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Problem

The natural frequencies and the modeshapes of a rectangular plate with thickness 4 mm and additional mass are investigated (see Fig. 1/a). During the impulse test a PCB 086C03 modal hammer is used and 3 piezoelectric CCLD accelerometers. The sensors were connected to a NI-9234 C modul and a cDAQ-9174, CompactDAQ chassis. The data is collected in matlab. The modal analysis is performed a $n \times m$ grid (see Fig. 1/b). The location (*Pfig*) of the excitation, the forces signal and the 3 acceleration signals are collected and stored in a Matlab struct.

The link for the measurement data can be found at the bottom of the page!

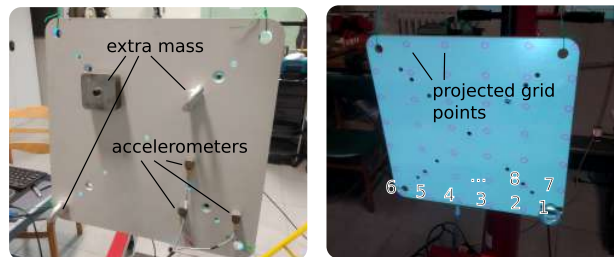


Figure 1: Measurement layout and the grid on measurement points. The figure is just an illustration.

Task

- Analyse the force signal and the signal of the 1st accelerometer. Create a proper pre-triggering and use a 0.25 seconds long signal for the analysis!
- Determine the frequency response functions for each impulse and plot them together on a logarithmic scale!
- Remove the false measurement points (caused by e.g.: prall)!
- Determine the first 5-9 natural frequencies. (Only the well separated, clearly visible frequency peaks shall be analyzed).
- Plot the modeshapes in a triangulated grid of the proper measurement points and highline the nodal lines!

Formal requirements

Create a PDF report on the measurement results and the post-processing using document processor software (e.g. Word, LaTeX). The first page must be the signed cover sheet. Please also attach the commented program code of the data analysis. Short comments and explanations must be given to each step, to such an extent that the work may be reproduced even by colleagues who are not specialized in the given topic. All questions must be answered! Do not upload pure program codes, it won't be accepted.

Download time signals: <https://www.mm.bme.hu/edu/msc-en/expmeth/0hw2/10x10c.mat>



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1 Force Signal Analysis

Task description: Analyse the force signal and the signal of the 1st accelerometer. Create a proper pre-triggering and use a 0.25 seconds long signal for the analysis!

Based on the force signal plot (Figure 1), it is observed that the force signal rises almost immediately, within the first 1 ms. Therefore, a pre-triggering mechanism is unnecessary, as the force signal does not have a noticeable delay before its onset. The corresponding acceleration signal for a duration of 0.25 s is shown in Figure 2. The acceleration exhibits a rapid response following the force application and gradually fade away over time.

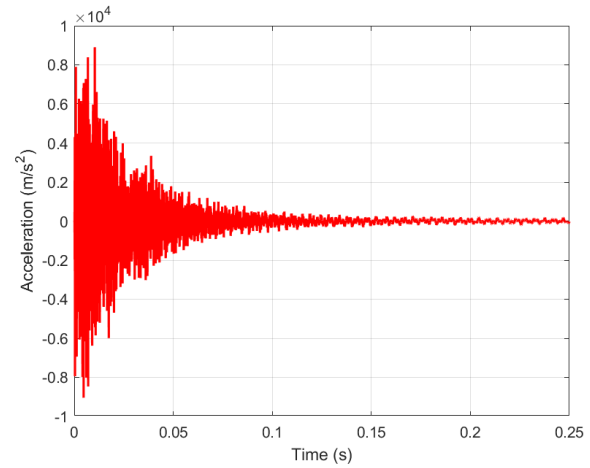
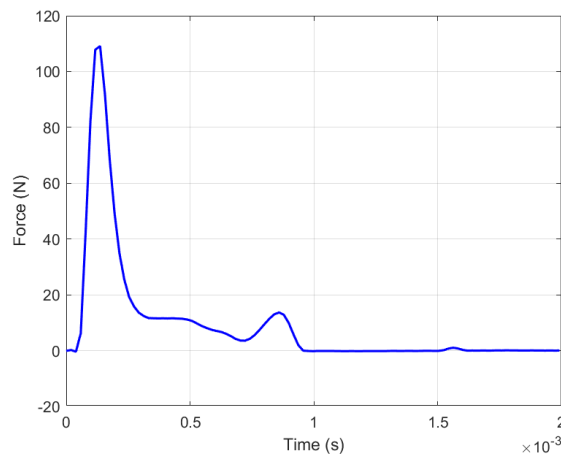


Figure 1: Force vs. Time plot for the first 2 ms.

Figure 2: Acceleration vs. Time plot for 0.25 s.

2 Frequency Response Function

Task description: Determine the frequency response functions for each impulse and plot them together on a logarithmic scale!

To compute the frequency response functions (FRF) for each of the 100 measuring points, the following approach was used:

- The force signal and acceleration signal from the first accelerometer were extracted for each measuring point.
- The Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) was applied to both the force (F_{force}) and acceleration (F_{acc}) signals:

$$F_{\text{force}} = \text{FFT}(\text{force}), \quad F_{\text{acc}} = \text{FFT}(\text{acceleration}).$$

- The Frequency Response Function (FRF) for each measuring point was calculated as the ratio of the FFT of the acceleration to the FFT of the force:

$$\text{FRF} = \frac{F_{\text{acc}}}{F_{\text{force}}}.$$

- The magnitude of the FRF ($|\text{FRF}|$) was plotted for all measuring points across the frequency range on a logarithmic scale.

The sampling frequency (F_s) was determined using the time intervals of the signal, while the limit frequency range was determined as $F_s/2$ (Nyquist frequency).

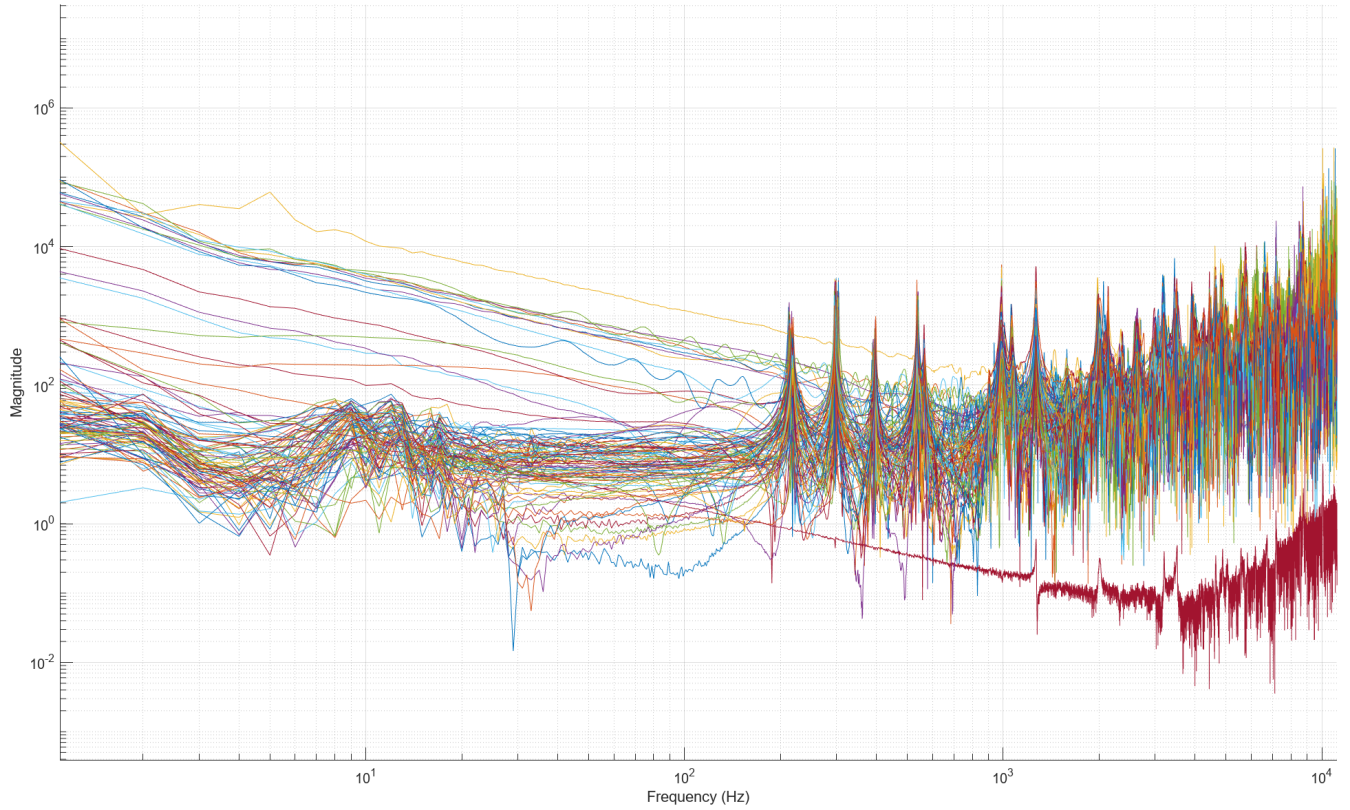


Figure 3: Frequency Response Functions (FRF) for 100 Measuring Points on a logarithmic scale.

Key observations about the FRF plot (Figure 3):

- Peaks in the FRF magnitude indicate natural frequencies of the structure. These peaks are clearly visible in the interval of 200 to 1400 Hz.
- The results confirm consistent system behavior across the 100 measuring points, with variations that may indicate local modal effects or measurement differences and mistakes.

3 Data Clearing

Task description: Remove the false measurement points (caused by e.g.: prall)!

To identify and remove false measurement points, I've plotted the force signal for each of the 100 measurement points and searched manually for anomalies. Each plot displayed the force signal restricted to the time domain $0 \text{ s} \leq t \leq 0.05 \text{ s}$, allowing for a clear view of the initial force behavior.

Points with irregular force signals, such as the presence of prall effects or noise, were flagged as bad measurements. An example of such a bad measurement is shown in Figure 4, corresponding to Point 91. The signal exhibits erratic behavior inconsistent with valid force responses, making it unsuitable for further analysis.

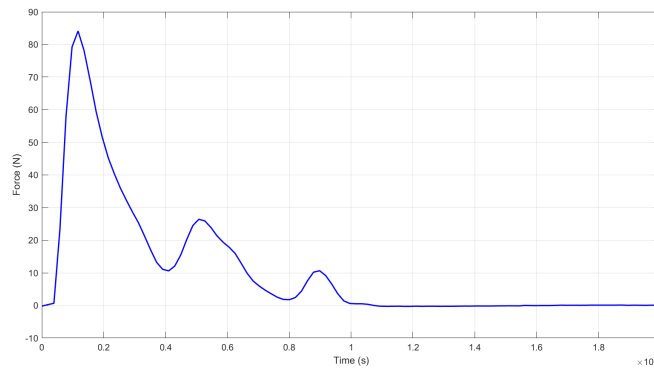


Figure 4: Force signal for Point 91 showing prall effects.

Once identified, the indices of the bad measurement points were stored in an array and removed from the dataset:

Bad Points: [1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 30, 57, 68, 78, 83, 90, 91, 92, 98, 100].

The cleaned dataset was saved to a new MATLAB file (`10x10c_cleaned.mat`), ensuring that subsequent analyses use only valid data.

4 Natural Frequencies

Task description: determine the first 5-9 natural frequencies. (Only the well separated, clearly visible frequency peaks shall be analyzed).

To identify the natural frequencies of the system, the following steps were performed:

- The frequency response functions (FRF) for the cleaned dataset were calculated the same way as before.
- Frequency ranges for potential natural frequencies were defined based on Figure 3:
 First: 200 – 230 Hz, Second: 280 – 320 Hz,
 Third: 370 – 420 Hz, Fourth: 490 – 560 Hz,
 Fifth: 900 – 1050 Hz, Sixth: 1200 – 1300 Hz.
- Within each frequency range, the maximum FRF magnitude was located across all measuring points, and the corresponding frequency was recorded as the natural frequency.
- The first 6 natural frequencies were marked in the plot alongside the FRF.

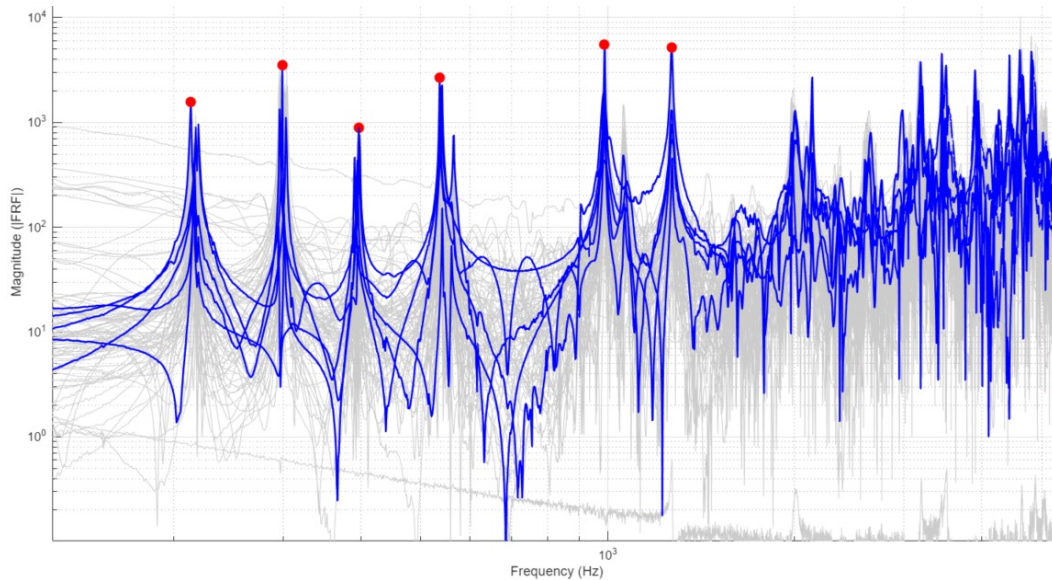


Figure 5: Frequency Response Functions (FRFs) with Natural Frequencies Highlighted.

On Figure 5 the peaks corresponding to natural frequencies are marked with red circles, and their associated FRFs are highlighted with blue. The red circles identify the following natural frequencies:

Natural Frequencies: 213 Hz, 299 Hz, 397 Hz, 536 Hz, 988 Hz, 1267 Hz.

With this method I could easily identify the natural frequencies by focusing on the clearly visible peaks in the FRF plot.

5 Modeshapes

Task description: Plot the modeshapes in a triangulated grid of the proper measurement points and highlight the nodal lines!

The mode shapes at the identified natural frequencies were computed using the imaginary part of the Frequency Response Functions (FRFs). Each mode shape was plotted as a 3D surface map illustrating amplitude variations with detailed contour lines highlighting nodal lines.

To account for potential errors in frequency measurement due to numerical inaccuracies, a frequency range of ± 30 Hz around each natural frequency was considered. Within this range, the local maxima or minima of the imaginary part of the FRF were identified for each measuring point.

The measurement points were mapped using their **Pspace** positions, as shown in Figure 6. The modeshapes were plotted using a triangulated grid with the highlighted nodal lines showed in Figure 6

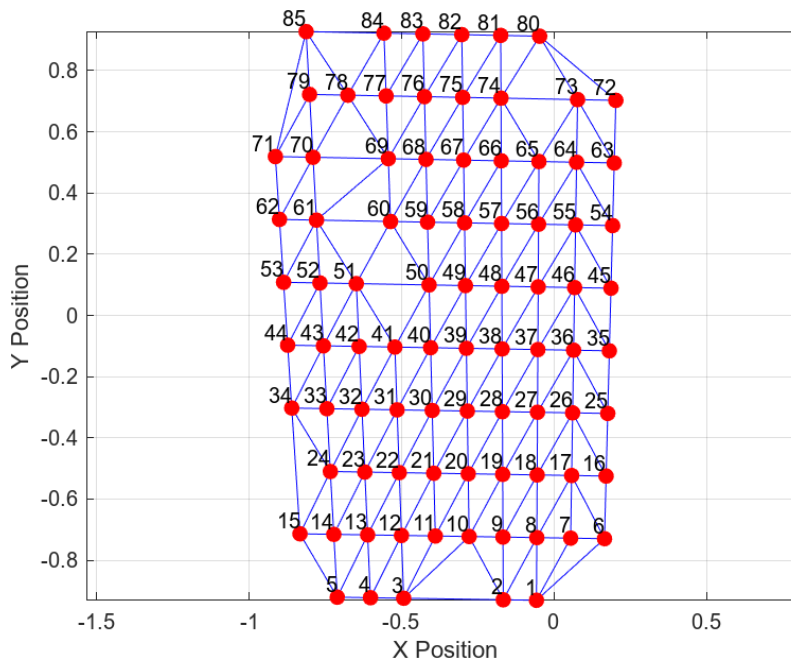


Figure 6: Triangulated grid of measurement points.

The following Figures illustrate the mode shapes at the identified natural frequencies, highlighting unique vibration patterns and nodal lines. The ± 30 Hz range ensures precise identification of local extrema in the imaginary part, accounting for measurement variations.

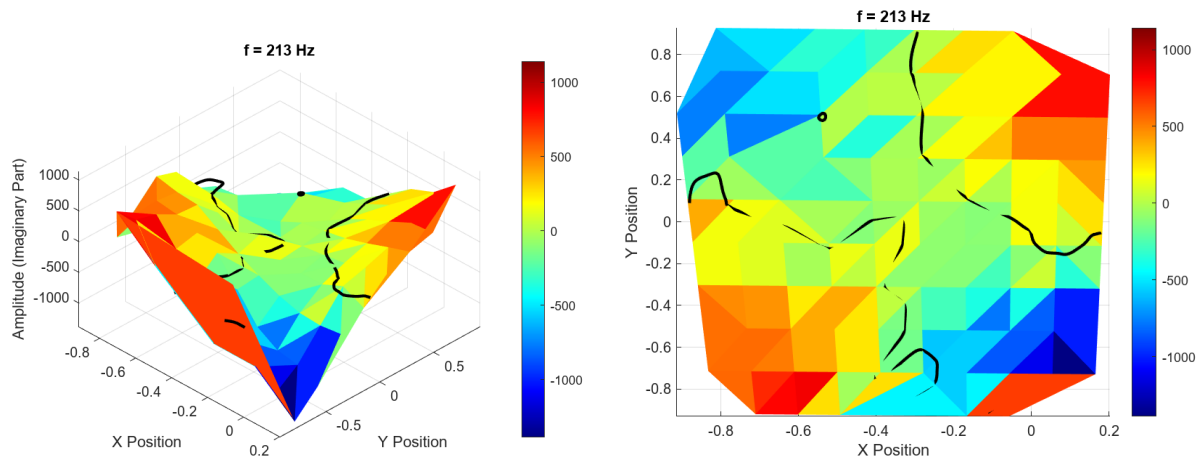


Figure 7: Mode shape at 213 Hz.

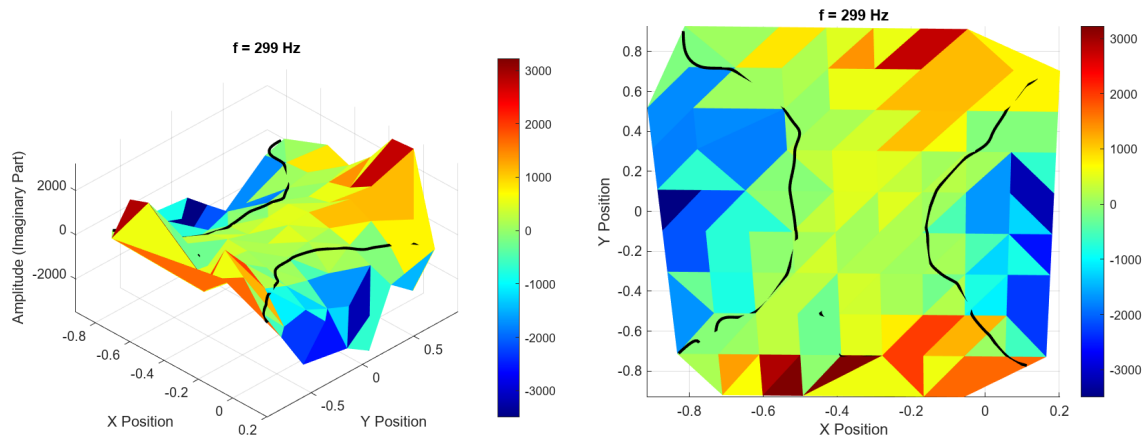


Figure 8: Mode shape at 299 Hz.

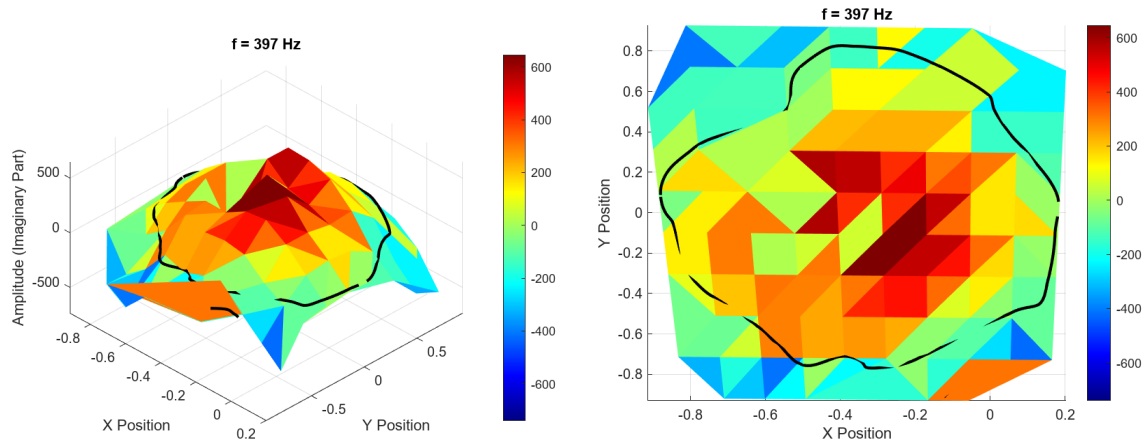


Figure 9: Mode shape at 397 Hz.

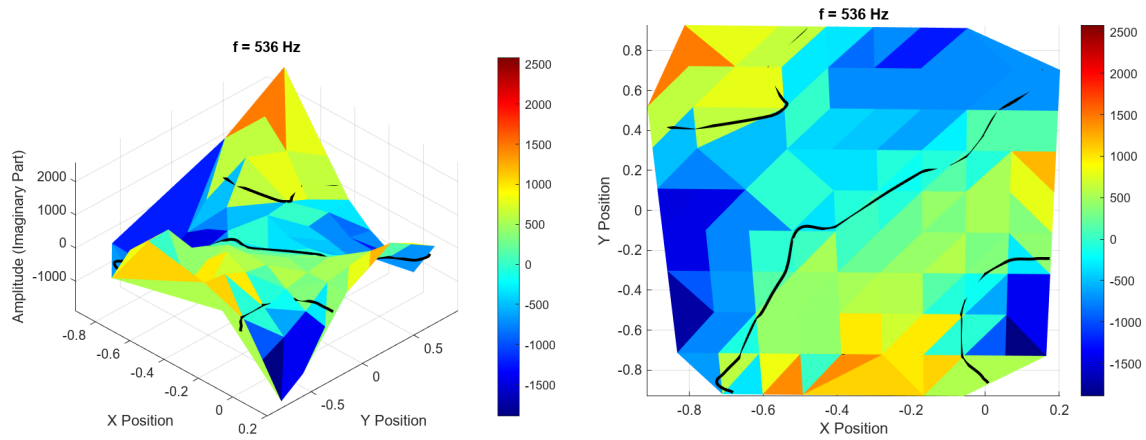


Figure 10: Mode shape at 536 Hz.

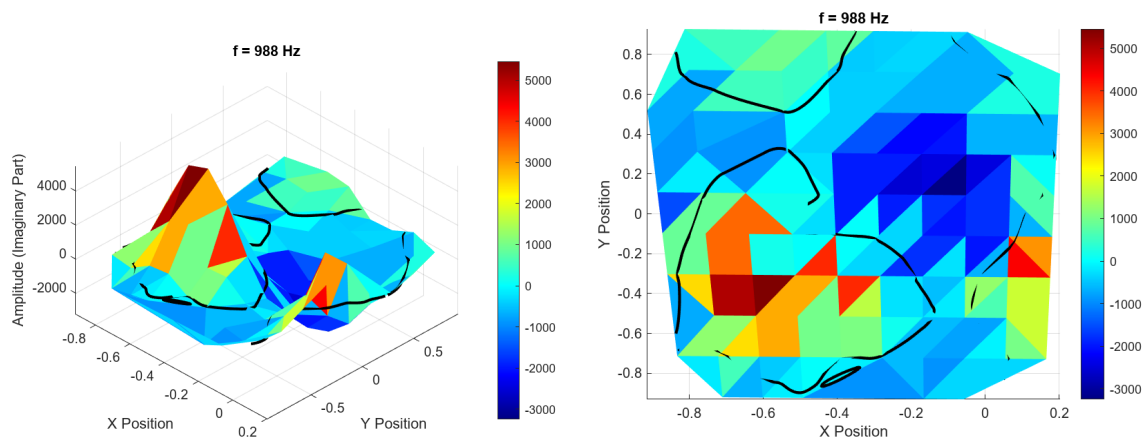


Figure 11: Mode shape at 988 Hz.

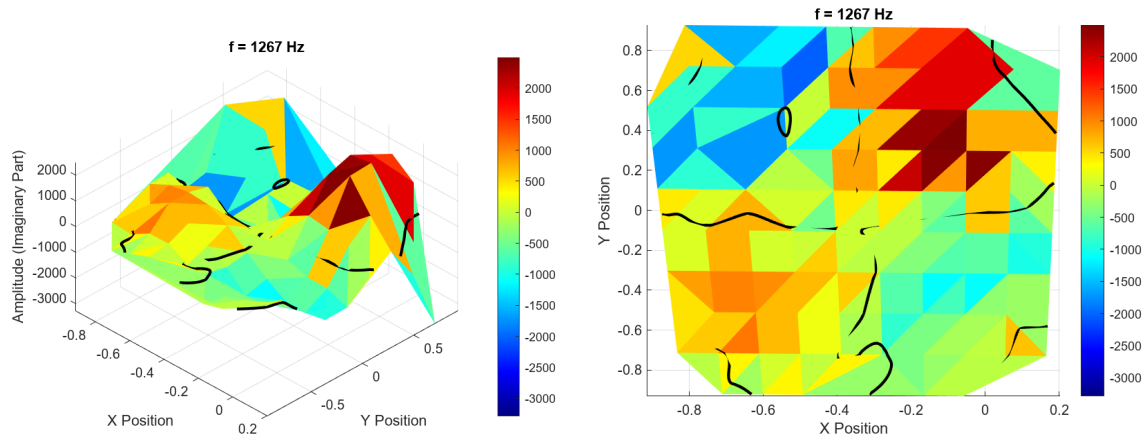


Figure 12: Mode shape at 1267 Hz.

The triangulated grid and ± 30 Hz range proved necessary for accurate mapping and peak identification. While the resolution of the measurement points limits the smoothness of the mode shapes, the key characteristics and patterns remain clearly identifiable.

6 Appendix

The following MATLAB code was used for the homework:

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1 clear all
2 %%
3 % Load the MAT file
4 load('10x10c.mat');
5
6 time = points(1).time;
7 force = points(1).force;
8 acc = points(1).acc(:, 1); % 1st accelerometer
9
10 % Parameters
11 Fs = 1 / (time(2) - time(1)); % Sampling frequency
12 pre_trigger_time = 0.00; % pre-trigger if necessary
13 signal_duration = 0.25;
14
15 % Convert times to samples
16 pre_trigger_samples = round(pre_trigger_time * Fs);
17 total_samples = round(signal_duration * Fs);
18
19 % Find the trigger point (peak of force signal)
20 [~, trigger_index] = max(abs(force));
21
22 % Define start and end indices for the segment
23 start_index = max(1, trigger_index - pre_trigger_samples);
24 end_index = min(length(time), start_index + total_samples - 1);
25
26 % Extract the segments
27 time_segment = time(start_index:end_index);
28 force_segment = force(start_index:end_index);
29 acc_segment = acc(start_index:end_index);
30
31 % Plot the results
32 figure;
33 subplot(2, 1, 1);
34 plot(time_segment, force_segment);
35 title('Force Signal (Segment)');
36 xlabel('Time (s)');
37 ylabel('Force');
38
39 subplot(2, 1, 2);
40 plot(time_segment, acc_segment);
41 title('Acceleration Signal (Segment)');
42 xlabel('Time (s)');
43 ylabel('Acceleration');
44 %%
45 time_range = (time >= 0 & time <= 0.002);
46 time_segment = time(time_range);
47 force_segment = force(time_range);
48
49 % Plot the results
50 figure;

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51 plot(time_segment, force_segment, 'b-', 'LineWidth', 1.5);
52 xlabel('Time (s)');
53 ylabel('Force (N)');
54 grid on;
55
56 % Save the plot as a PNG
57 saveas(gcf, 'force_time_plot_0_to_0_002.png');
58
59 % Restrict to the time domain 0 to 0.25 seconds
60 time_range = (time >= 0 & time <= 0.25);
61 time_segment = time(time_range);
62 acc_segment = acc(time_range);
63
64 % Plot the results
65 figure;
66 plot(time_segment, acc_segment, 'r-', 'LineWidth', 1.5);
67 xlabel('Time (s)');
68 ylabel('Acceleration (m/s^2)');
69 grid on;
70
71 % Save the plot as a PNG
72 saveas(gcf, 'acceleration_time_plot_0_to_0_25.png');
73 %%
74 % Define parameters
75 Fs = 1 / (points(1).time(2) - points(1).time(1)); % Sampling frequency
76 N = length(points(1).time); % Number of samples
77 f = (0:N-1)*(Fs/N); % Frequency vector
78 FRFs = zeros(N, 100);
79
80 % Measuring points
81 for i = 1:100
82     force = points(i).force;
83     acc = points(i).acc(:, 1); % 1st accelerometer
84
85     F_force = fft(force);
86     F_acc = fft(acc);
87
88     % FRF
89     FRFs(:, i) = F_acc ./ F_force;
90 end
91
92 figure('Position', [100, 100, 1600, 900]); % 16:9 aspect ratio
93
94 hold on;
95 for i = 1:100
96     plot(f, abs(FRFs(:, i)));
97 end
98 hold off;
99
100 % Formatting the plot
101 xlabel('Frequency (Hz)');
102 ylabel('Magnitude');
103 grid on;
104 set(gca, 'XScale', 'log', 'YScale', 'log');
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105 xlim([0 Fs/2]); % Limit frequency range to Nyquist frequency
106
107 % Save the plot as a PNG
108 print(gcf, 'FRF_plot_high_res.png', '-dpng', '-r300');
109 %%
110 plotsPerRow = 5;
111 numPoints = length(points);
112
113 % Measurement points
114 for i = 1:plotsPerRow:numPoints
115     figure('Position', [100, 100, 1600, 400]);
116
117     for j = 0:(plotsPerRow - 1)
118         idx = i + j; % Current measurement point index
119         if idx > numPoints
120             break;
121         end
122
123         % Extract data for the current point
124         time = points(idx).time;
125         force = points(idx).force;
126
127         % Restrict to the time domain 0 to 0.002 seconds
128         timeDomain = (time >= 0 & time <= 0.002);
129         timeSegment = time(timeDomain);
130         forceSegment = force(timeDomain);
131
132         % Create a subplot
133         subplot(1, plotsPerRow, j + 1);
134         plot(timeSegment, forceSegment);
135         title(['Point #', num2str(idx)]);
136         xlabel('Time (s)');
137         ylabel('Force');
138         grid on;
139     end
140 end
141 %%
142 % Extract data for Point #91
143 point_idx = 91;
144 time = points(point_idx).time;
145 force = points(point_idx).force;
146
147 % Restrict to the time domain 0 to 0.002 seconds
148 timeDomain = (time >= 0 & time <= 0.002);
149 timeSegment = time(timeDomain);
150 forceSegment = force(timeDomain);
151
152 % Create the plot
153 figure('Position', [100, 100, 1200, 600]);
154 plot(timeSegment, forceSegment, 'b-', 'LineWidth', 1.5);
155 xlabel('Time (s)');
156 ylabel('Force (N)');
157 grid on;
158

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159 % Save the plot as a PNG
160 saveas(gcf, 'Point_91_Force_Plot.png');
161 %%
162 load('10x10c.mat');
163
164 % Bad measurement points to delete
165 badPoints = [1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 30, 57, 68, 78, 83, 90, 91, 92, 98, 100];
166 points(badPoints) = [];
167
168 save('10x10c_cleaned.mat', 'points');
169 %%
170 % Load the cleaned MAT file
171 load('10x10c_cleaned.mat');
172
173 Fs = 1 / (points(1).time(2) - points(1).time(1)); % Sampling frequency
174 N = length(points(1).time); % Number of samples
175 f = (0:N-1)*(Fs/N); % Frequency vector
176
177 % Frequency ranges for natural frequencies
178 freq_ranges = [
179     200, 230; % First natural frequency
180     280, 320; % Second natural frequency
181     370, 420; % Third natural frequency
182     490, 560; % Fourth natural frequency
183     900, 1050; % Fifth natural frequency
184     1200, 1300 % Sixth natural frequency
185 ];
186
187 natural_frequencies = zeros(size(freq_ranges, 1), 1);
188
189 % Frequency ranges
190 for k = 1:size(freq_ranges, 1)
191     f_min = freq_ranges(k, 1);
192     f_max = freq_ranges(k, 2);
193
194     range_indices = (f >= f_min & f <= f_max);
195
196     max_FRF_amplitude = -Inf;
197     max_FRF_frequency = NaN;
198
199     % Measurement points (to find the maximum in this range)
200     for i = 1:length(points)
201         force = points(i).force;
202         acc = points(i).acc(:, 1); % 1st accelerometer
203
204         F_force = fft(force);
205         F_acc = fft(acc);
206
207         % Compute the FRF
208         FRF = F_acc ./ F_force;
209
210         [peak_value, peak_idx] = max(abs(FRF(range_indices)));
211         if peak_value > max_FRF_amplitude
212             max_FRF_amplitude = peak_value;

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213         max_FRF_frequency = f(range_indices);
214         max_FRF_frequency = max_FRF_frequency(peak_idx);
215     end
216 end
217
218 % Store the maximum frequency for this range
219 natural_frequencies(k) = max_FRF_frequency;
220 end
221 %%
222 Fs = 1 / (points(1).time(2) - points(1).time(1)); % Sampling frequency
223 N = length(points(1).time); % Number of samples
224 f = (0:N-1)*(Fs/N); % Frequency vector
225
226 % Frequency ranges for natural frequencies
227 freq_ranges = [
228     200, 230; % First natural frequency
229     280, 320; % Second natural frequency
230     370, 420; % Third natural frequency
231     490, 560; % Fourth natural frequency
232     900, 1050; % Fifth natural frequency
233     1200, 1300 % Sixth natural frequency
234 ];
235
236 FRFs = zeros(N, length(points));
237
238 % Measuring points
239 for i = 1:length(points)
240     force = points(i).force;
241     acc = points(i).acc(:, 1); % 1st accelerometer
242
243     F_force = fft(force);
244     F_acc = fft(acc);
245
246     % Compute the FRF
247     FRFs(:, i) = abs(F_acc ./ F_force);
248 end
249
250 natural_frequencies = zeros(size(freq_ranges, 1), 1);
251 peak_values = zeros(size(freq_ranges, 1), 1);
252 best_FRFs = zeros(N, size(freq_ranges, 1)); % Store the FRF with the peak for
    highlighting
253
254 figure('Position', [100, 100, 1600, 900]); % 16:9 aspect ratio
255
256 hold on;
257
258 % Plot all FRFs as background
259 for i = 1:length(points)
260     plot(f, FRFs(:, i), 'Color', [0.8, 0.8, 0.8]); % Light gray for background
261 end
262
263 % Mark peaks
264 for k = 1:size(freq_ranges, 1)
265     f_min = freq_ranges(k, 1);

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266     f_max = freq_ranges(k, 2);
267
268     range_indices = (f >= f_min & f <= f_max);
269
270     % Search for the global peak across all measuring points
271     max_FRF_amplitude = -Inf;
272     max_FRF_frequency = NaN;
273     best_FRF_index = 0; % To track the point with the peak
274     for i = 1:length(points)
275         [peak_value, peak_idx] = max(FRFs(range_indices, i));
276         if peak_value > max_FRF_amplitude
277             max_FRF_amplitude = peak_value;
278             max_FRF_frequency = f(range_indices);
279             max_FRF_frequency = max_FRF_frequency(peak_idx);
280             best_FRF_index = i;
281         end
282     end
283
284     natural_frequencies(k) = max_FRF_frequency;
285     peak_values(k) = max_FRF_amplitude;
286
287     % Highlight the FRF of the point where the peak was found
288     best_FRFs(:, k) = FRFs(:, best_FRF_index);
289     plot(f, best_FRFs(:, k), 'b-', 'LineWidth', 1.5);
290
291     % Mark the peak
292     plot(max_FRF_frequency, max_FRF_amplitude, 'ro', 'MarkerSize', 8, '
MarkerFaceColor', 'r'); % Peak
293 end
294
295 xlabel('Frequency (Hz)');
296 ylabel('Magnitude (|FRF|)');
297 grid on;
298 set(gca, 'XScale', 'log', 'YScale', 'log'); % Logarithmic x- and y-axes
299 xlim([0 Fs/2]); % Limit frequency range to Nyquist frequency
300 legend('FRFs', 'FRF of Peak Point', 'Found Peak', 'Location', 'Best');
301
302 hold off;
303
304 % Save the plot as PNG
305 print(gcf, 'FRF_plot_corrected_with_peaks.png', '-dpng', '-r300'); % Save at
306     300 DPI
307 %%
308 % Load the cleaned MAT file
309 load('10x10c_cleaned.mat');
310
311 % Extract positions from Pspace
312 x = cell2mat(arrayfun(@(p) p.Pspace(1), points, 'UniformOutput', false));
313 y = cell2mat(arrayfun(@(p) p.Pspace(2), points, 'UniformOutput', false));
314
315 % Triangulate the grid to connect the dots
316 tri = delaunay(x, y);
317
318 % Plot the grid and connect the dots

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318 figure;
319 triplot(tri, x, y, 'b');
320 hold on;
321
322 % Highlight the points
323 scatter(x, y, 50, 'filled', 'r');
324 xlabel('X Position');
325 ylabel('Y Position');
326 grid on;
327 axis equal;
328
329 % Annotate the points with their indices
330 for i = 1:length(x)
331     text(x(i), y(i), [' ', num2str(i)], 'VerticalAlignment', 'bottom', '
        HorizontalAlignment', 'right');
332 end
333
334 hold off;
335 %%
336 natural_frequencies = [213.0, 299.0, 397.0, 536.0, 988.0, 1267.0];
337
338 Fs = 1 / (points(1).time(2) - points(1).time(1));
339 N = length(points(1).time);
340 f = (0:N-1)*(Fs/N);
341
342 modeshapes = zeros(length(points), length(natural_frequencies));
343
344 % Natural frequencies
345 for k = 1:length(natural_frequencies)
346     freq = natural_frequencies(k);
347
348     % Define a frequency range around the natural frequency
349     freq_range = [freq - 30, freq + 30]; % Adjustable...
350     freq_indices = (f >= freq_range(1) & f <= freq_range(2));
351
352     for i = 1:length(points)
353         force = points(i).force;
354         acc = points(i).acc(:, 1); % 1st accelerometer
355
356         F_force = fft(force);
357         F_acc = fft(acc);
358
359         % Compute the FRF
360         FRF = F_acc ./ F_force;
361         imag_part = imag(FRF(freq_indices));
362         % Find the local extrema (maximum or minimum) of the imaginary part
363         [max_val, max_idx] = max(imag_part);
364         [min_val, min_idx] = min(imag_part);
365
366         % Select the extremum with the larger magnitude
367         if abs(max_val) > abs(min_val)
368             modeshapes(i, k) = max_val;
369         else
370             modeshapes(i, k) = min_val;

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371         end
372     end
373 end
374
375 x = cell2mat(arrayfun(@(p) p.Pspace(1), points, 'UniformOutput', false))';
376 y = cell2mat(arrayfun(@(p) p.Pspace(2), points, 'UniformOutput', false))';
377 tri = delaunay(x, y);
378 [Xgrid, Ygrid] = meshgrid(linspace(min(x), max(x), 200), linspace(min(y), max(y)
    ), 200)); % Finer grid
379
380 for k = 1:length(natural_frequencies)
381     figure;
382
383     % Extract mode shape data for this mode
384     mode_data = modeshapes(:, k);
385     Zgrid = griddata(x, y, mode_data, Xgrid, Ygrid, 'cubic');
386
387     % Plot the mode shape
388     trisurf(tri, x, y, mode_data, 'EdgeColor', 'none');
389     colormap jet;
390     colorbar;
391     hold on;
392
393     % Highlight the lines where Zgrid == 0
394     contour(Xgrid, Ygrid, Zgrid, [0, 0], 'k', 'LineWidth', 2);
395
396     title(['f = ', num2str(natural_frequencies(k)), ' Hz']);
397     xlabel('X Position');
398     ylabel('Y Position');
399     zlabel('Amplitude (Imaginary Part)');
400     grid on;
401     view(45,45);
402     hold off;
403 end
404 %%
405 % TOP VIEW
406 for k = 1:length(natural_frequencies)
407     figure;
408     mode_data = modeshapes(:, k);
409     Zgrid = griddata(x, y, mode_data, Xgrid, Ygrid, 'cubic');
410
411     trisurf(tri, x, y, mode_data, 'EdgeColor', 'none');
412     colormap jet;
413     colorbar;
414     hold on;
415
416     contour(Xgrid, Ygrid, Zgrid, [0, 0], 'k', 'LineWidth', 2);
417
418     title(['f = ', num2str(natural_frequencies(k)), ' Hz']);
419     xlabel('X Position');
420     ylabel('Y Position');
421     zlabel('Amplitude (Imaginary Part)');
422     grid on;
423     view(0,90);

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424     hold off;  
425 end
```