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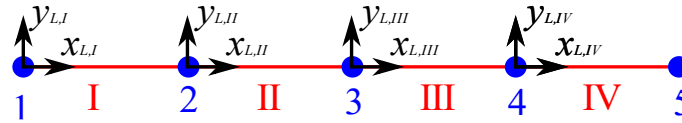
# **ADVANCED DYNAMICS OF MECHANICAL SYSTEMS**

**Finite Elements Method (FEM)  
in structural dynamics:  
software implementation in  
Matlab environment – part 2**

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# EXAMPLE: MAIN CODE



```
clear all; close all; clc

L = 1.2;           % [m]
E = 68e9;          % [Pa]
b = 40e-3;         % [m]
h = 8e-3;          % [m]
r = 2700;          % [kg/m^3]
m = r*b*h;         % [kg/m]
J = 1/12*b*h^3;    % [m^4]
A = b*h;           % [m^2]
EA = E*A;          % [N]
EJ = E*J;           % [Nm^2]

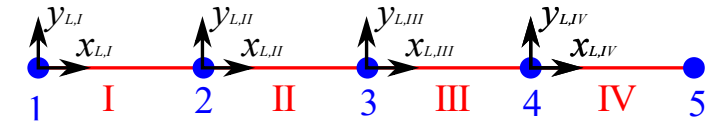
Omax = 100*2*pi;
a = 1.5;
Lmax = sqrt(pi^2/a/Omax * sqrt(EJ/m));

% load the input file and assemble the structure
[file_i,xy,nnod,sizew,idb,ndof,incid,l,gamma,m,EA,EJ,posit,nbeam,pr]=loadstructure;

% draw the structure
dis_stru(posit,l,gamma,xy,pr,idb,ndof);

% assemble mass and stiffness matrices
[M,K]=assem(incid,l,m,EA,EJ,gamma,idb);
```

# NATURAL FREQUENCIES AND MODE SHAPES



Once the M and K matrices have been assembled, natural frequencies and mode shapes of the system can be finally computed.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1	2.2217e-04	0	0.0024	-1.6663e-04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0041	0
2	0	0.1728	0	0	0.0432	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0432	0	0
3	0.0024	0	0.1925	0	0	0.0333	-0.0024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0333	0
4	-1.6663e-04	0	0	4.4434e-04	0	0.0024	-1.6663e-04	0	0	0	0	0	0	-0.0024	0
5	0	0.0432	0	0	0.1728	0	0	0.0432	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	0.0333	0.0024	0	$M_{FF}$	3.4694e-18	0	0.0333	-0.0024	0	0	$M_{FC}$	0	0
7	0	0	-0.0024	-1.6663e-04	0	3.4694e-18	4.4434e-04	0	0.0024	-1.6663e-04	0	0	0	0	0
8	0	0	0	0	0.0432	0	0	0.1728	0	0	0.0432	0	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	0	0	0.0333	0.0024	0	0.1925	-4.3368e-18	0	-0.0024	0	0	0.0333
10	0	0	0	0	0	-0.0024	-1.6663e-04	0	-4.3368e-18	4.4434e-04	0	-1.6663e-04	0	0	0.0024
11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0432	0	0	0.0864	0	0	0	0
12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-0.0024	-1.6663e-04	0	2.2217e-04	0	0	-0.0041
13	0	0.0432	0	0	0	$M_{CF}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0864	0	0
14	0.0041	0	0.0333	-0.0024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$M_{CC}$	0.0963	0
15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0333	0.0024	0	-0.0041	0	0	0.0963

According to the boundary conditions, the mass matrix M can be partitioned as  $[M] = \begin{bmatrix} [M_{FF}] & [M_{FC}] \\ [M_{CF}] & [M_{CC}] \end{bmatrix}$

➤ Similarly, also the stiffness matrix K is partitioned accordingly

# NATURAL FREQUENCIES AND MODE SHAPES

Remember that

$$[M] = \begin{bmatrix} [M_{FF}] & [M_{FC}] \\ [M_{CF}] & [M_{CC}] \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{FF free dofs inertia/stiffness seen by free dofs} \\ \text{FC constrained dofs inertia/stiffness seen by free dofs} \end{array}$$
$$[K] = \begin{bmatrix} [K_{FF}] & [K_{FC}] \\ [K_{CF}] & [K_{CC}] \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{CF free dofs inertia/stiffness seen by constrained dofs} \\ \text{CC constrained dofs inertia/stiffness seen by constrained dofs} \end{array}$$

Natural frequencies and mode shapes are obtained by solving the following eigenvalue problem.

$$(-\omega^2 [I] - [M_{FF}]^{-1}[K_{FF}]) \underline{X} = \underline{0}$$

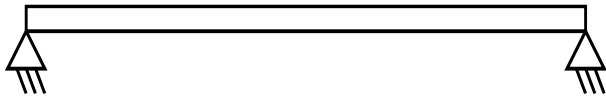
The **eig** matlab function can be used to this aim (NB: frequencies are not in increasing order!)

```
[modes omega2] = eig(inv(MFF)*KFF);  
omega = diag(sqrt(omega2));  
  
% Sort frequencies in ascending order  
[omega_sorted omega_sorted_indices] = sort(omega);  
% Sort mode shapes in ascending order  
modes_sorted = modes(:,omega_sorted_indices);
```

**eig** returns a diagonal matrix «*omega2*» of eigenvalues and a matrix «*modes*» whose columns are the corresponding eigenvectors

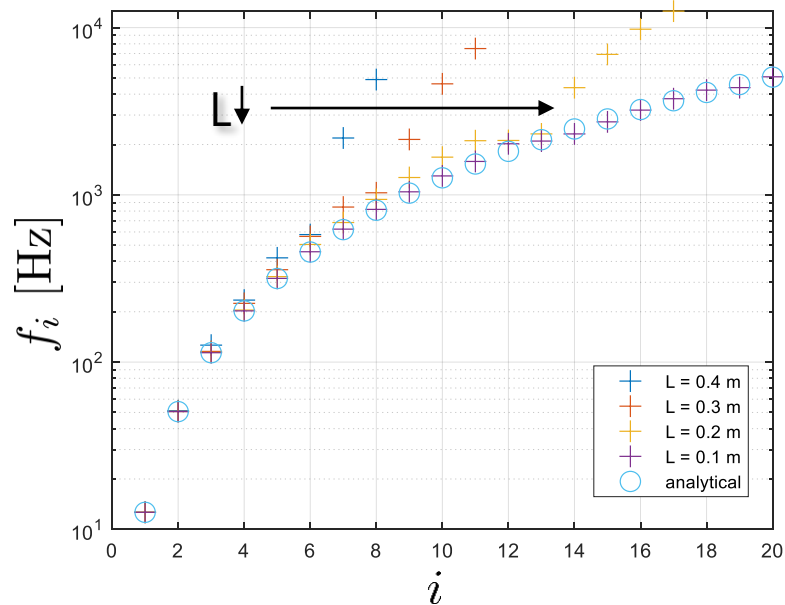
# NATURAL FREQUENCIES AND MODE SHAPES

For the simple case of the pin-pin aluminium beam, the analytical solution can be considered as a reference for computing the natural frequencies of the system.



$$f_i = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( \frac{i\pi}{L} \right)^2 \sqrt{\frac{EJ}{m}}$$

Natural frequencies with different value of element length

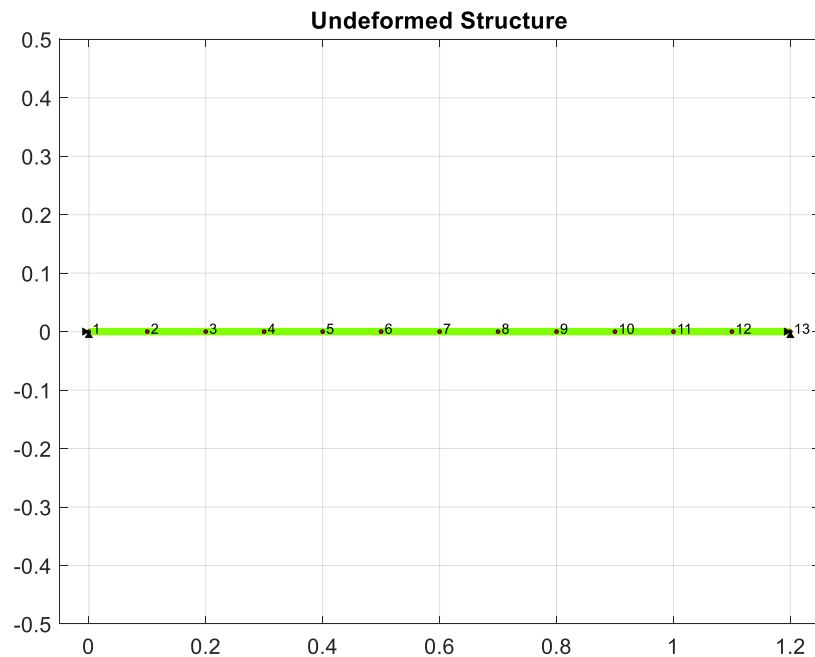


Mode	Analytical Freq [Hz]	FEM L 0.4m Freq [Hz]	FEM L 0.3m Freq [Hz]	FEM L 0.2m Freq [Hz]	FEM L 0.1m Freq [Hz]
1°	12.64	12.65	12.65	12.64	12.64
2°	50.57	51.17	50.77	50.61	50.57
3°	113.78	126.29	115.86	114.23	113.82
4°	202.28	234.82	224.51	204.67	202.51
5°	316.06	420.17	356.86	324.45	316.92

# NATURAL FREQUENCIES AND MODE SHAPES

## Undeformed structure

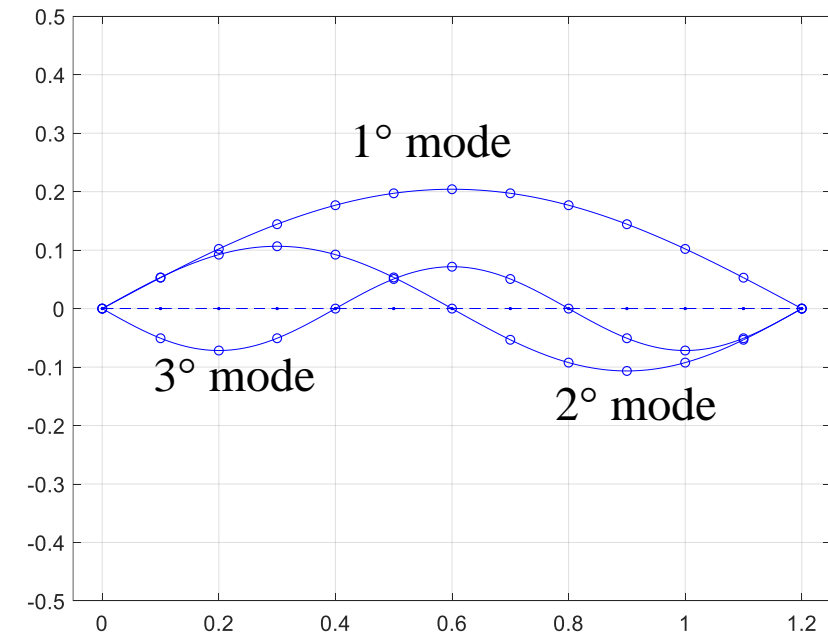
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dis_stru(posit,l,gamma,xy,pr,idb,ndof);
```



## Mode shapes

```
scale_factor = 1.5;  
mode = modes_sorted(:,ii);  
  
figure();  
diseg2(mode,scale_factor,incid,l,gamma,posit,idb,xy);
```

scale factor for the  
visualization  
of the mode shape



# DAMPING MATRIX

Assuming that damping ratios  $\xi_i$  have been identified by means of proper modal parameters identification techniques, the coefficients  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  necessary to compute the damping matrix can be identified.

$$[C_{FF}] = \alpha[M_{FF}] + \beta[K_{FF}] \Rightarrow \xi_i = \frac{\alpha}{2\omega_i} + \frac{\beta\omega_i}{2} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} = ([A]^T [A])^{-1} [A]^T \underline{B}$$

where  $[A] = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2\omega_1} & \frac{\omega_1}{2} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \frac{1}{2\omega_i} & \frac{\omega_i}{2} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \frac{1}{2\omega_N} & \frac{\omega_N}{2} \end{bmatrix} \quad \underline{B} = \begin{bmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \vdots \\ \xi_i \\ \vdots \\ \xi_N \end{bmatrix}$

Suppose to know the damping ratios of the first 4 modes

```
B = [0.01 0.015 0.0098 0.012]';
A = zeros(4,2);

for ii=1:4
    A(ii,:) = [1/(2*w(ii)) w(ii)/2];
End
```

```
ab = (A'*A)\A'*B; Pseudoinverse matrix → least square error
ab = A\B;
CFF = ab(1)*MFF + ab(2)*KFF;
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$$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.79 \\ 2.17e^{-5} \end{bmatrix}$$



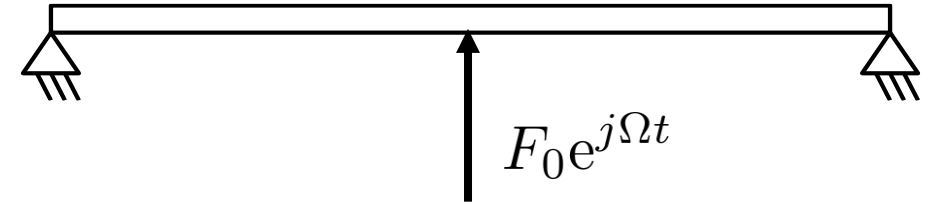
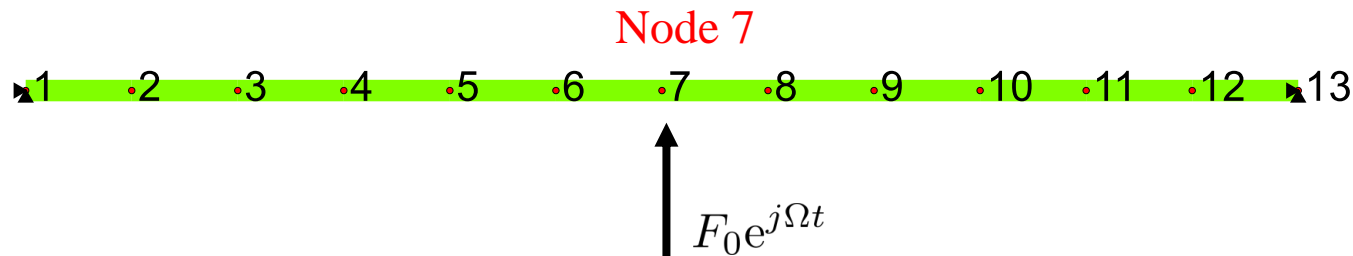
# FREQUENCY RESPONSE FUNCTIONS

We want now to compute the frequency response function due to a concentrated force applied in the middle of the beam.

Pay attention to:

- have a node where the force is applied
- the frequency range of the input force

$$\Omega_{max} = 500 \cdot 2\pi \quad \frac{\omega_k^{(1)}}{\Omega_{max}} \geq 1.5 \quad \Rightarrow \quad L_{max} = 155 \text{ mm}$$



$idb =$

36	37	1
2	3	4
5	6	7
8	9	10
11	12	13
14	15	16
17	18	19
20	21	22
23	24	25
26	27	28
29	30	31
32	33	34
38	39	35

Node 7  
Y displacement  
➤ 18° row



# FREQUENCY RESPONSE FUNCTIONS

The Frequency Response Functions can thus be computed

$$(-\Omega^2[M_{FF}] + j\Omega[C_{FF}] + [K_{FF}])\underline{X}e^{j\Omega t} = \underline{F_0}e^{j\Omega t}$$

being  $\underline{F_0} = \{0 \dots 0 \underset{18^\circ \text{ row}}{1} 0 \dots 0\}^T$

```
F0 = zeros(ndof,1);
index = idb(7,2);
F0(index) = 1;

om = (0:1:500)*2*pi;

for ii=1:length(om)
    A = -om(ii)^2*MFF + 1i*om(ii)*CFF + KFF;
    X(:,ii) = A\F0;
end
```

We get as many FRFs as the number of  
dofs of the system.

As an example:

- y of node 4 → 9
- $\theta$  of node 4 → 10
- y of node 7 → 18  
(colocated)

36	37	1
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$idb =$

