3.1 Example. Calculate the stiffness [A], [B], [D] and the compliance $[\alpha]$, $[\beta]$, $[\delta]$ matrices of a $[0_{10}/45_{10}]$ laminate made of graphite epoxy unidirectional plies. The ply properties are given in Table 3.6.

Solution. The stiffness matrix of a unidirectional ply with the fibers in the 0-degree direction is $[\overline{Q}]^0 = [Q]$. The stiffness matrix [Q] is given by Eq. (2.147),

		[0]	\pm 45 $^{\mathrm{f}}$
Longitudinal Young's modulus (GPa)	E_1	148	16.39
Transverse Young's modulus (GPa)	E_2	9.65	16.39
Longitudinal shear modulus (GPa)	G_{12}	4.55	38.19
Longitudinal Poission's ratio	ν_{12}	0.3	0.80
Thickness (mm)	h_0	0.1	0.2

and thus $[\overline{Q}]^0$ is

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$$[\overline{Q}]^0 = [Q] = \begin{bmatrix} 148.87 & 2.91 & 0\\ 2.91 & 9.71 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 4.55 \end{bmatrix} 10^9 \frac{N}{m^2}.$$
 (3.49)

The stiffness matrix $[\overline{Q}]$ of a ply not in the 0-degree direction is (Eq. 3.14)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \overline{Q}_{11} & \overline{Q}_{12} & \overline{Q}_{16} \\ \overline{Q}_{12} & \overline{Q}_{22} & \overline{Q}_{26} \\ \overline{Q}_{16} & \overline{Q}_{26} & \overline{Q}_{66} \end{bmatrix} = [T_{\sigma}]^{-1} [Q] [T_{\epsilon}], \tag{3.50}$$

where $[T_{\sigma}]$ and $[T_{\epsilon}]$ are given by Eq. (3.15). For the 45-degree ply $c = \cos 45^{\circ} = 0.707$ and $s = \sin 45^{\circ} = 0.707$, and we have

$$[T_{\sigma}] = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0.5 & 1.0 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 & -1.0 \\ -0.5 & 0.5 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad [T_{\epsilon}] = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0.5 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 & -0.5 \\ -1.0 & 1.0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$
 (3.51)

By substituting Eqs. (3.49) and (3.51) into Eq. (3.50), we obtain the stiffness matrix of the 45-degree ply as follows:

$$[\overline{Q}]^{45} = \begin{bmatrix} 45.65 & 36.55 & 34.79 \\ 36.55 & 45.65 & 34.79 \\ 34.79 & 34.79 & 38.19 \end{bmatrix} 10^9 \frac{N}{m^2}.$$
(3.52)

The layup is shown in Fig 3.15. In calculating the [A], [B], [D] matrices we treat the ten 0-degree plies as one layer and the ten 45-degree plies as another layer. The [A], [B], [D] matrices are (Eq. 3.20)

$$[A] = [\overline{Q}]^{0} (z_{1} - z_{0}) + [\overline{Q}]^{45} (z_{2} - z_{1})$$

$$[B] = [\overline{Q}]^{0} \frac{z_{1}^{2} - z_{0}^{2}}{2} + [\overline{Q}]^{45} \frac{z_{2}^{2} - z_{1}^{2}}{2}$$

$$[D] = [\overline{Q}]^{0} \frac{z_{1}^{3} - z_{0}^{3}}{3} + [\overline{Q}]^{45} \frac{z_{2}^{3} - z_{1}^{3}}{3}.$$
(3.53)

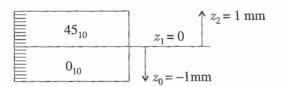


Figure 3.15: The $[0_{10}/45_{10}]$ laminate in Example 3.1.

The $[\overline{Q}]$ matrices are given by Eqs. (3.49) and (3.52). The distances (in meters) are $z_0 = -0.001$, $z_1 = 0$, $z_2 = 0.001$ (Fig. 3.15). With these values Eq. (3.53) yields

$$[A] = [\overline{Q}]^{0}[0 - (-0.001)] + [\overline{Q}]^{45}(0.001 - 0) = \begin{bmatrix} 194.52 & 39.46 & 34.79 \\ 39.46 & 55.36 & 34.79 \\ 34.79 & 34.79 & 42.74 \end{bmatrix} 10^{6} \frac{N}{m}$$

$$[B] = [\overline{Q}]^{0} \frac{0^{2} - (-0.001)^{2}}{2} + [\overline{Q}]^{45} \frac{0.001^{2} - 0^{2}}{2} = \begin{bmatrix} -51.61 & 16.82 & 17.40 \\ 16.82 & 17.97 & 17.40 \\ 17.40 & 17.40 & 16.82 \end{bmatrix} 10^{3} N$$

$$[D] = [\overline{Q}]^{0} \frac{0^{3} - (-0.001)^{3}}{3} + [\overline{Q}]^{45} \frac{0.001^{3} - 0^{3}}{3} = \begin{bmatrix} 64.84 & 13.15 & 11.60 \\ 13.15 & 18.45 & 11.60 \\ 11.60 & 11.60 & 14.25 \end{bmatrix} N \cdot m.$$

$$(3.54)$$

The compliance matrices are (Eq. 3.23)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \beta^T & \delta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ B & D \end{bmatrix}^{-1}.$$
 (3.55)

Hence, we have

$$[\alpha] = \begin{bmatrix} 13.44 & -4.85 & -7.14 \\ -4.85 & 41.81 & -21.23 \\ -7.14 & -21.23 & 64.95 \end{bmatrix} 10^{-9} \frac{m}{N}$$

$$[\beta] = \begin{bmatrix} 17.07 & -6.01 & -11.06 \\ -6.01 & -5.04 & -11.06 \\ -11.06 & -11.06 & -24.05 \end{bmatrix} 10^{-6} \frac{1}{N}$$

$$[\delta] = \begin{bmatrix} 40.32 & -14.56 & -21.41 \\ -14.56 & 125.42 & -63.68 \\ -21.41 & -63.68 & 194.86 \end{bmatrix} 10^{-3} \frac{1}{N \cdot m}.$$
(3.56)

The compliance and stiffness matrices of $[45_2/-45_2/0_{12}/-45_2/45_2]$, $[-30_4/15_4/0_2]_s$, $[0_2/45_2/90_2/-45_2]_s$, $[45_6/0_4]_s$, and $[0_2/45_2/0_2/45_2]$ laminates are calculated similarly. The results are in Tables 3.7, 3.8, and 3.9 (pages 84–86). Note that, for symmetrical laminates, the following simplifications apply: $[B] = [\beta] = 0$ and $[\alpha] = [a]$, $[\delta] = [d]$.

3.2 Example. Calculate the stiffness [A], [B], [D] and the compliance $[\alpha]$, $[\beta]$, $[\delta]$ matrices of a $[0_{20}]$ laminate made of graphite epoxy unidirectional plies. The ply properties are given in Table 3.6 (page 81).

Solution. The unidirectional laminate is symmetrical, and the [B] matrix is zero:

$$[B] = 0.$$
 (3.57)

Table 3.7. The [A] and [D] matrices for symmetrical laminates. The unit of [A] is $10^6 \frac{N}{m}$ and the unit of [D] is N · m. The material properties are given in Table 3.6 (page 81).

[0₂₀] (orthotropic, symmetrical)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 297.75 & 5.82 & 0 \\ 5.82 & 19.41 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 9.10 \end{bmatrix}$$

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 $[\pm 45_2^f/0_{12}/\pm 45_2^f]$ (orthotropic, symmetrical)

 $[45_2/-45_2/0_{12}/-45_2/45_2]$ (balanced, symmetrical)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 215.17 & 32.74 & 0 \\ 32.74 & 48.17 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 36.01 \end{bmatrix}$$

 $[-30_4/15_4/0_2]_s$ (symmetrical)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 235.54 & 32.74 & -10.19 \\ 32.74 & 27.79 & -10.19 \\ -10.19 & -10.19 & 36.01 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 65.42 & 16.29 & -18.93 \\ 16.29 & 11.60 & -7.74 \\ -18.93 & -7.74 & 17.39 \end{bmatrix}$$

 $[0_2/45_2/90_2/-45_2]_s \; (quasi-isotropic, symmetrical)$

 $[45_6/0_4]_s$ (symmetrical)

By treating the 20 plies as a single layer, the [A] and [D] matrices are (Eq. 3.20)

$$[A] = h[\overline{Q}] \qquad [D] = \frac{h^3}{12}[\overline{Q}], \tag{3.58}$$

where h = 0.002 m is the thickness of the laminate.

By substituting Eqs. (3.20) and (2.139) into Eq. (3.58) and by using the engineering constants in Table 3.6 (page 81) ($E_1 = 148 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2$, $E_2 = 9.65 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2$

Table 3.8. The [a] and [d] matrices for symmetrical laminates. The unit of [a] is $10^{-9} \frac{m}{N}$ and the unit of [d] is $10^{-3} \frac{1}{N \cdot m}$. The material properties are given in Table 3.6 (page 81).

[0₂₀] (orthotropic, symmetrical)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3.38 & -1.01 & 0 \\ -1.01 & 51.81 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 109.89 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10.14 & -3.04 & 0 \\ -3.04 & 155.44 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 329.67 \end{bmatrix}$$

 $[\pm 45_2^f/0_{12}/\pm 45_2^f]$ (orthotropic, symmetrical)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5.18 & -3.52 & 0 \\ -3.52 & 23.15 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 27.77 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5.18 & -3.52 & 0 \\ -3.52 & 23.15 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 27.77 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \begin{bmatrix} 33.10 & -25.59 & 0 \\ -25.59 & 59.37 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 48.51 \end{bmatrix}$$

 $[45_2/-45_2/0_{12}/-45_2/45_2]$ (balanced, symmetrical)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5.18 & -3.52 & 0 \\ -3.52 & 23.15 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 27.77 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5.18 & -3.52 & 0 \\ -3.52 & 23.15 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 27.77 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 33.16 & -25.33 & -1.69 \\ -25.33 & 60.51 & -7.60 \\ -1.69 & -7.60 & 50.51 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5.08 & -6.09 & -0.29 \\ -6.09 & 47.44 & 11.70 \\ -0.29 & 11.70 & 31.00 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 26.87 & -25.93 & 17.70 \\ -25.93 & 147.76 & 37.57 \\ 17.70 & 37.57 & 93.52 \end{bmatrix}$$

 $[0_2/45_2/90_2/-45_2]_s$ (quasi-isotropic, symmetrical)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 11.11 & -3.51 & 0 \\ -3.51 & 11.11 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 29.25 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 11.11 & -3.51 & 0 \\ -3.51 & 11.11 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 29.25 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \begin{bmatrix} 31.38 & -7.44 & -15.55 \\ -7.44 & 100.06 & -60.17 \\ -15.55 & -60.17 & 243.70 \end{bmatrix}$$

 $[45_6/0_4]_s$ (symmetrical)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 71.24 & -25.43 & -41.40 \\ -25.43 & 116.82 & -82.58 \\ -41.40 & -82.58 & 153.66 \end{bmatrix}$$

 10^9 N/m^2 , $G_{12} = 4.55 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2$, $v_{12} = 0.3$), we obtain

$$A_{11} = \frac{E_1 h}{1 - \nu_{12}^2 \frac{E_2}{E_1}} = 297.75 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}} \qquad A_{22} = \frac{E_2 h}{1 - \nu_{12}^2 \frac{E_2}{E_1}} = 19.41 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}}$$

$$A_{22} = \frac{E_2 h}{1 - \nu_{12}^2 \frac{E_2}{E_1}} = 19.41 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}}$$
(3.59)

$$A_{12} = \nu_{12} A_{22} = 5.82 \times 10^6 \, \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}}$$

$$A_{66} = G_{12}h = 9.10 \times 10^6 \, \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}}$$

$$A_{12} = v_{12} A_{22} = 5.82 \times 10^{6} \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}} \qquad A_{66} = G_{12} h = 9.10 \times 10^{6} \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}}$$

$$D_{11} = \frac{E_{1} h^{3}}{12 \left(1 - v_{12}^{2} \frac{E_{2}}{E_{1}}\right)} = 99.25 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} \qquad D_{22} = \frac{E_{2} h^{3}}{12 \left(1 - v_{12}^{2} \frac{E_{2}}{E_{1}}\right)} = 6.47 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

$$D_{22} = \frac{E_2 h^3}{12 \left(1 - v_{12}^2 \frac{E_2}{E_1} \right)} = 6.47 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$
(3.60)

$$D_{12} = \nu_{12} D_{22} = 1.94 \,\mathrm{N} \cdot \mathrm{m}$$

$$D_{12} = v_{12}D_{22} = 1.94 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$
 $D_{66} = \frac{G_{12}h^3}{12} = 3.03 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}.$

Table 3.9. The [A], [B], [D] and the $[\alpha]$, $[\beta]$, and $[\delta]$ matrices for unsymmetrical laminates. [A] is in $10^6 \frac{N}{m}$, [B] is in $10^3 N$, [D] is in $N \cdot m$, $[\alpha]$ is in $10^{-9} \frac{m}{N}$, $[\beta]$ is in $10^{-6} \frac{1}{N}$, and $[\delta]$ is in $10^{-3} \frac{1}{N \cdot m}$. The material properties are given in Table 3.6 (page 81).

[A]	[<i>B</i>]	[D]	
$[0_{10}/45_{10}]$			
194.52 39.46 34.79 39.46 55.36 34.79 34.79 34.79 42.74	$\begin{bmatrix} -51.61 & 16.82 & 17.40 \\ 16.82 & 17.97 & 17.40 \\ 17.40 & 17.40 & 16.82 \end{bmatrix}$	64.84 13.15 11.60 13.15 18.45 11.60 11.60 11.60 14.25	
$[0_2/45_2/0_2/45_2]$			
[77.81 15.79 13.92 15.79 22.14 13.92 13.92 13.92 17.10	-4.129 1.346 1.392 1.346 1.438 1.392 1.392 1.392 1.346	4.150 0.842 0.742 0.842 1.181 0.742 0.742 0.742 0.912	
$[\pm 45_5^f/0_{10}]$			
194.52 39.46 0 39.46 55.36 0 0 0 42.74	$\begin{bmatrix} 51.61 & -16.82 & 0 \\ -16.82 & -17.97 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -16.82 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 64.84 & 13.15 & 0 \\ 13.15 & 18.45 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 14.25 \end{bmatrix}$	
[α]	[β]	[δ]	
$[0_{10}/45_{10}]$			
$\begin{bmatrix} 13.44 & -4.85 & -7.14 \\ -4.85 & 41.81 & -21.23 \\ -7.14 & -21.23 & 64.95 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 17.07 & -6.01 & -11.06 \\ -6.01 & -5.04 & -11.06 \\ -11.06 & -11.06 & -24.05 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 40.32 & -14.56 & -21.41 \\ -14.56 & 125.42 & -63.68 \\ -21.41 & -63.68 & 194.86 \end{bmatrix}$	
$[0_2/45_2/0_2/45_2]$			
17.88 -7.14 -8.79 -7.14 96.35 -69.68 -8.79 -69.68 128.51	$\begin{bmatrix} 28.37 & -9.99 & -18.38 \\ -9.99 & -8.38 & -18.38 \\ -18.38 & -18.38 & -39.96 \end{bmatrix}$	-134 1 807 -1 306	
$[\pm 45_5^{\rm f}/0_{10}]$			
$\begin{bmatrix} 11.65 & -8.58 & 0 \\ -8.58 & 32.94 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 43.70 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} -13.97 & 12.22 & 0 \\ 12.22 & 15.55 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 51.60 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 34.94 & -25.74 & 0 \\ -25.74 & 98.83 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 131.11 \end{bmatrix}$	

The compliance matrices [a] and [d] are obtained by inverting the [A] and [D] stiffness matrices as follows:

$$[a] = [A]^{-1}$$
 $[d] = [D]^{-1}$. (3.61)

Equations (3.59)-(3.61) give

$$a_{11} = \frac{1}{E_1 h} = 3.38 \times 10^{-9} \frac{\text{m}}{\text{N}} \qquad a_{22} = \frac{1}{E_2 h} = 51.81 \times 10^{-9} \frac{\text{m}}{\text{N}}$$

$$a_{12} = -\nu_{12} a_{11} = -1.01 \times 10^{-9} \frac{\text{m}}{\text{N}} \qquad a_{66} = \frac{1}{G_{12} h} = 109.89 \times 10^{-9} \frac{\text{m}}{\text{N}}$$
(3.62)

$$d_{11} = \frac{12}{E_1 h^3} = 10.14 \times 10^{-3} \frac{1}{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}} \qquad d_{22} = \frac{12}{E_2 h^3} = 155.44 \times 10^{-3} \frac{1}{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}}$$

$$d_{12} = -\nu_{12} d_{11} = -3.04 \times 10^{-3} \frac{1}{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}} \qquad d_{66} = \frac{12}{G_{12} h^3} = 329.67 \times 10^{-3} \frac{1}{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}}$$
(3.63)

3.3 Example. Calculate the stiffness and the compliance matrices of (i) a laminated composite consisting of two layers of ± 45 -degree woven fabric, twelve layers of 0-degree unidirectional plies, and two layers of ± 45 -degree woven fabric ($[\pm 45_2^f/0_{12}/\pm 45_2^f]$); and (ii) a laminate consisting five layers of ± 45 -degree woven fabric and ten layers of 0-degree unidirectional plies ($[\pm 45_5^f/0_{10}]$). The material properties are given in Table 3.6 (page 81).

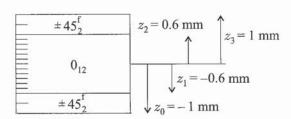
Solution. First we consider the laminate with $([\pm 45_2^f/0_{12}/\pm 45_2^f])$ layup (Fig. 3.16). The laminate is symmetrical, and the [B] matrix is zero:

$$[B] = 0.$$
 (3.64)

The compliance matrix of a unidirectional ply with the fibers in the 0-degree direction is $[\overline{Q}]^0 = [Q]$. The stiffness matrix [Q] is given by Eq. (2.147), and thus $[\overline{Q}]^0$ is

$$[\overline{Q}]^0 = [Q] = \begin{bmatrix} 148.87 & 2.91 & 0\\ 2.91 & 9.71 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 4.55 \end{bmatrix} 10^9 \frac{N}{m^2}.$$
 (3.65)

Figure 3.16: The layup of the laminate in Example 3.3. The supercript f denotes fabric.



For a ± 45 -degree woven fabric the stiffness matrix $[\overline{Q}]$ is (Eq. 2.150)

$$[\overline{Q}]^{\pm 45} = \begin{bmatrix} 45.65 & 36.55 & 0\\ 36.55 & 45.65 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 38.19 \end{bmatrix} 10^9 \frac{N}{m^2}.$$
 (3.66)

In calculating the [A], [B], [D] matrices we treat the twelve 0-degree plies as one layer and each adjacent woven fabric as one layer. The [A] and [D] matrices are

$$[A] = [\overline{Q}]^{\pm 45} (z_1 - z_0) + [\overline{Q}]^0 (z_2 - z_1) + [\overline{Q}]^{\pm 45} (z_3 - z_2)$$

$$[D] = [\overline{Q}]^{\pm 45} \frac{z_1^3 - z_0^3}{3} + [\overline{Q}]^0 \frac{z_2^3 - z_1^3}{3} + [\overline{Q}]^{\pm 45} \frac{z_3^3 - z_2^3}{3}.$$
(3.67)

The $[\overline{Q}]$ matrices are given by Eqs. (3.65) and (3.66). The distances (in meters) are $z_0 = -0.001$, $z_1 = -0.0006$, $z_2 = 0.0006$, and $z_3 = 0.001$ (Fig. 3.16). With these values Eq. (3.67) yields

$$[A] = \begin{bmatrix} 215.17 & 32.74 & 0\\ 32.74 & 48.17 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 36.01 \end{bmatrix} 10^6 \frac{N}{m}$$
 (3.68)

$$[D] = \begin{bmatrix} 45.30 & 19.52 & 0\\ 19.52 & 25.26 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 20.62 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{m} \,. \tag{3.69}$$

The compliance matrices [a] and [d] are (Eqs. 3.29 and 3.30)

$$[a] = [A]^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 5.18 & -3.52 & 0 \\ -3.52 & 23.15 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 27.77 \end{bmatrix} 10^{-9} \frac{m}{N}$$
 (3.70)

$$[d] = [D]^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 33.10 & -25.59 & 0 \\ -25.59 & 59.37 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 48.51 \end{bmatrix} 10^{-3} \frac{1}{N \cdot m}$$
 (3.71)

The compliance and stiffness matrices of the $[\pm 45^f_5/0_{10}]$ laminate are calculated similarly. The results are given in Table 3.9.