

12. Comparing numerical and experimental data

Structural Dynamics part of 4DM00

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Introduction

If FE-model is used to predict and/or improve the dynamic behaviour,
it should reflect the real (measured) dynamic behaviour!

Is it necessary to update a model based on experimental data?

First **compare** experimental results from prototype structures
with numerical results e.g. from Finite Element Analyses

Comparison of:

- 1) eigenvalues,
- 2) eigenmodes,
- 3) FRF's.

In this course: focus on comparison of experimental and numerical eigenmodes

General problems when comparing:

- 1) modelling of damping is difficult,
- 2) differences in number of dof.

Comparing experimental and numerical eigenvalues

Problems:

- FEM calculations usually result in undamped eigenfrequencies ω_{0i}^n (sorting: $\omega_{0,i}^n \leq \omega_{0,i+1}^n$), i.e. imaginary eigenvalues $\lambda_i^n = j\omega_{0i}^n$
Experiments usually lead to measured, complex eigenvalues $\lambda_i^e = \mu_i^e + j\nu_i^e$ (sorting: $|\nu_i^e| \leq |\nu_{i+1}^e|$ or $|\lambda_i^e| \leq |\lambda_{i+1}^e|$)
- Number of numerical eigenvalues may differ from number of experimental eigenvalues
- Complex situations occur when comparing clusters of experimental eigenvalues to clusters of numerical eigenvalues.
Mode shapes are needed to pair the correct numerical and experimental eigenvalues!

Summarizing:

Just numbering eigenvalues in increasing order may lead to wrong conclusions

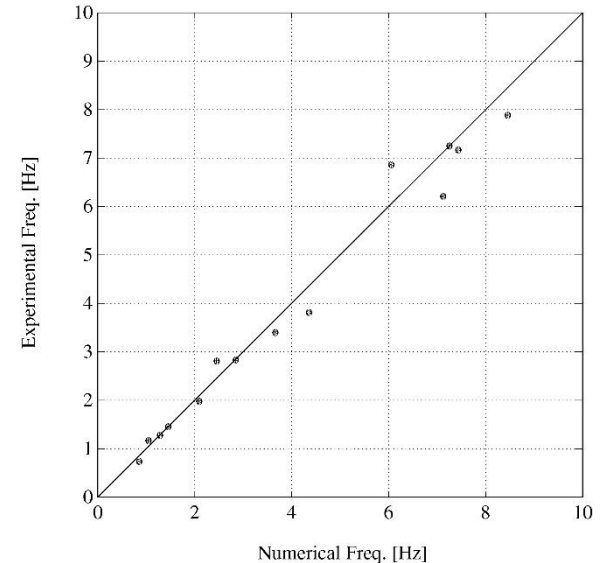
Comparing experimental and numerical eigenvalues

Visualization: Plot points (ω_{oi}^n, v_i^e) or $(\omega_{oi}^n, |\lambda_i^e| = |\mu_i^e + jv_i^e|)$.

Ideally: all points on straight line $y = x$

Typical deviations with specific reasons:

- All points approx. on $y = \alpha x$, but $\alpha \neq 1$
Cause: E-modulus or density in numerical model wrong?
- First points on $y = x$, then sudden deviation to one side
Cause: some num. or exp. eigenvalues may be missing
- Randomly distributed points in high frequency range
Cause: higher eigenfrequencies are less accurate
Experimental eigenvalues: measurement or fit errors (EMA)
Numerical eigenvalues: modelling errors, discretisation errors



Comparing experimental and numerical eigenmodes

u_i^e : experimental mode i

u_j^n : numerical mode j

Tools for scaling:

- MSF: Modal Scale Factor

Tools for comparing:

- Visual inspection (plot real and imaginary parts)
- MAC: Modal Assurance Criterion
- COMAC: Coordinate Modal Assurance Criterion

General problem in comparing eigenmodes

The number of DOFs in u_i^e (experimental mode i)
is usually much lower than the number of DOFs in u_j^n (numerical mode j)

Solutions:

1. Reduce u_j^n by deleting non-measured DOFs
2. Expand u_{im}^e by solving non-measured u_{io}^e from second row of

$$\left\{ -\omega_{mi}^2 \begin{bmatrix} M_{mm} & M_{mo} \\ M_{om} & M_{oo} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} K_{mm} & K_{mo} \\ K_{om} & K_{oo} \end{bmatrix} \right\} \begin{bmatrix} u_{im}^e \\ u_{io}^e \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0_m \\ 0_o \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u_{io}^e = \left(-\omega_{mi}^2 M_{oo} + K_{oo} \right)^{-1} \left(-\omega_{mi}^2 M_{om} + K_{om} \right) u_{im}^e.$$

Modal Scale Factor (MSF)

Assume: u_i^e and u_j^n have same number of DOFs.

To account for the difference in normalization, multiply u_i^e by

$$MSF_e[i, j] = \frac{u_i^{eH} u_j^n}{u_i^{eH} u_i^e}.$$

Alternatively, multiply u_j^n by

$$MSF_n[i, j] = \frac{u_i^{nH} u_j^e}{u_i^{nH} u_i^n}.$$

Note: $x^H = \bar{x}^T$ denotes the Hermitian transpose.

Example 1: $u_1^e = [1, 1 + j]^T$, $u_1^n = [j, j - 1]^T$, $MSF_e[1, 1] = (MSF_n[1, 1])^{-1} = j$.

Example 2: $u_2^e = [1, 2 - j]^T$, $u_2^n = [2, 4 - 2j]^T$, $MSF_e[2, 2] = (MSF_n[2, 2])^{-1} = 2$

Visual inspection

Generally viscously damped system, complex eigenmodes!

Right eigenvalue problem: $(\lambda_k C + D)v_k = 0$ $v_k = \begin{bmatrix} u_k \\ \lambda_k u_k \end{bmatrix}$

Process the numerical eigenmode as follows:

1. Only consider the 'displacement' part u_k
2. Delete non-measured DOFs in u_k
3. Search for (complex) entry in u_k with highest modulus
4. Divide u_k by this (complex) entry
5. Plot real and imaginary part of u_k

Rescale the experimental mode by **MSF_e** and plot the corresponding DOFs.

Modal Assurance Criterion (MAC)

$$\text{MAC}[i, j] = \frac{|u_i^{eH} u_j^n|^2}{(u_i^{eH} u_i^e)(u_j^{nH} u_j^n)}$$

- $0 \leq \text{MAC}[i, j] \leq 1$
- $\text{MAC}[i, j]$ gives the degree of correlation between u_i^e and u_j^n
- $\text{MAC}[i, j] = 1$ if and only if u_i^e is a multiple of u_j^n
- Normalisation/scaling does not influence the MAC number!
- u_i^e and u_j^n should have the same number of DOFs

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In general we have n experimental modes and m numerical modes: MAC matrix is $n \times m$.

If $n = m$, the MAC-matrix indicates a good correspondence between the experimental and numerical eigenmodes if

- $\text{MAC}[i, i] \approx 1$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$
- $\text{MAC}[i, j]$ is small (say < 0.1) for $i \neq j$.

However, even when experimental and numerical eigenmodes are equal, $\text{MAC}[i, j]$ for $i \neq j$ will generally not be zero.

Literature

Allemang, R.J., The Modal Assurance Criterion, Twenty years of use and abuse, Sound and Vibration, pp. 14-21, August 2003.

Coordinate Modal Assurance Criterion (COMAC)

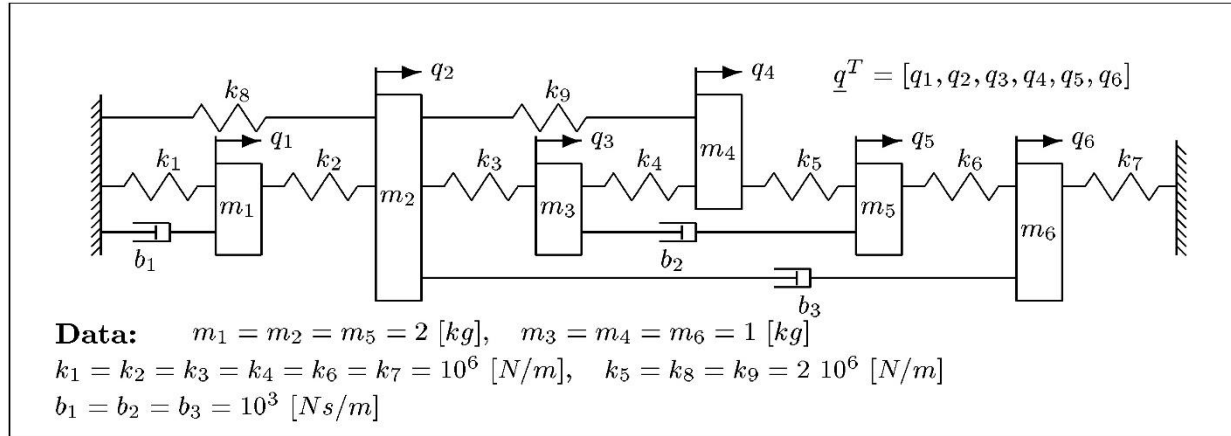
Warning:

- u_i^e now denotes the i -th **row** of the matrix with experimental eigenmodes.
 - u_j^n now denotes the j -th **row** of the matrix with numerical eigenmodes.
- u_i^e and u_j^n thus contains the mode shape values of all modes at DOF i

$$\text{COMAC}[i, j] = \frac{|u_i^e u_j^{nH}|^2}{(u_i^e u_i^{eH})(u_j^n u_j^{nH})}$$

- $0 \leq \text{COMAC}[i, j] \leq 1$
- COMAC can be used for identifying a badly working sensor

Example: 6 dof model



General viscous damping, underdamped.

- Numerical modes u_j^n derived according to above model
- ‘Experimental’ modes derived according to above model, but with $k_1 = 1.2 \cdot 10^6 \text{ N/m}$, $b_1 = 1200 \text{ Ns/m}$, $b_2 = 800 \text{ Ns/m}$, $b_3 = 1100 \text{ Ns/m}$.

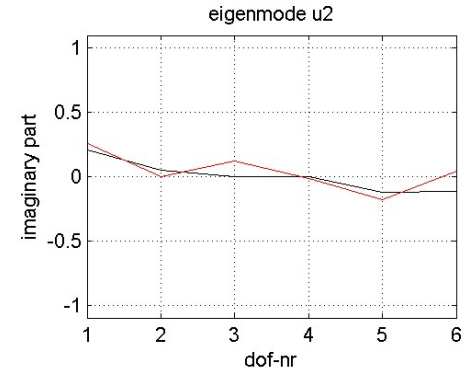
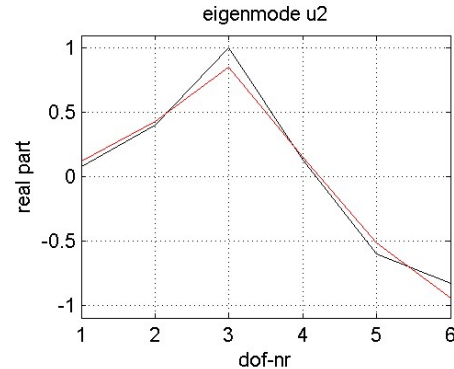
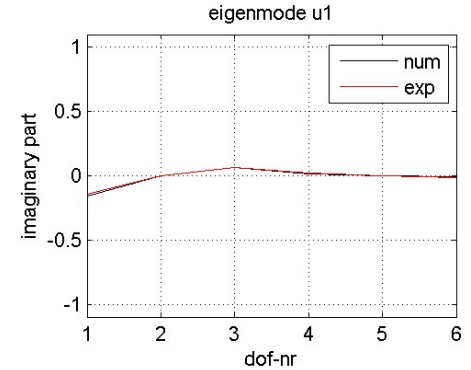
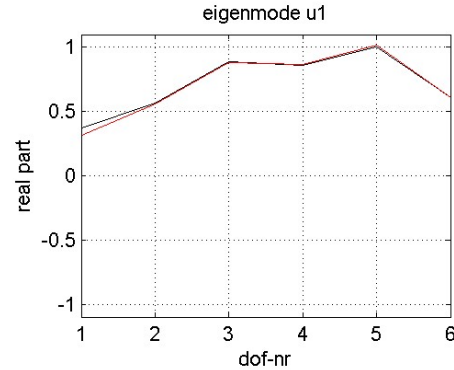
Example: 6 dof model

| Eigenvalue number | Experimental eigenvalues (*1000) | Numerical eigenvalues (*1000) |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | -0.0169 + 0.5984i | -0.0188 + 0.5931i |
| 2 | -0.6724 + 0.9086i | -0.7203 + 0.8570i |
| 3 | -0.3049 + 0.9927i | -0.2520 + 0.9529i |
| 4 | -0.6779 + 1.4367i | -0.7087 + 1.4477i |
| 5 | -0.0280 + 1.7467i | -0.0255 + 1.7460i |
| 6 | -0.0248 + 2.4619i | -0.0247 + 2.4643i |

Experimental and numerical eigenvalues match quite well.

Example: 6 dof model

- u_1^e and u_1^n match well
- u_2^e and u_2^n match well



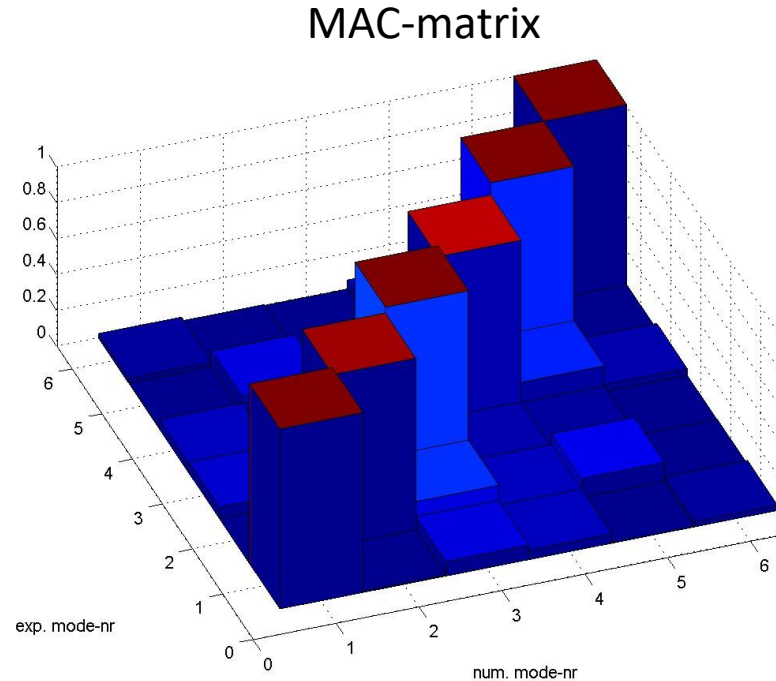
Example: 6 dof model

| MAC | num 1 | num 2 | num 3 | num 4 | num 5 | num 6 |
|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| exp 1 | 0.9988 | 0.0047 | 0.0801 | 0.0521 | 0.0023 | 0.0271 |
| exp 2 | 0.0003 | 0.9594 | 0.1631 | 0.0488 | 0.1074 | 0.0056 |
| exp 3 | 0.0632 | 0.1847 | 0.9917 | 0.0332 | 0.0305 | 0.0001 |
| exp 4 | 0.0502 | 0.0453 | 0.0168 | 0.9313 | 0.1428 | 0.0365 |
| exp 5 | 0.0026 | 0.0882 | 0.0245 | 0.1069 | 0.9991 | 0.0021 |
| exp 6 | 0.0264 | 0.0051 | 0.0002 | 0.0506 | 0.0021 | 0.9999 |

Inspection of the MAC matrix:

- Diagonal elements of MAC matrix is showing values close to 1:
Good match between experimental mode i and numerical mode i
- Off-diagonal terms almost all have values < 0.1

Example: 6 dof model



Example: COMAC

COMAC:
all sensors are
working perfectly

| COMAC | n DOF 1 | n DOF 2 | n DOF 3 | n DOF 4 | n DOF 5 | n DOF 6 |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| e DOF 1 | 0.9453 | 0.2658 | 0.0851 | 0.1935 | 0.1934 | 0.1752 |
| e DOF 2 | 0.2725 | 0.2850 | 0.8499 | 0.6288 | 0.5495 | 0.1115 |
| e DOF 3 | 0.1185 | 0.8693 | 0.6711 | 0.7907 | 0.4880 | 0.1716 |
| e DOF 4 | 0.2534 | 0.6485 | 0.7558 | 0.7201 | 0.8031 | 0.4241 |
| e DOF 5 | 0.2824 | 0.5776 | 0.4801 | 0.8222 | 0.8465 | 0.7931 |
| e DOF 6 | 0.2869 | 0.1133 | 0.1441 | 0.4141 | 0.7630 | 0.2975 |

COMAC:
sensor number 3 is
giving low random
numbers

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| e dof 3 | 0.1065 | 0.0238 | 0.1638 | 0.0469 | 0.0140 | 0.1409 |
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