

**Mechanics of Composite Materials, Second Edition**  
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**Errors/Typographical Mistakes in Second Edition**

**Some corrections have already been made in the second print of the second edition of the book**

**Page 4:** Equation 1.3 should read as

$$M = \frac{PL^2}{u} \frac{1}{E/\rho}$$

**Page 81.** The correct form of Equation (2.32) and (2.33) is given

$$\frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial \varepsilon_i \partial \varepsilon_j} = C_{ij}, \quad (2.32)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial \varepsilon_j \partial \varepsilon_i} = C_{ji}. \quad (2.33)$$

**Page 84:** Figure 2.12 should have a label of C just like in Figure 2.13.

**Page 90:** Last line Equation 2.48(d) should read as

$$\tau_{23} = \tau_{2'3'}$$

**Page 91:** Equation 2.50(b).

$$C_{1'4} \text{ should read as } C_{14}$$

**Page 93:** Line after Equation 2.57 should read as

*Similarly, as shown in Figure 2.16b, apply  $\sigma_1 = 0, \sigma_2 \neq 0, \sigma_3 = 0, \tau_{23} = 0, \tau_{31}$*

**Page 96.** First line should read as

Inversion of Equation (2.70) would be the (compliance) stiffness matrix [C] and is

**Page 104.** Last line should read as

*through Equation (~~2.98~~ 2.79) and Equation (2.92) as*

**Page 96.** First line should read as

Inversion of Equation (2.70) would be the (~~compliance~~) stiffness matrix [C] and is

**Page 111:** Equation 2.99 should have an = sign rather than a – sign. Equation 2.99 should read as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \gamma_{12}/2 \end{bmatrix} = [T] \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_x \\ \varepsilon_y \\ \gamma_{xy}/2 \end{bmatrix},$$

**Page 112:** The last term of  $\bar{Q}_{12}$ , in Eqn 2.104 (b) should be  $s^4$ . The corrected equation is

$$\bar{Q}_{12} = (Q_{11} + Q_{22} - 4Q_{66})s^2 c^2 + Q_{12}(c^4 + s^4),$$

**Page 112:** In equation (105), the last column vector should read as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \\ \tau_{xy} \end{bmatrix},$$

the last element of the vector should have a  $\tau$ .

**Page 113:** The second word  $\bar{S}_{ij}$  on first line of the page should have a bar on top.

**Page 121.**  $\varepsilon_B = 1.225 \times 10^{-5}$ ;  $\varepsilon_c = -1.855 \times 10^{-4}$

**Page 141:**  $\sigma_2 = -0.866\tau$  (4<sup>th</sup> line from bottom)

**Page 144:** Eighth line from top, = sign is missing in

$$\sigma_1 = 0.1714 \times 10^1 R$$

**Page 150.** The subscript of  $\tau_{13}$ , although not wrong, should be  $\tau_{31}$  in equation (2.144) only for reasons of consistency.

**Page 168.** Replace problem#2 by this problem (go to end of this document) as the engineering constants in the problem are not valid.

**Page 168.** Replace problem#3 by the problem (go to end of this document) as the [C] matrix is not valid.

**Page 206:** Equation 3.3a-c should have  $\rho$  instead of  $r$ . It should read as

$$\begin{aligned}w_c &= \rho_c v_c, \\w_f &= \rho_f v_f, \text{ and} \\w_m &= \rho_m v_m.\end{aligned}$$

**Page 210:** The first line

$$W_f = \frac{2500}{2110} \times \cancel{0.3} 0.7$$

**Page 210:** The last line

$$=(0.3) (\cancel{0.1896} 1.896 \times 10^{-3})$$

**Page 212:** Line 10 from top: "For composites with a certain volume of voids  $\forall v_v$ "

**Pg. 217:** In the third diagram of Figure 3.3, the thickness of the fiber should be noted as " $t_f$ " instead of " $t_r$ "

**Pg. 227:** In Figure 3.11(b), the bottom dimension line for  $t_f$  should be in line with the bold line of the original shape instead of the dotted line of the deformed shape.

**Page 239:** Top of page  $\Leftarrow G_{12} = 8.130 \text{ GPa}$

**Page 280.** Table 3.6, the equations referred to are 3.173(a) and 3.173(b).

**Page 282:** Eighth line from top should read as: Using the transverse ultimate strain failure mode formula (~~3.76~~ 3.171)

**Page 285:** The table in Figure 3.31,  $L_2 = 127 \pm 1.5$

**Page 287:** Eighth line from top. Substituting the expressions in Equation (~~3-823~~.177) in Equation (~~3-813~~.176), we get

**Page 310:** Problem 3.18: ~~60%~~ unidirectional

**Page 313:** 28. *Shepery* should read as 28. *Shapery*

**Page 318:** Fifth line from top, "A notation of  $\mp 45^\circ$  would indicate the  $-45^\circ$  angle ply ...."

**Page 324.** The units of the curvatures in the example are 1/in, that is,

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \kappa_x \\ \kappa_y \\ \kappa_{xy} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 1.965 \\ 0.2385 \\ -1.773 \end{Bmatrix} \frac{1}{in}$$

**Page 335: The B matrix is**

$$[B] = \begin{bmatrix} -3.129 \times 10^6 & 9.855 \times 10^5 & -1.072 \times 10^6 \\ 9.855 \times 10^5 & 1.158 \times 10^6 & -1.072 \times 10^6 \\ -1.072 \times 10^6 & -1.072 \times 10^6 & 9.855 \times 10^5 \end{bmatrix} Pa - m^2$$

**Page 358:** Table 4.6. The third column item is  $\sigma_{yx}$

**Page 364:** Problem 4.2: Part 5 should be  $[45/\mp 30]_2$

**Page 378:** Line before Equation (5.9) should read as "From Equation (~~2-131a~~ 2.137a)"

**Page 389:** First line, replace ~~ply~~ by "ply" in the formula.

**Page 400:** Line 8 should read as

$$E_b = 10.3 \times 10^6 \frac{1}{12} (4)(1)^3$$

**Page 400:** Line 17 should read as

$$3.433 \times 10^6 = 26.25 \times 10^6 \frac{1}{12} 4 h^3$$

**Page 402: Footnote:** The number ~~0.0004921 in.~~ should read as *0.004921 in.*

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### Errors in First Edition

**Page 62:** Eqn 2.8. should read as

$$\epsilon_x = \frac{\sigma_x}{E_x}$$

**Page 71:** "stiffness matrix (Equation 2.36)" should read as "compliance matrix (equation (2.36))"

**Page 73:** "stiffness matrix (Equation 2.36)" should read as "compliance matrix (equation (2.39))"

**Page 74:** 5th line from top - spelling mistake "*monoclic*" should read as "*monoclinic*"

**Page 93:** The second last matrix should read as

$$[\bar{Q}] = \begin{bmatrix} 0.8053 \times 10^{-10} & -0.7878 \times 10^{-11} & -0.3234 \times 10^{-10} \\ -0.7878 \times 10^{-11} & 0.3475 \times 10^{-10} & -0.4696 \times 10^{-10} \\ -0.3234 \times 10^{-10} & -0.4696 \times 10^{-10} & 0.1141 \times 10^{-9} \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$

**Page 105:** Equation (2.132b) should have " $Q_{22}$ " instead of " $Q_{12}$ ". It should read as

$$U_2 = \frac{1}{2}(Q_{11} - Q_{22}),$$

**Page 119:** Units of S are MPa

**Page 121:** Units of S are MPa

**Page 124:** Eqn 2.159 - Put "2" in front of  $H_{12}$

$$(H_1 + H_2)\sigma + (H_{11} + H_{22} + 2H_{12})\sigma^2 = 1.$$

**Page 124:** In eqn 2.160, put "-" instead of "+" in front of  $(H_{11} + H_{22})\sigma^2$ . The eqn should read as

$$H_{12} = \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} [1 - (H_1 + H_2)\sigma - (H_{11} + H_{22})\sigma^2].$$

**Page 138:** Problem 2.38 - Line 1, Add " $\sigma > 0$ " after " $\sigma_x = -\sigma, \sigma_y = -\sigma$ ."

**Page 141:** Matrix C should be

$$[C] = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 33 & 38 & 54 \\ 12 & 45 & 48 & 69 \\ 23 & 90 & 82 & 121 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Page 183:** An = sign is missing after  $\tau_{yz}$

Footnote should read as

..... Hydrostatic stress is defined as

$$\sigma_{xx} = \sigma_{yy} = \sigma_{zz} = p, \tau_{xy} = 0, \tau_{yz} = 0, \tau_{zx} = 0$$

**Page 213:** Equation 3.108 should read as

$$\beta_2 = \frac{V_f(I + \nu_f)\Delta C_f \beta_f + V_m(I + \nu_m)\Delta C_m \beta_m}{(V_m \rho_m \Delta C_m + V_f \rho_f \Delta C_f)} \rho_c - \beta_1 \nu_{12},$$

The change is in the first symbol of the numerator on the right hand side

**Page 256:** The units for fictitious thermal moments are  $Pa \cdot m^2$

**Page 260:**  $\alpha$  instead of  $\sigma$  in last matrix equation. It should read as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha_x \\ \alpha_y \\ \alpha_{xy} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5.353 \times 10^{-10} & -2.297 \times 10^{-11} & 0 \\ -2.297 \times 10^{-11} & 9.886 \times 10^{-10} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 9.298 \times 10^{-9} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1.852 \times 10^3 \\ 2.673 \times 10^3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Page 265:** Problem 4.12: put '*transformed*' in front of '*reduced stiffness matrix*'

**Page 265:** Problem 4.14: Line 3 from top Replace "*glass/epoxy*" by "*graphite/epoxy*"

**Page 272:** Examples of quasi-isotropic laminates include [0/36/72/-36/-72]. The last two angles in book are wrong!

**Page 276:** Equation (5.18) should read as

$$[A^*] = \frac{1}{h} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{U_1}{U_1^2 - U_4^2} & -\frac{U_4}{U_1^2 - U_4^2} & 0 \\ -\frac{U_4}{U_1^2 - U_4^2} & \frac{U_1}{U_1^2 - U_4^2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{U_1 - U_4} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Page 278-282:**

First ply failure

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{N_x}{h} &= \frac{7.277 \times 10^6}{0.015} \\ &= 0.4851 \times 10^9 \text{ Pa} \end{aligned}$$

The normal strain in the x-direction at this load is

$$\begin{aligned} (\varepsilon_x^0)_{\text{first ply failure}} &= (5.353 \times 10^{-10})(7.277 \times 10^6) \\ &= 3.895 \times 10^{-3} \end{aligned}$$

Last ply failure

$$\frac{N_x}{h} = \frac{1.5 \times 10^7}{0.015}$$

$$= 0.1 \times 10^{10} \text{ Pa}$$

$$(\varepsilon_x^0)_{\text{last ply failure}} = (5.525 \times 10^{-10})(1.5 \times 10^7)$$

$$= 8.288 \times 10^{-3}$$

**Page 284.** Figure 5.1 does not show the strains correctly.

**Page 288:** Example 5.5. Properties of aluminum are given in Table 3.4.

**Page 289:** Missing “t=” in

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{6(13000)2}{4(40.02) 10^3}}$$

$$= 0.9872 \text{ in.}$$

**Page 299:** Problem 5.10. Both parts of the problem are about the given laminate

**Page 300:** Problem 5.18. Change 'stiffness' by 'modulus'

## REVISED PROBLEM 2.2 AND 2.3

2.2 The engineering constants for an orthotropic material are found to be

$$\begin{aligned} E_1 &= 21.7 \text{ Msi}, E_2 = 1.74 \text{ Msi}, E_3 = 1.74 \text{ Msi}, \\ \nu_{12} &= 0.25, \nu_{13} = 0.25, \nu_{23} = 0.43, \\ G_{12} &= 0.61 \text{ Msi}, G_{23} = 0.45 \text{ Msi}, G_{31} = 0.61 \text{ Msi} \end{aligned}$$

Find the stiffness matrix [C] and the compliance matrix [S] for the above orthotropic material.

**Answers**

$$[S] = \begin{bmatrix} 0.046083 & -0.011521 & -0.01152 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.011521 & 0.57471 & -0.24713 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.011521 & -0.24713 & 0.57471 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2.2222 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1.6393 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1.6393 \end{bmatrix} \text{ Msi}^{-1}$$

$$[C] = \begin{bmatrix} 22.088 & 0.77682 & 0.77682 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.77682 & 2.162 & 0.94524 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.77682 & 0.94524 & 2.162 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.45 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.61 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.61 \end{bmatrix} \text{ Msi}$$

2.3 Consider an orthotropic material with the stiffness matrix given by

$$[C] = \begin{bmatrix} 152.68 & 5.3571 & 5.3571 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 5.3571 & 14.91 & 6.5185 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 5.3571 & 6.5185 & 14.91 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3.1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 4.2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 4.2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ GPa}$$

Find

a) the stresses in the principal directions of symmetry if the strains in the principal directions of symmetry at a point in the material are

$$\varepsilon_1 = 1 \mu\text{m/m}, \varepsilon_2 = 3 \mu\text{m/m}, \varepsilon_3 = 2 \mu\text{m/m},$$

$$\gamma_{23} = 0, \gamma_{31} = 5 \mu\text{m/m}, \gamma_{12} = 6 \mu\text{m/m},$$

b) the compliance matrix [S]

c) the engineering constants  $E_1, E_2, E_3, \nu_{12}, \nu_{23}, \nu_{31}, G_{12}, G_{23}, G_{31}$ .

d) the strain energy per unit volume at the point where strains are given in part

(a)

**Answers**

(a) [ 179460 63124 54733 0 21000 25200] Pa

$$(b) [S] = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0066667 & -0.0016667 & -0.0016667 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.0016667 & 0.0833333 & -0.0358333 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.0016667 & -0.0358333 & 0.0833333 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.32258 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.2381 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.2381 \end{bmatrix} \text{GPa}^{-1}$$

(c)  $E_1=150\text{GPa}, E_2=12\text{GPa}, E_3=12\text{GPa}, \nu_{12}=0.25, \nu_{23}=0.43, \nu_{31}=0.02, G_{12}=4.2 \text{GPa}, G_{23}=3.1\text{GPa}, G_{31}=4.2 \text{GPa}.$

(d)  $0.37625 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m/m}^3$