

# Lectures 22-23

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Today: Vibrations of continuous systems

**HD#14** Dynamic response of continuous systems

Free vibrations of elastic bars and beams.

Properties of normal mode functions. Forced response

**Reading & other assignments:**

**Textbook G: 7.1 - 7.7, Handout #12**

FE analysis

**Other: HMWK #6: due 04/11**

Handout 6 - Numerical integration (non linear systems)

# From your textbook

## Chapters 6&7: Vibration of elastic bars, beams and rods

Recommended problems –

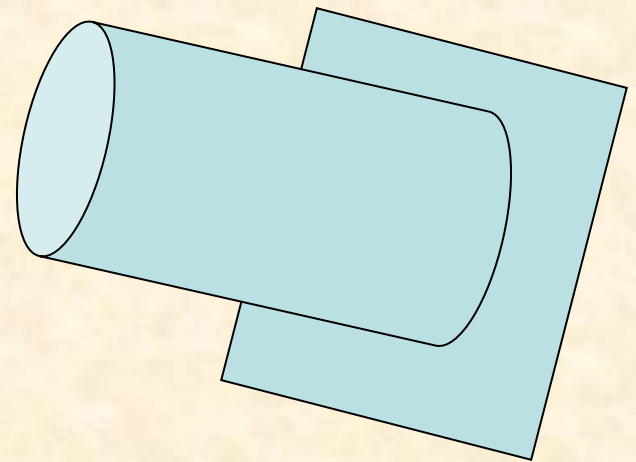
### Chapter 6

3, 9, 11, 14, 15, 28, 38, 54

### Chapter 7

3, 11, 43, 49

important



# Vibrations of Continuous Systems

## Axial vibrations of elastic bars

The figure shows a uniform elastic bar of length  $L$  and cross section  $A$ . The bar material properties are its density  $\rho$  and elastic modulus  $E$ . One end of the bar is attached to a fixed wall while the other end is free. The force  $P(t)$  acting at the free end of the bar induces elastic displacements  $u(x,t)$  along the bar

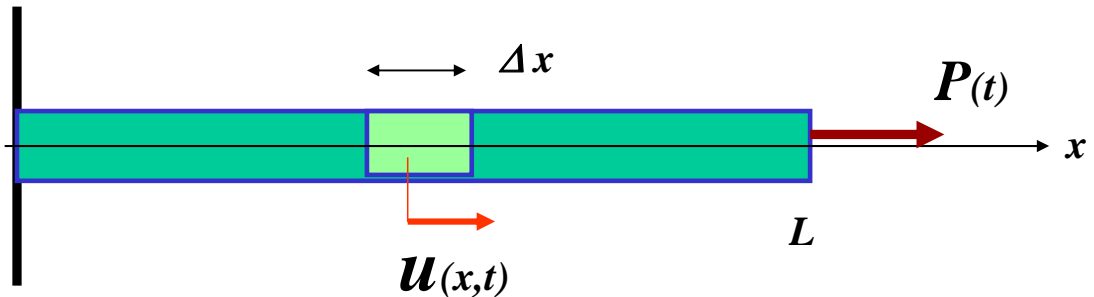


Fig. Schematic view of elastic bar undergoing axial motions

From elementary strength of materials consider

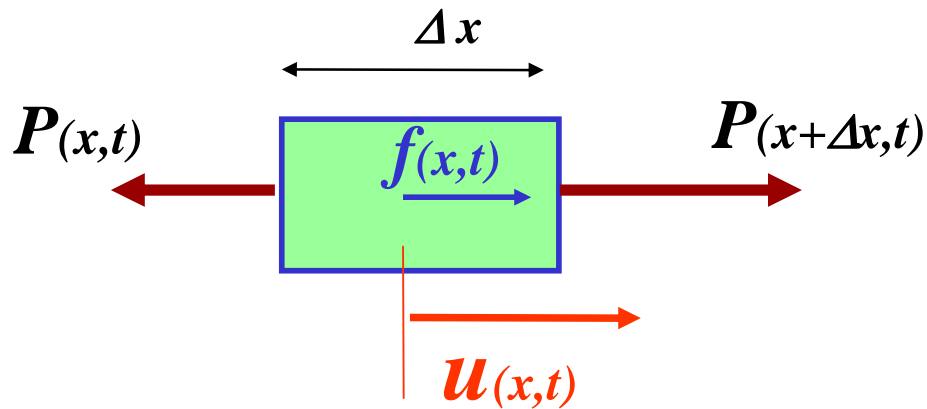
- Cross-sections  $A$  remain plane and perpendicular to the main axis ( $x$ ) of the bar.
- Material is linearly elastic
- Material properties ( $\rho$ ,  $E$ ) are constant at any given cross section.

The relationship between stress  $\sigma$  and strain  $\varepsilon$  for uniaxial tension is

$$\sigma = E \varepsilon = E \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \quad (1)$$

Consider the free body diagram of an infinitesimally small piece of bar with length  $\Delta x$ ,

In the FBD,  $P(x,t) = A_{(x)} \sigma = A E \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$  is the axial force at a cross section of the bar, and  $f(x,t)$  is a distributed axial force per unit length,



**Fig. Free body diagram of small piece of elastic bar**

Applying Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> law of motion on the bar differential element gives

$$\sum_x F_x = \Delta m a_x = (\rho A \Delta x) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} \quad (2)$$

$$(\rho A \Delta x) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = P_{(x+\Delta x,t)} - P_{(x,t)} + f_{(x,t)} \Delta x \quad (3)$$

$$\text{As } \Delta x \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow P_{(x+\Delta x,t)} \approx P_{(x,t)} + \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \Delta x \quad (4a)$$

$$(\rho A \Delta x) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \Delta x + f_{(x,t)} \Delta x$$

$$\rho A \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + f_{(x,t)} \quad (4)$$

And replacing  $P(x,t) = AE \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$

$$\rho A \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( AE \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) + f_{(x,t)} \quad (5)$$

PDE (5) describes the axial motions of an elastic bar. For its solution, one needs appropriate boundary conditions (BC), which are of two types

(a) **essential**,  $u = u^*$ , a specified value, at  $x = x^*$  for all times,

(b) **natural**,  $P(x^*, t) = AE \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=x^*}$  specified

If  $P=0$ , then the natural BC is a **free end**, i.e.  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=x^*} = 0$

**Note:** PDE (5) and its BCs can be derived from the Hamiltonian principle using the definitions for kinetic ( $T$ ) and potential ( $V$ ) energies.

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L \rho A \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right)^2 dx; \quad V = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L E A \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)^2 dx \quad (6)$$

recommended exercise (bonus) +5 to exam 2

## Free vibrations of elastic bars

Without external forces (point loads or distributed load,  $f=0$ ), PDE (5) reduces to

$$\rho A \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( A E \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) \quad (7)$$

METHOD: Separation of variables

The solution of PDE (7) is of the form  $u_{(x,t)} = \phi_{(x)} v_{(t)}$  (8)

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} &= \phi_{(x)} \frac{d^2 v}{dt^2} = \phi_{(x)} \ddot{v}_{(t)} ; \\ \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} &= \frac{d^2 \phi}{dx^2} v_{(t)} = \phi'' v_{(t)} \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

With the definitions  $(\dot{\cdot}) = d/dt$ ;  $(\prime) = d/dx$ . For a bar with uniform material properties ( $\rho$ ,  $E$ ) and cross section  $A$ , substitution of the product solution Eq. (8) into PDE (7) gives

$$\frac{\rho}{E} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \rightarrow \frac{\rho}{E} \phi_{(x)} \ddot{v}_{(t)} = \phi''_{(x)} v_{(t)} \quad (10)$$

Divide this expression by  $u_{(x,t)} = \phi_{(x)} v_{(t)}$  to get

$$\frac{\ddot{v}_{(t)}}{v_{(t)}} = \frac{E}{\rho} \frac{\phi''_{(x)}}{\phi_{(x)}} \quad (11)$$

Above, the *LHS* is only a function of time, while the *RHS* is only a function of spatial coordinate  $x$ . This is possible only if both sides equal to a constant, i.e.

$$\frac{\ddot{v}_{(t)}}{v_{(t)}} = \frac{E}{\rho} \frac{\phi''_{(x)}}{\phi_{(x)}} = -\omega^2$$

Hence, the PDE is converted into two ordinary differential equations (ODEs), i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{v}_{(t)} + \omega^2 v &= 0 \\ \phi''_{(x)} + \lambda^2 \phi_{(x)} &= 0 \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

where 
$$\lambda = \omega \sqrt{\rho/E} \tag{13}$$

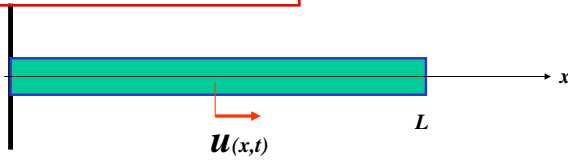
The solution of the ODEs (12) & (13) is

$$v_{(t)} = C_t \cos(\omega t) + S_t \sin(\omega t) \tag{14}$$

$$\phi_{(x)} = C_x \cos(\lambda x) + S_x \sin(\lambda x) \tag{15}$$

The coefficients ( $C$ ,  $S$ ) are determined from satisfying the boundary conditions for the specific bar configuration and load condition. Equation (15) is known as the **fundamental equation** for an elastic bar, i.e. it contains the information on natural frequencies and mode shapes.

### Example 1.



**A bar with one end fixed and the other end free.**

In this case, the boundary conditions are

← for all times

$$\text{At } x=0, \quad u_{(0,t)} = 0 = \phi_{(0)} v_{(t)} \Rightarrow \phi_{(0)} = 0 \quad \forall t$$

$$\text{At } x=L, \quad \left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right|_{x=L} = 0 = \phi'_{(L)} v_{(t)} \Rightarrow \phi'_{(L)} = 0 \quad \forall t \quad (16)$$

Hence, from the characteristic equation  $\phi_{(0)} = 0 \rightarrow C_x = 0$  and

$$\phi_{(x)} = S_x \sin(\lambda x) \quad (17)$$

$$\text{At } x=L, \quad \phi'_{(L)} = 0 = \lambda S_x \cos(\lambda L) = 0 \quad (18)$$

Note that  $S_x \neq 0$  for a non trivial solution. Hence, the

**characteristic equation** for axial motions of a **fixed end-free end elastic bar** is

$$\cos(\lambda L) = 0 \quad (19)$$

which has an infinite number of solutions, i.e.

$$\lambda L = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{2}, \dots, \infty = \frac{2n-1}{2} \pi, \quad n=1,2,\dots$$

And hence the roots of Eq. (19) are

$$\lambda_n = \frac{(2n-1)\pi}{2L} \quad n=1,2,\dots \quad (20)$$



And since  $\lambda = \omega \sqrt{\rho/E}$ , the natural frequencies of the **fixed end-free end bar** are

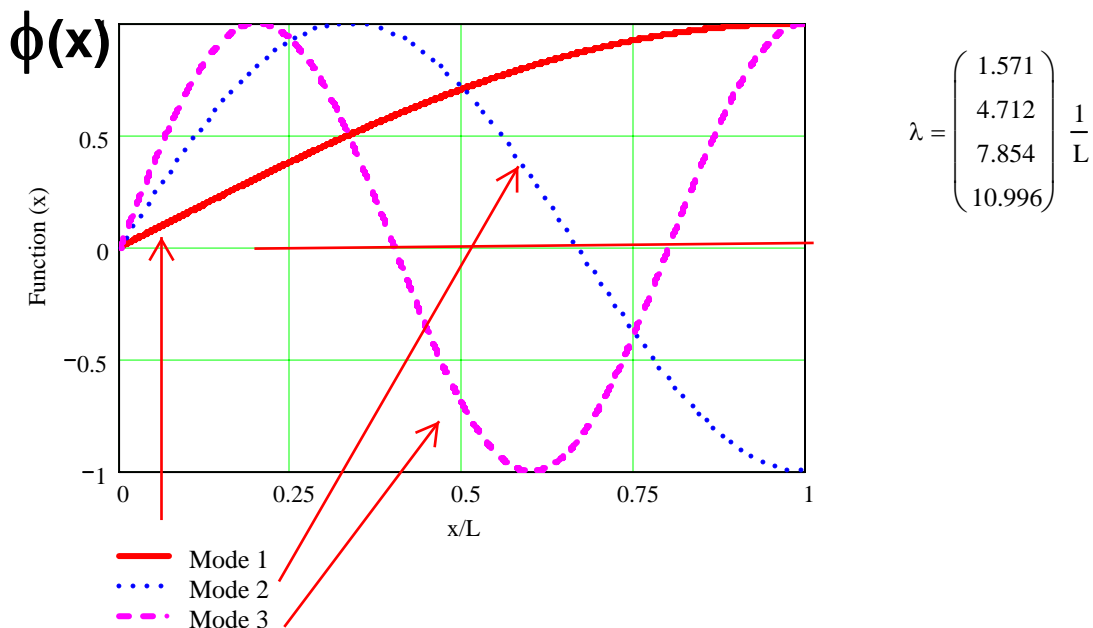
$$\omega_k = \frac{(2k-1)\pi}{2} \frac{1}{L} \left(\frac{E}{\rho}\right)^{1/2} ; k=1,2,\dots \quad (21)$$

i.e.  $\omega_1 = \frac{\pi}{2L} \left(\frac{E}{\rho}\right)^{1/2}$ ,  $\omega_2 = \frac{3\pi}{2L} \left(\frac{E}{\rho}\right)^{1/2}$ ,  $\omega_3 = \frac{5\pi}{2L} \left(\frac{E}{\rho}\right)^{1/2}$  ...

Associated to each natural frequency, there is a **natural mode shape**

$$\phi_k = \psi_k = \sin(\lambda_k x) \quad k=1,2,\dots \quad (22)$$

as shown in the figure below.



**Fig. Natural modes shapes  $\phi(x)$  for elastic bar with fixed end-free end**

See more examples on page 13-ff.

The **displacement function response**  $u_{(x,t)} = \phi_{(x)} v_{(t)}$  equals to the superposition of all the found responses, i.e.

$$u_{(x,t)} = \sum_k \phi(x)_k v(t)_k = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \phi_{(x)_k} [C_k \cos(\omega_k t) + S_k \sin(\omega_k t)] \quad (23a)$$

**For example 1** (fixed end –free end bar)

$$u_{(x,t)} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sin(\lambda_k x) [C_k \cos(\omega_k t) + S_k \sin(\omega_k t)] \quad (23b)$$

and velocity:

$$\dot{u}_{(x,t)} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sin(\lambda_k x) \omega_k [-C_k \sin(\omega_k t) + S_k \cos(\omega_k t)] \quad (24)$$

The set of coefficients ( $C_k$ ,  $S_k$ ) are determined by satisfying the initial conditions. That is at time  $t=0$ ,

$$u_{(x,0)} = U_{(x)} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sin(\lambda_k x) C_k$$
$$\dot{u}_{(x,0)} = \dot{U}_{(x)} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \omega_k \sin(\lambda_k x) S_k \quad (25)$$

## Orthogonality properties of the natural modes

Recall that the pair  $\{\lambda_k, \psi_{(x)_k}\}_{k=1, \dots, \infty}$  satisfy the characteristic equation (12b), i.e.

$$\psi_{(x)_k}'' + \lambda_k^2 \psi_{(x)_k} = 0 \quad k=1, 2, \dots, \infty \quad (26)$$

And consider two different eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  and  $\lambda_j$  each satisfying Eq. (26), i.e.

$$\psi_i'' + \lambda_i^2 \psi_i = 0 \quad \& \quad \psi_j'' + \lambda_j^2 \psi_j = 0$$

Multiply Eq. on left by  $\psi_j$  and Eq. on right by  $\psi_i$ , and integrate over the domain  $x \in \{0, L\}$  to get:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^L (\psi_j \psi_i'' dx) + \lambda_i^2 \int_0^L (\psi_j \psi_i dx) &= 0 \\ \int_0^L (\psi_i \psi_j'' dx) + \lambda_j^2 \int_0^L (\psi_i \psi_j dx) &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

Integrate by parts the term on the LHS to obtain

$$\int_0^L \psi_j \psi_i'' dx = \left[ \psi_j \psi_i' \right]_{x=0}^{x=L} - \int_0^L \psi_j' \psi_i' dx \quad (28)$$

INT(u dv) = uv - INT(v du)

And recall the boundary conditions for the fixed end-free end bar

$$\left[ \psi_j \right]_{x=0} = 0 \quad \& \quad \left[ \psi_i' \right]_{x=L} = 0 \quad (29)$$

And write first of Eq. (27) as  $\lambda_i^2 \int_0^L (\psi_j \psi_i dx) = \int_0^L (\psi_j' \psi_i' dx)$  and

substituting  $\lambda_i = \omega_i \sqrt{\rho/E}$  one obtains:

$$\omega_i^2 \int_0^L (\rho A \psi_j \psi_i dx) = \int_0^L (E A \psi_j' \psi_i' dx) \quad (30a)$$

$$\omega_j^2 \int_0^L (\rho A \psi_i \psi_j dx) = \int_0^L (E A \psi_i' \psi_j' dx) \quad (30b)$$

Subtract Eq. (30b) from (30a) to obtain

$$(\omega_j^2 - \omega_i^2) \int_0^L (\rho A \psi_i \psi_j) dx = 0 \quad (31)$$

And since  $\omega_i \neq \omega_j$ , it follows that

$$\int_0^L (\rho A \psi_i \psi_j) dx = 0 \quad \& \quad \int_0^L (E A \psi_i' \psi_j') dx = 0 \quad i \neq j = 1, 2, \dots, \infty \quad (32)$$

That is, the modal functions  $\{\psi_k\}_{k=1,2,\dots}$  are **ORTHOGONAL**. For  $i=j$ , the  $i_{th}$  natural frequency follows from

$$\omega_i^2 = \frac{K_i}{M_i} = \frac{\int_0^L (E A \psi_i' \psi_i') dx}{\int_0^L (\rho A \psi_i \psi_i) dx} \quad (33)$$

Where  $K_i, M_i$  are the  $i_{th}$  mode *equivalent* stiffness and mass coefficients.

Note that the set  $\{\psi_k\}_{k=1,2,\dots}$  is a **COMPLETE SET** of orthogonal functions

Now, consider the initial conditions, Eq. (25)

$$\begin{aligned} u_{(x,0)} &= U_{(x)} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sin(\lambda_k x) C_k \\ \dot{u}_{(x,0)} &= \dot{U}_{(x)} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \omega_k \sin(\lambda_k x) S_k \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

Multiply both sides of Eq. (25) by  $\psi_m = \sin(\lambda_m x) \times \rho A$  and integrate over the whole domain to obtain

$$\int_0^L (\rho A \psi_m U_{(x)}) dx = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} C_k \int_0^L (\rho A \psi_m \psi_k) dx$$

And since

$$\int_0^L (\rho A \psi_m \psi_k) dx = \begin{cases} M_m & \text{when } m=k \\ 0 & \text{when } m \neq k \end{cases} \quad (34)$$

Then it follows that

$$C_m = \frac{\int_0^L (\rho A \psi_m U_{(x)}) dx}{M_m}, \quad m=1,2,\dots,\infty \quad (35)$$

And similarly

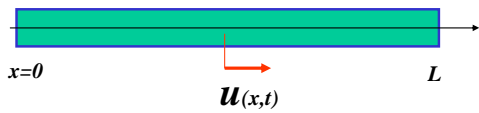
$$S_m = \frac{\int_0^L (\rho A \psi_m \dot{U}_{(x)}) dx}{\omega_m M_m}, \quad m=1,2,\dots,\infty \quad (36)$$

$$\text{with } M_m = \int_0^L (\rho A \psi_m^2) dx \text{ and } K_m = \int_0^L (E A [\psi_m'/dx]^2) dx \quad (37)$$

This concludes the procedure to obtain the full solution for the vibrations of a bar, i.e.

$$u_{(x,t)} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \phi_{(x)_k} [C_k \cos(\omega_k t) + S_k \sin(\omega_k t)] \quad (23)$$

## Example 2.



**A bar with both ends free.**

The boundary conditions are

$$\text{At } x=0, \left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right|_{x=0} = 0 = \phi'_{(0)} v_{(t)} \Rightarrow \phi'_{(0)} = 0 \quad \forall t$$

$$\text{At } x=L, \left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right|_{x=L} = 0 = \phi'_{(L)} v_{(t)} \Rightarrow \phi'_{(L)} = 0 \quad \forall t$$

Hence, from the characteristic equation  $\phi'_{(0)} = 0 \rightarrow S_x = 0$  and

$$\phi_{(x)} = C_x \cos(\lambda x)$$

$$\text{At } x=L, \quad \phi'_{(L)} = 0 = \lambda C_x \sin(\lambda L) = 0$$

Note that  $\lambda = 0$  denotes rigid body motion. Hence, the **characteristic equation** for axial motions of an **elastic bar** with **free-free ends** is

$$\sin(\lambda L) = 0$$

which has an infinite number of solutions, i.e.

$$\lambda L = 0, \pi, 2\pi, 3\pi, \dots, \infty = n\pi, \quad n=0,1,2,\dots$$

$$\lambda_n = n \frac{\pi}{L} \quad n=0,1,2,\dots$$

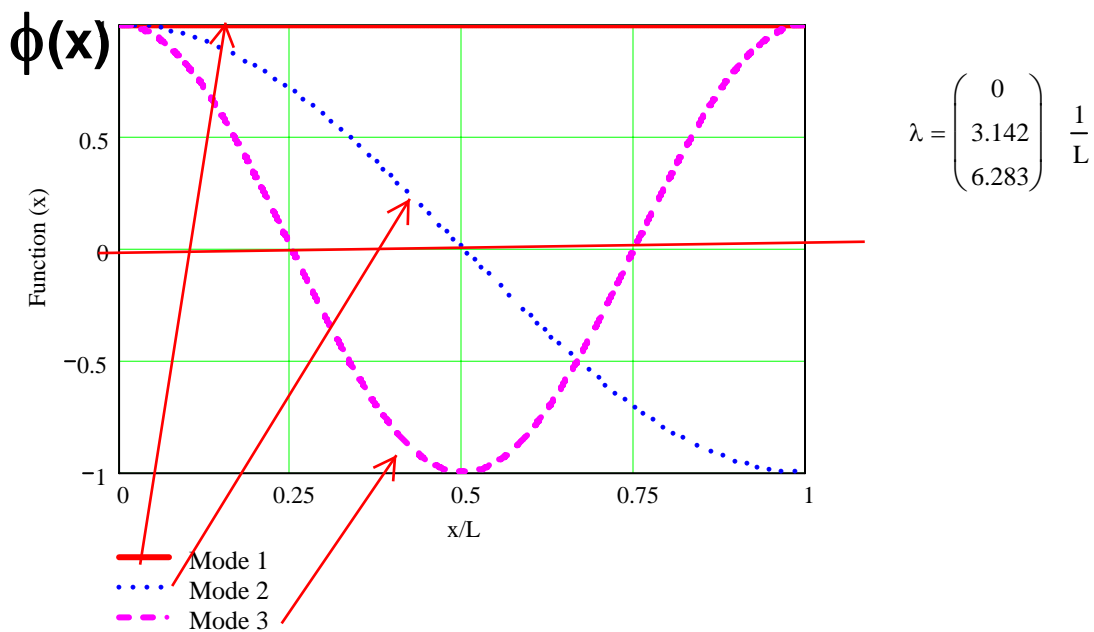
And since  $\lambda = \omega \sqrt{\rho/E}$ , the natural frequencies of the free end-free end bar are

$$\omega_k = k \frac{\pi}{L} \left( \frac{E}{\rho} \right)^{1/2} ; k=0,1,2,\dots$$

Associated to each natural frequency, there is a **natural mode shape**

$$\phi_k = \cos(\lambda_k x) \quad k=0,1,2,\dots$$

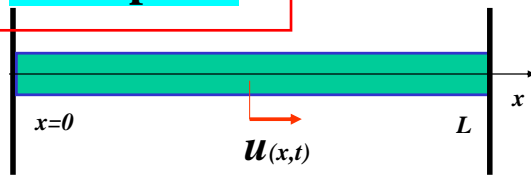
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**Fig. Natural modes shapes  $\phi(x)$  for elastic bar with both ends free. First mode is rigid body (null natural frequency)**



### Example 3.



**A bar with both ends fixed.**

The boundary conditions are

$$\text{At } x=0, \quad u_{(0,t)}=0 = \phi_{(0)} v_{(t)} \Rightarrow \phi_{(0)} = 0 \quad \forall t$$

$$\text{At } x=L, \quad u_{(L,t)}=0 = \phi_{(L)} v_{(t)} \Rightarrow \phi_{(L)} = 0$$

Hence, from the characteristic equation  $\phi_{(x)} = C_x \cos(\lambda x) + S_x \sin(\lambda x)$ , then  $\phi_{(0)} = 0 \rightarrow C_x = 0$  and

$$\phi_{(x)} = S_x \sin(\lambda x)$$

$$\text{At } x=L, \quad \phi_{(L)} = 0 = \sin(\lambda L) = 0$$

Note that  $\lambda \neq 0$  denotes rigid body motion. Hence, the **characteristic equation** for axial motions of a **fixed end-fixed end elastic bar** is

$$\sin(\lambda L) = 0$$

which has an infinite number of solutions, i.e.

$$\lambda L = \pi, 2\pi, 3\pi, \dots, \infty = n\pi, \quad n=0,1,2,\dots$$

$$\lambda_n = n \frac{\pi}{L} \quad n=1,2,\dots$$

And since  $\lambda = \omega \sqrt{\rho/E}$ , the natural frequencies of the free end-free end bar are

$$\omega_k = k \frac{\pi}{L} \left( \frac{E}{\rho} \right)^{1/2} \quad ; \quad k=1,2,\dots$$

Associated to each natural frequency, there is a **natural mode shape**

$$\phi_k = \sin(\lambda_k x) \quad k=0,1,2,\dots$$

And shown in the figure below.

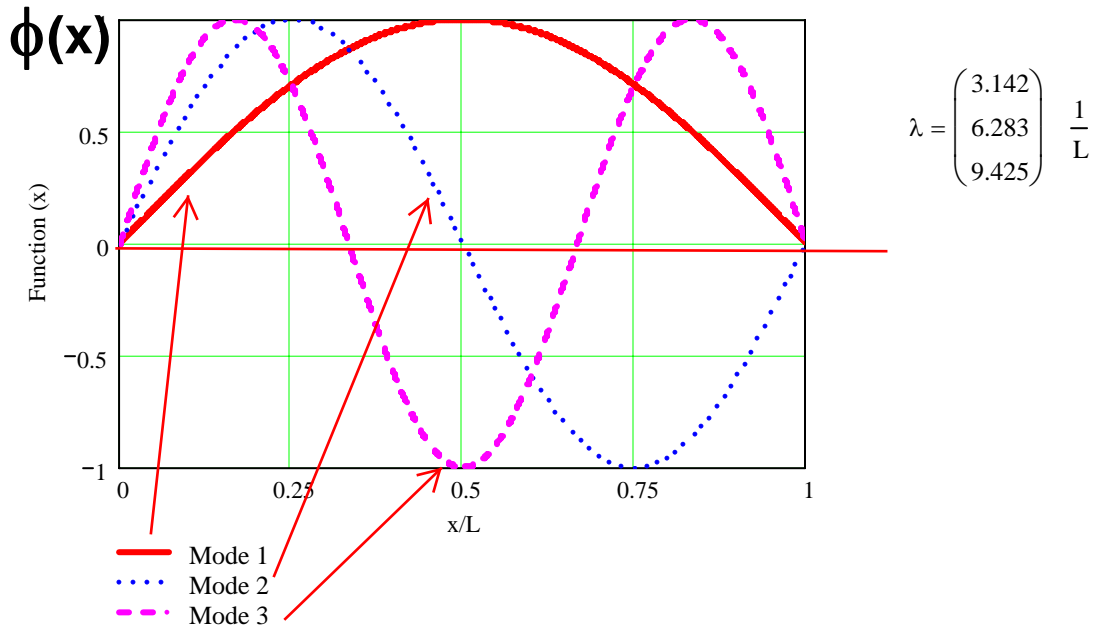


Fig. Natural modes shapes  $\phi(x)$  for elastic bar with both ends fixed.

## Vibrations of Continuous Systems

### Lateral vibrations of elastic beams

The figure shows a uniform elastic beam of length  $L$ , cross section  $A$  and area moment of inertia  $I$ . The beam material properties are its density  $\rho$  and elastic modulus  $E$ . One end of the beam is fixed to a wall while the other end is free. The discrete force  $P(t)$  acts at a fixed axial location while  $f(x,t)$  represents a load distribution per unit length. The forces induces elastic displacements on the beam and designated as  $v(x,t)$ .

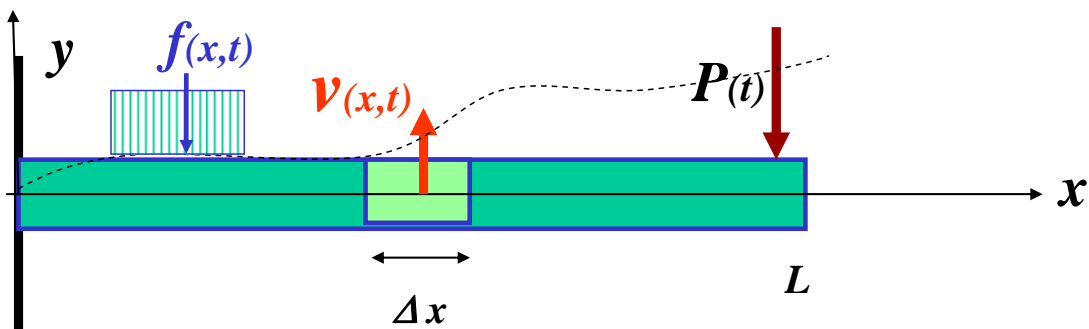
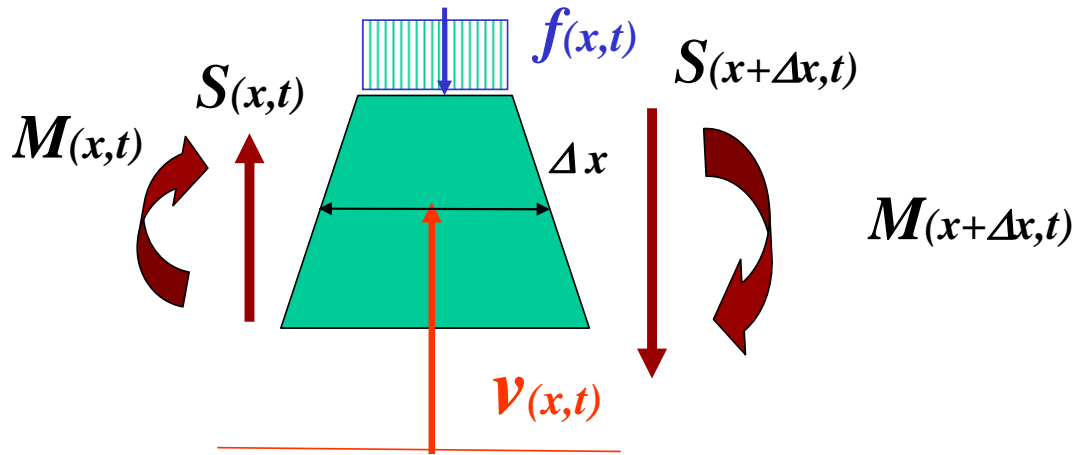


Fig. Schematic view of elastic beam undergoing lateral motions

From elementary strength of materials consider

- Cross-sections  $A$  remain plane and perpendicular to the neutral axis ( $x$ ) of the beam.
- Homogeneous material beam, linearly elastic,
- Material properties ( $\rho, E$ ) are constant at any given cross section.
- Stresses  $\sigma_y, \sigma_z \ll \sigma_x$  (flexural stress), i.e. along beam.

The graph below shows the free body diagram for motion of a differential beam element with length  $\Delta x$ .



**Fig. Free body diagram of small piece of elastic beam**

In The *FBD*,  $S_{(x,t)}$  represents the shear force and  $M_{(x,t)}$  denotes the bending moment. Apply Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> law to the material element:

$$\sum_x F_y = \Delta m a_y = S - \left( S + \frac{\partial S}{\partial x} \Delta x \right) + f_{(x,t)} = (\rho A \Delta x) \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial t^2} \quad (38)$$

In the limit as  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$  :

$$(\rho A) \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial t^2} = f_{(x,t)} - \frac{\partial S}{\partial x} \quad (39)$$

Apply the moment equation:

$$\sum M = \Delta I_g \ddot{\alpha} \sim 0 \quad (40)$$

neglecting rotary inertia  $\Delta I_g$

$$\sum M \approx 0 = M_{(x+\Delta x, t)} - M_{(x, t)} - f \frac{\Delta x^2}{2} - S \Delta x$$

Then

$$= M + \frac{\partial M}{\partial x} \Delta x - M - f \frac{\Delta x^2}{2} - S \Delta x$$

In the limit as  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$ :

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial x} = S_{(x, t)} \quad (41)$$

Combining Eqs. (41) and (39) gives:

$$(\rho A) \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial t^2} = f_{(x, t)} - \frac{\partial^2 M}{\partial x^2} \quad (42)$$

If the slope  $(\partial v / \partial x)$  remains small, then the beam curvature is  $1/\tilde{\rho} = \partial^2 v / \partial x^2$ . From **Euler's beam theory**

$$M = \frac{EI}{\tilde{\rho}} = EI \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} \quad (43)$$

where  $I = \iint \rho y^2 dA$  is the **beam second moment of area (m<sup>4</sup>)**

Substitute Eq. (43) into (42) to obtain the **equation for lateral motions of an elastic beam**:

$$(\rho A) \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial t^2} = f_{(x, t)} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \left( EI \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} \right) \quad (44)$$

The PDE is fourth-order in space and 2<sup>nd</sup> order in time. Appropriate boundary conditions are of two types:

### Essential BCs:

- specified displacement,  $v = v_*$

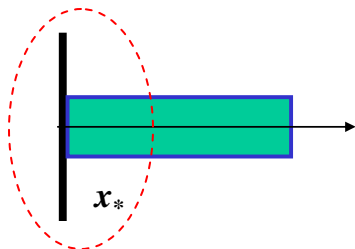
- specified slope,  $\left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}\right) = \theta_*$

### Natural BCs:

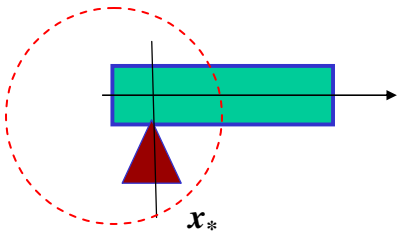
- specified moment,  $M = M_* = EI \left( \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} \right)_{x_*}$

- specified shear force,  $S = S_* = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( EI \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} \right)_{x_*}$

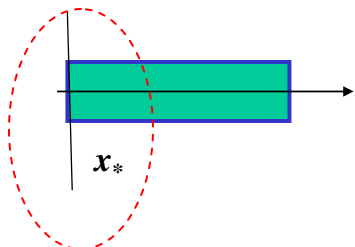
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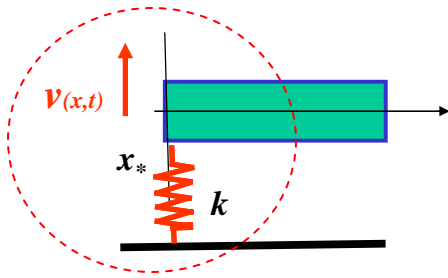
**Fixed end** (cantilever):  $v = 0 \ \& \ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = 0$



**Pinned end**  $v = 0 \ \& \ M = 0 \rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} = 0$



**Free end**  
 $M = 0 \ \& \ S = 0 \rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} = 0 \ \& \ \frac{\partial^3 v}{\partial x^3} = 0$



### Spring supported end

$$M = \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} = 0$$

$$-S = k v_* = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( E I \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} \right)_{x_*}$$

**Note:** PDE (44) and its BCs can be derived from the Hamiltonian principle using the definitions for kinetic ( $T$ ) and potential ( $V$ ) energies of an elastic beam

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L \rho A \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} \right)^2 dx; \quad V = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L E I \left( \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} \right)^2 dx$$

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## Free vibrations of elastic beam

Without external forces (point loads or distributed load,  $f=0$ ), PDE (44) reduces to

$$(\rho A) \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial t^2} = -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \left( E I \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} \right) \quad (46)$$

The solution of PDE (46) is of the form  $v_{(x,t)} = \phi_{(x)} v_{(t)}$  (47)

Let  $(\dot{\phantom{x}}) = d/dt$ ;  $(\prime) = d/dx$ . Substituting Eq. (47) into Eq (46) gives

$$\phi_{(x)} \ddot{v}_{(t)} = \frac{E I}{\rho A} v \frac{d^4 \phi_{(x)}}{d x^4} \Rightarrow \frac{\ddot{v}_{(t)}}{v} = \frac{E I}{\rho A} \frac{1}{\phi_{(x)}} \frac{d^4 \phi_{(x)}}{d x^4} = -\omega^2$$

Above, the *LHS* is only a function of time, while the *RHS* is only a function of spatial coordinate  $x$ . This is possible only if both sides

are equal to a constant, i.e.  $(-\omega^2)$ . Hence, the separation of variables gives two ordinary differential equations

$$\ddot{v}_{(t)} + \omega^2 v = 0 \quad \& \quad \frac{d^4 \phi}{dx^4} - \lambda^2 \phi = 0 \quad (48)$$

where

$$\lambda^2 = \omega^2 \left( \frac{\rho A}{EI} \right) \quad (49)$$

The solution of the ODEs is

$$v_{(t)} = C_t \cos(\omega t) + S_t \sin(\omega t) \quad (50)$$

$$\phi_{(x)} = C_1 \cos(\beta x) + C_2 \sin(\beta x) + C_3 \cosh(\beta x) + C_4 \sinh(\beta x) \quad (51)^1$$

where

$$\beta = \lambda^{1/2} = \omega^{1/2} \left( \frac{\rho A}{EI} \right)^{1/4} \quad (52)$$

has units of [1/length].

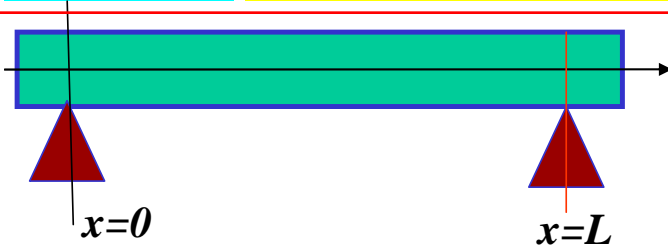
The coefficients ( $C$ ,  $S$ ) are determined from satisfying the boundary conditions for the specific beam configuration. Equation (51) is known as the **fundamental mode shape** for an elastic beam, i.e., it contains the information on natural frequencies and mode shapes.

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<sup>1</sup> The solution of ODE  $\phi^{iv} - \lambda^2 \phi = 0 = \phi^{iv} - \beta^4 \phi = 0$  is  $\phi = c e^{kx}$  with characteristic equation  $k^4 - \lambda^2 = 0$



## Example 1. Pin-pin ends beam



Recall  $\phi_{(x)} = C_1 \cos(\beta x) + C_2 \sin(\beta x) + C_3 \cosh(\beta x) + C_4 \sinh(\beta x)$

The BCs are:

for all time

At  $x=0$ ,  $v_{(0,t)} = 0 = \phi_{(0)} v_{(t)} \Rightarrow \phi_{(0)} = 0 \quad \forall t \quad (53.a)$

$\rightarrow \phi_{(0)} = C_1 + C_3$

$M = \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} = 0 = \phi_{(0)}'' v_{(t)} \Rightarrow \phi_{(0)}'' = 0$

$\rightarrow \phi_{(0)}'' = -C_1 + C_3$

Hence,  $C_1 = C_3 = 0$  and  $\phi_{(x)} = C_2 \sin(\beta x) + C_4 \sinh(\beta x)$

At  $x=L$ ,  $v_{(L,t)} = 0 = \phi_{(L)} v_{(t)} \Rightarrow \phi_{(L)} = 0 \quad \forall t$

$\rightarrow \phi_{(L)} = 0 = C_2 \sin(\beta L) + C_4 \sinh(\beta L)$

$M_{x=L} = \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} = 0 = \phi_{(L)}'' v_{(t)} \Rightarrow \phi_{(L)}'' = 0 \quad (53.b)$

$\rightarrow \phi_{(L)}'' = 0 = -C_2 \sin(\beta L) + C_4 \sinh(\beta L)$

from this two equations, since  $\sinh(\beta L) \neq 0$ , it follows that

$$\phi_{(x)} = C_2 \sin(\beta x) \quad (54)$$

where  $\sin(\beta L) = 0$  when  $\beta_i = \frac{i\pi}{L}, \quad i=1,2,\dots,\infty \quad (55)$

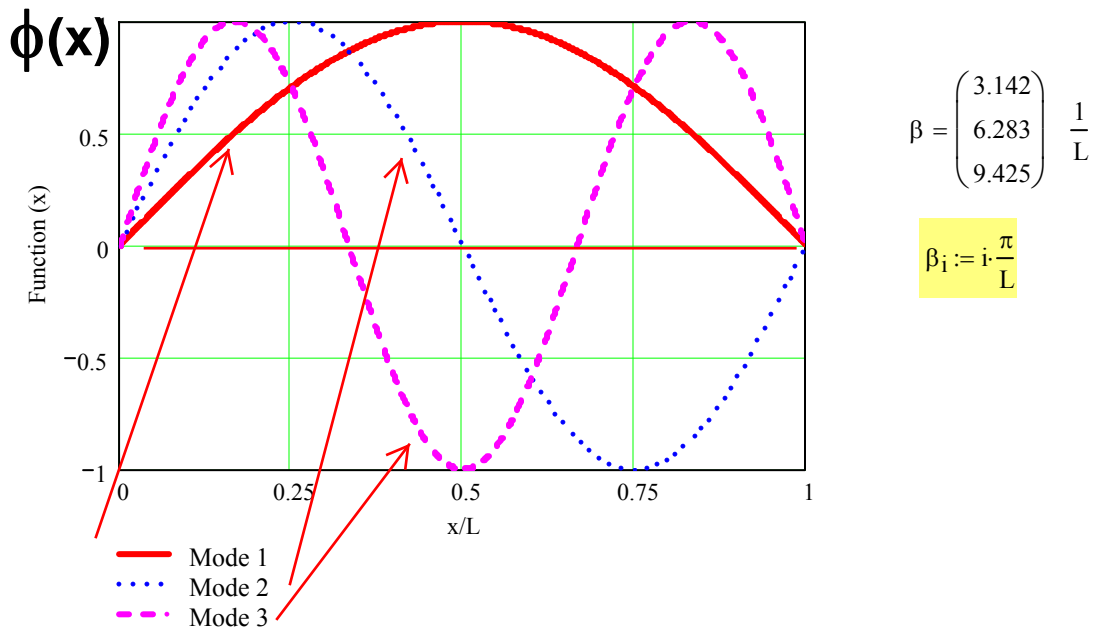
and hence, the **natural frequencies of the pin-pin beam** are

$$\omega_i = \beta_i^2 \left( \frac{EI}{\rho A} \right)^{1/2} = \frac{i^2 \pi^2}{L^2} \left( \frac{EI}{\rho A} \right)^{1/2} ; i=1,2,\dots\infty \quad (56)$$

Associated to each natural frequency, there is a **natural mode shape**

$$\phi_i = \sin(\beta_i x) = \sin\left(\frac{i \pi x}{L}\right) ; i=1,2,\dots \quad (57)$$

as shown in the graph below.



**Fig. Natural mode shapes  $\phi(x)$  for elastic beam with both ends pinned.**

The displacement function response  $v_{(x,t)} = \phi_{(x)} V_{(t)}$  equals to the superposition of all the found responses, i.e.

$$v_{(x,t)} = \sum_k \phi(x)_k v(t)_k = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \phi_{(x)_k} [C_k \cos(\omega_k t) + S_k \sin(\omega_k t)]$$

$$v_{(x,t)} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sin(\beta_k x) [C_k \cos(\omega_k t) + S_k \sin(\omega_k t)] \quad (58)$$

and velocity:

$$\dot{v}_{(x,t)} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sin(\beta_k x) \omega_k [-C_k \sin(\omega_k t) + S_k \cos(\omega_k t)] \quad (59)$$

The set of coefficients ( $C_k$ ,  $S_k$ ) are determined by satisfying the initial conditions. That is at time  $t=0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} v_{(x,0)} = V_{(x)} &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sin(\beta_k x) C_k \\ \dot{v}_{(x,0)} = \dot{V}_{(x)} &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \omega_k \sin(\beta_k x) S_k \end{aligned} \quad (60)$$

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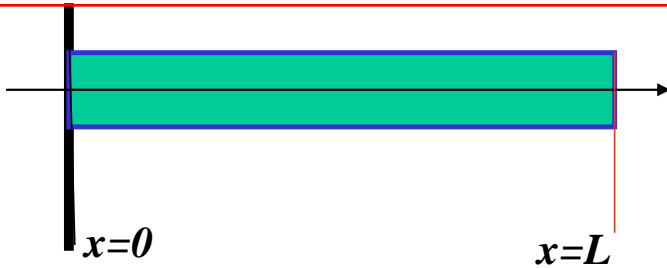
$$\phi_{(x)} = C_1 \cos(\beta x) + C_2 \sin(\beta x) + C_3 \cosh(\beta x) + C_4 \sinh(\beta x)$$

$$\phi' / \beta = -C_1 \sin(\beta x) + C_2 \cos(\beta x) + C_3 \sinh(\beta x) + C_4 \cosh(\beta x)$$

$$\phi'' / \beta^2 = -C_1 \cos(\beta x) - C_2 \sin(\beta x) + C_3 \cosh(\beta x) + C_4 \sinh(\beta x)$$

$$\phi''' / \beta^3 = C_1 \sin(\beta x) - C_2 \cos(\beta x) + C_3 \sinh(\beta x) + C_4 \cosh(\beta x)$$

## Example 2. Fixed end-free end beam



Recall  $\phi_{(x)} = C_1 \cos(\beta x) + C_2 \sin(\beta x) + C_3 \cosh(\beta x) + C_4 \sinh(\beta x)$

The BCs. are

At  $x=0$ ,  $v_{(0,t)} = 0 = \phi_{(0)} v_{(t)} \Rightarrow \phi_{(0)} = 0 \quad \forall t$  (61.a)

$\rightarrow \phi_{(0)} = C_1 + C_3$

$\theta = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = 0 = \phi'_{(0)} v_{(t)} \Rightarrow \phi'_{(0)} = 0$  (61.b)

$\rightarrow \phi'_{(0)} = C_2 + C_4$

At  $x=L$

$M_{x=L} = \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} = 0 = \phi''_{(L)} v_{(t)} \Rightarrow \phi''_{(L)} = 0$  (61.c)

$\rightarrow \phi''_{(L)} = 0 = -C_1 \cos(\beta L) - C_2 \sin(\beta L) + C_3 \cosh(\beta L) + C_4 \sinh(\beta L)$

$S_{x=L} = \frac{\partial^3 v}{\partial x^3} = 0 = \phi'''_{(L)} v_{(t)} \Rightarrow \phi'''_{(L)} = 0$  (61.d)

$\rightarrow \phi'''_{(L)} = 0 = C_1 \sin(\beta L) - C_2 \cos(\beta L) + C_3 \sinh(\beta L) + C_4 \cosh(\beta L)$

Solution of Eqs. (a)-(d) gives

$$\phi_{(x)} = \cosh(\beta_i x) - \cos(\beta_i x) - \alpha_i [\sinh(\beta_i x) - \sin(\beta_i x)] \quad : \quad (62)$$

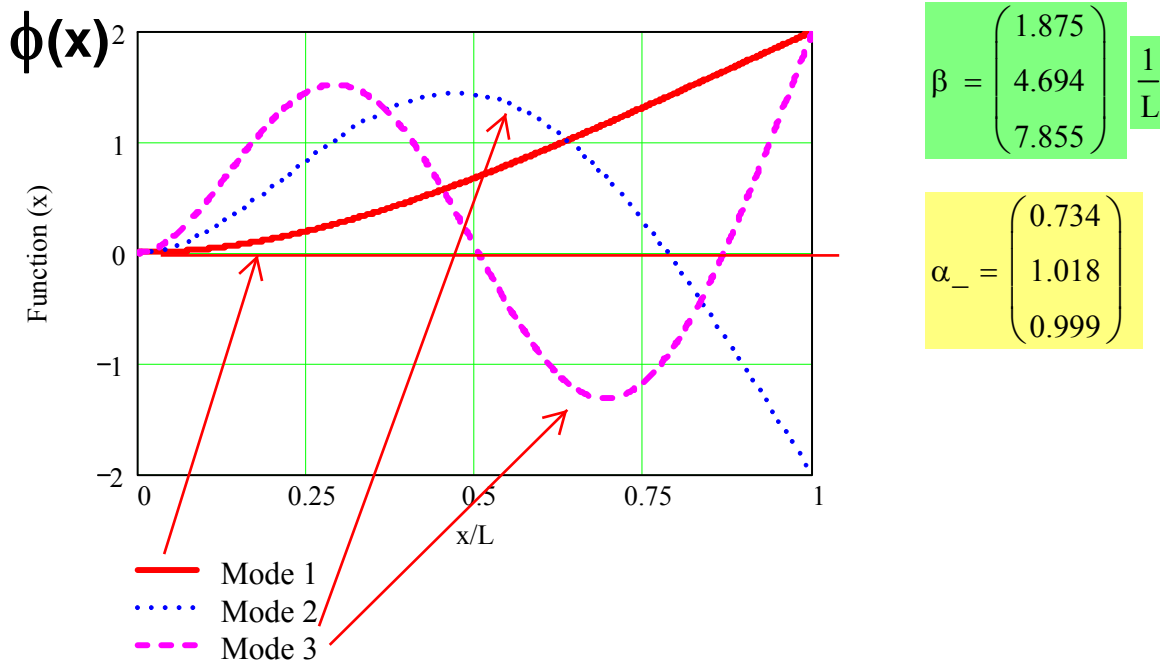
where

$$\alpha_i = \frac{\cosh(\beta_i L) + \cos(\beta_i L)}{\sinh(\beta_i L) + \sin(\beta_i L)} \quad (63)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_1 L = 1.875104 &\rightarrow \alpha_1 = 0.734096 \\ \beta_2 L = 4.694041 &\rightarrow \alpha_2 = 1.018466 \\ \beta_3 L = 7.854757 &\rightarrow \alpha_3 = 0.999225 \\ &etc \end{aligned} \quad (64)$$

$$\phi(\beta, x) := \cosh(\beta \cdot x) - \cos(\beta \cdot x) - \alpha(\beta) \cdot (\sinh(\beta \cdot x) - \sin(\beta \cdot x))$$



**Fig. Natural mode shapes  $\phi(x)$  for cantilever beam (fixed end-free end)**

## Properties of the natural modes

Recall that the pair  $\{\lambda_k, \phi_{(x)_k}\}_{k=1, \dots, \infty}$  satisfy the ODE

$$\phi_k^{iv} - \lambda_k^2 \phi_k = 0 \quad k=1, 2, \dots, \infty \quad (65)$$

where

$$\beta_k^4 = \lambda_k^2 = \omega_k^2 \left( \frac{\rho A}{EI} \right)$$

As in the case of axial vibrations of a bar, it is easy<sup>2</sup> to show that the natural modes  $\{\phi_k\}_{k=1, 2, \dots}$  of a flexing beam satisfy the following

**ORTHOGONAL** properties:

$$\int_0^L (E A \phi_i'' \phi_j'') dx = \begin{cases} K_i & \text{for } i = j \\ 0 & \text{for } i \neq j \end{cases} \quad (66a)$$

$$\int_0^L (\rho A \phi_i \phi_j) dx = \begin{cases} M_i & \text{for } i = j \\ 0 & \text{for } i \neq j \end{cases} \quad (66b)$$

For  $i=j$ , the  $i_{\text{th}}$  natural frequency follows from

$$\omega_i^2 = \frac{K_i}{M_i} = \frac{\int_0^L (E A (\phi_i'')^2) dx}{\int_0^L (\rho A \phi_i^2) dx} \quad (67)$$

Where  $K_i, M_i$  are the  $i_{\text{th}}$  mode *equivalent* stiffness and mass coefficients.

<sup>2</sup> Demonstration with integration by parts (twice).

Note that  $\{\phi_k\}_{k=1,2,\dots}$  is a **COMPLETE SET** of orthogonal functions

Now, consider the **initial conditions** for

$$v_{(x,t)} = \sum_k \phi_{(x)_k} v(t)_k = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \phi_{(x)_k} [C_k \cos(\omega_k t) + S_k \sin(\omega_k t)]$$

$$v_{(x,0)} = V_{(x)} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \phi_k C_k; \quad \dot{v}_{(x,0)} = \dot{V}_{(x)} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \phi_k \omega_k S_k \quad (68)$$

Using the orthogonality properties, the coefficients ( $C_m, S_m$ ) follow from

$$C_m = \frac{\int_0^L (\rho A \phi_m V_{(x)}) dx}{M_m}, \quad m=1,2,\dots,\infty \quad (69a)$$

And similarly

$$S_m = \frac{\int_0^L (\rho A \phi_m \dot{V}_{(x)}) dx}{\omega_m M_m}, \quad m=1,2,\dots,\infty \quad (69b)$$

This concludes the procedure to obtain the full solution for the lateral vibrations of a beam, i.e.

$$v_{(x,t)} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \phi_{(x)_k} [C_k \cos(\omega_k t) + S_k \sin(\omega_k t)] \quad (70)$$

## Forced lateral vibrations of a beam

Consider a beam subjected to an arbitrary forcing function  $f_{(x,t)}$ .  
The PDE describing the lateral motions of the beam is

$$(\rho A) \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial t^2} = f_{(x,t)} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \left( EI \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} \right) \quad (44)$$

Let  $\{\phi_k\}_{k=1,2,\dots}$  be the set of natural modes satisfying the boundary conditions of the beam configuration (pin-pin, fixed-free ends, etc).  
A solution to Eq. (44) is of the form

$$v_{(x,t)} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \phi_{(x)_k} q_{(t)_k} \quad (71)$$

Since the set  $\{\phi_k\}_{k=1,2,\dots}$  is complete, then any arbitrary function  $f_{(x,t)}$  can be written as

$$f_{(x,t)} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \phi_{(x)_k} Q_{(t)_k} \quad (72)$$

where

$$Q_m = \frac{\int_0^L (\rho A \phi_m f_{(x,t)}) dx}{M_m}, \quad m=1,2,\dots,\infty \quad (73)$$

Substitution of Eqs. (71, 72) into Eq. (44)  $(\rho A) \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial t^2} = f_{(x,t)} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \left( EI \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} \right)$

gives



$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[ \rho A \phi_k \ddot{q}_k - \phi_k Q_k + EI \phi_k^{iv} q_k \right] = 0 \quad (74)$$

but recall that each of the normal modes satisfies  $\phi_k^{iv} - \lambda_k^2 \phi_k = 0$ ; and hence, Eq. (74) can be written as

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[ \rho A \ddot{q}_k - Q_k + EI \lambda_k^2 q_k \right] \phi_k = 0$$

and, since the natural modes are linearly independent, then it follows that

$$\rho A \ddot{q}_k - Q_k + EI \lambda_k^2 q_k = 0 \quad k=1,2,\dots,\infty \quad (75)$$

Lastly, recall that  $\lambda_k^2 = \omega^2 \left( \frac{\rho A}{EI} \right)$ ; then  $\lambda_k^2 EI = \omega^2 \rho A$ , and

write (75) as

$$\ddot{q}_k + \omega_k^2 q_k = \frac{Q_k}{\rho A} \quad ; \quad k=1,2,\dots,\infty \quad (76)$$

Which can be easily solved for all type of excitations  $Q_{(t)k}$

[ See solution of undamped SDOF EOMS – Lectures #2 ]

### Example 3. Free-free ends beam



Recall  $\phi_{(x)} = C_1 \cos(\beta x) + C_2 \sin(\beta x) + C_3 \cosh(\beta x) + C_4 \sinh(\beta x)$

The BCs are:

At  $x=0$   $M = \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} = 0 = \phi''_{(0)} v_{(t)} \Rightarrow \phi''_{(0)} = 0$

$\rightarrow \phi''_{(0)} = -C_1 + C_3$  (a)

$S_{x=0} = \frac{\partial^3 v}{\partial x^3} = 0 = \phi'''_{(0)} v_{(t)} \Rightarrow \phi'''_{(0)} = 0$

$\rightarrow \phi'''_{(0)} = -C_2 + C_4$  (b)

At  $x=L$

$M_{x=L} = \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} = 0 = \phi''_{(L)} v_{(t)} \Rightarrow \phi''_{(L)} = 0$  (61.c)

$\rightarrow \phi''_{(L)} = 0 = -C_1 \cos(\beta L) - C_2 \sin(\beta L) + C_3 \cosh(\beta L) + C_4 \sinh(\beta L)$  (c)

$S_{x=L} = \frac{\partial^3 v}{\partial x^3} = 0 = \phi'''_{(L)} v_{(t)} \Rightarrow \phi'''_{(L)} = 0$

$\rightarrow \phi'''_{(L)} = 0 = C_1 \sin(\beta L) - C_2 \cos(\beta L) + C_3 \sinh(\beta L) + C_4 \cosh(\beta L)$  (d)

Solution of Eqs. (a)-(d) gives

$\phi_{(x)} = \cosh(\beta_i x) + \cos(\beta_i x) - \alpha_i [\sinh(\beta_i x) + \sin(\beta_i x)]$

correction

where

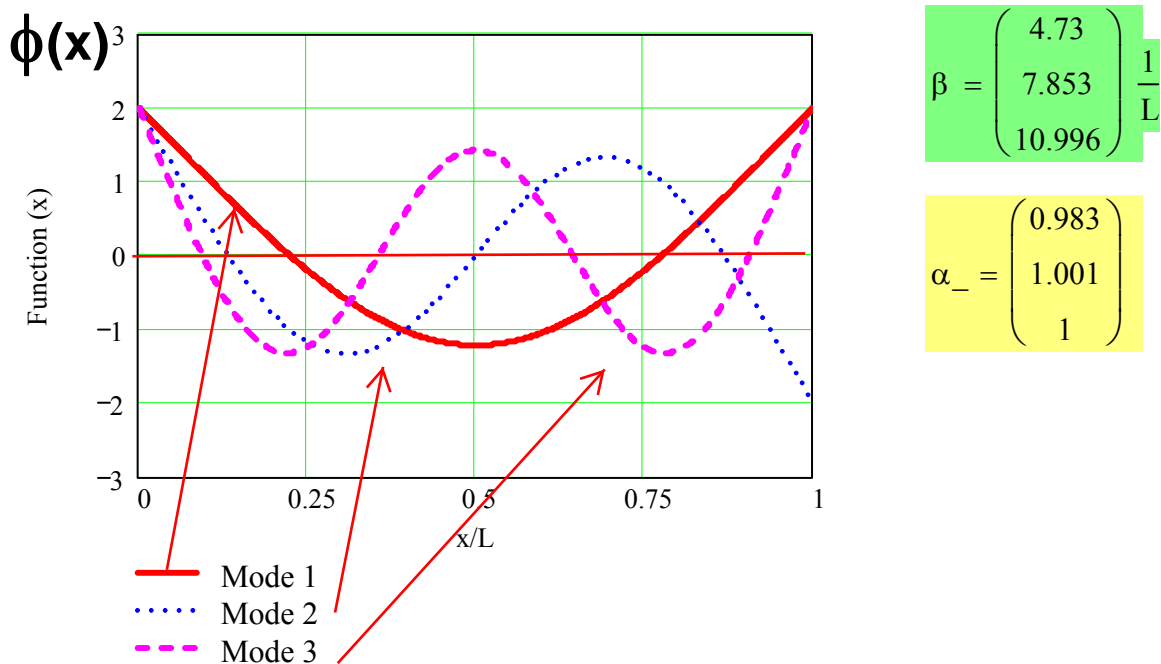
$\alpha_i = \frac{\cosh(\beta_i L) - \cos(\beta_i L)}{\sinh(\beta_i L) - \sin(\beta_i L)}$  (63)

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \beta_1 L = 4.730041 &\rightarrow \alpha_1 = 0.982502 \\
 \beta_2 L = 7.853205 &\rightarrow \alpha_2 = 1.000777 \\
 \beta_3 L = 10.99560 &\rightarrow \alpha_3 = 0.999966 \\
 &etc
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{64}$$

**Note that the lowest natural frequency is actually zero, i.e. a rigid body mode.  $\beta_0=0$  &  $\phi_0 = 1$**

$$\phi(\beta, x) := \cosh(\beta \cdot x) + \cos(\beta \cdot x) - \alpha(\beta) \cdot (\sinh(\beta \cdot x) + \sin(\beta \cdot x))$$



**Fig. Elastic natural mode shapes  $\phi(x)$  for beam with free-free ends**

### Characteristic (mode shape) equation for beams:

$$\phi_{(x)} = C_1 \cos(\beta x) + C_2 \sin(\beta x) + C_3 \cosh(\beta x) + C_4 \sinh(\beta x)$$

$$\phi' / \beta = -C_1 \sin(\beta x) + C_2 \cos(\beta x) + C_3 \sinh(\beta x) + C_4 \cosh(\beta x)$$

$$\phi'' / \beta^2 = -C_1 \cos(\beta x) - C_2 \sin(\beta x) + C_3 \cosh(\beta x) + C_4 \sinh(\beta x)$$

$$\phi''' / \beta^3 = C_1 \sin(\beta x) - C_2 \cos(\beta x) + C_3 \sinh(\beta x) + C_4 \cosh(\beta x)$$



Students:

The following pages contain five worked examples for prediction of the vibration response of bars, rods, strings, and beams.

# Axial vibrations of elastic bar

The figure shows an elastic bar of length  $L$  and cross-sectional area  $A$ , and with density and elastic modulus equal to  $\rho$  and  $E$ , respectively. The bar is rigidly attached to a wall at its left end. At its right end, a rigid block or lumped mass  $M$  is firmly attached. Note that  $M/M_{bar} = \epsilon = 0.5$ .

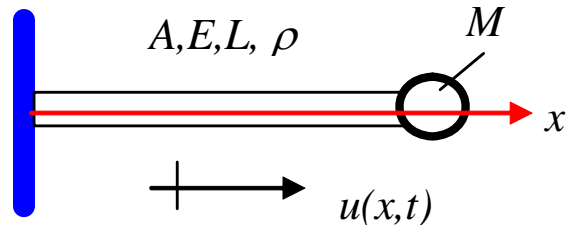
The field equation for axial motions  $u(x,t)$  of the bar is  $\rho A \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = EA \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$

- a) Determine the first three natural frequencies and characteristic modes (graph the modes) of the bar as a function of  $(\rho, E, L)$ .
- b) Using your experience, estimate the first natural frequency of the bar and block. Explain your assumptions. How good is the estimate when compared to the ones derived in (a)?

## Solution Procedure

using separation of variables,

$$u(x,t) = \phi(x) \cdot v(t) \quad (1)$$



leads to the following two ODEs:

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \phi + \lambda^2 \cdot \phi = 0 \quad (2a)$$

and

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} v + \Omega^2 \cdot v = 0 \quad (2b)$$

where  $\lambda = \Omega \cdot \left(\frac{\rho}{E}\right)^{.5}$

The solution to the ODEs is simple, i.e.:

$$v(t) = A_t \cdot \cos(\Omega \cdot t) + B_t \cdot \sin(\Omega \cdot t) \quad (3)$$

$$\phi(x) = A_x \cdot \cos(\lambda \cdot x) + B_x \cdot \sin(\lambda \cdot x)$$

Satisfy the boundary conditions. At  $x=0$ ,  $u(0,t)=0$  (**fixed end**). Thus

$$\phi(0) = A_x \cdot \cos(\lambda \cdot 0) + B_x \cdot \sin(\lambda \cdot 0)$$

$$\phi(0) = A_x \cdot 1 + B_x \cdot 0$$

Then:  $A_x = 0$

and

$$\phi(x) = \sin(\lambda \cdot x) \quad (4)$$

At the right end,  $x=L$ , the appropriate boundary condition is: axial force = M accel

$$-E \cdot A \cdot \frac{d}{dx} u = M \cdot \frac{d^2}{dt^2} u \quad (5a)$$

or:  $-E \cdot A \cdot v \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \phi = M \cdot \phi \cdot \frac{d^2}{dt^2} v$  . Noting that  $\frac{d^2}{dt^2} v = -\Omega^2 \cdot v$  from (2a)

then, at  $x=L$

$$-E \cdot A \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \phi = -M \cdot \Omega^2 \cdot \phi(L) \quad (5b)$$

recall  $\lambda^2 = \Omega^2 \cdot \left(\frac{\rho}{E}\right)$  --->  $E \cdot A \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \phi = M \cdot \lambda^2 \cdot \frac{E}{\rho} \cdot \phi(L)$  (5b)

Replacing (4)  $\phi(x) = \sin(\lambda \cdot x)$  &  $\frac{d}{dx} \phi = \lambda \cdot \cos(\lambda \cdot x)$  into (5b) gives

$$\frac{\rho \cdot A \cdot L}{M} \cdot \cos(\bar{\lambda}) - \bar{\lambda} \cdot \sin(\bar{\lambda}) = 0 \quad \text{where} \quad \bar{\lambda} = \lambda \cdot L$$

define

$$\varepsilon = \frac{M}{\rho \cdot A \cdot L}, \quad \text{and write the characteristic equation as: } \tan(\bar{\lambda}) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon \cdot \bar{\lambda}} \quad (6)$$

from experience or having worked other problems, using a calculator,

$$\varepsilon := 0.5$$

guess values  $y := \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$   $n := 3$   
# of roots

$$f(y) := \tan(y) - \frac{1}{y \cdot \varepsilon}$$

$\lambda_- := \text{root}(f(y), y) \rightarrow \lambda_- = \begin{pmatrix} 1.077 \\ 3.643 \\ 6.578 \end{pmatrix}$  where  $\lambda_- = \lambda \cdot L$  &  $\Omega = \lambda \cdot \left(\frac{E}{\rho}\right)^{.5}$

And thus, the first three natural frequencies are

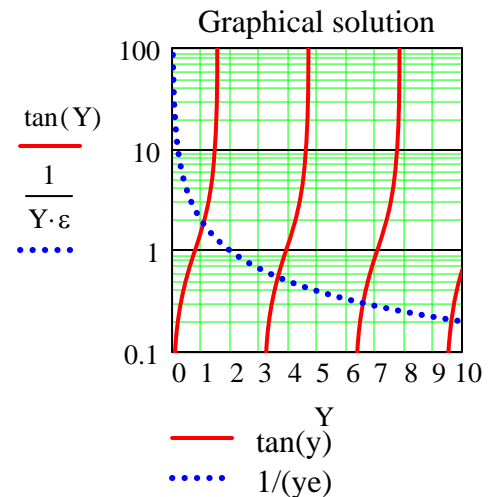
$$\Omega = \begin{pmatrix} 1.077 \\ 3.643 \\ 6.578 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \frac{1}{L} \cdot \left(\frac{E}{\rho}\right)^{.5}$$

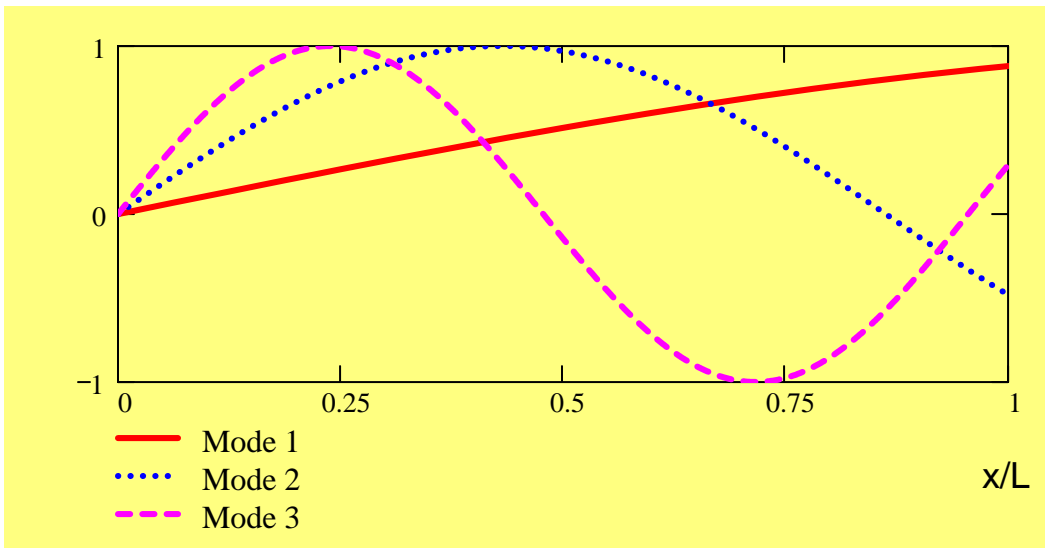
The shape functions are

$$\phi_1(z) := \sin(\lambda_{-1} \cdot z)$$

$$\phi_2(z) := \sin(\lambda_{-2} \cdot z) \quad \text{where} \quad z = \frac{x}{L}$$

$$\phi_3(z) := \sin(\lambda_{-3} \cdot z)$$





**(b) Approximate first natural frequency. Using mode shape**

$$\varphi(x) = \frac{x}{L}$$

recal lots of problems worked in class and homeworks, one can easily estimate the equivalent stiffness and mass as

$$K_{eq} = \frac{A \cdot E}{L} \quad M_{eq} = \left( \frac{\rho \cdot A \cdot L}{3} + M \right) = \rho \cdot A \cdot L \cdot \left( \frac{1}{3} + \varepsilon \right)$$

and the estimation for natural frequency is

$$\omega_{1approx} = \left( \frac{K_{eq}}{M_{eq}} \right)^{.5} = \frac{1}{L} \cdot \left( \frac{E}{\rho} \right)^{.5} \cdot \left( \frac{3}{1 + \varepsilon \cdot 3} \right)^{.5}$$

$$\left( \frac{3}{1 + \varepsilon \cdot 3} \right)^{.5} = 1.095$$

$$\omega_{1approx} = 1.095 \cdot \left[ \frac{1}{L} \cdot \left( \frac{E}{\rho} \right)^{.5} \right]$$

which is just 2.5% higher than the exact value

$$y_1 = 1 \quad \left[ \frac{1}{L} \cdot \left( \frac{E}{\rho} \right)^{.5} \right]$$

## (c) Free vibrations response:

Consider the following initial conditions,

at  $t=0$

$$u(x, 0) = a \cdot \frac{x}{L}$$

$a := 0.01$

**Uniform axial stretching**

$$\frac{d}{dt}u = 0$$

no velocity = rest condition

The response for axial motions of the bar is

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{i=1}^n \phi_i \cdot (A_i \cdot \cos(\Omega_i \cdot t) + B_i \cdot \sin(\Omega_i \cdot t))$$

Since the initial velocity = 0 everywhere, then it follows that  $B_i = 0$

and

$$u(x, 0) = a \cdot \frac{x}{L} = \sum_{i=1}^n \phi_i \cdot (A_i)$$

multiplying this equation by  $\phi_j$  and integrating over the domain gives

$$A_i = \frac{\int_0^L \left( a \cdot \frac{x}{L} \right) \cdot \phi_i \, dx}{\int_0^L \phi_i^2 \, dx}$$

"Used orthogonality property of shape functions"

Define

$$z = \frac{x}{L}$$

$$\phi_i(z) := \sin(\lambda_{-i} \cdot z)$$

recall:

$$\lambda_{-} = \lambda \cdot L$$

$i := 1..n$

$$A_i := \frac{\left( \int_0^1 z \cdot \sin(\lambda_{-i} \cdot z) \, dz \right) \cdot a}{\int_0^1 \sin(\lambda_{-i} \cdot z)^2 \, dz}$$

$$\lambda_{-} = \begin{pmatrix} 1.077 \\ 3.643 \\ 6.578 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0.01 \\ 4.625 \times 10^{-3} \\ -2.897 \times 10^{-3} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$u(x, t) := \sum_{i=1}^n \sin\left(\lambda_{-i} \cdot \frac{x}{L}\right) \cdot (A_i \cdot \cos(\Omega_i \cdot t))$$



## Calculate time response at various spatial points in bar:

PHYSICAL Parameters:  $E := 20 \cdot 10^9 \cdot \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2}$     $\rho := 7800 \cdot \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$     $L := 1 \cdot \text{m}$     $d := 0.1 \cdot \text{m}$     $\varepsilon = 0.5$

$$\Omega := \lambda_{-} \cdot \frac{1}{L} \cdot \left( \frac{E}{\rho} \right)^{.5}$$

$$f_n := \frac{\Omega}{2 \cdot \pi}$$

$$f_n = \begin{pmatrix} 274.443 \\ 928.439 \\ 1.676 \times 10^3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ Hz}$$

natural frequencies

$$T_n := \frac{1}{f_n}$$

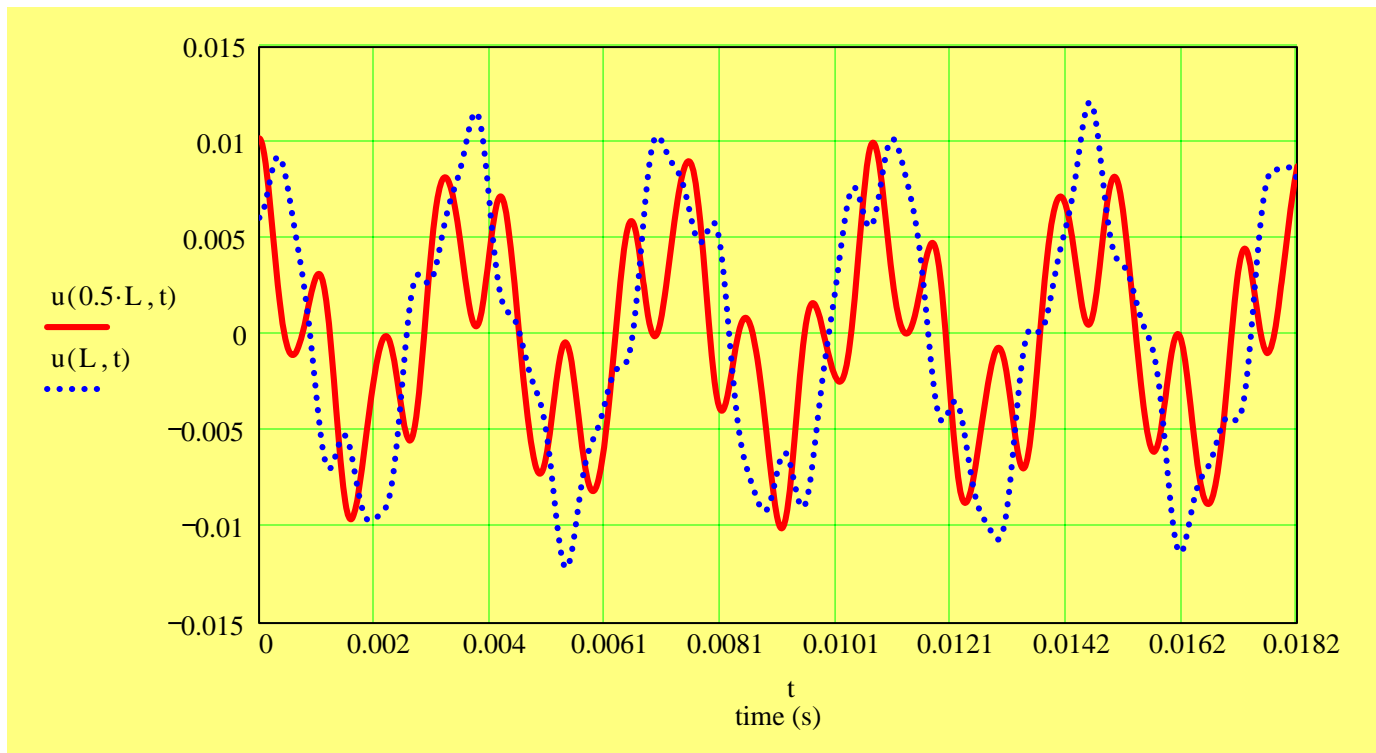
$$T_n^T = \left( 3.644 \times 10^{-3} \quad 1.077 \times 10^{-3} \quad 5.965 \times 10^{-4} \right) \text{ s}$$

natural periods

$$u(x, t) := \sum_{i=1}^n \sin\left(\lambda_{-i} \cdot \frac{x}{L}\right) \cdot (A_i \cdot \cos(\Omega_i \cdot t))$$

Response at bar: midpoint & end

$$T_{\max} := 5 \cdot T_{n_1}$$



# Axial vibrations of elastic bar (2)

The figure shows an elastic bar of length  $L$  and cross-sectional area  $A$ , and with density and elastic modulus equal to  $\rho$  and  $E$ , respectively. The bar is rigidly attached to a wall at its left end. At its right end, a massless spring  $K_s$  connects the bar to another fixed wall.  $K_s L / (EA) = \mathcal{E} = 0.25$ .

The field equation for axial motions  $u(x,t)$  of the bar is  $\rho A \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = EA \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$

- a) Determine the first TWO natural frequencies and characteristic modes (graph the modes) of the bar as a function of  $(\rho, E, L, \text{ and } \mathcal{E})$ . [20]
- b) Using your experience, estimate the first natural frequency of the bar and block. Explain your assumptions. How good is the estimate when compared to the ones derived in (a)? [5]

ORIGIN := 1

**PHYSICAL Parameters:**

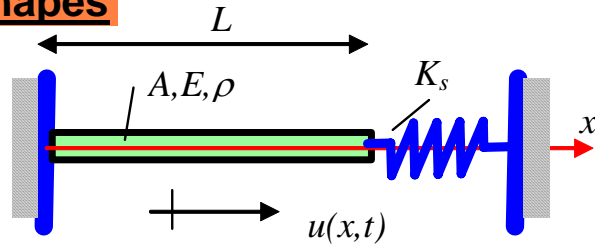
$$E := 20 \cdot 10^9 \cdot \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} \quad \rho := 7800 \cdot \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \quad L := 1 \cdot \text{m} \quad d := 0.1 \cdot \text{m}$$

$$A := \frac{\pi \cdot d^2}{4} \quad \frac{A \cdot E}{L} = 1.571 \times 10^8 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}}$$

## (a) natural frequencies & mode shapes

using separation of variables,

$$u(x,t) = \phi(x) \cdot v(t) \quad (1)$$



leads to the following two ODEs:

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \phi + \lambda^2 \cdot \phi = 0 \quad (2a)$$

and

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} v + \Omega^2 \cdot v = 0 \quad (2b)$$

where  $\lambda = \Omega \cdot \left( \frac{\rho}{E} \right)^{.5}$

The solution to the ODEs is simple, i.e.:

$$v(t) = A_t \cdot \cos(\Omega \cdot t) + B_t \cdot \sin(\Omega \cdot t) \quad (3)$$

$$\phi(x) = A_x \cdot \cos(\lambda \cdot x) + B_x \cdot \sin(\lambda \cdot x)$$

Satisfy the boundary conditions. At  $x=0$ ,  $u(0,t)=0$  (**fixed end**). Thus

$$\phi(0) = A_x \cdot \cos(\lambda \cdot 0) + B_x \cdot \sin(\lambda \cdot 0)$$

$$\phi(0) = A_x \cdot 1 + B_x \cdot 0 \quad \text{Then: } A_x = 0$$

and

$$\phi(x) = \sin(\lambda \cdot x) \quad (4)$$

At the right end,  $x=L$ , the appropriate boundary condition is: **bar axial force =  $K_S u$  = spring force**

at  $x=L$

$$-E \cdot A \cdot \frac{d}{dx} u = k_S \cdot u \quad (5a)$$

or:  $-E \cdot A \cdot v \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \phi = k_S \cdot \phi \cdot v$

$$-E \cdot A \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \phi = k_S \cdot \phi(L) \quad (5b) \quad \text{from (2a)}$$

Replacing (4)  $\phi(x) = \sin(\lambda \cdot x)$  &  $\frac{d}{dx} \phi = \lambda \cdot \cos(\lambda \cdot x)$  into (5b) gives

define  $\frac{E \cdot A}{k_S \cdot L} \cdot \bar{\lambda} \cdot \cos(\bar{\lambda}) + \sin(\bar{\lambda}) = 0$  where  $\bar{\lambda} = \lambda \cdot L$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{k_S}{\frac{E \cdot A}{L}}$$

, and write the **characteristic equation** as:  $\tan(\bar{\lambda}) + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \cdot \bar{\lambda} = 0$  (6)

$$\varepsilon := .25$$

guess values from graphical soln

$$y := (1.71 \quad 4.76 \quad 7.88 \quad 11)^T$$

$$n := 4$$

# of roots

$$f(y) := \tan(y) + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \cdot y$$

$$\lambda_- := \text{root}(f(y), y)$$

$$\lambda_- = \begin{pmatrix} 1.716 \\ 4.765 \\ 7.886 \\ 11.018 \end{pmatrix}$$

where

$$\lambda_- = \lambda \cdot L \quad \&$$

$$\Omega = \lambda \cdot \left(\frac{E}{\rho}\right)^{.5}$$

And thus, the **first four natural frequencies** are

$$\Omega := \lambda_- \cdot \frac{1}{L} \cdot \left(\frac{E}{\rho}\right)^{.5}$$

$$\Omega^T = \left( 2.747 \times 10^3 \quad 7.63 \times 10^3 \quad 1.263 \times 10^4 \quad 1.764 \times 10^4 \right) \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}}$$

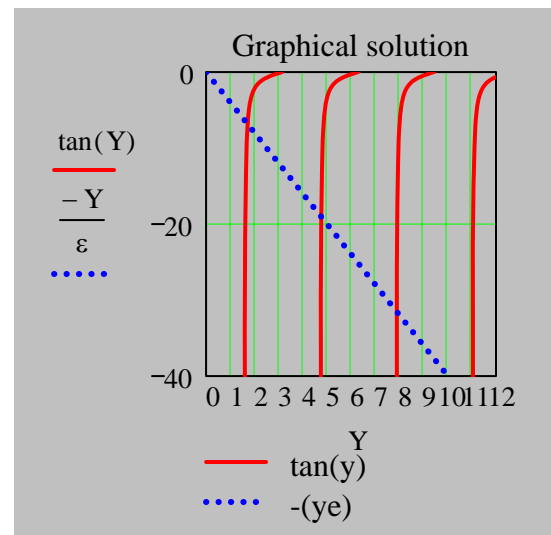
The shape functions are

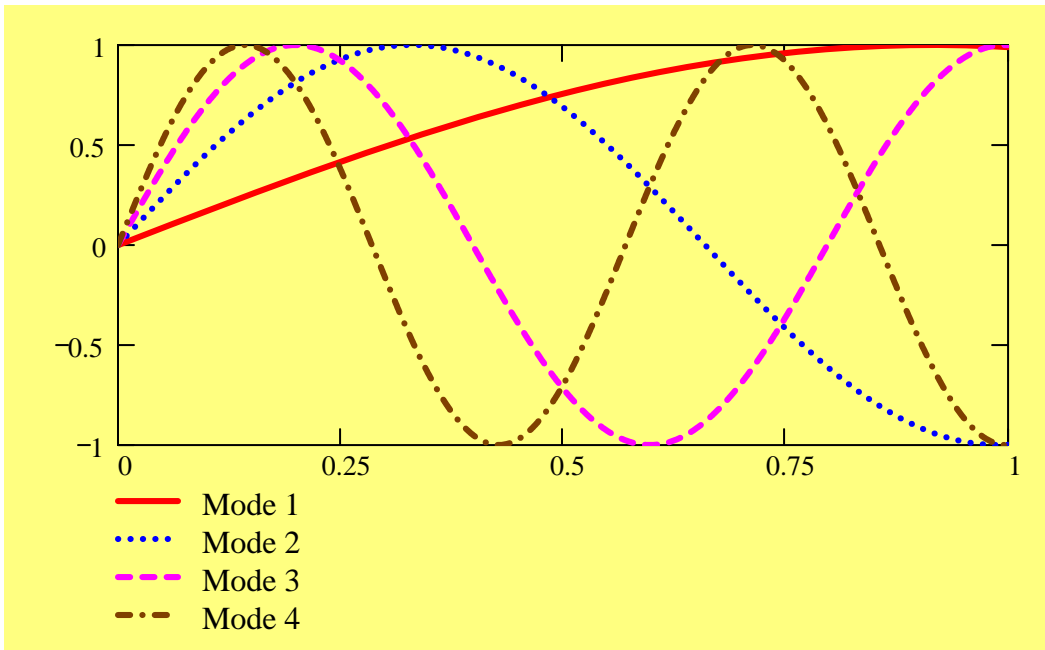
$$\phi_1(z) := \sin(\lambda_{-1} \cdot z)$$

$$\phi_2(z) := \sin(\lambda_{-2} \cdot z) \quad \text{where} \quad z = \frac{x}{L}$$

$$\phi_3(z) := \sin(\lambda_{-3} \cdot z)$$

$$\phi_4(z) := \sin(\lambda_{-4} \cdot z)$$





**(b) Approximate first natural frequency.** Using mode shape

$$\varphi(x) := \frac{x}{L}$$

easily estimate the equivalent stiffness and mass as

$$K_{eq} := \int_0^L E \cdot A \cdot \left( \frac{d}{dx} \varphi(x) \right)^2 dx + k_S \cdot (\varphi(L))^2$$

$$M_{eq} := \left[ \int_0^L \rho \cdot A \cdot (\varphi(x))^2 dx \right]$$

$$K_{eq} = \frac{A \cdot E}{L} + k_S$$

$$M_{eq} = \left( \frac{\rho \cdot A \cdot L}{3} \right)$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{k_S}{\frac{E \cdot A}{L}}$$

$$K_{eq} = \frac{A \cdot E}{L} \cdot (1 + \varepsilon)$$

$$\varepsilon = 0.25$$

and the estimation for the **fundamental natural frequency** is

$$\omega_{1approx} = \left( \frac{K_{eq}}{M_{eq}} \right)^{.5} = \frac{1}{L} \cdot \left( \frac{E}{\rho} \right)^{.5} \cdot \left( \frac{1 + \varepsilon}{\frac{1}{3}} \right)^{.5}$$

$$a := \left( \frac{1 + \varepsilon}{\frac{1}{3}} \right)^{.5}$$

$$a = 1.936$$

which is just 13% higher than the exact value

$$\frac{a}{\lambda_{-1}} = 1.129$$

$$\lambda_{-1} = 1.716 \left[ \frac{1}{L} \cdot \left( \frac{E}{\rho} \right)^{.5} \right]$$

# (c) Free vibrations response:

Consider the following initial conditions, at  $t=0$

$u(x, 0) = 0$  **no axial stretching**

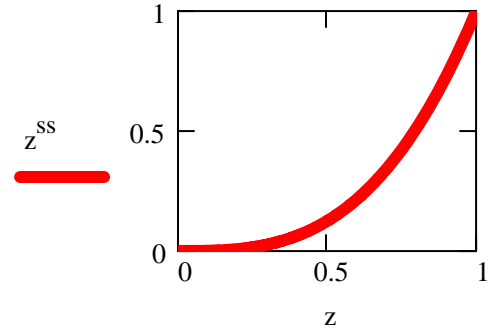
$v_0 := 1 \cdot \frac{m}{s}$

$\frac{d}{dt}u = v_0 \cdot \left(\frac{x}{L}\right)^{ss}$  **velocity**

$ss := 3$

The response for axial motions of the bar is

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \phi_i \cdot (A_i \cdot \cos(\Omega_i \cdot t) + B_i \cdot \sin(\Omega_i \cdot t))$$



Since the initial displacement = 0 everywhere, then it follows

$A_i = 0$

and  $\frac{d}{dt}u(x, 0) = v_0 \cdot \left(\frac{x}{L}\right)^s = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \phi_i \cdot (B_i \cdot \Omega_i)$

multiplying this equation by  $\phi_j$  and integrating over the domain gives

$$B_i \cdot \Omega_i = \frac{\int_0^L \left[ v_0 \cdot \left(\frac{x}{L}\right)^{ss} \right] \cdot \phi_i \, dx}{\int_0^L \phi_i^2 \, dx}$$

"Used orthogonality property of shape functions"

**Define**

$z = \frac{x}{L}$

$\phi_i(z) := \sin(\lambda_{-i} \cdot z)$

recall:

$$\lambda_{-} = \lambda \cdot L$$

$$\lambda_{-} = \begin{pmatrix} 1.716 \\ 4.765 \\ 7.886 \\ 11.018 \end{pmatrix}$$

$i := 1..n$

$$B_i := \frac{v_0 \cdot \left( \int_0^1 z^{ss} \cdot \sin(\lambda_{-i} \cdot z) \, dz \right)}{\int_0^1 \sin(\lambda_{-i} \cdot z)^2 \, dz}$$

$B^T = \left( 1.586 \times 10^{-4} \quad -3.33 \times 10^{-5} \quad 7.935 \times 10^{-6} \quad -2.97 \times 10^{-6} \right) m$

$$u(x, t) := \sum_{i=1}^n \sin\left(\lambda_{-i} \cdot \frac{x}{L}\right) \cdot [B_i \cdot (\sin(\Omega_i \cdot t))]$$

## Calculate time response at various spatial points in bar:

natural frequencies:

$$f_n := \frac{\Omega}{2 \cdot \pi}$$

natural periods

$$T_n := \frac{1}{f_n}$$

$$f_n^T = \left( 437.199 \quad 1.214 \times 10^3 \quad 2.01 \times 10^3 \quad 2.808 \times 10^3 \right) \text{ Hz}$$

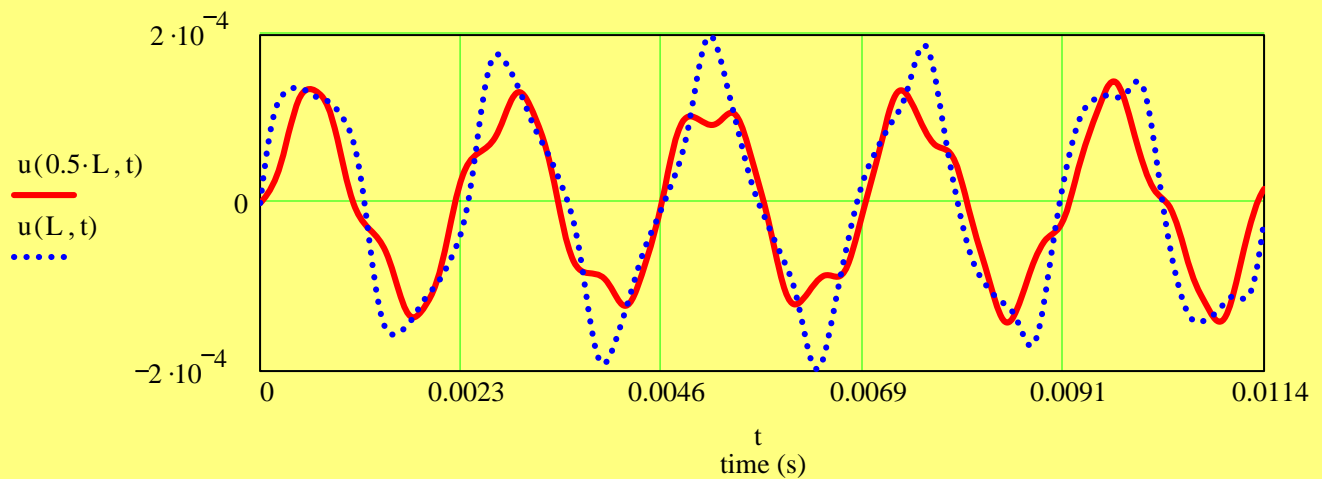
$$T_n^T = \left( 2.287 \times 10^{-3} \quad 8.235 \times 10^{-4} \quad 4.976 \times 10^{-4} \quad 3.561 \times 10^{-4} \right) \text{ s}$$

## Bar displacement: midpoint & end

for graph only

$$u(x, t) := \sum_{i=1}^n \sin\left(\lambda_{-i} \cdot \frac{x}{L}\right) \cdot (B_i \cdot \sin(\Omega_i \cdot t))$$

$$T_{\max} := 5 \cdot T_{n_1}$$



## Bar velocity: midpoint & end

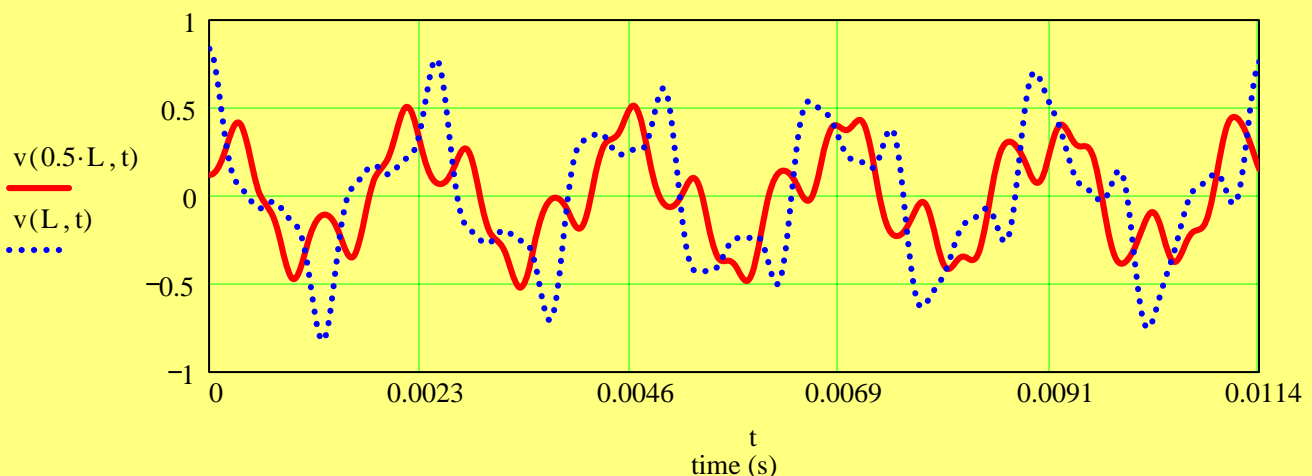
$$v(x, t) := \sum_{i=1}^n \sin\left(\lambda_{-i} \cdot \frac{x}{L}\right) \cdot (B_i \cdot \Omega_i \cdot \cos(\Omega_i \cdot t))$$

$$v_0 = 1 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

$$v_0 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{ss} = 0.125 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

$$\text{time} := 0 \cdot \text{s}$$

$$v(L, \text{time}) = 0.837 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$



**TORSIONAL VIBRATIONS OF AN ELASTIC ROD**

The figure shows an elastic rod of length  $L$ , radius  $R$ , density  $\rho$  and elastic shear modulus  $G$ . The rod is rigidly attached to a wall at its left end. At the rod right end, a massless spring  $K_s$  connects the rod to a fixed wall. The field equation for angular motions  $\Theta(x,t)$  of an elastic rod under torsion is

$$\rho J \frac{\partial^2 \Theta}{\partial t^2} = G J \frac{\partial^2 \Theta}{\partial x^2}$$

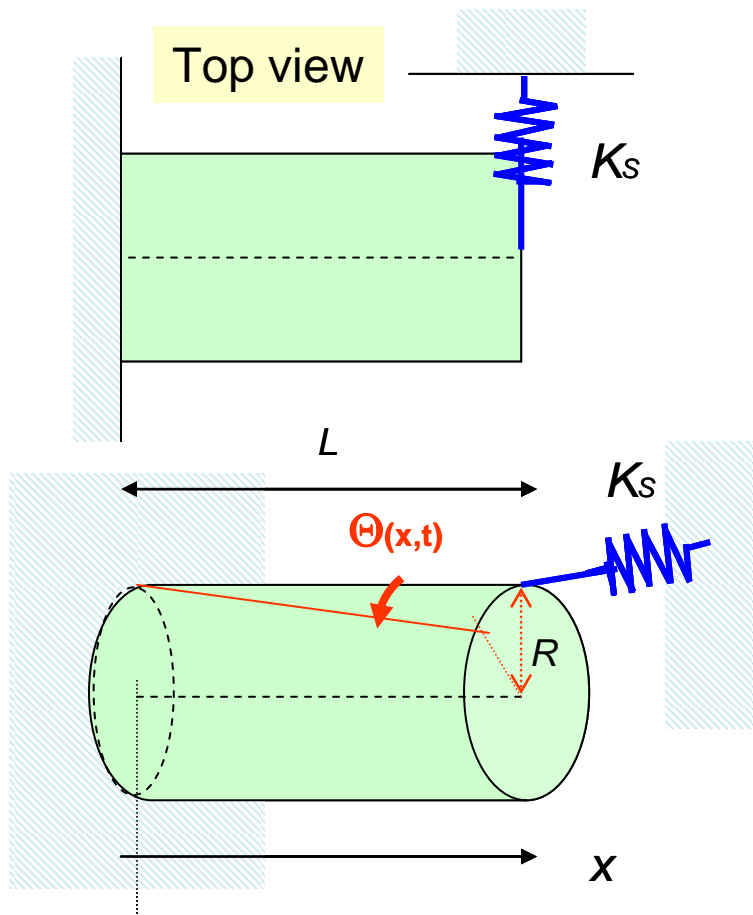
where  $J = \frac{1}{2} \pi R^4$  is the polar moment of area and

$$M = G J \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial x}$$

is the torsional moment. Let  $K_s R^2 L / (G J) = \varepsilon = 0.25$ .

- a) Find the first TWO natural frequencies and characteristic modes (sketch the modes) of the bar as a function of  $(\rho, G, L, J$  and  $\varepsilon)$ . [35]
- b) Using experience, estimate the first natural frequency of the bar and spring. Explain your assumptions. How good is the estimate when compared to the exact (first) value derived in (a)? [15]

If needed use the following  $G=12 \cdot 10^9$  Pa,  $\rho=7800$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>,  $L=1$ m,  $R=0.05$ m



# Torsional vibrations of elastic rod

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moment. Let  $K_s R^2 L / (GJ) = \varepsilon = 0.25$ .

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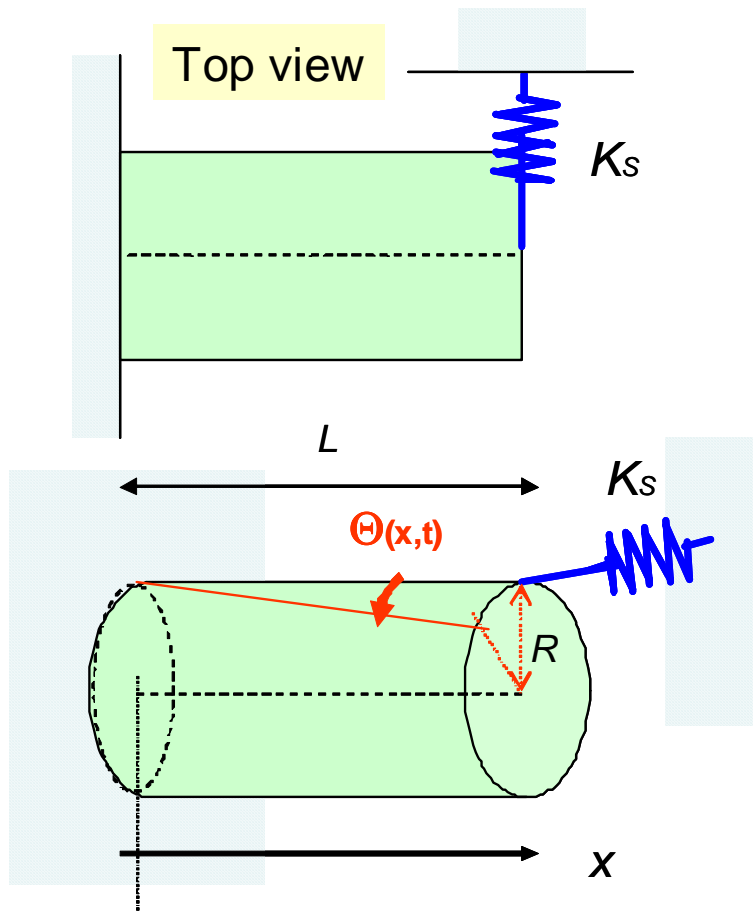
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ORIGIN := 1

PHYSICAL Parameters:

$$G := 12 \cdot 10^9 \cdot \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} \quad \rho := 7800 \cdot \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \quad L := 1 \cdot \text{m} \quad d := 0.1 \cdot \text{m}$$

$$A := \frac{\pi \cdot d^2}{4} \quad J = \int_0^r r^2 dA \quad J := \frac{\pi \cdot d^4}{32} \quad J = 9.817 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^4$$



$$\rho J \frac{\partial^2 \Theta}{\partial t^2} = G J \frac{\partial^2 \Theta}{\partial x^2}$$

(0)



## (a) natural frequencies & mode shapes

using separation of variables,  $\Theta(x,t) = \phi(x) \cdot v(t)$  (1)

Substitute into the field Eq. (0) to obtain the following two ODEs:

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \phi + \lambda^2 \cdot \phi = 0 \quad (2a)$$

and 
$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} v + \Omega^2 \cdot v = 0 \quad (2b)$$

where 
$$\lambda = \Omega \cdot \left( \frac{\rho}{G} \right)^{.5}$$

The solution to the ODEs is simple, i.e.:

$$v(t) = A_t \cdot \cos(\Omega \cdot t) + B_t \cdot \sin(\Omega \cdot t) \quad (3)$$

$$\phi(x) = A_x \cdot \cos(\lambda \cdot x) + B_x \cdot \sin(\lambda \cdot x)$$

Satisfy the boundary conditions. At  $x=0$ ,  $\Theta(0,t)=0$  (**fixed end - no angular deformation**). Thus

$$\phi(0) = A_x \cdot \cos(\lambda \cdot 0) + B_x \cdot \sin(\lambda \cdot 0)$$

$$\phi(0) = A_x \cdot 1 + B_x \cdot 0$$

Then:  $A_x = 0$

and

$$\phi(x) = \sin(\lambda \cdot x) \quad (4)$$

At the right end,  $x=L$ , the appropriate boundary condition is: **rod torsional moment = spring reaction force x moment arm**

at  $x=L$

$$-G \cdot J \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \Theta = (k_S \cdot u_L) \cdot R \quad (5a) \quad u_L = \Theta_L \cdot R \quad R := \frac{d}{2}$$

or:  $-G \cdot J \cdot \lambda \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \phi = k_S \cdot R^2 \cdot \phi \cdot v$

$$-G \cdot J \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \phi = k_S \cdot R^2 \cdot \phi(L) \quad (5b) \quad \text{from (2a)}$$

Replacing (4)  $\phi(x) = \sin(\lambda \cdot x)$  &  $\frac{d}{dx} \phi = \lambda \cdot \cos(\lambda \cdot x)$  into (5b) gives

$$\frac{G \cdot J}{k_S \cdot R^2 \cdot L} \cdot \bar{\lambda} \cdot \cos(\bar{\lambda}) + \sin(\bar{\lambda}) = 0 \quad \text{where} \quad \bar{\lambda} = \lambda \cdot L$$

define

$$\varepsilon = \frac{k_S \cdot R^2 \cdot L}{G \cdot J}$$

, and write the **characteristic equation** as:  $\tan(\bar{\lambda}) + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \cdot \bar{\lambda} = 0$  (6)

$$\varepsilon := 0.25$$

guess values  
from graphical  
soln

$$y := (1.71 \ 4.76 \ 7.88 \ 11)^T$$

$$n := 4$$

# of roots

$$f(y) := \tan(y) + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \cdot y$$

$$\lambda_- = \begin{pmatrix} 1.716 \\ 4.765 \\ 7.886 \\ 11.018 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  
 $\lambda_- = \lambda \cdot L$  &

$$\Omega = \lambda \cdot \left(\frac{E}{\rho}\right)^{.5}$$

$$\lambda_- := \text{root}(f(y), y)$$

And thus, the **first four natural frequencies** are

$$\Omega := \lambda_- \cdot \frac{1}{L} \cdot \left(\frac{G}{\rho}\right)^{.5}$$

$$\Omega^T = \left( 2.128 \times 10^3 \quad 5.91 \times 10^3 \quad 9.781 \times 10^3 \quad 1.367 \times 10^4 \right) \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}}$$

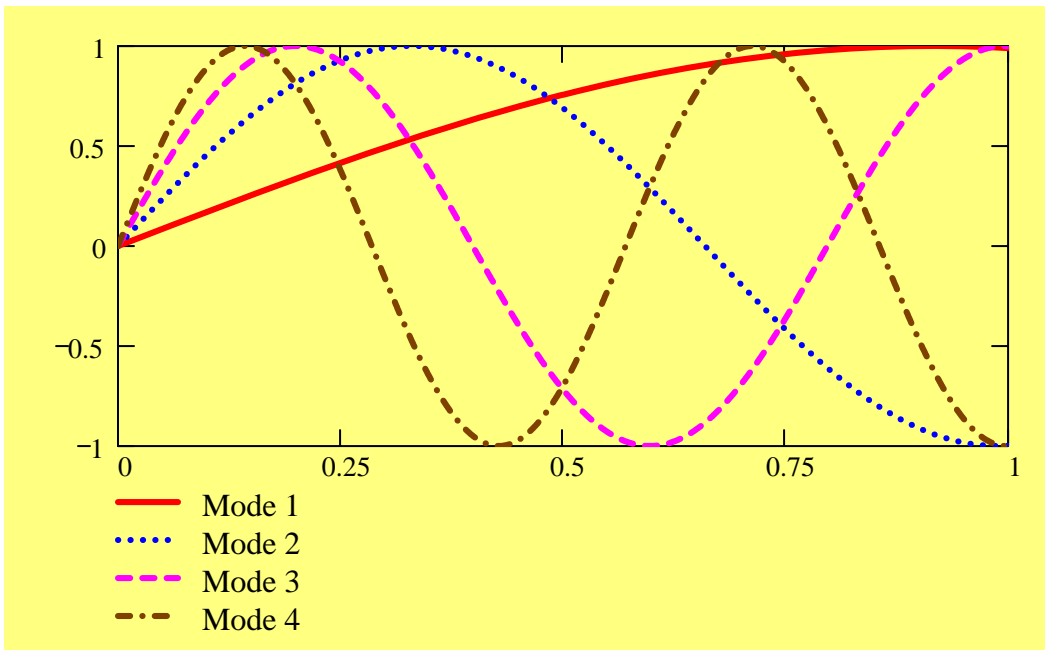
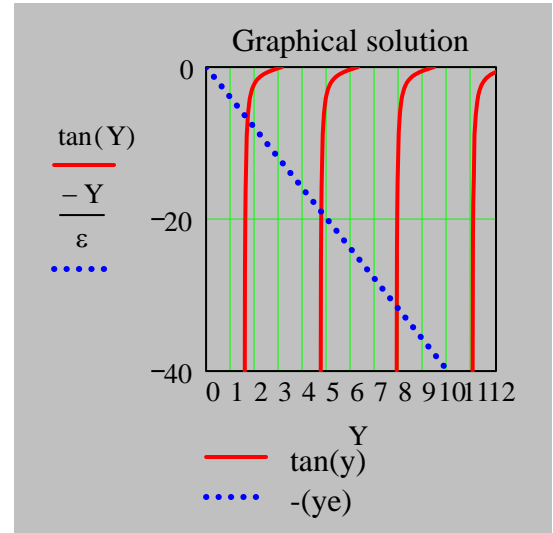
The shape functions are

$$\phi_1(z) := \sin(\lambda_{-1} \cdot z)$$

$$\phi_2(z) := \sin(\lambda_{-2} \cdot z) \quad \text{where} \quad z = \frac{x}{L}$$

$$\phi_3(z) := \sin(\lambda_{-3} \cdot z)$$

$$\phi_4(z) := \sin(\lambda_{-4} \cdot z)$$



**(b) Approximate first natural frequency.** Using mode shape  $\varphi(x) := \frac{x}{L}$

easily estimate the equivalent torsional stiffness and mass moment of inertia from

$$K_{\Theta \text{eq}} := \int_0^L G \cdot J \cdot \left( \frac{d}{dx} \varphi(x) \right)^2 dx + k_S \cdot (R \cdot \varphi(L))^2 \quad I_{\text{eq}} := \left[ \int_0^L \rho \cdot J \cdot (\varphi(x))^2 dx \right]$$

$$K_{\Theta \text{eq}} = \frac{G \cdot J}{L} + k_S \cdot R^2$$

$$K_{\Theta \text{eq}} = \frac{G \cdot J}{L} \cdot (1 + \varepsilon)$$

$$I_{\text{eq}} = \left( \frac{\rho \cdot J \cdot L}{3} \right)$$

with  $\varepsilon = \frac{k_S \cdot R^2 \cdot L}{G \cdot J}$

$$\varepsilon = 0.25$$

and the estimation for the **fundamental natural frequency** is

$$\omega_{1 \text{approx}} = \left( \frac{K_{\Theta \text{eq}}}{I_{\text{eq}}} \right)^{.5} = \frac{1}{L} \cdot \left( \frac{G}{\rho} \right)^{.5} \cdot a$$

where  $a := \left( \frac{1 + \varepsilon}{\frac{1}{3}} \right)^{.5}$

$$a = 1.936$$

compare to the exact value:

$$\lambda_{-1} = 1.716 \left[ \frac{1}{L} \cdot \left( \frac{G}{\rho} \right)^{.5} \right]$$

$$\frac{a}{\lambda_{-1}} = 1.129$$

, i.e just 13 % higher than the exact value

$$k_S := \frac{\varepsilon \cdot G \cdot J}{R^2 \cdot L}$$

$$k_S = 1.178 \times 10^7 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}}$$

Note: do realize the torsional bar vibration problem is dimensionally and physically equivalent to the axial vibrations of an elastic bar

# lateral vibrations of elastic beam

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$d := 15\text{-mm}$  diameter  
 $\rho := 7800 \cdot \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$

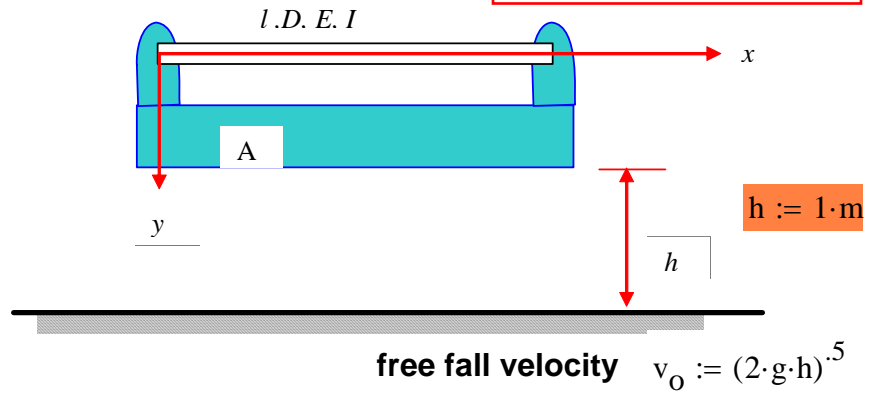
$E := 2 \cdot 10^{11} \cdot \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2}$

$L := 1\text{-m}$  length

beam and frame are dropped from height  $h$ . find the response.

$A := \frac{\pi \cdot d^2}{4}$  cross-sectional area

$I_P := \frac{\pi \cdot d^4}{64}$  area moment of inertia (polar)



## Solution Procedure

using separation of variables,

$u(x, t) = \phi(x) \cdot v(t)$  (1)

$$(\rho A) \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial t^2} = - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \left( EI \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} \right)$$

leads to the following two ODEs:

$\frac{d^4}{dx^4} \phi - \lambda^2 \cdot \phi = 0$  (2a)

and

$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} v + \Omega^2 \cdot v = 0$  (2b)

where  $\lambda = \Omega \cdot \left( \frac{\rho \cdot A}{E \cdot I_P} \right)^{.5}$

The solution to the ODEs is simple, i.e.:

$v(t) = A_t \cdot \cos(\Omega \cdot t) + B_t \cdot \sin(\Omega \cdot t)$

(3)

$\phi(x) = A_x \cdot \cos(\beta \cdot x) + B_x \cdot \sin(\beta \cdot x) + C_x \cdot \cosh(\beta \cdot x) + D_x \cdot \sinh(\beta \cdot x)$

$\beta = \lambda^{0.5}$

Satisfy the boundary conditions.

**PINNED ENDS:** no lateral displacement and null bending moment

At  $x=0, L$

$u = 0$        $\frac{d^2}{dx^2} u = M = 0$



at  $x=0$

$\phi(0) = A_x \cdot \cos(\beta \cdot 0) + C_x \cdot \cosh(\beta \cdot 0) = 0$

$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \phi = -A_x \cdot \cos(\beta \cdot 0) + C_x \cdot \cosh(\beta \cdot 0) = 0$

since:  $\cos(0) = 1$      $\cosh(0) = 1$

then  $A_x = C_x = 0$  so

$\phi(x) = B_x \cdot \sin(\beta \cdot x) + D_x \cdot \sinh(\beta \cdot x)$

at  $x=L$

$$\phi(L) = B_x \cdot \sin(\beta \cdot L) + D_x \cdot \sinh(\beta \cdot L) = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \phi = -B_x \cdot \sin(\beta \cdot L) + D_x \cdot \sinh(\beta \cdot L) = 0$$

then  $D_x = 0$

**MODE SHAPE**

$$\sin(\beta \cdot L) = 0 \quad (4) \quad \text{thus} \quad \phi(x) = \sin(\beta \cdot x) \quad (5)$$

(4) is the **characteristic equation**

$$i := 1 \dots n$$

$$n := 7$$

with solution:

$$\beta_i := \frac{i \cdot \pi}{L}$$

# of roots

and natural frequencies

$$\Omega := (\beta)^2 \cdot \left( \frac{E \cdot I_P}{\rho \cdot A} \right)^{0.5}$$

$$\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 3.142 \\ 6.283 \\ 9.425 \\ 12.566 \\ 15.708 \\ 18.85 \\ 21.991 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{m}$$

$$f := \frac{\Omega}{2 \cdot \pi}$$

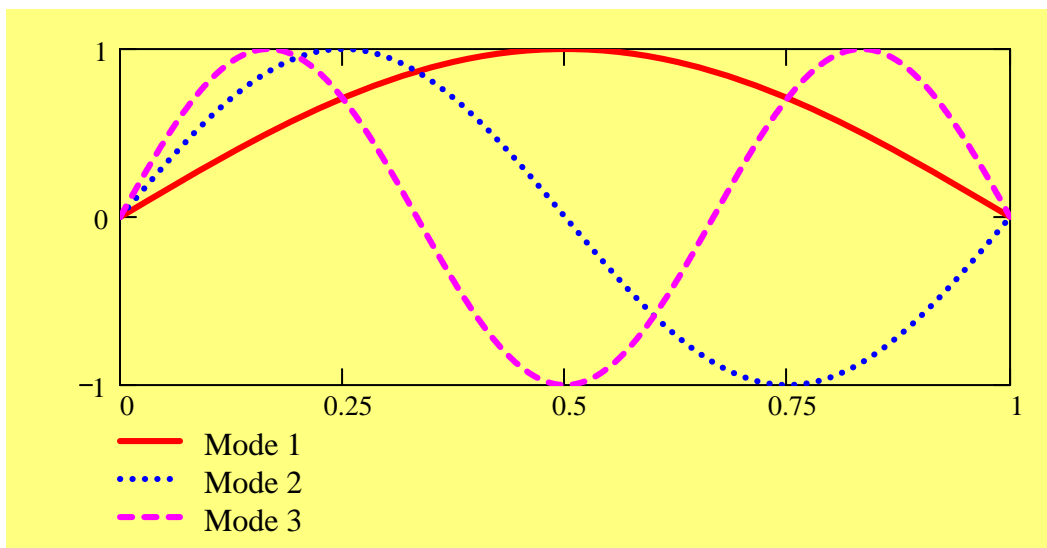
natural frequencies

$$\Omega^T = \left( 187.413 \quad 749.65 \quad 1.687 \times 10^3 \quad 2.999 \times 10^3 \quad 4.685 \times 10^3 \quad 6.747 \times 10^3 \quad 9.183 \times 10^3 \right) \frac{\text{rad}}{s}$$

The **shape functions** are

$$\phi_1(x) := \sin(\beta_1 \cdot x) \quad \phi_2(x) := \sin(\beta_2 \cdot x) \quad \phi_3(z) := \sin(\beta_3 \cdot z)$$

$$f^T = \left( 29.828 \quad 119.311 \quad 268.449 \quad 477.242 \quad 745.691 \quad 1.074 \times 10^3 \quad 1.462 \times 10^3 \right) \text{Hz}$$





**(b) Approximate first natural frequency. Using mode shape**

$$\varphi_a(x) := \sin\left(\pi \cdot \frac{x}{L}\right)$$

recall lots of problems worked in class and homeworks, one can easily estimate the equivalent stiffness and mass as

$$M_{eq} := \rho \cdot A \cdot \int_0^L \varphi_a(x)^2 dx$$

$$K_{eq} := E \cdot I_P \cdot \int_0^L \left( \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \varphi_a(x) \right)^2 dx$$

$$\varphi_a(x) := \frac{4x}{L} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{x}{L}\right)$$

$$\frac{M_{eq}}{\rho \cdot A \cdot L} = 0.533$$

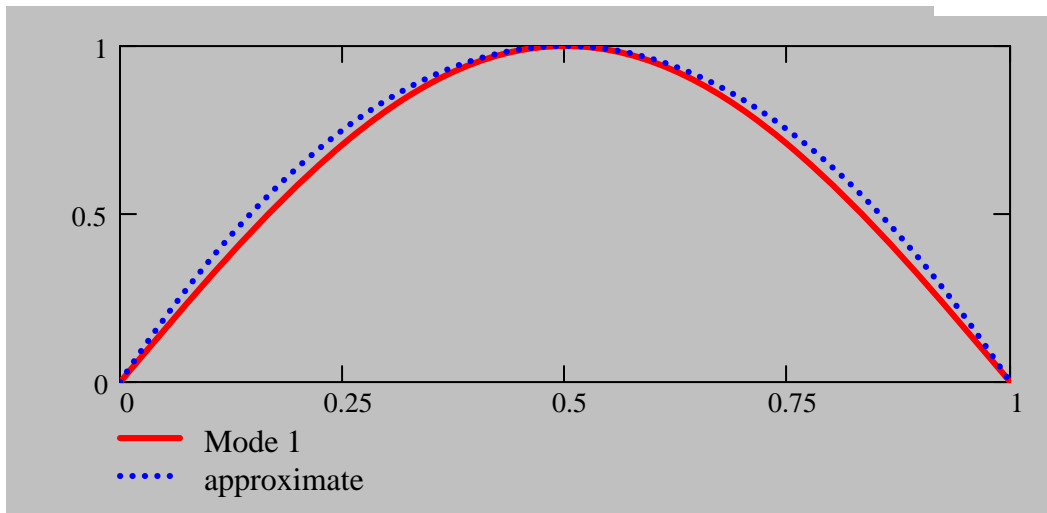
$$\frac{K_{eq}}{48 \cdot E \cdot I_P \cdot L^3} = 1.333$$

and the estimation for **natural frequency** is

$$\Omega_{1a} := \left( \frac{K_{eq}}{M_{eq}} \right)^{.5}$$

$$\Omega_{1a} = 208.013 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}}$$

$$\Omega_1 = 187.413 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}} \quad \text{exact}$$



$$\frac{\Omega_{1a}}{\Omega_1} = 1.11$$



**(c) Free vibrations response:**

Consider the following initial conditions,

at  $t=0$   $u(x, 0) = 0$  **No initial deformation**

$$\frac{d}{dt} u = v_0 \quad \text{velocity = free fall velocity}$$

The response for lateral motions of a beam is

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{i=1}^n \phi_i \cdot (A_i \cdot \cos(\Omega_i \cdot t) + B_i \cdot \sin(\Omega_i \cdot t))$$

Since the initial displacement = 0 everywhere, then it follows that  $A_i = 0$

and for velocity

$$\frac{d}{dt} u = v_o = \sum_{i=1}^n \phi_i \cdot (B_i \cdot \Omega_i)$$

multiplying this equation by  $\phi_j$  and integrating over the domain gives

$i := 1..n$

"Used orthogonality property of shape functions"

$$B_i := \frac{\left( \int_0^L \sin(\beta_i \cdot x) dx \right) \cdot v_o}{\int_0^L \sin(\beta_i \cdot x)^2 dx \cdot \Omega_i}$$

$B_i =$

0.03	m
0	
$1.114 \cdot 10^{-3}$	
0	
$2.407 \cdot 10^{-4}$	
0	
$8.772 \cdot 10^{-5}$	

$n = 7$

Calculate time response at various spatial points in beam:

$mm := n - 0$  select number of modes to display results

$$u(x, t) := \sum_{i=1}^{mm} \sin(\beta_i \cdot x) \cdot (B_i \cdot \sin(\Omega_i \cdot t)) \quad \text{DISPLACEMENT}$$

$mm = 7$

VELOCITY

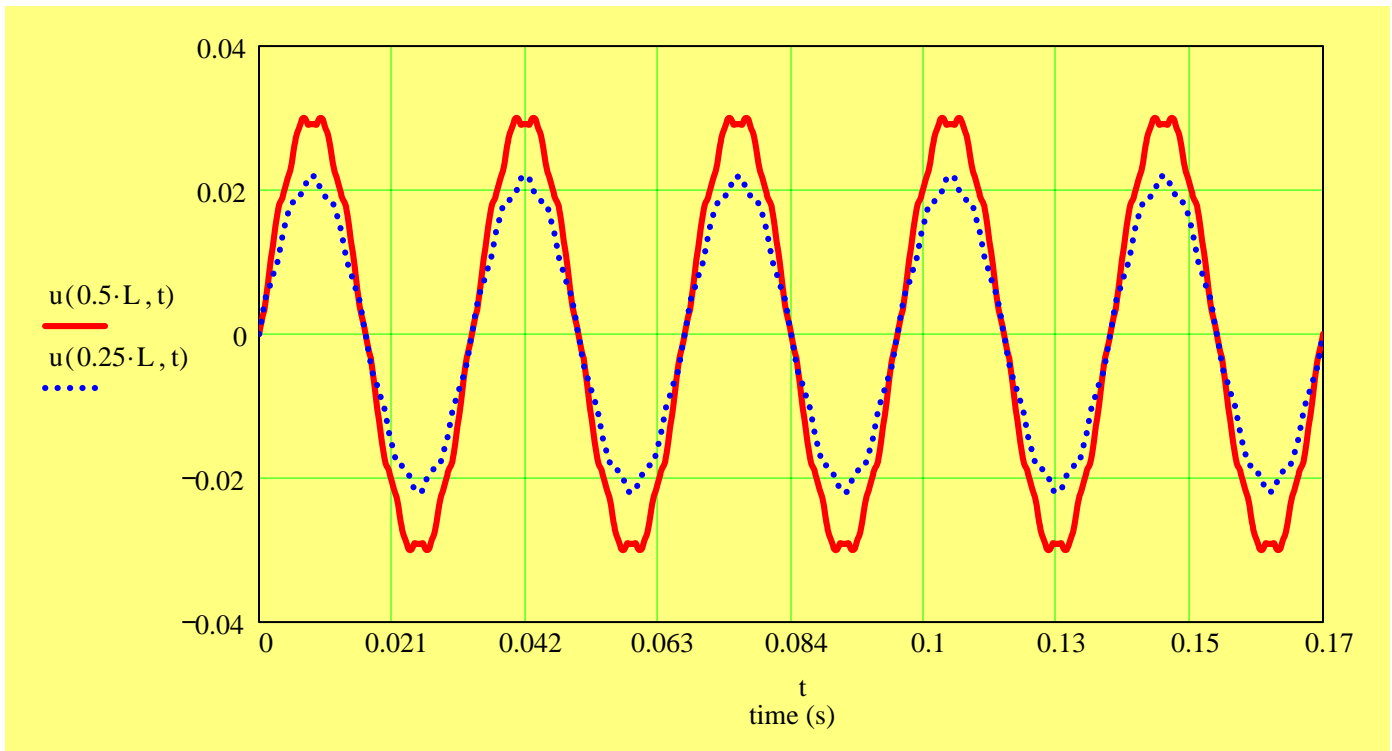
$$vel(x, t) := \sum_{i=1}^{mm} \sin(\beta_i \cdot x) \cdot \Omega_i \cdot (B_i \cdot \cos(\Omega_i \cdot t))$$

$v_o = 4.429 \frac{m}{s}$

$T_n := \frac{1}{f}$  Natural periods

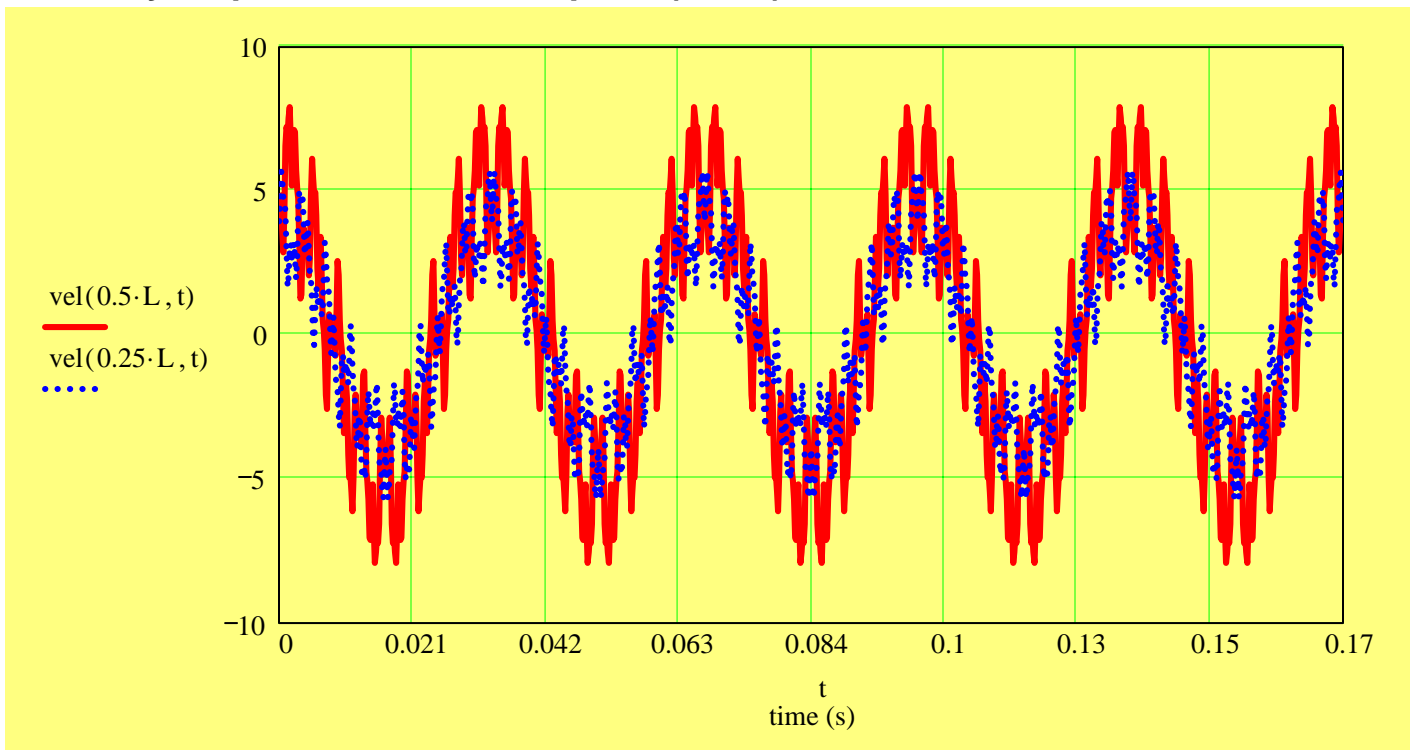
for graph  $T_{max} := 5 \cdot T_{n_1}$

### Displacement response at beam: midpoint (x=L/2) & x=L/4



$$T_n^T = \left( 0.034 \quad 8.381 \times 10^{-3} \quad 3.725 \times 10^{-3} \quad 2.095 \times 10^{-3} \quad 1.341 \times 10^{-3} \quad 9.313 \times 10^{-4} \quad 6.842 \times 10^{-4} \right) s$$

### Velocity response at beam: midpoint (x=L/2) & x=L/4



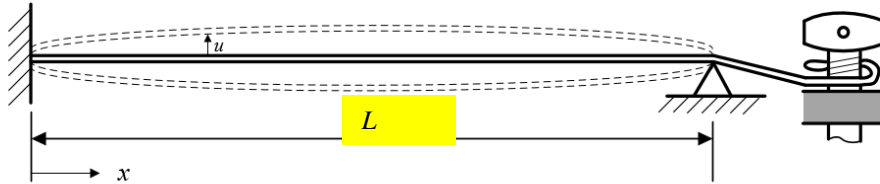
$$XX := \frac{L}{2} \quad \frac{\text{vel}(XX, 0 \cdot s)}{v_o} = 0.922$$

$$v_o = 4.429 \frac{m}{s}$$



# Vibrations of a string

This problem aids to understand the tuning process of string musical instruments. The graph shows a simple model of a taut string fixed at both ends.



The string vertical displacement  $u(x,t)$  is described by:

$$T \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \gamma \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$$

where  $\gamma = 24.5 \text{ g/m}$  is the string mass per unit length,  $L = 0.5 \text{ m}$  is the string length, and  $T$  is the tension applied to the string. When the string is plucked at its middle, its vibration response is dominantly represented by the first mode shape at the first natural frequency  $f_1$ , (see the dotted lines for a sketch). Then, the sound frequency components radiating from the string are dominant with frequency ( $f_1$ ).

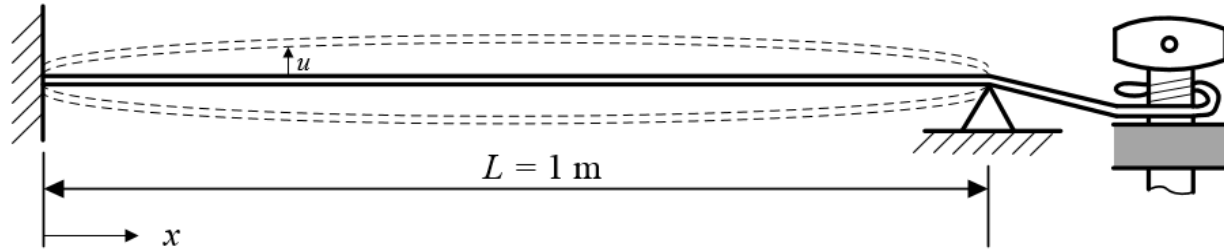
The tonal frequencies of the strings in a violin are G3 = 196 Hz, D4 = 293.7 Hz, A4 = 440 Hz, and E5 = 659.3 Hz.

Assume the strings are made of the same material (steel).  $\rho = 7800 \text{ kg/m}^3$

## Questions:

- Find the relation between the frequency ( $f_1$ ), the string length ( $L$ ), the mass per unit length ( $\gamma$ ), and the tension ( $T$ ).
- Assuming all strings have the same diameter, find the tensions  $T$  to tune each string. Find also the stresses and elastic deformations.
- Find how a tonal frequency scales with the diameter of a string. Using the tension found in (b) for G3, determine the strings' diameter and elastic deformation.

# Vibrations of a string



ORIGIN := 1

The string vertical displacement  $u(x,t)$  is described by

$$T \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \gamma \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} \quad (0)$$

where T is the tension in the string and  $\gamma$  is the mass per unit length.

PHYSICAL Parameters for a steel string:

$$E := 30 \cdot 10^9 \cdot \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2}$$

$$\gamma := 0.0245 \cdot \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}}$$

$$L := 0.5 \cdot \text{m}$$

length of string

## (a) natural frequencies & mode shapes

using separation of variables,  $\Theta(x,t) = \phi(x) \cdot v(t)$  (1)

Substitute into the field Eq. (0) to obtain the following two ODEs:

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \phi + \lambda^2 \cdot \phi = 0 \quad (2a)$$

and

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} v + \Omega^2 \cdot v = 0 \quad (2b)$$

where

$$\lambda = \Omega \cdot \left( \frac{\gamma}{T} \right)^{0.5}$$

Let

$$c_0 = \left( \frac{T}{\gamma} \right)^{0.5}$$

a characteristic speed [m/s]

The solution to the ODEs is simple, i.e.:

$$v(t) = A_t \cdot \cos(\Omega \cdot t) + B_t \cdot \sin(\Omega \cdot t)$$

(3)

$$\phi(x) = A_x \cdot \cos(\lambda \cdot x) + B_x \cdot \sin(\lambda \cdot x)$$

Satisfy the boundary conditions. At  $x=0$ ,  $\Theta(0,t)=0$  (fixed end - no displacement). Thus

$$\phi(0) = A_x \cdot \cos(\lambda \cdot 0) + B_x \cdot \sin(\lambda \cdot 0)$$

$$\phi(0) = A_x \cdot 1 + B_x \cdot 0$$

Then:

$$A_x = 0$$

and

$$\phi(x) = \sin(\lambda \cdot x) \quad (4) \text{ is the equation for the shape function.}$$

At the right end,  $x=L$ , the string is also fixed. Thus

$$\text{at } x=L \quad \phi(L) = \sin(\lambda \cdot L) = 0 \quad (5a)$$

Set  $T := 4000 \cdot N$   
example

which is the **characteristic equation**. The roots are

$$\lambda_j := \frac{j \cdot \pi}{L}$$

And thus, the **natural frequencies** are  $\Omega_j = \lambda_j \cdot c_0$

$$\Omega_j := \frac{j \cdot \pi}{L} \cdot \left(\frac{T}{\gamma}\right)^{.5} \quad \text{rad/s}$$

$$\Omega^T = \left( 2.539 \times 10^3 \quad 5.078 \times 10^3 \quad 7.616 \times 10^3 \quad 1.016 \times 10^4 \right) \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}}$$

The shape functions are

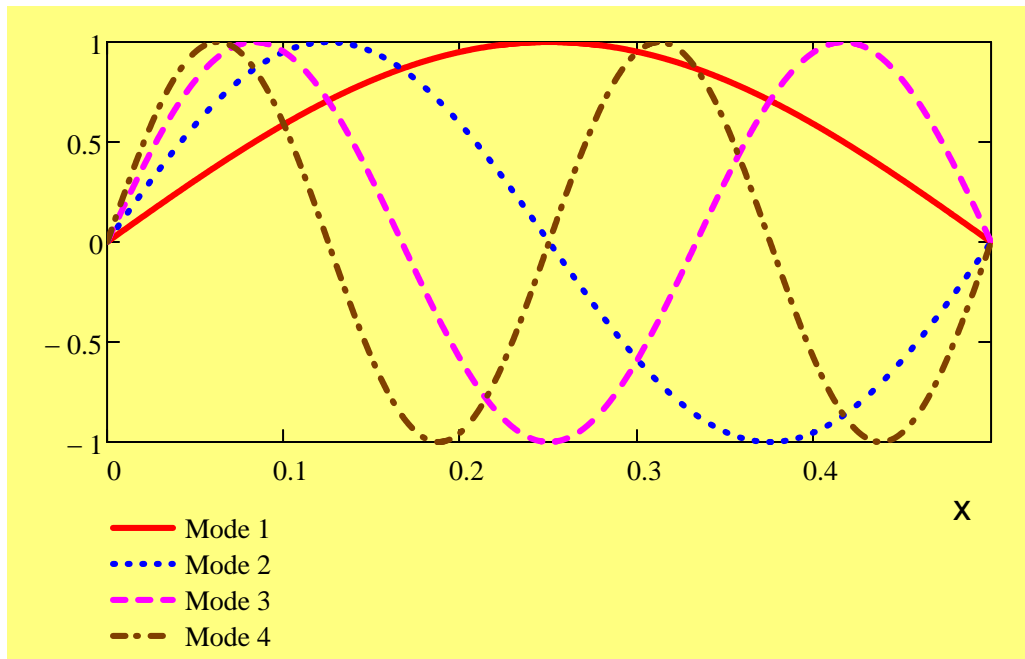
$$\phi_1(x) := \sin\left(x \cdot \frac{\pi}{L}\right)$$

$$\phi_2(x) := \sin\left(x \cdot \frac{\pi \cdot 2}{L}\right)$$

$$\phi_3(x) := \sin\left(x \cdot \frac{\pi \cdot 3}{L}\right)$$

$$\phi_4(x) := \sin\left(x \cdot \frac{\pi \cdot 4}{L}\right)$$

etc



**(b)** Find the relation between the frequency ( $f_1$ ), the string length ( $L$ ), the mass per unit length ( $\gamma$ ), and the tension ( $T$ ).

The **natural frequencies** in Hz (cycles/s) are  $f = \Omega \cdot \frac{1}{2 \cdot \pi}$

$$f_j := \frac{j}{2L} \cdot \left(\frac{T}{\gamma}\right)^{.5} \text{ Hz}$$

The **tonal frequencies** for the strings in a VIOLIN are

$$\begin{pmatrix} G_3 \\ D_4 \\ A_4 \\ E_5 \end{pmatrix} \quad f_{\text{tone}} := \begin{pmatrix} 196 \\ 296.7 \\ 440 \\ 659.3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \text{Hz} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \text{Sol}_3 \\ \text{Re}_4 \\ \text{La}_4 \\ \text{Mi}_5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T = (f \cdot 2 \cdot L)^2 \cdot \gamma$$

$k := 1..4$  (four strings)

considering the same density/length for all strings, the necessary tuning tension in a string is

$$T_k := (2 \cdot L \cdot f_{\text{tone}_k})^2 \cdot \gamma$$

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 941.192 \\ 2.157 \times 10^3 \\ 4.743 \times 10^3 \\ 1.065 \times 10^4 \end{pmatrix} \text{ N} \quad \begin{pmatrix} G_3 \\ D_4 \\ A_4 \\ E_5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Let a string diameter  $d = 2 \text{ mm}$  (assumption as everyone knows the strings have different diameters)

The **stresses** in the strings are

$$\sigma := \frac{T}{\left(\pi \cdot \frac{d^2}{4}\right)}$$

and the **strains**

$$\varepsilon_{\text{vw}} := \frac{\sigma}{E}$$

$$\sigma^T = (2.996 \times 10^8 \quad 6.865 \times 10^8 \quad 1.51 \times 10^9 \quad 3.39 \times 10^9) \text{ Pa}$$

$$\varepsilon^T = (9.986 \times 10^{-3} \quad 0.023 \quad 0.05 \quad 0.113)$$

$d = 2 \text{ mm}$

$$\varepsilon^T \cdot L = (4.993 \quad 11.442 \quad 25.163 \quad 56.498) \text{ mm}$$

Deformation for the strings are large, in particular for one with highest tonal frequency.

Recall  $L = 500 \text{ mm}$

Note: do realize the vibrations of a string is dimensionally and physically equivalent to the axial vibrations of an elastic bar and the torsional vibrations of a rod

(c) Using the tension found in (b)=G3, and assuming the strings are made of the same material (steel), find how a tonal frequency scales with the diameter of each string

Note that a string mass/unit length  $\gamma = \frac{\rho \cdot A \cdot L}{L} = \rho \cdot \frac{\pi \cdot d^2}{4}$

where  $\rho$  is the material density and  $d$  is the diameter of a string. Hence, the tonal frequency as a function of the string diameter equals

$$f_{\text{tone}} = \frac{1}{2L} \cdot \left(\frac{T}{\gamma}\right)^{.5} = \frac{1}{2L} \cdot \left(\frac{4T}{\rho \cdot \pi \cdot d^2}\right)^{.5}$$

$$f_{\text{tone}} = \frac{1}{L \cdot d} \cdot \left(\frac{T}{\rho \cdot \pi}\right)^{.5}$$

Set  $T_{-} := T_1$  Tension for sound G3  $T_{-} = 941.192 \text{ N}$

Hence, for a given tension, a string's diameter is inversely proportional to the tonal frequency

$$d_k := \frac{1}{L \cdot f_{\text{tone}_k}} \cdot \left(\frac{T_{-}}{\rho \cdot \pi}\right)^{.5}$$

$$d = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1.321 \\ 0.891 \\ 0.595 \end{pmatrix} \text{ mm}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \text{G3} \\ \text{D4} \\ \text{A4} \\ \text{E5} \end{pmatrix}$$

With deformation for each string

$$\delta_k := \frac{T_{-}}{\left[\frac{\pi \cdot (d_k)^2}{4}\right]} \cdot \frac{L}{E}$$

$$\delta^T = (4.994 \quad 11.444 \quad 25.168 \quad 56.508) \text{ mm}$$

$L = 0.5 \text{ m}$   
 $E = 3 \times 10^{10} \text{ Pa}$

$$\frac{\delta^T}{L} = (9.988 \times 10^{-3} \quad 0.023 \quad 0.05 \quad 0.113)$$

### (c) Stresses and strains

The **stresses** in the taut strings are  $\sigma = \frac{T}{A} = (2 \cdot L \cdot f_{\text{tone}})^2 \cdot \rho$   
 since  $\gamma = \rho \cdot A$

and the axial **strains**  $\epsilon = \frac{\sigma}{E} = (2 \cdot L \cdot f_{\text{tone}})^2 \cdot \left(\frac{\rho}{E}\right)$  **NOT a function of the string diameter**

with elastic deformation  $\delta = \epsilon \cdot L = (2 \cdot f_{\text{tone}})^2 \cdot \left(\frac{\rho}{E}\right) \cdot L^3$  proportional to  $L^3$  and  $\text{tone\_freq}^2$