

### 2.8.1 Max. Stress Failure Theory

Given  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$ , and  $\tau_{12}$ , failure of the lamina occurs when any one of the following is true,

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_1 &> (\sigma_1^T)_{ult} & \text{if } \sigma_1 \geq 0 \\ \sigma_1 &< -(\sigma_1^C)_{ult} & \text{if } \sigma_1 < 0 \\ \sigma_2 &> (\sigma_2^T)_{ult} & \text{if } \sigma_2 \geq 0 \\ \sigma_2 &< -(\sigma_2^C)_{ult} & \text{if } \sigma_2 < 0\end{aligned}$$

In terms of SR (strength ratio), the theory reads

$$\begin{aligned}SR_1 &= (\sigma_1^T)_{ult}/\sigma_1 & \sigma_1 \geq 0 \\ SR_1 &= -(\sigma_1^C)_{ult}/\sigma_1 & \sigma_1 < 0 \\ SR_2 &= (\sigma_2^T)_{ult}/\sigma_2 & \sigma_2 \geq 0 \\ SR_2 &= -(\sigma_2^C)_{ult}/\sigma_2 & \sigma_2 < 0 \\ SR_6 &= (\tau_{12})_{ult}/|\tau_{12}|\end{aligned}$$

The minimum of all SR's is the SR of the lamina.

e.g. if  $SR_6$  is the minimum, then the ST of the lamina is  $SR_6$ , and mode of failure is 6S.

### 2.8.4 Max Strain Failure Theory

Given  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$  and  $\tau_{12}$ , then

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \gamma_{12} \end{Bmatrix} = [S] \begin{Bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_2 \\ \tau_{12} \end{Bmatrix}$$

And failure occurs when any of the following is true,

$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon_1 &> (\varepsilon_1^T)_{ult} & \varepsilon_1 \geq 0 \\ \varepsilon_1 &< -(\varepsilon_1^C)_{ult} & \varepsilon_1 < 0 \\ \varepsilon_2 &> (\varepsilon_2^T)_{ult} & \varepsilon_2 \geq 0 \\ \varepsilon_2 &< -(\varepsilon_2^C)_{ult} & \varepsilon_2 < 0 \\ |\gamma_{12}| &> (\gamma_{12})_{ult}\end{aligned}$$

In terms of SR,

$$\begin{aligned}SR_1 &= (\varepsilon_1^T)_{ult}/\varepsilon_1 & \varepsilon_1 \geq 0 \\ SR_1 &= -(\varepsilon_1^C)_{ult}/\varepsilon_1 & \varepsilon_1 < 0 \\ SR_2 &= (\varepsilon_2^T)_{ult}/\varepsilon_2 & \varepsilon_2 \geq 0 \\ SR_2 &= -(\varepsilon_2^C)_{ult}/\varepsilon_2 & \varepsilon_2 < 0 \\ SR_6 &= (\gamma_{12})_{ult}/|\gamma_{12}|\end{aligned}$$

Where

$$\begin{aligned}(\varepsilon_1^T)_{ult} &= (\sigma_1^T)_{ult}/E_1 \\ (\varepsilon_1^C)_{ult} &= (\sigma_1^C)_{ult}/E_1 \\ (\varepsilon_2^T)_{ult} &= (\sigma_2^T)_{ult}/E_2 \\ (\varepsilon_2^C)_{ult} &= (\sigma_2^C)_{ult}/E_2 \\ (\gamma_{12})_{ult} &= (\tau_{12})_{ult}/G_{12}\end{aligned}$$

### 2.8.5 Tsai-Hill Theory (Distortion Energy)

Given  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$ , and  $\tau_{12}$ , and they are increased proportionally to  $\sigma_1^f, \sigma_2^f$  and  $\tau_{12}^f$  then failure occurs when

$$\left(\frac{\sigma_1^f}{F_1}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{\sigma_1^f}{F_2}\right)\left(\frac{\sigma_2^f}{F_2}\right) + \left(\frac{\sigma_2^f}{F_3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\tau_{12}^f}{F_4}\right)^2 \geq 1$$

To find SR,

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_1^f &= SR \cdot \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_2^f &= SR \cdot \sigma_2 \\ \tau_{12}^f &= SR \cdot \tau_{12}\end{aligned}$$

Such that,

$$SR = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_1^f}{F_1}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{\sigma_1^f}{F_2}\right)\left(\frac{\sigma_2^f}{F_2}\right) + \left(\frac{\sigma_2^f}{F_3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\tau_{12}^f}{F_4}\right)^2}}$$

Original Tsai-Hill (Eq. 2.150):

$$\begin{aligned}F_1 &= F_2 = (\sigma_1^T)_{ult} \\ F_3 &= (\sigma_2^T)_{ult} \\ F_4 &= (\tau_{12})_{ult}\end{aligned}$$

Modified Tsai-Hill (Eq. 2.151):

$$\begin{aligned}F_1 &= (\sigma_1^T)_{ult} & \sigma_1 &\geq 0 \\ F_1 &= (\sigma_1^C)_{ult} & \sigma_1 &< 0 \\ F_2 &= (\sigma_1^T)_{ult} & \sigma_2 &\geq 0 \\ F_2 &= (\sigma_1^C)_{ult} & \sigma_2 &< 0 \\ F_3 &= (\sigma_2^T)_{ult} & \sigma_2 &\geq 0 \\ F_3 &= (\sigma_2^C)_{ult} & \sigma_2 &< 0 \\ F_4 &= (\tau_{12})_{ult}\end{aligned}$$

Modified Tsai-Hill takes into account:

- a) The different strengths in tension and under compression
- b) The interaction between  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{\sigma_1}{F_2}\right)\left(\frac{\sigma_2}{F_2}\right)$$

and choices for  $F_2$

### 2.8.6 Tsai-Wu Failure Theory (Total Strain Energy)

Define:

$$\begin{aligned}H_1 &= \frac{1}{(\sigma_1^T)_{ult}} - \frac{1}{(\sigma_1^C)_{ult}} \\ H_2 &= \frac{1}{(\sigma_2^T)_{ult}} - \frac{1}{(\sigma_2^C)_{ult}} \\ H_{11} &= \frac{1}{(\sigma_1^T)_{ult}(\sigma_1^C)_{ult}}\end{aligned}$$

$$H_{22} = \frac{1}{(\sigma_2^T)_{ult} (\sigma_2^C)_{ult}}$$

$$H_{66} = \frac{1}{[(\tau_{12})_{ult}]^2}$$

And Tsai-Hill:

$$H_{12} = -\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{1}{[(\sigma_1^T)_{ult}]^2}$$

Hoffman:

$$H_{12} = -\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{1}{(\sigma_1^T)_{ult} (\sigma_1^C)_{ult}}$$

von Mises-Hencky:

$$H_{12} = -\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\sigma_1^T)_{ult} (\sigma_1^C)_{ult} (\sigma_2^T)_{ult} (\sigma_2^C)_{ult}}}$$

Then given  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$ , and  $\tau_{12}$ , and assuming they are to be increased proportionally to  $\sigma_1^f, \sigma_2^f$ , and  $\tau_{12}^f$ , failure occurs when:

$$H_1 \sigma_1^f + H_2 \sigma_2^f + H_{11} (\sigma_1^f)^2 + H_{22} (\sigma_2^f)^2 + 2H_{12} (\sigma_1^f \sigma_2^f) + H_{66} (\tau_{12}^f)^2 \geq 1$$

In terms of  $SR$ :

$$a(SR)^2 + 2b(SR) - 1 = 0$$

Where:

$$a = H_{11} \sigma_1^2 + H_{22} \sigma_2^2 + 2H_{12} \sigma_1 \sigma_2 + H_{66} \tau_{12}^2$$

$$b = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) (H_1 \sigma_1 + H_2 \sigma_2)$$

$SR$  is the root (one of the roots) of the quadratic equation.

Compared with Tsai-Hill theory, Tsai-Wu theory considers:

- The so-called 1<sup>st</sup> order effects;
- The interaction between  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  with more sophistication.

### Example 3

A unidirectional graphite/epoxy lamina ( $\theta = 50^\circ$ ) is subject to  $\sigma_x = \sigma$ ,  $\sigma_y = -\sigma$ , and  $\tau_{xy} = 0$  (where  $\sigma$  is in  $MPa$ ). Find the allowable  $\sigma$ , using (1) the max. stress theory; (2) the max strain theory; (3) the Tsai-Hill theory; and (4) the Tsai-Wu theory. Also indicate the mode of failure where available. Set  $SR = 2$ .

Given, for the lamina,

$$E_1 = 181 \text{ GPa}$$

$$E_2 = 10.3 \text{ GPa}$$

$$\nu_{12} = 0.28$$

$$G_{12} = 7.2 \text{ GPa}$$

$$(\sigma_1^T)_{ult} = 1500 \text{ MPa}$$

$$(\sigma_1^C)_{ult} = 500 \text{ MPa}$$

$$(\sigma_2^T)_{ult} = 40 \text{ MPa}$$

$$(\sigma_2^C)_{ult} = 245 \text{ MPa}$$

$$(\tau_{12})_{ult} = 70 \text{ MPa}$$

Solution:

From Example 2, local stresses and strains are,

$$\begin{Bmatrix} -0.1736\sigma \\ 0.1736\sigma \\ -0.9848\sigma \end{Bmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{Bmatrix} -0.001228\sigma \\ 0.01713\sigma \\ -0.1368\sigma \end{Bmatrix} (10^{-9})$$

(1) Maximum stress theory

$$SR_1 = -\frac{(\sigma_1^C)_{ult}}{\sigma_1} = -\frac{500(10^6)}{(-0.1736\sigma)} = 2$$

$$\text{So, } \sigma = 1440 \text{ MPa}$$

$$SR_2 = \frac{(\sigma_2^T)_{ult}}{\sigma_2} = -\frac{40(10^6)}{(0.1736\sigma)} = 2$$

$$\text{So, } \sigma = 115.2 \text{ MPa}$$

$$SR_3 = \frac{(\tau_{12})_{ult}}{|\tau_{12}|} = -\frac{70(10^6)}{(0.9848\sigma)} = 2$$

$$\text{So, } \sigma = 35.54 \text{ MPa}$$

Therefore,  $\sigma_{all} = 35.54 \text{ MPa}$  and the lamina's mode of failure is 6S.

(2) Maximum strain theory

$$(\epsilon_1^C)_{ult} = \frac{(\sigma_1^C)_{ult}}{E_1} = 0.00276$$

$$SR_1 = -\frac{(\epsilon_1^C)_{ult}}{\epsilon_1} = -\frac{0.00276}{-0.001228\sigma(10^{-9})} = 2$$

$$\text{So, } \sigma = 1124 \text{ MPa}$$

$$(\varepsilon_2^T)_{ult} = \frac{(\sigma_2^T)_{ult}}{E_2} = 0.00388$$

$$SR_2 = \frac{(\varepsilon_2^T)_{ult}}{\varepsilon_2} = -\frac{0.00388}{0.01713\sigma(10^{-9})} = 2$$

$$\text{So, } \sigma = 113.3 \text{ MPa}$$

$$(\gamma_{12})_{ult} = \frac{(\tau_{12})_{ult}}{|G_{12}|} = 0.00972$$

$$SR_6 = \frac{(\gamma_{12})_{ult}}{|\gamma_{12}|} = -\frac{0.00972}{0.1368\sigma(10^{-9})} = 2$$

$$\text{So, } \sigma = 35.53 \text{ MPa}$$

Therefore,  $\sigma_{all} = 35.53 \text{ MPa}$  and the mode of failure of the lamina is 6S.

(3) Tsai-Hill theory

Modified Tsai-Hill:

$$2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2.16935(10^{-16})\sigma^2}}$$

$$\sigma_{all} = 33.95 \text{ MPa}$$

(4) Tsai-Wu theory

Tsai-Hill form:

$$a = 2.01058(10^{-16})\sigma^2$$

$$b = 1.93198(10^{-9})\sigma$$

The quadratic equation is:

$$a(2^2) + 2b(2) - 1 = 0$$

$$\text{And } \sigma_{all} = 30.78 \text{ MPa}$$

## Chapter 4: Macromechanical Analysis of Laminates

### 4.1 Introduction

### 4.2 Laminate Code

### 4.3 Stress-Strain Relations for a Laminate

(or CLPT – Classical Laminated Plates Theory, and [ABD])

### 4.4 In-Plane and Flexural Modulus of a Laminate

(or application of [ABD])

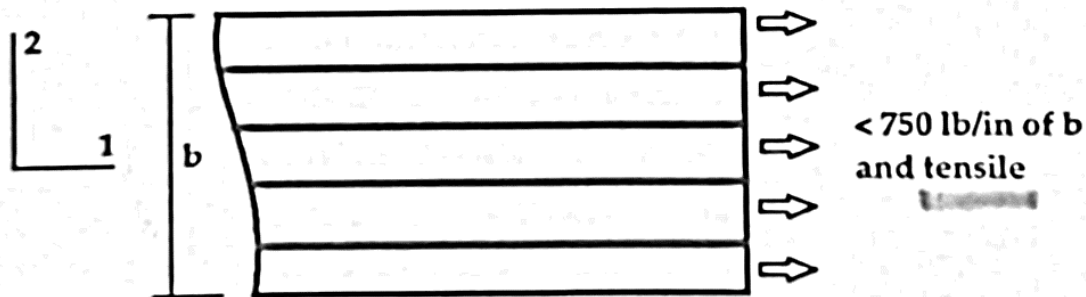
### 4.5 Hygrothermal Effects in a Laminate

### 4.1 Introduction

Why laminate?

1. A single lamina (or layer, ply)

- 0.005" or 0.125 mm thick → not suitable as an engineering component;
- 750-lb per inch of width along fiber direction → not high enough for engineering application;



2. Unidirectional laminate (which has many layers, but fibers take the same direction)

- Transverse direction: rather weak;
- Fiber direction: compressive strength is low;
- Laminate be loaded along fiber direction by tensile load, which limits its applications

3. Optimal solutions

Having layers stacked with different

- Angles
- Thickness
- Position (top, ..., middle, ..., bottom)
- Constituents

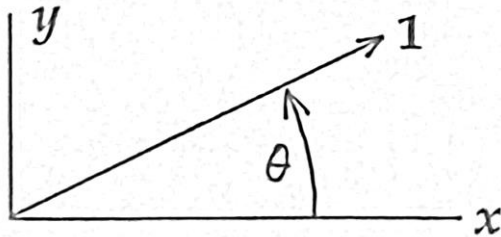
### 4.2 Laminate Code

Laminate code, also known as **Layup Sequence**, or **Stacking Sequence**, is a set of notation or convention to describe how layers (or piles, laminas) are stacking on top of one another.

The notation or convention is yet to be standardized.

### 1. Reference Axis

CCW angles (from  $x$ ) are considered positive.



### 2. Layer Numbering

Top to bottom                      more common  
Bottom to top                      easier for manual layup

### 3. Layers with Identical Constituents and Uniform Thickness

A) Long hand notation

$[\theta_1 / \theta_2 / \theta_3 / \dots / \theta_N]$  where the  $\theta$ 's are in degrees.

For example,  $[0 / 90 / 45 / 90 / 0]$

The commonly used angles are, starting with the most preferred to the least  $0^\circ, 90^\circ$

$\pm 45^\circ$

$\pm 30^\circ, \pm 60^\circ$

$\pm 15^\circ, \pm 75^\circ$

B) Repeated orientation

$[0 / 0 / 90 / 90] \rightarrow [0_2 / 90_2]$

$[0 / 90 / 0 / 90] \rightarrow [(0 / 90)^2]$

$[0 / 0 / 90 / 45 / 90 / 90 / 45 / 90 / 0 / 0] \rightarrow [0_2 / (90 / 45 / 90)_2 / 0_2]$

C) Balanced laminate

For every occurrence of " $+\theta$ " (other than  $0^\circ$  and  $90^\circ$ ), a " $-\theta$ " is placed, either adjacent to the " $+\theta$ " layer, or separated by some layers.

$[45 / 45 / 0 / 45 / -45] \rightarrow [45_2 / 0 / -45_2]$

$[45 / -45 / 0 / 45 / -45] \rightarrow [\pm 45 / 0 / \pm 45]$

$[45 / -45 / 0 / -45 / 45]$

$[45 / -45 / -45 / 45 / 45 / -45] \rightarrow [\pm \mp \pm 45]$

D) Symmetry

Symmetry means fiber orientations of the top half of the laminate are mirror image of the bottom half.

A symmetric laminate can have even or odd number of layers.

D.1) Even number of layers.

$[0 / 0 / 90 / 45 / 90 / 90 / 45 / 90 / 0 / 0] \rightarrow [0 / 0 / 90 / 45 / 90]_s \rightarrow [0_2 / 90 / 45 / 90]_s$

Notes:

- Only the top half of the sequence is notated
- $s$  (subscript) is to indicate only a symmetric half of the entire sequence is given

## D.2) Odd number of layers

$$[0 / 90 / 0] \rightarrow [0 / \overline{90}]$$

Note: the overbar indicates the layer about whose mid-plane the laminate is symmetric.

$$[0 / 90 / 45 / 90 / 0] \rightarrow [0 / 90 / \overline{45}]$$

$$[0 / 0 / 90 / 45 / 90 / 90 / 45 / 90 / 0 / 0] \rightarrow [0_2 / 90 / 45 / 90]_s \rightarrow [0_2 / (\overline{90 / 45})]_s$$

$$[45 / -45 / 0 / -45 / 45] \rightarrow [\pm 45 / \overline{0}]$$

Anti-symmetry means that fiber orientations of the top half of the laminate are opposite those of the bottom half.

In the context of laminate code,  $90^\circ$  is considered “opposite” of  $0^\circ$ , and vice versa.

An anti-symmetric laminate always has even number of layers.

$$[0 / 90 / 0 / 90] \rightarrow [(0 / 90)_2]$$

$$[45 / -45 / 45 / -45] \rightarrow [\pm 45_2]$$

$$[45 / 30 / 35 / -45 / -30 / -45] \rightarrow \pm[(45 / \overline{30})]$$

$$[45 / -45 / -45 / 45 / 45 / -45] \rightarrow [\pm \mp \pm 45]$$

## 4. Layers with Identical Constituents but Non-uniform Thickness

Two options:

- Long-hand notation, with thickness as subscript
- Spelling out the detail, in English

For example,

The laminate code is  $[(0 / 90)_2 / \overline{0}]$  where the  $0^\circ$  layers have a thickness of  $0.2 \text{ mm}$  each, and the  $90^\circ$  layers have a thickness of  $0.25 \text{ mm}$  each.

Where:

$$[(0 / 90)_2 / \overline{0}] \rightarrow [0 / 90 / 0 / 90 / 0 / 0 / 90 / 0 / 90]$$

$$0.2 \text{ mm} \cdot 5 = 1 \text{ mm}$$

$$0.25 \text{ mm} \cdot 4 = 1 \text{ mm}$$

Then total thickness is  $2 \text{ mm}$

## 5. Hybrid Laminates

These are laminates whose layers are of different constituent materials.

$$[0^K / 0^K / 45^C / -45^C / 90^G / -45^C / 45^C / 0^K / 0^K] \rightarrow [0_2^K / \pm 45^C / \overline{90^G}]$$

$$[0^K / 0^K / 45^C / -45^G / 90^G / -45^G / 45^C / 0^K / 0^K] \rightarrow [0_2^K / 45^C / -45^G / \overline{90^G}]$$

## 6. Brain Teaser

Given the following 22-layer sequence, write the shortest possible code.

$$[45 / -45 / 0 / 0 / 45 / -45 / 0 / 0 / 90 / 0 / 0 / 0 / 0 / 90 / 0 / 0 / -45 / 45 / 0 / 0 / -45 / 45]$$

Solution:

$$[(\pm 45 / 0_2)_2 / 90 / 0_2]_s$$



## 7. More Terminologies

A) Unidirectional laminates: laminates in which all layers have the same  $\theta$ .

For example,  $[0_6]$  or  $[0]_6$  and  $[45]_{10}$

B) Cross-ply laminates: laminates in which the layers take angles of  $0^\circ$  and  $90^\circ$  only.

For example,  $[0 / \overline{90}]$ ,  $[0 / 90 / 0 / 90] \rightarrow [(0 / 90)_2]$

C) Angle-ply laminates: laminates that consist of pairs of layers of same material (that is, same fiber and matrix, and same mixture) and thickness, and oriented at  $+\theta$  and  $-\theta$ .

For example,

$[45 / -45 / 45 / -45]$

$[45 / -45 / -45 / 45 / 45 / -45]$

$[45 / 30 / 45 / -45 / -30 / -45]$

### 4.3 Stress-Strain Relations for a Laminate

#### 4.3.1: $\sigma - \varepsilon$ relation for a one-dimensional isotropic beam

#### 4.3.2 ~ 4.3.4: Classical laminated plates theory (CLPT)

Key features:

- Membrane stretching is considered
- Bending is considered
- The two actions are not kinematically coupled, but kinetically coupled
- Transverse shear is not considered

Other laminated plate theories:

Membrane & bending actions are coupled

Transverse shear is considered

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1st\ order\ theory \\ 2nd\ order\ theory \\ higher\ order\ theory \\ zigzag\ theory \\ \dots \end{array} \right\}$$