

# EMCH 721: Homework 03

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## Problem Context

Consider an aircraft wing undergoing ground and flight testing at airspeed  $U$  (Figure 1). The wing is fixed at one root and free at the tip. It has straight elastic, mass, and aerodynamic axes located at points  $P$ ,  $C$ , and  $Q$ , respectively. The mass offset from  $P$  to  $C$  is  $x_{CP}$ ; the aerodynamic offset from  $P$  to  $Q$  is  $x_{QP}$ . The wing executes small-amplitude plunge  $w(z, t)$  (positive downward) and pitch  $\phi(z, t)$  (positive nose-up, clockwise) oscillations.

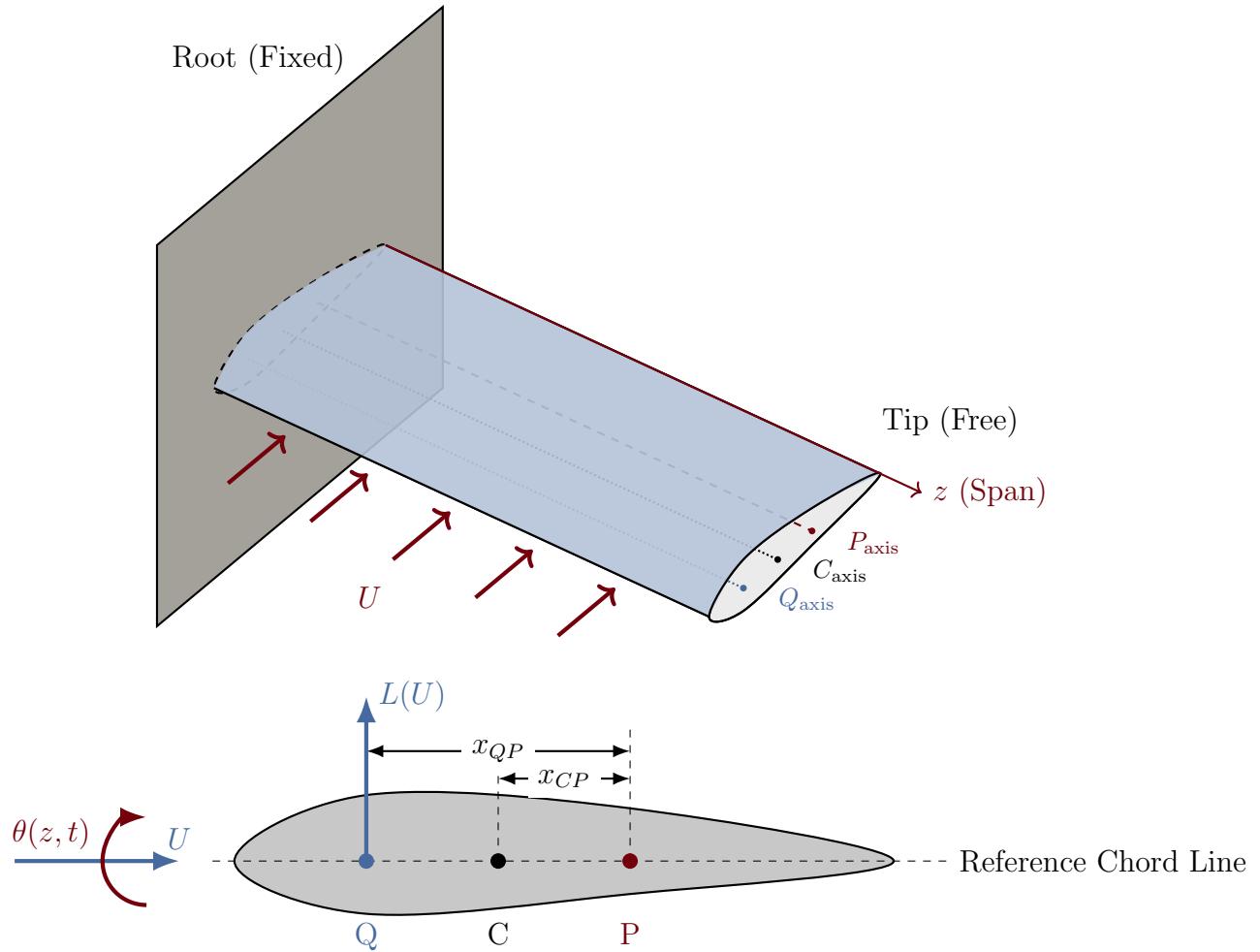


Figure 1: Overview of the rectangular test wing with spanwise axes  $P$ ,  $C$ , and  $Q$ , and the incoming flow  $U$ . Cross-section shows offsets  $x_{CP}$  and  $x_{QP}$ .

## Notes

Submission Notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Always display input data.</li><li>• Show work and relevant comments.</li><li>• Attach MATLAB codes to receive partial credit where applicable.</li><li>• Report numerical results to three significant digits (use four if the first digit is 1).</li><li>• Problems solved beyond the minimum requirements may receive bonus points.</li><li>• Challenge problems are optional and count toward extra credit.</li></ul>

## Input Data

Input Data Summary	
Parameter	Value
Air density $\rho$	1.225 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Chord $c$	0.45 m
Wingspan $l$	2.5 m
Mass $m$	3.2 kg
Mass moment of inertia $I_0$	0.055 kg · m <sup>2</sup>
Plunge frequency $f_h$	1.8 Hz
Pitch frequency $f_\theta$	5.3 Hz
Static offset $x_{CP}$	-10% $c$
Aerodynamic offset $x_{QP}$	35% $c$

### A.1 Flexural vibration of a cantilever beam of length $l$ , with section properties $EI$ , $m$ , $I_0$

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- (a) Recall the formulae for flexural frequencies and modeshapes of a fixed-free beam.
- (b) Calculate and display the roots  $\gamma l$  of the characteristic equation for  $N_w = 4$ .
- (c) Calculate and display the flexural stiffness  $EI$  such that the fundamental flexural frequency matches the plunge frequency of the rigid wing section and display the resulting  $EI$  value and units.
- (d) Calculate and display the wavenumbers, natural frequencies in rad/s and Hz.
- (e) Calculate and plot the modeshapes.

#### Step

##### **Step 1: Governing ODE (Euler–Bernoulli)**

Since a uniform, slender beam obeys the small-deflection Euler–Bernoulli equation, separating variables with  $w(x, t) = \phi(x)e^{i\omega t}$  turns time derivatives into the factor  $-\omega^2$ , giving

$$EI \phi'''(x) = m \omega^2 \phi(x)$$

and therefore the spatial ODE

$$\phi''' - \delta^4 \phi = 0, \quad \delta^4 = \frac{m\omega^2}{EI}.$$

#### Step

##### **Step 2: Boundary conditions (fixed–free)**

Since the root is clamped, displacement and slope vanish at  $x = 0$ :

$$\phi(0) = 0, \quad \phi'(0) = 0.$$

Because the tip is free, bending moment and shear must vanish at  $x = l$ :

$$\phi''(l) = 0, \quad \phi'''(l) = 0.$$

Applying these four conditions to the general solution enforces the characteristic relation

$$\cos \beta_j \cosh \beta_j = -1, \quad \beta_j = \delta_j l.$$

**Step****Step 3: Mode-shape coefficients (from tip compatibility)**

Since the two free-end conditions couple the integration constants, solving them yields

$$B_j = \frac{\sinh \beta_j - \sin \beta_j}{\cosh \beta_j + \cos \beta_j}, \quad A_j = \frac{1}{\sqrt{l}} \text{ (chosen for unit modal mass).}$$

**Results****Flexural natural frequencies**

Roots of  $\cos \beta \cosh \beta = -1$  give  $\beta_1 = 1.875$ ,  $\beta_2 = 4.694$ ,  $\beta_3 = 7.855$ ,  $\beta_4 = 10.996, \dots$

$$\omega_j = \beta_j^2 \sqrt{\frac{EI}{ml^4}}, \quad f_j = \frac{\omega_j}{2\pi}.$$

**Results****Flexural modeshapes**

$$\phi_j(x) = A_j \left[ (\cosh \delta_j x - \cos \delta_j x) - B_j (\sinh \delta_j x - \sin \delta_j x) \right],$$

$$\delta_j = \frac{\beta_j}{l}, \quad B_j = \frac{\sinh \beta_j - \sin \beta_j}{\cosh \beta_j + \cos \beta_j}, \quad A_j = \frac{1}{\sqrt{l}}.$$

The first four  $\beta_j$  above provide the modeshapes for the required  $N_w = 4$ .

**Results**

**Section A1: flexural vibration of a fixed-free beam**

(a) students should recall relevant formulae from  
in-class instruction and class notes

(b)  $N_w=4$

roots of flexural characteristic equation =

1.8751	4.6941	7.8548	10.9955
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(c) flexural stiffness  $EI = 1293 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{m}$

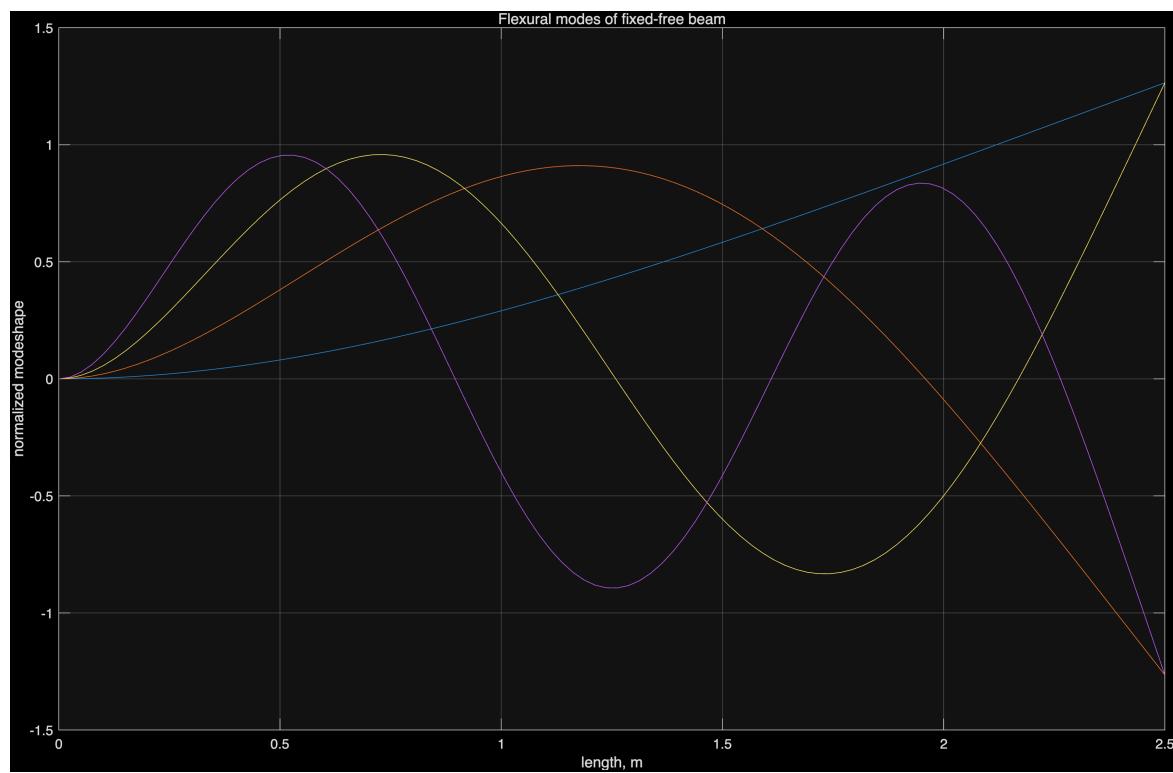
(d) flexural wavenumbers, natural freq. in rad/s and Hz  
 $\omega_w, \text{rad/m } \omega_W, \text{rad/s } f_W, \text{Hz} =$

0.7500	11.3097	1.8000
1.8776	70.8769	11.2804
3.1419	198.4573	31.5855
4.3982	388.8972	61.8949

(e) please see plot

*Shows A1(b)–(d): characteristic roots for  $N_w = 4$ , the matched flexural stiffness  $EI$ , flexural wavenumbers, and the corresponding natural frequencies in rad/s and Hz.*

## Results



*Part A.1(e): plot of the first four cantilever flexural modeshapes used in the A.1(e) discussion.*

## A.2 Torsional vibration of a cantilever beam of length $l$ , with section properties $GJ$ , $m$ , $I_0$

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- (a) Recall the formulae for torsional frequencies and modeshapes of a fixed-free beam.
- (b) Calculate and display the roots  $\gamma l$  of the characteristic equation for  $N_\phi = 3$ .
- (c) Calculate and display the torsional stiffness  $GJ$  such that the fundamental torsional frequency matches the pitch frequency of the rigid wing section and display the resulting  $GJ$  value and units.
- (d) Calculate and display the wavenumbers, natural frequencies in rad/s and Hz.
- (e) Calculate and plot the modeshapes.

### Step

#### Step 1: Governing torsion ODE

Since uniform Saint–Venant torsion transmits torque as  $GJ \phi'(z, t)$ , equilibrium of a spanwise slice gives

$$GJ \phi''(z, t) = I_0 \ddot{\phi}(z, t).$$

Assuming  $\phi(z, t) = \Phi(z)e^{i\omega t}$  yields the spatial equation

$$\Phi''(z) + \gamma^2 \Phi(z) = 0, \quad \gamma^2 = \frac{I_0 \omega^2}{GJ}.$$

### Step

#### Step 2: Fixed–free boundary conditions

Since the root is clamped, the twist vanishes:

$$\Phi(0) = 0.$$

Since the tip is free (zero applied torque), the Saint–Venant torque must vanish:

$$GJ \Phi'(l) = 0 \Rightarrow \Phi'(l) = 0.$$

With the general solution  $\Phi(z) = A \cos \gamma z + B \sin \gamma z$ , the clamp sets  $A = 0$ , and the free-tip condition requires

$$B\gamma \cos(\gamma l) = 0 \Rightarrow \cos(\gamma l) = 0.$$

Thus the admissible wavenumbers satisfy  $\gamma_j l = (2j - 1)\frac{\pi}{2}$ .

## Results

### Torsional natural frequencies

$$\gamma_j l = \frac{(2j-1)\pi}{2}, \quad \omega_j = \gamma_j \sqrt{\frac{GJ}{I_0}}, \quad f_j = \frac{\omega_j}{2\pi} = (2j-1) \left( \frac{1}{4l} \right) \sqrt{\frac{GJ}{I_0}}.$$

$$\gamma_1 l = 1.571, \quad \gamma_2 l = 4.712, \quad \gamma_3 l = 7.854, \quad C_\phi \equiv \sqrt{\frac{GJ}{I_0}}, \quad f_j = (2j-1) \frac{C_\phi}{4l}.$$

## Results

### Torsional modeshapes

$$\Phi_j(z) = B_j \sin(\gamma_j z), \quad B_j = \sqrt{\frac{2}{l}} \text{ (unit modal mass)}, \quad \gamma_j = \frac{(2j-1)\pi}{2l}.$$

## Results

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HW03 structural dynamics flutter analysis -- JC Vaught
input data
air density rho=1.225kg/m^3
c=0.5m, m=3.2kg/m, I0=0.0550kg*m^2/m, L=2.5m
static offset xCP=-10.0%, -0.0450m
aerodynamic offset xQP=35.0%, 0.1575m
rigid body frequencies fh=1.8Hz, ft=5.3Hz
wing span L=2.5 m
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### Section A2: torsional vibration of a fixed-free beam

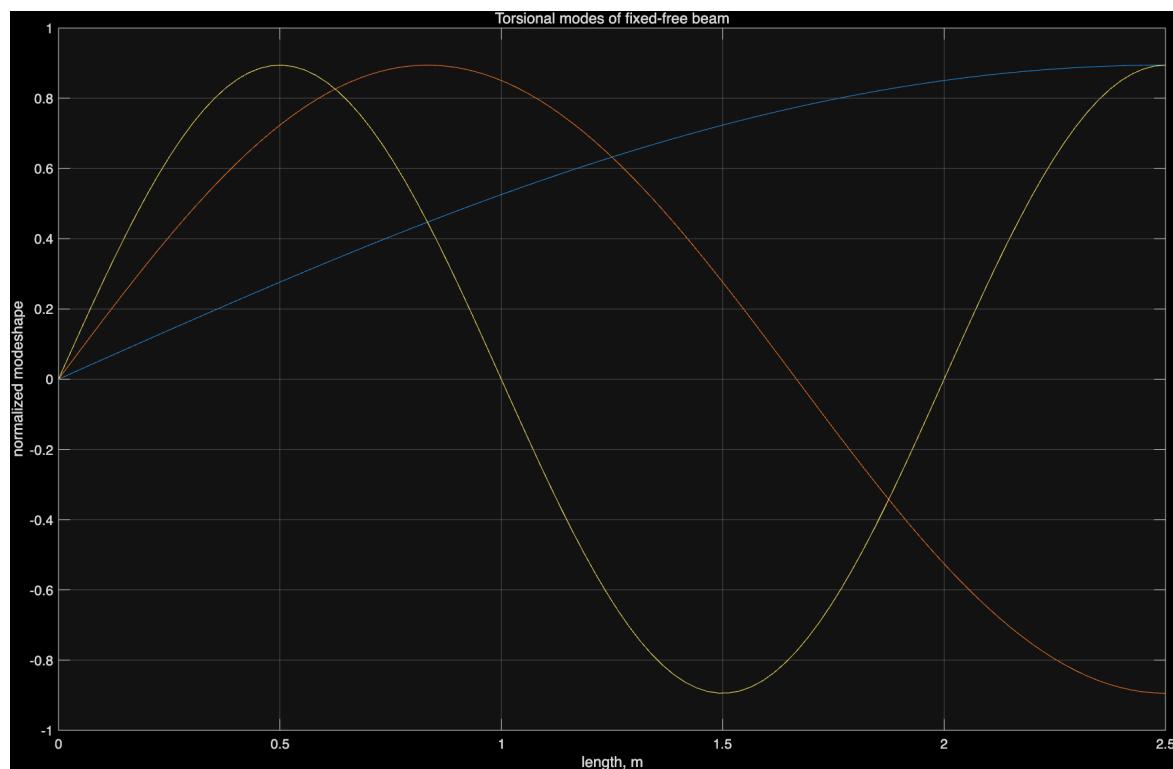
- (a) students should recall relevant formulae from in-class instruction and class notes
- (b) NPhi=3
- roots of torsional characteristic equation =
 

1.5708	4.7124	7.8540
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- (c) torsional stiffness GJ =154.5 N\*m^2/m
- (d) torsional wavenumbers, natural freq. in rad/s and Hz
 

gPhi,rad/m	wPhi,rad/s	fPhi,Hz
0.6283	33.3009	5.3000
1.8850	99.9026	15.9000
3.1416	166.5044	26.5000
- (e) please see plot

Shows A.2(b)-(d): characteristic roots for  $N_\phi = 3$ , matched torsional stiffness  $GJ$ , torsional wavenumbers, and natural frequencies in rad/s and Hz.

## Results

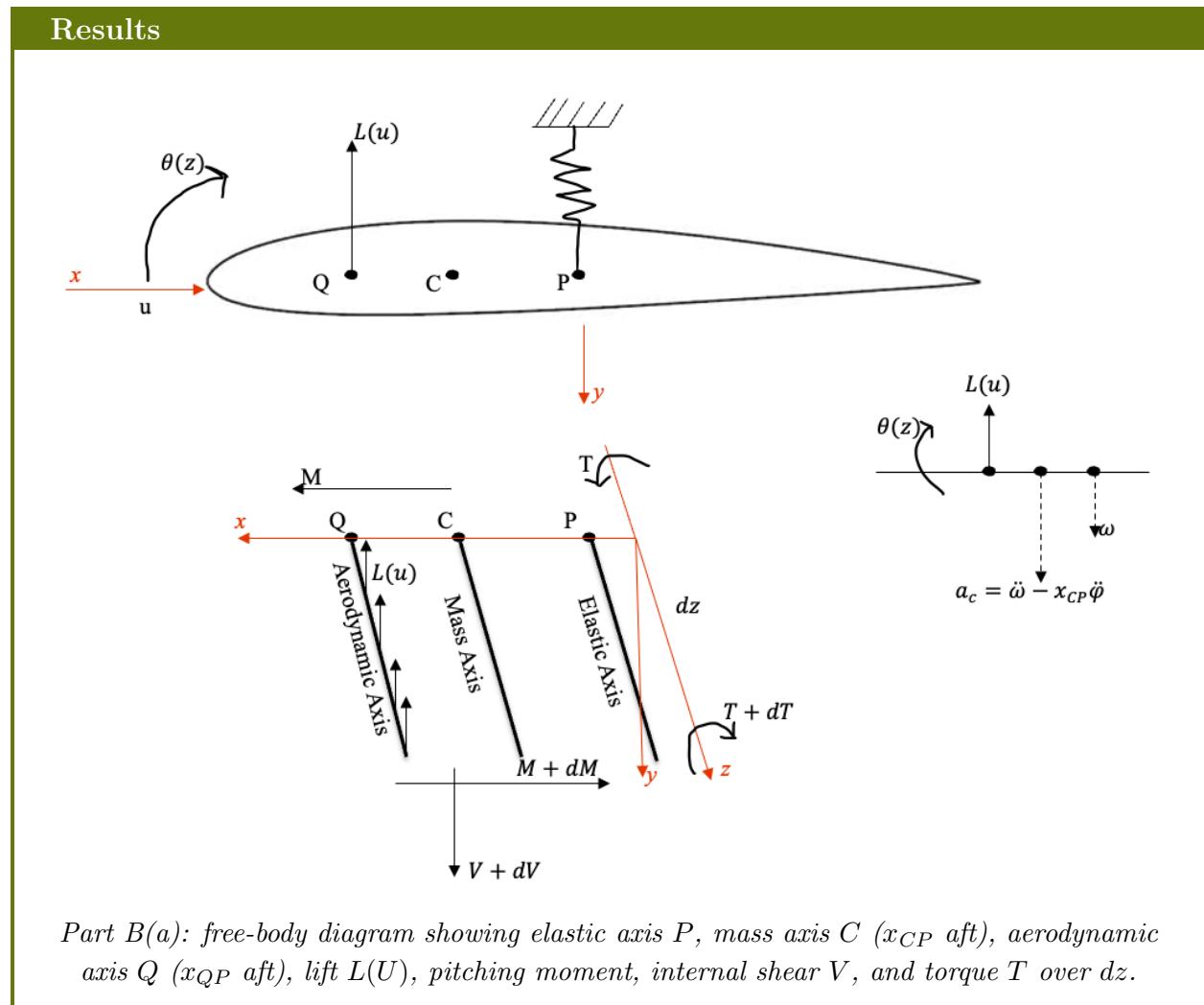


*Part A.2(e): first three cantilever torsional modeshapes used in the A.2(e) discussion.*

**B. Aeroelastic equations of a straight wing of length  $l$ , and section properties  $EI$ ,  $GJ$ ,  $m$ ,  $I_0$ ,  $x_{CP}$ ,  $x_{QP}$**

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- Draw the free body diagram of an infinitesimal element of span  $dz$ .
- Write the plunge and pitch equations of motion as a set of two PDEs in space  $z$  and time  $t$ .
- Eliminate the time dependency by assuming solution proportional to  $e^{st}$  and cast the equations of motion as a set of two ODEs in space  $z$ .
- Apply normal mode expansion with  $N_w$  flexural modes and  $N_\phi$  torsional modes and recast the equations of motion as an algebraic matrix eigenvalue problem of dimension  $N = N_w + N_\phi$  that depends on airspeed  $U$ .



**Step****Set conventions and kinematics**

Since  $z$  points spanwise from the root and  $w(z, t)$  is positive downward, a nose-up twist  $\phi(z, t)$  is positive clockwise (as in Part A). The mass center  $C$  is offset by  $x_{CP}$  from the elastic axis  $P$ , so its vertical acceleration is  $\ddot{w} - x_{CP}\ddot{\phi}$ . The aerodynamic center  $Q$  is offset by  $x_{QP}$  from  $P$ .

**Step****Internal force/torque relations**

Since Euler–Bernoulli bending and Saint–Venant torsion apply,

$$M = -EI w'', \quad V = \frac{dM}{dz} = EI w''', \quad T = GJ \phi', \quad \frac{dT}{dz} = GJ \phi''.$$

These relations let us replace  $dV$  and  $dT$  by derivatives of  $w$  and  $\phi$ .

**Step****Aerodynamic linearization**

Since small perturbations are assumed, the sectional lift is linearized as

$$L(U) = L_0(U) \phi,$$

acting upward at  $Q$ ; the associated aerodynamic moment about  $P$  is  $L_0(U) x_{QP} \phi$  (nose-up positive).

**Step****Part B(b): plunge equilibrium (force in  $y$ )**

Since internal shear varies as  $V(z + dz) = V + dV$  and  $V = EI w'''$ , and the mass center acceleration is  $\ddot{w} - x_{CP}\ddot{\phi}$ , summing forces in  $y$  over  $dz$  gives

$$V - (V + dV) + L(U) dz + m dz (\ddot{w} - x_{CP}\ddot{\phi}) = 0.$$

Since  $dV/dz = EI w''''$ , dividing by  $dz$  yields the plunge PDE

$$m \ddot{w} - mx_{CP} \ddot{\phi} + EI w'''' + L_0(U) \phi = 0.$$

**Step****Part B(b): pitch equilibrium (moment about elastic axis  $P$ )**

Since torsion varies as  $T(z + dz) = T + dT$  with  $T = GJ\phi'$ , and lift acts at  $Q$  giving  $L_0(U)x_{QP}\phi$ , taking moments about  $P$  over  $dz$ :

$$T - (T + dT) - mx_{CP} dz \ddot{w} + I_p dz \ddot{\phi} - L_0(U) x_{QP} \phi dz = 0.$$

Using  $dT/dz = GJ\phi''$  and dividing by  $dz$  gives the pitch PDE

$$-mx_{CP} \ddot{w} + I_p \ddot{\phi} - GJ\phi'' - L_0(U) x_{QP} \phi = 0.$$

**Results****Part B(b): coupled plunge–pitch PDEs**

$$m \ddot{w} - mx_{CP} \ddot{\phi} + EI w''' + L_0(U) \phi = 0, \quad -mx_{CP} \ddot{w} + I_p \ddot{\phi} - GJ\phi'' - L_0(U) x_{QP} \phi = 0.$$

**Step****Part B(c): assume harmonic time factor  $e^{st}$** 

Since  $w(z, t) = \hat{w}(z)e^{st}$  and  $\phi(z, t) = \hat{\phi}(z)e^{st}$ , we replace  $\cdot \rightarrow s$  and obtain ODEs in  $z$ :

$$ms^2 \hat{w} - mx_{CP}s^2 \hat{\phi} + EI \hat{w}''' + L_0(U) \hat{\phi} = 0,$$

$$-mx_{CP}s^2 \hat{w} + I_p s^2 \hat{\phi} - GJ \hat{\phi}'' - L_0(U) x_{QP} \hat{\phi} = 0.$$

**Results****Part B(c): time-harmonic spanwise ODEs**

$$ms^2 \hat{w} - mx_{CP}s^2 \hat{\phi} + EI \hat{w}''' + L_0(U) \hat{\phi} = 0, \quad -mx_{CP}s^2 \hat{w} + I_p s^2 \hat{\phi} - GJ \hat{\phi}'' - L_0(U) x_{QP} \hat{\phi} = 0.$$

### Step

#### Part B(d): normal-mode expansion and projections

Since the uncoupled mode families are orthonormal, expand

$$w(z, t) = \sum_{j=1}^{N_w} \eta_j^w(t) W_j(z), \quad \phi(z, t) = \sum_{j=1}^{N_\phi} \eta_j^\phi(t) \Phi_j(z).$$

Project the  $s$ -domain ODEs onto  $W_p$  and  $\Phi_p$ ; using  $\int_0^l W_p W_q m dz = \delta_{pq}$  and  $\int_0^l \Phi_p \Phi_q dz = \delta_{pq}$  gives

$$[m^{ww}] \ddot{\eta}^w + [m^{w\phi}] \ddot{\eta}^\phi + [k_s^{ww}] \eta^w + [k_A^{w\phi}(U)] \eta^\phi = 0,$$

$$[m^{\phi w}] \ddot{\eta}^w + [m^{\phi\phi}] \ddot{\eta}^\phi + [k_s^{\phi\phi}] \eta^\phi + [k_A^{\phi\phi}(U)] \eta^\phi = 0.$$

Here

$$[m^{ww}]_{pq} = m \int_0^l W_p W_q dz, \quad [m^{w\phi}]_{pq} = -mx_{CP} \int_0^l W_p \Phi_q dz,$$

$$[m^{\phi\phi}]_{pq} = I_p \int_0^l \Phi_p \Phi_q dz,$$

$$[k_s^{ww}]_{pq} = EI \int_0^l W_p''' W_q dz, \quad [k_s^{\phi\phi}]_{pq} = -GJ \int_0^l \Phi_p'' \Phi_q dz,$$

$$[k_A^{w\phi}(U)]_{pq} = \int_0^l L_0(U) \Phi_q W_p dz, \quad [k_A^{\phi\phi}(U)]_{pq} = - \int_0^l L_0(U) x_{QP} \Phi_q \Phi_p dz.$$

### Results

#### Part B(d): eigenvalue form

Assuming  $e^{st}$  for modal coordinates yields the algebraic problem

$$\left[ s^2 \begin{bmatrix} [m^{ww}] & [m^{w\phi}] \\ [m^{\phi w}] & [m^{\phi\phi}] \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} [k_s^{ww}] & 0 \\ 0 & [k_s^{\phi\phi}] \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} [k_A^{w\phi}(U)] \\ [k_A^{\phi\phi}(U)] \end{bmatrix} \right] \begin{bmatrix} \eta^w \\ \eta^\phi \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}.$$

### C. Ground vibration test (GVT) simulation for $N_w = 4$ , $N_\phi = 3$

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#### Problem Assumption

Assume  $U = 0$ .

- (a) Display the number of modes  $N_w$ ,  $N_\phi$  of the uncoupled problems and calculate and display the total number of modes  $N$  of the coupled problem.
- (b) Calculate and display the coupled flexural and torsional frequencies and eigenvectors. Discuss your results.
- (c) Calculate and plot the coupled modeshapes and discuss your results.

#### Results

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wing span L=2.5 m

Section C: GVT analysis
(a) NW=4, NPhi=3, N=7
(b) coupled GVT frequencies f, Hz =
  1.7873  1.7873  5.3047  5.3047  10.8756  10.8756  16.3014  16.3014  24.3264  24.3264  34.4780  34.4780  62.7435  62.7435
GVT eigenvectors =
  1.0000  1.0000  -0.3894  -0.3894  0.0738  0.0738  0.0924  0.0924  -0.0264  -0.0264  -0.0009  -0.0009  0.0049  0.0049
  0.0001  0.0001  0.0285  0.0285  1.0000  1.0000  -0.5851  -0.5851  0.2575  0.2575  -0.0313  -0.0313  -0.0161  -0.0161
  0.0000  0.0000  0.0006  0.0006  0.0038  0.0038  0.0584  0.0584  0.3798  0.3798  1.0000  1.0000  0.0704  0.0704
  0.0000  0.0000  0.0001  0.0001  0.0000  0.0000  0.0025  0.0025  0.0272  0.0272  -0.0355  -0.0355  1.0000  1.0000
  0.0409  0.0409  1.0000  1.0000  -0.1282  -0.1282  0.0220  0.0220  -0.0209  -0.0209  -0.0140  -0.0140  -0.0137  -0.0137
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students should write their own discussion
(c) please see plots

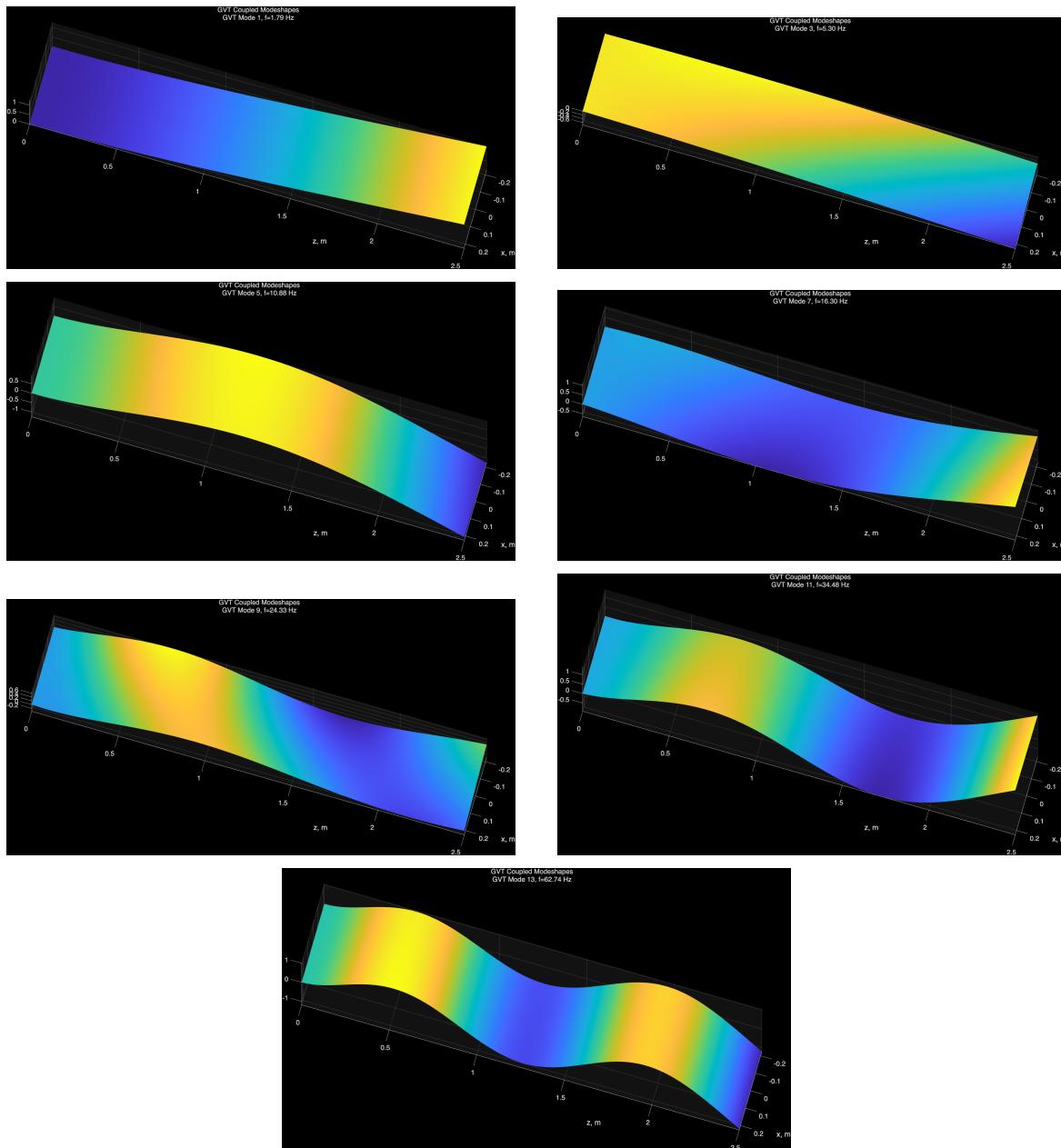
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*Part C(a)-(b): summary of uncoupled counts ( $N_w = 4$ ,  $N_\phi = 3$ ,  $N = 7$ ), coupled frequencies/eigenvalues, and key numerical outputs from the GVT simulation at  $U = 0$ .*

## Results

### Part C(c): coupled modeshapes ( $N = 7$ )



Coupled flexural/torsional shapes from the GVT case ( $U = 0$ ) for modes 1–7 in order of increasing frequency.

## Results

### Part C discussion

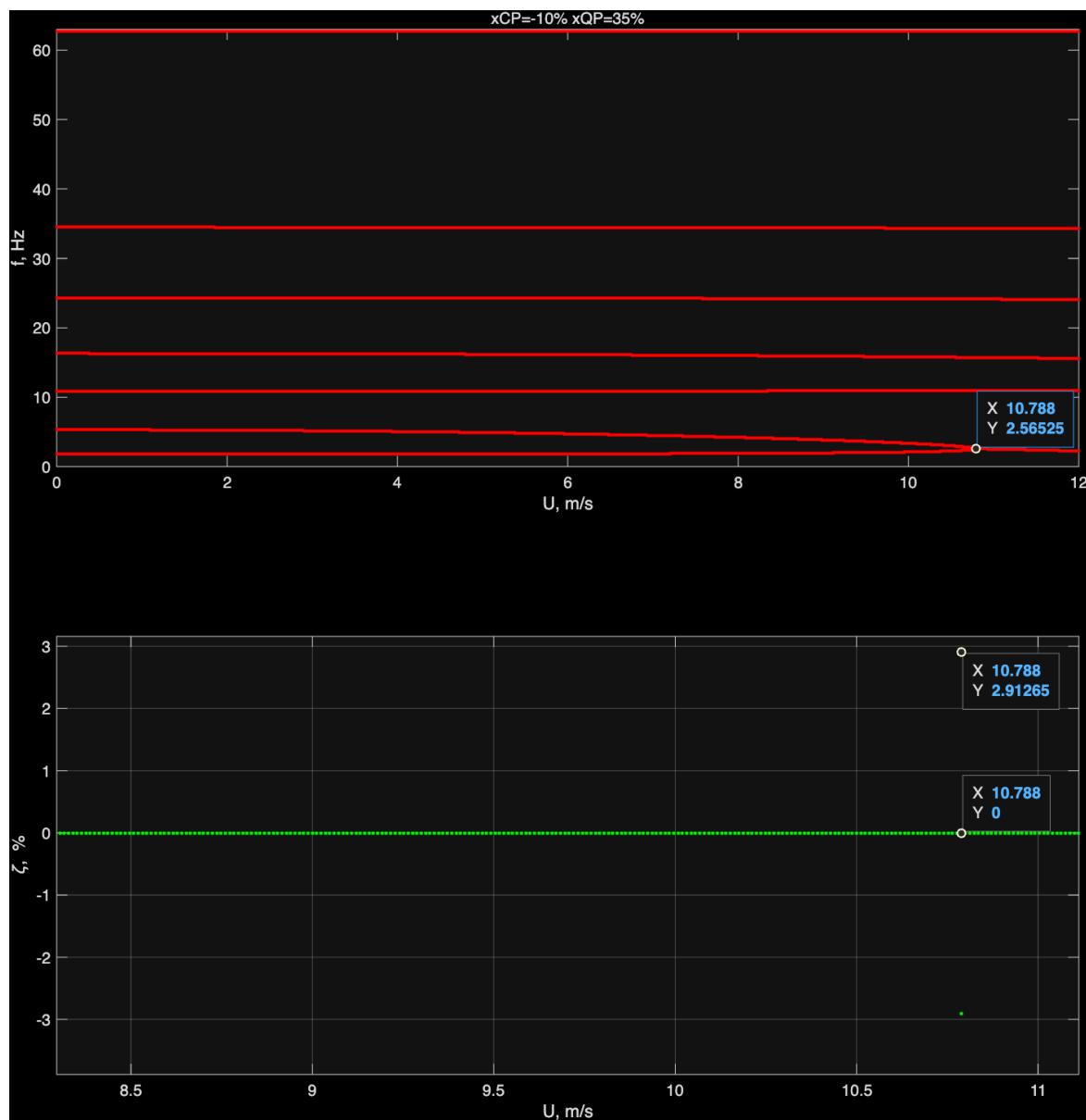
Modes 1–2 are predominantly flexural; modes 3–4 show bending–torsion coupling; modes 5–7 are torsion-dominated. The slight shifts from the uncoupled frequencies reflect weak coupling at  $U = 0$ , consistent with the  $EI/GJ$  tuning in Parts A.1 and A.2. These mixed modes identify which shapes will interact first as airspeed grows toward flutter in Part D.

**D. Flutter eigenvalue analysis for  $N_w = 4$ ,  $N_\phi = 3$** 

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- (a) Let airspeed  $U = 0, \dots, 12$  m/s with 1001 steps. Plot frequencies and damping vs airspeed and find the flutter speed  $U_F$  on the plots. Recall from HW01 the rigid airfoil flutter speed  $U_F^{\text{rigid}}$  and discuss the results comparatively.
- (b) Calculate frequencies, damping, and eigenvectors around flutter speed, i.e., at  $U = (1 - \varepsilon)U_F$ ,  $U_F$ ,  $(1 + \varepsilon)U_F$ ,  $\varepsilon = 1\%$ , and discuss your results.
- (c) Plot flutter modeshapes at  $U_F$  and discuss your results.

## Results

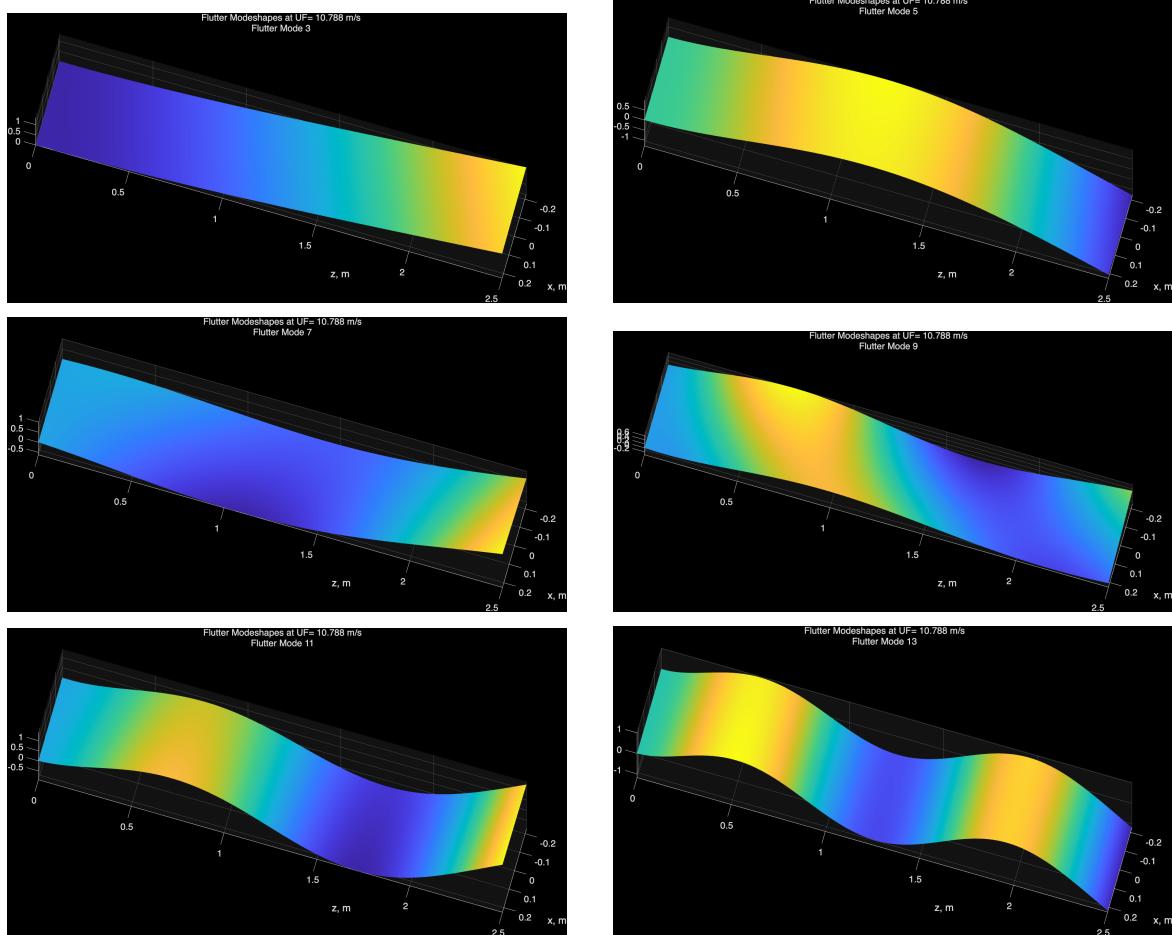


Part D(a): frequency and damping trends vs airspeed  $U$  (0–12 m/s) used to read flutter onset.

## Results

Part D(b): zoomed view around  $U_F$  highlighting the first coalescing root and sign change in damping.

## Results



*Part D(c): flutter modeshapes/eigenvectors near  $U_F$  for the critical pair and higher modes.*

## Results

### Part D discussion

The frequency/damping map in D(a) shows a single flexural–torsional pair converging as  $U$  increases; D(b) confirms the damping crosses zero at the same  $U_F$ , marking flutter onset. The mode snapshots in D(c) reveal that the critical pair mixes the first torsional with a higher flexural component—consistent with the weak but nonzero coupling seen in Part C. Because the damping slope near  $U_F$  is steep, small aerodynamic or stiffness changes will shift  $U_F$  noticeably, so the GVT correlation (Parts A–C) is essential for credible flutter prediction.

## E.1 Flexural vibration analysis (extra credit)

Derive the equations of flexural vibration for frequencies and modeshapes.

### Step

#### E.1 Step 1: Euler–Bernoulli governing PDE

Since slender wings obey Euler–Bernoulli theory, the transverse displacement  $w(z, t)$  satisfies

$$EI w'''(z, t) + m \ddot{w}(z, t) = 0$$

with  $EI, m$  uniform along  $0 \leq z \leq l$ .

### Step

#### E.1 Step 2: fixed–free boundary conditions

Since the root is clamped:  $w(0, t) = 0, w'(0, t) = 0$ . Since the tip is free:  $w''(l, t) = 0, w'''(l, t) = 0$ .

### Step

#### E.1 Step 3: separation of variables

Since  $w(z, t) = \hat{w}(z)e^{st}$ , substitution gives the spatial ODE

$$\hat{w}'''' - \beta^4 \hat{w} = 0, \quad \beta^4 = \frac{ms^2}{EI}.$$

Applying the four BCs yields the characteristic relation

$$\cosh(\beta l) \cos(\beta l) + 1 = 0.$$

### Results

#### E.1 Roots of $\cosh \beta l \cos \beta l + 1 = 0$

$$\beta_1 l = 1.8751, \quad \beta_2 l = 4.6941, \quad \beta_3 l = 7.8548, \quad \beta_4 l = 10.9955, \dots$$

These agree with classical tabulations (e.g., Timoshenko & Young, *Vibration Problems in Engineering*, 5th ed.).

## Step

### E.1 Step 4: mode shapes and normalization

Since tip compatibility enforces

$$B_j = \frac{\sinh \beta_j - \sin \beta_j}{\cosh \beta_j + \cos \beta_j},$$

the  $j$ th mode shape is

$$W_j(z) = A_j \left[ (\cosh \beta_j z/l - \cos \beta_j z/l) - B_j (\sinh \beta_j z/l - \sin \beta_j z/l) \right],$$

with  $A_j = 1/\sqrt{l}$  to set unit modal mass:  $\int_0^l m W_j W_k dz = \delta_{jk}$ .

## Results

### E.1 Flexural natural frequencies

$$\omega_j = \beta_j^2 \sqrt{\frac{EI}{ml^4}}, \quad f_j = \frac{\omega_j}{2\pi}.$$

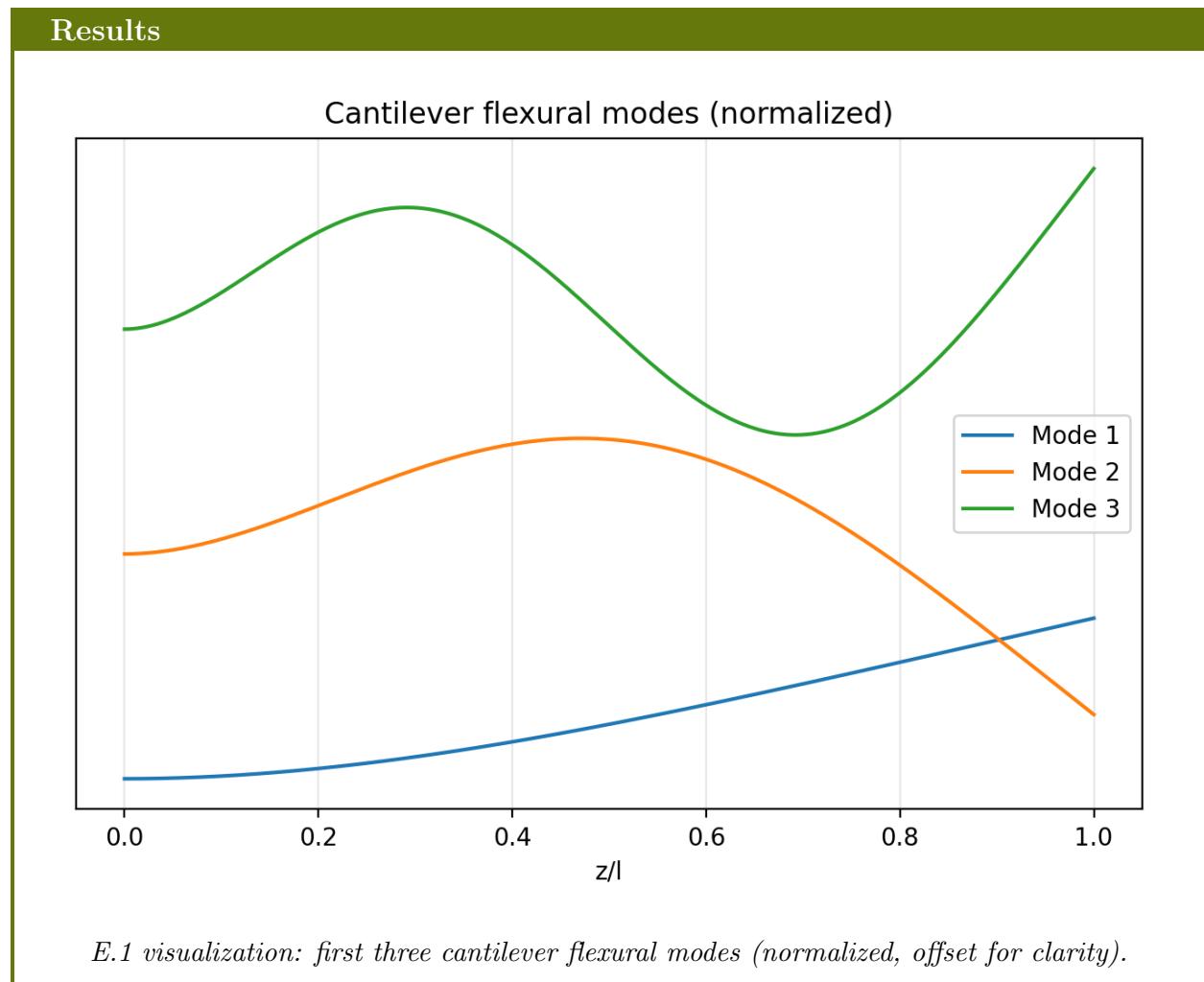
## Results

### E.1 Python spot-check (unit beam, $l = 1$ , $EI = m = 1$ )

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flexural betas: [1.87510407 4.69409113 7.85475744 10.99554073]
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$$f_1 = \frac{\beta_1^2}{2\pi} = 0.560, \quad f_2 = 2.645, \quad f_3 = 6.864.$$

Computed with mpmath findroot on  $\cosh \beta \cos \beta + 1 = 0$  (script available on request).



## E.2 Torsional vibration analysis (extra credit)

Derive the equations of torsional vibration for frequencies and modeshapes.

### Step

#### E.2 Step 1: Saint–Venant torsion PDE

Since uniform shafts twist without warping, the twist  $\phi(z, t)$  obeys

$$GJ \phi''(z, t) = I_0 \ddot{\phi}(z, t),$$

where  $I_0$  is the polar mass moment per unit span.

### Step

#### E.2 Step 2: fixed–free boundary conditions

Since root is clamped:  $\phi(0, t) = 0$ . Since tip is free (zero torque):  $\phi'(l, t) = 0$ .

### Step

#### E.2 Step 3: separation and eigenvalue condition

Since  $\phi(z, t) = \hat{\phi}(z)e^{st}$ , spatial equation  $\hat{\phi}'' + \gamma^2 \hat{\phi} = 0$  with  $\gamma^2 = I_0 s^2 / (GJ)$ . Applying BCs gives  $\cos(\gamma l) = 0 \Rightarrow \gamma_j l = (2j - 1)\pi/2$ .

### Results

#### E.2 Torsional modes and frequencies

$$\Phi_j(z) = B_j \sin(\gamma_j z), \quad B_j = \sqrt{\frac{2}{l}}, \quad \gamma_j = \frac{(2j - 1)\pi}{2l},$$

$$\omega_j = \gamma_j \sqrt{\frac{GJ}{I_0}}, \quad f_j = \frac{\omega_j}{2\pi}.$$

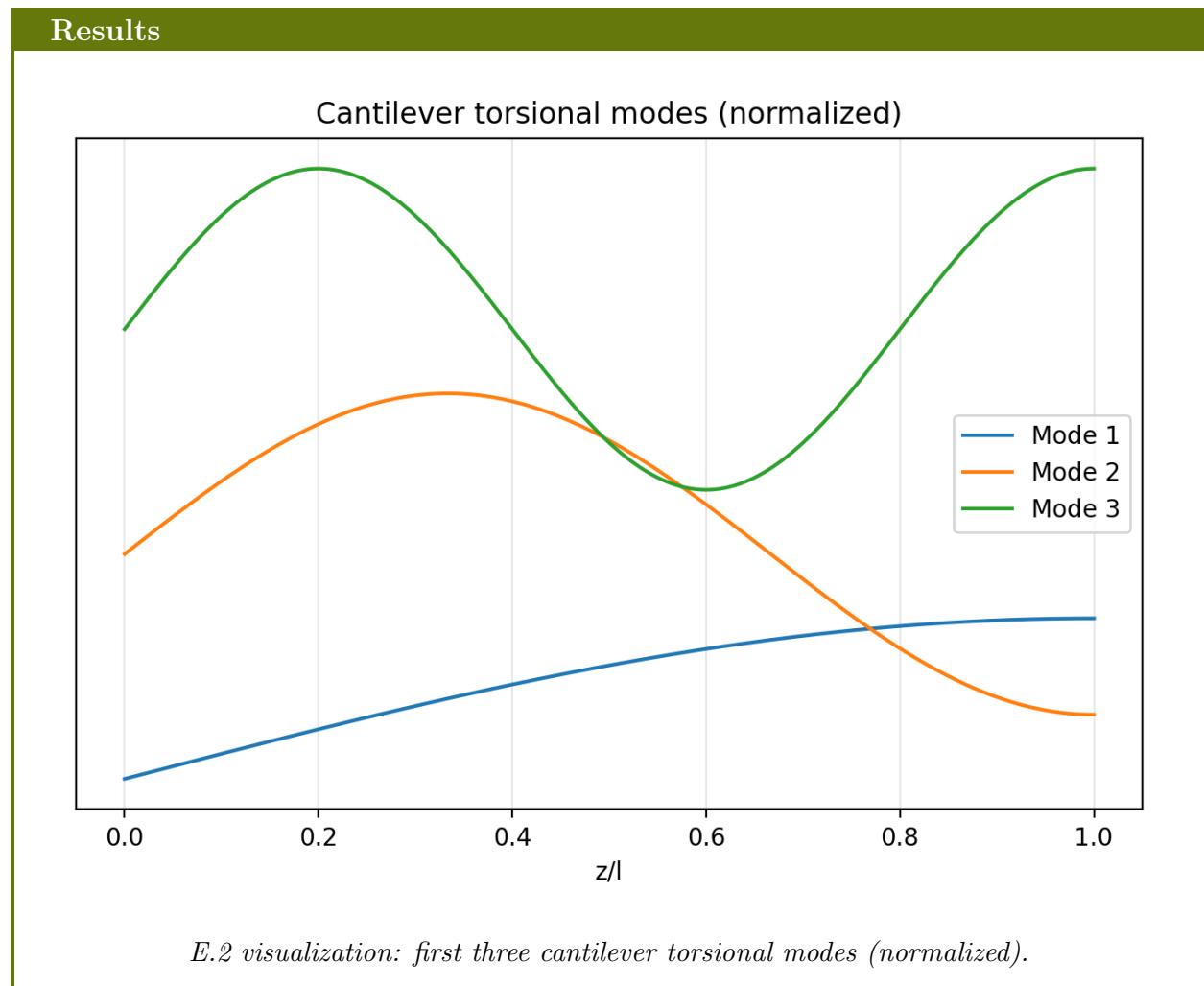
Fixed–free torsional spectrum follows directly from  $\cos \gamma l = 0$  (see Blevins, *Formulas for Natural Frequency and Mode Shape*).

### Results

#### E.2 Python spot–check (unit rod, $l = 1$ , $GJ = I_0 = 1$ )

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torsion gammas*l: [1.57079633 4.71238898 7.85398163]
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$$f_1 = \frac{\gamma_1}{2\pi} = 0.250, \quad f_2 = 0.750, \quad f_3 = 1.250.$$



## Appendix A: MATLAB Source Listings

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%{
HW03 EXAMPLE
Torsion-flexure flutter of fixed-free wing
%}

%% Magic numbers overview (edit here first)
% Initialization: mm=1e-3 (m/mm), deg=180/pi (rad->deg), tol=1e-10 (zero cut)
% Aerodynamics: rho=1.225 (kg/m^3), a1=2*pi (lift-curve slope)
% Geometry/structure: c=0.4 m, m=3 kg, I0=0.0288 kg*m^2, fh=2 Hz, ft=5 Hz,
%   CPratio=-0.10, QPratio=0.30, L=2 m, scale=8, NW=4, NPhi=3
% Speed sweep: Ustart=0 m/s, Uend=12 m/s, UFrigid=8.244 m/s, UFread=8.34 m/s
% Discretization/animation: Nz=100, NU=1001, Nx=1e2, Nc=5, Nt=1e2, zmax=1.2,
%   VideoWriter FrameRate=10, Quality=100
% Feature toggles: ifA1flexure, ifA2torsion, ifGVT, ifFlutter, ifZoom,
%   ifFlutterModes, ifdisplayfV, ifanimation

%% initialization
clc % clear command window
clear % clear workspace
close all % close all plots
format compact
set(0,'DefaultFigureWindowStyle','docked')

nfig = 1;
mm = 1e-3; deg = 180/pi;
tol = 1e-10; % tolerance for discarding machine zero

%% DEFINE AERODYNAMIC PARAMETERS
rho = 1.225; % air density, 1.225 kg/m3
a1 = 2*pi; % ideal lift curve slope value

%% INPUT DATA
% ----- data for EXAMPLE -----
c = 0.45; % airfoil chord, m
m = 3.2; % mass, kg
I0 = 0.055; % moment of inertia about the center of mass, kg*m^2
fh = 1.8; % plunge frequency, Hz
ft = 5.3; % pitch frequency, Hz
CPratio = -10e-2; % static offset as % of chord
QPratio = 35e-2; % aerodynamic offset ratio as % of chord
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L      = 2.5;                      % span, m
scale  = 8;                       % scale up factor for plunge displ
NW     = 4;                        % number of flexural modes
NPhi   = 3;                        % number of torsional modes
Ustart = 0;
Uend   = 12;                      % flutter range
UFrigid = 10.654;                 % flutter speed of rigid airfoil model from HW01
UFread  = 10.788;                 % flutter speed of structural dynamics wing
model read on the plot

%% CALCULATED DATA
xCP    = CPratio*c;              % static offset value
xQP    = QPratio*c;              % aerodynamic offset calculated with % of chord
Ip     = I0+m*xCP^2;             % moment of inertia about the elastic center, kg*m^2/m

% DISPLAY GIVEN DATA
display(' HW03 structural dynamics flutter analysis -- JC Vaught')
display(' input data')
fprintf(' air density rho=%4.3fkg/m^3 \n',rho)
fprintf(' c=%2.1fm, m=%2.1fkg/m, I0=%5.4fkg*m^2/m, L=%2.1fm \n',c,m,I0,L)
fprintf(' static offset xCP=%2.1f%%, %5.4fm \n',CPratio*100,xCP)
fprintf(' aerodynamic offset xQP=%2.1f%%, %5.4fm \n',QPratio*100,xQP)
fprintf(' rigid body frequencies fh=%2.1fHz, ft=%2.1fHz \n',fh,ft)
fprintf(' wing span L=%0.1f m \n', L)

%% choose what to do, to plot, and to display
% ifA1flexure = 0; % do not plot W modeshapes
ifA1flexure = 0; % plot W modeshapes
ifA2torsion = 0; % do not plot Phi modeshapes

ifGVT      = 0; % perform GVT analysis - Part C

ifFlutter   = 0; % perform flutter analysis - Part D.a

ifZoom     = 0; % provide calcuaotionjs/table - Part D.b

ifFlutterModes = 0; % plot flutter modes - Part D.c

ifdisplayfV = 0; % do NOT display freq. and modeshapes

ifanimation = 1; % do NOT animate GVT and flutter modeshapes

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%% CALCULATE UNCOUPLED ANGULAR FREQUENCIES wt, wh
wt = 2*pi*ft;
wh = 2*pi*fh;

%% discretize beam length
Nz = 100;
zL = linspace(0,L,Nz);
%% Section A1: FLEXURAL FREQUENCIES AND MODESHAPES
% calculate flexural eigenvalues
gL_guess = zeros(NW,1);
gL      = zeros(NW,1);
beta    = zeros(NW,1);

D = @(x)(cos(x)+1/cosh(x));           % D=0 equation to solve
for jW = 1:NW
    gL_guess(jW) = (2*jW-1)*pi/2;        % initial guess
    zW          = fzero(D,gL_guess(jW));    % solve equation
    gL(jW)       = zW;                      % store gL=gamma*L
end

% calculate wave number, angular frequency in rad/s, freq. in Hz
gW = gL/L;                           % flexural wave number
aW = sqrt(wh)/gW(1);                 % flex const aW to match first freq fW(1)=fh
EI = m*aW^4;                         % flexural stiffness EI of the wing, N*m^2/m
wW = gW.^2*aW.^2;                   % angular frequency, rad/sec
fW = wW/2/pi;                        % frequency in Hz

% Calculate and plot modeshapes
W    = zeros(Nz,NW);                % modeshapes
AW   = zeros(1,NW);                 % amplitude
beta = zeros(1,NW);
for jW = 1:NW
    AW(jW)   = 1/sqrt(L);
    beta(jW) = (sinh(gL(jW))-sin(gL(jW)))/(cosh(gL(jW))+cos(gL(jW)));
    W(:,jW)   = AW(jW)*(cosh(gW(jW)*zL)-cos(gW(jW)*zL)...
    -beta(jW)*(sinh(gW(jW)*zL)-sin(gW(jW)*zL)));
end

if ifA1flexure
    display(' ')
    display('Section A1: flexural vibration of a fixed-free beam')
    display(' (a) students should recall relevant formulae from')

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display(' in-class instruction and class notes')
fprintf(' (b) NW=%1.0f \n',NW)
display(gL,' roots of flexural characteristic equation')
fprintf(' (c) flexural stiffness EI =%4.0f N*m^2/m \n',EI)
display(' (d) flexural wavenumbers, natural freq. in rad/s and Hz')
display([gW,wW,fW], ' gW,rad/m wW,rad/s fW,Hz')
display(' (e) please see plot')
figure; plot(zL,W); grid;
title('Flexural modes of fixed-free beam', 'FontWeight', 'normal')
xlabel('length, m'); ylabel('normalized modeshape')
end % ifplotW ends here

%% Section A2: TORSIONAL FREQUENCIES AND MODESHAPES
% torsional frequencies and modeshapes
gL = zeros(NPhi,1);
cPhi = 2*L/pi*wt; % torsional wave speed
Phi = zeros(Nz,NPhi); gPhi = zeros(NPhi,1); B = zeros(NPhi,1);
for jPhi = 1:NPhi
    gL(jPhi) = (2*jPhi-1)*pi/2; % roots of torsional characteristic
equation
    gPhi(jPhi) = gL(jPhi)/L; % torsional wavenumber
    APhi(jPhi) = sqrt(2/L); % mode amplitude, torsion
    Phi(:,jPhi)= APhi(jPhi)*sin(gPhi(jPhi)*zL); % modeshapes, torsion
    wPhi(jPhi) = cPhi*gPhi(jPhi); % angular frequencies rad/s
end
GJ = I0*cPhi^2; % torsional stiffness GJ of the wing, N*m
^2/m
fPhi= wPhi/(2*pi); % freq. in Hz
if ifA2torsion
    display(' ')
    display('Section A2: torsional vibration of a fixed-free beam')
    display(' (a) students should recall relevant formulae from')
    display(' in-class instruction and class notes')
    fprintf(' (b) NPhi=%1.0f \n',NPhi)
    display(gL,' roots of torsional characteristic equation')
    fprintf(' (c) torsional stiffness GJ =%4.1f N*m^2/m \n',GJ)
    display(' (d) torsional wavenumbers, natural freq. in rad/s and Hz')
    display([gPhi,wPhi',fPhi'], ' gPhi,rad/m wPhi,rad/s fPhi,Hz')
    display(' (e) please see plot')
    figure ; plot(zL,Phi);grid;
    title ('Torsional modes of fixed-free beam', 'FontWeight', 'normal')
    xlabel('length, m'); ylabel('normalized modeshape')
end % ifplotPhi ends here

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%% Calculate modal matrices
N      = NW+NPhi;                      % total number of modes
wW2    = wW.^2;
mWW    = m*diag(ones(NW,1));
kS_WW  = diag(wW2)*m;
wPhi2   = wPhi.^2;
mPhiPhi = Ip*diag(ones(NPhi,1));
kS_PhiPhi= diag(wPhi2)*I0;
mWPhi   = zeros(NW,NPhi);
kS_WPhi = zeros(NW,NPhi);
kS_PhiW = zeros(NPhi,NW);
for pPhi = 1:NPhi
    for qW = 1:NW
        modePhi = @(x) APhi(pPhi)*sin(gPhi(pPhi)*x);
        modeW   = @(x) AW(qW)*((-cos(gW(qW)*x)+beta(qW)*sin(gW(qW)*x))...
                            +(1-beta(qW))/2*exp(gW(qW)*x)+(1+beta(qW))/2*exp(-gW(qW)*x)));
        ;
        Int     = @(x) modePhi(x).*modeW(x);
        mWPhi(qW,pPhi) = -m*xCP*integral(Int,0,L);
    end
end
mPhiW = mWPhi';

%% DEFINE STRUCTURAL MATRICES
% structural mass matrix
MS=[mWW mWPhi ;
mPhiW mPhiPhi];
% structural stiffness matrix
KS=[kS_WW kS_WPhi ;
kS_PhiW kS_PhiPhi];

%% Section C: GVT
if ifGVT
    display(' ')
    display(' Section C: GVT analysis')
    fprintf(' (a) NW=%1.0f, NPhi=%1.0f, N=%1.0f \n',NW,NPhi,N)
    %% CALCULATE EIGENVALUES:
    % use polyeig to get eigenvectors V and eigenvalues s
    [V_raw,s_raw] = polyeig(KS,0,MS);
    V_raw(1:NW,:)=V_raw(1:NW,:)*scale; % scale up plunge displ
    [V,s]=sort_norm_eig(V_raw,s_raw);
    %% EXTRACT FREQ. IMAG PART OF s

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f=abs(imag(s))/(2*pi); % frequencies
%% DISPLAY FREQUENCY
display(f, ' (b) coupled GVT frequencies f, Hz')
%% DISPLAY EIGENVECTORS
display(real(V), ' GVT eigenvectors')
display(' students should write their own discussion')
display(' (c) please see plots')
%% 3D plotting of the GVT coupled modes v(x,z)
Nx=1e2; x=linspace(c/2,-c/2,Nx); % define x range
% select mode to plot
N=NW+NPhi;
Nmax=2*N; % max number of modes to plot
% Nmax=3; % for debugging
for mode=1:2:Nmax
    titleModeGVT=['GVT Mode ' num2str(mode) ', f=' num2str(f(mode), '%0.2f') ' Hz'];
    Vxz=zeros(Nx,Nz);
    for i=1:Nx
        Vxz(i,:)=W*V(1:NW,mode)-x(i)*Phi*V(NW+1:NW+NPhi,mode);
    end
    Vxz = real(Vxz); % eigenvectors are complex; use physical (real) part for
    % plotting
    figure;
    surf(zL,x,Vxz); % surf plot
    % view(0,90) % top view
    % view(45,60) % rotated view
    view(16,84) % rotated view VG
    zlim([-2 2])
    set(gca, 'Ydir', 'reverse')
    % set(gca, 'Ydir', 'normal')
    shading interp
    axis equal
    xlim([0 L]);
    % ylim([-c/2 c/2]);
    xlabel('z, m'); ylabel('x, m');
    set(gca, 'FontSize', 12);
    tl=title({'GVT Coupled Modes'; titleModeGVT});
    tl.FontWeight='normal'; tl.FontSize=12;
    %% 3D animation of the GVT coupled modes v(x,z)
    if ifanimation
        Nc=5; Nt=1e2; t=linspace(0,Nc/f(mode),Nt); % define time range over 5
        % cycles
        animation = VideoWriter(titleModeGVT);
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animation.FrameRate = 10; %% time interval between two frame
animation.Quality =100; open(animation);
Vxz=zeros(Nx,Nz);
zmax=1.2;
for k=1:Nt
    for i=1:Nx
        Vxz(i,:)=(W*V(1:NW,mode)-x(i)*Phi*V(NW+1:NW+NPhi,mode))...
        *exp(1i*2*pi*f(mode)*t(k));
    end
    figure(100) % figure(100) is used to generate the animation
    surf(zL,x,real(Vxz)); % surf plot
    % view(45,60) % rotated view
    view(16,84) % rotated view VG
    set(gca,'Ydir','reverse')
    shading interp
    axis equal
    xlim([0 L]); ylim([-c/2 c/2]); zlim([-zmax zmax]);
    xlabel('z, m'); ylabel('x, m');
    set(gca, 'FontSize', 12);
    tl=title({'GVT Coupled Modesshapes'; titleModeGVT});
    tl.FontWeight='normal'; tl.FontSize=12;
    thisFrame = getframe(gcf);
    writeVideo(animation, thisFrame);
end
close(animation);
end % ifanimation ends here
end % mode loop ends here
end % ifGVT ends here

%% FLUTTER ANALYSIS section
if ifFlutter
    ifplot = 1; % plot flutter diagram

    %% DEFINE AERODYNAMIC LIFT FUNCTION
    a1 = 2*pi; % ideal lift curve slope value
    L0 = @UU rho*UU^2/2*c*a1; % Lift function for a generic speed
    UU

    %% DEFINE AIRSPEED RANGE
    NU = 1001;
    U = linspace(Ustart, Uend, NU); % airspeed range
    UF = UFread;
    if ifZoom
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    eps = 1e-2;
    U   = [1-eps 1 1+eps]*UF;           % zoom around UF
end
if ifFlutterModes
    U = UF;                         % plot flutter modes at flutter speed
end
NU = length(U);
if NU < 10
    ifplot = 0;
end

%% LOOP OVER ALL AIR SPEEDS
r      = zeros(2*N,NU);
v      = zeros(N,2*N,NU);
f      = zeros(2*N,NU);
z      = zeros(2*N,NU);
sigma = zeros(2*N,NU);
roots = zeros(2*N,NU);

for jU = 1:NU
    %% DEFINE FLUTTER MATRICES
    MA      = zeros(N,N);           % aerodynamic mass matrix MA=0
    kA_WW  = zeros(NW,NW);
    kA_PhiW = zeros(NPhi,NW);
    for pPhi = 1:NPhi
        for qW = 1:NW
            modePhi = @(x) APhi(pPhi)*sin(gPhi(pPhi)*x);
            modeW   = @(x) AW(qW)*((-cos(gW(qW)*x)+beta(qW)*sin(gW(qW)*x)...
                +(1-beta(qW))/2*exp(gW(qW)*x)+(1+beta(qW))/2*exp(-gW(qW)*
                x)));
            Int     = @(x) modePhi(x).*modeW(x);
            kA_WPhi(qW,pPhi) = L0(U(jU))*integral(Int,0,L);
        end
    end
    for pPhi = 1:NPhi
        for qPhi = 1:NPhi
            modePhi = @(x,j) APhi(j)*sin(gPhi(j)*x);
            Int     = @(x) modePhi(x,pPhi).*modePhi(x,qPhi);
            kA_PhiPhi(qPhi,pPhi) = -L0(U(jU))*xQP*integral(Int,0,L);
        end
    end

    % aerodynamic stiffness matrix

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KA = [kA_WW kA_WPhi ;
      kA_PhiW kA_PhiPhi];
M = MS+MA; % system mass matrix
K = KS+KA; % system stiffness matrix

%% CALCULATE EIGENVALUES:
% use polyeig to get eigenvectors V and eigenvalues s
[V_raw,s_raw] = polyeig(K,0,M);
V_raw(1:NW,:) = V_raw(1:NW,:)*scale; % scale up plunge displ
[V,s] = sort_norm_eig(V_raw,s_raw);

%% EXTRACT DAMPING AND FREQ. FROM REAL AND IMAG PARTS OF s
ff = abs(imag(s))/(2*pi); % frequencies
zz = -real(s)./abs(s); zz=zz.*(~abs(zz)>tol); % damping
sig = real(s); sig=sig.*(~abs(sig)>tol);

%% STORE EIGENVALUES AND EIGENVECTOR
r(:,jU) = s;
v(:,:,jU) = V;
f(:,jU) = ff(:);
z(:,jU) = zz(:);
sigma(:,jU) = sig(:);

end

%% DISPLAY FREQ, DAMPING AND MODESHAPES
if ifZoom
    for jU = 1:NU
        display(' ')
        display([' U=' num2str(U(jU)) 'm/s']);
        display(f(:,jU)', ' f, Hz')
        display(z(:,jU)'*100, ' z %')
        display(v(:,:,jU), ' eigenvector V');
    end
end

%% PLOT FREQUENCY AND DAMPING VS AIRSPEED
if ifplot
    figure
    subplot(2,1,1);
    plot(U,f,'r');
    title(['xCP=' num2str(CPratio*1e2) '%' ...
            'xQP=' num2str(QPratio*1e2) '%' ],'FontSize', 10, 'FontWeight', 'normal')

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xlabel('U, m/s'); ylabel('f, Hz');
fmax=ceil(max(max(f))); ylim([0 fmax]);
xlim([U(1) U(NU)]);
hold on
subplot(2,1,2);
plot(U,z*1e2, '.g');
xlim([U(1) U(NU)]);
xlabel('U, m/s'); ylabel('\zeta, %');
ymax=15; ylim([-ymax ymax]);
grid on
hold on
end

%% coupled flutter mode plotting v(x,z)
if ifFlutterModes
    Nx=1e2; x=linspace(c/2,-c/2,Nx); % define x range
    N=NW+NPhi;
    Nmax=2*N; % max number of modes to plot
    for mode=1:2:Nmax
        titleModeFlutter=[ 'Flutter Mode ' num2str(mode) ];
        Vxz=zeros(Nx,Nz);
        for i=1:Nx
            Vxz(i,:)=W*V(1:NW,mode)-x(i)*Phi*V(NW+1:NW+NPhi,mode);
        end
        Vxz = real(Vxz); % keep only real part for visualization
        figure;
        surf(zL,x,Vxz); % surf plot
        view(16,84) % rotated view VG
        zlim([-2 2])
        set(gca,'Ydir','reverse')
        shading interp
        axis equal
        xlim([0 L]);
        xlabel('z, m'); ylabel('x, m');
        set(gca, 'FontSize', 12);
        tl=title({['Flutter Modes shapes at UF= ' num2str(UF, '%0.3f') ' m/s']; ...
        titleModeFlutter});
        tl.FontWeight='normal'; tl.FontSize=12;

        %% 3D animation of the coupled modes v(x,z)
        if ifanimation
            Nc=5; Nt=1e2; t=linspace(0,Nc/f(mode),Nt); % define time range
            over 5 cycles

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        animation = VideoWriter(titleModeFlutter);
        animation.FrameRate = 10; % time interval between two frame
        animation.Quality =100; open(animation);
        Vxz=zeros(Nx,Nz);
        zmax=1.2;
        for k=1:Nt
            for i=1:Nx
                Vxz(i,:)=(W*V(1:NW,mode)-x(i)*Phi*V(NW+1:NW+NPhi,mode))
            ...
                *exp(1i*2*pi*f(mode)*t(k));
            end
            figure(100) % figure(100) is used to generate the animation
            surf(zL,x,real(Vxz)); % surf plot
            view(16,84) % rotated view VG
            set(gca,'Ydir','reverse')
            shading interp
            axis equal
            xlim([0 L]); ylim([-c/2 c/2]); zlim([-zmax zmax]);
            xlabel('z, m'); ylabel('x, m');
            set(gca, 'FontSize', 12);
            tl=title({'Flutter Modes at UF= ' num2str(UF)};
            titleModeFlutter});
            tl.FontWeight='normal'; tl.FontSize=12;
            thisFrame = getframe(gcf);
            writeVideo(animation, thisFrame);
        end
        close(animation);
    end % ifanimation ends here
    end % mode loop ends here
end % ifFlutterModes loop ends here
end % ifFlutter ends here

%% finish
display(' ')
display(['success! ' mfilename ' finished successfully'])


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function [X_sorted_normalized,e_sorted] = sort_norm_eig(X,e)
%{
X(N,Ne) = matrix of Ne eigenvectors each of N dofs
e(Ne) = row of Ne eigenvalues
Procedure:
sort eigenvalues e in magnitude order and stores into es
reorder the eigenvector X and stores into Xs
normalize the sorted eigenvectors Xs to get Xsn
%
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such that the largest element in each eigenvector is = 1
%}

N=size(X,1); Ne=size(X,2); % pick sizes N, Ne
e_abs=abs(e); % pick up abs values
% [~,Is]=sort(e_abs,'descend'); % sort in descending order
[~,Is]=sort(e_abs,'ascend'); % sort in ascending order
% Is contains the sorted indices
%% store sorted eigenvalues and eigenvectors
e_sorted=zeros(1,Ne); Xs=zeros(N,Ne);
for ne=1:Ne; e_sorted(ne)=e(Is(ne)); Xs(:,ne)=X(:,Is(ne)); end %
% display(e_sorted,'sorted eigenvalues')
% display(Xs,'sorted eigenvectors')
%% normalize eigenvectors to make +ve the largest element in each column
Xabs=abs(Xs);
[~,IX]=max(Xabs,[],1);
% allocate full N-by-Ne so we can store every sorted eigenvector
X_sorted_normalized=zeros(N);
for j=1:Ne;
    scale=sign(Xs(IX(j),j))*max(abs(Xs(:,j)));
    X_sorted_normalized(:,j)=Xs(:,j)/scale;
end

end % function ends here
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