Shaft Whirl, Critical Speeds & Beam Vibration

- Shaft whirl is a potentially destructive, self-sustaining flexural vibration observed in rotating shafts
- It occurs if the rotational frequency of the shaft coincides with a resonant frequency for flexural vibration



- These shaft speeds are called critical speeds
- If the maximum design speed is less than the lowest critical speed, whirl will not be a problem
- This is not always possible and it is vital to be able to calculate what the critical speeds will be

Short case study – High speed drive shaft





- Given a generalized beam we wish to solve for
 - Natural Frequency ω_n or ω_{nr}
 - Where **r** is the frequency number (1, 2, 3, ...)
 - Mode shapes associated with specific values of ω_{nr}
 - Essentially we are looking for the vertical displacement,
 y, for any given point along the beam, x

From previous experience we know then that we need to find a generalized equation

$$[Z]\{C\} = \{0\}$$

- Where det[Z] = 0 will give us ω_{nr}
- Solving the solution vector $\{C\}$ at $\omega_{\rm nr}$ will define the mode shapes
- To do this you need a generalized equation for vertical displacement, y, as a function of distance along the beam, x, and time, t.

Theory for the Flexural Vibration of Uniform Beams



Consider the motion of an infinitesimal element of the beam of length δx



Analysis in the handout leads to the differential equation

$$EI\frac{\partial^4 y}{\partial x^4} = -\rho A\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2}$$
(4)

This is the general governing differential equation for the free vibration of a beam

Equation (4) is a partial differential equation giving the deflection, y, which is a function of space x and time t

We want to find the natural frequencies and the corresponding mode shapes of the beam

For free vibration at a natural frequency, the motion of each point on the beam will be sinusoidal, but the amplitude of vibration will vary along the length



The deflected shape of the beam defined by the amplitude Y(x) will give us the required **mode shape**

Substituting into (4), we get

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}^{4}Y}{\mathrm{d}x^{4}} = \frac{\rho A \omega^{2}}{E I} Y(x)$$

For a uniform cross-section, A and I are constant and it's convenient to introduce the so-called **wavenumber**, λ , defined by

$$\lambda^4 = \frac{\rho A \omega^2}{E I}$$

(5)

The final solution for Y(x) is

 $Y(x) = C_1 \sin\lambda x + C_2 \cos\lambda x + C_3 \sinh\lambda x + C_4 \cosh\lambda x$ (6)

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- This results in a generalized equation for displacement of *y* at any given point along the beam, *x*, for a given frequency of vibration (contained in λ)
- **HOWEVER**, this contains 4 unknowns (C_1 , C_2 , C_3 and C_4) and you will therefore need a minimum of 4 equations to solve for them
 - Boundary conditions must be used!!!

The constants C_1 - C_4 depend on the boundary conditions at the ends of the beam and will define the mode shapes



You will therefore need to partially differentiate (6)

$$Y(x) = C_1 \sin \lambda x + C_2 \cos \lambda x + C_3 \sinh \lambda x + C_4 \cosh \lambda x$$
 (6a)

several times with depending on what boundary conditions you have

$$\frac{dY}{dX} = C_1 \lambda \cos \lambda x - C_2 \lambda \sin \lambda x + C_3 \lambda \cosh \lambda x + C_4 \lambda \sinh \lambda x$$

$$\frac{d^2 Y}{dx^2} = -C_1 \lambda^2 \sin \lambda x - C_2 \lambda^2 \cos \lambda x + C_3 \lambda^2 \sinh \lambda x + C_4 \lambda^2 \cosh \lambda x$$

$$\frac{d^3 Y}{dx^2} = -C_1 \lambda^3 \cos \lambda x + C_2 \lambda^3 \sin \lambda x + C_3 \lambda^3 \cosh \lambda x + C_4 \lambda^3 \sinh \lambda x$$

General Approach for Finding the Solutions

- **1.** Start by identifying the four boundary conditions and express the boundary conditions in terms of Y(x) and its derivatives
- 2. Since each of the four boundary condition equations depends on $C_1\mbox{-}C_4$, they can be assembled in the form

$$[Z]{C} = {0}$$
 (7)

where $\{C\}$ is a vector of the constants C_1 - C_4 and [Z] is a coefficient matrix.

3. For a valid solution, det[Z] = 0

This gives the Frequency Equation and its roots will give the natural frequencies of the beam

4. When each root is substituted back into (7), the solution vector $\{C\}$ will define the **mode shapes** when the values are put into (6) 12

Example 1 Simply-supported Beam



 $Y(x) = C_1 \sin\lambda x + C_2 \cos\lambda x + C_3 \sinh\lambda x + C_4 \cosh\lambda x$ $\frac{d^2 Y}{dx^2} =$

$$Y(x) = C_1 \sin\lambda x + C_2 \cos\lambda x + C_3 \sinh\lambda x + C_4 \cosh\lambda x$$

$$\frac{d^2 Y}{dx^2} = -\lambda^2 C_1 \sin\lambda x - \lambda^2 C_2 \cos\lambda x + \lambda^2 C_3 \sinh\lambda x + \lambda^2 C_4 \cosh\lambda x$$

Hence, at $x = 0$, $Y = 0$ and $\frac{d^2 Y}{dx^2} = 0$

$$Y(0) = \begin{bmatrix} C_1 \times 0 + C_2 \times 1 + C_3 \times 0 + C_4 \times 1 = 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left(\frac{d^2 Y}{dx^2}\right)_{x=0} = \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda^2 C_1 \times 0 - \lambda^2 C_2 \times 1 + \lambda^2 C_3 \times 0 + \lambda^2 C_4 \times 1 = 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

and at $x = L$, $Y = 0$ and $\frac{d^2 Y}{dx^2} = 0$

$$Y(L) = \begin{bmatrix} C_1 \sin\lambda L + C_2 \cos\lambda L + C_3 \sinh\lambda L + C_4 \cosh\lambda L = 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{d^2 Y}{dx^2} = \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda^2 C_1 \sin\lambda L - \lambda^2 C_2 \cos\lambda L + \lambda^2 C_3 \sinh\lambda L + \lambda^2 C_4 \cosh\lambda L = 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Assembling the four equations in matrix form

$$ig[Z]ig\{Cig\}=ig\{0ig\}$$



3. Expanding the determinant of the coefficient matrix and equating to zero gives the **Frequency Equation.**

$$-4\lambda^4 \sin\lambda L \sinh\lambda L = 0$$



The Frequency Equation is $\sin\lambda L = 0$

which has roots $\lambda_r L = r \pi$ for r = 1, 2, 3, ...

Since
$$\lambda^4 = \frac{\rho A \omega^2}{E I}$$
 the **natural frequencies** are

$$\omega_r = \omega_{nr} = \left(\frac{r \pi}{L}\right)^2 \sqrt{\frac{E I}{\rho A}} \text{ for } r = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

2. Assemble into matrix form

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -\lambda & 0 & \lambda \\ \sin\lambda L & \cos\lambda L & \sinh\lambda L & \cosh\lambda L \\ -\lambda^2 \sin\lambda L & -\lambda^2 \cos\lambda L & \lambda^2 \sinh\lambda L & \lambda^2 \cosh\lambda L \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \\ C_3 \\ C_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} (7a)$$
(7b)
(7c)

 $[Z]\{C\} = \{0\}$

3. Solving det [Z]=0 gives the Frequency Equation and its roots will give ω_r contained in λ_r •This is complicated so we have given you the resulting Frequency Equation for a number of different beam types on page 5 of your notes

•But this is still difficult to solve, so we also give you the numerical solutions for λ_{rL} on the same page

Numerical values of roots $\lambda_r L$ of frequency equations

r	1	2	3	4	5	>5
Pinned-pinned	π	2 π	3 π	4 π	5 π	Γ π
Clamped- clamped & free-free	4.730	7.853	10.996	14.137	17.279	≈ (r + 0.5) π
Clamped-pinned & free-pinned	3.927	7.069	10.210	13.351	16.493	≈ (<i>r</i> + 0.25) π
Clamped-free	1.875	4.694	7.855	10.996	14.137	≈ (<i>r</i> − 0.5) π

Selecting the values of $\lambda_r L$ from the above table for the beam of interest, the natural frequencies can be found from reworking equation (5). That is: $\omega_r = \omega_{nr} = \frac{(\lambda_r L)^2}{r^2} \sqrt{\frac{E I}{L}}$

where

$$\omega_{n1} = \frac{(\pi)^2}{L^2} \sqrt{\frac{EI}{\rho A}} \qquad \omega_{n2} = \frac{(2\pi)^2}{L^2} \sqrt{\frac{EI}{\rho A}} \quad \text{,etc.}$$

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Example 1 Simply-supported Beam



The four boundary conditions lead to

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -\lambda^2 & 0 & \lambda^2 \\ \sin\lambda L & \cos\lambda L & \sinh\lambda L & \cosh\lambda L \\ -\lambda^2 \sin\lambda L & -\lambda^2 \cos\lambda L & \lambda^2 \sinh\lambda L & \lambda^2 \cosh\lambda L \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \\ C_3 \\ C_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
(7)

The frequency equation is det[Z] = 0

which has roots $\lambda_r L = r \pi$ for r = 1, 2, 3, ... (from previous table) so the **natural frequencies** are

$$\omega_r = \left(\frac{r\pi}{L}\right)^2 \sqrt{\frac{EI}{\rho A}} \quad \text{for } r = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

4. To find the **mode shapes**, substitute the roots into equation (7) and solve for the constants $C_1 - C_4$

(7a)
$$C_2 + C_4 = 0$$

(7b) $\lambda_r^2 \left(-C_2 + C_4\right) = 0$
(7c) $\sin \lambda_r L. C_1 + \sinh \lambda_r L. C_3 = 0$
(7d) $-\lambda_r^2 \sin \lambda_r L. C_1 + \lambda_r^2 \sinh \lambda_r L. C_3 = 0$
 $\therefore C_3 = 0$
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The only non-zero constant is C_1

Its value is arbitrary & we normally choose $C_1 = 1$

$$Y(x) = C_1 \sin\lambda x + C_2 \cos\lambda x + C_3 \sinh\lambda x + C_4 \cosh\lambda x$$
 (6)

Hence, the mode shape is

$$Y_r(x) = \sin\lambda_r x = \sin\frac{r\pi x}{L}$$



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Example 2 Cantilever (Clamped-free) Beam



1. Boundary conditions

The boundary conditions are

Clamped end at
$$x = 0$$
, $y = 0$ and $\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = 0$

Free end at
$$x = L$$
, $M = 0$ $\therefore \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = 0$
and $S = 0$ $\therefore \frac{\partial^3 y}{\partial x^3} = 0$

Since $y(x, t) = Y(x) \cos \omega t$ the boundary conditions become

At
$$x = 0$$
, $Y = 0$ and $\frac{dY}{dx} = 0$
At $x = L$, $\frac{d^2Y}{dx^2} = 0$ and $\frac{d^3Y}{dx^3} = 0$

2. Assemble into matrix form

Substituting from equation (6a, 6b, 6c and 6d) we get (in matrix form)

This is the particular version of equation (7) for a cantilever beam

3. Set up the Frequency Equation

The **Frequency Equation** is given by det[Z]=0

After manipulation (and noting that a cantilever has no rigid body modes), this gives

$$1 + \cos\lambda L \cosh\lambda L = 0$$

There are no closed-form solutions to this equation, so the roots $\lambda_r L$ must be obtained numerically and are given in the handout on **page 5**

Numerical values of roots $\lambda_r L$ of frequency equations

r	1	2	3	4	5	>5
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Selecting the values of $\lambda_r L$ from the above table for the beam of interest, the natural frequencies can be found from equation (5). That is:

$$\omega_{r} = \omega_{nr} = \frac{(\lambda_{r}L)}{L^{2}} \sqrt{\frac{E}{\rho A}}$$
where $\omega_{n1} = \frac{(1.875)}{L^{2}}^{2} \sqrt{\frac{E}{\rho A}} \quad \omega_{n2} = \frac{(4.694)}{L^{2}}^{2} \sqrt{\frac{E}{\rho A}}$, etc. 29

4. Find the Modes Shapes

The **mode shapes** are obtained by substituting $\lambda = \lambda_r$ into equation (7) and solving for the constants C_1 to C_4

From (7a) and (7b) $C_3 = -C_1$ and $C_4 = -C_2$

Thus from (7c) or (7d)

$$C_2 = -\frac{\sin \lambda_r L + \sinh \lambda_r L}{\cos \lambda_r L + \cosh \lambda_r L} C_1 = \sigma_r C_1$$

If we choose $C_1 = 1$, the mode shape becomes

$$Y_r(x) = \sin \lambda_r x - \sinh \lambda_r x + \sigma_r (\cos \lambda_r x - \cosh \lambda_r x)$$









"Standard" boundary conditions

Descriptive terms	Diagrammatic	Boundary conditions	
Built-in clamped encastré		$y = 0 \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = 0$	
Simple support hinged pinned		$y = 0$ $M = 0 \therefore \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = 0$	
Free		$M = 0 \therefore \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = 0$ $S = 0 \therefore \frac{\partial^3 y}{\partial x^3} = 0$	
Massless slider		$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = 0$ $S = 0 \therefore \frac{\partial^3 y}{\partial x^3} = 0$	

Other Boundary Conditions

Example Cantilever Beam with a Mass at the Free End



Apply the principles of

- **1.** Compatibility of displacements
- 2. Equilibrium of forces and moments

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Consider the shear force reaction between the beam and the mass

Free Body Diagram (separate the mass from the beam)





Apply the principles of

- **1.** Compatibility of displacements
- **2. Equilibrium of moments**

Consider the bending moment reaction between the beam and the mass





$$\sum_{x = L} M M \left(\bigcup_{x = L} \right) \text{Slope } \theta = \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial x}\right)_{x = L}$$

For the beam

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$$M(t) = -EI \left(\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2}\right)_{x=L}$$
But $y(x,t) = Y(x) \cos \omega t$

$$M(t) = -EI \left(\frac{d^2 Y}{dx^2}\right)_{x=L} \cos \omega t$$

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Equating
$$\left(\frac{d^2 Y}{dx^2}\right)_{x=L} - \frac{I_M(\lambda L)^4}{\rho A L^4} \left(\frac{dY}{dx}\right)_{x=L} = 0$$

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Collecting the boundary condition equations together

$$Y(0) = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{\mathrm{d}Y}{\mathrm{d}x}\right)_{x=0} = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{\mathrm{d}^{3}Y}{\mathrm{d}x^{3}}\right)_{x=L} + \frac{m(\lambda L)^{4}}{\rho A L^{4}}Y(L) = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{\mathrm{d}^2 Y}{\mathrm{d}x^2}\right)_{x=L} - \frac{I_{\mathrm{M}} \left(\lambda L\right)^4}{\rho A L^4} \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}Y}{\mathrm{d}x}\right)_{x=L} = 0$$

2. Assemble into matrix form

Substitute for Y(x) and its derivatives to give the new equation (7)

Steps 3 and 4 follow as in the previous examples