

Orthogonality of mode shapes for an Euler-Bernoulli beam

For the r th normal mode $\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left[EI(x) \frac{d^2 \phi_r}{dx^2} \right] = \omega_r^2 m(x) \phi_r(x)$ — (1)

For the s th normal mode $\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left[EI(x) \frac{d^2 \phi_s}{dx^2} \right] = \omega_s^2 m(x) \phi_s(x)$ — (2)

Multiplying both sides of Eqn. (1) with $\phi_s(x)$ and integrating, we get,

$$\int_0^L \phi_s \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left[EI(x) \frac{d^2 \phi_r}{dx^2} \right] dx = \omega_r^2 \int_0^L \phi_s m(x) \phi_r dx$$

$= 0$ (for free, ss, fixed) _{BCs}

$$\Rightarrow \cancel{\phi_s \frac{d}{dx} \left[EI(x) \frac{d^2 \phi_r}{dx^2} \right] \Big|_0^L} - \int_0^L \frac{d\phi_s}{dx} \frac{d}{dx} \left[EI(x) \frac{d^2 \phi_r}{dx^2} \right] dx = \omega_r^2 \int_0^L \phi_s m(x) \phi_r dx$$

$= 0$ (for free, fixed, ss BCs)

$$\Rightarrow \cancel{-\frac{d\phi_s}{dx} EI(x) \frac{d^2 \phi_r}{dx^2} \Big|_0^L} + \int_0^L \frac{d^2 \phi_s}{dx^2} EI(x) \frac{d^2 \phi_r}{dx^2} dx = \omega_r^2 \int_0^L \phi_s m(x) \phi_r dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^L \frac{d^2 \phi_s}{dx^2} EI(x) \frac{d^2 \phi_r}{dx^2} dx = \omega_r^2 \int_0^L \phi_s(x) m(x) \phi_r(x) dx$$
 — (3)

Similarly, we can get, (by multiplying both sides of Eqn. 2 with $\phi_r(x)$)

$$\int_0^L \frac{d^2 \phi_r}{dx^2} EI(x) \frac{d^2 \phi_s}{dx^2} dx = \omega_s^2 \int_0^L \phi_r(x) m(x) \phi_s(x) dx$$
 — (4)

Subtracting Eqn. (4) from Eqn. (3), we get,

$$(\omega_r^2 - \omega_s^2) \int_0^L \phi_r(x) m(x) \phi_s(x) dx = 0$$

for $r \neq s$, $\omega_r^2 \neq \omega_s^2 \Rightarrow \int_0^L \phi_r(x) m(x) \phi_s(x) dx = 0$, $\int_0^L \phi_r(x) m(x) \phi_r(x) dx = 1$
 (for mass normalized mode shapes)

and

$$\int_0^L \frac{d^2 \phi_r}{dx^2} EI(x) \frac{d^2 \phi_s}{dx^2} dx = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \int_0^L \frac{d^2 \phi_r}{dx^2} EI(x) \frac{d^2 \phi_r}{dx^2} dx = \omega_r^2$$

Fixed-free Euler-Bernoulli beam:

$$\phi(x) = c_1 \sin \beta x + c_2 \cos \beta x + c_3 \sinh \beta x + c_4 \cosh \beta x$$

$$\textcircled{a} x=0 \quad y(0,t) = \phi(0)T(t) = 0 \Rightarrow \phi(0) = 0$$

$$\textcircled{a} x=0 \quad y'(0,t) = \phi'(0)T(t) = 0 \Rightarrow \phi'(0) = 0$$

$$\phi(0) = 0 \Rightarrow c_2 + c_4 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \phi'(0) = c_1 + c_3 = 0$$

$$\therefore \phi(x) = c_1 (\sin \beta x - \sinh \beta x) + c_2 (\cos \beta x - \cosh \beta x)$$

$$\textcircled{a} x=L, \quad M = EI \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} \Rightarrow EI \phi''(L)T(t) = 0 \Rightarrow \phi''(L) = 0$$

$$\textcircled{a} x=L \quad V = EI \frac{\partial^3 y}{\partial x^3} = EI \phi'''(L)T(t) = 0 \Rightarrow \phi'''(L) = 0$$

$$-\beta^2 c_1 (\sin \beta L + \sinh \beta L) - \beta^2 c_2 (\cos \beta L + \cosh \beta L) = 0$$

$$-\beta^3 c_1 (\cos \beta L + \cosh \beta L) + \beta^3 c_2 (\sin \beta L - \sinh \beta L) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \sin \beta L + \sinh \beta L & \cos \beta L + \cosh \beta L \\ \cos \beta L + \cosh \beta L & -(\sin \beta L - \sinh \beta L) \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{Bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\cos \beta L \cosh \beta L = -1} \Rightarrow \beta L = \begin{matrix} 1.8751 \\ 4.6941 \\ 7.8548 \\ 10.996 \end{matrix}$$

