



Mechanical System Dynamics

– Experimental modal analysis (Part 2)

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Compute the natural frequencies and the mode shapes of the free-free beam already considered in Part 1, by means of the analytical model of a slender beam.

Compare the results with the experimental ones obtained in Part 1.



Contents:

- Data of the tested structure (geometry and material properties)
- Analytical solution for free-free beam (to be computed)

Free-free beam



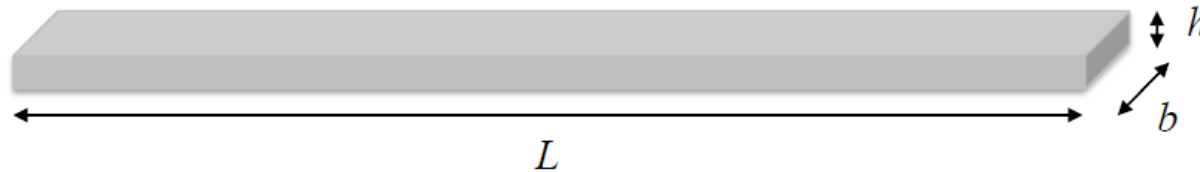
Standing wave solution

$$w(x, t) = (A \cos \gamma x + B \sin \gamma x + C \cosh \gamma x + D \sinh \gamma x) \cos(\omega t + \varphi)$$

$$\text{where } \gamma^4 = \frac{m\omega^2}{EJ}$$

m, E, J, A, B, C, D ?

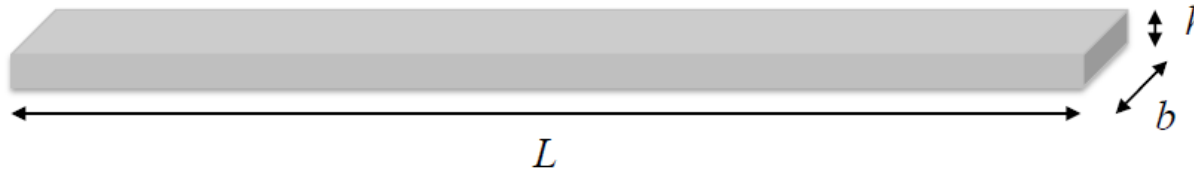
Test object: an aluminium beam with the following parameters



Parameter	symbol	unit	value
Length	L	mm	1200
Thickness	h	mm	8
Width	b	mm	40
Density	ρ	kg/m ³	2700
Young's Modulus	E	GPa	68

Tested structure: beam

Aluminum beam with rectangular constant cross-section



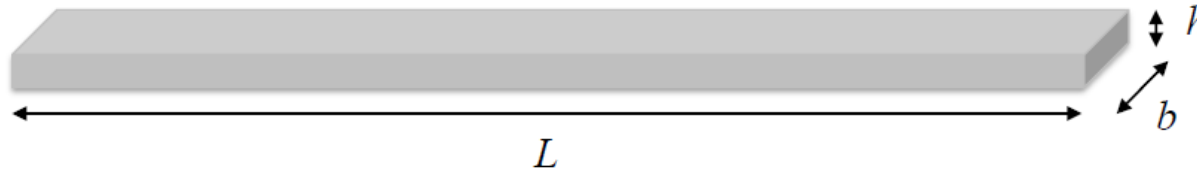
$$m = \rho b h$$

$$x = [0, L]$$

The moment of inertia of a rectangle with respect to an axis passing through its centroid, is given by the following expression:

$$J = \frac{bh^3}{12}$$

where b is the rectangle width, and specifically its dimension parallel to the axis, and h is the height (more specifically, the dimension perpendicular to the axis).



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Boundary conditions (4 BCs)

- 1) ..
- 2) ..
- 3) ..
- 4) ..

Matrix formulation

$$[H(\omega)] \underline{X} = \underline{0} \quad \underline{X} = \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \\ C \\ D \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution of the characteristic equation

$$\det [H(\omega)] = 0 \rightarrow \omega_i$$

Mode shape computation:

$$\omega_i \rightarrow [H(\omega_i)] \underline{X}^{(i)} = \underline{0}$$

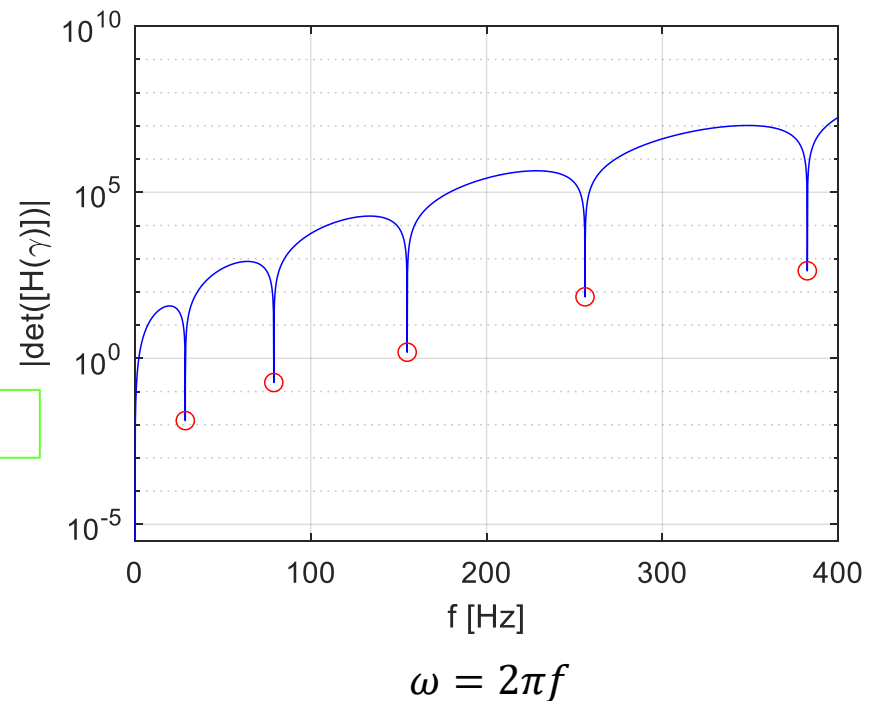
arbitrary chose $A_1^{(i)} = 1$, use ω_i obtained above to evaluate the following equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{1st row} \\ \underline{N}(\omega_i) \quad [\hat{H}(\omega_i)] \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \hat{\underline{X}}^{(i)} \end{bmatrix} = \underline{0}$$

$$\hat{\underline{X}}^{(i)} = -[\hat{H}(\omega_i)]^{-1} \underline{N}(\omega_i)$$

In Matlab $A^{(-1)}$ is equivalent to `inv(A)`

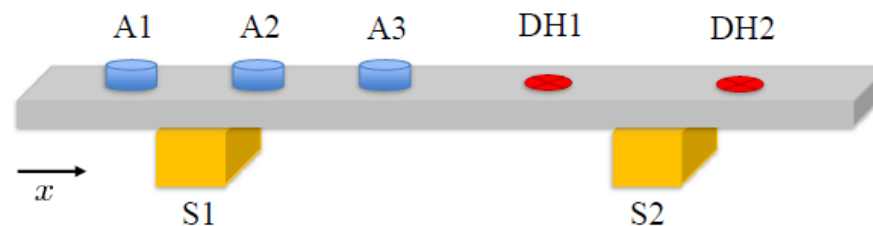
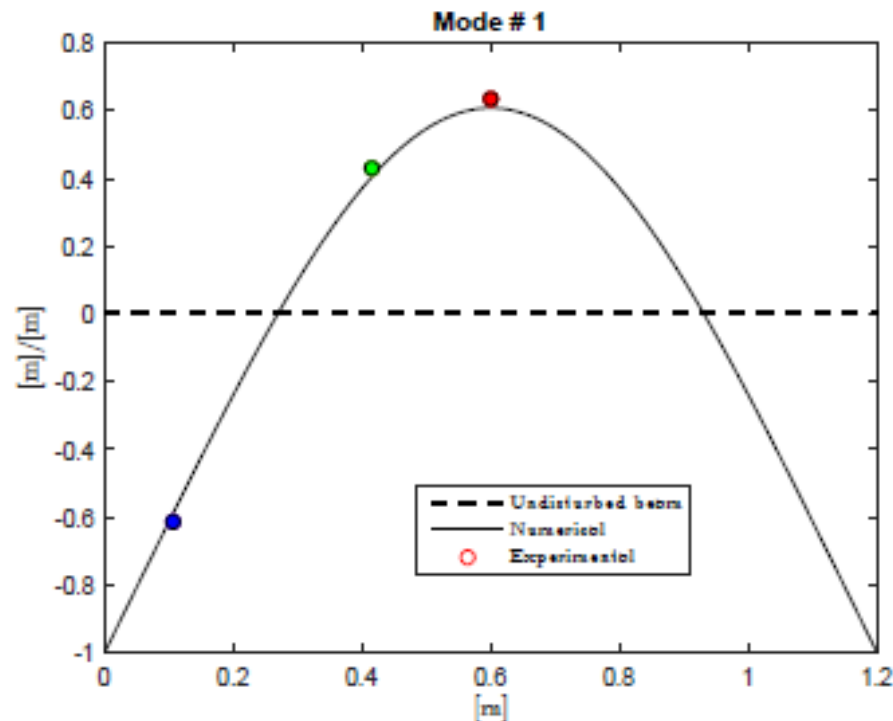
$$\underline{X}^{(i)} = \begin{bmatrix} A^{(i)} \\ B^{(i)} \\ C^{(i)} \\ D^{(i)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \hat{\underline{X}}^{(i)} \end{bmatrix}$$



Plot the analytical mode shapes with the associated natural frequencies

Analytical solution of the free-free beam

Comparison with the experimental results (a common normalization is recommended for the visualization of the analytical and experimental comparison)



symbol	x [mm]
A1	105
A2	415
A3	600

- 1) Identification of the natural frequencies and mode shapes by the **analytical solution**
- 2) Comparison of the **Analytical vs Experimental modes** (first 5 modes)

Briefly describe the procedure followed for computing the natural frequencies and mode shapes and plot a diagram showing the comparison between the experimental and computed mode shapes.

Assignment (Part 1/2)

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Single-mode identification (up to 5-th mode)

- 1) Identification of the **natural frequencies**
- 2) Identification of the damping ratio by the “**half-power points**” method
- 3) Identification of the damping ratio by the “**slope of the phase diagram**” method

Prepare a short report including the identification results for **at least one** test configuration among DH1, DH2, and RH1.

Collect the results in table form (for each accelerometer A1, A2, A3).
Short comments on the results.

One single report for Part 1 + Part 2.