

**Table 3 Eigenvalue sensitivities  $\lambda'_i$** 

	1st approach	2nd approach	3rd approach
$\lambda'_1$	-8.7949159E+3	-8.7949148E+3	-8.828E+3
$\lambda'_2, \lambda'_3$	0	0	0
$\lambda'_4$	-3.1990803E+3	-3.199075E+6	3.2E+6
$\lambda'_5, \lambda'_6$	0	0	0

**Table 4 Derivative of the first eigenvector**

DOF	1st approach	2nd approach	3rd approach
$x_1$	0	0	0
$y_1$	6.7786668E-3	6.7786673E-3	6.78E-3
$z_1$	0	-2.8604516E-5	-2.5044E-7
$\omega_{x1}$	0	0	0
$\omega_{y1}$	0	5.0429107E-5	-2.6053E-7
$\omega_{z1}$	1.9894528E-2	1.9894527E-2	1.9898E-2
$x_2$	0	0	0
$y_2$	3.9641898E-2	3.9641895E-2	3.9648E-2
$z_2$	0	-8.9063400E-5	-7.7978E-7
$\omega_{x2}$	0	0	0
$\omega_{y2}$	0	6.5473773E-5	5.7324E-7
$\omega_{z2}$	3.9347583E-2	3.9347579E-2	3.9381E-2

**Table 5 Effective mass sensitivities**

Approach	$x$	$y$	$z$	$\omega_x$	$\omega_y$	$\omega_z$	Mode
1st	0	6.3989737E-1	0	0	0	9.0761532E-1	1st
1st	0	3.6010263E-1	0	0	0	9.2384676E-2	4th
2nd	0	6.3989745E-1	0	0	0	9.0761535E-1	1st
2nd	0	3.6010255E-1	0	0	0	9.2384646E-2	4th
3rd	0	6.4001E-1	0	0	0	9.0777E-1	1st
3rd	0	3.60158E-1	0	0	0	9.2398E-2	4th

amount that eliminates the indeterminacy described in the preceding section. The third approach is the well-known finite difference method, which can be applied by taking a second perturbation (in the example,  $10^{-4}$  kg). Neither the second nor the third approach is exact because the evaluation of the derivative was not performed on the FE model of the given structure but on a perturbed version of it. Furthermore, the third approach has introduced a finite difference approximation. In Tables 3 and 4 the eigenvalue sensitivities and the sensitivity of the first eigenvector, respectively, are reported. Similar results have been obtained for the other eigenvectors. In Table 5 the diagonals of the effective mass matrix sensitivity for the first and fourth modes are reported. All of these results have shown that the second approach had excellent agreement with the exact solution, at least for eigenvalue and effective mass sensitivities, whereas the third one shows acceptable results.

Another possible approach is as follows: 1) determine  $\lambda$  and  $X$  from the given structure, 2) determine  $\tilde{X}$ ,  $\tilde{M}$ , and  $\tilde{K}$  from the perturbed one, 3) calculate  $D$  from Eq. (12) rewritten at finite difference

$$D = X^T \left( \frac{\tilde{K} - K}{\Delta M_k} - \lambda \frac{\tilde{M} - M}{\Delta M_k} \right) X \quad (14)$$

and 4) find the eigenvalue derivative  $\lambda'$  and  $\Gamma$  from Eq. (11). Once  $\Gamma$  is determined, one can calculate the eigenvector derivatives with the finite difference approximation

$$\frac{\partial X_{l+i}}{\partial M_k} \approx \frac{\tilde{X}_{l+i} - X_{l+i} \Gamma}{\Delta M_k} = \frac{\tilde{X}_{l+i} - Z_i}{\Delta M_k} \quad i = 1, \dots, m \quad (15)$$

The results obtained were very close to the results of the third approach.

### Conclusions

A generalization for the calculation of effective mass sensitivities to the case of coincident eigenvalues has been proposed. The results obtained with the exact approach and an approach based on a suitable perturbation, introduced to eliminate the eigenvalue

multiplicity, are in excellent agreement. The two approaches based on the finite difference approximation are still in good agreement, but as expected, the elimination of significant digits does affect the precision.

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## Modal Data Are Insufficient for Identification of Both Mass and Stiffness Matrices

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### Introduction

IN the technical literature, there have appeared, and continue to appear, many papers in which the researchers propose to identify simultaneously both the mass and stiffness matrices of a dynamic structure by applying only modal measured data. However, it can be shown that even full modal data are insufficient for the identification of both the mass and the stiffness matrices.<sup>1,2</sup> In Refs. 3 and 4, it was proposed to use the measured mode shapes as a reference basis in the process of correction of the mass and the stiffness matrices of a structure. The problem is that the mode shapes are not uniquely defined. Any mode shape can be multiplied by a nonzero constant without changing its physical meaning. In Ref. 5, Huang and Craig, who dealt with a six-degree-of-freedom structure, wrote, "It should be noted that even when all six modes are used, the correct values of the mass and stiffness matrices cannot be obtained." The reason for this is that, for given mode shapes and natural frequencies, the mass and stiffness matrices are not uniquely defined. We will now show that the same mode shapes and natural frequencies can be obtained for an infinite number of different pairs of stiffness and mass matrices.

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### Infinite Number of Solutions

Let  $X(n \times n)$  and  $\Omega^2(n \times n)$  be the modal and frequency matrices, respectively, that satisfy the frequency equation of a structure with  $n$  degrees of freedom:

$$KX = MX\Omega^2 \quad (1)$$

where  $M(n \times n)$  and  $K(n \times n)$  are the mass and the stiffness matrices of a given dynamic structure, respectively.

The modal matrix can be normalized to obtain

$$X^t MX = I \quad X^t KX = \Omega^2 \quad (2)$$

where  $(\cdot)^t$  represents the transpose of a matrix and  $I(n \times n)$  represents the unit matrix. Any one of the mode shapes can be multiplied by an arbitrary constant different from zero, and it will still represent the same mode shape. Hence,

$$\phi = Xd \quad (3)$$

where  $d(n \times n)$  is an arbitrary nonsingular diagonal matrix and  $\phi(n \times n)$  also represents the modal matrix of the structure. Clearly,  $\phi$  satisfies the frequency equation, Eq. (1). We will assume that there exists another pair of mass and stiffness matrices that yield the same modal and frequency matrices,

$$\phi^t \bar{M}\phi = I \quad \phi^t \bar{K}\phi = \Omega^2 \quad (4)$$

from which one obtains

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{M} &= (\phi\phi^t)^{-1} = (Xd^2X^t)^{-1} \\ \bar{K} &= \phi^{-t}\Omega^2\phi^{-1} = (dX^t)^{-1}\Omega^2(Xd)^{-1} \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where  $(\cdot)^{-1}$  represents the inverse of a matrix. Because the matrix  $d$  is arbitrary, it is clear that there exists an infinite number of pairs of mass and stiffness matrices that have the same modal and frequency

matrices. Hence, the mode shapes cannot be a reference basis for the identification of a structure.

In other words, by measuring the natural frequencies only, or even measuring the natural frequencies and the mode shapes, one cannot identify in a unique way both the stiffness and the mass matrices. As said before, the authors of many papers have considered the mode shapes as a reference basis for the simultaneous identification of the stiffness and mass matrices. As proved in Ref. 1 and as shown, for example, in Ref. 5, the matrices identified in this way may be quite different from the actual stiffness and mass matrices.

### Conclusion

Simultaneous changes in the mass and stiffness matrices cannot be identified by using modal data only. The mode shapes cannot provide a reference basis.

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