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Abstract

Many of the composites such as aramid-rubber, polyester-rubber, carbon-carbon, soft biological tissues, bone referred to as bimodular composites exhibit different elastic properties in tension and compression. The dynamic analysis of bimodular structures is computationally challenging due to the non-smooth nonlinear nature of governing equations with elastic moduli dependent on the sign of stress/strain which is unknown *a priori*. For thin structural components undergoing transverse displacements of the order of their thickness, the consideration of geometric nonlinearity becomes important for accurate prediction of deflections, strains, stresses and response frequencies. It is concluded from the literature review that the periodic response characteristics of bimodular laminated plates/panels including geometric nonlinearity have not been investigated. An attempt is made in the thesis to address the problem using the first-order shear deformation theory based finite element model incorporating bimodularity through Bert's constitutive model and geometric nonlinearity. The governing equations of motion are solved to obtain the state vector representing the periodic response by employing shooting technique coupled with Newmark time marching and arc length/pseudo-arc length continuation algorithms.

The combined influence of bimodularity and geometric nonlinearity on the steady state periodic response characteristics of bimodular material laminated composite rectangular/annular sector plates and cylindrical/conical panels is analysed for the first time and several new results are presented. The stable and unstable portions of the frequency response and the associated bifurcations have been identified. The temporal and through the thickness stress/strain variations, frequency spectra of the steady state

displacement/stress histories, phase plane plots and strain energy contributions from linear, quadratic and cubic restoring forces are presented to explore the non-linear dynamic characteristics. The results presented herein, without *a priori* assumptions of participating modes and harmonics, may also serve as reference for validation of approximate analytical solutions. Significant differences in the positive/negative half cycle response/stress amplitudes with unequal time spent in the positive/negative half cycle are predicted for bimodular plates/panels. Further significant differences in the response/stress amplitudes are predicted with and without geometric nonlinearity. Steady state frequency response of bimodular laminated rectangular/annular sector plates reveal hardening nonlinear behaviour for all the cases whereas the cylindrical/conical panels exhibit hardening or softening behaviour depending upon the parameters and boundary conditions. It is predicted that the hardening behaviour changes to softening one for cylindrical/conical panels with the decrease in the radius to thickness ratio. The degree of hardening nonlinearity increase with the increase in bimodularity ratio, aspect ratio, thickness ratio, sector angle, semi-cone angle and load amplitude. The GNL frequency response in some cases reveals strong modal interactions between first and third modes, and the presence of secondary branch emanating from the primary one through period doubling bifurcation. The radially outward imperfection results in increased hardening and the inward one in reduced hardening behaviour for cylindrical panels.

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Nomenclature and Abbreviations

English Notations

A_{ij}	:	Extensional stiffness coefficients
b	:	Width
b_1	:	Small end circumferential length of conical panel
B_{ij}	:	Bending-stretching coupling stiffness coefficients
$\tilde{\mathbf{B}}$:	Strain-displacement matrix
\mathbf{C}	:	Damping matrix
D_{ij}	:	Bending stiffness coefficients
E	:	Young's modulus
\mathbf{F}	:	Load vector
G	:	Shear modulus
h	:	Total thickness
h_k	:	k^{th} layer thickness
\mathbf{H}	:	Interpolation matrix
\mathbf{H}_w	:	Interpolation matrix for transverse displacement
k	:	Layer number
$\mathbf{K}, \mathbf{K}_1, \mathbf{K}_2$:	Stiffness matrices
\mathbf{K}_p	:	Positive half cycle linear stiffness matrix
\mathbf{K}_n	:	Negative half cycle linear stiffness matrix
\mathbf{K}_T	:	Tangent stiffness matrix
L	:	Slant length
\mathbf{M}	:	Mass matrix
N	:	Number of layers
N_i^0	:	Original shape functions
\bar{N}_i	:	Smoothed shape functions
q	:	Distributed transverse load

$\bar{\mathbf{Q}}_k$:	Transformed reduced stiffness coefficients matrix
r	:	Radius of parallel circle
r_1, r_2	:	Small and large end radii of conical panel
t	:	time
T	:	Time period
\tilde{T}	:	Kinetic energy
U	:	Potential energy
U_L, U_Q, U_C	:	Strain energy contributions from linear, quadratic and cubic restoring forces
u, v, w	:	Displacements in meridional, circumferential and thickness directions
x, y, z	:	Meridional, circumferential and radial/thickness coordinates
z_k, z_{k+1}	:	z coordinates of bottom and top surfaces of the k^{th} layer

Greek Notations

α	:	Semi-cone angle
$\hat{\alpha}$:	Mass proportional damping parameter
β	:	Stiffness proportional damping parameter
$\delta, \dot{\delta}, \ddot{\delta}$:	Displacement, velocity and acceleration vectors
η	:	State vector
$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_P^L, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_b, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_s$:	Linear mid-surface membrane, bending, transverse shear strain vectors
$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_P^{\text{NL}}$:	Nonlinear mid-surface membrane strain vector
ε_{11}	:	Fiber direction normal strain
ϕ	:	Included angle
ν	:	Poisson's ratio
ω	:	Linear free vibration frequency = $2\left(\frac{1}{\omega_{ip}} + \frac{1}{\omega_{in}}\right)^{-1}$
ω_{ip}	:	Positive half cycle free vibration frequency of i th mode
ω_{in}	:	Negative half cycle free vibration frequency of i th mode
ω_F	:	Forcing frequency

ρ	:	Density
σ	:	Stress
σ_{11}	:	Fiber direction normal stress
σ_{22}	:	Transverse to fiber direction normal stress
$\sigma_{11i}, \sigma_{22i}$:	Harmonic components of fiber and transverse to fiber direction normal stresses
τ	:	Shear Stress
θ_x, θ_y	:	Independent rotations of the meridional and hoop sections
ξ_i	:	i th mode damping factor

Subscripts

0	:	Mid surface
1	:	Fiber direction
2, 3	:	Transverse to fiber directions
t	:	Tension
c	:	Compression

Abbreviations

FEM	:	Finite Element Method
FSDT	:	First Order Shear Deformation Theory
GL	:	Geometrically linear
GNL	:	Geometrically nonlinear
C_I	:	Immovable clamped
C_M	:	Movable clamped
F	:	Free
S_I	:	Immovable simply supported
S_M	:	Movable simply supported