

the modes are normalized to unit model mass. The results are summarized in Table 3 along with those computed by overall finite difference with $\Delta z = 0.001$. The results agree with one another very well.

Concluding Remarks

Exact formulas for computing eigenvalue sensitivity with respect to location of in-span occurrence have been derived in this Note based on normal mode method. The results showed that for in-span occurrence with a single interface force, the eigenvalue sensitivity depends on the slope of eigenfunction as well as a force term which depends on the specific occurrence.

These formulas depend only on the eigensolutions and can be evaluated at almost no additional cost. For a specific problem, the eigenvalue sensitivity formula can be used qualitatively to determine the effect of moving one of the discrete occurrences. The quantitative data can be used to find locations of in-span occurrences to maximize the fundamental eigenvalue of a structure member.

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