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# 3.1. The Rule of Mixtures

## Micro-Mechanics Descriptions

- The mismatch is related to the fact that our idealized picture was a poor representation of reality to begin with. More geometrical details of the fiber arrangement are necessary.



(Figure 3.8 from Gibson 2012)

$$E_{B2} = \left( \frac{\sqrt{v_f}}{E_f} + \frac{1 - \sqrt{v_f}}{E_m} \right)^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{E_m}{1 - \sqrt{v_f} \left( 1 - \frac{E_m}{E_f} \right)}$$

$$E_2 = E_{B2} \frac{s_f}{s} + E_m \frac{s - s_f}{s}$$

$$= E_{B2} \sqrt{v_f} + E_m (1 - \sqrt{v_f})$$

$$s_f = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{4}} d; s = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{4v_f}} d.$$

$$= E_m \left[ (1 - \sqrt{v_f}) + \frac{\sqrt{v_f}}{1 - \sqrt{v_f} \left( 1 - \frac{E_m}{E_f} \right)} \right]$$

# 3.1. The Rule of Mixtures

## Micro-Mechanics Descriptions

(Recommended reading: Sec. 3.2.3 in Daniel and Ishai [2006](#))

### The Halpin-Tsai Equation

$$E_2 = E_m \frac{1 + \xi \eta v_f}{1 - \eta v_f}, \quad \eta = \frac{E_f - E_m}{E_f + \xi E_m}$$

$$= E_m \frac{E_f + \xi E_m + \xi v_f (E_f - E_m)}{E_f + \xi E_m - v_f (E_f - E_m)}$$

**Note:**  $\xi = 2$  for circular section fibers.  $\xi = \frac{2a}{b}$  for rectangular fibers ( $b$  being loaded side).

#### Case 1: $\xi \rightarrow 0$

$$E_2 = \left( \frac{v_f}{E_f} + \frac{1 - v_f}{E_m} \right)^{-1}$$

Series, *Reuss* model.

#### Case 2: $\xi \rightarrow \infty$

$$E_2 = E_f v_f + E_m (1 - v_f)$$

Parallel, *Voigt* model.

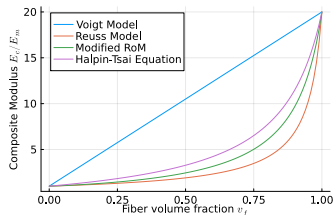
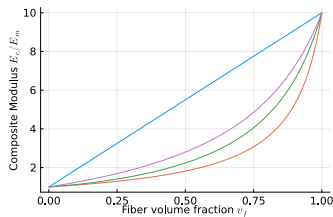
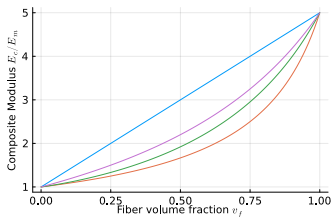


# 3.1. The Rule of Mixtures

## Micro-Mechanics Descriptions

### Graphical Comparison for varying $\frac{E_f}{E_m}$

shai (2006)



loaded

Note:  
side).

Series, Reuss Model

# 3.1. The Rule of Mixtures: Numerical Example

## Micro-Mechanics Descriptions

(from Kollár and Springer 2003)

Consider a Graphite/Epoxy unidirectional ply. Matrix properties are given with subscript  $m$  in the table below. Nominal properties with fiber volume fraction  $v_f = 60\%$  are also given. Assume that the fibers show anisotropy ( $E_{f1} \neq E_{f2}$ ).

	$E_1$	$E_2$	$G_{12}$	$\nu_{12}$	$E_m$	$G_m$	$\nu_m$
Value	148	9.65	4.55	0.3	4.1	1.5	0.35

*All moduli in GPa.*

Estimate the following:

- Fiber modulus properties
- Composite material moduli for volume fraction  $v_f = 0.55$ .

(Also discussed sensitivity analysis)

## 4.1. Macro-Mechanics Descriptions

### Material Symmetry and Anisotropy

#### Material Symmetry

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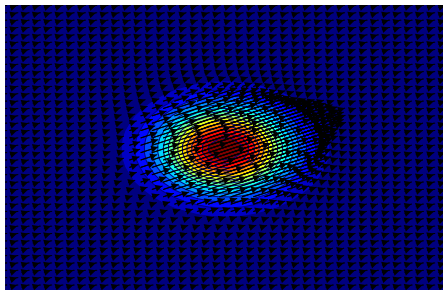
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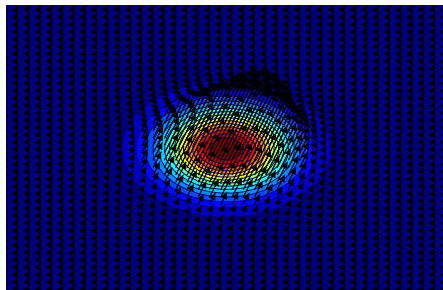
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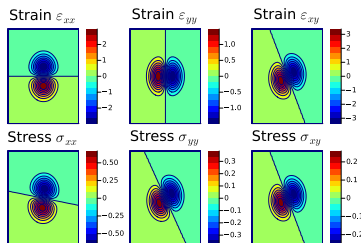
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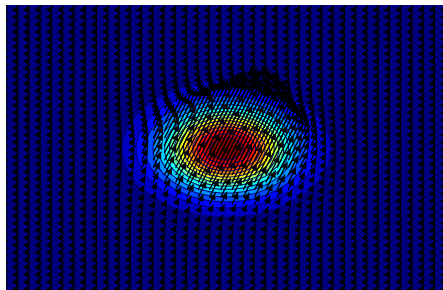
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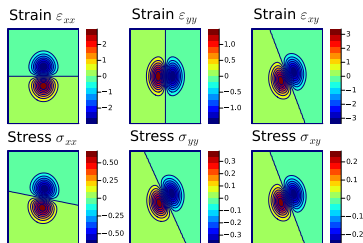
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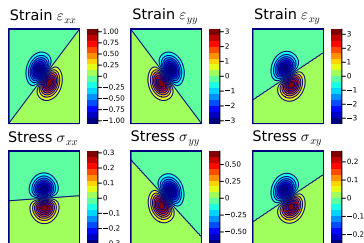
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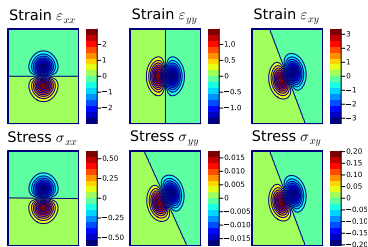
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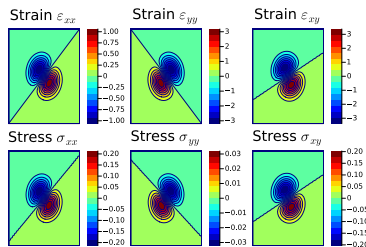
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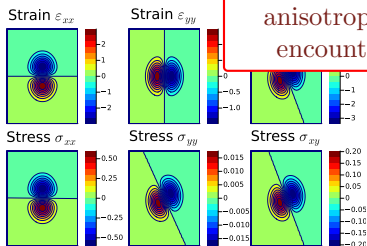
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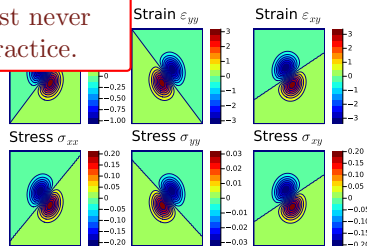
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*Anisotropic Case*

Most materials exhibit some sort of symmetry and general anisotropy is almost never encountered in practice.

Stress and Strain Fields



*Anisotropic Case*



# 4.1. Material Symmetry and Anisotropy

## Macro-Mechanics Descriptions

How do stresses and strains transform under coordinate change?

- Suppose  $\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$  are the coordinates of a point in 3D space.
- Let  $\underline{x}' \in \mathbb{R}^3$  be the coordinates under transformation.
- We will write:  $\underline{x}' = \underline{Q} \underline{x}$ , with  $\underline{Q}^{-1} = \underline{Q}^T$ .

### Strains

- $\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \nabla_{\underline{x}} \underline{u} + \nabla_{\underline{x}} \underline{u}^T \right)$
- $\nabla_{\underline{x}'} \underline{u}' = \underline{Q} \nabla_{\underline{x}} \underline{u} \underline{Q}^{-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}' = \underline{Q} \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}} \underline{Q}^T$

### Stresses

- Cauchy Stress Definition:  $\underline{t} = \underline{\underline{\sigma}} \underline{n}$
- $\underline{Q} \underline{t} = \underline{t}' = \underline{\underline{\sigma}}' \underline{n}' = \underline{\underline{\sigma}}' \underline{Q} \underline{n} = \underline{Q} \underline{\underline{\sigma}} \underline{n}$   
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### Reflections

Note that reflections may be expressed as a coordinate change with

$$\underline{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{reflection about the } xy \text{ plane}).$$

# 4.1. Material Symmetry and Anisotropy

## Macro-Mechanics Descriptions

- Under reflection about the  $xy$  plane, the strain transforms as,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon'_x & \frac{\gamma'_{xy}}{2} & \frac{\gamma'_{xz}}{2} \\ \varepsilon'_y & \frac{\gamma'_{yz}}{2} & \varepsilon'_z \\ \text{sym} & & \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & 1 & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_x & \frac{\gamma_{xy}}{2} & \frac{\gamma_{xz}}{2} \\ \varepsilon_y & \frac{\gamma_{yz}}{2} & \varepsilon_z \\ \text{sym} & & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & 1 & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_x & \frac{\gamma_{xy}}{2} & -\frac{\gamma_{xz}}{2} \\ \varepsilon_y & -\frac{\gamma_{yz}}{2} & \varepsilon_z \\ \text{sym} & & \end{bmatrix}$$

- So in Voigt notation we have,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon'_x \\ \varepsilon'_y \\ \varepsilon'_z \\ \gamma'_{xy} \\ \gamma'_{xz} \\ \gamma'_{yz} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & 1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & 1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 1 & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & -1 & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_x \\ \varepsilon_y \\ \varepsilon_z \\ \gamma_{xy} \\ \gamma_{xz} \\ \gamma_{yz} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma'_x \\ \sigma'_y \\ \sigma'_z \\ \tau'_{xy} \\ \tau'_{xz} \\ \tau'_{yz} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & 1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & 1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 1 & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & -1 & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \\ \sigma_z \\ \tau_{xy} \\ \tau_{xz} \\ \tau_{yz} \end{bmatrix}$$

Similarly for Stress

# 4.1. Material Symmetry and Anisotropy

## Macro-Mechanics Descriptions

- Under reflection about the  $xy$  plane, the strain transforms as,

If a material were symmetric about the  $xy$  plane, then reflecting the strain field about the  $xy$  plane will result in a stress field that is reflected about the same  $xy$  plane.

### Note

- Strain field reflection is a kinematic operation/configuration change.
- Change in the Stress field is the effect that the above kinematic change results in.
- If the material happens to be symmetric about the reflection plane, then this change will be a reflection.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \epsilon'_x \\ \epsilon'_y \\ \epsilon'_z \\ \gamma'_{xy} \\ \gamma'_{xz} \\ \gamma'_{yz} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_x \\ \epsilon_y \\ \epsilon_z \\ \gamma_{xy} \\ \gamma_{xz} \\ \gamma_{yz} \end{bmatrix}$$

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# 4.1. Material Symmetry and Anisotropy

## Macro-Mechanics Descriptions

- We have said the following :

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \\ \sigma_z \\ \tau_{xy} \\ \tau_{xz} \\ \tau_{yz} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & C_{13} & C_{14} & C_{15} & C_{16} \\ & C_{22} & C_{23} & C_{24} & C_{25} & C_{26} \\ & & C_{33} & C_{34} & C_{35} & C_{36} \\ & & & C_{44} & C_{45} & C_{46} \\ & & & & C_{55} & C_{56} \\ & & & & & C_{66} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_x \\ \varepsilon_y \\ \varepsilon_z \\ \gamma_{xy} \\ \gamma_{xz} \\ \gamma_{yz} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Recall that this symmetry follows from strain energy existence

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Finally we see that material symmetry about the  $xz$  plane implies the following simplification to the constitutive relationship.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \\ \sigma_z \\ \tau_{xy} \\ \tau_{xz} \\ \tau_{yz} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & C_{13} & C_{14} & 0 & 0 \\ & C_{22} & C_{23} & C_{24} & 0 & 0 \\ & & C_{33} & C_{34} & 0 & 0 \\ & & & C_{44} & 0 & 0 \\ \text{sym} & & & & C_{55} & C_{56} \\ & & & & & C_{66} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_x \\ \varepsilon_y \\ \varepsilon_z \\ \gamma_{xy} \\ \gamma_{xz} \\ \gamma_{yz} \end{bmatrix}$$

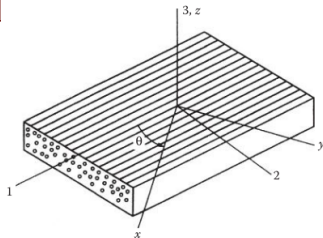
This is known as a **Monoclinic Material** (13 constants). This is also quite rare to encounter in practice.

# 4.1. Material Symmetry and Anisotropy

## Macro-Mechanics Descriptions

Suppose all the three fundamental planes are planes of symmetry, we have an **Orthotropic Material** (9 constants).

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \\ \sigma_z \\ \tau_{xy} \\ \tau_{xz} \\ \tau_{yz} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & C_{13} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & C_{22} & C_{23} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & & C_{33} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & \text{sym} & & C_{44} & 0 & 0 \\ & & & & C_{55} & 0 \\ & & & & & 66 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_x \\ \varepsilon_y \\ \varepsilon_z \\ \gamma_{xy} \\ \gamma_{xz} \\ \gamma_{yz} \end{bmatrix}$$



(Figure 2.5 from Gibson 2012)



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Notice that  $(\sigma_{(x,y,z)}, \varepsilon_{(x,y,z)})$  and  $(\tau_{(xy,xz,yz)}, \gamma_{(xy,xz,yz)})$  are naturally decoupled as a consequence of symmetry in this coordinate system.

Also note,

- Specially orthotropic
- Generally orthotropic

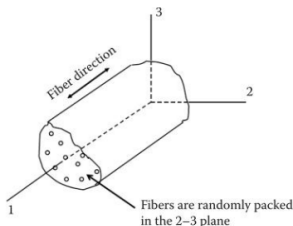
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# 4.1. Material Symmetry and Anisotropy: Transverse Isotropy

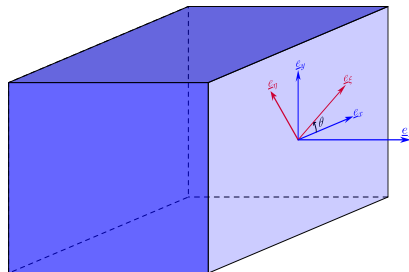
## Macro-Mechanics Descriptions

- In continuous fiber reinforced composites, it is often the case that the fibers are randomly distributed on a plane. This leads to planar isotropy in the plane perpendicular to the fiber stacking direction.



(Figure 2.6 from Gibson 2012)

- How do the stresses and strains transform on the plane?



$$(\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_z, \tau_{xy}, \tau_{xz}, \tau_{yz}) \rightarrow (\sigma_\xi, \sigma_\eta, \sigma_z, \tau_{\xi\eta}, \tau_{\xi z}, \tau_{\eta z})$$

$$(\epsilon_x, \epsilon_y, \epsilon_z, \gamma_{xy}, \gamma_{xz}, \gamma_{yz}) \rightarrow (\epsilon_\xi, \epsilon_\eta, \epsilon_z, \gamma_{\xi\eta}, \gamma_{\xi z}, \gamma_{\eta z})$$

# 4.1. Material Symmetry and Anisotropy

## Macro-Mechanics Descriptions

- The stresses and strains transform as follows on the plane:

$$\sigma_{\xi} = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} + \frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2} \cos 2\theta + \tau_{xy} \sin 2\theta$$

$$\sigma_{\eta} = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} - \frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2} \cos 2\theta - \tau_{xy} \sin 2\theta$$

$$(\sigma_z = \sigma_z)$$

$$\tau_{\xi\eta} = -\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2} \sin 2\theta + \tau_{xy} \cos 2\theta$$

$$\tau_{\xi z} = \tau_{xz} \cos \theta + \tau_{yz} \sin \theta$$

$$\tau_{\eta z} = -\tau_{xz} \sin \theta + \tau_{yz} \cos \theta$$

$$\varepsilon_{\xi} = \frac{\varepsilon_x + \varepsilon_y}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon_x - \varepsilon_y}{2} \cos 2\theta + \frac{\gamma_{xy}}{2} \sin 2\theta$$

$$\varepsilon_{\eta} = \frac{\varepsilon_x + \varepsilon_y}{2} - \frac{\varepsilon_x - \varepsilon_y}{2} \cos 2\theta - \frac{\gamma_{xy}}{2} \sin 2\theta$$

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$$\gamma_{\xi\eta} = -(\varepsilon_x - \varepsilon_y) \sin 2\theta + \gamma_{xy} \cos 2\theta$$

$$\gamma_{\xi z} = \gamma_{xz} \cos \theta + \gamma_{yz} \sin \theta$$

$$\gamma_{\eta z} = -\gamma_{xz} \sin \theta + \gamma_{yz} \cos \theta$$

- For an orthotropic material, the straight stresses/strains and shear stresses/strains are fully decoupled.
- So we will consider different cases of kinematic deformation fields to see if more can be said.

# 4.1. Material Symmetry and Anisotropy

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## 1. Pure Out-Of-Plane Shear ( $\gamma_{xz} \neq 0$ )

- The stresses and strains are,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_\xi &= 0 & \sigma_\eta &= 0 & \sigma_z &= 0 & \tau_{\xi\eta} &= 0 & \tau_{\xi z} &= \tau_{\eta z} & \tau_{xz} &= \tau_{yz} \\
 \varepsilon_\xi &= 0 & \varepsilon_\eta &= 0 & \varepsilon_z &= 0 & \gamma_{\xi\eta} &= 0 & \gamma_{\xi z} &= \gamma_{\eta z} & \gamma_{xz} &= \gamma_{yz} \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

- Under symmetry,  $(\tau_{\xi z}, \tau_{\eta z})$  is related to  $(\gamma_{\xi z}, \gamma_{\eta z})$  in the same way that  $(\tau_{xz}, \tau_{yz})$  is related to  $(\gamma_{xz}, \gamma_{yz})$ .

- So we have,

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 C_{11} & C_{12} & C_{13} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 & C_{22} & C_{23} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 & & C_{33} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 & & & C_{44} & 0 & 0 \\
 \text{sym} & & & & C_{55} & 0 \\
 & & & & & C_{66}
 \end{bmatrix}$$

to see if

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2. Pure Out-Of-Plane Stretch ( $\epsilon_z \neq 0$ )

- We have straight stresses  $\sigma_x = C_{13}\epsilon_z, \sigma_y = C_{23}\epsilon_z$ .
- Upon transformation we have,

$$\sigma_\xi = \left( \frac{C_{13} + C_{23}}{2} + \frac{C_{13} - C_{23}}{2} \cos 2\theta \right) \epsilon_z$$

$$\sigma_\eta = \left( \frac{C_{13} + C_{23}}{2} - \frac{C_{13} - C_{23}}{2} \cos 2\theta \right) \epsilon_z$$

$$\sigma_z = \sigma_z$$

$$\tau_{\xi\eta} = -\frac{C_{13} - C_{23}}{2} \sin 2\theta$$

$$\tau_{\xi z} = \tau_{\eta z} = 0$$

$$\epsilon_\xi = 0$$

$$\epsilon_\eta = 0$$

$$\epsilon_z = \epsilon_z$$

$$\gamma_{\xi\eta} = 0$$

$$\gamma_{\xi z} = \gamma_{\eta z} = 0$$

- For planar isotropy, the relationship between  $(\sigma_\xi, \sigma_\eta)$  and  $\sigma_z$  must be independent of  $\theta$ . This is only possible for  $C_{13} = C_{23}$ .

- So we have,

$$\begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & C_{13} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & C_{22} & C_{23} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & & C_{33} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & & & C_{44} & 0 & 0 \\ \text{sym} & & & & C_{55} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

## 4.1. Material Symmetry and Anisotropy

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### 3. Pure In-Plane Stretch ( $\varepsilon_x \neq 0, \varepsilon_y = 0$ )

- From the constitutive properties we have  $\sigma_x = C_{11}\varepsilon_x$  and  $\sigma_y = C_{12}\varepsilon_x$ .
- Using this all the other components can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_\xi &= \left( \frac{C_{11} + C_{12}}{2} + \frac{C_{11} - C_{12}}{2} \cos 2\theta \right) \varepsilon_x & \varepsilon_\xi &= \frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{2} \varepsilon_x & \frac{xy}{2} \sin 2\theta \\
 \sigma_\eta &= \left( \frac{C_{11} + C_{12}}{2} + \frac{C_{11} - C_{12}}{2} \cos 2\theta \right) \varepsilon_x & \varepsilon_\eta &= \frac{1 - \cos 2\theta}{2} \varepsilon_x & \frac{xy}{2} \sin 2\theta \\
 (\sigma_z = & C_{12}\varepsilon_x + C_{22}\varepsilon_y \\
 \tau_{\xi\eta} = & \sigma_z = 0 & \varepsilon_z &= 0 \\
 \tau_{\xi z} = & \tau_{\xi\eta} = 0 & \gamma_{\xi\eta} &= 0 \\
 \tau_{\eta z} = & \tau_{\xi z} = \tau_{\eta z} = 0. & \gamma_{\xi z} = \gamma_{\eta z} &= 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

- For the  $\sigma_\eta$  equality to hold, we need  $C_{22} = C_{11}$ . So we have

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 C_{11} & C_{12} & C_{13} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 & \color{blue}{C_{11}} & \color{blue}{C_{13}} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 & \color{red}{C_{22}} & C_{33} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 & & & C_{44} & 0 & 0 \\
 \text{sym} & & & & C_{55} & 0 \\
 & & & & & \color{red}{C_{55}}
 \end{bmatrix}$$

to see if

# 4.1. Material Symmetry and Anisotropy

## Macro-Mechanics Descriptions

### 4. Pure In-Plane Shear ( $\gamma_{xy} \neq 0$ )

- From the constitutive properties we have  $\tau_{xy} = C_{44}\gamma_{xy}$ .
- Using this all the other components can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_\xi &= C_{44}\gamma_{xy} \sin 2\theta = C_{11}\varepsilon_\xi + C_{12}\varepsilon_\eta & \varepsilon_\xi &= \frac{\gamma_{xy}}{2} \sin 2\theta \\
 \sigma_\eta &= -C_{44}\gamma_{xy} \sin 2\theta = C_{12}\varepsilon_\xi + C_{11}\varepsilon_\eta & \varepsilon_\eta &= -\frac{\gamma_{xy}}{2} \sin 2\theta \\
 (\sigma_z &= 0 & \varepsilon_z &= 0 \\
 \tau_{\xi\eta} &= C_{44}\gamma_{xy} \cos 2\theta & \gamma_{\xi\eta} &= \gamma_{xy} \cos 2\theta \\
 \tau_{\xi z} &= \tau_{\eta z} = 0. & \gamma_{\xi z} &= \gamma_{\eta z} = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

- So we have  $C_{44}\gamma_{xy} \sin 2\theta = \frac{C_{11}-C_{12}}{2}\gamma_{xy} \sin 2\theta$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 C_{11} & C_{12} & C_{13} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 \textcolor{violet}{C}_{11} & \textcolor{blue}{C}_{13} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 & C_{33} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 & & & \textcolor{green}{C}_{44} & 0 & 0 \\
 & & & & C_{55} & 0 \\
 & & & & & \textcolor{red}{C}_{55}
 \end{bmatrix}$$

sym

# 4.1. Material Symmetry and Anisotropy

## Macro-Mechanics Descriptions

The stresses and strains transform as follows on the plane:

To Summarize,

a **Transversely Isotropic Material**  
constitution can be expressed as

$$\begin{matrix} \sigma_\xi \\ \sigma_\eta \\ (\sigma_z \\ \tau_{\xi\eta} \\ \tau_{\xi z} \\ \tau_{\eta z} \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \\ \sigma_z \\ \tau_{xy} \\ \tau_{xz} \\ \tau_{yz} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & C_{13} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & \color{violet}{C_{11}} & \color{blue}{C_{13}} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & & C_{33} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & & & \frac{\color{green}{C_{11}-C_{12}}}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ & \text{sym} & & & C_{55} & 0 \\ & & & & & \color{red}{C_{55}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_x \\ \varepsilon_y \\ \varepsilon_z \\ \gamma_{xy} \\ \gamma_{xz} \\ \gamma_{yz} \end{bmatrix}$$

The material is fully characterized by five engineering constants.



# 4.1. Material Symmetry and Anisotropy: Engineering Constants

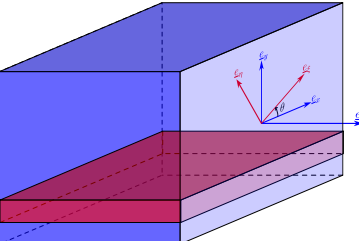
## Macro-Mechanics Descriptions

- In engineering practice, the constants are usually written easier in terms of compliance.
- For a specially orthotropic material the strain-stress relationship are usually expressed as,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_x \\ \varepsilon_y \\ \varepsilon_z \\ \gamma_{xy} \\ \gamma_{xz} \\ \gamma_{yz} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{E_{11}} & -\frac{\nu_{21}}{E_{22}} & -\frac{\nu_{31}}{E_{33}} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{\nu_{12}}{E_{11}} & \frac{1}{E_{22}} & -\frac{\nu_{32}}{E_{33}} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{\nu_{13}}{E_{11}} & -\frac{\nu_{23}}{E_{22}} & \frac{1}{E_{33}} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & & & \frac{1}{G_{12}} & 0 & 0 \\ & \text{sym} & & & \frac{1}{G_{13}} & 0 \\ & & & & & \frac{1}{G_{23}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \\ \sigma_z \\ \tau_{xy} \\ \tau_{xz} \\ \tau_{yz} \end{bmatrix}$$

## 5. Analysis of Planar Laminates

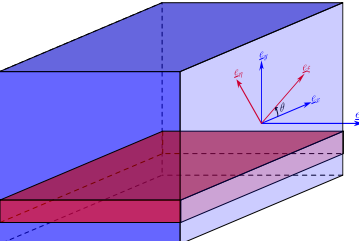
- Let us just consider one thin layer of a transversely isotropic material (continuously reinforced composite along a single direction).



$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \\ \sigma_z \\ \tau_{xy} \\ \tau_{xz} \\ \tau_{yz} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & C_{13} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & C_{11} & C_{13} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & & C_{33} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & & & \frac{C_{11}-C_{12}}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ & \text{sym} & & & C_{55} & 0 \\ & & & & & C_{55} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_x \\ \varepsilon_y \\ \varepsilon_z \\ \gamma_{xy} \\ \gamma_{xz} \\ \gamma_{yz} \end{bmatrix}$$

## 5. Analysis of Planar Laminates

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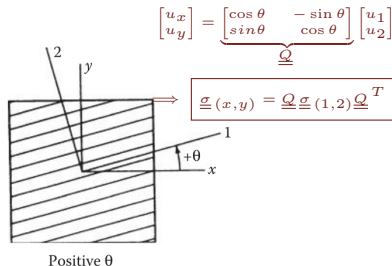
- We invoke plane stress assumptions, setting  $\sigma_z = 0$ . Let us also assume small shears,  $\tau_{xz} = 0, \tau_{yz} = 0$ .

(Note:  $\varepsilon_z$  is not zero, and is implicitly defined)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_2 \\ \tau_{12} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & 0 \\ C_{12} & C_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & C_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \gamma_{12} \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} (4 \text{ constants}) \\ \text{(Note change in notation in } C_{ij}) \end{matrix}$$

# 5.1. Generally Orthotropic Laminates

## Analysis of Planar Laminates



(Figure 2.11 from Gibson 2012)

- What if the coordinate system is not aligned with the fiber axes?
- The stress and strains transform
- In the constitutive relationship we have,

$$\underline{\underline{\sigma}}_{(1,2)} = \underline{\underline{C}} \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}_{(1,2)}$$

$$\underline{\underline{T}} \underline{\underline{\sigma}}_{(1,2)} = \underline{\underline{\sigma}}_{(x,y)} = \underbrace{\underline{\underline{T}} \underline{\underline{C}} \underline{\underline{T}}^{-1}}_{\underline{\underline{C'}}} \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}_{(x,y)}$$

where

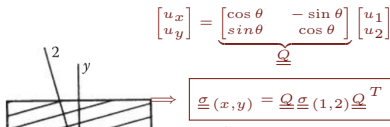
$$\underline{\underline{C}} = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & 0 \\ C_{12} & C_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & C_{33} \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \\ \tau_{xy} \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \cos^2 \theta & \sin^2 \theta & -2 \cos \theta \sin \theta \\ \sin^2 \theta & \cos^2 \theta & 2 \cos \theta \sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \sin \theta & -\cos \theta \sin \theta & \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta \end{bmatrix}}_{\underline{\underline{T}}^{-1}} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_2 \\ \tau_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{\underline{T}} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos^2 \theta & \sin^2 \theta & 2 \cos \theta \sin \theta \\ \sin^2 \theta & \cos^2 \theta & -2 \cos \theta \sin \theta \\ -\cos \theta \sin \theta & \cos \theta \sin \theta & \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

# 5.1. Generally Orthotropic Laminates

## Analysis of Planar Laminates



### Transformed $\underline{\underline{C}}$ Matrix

$$\underline{\underline{C}}' = \begin{bmatrix} C'_{11} & C'_{12} & C'_{13} \\ C'_{12} & C'_{22} & C'_{23} \\ C'_{13} & C'_{23} & C'_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C'_{11} = C_{11}c^4 + C_{22}s^4 + 2(C_{33} + C_{12})c^2s^2$$

$$C'_{12} = (C_{11} + C_{22} - 2C_{33})c^2s^2 + C_{12}(c^4 + s^4)$$

$$C'_{13} = (C_{11} - C_{33} - C_{12})2c^3s - (C_{22} - C_{33} - C_{12})2cs^3$$

$$C'_{22} = C_{11}s^4 + C_{22}c^4 + 2(C_{33} + C_{12})c^2s^2$$

$$C'_{23} = (C_{11} - C_{33} - C_{12})2cs^3 - (C_{22} - C_{33} - C_{12})2c^3s$$

$$C'_{33} = (C_{11} + C_{22} - C_{33} - 2C_{12})2c^2s^2 + C_{33}(c^4 + s^4)$$

$$\underline{\underline{T}} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos^2 \theta & \sin^2 \theta & 2 \cos \theta \sin \theta \\ \sin^2 \theta & \cos^2 \theta & -2 \cos \theta \sin \theta \\ -\cos \theta \sin \theta & \cos \theta \sin \theta & \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

- What if the coordinate system is not aligned with the fiber axes?

The stress and strains transform. The constitutive relationship we use,

$$\underline{\underline{\sigma}}(1, 2) = \underline{\underline{C}} \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}(1, 2)$$

$$\underline{\underline{T}} \underline{\underline{\sigma}}(1, 2) = \underline{\underline{\sigma}}(x, y) = \underbrace{\underline{\underline{T}} \underline{\underline{C}} \underline{\underline{T}}^{-1}}_{\underline{\underline{C}}'} \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}(x, y)$$

$$\underline{\underline{C}} = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & 0 \\ C_{12} & C_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & C_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

## 5.1. Generally Orthotropic Laminates

### Analysis of Planar Laminates

- Compliance is often more convenient. This also transforms like  $\underline{\underline{C}}$  so that we have,

- Based on this we can write,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_x \\ \varepsilon_y \\ \gamma_{xy} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S'_{11} & S'_{12} & S'_{13} \\ & S'_{22} & S'_{23} \\ & & S'_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \\ \tau_{xy} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S'_{11} = S_{11}c^4 + S_{22}s^4 + 2(S_{33} + S_{12})c^2s^2$$

$$S'_{12} = (S_{11} + S_{22} - 2S_{33})c^2s^2 + S_{12}(c^4 + s^4)$$

$$S'_{13} = (S_{11} - S_{33} - S_{12})2c^3s - (S_{22} - S_{33} - S_{12})2cs^3$$

$$S'_{22} = S_{11}s^4 + S_{22}c^4 + 2(S_{33} + S_{12})c^2s^2$$

$$S'_{23} = (S_{11} - S_{33} - S_{12})2cs^3 - (S_{22} - S_{33} - S_{12})2c^3s$$

$$S'_{33} = (S_{11} + S_{22} - S_{33} - 2S_{12})2c^2s^2 + S_{33}(c^4 + s^4)$$

$$E_x = \left[ \frac{c^4}{E_1} + \frac{s^4}{E_2} + \left( \frac{1}{G_{12}} - \frac{\nu_{21}}{E_2} \right) 2c^2s^2 \right]^{-1}$$

$$E_y = \left[ \frac{s^4}{E_1} + \frac{c^4}{E_2} + \left( \frac{1}{G_{12}} - \frac{\nu_{21}}{E_2} \right) 2c^2s^2 \right]^{-1}$$

$$G_{xy} = \left[ \frac{c^4 + s^4}{G_{12}} + \left( \frac{1}{E_1} + \frac{1}{E_2} - \frac{1}{G_{12}} - 2\frac{\nu_{21}}{E_2} \right) 2c^2s^2 \right]^{-1}$$

- In the material principal directions we have,
- It is customary to express the laminate constitutive relationship as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_1 \\ \epsilon_2 \\ \gamma_{12} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{E_1} & -\frac{\nu_{21}}{E_2} & 0 \\ -\frac{\nu_{12}}{E_1} & \frac{1}{E_2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{G_{12}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_2 \\ \tau_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_x \\ \varepsilon_y \\ \gamma_{xy} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{E_x} & -\frac{\nu_{yx}}{E_y} & \frac{\eta_{xy,x}}{G_{xy}} \\ -\frac{\nu_{xy}}{E_x} & \frac{1}{E_y} & \frac{\eta_{xy,y}}{G_{xy}} \\ \frac{\eta_{x,xy}}{E_x} & \frac{\eta_{y,xy}}{E_y} & \frac{1}{G_{xy}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \\ \tau_{xy} \end{bmatrix}$$

# 5.1. Generally Orthotropic Laminates

## Analysis of Planar Laminates

- Compliance is often used to transform the material properties into the global coordinate system.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_x \\ \epsilon_y \\ \gamma_{xy} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S'_{11} & S'_{12} \\ S'_{12} & S'_{22} \\ S'_{13} & S'_{23} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \\ \tau_{xy} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S'_{11} = S_{11}c^4 + S_{22}s^4 + 2S_{12}c^2s^2$$

$$S'_{12} = (S_{11} + S_{22} - 2S_{12})c^2s^2$$

$$S'_{13} = (S_{11} - S_{33} - 2S_{13})c^3s$$

$$S'_{22} = S_{11}s^4 + S_{22}c^4 + 2S_{12}c^2s^2$$

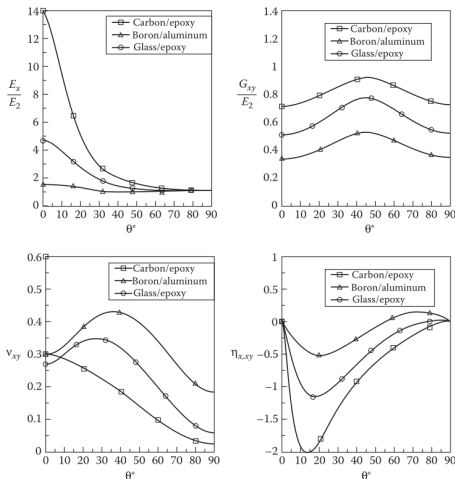
$$S'_{23} = (S_{11} - S_{33} - 2S_{13})s^3c$$

$$S'_{33} = (S_{11} + S_{22} - 2S_{12})s^2c^2$$

- In the material principal coordinate system, the compliance matrix is given by:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_1 \\ \epsilon_2 \\ \gamma_{12} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{E_1} & \frac{\nu_{12}}{E_1} \\ -\frac{\nu_{12}}{E_1} & \frac{1}{E_2} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_2 \\ \tau_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

## Off-Axis Moduli



(Figure 2.14 from Gibson 2012)

can write,

$$\left( \frac{1}{G_{12}} - \frac{\nu_{21}}{E_2} \right) 2c^2s^2 \Big]^{-1}$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{G_{12}} - \frac{\nu_{21}}{E_2} \right) 2c^2s^2 \Big]^{-1}$$

$$\frac{1}{E_1} + \frac{1}{E_2}$$

$$\left( \frac{\nu_{21}}{E_2} \right) 2c^2s^2 \Big]^{-1}$$

express the constitutive relationship as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \\ \tau_{xy} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\nu_{yx}}{E_y} & \frac{\eta_{xy,x}}{G_{xy}} \\ \frac{1}{E_y} & \frac{\eta_{xy,y}}{G_{xy}} \\ \frac{\eta_{y,xy}}{E_y} & \frac{1}{G_{xy}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_x \\ \epsilon_y \\ \gamma_{xy} \end{bmatrix}$$

## 6. Classical Laminate Theory

- In the Kirchhoff-Love Plate Theory we had,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \underline{N} \\ \underline{M} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{\underline{A}} & \underline{\underline{B}} \\ \underline{\underline{B}} & \underline{\underline{D}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \underline{u}' \\ \underline{w}'' \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$\underline{\underline{A}} = \frac{Et}{1-\nu^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \nu & 0 \\ \nu & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1-\nu}{2} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \underline{\underline{D}} = \frac{Et^3}{12(1-\nu^2)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \nu & 0 \\ \nu & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1-\nu}{2} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \underline{\underline{B}} = \underline{\underline{0}}.$$

- This can also be written in terms of thickness moments of the constitutive

matrix  $\underline{\underline{C}} = \frac{E}{1-\nu^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \nu & 0 \\ \nu & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1-\nu}{2} \end{bmatrix}$  as

$$\underline{\underline{A}} = \int_{-\frac{t}{2}}^{\frac{t}{2}} \underline{\underline{C}} dz, \quad \underline{\underline{B}} = \int_{-\frac{t}{2}}^{\frac{t}{2}} z \underline{\underline{C}} dz, \quad \underline{\underline{D}} = \int_{-\frac{t}{2}}^{\frac{t}{2}} z^2 \underline{\underline{C}} dz.$$



## 6. Classical Laminate Theory

- Suppose we had different laminate plies along the thickness, such that the constitutive matrix is  $\underline{\underline{C}}_i$  for  $z \in (z_i, z_{i+1})$  and  $-\frac{t}{2} = z_1 < \dots < z_N = \frac{t}{2}$ .
- Then the  $A - B - D$  matrices are written as the sums,

$$\underline{\underline{A}} = \sum_i (z_{i+1} - z_i) \underline{\underline{C}}_i, \quad \underline{\underline{B}} = \sum_i \frac{z_{i+1}^2 - z_i^2}{2} \underline{\underline{C}}_i, \quad \underline{\underline{D}} = \sum_i \frac{z_{i+1}^3 - z_i^3}{3} \underline{\underline{C}}_i.$$

- Unlike isotropic plates, composite laminates can have non-zero  $\underline{\underline{B}}$  matrix (moment-planar coupling), bending-twisting coupling, etc.
- This  $\begin{bmatrix} \underline{\underline{A}} & \underline{\underline{B}} \\ \underline{\underline{B}} & \underline{\underline{D}} \end{bmatrix}$  matrix is known as the **Laminate Compliance Matrix**.

# 6.1. The Laminate Orientation Code

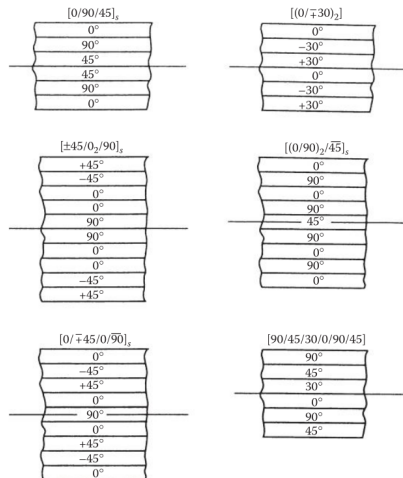
## Classical Laminate Theory

- Ply angles separated by slashes, ordered from top to bottom
- Subscript “s” for symmetric laminates
- Numerical subscripts for repetitions
- Center ply with an overbar for odd laminates

(See sec. 7.1 in Gibson 2012)

### Types

- Symmetric, Antisymmetric, Asymmetric
- Angle-Ply, Cross-Ply, Balanced,  $\pi/4$  laminates



(Figure 7.1 from Gibson 2012)

# 6.1. The Laminate Orientation Code

## Classical Laminate Theory

- Ply angles separated by / and ordered from top to bottom
- Subscript “s” for symmetric laminates
- Numerical subscript for number of repetitions
- Center ply with odd number of repetitions

(See slide 10)

## Types of Laminates

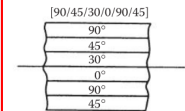
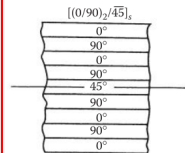
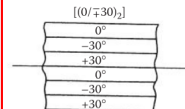
- Symmetric, Antisymmetric
- Angle-Ply, Cross-Ply, Quasi-isotropic laminates

## Summary of Laminate Stiffnesses

**Table 3.4.** The  $[A]$ ,  $[B]$ ,  $[D]$  matrices for laminates. When the laminate is symmetrical, the  $[B]$  matrix is zero. Cross-ply laminates are orthotropic.

$[A]$	$[B]$	$[D]$
<b>Symmetrical</b>		
$\begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{16} \\ A_{12} & A_{22} & A_{26} \\ A_{16} & A_{26} & A_{66} \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} D_{11} & D_{12} & D_{16} \\ D_{12} & D_{22} & D_{26} \\ D_{16} & D_{26} & D_{66} \end{bmatrix}$
<b>Balanced</b>		
$\begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & 0 \\ A_{12} & A_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & A_{66} \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} & B_{16} \\ B_{12} & B_{22} & B_{26} \\ B_{16} & B_{26} & B_{66} \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} D_{11} & D_{12} & D_{16} \\ D_{12} & D_{22} & D_{26} \\ D_{16} & D_{26} & D_{66} \end{bmatrix}$
<b>Orthotropic</b>		
$\begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & 0 \\ A_{12} & A_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & A_{66} \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} & 0 \\ B_{12} & B_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & B_{66} \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} D_{11} & D_{12} & 0 \\ D_{12} & D_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & D_{66} \end{bmatrix}$
<b>Isotropic</b>		
$\begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & 0 \\ A_{12} & A_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{A_{11}-A_{12}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} & 0 \\ B_{12} & B_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{B_{11}-B_{12}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} D_{11} & D_{12} & 0 \\ D_{12} & D_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{D_{11}-D_{12}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$
<b>Quasi-isotropic</b>		
$\begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & 0 \\ A_{12} & A_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{A_{11}-A_{12}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} & B_{16} \\ B_{12} & B_{22} & B_{26} \\ B_{16} & B_{26} & B_{66} \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} D_{11} & D_{12} & D_{16} \\ D_{12} & D_{22} & D_{26} \\ D_{16} & D_{26} & D_{66} \end{bmatrix}$

(Table 3.4 from Kollár and Springer 2003)



Gibson 2012)

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