

Mode-frequency analysis of doubly curved composite laminated shell

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Abstract. The paper deals with a numerical approach of mode-frequency analysis of a simply-supported laminated doubly curved shell. For laminated shell the first-order shear deformation theory is capable of accurately predicting the shell behaviour. Linear layered structural shell elements are used in FEM analysis. The numerical analysis is conducted to determine the effect of symmetry with respect to mid-plane, fibre orientation and width-to-thickness ratio to change of resonant frequencies in the case of angle-ply and cross-ply laminate.

1 Introduction

Composite materials like fibre reinforced plastics are often used in fields like automotive, aerospace, and civil engineering [1,2,3]. Composites are most often used in lightweight structures where the laminated shells tend to be thin with respect to their in-plane extensions.

Layered shells models are used more and more in structural analysis with new material systems. The large amount of literature in this field indicates how many different problems and mechanical situations are addressed by shell analysis. Wung [4] presented a continuum-based shell element with transverse deformation. The element is based on first-order shear deformation theory (FSDT) and fourth-order transverse deformation. Whitney and Pagano [5] developed a Mindlin-type FSDT for multi-layered anisotropic plates. Similar classical laminate theory (CLT) and FSDTs are developed for multi-layered shells [6,7]. The free vibration investigation of simply supported sandwich plate is presented in [8]. The static and dynamic analyzes of single- and multi-layered plates and shells are investigated in [9-12].

2 Analytical analysis

Laminate shells can be also modelled as two-dimensional structural elements but with single or double curved reference surfaces (Fig. 1). Figure 1 shows a laminated doubly curved panel of rectangular platform, of total thickness h . The coordinates x_1 and x_2 represents the directions of the lines of curvature of the middle surface, while the x_3 - axis is a straight line perpendicular to the middle surface (Fig. 2). R_i ($i=1, 2$) denotes the principal radii of curvature of the middle surface.

The displacement field, based on first-order shear deformation theory, is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_1 &= (1 + x_3 / R_1) \bar{u}_1 + x_3 \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_1} \\
 u_2 &= (1 + x_3 / R_2) \bar{u}_2 + x_3 \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_2} \quad u_3 = \bar{u}_3 \quad (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

in which u_i ($i=1, 2, 3$) represents the components of displacement at a point x_i ($i=1,2,3$), while \bar{u}_i denotes the same for the corresponding point at the mid-surface. Assumptions of shallowness, vanishing geodesic curvatures, transverse inextensibility and the strain displacement relations for a double curved shell, based on first-order deformation theory, are given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varepsilon_1 &= \bar{\varepsilon}_1 + x_3 \kappa_1 & \varepsilon_2 &= \bar{\varepsilon}_2 + x_3 \kappa_2 & \varepsilon_4 &= \bar{\varepsilon}_4 \\
 \varepsilon_5 &= \bar{\varepsilon}_5 & \varepsilon_6 &= \bar{\varepsilon}_6 + x_3 \kappa_6 \quad (2)
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{\varepsilon}_1 &= \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{u_3}{R_1} & \bar{\varepsilon}_2 &= \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_2} + \frac{u_3}{R_2} & \bar{\varepsilon}_4 &= \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_1} - \frac{u_1}{R_1} \\
 \bar{\varepsilon}_5 &= \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_2} - \frac{u_2}{R_2} & \bar{\varepsilon}_6 &= \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_2} \quad (3)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\kappa_1 = \frac{\partial^2 u_3}{\partial x_1^2} \quad \kappa_2 = \frac{\partial^2 u_3}{\partial x_2^2}$$

$$\kappa_6 = 2 \frac{\partial^2 u_3}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} \right) \left(\frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_1} - \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_2} \right) \quad (4)$$

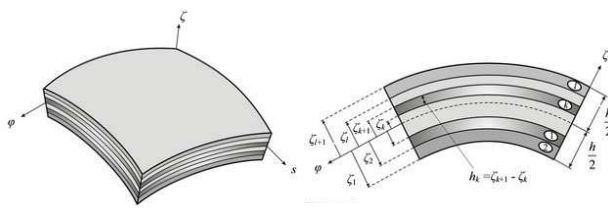


Fig. 1. Double curved laminated shell and layout of layers [11]

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The curved shell geometry, illustrated in Figure 2 [13], is described by the coordinates (x_1, x_2, x_3) and it is subdivided into angular segments with the apex angles $d\varphi, d\vartheta$ and constant curvature radii of the centerline R_1 and R_2 .

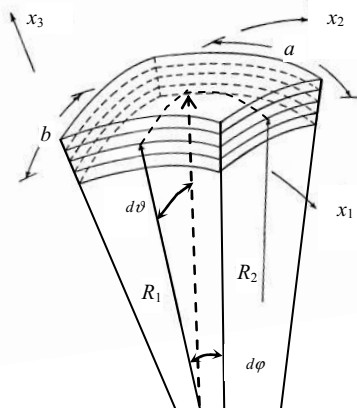


Fig. 2. Double curved laminated shell

The internal forces can be written following form

$$\mathbf{N} = \begin{pmatrix} N_1 \\ N_2 \\ N_6 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} M_1 \\ M_2 \\ M_6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (5)$$

where

$$N_1 = \int_{-\frac{h}{2}}^{+\frac{h}{2}} \sigma_1 dz \quad M_1 = \int_{-\frac{h}{2}}^{+\frac{h}{2}} \sigma_1 z dz$$

$$N_2 = \int_{-\frac{h}{2}}^{+\frac{h}{2}} \sigma_2 dz \quad M_2 = \int_{-\frac{h}{2}}^{+\frac{h}{2}} \sigma_2 z dz \quad (6)$$

$$N_6 = \int_{-\frac{h}{2}}^{+\frac{h}{2}} \tau_6 dz \quad M_6 = \int_{-\frac{h}{2}}^{+\frac{h}{2}} \tau_6 z dz$$

$$V_1 = \int_{-\frac{h}{2}}^{+\frac{h}{2}} \tau_{xz} dz \quad V_2 = \int_{-\frac{h}{2}}^{+\frac{h}{2}} \tau_{yz} dz \quad (7)$$

$$\mathbf{N} = \int_{-\frac{h}{2}}^{+\frac{h}{2}} \mathbf{E}(z) dz \bar{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}} + \int_{-\frac{h}{2}}^{+\frac{h}{2}} \mathbf{E}(z) z dz \boldsymbol{\kappa}$$

$$\mathbf{M} = \int_{-\frac{h}{2}}^{+\frac{h}{2}} \mathbf{E}(z) z dz \bar{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}} + \int_{-\frac{h}{2}}^{+\frac{h}{2}} \mathbf{E}(z) z^2 dz \boldsymbol{\kappa}$$

$$\mathbf{V} = (k^*) \int_{-\frac{h}{2}}^{+\frac{h}{2}} \mathbf{E}^t(z) dz \boldsymbol{\gamma} \quad (8)$$

The individual components are written in following general form

$$N_1 = A_{11} \left(\frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{u_3}{R_1} \right) + A_{12} \left(\frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_2} + \frac{u_3}{R_2} \right) +$$

$$+ A_{16} \left(\frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_2} \right) + B_{11} \frac{\partial^2 u_3}{\partial x_1^2} + B_{12} \frac{\partial^2 u_3}{\partial x_2^2} +$$

$$+ B_{16} \left(2 \frac{\partial^2 u_3}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} \right) \left(\frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_1} - \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_2} \right) \right) \quad (9)$$

$$N_2 = A_{21} \left(\frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{u_3}{R_1} \right) + A_{22} \left(\frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_2} + \frac{u_3}{R_2} \right) +$$

$$+ A_{26} \left(\frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_2} \right) + B_{21} \frac{\partial^2 u_3}{\partial x_1^2} + B_{22} \frac{\partial^2 u_3}{\partial x_2^2} +$$

$$+ B_{26} \left(2 \frac{\partial^2 u_3}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} \right) \left(\frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_1} - \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_2} \right) \right) \quad (10)$$

$$N_6 = A_{61} \left(\frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{u_3}{R_1} \right) + A_{62} \left(\frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_2} + \frac{u_3}{R_2} \right) +$$

$$+ A_{66} \left(\frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_2} \right) + B_{61} \frac{\partial^2 u_3}{\partial x_1^2} + B_{62} \frac{\partial^2 u_3}{\partial x_2^2} +$$

$$+ B_{66} \left(2 \frac{\partial^2 u_3}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} \right) \left(\frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_1} - \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_2} \right) \right) \quad (11)$$

$$M_1 = B_{11} \left(\frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{u_3}{R_1} \right) + B_{12} \left(\frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_2} + \frac{u_3}{R_2} \right) +$$

$$+ B_{16} \left(\frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_2} \right) + D_{11} \frac{\partial^2 u_3}{\partial x_1^2} + D_{12} \frac{\partial^2 u_3}{\partial x_2^2} +$$

$$+ D_{16} \left(2 \frac{\partial^2 u_3}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} \right) \left(\frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_1} - \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_2} \right) \right) \quad (12)$$

$$M_2 = B_{21} \left(\frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{u_3}{R_1} \right) + B_{22} \left(\frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_2} + \frac{u_3}{R_2} \right) +$$

$$+ B_{26} \left(\frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_2} \right) + D_{21} \frac{\partial^2 u_3}{\partial x_1^2} + D_{22} \frac{\partial^2 u_3}{\partial x_2^2} +$$

$$+ D_{26} \left(2 \frac{\partial^2 u_3}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} \right) \left(\frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_1} - \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_2} \right) \right) \quad (13)$$

$$M_6 = B_{61} \left(\frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{u_3}{R_1} \right) + B_{62} \left(\frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_2} + \frac{u_3}{R_2} \right) +$$

$$+ B_{66} \left(\frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_2} \right) + D_{61} \frac{\partial^2 u_3}{\partial x_1^2} + D_{62} \frac{\partial^2 u_3}{\partial x_2^2} +$$

$$+ D_{66} \left(2 \frac{\partial^2 u_3}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} \right) \left(\frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_1} - \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_2} \right) \right) \quad (14)$$

$$V_1 = k_1 A_{44} \left(\frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_1} - \frac{u_1}{R_1} \right) \quad V_2 = k_2 A_{55} \left(\frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_2} - \frac{u_2}{R_2} \right) \quad (15)$$

The internal forces can be written in hypermatrix form

$$\begin{pmatrix} N \\ M \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B & D \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\varepsilon} \\ \kappa \end{pmatrix}$$

$$V = k \bar{A} \gamma \quad (16)$$

where N is the membrane force resultant vector, M is the moment resultant vector and V is the transverse shear force resultant vector. In addition, A , D , B denote the classical extensional stiffness matrix, bending stiffness matrix and bending-extensional coupling stiffness matrix, respectively, whereas \bar{A} is the shear stiffness matrix [14].

The components of A , B , D , \bar{A} matrix are written as

$$A = \int_{-h/2}^{+h/2} E(z) dz = \sum_{n=1}^N \int_{n-1}^n E dz = \sum_{n=1}^N E^n h$$

$$B = \int_{-h/2}^{+h/2} E(z) z dz = \sum_{n=1}^N \int_{n-1}^n E z dz = \sum_{n=1}^N E^n \frac{z^2 - n^{-1} z^2}{2}$$

$$D = \int_{-h/2}^{+h/2} E(z) z^2 dz = \sum_{n=1}^N \int_{n-1}^n E z^2 dz = \sum_{n=1}^N E^n \frac{z^3 - n^{-1} z^3}{3}$$

$$\bar{A} = \int_{-h/2}^{+h/2} E^t(z) dz = \sum_{n=1}^N E^t^n h \quad (17)$$

3 Finite element analysis

The basic idea of the FEM is a discretisation of the continuous structure. The discretisation is defined by finite element mesh make up of elements nodes. The starting point for elastostatic problems is the total potential energy. In accordance with the Ritz method the approximation is used for displacement field vector by notation

$$\tilde{u}(x) = [\phi](x) v, \quad (18)$$

where $\phi(x)$ is the matrix of the shape functions, that are functions of the position vector x and v is the element displacement vector.

For the stresses and strains we obtain

$$\sigma(x) = E \varepsilon(x) = E D \phi(x) v$$

$$\varepsilon(x) = D u(x) = D [\phi](x) v = B(x) v \quad (19)$$

The total potential energy is a function of all the nodal displacement components arranged in the element displacement vector v . The variation of the total potential energy

$$\delta \Pi = \delta v^T \left(\int_V B^T E B v dV - \int_V [\phi]^T p dV - \int_{O_q} [\phi]^T q dO \right) \quad (20)$$

leads to

$$\delta v^T (K v - f_p - f_q) = 0 \quad (21)$$

where p , q are volume and surface loadings, respectively and K is the symmetric stiffness matrix given by

$$K = \int_V B^T E B dV \quad (22)$$

The vectors of the volume forces and the surface forces are written by

$$f_p = \int_V [\phi]^T p dV$$

$$f_q = \int_{O_q} [\phi]^T q dO \quad (23)$$

If the components of δv are independent of each other, we obtain from Eq. (21) the system of linear equations

$$K v = f$$

$$f = f_p + f_q \quad (24)$$

All equations considered above are valid for a single finite element and they should have an additional index E . We have the inner element energy

$$U_E = \frac{1}{2} v_E^T \int_{V_E} B^T E B dV v_E = \frac{1}{2} v_E^T K_E v_E \quad (25)$$

with the element stiffness matrix

$$K_E = \int_{V_E} B^T E B dV$$

$$E = \sum_{n=1}^N E^n$$

$$E^n = \bar{T}^T (n\beta)^n E_L \bar{T} (n\beta) \quad (26)$$

where E is the elasticity matrix obtained with suitable transformations in two stages, firstly from the principal material directions to the element local directions and secondly to the global directions. B is the strain matrix, T is the transformation matrix with

$$\bar{T}(\alpha) = (T^T(\alpha))^{-1} \quad (27)$$

The system stiffness matrix is also symmetric, but it is a singular matrix. After consideration of the boundary conditions of the whole system, K becomes a positive definite matrix and the system equations can be solved.

FE analysis is sensitive regarding to the strains and stresses (post-processing results) because the secondary solution converges slower than the primary solution. Quadratic elements have two basic disadvantages: the numerical effort increases and the meshing of a free-form surface is more complex because the thickness-to-curvature ratio has to be considered. Recently improvements in computing power, memory, and meshing algorithms make these elements more useful. The gain of higher shape-function approaches are better displacement, strain, and stress results. In addition, curved surfaces are mapped better because the shape functions are also used to describe the element geometry (isoparametric elements). The element descriptions are presented by Cook [16]. The quadratic shape functions of the 6-node and 8-node element (Fig. 3) are given in Equation 28 and 30, respectively.

$$\Phi_1 = L_1(2L_1 - 1)$$

$$\Phi_2 = L_2(2L_2 - 1)$$

$$\Phi_3 = L_3(2L_3 - 1)$$

$$\Phi_4 = 4L_1L_2$$

$$\Phi_5 = 4L_2L_3$$

$$\Phi_6 = 4L_3L_1 \quad (28)$$

where

$$L_1 = 1 - \xi - \eta, L_2 = \xi \text{ and } L_3 = \eta. \quad (29)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Phi_1 &= 0.25(1-\xi)(1-\eta)(-\xi-\eta-1) \\
 \Phi_2 &= 0.25(1+\xi)(1-\eta)(\xi-\eta-1) \\
 \Phi_3 &= 0.25(1+\xi)(1+\eta)(\xi+\eta-1) \\
 \Phi_4 &= 0.25(1-\xi)(1+\eta)(-\xi+\eta-1) \\
 \Phi_5 &= 0.5(1-\xi^2)(1-\eta) \\
 \Phi_6 &= 0.5(1+\xi)(1-\eta^2) \\
 \Phi_7 &= 0.5(1-\xi^2)(1+\eta) \\
 \Phi_8 &= 0.5(1-\xi)(1-\eta^2)
 \end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

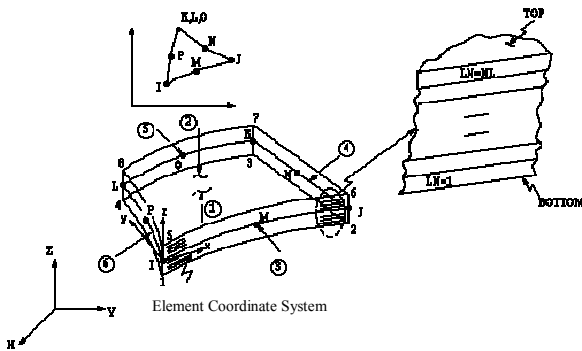


Fig. 3. SHELL99 linear layered structural shell [17]

4 Modal analysis

The main objective of any modal analysis is to make sure the structure is not subject to resonant frequency under the range of operation. Natural frequency is the frequency at which the structure vibrates if the forcing function is identically zero. The lowest natural frequency is often referred to as the fundamental frequency, which is the most important parameter for design engineers as many of the systems are designed to operate below it. There are several mode extraction methods [18]. Each method has its own advantages and disadvantages. The method that is used in the present work is the subspace method. Modal analysis is the preliminary step of a dynamic transient analysis. For the finite element analysis, if the damping is neglected, the equation of motion of the structure for free vibration can be written as

$$\mathbf{M}_D \cdot \ddot{\mathbf{v}}(t) + \mathbf{K}\mathbf{v}(t) = 0 \tag{31}$$

The particular solutions are

$$\mathbf{v}(t) = \mathbf{v}_j^0 \sin(\omega_j t) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{v}(t) = \mathbf{v}_j^0 \cos(\omega_j t) \tag{32}$$

Then we get

$$(\mathbf{K} - \omega_j^2 \mathbf{M}_D) \mathbf{v}_j^0 = 0 \tag{33}$$

where \mathbf{K} is stiffness matrix, \mathbf{v}_j^0 is mode shape vector of mode j , ω_j is the natural circular frequency, ω_j^2 is the eigenvalue and \mathbf{M}_D is the mass matrix. After modification of (35) we get

$$\mathbf{M}_D^{-1} (\mathbf{K} - \omega_j^2 \mathbf{M}_D) \mathbf{v}_j^0 = \mathbf{M}_D^{-1} \mathbf{0} \quad \mathbf{D}^{-1} - \omega_j^2 \mathbf{E}_D \mathbf{v}_j^0 = 0 \tag{34}$$

where

$$\mathbf{D}^{-1} = \mathbf{M}_D^{-1} \mathbf{K} = \mathbf{K}_r \tag{35}$$

The equation (38) means the eigenvalue problem, where ω_j^2 are eigenvalues of the matrix \mathbf{D}^{-1} and \mathbf{v}_j^0 are natural modes of vibration.

5 Example and results

For this study, a double curved laminated shell with the following dimensions and mechanical properties is selected:

$$\begin{aligned}
 a = b &= 0.8 \text{ m}, \quad R_1 = R_2 = 2.4 \text{ m}, \quad h = 8 \text{ mm}, \\
 E_1 &= 110 \text{ GPa}, \quad E_2 = 10 \text{ GPa}, \\
 G_{12} = G_{13} &= 5 \text{ GPa}, \quad G_{23} = 3.846 \text{ GPa}, \\
 \nu_{12} = \nu_{13} &= 0.27, \quad \nu_{23} = 0.49, \quad \rho = 1.8 \text{ g/mm}^3.
 \end{aligned}$$

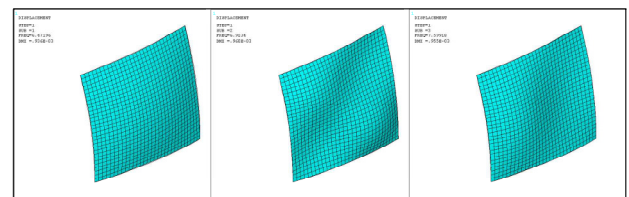


Fig 4. The first three natural modes of double curved laminated shell [0/90/90/0]

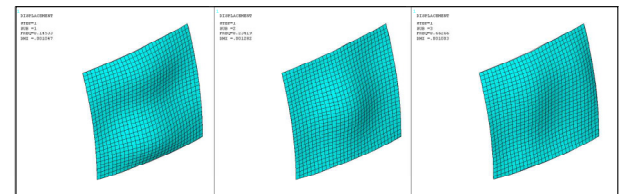


Fig 5. The first three natural modes of double curved laminated shell [45/-45/-45/45]

Four-layer cross-ply [0/90/90/0], [0/90/0/90] and angle-ply [45/-45/-45/45], [45/-45/45/-45] laminates are analysed to study the effect of symmetry to change the resonant frequencies (Tabs. 1).

Tables 1. Influence of fiber orientation on frequencies [Hz].

Frequencies	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
[0/90/90/0]	6.472	6.923	7.599
[0/90/0/90]	6.472	6.923	7.599
[45/-45/-45/45]	8.145	8.234	8.663
[45/-45/45/-45]	8.145	8.234	8.663

Frequencies	4 th	5 th	6 th
[0/90/90/0]	7.766	7.894	8.064
[0/90/0/90]	7.766	7.894	8.064
[45/-45/-45/45]	8.796	8.904	8.986
[45/-45/45/-45]	8.796	8.904	8.986

Frequencies	7 th	8 th	9 th
[0/90/90/0]	8.499	9.274	9.613
[0/90/0/90]	8.499	9.274	9.613
[45/-45/-45/45]	10.532	10.630	11.009
[45/-45/45/-45]	10.532	10.630	11.009

From the Tables 1 can be seen, the frequencies in the case of angle-ply laminate are higher than in the case of cross-ply laminate. The frequencies in the case of symmetric layup are the same than in the case of anti-symmetric layup for both kinds of laminates.

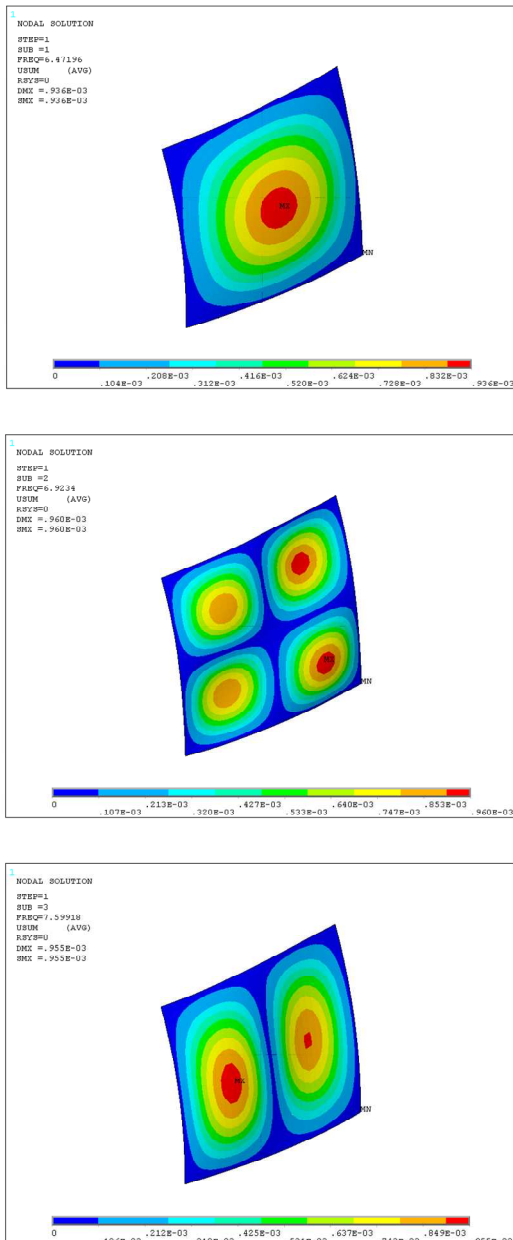


Fig 6. Displacements of natural mode 1, 2, 3 of double curved [0/90/90/0] laminated shell, respectively

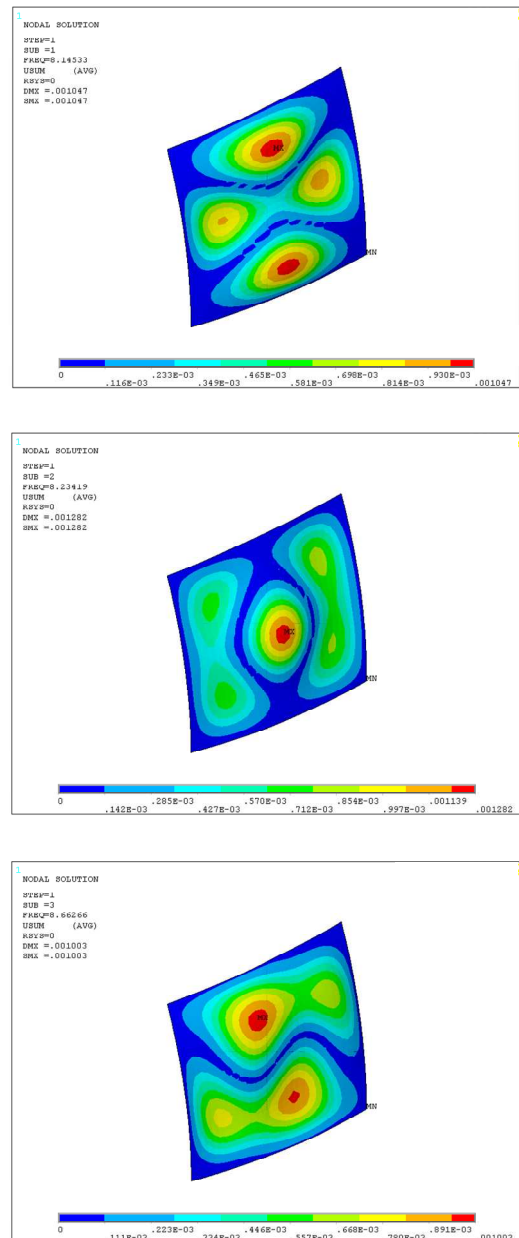


Fig 7. Displacements of natural mode 1, 2, 3 of double curved [45/-45/-45/45] laminated shell, respectively

From the Figs. 4-7 can be seen, the natural modes in the case of angle-ply laminate are more complicated than in the case of cross-ply laminate.

Table 2. Influence of b/h ratio to fundamental frequency .

b/h ratio	[0/90/90/0]	[45/-45/-45/45]
100	6.47196	8.14533
200	6.45032	7.54193
400	6.44501	7.14498
800	6.44344	6.88707
1000	6.44301	6.83161

In the Table 2 the width-to-thickness ratio is analysed. As can be seen from Table 2, as b/h increases, the

fundamental frequency decreased. Decrease of fundamental frequency is more evident for [45/-45/-45/45] laminate than for [0/90/90/0] laminate.

Table 3. Influence of fiber orientation to fundamental frequency.

α	$[\alpha/-\alpha/-\alpha/\alpha]$	$[\alpha/-\alpha/\alpha/-\alpha]$
0	5.65538	5.65538
15	5.91056	5.91056
30	6.63442	6.63442
45	8.14533	8.14533

Four-layer symmetric $[\alpha/-\alpha/-\alpha/\alpha]$ and anti-symmetric $[\alpha/-\alpha/\alpha/-\alpha]$ laminates with the angle of fibre orientation varying from $0^\circ - 45^\circ$ with $b/h = 100$ are analysed. As can be seen from Table 3, an increase of fibre orientation angle leads to an increase in the frequency of vibration. Also as it was written, the frequency in the case of symmetric layup is the same as in the case of anti-symmetric layup of laminates.

6 Conclusion

In the paper, mode-frequency analysis of laminated double curved shell using a finite element model, based on first-order shear deformation theory is presented. The frequencies in the case of angle-ply laminate are higher than in the case of cross-ply laminate. The frequencies in the case of symmetric layup are the same than in the case of anti-symmetric layup for both kinds of laminates. The natural modes in the case of angle-ply laminate are more complicated than in the case of cross-ply laminate. As width-to-thickness ratio b/h increases, the fundamental frequency decreased. Decrease of fundamental frequency is more evident for [45/-45/-45/45] laminate than for [0/90/90/0] laminate. An increase of fibre orientation angle leads to an increase in the fundamental frequency of vibration.

This topic can be extended for different finite element formulations, boundary conditions, aspect ratios and number of layers.

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