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NONLINEAR HENCKY'S BEAM MODEL FOR BEAM STRUCTURES

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Pendulum-Based System Representation

- Horizontal multi-pendulums: thin rods are rotationally connected.
- System positions: generalized coordinates (ϕ_i) of the rods
- The continuous beam is discretized:
 - 1 The whole beam is divided into n equal segments;
 - 2 A joint with rotational spring and damper is placed in the middle of each one.
 - 3 The result: $n+1$ pendulums, numbered from 0 to n .
 - 4 The lengths of each: l_e , except for the 0th and n -th pendulums $l_e/2$.
- General boundary conditions: by attaching three springs: k_x , k_y , and k_ϕ .
- An additional longitudinal spring ($k_s t$) connected in series.

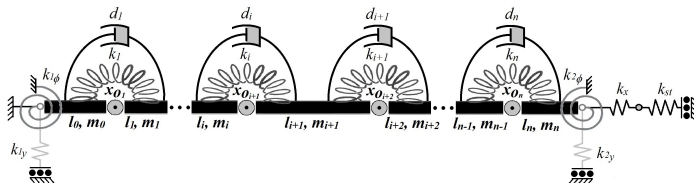


Figure 1: Nonlinear Henckey Model: Pendulum-Based System Representation.

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Lagrange's equations of the second kind

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{\phi}_i} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial \phi_i} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi_i} + \frac{\partial R}{\partial \dot{\phi}_i} = Q_i, \quad i = 1 \dots n \quad (1)$$

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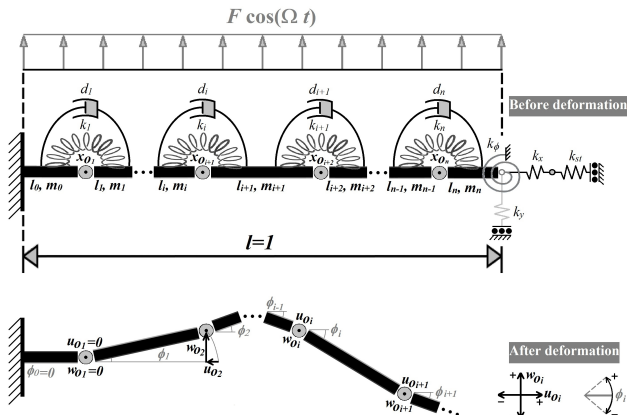


Figure 2: System of n pendulums representing the beam's segments.

System Energies $\left(\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{\phi}_i}\right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial \phi_i} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi_i} + \frac{\partial R}{\partial \dot{\phi}_i} = Q_i\right)$

- Kinetic energy T of the system:

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[m_i (\dot{u}_{C_i}^2 + \dot{w}_{C_i}^2) + B_i \dot{\phi}_i^2 \right] \quad (2)$$

- Potential energy V due to rotational springs and external stiffness:

$$V = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n k_i (\phi_i - \phi_{i-1})^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_x^{Total} u_{end}^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_y w_{end}^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_\phi \phi_n^2 \quad (3)$$

- The Rayleigh function R for internal damping:

$$R = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n d_i (\dot{\phi}_i - \dot{\phi}_{i-1})^2 \quad (4)$$

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$$(T = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n [m_i (\dot{u}_{Ci}^2 + \dot{w}_{Ci}^2) + B_i \dot{\phi}_i^2], V = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n k_i (\phi_i - \phi_{i-1})^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_x^{Total} u_{end}^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_y w_{end}^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_\phi \phi_n^2)$$

- Nondimensional masses and mass moments of inertia:

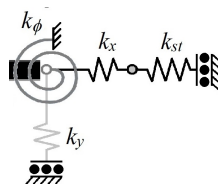
$$m_i = \frac{l_i}{l_e n}, \quad B_i = \frac{m_i (l_i)^2}{12}. \quad (5)$$

- The rotational stiffness of springs at each joint is:

$$k_i = n, \quad \phi_0 = 0.$$

- k_x is connected in series with k_{st} :

$$k_{st} = \frac{12I^2}{t_b^2}, \quad k_x^{Total} = \frac{k_x k_{st}}{k_x + k_{st}}. \quad (6)$$



- External forces Q_i due to base excitation are:

$$Q_i = F \cos(\Omega t) \sum_{j=1}^n m_j \frac{\partial w_{Cj}}{\partial \phi_i} \quad (7)$$

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$$\mathbf{M} \cdot \ddot{\boldsymbol{\phi}} + \mathbf{K} \cdot (\boldsymbol{\phi} + d \dot{\boldsymbol{\phi}}) + \mathbf{N} \cdot \dot{\boldsymbol{\phi}}^2 + \mathbf{K}_B \cdot \boldsymbol{\phi} = \mathbf{F} \quad (8)$$

To simplify the matrices for presentation purposes, we introduce indexing parameters:

$$s_i = \sin(\phi_i(t)), \quad s_{i,j} = \sin(\phi_i(t) - \phi_j(t)), \quad (9a)$$

$$c_i = \cos(\phi_i(t)), \quad c_{i,j} = \cos(\phi_i(t) - \phi_j(t)). \quad (9b)$$

$$s c_n = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} c_j}{n^2} + \frac{c_n}{2n^2}, \quad s s_n = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} s_j}{n^2} + \frac{s_n}{2n^2}. \quad (9c)$$

Matrix Constructions ($\mathbf{M} \cdot \ddot{\phi} + \mathbf{K} \cdot (\phi + d \dot{\phi}) + \mathbf{N} \cdot \dot{\phi}^2 + \mathbf{K}_B \cdot \phi = \mathbf{F}$)

The matrices in Eq. (8) are constructed as follows:

- Mass matrix \mathbf{M} :** This is an $n \times n$ symmetric matrix ($\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{M}^\top$):

$\mathbf{M} =$

$$\begin{pmatrix}
 \frac{6n-7}{6n^3} & \frac{(n-1)c_{1,2}}{n^3} & \dots & \frac{3c_{1,n-3}}{n^3} & \frac{2c_{1,n-2}}{n^3} & \frac{c_{1,n-1}}{n^3} & \frac{c_{1,n}}{8n^3} \\
 \frac{(n-1)c_{1,2}}{n^3} & \frac{6n-13}{6n^3} & \dots & \frac{3c_{2,n-3}}{n^3} & \frac{2c_{2,n-2}}{n^3} & \frac{c_{2,n-1}}{n^3} & \frac{c_{2,n}}{8n^3} \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
 \frac{3c_{1,n-3}}{n^3} & \frac{3c_{2,n-3}}{n^3} & \dots & \frac{17}{6n^3} & \frac{2c_{n-3,n-2}}{n^3} & \frac{c_{n-3,n-1}}{n^3} & \frac{c_{n-3,n}}{8n^3} \\
 \frac{2c_{1,n-2}}{n^3} & \frac{2c_{2,n-2}}{n^3} & \dots & \frac{2c_{n-3,n-2}}{n^3} & \frac{11}{6n^3} & \frac{c_{n-2,n-1}}{n^3} & \frac{c_{n-2,n}}{8n^3} \\
 \frac{c_{1,n-1}}{n^3} & \frac{c_{2,n-1}}{n^3} & \dots & \frac{c_{n-3,n-1}}{n^3} & \frac{c_{n-2,n-1}}{n^3} & \frac{5}{6n^3} & \frac{c_{n-1,n}}{8n^3} \\
 \frac{c_{1,n}}{8n^3} & \frac{c_{2,n}}{8n^3} & \dots & \frac{c_{n-3,n}}{8n^3} & \frac{c_{n-2,n}}{8n^3} & \frac{c_{n-1,n}}{8n^3} & \frac{1}{24n^3}
 \end{pmatrix}$$

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② **Linear stiffness matrix \mathbf{K} :** This is an $n \times n$ symmetric matrix:

$$\mathbf{K} = n \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (11)$$

Matrix Constructions ($M \cdot \ddot{\phi} + K \cdot (\phi + d \dot{\phi}) + N \cdot \dot{\phi}^2 + K_B \cdot \phi = F$)

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- ③ **Nonlinear matrix N:** This is an $n \times n$ skew-symmetric matrix representing a portion of the system's geometric nonlinearity:

N =

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{(n-1)s_{1,2}}{n^3} & \dots & \frac{3s_{1,n-3}}{n^3} & \frac{2s_{1,n-2}}{n^3} & \frac{s_{1,n-1}}{n^3} & \frac{s_{1,n}}{8n^3} \\ -\frac{(n-1)s_{1,2}}{n^3} & 0 & \dots & \frac{3s_{2,n-3}}{n^3} & \frac{2s_{2,n-2}}{n^3} & \frac{s_{2,n-1}}{n^3} & \frac{s_{2,n}}{8n^3} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ -\frac{3s_{1,n-3}}{n^3} & -\frac{3s_{2,n-3}}{n^3} & \dots & 0 & \frac{2s_{n-3,n-2}}{n^3} & \frac{s_{n-3,n-1}}{n^3} & \frac{s_{n-3,n}}{8n^3} \\ -\frac{2s_{1,n-2}}{n^3} & -\frac{2s_{2,n-2}}{n^3} & \dots & -\frac{2s_{n-3,n-2}}{n^3} & 0 & \frac{s_{n-2,n-1}}{n^3} & \frac{s_{n-2,n}}{8n^3} \\ -\frac{s_{1,n-1}}{n^3} & -\frac{s_{2,n-1}}{n^3} & \dots & -\frac{s_{n-3,n-1}}{n^3} & -\frac{s_{n-2,n-1}}{n^3} & 0 & \frac{s_{n-1,n}}{8n^3} \\ -\frac{s_{1,n}}{8n^3} & -\frac{s_{2,n}}{8n^3} & \dots & -\frac{s_{n-3,n}}{8n^3} & -\frac{s_{n-2,n}}{8n^3} & -\frac{s_{n-1,n}}{8n^3} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (12)$$

Matrix Constructions ($\mathbf{M} \cdot \ddot{\phi} + \mathbf{K} \cdot (\phi + d \dot{\phi}) + \mathbf{N} \cdot \dot{\phi}^2 + \mathbf{K}_B \cdot \phi = \mathbf{F}$)

- 4 **Stiffness matrix at the boundary \mathbf{K}_B :** This matrix is obtained by summing the products of the total horizontal, vertical, and angular stiffness matrices with their respective stiffness coefficients (K_x^{Total} , K_y , K_ϕ):

$$\mathbf{K}_B = k_x^{Total} \mathbf{K}_x + k_y \mathbf{K}_y + k_\phi \mathbf{K}_\phi \quad (13)$$

The right boundary is physically modeled by three springs: a horizontal spring (k_x), a vertical spring (k_y), and an angular spring (k_ϕ), therefore:

$$\mathbf{K}_y = ss_n \begin{pmatrix} c_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_2 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & c_{n-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \frac{1}{2}c_n \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{K}_\phi = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (14)$$

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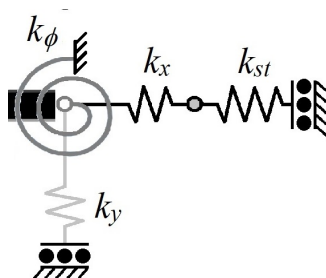
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The total horizontal Stiffness Matrix \mathbf{K}_x incorporates both the stretching effects and the stiffness of the horizontal boundary conditions:

$$\mathbf{K}_x = \left(\frac{2n-1}{2n^2} - sc_n \right) \begin{pmatrix} s_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_2 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & s_{n-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \frac{1}{2}s_n \end{pmatrix} \quad (15)$$



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- ⑤ **External force vector \mathbf{F} :** This is an $n \times 1$ vector representing the external force due to base excitation:

$$\mathbf{F} = F \cos(\Omega t) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{(n-1)c_1}{n^2} \\ \frac{(n-2)c_2}{n^2} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{c_{n-1}}{n^2} \\ \frac{c_n}{8n^2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (16)$$

- ⑥ **Internal damping matrix \mathbf{C} :** The internal damping matrix is related to the damping coefficient d and the stiffness matrix, as can be realized from Eq. (8):

$$\mathbf{D} = d \mathbf{K}. \quad (17)$$



Building Matrices

The elements of these matrices are reformulated according to the row index ($1 \leq i \leq n$), column index ($1 \leq j \leq n$), and the size of the matrix (n) for ease of coding implementation, as follows:

- For $i \leq j$ & $i = j \dots n - 1$:

$$\begin{aligned} M_{i,j} &= \frac{(n-j)c_{i,j}}{n^3}, & K_{i,i+1} &= -n, & K_{i,i+j+1} &= 0, \\ N_{i,j} &= \frac{(n-j)s_{i,j}}{n^3}, & K_x^{Total}{}_{i,j} &= 0, & K_{y i,j} &= 0, \\ K_{\phi_{i,j}} &= 0. \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

- For $j \leq i$ & $i = j \dots n$:

$$\begin{aligned} M_{j,i} &= M_{i,j}, & K_{j,i} &= K_{i,j}, & N_{j,i} &= -N_{i,j}, \\ K_{j,i} &= K_{i,j}, & K_x^{Total}{}_{j,i} &= K_x^{Total}{}_{i,j}, & K_{y j,i} &= K_{y j,i}, \\ K_{\phi_{j,i}} &= K_{\phi_{i,j}}. \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

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- For $i = j$ & $i = 1 \dots n - 1$:

$$\begin{aligned} M_{i,i} &= \frac{6n - 6i - 1}{6n^3}, \quad K_{i,i} = 2n, \quad N_{i,i} = 0, \\ K_x^{Total}{}_{i,i} &= s_i \left(\frac{2n - 1}{2n^2} - sc_n \right), \quad K_{y,i,i} = c_i ss_n, \\ K_{\phi,i,i} &= 0, \quad F_{i,1} = \frac{(n - i)c_i}{n^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

- For $i = j = n$:

$$\begin{aligned} M_{n,n} &= \frac{1}{24n^3}, \quad K_{n,n} = n, \quad N_{n,n} = 0, \\ K_x^{Total}{}_{n,n} &= \frac{1}{2} s_n \left(\frac{2n - 1}{2n^2} - sc_n \right), \quad K_{y,n,n} = \frac{1}{2} c_n ss_n, \\ K_{\phi,n,n} &= K_{\phi}, \quad F_{n,1} = \frac{c_n}{8n^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

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Formulation of Euler-Bernoulli Problem

- Focus: C-C (Clamped-Clamped) and C-F (Clamped-Free) beams.
- Define variables: Position s , time τ , horizontal displacement U , vertical displacement W .
- Introduced non-dimensional variables:

$$u = \frac{U}{l}, \quad w = \frac{W}{l}, \quad x = \frac{s}{l}, \quad t = \frac{\tau}{T}, \quad T = \sqrt{\frac{\rho t_b w_b l^4}{EI}}$$

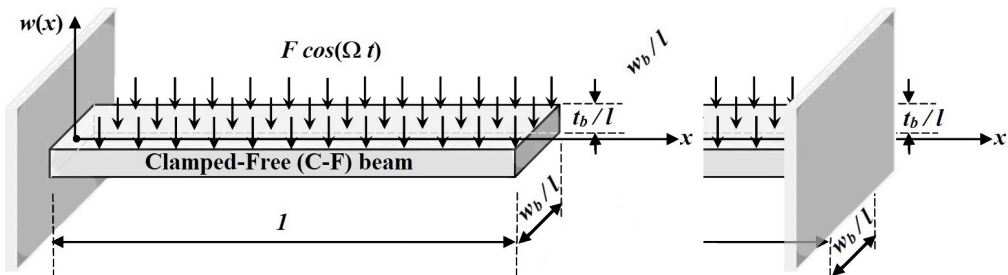


Figure 3: Physical models of the C-F and C-C beam systems

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Beam Boundary Conditions and PDEs

Shortened-beam Boundaries (C-F): One edge free for sliding, inextensional.

$$e = 0 \Rightarrow (1 + u')^2 + (w')^2 = 1, \quad (22)$$

$$PDE_{Sh} = \ddot{w} + w^{(iv)} + d\dot{w}^{(iv)} + (w'w''^2 + w'''w'^2)' - F \cos(\Omega t) = 0 \quad (23)$$

Stretched-beam Boundaries (C-C): Both ends fixed; longitudinal strain.

$$e \neq 0 \Rightarrow e = u' + \frac{1}{2}(w')^2 \quad (24)$$

$$PDE_{St} = \ddot{w} + w^{(iv)} + d\dot{w}^{(iv)} + [w'w''w''']' - \frac{1}{2}w' \left(\int_0^x w'^2 dx \right)'' = 0 \quad (25)$$

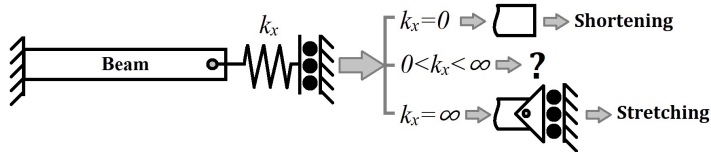


Figure 4: Configuration example of Partly-Shortened or Partly-stretched beam boundaries

Solving PDEs via Galerkin method

$$w(x, t) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_m} a_i(t) \psi_i(x), \quad (26)$$

$$\psi_i(x) = A_1 \cosh(\sqrt{\omega_i}x) + A_2 \sinh(\sqrt{\omega_i}x) + A_3 \sin(\sqrt{\omega_i}x) + A_4 \cos(\sqrt{\omega_i}x). \quad (27)$$

$w(x, t)$ becomes after normalizing the shape:

$$w(x, t) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_m} a_i^{Norm}(t) \psi_i^{Norm}(x), \quad (28)$$

Substituting into the PDEs:

① For shortened-beam:

$$ODE_j = \int_0^1 \psi_j^{Norm}(x) PDE_{Sh} dx. \quad (29)$$

② For stretched-beam:

$$ODE_j = \int_0^1 \psi_j^{Norm}(x) PDE_{St} dx. \quad (30)$$

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System Properties

For validation, We selected a sample system similar to a widely available steel ruler beam, ensuring accessibility for future experimental investigations.

Table 1: Geometrical and mechanical properties of the considered system

| l (cm) | w (cm) | t_b (cm) | E (GPa) | ρ_b (kg/m ³) | d |
|----------|----------|------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| 50 | 2.6 | 0.8 | 200 | 7850 | 0.002 |

Table 2: Abbreviations

| Abbreviation | Description |
|--------------|---|
| LEB | Linear Euler-Bernoulli model discretized via Galerkin method |
| NEB | Nonlinear Euler-Bernoulli model discretized via Galerkin method |
| NH | Nonlinear Hencky beam Model method |

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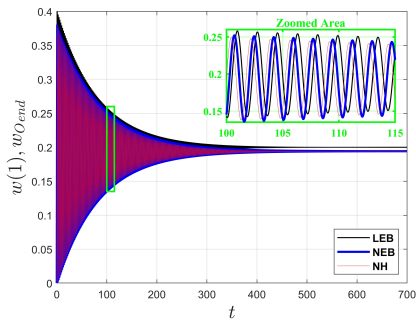
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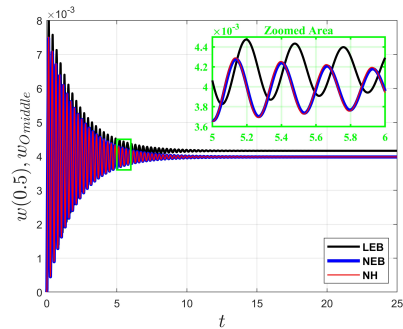
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(a) C-F beam (midpoint)



(b) C-C beam (midpoint)

Figure 5: Comparison of NH with 26 elements ($n = 25$), LEB, and NEB with 3 modes ($N_m = 3$): Static time history analysis ($\Omega = 0$) subjected to a force of $F = 1.6$.

Validation Results: Static Analysis of deflection ($n=25$)

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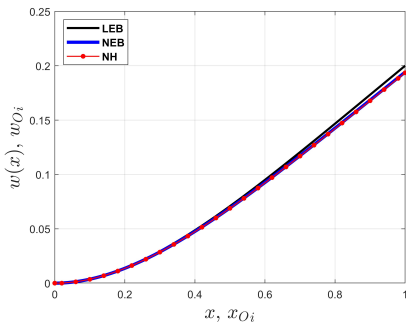
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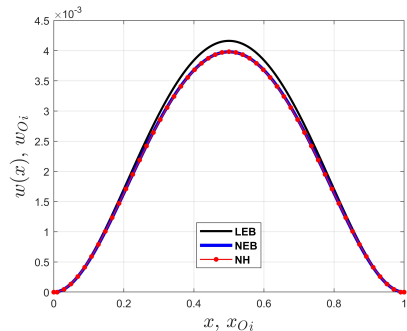
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(a) C-F beam at $t = 700$.



(b) C-C beam at $t = 25$.

Figure 6: Comparison of NH with 26 elements ($n = 25$), LEB, and NEB with 3 modes ($N_m = 3$): Static deflection ($\Omega = 0$) after stabilization subjected to a force of $F = 1.6$.

Validation Results: Dynamic Analysis of Time History ($n=25$)

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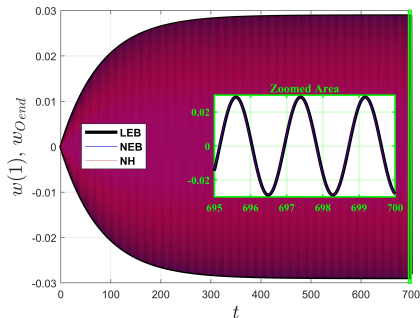
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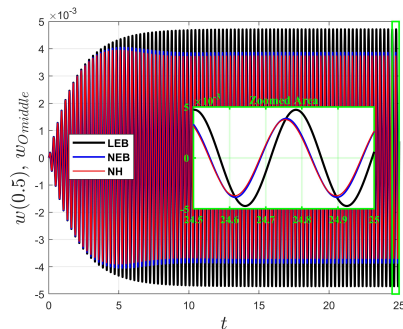
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(a) C-F Beam (Endpoint) subjected to a force of $F = 0.0016$ from $t = 0$ to $t = 25$.



(b) C-C Beam (Midpoint) subjected to a force of $F = 0.08$ from $t = 0$ to $t = 700$.

Figure 7: Comparison of NH with 26 elements ($n = 25$), LEB, and NEB with 3 modes ($N_m = 3$): Time History Analysis Near the First Resonance Frequency ($\Omega = \omega_1$).

Validation Results: Dynamic Analysis of Time History (n=52)

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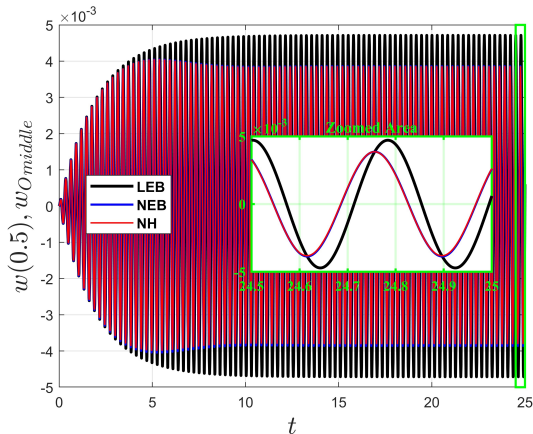


Figure 8: Comparison of NH with 52 elements ($n=51$), LEB, and NEB with 3 modes ($N_m = 3$): Time History Analysis near the first resonance frequency $\Omega = \omega_1$ for a C-C beam (midpoint) subjected to a force of $F = 0.08$ from $t = 0$ to $t = 700$.

Validation Results: Frequency Response Analysis (n=25)

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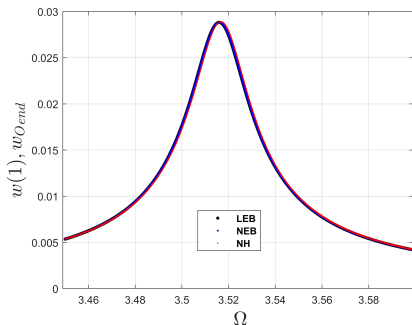
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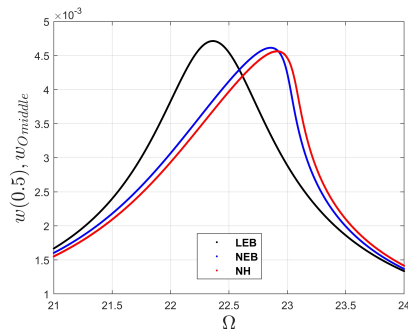
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(a) C-F beam (endpoint) subjected to a force of $F = 0.0016$.



(b) C-C beam (midpoint) subjected to a force of $F = 0.08$.

Figure 9: Comparison of NH with 26 elements ($n = 25$), LEB, and NEB with 3 modes ($N_m = 3$): Frequency Response Analysis near the first resonance frequency ($\Omega \approx \omega_1$).

Validation Results: Frequency Response Analysis (n=51)

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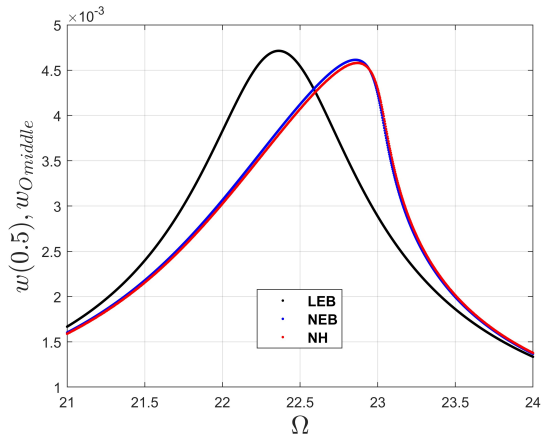
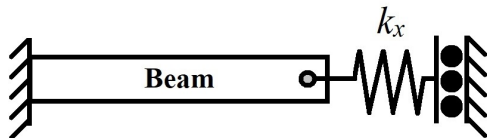
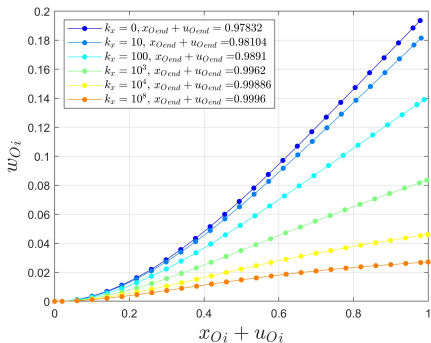


Figure 10: Comparison of NH with 52 elements ($n = 51$), LEB, and NEB with 3 modes ($N_m = 3$): Frequency Response Analysis near the first resonance frequency ($\Omega \approx \omega_1$) for C-C beam (midpoint) subjected to a force of $F = 0.08$.

Applications: Nonlinear analysis for large deflections and certain supports

This section explores a configuration where the horizontal spring stiffness k_x is finite, making the system neither fully free nor clamped.



Static deflection after stabilization ($\Omega = 0$, $F = 1.6$, $t = 700$) for varying k_x . Increasing k_x reduces static deflection.

Schematic of a clamped-free beam with a spring (k_x) at the free end.

Figure 11: Effect of spring stiffness k_x on beam behavior.

Dynamic response: Influence of k_x

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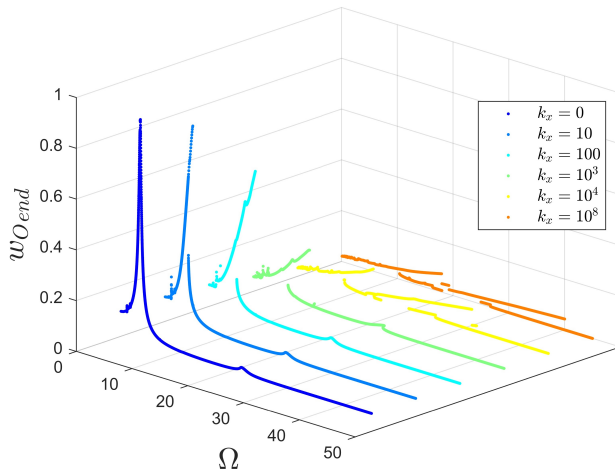
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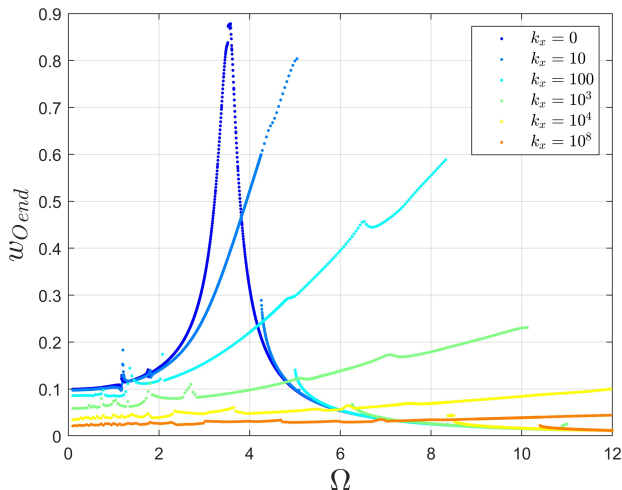
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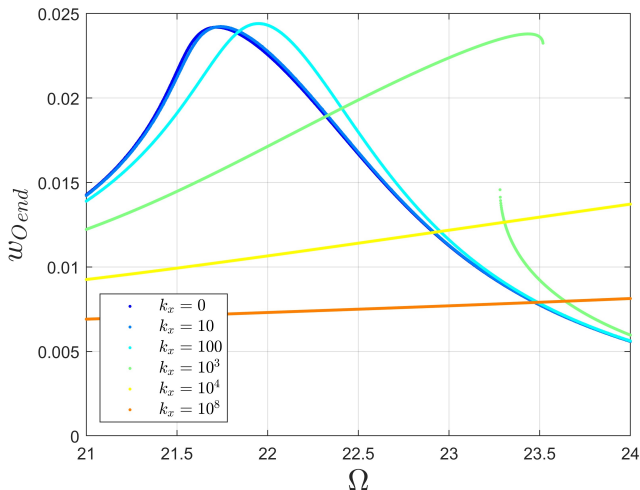
Frequency response for $0 \leq \Omega \leq 45$ and varying k_x . First and second resonances both shift rightward and reduce in magnitude as k_x increases.

Zoom: First resonance region



Frequency response near first resonance ($0 \leq \Omega \leq 10$). Hardening behavior increases with k_x .

Zoom: Second resonance region

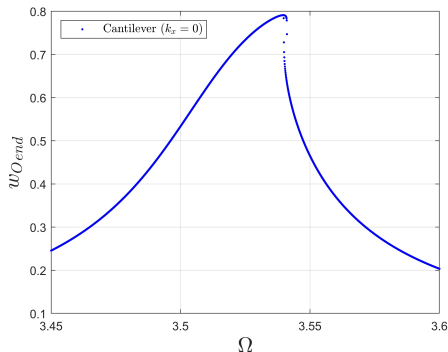


Frequency response near second resonance ($21 \leq \Omega \leq 24$). Behavior shifts from softening ($k_x < 100$) to hardening ($k_x > 100$).



Cantilever response: First resonance

Nayfeh and Pai confirm these findings in their study of the nonlinear behavior of cantilever beams. They discovered that this nonlinear behavior arises from a combination of hardening and softening effects. The overall nonlinear response depends on the balance between these two effects. Specifically, the first resonance mode demonstrates hardening,



Frequency response near $\omega_1 = 3.52$ with $F = 0.08$ for cantilever ($k_x = 0$). Hardening behavior is evident.

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, whereas higher modes tend to exhibit softening [3].

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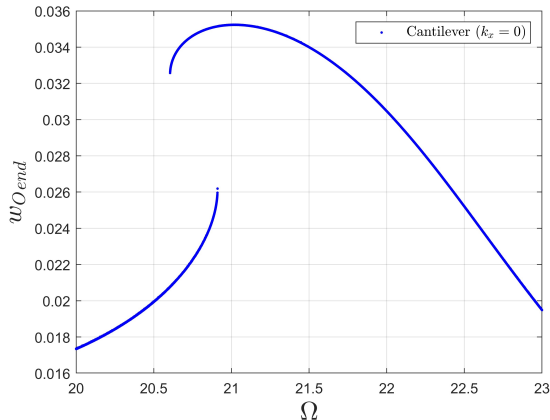
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Frequency response near $\omega_2 = 22.03$ with $F = 1.6$ for cantilever ($k_x = 0$). Clear softening behavior observed.



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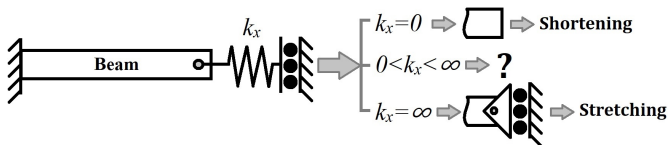
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- Validation using the Galerkin method confirmed that Hencky's models are effective for both cantilever and clamped-clamped beams.
- Hencky's models overcome the limitations of the nonlinear Euler-Bernoulli:
 - ① The Euler-Bernoulli model only applies to small deflections, while Hencky's models handle both small and large deflections.
 - ② The Euler-Bernoulli model struggles with partially shortened or stretched boundaries, but Hencky's models do not have these boundary restrictions.

Future Research:

- Despite the complexity, Hencky's models can be applied to nonlinear dynamic studies of beams with partially shortened or stretched boundaries.



- Explore nonlinear behaviors in beams with varying boundary conditions, such as different slope angles.

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