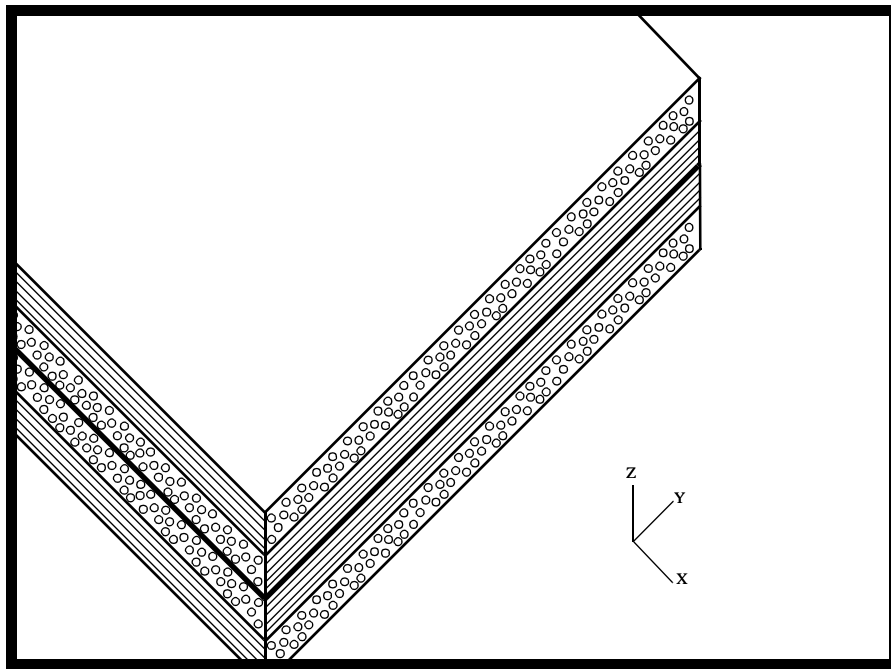


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## WORKSHOP PROBLEM 1b

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# *LAYUP TYPES: Symmetric, Unsymymmetric, Balanced, Unbalanced*



### Objectives:

- Change stacking sequence of lamina to different layups.
- Create a MSC/NASTRAN input file directly or by using MSC/PATRAN.
- Run the analysis using MSC/NASTRAN.
- Review results.

# ***SYMMETRIC***

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## Model Description:

Use the Patran database from **problem 1a**.

## Suggested Exercise Steps:

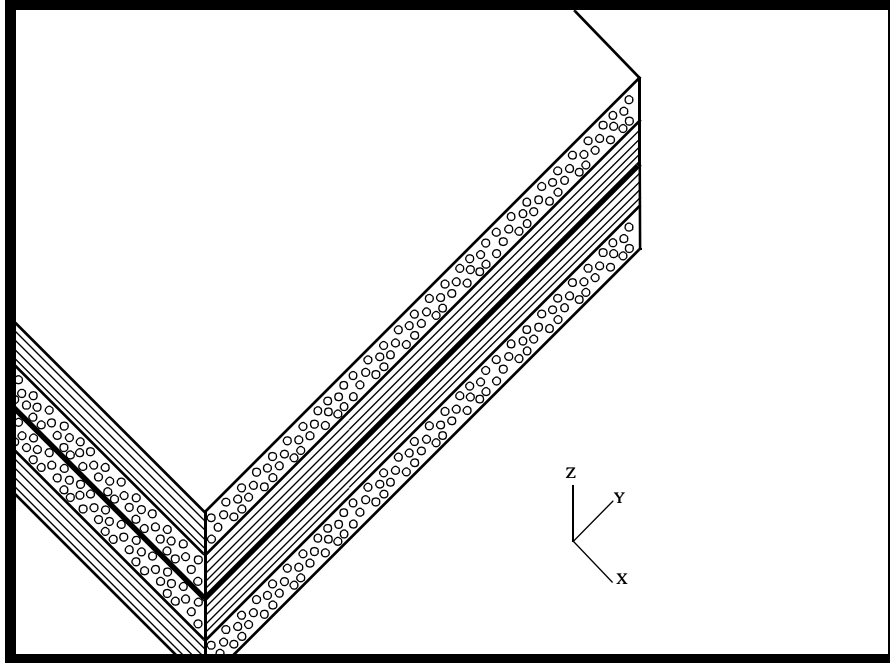
- Read problem.
- Open Problem 1a database.
- Look at composite properties.
- Change the layup.
- Look at new composite properties.
- Prepare the model for a linear static analysis (SOL 101).
- Submit it for a linear static analysis.
- Review results.

# SYMMETRIC

## Exercise Procedure:

The figure below shows a 4-ply composite that is symmetric about a neutral axis.

Figure 1b-1:



1. Open database **prob1a.db**.

**File/New...**

*Existing Database Name:*

**prob1a**

**OK**

2. Look at the “unsymmetric” properties.

◆ **Materials**

*Action:*

**Modify**

*Object:*

**Composite**

*Method:*

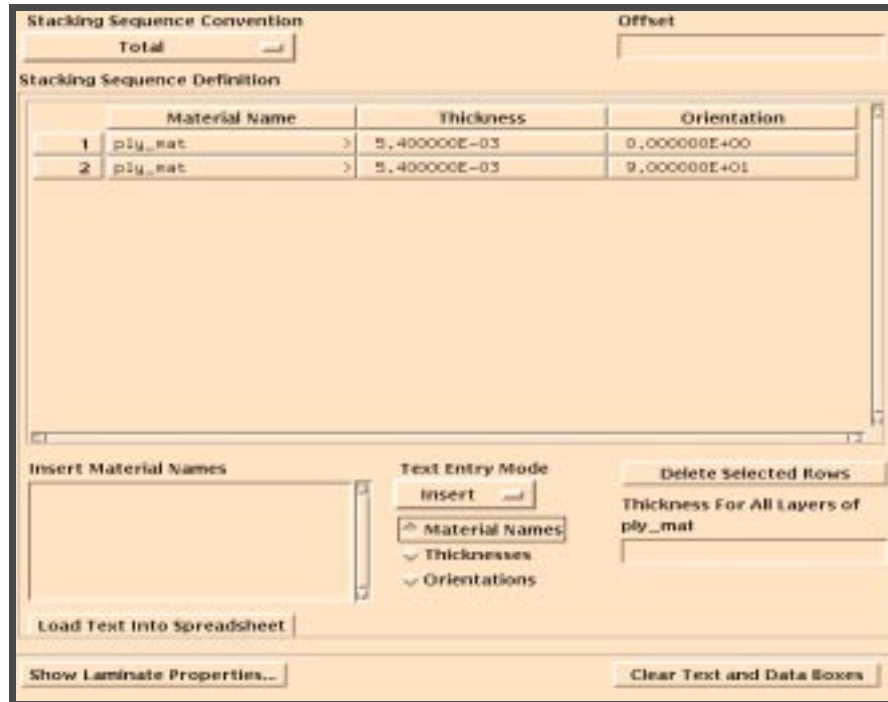
**Laminate**

*Laminated Composites:*

**composite1**

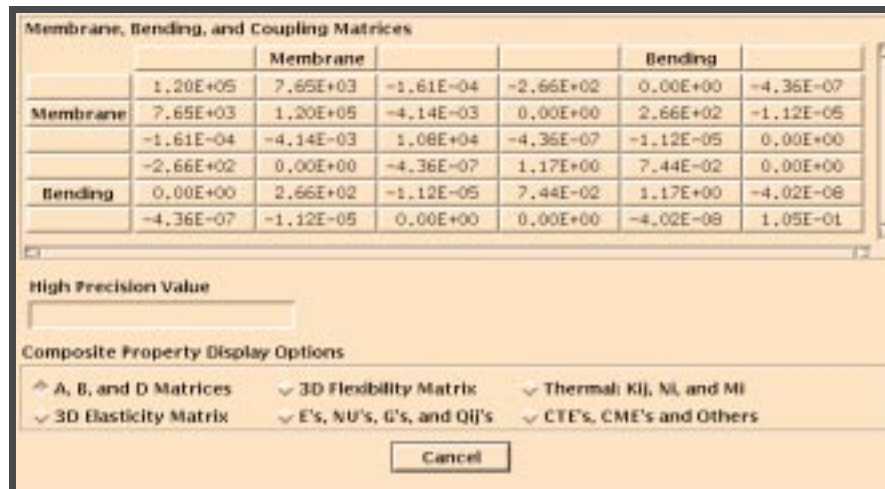
The **Laminated Composite** form should look like the following:

Fig 1b-2: The original layup.



**Show Laminate Properties...**

Fig 1b-3: A, B, and D Matrices.



Note that the populated “B matrix” means that the model will bow in the presence of axial loads. (**B matrix**: Membrane/Bending 3x3 matrix in the upper right corner of 6x6 matrix above)

Composite Property Display  
Options:

◆ E's, NU's, G's, and Qij's

Fig 1b-4: E's, NU's, G's, and Qij's.

E11,22,33	NU12,23,13	G12,23,31		Q	
1.11E+07	6.36E-02	1.00E+06	1.11E+07	7.09E+05	-1.49E-02
1.11E+07	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	7.09E+05	1.11E+07	-3.83E-01
0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	-1.49E-02	-3.83E-01	1.00E+06

High Precision Value

Composite Property Display Options

- A, B, and D Matrices
- 3D Flexibility Matrix
- Thermal: Kij, Ni, and Mi
- 3D Elasticity Matrix
- E's, NU's, G's, and Qij's
- CTE's, CME's and Others

Cancel

Cancel

- Now, modify our composite material to “symmetric”.

Add material layers to the composite: (1) Under *Material Name* in the *Laminated Composite* form, click the second cell. (2) Click on **ply\_mat** in the “*Existing Materials*” databox twice.

Add layer thicknesses: (1) Click “*Thickness For All Layers of..*” databox in the *Laminated Composite* form, (2) type **.0054**, and (3) hit **Enter**.

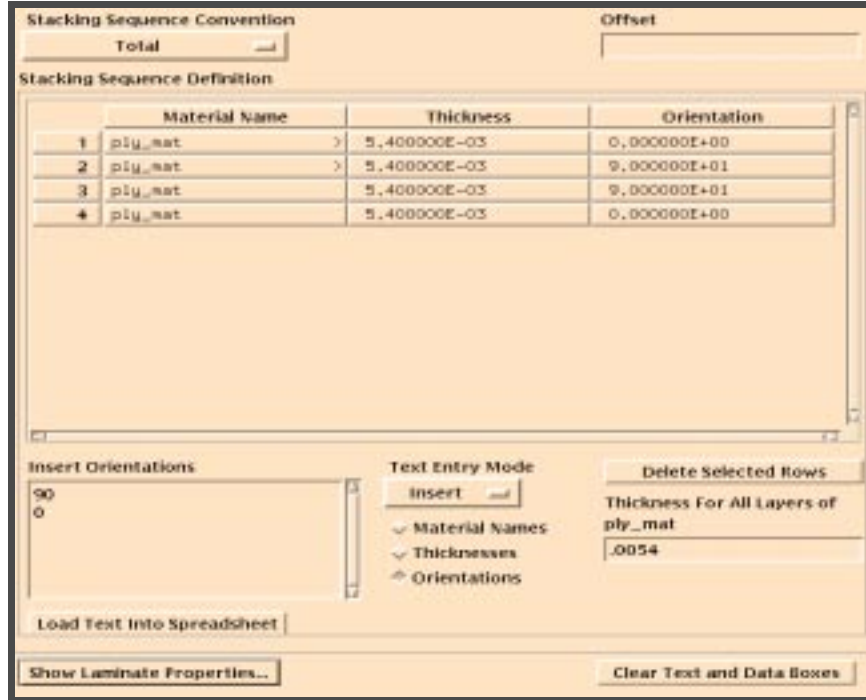
Add layer orientations: (1) Under *Orientation*, click cell on the third row. (2) Click *Overwrite Orientations* databox, (3) type **90**, **Enter**, and **0**, **Enter**. Then:

Load Text Into Spreadsheet

Apply

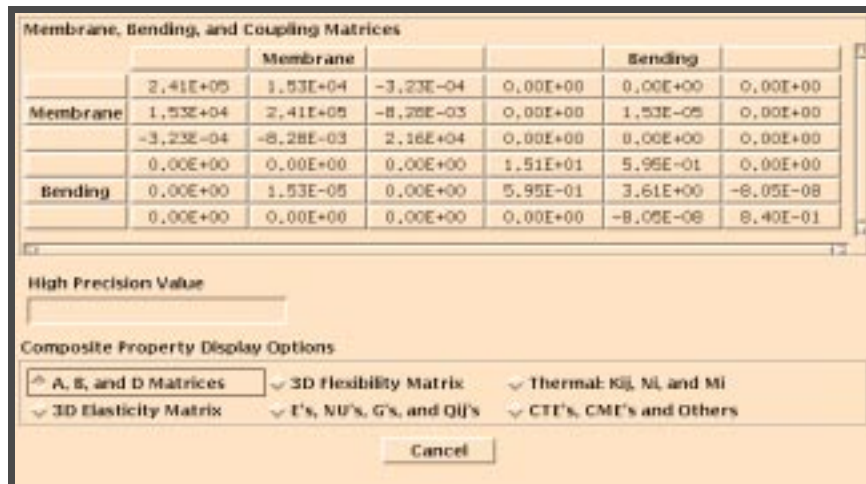
The modified **Laminated Composite** form should look like the following:

**Fig 1b-5: Modified layup.**



**Show Laminate Properties...**

**Fig 1b-6: Modified A, B, and D Matrices.**



Note that the B matrix is null for “symmetric” layup. This means no bowing from in-plane loads.

*Composite Property Display  
Options:*

◆ E's, NU's, G's, and Qij's

In the modified composite, notice that the “lumped” properties (E's, NU's, G's, and Qij's) remain the same as those shown in **Fig 1b-4**.

**Cancel**

◆ **Results**

*Action:*

**Delete**

*Object:*

**Result Cases**

*Existing Result Cases:*

**Default, Static Subcase**

4. Submit model for linear static analysis.

◆ **Analysis**

*Action:*

**Delete**

*Object:*

**Job**

*Existing Jobs:*

**prob1a**

**Apply**

*Action:*

**Analyze**

*Object:*

**Entire Model**

*Method:*

**Analysis Deck**

*Job Name:*

**prob1b**

**Apply**

An MSC/NASTRAN input file called **prob1b.bdf** will be generated. This process of translating your model into an input file is called the Forward Translation. The Forward Translation is complete when the Heartbeat turns green.

## Generating an input file for MSC/NASTRAN Users:

5. The generated input file (prob1b.bdf) should be similar to the following:

(Type "more prob1b.bdf" at UNIX shell window to compare.)

```
$ NASTRAN input file created by the MSC MSC/NASTRAN input file
$ translator ( MSC/PATRAN Version 7.5 ) on January 22, 1998 at
$ 16:49:00.
ASSIGN OUTPUT2 = 'prob1b.op2', UNIT = 12
$ Direct Text Input for File Management Section
$ Linear Static Analysis, Database
SOL 101
TIME 600
$ Direct Text Input for Executive Control
CEND
SEALL = ALL
SUPER = ALL
TITLE = MSC/NASTRAN job created on 22-Jan-98 at 16:48:29
ECHO = NONE
MAXLINES = 999999999
$ Direct Text Input for Global Case Control Data
SUBCASE 1
$ Subcase name : Default
  SUBTITLE=Default
  SPC = 2
  LOAD = 2
  DISPLACEMENT(SORT1,REAL)=ALL
  SPCFORCES(SORT1,REAL)=ALL
  STRESS(SORT1,REAL,VONMISES,BILIN)=ALL
BEGIN BULK
PARAM      POST      -1
PARAM      PATVER    3.
PARAM      AUTOSPC   YES
PARAM      INREL     0
PARAM      ALTRED    NO
PARAM      COUPMASS  -1
PARAM      K6ROT     0.
PARAM      WTMASS    1.
PARAM,NOCOMPS,-1
PARAM      PRTMAXIM  YES
$ Direct Text Input for Bulk Data
$ Elements and Element Properties for region : plate
$ Composite Property Record created from P3/PATRAN composite material
$ record : compositel
$ Composite Material Description :
PCOMP      1              0.      0.      +
A
+      A 1      .0054  0.      YES      1      .0054  90.      YES      +
B
+      B 1      .0054  90.      YES      1      .0054  0.      YES
CQUAD4    1      1      1      2      5      4      1
CQUAD4    2      1      2      3      6      5      1
CQUAD4    3      1      4      5      8      7      1
```

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```
CQUAD4  4      1      5      6      9      8      1
$ Referenced Material Records
$ Material Record : ply_mat
$ Description of Material : Date: 15-Jan-98           Time: 17:40:54
MAT8    1      2.+7  2.+6  .35    1.+6
$ Nodes of the Entire Model
GRID    1      0.    0.    0.
GRID    2      .5    0.    0.
GRID    3      1.    0.    0.
GRID    4      0.    .5    0.
GRID    5      .5    .5    0.
GRID    6      1.    .5    0.
GRID    7      0.    1.    0.
GRID    8      .5    1.    0.
GRID    9      1.    1.    0.
$ Loads for Load Case : Default
SPCADD  2      1      3
LOAD    2      1.    1.    1
$ Displacement Constraints of Load Set : simple_constraint
SPC1    1      135   1      4      7
$ Displacement Constraints of Load Set : y_constraint
SPC1    3      2      1
$ Distributed Loads of Load Set : uniform_load
FORCE   1      3      3.75  1.    0.    0.
FORCE   1      6      3.75  1.    0.    0.
FORCE   1      6      3.75  1.    0.    0.
FORCE   1      9      3.75  1.    0.    0.
$ Referenced Coordinate Frames
CORD2R  1      0.    0.    0.    0.    0.    1.
+      C
+      C 0.    1.    0.
ENDDATA b2449674
```

## SUBMITTING THE INPUT FILE FOR MSC/NASTRAN and MSC/PATRAN USERS:

- Submit the input file to MSC/NASTRAN for analysis by finding an available UNIX shell window. At the command prompt enter **nastran prob1b.bdf scr=yes**. Monitor the run using the UNIX **ps** command.
- Proceed with the Reverse Translation process, that is, importing the **prob1b.op2** results file into MSC/PATRAN. To do this, return to the **Analysis** form and proceed as follows:

### ◆ Analysis

*Action:*

**Read Output 2**

*Object:*

**Result Entities**

*Method:*

**Translate**

**Select Results File...**

*Selected Results File*

**prob1b.op2**

**Apply**

Before postprocessing the results, clear the LBC markers from the screen by selecting the following main menu icon:



**Reset Graphics**

- When the translation is complete and the Heartbeat turns green, bring up the **Results** form.

### ◆ Results

*Action:*

**Create**

*Object:*

**Quick Plot**

*Select Result Cases:*

**Default, Static Subcase**

*Select Fringe Result:*

**Displacements, Translational**

*Result Quantity:*

**X Component**

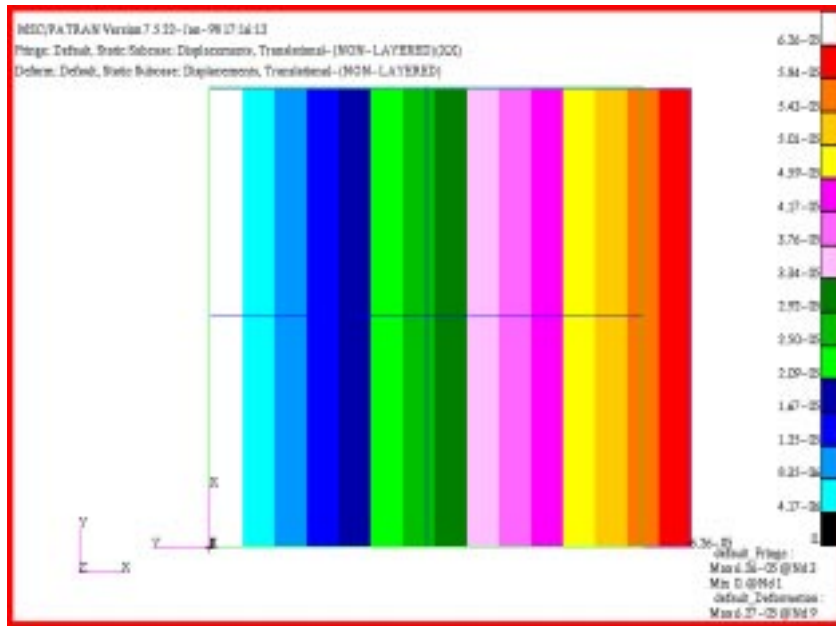
*Select Deformation Result:*

**Displacements, Translational**

**Apply**

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Figure 1b-7: Fringe plot of X Displacement.



Using the formula  $x = F/k$ , where  $k = AE/l$  and  $E$  is  $E_{II}$  from **Fig 1b-4**, notice that the maximum displacement of 0.0000626 equals:

$$x = \frac{15bf}{\left(\frac{0.0216in^2 \cdot (1.1 \times 10^7 lbf/in^2)}{1in}\right)}$$

Result Quantity:

Z Component

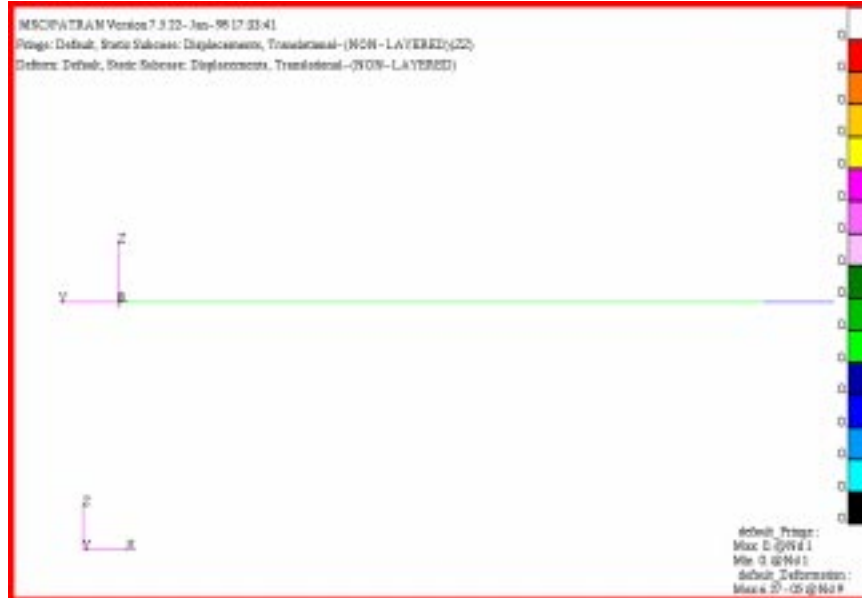
Apply

Bottom View:



Bottom View

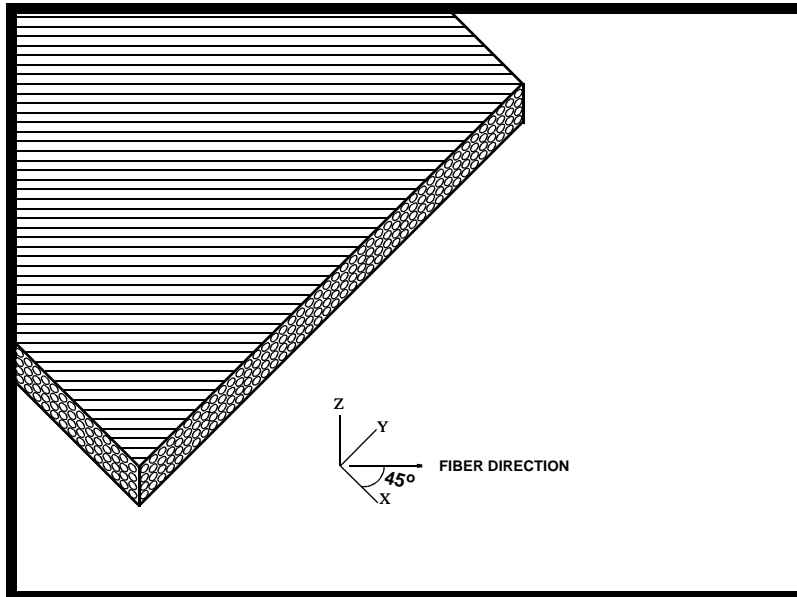
Figure 1b-8: Fringe plot of Z Displacement.



Notice that there is no z-displacement in the model. This is because the model is now symmetrically layered, and the material orientation does not cause a bowing effect due to varying moduli on either side of the composite centerline. This can also be seen in the composite constitutive matrices by the null B matrix (in **Fig 1b-6**).

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Figure 1b-8: An unbalanced layup.



A *balanced layup* is where there is an equal number of positive angled plies as negative angled plies. As can be seen in the above figure, this layup is *unbalanced* because there is only a positive angled ply, and no negative angled ones.

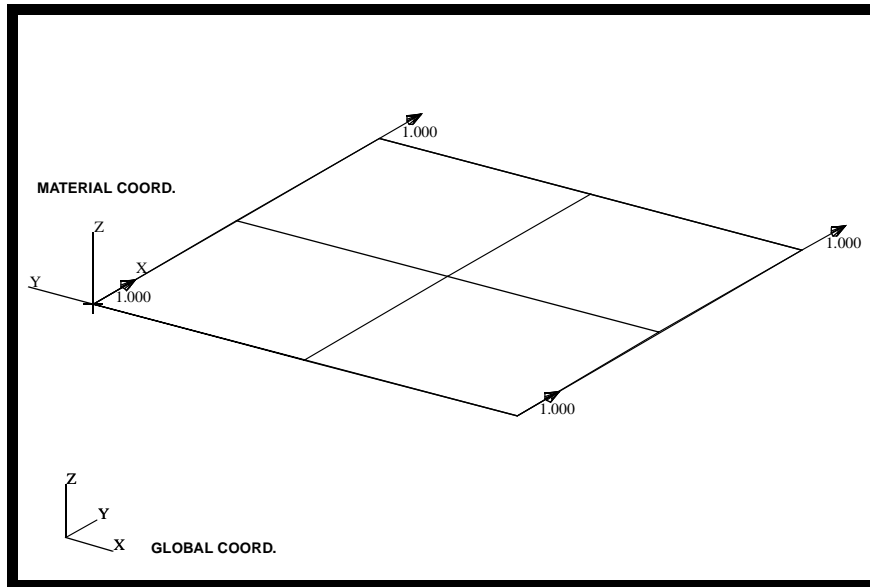
The *ply-orientation angle* is the angle measured from  $X_m$  (x-axis of the material coordinate system) to the 1 direction of the ply coordinate system (ply fiber direction).

In order to properly model the fiber direction shown in the above figure, the proper sign of the ply-orientation angle must be determined.

Nastran defines the “positive” ply-orientation angle following the “right hand rule” around  $Z_m$ . In other words, the positive angular direction is the angular direction going from the  $X_m$  to the  $Y_m$  axis rotating about the  $Z_m$  axis.

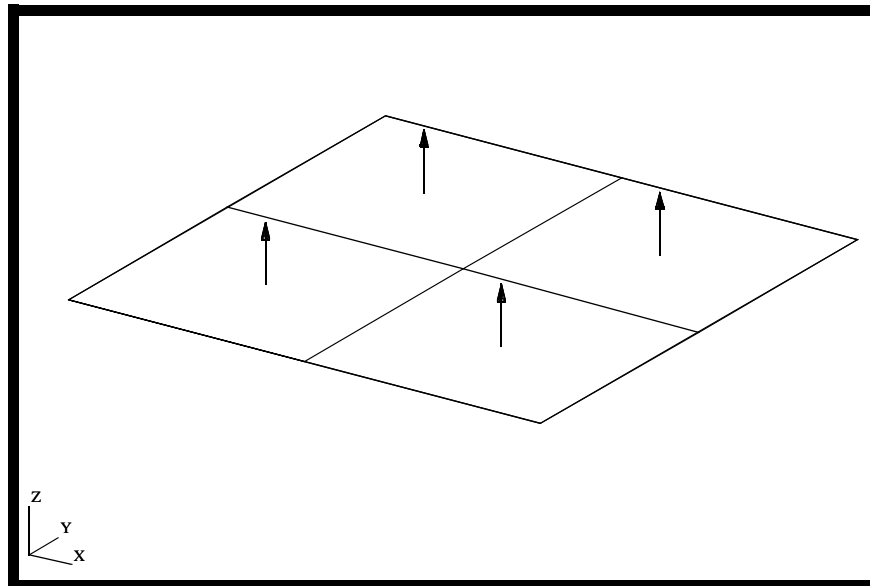
Patran shows the  $X_m$  direction as the 1.000 direction in Figure 1b-9 below:

**Figure 1b-9: Material coordinate system shown.**



Patran shows the  $Z_m$  axis as element normals in Fig 1b-10 below:

**Figure 1b-10: Normal vectors displayed.**



We saw in Figure 1b-8 that the fiber direction is **+45 degrees** from the x-axis of the global coordinate system. But the *ply-orientation angle* is defined in the material coordinate system which is offset by +90 degrees from the global system (shown in Figure 1b-9). Thus the proper ply-orientation angle is **-45 degrees** (in the material coordinate system).

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9. Modify layup to “single-ply” with orientation angle of **-45°**.

◆ **Materials**

<i>Action:</i>	<b>Modify</b>
<i>Object:</i>	<b>Composite</b>
<i>Method:</i>	<b>Laminate</b>
<i>Laminated Composites:</i>	<b>composite1</b>

Delete existing layers: In the *Laminated Composite* form, delete all layers using **Delete Selected Rows**.

Add material layers to the composite: Click on **ply\_mat** in the “*Existing Materials*” databox once.

Add layer thicknesses: (1) Click “*Thickness For All Layers of...*” databox in the *Laminated Composite* form, (2) type **.0054**, and (3) hit **Enter**.

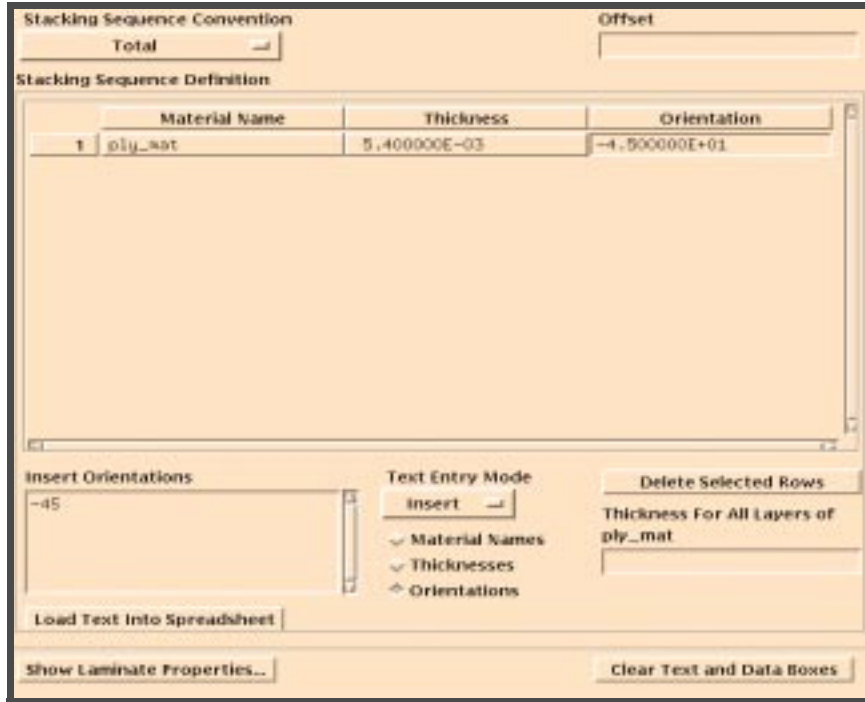
Add layer orientations: (1) Under *Orientation*, click cell. (2) Click *Overwrite Orientations* databox, (3) delete previous data, (4) type **-45**, **Enter**. Then:

**Load Text Into Spreadsheet**

**Apply**

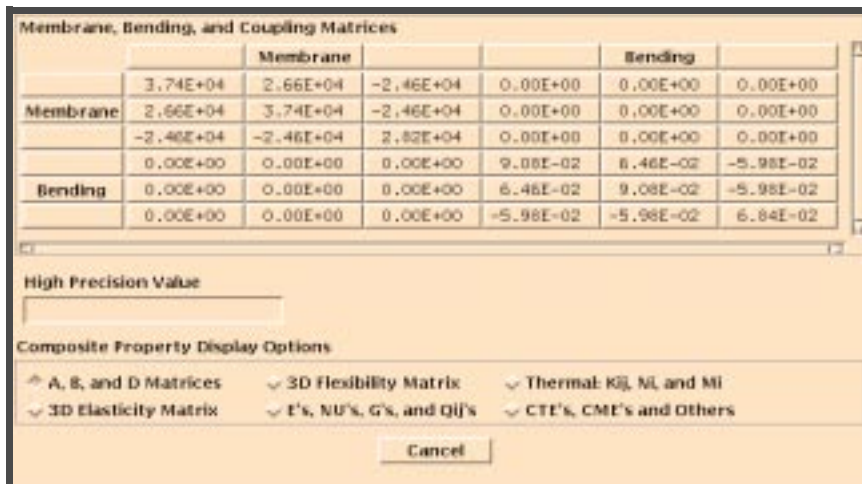
The modified **Laminated Composite** form should look like the following:

**Figure 1b-11: Single-ply layup.**



**Show Laminate Properties...**

**Fig 1b-12: Modified A, B, and D Matrices.**



Notice that the  $A_{23}$  term in the “A matrix” is now  $-2.46E+04$ , which indicates that a load in the  $Y_m$  direction will cause a shearing displacement as well as an axial displacement. (*A matrix*: Membrane/Membrane 3x3 in the upper left corner of the 6x6 matrix.)

*Composite Property Display Options:*

◆ E's, NU's, G's, and Qij's

The elasticity printout shows that an angled laminate has a much lower modulus than the 0-90 laminates previously run.

**Fig 1b-13: E's, NU's, G's, and Qij's.**

Engineering Constants and 2D Elasticity Matrix						
E11,22,33	NU12,23,13	G12,23,31	Q			
3.42E+06	7.11E-01	5.21E+06	6.92E+06	4.92E+06	-4.56E+06	
3.42E+06	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	4.92E+06	6.92E+06	-4.56E+06	
0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	-4.56E+06	-4.56E+06	5.21E+06	

High Precision Value

Composite Property Display Options

A, B, and D Matrices   
  3D Flexibility Matrix   
  Thermal: K<sub>ij</sub>, N<sub>L</sub> and M<sub>L</sub>  
 3D Elasticity Matrix   
  E's, NU's, G's, and Qij's   
  CTE's, CME's and Others

Cancel

Cancel

◆ Results

Action:

Delete

Object:

Result Cases

Existing Result Cases:

Default, Static Subcase

10. Submit model for linear static analysis.

◆ Analysis

Action:

Delete

Object:

Job

Existing Jobs:

prob1b

Apply

*Action:***Analyze***Object:***Entire Model***Method:***Analysis Deck***Job Name:***prob1c****Apply**

An MSC/NASTRAN input file called **prob1c.bdf** will be generated. This process of translating your model into an input file is called the Forward Translation. The Forward Translation is complete when the Heartbeat turns green.

## Generating an input file for MSC/NASTRAN Users:

11. The generated input file (problc.bdf) should be similar to the following:

(Type "more problb.bdf" at UNIX shell window to compare.)

```
$ NASTRAN input file created by the MSC MSC/NASTRAN input file
$ translator ( MSC/PATRAN Version 7.5 ) on January 30, 1998 at
$ 18:30:09.
ASSIGN OUTPUT2 = 'problc.op2', UNIT = 12
$ Direct Text Input for File Management Section
$ Linear Static Analysis, Database
SOL 101
TIME 600
$ Direct Text Input for Executive Control
CEND
SEALL = ALL
SUPER = ALL
TITLE = MSC/NASTRAN job created on 22-Jan-98 at 16:48:29
ECHO = NONE
MAXLINES = 999999999
$ Direct Text Input for Global Case Control Data
SUBCASE 1
$ Subcase name : Default
  SUBTITLE=Default
  SPC = 2
  LOAD = 2
  DISPLACEMENT(SORT1,REAL)=ALL
  SPCFORCES(SORT1,REAL)=ALL
  STRESS(SORT1,REAL,VONMISES,BILIN)=ALL
BEGIN BULK
PARAM POST -1
PARAM PATVER 3.
PARAM AUTOSPC YES
PARAM INREL 0
PARAM ALTRED NO
PARAM COUPMASS -1
PARAM K6ROT 0.
PARAM WTMASS 1.
PARAM,NOCOMPS,-1
PARAM PRTMAXIM YES
$ Direct Text Input for Bulk Data
$ Elements and Element Properties for region : plate
$ Composite Property Record created from P3/PATRAN composite material
$ record : compositel
$ Composite Material Description :
PCOMP 1 0. 0.
+ A
+ A 1 .0054 -45. YES
CQUAD4 1 1 1 2 5 4 1
CQUAD4 2 1 2 3 6 5 1
CQUAD4 3 1 4 5 8 7 1
CQUAD4 4 1 5 6 9 8 1
$ Referenced Material Records
$ Material Record : ply_mat
$ Description of Material : Date: 15-Jan-98 Time: 17:40:54
```

```

MAT8      1      2.+7      2.+6      .35      1.+6
$ Nodes of the Entire Model
GRID     1      0.      0.      0.
GRID     2      .5      0.      0.
GRID     3      1.      0.      0.
GRID     4      0.      .5      0.
GRID     5      .5      .5      0.
GRID     6      1.      .5      0.
GRID     7      0.      1.      0.
GRID     8      .5      1.      0.
GRID     9      1.      1.      0.
$ Loads for Load Case : Default
SPCADD   2      1      3
LOAD     2      1.      1.      1
$ Displacement Constraints of Load Set : simple_constraint
SPC1     1      135      1      4      7
$ Displacement Constraints of Load Set : y_constraint
SPC1     3      2      1
$ Distributed Loads of Load Set : uniform_load
FORCE    1      3      3.75      1.      0.      0.
FORCE    1      6      3.75      1.      0.      0.
FORCE    1      6      3.75      1.      0.      0.
FORCE    1      9      3.75      1.      0.      0.
$ Referenced Coordinate Frames
CORD2R   1      0.      0.      0.      0.      0.      1.      +
B
+      B 0.      1.      0.
ENDDATA af4f4c04

```

## SUBMITTING THE INPUT FILE FOR MSC/NASTRAN and MSC/PATRAN USERS:

- Submit the input file to MSC/NASTRAN for analysis by finding an available UNIX shell window. At the command prompt enter **nastran prob1c.bdf scr=yes**. Monitor the run using the UNIX **ps** command. MSC/NASTRAN Users have finished this exercise. MSC/PATRAN Users should proceed to the next step.
- Proceed with the Reverse Translation process, that is, importing the **prob1c.op2** results file into MSC/PATRAN. To do this, return to the **Analysis** form and proceed as follows:

### ◆ Analysis

Action:

Read Output 2

Object:

Result Entities

Method:

Translate

Select Results File...

Selected Results File

prob1c.op2

Apply

Before postprocessing the results, clear the LBC markers from the screen by selecting the following main menu icon:



Reset Graphics

- When the translation is complete and the Heartbeat turns green, bring up the **Results** form.

### ◆ Results

Action:

Create

Object:

Deformation

Select Result Cases:

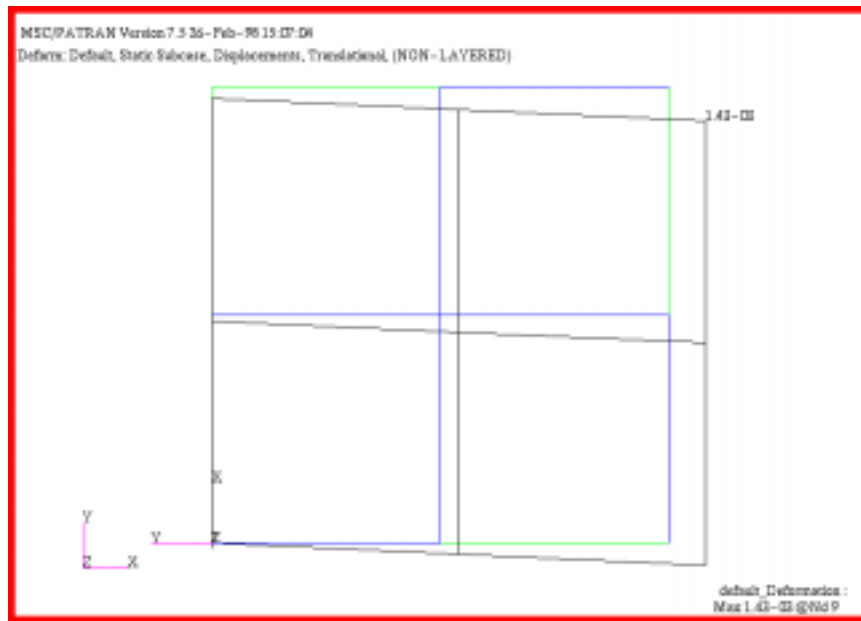
Default, Static Subcase

Select Deformation Result:

Displacements, Translational

Apply

Fig 1b-14: Deformation plot.



The 45 degree orientation of the model is responsible for the shear displacement seen in Figure 1b-14. This is because the secondary direction of the material feels the same loading as the primary direction of the model, 0.707 times the applied load. This secondary direction, however, has a modulus 10 times less than that of the primary direction, and therefore yields much easier. Notice that the deformation tends towards -45 degrees, the same orientation as the secondary direction.

If you wish, you may view the z-displacement of the model. You will find, however, that there is none because the laminate is symmetric with respect to its center line.

**Quit** MSC/PATRAN when you have completed this exercise.

# ***UNBALANCED***

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