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AME 30341: Aerospace Structures

Homework 10

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1. Part I Observing 3 Cases for k_{θ} and k_{y}

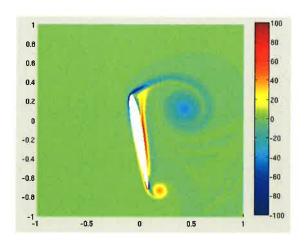




Figure 1: Screenshot of Wing Flutter CFD for $k_{\theta} = 0.1$ and $k_{y} = 0.1$.

The Wing Flutter for figure 1 above displayed significant pitching and heaving behavior. This is expected because of the low values for both the pitching and heaving spring constants.

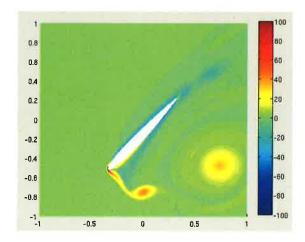


Figure 2: Screenshot of Wing Flutter CFD for $k_{\theta} = 0.1$ and $k_{y} = 3$.

The Wing Flutter for figure 2 above displayed much pitching behavior but little heaving behavior. This is because the pitching constant was small while the heaving constant was increased by an order of magnitude from the value in figure 1.

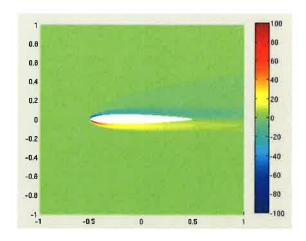


Figure 3: Screenshot of Wing Flutter CFD for $k_{\theta} = 0.5$ and $k_{\nu} = 0.5$.

The Wing Flutter for figure 3 above displayed neither pitching nor heaving behavior. This is attributed to the relatively large values for k_{θ} and k_{y} . Because of this, both "springs" work together to keep the wing from fluttering.

1. Part II Identifying Fluttering Behavior Based off of Various Values for k_{θ} and k_{y}

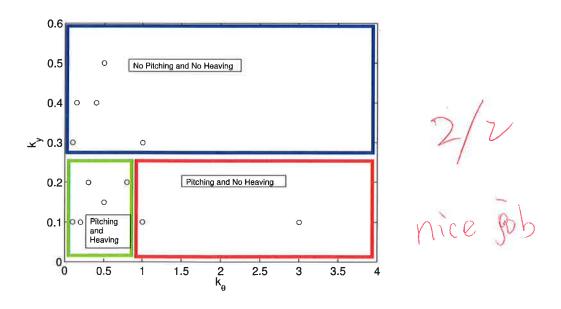


Figure 4: Behavior of wing flutter according to various values for k_{θ} and k_{y} .

I tested 12 combinations of k_{θ} and k_{y} using wingflutter16dec01.f and observed the behavior of the wing. For $k_{y} >$ approximately 0.3 and any value of k_{θ} , there was neither heaving nor pitching. For $k_{y} <$ 0.3 and $k_{\theta} >$ approximately 1, there was only pitching. Finally, for $k_{y} <$ 0.3 and $k_{\theta} <$

approximately 1, there is both pitching and heaving. These results can be seen above in figure 4. Table 1 below shows the tabular results used to create figure 4

Table 1: Flutter Results for Various Values of k_y and k_θ			
$k_{\rm y}$	k_{θ}	Heaving Behavior	Pitching Behavior
0.1	0.1	Yes	Yes
3	0.1	Very Little	Yes
0.5	0.5	No	No
1	0.1	Little	Yes
1	0.3	Little	Little
0.3	0.2	Yes	Yes
0.4	0.4	No	No
0.2	0.1	Moderate	Yes
0.15	0.4	No	No
0.1	0.3	No	No
0.5	0.15	Yes	Yes
0.8	.02	Yes	Yes