Dynamic response of an RC beam to a drop weight impact (steel ball)

Ball mass - $M_s = 2.1t$

Ball material - steel

Modulus of elasticity - E_s = 206GPa

Poisson's ratio - $v_s = 0.3$

Mass density -
$$\rho_s = 7.85 \frac{t}{m^3}$$

Ball volume -
$$V_s = \frac{M_s}{\rho_s} = \frac{2.1 \text{ t}}{7.85 \text{ t/m}^3} = 0.268 \text{ m}^3 = 4/3 \pi \text{R}^3$$

Ball radius -
$$R_s = \sqrt[3]{\frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{V_s}{\pi}} = 400 \text{ mm}$$

Height of bottom above the beam surface - H = 2m

Structure type - simply supported beam

Beam length - L = 12 m

Material - reinforced concrete C20/25

Modulus of elasticity - E = 20GPa

Poisson's ratio - v = 0.2

Shear modulus -
$$G = \frac{E}{2 \cdot (1 + v)} = \frac{20 \text{ GPa}}{2 \cdot (1 + 0.2)} = 8.33 \text{ GPa}$$

Unit weight -
$$\gamma_b = 25 \frac{kN}{m^3}$$

Cross section - rectangular with dimensions:

Width - b = 350 mm

Height - h = 650 mm

Area -
$$A = b \cdot h = 350 \text{ mm} \cdot 650 \text{ mm} = 2275 \text{ cm}^2$$

Second moment of area -
$$I = \frac{b \cdot h^3}{12} = \frac{350 \text{ mm} \cdot (650 \text{ mm})^3}{12} = 8009895833 \text{ mm}^4$$

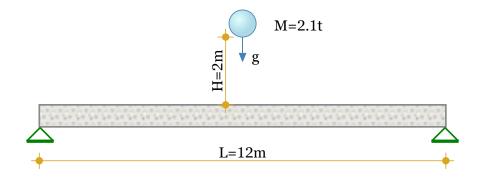
Shear area -
$$A_Q = \frac{5}{6} \cdot A = \frac{5}{6} \cdot 2275 \text{ cm}^2 = 1895.83 \text{ cm}^2$$

Self-weight -
$$g_b = A \cdot \gamma_b = 2275 \text{ cm}^2 \cdot 25 \text{ kN/m}^3 = 5.69 \text{ kN/m}$$

Uniform load -
$$q = 10 \frac{\text{kN}}{\text{m}}$$

Gravity acceleration -
$$g = 9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

Uniform mass -
$$m = \frac{g_b + q}{g} = \frac{5.69 \text{ kN/m} + 10 \text{ kN/m}}{9.81 \text{ m/s}^2} = 1.6 \text{ t/m}$$



Simple analytical solution

The structure is reduced to a SDOF system for simplicity

Dynamically equivalent mass -
$$M_d = \frac{2 \cdot L}{\pi} \cdot m = \frac{2 \cdot 12 \text{ m}}{3.14} \cdot 1.6 \text{ t/m} = 12.22 \text{ t}$$

Potential energy of the ball before dropping

$$E_p = M_s \cdot g \cdot H = 2.1 \text{ t} \cdot 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2 \cdot 2 \text{ m} = 41.28 \text{ kJ}$$

Kinetic energy immediately before the impact -
$$E_k = \frac{M_s \cdot v_0^2}{2}$$

The velocity at the moment before the impact is determined by the energy conservation law $E_k = E_p$:

$$v_0 = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot E_p}{M_s}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot 41.28 \text{ kJ}}{2.1 \text{ t}}} = 6.26 \text{ m/s}$$

Perfectly inelastic collision model is assumed.

Total mass after contact -
$$M_{\text{tot}}$$
 = M_{S} + M_{d} = 2.1 t + 12.22 t = 14.33 t

The velocity immediately after the contact is determined by the law of conservation of momentum:

$$v_1 = \frac{v_0 \cdot M_s}{M_{\text{tot}}} = \frac{6.26 \text{ m/s} \cdot 2.1 \text{ t}}{14.33 \text{ t}} = 0.92 \text{ m/s}$$

Structural stiffness for a vertical force applied at the middle point of the span

$$K = \frac{48 \cdot E \cdot I}{L^3} = \frac{48 \cdot 20 \text{ GPa} \cdot 8009895833 \text{ mm}^4}{(12 \text{ m})^3} = 4449.94 \text{ kN/m}$$

Deflection due to uniform load

$$z_0 = \frac{5 \cdot (g_b + q) \cdot L^4}{384 \cdot E \cdot I} = \frac{5 \cdot (5.69 \text{ kN/m} + 10 \text{ kN/m}) \cdot (12 \text{ m})^4}{384 \cdot 20 \text{ GPa} \cdot 8009895833 \text{ mm}^4} = 26.44 \text{ mm}$$

Static displacement -
$$z_{st} = \frac{M_{tot} \cdot g}{K} = \frac{14.33 \cdot 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2}{4449.94 \text{ kN/m}} = 31.57 \text{ mm}$$

Natural circular frequency -
$$\omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{K}{M_{\text{tot}}}} = \sqrt{\frac{4449.94 \, \text{kN/m}}{14.33 \, \text{t}}} = 17.62 \, \text{s}^{-1}$$

Vibration period -
$$T_1 = \frac{2 \cdot \pi}{\omega_1} = \frac{2 \cdot 3.14}{17.62 \,\mathrm{s}^{-1}} = 0.356 \,\mathrm{s}$$

Dynamic factor

$$\mu = 1 + \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{v_1 \cdot \omega_1}{q}\right)^2} = 1 + \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{0.92 \,\mathrm{m/s} \cdot 17.62 \,\mathrm{s}^{-1}}{9.81 \,\mathrm{m/s}^2}\right)^2} = 2.93$$

Dynamic displacement - $z_d = \mu \cdot z_{st} = 2.93 \cdot 31.57 \text{ mm} = 92.58 \text{ mm}$

Dynamic force -
$$F_d = \mu \cdot M_s \cdot g = 2.93 \cdot 2.1 \text{ t} \cdot 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2 = 60.52 \text{ kN}$$

(without self-weight and uniform load)

Simplified equation for the dynamic factor

$$\mu_1 = 1 + \frac{v_1 \cdot \omega_1}{q} = 1 + \frac{0.92 \,\text{m/s} \cdot 17.62 \,\text{s}^{-1}}{9.81 \,\text{m/s}^2} = 2.65$$

The difference will be smaller for greater heights.

Time before impact -
$$t_0 = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot H}{g}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot 2 \text{ m}}{9.81 \text{ m/s}^2}} = 0.639 \text{ s}$$

Elastic time history response of the structure as an SDOF system

Damped vibration is assumed with factor - $\xi = 0.05$

Vibration amplitude - $A = z_d - z_{st} = 92.58 \text{ mm} - 31.57 \text{ mm} = 61.01 \text{ mm}$ or

$$A = \frac{v_1}{\omega_1} = \frac{0.92 \text{ m/s}}{17.62 \text{ s}^{-1}} = 52.21 \text{ mm}$$

Theoretical equation of motion

$$y(t) = A \cdot e^{-\xi \cdot \omega_1 \cdot t} \cdot \sin(\omega_1 \cdot t)$$

Solution by direct integration of the impulse load

Duration of impulse transmission for a beam with infinite mass [1]

$$\tau_{L} = 2.94 \cdot 5 \sqrt{\frac{\left(\frac{15}{16} \cdot M_{s} \cdot \left(\frac{1 - v^{2}}{E} + \frac{1 - v_{s}^{2}}{E_{s}}\right)\right)^{2}}{R_{s} \cdot v_{0}}} = 2.94 \cdot 5 \sqrt{\frac{\left(\frac{15}{16} \cdot 2.1 \text{ t} \cdot \left(\frac{1 - 0.2^{2}}{20 \text{ GPa}} + \frac{1 - 0.3^{2}}{206 \text{ GPa}}\right)\right)^{2}}{400 \text{ mm} \cdot 6.26 \text{ m/s}}} = 3.93$$

ms

Duration of impulse transmission for a beam with finite mass [2]

$$\frac{\tau_{L} = 2.94 \cdot \sqrt[5]{\frac{\left(\frac{15}{16} \cdot \frac{M_{s} \cdot M_{d}}{M_{s} + M_{d}} \cdot \left(\frac{1 - v^{2}}{E} + \frac{1 - v_{s}^{2}}{E_{s}}\right)\right)^{2}}{R_{s} \cdot v_{0}}}{= 2.94 \cdot 5}$$

$$\frac{\left(\frac{15}{16} \cdot \frac{2.1 \text{ t} \cdot 12.22 \text{ t}}{2.1 \text{ t} + 12.22 \text{ t}} \cdot \left(\frac{1 - 0.2^{2}}{20 \text{ GPa}} + \frac{1 - 0.3^{2}}{206 \text{ GPa}}\right)\right)^{2}}{400 \text{ mm} \cdot 6.26 \text{ m/s}} = 3.69 \text{ ms}$$

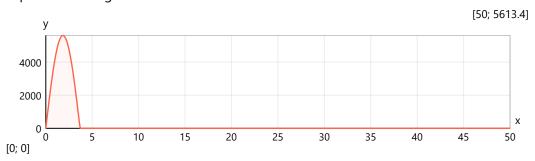
The above values correspond well to the experimental data in [3], where the recorded durations are of a similar magnitude.

The impulse force function will be determined by using the recommended expressions (9.20) - (9.22) in [1]

The coefficient of restitution for perfectly inelastic collision is - e. = 0

$$F(t) = M_{s} \cdot v_{0} \cdot (1 + e.) \cdot \frac{\pi}{2 \cdot \tau_{L}} \cdot \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{\tau_{L}} \cdot t\right) \cdot (|t| \le \tau_{L})$$

Impulse load diagram



Maximal impulse load value -
$$F_{\text{max}} = F\left(\frac{\tau_{\text{L}}}{2}\right) = F\left(\frac{3.69 \text{ ms}}{2}\right) = 5613.66 \text{ kN}$$

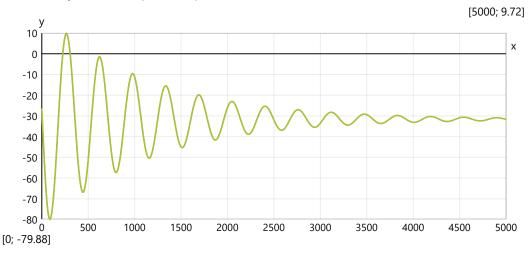
The equation of motion is expressed by the Duhamel's integral

$$y_{D}(t) = \frac{1}{M_{\text{tot}} \cdot \omega_{1}} \cdot \int_{0_{\text{ms}}}^{\min(t; \tau_{L})} F(\tau) \cdot e^{-\xi \cdot \omega_{1} \cdot (t - \tau)} \cdot \sin(\omega_{1} \cdot (t - \tau)) d\tau$$

Static displacement for the midpoint of the beam

$$y_0(t) = z_0 + (z_{st} - z_0) \cdot \left\{ \text{if } t < \frac{T_1}{4} : \sin\left(\frac{2 \cdot \pi \cdot t}{T_1}\right) \right\}$$
else: 1

Time history of the midpoint displacement, [mm]



Elastic time history response of the structure as an MDOF system

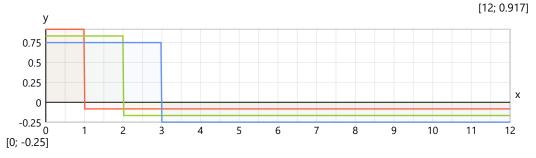
Number of intermediate joints - $n_J = 11$ (odd)

Length of one segment -
$$\Delta x = \frac{L}{n_{\rm J} + 1} = \frac{12 \,\mathrm{m}}{11 + 1} = 1 \,\mathrm{m}$$

Coordinate of joint $j - x_j(j) = \Delta x \cdot j$

Shear forces due to unit vertical load $F_i = 1$ at joint j

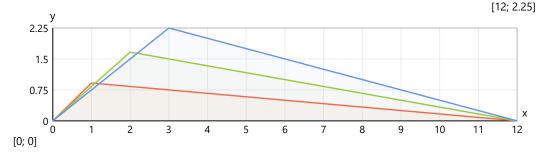
$$V_{1}(x; j) = \begin{cases} \text{if } x < x_{J}(j) : 1 - \frac{x_{J}(j)}{L} \\ \text{else: } \frac{-x_{J}(j)}{L} \end{cases}$$



Bending moments due to unit vertical load $F_j = 1$ at joint j

$$M_{1,\text{max}}(j) = \left(\frac{x_{J}(j)}{L} - 1\right) \cdot x_{J}(j)$$

$$M_{1}(x; j) = M_{1,\max}(j) \cdot \begin{cases} \text{if } x < x_{J}(j) : \frac{x}{x_{J}(j)} \\ \text{else: } \frac{L - x}{L - x_{J}(j)} \end{cases}$$



Flexibility matrix

$$D(i;j) = \left(\int_{0}^{L} M_1(x;i) \cdot M_1(x;j) \, \mathrm{d}x\right) \cdot \frac{1}{E \cdot I} + \left(\int_{0}^{L} V_1(x;i) \cdot V_1(x;j) \, \mathrm{d}x\right) \cdot \frac{1}{G \cdot A_Q}$$

Mass matrix

$$d_{\text{M.j}} = \frac{m \cdot \Delta x}{t} = \frac{1.6 \text{ t/m} \cdot 1 \text{ m}}{t} = 1.6$$

Total mass of the structure - $sum(\vec{d}_{M}) = 19.7 t$

Eigenvalues

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0.0345 0.0605 0.0781 0.0883 0.0918 0.136 0.0822 0.0708 0.056 0.0387 0.0198
0.0605 \ \ 0.113 \ \ \ 0.149 \quad \  0.17 \quad \  0.178 \ \ \ 0.265 \quad \  0.16 \quad \  \  0.138 \quad \  \  0.11 \quad \  0.0758 \ \ 0.0387
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 $\vec{\lambda}$ = reverse(last(eigenvals($\vec{C} \cdot 10^{-3}$); 7)) = $\begin{bmatrix} 0.00261 & 0.000137 & 3.32 \times 10^{-5} & 9.33 \times 10^{-6} & 4.78 \times 10^{-6} \end{bmatrix}$ 2.17×10⁻⁶ 1.51×10⁻⁶]

Natural circular frequences - $\vec{\omega} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\vec{\lambda}}} = [19.57 \ 85.55 \ 173.53 \ 327.32 \ 457.58 \ 678.76 \ 814.79] s^{-1}$

Natural vibration frequences - $\vec{f} = \frac{\vec{\omega}}{2 \cdot \pi}$ ·Hz = $\frac{\vec{\omega}}{2 \cdot 3.14}$ ·Hz = $\begin{bmatrix} 3.11 \text{ Hz } 13.61 \text{ Hz } 27.62 \text{ Hz } 52.09 \text{ Hz } 72.83 \end{bmatrix}$ Hz 108.03 Hz 129.68 Hz

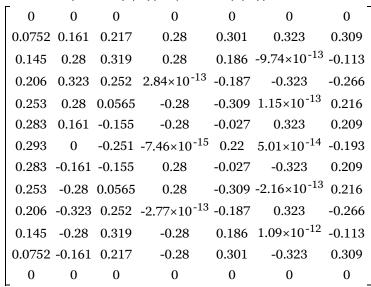
Natural vibration periods - $\vec{T} = \frac{1}{\vec{f}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.321 \, \text{s} & 0.0734 \, \text{s} & 0.0362 \, \text{s} & 0.0192 \, \text{s} & 0.0137 \, \text{s} & 0.00926 \, \text{s} & 0.00771 \, \text{s} \end{bmatrix}$

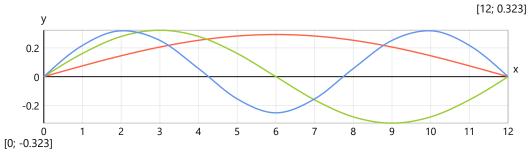
Eigenvectors

 Φ = inverse(M_{sq})·extract_{cols}(eigenvecs(C·10⁻³); range(n_{J} ; n_{J} – 7 + 1; -1)) = inverse(M_{sq}) $\cdot \mathbf{extract}_{\mathsf{CO|S}}(\mathbf{eigenvecs}(\mathbf{C} \cdot 10^{-3}); \mathbf{range}(11; 11 - 7 + 1; -1)) =$

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$X = \operatorname{stack}(\operatorname{matrix}(1; 3); \Phi; \operatorname{matrix}(1; 3)) =$





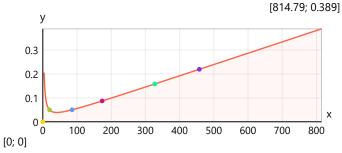
Modal masses - \vec{m}_{Φ} = diag2vec(transp(Φ)·M· Φ)·t = [1t 1t 1t 1t 1t 1t 1t 1t]

Rayleigh damping model is assumed

$$\beta = \frac{2 \cdot \xi}{\vec{\omega}_1 + \vec{\omega}_2} = \frac{2 \cdot 0.05}{19.57 + 85.55} = 0.000951, \ \alpha = \beta \cdot \vec{\omega}_1 \cdot \vec{\omega}_2 = 0.000951 \cdot 19.57 \cdot 85.55 = 1.59$$

$$\xi(\omega) = \frac{\alpha}{2 \cdot \omega} + \frac{\beta \cdot \omega}{2}$$

Modal damping factors - $\vec{\xi}_{\Phi} = \vec{\xi}(\vec{\omega}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.05 & 0.05 & 0.0871 & 0.158 & 0.219 & 0.324 & 0.389 \end{bmatrix}$



Damped natural frequences

$$\vec{\omega}_{D} = \vec{\omega} \sqrt{1 - \vec{\xi}_{\Phi}^{2}} \cdot s^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 19.54 \, s^{-1} \ 85.44 \, s^{-1} \ 172.87 \, s^{-1} \ 323.2 \, s^{-1} \ 446.43 \, s^{-1} \ 642.14 \, s^{-1} \ 750.77 \, s^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

Dynamic load vector

$$F_{\Phi}(i;t) = \Phi_{j_{m'}} i \cdot F(t)$$

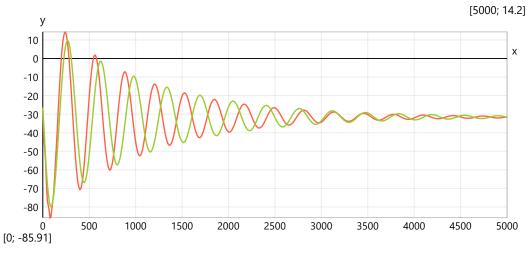
The equations of modal dynamic displacements are expressed by the Duhamel's integral

$$y_{\Phi}(i;t) = \frac{1}{\vec{m}_{\Phi.i} \cdot \omega_{D.i}} \cdot \int_{0_{\text{ms}}}^{\min(t;\tau_{L})} F_{\Phi}(i;\tau) \cdot e^{-\vec{\xi}_{\Phi.i} \cdot \vec{\omega}_{i} \cdot s^{-1} \cdot (t-\tau)} \cdot \sin(\omega_{D.i} \cdot (t-\tau)) d\tau$$

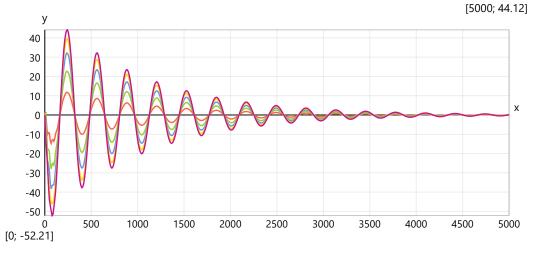
Joint displacements

$$y_{\mathsf{J}}(j;t) = \sum_{i=1}^{7} \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{j,i} \cdot y_{\Phi}(i;t)$$

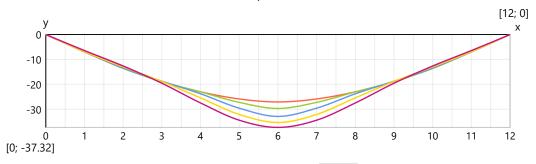
Comparison of time history records of the midpoint displacements for SDOF and MDOF systems, [mm]



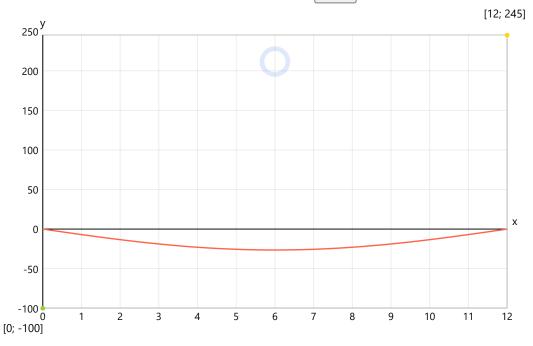
Time history records for the amplitudes of separate joints, [mm]



Beam deflections for the first five time steps at $\Delta t = 1.48$ ms



Animation of beam elastic response (slowed down) Drop



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