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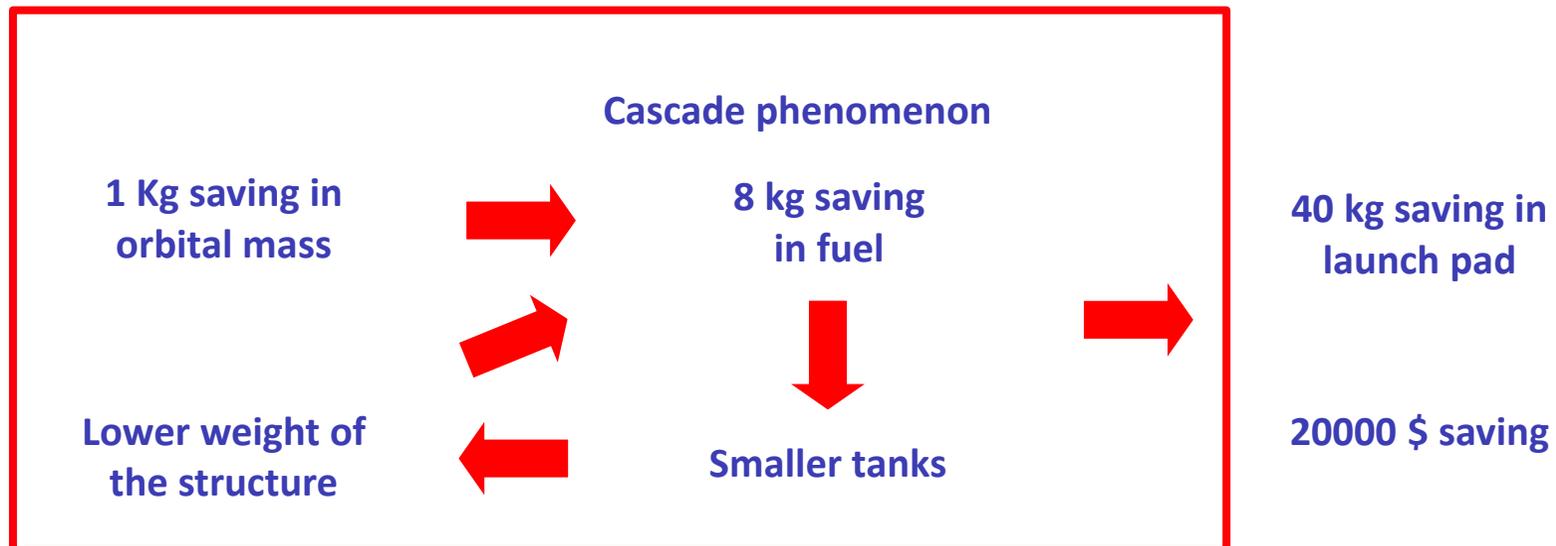
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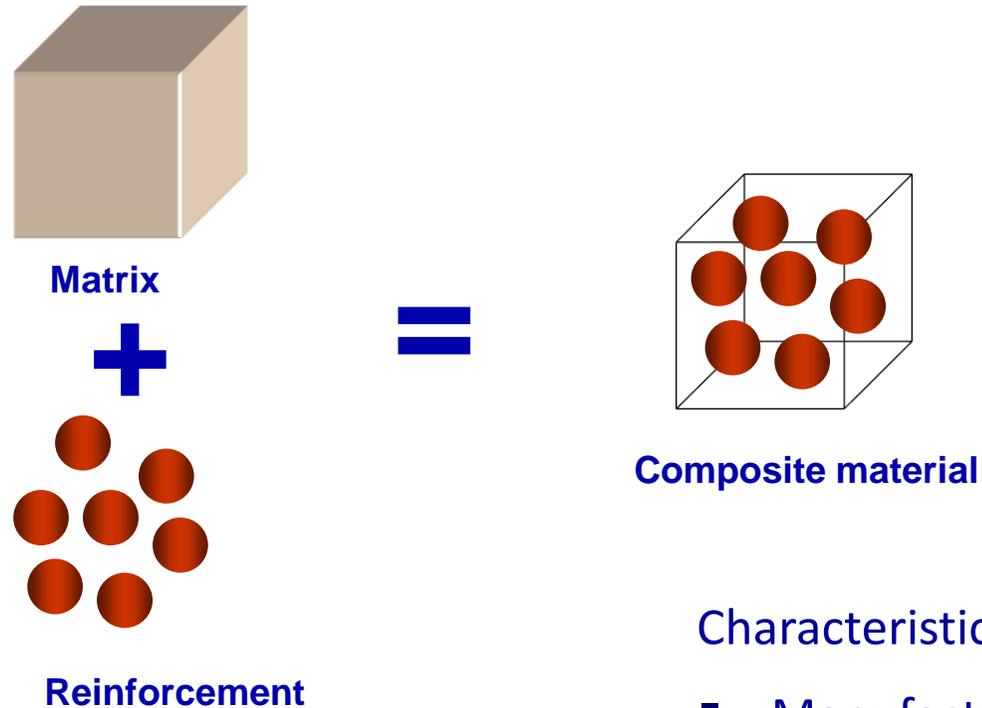
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Material requirements in aerospace applications

- High strength and stiffness (stiffness is most important)
- Low thermal expansion coefficient (extreme temperatures $-200/200^{\circ}\text{C}$)
- Low density (essential)



Composite definition

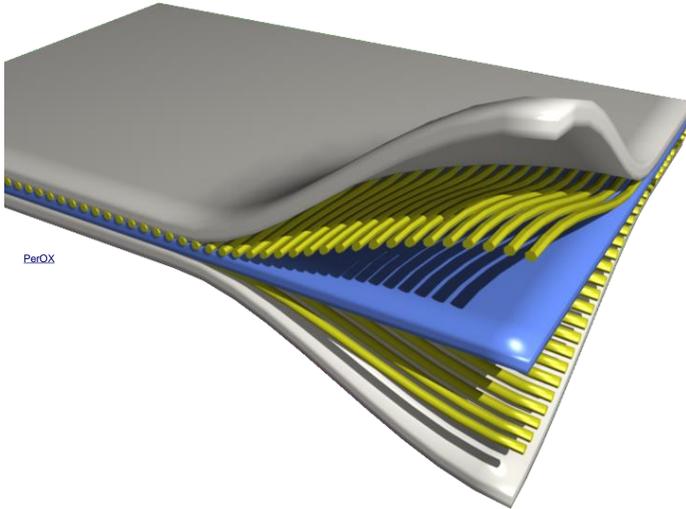


Characteristics:

- Manufactured by human being
- No chemical reactions
- Macroscopically heterogeneous
- Advanced material

Laminate definition

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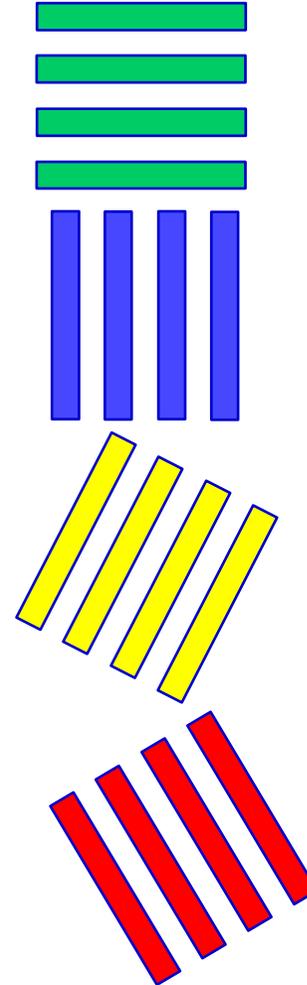
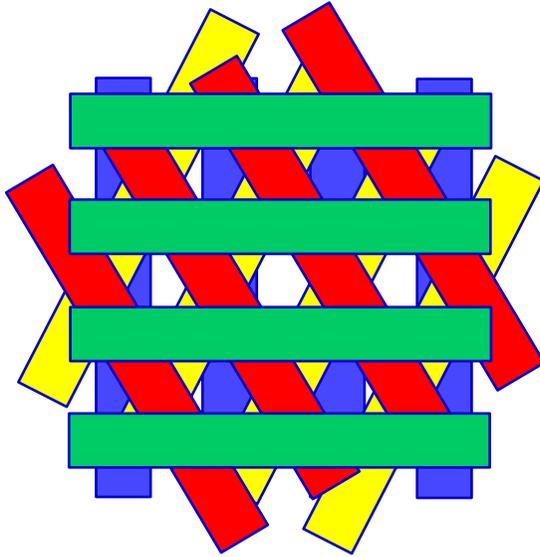
Composite materials composed of several stacked thin layers. These layers are called laminae.

The lamina is the essential unit of composite materials. Typical lamina thickness is around 0.1-1 mm.

Each lamina can be composed of:

- Short fibres
- Unidirectional Long fibres
- Fabric fibres

Laminate definition



Sublaminates: Laminates are made of the repetition of a finite number of lamina orientations

Example: [0 / 45 / -45 / 90]



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Linear elastic material

Duhamel-Neumann formulation

$$\sigma_{ij} = \sum C_{ijkl} \cdot \varepsilon_{kl}$$

Matrix notation:

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

Linear elastic material

The tensor $[C]$ is symmetric. For anisotropic materials **21** independent elastic constants are required

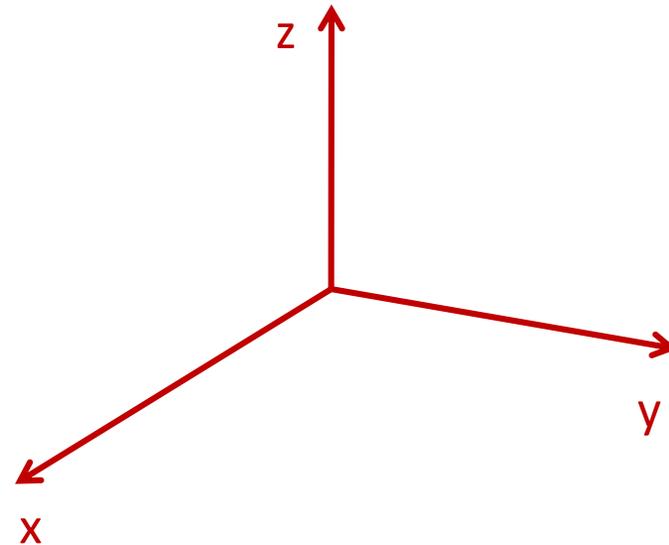
The inverse tensor can also be applied:

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

Orthotropic material

3 mutually perpendicular planes of elastic symmetry → 9 constants

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{xx} \\ \sigma_{yy} \\ \sigma_{zz} \\ \tau_{yz} \\ \tau_{xz} \\ \tau_{xy} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & C_{13} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ C_{12} & C_{22} & C_{23} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ C_{13} & C_{23} & C_{33} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & C_{44} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & C_{55} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & C_{66} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{xx} \\ \varepsilon_{yy} \\ \varepsilon_{zz} \\ \gamma_{yz} \\ \gamma_{xz} \\ \gamma_{xy} \end{bmatrix}$$



The constants have physical meaning

Planes of elastic symmetry **xy xz yz**

Orthotropic material

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \varepsilon_3 \\ \gamma_{23} \\ \gamma_{13} \\ \gamma_{12} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & S_{13} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ S_{21} & S_{22} & S_{23} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ S_{31} & S_{32} & S_{33} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{44} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{55} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{66} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_2 \\ \sigma_3 \\ \tau_{23} \\ \tau_{13} \\ \tau_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$s_{11} = \frac{1}{E_1} \quad s_{12} = \frac{1}{E_2} \quad s_{33} = \frac{1}{E_3}$$

Orthotropic material

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \varepsilon_3 \\ \gamma_{23} \\ \gamma_{13} \\ \gamma_{12} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & S_{13} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ S_{21} & S_{22} & S_{23} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ S_{31} & S_{32} & S_{33} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{44} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{55} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{66} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_2 \\ \sigma_3 \\ \tau_{23} \\ \tau_{13} \\ \tau_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$s_{23} = \frac{1}{G_{23}}$$

$$s_{55} = \frac{1}{G_{13}}$$

$$s_{66} = \frac{1}{G_{12}}$$

Orthotropic material

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \varepsilon_3 \\ \gamma_{23} \\ \gamma_{13} \\ \gamma_{12} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & S_{13} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ S_{21} & S_{22} & S_{23} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ S_{31} & S_{32} & S_{33} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{44} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{55} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{66} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_2 \\ \sigma_3 \\ \tau_{23} \\ \tau_{13} \\ \tau_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$s_{12} = -\frac{\nu_{12}}{E_2}$$

$$s_{13} = -\frac{\nu_{13}}{E_3}$$

$$s_{23} = -\frac{\nu_{23}}{E_3}$$

Orthotropic material

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \varepsilon_3 \\ \gamma_{23} \\ \gamma_{13} \\ \gamma_{12} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & S_{13} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ S_{21} & S_{22} & S_{23} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ S_{31} & S_{32} & S_{33} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{44} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{55} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{66} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_2 \\ \sigma_3 \\ \tau_{23} \\ \tau_{13} \\ \tau_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$s_{21} = -\frac{\nu_{21}}{E_1} \quad s_{31} = -\frac{\nu_{31}}{E_1} \quad s_{32} = -\frac{\nu_{32}}{E_2}$$

Orthotropic material

Restrictions to the values of the elastic constants

Symmetry of
matrix [S]

$$\frac{\nu_{ji}}{E_i} = \frac{\nu_{ij}}{E_j} \quad , \quad i, j = 1 \dots 3 \quad , \quad i \neq j$$

Terms of main
diagonal of [S] and
[C] are positives

$$0 < \nu_{ij} < \sqrt{\frac{E_i}{E_j}} \quad , \quad i, j = 1 \dots 3 \quad , \quad i \neq j$$

$$1 - \nu_{12} \cdot \nu_{21} - \nu_{23} \cdot \nu_{32} - \nu_{31} \cdot \nu_{13} - \\ - 2 \cdot \nu_{21} \cdot \nu_{32} \cdot \nu_{13} > 0$$

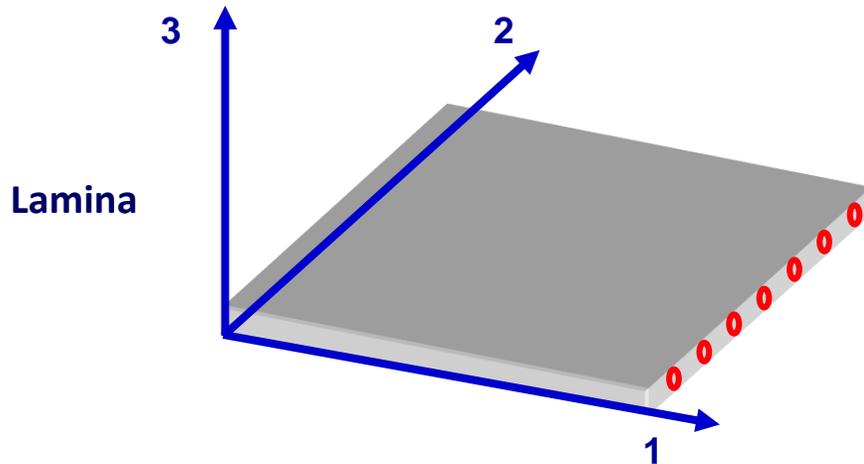


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Stiffness matrix in lamina coordinate system (local system)

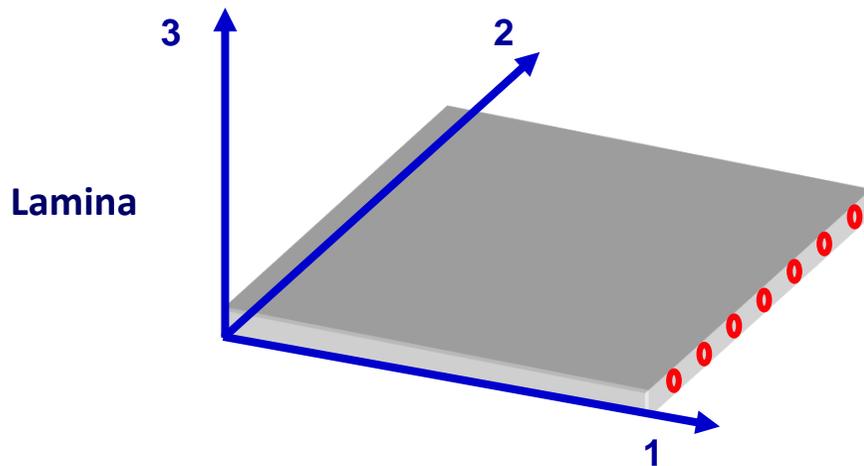


$$\sigma_{ij} = C_{ijkl} \cdot \varepsilon_{kl}$$

Plain stress state:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_3 &= 0 \\ \tau_{13} &= 0 \\ \tau_{23} &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad \longrightarrow \quad [T] = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & \tau_{12} \\ \tau_{12} & \sigma_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \{\sigma\} = \begin{Bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_2 \\ \tau_{12} \end{Bmatrix} \quad \{\varepsilon\} = \begin{Bmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \gamma_{12} \end{Bmatrix} \quad \text{! !}$$

Stiffness matrix in lamina system



Plain stress state:

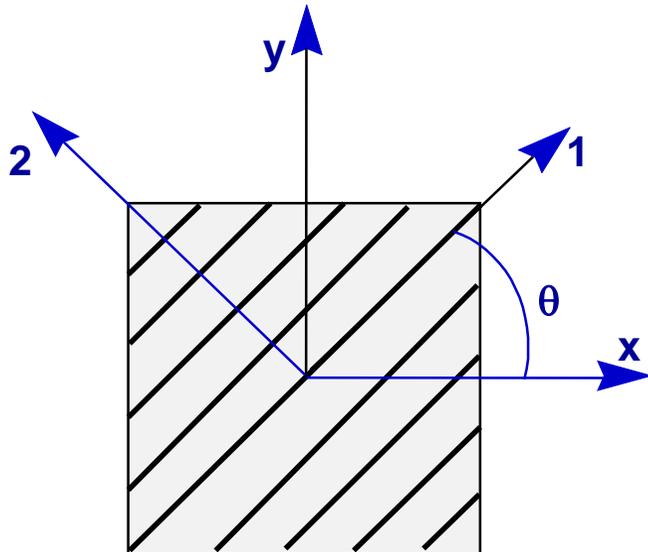
$$\{\sigma\}^{12} = [Q] \cdot \{\varepsilon\}^{12}$$

$$[Q] = \begin{bmatrix} Q_{11} & Q_{12} & 0 \\ Q_{12} & Q_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & Q_{SS} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[Q] = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{E_1}{1 - \nu_{12} \cdot \nu_{21}} & \frac{\nu_{21} \cdot E_2}{1 - \nu_{12} \cdot \nu_{21}} & 0 \\ \frac{\nu_{12} \cdot E_1}{1 - \nu_{12} \cdot \nu_{21}} & \frac{E_2}{1 - \nu_{12} \cdot \nu_{21}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & G_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_2 \\ \tau_{12} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Q_{11} & Q_{12} & 0 \\ Q_{12} & Q_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & Q_{SS} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \gamma_{12} \end{Bmatrix}$$

Stiffness matrix in global system



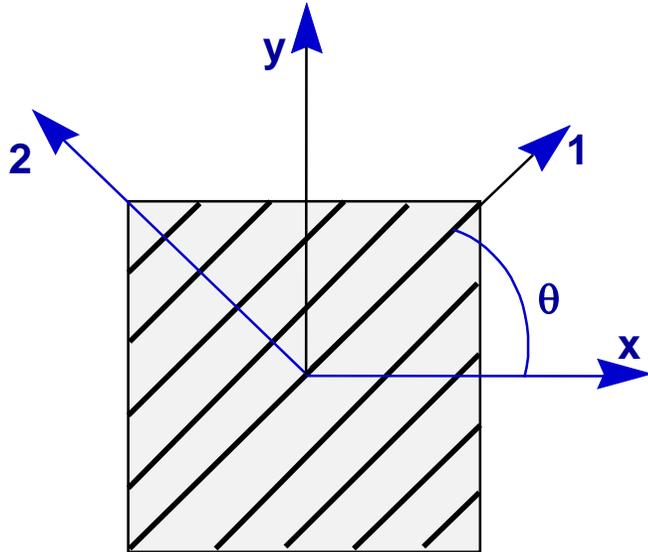
In axis 12: $\{\sigma\}^{12} = [Q] \cdot \{\varepsilon\}^{12}$

In axis xy: $\{\sigma\}^{xy} = [\bar{Q}] \cdot \{\varepsilon\}^{xy}$

$$[Q] \Rightarrow [\bar{Q}]$$

¿?

Stiffness matrix in global system



$$m = \cos \theta \quad n = \sin \theta$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_2 \\ \tau_{12} \end{Bmatrix} = [T] \cdot \begin{Bmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \\ \tau_{xy} \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \frac{1}{2} \cdot \gamma_{12} \end{Bmatrix} = [T] \cdot \begin{Bmatrix} \varepsilon_x \\ \varepsilon_y \\ \frac{1}{2} \cdot \gamma_{xy} \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$[T] = \begin{bmatrix} m^2 & n^2 & 2 \cdot m \cdot n \\ n^2 & m^2 & -2 \cdot m \cdot n \\ -m \cdot n & m \cdot n & (m^2 - n^2) \end{bmatrix}$$

Stiffness matrix in global system

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

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \\ \tau_{xy} \end{Bmatrix} = [\bar{Q}] \cdot \begin{Bmatrix} \varepsilon_x \\ \varepsilon_y \\ \gamma_{xy} \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \varepsilon_x \\ \varepsilon_y \\ \gamma_{xy} \end{Bmatrix} = [R]^{-1} \cdot \begin{Bmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \frac{1}{2} \cdot \gamma_{12} \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \gamma_{12} \end{Bmatrix} = [R] \cdot \begin{Bmatrix} \varepsilon_x \\ \varepsilon_y \\ \frac{1}{2} \cdot \gamma_{xy} \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$[R] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[R]^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Stiffness matrix in global system

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$$\begin{Bmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \\ \tau_{xy} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{Q}_{xx} & \bar{Q}_{xy} & \bar{Q}_{xs} \\ \bar{Q}_{xy} & \bar{Q}_{yy} & \bar{Q}_{ys} \\ \bar{Q}_{xs} & \bar{Q}_{ys} & \bar{Q}_{ss} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{Bmatrix} \varepsilon_x \\ \varepsilon_y \\ \gamma_{xy} \end{Bmatrix}$$

Stiffness matrix in global system

$$\bar{Q}_{xx} = Q_{11} \cdot m^4 + 2 \cdot (Q_{12} + 2 \cdot Q_{SS}) \cdot n^2 \cdot m^2 + Q_{22} \cdot n^4$$

$$\bar{Q}_{yx} = (Q_{11} + Q_{22} - 4 \cdot Q_{SS}) \cdot n^2 \cdot m^2 + Q_{12} \cdot (n^4 + m^4)$$

$$\bar{Q}_{yy} = Q_{11} \cdot n^4 + 2 \cdot (Q_{12} + 2 \cdot Q_{SS}) \cdot n^2 \cdot m^2 + Q_{22} \cdot m^4$$

$$\bar{Q}_{xS} = (Q_{11} - Q_{12} - 2 \cdot Q_{SS}) \cdot n \cdot m^3 + (Q_{12} - Q_{22} + 2 \cdot Q_{SS}) \cdot m \cdot n^3$$

$$\bar{Q}_{yS} = (Q_{11} - Q_{12} - 2 \cdot Q_{SS}) \cdot n^3 \cdot m + (Q_{12} - Q_{22} + 2 \cdot Q_{SS}) \cdot n \cdot m^3$$

$$\bar{Q}_{SS} = (Q_{11} + Q_{22} - 2 \cdot Q_{12} - 2 \cdot Q_{SS}) \cdot n^2 \cdot m^2 + Q_{SS} \cdot (n^4 + m^4)$$

$$m = \cos \theta \quad n = \sin \theta$$

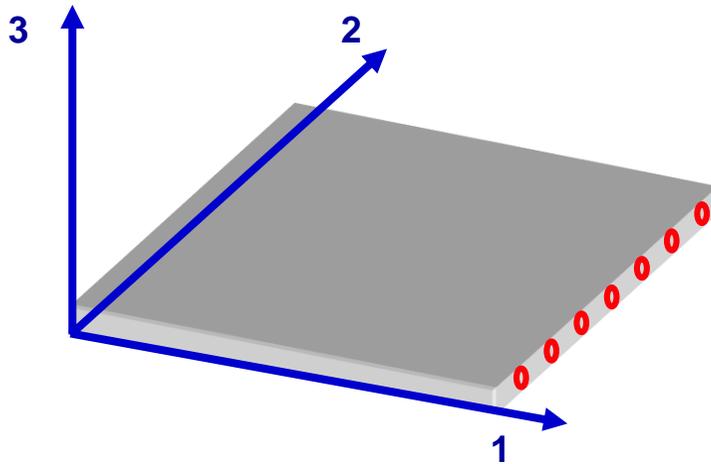


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- Each lamina is considered as an orthotropic homogeneous material
- The behaviour of lamina material is linear elastic up to failure

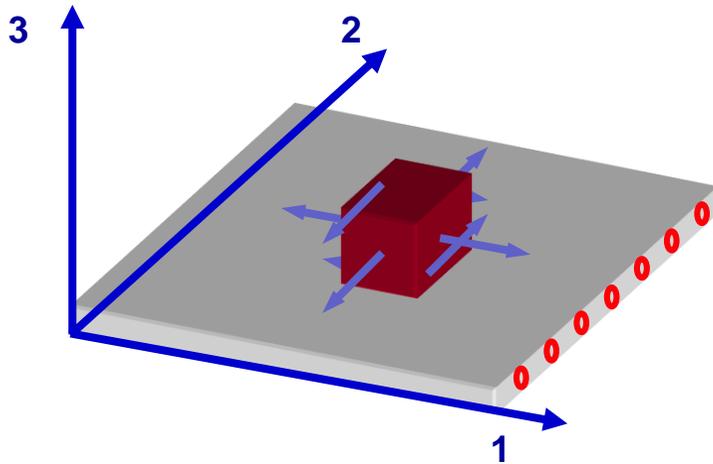


$$\{\sigma\}^{12} = [Q] \cdot \{\varepsilon\}^{12}$$

$$[Q] = \begin{bmatrix} Q_{11} & Q_{12} & 0 \\ Q_{12} & Q_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & Q_{SS} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[Q] = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{E_1}{1 - \nu_{12} \cdot \nu_{21}} & \frac{\nu_{21} \cdot E_2}{1 - \nu_{12} \cdot \nu_{21}} & 0 \\ \frac{\nu_{12} \cdot E_1}{1 - \nu_{12} \cdot \nu_{21}} & \frac{E_2}{1 - \nu_{12} \cdot \nu_{21}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & G_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Perfect bonding of laminas
- Plain stress state



$$\sigma_x = 0$$

$$\tau_{yz} = 0$$

$$\tau_{xz} = 0$$

$$\sigma_x \neq 0$$

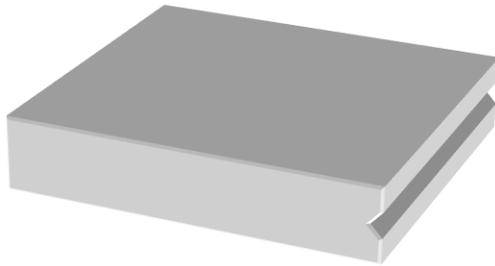
$$\sigma_y \neq 0$$

$$\tau_{yz} \neq 0$$

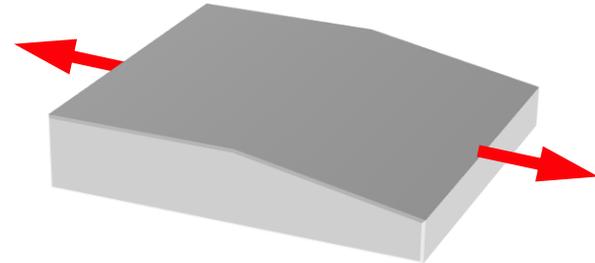
This hypothesis is not valid in
some situations !!

Situations where plain stress is not a valid hypothesis

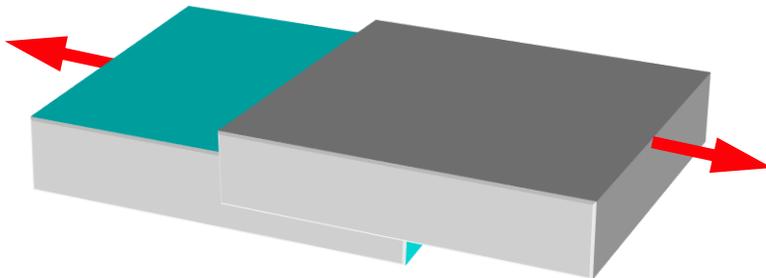
Free end



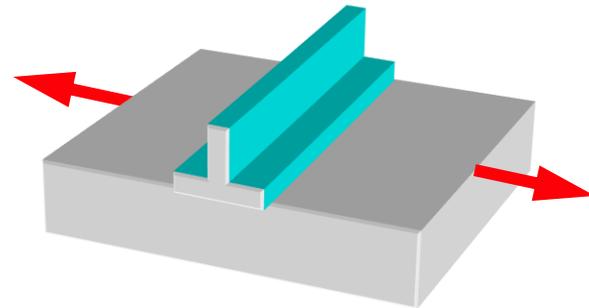
Variable thickness



Bonded joints



Stringers



- **Small displacements**
- **Kirchhoff hypotheses**

A straight line perpendicular to the mid plane remains straight and perpendicular to the mid surface after deformation

$$\gamma_{yz} = 0$$

$$\gamma_{xz} = 0$$

No changes in laminate thickness

$$\varepsilon_z = 0$$

The displacement of each point can be expressed as a function of the displacements and the rotations of the mid-plane

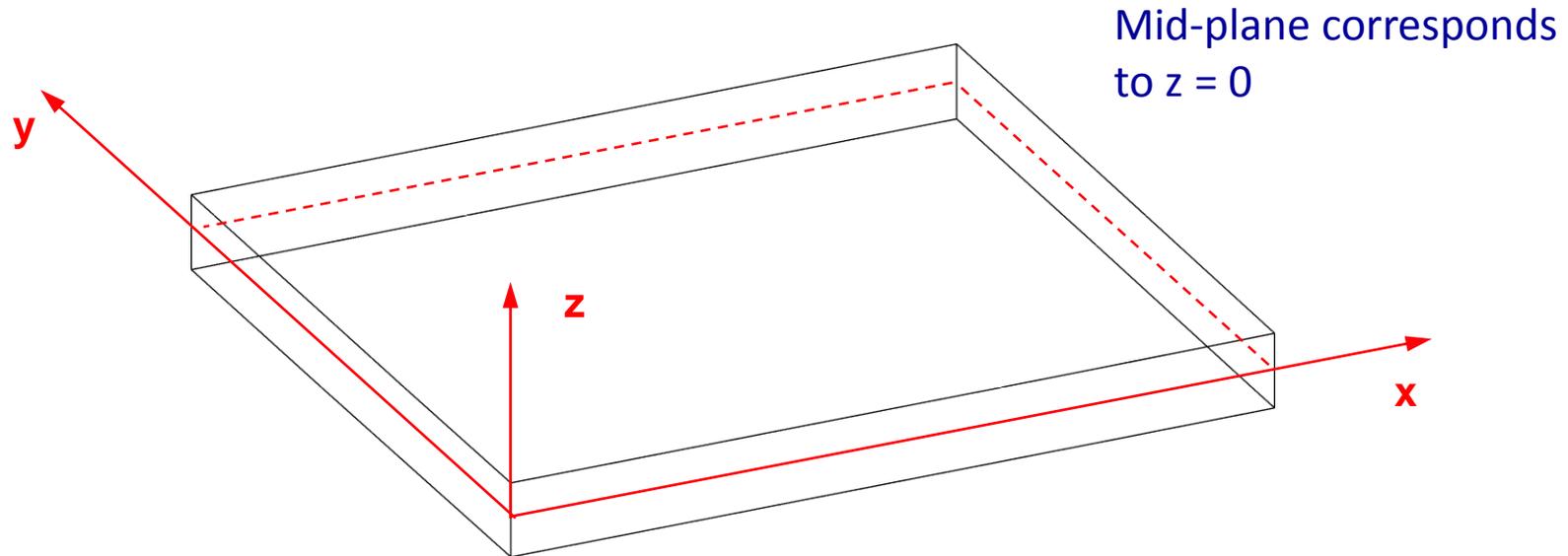


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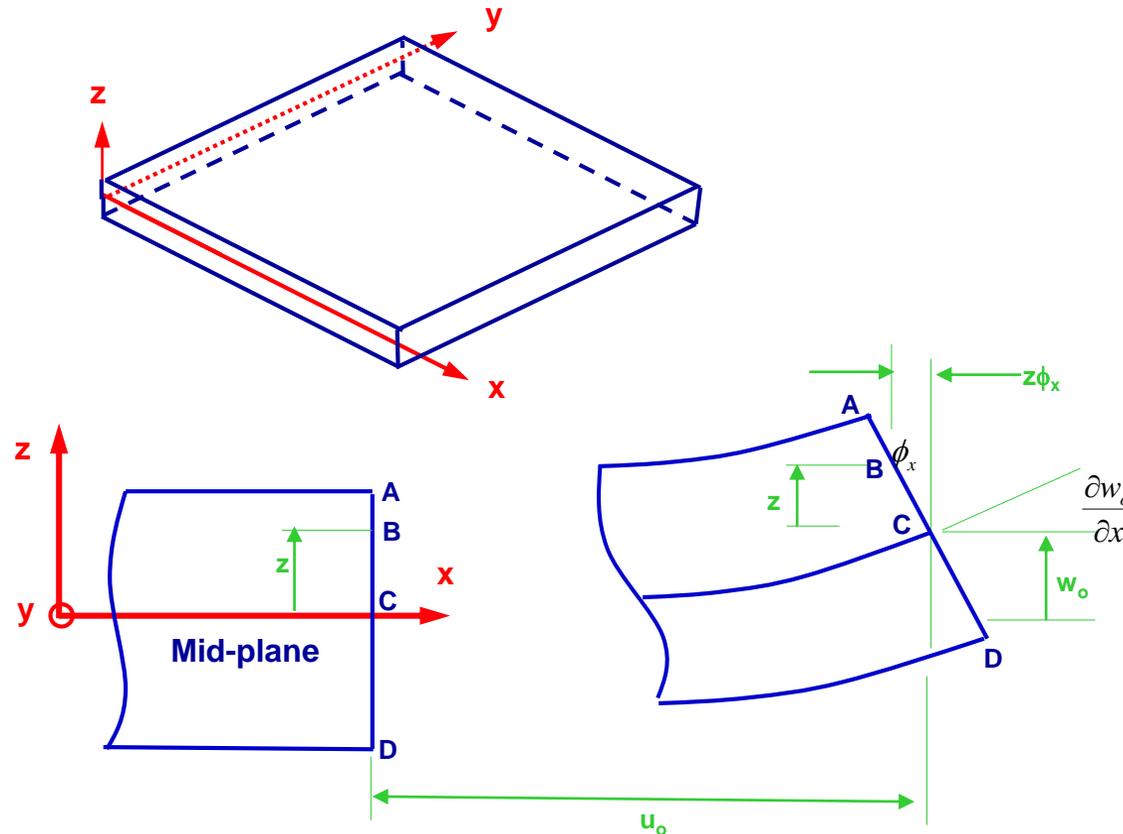
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Definition of laminate axes



Laminate kinematics



$$\phi_x = \frac{\partial w_0}{\partial x}$$

Undeformed section XZ

Deformed section XZ

Displacements

$$u(x, y, z) = u_o(x, y) - \phi_x \cdot z$$

$$v(x, y, z) = v_o(x, y) - \phi_y \cdot z$$

$$w(x, y, z) = w_o(x, y)$$

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \phi_x = \frac{\partial w_o}{\partial x} \\ \phi_y = \frac{\partial w_o}{\partial y} \end{array} \right.$$

Strains

$$\varepsilon_x = \frac{\partial u_o}{\partial x} - z \cdot \frac{\partial^2 w_o}{\partial x^2}$$

$$\varepsilon_y = \frac{\partial v_o}{\partial y} - z \cdot \frac{\partial^2 w_o}{\partial y^2}$$

$$\varepsilon_z = 0$$

$$\gamma_{xy} = \frac{\partial u_o}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v_o}{\partial x} - z \cdot 2 \cdot \frac{\partial^2 w_o}{\partial x \cdot \partial y}$$

$$\gamma_{xz} = 0$$

$$\gamma_{yz} = 0$$

**Strains in
mid-plane**

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \varepsilon_x^o = \frac{\partial u_o}{\partial x} \\ \varepsilon_y^o = \frac{\partial v_o}{\partial y} \\ \gamma_{xy}^o = \frac{\partial u_o}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v_o}{\partial x} \end{array} \right.$$

Curvatures

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} k_x = -\frac{\partial^2 w_o}{\partial x^2} \\ k_y = -\frac{\partial^2 w_o}{\partial y^2} \\ k_{xy} = -2\frac{\partial^2 w_o}{\partial x \cdot \partial y} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \varepsilon_x \\ \varepsilon_y \\ \gamma_{xy} \end{array} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \varepsilon_x^o \\ \varepsilon_y^o \\ \gamma_{xy}^o \end{array} \right\} + z \cdot \left\{ \begin{array}{l} k_x \\ k_y \\ k_{xy} \end{array} \right\}$$

**Linear variation of
strains along
thickness direction!!**



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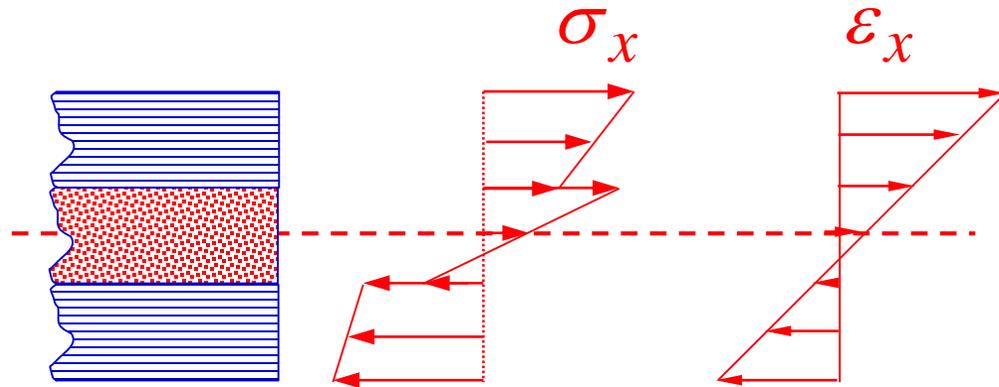
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Stress distribution

$$\{\sigma\}_i = [\bar{Q}]_i \cdot \{\varepsilon\}$$

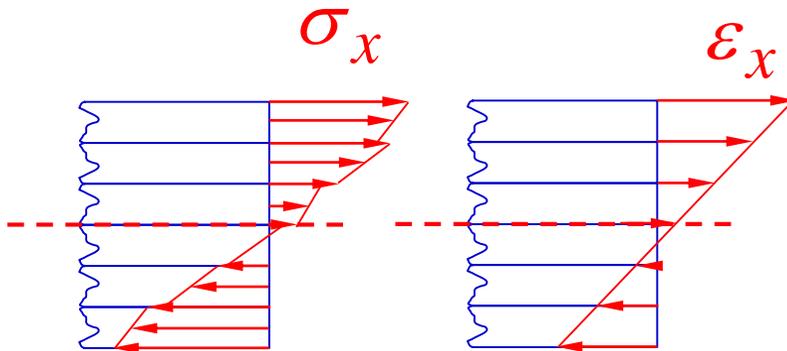
$$\{\varepsilon\} = \{\varepsilon^0\} + z \cdot \{k\}$$

Stress is a discontinuous
function of z

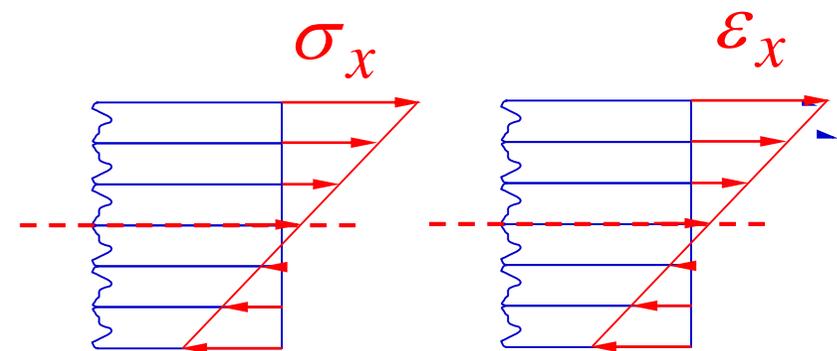


Stress distribution

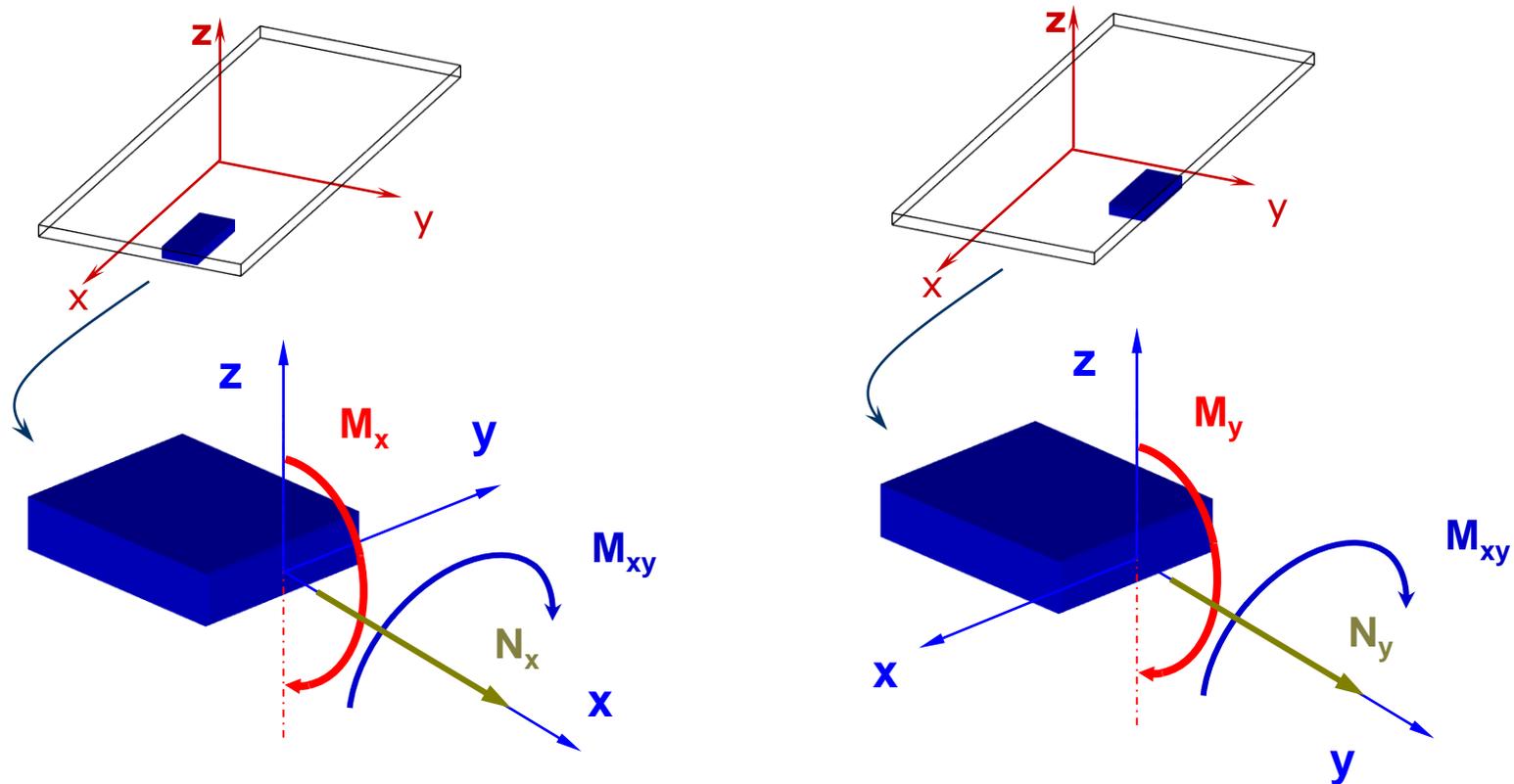
Laminate



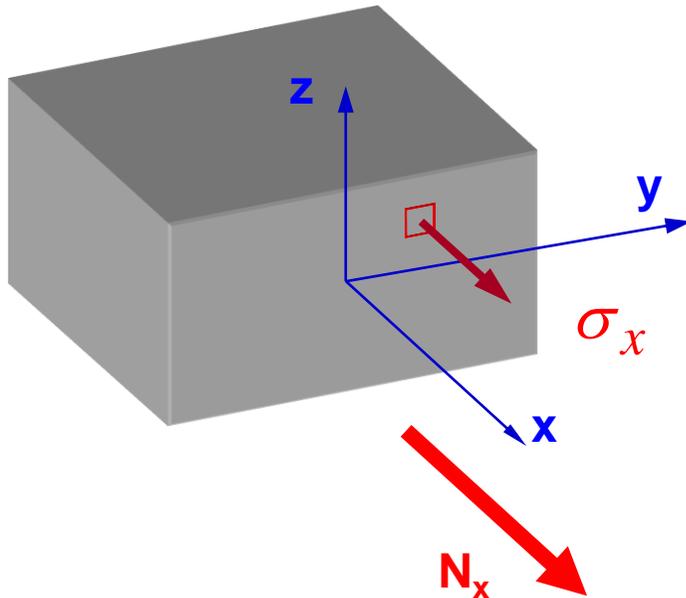
Isotropic material



Internal forces defined per unit length



Internal forces defined per unit length



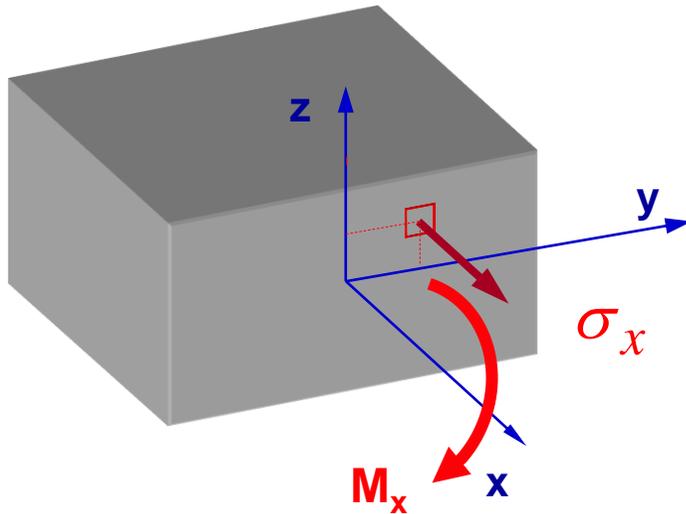
$$N_x = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} \sigma_x \cdot dz$$

$$N_y = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} \sigma_y \cdot dz$$

$$N_{xy} = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} \tau_{xy} \cdot dz$$

$$\{N\} = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} \{\sigma\} \cdot dz$$

Internal forces defined per unit length



$$M_x = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} \sigma_x \cdot z \cdot dz$$

$$M_y = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} \sigma_y \cdot z \cdot dz$$

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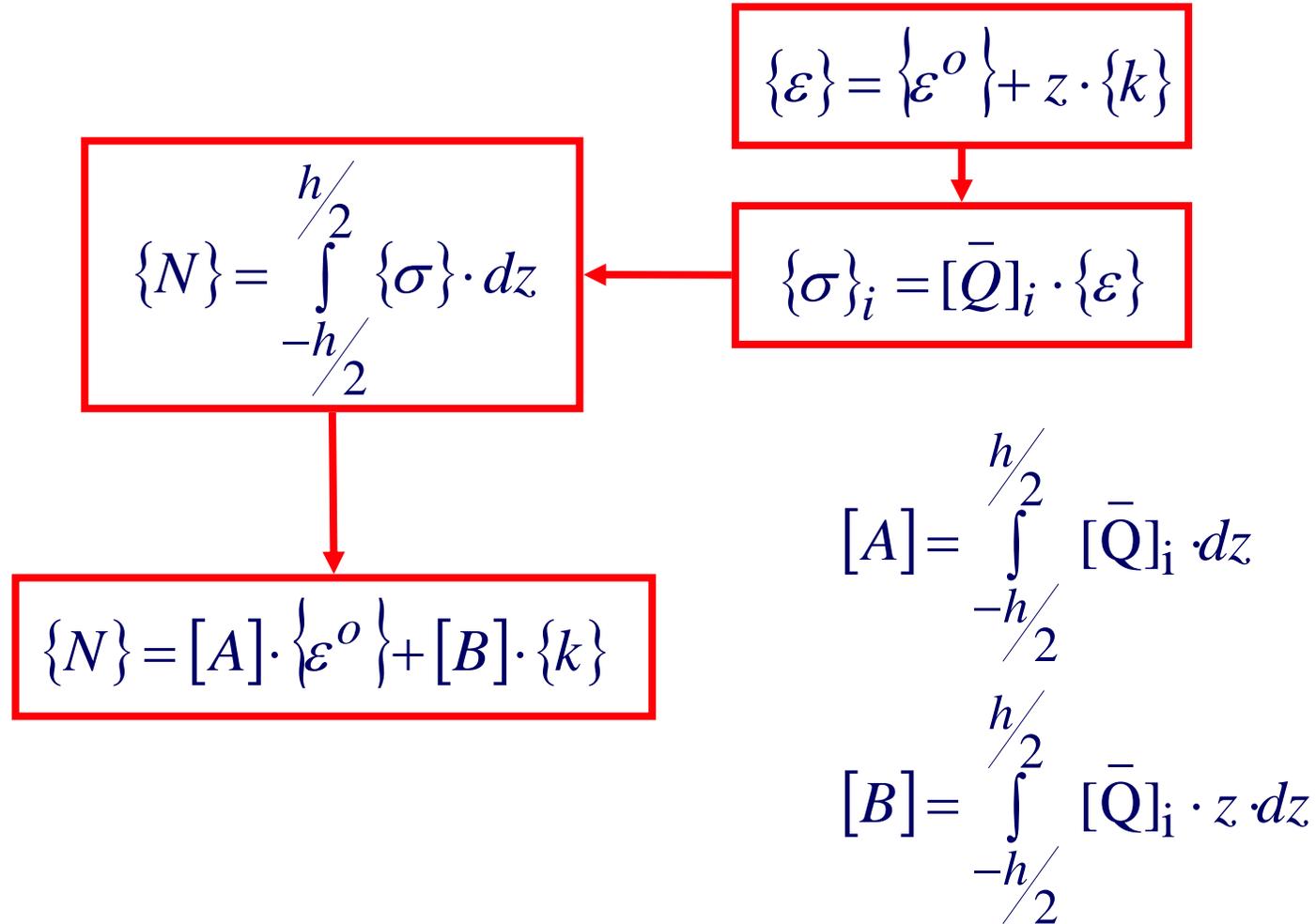


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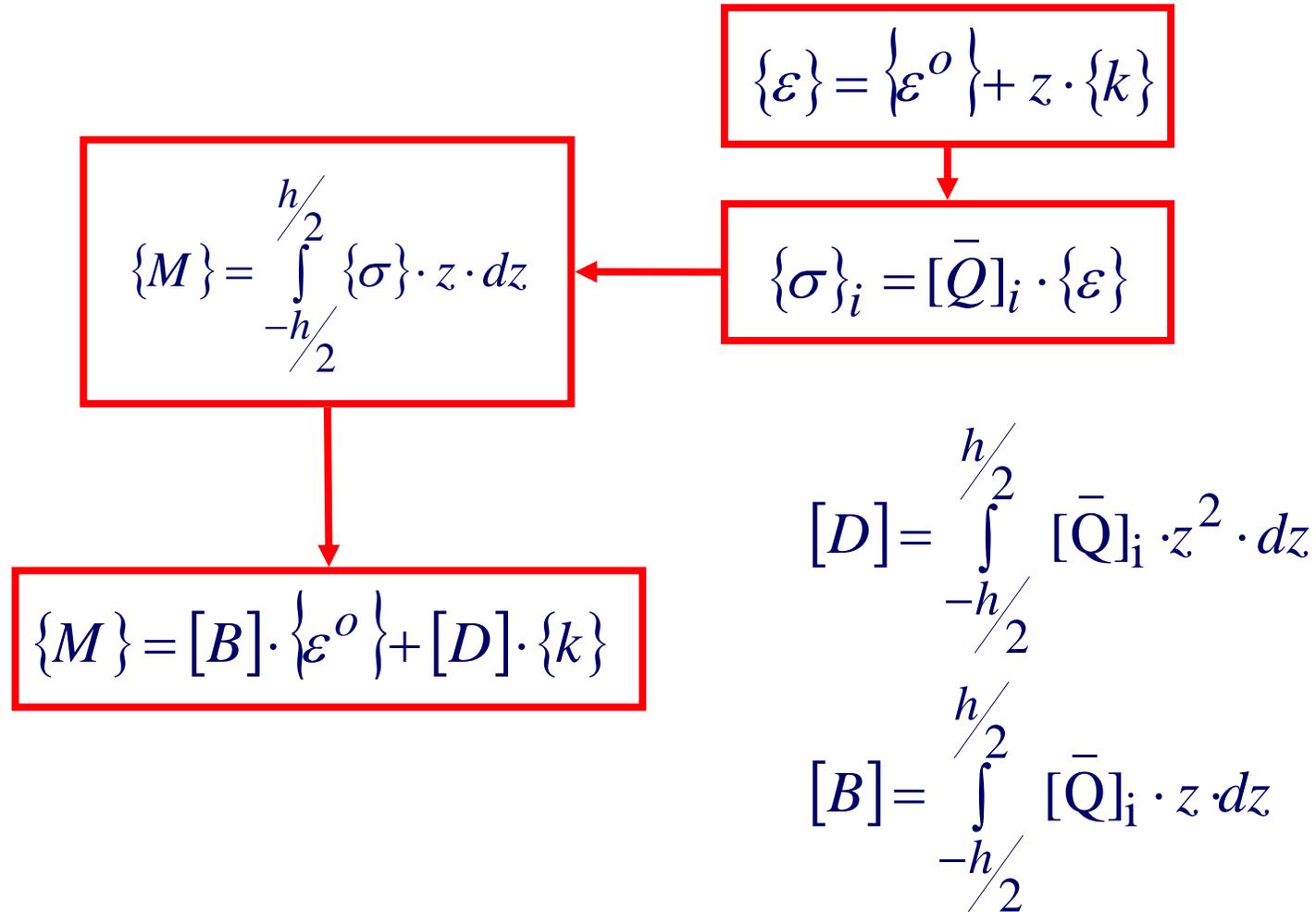
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Laminate stiffness matrix



Laminate stiffness matrix

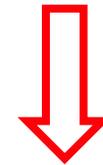


Plain stiffness matrix [A]

$$[A] = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} [\bar{Q}]_i \cdot dz$$



$$[A] = \sum_i^N \int_{z_{i-1}}^{z_i} [\bar{Q}]_i \cdot dz$$



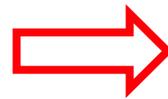
$$[A] = \sum_i^N [\bar{Q}]_i \cdot h_i$$

Laminate stiffness matrix

$$[A] = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} [\bar{Q}]_i \cdot dz$$

$$[D] = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} [\bar{Q}]_i \cdot z^2 \cdot dz$$

$$[B] = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} [\bar{Q}]_i \cdot z \cdot dz$$



Plain stiffness matrix

$$[A] = \sum_i^N [\bar{Q}]_i \cdot h_i$$

Bending stiffness matrix

$$[D] = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \sum_i^N [\bar{Q}]_i \cdot \left(z_i^3 - z_{i-1}^3 \right)$$

Coupling stiffness matrix

$$[B] = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sum_i^N [\bar{Q}]_i \cdot \left(z_i^2 - z_{i-1}^2 \right)$$

Laminate stiffness matrix

$$\{N\} = [A] \cdot \{\varepsilon^o\} + [B] \cdot \{k\}$$

$$\{M\} = [B] \cdot \{\varepsilon^o\} + [D] \cdot \{k\}$$

$$\{\varepsilon^o\} = [a] \cdot \{N\} + [b] \cdot \{M\}$$

$$\{k\} = [c] \cdot \{N\} + [d] \cdot \{M\}$$

$$[a] = [A]^{-1} - \left\{ [B^c] \cdot [D^c]^{-1} \right\} \cdot [C^c]$$

$$[b] = [B^c] \cdot [D^c]^{-1}$$

$$[c] = -[D^c]^{-1} \cdot [C^c]$$

$$[d] = [D^c]^{-1}$$

$$[B^c] = -[A]^{-1} \cdot [B]$$

$$[C^c] = [B] \cdot [A]^{-1}$$

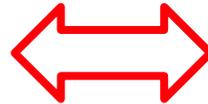
$$[D^c] = [D] - \left\{ [B] \cdot [A]^{-1} \right\} \cdot [B]$$

Plain stiffness matrix $[A]$

$$[A] = \sum_i^N [\bar{Q}]_i \cdot h_i$$

- Relates axial forces (membrane forces) with plain strains
- Independent on stacking sequence

Laminate $[0/90]_s$

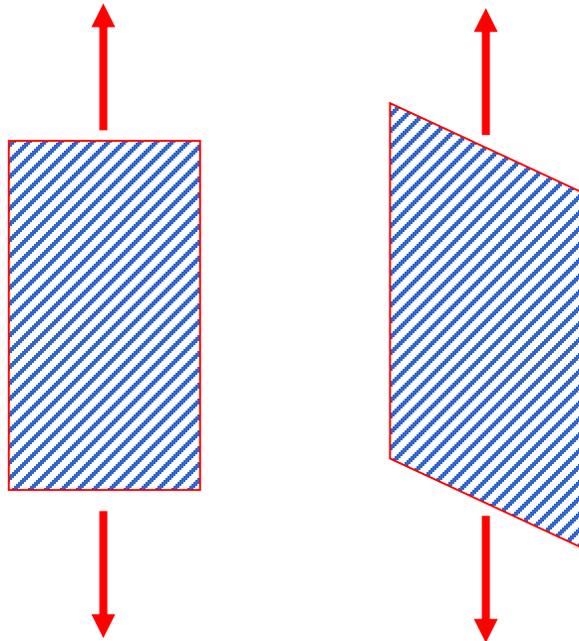


Laminate $[90/0]_s$

Same in plane behaviour

Plain stiffness matrix [A]

$$[A] = \sum_i^N [\bar{Q}]_i \cdot h_i$$



- Relates axial forces (membrane forces) with plain strains
- Independent on stacking sequence
- If $A_{1s} \neq 0$ and $A_{2s} \neq 0$ there is a coupling effect between axial and shear forces

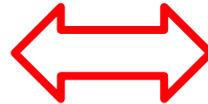
$$\begin{Bmatrix} N_x \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{1s} \\ A_{12} & A_{22} & A_{2s} \\ A_{1s} & A_{2s} & A_{ss} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{Bmatrix} \varepsilon_x^o \\ \varepsilon_y^o \\ \gamma_{xy}^o \end{Bmatrix}$$

Bending stiffness matrix $[D]$

$$[D] = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \sum_i^N [\bar{Q}]_i \cdot (z_i^3 - z_{i-1}^3)$$

- Relates bending moments with curvatures
- Depends on stacking sequence

Laminado $[90/0]_s$

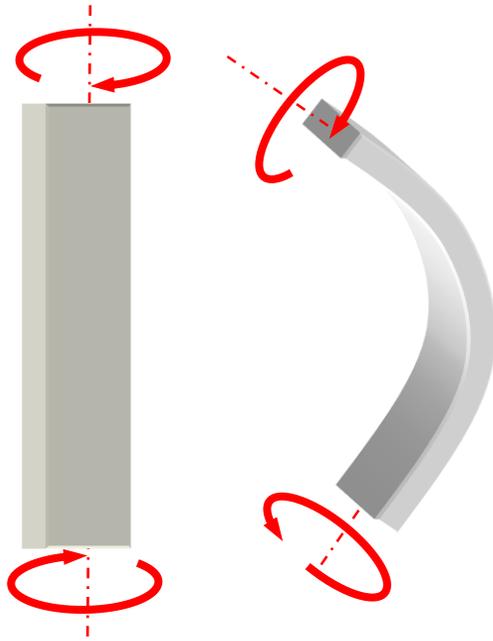


Laminado $[0/90]_s$

Different bending behaviour

Bending stiffness matrix [D]

$$[D] = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \sum_i^N [\bar{Q}]_i \cdot (z_i^3 - z_{i-1}^3)$$

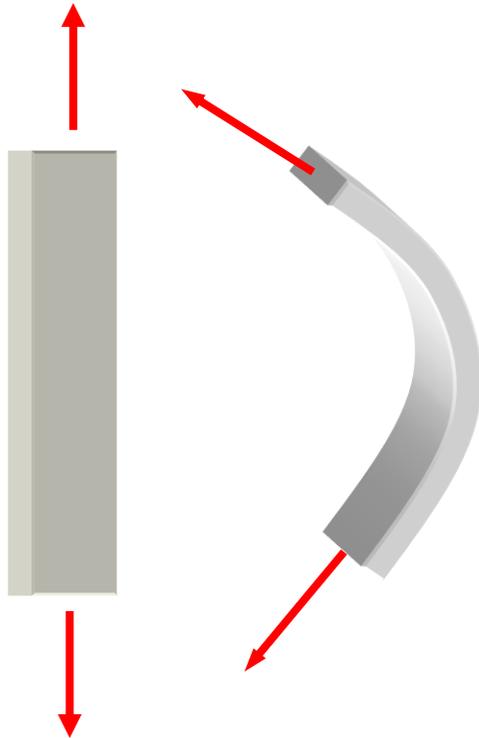


- Relates bending moments with curvatures
- Depends on stacking sequence
- If $D_{1s} \neq 0$ and $D_{2s} \neq 0$ there is a coupling effect between bending and torsion moments

$$\begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ M_{xy} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} D_{11} & D_{12} & D_{1s} \\ D_{12} & D_{22} & D_{2s} \\ D_{1s} & D_{2s} & D_{ss} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{Bmatrix} K_x \\ K_y \\ K_{xy} \end{Bmatrix}$$

Coupling stiffness matrix [B]

$$[B] = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sum_i^N [\bar{Q}]_i \cdot (z_i^2 - z_{i-1}^2)$$

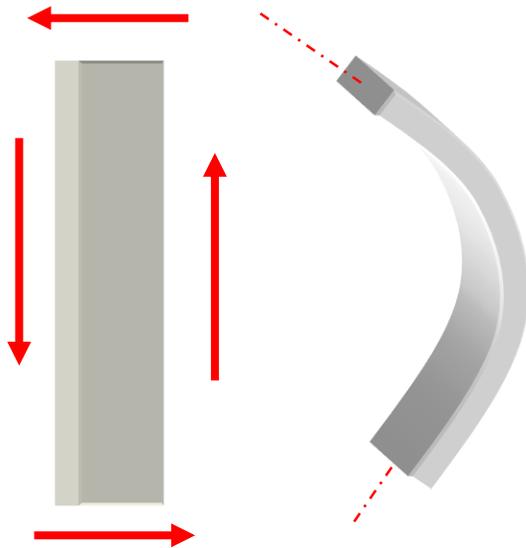


- Relates membrane forces with curvatures and moments with plain strains
- Depends on stacking sequence

$$\begin{Bmatrix} N_x \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} & B_{1s} \\ B_{12} & B_{22} & B_{2s} \\ B_{1s} & B_{2s} & B_{ss} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{Bmatrix} K_x \\ K_y \\ K_{xy} \end{Bmatrix}$$

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- Relates membrane forces with curvatures and moments with plain strains
- Depends on stacking sequence
- If $B_{1s} \neq 0$ and $B_{2s} \neq 0$ there is a coupling effect between axial forces and torsion moment

$$\begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ N_{xy} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} & B_{1s} \\ B_{12} & B_{22} & B_{2s} \\ B_{1s} & B_{2s} & B_{ss} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{Bmatrix} K_x \\ K_y \\ K_{xy} \end{Bmatrix}$$



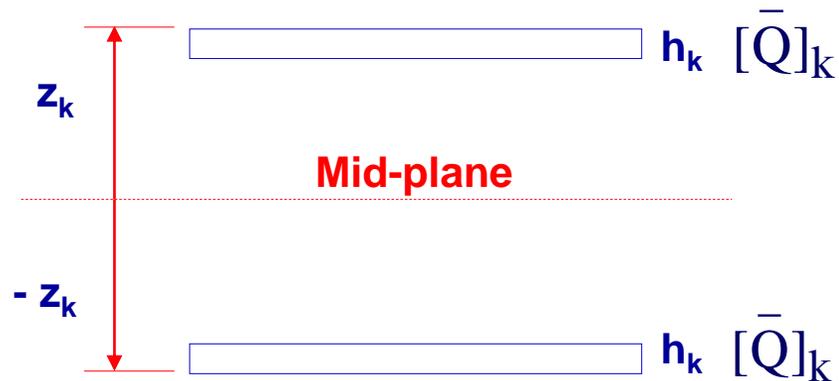
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Symmetric laminate

The stacking sequence is symmetrical with respect to the laminate mid-plane



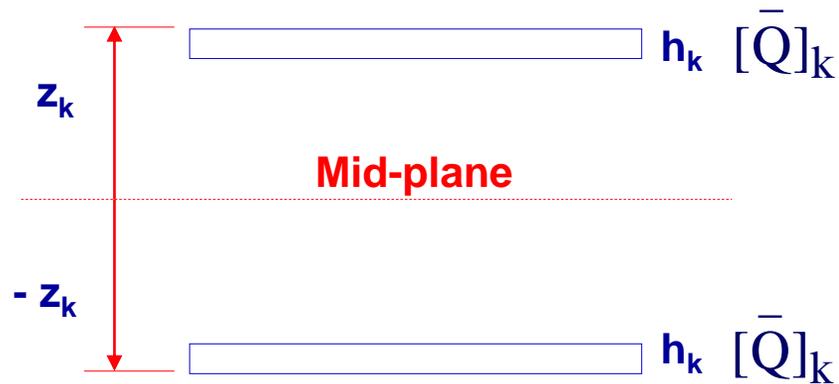
$$[B] = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sum_i^N [\bar{Q}]_i \cdot (z_i^2 - z_{i-1}^2)$$



$$[B] = [0]$$

Symmetric laminate

The stacking sequence is symmetrical with respect to the laminate mid-plane



$$\begin{aligned} \{N\} &= [A] \cdot \{\varepsilon^o\} \\ \{M\} &= [D] \cdot \{k\} \end{aligned}$$

$$[a] = [A]^{-1}$$

$$[d] = [D]^{-1}$$



Equilibrated laminate

Same number of laminas oriented at $+\theta$ and a $-\theta$

An equilibrated laminate can be symmetric, asymmetric or antisymmetric

Symmetric: $[\pm\theta_1/ \pm\theta_2]_s$ (8 plies)

Antisymmetric: $[\theta_1/ \theta_2/ -\theta_1/ -\theta_2]$ (4 plies)

Asymmetric: $[\theta_1/ -\theta_2/ -\theta_1/ \theta_2]$ (4 plies)



Orthotropic laminate

Orthotropic lamina axes correspond to laminate axis

In orthotropic laminates: $A_{xs} = A_{ys} = 0$

In orthotropic symmetric laminates: $D_{xs} = D_{ys} = 0$

Example:

$[0/90/90/0]_s$



Quasi-isotropic laminate

A laminate is quasi-isotropic if:

$$A_{xx} = A_{yy}$$

$$A_{xx} - A_{xy} = 2 \cdot A_{ss}$$

$$A_{xs} = A_{ys} = 0$$

Example:

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



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Membrane forces (symmetric laminates)

Average stresses in laminate

$$\sigma_x^o = \frac{N_x}{H}$$

$$\sigma_y^o = \frac{N_y}{H}$$

$$\tau_{xy}^o = \frac{N_{xy}}{H}$$

$$H = \sum_i^N h_i$$

$$\{N\} = [A] \cdot \{\varepsilon^o\}$$

$$\{\sigma^o\} = [A^*] \cdot \{\varepsilon^o\}$$

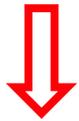
Normalized plain stiffness matrix

$$[A^*] = \frac{[A]}{H}$$

Membrane forces (symmetric laminates)

$$\left\{ \sigma^o \right\} = \left[A^* \right] \cdot \left\{ \varepsilon^o \right\}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{matrix} \varepsilon_x^o \\ \varepsilon_y^o \\ \gamma_{xy}^o \end{matrix} \right\} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}^* & a_{12}^* & a_{1s}^* \\ a_{21}^* & a_{22}^* & a_{2s}^* \\ a_{s1}^* & a_{s2}^* & a_{ss}^* \end{bmatrix} \cdot \left\{ \begin{matrix} \sigma_x^o \\ \sigma_y^o \\ \tau_{xy}^o \end{matrix} \right\}$$



$$\left\{ \varepsilon^o \right\} = \left[a^* \right] \cdot \left\{ \sigma^o \right\}$$



$$\left\{ \begin{matrix} \varepsilon_x \\ \varepsilon_y \\ \gamma_{xy} \end{matrix} \right\} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/E_1 & -\nu_{12}/E_2 & 0 \\ -\nu_{21}/E_1 & 1/E_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/G_{12} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \left\{ \begin{matrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \\ \tau_{xy} \end{matrix} \right\}$$

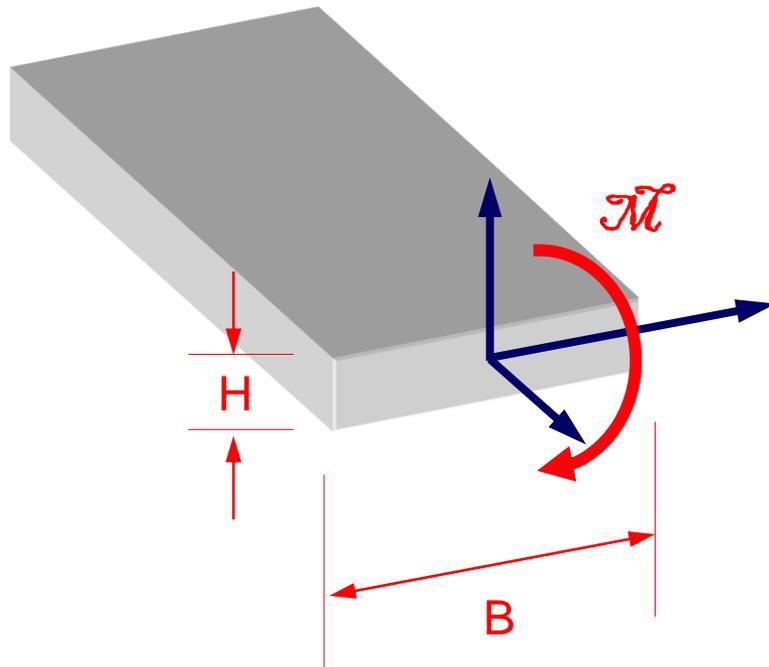
Membrane forces (symmetric laminates)

Engineering plain constants

$$E_1^o = \frac{1}{a_{11}^*} \quad \nu_{21}^o = -\frac{a_{21}^*}{a_{11}^*}$$
$$E_2^o = \frac{1}{a_{22}^*} \quad \nu_{12}^o = -\frac{a_{12}^*}{a_{22}^*}$$
$$G_{12}^o = \frac{1}{a_{ss}^*}$$

Bending and torsion moments (symmetric laminates)

Isotropic material:



$$\sigma_x = \frac{\mathcal{M} \cdot z}{I} \quad I = \frac{1}{12} \cdot B \cdot H^3$$

$$\varepsilon_x \Big|_{\max.} = \frac{H}{2} \cdot k_x$$

$$\sigma_x \Big|_{\max.} = \frac{6}{B \cdot H^2} \cdot \mathcal{M}$$

$$M_x = \frac{\mathcal{M}}{B}$$

$$\sigma_x \Big|_{\max.} = \frac{6}{H^2} \cdot M_x$$

Bending and torsion moments (symmetric laminates)

Maximum (average)
stresses in laminate

$$\sigma_x^f = \frac{6 \cdot M_x}{H^2}$$

$$\sigma_y^f = \frac{6 \cdot M_y}{H^2}$$

$$\tau_{xy}^f = \frac{6 \cdot M_{xy}}{H^2}$$

Maximum strains in
laminate

$$\{\varepsilon\}_{\max.} = z_{\max.} \cdot \{k\}$$

$$\varepsilon_x^f = \frac{H \cdot k_x}{2}$$

$$\varepsilon_y^f = \frac{H \cdot k_y}{2}$$

$$\gamma_{xy}^f = \frac{H \cdot k_{xy}}{2}$$

Bending and torsion moments (symmetric laminates)

$$\{M\} = [D] \cdot \{k\}$$



$$\{\sigma^f\} = [D^*] \cdot \{\varepsilon^f\}$$

Normalized bending stiffness matrix

$$[D^*] = \frac{12 \cdot [D]}{H^3}$$

Bending and torsion moments (symmetric laminates)

$$\left\{ \sigma^f \right\} = \left[D^* \right] \cdot \left\{ \varepsilon^f \right\}$$

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$$\left\{ \varepsilon^f \right\} = \left[d^* \right] \cdot \left\{ \sigma^o \right\}$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \varepsilon_x^f \\ \varepsilon_y^f \\ \gamma_{xy}^f \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} d_{11}^* & d_{12}^* & d_{1s}^* \\ d_{21}^* & d_{22}^* & d_{2s}^* \\ d_{s1}^* & d_{s2}^* & d_{ss}^* \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{Bmatrix} \sigma_x^f \\ \sigma_y^f \\ \tau_{xy}^f \end{Bmatrix}$$



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Bending and torsion moments (symmetric laminates)

Engineering bending constants

$$E_1^f = \frac{1}{d_{11}^*} \quad \nu_{21}^f = -\frac{d_{21}^*}{d_{11}^*}$$
$$E_2^f = \frac{1}{d_{22}^*} \quad \nu_{12}^f = -\frac{d_{12}^*}{d_{22}^*}$$
$$G_{12}^f = \frac{1}{d_{ss}^*}$$

Asymmetric laminate

$$\{N\} = [A] \cdot \{\varepsilon^o\} + [B] \cdot \{k\}$$

$$\{M\} = [B] \cdot \{\varepsilon^o\} + [D] \cdot \{k\}$$

$$\{\sigma^o\} = [A^*] \cdot \{\varepsilon^o\} + [B^*] \cdot \{\varepsilon^f\}$$

$$\{\sigma^f\} = 3 \cdot [B^*] \cdot \{\varepsilon^o\} + [D^*] \cdot \{\varepsilon^f\}$$

$$\{\sigma^o\} = \frac{\{N\}}{H} \quad \{\varepsilon^f\} = \frac{H \cdot \{k\}}{2}$$
$$\{\sigma^f\} = \frac{6 \cdot \{M\}}{H^2}$$

$$[A^*] = \frac{[A]}{H}$$

$$[D^*] = \frac{12 \cdot [D]}{H^3}$$

Normalized
coupling
stiffness matrix

$$[B^*] = \frac{2 \cdot [B]}{H^2}$$



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