

# In-Plane Vibration Analysis of Asymmetric Curved Beams Using DQM

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## DQM을 이용한 비대칭 곡선보의 내평면 진동해석

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**Abstract** The free in-plane vibration of asymmetric circular curved beams with varying cross-section is analyzed by the differential quadrature method (DQM) neglecting transverse shearing deformation. Natural frequencies are calculated for the beams with various opening angles and boundary conditions. Results obtained by the DQM are compared with available results by other methods in the literature. It is found that the DQM gives the good accuracy even with a small number of grid points.

**요 약** 미분구적법을 이용하여, 전단변형을 고려하지 않은, 단면적이 변하는 비대칭 곡선 보의 면내 자유진동을 해석하였다. 다양한 경계조건 및 굽힘 각에 따른 진동수를 계산하였고, 그 결과를 다른 수치해석들과 비교하였다. 미분구적법은 비교적 적은 요소를 사용하더라도 정확한 해석결과를 보여준다.

**Key Words** : Asymmetric Curved Beam, DQM, Fundamental Frequency, Numerical Method

## 1. Introduction

The early investigators into the in-plane vibration of rings were Hoppe [1] and Love [2]. Love [2] improved on Hoppe's theory by allowing for stretching of the ring. Archer [3] carried out for a mathematical study of the in-plane inextensional vibrations of an incomplete circular ring of small cross section with the basic equations of motion. Auciello and De Rosa [4] reviewed the free vibrations of circular arches and briefly illustrated a number of other approaches.

A rather efficient alternate procedure for the solution of partial differential equations is the method of differential quadrature which was introduced by Bellman and Casti [5]. This simple direct technique can be applied to a large number of cases to circumvent the difficulties

of programming complex algorithms for the computer, as well as excessive use of storage. This method is used in the present work to analyze the free in-plane inextensional vibrations for asymmetric curved beams with varying cross-section. Results are compared with numerical solutions by the Rayleigh-Ritz, the cells discretization method (C.D.M.), or the SAP 90 finite element solution, which is one of the engineering simulation softwares[6].

## 2. Governing Differential Equations

The curved beam considered is shown in Figure 1. A point on the centroidal axis is defined by the angle  $\theta$ , measured from the left support. The tangential and radial

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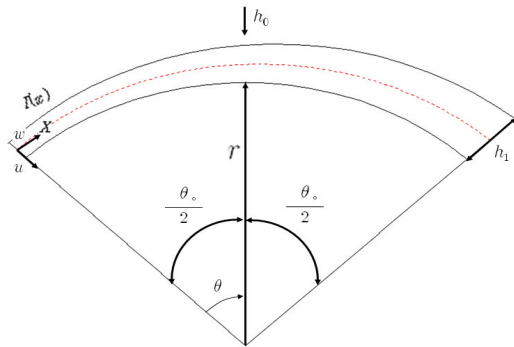
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displacements of the arch axis are  $w$  and  $u$ , respectively. Here,  $r$  is the radius of the centroidal axis. These displacements are considered to be positive in the directions indicated.



[Fig. 1] Coordinate system for curved beam

The basic equations of motion given by Love [2] is a single sixth order differential equation using  $w(\theta, t) = W(\theta)T(t)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{W^{(IV)}}{\theta_0^6}(f(X)) + \frac{W^{(V)}}{\theta_0^5}(3\frac{f'(X)}{\theta_0}) + \\ & \frac{W^{(VI)}}{\theta_0^4}(3\frac{f''(X)}{\theta_0^2} + 2f(X)) + \frac{W'''}{\theta_0^3}(\frac{f'''(X)}{\theta_0^3} + 4\frac{f'(X)}{\theta_0}) \\ & + \frac{W''}{\theta_0^2}(3\frac{f''(X)}{\theta_0^2} + f(X)) + \frac{W'}{\theta_0}(\frac{f'''(X)}{\theta_0^3} + \frac{f'(X)}{\theta_0}) \\ & = \frac{mr^4}{EI_0}\omega^2(-W + \frac{W''}{\theta_0^2}) \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

where  $I(x)$  is  $I_0 f(X)$ , and each prime denotes one differentiation with respect to the dimensionless distance coordinate  $X$ , defined as equations (2) and (3), respectively.

Here  $f(X)$  and  $I_0$  are the function of the cross-section variation law and the area moment of inertia of the varying cross section associated with the height of the cross-section  $h_0$  at the crown, respectively. In the following the simple case in which the cross-section varies linearly is examined, because it seems the only law which has been studied by Auciello and De Rosa [4].

Consider then the beam structure with a rectangular cross-section shown in Figure 1. in which the height of the cross-section varies linearly from  $h_1$  at the supports to  $h_0$  at the crown, according to the law

$$\begin{aligned} I(x) &= I_0 f(X), \\ f(X) &= [1 + (2\eta(X - 0.5))]^3 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

where  $h_1$  is  $(1 + \eta)h_0$ , and  $\eta$  is the ratio of the heights. The dimensionless distance coordinate defines as

$$X = \frac{\theta}{\theta_0} \tag{3}$$

If the curved beam is clamped at  $\theta = 0$  and  $\theta = \theta_0$ , then the boundary conditions take the form

$$\begin{aligned} w(0) &= w'(0) = w''(0) \\ &= w(\theta_0) = w'(\theta_0) = w''(\theta_0) = 0 \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

If the curved beam is simply supported at  $\theta = 0$  and  $\theta = \theta_0$ , then the boundary

$$\begin{aligned} w(0) &= w'(0) = w'''(0) \\ &= w(\theta_0) = w'(\theta_0) = w'''(\theta_0) = 0 \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

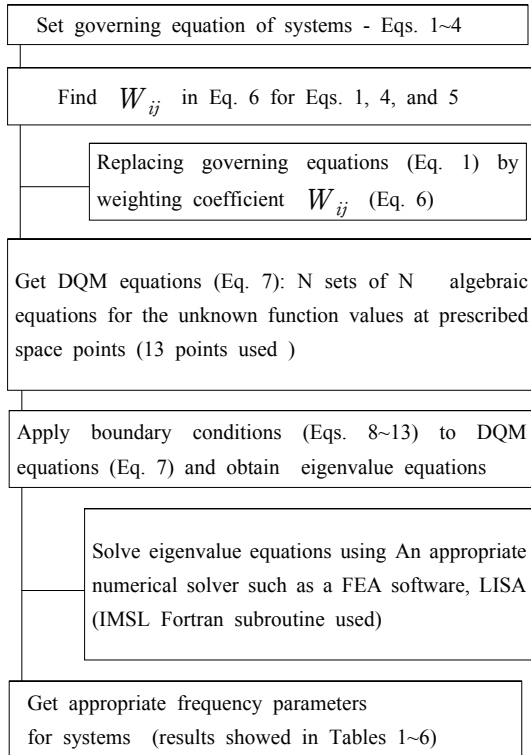
### 3. Differential Quadrature Method(DQM)

It was applied for the first time to static analysis of structural components by Jang et al. [7]. Recently, Kang and Han [8] applied the method to the static analysis of circular curved beams using classical and shear deformable beam theories, and Kang and Kim [9] have analyzed the in-plane vibration of curved beams considering shear deformation using DQM. From a mathematical point of view, the application of the differential quadrature method to a partial differential equation can be expressed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} L \{ f(x) \}_i &= \sum_{j=1}^N W_{ij} f(x_j) \text{ for} \\ & i, j = 1, 2, \dots, N \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

where  $L$  denotes a differential operator,  $x_j$  are the discrete points considered in the domain,  $f(x_j)$  are the function values at these points,  $W_{ij}$  are the weighting coefficients attached to these function values, and  $N$  denotes the number of discrete points in the domain. This equation, thus, can be expressed as the derivatives of a function at a discrete point in terms of the function values at all discrete points in the variable domain.

Figure 2 represents  $N$  sets of  $N$  linear algebraic equations, giving a unique solution for the weighting coefficients,  $W_{ij}$ , since the coefficient matrix is a Vandermonde matrix which always has an inverse as described by Hamming [10].



[Fig. 2] Flow chart for solving system model

#### 4. Application

Applying the DQM to equation (1) gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{\theta_0^6} \sum_{j=1}^N F_{ij} W_j(f(X_i)) \\
 & + \frac{1}{\theta_0^5} \sum_{j=1}^N E_{ij} W_j \left( \frac{3}{\theta_0} \sum_{j=1}^N A_{ij} f(X_j) \right) \\
 & + \frac{1}{\theta_0^4} \sum_{j=1}^N D_{ij} W_j \left( \frac{3}{\theta_0^2} \sum_{j=1}^N B_{ij} f(X_j) + 2f(X_i) \right) \\
 & + \frac{1}{\theta_0^3} \sum_{j=1}^N C_{ij} W_j \left( \frac{1}{\theta_0^3} \sum_{j=1}^N C_{ij} f(X_j) + \frac{4}{\theta_0} \sum_{j=1}^N A_{ij} f(X_j) \right) \\
 & + \frac{1}{\theta_0^2} \sum_{j=1}^N B_{ij} W_j \left( \frac{3}{\theta_0^2} \sum_{j=1}^N B_{ij} f(X_j) + f(X_i) \right) \\
 & + \frac{1}{\theta_0} \sum_{j=1}^N A_{ij} W_j \left( \frac{1}{\theta_0^3} \sum_{j=1}^N C_{ij} f(X_j) + \frac{1}{\theta_0} \sum_{j=1}^N A_{ij} f(X_j) \right) \\
 & = \lambda^2 \left( -W_i + \frac{1}{\theta_0^2} \sum_{j=1}^N B_{ij} W_j \right) \tag{7}
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $A_{ij}$ ,  $B_{ij}$ ,  $C_{ij}$ ,  $D_{ij}$ ,  $E_{ij}$ , and  $F_{ij}$  are the weighting coefficients for the first-, the second-, the third-, the fourth-, the fifth-, and the sixth-order derivatives, respectively, along the dimensionless axis. and  $\lambda^2$  is the non-dimensional frequency,  $\frac{mr^4 \omega^2}{EI_0}$ .

The boundary conditions for clamped ends, given by equation (4), can be expressed in differential quadrature form as follows:

$$W_1 = 0 \quad \text{at } X = 0 \tag{8}$$

$$W_N = 0 \quad \text{at } X = 1 \tag{9}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^N A_{2j} W_j = 0 \quad \text{at } X = 0 + \delta \tag{10}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^N A_{(N-1)j} W_j = 0 \quad \text{at } X = 1 - \delta \tag{11}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^N B_{3j} W_j = 0 \quad \text{at } X = 0 + 2\delta \tag{12}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^N B_{(N-2)j} W_j = 0 \quad \text{at } X = 1 - 2\delta \tag{13}$$

Here,  $\delta$  denotes a very small distance measured along the dimensionless axis from the boundary ends. Similarly, simply supported and clamped-simply supported ends can be easily accommodated by combining these equations; simply change the weighting coefficients.

### 5. Numerical Results and Comparisons

Based on the above derivations, Fundamental frequency parameters,  $\lambda = (\omega^2 mr^4 / EI_0)^{1/2}$ , for asymmetric circular curved beams are evaluated for the rectangular cross sections under the various boundary

conditions, and the numerical results by the DQM are compared with other numerical solutions by Auciello and De Rosa [4]. In the following the simple case in which the cross-section varies linearly is examined, because it seems the only law which has been studied in the literature.

Tables 1 and 2 present the results of convergence

[Table 1] Fundamental frequency parameters,  $\lambda = \sqrt{\omega^2 (mr^4 / EI_0)}$ , for in-plane vibration of non-uniform curved beams with simply-simply supported ends including a range of  $N$ ;  $\eta = 0.1$  and  $\delta = 1 \times 10^{-6}$ ;  $f(X) = [1 + (2\eta(X - 0.5))]^3$

$\theta_0$ (degrees)	Rayleigh-Ritz	C. D. M.	$N$ (DQM)				
			9	11	13	15	17
60	33.430	33.484	32.841	33.580	33.543	33.793	33.820

[Table 2] Fundamental frequency parameters,  $\lambda = \sqrt{\omega^2 (mr^4 / EI_0)}$ , for in-plane vibration of non-uniform curved beams with simply-simply supported ends including a range of  $\delta$ ;  $\eta = 0.1$  and  $N = 13$ ;  $f(X) = [1 + (2\eta(X - 0.5))]^3$

$\theta_0$ (degrees)	Rayleigh-Ritz	C. D. M.	$\delta$ (DQM)				
			$1 \times 10^{-4}$	$1 \times 10^{-5}$	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	$1 \times 10^{-7}$	$1 \times 10^{-8}$
60	33.430	33.484	33.559	33.545	33.543	33.554	33.565

[Table 3] Fundamental frequency parameters,  $\lambda = \sqrt{\omega^2 (mr^4 / EI_0)}$ , for in-plane vibration of non-uniform curved beams with simply-simply supported ends;  $f(X) = [1 + (2\eta(X - 0.5))]^3$

$\eta$	$\theta_0$	Rayleigh-Ritz	C. D. M.	F. E. M.	DQM
0.1	10	1286.5	1287.8	-	1290.4
	20	319.09	320.11	320.81	320.75
	30	141.05	140.92	-	141.19
	40	78.069	78.220	74.438	78.371
	50	49.124	49.218	-	49.306
	60	33.430	33.484	33.621	33.543
0.2	10	1279.6	1278.7	-	1281.3
	20	318.27	317.84	318.43	318.50
	30	139.92	139.91	-	140.18
	40	77.638	77.660	77.884	77.808
	50	48.848	48.864	-	48.947
	60	33.229	33.242	33.366	33.294
0.3	10	1266.2	1263.2	-	1265.8
	20	313.10	313.97	314.41	314.62
	30	138.39	138.21	-	138.47
	40	76.551	76.708	76.900	76.845
	50	48.139	48.282	-	48.337
	60	32.828	32.830	32.947	32.875
0.4	10	1238.6	1240.7	-	1243.39
	20	307.93	308.37	308.58	308.99
	30	135.69	135.73	-	135.99
	40	75.217	75.330	75.484	75.449
	50	47.272	47.390	-	47.450
	60	32.208	32.233	32.336	32.260

[Table 4] Fundamental frequency parameters,  $\lambda = \sqrt{\omega^2 (mr^4/EI_0)}$ , for in-plane vibration of non-uniform curved beams with clamped-clamped ends;  $f(X) = [1 + (2\eta(X-0.5))]^3$

$\eta$	$\theta_0$	Rayleigh-Ritz	C. D. M.	F. E. M.	DQM
0.1	10	1999.9	2000.5	-	2016.7
	20	498.33	499.44	502.02	502.25
	30	220.06	220.56	-	221.79
	40	122.70	122.97	123.65	123.65
	50	77.632	77.813	-	78.245
	60	53.172	53.303	53.674	53.598
0.2	10	1999.9	1990.1	-	2001.8
	20	497.84	495.60	498.90	498.52
	30	219.80	218.86	-	220.14
	40	122.55	122.02	122.88	122.72
	50	77.540	77.214	-	77.654
	60	53.108	52.893	53.291	53.190
0.3	10	1978.2	1963.7	-	1976.2
	20	492.42	489.05	492.75	492.12
	30	217.36	215.97	-	217.30
	40	121.16	120.41	121.38	121.13
	50	76.647	76.195	-	76.641
	60	52.598	52.196	52.643	52.491
0.4	10	1934.2	1925.6	-	1938.8
	20	481.34	479.55	483.97	482.79
	30	212.69	211.78	-	213.17
	40	118.63	118.07	119.25	118.81
	50	75.019	74.717	-	75.165
	60	51.385	51.184	51.722	51.471

[Table 5] Fundamental frequency parameters,  $\lambda = \sqrt{\omega^2 (mr^4/EI_0)}$ , for in-plane vibration of non-uniform curved beams with simply supported-clamped ends;  $f(X) = [1 + (2\eta(X-0.5))]^3$

$\eta$	$\theta_0$	Rayleigh-Ritz	C. D. M.	F. E. M.	DQM
0.1	10	1637.5	1636.7	-	1642.8
	20	407.31	407.32	407.97	408.81
	30	179.86	179.67	-	180.31
	40	100.17	100.01	100.31	100.35
	50	63.240	63.152	-	63.364
	60	43.151	43.151	43.315	43.291
0.2	10	1645.3	1641.2	-	1646.9
	20	409.37	408.46	408.96	409.87
	30	180.74	180.19	-	180.63
	40	100.68	100.32	100.56	100.63
	50	63.568	63.366	-	63.547
	60	43.388	43.311	43.351	43.422
0.3	10	1640.1	1637.3	-	1642.69
	20	408.71	407.54	407.89	408.81
	30	180.44	179.81	-	180.33
	40	100.51	100.13	100.29	100.38
	50	63.463	63.261	-	63.397
	60	43.306	43.252	43.351	43.3261
0.4	10	1624.0	1624.6	-	1629.57
	20	403.37	404.41	404.52	405.54
	30	178.04	178.46	-	178.90
	40	99.161	99.391	99.469	99.586
	50	62.807	62.811	-	62.896
	60	42.841	42.958	42.950	42.985

[Table 6] Fundamental frequency parameters,  $\lambda = \sqrt{\omega^2 (mr^4/EI_0)}$ , for in-plane vibration of non-uniform curved beams with clamped-simply supported ends;  $f(X) = [1 + (2\eta(X-0.5))]^3$

$\eta$	$\theta_0$	Rayleigh-Ritz	C. D. M.	F. E. M.	DQM
0.1	10	1602.7	1604.3	-	1610.57
	20	398.70	399.18	400.17	400.74
	30	175.96	176.02	-	176.71
	40	99.951	97.936	98.402	98.324
	50	61.809	61.811	-	62.055
	60	42.138	42.207	42.439	42.376
0.2	10	1578.4	1576.2	-	1583.05
	20	392.54	392.15	393.44	393.871
	30	173.22	172.90	-	173.652
	40	96.227	96.174	96.740	96.600
	50	60.679	60.681	-	60.949
	60	41.500	41.421	41.701	41.606
0.3	10	1545.2	1539.7	-	1547.8
	20	384.17	383.04	384.66	385.07
	30	169.50	168.85	-	169.74
	40	94.278	93.898	94.606	94.398
	50	59.419	59.226	-	59.542
	60	40.616	40.412	40.752	40.628
0.4	10	1499.9	1494.1	-	1504.3
	20	372.84	371.63	373.91	374.17
	30	164.40	163.79	-	164.91
	40	91.385	91.059	91.939	91.677
	50	57.528	57.416	-	57.802
	60	39.284	39.159	39.585	39.412

studies relative to the number of grid point  $N$  and the parameter  $\delta$ , respectively. Table 1 shows that the accuracy of the numerical solution increases with increasing  $N$  and passes through a maximum. The optimal value for  $N$  is found to be 11 to 13 using  $\delta = 1 \times 10^{-6}$  comparing with Rayleigh-Ritz's solutions. Table 2 shows the sensitivity of the numerical solution to the choice of  $\delta$  using 13 grid points. From Table 2, the solution accuracy decreases due to numerical instabilities if  $\delta$  becomes too big comparing with Rayleigh-Ritz's solutions. The optimal value for  $\delta$  is found to be  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  to  $1 \times 10^{-6}$ , which is obtained from trial-and-error calculations. Therefore, all results are calculated using 13 grid points and  $\delta = 1 \times 10^{-6}$  along the dimensionless axis.

The values of  $\eta (= \frac{h_1}{h_0} - 1)$  are taken to be from 0.1 to 0.4 for the comparisons. The results are summarized in Tables 3 ~ 6. As it can be seen from Tables 3 ~ 6,

the numerical results by the DQM show excellent agreement with the solutions by the Rayleigh-Ritz and the C.D.M. for the case of simply-simply supported, clamped-clamped, simply supported-clamped, and clamped-simply supported ends. Tables 3 ~ 6 also show that the numerical results by the DQM are good agreement with those by the SAP90 FEM. However, the SAP90 FEM was quite expensive because 90 finite elements were employed, as described by Auciello and De Rosa [4]. From Tables 3 ~ 6, the frequency parameters by the DQM are generally higher than both those by the cells discretization method(C.D.M.) and the Ritz method.

In general, as the values of  $\eta (= \frac{h_1}{h_0} - 1)$  ratios of beam cross sections become larger, the frequencies become more significant for the vibration.

## 6. Conclusions

The free in-plane vibration of asymmetric circular

curved beams with varying cross-section is analyzed by the differential quadrature method (DQM) neglecting transverse shearing deformation. The frequency parameters are calculated for the beams with various opening angles and end conditions. The results are compared with existing numerical solutions by other methods (Rayleigh-Ritz, C.D.M., or FEM) for cases in which they are available. 1) It is found that the DQM gives the good accuracy. 2) It has also been shown that compare to the finite element method(90 elements used), the DQM requires less grid points(13 points used) are used to obtain the frequencies of the beams.

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