

Automatic analysis of thin-walled laminated composite sections

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Abstract. In this paper a computer program is developed for the determination of geometrical and material properties of composite thin-walled beams with arbitrary open cross-section and any arbitrary laminate stacking sequence. Theory of thin-walled composite beams is based on assumptions consistent with the Vlasov's beam theory and classical lamination theory. The program is written in Fortran 77. Some numerical examples are given, with complete information about input and output.

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1. Introduction

Thin-walled composite elements has recently become the focus of intense researches as a result of their expanded use as structural components within the fields of mechanical, civil, aeronautical engineering, and other industries. These structural components made of advanced composite materials are ideal for structural applications because of the high strength-to-weight and stiffness-to-weight ratios. Another advantage of composites is their flexibility in design. For example, mechanical properties of the laminate can be altered simply by changing the stacking sequence, fibre lay-up and thickness of each ply. Consequently, design may be optimized under different set of conditions to achieve the optimal performance of the structure.

In structural analysis it is often necessary to determine the material-geometry properties of thin-walled composite beams, with open cross-sections. The hand calculation used to determine them, although mostly elementary, are tedious, time consuming and numerical errors are easily introduced. Though many papers are written on behavior of thin-walled composite beams (Banerjee 1998, Banerjee and Su 2006, Cardoso *et al.* 2009, Cardoso and Valido 2011, Chen and Hsiao 2007, Kim *et al.* 2007 and 2008, Lee 2001, Machado and Cortinez 2005, Mechado *et al.* 2007, Piovan and Cortinez 2007, Rajasekaran 2005, Sapountzakis and Tsiatas 2007, Sapountzakis and Mokos 2007, Vo and Lee 2009, Vo *et al.* 2011), to the authors' knowledge, no general computer program for the determination of the material-geometry properties of thin laminated section is available. The computer program presented here is fairly common and gives the structural designer the ability to analyze thin-walled composite sections of any shape and arbitrary

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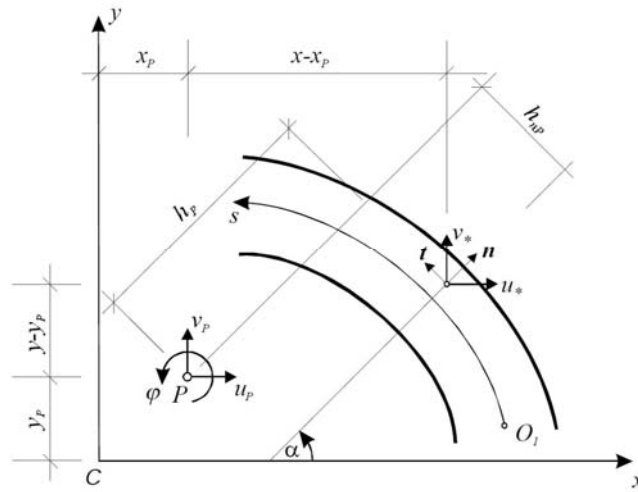


Fig. 1 Geometry and reference systems

laminate stacking sequence quickly and efficiently. This paper is an extension of the author's previous works (Prokić 1999 and 2000).

The number of input data is minimized and there are no set rules to follow in the joint, element and lamina numbering, which makes program's application easy even by a practicing engineer who cannot go into the details of composite thin-walled theory.

2. Basic theory

A straight thin-walled laminated composite beam of length l with an open cross-section is considered (Fig. 1). In order to determine the geometry of the cross-section of the beam two coordinate systems are used. The first of these is an orthogonal Cartesian coordinate systems (x, y, z) for which the z -axis is parallel to the longitudinal axis of the beam. The second coordinate system is a local one (e, s, z) where e and s are profile coordinates measured along the normal to the contour (the midline of the cross-section) and along the contour line, respectively. The (e, s, z) and (x, y, z) coordinate systems are related through an angle of orientation α . The coordinates of the contour in the (x, y, z) coordinate system are (\bar{x}, \bar{y}, z) . Point P is called the pole.

2.1 Kinematics of the beam

Following Vlasov's beam theory the basic assumptions of thin-walled laminated beams are introduced.

- The cross-section of the beam is not distorted during the deformation of the beam.
- The shear strains in the middle surface of the wall are negligible.
- The Kirchhoff-Love assumption in classical plate theory remains valid for laminated composite thin-walled beams.

Based on assumption above, the displacements u_* , v_* and w_* at any point on the beam cross-section can be expressed by four components, two translations u_P , v_P of arbitrarily taken pole P , the cross-section rotation φ about the pole P , and axial displacement w of centroid.

$$\begin{aligned} u_* &= u_P - (y - y_P)\varphi \\ v_* &= v_P + (x - x_P)\varphi \\ w_* &= w - u'_P x - v'_P y - \varphi' \omega_P \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where ω_P

$$\omega_P = \int_0^s h_P ds + h_{nP} e \quad (2)$$

is generalized warping function with respect to pole P .

h_P and h_{nP} , perpendicular distance from tangent and normal at arbitrary point of cross-section to the point P , are positive when normal \vec{n} and tangent \vec{t} , respectively, are rotating counterclockwise about the pole P , when observed from the positive z direction. The second term on the right-hand side of Eq. (2) determines the relative warping in relation to the midline of cross-section. This term has little effect on the torsional properties of a thin profile and most frequently is neglected in the technical theory of thin-walled beams. However, its inclusion does not present additional difficulties, and therefore this term has been included in the computer program. The warping by definition must be the same at a node where a number of members are joined together.

Consistent with displacement field, Eq. (1), the non-vanishing strain components are

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_z &= w' - u''_P x - v''_P y - \varphi'' \omega_P \\ \gamma_s &= 2\varphi' e \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

2.2 Constitutive equations

For a unidirectionally reinforced lamina the stress-strain relations is

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_2 \\ \tau_{12} \end{bmatrix}_k = \begin{bmatrix} Q_{11} & Q_{12} \\ Q_{12} & Q_{11} \\ & & Q_{66} \end{bmatrix}_k \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \gamma_{12} \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

where the terms Q_{ij} are so-called reduced stiffnesses Jones (1975) for a plane stress state in the 1-2 plane of lamina k . The terms Q_{ij} are made up of material property with respect to each layer and can be shown in terms of the engineering constants

$$Q_{11} = \frac{E_1}{1 - \nu_{12}^2 \frac{E_2}{E_1}} \quad Q_{12} = \frac{\nu_{12} E_2}{1 - \nu_{12}^2 \frac{E_2}{E_1}} \quad Q_{22} = \frac{E_2}{1 - \nu_{12}^2 \frac{E_2}{E_1}} \quad Q_{66} = G_{12} \quad (5)$$

Generally, the principal material coordinates 1-2 for orthotropic lamina k do not coincide with beam coordinates s - z . If the principal 1-axis making an angle ϑ with respect to reference z -axis the stress-strain relation in s - z coordinate system is

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_z \\ \sigma_s \\ \tau_{sz} \end{bmatrix}_k = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{Q}_{11} & \bar{Q}_{12} & \bar{Q}_{16} \\ \bar{Q}_{12} & \bar{Q}_{22} & \bar{Q}_{26} \\ \bar{Q}_{16} & \bar{Q}_{26} & \bar{Q}_{66} \end{bmatrix}_k \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_z \\ \varepsilon_s \\ \gamma_{sz} \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

in which transformed reduced stiffness \bar{Q}_{ij} are

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{Q}_{11} &= Q_{11}m^4 + Q_{22}n^4 + 2m^2n^2(Q_{12} + 2Q_{66}) \\ \bar{Q}_{12} &= m^2n^2(Q_{11} + Q_{22} - 4Q_{66}) + (m^4 + n^4)Q_{12} \\ \bar{Q}_{16} &= [Q_{11}m^2 - Q_{22}n^2 - (Q_{12} + 2Q_{66})(m^2 - n^2)]mn \\ \bar{Q}_{22} &= Q_{11}n^4 + Q_{22}m^4 + 2m^2n^2(Q_{12} + 2Q_{66}) \\ \bar{Q}_{26} &= [Q_{11}n^2 - Q_{22}m^2 + (Q_{12} + 2Q_{66})(m^2 - n^2)]mn \\ \bar{Q}_{66} &= (Q_{11} + Q_{22} - 2Q_{12})m^2n^2 + Q_{66}(m^2 - n^2)^2 \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

where $m = \cos \vartheta$ and $n = \sin \vartheta$.

By using free stress in contour direction, $\sigma_s = 0$, the above equation can be simplified as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_z \\ \tau_s \end{bmatrix}_k = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\bar{Q}}_{11} & \bar{\bar{Q}}_{16} \\ \bar{\bar{Q}}_{16} & \bar{\bar{Q}}_{66} \end{bmatrix}_k \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_z \\ \gamma_s \end{bmatrix} \quad (8)$$

where

$$\bar{\bar{Q}}_{11} = \bar{Q}_{11} - \frac{\bar{Q}_{12}^2}{\bar{Q}_{22}} \quad \bar{\bar{Q}}_{16} = \bar{Q}_{16} - \frac{\bar{Q}_{12}\bar{Q}_{26}}{\bar{Q}_{22}} \quad \bar{\bar{Q}}_{66} = \bar{Q}_{66} - \frac{\bar{Q}_{26}^2}{\bar{Q}_{22}} \quad (9)$$

Stress resultants at the cross-section can be derived by integrating the corresponding stresses over the cross sectional area, as given by

$$\begin{aligned} N &= \iint_F \sigma_z dF \\ M_x &= \iint_F \sigma_z y dF \\ M_y &= -\iint_F \sigma_z x dF \\ M_{\omega P} &= \iint_F \sigma_z \omega_P dF \\ T_s &= 2 \iint_F \tau_s e dF \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

In Eq. (10), N represents the axial force, M_x and M_y the bending moments with respect to the x and y axis, T_s the Saint Venant torque, $M_{\omega P}$ the bimoment and F the area of the cross-section. Taking into account the Eqs. (3) and (8) the forces may be defined in terms of componential displacements as

$$\begin{aligned}
N &= \iint_F \left[\bar{\bar{Q}}_{11} (w' - u_p'' x - v_p'' y - \phi'' \omega_p) + \bar{\bar{Q}}_{16} 2\phi' e \right] dF \\
M_x &= \iint_F \left[\bar{\bar{Q}}_{11} (w' - u_p'' x - v_p'' y - \phi'' \omega_p) y + \bar{\bar{Q}}_{16} 2\phi' e y \right] dF \\
M_y &= -\iint_F \left[\bar{\bar{Q}}_{11} (w' - u_p'' x - v_p'' y - \phi'' \omega_p) x + \bar{\bar{Q}}_{16} 2\phi' e x \right] dF \\
M_{\omega_p} &= \iint_F \left[\bar{\bar{Q}}_{11} (w' - u_p'' x - v_p'' y - \phi'' \omega_p) \omega_p + \bar{\bar{Q}}_{16} 2\phi' e \omega_p \right] dF \\
T_s &= 2 \iint_F \left[\bar{\bar{Q}}_{16} (w' - u_p'' x - v_p'' y - \phi'' \omega_p) e + \bar{\bar{Q}}_{66} 2\phi' e^2 \right] dF
\end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

or, written in matrix form

$$\begin{bmatrix} N \\ M_y \\ -M_x \\ -M_{\omega_p} \\ T_s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & -S_x & -S_y & -S_{\omega_p} & S_e \\ -S_x & I_{xx} & I_{xy} & I_{x\omega_p} & -I_{xe} \\ -S_y & I_{xy} & I_{yy} & I_{y\omega_p} & -I_{ye} \\ -S_{\omega_p} & I_{x\omega_p} & I_{y\omega_p} & I_{\omega_p\omega_p} & -I_{\omega pe} \\ S_e & -I_{xe} & -I_{ye} & -I_{\omega pe} & I_{ee} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w' \\ u_p'' \\ v_p'' \\ \phi'' \\ \phi' \end{bmatrix} \tag{12}$$

in which

$$\begin{aligned}
A &= \iint_F \bar{\bar{Q}}_{11} dF = \int_s A_{11} ds \\
S_x &= \iint_F \bar{\bar{Q}}_{11} x dF = \int_s (A_{11} \bar{x} + B_{11} \cos \alpha) ds \\
S_y &= \iint_F \bar{\bar{Q}}_{11} y dF = \int_s (A_{11} \bar{y} + B_{11} \sin \alpha) ds \\
S_{\omega_p} &= \iint_F \bar{\bar{Q}}_{11} \omega_p dF = \int_s (A_{11} \bar{\omega}_p + B_{11} h_{np}) ds \\
I_{xx} &= \iint_F \bar{\bar{Q}}_{11} x^2 dF = \int_s (A_{11} \bar{x}^2 + 2B_{11} \bar{x} \cos \alpha + D_{11} \cos^2 \alpha) ds \\
I_{yy} &= \iint_F \bar{\bar{Q}}_{11} y^2 dF = \int_s (A_{11} \bar{y}^2 + 2B_{11} \bar{y} \sin \alpha + D_{11} \sin^2 \alpha) ds \\
I_{xy} &= \iint_F \bar{\bar{Q}}_{11} xy dF = \int_s [A_{11} \bar{x} \bar{y} + B_{11} (\bar{x} \sin \alpha + \bar{y} \cos \alpha) + D_{11} \sin \alpha \cos \alpha] ds \\
I_{x\omega_p} &= \iint_F \bar{\bar{Q}}_{11} \omega_p x dF = \int_s [A_{11} \bar{x} \bar{\omega}_p + B_{11} (\bar{x} h_{np} + \bar{\omega}_p \cos \alpha) + D_{11} h_{np} \cos \alpha] ds \\
I_{y\omega_p} &= \iint_F \bar{\bar{Q}}_{11} \omega_p y dF = \int_s [A_{11} \bar{y} \bar{\omega}_p + B_{11} (\bar{y} h_{np} + \bar{\omega}_p \sin \alpha) + D_{11} h_{np} \sin \alpha] ds \\
I_{\omega_p\omega_p} &= \iint_F \bar{\bar{Q}}_{11} \omega_p^2 dF = \int_s (A_{11} \bar{\omega}_p^2 + 2B_{11} \bar{\omega}_p h_{np} + D_{11} h_{np}^2) ds \\
S_e &= 2 \iint_F \bar{\bar{Q}}_{16} e dF = 2 \int_s B_{16} ds \\
&\downarrow
\end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \uparrow \\
I_{xe} &= 2 \iint_F \bar{\bar{Q}}_{16} x e dF = 2 \int_s (B_{16} \bar{x} + D_{16} \cos \alpha) ds \\
I_{ye} &= 2 \iint_F \bar{\bar{Q}}_{16} y e dF = 2 \int_s (B_{16} \bar{y} + D_{16} \sin \alpha) ds \\
I_{e\omega_P} &= 2 \iint_F \bar{\bar{Q}}_{16} \omega_P e dF = 2 \int_s (B_{16} \bar{\omega}_P + D_{16} h_{nP}) ds \\
I_{ee} &= 4 \iint_F \bar{\bar{Q}}_{66} e^2 dF = 4 \int_s D_{66} ds
\end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
x &= \bar{x} + e \cos \alpha \\
y &= \bar{y} + e \sin \alpha \\
\omega_P &= \bar{\omega}_P + h_{nP} e
\end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
A_{ij} &= \int \bar{\bar{Q}}_{ij} de \\
B_{ij} &= \int \bar{\bar{Q}}_{ij} e de \\
D_{ij} &= \int \bar{\bar{Q}}_{ij} e^2 de
\end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

2.3 Center of gravity and shear center

In all integrals (13) are incorporated both the geometry and material properties of cross-section. By appropriate selection of Cartesian coordinate system, pole P and starting point O_I we can achieve that

$$S_x = S_y = I_{xz} = I_{\omega_P} = I_{x\omega_P} = I_{y\omega_P} = 0 \tag{16}$$

So, we get the simplified expressions for stress resultants

$$\begin{bmatrix} N \\ M_y \\ -M_x \\ -M_{\omega_P} \\ T_s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 & 0 & 0 & S_e \\ 0 & I_{xx} & 0 & 0 & -I_{xe} \\ 0 & 0 & I_{yy} & 0 & -I_{ye} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & I_{\omega_P \omega_P} & -I_{\omega_P e} \\ S_e & -I_{xe} & -I_{ye} & -I_{\omega_P e} & I_{ee} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w' \\ u_P'' \\ v_P'' \\ \phi'' \\ \phi' \end{bmatrix} \tag{17}$$

In this case, using the principle of virtual work Prokić (1996), the governing equations of thin walled composite beam can be written with displacements as primary unknowns

$$\begin{aligned}
Aw'' + S_e \phi'' &= -p_z \\
I_{xx} u_P'''' - I_{xe} \phi''' &= p_x - m'_x \\
I_{yy} v_P'''' - I_{ye} \phi''' &= p_y + m'_y \\
I_{\omega_P \omega_P} \phi'''' - S_e w'' + I_{xe} u_P''' + I_{ye} v_P''' - I_{ee} \phi'' &= m_P + m'_{\omega_P}
\end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

Analyzing the system of equations above, we can conclude that the point of cross-section P , which satisfy conditions $I_{\omega P} = I_{x\omega P} = I_{y\omega P} = 0$, does not have the same significance as in the classical theory of thin-walled beams (shear center). Torsion and bending in this case cannot be separated and are coupled together with the extension.

The standard procedure for evaluating the ‘center of gravity’ and ‘shear center’ of open profile was described by Murray (1984). Only a brief recapitulation of procedure will be given at this point.

- In the first step we find all the section properties starting with an arbitrary set of axes xOy , with pole P located at the origin and starting point O_1 located at the first joint of profile.
- A parallel shift of reference axes to the point C , whose coordinates are defined as

$$x_c = \frac{S_x}{F} \quad y_c = \frac{S_y}{F} \quad (19)$$

The location of P is retained but the coordinates of the starting point are chosen in a way which makes

$$S_{\omega} = 0 \quad (20)$$

- The axes x and y should be rotated in the direction of the principal axes x and y , the angle of rotation ψ being given by

$$\tan 2\psi = \frac{2I_{xy}}{I_{xx} - I_{yy}} \quad (21)$$

The pole is moved to the point which is chosen so that

$$I_{x\omega P} = 0 \quad I_{y\omega P} = 0 \quad (22)$$

3. Numerical procedure

The arbitrary midline of the cross-section is approximated by a polygonal one. In this case the section is composed of a series of mutually connected prismatic thin-walled elements (segments). The number of elements adopted depends on the desired accuracy. Points at which two or more elements are connected will be indicated as joints of cross-section. Joints and elements may be marked arbitrary, and any of the end joints of an element may be chosen as the first joint.

Each orthotropic layer of laminate is defined by its thickness, its location in the laminate, its material properties and fibers orientation. Note that the contour coordinate s is oriented from the initial node to the final node of the element, which affects the n -axis orientation. The fiber orientation of layer k is given by the angle ϑ_k which is positive counterclockwise around n -axis and starting from the z -axis.

Marking the joints of an element with i and k , (Fig. 2), we may write

$$\begin{aligned} x &= x_i - s \sin \alpha + e \cos \alpha \\ y &= y_i + s \cos \alpha + e \sin \alpha \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

and further, supposing that the pole P is located at the origin

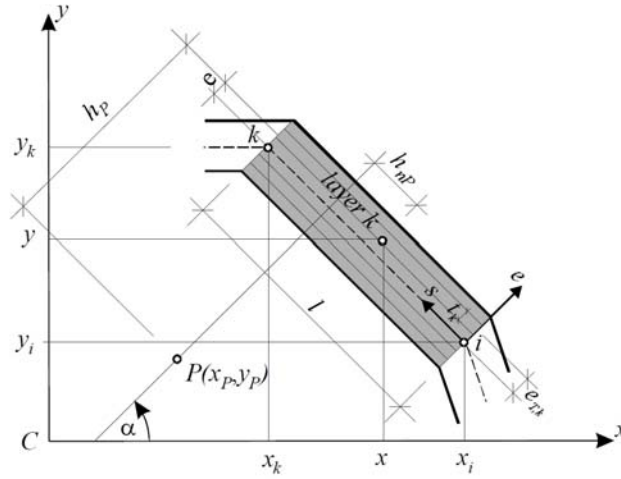


Fig. 2 Polygonal segment showing the definition of the various variables

$$\begin{aligned}
 \omega_P &= \bar{\omega}_P + h_{nP}e = \omega_{Pi} - (\omega_{Pi} - \omega_{Pk}) \frac{s}{l} + h_{nP}e \\
 h_{nP} &= x_i \sin \alpha - y_i \cos \alpha - s \\
 h_{nP(i)} &= x_i \sin \alpha - y_i \cos \alpha
 \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

Now, all integrals (13) can be derived explicitly in the form convenient for programming, Prokić (1996)

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= \sum_{ns} A_{11} l \\
 S_x &= \sum_{ns} \left(A_{11} \frac{x_i + x_k}{2} + B_{11} \cos \alpha \right) l \\
 S_y &= \sum_{ns} \left(A_{11} \frac{y_i + y_k}{2} + B_{11} \sin \alpha \right) l \\
 I_{xx} &= \sum_{ns} \left[A_{11} \frac{x_i^2 + x_k^2 + x_i x_k}{3} + B_{11} (x_i + x_k) \cos \alpha + D_{11} \cos^2 \alpha \right] l \\
 I_{yy} &= \sum_{ns} \left[A_{11} \frac{y_i^2 + y_k^2 + y_i y_k}{3} + B_{11} (y_i + y_k) \sin \alpha + D_{11} \sin^2 \alpha \right] l \\
 I_{xy} &= \sum_{ns} \left[A_{11} \frac{2x_i y_i + 2x_k y_k + x_i y_k + x_k y_i}{6} + B_{11} \left(\frac{x_i + x_k}{2} \sin \alpha + \frac{y_i + y_k}{2} \cos \alpha \right) + D_{11} \sin \alpha \cos \alpha \right] l \\
 S_{\omega_P} &= \sum_{ns} \left[A_{11} \frac{\omega_{Pi} + \omega_{Pk}}{2} + B_{11} \left(h_{nP(i)} - \frac{1}{2} l \right) \right] l \\
 \downarrow
 \end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \uparrow \\
I_{x\omega p} &= \sum_{ns} \left[A_{11} \frac{2x_i\omega_{p_i} + 2x_k\omega_{p_k} + x_i\omega_{p_k} + x_k\omega_{p_i}}{6} + B_{11} \left(\frac{\omega_{p_i} + \omega_{p_k}}{2} \cos \alpha - l \frac{x_i + 2x_k}{6} + \frac{x_i + x_k}{2} h_{nP(i)} \right) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + D_{11} \left(h_{nP(i)} \cos \alpha - \frac{1}{2} l \cos \alpha \right) \right] l \quad (2) \\
I_{y\omega p} &= \sum_{ns} \left[A_{11} \frac{2y_i\omega_{p_i} + 2y_k\omega_{p_k} + y_i\omega_{p_k} + y_k\omega_{p_i}}{6} + B_{11} \left(\frac{\omega_{p_i} + \omega_{p_k}}{2} \sin \alpha - l \frac{y_i + 2y_k}{6} + \frac{y_i + y_k}{2} h_{nP(i)} \right) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + D_{11} \left(h_{nP(i)} \sin \alpha - \frac{1}{2} l \sin \alpha \right) \right] l \\
I_{\omega p \omega p} &= \sum_{ns} \left\{ A_{11} \frac{\omega_{p_i}^2 + \omega_{p_k}^2 + \omega_{p_i}\omega_{p_k}}{3} + B_{11} \left[(\omega_{p_i} + \omega_{p_k}) h_{nP(i)} - l \frac{\omega_{p_i} + 2\omega_{p_k}}{3} \right] + D_{11} \left(h_{nP(i)}^2 - h_{nP(i)} l + \frac{1}{3} l^2 \right) \right\} l \quad (25) \\
S_e &= 2 \sum_{ns} B_{16} l \\
I_{xe} &= 2 \sum_{ns} \left(B_{16} \frac{x_i + x_k}{2} + D_{16} \cos \alpha \right) l \\
I_{ye} &= 2 \sum_{ns} \left(B_{16} \frac{y_i + y_k}{2} + D_{16} \sin \alpha \right) l \\
I_{\omega p e} &= 2 \sum_{ns} \left[B_{16} \frac{\omega_{p_i} + \omega_{p_k}}{2} + D_{16} \left(h_{nP(i)} - \frac{1}{2} l \right) \right] l \\
I_{ee} &= 4 \sum_{ns} D_{66} l
\end{aligned}$$

Σ represents the sum of each segment of the cross-section, and

$$\begin{aligned}
A_{ij} &= \sum_{k=1}^{nl} \bar{\bar{Q}}_{ij,k} (h_k - h_{k-1}) = \sum_{k=1}^{nl} \bar{\bar{Q}}_{ij,k} t_k \\
B_{ij} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{nl} \bar{\bar{Q}}_{ij,k} (h_k^2 - h_{k-1}^2) = \sum_{k=1}^{nl} \bar{\bar{Q}}_{ij,k} e_{T,k} t_k \\
D_{ij} &= \frac{1}{3} \sum_{k=1}^{nl} \bar{\bar{Q}}_{ij,k} (h_k^3 - h_{k-1}^3) = \sum_{k=1}^{nl} \bar{\bar{Q}}_{ij,k} \left(e_{T,k}^2 t_k + \frac{t_k^3}{12} \right)
\end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

4. Computer program

NUME = number of A computer program in FORTRAN 77 is developed, capable of analyzing both the geometry and the material properties of thin-walled composite beams with arbitrary open cross-section. A following data should be prepared according to their respective format, and in the order in which they should be entered:

SET 1 (A20)

UFILE = name of file with input data

SET 2 (3I5)

NUMJ = number of joints elements

NUMM = number of different materials

SET 3 (4F10.0)

E1(I) = Young's moduli in the 1-direction for material of type (I)

E2(I) = Young's moduli in the 2-direction for material of type (I)

P12(I) = Poisson's ratio for material of type (I)

G12(I) = shear moduli in the 1-2 plane for material of type (I)

SET 4 (2F10.0)

X(I) = x-coordinate of joint "I", with reference to arbitrary chosen set of axes

Y(I) = y-coordinate of joint "I", with reference to arbitrary chosen set of axes

SET 5 (3I5)

N1(I) = first joint number of element "I"

N2(I) = second joint number of element "I"

NL = number of layers (laminas) for element "I"

SET 6 (3F10.0, I5)

TL = thickness of the layer (J) of element (I)

EL = distance to the centroid of layer (J) of element (I)

OL = angle of orientation of layer (J) of element (I)

TM = type of material (J) of element (I)

A listing of the program is given in Appendix A.

5. Illustrative examples

A thin-walled composite beam with channel cross-section shown in Fig. 3, is considered, (Cardoso *et al.* 2009). The cross-section consists of three equal laminates (elements), identified in the figure as 1, 2 and 3, each of them with four layers $[45/-45]_s$ and total thickness $t = 3$ mm.

The following engineering constants of composite beam, corresponding to S2-glass/epoxy, are used

$$\begin{aligned} E_1 &= 48.3 \text{ GPa} \\ E_2 &= 19.8 \text{ GPa} \\ \nu_{12} &= 0.27 \\ G_{12} &= 8.96 \text{ GPa} \end{aligned} \tag{27}$$

The coordinate system is established arbitrary and the elements and joints are numbered as shown. The description of input data and computer output is given in Tables 1 and 2.

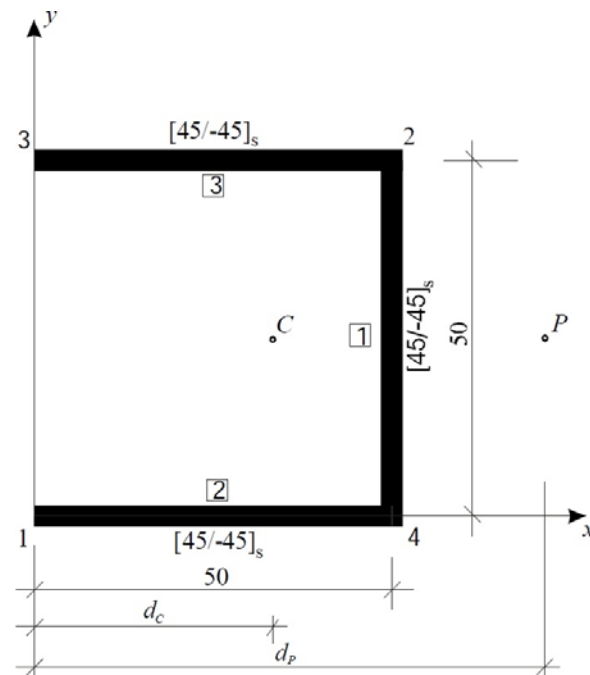


Fig. 3 Channel cross-section

Table 1 Input data

4	3	1		
	48.3	19.8	0.27	8.96
	0.	0.		
	50.	50.		
	50.	0.		
	0.	50.		
2	4	4		
	0.75	1.125	0.785398	1
	0.75	0.375	-0.785398	1
	0.75	-0.375	-0.785398	1
	0.75	-1.125	0.785398	1
3	1	4		
	0.75	1.125	0.785398	1
	0.75	0.375	-0.785398	1
	0.75	-0.375	-0.785398	1
	0.75	-1.125	0.785398	1
2	3	4		
	0.75	1.125	0.785398	1
	0.75	0.375	-0.785398	1
	0.75	-0.375	-0.785398	1
	0.75	-1.125	0.785398	1

Table 2 Output data

Number of Joints = 4				
Number of elements = 3				
Number of materials = 1				
Type of material	E1	E2	N1	G
1	0.48300E+02	.19800E+02	.27000E+00	.89600E+01
Element 1				
Lamina	Thickness	Dist. to the cent. Line	Angle of orient.	Type of mater.
1	.75000E+00	.11250E+01	.78540E+00	1
2	.75000E+00	.37500E+00	-.78540E+00	1
3	.75000E+00	-.37500E+00	-.78540E+00	1
4	.75000E+00	-.11250E+01	.78540E+00	1
Element 2				
Lamina	Thickness	Dist. to the cent. Line	Angle of orient.	Type of mater.
1	.75000E+00	.11250E+01	.78540E+00	1
2	.75000E+00	.37500E+00	-.78540E+00	1
3	.75000E+00	-.37500E+00	-.78540E+00	1
4	.75000E+00	-.11250E+01	.78540E+00	1
Element 3				
Lamina	Thickness	Dist. to the cent. Line	Angle of orient.	Type of mater.
1	.75000E+00	.11250E+01	.78540E+00	1
2	.75000E+00	.37500E+00	-.78540E+00	1
3	.75000E+00	-.37500E+00	-.78540E+00	1
4	.75000E+00	-.11250E+01	.78540E+00	1
Original axes				
Joint	X-coordinate	Y-coordinate	Principal axes	
			X-coordinate	Y-coordinate
1	.00000E+00	.00000E+00	-.33333E+02	-.25000E+02
2	.50000E+02	.50000E+02	.16667E+02	.25000E+02
3	.50000E+02	.00000E+00	.16667E+02	-.25000E+02
4	.00000E+00	.50000E+02	-.33333E+02	.25000E+02
Centroid	.3.3333E+02	.25000E+02	.00000E+00	.00000E+00
Principal pole	.71381E+02	.25000E+02	.38048E+02	.71844E-05
Element				
Element	Joint-I	Joint-J	Length	
1	2	4	.500E+02	
2	1	3	.500E+02	
3	3	2	.500E+02	

Table 2 Continued

Sectional quantities (in relation to principal axes and principal pole)	
F	= .11901E+05
IXX	= .311116E+07
IYY	= .544522E+07
IWW	= .140146E+10
SE	= .00000E+00
IXE	= -.758923E+03
IYE	= .151785E+04
IWE	= -.126487E+05
IEE	= .174837E+05
Angle (in radians) of principal axes	= .000000E+00

Joint	Wrapping function
1	-.71548E+03
2	-.53452E+03
3	.53452E+03
4	.71548E+03

In the Table 3, for the same cross-section, the sectional quantities, for different laminate stacking sequences in flanges and web, are presented.

Table 3 Variation of sectional properties for different laminate stacking sequences

Laminates lay-up	1 [0/0] _s 2 [0/0] _s 3 [0/0] _s	1 [0/0] _s 2 [0/0] _s 3 [45/-45] _s	1 [45/-45] _s 2 [45/-45] _s 3 [0/0] _s	1 [45/-45] ₂ 2 [45/-45] ₂ 3 [0/0] _s
F [kN]	.217350E+05	.182200E+05	.147051E+05	.147051E+05
I_{xx} [kNmm ²]	.604293E+07	.487556E+07	.385679E+07	.385679E+07
I_{yy} [kNmm ²]	.105765E+08	.984421E+07	.617751E+07	.617751E+07
$I_{\omega_p \omega_p}$ [kNmm ⁶]	.272211E+10	.236190E+10	.169708E+10	.169708E+10
S_e [kNmm]	.000000E+00	.000000E+00	.000000E+00	.101190E+04
I_{xe} [kNmm ²]	.000000E+00	-.758923E+03	.000000E+00	-.124637E+05
I_{ye} [kNmm ²]	.000000E+00	.000000E+00	.151785E+04	.000000E+00
$I_{\omega_p e}$ [kNmm ³]	.000000E+00	.000000E+00	-.665521E+05	.000000E+00
I_{ee} [kNmm ²]	.120960E+05	.138919E+05	.156878E+05	.156878E+05
d_C [mm]	.33333E+02	.30118E+02	.37317E+02	.37317E+02
d_P [mm]	.71381E+02	.72971E+02	.68846E+02	.68846E+02

6. Conclusions

The hand calculations of material-geometric properties of a thin-walled composite beam with a complex cross-section are tedious and difficult. The presented computer program provides an opportunity for an automatic evaluation of open al properties of thin-walled composite beams with arbitrary lamination. The geometrical data which need to be entered to perform the analysis have been brought to the minimum: the coordinates of joints, the elements connecting them, thickness and position of layers. The listing of the computer program is given.

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Appendix A. Listing of the source program

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PROGRAM COMPOSITE
C
C      UFILE=NAME OF FILE WITH INPUT DATA
C      JK=DISPLAY OF OUTPUT DATA (3 = PRINTER, 4 = MONITOR)
C      NUMJ = NUMBER OF JOINTS
C      NUME = NUMBER OF ELEMENTS IN CROSS-SECTION
C      X(I) = X-COORDINATE OF JOINT 'I'
C      Y(I) = Y-COORDINATE OF JOINT 'I'
C      N1(I) = FIRST JOINT NUMBER OF ELEMENT 'I'
C      N2(I) = SECOND JOINT NUMBER OF ELEMENT 'I'
C      TL = THICKNESS OF THE LAYER
C      EL = DISTANCE TO THE CENTROID OF LAYER
C      OL = ANGLE OF ORIENTATION OF LAYER
C      TM = TYPE OF MATERIAL
C
      IMPLICIT REAL*8 (A-H,O-Z)
      INTEGER TM
      CHARACTER*20 UFILE
      COMMON NI,NJ,X2,X1,Y2,Y1,D,S,C
      REAL*8 IXX,IYY,IXY,IXXC,IYYC,IXYC,IWX,IWY,IWXC,IWYC,I1,I2,IWW
      1,IXE,IYE,IEE,IXEC,IYEC,IWE,IE1,IE2
      DIMENSION XN(20),YN(20),W(20),NUMAJ(20)
      1,NEJI(5,20),IACTE(20),N1(20),N2(20),X(20)
      2,Y(20),DD(20),NUMAJA(20),E1(20),E2(20),P12(20),G12(20)
      3,A11(20),B11(20),D11(20),B16(20),D16(20),D66(20)
      WRITE (*,500)
500  FORMAT (' FILE WITH INPUT DATA = ')
      READ (*,510) UFILE
510  FORMAT (A20)
      WRITE (*,511)
511  FORMAT (' OUTPUT DATA (MONITOR = 4,FILE "OUTPUT" = 5)
      1 = ')
      READ (*,515) JK
515  FORMAT (I3)
      OPEN (2,FILE=UFILE)
      OPEN (4,FILE='CON',STATUS='NEW')
      OPEN (5,FILE='OUTPUT.FOR')
      READ (2,520) NUMJ,NUME,NUMM
520  FORMAT (3I5)
      WRITE (JK,525) NUMJ,NUME,NUMM
525  FORMAT (/ ,4X,'NUMBER OF JOINTS      =',I3,/,4X,'NUMBER OF ELEMENTS
      1 =',I3,/,4X,'NUMBER OF MATERIALS =',I3,/)
      WRITE (JK,524)
524  FORMAT (1X,'TYPE OF MATERIAL',8X,'E1',13X,'E2',13X,'NI',14X,'G')
      DO 5 I = 1,NUMM
      READ (2,526) E1(I),E2(I),P12(I),G12(I)
526  FORMAT (4F10.0)
      5 WRITE (JK,527) I,E1(I),E2(I),P12(I),G12(I)
527  FORMAT (7X,I3,9X,E12.5,3X,E12.5,3X,E12.5,3X,E12.5)
      DO 10 I = 1,NUMJ
      10 READ (2,530) X(I),Y(I)
530  FORMAT (2F10.0)
      DO 20 I = 1,NUME
      READ (2,535) N1(I),N2(I),NL

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535 FORMAT (3I5)
      WRITE (JK,528) I
528 FORMAT (//,1X,'ELEMENT',I3,/)
      WRITE (JK,529)
529 FORMAT (1X,'LAMINA',3X,'THICKNESS',2X,'DIST. TO THE CENT. LINE',
      13X,'ANGLE OF ORIENT.',3X,'TYPE OF MATER. ')
      DO 20 J = 1,NL
      READ (2,536) TL,EL,OL,TM
536 FORMAT (3F10.0,I5)
      WRITE (JK,541) J,TL,EL,OL,TM
541 FORMAT (I5,2X,E12.5,7X,E12.5,9X,E12.5,10X,I3)
      Q1=E1(TM)/(1-P12(TM)**2*E2(TM)/E1(TM))
      Q2=E2(TM)/(1-P12(TM)**2*E2(TM)/E1(TM))
      Q3=G12(TM)
      Q4=P12(TM)*E2(TM)/(1-P12(TM)**2*E2(TM)/E1(TM))
      CC=COS(OL)
      SS=SIN(OL)
      Q11=Q1*CC**4+Q2*SS**4+2.*CC**2*SS**2*(Q4+2.*Q3)
      Q12=CC**2*SS**2*(Q1+Q2-4.*Q3)+(CC**4+SS**4)*Q4
      Q16=(Q1*CC**2-Q2*SS**2-(Q4+2.*Q3)*(CC**2-SS**2))*CC*SS
      Q22=Q1*SS**4+Q2*CC**4+2.*CC**2*SS**2*(Q4+2.*Q3)
      Q26=(Q1*SS**2-Q2*CC**2+(Q4+2.*Q3)*(CC**2-SS**2))*CC*SS
      Q66=(Q1+Q2-2.*Q4)*CC**2*SS**2+Q3*(CC**2-SS**2)**2
      QQ11=Q11-Q12**2/Q22
      QQ16=Q16-Q12*Q26/Q22
      QQ66=Q66-Q26**2/Q22
      A11(I)=A11(I)+QQ11*TL
      B11(I)=B11(I)+QQ11*EL*TL
      D11(I)=D11(I)+QQ11*(EL**2*TL+TL**3/12.)
      B16(I)=B16(I)+QQ16*EL*TL
      D16(I)=D16(I)+QQ16*(EL**2*TL+TL**3/12.)
20 D66(I)=D66(I)+QQ66*(EL**2*TL+TL**3/12.)
      DO 30 I = 1,NUME
30 IACTE(I) = 1
      DO 40 I = 1,NUMJ
      K = 0
      DO 50 J = 1,NUME
      IF ((N1(J).EQ.I).OR.(N2(J).EQ.I)) THEN
      K = K + 1
      NEJI(K,I) = J
      END IF
50 CONTINUE
      NUMAJ(I) = K
      NUMAJA(I) = K
      IF (NUMAJA(I).GT.2) NUMAJA(I) = 2
40 CONTINUE
      DO 60 I = 1,NUME
      DD(I) = DSQRT((X(N2(I))-X(N1(I)))**2 + (Y(N2(I))-Y(N1(I)))**2)
      CALL COM (N1(I),N2(I),X(N2(I)),X(N1(I)),Y(N2(I)),Y(N1(I)),DD(I))
      F=F+A11(I)*D
      SX = SX+0.5*A11(I)*(X1+X2)*D+B11(I)*C*D
      SY = SY+0.5*A11(I)*(Y1+Y2)*D+B11(I)*S*D
      IXX = IXX+1./3.*A11(I)*(X1**2+X2**2+X1*X2)*D+B11(I)*(X1+X2)*C*D+
      1D11(I)*C**2*D
      IYY = IYY+1./3.*A11(I)*(Y1**2+Y2**2+Y1*Y2)*D+B11(I)*(Y1+Y2)*S*D+
      1D11(I)*S**2*D
      IXY = IXY+1./6.*A11(I)*(2*X1*Y1+2*X2*Y2+X1*Y2+X2*Y1)*D+

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10.5*B11(I)*((X1+X2)*S+(Y1+Y2)*C)*D+D11(I)*S*C*D
SE = SE+2.*B16(I)*D
IXE = IXE+B16(I)*(X1+X2)*D+2.*D16(I)*C*D
IYE = IYE+B16(I)*(Y1+Y2)*D+2.*D16(I)*S*D
60 IEE = IEE+4*D66(I)*D
K = 0
II = 0
90 LL = 0
DO 70 I = 1,NUMJ
IF (K.NE.0) II = NUMAJ(I)
IF ((NUMAJA(I).EQ.1).AND.(II.NE.1)) THEN
LL = 1
K = K + 1
DO 80 J = 1,NUMAJ(I)
NN = NEJI(J,I)
IF (IACTE(NN).EQ.1) THEN
IF (N2(NN).EQ.I) THEN
KK = N1(NN)
N1(NN) = N2(NN)
N2(NN) = KK
B11(NN) = -B11(NN)
D16(NN) = -D16(NN)
END IF
CALL COM (N1(NN),N2(NN),X(N2(NN)),X(N1(NN)),Y(N2(NN)),Y(N1(NN))
1,DD(NN))
W(NJ) = W(NI) + (X1*C + Y1*S)*D
IACTE(NN) = 0
NUMAJA(NI) = NUMAJA(NI)-1
NUMAJA(NJ) = NUMAJA(NJ)+1
END IF
80 CONTINUE
END IF
70 CONTINUE
IF (LL.EQ.1) GOTO 90
DO 110 I = 1,NUME
CALL COM (N1(I),N2(I),X(N2(I)),X(N1(I)),Y(N2(I)),Y(N1(I)),DD(I))
HPI=X1*S-Y1*C
SW = SW+A11(I)*(W(NI)+W(NJ))/2.*D+B11(I)*(HPI-0.5*D)*D
IWX = IWX+A11(I)*(2.*X1*W(NI)+2.*X2*W(NJ)+X1*W(NJ)+X2*W(NI))/6.*D
1+B11(I)*((W(NI)+W(NJ))/2.*C-(X1+2.*X2)/6.*D+(X1+X2)/2.*HPI)*D
2+D11(I)*(HPI*C-0.5*D*C)*D
IWY = IWY+A11(I)*(2.*Y1*W(NI)+2.*Y2*W(NJ)+Y1*W(NJ)+Y2*W(NI))/6.*D
1+B11(I)*((W(NI)+W(NJ))/2.*S-(Y1+2.*Y2)/6.*D+(Y1+Y2)/2.*HPI)*D
2+D11(I)*(HPI*S-0.5*D*S)*D
110 CONTINUE
XC = SX/F
YC = SY/F
IXXC = IXX-XC**2*F
IYYC = IYY-YC**2*F
IXYC = IXY-XC*YC*F
IXEC=IXE-XC*SE
IYEC=IYE-YC*SE
PSI = ATAN(2.*IXYC/(IXXC-IYYC))/2.
WO = SW/F
IWXC = IWX-XC*SW
IWYC = IWY-YC*SW
I1 = 0.5*(IXXC + IYYC) - 0.5*DSQRT((IYYC-IXXC)**2 + 4.*IXYC**2)

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      I2 = 0.5*(IXXC + IYYC) + 0.5*DSQRT((IYYC-IXXC)**2 + 4.*IXYC**2)
      IE1=IXEC*COS(PSI)+IYEC*SIN(PSI)
      IE2=IYEC*COS(PSI)-IXEC*SIN(PSI)
      XP = (IWYC*IXXC-IWXC*IXYC)/(IXXC*IYYC-IXYC**2)
      YP = (IWYC*IXYC-IWXC*IYYC)/(IXXC*IYYC-IXYC**2)
      XPP = (XP-XC)*COS(PSI) + (YP-YC)*SIN(PSI)
      YPP = -(XP-XC)*SIN(PSI) + (YP-YC)*COS(PSI)
      WRITE (JK,540)
540  FORMAT (/ ,27X,'ORIGINAL AXES',16X,'PRINCIPAL AXES' ,/,10X,'JOINT' ,
      12(5X,'X-COORDINATE' ,1X,'Y-COORDINATE' ),/)
      DO 120 I = 1,NUMJ
      XIC = X(I)-XC
      YIC = Y(I)-YC
      W(I) = W(I)-WO + YP*XIC-XP*YIC
      XN(I) = XIC*COS(PSI) + YIC*SIN(PSI)
      YN(I) = -XIC*SIN(PSI) + YIC*COS(PSI)
120  WRITE (JK,545) I,X(I),Y(I),XN(I),YN(I)
545  FORMAT (11X,I2,6X,E12.5,1X,E12.5,5X,E12.5,1X,E12.5)
      WRITE (JK,550) XC,YC
550  FORMAT(8X,'CENTROID' ,3X,E12.5,1X,E12.5,7X,'.00000E+00' ,3X,
      1'.00000E+00')
      WRITE (JK,555) XP,YP,XPP,YPP
555  FORMAT (5X,'PRINCIPAL POLE' ,E12.5,1X,E12.5,5X,E12.5,1X,E12.5)
      WRITE (JK,560)
560  FORMAT (//,8X,'ELEMENT' ,4X,'JOINT-I' ,2X,'JOINT-J' ,4X,'LENGTH')
      DO 130 I = 1,NUME
      CALL COM (N1(I),N2(I),XN(N2(I)),XN(N1(I)),YN(N2(I)),YN(N1(I))
      1,DD(I))
      HPI=(X1-XPP)*S-(Y1-YPP)*C
      WRITE (JK,565) I,NI,NJ,D
565  FORMAT (10X,I2,8X,I3,6X,I3,4X,E10.3)
      IWW = IWW + A11(I)*(W(NI)**2 + W(NJ)**2 + W(NI)*W(NJ))/3.*D+
      1B11(I)*((W(NI)+W(NJ))*HPI-(W(NI)+2.*W(NJ))/3.*D)*D+
      2D11(I)*(HPI**2-HPI*D+D**2/3.)*D
130  IWE=IWE+B16(I)*(W(NI)+W(NJ))*D+2.*D16(I)*(HPI-0.5*D)*D
      WRITE (JK,571)
571  FORMAT (//,4X,'SECTIONAL QUANTITIES (IN RELATION TO PRINCIPAL AXES
      1 AND PRINCIPAL POLE)')
      WRITE (JK,570) F,I1,I2,IWW,SE,IE1,IE2,IWE,IEE,PSI
570  FORMAT (/ ,12X,'F' ,E12.6
      1,/,12X,'IXX' ,E12.6
      2,/,12X,'IYY' ,E12.6
      3,/,12X,'IWW' ,E12.6
      4,/,12X,'SE' ,E12.6
      5,/,12X,'IXE' ,E12.6
      6,/,12X,'IYE' ,E12.6
      7,/,12X,'IWE' ,E12.6
      8,/,12X,'IEE' ,E12.6
      9,/,12X,'ANGLE (IN RADIANS) OF PRINCIPAL AXES' ,E12.6)
      WRITE (JK,575)
575  FORMAT (//,8X,'JOINT' ,5X,'WARPING FUNCTION' ,/)
      DO 140 I = 1,NUMJ
140  WRITE (JK,580) I,W(I)
580  FORMAT (9X,I2,9X,E12.5)
      END
      SUBROUTINE COM (N1,N2,XNJ,XNI,YNJ,YN1,DD)
      IMPLICIT REAL*8 (A-H,O-Z)

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COMMON NI,NJ,X2,X1,Y2,Y1,D,S,C  
NI = N1  
NJ = N2  
X2 = XNJ  
X1 = XNI  
Y2 = YNJ  
Y1 = YNI  
D = DD  
S = (X1-X2)/D  
C = (Y2-Y1)/D  
END
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