

Approximate Methods

Collocation Methods

Euler-Bernoulli beam equation:

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left[EI(x) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right] + m(x) \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = 0 \quad \leftarrow y(x,t) = \varphi(x) T(t)$$

Under normal mode of vibration

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left[EI(x) \frac{d^2\varphi}{dx^2} \right] T(t) + m(x) \varphi(x) \ddot{T}(t) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left[EI(x) \frac{d^2\varphi}{dx^2} \right] - \omega^2 m(x) \varphi(x) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \varphi(x) = \sum_{j=1}^N c_j \psi_j(x)$$

Approximate mode shape

Types of collocation methods

Boundary methods: ψ_i satisfies the differential equation and not the BCs.

Interior Methods: ψ_i satisfies the BCs, but not the differential eqns.
(most conventional)

Mixed methods ψ_i satisfies neither the BCs nor the differential eqn.

Interior Collocation Method: We need to select ψ_i which satisfies all the BCs. Station points s_i also need to be chosen, and the $\varphi(x) = \sum c_j \psi_j(x)$ satisfies the differential equation only at the station points.

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left[EI(x) \sum_{j=1}^N c_j \psi_j''(x) \right] - \omega^2 \left[m(x) \sum_{j=1}^N c_j \psi_j(x) \right] = 0 \quad \text{at } x = x_i \text{ (or } s_i\text{)} \quad \text{station point}$$

The above written for all station points (N) can be written in matrix form as,

$$(\underbrace{[K] - \omega^2 [M]}_{\text{non-symmetric}}) \{c_j\} = 0$$

Similarly

$$K_{ij} = \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left[EI(x) \psi_j''(x) \right]_{x=x_i}$$

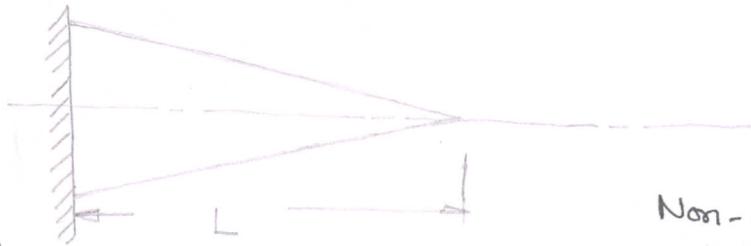
$$K_{ji} = \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left[EI(x) \psi_i''(x) \right]_{x=x_j}$$

$$M_{ij} = [m(x) \psi_j(x)]_{x=x_i}$$

$$M_{ji} = [m(x) \psi_i(x)]_{x=x_j}$$

Example of collocation method

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Non-uniform fixed-free rod under axial vibration

The mass distribution is given as, $m(x) = 2m(1-\frac{x}{L})$

The stiffness distribution is given as $EA(x) = 2EA(1-\frac{x}{L})$

Let the trial functions be,

$$\Psi_1 = \sin \frac{\pi x}{2L} \quad \text{and} \quad \Psi_2 = \sin \frac{3\pi x}{2L} \quad | \text{ satisfy all the BCs.}$$

Let the station points be,

$$S_1 = \frac{L}{4} \quad \text{and} \quad S_2 = \frac{3L}{4}$$

At the station points, $S_1 \neq S_2$, the following eqn. needs to be satisfied,

$$-\frac{d}{dx} \left[EA(x) \sum_{j=1}^2 c_j \Psi_j'(x) \right] - \omega^2 m(x) \sum_{j=1}^2 c_j \Psi_j(x) = 0 \quad (1)$$

Eqn. (1) can be expanded as,

$$-\frac{d}{dx} \left[EA(x) \Psi_1'(x) \right]_{S_1} - \omega^2 m(x)$$

$$-\frac{d}{dx} \left[EA(x) \Psi_2'(x) \right] c_1 - \frac{d}{dx} \left[EA(x) \Psi_2'(x) \right] c_2 - \omega^2 m(x) \Psi_1(x) c_1 - \omega^2 m(x) \Psi_2(x) c_2 = 0$$

$$\text{at } x = S_1 \quad K_{11} c_1 + K_{12} c_2 - \omega^2 M_{11} c_1 - \omega^2 M_{12} c_2 = 0$$

$$\text{and at } x = S_2 \quad K_{21} c_1 + K_{22} c_2 - \omega^2 M_{21} c_1 - \omega^2 M_{22} c_2 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} K_{11} &= -\frac{d}{dx} \left[EA(x) \Psi_1'(x) \right]_{S_1} = -\frac{d}{dx} \left[2EA \left(1-\frac{x}{L}\right) \left(\frac{\pi}{2L}\right) \cos \frac{\pi x}{2L} \right]_{S_1} \\ &= -\frac{\pi EA}{L} \left[-\frac{1}{L} \cos \frac{\pi x}{2L} + \left(1-\frac{x}{L}\right) \left(-\frac{\pi}{2L}\right) \sin \frac{\pi x}{2L} \right]_{S_1} \\ &= \frac{\pi EA}{L^2} \left[\cos \frac{\pi x}{2L} + \frac{\pi}{2} \left(1-\frac{x}{L}\right) \sin \frac{\pi x}{2L} \right]_{S_1} \\ &= \frac{\pi EA}{L^2} \left[\cos \frac{\pi}{8} + \frac{\pi}{2} \left(1-\frac{1}{4}\right) \sin \frac{\pi}{8} \right] = \frac{\pi EA}{L^2} \left[\cos \frac{\pi}{8} + \frac{3\pi}{8} \sin \frac{\pi}{8} \right] \end{aligned}$$

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$$K_{12} = -\frac{d}{dx} \left[EA(x) \psi_2'(x) \right]_{S_1}$$

$$= -\frac{d}{dx} \left[2EA \left(1 - \frac{x}{L} \right) \left(\frac{3\pi}{2L} \right) \cos \frac{3\pi x}{2L} \right]_{S_1}$$

$$= -\frac{3\pi EA}{L} \left[-\frac{1}{L} \cos \frac{3\pi x}{2L} - \frac{3\pi}{2L} \left(1 - \frac{x}{L} \right) \sin \frac{3\pi x}{2L} \right]_{S_1}$$

$$= \frac{3\pi EA}{L^2} \left[\cos \frac{3\pi x}{2L} + \frac{3\pi}{2} \left(1 - \frac{x}{L} \right) \sin \frac{3\pi x}{2L} \right]_{S_1=L/4}$$

$$= \frac{3\pi EA}{L^2} \left[\cos \frac{3\pi}{8} + \frac{9\pi}{8} \sin \frac{3\pi}{8} \right]$$

$$K_{21} = -\frac{d}{dx} \left[EA(x) \psi_1'(x) \right]_{S_2} = -\frac{d}{dx} \left[2EA \left(1 - \frac{x}{L} \right) \left(\frac{\pi}{2L} \right) \cos \frac{\pi x}{2L} \right]_{S_2}$$

$$= \frac{\pi EA}{L^2} \left[\cos \frac{\pi x}{2L} + \frac{\pi}{2} \left(1 - \frac{x}{L} \right) \sin \frac{\pi x}{2L} \right]_{S_2=\frac{3L}{4}}$$

$$= \frac{\pi EA}{L^2} \left[\cos \frac{3\pi}{8} + \frac{\pi}{8} \sin \frac{3\pi}{8} \right]$$

$$K_{22} = -\frac{d}{dx} \left[EA(x) \psi_2'(x) \right]_{S_2} = -\frac{d}{dx} \left[2EA \left(1 - \frac{x}{L} \right) \left(\frac{3\pi}{2L} \right) \cos \frac{3\pi x}{2L} \right]_{S_2}$$

$$= \frac{3\pi EA}{L^2} \left[\cos \frac{3\pi x}{2L} + \frac{3\pi}{2} \left(1 - \frac{x}{L} \right) \sin \frac{3\pi x}{2L} \right]_{S_2=\frac{3L}{4}}$$

$$= \frac{3\pi EA}{L^2} \left[\cos \frac{9\pi}{8} + \frac{3\pi}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \sin \frac{9\pi}{8} \right]$$

Similarly the M_{ij} coefficients can be obtained as follows,

$$M_{11} = \left[m(x) \psi_1(x) \right]_{S_1} = \left[2m \left(1 - \frac{x}{L} \right) \sin \frac{\pi x}{2L} \right]_{S_1=L/4}$$

$$= \left[2m \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot \sin \frac{\pi}{8} \right]$$

$$M_{12} = \left[m(x) \psi_2(x) \right]_{S_1} = \frac{3m}{2} \sin \frac{\pi}{8}$$

$$= \left[2m \left(1 - \frac{x}{L} \right) \sin \frac{3\pi x}{2L} \right]_{S_1=L/4}$$

$$= 2m \cdot \frac{3}{4} \sin \frac{3\pi}{8} = \frac{3m}{2} \sin \frac{3\pi}{8}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_{21} &= [m(x)\psi_1(x)]_{S_2} = \left[2m\left(1-\frac{x}{L}\right) \sin \frac{\pi x}{2L} \right]_{S_2=\frac{3L}{4}} \\
 &= 2m \cdot \frac{1}{4} \sin \frac{3\pi}{8} = \frac{m}{2} \sin \frac{3\pi}{8} \\
 M_{22} &= [m(x)\psi_2(x)]_{S_2} = \left[2m\left(1-\frac{x}{L}\right) \sin \frac{3\pi x}{2L} \right]_{S_2=\frac{3L}{4}} \\
 &= 2m \cdot \frac{1}{4} \sin \frac{9\pi}{8} \\
 &= \frac{m}{2} \sin \frac{9\pi}{8}
 \end{aligned}$$

The above equations can written in matrix form as,

$$\left(\begin{bmatrix} K_{11} & K_{12} \\ K_{21} & K_{22} \end{bmatrix} - \omega^2 \begin{bmatrix} M_{11} & M_{12} \\ M_{21} & M_{22} \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{Bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{Bmatrix} = 0$$

The Solution of the above equation gives the natural frequencies ω and $\{c_1 \ c_2\}^T$.