

# An approximation method of strength ratio calculation of laminated composite material based on evolutionary artificial neural network

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**Abstract**—Traditionally, classic lamination theory (CLT) is widely used to compute properties of composite materials under in-plane and out-of-plane loading from a knowledge of the material properties of the individual layers and the laminate geometry. In this study, a systematic procedure is proposed to design an artificial neural network (ANN) for a practical engineering problem, which is applied to calculate the strength ratio of a laminated composite material under in-plane loading, in which the genetic algorithm is proposed to optimize the search process at four different levels: the architecture, parameters, connections of the neural network, and active functions.

**Keywords**—Classic Lamination Theory; Genetic Algorithm; Artificial neural network; Optimization

## I. INTRODUCTION

Fiber-reinforced composite materials have been widely used in a variety of applications, which include electronic packaging, sports equipment, homebuilding, medical prosthetic devices, high-performance military structures, etc. because they offer improved mechanical stiffness, strength, and low specific gravity of fibers over conventional materials. The stacking sequence, ply thickness, and fiber orientation of composite laminates give the designer an additional 'degree of freedom' to tailor the design with respect to strength or stiffness. CLT and failure theory, e.g., Tsai-Wu failure criteria, is usually taken to predict the behavior of a laminate from a knowledge of the composite laminate properties of the individual layers and the laminate geometry.

However, the use of CLT needs intensive computation which takes an analytical method to solve the problem, since it involves massive matrix multiplication and integration calculation. Techniques of function approximation can accelerate the calculation process and reduce the computation cost. Artificial neural network (ANN), heavily inspired by biology and psychology, is a reliable tool instead of a complicated mathematical model. ANN has been widely used to solve various practical engineering problems in applications, such as pattern recognition, nonlinear regression, data mining, clustering, prediction, etc. Evolutionary artificial neural networks (EANN's)

is a special class of artificial neural networks (ANN's), in which evolutionary algorithms are introduced to design the topology of an ANN, and can be used at four different levels: connection weights, architectures, input features, and learning rules. It is shown that the combinations of ANN's and EA's can significantly improve the performance of intelligent systems than that rely's on ANN's or evolutionary algorithms alone.

The rest of this paper is organized as the following: section II introduces the CLT and the failure criteria, which is used to check whether the composite material fails or not in the present study; section III covers the design of artificial neural network for a function approximation; section IV reviews the use of the genetic algorithm in the design of neural network architecture, and the techniques of parameters optimization during the training process; section V presents the result of the numerical experiments in different cases; in the conclusion part, we present and discuss the experiment results.

## II. CLASSIC LAMINATION THEORY AND FAILURE THEORY

### A. Classic Lamination Theory

CLT is based upon three simplifying engineering assumptions: Each layer's thickness is small and consists of homogeneous, orthotropic material, and these layers are perfectly bonded together through the thickness; The entire laminated composite is supposed to be under in-plane loading; Normal cross-sections of the laminate is normal to the deflected middle surface, and do not change in thickness. Fig.1 shows the coordinate system used for showing an angle lamina. The axis in the 1-2 coordinate system are called the local axis or the material axis, and the axis in the x-y coordinate system are called global axis.

Special cases of laminates, i.e., symmetric laminates, cross-ply laminates, are important in the design of laminated structures. A laminate is called an angle ply laminate if it has plies of the same material and thickness and only oriented at  $+\theta$  and  $-\theta$  directions. A model of an angle ply laminate is as shown in Fig.2.

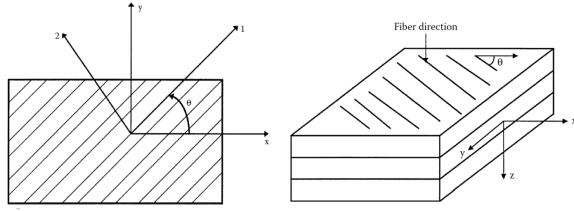


Fig. 1: The left diagram shows the local and global axis of an angle lamina, which is from a laminate as shown in the right diagram.

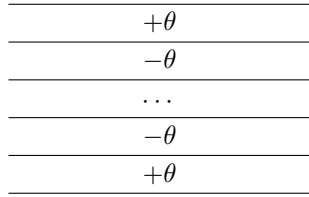


Fig. 2: Model for angle ply laminate

1) *Stress and Strain in a Lamina*: For a single lamina under in-plane loading whose thickness is relatively small, suppose the upper and lower surfaces of the lamina are free from external loading. According to Hooke's law, the three-dimensional stress-strain equations can be reduced to two-dimensional stress-strain equations in the composite material. The stress-strain relation in local axis 1-2 is

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_2 \\ \tau_{12} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Q_{11} & Q_{12} & 0 \\ Q_{12} & Q_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & Q_{66} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \gamma_{12} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

where  $Q_{ij}$  are the stiffnesses of the lamina. And they are related to engineering elastic constants as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{11} &= \frac{E_1}{1-\nu_{12}\nu_{21}}, \\ Q_{22} &= \frac{E_2}{1-\nu_{12}\nu_{21}}, \\ Q_{66} &= G_{12}, \\ Q_{12} &= \frac{\nu_{21}E_2}{1-\nu_{12}\nu_{21}}, \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where  $E_1, E_2, \nu_{12}, G_{12}$  are four independent engineering elastic constants, which are defined as follows:  $E_1$  is the longitudinal Young's modulus,  $E_2$  is the transverse Young's modulus,  $\nu_{12}$  is the major Poisson's ratio, and  $G_{12}$  is the in-plane shear modulus.

Stress strain relation in the global x-y axis is

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \\ \tau_{xy} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{Q}_{11} & \bar{Q}_{12} & \bar{Q}_{16} \\ \bar{Q}_{12} & \bar{Q}_{22} & \bar{Q}_{26} \\ \bar{Q}_{16} & \bar{Q}_{26} & \bar{Q}_{66} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_x \\ \varepsilon_y \\ \gamma_{xy} \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{Q}_{11} &= Q_{11}\cos^4\theta + Q_{22}\sin^4\theta + 2(Q_{12} + 2Q_{66})\sin^2\theta\cos^2\theta, \\ \bar{Q}_{12} &= (Q_{11} + Q_{22} - 4Q_{66})\sin^2\theta\cos^2\theta + Q_{12}(\cos^4\theta + \sin^4\theta), \\ \bar{Q}_{22} &= Q_{11}\sin^4\theta + Q_{22}\cos^4\theta + 2(Q_{12} + 2Q_{66})\sin^2\theta\cos^2\theta, \\ \bar{Q}_{16} &= (Q_{11} - Q_{12} - 2Q_{66})\cos^3\theta\sin\theta - (Q_{22} - Q_{12} - 2Q_{66})\sin^3\theta\cos\theta, \\ \bar{Q}_{26} &= (Q_{11} - Q_{12} - 2Q_{66})\cos\theta\sin^3\theta - (Q_{22} - Q_{12} - 2Q_{66})\cos^3\theta\sin\theta, \\ \bar{Q}_{66} &= (Q_{11} + Q_{22} - 2Q_{12} - 2Q_{66})\sin^2\theta\cos^2\theta + Q_{66}(\sin^4\theta + \cos^4\theta). \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

2) *Stress and Strain in a Laminate*: For forces and moment resultants acting on laminates, such as in plate and shell structures, the relationship between applied forces and moment and displacement can be given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} N_x \\ N_y \\ N_{xy} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{16} \\ A_{12} & A_{22} & A_{26} \\ A_{16} & A_{26} & A_{66} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_x^0 \\ \varepsilon_y^0 \\ \gamma_{xy}^0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} & B_{16} \\ B_{11} & B_{12} & B_{16} \\ B_{16} & B_{26} & B_{66} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} k_x \\ k_y \\ k_{xy} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (5)$$

where  $N_x, N_y$  refers to the normal force per unit length;  $N_{xy}$  means shear force per unit length;  $\varepsilon^0$  and  $k_{xy}$  denotes mid plane strains and curvature of a laminate in x-y coordinates. The mid-plane strain and curvature is given by

$$\begin{aligned} A_{ij} &= \sum_{k=1}^n (\bar{Q}_{ij})_k (h_k - h_{k-1}) i = 1, 2, 6, j = 1, 2, 6, \\ B_{ij} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n (\bar{Q}_{ij})_k (h_k^2 - h_{k-1}^2) i = 1, 2, 6, j = 1, 2, 6, \\ D_{ij} &= \frac{1}{3} \sum_{k=1}^n (\bar{Q}_{ij})_k (h_k^3 - h_{k-1}^3) i = 1, 2, 6, j = 1, 2, 6. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

The  $[A]$ ,  $[B]$ , and  $[D]$  matrices are called the extensional, coupling, and bending stiffness matrices, respectively. The extensional stiffness matrix  $[A]$  relates the resultant in-plane forces to the in-plane strains, and the bending stiffness matrix  $[D]$  couples the resultant bending moments to the plane curvatures. The coupling stiffness matrix  $[B]$  relates the force and moment terms to the midplane strains and midplane curvatures.

## B. Failure criteria for a lamina

Failure criteria for composite materials are more difficult to predict due to structural and material complexity in comparison to isotropic materials. The failure process of composite materials can be regarded from microscopic and macroscopic points of view. Most popular criteria about the failure of an angle lamina are in terms of macroscopic failure criteria, which are based on the tensile, compressive, and shear strengths. According to the failure surfaces, these criteria [1], [2], [3], [4], [5], [6], [7], [8], can be classified into two classes: one is called independent failure mode criteria which includes the maximum stress failure theory [9], maximum strain failure theory because their failure envelope are rectangle; another is called quadratic polynomial which includes Tsai-Wu [10], [11], Chamis, Hoffman and Hill criteria because their failure surfaces are of ellipsoidal shape. In the present study, the

two most reliable failure criteria are taken, Maximum stress and Tsai-wu. Both of these two failure criteria are based on the stresses in the local axis instead of principal normal stresses and maximum shear stresses, and four normal strength parameters and one shear stress for a unidirectional lamina are involved. The five strength parameters are

- 1),  $(\sigma_1^T)_{ult}$  = ultimate longitudinal tensile strength(in direction 1),
- $(\sigma_1^C)_{ult}$  = ultimate longitudinal compressive strength,
- $(\sigma_2^T)_{ult}$  = ultimate transverse tensile strength,
- $(\sigma_2^C)_{ult}$  = ultimate transverse compressive strength, and
- $(\tau_{12})_{ult}$  = and ultimate in-plane shear strength.

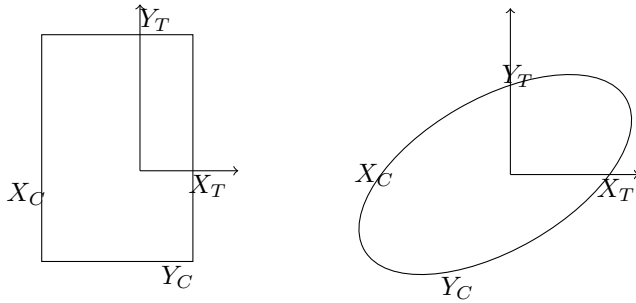


Fig. 3: Schematic failure surfaces for maximum stress and quadratic failure criteria

1) *Maximum stress(MS) failure criterion*: Maximum stress failure theory consists of maximum normal stress theory proposed by Rankine and maximum shearing stress theory proposed by Tresca. The stress applied on a lamina can be resolved into the normal and shear stress in the local axis. If any of the normal or shear stresses in the local axis of a lamina is equal or exceeds the corresponding ultimate strengths of the unidirectional lamina, the lamina is considered to be failed. That is,

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_1 &\geq (\sigma_1^T)_{ult} & or & & \sigma_1 &\leq -(\sigma_1^C)_{ult}, \\ \sigma_2 &\geq (\sigma_2^T)_{ult} & or & & \sigma_2 &\leq -(\sigma_2^C)_{ult}, \\ \tau_{12} &\geq (\tau_{12})_{ult} & or & & \tau_{12} &\leq -(\tau_{12})_{ult}, \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

where  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  are the normal stresses in the local axis 1 and 2;  $\tau_{12}$  is the shear stress in the symmetry plane 1-2.

2) *Tsai-wu failure criterion*: The TW criterion is one of the most reliable static failure criteria derived from the von Mises yield criterion. A lamina is considered to fail if

$$\begin{aligned} H_1\sigma_1 + H_2\sigma_2 + H_6\tau_{12} + H_{11}\sigma_1^2 + H_{22}\sigma_2^2 \\ + H_{66}\tau_{12}^2 + 2H_{12}\sigma_1\sigma_2 < 1 \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

is violated, where

$$\begin{aligned} H_1 &= \frac{1}{(\sigma_1^T)_{ult}} - \frac{1}{(\sigma_1^C)_{ult}}, \\ H_{11} &= \frac{1}{(\sigma_1^T)_{ult}(\sigma_1^C)_{ult}}, \\ H_2 &= \frac{1}{(\sigma_2^T)_{ult}} - \frac{1}{(\sigma_2^C)_{ult}}, \\ H_{22} &= \frac{1}{(\sigma_2^T)_{ult}(\sigma_2^C)_{ult}}, \\ H_{66} &= \frac{1}{(\tau_{12})_{ult}^2}, \\ H_{12} &= -\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{(\sigma_1^T)_{ult}(\sigma_1^C)_{ult}(\sigma_2^T)_{ult}(\sigma_2^C)_{ult}}}. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

$H_i$  is the strength tensors of the second-order;  $H_{ij}$  is the strength tensors of the fourth-order.  $\sigma_1$  is the applied normal stress in direction 1;  $\sigma_2$  is the applied normal stress in direction 2;  $\tau_{12}$  is the applied in-plane shear stress.

3) *Strength ratio*: The safety factor, or yield stress, is how much extra load beyond is intended a composite lamina will take. The strength ratio is defined as

$$SR = \frac{\text{Maximum Load Which Can Be Applied}}{\text{Load Applied}} \quad (10)$$

### III. EVOLUTIONARY ARTIFICIAL NEURAL NETWORK

#### A. General neural network

In this paper, the feedforward neural network(NN) is adopted in the current study, since it is straightforward and simple to code. For function approximation through a NN, Cybenko demonstrated that a two-layer perceptron can form an arbitrarily close approximation to any continuous nonlinear mapping[12]. Therefore, a two-layer feedforward NN is proposed in the present study. Fig.4 shows a general framework for a two-layer NN, in which the number of nodes in the hidden layer and the connection with inputs, are critical in the design of a NN. For nodes in the hidden layer, we can think of them as feature extractors or detectors. Therefore, nodes within it should partially be connected with the inputs of NN, since the unnecessary connections would increase the model's complicity, which will reduce a NN's performance. Because we treat the nodes in the hidden layer as feature extractors, so the number of nodes in this layer should be less than the number of inputs. For the nodes in the last layer, every node should be fully connected with nodes in the previous layer, since we think of the nodes in the hidden layer as features. The rest, which affects a NN's performance, are activation functions, and NN training method.

#### B. Transfer function

The transfer function has been shown to be one of the critical part of the architecture. Liu [13] et al. have claimed that ANNs

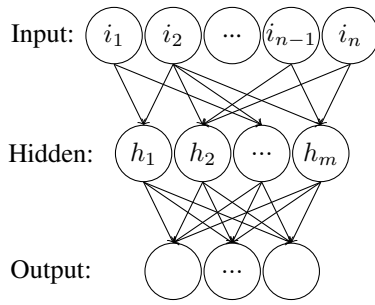


Fig. 4: Network diagram for the two-layer neural network. The input, hidden, and output variables are represented by nodes, and the weight parameters are represented by links between the nodes. Arrows denote the direction of information flow through the network during forward propagation.

with different active functions play a important role in the architecture's performance. A generalized transfer function can be written as

$$y_i = f_i\left(\sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij}x_j - \theta\right) \quad (11)$$

where  $y_i$  is the output of the node  $i$ ,  $x_j$  is the  $j$ th input to the node, and  $w_{ij}$  is the connection weight between adjacent nodes  $i$  and  $j$ . Most widely transfer function  $f_i$  is listed in table I

### C. Weights learning

The weight training in ANN is to minimize the error function, such as the most widely used mean square error which calculate the difference between the desired and the prediction output values averaged over all examples. Back-propagation algorithm has been successful applied to in many areas, and it's based on gradient descent. However, this class of algorithms are plagued by the possible existance of local minima or "flat spots" and "the curse of dimensionality". One method to overcome this problem is to adopt EANN's[14] through a systematic search process[15] to build the topology of ANN.

## IV. METHODOLOGY

The works involved in the evolution process of ANN can be categorized into three parts: search space which defines the architecture can be represented in principle; search strategy which details how to explore the search space; performance estimation strategy that refers to the process of estimating this performance.

### A. Search Space

we propose a GNN framework as shown in Figure 4. The search space is parametrized by: (i) the number of nodes  $m$ (possibly unbounded) in hidden layer, to narrow down the

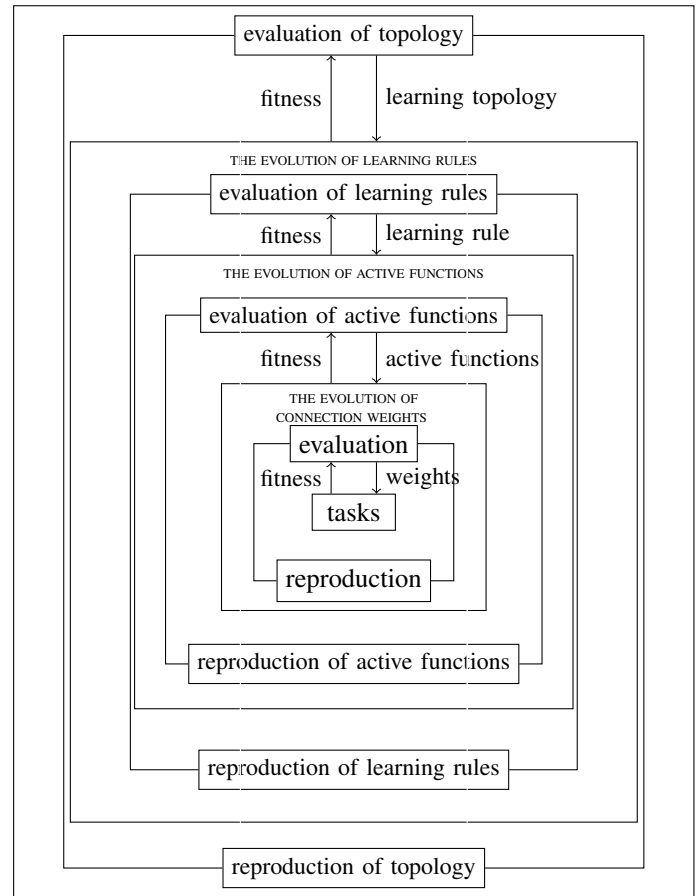


Fig. 5: A general framwwork for EANN's

search space, the assumptions is that  $m$  less than  $n$ ; (ii) the type of operation every nodes executes, e.g., sigmoid, linear, gaussian. (iii) the connection relationship between hidden nodes and inputs; (IV) if a connection exists, the weight value in the connection.

Therefore, evolution in EANN can be divided into four different levels: topology, learning rules, active functions, and connection weights. For the evolution of topology, the aim is to find an optimal ANN architecture for a specific problem. The architecture of a neural network determines the information processing capability in application, which is the foundation of the ANN. Two critical issues are involved in the search process of an ANN architecture: the representation and the search operators. Figure 5 summarizes different these four levels of evolution in ANN's.

The inputs of the neural network is consist of four parts: in-plane loading  $N_x$ ,  $N_y$ , and  $N_{xy}$ , design parameters of laminate, two distinct fiber orientation angle  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$ , ply thickness  $t$ , total number of plies  $N$ ; five engineering constants of composite materials,  $E_1$ ,  $E_2$ , ; five strength parameters of a unidirectional lamina. There are two outputs in the neural network, safety factors for MS theory and Tsai-Wu theory, respectively.

TABLE I: Different Activation Functions

Type	Description	Formula	Range
Linear	The output is proportional to the input	$f(x) = cx$	$(-\infty, +\infty)$
Sigmoid	A family of S-shaped functions	$f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-cx}}$	$(0, 1)$
tanh	A family of Hyperbolic functions	$f(x) = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}$	$(-1, 1)$
Gaussian	A continuous bell-shaped curve	$f(x) = e^{-x^2}$	$(0, 1)$
ReLU	A piece-wise function	$f(x) = \max(0, x)$	$(0, +\infty)$
Softplus	A family of S-shaped functions	$f(x) = \ln(1 + e^x)$	$(0, +\infty)$

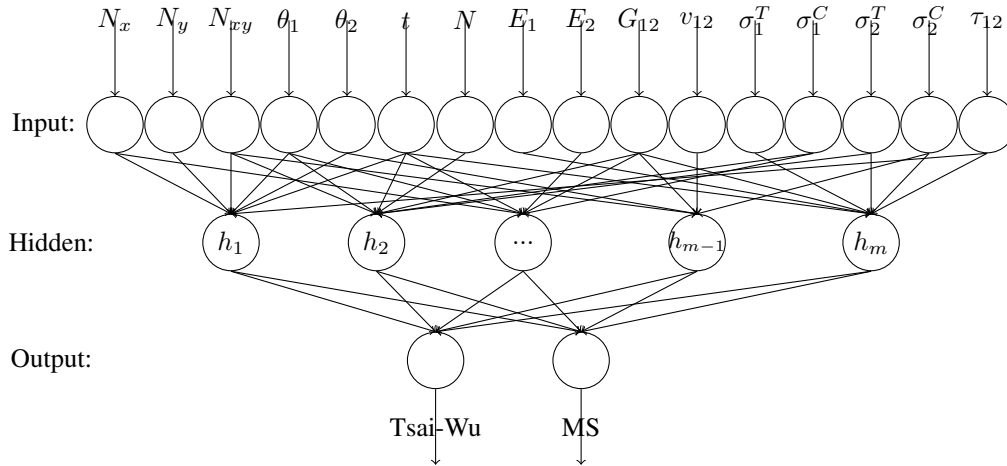


Fig. 6: GNN for composite material problem

## B. Search Strategy

The classic approach has always adopted binary strings to encode an alternative solutions.

Tab.II gives an example of the binary representation of an ANN whose architecture is as shown in Fig.???. Each number in the digit denotes the connection relationship between input and nodes in hidden layer. If a connection exists, it's indicated by number one, otherwise, the number takes zero. The first sixteen digits denote the connection relationship, and the last two digits stand for the corresponding kernel function.

First, random initialize ANN population, partial training every ANN, For the evolution of the topology,

## C. Performance estimation strategy

The simplest approach to this problem is to perform a standard training and validation of the architecture on dataset, however, this method is inefficient and computational intensive. Therefore, much recent research[16] focuses on developing methods that reduce the cost of performance estimation.

## V. EXPERIMENT

We applied this search strategy to dataset generated by the classic lamination theory and failure theories. In this dataset, sixteen attributes and two actual values are given.

### A. Dataset Preparation

Equation 3 takes an analytical approach to model the relationship between stress and strain. We sample this function to yield 14000 points uniformly distributed over the domain space.

The range of in-plane loading is from 0 to 120; the range of fiber orientation  $\theta$  is from -90 to 90; ply thickness  $t$  is 1.27mm, number of plies range  $N$  is from 4 to 120; Three different material is used in this experiment, as shown in table III. Figure ?? shows part of the training data.

In order to speeds up the learning and accerlate convergence, the input attributes of the data set are rescaled to between 0 and 1.0 by a linear function.

TABLE II: Binary representation of parent 1, parent 2 and child corresponding to Fig 4(a), (b) and (c), with  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_{16}$  denote sixteen inputs and  $h_1, h_2, \dots, h_{12}$  refer to nodes in the hidden layer. 1 represents an edge from input node to hidden node, and 0 represents no edge from input nodes to hidden node.

Hidden	Nodes	$i_1$	$i_2$	$i_3$	$i_4$	$i_5$	$i_6$	$i_7$	$i_8$	$i_9$	$i_{10}$	$i_{11}$	$i_{12}$	$i_{13}$	$i_{14}$	$i_{15}$	$i_{16}$	f	f
P1	$h_1$	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
	$h_2$	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
	$h_3$	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	$h_4$	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
	$h_5$	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1
P2	$h_1$	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	$h_2$	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	$h_3$	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
	$h_4$	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	$h_5$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1
	$h_6$	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1
	$h_7$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
	$h_8$	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
	$h_9$	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	$h_{10}$	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
	$h_{11}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
	$h_{12}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1

Input				Output	
Load	Laminate Structure	Material Property	Failure Property	MS	Tsai-Wu
-70,-10,-40,	90,-90,4,1.27,	38.6,8.27,0.26,4.14,	1062.0,610.0,31,118,72,	0.0102,	0.0086
-10,10,0,	-86,86,80,1.27,	181.0,10.3,0.28,7.17,	1500.0,1500.0,40,246,68,	0.4026,	2.5120
-70,-50,80,	-38,38,4,1.27,	116.6,7.67,0.27,4.173,	2062.0,1701.0,70,240,105,	0.0080,	0.0325
-70,80,-40,	90,-90,48,1.27,	38.6,8.27,0.26,4.14,	1062.0,610.0,31,118,72,	0.0218,	0.1028
-20,-30,0,	-86,86,60,1.27,	181.0,10.3,0.28,7.17,	1500.0,1500.0,40,246,68,	0.6481,	0.9512
0,-40,0,	74,-74,168,1.27,	181.0,10.3,0.28,7.17,	1500.0,1500.0,40,246,68,	1.3110,	3.9619

## VI. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

We have conducted experiment by the use of the generated data set. This data set is randomly partitioned into a training set and a test.

Figure ?? shows five ANNs with different topologies, quite different results have been observed when different architectures are adopted. It is clear that architecture whose mean of average difference is less than the rest.

Table IV shows part of the valudation.

## VII. CONCLUSION

We have reviewed the use of GA and EANN's as an alternative for calcuating the strength ratio based on MS and Tsai-wu failure theories. To find a near-optimal ANN architecture automatically, four levels evolution are proposed to be introduced into EANN's evolution process for approximating a target function. Experiment studies were carried out for the training data and indicated that evolved GNNs did generalise the target function.

There are more improvements we can make over our the search strategy and it's application in predicting composite

material's properties.The future work is to develop a more sophisticated ANN, which not only is able to predict the properties for angle ply laminate, but also for the other type of laminated composite material.

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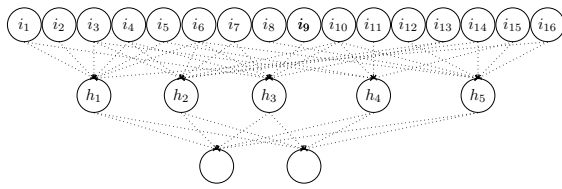
TABLE III: Comparison of the carbon/epoxy, graphite/epoxy, and glass/epoxy properties

Property	Symbol	Unit	Carbon/Epoxy	Graphite/Epoxy	Glass/Epoxy
Longitudinal elastic modulus	$E_1$	GPa	116.6	181	38.6
Transverse elastic modulus	$E_2$	GPa	7.67	10.3	8.27
Major Poisson's ratio	$\nu_{12}$		0.27	0.28	0.26
Shear modulus	$G_{12}$	GPa	4.17	7.17	4.14
Ultimate longitudinal tensile strength	$(\sigma_1^T)_{ult}$	MP	2062	1500	1062
Ultimate longitudinal compressive strength	$(\sigma_1^C)_{ult}$	MP	1701	1500	610
Ultimate transverse tensile strength	$(\sigma_2^T)_{ult}$	MPa	70	40	31
Ultimate transverse compressive strength	$(\sigma_2^C)_{ult}$	MPa	240	246	118
Ultimate in-plane shear strength	$(\tau_{12})_{ult}$	MPa	105	68	72
Density	$\rho$	$g/cm^3$	1.605	1.590	1.903
Cost			8	2.5	1

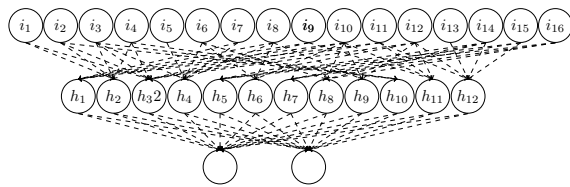
TABLE IV: Comparison between practical and simulation

Input				Output			
Load	Laminate Structure	Material Property	Failure Property	CLT MS Tsai-Wu		ANN MS Tsai-Wu	
-10,40,20	26,-26,168,1.27	116.6,7.67,0.27,4.17	2062.0,1701.0,70,240,105	0.342	0.476	0.351	0.492
20,-70,-30	10,-10,196,1.27	181.0,10.3,0.28,7.17	1500.0,1500.0,40,246,68	0.653	0.489	0.612	0.445
60,-20,0	82 -82,128,1.27	181.0,10.3,0.28,7.17	1500.0,1500.0,40,246,68	1.663	0.112	1.673	0.189

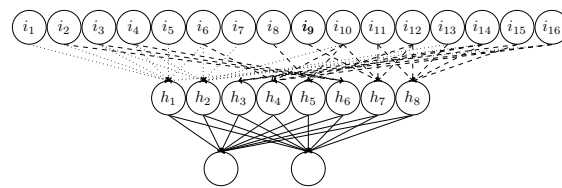
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(a) Parent 1



(b) Parent 2



(c) Child

Fig. 7: Search Operation

