
MODE SUPERPOSITION ANALYSIS; TIME HISTORY

LECTURE 11

48 MINUTES

LECTURE 11 Solution of dynamic response by mode superposition

The basic idea of mode superposition

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Caughey and Rayleigh damping

Calculation of damping matrix for given damping ratios

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Mode Superposition Analysis

Basic idea is:

transform dynamic equilibrium
equations into a more effective
form for solution,
using

$$\underline{U} = \underline{P} \underline{X}(t)$$

$n \times 1 \quad n \times n \quad n \times 1$

\underline{P} = transformation matrix

$\underline{X}(t)$ = generalized displacements

Using

$$\underline{U}(t) = \underline{P} \underline{X}(t) \quad (9.30)$$

on

$$\underline{M} \ddot{\underline{U}} + \underline{C} \dot{\underline{U}} + \underline{K} \underline{U} = \underline{R} \quad (9.1)$$

we obtain

$$\tilde{\underline{M}} \ddot{\underline{X}}(t) + \tilde{\underline{C}} \dot{\underline{X}}(t) + \tilde{\underline{K}} \underline{X}(t) = \tilde{\underline{R}}(t) \quad (9.31)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\underline{M}} &= \underline{P}^T \underline{M} \underline{P} ; & \tilde{\underline{C}} &= \underline{P}^T \underline{C} \underline{P} ; \\ \tilde{\underline{K}} &= \underline{P}^T \underline{K} \underline{P} ; & \tilde{\underline{R}} &= \underline{P}^T \underline{R} \end{aligned} \quad (9.32)$$

An effective transformation matrix \underline{P} is established using the displacement solutions of the free vibration equilibrium equations with damping neglected,

$$\underline{M} \ddot{\underline{U}} + \underline{K} \underline{U} = \underline{0} \quad (9.34)$$

Using

$$\underline{U} = \underline{\phi} \sin \omega(t - t_0) \quad (9.35)$$

we obtain the generalized eigenproblem,

$$\underline{K} \underline{\phi} = \omega^2 \underline{M} \underline{\phi} \quad (9.36)$$

with the n eigensolutions $(\omega_1^2, \underline{\phi}_1)$,
 $(\omega_2^2, \underline{\phi}_2), \dots, (\omega_n^2, \underline{\phi}_n)$, and

$$\underline{\phi}_i^T \underline{M} \underline{\phi}_j \begin{cases} = 1 & ; \quad i = j \\ = 0 & ; \quad i \neq j \end{cases} \quad (9.37)$$

$$0 \leq \omega_1^2 \leq \omega_2^2 \leq \omega_3^2 \dots \leq \omega_n^2 \quad (9.38)$$

Defining

$$\underline{\Phi} = [\underline{\phi}_1, \underline{\phi}_2, \dots, \underline{\phi}_n] ; \quad \underline{\Omega}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} \omega_1^2 & & & \\ & \omega_2^2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \omega_n^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (9.39)$$

we can write

$$\underline{K} \underline{\Phi} = \underline{M} \underline{\Phi} \underline{\Omega}^2 \quad (9.40)$$

and have

$$\underline{\Phi}^T \underline{K} \underline{\Phi} = \underline{\Omega}^2 ; \quad \underline{\Phi}^T \underline{M} \underline{\Phi} = \underline{I} \quad (9.41)$$

Now using

$$\underline{U}(t) = \underline{\Phi} \underline{X}(t) \quad (9.42)$$

we obtain equilibrium equations
that correspond to the modal
generalized displacements

$$\ddot{\underline{X}}(t) + \underline{\Phi}^T \underline{C} \underline{\Phi} \dot{\underline{X}}(t) + \underline{\Omega}^2 \underline{X}(t) = \underline{\Phi}^T \underline{R}(t) \quad (9.43)$$

The initial conditions on $\underline{X}(t)$ are
obtained using (9.42) and the
 \underline{M} - orthonormality of $\underline{\Phi}$; i.e.,
at time 0 we have

$${}^0 \underline{X} = \underline{\Phi}^T \underline{M} {}^0 \underline{U} ; \quad {}^0 \dot{\underline{X}} = \underline{\Phi}^T \underline{M} {}^0 \dot{\underline{U}} \quad (9.44)$$

Analysis with Damping Neglected

$$\ddot{\underline{X}}(t) + \underline{\Omega}^2 \underline{X}(t) = \underline{\Phi}^T \underline{R}(t) \quad (9.45)$$

i.e., n individual equations of the form

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \ddot{x}_i(t) + \omega_i^2 x_i(t) &= r_i(t) \\ \text{where} \quad r_i(t) &= \underline{\phi}_i^T \underline{R}(t) \end{aligned} \right\} i = 1, 2, \dots, n \quad (9.46)$$

with

$$x_i \Big|_{t=0} = \underline{\phi}_i^T \underline{M}^{-1} \underline{U} \quad (9.47)$$

$$\dot{x}_i \Big|_{t=0} = \underline{\phi}_i^T \underline{M}^{-1} \underline{\dot{U}}$$

Using the Duhamel integral we have

$$x_i(t) = \frac{1}{\omega_i} \int_0^t r_i(\tau) \sin \omega_i(t - \tau) d\tau \quad (9.48)$$

$$+ \alpha_i \sin \omega_i t + \beta_i \cos \omega_i t$$

where α_i and β_i are determined from the initial conditions in (9.47).

And then

$$\underline{U}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n \underline{\phi}_i x_i(t) \quad (9.49)$$

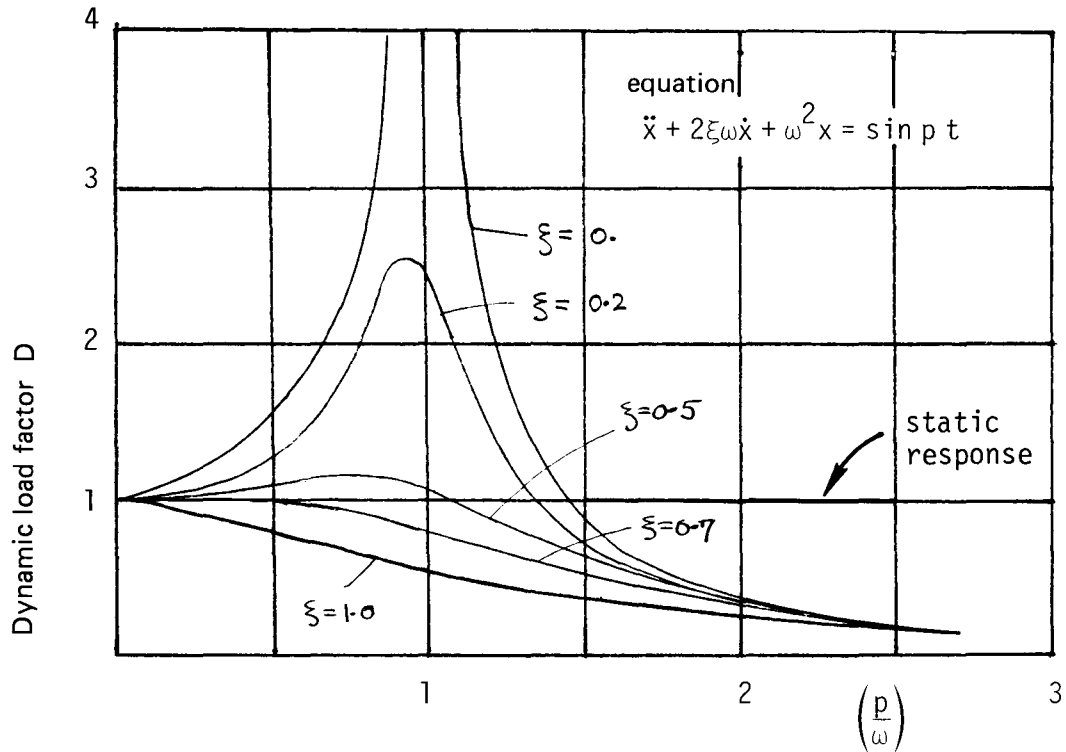


Fig. 9.4. The dynamic load factor

Hence we use

$$\underline{U}^P = \sum_{i=1}^p \phi_i x_i(t)$$

where

$$\underline{U}^P \doteq \underline{U}$$

The error can be measured using

$$\epsilon^P(t) = \frac{\|\underline{R}(t) - (M\ddot{\underline{U}}^P(t) + K\underline{U}^P(t))\|_2}{\|\underline{R}(t)\|_2}$$

(9.50)

Static correction

Assume that we used p modes to obtain \underline{U}^p , then let

$$\underline{R} = \sum_{i=1}^n r_i (\underline{M} \underline{\phi}_i)$$

Hence

$$r_i = \underline{\phi}_i^T \underline{R}$$

Then

$$\Delta \underline{R} = \underline{R} - \sum_{i=1}^p r_i (\underline{M} \underline{\phi}_i)$$

and

$$\underline{K} \Delta \underline{U} = \Delta \underline{R}$$

Analysis with Damping Included

Recall, we have

$$\ddot{\underline{X}}(t) + \underline{\Phi}^T \underline{C} \underline{\Phi} \dot{\underline{X}}(t) + \underline{\Omega}^2 \underline{X}(t) = \underline{\Phi}^T \underline{R}(t) \quad (9.43)$$

If the damping is proportional

$$\underline{\phi}_i^T \underline{C} \underline{\phi}_j = 2\omega_i \xi_j \delta_{ij} \quad (9.51)$$

and we have

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{x}_i(t) + 2\omega_i \xi_i \dot{x}_i(t) + \omega_i^2 x_i(t) &= r_i(t) \\ i &= 1, \dots, n \end{aligned} \quad (9.52)$$

A damping matrix that satisfies the relation in (9.51) is obtained using the Caughey series,

$$\underline{C} = \underline{M} \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} a_k [\underline{M}^{-1} \underline{K}]^k \quad (9.56)$$

where the coefficients a_k , $k = 1, \dots, p$, are calculated from the p simultaneous equations

$$\xi_i = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{a_0}{\omega_i} + a_1 \omega_i + a_2 \omega_i^3 + \dots + a_{p-1} \omega_i^{2p-3} \right) \quad (9.57)$$

A special case is Rayleigh damping,

$$\underline{C} = \underline{\alpha} \underline{M} + \underline{\beta} \underline{K} \quad (9.55)$$

example:

Assume $\xi_1 = 0.02$; $\xi_2 = 0.10$
 $\omega_1 = 2$ $\omega_2 = 3$

calculate α and β

We use

$$\underline{\phi}_i^T (\underline{\alpha} \underline{M} + \underline{\beta} \underline{K}) \underline{\phi}_i = 2\omega_i \xi_i$$

or

$$\underline{\alpha} + \underline{\beta} \omega_i^2 = 2\omega_i \xi_i$$

Using this relation for ω_1, ξ_1 and ω_2, ξ_2 , we obtain two equations for α and β :

$$\underline{\alpha} + 4\underline{\beta} = 0.08$$

$$\underline{\alpha} + 9\underline{\beta} = 0.60$$

The solution is $\alpha = -0.336$ and $\beta = 0.104$. Thus the damping matrix to be used is

$$\underline{C} = -0.336 \underline{M} + 0.104 \underline{K}$$

Note that since

$$\alpha + \beta \omega_i^2 = 2\omega_i \xi_i$$

for any i , we have, once α and β have been established,

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_i &= \frac{\alpha + \beta \omega_i^2}{2\omega_i} \\ &= \frac{\alpha}{2\omega_i} + \frac{\beta}{2} \omega_i \end{aligned}$$

Response solution

As in the case of no damping.
we solve p equations

$$\ddot{x}_i + 2\omega_i \xi_i \dot{x}_i + \omega_i^2 x_i = r_i$$

with

$$r_i = \phi_i^T \underline{R}$$

$$x_i|_{t=0} = \phi_i^T \underline{M}^{-1} \underline{U}_0$$

$$\dot{x}_i|_{t=0} = \phi_i^T \underline{M}^{-1} \underline{\dot{U}}_0$$

and then

$$\underline{U}^p = \sum_{i=1}^p \phi_i x_i(t)$$

Practical considerations

mode superposition analysis
is effective

- when the response lies in a few modes only, $p \ll n$
- when the response is to be obtained over many time intervals (or the modal response can be obtained in closed form).

e.g. earthquake engineering
vibration excitation

- it may be important to calculate $\varepsilon_p(t)$ or the static correction.

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