CONTINUOUS SYSTEMS







Vibrations : Continuous systems

Simple continuous systems : civil engineering







Beam – Bar kinematics

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Simple continuous systems : mechanical engineering





Beam – Bar kinematics





Boundary conditions for bars



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Equation of motion for bars



- axial displacement u(x,t)

- can be seen as an infinite number of small mass-spring systems in series -> Infinite number of eigenfrequencies and mode shapes

Equation of motion for bars



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Boundary conditions for beams



Equation of motion for beams



- transversal displacement of the neutral axis y(x,t)

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Equation of motion for beams



Equilibrium : $-T + p(x,t) dx + T + dT = (\rho A \ddot{y}) dx$

 $\begin{array}{l} {\rm p(x,t)=vertical\ load\ per\ unit\ length\ on\ the\ beam}\\ {\rm A=surface\ of\ the\ section}\\ \rho={\rm density}\\ \hline \frac{dT}{dx}=-EI\frac{d^4y}{dx^4}=\rho A\ddot{y}-p(x,t) \end{array}$

$$EI\frac{d^4y}{dx^4} + \rho A\ddot{y} = p(x,t)$$



Eigenfrequencies

N degrees of freedom (dofs) system = n eigenfrequencies



Continuous system = infinite number of DOFs = infinite number of eigenfrequencies



$$EA\frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial x^2} - \rho A\ddot{u}(x,t) = -p(x,t)$$

General solution (p(x,t)=0) : $u(x,t) = U(x)e^{i\omega t}$

$$EA\frac{d^2U}{dx^2} + \rho A\omega^2 U = 0$$
$$\frac{d^2U}{dx^2} + \frac{\rho}{E}\omega^2 U = 0$$

Characteristic equation: $U(x) = Ae^{rx}$! The variable is x not t

$$r^2 + \frac{\rho}{E}\omega^2 = 0$$
 \longrightarrow $r_{1,2} = \pm i\omega\sqrt{\frac{\rho}{E}}$

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Mode shapes and eigenfrequencies for bars

General solution

$$U(x) = A\cos(\omega\sqrt{\frac{\rho}{E}}x) + B\sin(\omega\sqrt{\frac{\rho}{E}}x)$$

A and B depend on the boundary conditions

Example : Bar fixed at x=0 and x=L

$$U(0) = 0 \Rightarrow A = 0$$

$$U(L) = Bsin(\omega \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{E}}L) = 0 \implies \omega \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{E}}L = n\pi \qquad n = 1, ..., \infty$$

Eigenfrequencies Mode shapes

$$\omega_n = n \frac{\pi}{L} \sqrt{\frac{E}{\rho}} \qquad U(x)_n = sin(\frac{n\pi x}{L}) \qquad n = 1, ..., \infty$$





$$EI\frac{\partial^4 y(x,t)}{\partial x^4} + \rho A \ddot{y}(x,t) = p(x,t)$$

General solution (p(x,t)=0) : $y(x,t) = Y(x)e^{i\omega t}$

$$EI\frac{d^4Y}{dx^4} - \rho A\omega^2 Y = 0$$
$$\frac{d^4Y}{dx^4} - \xi^4 Y = 0 \qquad \xi^4 = \frac{\rho A}{EI}\omega^2$$

Characteristic equation: $Y(x) = Ae^{rx}$! The variable is x not t

$$r^4 - \xi^4 = 0$$
 $r_{1,2} = \pm i\xi$
 $r_{3,4} = \pm \xi$

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Mode shapes and eigenfrequencies for bars

General solution

$$Y(x) = A\cos(\xi x) + B\sin(\xi x) + C\cosh(\xi x) + D\sinh(\xi x)$$

A, B, C and D depend on the boundary conditions

Example : Simply supported beam

$$Y(0) = Y''(0) = Y(L) = Y''(L) = 0$$

$$sin(\xi L)sinh(\xi L) = 0 \longrightarrow \xi L = n\pi \quad n = 1, ..., \infty$$

Eigenfrequencies Mode shapes

$$\omega_n = \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2} \sqrt{\frac{EL}{\rho A}} \qquad Y_n(x) = sin \frac{n \pi x}{L}$$

Example 1: Simply supported beam



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Example 2: Double cantilever beam

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Mode shapes and eigenfrequencies for beams

n=1







Mode shapes and eigenfrequencies for beams





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Projection in the modal basis for bars

Orthogonality:

$$\int_{0}^{L} \rho A U_{i} U_{j} dx = \delta_{ij} \mu_{i}$$

$$\int_{0}^{L} E A U_{i}' U_{j}' dx = \delta_{ij} \mu_{i} \omega_{i}^{2}$$

$$E A \frac{\partial^{2} u(x,t)}{\partial x^{2}} - \rho A \frac{\partial^{2} u(x,t)}{\partial t^{2}} = -p(x,t) \qquad u(x,t) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} U_{j}(x) z_{j}(t)$$

$$E A \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} U_{j}'' z_{j} - \rho A \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} U_{j} \ddot{z}_{j} = -p(x,t)$$

$$\int_{0}^{L} \left(E A \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} U_{j}'' U_{i} \right) z_{j} dx - \int_{0}^{L} \left(\rho A \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} U_{j} U_{i} \right) \ddot{z}_{j} dx = \int_{0}^{L} -p(x,t) U_{i} dx$$

$$\mu_{i} \ddot{z}_{i} + \mu_{i} \omega_{i}^{2} z_{i} = F_{i}$$

$$F_{i} = \int_{0}^{L} p(x,t) U_{i} dx$$

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Projection in the modal basis

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} U_j(x) z_j(t)$$

The solution can be obtained by solving an *infinite* set of independent

equations of the type

$$\mu_i \ddot{z_i} + \mu_i \omega_i^2 z_i = F_i$$

This equation corresponds to the equation of motion of a sdof system with

- mass $\mu_i \pmod{\text{mass}}$
- stiffness $\mu_i \omega_i^2$
- angular eigenfrequency ω_i
- excitation F_i (modal excitation)

Projection in the modal basis

The solution is the sum of sdof oscillators :



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Truncated modal basis

Rules for truncation :

- depends on the frequency band of excitation
- \mathbf{x} depends on the frequency band of interest for the response





The approximation can be improved using static correction

Projection in the modal basis for beams

Orthogonality :
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$$\int_{0}^{L} EI Y_{i}'' Y_{j}'' dx = \delta_{ij} \mu_{i} \omega_{i}^{2}$$

$$\begin{split} EI\frac{\partial^4 y(x,t)}{\partial x^4} + \rho A \frac{\partial^2 y(x,t)}{\partial t^2} &= p(x,t) \qquad \qquad y(x,t) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} Y_j(x) z_j(t) \\ EI\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} Y_j^{IV} z_j + \rho A \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} Y_j \ddot{z}_j &= p(x,t) \\ \int_0^L \left(EI\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} Y_j^{IV} Y_i \right) z_j \, dx + \int_0^L \left(\rho A \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} Y_j Y_i \right) \ddot{z}_j \, dx = \int_0^L p(x,t) Y_i \, dx \\ \mu_i \ddot{z}_i + \mu_i \omega_i^2 z_i &= F_i \qquad \qquad F_i = \int_0^L p(x,t) Y_i \, dx \end{split}$$

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Discrete vs continuous systems

MDOF

Orthogonality conditions

BARS

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_i^T M \psi_j &= \delta_{ij} \mu_i \\ \psi_i^T K \psi_j &= \delta_{ij} \mu_i \omega_i^2 \end{aligned}$$

 $F_i =$

$$\int_{0}^{L} \rho A U_i U_j dx = \delta_{ij} \mu_i$$
$$\int_{0}^{L} E A U_i' U_j' dx = \delta_{ij} \mu_i \omega_i^2$$

Projection in the modal basis

$$\mu_i \ddot{z}_i + \mu_i \omega_i^2 z_i = F_i$$
$$\psi_i^T F \qquad \qquad F_i = \int_0^L p(x, t) U_i \, dx$$

$$\int_0^L \rho A Y_i Y_j \, dx = \delta_{ij} \mu_i$$
$$\int_0^L E I Y_i'' Y_j'' \, dx = \delta_{ij} \mu_i \omega_i^2$$

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$$F_i = \int_0^L p(x,t) Y_i \, dx$$

Damping models

For proportional (global) damping models

 $\begin{array}{l} \mu_i \ddot{z}_i + 2\xi_i \mu_i \omega_i \dot{z}_i + \mu_i \omega_i^2 z_i = F_i \\ \\ \text{Rayleigh damping} \quad \Rightarrow \xi_i = \frac{1}{2} \left(\alpha \omega_i + \frac{\beta}{\omega_i} \right) \\ \\ \text{Loss factor} \qquad \Rightarrow \xi_i = \frac{\eta}{2} \qquad \text{Constant modal damping} \\ \\ \\ \text{Modal damping} \qquad \Rightarrow \xi_i \qquad \text{For each mode} \end{array}$