## PART

## PART DEFINITION CARDS

Repeat the following for each PART definition. The number of cards is type dependent, with 6 cards minimum, terminate each definition by an END_PART card.

## CARD 1 Part Control Card

| Columns | Item | Format | Name | versionoption |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1-8 | Keyword PART__/ | A8 |  |  |
| 9-16 | Part identification number | I8 | IDPRT |  |
| 17-24 | Part type <br> BAR: Bar elements (material types: 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205) <br> BEAM: Beam elements (material types: 200, 201, 212, 213, 214) <br> SPRING: 6-DOF Spring elements (material type: 220) <br> SPRGBM: 6-DOF Spring-beam elements (material type: 223) <br> MBSPR: 6-DOF Spring elements in MBSYS (material type: 220) <br> JOINT: Penalty joint elements (material types: 221, 222) <br> KJOIN: kinematic joint elements (material type: 230) <br> MBKJN: kinematic joint elements in MBSYS (material type: 230) <br> SOLID: Solid elements (All solid types except 61) <br> BSHEL: Brick shell elements (material type: 61) <br> TSHEL: Thick shell elements (material type: 161) <br> SHELL: Shell elements (All shell types except 161) <br> MEMBR: Membrane elements (material types: 150,151 ) <br> TIED: Node-Surface tied interface (material types: 301, 303, 304) <br> SLINK: Surface link elements (material types: 301, 303) | A8 | ATYPE |  |


| Columns | Item | Format | Name | versionsoption |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | ELINK: | Edge link elements <br> (material types: 301, 303) |  |  |
|  | LLINK: | Line link elements <br> (material type: 302) |  |  |
|  | PLINK: | Point link elements <br> (material types: 223, 224 and 302 ) |  |  |
|  | SPHEL: | SPH elements (material types: 6, 7, <br> $12, ~ 14, ~ 28) ~$ |  |  |
| TETRA: | Tetrahedral elements (All solid types <br> available for TETRA except shock <br> materials and material types 28, 30 <br> and 51) |  |  |  |
| $25-32$ | Material identification number | I8 | IMAT |  |

## Notes:

Any 3-D element (SOLID_/_, TETRA_/, TETR4_/_) can make a reference to a PART card with either the qualifier $A T Y P E=S O L I D$, or the qualifier ATYPE=TETRA.
PLINK with Material 223 or 224 (Version 2005), corresponds to a Spring beam Plink. See the Mesh Independent Multi-Layer Spotwelds PLINK_/_ subsection of the Solver Notes Manual for more information.
CARD 1a to Define Reference to MATER card by NAME (only for IMAT=0)

| Columns | Item | Format | Name | versionoption |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1-4$ | Keyword RMAT | A4 |  |  |
| $5-80$ | Name identification NAME | A76 | REFNAM |  |

Note:

- Instead of a material number a material name could be used to reference to a MATER card. Material names which are used as references must be unique. If this is not true, the solver will issue an error message and stop.


## CARD 2 to Define Part Title

| Columns | Item | Format | Name | versionoption |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1-4$ | Keyword NAME | A4 |  |  |
| $5-80$ | Title | A76 | TITLE |  |

CARD 3 General Numerical Parameters Card

| Columns | Item | Format | Name | versionoption |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1-10$ | Time step for element elimination. <br> Currently not implemented for material type <br> $101,110,121$ and 126. | E10.0 | DTELIM |  |

## Units

- The real variable provided on Card 3 has the following units.

| Variable | DTELIM |
| :--- | :---: |
| Units | time |

CARD 4 General Option Parameters Card

| Columns | Item | Format | Name |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | versionoption | $1-10$ | Thickness for Contact (type 33, 34, 36) | E10.0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| TCONT |  |  |
| $11-20$ | Initial equivalent plastic strain <br> (For elastic-plastic shell materials 102,103, <br> $105,106,115,116,118$, and 171 only) | E10.0 |
| EPSINI |  |  |

## Units

- The real variable provided on Card 4 has the following units.


## Notes:

- See the Solver Notes Manual (Constraint SEction) for details on parameter TCONT.


## CARD to be Added at the End of Each Part Definition

| Columns | Item | Format | Name | versionoption |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1-8$ | Keyword END_PART | A8 |  |  |

The above card is mandatory for future extension.

## Type BAR Elements (1 Card)

## CARD 5

| Columns | Item | Format | Name | versionloption |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1-10$ | Cross sectional area | E10.0 | A |  |

## Units

- The real variable provided on Card 5 has the following units.

| Variable | A |
| :--- | :---: |
| Units | length $^{2}$ |
|  |  |

## Type BEAM Elements (5 Cards + Optional Cards)

## CARD 5

| Columns | Item | Format | Name | version/option |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1-10 | Cross sectional area (not needed for material type 213 when IDSEC $\neq 0$ ) | E10.0 | A |  |
| 11-20 | Shear effective area $=0.0$ : no beam transverse shear deformation or: Shear factor (material type 213, default=5/6) | E10.0 | $\mathrm{A}_{\text {s }}$ |  |
| 21-30 | Bending moment of inertia around s-axis (must be non-zero, not needed for material 213) | E10.0 | $\mathrm{I}_{\text {S }}$ |  |
| 31-40 | Bending moment of inertia around t -axis (must be non-zero, not needed for material 213) | E10.0 | $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{t}}$ |  |
| 41-50 | Polar moment of inertia around r-axis (must be non-zero) | E10.0 | $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{r}}$ |  |
| 51-55 | Blank | 5X |  |  |
| 56-60 | Flag for tapered beam (only for material type 213) <br> = 1: tapered beam <br> $=0: \quad$ constant section beam (default) | I5 | IPTR |  |

## Units

- The real variables and functions provided on Card 5 have the following units.

| Variable | $\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{S}}$ | $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{s}}, \mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{t}}, \mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{r}}$, | ICROSS, IPTR |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Units | length $^{2}$ | length |  |

## Note:

- If the flag for tapered beam is defined in the Beam Element sub-section (Elements Section), the definition in the PART card is ignored.


## CARD 6 to Define Eccentricity and End Release Parameters (Leave Blank if not Applicable)

| Columns | Item | Format | Name | versionoption |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | For eccentric beams (not available for material type 214): |  |  |  |
| 1-10 | Mixed moment of inertia (not needed for material 213) | E10.0 | $\mathrm{I}_{\text {st }}$ |  |
| 11-20 | s-coordinate of beam section center of gravity | E10.0 | $\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{G}}$ |  |
| 21-30 | t-coordinate of beam section center of gravity | E10.0 | $\mathrm{t}_{\text {G }}$ |  |
|  | End release codes for beam nodes 1 (or 2) |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 31 \\ & (\text { or 41) } \end{aligned}$ | Blank | 1X |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 32 \\ & (\text { or 42) } \end{aligned}$ | Blank | 1X |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 33 \\ & (\text { or 43) } \end{aligned}$ | Blank | 1X |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 34 \\ & (\text { or 44) } \end{aligned}$ | Blank | 1X |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 35 \\ & (\text { or 45) } \end{aligned}$ | Local R-axis force release code at end 1 (or 2) <br> (axial force) <br> $=0$ : fixed <br> $=1$ : released | I1 |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 36 \\ & \text { (or 46) } \end{aligned}$ | Local S-axis force release code at end 1 (or 2) <br> (shear force) <br> $=0$ : fixed <br> $=1$ : released | I1 |  |  |
| $\begin{array}{\|l} 37 \\ \text { (or 47) } \end{array}$ | Local T-axis force release code at end 1 (or 2) <br> (shear force) <br> $=0$ : fixed <br> $=1$ : released | I1 |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 38 \\ & (\text { or 48) } \end{aligned}$ | Local R-axis moment release code at end 1 (or <br> 2) (torsion) <br> $=0$ : fixed <br> $=1$ : released | I1 |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 39 \\ & (\text { or 49) } \end{aligned}$ | Local S-axis moment release code at end 1 (or <br> 2) (bending) <br> $=0$ : fixed <br> $=1$ : released | I1 |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 40 \\ & (\text { or 50) } \end{aligned}$ | Local T-axis moment release code at end 1 (or <br> 2) (bending) <br> $=0$ : fixed <br> $=1$ : released | I1 |  |  |

## Units

- The real variables provided on Card 6 have the following units.

| Variable | $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{st}}$ | $\mathrm{s}_{\mathrm{G}}, \mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{G}}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Units | length ${ }^{4}$ | length |

## Note:

- If End Release Parameters are defined in the Beam Element sub-section (ELEMENTS SECTION), the definitions in the PART card is ignored.
CARD 7 to Define Tapered Beam Section at Node 1 (Leave Blank If IPTR=0)

| Columns | Item | Format | Name | versionoption |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1-10$ | Relative multiplier of first dimension of <br> section | E10.0 | $\alpha_{1}$ |  |
| $11-20$ | Relative multiplier of second dimension of <br> section | E10.0 | $\beta_{1}$ |  |
| $21-31$ | Relative multiplier of third dimension of <br> section | E10.0 | $\gamma_{1}$ |  |
| $31-40$ | Relative multiplier for s-eccentricity | E10.0 | $\xi_{1}$ |  |
| $41-50$ | Relative multiplier for t-eccentricity | E10.0 | $v_{1}$ |  |

## Units

- The variables provided on Card 7 are non-dimensional.


## Note:

- If the parameters to define tapered beam section are given in the Beam Element sub-section (ELEMENTS SECTION), the definition in PART card is ignored.
CARD 8 to Define Tapered Beam Section at Node 2 (Leave Blank If IPTR=0)

| Columns | Item | Format | Name | versionoption |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1-10$ | Relative multiplier of first dimension of <br> section | E10.0 | $\alpha_{2}$ |  |
| $11-20$ | Relative multiplier of second dimension of <br> section | E10.0 | $\beta_{2}$ |  |
| $21-31$ | Relative multiplier of third dimension of <br> section | E10.0 | $\gamma_{2}$ |  |
| $31-40$ | Relative multiplier for s-eccentricity | E 10.0 | $\xi_{2}$ |  |
| $41-50$ | Relative multiplier for t-eccentricity | E 10.0 | $v_{2}$ |  |

## Units

- The variables provided on Card 8 are non-dimensional.


## Note:

- If the parameters to define tapered beam section are given in the Beam Element sub-section (ELEMENTS SECTION), the definition in PART card is ignored.

CARD 9 to Define Cross Section (Leave blank for material types other than 213)

| Columns | Item | Format | Name | vesionoption |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1-5 | ```Cross section description flag \(=0: \quad\) cross section to be defined by the user via integration points \(=1: \quad\) thin-walled circular section \(=2\) : solid circular section \(=3\) : thin-walled rectangular section \(=4: \quad\) solid rectangular section``` | I5 | IDSEC |  |
| 6-10 | Number of integration points in cross section ( $\leq 24$ ) (see notes) (for IDSEC $>0$, default is 8 ) | I5 | NIPS |  |
| 11-20 | Cross section dimension parameter | E10.0 | a * |  |
| 21-30 | Cross section dimension parameter | E10.0 | b * |  |
| 31-40 | Cross section dimension parameter | E10.0 | c* |  |

* required only for cross section description IDSEC>0 see the Solver Notes Manual for further information
The following NIPS cards are needed only for material type 213 and cross section description if IDSEC=0 on previous card.

Units

- The real variables and functions provided on Card 9 have the following units.

| Variable | IDSEC,NIPS | $a, b, c$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Units | none | length |

CARD 10, 11, ... NIPS+9 (Optional)

| Columns | Item | Format | Name | versionoption |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1-10$ | Local coordinate $\mathrm{s}_{\mathrm{i}}$ for integration point i | E 10.0 | $\mathrm{~s}_{\mathrm{i}}$ |  |
| $11-20$ | Local coordinate $\mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{i}}$ for integration point i | E 10.0 | $\mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{i}}$ |  |
| $21-30$ | Weighting factor $\left(=\mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{i}} / \mathrm{A}\right)$ for integration <br> point i | E 10.0 | $\mathrm{w}_{\mathrm{i}}$ |  |

## Units

- The real variables provided on Card 10 to NIPS have the following units.

| Variable | $\mathrm{s}_{\mathrm{i}}, \mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{i}}$ | $\mathrm{w}_{\mathrm{i}}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Units | length | none |

## Types SPRING, MBSPR, JOINT, KJOIN, MBKJN, and SPRGBM Elements (1 Card)

## CARD 5 Blank

## Types SOLID and TETRA Elements (2 Cards)

CARD 5 to Define Orientation For Orthotropy Direction 1 (only for Material Types 30, 31, 41, 42 Leave Blank in other Case)

| Columns | Item | Format | Name | vessionoption |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 -5 | Orthotropic axis definition flag <br> $=0:$ <br> orthotropic definition via a vector in <br> global coordinate system | I5 | IORT |  |
| $=1:$orthotropic definition in local element <br> frame |  |  |  |  |
| $6-10$ | Blank | 5 X |  |  |
| $11-20$ | X-component (IORT $=0,1)$ of orientation axis | E10.0 | XDIR |  |
| $21-30$ | Y-component (IORT $=0,1)$ of orientation axis | E10.0 | YDIR |  |
| $31-40$ | Z-component (IORT $=0,1)$ of orientation axis | E10.0 | ZDIR |  |

CARD 6 to Define Orientation For Orthotropy Direction 2 (only for Material Types 30, 31, 41, 42 Leave Blank in other Case)

| Columns | Item | Format | Name | version/option |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1-5$ | Orthotropic axis definition flag <br> $=0:$ <br> orthotropic definition via a vector in <br> global coordinate system <br> orthotropic definition in local element <br> frame | I5 | IORT |  |
| $6-10$ | Blank | $5 X$ |  |  |
| $11-20$ | X-component $($ IORT $=0,1)$ of orientation axis | E10.0 | XDIR |  |
| $21-30$ | Y-component $($ IORT $=0,1)$ of orientation axis | E10.0 | YDIR |  |
| $31-40$ | Z-component $($ IORT $=0,1)$ of orientation axis | E10.0 | ZDIR |  |

## Units

The real variables and functions provided on Cards 5 and 6 above, have the following units.

| Variable | IORT | XDIR, YDIR, ZDIR |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Units | none | length |

## Type BSHEL Elements (1 Card)

CARD 5 Blank

## Type TSHEL Elements (1 Card)

## CARD 5

| Columns | Item | Format | Name | versionoption |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1-10$ | Thickness | E 10.0 | h | shock/ |

## Units

- The real variable provided on Card 5 has the following units.

| Variable | h |
| :--- | :---: |
| Units | length |

## Note:

- If the thickness is defined in the Thick Shell Element sub-section (ELEMENTS SECTION), the thickness definition in the PART card is ignored.


## Type SHELL Elements (2 Cards)

CARD 5

| Columns | Item | Format | Name | versionoption |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1-10$ | Thickness | E10.0 | h |  |
| $11-15$ | Number of integration points through the <br> thickness (must be greater than or equal to 1; <br> default value = 3) | I5 | NINT |  |

## Units

- The real variables provided on Card 5 have the following units.

| Variable | h | NINT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Units | length | none |

## Note:

If the thickness and number of integration points are defined in the Thin Shell Element sub- section (ELEMENTS SECTION), their definition in the PART card is ignored.
CARD 6 to Define Orthotropy Orientation for Material Types 107/108/109/117/118/128/130/131/132/140 (Leave Blank for Others)

| Columns | Item | Format | Name | versionoption |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1-5$ | Orthotropic axis definition flag <br> $=0:$ <br> orthotropic definition via a vector in <br> global coordinate system <br> orthotropic definition in local element <br> frame with or without offset angle | I5 | IORT |  |
| $6-10$ | Blank | 5 X |  |  |
| $11-20$ | X-component (IORT $=0,1)$ of orientation axis | E10.0 | XDIR |  |
| $21-30$ | Y-component (IORT $=0,1)$ of orientation axis | E10.0 | YDIR |  |
| $31-40$ | Z-component $($ IORT $=0)$ of orientation axis | E10.0 | ZDIR |  |
| $41-50$ | Offset angle in degrees $($ IORT $=1)$ | E10.0 | $\alpha$ |  |

## Units

- The real variables and functions provided on Card 6, have the following units.

| Variable | IORT | XDIR, YDIR, ZDIR | $\alpha$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Units | none | length | angle |

angle in degrees

## Notes for orthotropy orientation:

- There are two ways to define orthotropy orientation :
- IORT given in CARD 6 is equal to 0 : The orthotropy orientation is given in the global coordinate system via a vector $\boldsymbol{V}(V X, V Y, V Z)$. The projection $V^{\prime}$ of vector $\boldsymbol{V}$ into the element tangent plane at its origin defines the orthotropy orientation, see Figure (i).


Figure (i): Orthotropy orientation for shell, IORT $=0$

- IORT given in CARD 6 is set equal to 1. The orthotropy orientation is given in the local coordinate system via a vector $\boldsymbol{V}(V X, V Y)$ with or without an offset angle $\alpha$ given in CARD 6. A rotation of vector $\boldsymbol{V}$ by the offset angle $\alpha$ around element normal direction with respect to the element origin defines the orthotropy orientation, see Figure (ii).


Figure (ii): Orthotropy orientation for shell, IORT = 1

- For material 130/131/132, the orientation definition corresponds to the reference ply orthotropy. Each ply orientation will be computed from a rotation of this reference orthotropy by an angle given in the Composite Ply Data Base Identification card in material type 130/131/132 definition cards.
- For material 140, the orientation definition corresponds to the reference direction orthotropy. Orthotropy for directions 1 and 2 will be computed from a rotation of this reference orthotropy by an angle given in the CARD 4 and an angle given in the CARD 5 of material type 140 definition cards


## Type MEMBR Elements (3 Cards)

CARD 5

| Columns | Item | Format | Name | versionoption |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1-10$ | Thickness | E10.0 | h |  |
| Units |  |  |  |  |

- The real variable provided on Card 5 has the following units.

| Variable | h |
| :--- | :---: |
| Units | length |

## CARD 6 to Define First Fibre Orientation

| Columns | Item | Format | Name | vesionoption |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1-5 | Orthotropic axis definition flag <br> $=0: \quad$ orthotropic definition via a vector in global coordinate system (default Vvector is global X -axis, T -vector is global Z-axis) <br> $=1$ : orthotropic definition in local element frame with or without offset angle (No default is assumed) | I5 | IORT |  |
| 6-10 | Blank | 5X |  |  |
| 11-20 | X-component (IORT $=0,1$ ) of orientation axis | E10.0 | vx* |  |
| 21-30 | Y-component (IORT $=0,1$ ) of orientation axis | E10.0 | VY* |  |
| 31-40 | Z-component (IORT $=0$ ) of orientation axis | E10.0 | Vz* |  |
| 41-50 | Offset angle in degrees (IORT $=0,1$ ) | E10.0 | $\alpha$ |  |
|  | In case of IORT=0 and $\alpha \neq 0$, define revolution axis : |  |  |  |
| 51-60 | X-component (IORT $=0$ ) of revolution axis | E10.0 | TX** |  |
| 61-70 | Y-component (IORT $=0$ ) of revolution axis | E10.0 | TY** |  |
| 71-80 | X-component ( $\mathrm{IORT}=0$ ) of revolution axis | E10.0 | $T Z^{* *}$ |  |

## CARD 7 to Define Second Fibre Orientation

| Columns | Item | Format | Name | vession/option |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1-5 | Orthotropic axis definition flag <br> $=0: \quad$ orthotropic definition via a vector in global coordinate system (default Vvector is global X -axis, T -vector is global Z-axis) <br> $=1$ : orthotropic definition in local element frame with or without offset angle (No default is assumed) | I5 | IORT |  |
| 6-10 | Blank | 5X |  |  |
| 11-20 | X-component ( $\mathrm{IORT}=0,1$ ) of orientation axis | E10.0 | vx* |  |
| 21-30 | Y-component (IORT $=0,1$ ) of orientation axis | E10.0 | VY* |  |
| 31-40 | Z-component (IORT $=0$ ) of orientation axis | E10.0 | Vz* |  |
| 41-50 | Offset angle in degrees (IORT $=0,1$ ) | E10.0 | $\alpha$ |  |
|  | In case of IORT=0 and $\alpha \neq 0$, define revolution axis : |  |  |  |
| 51-60 | X-component (IORT $=0$ ) of revolution axis | E10.0 | TX** |  |
| 61-70 | Y-component (IORT $=0$ ) of revolution axis | E10.0 | TY** |  |
| 71-80 | X-component ( $\mathrm{IORT}=0$ ) of revolution axis | E10.0 | TZ ${ }^{* *}$ |  |

default projection vector is global $X$ axis in case of IORT=0
** default revolution vector is global $Z$ axis (IORT=0 only)

## Units

- The real variables and functions provided on Cards 6 and 7 above, have the following units.

| Variable | IORT | $\mathrm{VX}, \mathrm{VY}, \mathrm{VZ}, \mathrm{TX}, \mathrm{TY}, \mathrm{TZ}$ | $\alpha$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Units | none | length | angle |
| angle in degrees |  |  |  |

## Notes on fibers orientation:

- There are three ways to define each fiber orientation :
- In the membrane element definition section : if the local fiber angles $\beta 1$ and $\beta 2$ are specified element by element, the definition in the PART cards is automatically ignored. If no angle is defined in the membrane element definition section, one of the following definitions will be used to define each fiber orientation.
- If IORT given in CARD 6, is set equal to 0, the fiber direction is given in the global coordinate system via a vector $V(V X, V Y, V Z)$, an offset angle $\alpha$ and a vector $\boldsymbol{T}(T X, T Y, T Z)$ given in CARD 6. If the offset angle is equal to $0, \boldsymbol{T}$ is not needed. Vector $V^{\prime}$ is the projection of vector $\boldsymbol{V}$ into the element tangent plane. Vector $\boldsymbol{T}^{\prime}$ is the projection of vector $\boldsymbol{T}$ onto the element normal direction (if needed). The rotation of vector $V^{\prime}$ by the offset angle $\alpha$ around the direction given by $\boldsymbol{T}^{\prime}$ with respect to the element origin defines the fiber orientation, see Figure (iii).
If vector $\boldsymbol{V}$ is not specified, $\boldsymbol{V}$ is assumed to point in the direction of the global $X$ axis. If vector $\boldsymbol{T}$ is not specified, $\boldsymbol{T}$ is assumed to point in the direction of the global $Z$ axis.


Figure (iii): Fiber direction for membrane, IORT $=0$

- If IORT given in CARD 6, is set equal to 1, the fiber direction is given in the local element frame via a vector $\boldsymbol{V}(V X, V Y)$, with or without offset angle $\alpha$. The rotation of vector $\boldsymbol{V}$ by the offset angle $\alpha$ around element normal direction with respect to the element origin defines the fiber orientation, see Figure (iv).
- In that case, no default is assumed for vector $\boldsymbol{V}$ definition: at least one orientation should be given for fiber 1 or for fiber 2: If a fiber orientation is given for only one layer, the other layer is assumed to be perpendicular.
- If the flag for improved element stability for initially orthogonal fibers, IFLA90, is given in material type 150 definition cards (CARD 3), the first fiber orientation should be given.


Figure (iv): Fiber direction for membrane, IORT = 1

## Types SLINK Elements and TIED Interface (1 Card if INEXT=0, 2 Cards if INEXT=1)

## CARD 5

| Columns | Item | Format | Name | versionoption |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1-10 | Link search distance | E10.0 | RDIST |  |
| 11-70 | Blank | 60X |  |  |
| 71-80 | Flag for orthotropic axes definition (for TIED interface only) <br> $=0:$ no orthotropic axis are defined <br> $=1$ : orthotropic axis are defined | I10 | INEXT | v2006 |

## Units

- The real variable provided on Card 5 has the following units.

| Variable | RDIST |
| :--- | :--- |
| Units | length |

## Type TIED Interface (if INEXT = 1 )

## CARD 6 Orthotropic axes in master segment, for Material Type 304 (Blank for Others)

CARD 6

| Columns | Item | Format | Name | vensionoption |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1-5$ | Orthotropic axis definition flag <br> $=0:$ <br> orthotropic definition via a vector in <br> global coordinate system <br> orthotropic definition in local master <br> segment frame | I5 | IORT | $v 2006$ |
| $6-10$ | Blank | 5 X |  |  |
| $11-20$ | X-component $($ IORT $=0,1)$ of orientation axis | E10.0 | XDIR | $v 2006$ |
| $21-30$ | Y-component $($ IORT $=0,1)$ of orientation axis | E10.0 | YDIR | $v 2006$ |
| $31-40$ | Z-component $($ IORT $=0$ ) of orientation axis | E10.0 | ZDIR | $v 2006$ |
| $41-50$ | Offset angle in degrees $($ IORT $=0,1)$ <br> (default value $=0)$. | E10.0 | $\alpha$ | $v 2006$ |

## Units

- The real variable provided on Card 6 has the following units.

| Variable | XDIR, YDIR, ZDIR | $\alpha$, IORT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Units | length | none |

## Notes for orthotropy orientation:

- There are two ways to define orthotropic axes:
- IORT is equal to $0(C A R D ~ 6) ~: ~ T h e ~ o r t h o t r o p y ~ a x i s ~ i s ~ g i v e n ~ i n ~ t h e ~ g l o b a l ~$ coordinate system via a vector $\boldsymbol{V}(V X, V Y, V Z)$.
The projection $\boldsymbol{V}$ ' of vector $\boldsymbol{V}$ into the master segment tangent plane at its origin defines the orthotropic orientation, see Figure (v).


Figure (v): Orthotropy orientation for shell, IORT $=0$

- IORT is equal to 1 (CARD 6): The orthotropic orientation is given in the local coordinate system via a vector $V^{\prime}(V X, V Y)$
- For IORT $=0$ and IORT $=1$, an offset angle $\alpha$ is given in CARD 6. T is obtained by a rotation of vector $\boldsymbol{V}$ ' by the offset angle $\alpha$ around the master segment normal direction with respect to the element origin. This defines the orthotropic orientation, see Figure (vi).
- Angle $\alpha$ default value is zero


Figure (vi): Orthotropy orientation for shell, IORT = 1

## Types ELINK Elements (1 Card)

CARD 5

| Columns | Item | Format | Name | versionoption |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1-10$ | Link search distance | E10.0 | RDIST |  |
| $11-20$ | Sharp edge detection angle | E10.0 | $\alpha$ |  |
| Default $=60^{\circ}$ |  |  |  |  |

## Units

- The real variable provided on Card 5 has the following units.

| Variable | RDIST | $\alpha$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Units | length | angle $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ |

## Type LLINK Elements (1 Card)

CARD 5

| Columns | Item | Format | Name | versionoption |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1-10$ | Link search radius | E10.0 | RSEAR |  |
| $11-20$ | Distance for connection point generation <br> = 0.0 : default set to average segment size of <br> the finest mesh | E10.0 | DISPW |  |
| $21-30$ | Width for new connection points generation | E10.0 | WIDTH |  |
| $31-40$ | Number of additional connection points | I10 | NGWDTH |  |

## Units

- The real variables provided on Card 5 has the following units.

| Variable | RSEAR, DISPW,WIDTH | NGWDTH |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Units | length | none |

## Type PLINK Elements (1 Card)

CARD 5

| Columns | Item | Format | Name | versionoption |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1-10$ | Link search radius | E10.0 | RSEAR |  |
| $11-20$ | Number of layers | I10 | NLAYR |  |
| $21-30$ | User defined maximal length of spotweld <br> elements (if the length of a spotweld is longer <br> then SPWLG, a warning message will be given <br> in the listing file) | E10.0 | SPWLG |  |
| $31-40$ | Number of additional spotwelds for Multi- <br> PLINK generated on radius: 3 $\leq$ NGESP $\leq 8$ <br> (=0 : Standard PLINK) <br> Only for material 302 | I10 | NGESP |  |
| $41-50$ | Radius to place multi-plink spotwelds | E10.0 | SPOTRA |  |
| $51-60$ | Angle criterion (in degrees) for segment <br> removal in multi-plink (05 THETA $\leq 90)$, <br> defaulted to 5. | E10.0 | THETA |  |
| $61-70$ | Bending correction of radius <br> $=0:$ Axial displacement due of Bending <br> deformation of the radius <br> = 1: No axial displacement due of Bending <br> deformation (only for Spring beam plink <br> with material 223) | I10.0 | IRADBEN |  |

## Units

- The real variables provided on Card 5 has the following units.

| Variable | RSEAR, SPWLG, SPOTRA | NLAYR, NGESP | THETA |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Units | length | none | angle $\left(^{\circ}\right)$ |

Notes for material models available for links:

|  | $\mathbf{3 0 1}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 3}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 2 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 2 4}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| TIED | X |  | X | X |  |  |
| SLINK | X |  |  |  |  |  |
| ELINK | X |  |  |  |  |  |
| LLINK |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| PLINK |  | X |  |  | X | X |
| OLINK (stamp) |  | X |  |  |  |  |

X: material available for option.

## Type SPHEL Elements (2 Cards or more)

## CARD 5

| Columns | Item | Format | Name | vesionoption |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1-10$ | Particle 'smoothing length to radius' ratio <br> (no default allowed ; recommended value <br> range $=2.0-2.5)$ | E10.0 | RATIO |  |
| $11-20$ | Minimum smoothing length <br> (default is 0.0) | E10.0 | HMIN |  |
| $21-30$ | Maximum smoothing length | E10.0 | HMAX |  |
| $31-40$ | Anti-Crossing force parameter <br> (=0: default is 'disabled') | I5 | INORM |  |
| $41-45$ | Free surface correction option <br> $(=0:$ default is inactive) | ETA |  |  |
| $46-50$ | Number of parts interfaced with this part | I5 | NXPAIR |  |
| $51-60$ | First parameter for the M-G art. Viscosity | E10.0 | ALPHA |  |
| $61-70$ | Second parameter for the M-G art. Viscosity | E10.0 | BETA |  |
| $71-75$ | Monaghan stability option <br> (=0: default is inactive; otherwise default <br> parameters will be used) | I5 | NMON |  |

When NXPAIR is positive, the corresponding number of materials with which the current material has the special SPH sliding option must be provided in the following card(s). The SPH slideline concept excludes interaction between two disjoint parts when the parts are not compressed to each other.

## Units

- The real variables and functions provided on Card 5, have the following units.

| Variable | RATIO, ETA, NXPAIR, ALPHA, BETA | HMIN, HMAX |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Units | none | length |

Repeat the following card so as to define all NXPAIR interaction pairs.

## CARD 6, 7, ... 5+NXPAIR to Define 'tension-free' Interaction Parts

| Columns | Item | Format | Name | vensionoption |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1-10 | Part number | I10 | IPART |  |
| 11-20 | Minimum smoothing length <br> $=0:$ default is picked up. Default is 1.0 <br> $=1.0$ : interaction starts when the mean of the radii of the 2 interacting particles is reached <br> $>1.0$ : the multiplier is applied on the default value <br> $0.0<\mathrm{FAC}<1.0$ : <br> such values are rejected <br> $<0$ : the standard interaction distance (the smoothing length) is used | E10.0 | FAC |  |

## Units

- The real variables and functions provided on Card 6 are non-dimensional.

