

## Eigenproperties of system with constraints

Problem:  $M\ddot{y} = -Ky - C\dot{y} + f$  ①

subject to  $J\ddot{y} = 0$ . ②

where  $(M, K, C, J)$  are all time-invariant.

Let  $Z = \text{Null}(J)$  (ie rectangular matrix whose columns span the null space of  $J$ ).

By definition  $JZ = 0$

Let  $Z\bar{u} = \bar{u}$

$\Rightarrow Z\dot{\bar{u}} = \dot{\bar{u}}$

$Z\ddot{\bar{u}} = \ddot{\bar{u}}$

Note

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{x} \\ \bar{y} \\ \bar{\dot{y}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Z & 0 \\ 0 & Z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}' \\ \bar{u} \end{bmatrix}$$

noting that  $J$  is not a function of time (ie is time-invariant).

State-space representation of ①:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\bar{y}} \\ \ddot{\bar{y}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \\ -M^{-1}K & -M^{-1}C \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{y} \\ \dot{\bar{y}} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ M^{-1} \end{bmatrix} f$$

ie  $\dot{\bar{x}} = A\bar{x} + Bf$

Substitute for  $(\ddot{y}, \dot{y}, y)$  in eqn ①; then pre-multiply by  $Z^T$ :

$$(Z^T M Z) \ddot{\bar{u}} = -(Z^T K Z) \bar{u} - (Z^T C Z) \dot{\bar{u}} + Z^T f$$

Let  $\left. \begin{aligned} M' &= Z^T M Z \\ K' &= Z^T K Z \\ C' &= Z^T C Z \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \ddot{\bar{u}} = -M'^{-1}K' \bar{u} - M'^{-1}C' \dot{\bar{u}} + (M'^{-1}Z^T)f$

Thus:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \ddot{\underline{u}} \\ \dot{\underline{u}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \mathbf{I} \\ -\mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{K} & -\mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{K} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \underline{u} \\ \dot{\underline{u}} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{Z}^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \underline{f} \\ \dot{\underline{f}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \dot{\underline{x}} = \mathbf{A} \underline{x} + \mathbf{B} \underline{f}$$

where,  $\underline{x}$  is state vector for unconstrained problem.

$\mathbf{A}$  is state matrix of unconstrained problem.

For eigensolution we seek solutions of the form

$$\underline{x}(t) = \underline{x}_0 e^{\lambda t} \quad \text{with } \underline{f} = 0 \quad (\text{free vibration})$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{\underline{x}}(t) = \lambda \underline{x}_0 e^{\lambda t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda \underline{x}_0 e^{\lambda t} = \mathbf{A} \underline{x}_0 e^{\lambda t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda \underline{x}_0 = \mathbf{A} \underline{x}_0 \quad \text{i.e. classic eigenproblem}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \underline{x}_0 \text{ are eigenvectors of } \mathbf{A} \\ \lambda \text{ are eigenvalues of } \mathbf{A} \end{array} \right\}$$

Hence by solving for eigenproperties of  $\mathbf{A}$  (state matrix of unconstrained problem) we can obtain the information we need.

Once defined, eigenvectors can be converted back to eigenvectors of constrained problem:

$$\underline{x}_0 = \mathbf{Z}_2 \underline{x}_0' \quad \text{where } \mathbf{Z}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Z} & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix}$$