

## Lecture 21: Energy Method (Con't)

Reading materials: Sections 8.4 and 8.5

### 1. Rayleigh's energy method for MDOF systems

• Discrete MDOF systems can be reduced to equivalent SDOF systems by using the Rayleigh's energy method. The assumption needed is regarding the deformation shape of the system.

• Equations of motion

$$m \ddot{y}(t) + k y(t) = 0$$

• Assume the system vibrates as the follows,

$$y(t) = \psi u(t)$$

then

$$m \psi \ddot{u}(t) + k \psi u(t) = 0$$

multiplying by  $\psi^T$

$$\bar{m} \ddot{u}(t) + \bar{k} u(t) = 0$$

where

$$\bar{m} = \psi^T m \psi \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{k} = \psi^T k \psi$$

● Natural frequency,

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{\bar{k}}{\bar{m}}} = \sqrt{\frac{\psi^T \mathbf{k} \psi}{\psi^T \mathbf{m} \psi}}$$

● Example,

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.05823 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.04658 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.03494 \end{pmatrix} \text{lb-s}^2/\text{in}; \quad \mathbf{k} = \begin{pmatrix} 137.78 & -111.88 & 0 \\ -111.88 & 286.7 & -174.82 \\ 0 & -174.82 & 174.82 \end{pmatrix} \text{lb/in}$$

Assume the deformation shape is obtained from static deflection due to the weights.

$$m_1 g = 22.5001 \text{ lb}; \quad m_2 g = 17.9985 \text{ lb}; \quad m_3 g = 13.5008 \text{ lb}$$

Load vector,  $\mathbf{r} = \{22.5001, 17.9985, 13.5008\}$

Static deflection

$$\psi = \mathbf{k}^{-1} \mathbf{r} = \{2.08492, 2.36646, 2.44369\}$$

$$\bar{k} = \psi^T \mathbf{k} \psi = 122.495 \quad \bar{m} = \psi^T \mathbf{m} \psi = 0.722623$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{\bar{k}}{\bar{m}}} = 13.0198 \text{ rad/s}$$

## 2. Rayleigh's energy method for continuous systems

Take Beams as an example

The kinetic energy of the beam

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^l \dot{y}^2 dm = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^l \dot{y}^2 \rho A(x) dx$$

The maximum kinetic energy can be found by assuming a harmonic variation  
 $y(x, t) = Y(x) \cos \omega t$

$$T_{\max} = \frac{\omega^2}{2} \int_0^l \rho A(x) Y^2(x) dx$$

The potential energy of the beam is the same as the work done in deforming the beam. By neglecting the work done by the shear forces, we have

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^l M d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^l (EI \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2}) \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} dx$$

and

$$U_{\max} = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^l EI(x) \left( \frac{d^2 Y(x)}{dx^2} \right)^2 dx$$

By equating  $T_{\max}$  to  $U_{\max}$ , we have

$$\omega^2 = \frac{\int_0^l EI(x) \left( \frac{d^2 Y(x)}{dx^2} \right)^2 dx}{\int_0^l \rho A(x) Y^2(x) dx}$$

🟢 Example: Fundamental frequency of a tapered beam

### 3. Rayleigh-Ritz method

🟢 For continuous systems.

🟢 The basis of the FEM.

🟢 Rayleigh's method approximates a continuous system by an equivalent SDOF system via assuming a single deformation shape.

🟢 In Rayleigh-Ritz method, a continuous system is reduced to a discrete MDOF system. The number of DOF is equal to the number of Ritz modes chosen.

🟢 Considering the case of beam bending. The beam deflection is approximated by

$$y(x, t) = \sum_{i=1}^n \psi_i(x) u_i(t) \equiv \boldsymbol{\psi}^T \mathbf{u}$$

$$\frac{dy(x,t)}{dt} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{du_i}{dt} \psi_i(x) \equiv \boldsymbol{\psi}^T \dot{\mathbf{u}}$$

$$\frac{d^2 y(x,t)}{dx^2} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{d^2 \psi_i}{dx^2} u_i(t) \equiv \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{u}$$

where

$$\dot{\mathbf{u}} = \left( \frac{du_1}{dt} \quad \frac{du_2}{dt} \quad \cdots \quad \frac{du_n}{dt} \right)^T$$

$$\mathbf{B}^T = \left( \frac{d^2 \psi_1}{dx^2} \quad \frac{d^2 \psi_2}{dx^2} \quad \cdots \quad \frac{d^2 \psi_n}{dx^2} \right)$$

• Other expressions

$$\left( \frac{dy(x,t)}{dt} \right)^2 = (\boldsymbol{\psi}^T \dot{\mathbf{u}})^2 = (\boldsymbol{\psi}^T \dot{\mathbf{u}})^T \boldsymbol{\psi}^T \dot{\mathbf{u}} \equiv \dot{\mathbf{u}}^T \boldsymbol{\psi} \boldsymbol{\psi}^T \dot{\mathbf{u}}$$

$$\left( \frac{d^2 y(x,t)}{dx^2} \right)^2 = (\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{u})^2 = (\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{u})^T \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{u} \equiv \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{B} \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{u}$$

• Potential due to strain energy energy

$$U_s = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L EI \left[ \frac{d^2 y(x,t)}{dx^2} \right]^2 dx = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u}^T \int_0^L EI \mathbf{B} \mathbf{B}^T dx \mathbf{u} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{k} \mathbf{u}$$

Stiffness

$$\mathbf{k} = \int_0^L EI \mathbf{B} \mathbf{B}^T dx$$

• Work done by the external force

$$W = \int_0^L q(x, t) y(x, t) dx = \int_0^L q \boldsymbol{\psi}^T dx \mathbf{u} \equiv \mathbf{r}^T \mathbf{u}$$

where

$$\mathbf{r} = \int_0^L q \boldsymbol{\psi} dx$$

🟢 Kinetic energy

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L m \left[ \frac{dy(x,t)}{dt} \right]^2 dx = \frac{1}{2} \dot{\mathbf{u}}^T \int_0^L m \boldsymbol{\psi} \boldsymbol{\psi}^T dx \dot{\mathbf{u}} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \dot{\mathbf{u}}^T \mathbf{m} \dot{\mathbf{u}}$$

where

$$\mathbf{m} = \int_0^L m \boldsymbol{\psi} \boldsymbol{\psi}^T dx$$

🟢 Equations of motion

$$U = U_s - W = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{k} \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{r}^T \mathbf{u}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} (T + U) = 0 \implies \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \dot{\mathbf{u}}^T \mathbf{m} \dot{\mathbf{u}} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{k} \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{r}^T \mathbf{u} \right] = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \dot{\mathbf{u}}^T \mathbf{m} \dot{\mathbf{u}} \right] = \dot{\mathbf{u}}^T \mathbf{m} \frac{d}{dt} [\dot{\mathbf{u}}] = \dot{\mathbf{u}}^T \mathbf{m} \ddot{\mathbf{u}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{k} \mathbf{u} \right] = \frac{d}{dt} [\mathbf{u}^T] \mathbf{k} \mathbf{u} = \dot{\mathbf{u}}^T \mathbf{k} \mathbf{u}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} [\mathbf{r}^T \mathbf{u}] = \mathbf{r}^T \frac{d}{dt} [\mathbf{u}] = \mathbf{r}^T \dot{\mathbf{u}} \equiv \dot{\mathbf{u}}^T \mathbf{r}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} (T + U) = 0 \implies \dot{\mathbf{u}}^T [\mathbf{m} \ddot{\mathbf{u}} + \mathbf{k} \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{r}] = 0$$

$$\mathbf{m} \ddot{\mathbf{u}}(t) + \mathbf{k} \mathbf{u}(t) = \mathbf{r}(t)$$

● Example

