Modal analysis of the dynamic response of Timoshenko beam under moving mass

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Abstract. In this study, the dynamic response of a Timoshenko beam under moving mass is investigated. To this end, vectorial form orthogonality property of the Timoshenko beam free vibration modes is applied to the EEM (Eigenfunction Expansion Method). The implication of the vectorial form series and an appropriate inner product of mode shapes in combination are focused for a beam with arbitrary boundary conditions. Consequently, significant simplifications and efficacy in the utilization of the EEM in eliminating the spatial domain is achieved. In order to comprise validation, the present study is compared with the DET (Discrete Element Technique) and the RKPM (Reproducing Kernel Particle Method).

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1. Introduction

In recent years, all branches of transportation industry have experienced great revolutionary advances characterized by increasingly high speed and weight of the vehicular systems. As a result, the corresponding structures have been subjected to the deflections and dynamic stresses far larger than ever before. The moving force/mass problems are among highly interested issues in the structural dynamics. The importance of the subject is manifested in numerous applications in the field of transportation. As a matter of fact, bridges [1-6], guide-ways [7], pavements [8], overhead cranes [9], railroads [10], runways [11], and pipelines [12] are instances of structural elements in which the vibrations induced by moving inertial loads could be a significant design factor to be considered. A rich literature on the methods and the subjects is available in [13,14] on the moving load dynamic problems.

The dynamic response of a beam to a moving force has been widely treated previously. However, there are clearly many problems of great physical significance in which the mass inertia cannot be neglected. Evidently, the mass inertia causes significant changes in the total dynamic performance of the system [15,16]. On the other hand, the thin beam theory neglects transverse shearing deformation, where this shear effect can be accounted for through a higher order beam theory. It is noteworthy to mention that the bending modes and shear modes responses mostly appear in short beams. In 1921, Timoshenko presented a revised beam theory considering shear deformation. Considering the Timoshenko beam theory, the dynamic behavior of deep beams and the beams subjected to high-frequency excitations, would more accurately and reasonably be assessed.

Through the progressive steps towards the solution of the Timoshenko beams carrying moving mass, Mackertich [17] followed Lee [18] who investigated the dynamic behavior of a Timoshenko beam subjected to an accelerating mass. Mackertich [17] represented a reasonable solution for the simply supported boundary conditions. He took advantage of eigenfunction expansion method taking into account the effects of

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the rotary inertia. Even though, ignoring the effects of moving mass Coriolis acceleration in this study may notably confine the validity of the simulation. Lee’s [18] formulation has further removed the simplifying assumptions by regarding a non-permanent contact condition between the moving mass and the base beam during the course of the motion. Yavari, Nouri and Mofti [19] tackled the dynamics of a Timoshenko beam with various boundary conditions under a moving mass by making recourse to the DET.

The vibration of a Timoshenko beam, undergoing arbitrarily distributed harmonic moving load, has been explored by Kargamovin and Younesian [20]. They regarded a beam of uniform cross-section with infinite length, lying on a generalized Pasternak-type viscoelastic foundation. They solved the governing differential equations via complex Fourier transformation in conjunction with the residue and convolution integral theorems. Effedhar Azam et al. [21] treated the motion equation of a Timoshenko beam subjected to a traveling sprung mass. They extensively compared the beam vibrations due to a moving sprung mass with those captured by the consideration of moving mass and moving force. Dyniewicz and Bajer [22] have studied this problem employing an approach similar to the eigenfunction expansion method. However, as well as other previously established solutions based on eigenfunction expansion method, their study does not include the case of a non-simply supported boundary conditions. Kiani et al. [23] have also dealt with the problem of moving mass traversing a beam by Reproducing Kernel Particle Method (RKPM) and the extended Newmark-β-method. They analyzed the dynamic effects of moving mass on Euler-Bernoulli, Timoshenko, and higher-order beams. The exact solution of Timoshenko beams using the dynamic Green function has been represented by Ghanammad and Mofti [24].

In view of above mentioned literature on the dynamics of a Timoshenko beam under a traveling mass, the utilization of the eigenfunction expansion method has been merely constrained to the case of a simply-supported beam. On the other hand, due to the framework by which the previous researchers have followed, their numerical models lack the possibility of extending to the various boundary conditions in a favorable manner. In order to fill this gap, the presented investigations in this paper feature the main objectives of:

- Presenting a very convenient, practical and robust analytical-numerical technique so as to determine the dynamic response of Timoshenko beams with various boundary conditions under the action of moving mass;
- Providing guarantee of validity by including comparisons of the obtained results with those predicted by DET and the RKPM [19,23].

2. Problem definition

In the dynamic Timoshenko beam theory without axial effects, the displacements of the beam are assumed to be given by:

\begin{align}
    u_x(x, y, z, t) &= -z\theta(x, t), \\
    u_y(x, y, z, t) &= 0, \\
    u_z(x, y, z, t) &= w(x, t),
\end{align}

where \((x, y, z)\) are the coordinates of a point in the beam; \(u_x\), \(u_y\) and \(u_z\) are the components of the displacement field in the \(x\), \(y\) and \(z\) directions; \(\theta\) is the counterclockwise angle of the beam cross-section rotation, and \(w\) is the displacement of the neutral axis in the \(z\) direction as shown in Figure 1.

Using Hamilton’s principle and employing the Timoshenko beam theory, one can obtain the governing differential equations as follows [18,25]:

\[
\kappa GA(w_{,xx} - \theta_{,x}) - \rho A w_{,tt} = -\sum_{k=1}^{N_m} M_k (g - \ddot{w}_0_k) \delta (x - X_k(t)),
\]

\[
EI\theta_{,xx} + \kappa GA(w_{,x} - \theta) - \rho I \theta_{,tt} = 0,
\]

\[
\ddot{w}_0_k = \left[ w_{,tt} + w_{,x} \dot{X}_k(t) + w_{,xx} \ddot{X}_k(t) \right] |_{x = X_k(t)}.
\]

In which \(A, E, G, I, \kappa\) and \(\rho\) signify cross-sectional area of the beam, the modulus of elasticity, shear modulus, cross-sectional moment of inertia, shear correction factor and beam mass per unit of volume, respectively. \(N_m\) is the number of traveling masses.

In Eq. (6), subscripts following by “,” represent partial derivatives, “.” denotes differentiation with
respect to time and $\frac{d}{dt}$ represents complete (total) derivative. Moreover, $X_k(t)$ is the time dependent position of the $k$th moving mass.

The common boundary conditions associated with the Timoshenko beam theory are given as follows:

$$\forall \theta \in x = 0, \quad x = L : EI\theta_{xx} = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \theta = 0.$$  
$$\forall \theta \in x = 0, \quad x = L : \kappa GA(w_x - \theta) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad w = 0. \quad (7)$$

For a linear elastic three-dimensional system, free vibration modes can be written in a vectorial form as:

$$\hat{\mathbf{M}}^{(n)}(x, y, z) = (\mathbf{r}_1^{(n)}(x, y, z), \mathbf{r}_2^{(n)}(x, y, z), U_3^{(n)}(x, y, z)).$$  
$$\hat{\mathbf{M}}^{(n)}(x, y, z) = (\mathbf{r}_1^{(n)}(x, y, z), \mathbf{r}_2^{(n)}(x, y, z), U_3^{(n)}(x, y, z)). \quad (8)$$

The inner product of any two modes can be defined as follows:

$$\hat{\mathbf{M}}^{(i)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{M}}^{(j)} = \int_{V} \int_{V} \hat{\mathbf{M}}^{(i)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{M}}^{(j)} dV$$
$$\hat{\mathbf{M}}^{(i)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{M}}^{(j)} = \int_{V} \int_{V} \int_{V} (\mathbf{r}_1^{(i)} \mathbf{r}_1^{(j)}) + \mathbf{r}_2^{(i)} \mathbf{r}_2^{(j)} + U_3^{(i)} U_3^{(j)}) dV. \quad (9)$$

Any two diverse modes of a linear elastic media have the orthogonality property with respect to the inner product in Eq. (9) [26], that is:

$$i \neq j \rightarrow \hat{\mathbf{M}}^{(i)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{M}}^{(j)} = 0. \quad (10)$$

For instance, this characteristic could be applied to evaluate the accuracy of experimentally determined natural modes. In the present research, it allows expressing a general solution of the forced vibration equation in terms of an infinite series of modes. By using the displacement field according to Timoshenko beam theory, free vibration modes can be written in a vectorial form as:

$$\hat{\mathbf{M}}^{(n)} = (-\psi_n z, 0, \phi_n). \quad (11)$$

In Eq. (11), $\phi_n$ and $\psi_n$ stand for the $n$th mode shape corresponding to transverse deflection and rotation, respectively. Furthermore, $\phi_n$ and $\psi_n$ are both functions of $x$. In a summarized form:

$$\hat{\mathbf{M}}^{(n)} = (-\psi_n z, 0, \phi_n). \quad (12)$$

In the specific case of Timoshenko Beam theory, the inner product of two modes can be defined as follows:

$$\hat{\mathbf{M}}^{(i)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{M}}^{(j)} = \int_{0}^{l} \int_{A} (-\psi_i z, \phi_i)(-\psi_j z, \phi_j) dAdx$$
$$\hat{\mathbf{M}}^{(i)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{M}}^{(j)} = \int_{0}^{l} \int_{A} (\phi_i \phi_j + \psi_i \psi_j z^2) dAdx$$
$$\hat{\mathbf{M}}^{(i)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{M}}^{(j)} = \int_{0}^{l} (A\phi_i \phi_j + I\psi_i \psi_j) dx. \quad (13)$$

Ultimately, by using the orthogonality of natural modes and normalizing mode shapes, Eqs. (10) and (13) will lead to:

$$\int_{0}^{l} (A\phi_i \phi_j + I\psi_i \psi_j) dx = \delta_{ij}, \quad (14)$$

wherein, $\delta_{ij}$ is the Kronecker delta function as:

$$\delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 
1, & i = j \\
0, & i \neq j 
\end{cases} \quad (15)$$

It should be highlighted that $\phi_i$, $\phi_j$, $\psi_i$ and $\psi_j$ are not orthogonal except in the case of hinged-hinged boundary conditions. In other words, if $i \neq j$, then $\int_{0}^{l} \phi_i(x) \psi_j(x) dx$, $\int_{0}^{l} \psi_i(x) \psi_j(x) dx$ and $\int_{0}^{l} \phi_i(x) \phi_j(x) dx$ are not necessarily equal to zero excepting the case of a simply supported beam. The form of general orthogonality, which is valid for all boundary conditions, is the one stated in Eqs. (12) and (14) in which, as mentioned before, has a vectorial format. This is the key point which makes the solutions in this paper distinct from the other corresponding ones presented in the available literature.

3. The method of the solution

Free vibration modes of a Timoshenko beam could be derived from the following equations:

$$\kappa GA(w_{xx} - \theta_x) - \rho A w_{tt} = 0, \quad (15)$$
$$EI\theta_{xx} + \kappa GA(w_x - \theta) - \rho I\theta_{tt} = 0. \quad (16)$$

Eqs. (15) and (16) could be handled using direct separation of variables:

$$w(x, t) = \phi(x) \Gamma(t),$$
$$\theta(x, t) = \psi(x) \Gamma(t). \quad (17)$$

It should be noted that in the case of free vibration, $\phi$ and $\psi$ should have the same coefficient [29]. By introducing Eq. (17) to Eqs. (15) and (16), the following equations could be derived straightforwardly:

$$\kappa GA(\phi(x)_{xx} - \psi(x)_{xx}) \Gamma(t) - \rho A \phi(x) \ddot{\Gamma}(t) = 0, \quad (18)$$

$$\kappa GA(\phi(x)_{xx} - \psi(x)_{xx}) \Gamma(t) - \rho I \psi(x) \ddot{\Gamma}(t) = 0. \quad (19)$$
\[
(\kappa GA \phi(x, t) - \psi(x, t)) = 0,
\]
(19)

For Eqs. (16) and (17) to be separable, \( \frac{\partial \Gamma(t)}{\partial t} \) must be constant, therefore:
\[
\Gamma(t) = -\hat{\omega}^2 \to \Gamma(t) = A \sin(\hat{\omega} t) + B \cos(\hat{\omega} t),
\]
(20)

where \( \hat{\omega} \) is the natural frequency of free vibration. Regarding \( \omega^2 = \frac{\rho A}{EI} \hat{\omega}^2 \) and substituting Eq. (20) into Eqs. (18) and (19) end in the following equations:
\[
\kappa GA (\phi_{j,xx} - \psi_{j,xx}) + EI \omega_j^2 \phi_j(x) = 0, \tag{21}
\]
\[
EI \psi_{j,xx} + \kappa GA (\phi_{j,xx} - \psi_{j,xx}) + \frac{EI^2}{A} \omega_j^2 \psi_j(x) = 0. \tag{22}
\]

According to Eqs. (4) and (5), the vectorial form of the governing differential equation is as follows:
\[
\left(\begin{array}{c}
\kappa GA(w_{xx} - \theta_x) - \rho Aw_{xx} + \kappa GA(w_x - \theta) \\
- \rho I \theta_{tt}
\end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c}
- \sum_{j=1}^{N_x} M_k (g - w_{xx}) \delta(x - X_k(t)) \cdot 0
\end{array}\right),
\]
(23)

\[
(w(x, t), \theta(x, t)) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (\phi_j(x), \psi_j(x)) T_j(t). \tag{24}
\]

Considering the first \( n \) free vibration mode shapes, Eqs. (6) and (24) could be substituted into Eq. (23) arriving at:
\[
\sum_{j=1}^{n} \left(\begin{array}{c}
\kappa GA (\phi_{j,xx} - \psi_{j,xx}) T_j(t) - \rho A \phi_j(x) \bar{T}_j(t) \\
EI \psi_{j,xx} T_j(t) + \kappa GA (\phi_{j,xx} - \psi_{j,xx}) \\
- \rho I \psi_j \bar{T}_j(t)
\end{array}\right) = \sum_{j=1}^{n} \left(\begin{array}{c}
- \sum_{k=1}^{N_x} M_k (g - \phi_j(x) \bar{T}_j(t) + 2 \phi_{j,xx}(x) \bar{T}_j(t) \bar{X}_k(t) + \phi_{j,xx}(x) T_j(t) \\
\phi_{j,xx}(x) T_j(t) \bar{X}_k(t) + \phi_{j,xx}(x) T_j(t) \\
\bar{X}_k(t) \delta(x - X_k(t)), 0
\end{array}\right).
\]
(25)

\( \omega_j \) is defined as:
\[
\omega_j = \frac{\rho A}{EI} \hat{\omega}_j^2.
\]
(26)

where \( \hat{\omega}_j \) is the frequency of the \( j \)th free vibration mode. According to Eqs. (21) and (22) and the definition of \( \omega_j \) in Eq. (26), it is evident that:
\[
\kappa GA (\phi_{j,xx} - \psi_{j,xx}) = -EI \omega_j^2 \phi_j \quad \text{and}
\]
\[
EI \psi_{j,xx} + \kappa GA (\phi_{j,xx} - \psi_{j,xx}) = -\frac{EI^2}{A} \omega_j^2 \psi_j.
\]
(27)

Therefore Eq. (25) would take a simpler form:
\[
\sum_{j=1}^{n} \left(\begin{array}{c}
- \frac{EI \omega_j^2 \phi_j(x) T_j(t) - \rho A \phi_j(x) \bar{T}_j(t)}{\bar{T}_j(t)} \\
- \frac{EI^2 \omega_j^2 \psi_j(x) T_j(t) - \rho I \psi_j \bar{T}_j(t)}{\bar{T}_j(t)}
\end{array}\right)
\]
\[
= \sum_{j=1}^{n} \left(\begin{array}{c}
- \sum_{k=1}^{N_x} M_k [g - (\phi_j(x) \bar{T}_j(t) + 2 \phi_{j,xx}(x) \bar{T}_j(t) \bar{X}_k(t) + \phi_{j,xx}(x) T_j(t) \\
\phi_{j,xx}(x) T_j(t) \bar{X}_k(t) + \phi_{j,xx}(x) T_j(t) \\
\bar{X}_k(t) \delta(x - X_k(t)), 0)
\end{array}\right).
\]
(28)

Performing an inner product of \( (\phi_i(x), \psi_i(x)) \) on Eq. (28) and integrating both sides of the resulting equation with respect to \( x \) over the length of the beam \( 0 \leq x \leq L \) result in:
\[
\sum_{j=1}^{n} \left(\begin{array}{c}
\int_{x=0}^{x=L} (A \phi_i(x) \phi_j(x) + I \psi_i(x) \psi_j(x)) dx \\
\int_{x=0}^{x=L} \sum_{k=1}^{N_x} M_k [g - (\phi_j(x) \bar{T}_j(t) + 2 \phi_{j,xx}(x) \bar{T}_j(t) \bar{X}_k(t) + \phi_{j,xx}(x) T_j(t) \\
\phi_{j,xx}(x) T_j(t) \bar{X}_k(t) + \phi_{j,xx}(x) T_j(t) \\
\bar{X}_k(t) \delta(x - X_k(t)), 0)
\end{array}\right).
\]
(29)

By applying the orthogonality condition from Eq. (14), for linear elastic, isotropic, and homogeneous beam of constant cross-section, the integral in the left side of Eq. (29) could be highly simplified taking the form of \( \sum_{j=1}^{n} \left(\begin{array}{c}
\frac{EI \omega_j^2 T_j(t) + \rho \bar{T}_j(t)}{\bar{T}_j(t)} \int_{x=0}^{x=L} \sum_{k=1}^{N_x} M_k (g - \phi_j(x) \bar{T}_j(t) + 2 \phi_{j,xx}(x) \bar{T}_j(t) \bar{X}_k(t) + \phi_{j,xx}(x) T_j(t) \\
\phi_{j,xx}(x) T_j(t) \bar{X}_k(t) + \phi_{j,xx}(x) T_j(t) \\
\bar{X}_k(t) \delta(x - X_k(t)), 0)
\end{array}\right) \right).
side of Eq. (29) can be simplified using characteristics of Dirac delta. So Eq. (29) could be rewritten as follows:

\[
\frac{EI}{A} \omega_j^2 T_j(t) + \rho T_j(t) = \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{N_m} \left( M_k \phi_k(x) - \phi_i(x) \phi_j(x) T_j(t) - 2 \phi_i(x) \phi_j,x(x) T_j(t) \bar{X}_k(t) \right)
\]

\[
- \phi_i(x) \phi_j(x) \bar{T}_j(t) - 2 \phi_i(x) \phi_j,x(x) \bar{T}_j(t) \bar{X}_k(t) + \phi_i(x) \phi_j,x(x) \bar{T}_j(t) \bar{X}_k(t)
\]

\[
\bar{X}_k(t) |_{x = \chi_k(t)} \mathcal{H}_k(t)
\]

wherein \( \mathcal{H}_k(t) \) is defined as:

\[
\mathcal{H}_k(t) = \begin{cases} 
1 & 0 < X_k(t) < L \\
0 & X_k(t) < 0 \text{ or } X_k(t) > L 
\end{cases}
\]

(31)

It would be interesting to point out that in the solution of Euler-Bernoulli beam equation via eigenfunction expansion method, after elimination of the spatial domain, an expression similar to Eq. (30) could be derived; however it is different because \( \omega \) and \( \phi \) are not the same as those in thin beam equation. It should be underlined that even in the case of a hinged-hinged beam in which \( \phi \) is the same in both theories, \( \omega \) is different and this, in turn, makes the total equations different. Besides, as shown in Section 4.2, this formulation gives different results compared to thin beam theory. Eq. (30) could be rearranged as follows:

\[
\sum_{j=1}^{n} M_{ij}(t) \bar{T}_j(t) + \sum_{j=1}^{n} C_{ij}(t) \bar{T}_j(t) + \sum_{j=1}^{n} K_{ij}(t) T_j(t) = f_i(t).
\]

(32)

Reproducing the equations, in a matrix version, results in:

\[
[M(t)]_{n \times n} [\bar{T}(t)]_{n \times 1} + [C(t)]_{n \times n} [\bar{T}(t)]_{n \times 1}
\]

\[
+ [K(t)]_{n \times n} [T(t)]_{n \times 1} = [f(t)]_{n \times 1}.
\]

(33)

Eq. (33) is a set of \( n \) equations with \( n \) unknowns which can be solved through a numerical procedure [27,28]. The \((i, j)\)th element of the matrices in Eq. (33) is as follows:

\[
M_{ij}(t) = \rho \delta_{ij} + \sum_{k=1}^{N_m} M_k \phi_i(X_k(t)) \phi_j(X_k(t)) \mathcal{H}_k(t),
\]

(34)

\[
C_{ij}(t) = \sum_{k=1}^{N_m} \left( 2 M_k \phi_i(X_k(t)) \phi_j,x(X_k(t)) \bar{X}_k(t) \mathcal{H}_k(t) \right),
\]

(35)

\[
K_{ij}(t) = \frac{EI}{A} \omega_j^2 \delta_{ij} + \sum_{k=1}^{N_m} \left( M_k \phi_i(X_k(t)) \left( \phi_{j,xx}(X_k(t)) \bar{X}_k^2(t) + \phi_{j,x}(X_k(t)) \bar{X}_k(t) \right) \mathcal{H}_k(t) \right)
\]

\[
H_k(t).
\]

(36)

\[
f_i(t) = \sum_{k=1}^{N_m} \left( M_k \phi_i(X_k(t)) \mathcal{H}_k(t) \right). 
\]

(37)

To carry out the computations, one should apply the natural mode shapes of the beam to Eqs. (34)-(37) in order to form the matrices presented in Eq. (33). Though, having been discussed in the literature previously [29], the mode shapes of Timoshenko beam are given in the appendix of this paper to facilitate the reproduction of the presented calculations.

To make a comparison between the presented method herein and the conventional ones [18,21], let us assume that the coefficients of \( \phi \) and \( \psi \) are different:

\[
w(x, t) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \phi_j(x) \bar{T}_j(t),
\]

\[
\theta(x, t) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \psi_j(x) \bar{T}_j(t).
\]

(38)

Considering the first \( n \) modes of free vibration and applying Eq. (38) to Eqs. (4) and (5) result in:

\[
\sum_{j=1}^{n} \left( \kappa G A (\phi_{j,xx}(x) \bar{T}_j(t) - \psi_{j,x}(x) \bar{T}_j(t)) \right)
\]

\[
- \rho A \phi_j(x) \bar{T}_j(t) \right) = \sum_{j=1}^{n} \left( - \sum_{k=1}^{N_m} M_k \phi_i(x) \phi_j(x) \bar{T}_j(t) \bar{X}_k(t) \right)
\]

\[
+ \phi_{j,xx}(x) \bar{T}_j(t) \bar{X}_k(t)
\]

\[
+ \phi_{j,x}(x) \bar{T}_j(t) \bar{X}_k(t) \right) |_{x = \chi_k(t)} \bar{X}_k(t) \mathcal{H}_k(t).
\]

(39)

\[
\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left( EI \psi_{j,xx}(x) \bar{T}_j(t) + \kappa G A (\phi_{j,xx}(x) \bar{T}_j(t) \right)
\]

\[
- \psi_{j,x}(x) \bar{T}_j(t) \right) - \rho I \psi_{j,xx}(x) \bar{T}_j(t) \right) = 0.
\]

(40)

Considering the first \( n \) mode shapes of free vibration and multiplying both sides of Eqs. (39) and (40) by
\( \phi_i(x) \) and \( \psi_i(x) \), respectively, then integrating the resulting equations with respect to \( x \) over the length of the beam, one could arrive at:

\[
\sum_{j=1}^{n} \left( \kappa GA \int_{0}^{L} \phi_i(x) \phi_{j,xx}(x) dx \right) T_j(t) 
- \sum_{j=1}^{n} \left( \kappa GA \int_{0}^{L} \phi_i(x) \psi_{j,x}(x) dx \right) \tau_j(t) 
- \sum_{j=1}^{n} \left( \rho A \int_{0}^{L} \phi_i(x) \phi_j(x) dx \right) \tilde{T}_j(t) 
= \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \left[ -M_k \left( g \phi_i(x) - \phi_i(x) \phi_j(x) \tilde{T}_j(t) \right) 
- 2 \phi_i(x) \phi_{j,x}(x) \tilde{T}_j(t) X_k(t) - \phi_i(x) \phi_{j,xx}(x) T_j(t) \right] 
X_k(t) \psi_i(x) \phi_j(x) T_j(t) \tilde{T}_j(t) \right\} \bigg|_{x=x_k/j} \right) .
\]

\[
\sum_{j=1}^{n} \left( \kappa GA \int_{0}^{L} \psi_i(x) \phi_{j,x}(x) dx \right) T_j(t) 
+ \sum_{j=1}^{n} (EI \int_{0}^{L} \psi_i(x) \psi_{j,xx}(x) dx) dx 
- \kappa GA \int_{0}^{L} \psi_i(x) \psi_j(x) dx \tau_j(t) 
- \sum_{j=1}^{n} \left( \rho I \int_{0}^{L} \psi_i(x) \psi_j(x) dx \right) \tilde{r}_j(t) = 0.
\]

The matrix version of the set of coupled second-order ODEs in Eqs. (41) and (42) could be stated as:

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
[M^{(11)}_{n \times n}] & [M^{(12)}_{n \times n}] \\
[M^{(21)}_{n \times n}] & [M^{(22)}_{n \times 2n \times 2n}] \\
[T^{(1)}_{n \times 1}] & [T^{(2)}_{n \times 1}]
\end{bmatrix}
+ \begin{bmatrix}
[C^{(11)}_{n \times n}] & [C^{(12)}_{n \times n}] \\
[C^{(21)}_{n \times n}] & [C^{(22)}_{n \times 2n \times 2n}] \\
[T^{(1)}_{n \times 1}] & [T^{(2)}_{n \times 1}]
\end{bmatrix}
+ \begin{bmatrix}
[K^{(11)}_{n \times n}] & [K^{(12)}_{n \times n}] \\
[K^{(21)}_{n \times n}] & [K^{(22)}_{n \times 2n \times 2n}] \\
[T^{(1)}_{n \times 1}] & [T^{(2)}_{n \times 1}]
\end{bmatrix}
= \begin{bmatrix}
[I^{(1)}_{n \times 1}] \\
[I^{(2)}_{n \times 1}]
\end{bmatrix} .
\]

The elements of matrices in Eq. (43) are as follows:

\[
M^{(11)}_{ij}(t) = -\rho A \int_{0}^{L} \phi_i(x) \phi_j(x) dx - \sum_{k=1}^{N} M_k \phi_i(X_k(t)),
\]

\[
\phi_j(X_k(t)) \mathcal{H}_k(t),
\]

\[
M^{(12)}_{ij} = 0,
\]

\[
M^{(21)}_{ij} = 0,
\]

\[
M^{(22)}_{ij} = -\rho I \int_{0}^{L} \psi_i(x) \psi_j(x) dx,
\]

\[
C^{(11)}_{ij}(t) = -\sum_{k=1}^{N} \left( 2M_k \phi_i(X_k(t)) \phi_j(X_k(t)) \right)
X_k(t) \mathcal{H}_k(t),
\]

\[
C^{(12)}_{ij} = 0,
\]

\[
C^{(21)}_{ij} = 0,
\]

\[
C^{(22)}_{ij} = 0.
\]

\[
K^{(11)}_{ij}(t) = \kappa GA \int_{0}^{L} \phi_i(x) \phi_{j,x}(x) dx 
- \sum_{k=1}^{N} \left( M_k \phi_i(X_k(t))(\phi_{j,x}(X_k(t)) \right)
X_k(t) \phi_i(x) \phi_j(x) T_j(t) \tilde{T}_j(t) \right\} \bigg|_{x=x_k/j} \right) .
\]

\[
K^{(12)}_{ij} = \kappa GA \int_{0}^{L} \phi_i(x) \phi_{j,x}(x) dx,
\]

\[
K^{(21)}_{ij} = \kappa GA \int_{0}^{L} \psi_i(x) \phi_{j,x}(x) dx,
\]

\[
K^{(22)}_{ij} = \kappa GA \int_{0}^{L} \psi_i(x) \psi_{j,x}(x) dx
- \kappa GA \int_{0}^{L} \psi_i(x) \psi_j(x) dx.
\]

\[
f^{(1)}_{i}(t) = \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \left( -M_k g \phi_i(X_k(t)) \right),
\]

\[
f^{(2)}_{i}(t) = 0.
\]

Disregarding the vectorial orthogonality of mode shapes and assuming different coefficients for \( \phi_i(x) \) and \( \psi_i(x) \), as shown in Eqs. (38)-(47), lead to the formation of a set of \( 2n \) second order ODEs instead of a set of \( n \) second order ODEs (Eq. (33)). Moreover, except the case of hinged-hinged boundary condition, the integrals in Eqs. (44)-(47) are not necessarily zero when \( i \neq j \); therefore, more computational effort is required to calculate the elements of matrices in
Eq. (43) compared to Eq. (33). Some numerical examples are solved in the next section that shows the method presented through Eqs. (15) to (37) leads to satisfactory correspondence with two other numerical solutions; furthermore, it is shown that following the alternative method presented through Eqs. (38)-(46) ends in almost the same results for the deflection and the rotational angle of Timoshenko beam.

It is notable that, an equivalent method to the one presented in Eqs. (38)-(46) is decoupling the governing differential equations of Timoshenko beam [18,22]. This will result in a set of $n$ fourth order ODEs. Moreover, as it is shown in a previous research work [18], the coefficients of the ODEs contain many integrals, and as mentioned before, for boundary conditions other than hinged-hinged, such integrals are not necessarily zero for $i 
eq j$.

4. Numerical examples

In this section, two sets of numerical examples are solved to compare the analysis results obtained by the method presented in Section 3 of this article with those of two other published studies using DET and RKPM.

4.1. Comparison with DET

To verify the new formulation of EEM which is discussed in detail in Section 3 of this article, two numerical examples are solved and the results are compared with those obtained by the previously published study which utilized DET to handle the problem [29]. The beams are considered with the following characteristics:

Simply supported beam (SS):
- $L$ (m): 4.352
- $A$ (m$^2$): 1.31 x 10$^{-3}$
- $I$ (m$^4$): 5.71 x 10$^{-7}$
- $m$ (kg): 87.04
- $E$ (N/m$^2$): 2.02 x 10$^{11}$
- $G$ (N/m$^2$): 7.7 x 10$^{10}$
- $M$ (kg): 21.83
- $c$ (m/s): 27.49

Cantilever beam (CF):
- $L$ (m): 7.62
- $A$ (m$^2$): 5.90 x 10$^{-3}$
- $I$ (m$^4$): 4.58 x 10$^{-5}$
- $m$ (kg): 350
- $E$ (N/m$^2$): 2.14 x 10$^{11}$
- $G$ (N/m$^2$): 8.18 x 10$^{10}$
- $M$ (kg): 525
- $c$ (m/s): 50.8

wherein, $M$ is the moving mass, “$m$” represents the total mass of the beam, “$c$” is the moving mass velocity, “$E$” is the Young’s modulus, “$G$” is the shear modulus, “$I$” is the moment of inertia, “$A$” is the beam cross-sectional area, “$L$” is the beam length, and “$\kappa$” is the shear correction factor. In Figures 2 and 3, the dynamic deflections of mid-span of the SS beam and the free end of CF beam, under moving mass, calculated using EEM, is compared with those obtained by DET [29]. For the simply supported beam, Figure 2 shows that the results are fairly close, and the maximum difference is 5\% for the maximum dynamic deflection of mid span. Comparison of the results for the cantilever beam (Figure 4) shows that the difference is about 15\%; however, as it is shown in the next numerical study, the results of the present study coincide with those calculated using RKPM [23] for all common boundary conditions.

4.2. Comparison with the RKPM

In this example, the results of EEM are compared with those of RKPM [23]. To this end, considering different
values for the slenderness of the beams \( (\lambda = L/r) \) and the velocity of moving mass, a parametric study is performed to investigate the maximum deflections of beams with four different boundary conditions, simple-simple, simple-clamped, clamped-clamped and clamped-free, and the results are compared with the analysis by RKPM [23]. The characteristics of the beams and definition of parameters used in this example are as follows.

The cross-section of the beam is assumed to be rectangular:

- \( b \) : Width of the beam cross-section: \( b = 0.1 \text{ m} \)
- \( h \) : Height of the beam cross-section: \( h = \sqrt{bh} \)
- \( r \) : Radius of gyration of the beam cross-section: \( r = \lambda L \)
- \( L \) : Length of the beam: \( L = 10 \text{ m} \)
- \( \lambda \) : Slenderness of the beam: \( \lambda = L/r \)
- \( E \) : Modulus of elasticity: \( E = 2.1 \times 10^{11} \text{ N/m}^2 \)
- \( G \) : Shear modulus: \( G = 8.0769 \times 10^{10} \text{ N/m}^2 \)
- \( \kappa \) : Shear factor: \( \kappa = 0.833 \)
- \( \rho \) : Density of the beam: \( \rho = 7800 \text{ kg/m}^3 \)
- \( M \) : Moving mass: \( M = 0.15 \rho AL \)
- \( V \) : Velocity of the moving mass
- \( W_{\text{max}} \) : Maximum deflection of the beam under the action of moving mass

\[ W_0 \] : Maximum deflection of the similar Euler-Bernoulli beam under a static load equal to \( Mg \)

boundary conditions: \( S \rightarrow \text{Simple}, C \rightarrow \text{Clamped}, F \rightarrow \text{Free}, \)

\[ W_{\text{max},N} = \frac{W_{\text{max}}}{W_0}, \quad W_{0,ss} = \frac{MgL^3}{48EI} \]

\[ W_{0,cc} = \frac{0.008124 MgL^3}{EI}, \quad W_{0,cc} = \frac{MgL^3}{192EI} \]

Moreover, In the CF case, moving mass is assumed to travel from the free end toward the clamped end and in the SC case, when \( V = 0.5 \text{ } \text{m/s} \), the moving mass is assumed to travel from the simple end toward the clamped end, and when \( V = \text{m/s} \) from the clamped end to the simple end.

A wide range of slenderness, different speeds and various boundary conditions are investigated in this example. As shown in Figures 4-7, the results obtained by EEM and RKPM [23] are almost the same except in the case of cantilever beams for \( V = 0.5 \text{ m/s} \). However, even in this case, the results are reasonably close. Therefore, this example could verify the eigenfunction expansion formulation used in the present study.

### 4.3. A clamped-simply supported beam under successive constant moving mass

In this numerical example, the convergence rate of the method which was presented in Section 3 is investigated. Moreover, noticing that each mode shape of
Figure 6. Dynamic deflection of simple-clamped beams in numerical example mentioned in Section 4.2 (EEM curves are calculated using the first five modes).

Figure 7. Dynamic deflection of clamped-clamped beams in numerical example mentioned in Section 4.2 (EEM curves are calculated using the first five modes.)

Figure 8. Layout of clamped-simply supported beam under successive moving masses.

Characteristics of the problem are as follows:
- $L$ (m): 10
- $k$ (-): 0.833
- $A$ (m$^2$): 1
- $M$ (kg): 0.05 $ho A L$
- $I$ (m$^4$): 0.333
- $L_0$ (m): 0.25 L
- $P$ (kg/m$^3$): 2500
- $T_1$ (m): 0.0284
- $E$ (N/m$^2$): $2 \times 10^{10}$
- $v$ (m/s): 352
- $G$ (N/m$^2$): 8.333 x $10^9$

$v' = L/T_1$ and $T_1$ is the period of the first free vibration mode of the beam; $t'$ is defined as the time taken by the first travelling mass to pass the beam, so $t' = L/v$, where $L$ is the length of the beam and $v$ is the speed of moving particles. Moreover, the Dynamic Magnification Factor (DMF) is the ratio of the dynamic response of the beam to the corresponding static response of it.

Considering both the conventional method (different coefficients for $\phi$ and $\psi$) and the formulation presented in Section 3, this problem is solved for $v = 0.3 \cdot v'$ and $v = 1.0 \cdot v'$. To this end, different numbers of mode shapes were used to estimate the dynamic response of the beam. Utilizing the same number of mode shapes, the results of both methods showed to be the same. Moreover, using more than 3 modes led to the same result as shown in Figures 9-12.

The dynamic magnitude factor corresponding to the deflection and rotation of different points along the Timoshenko beam contains a function that corresponds to deflection of each point ($\phi$) and another function corresponds to rotation of each point ($\psi$), it is shown that assuming different coefficients for $\phi$ and $\psi$ will lead to the same results; however, as discussed in detail in Section 3, it will be more time consuming, compared to the method presented in this study.

In this numerical study, a Timoshenko beam, with Clamped-Simple (CS) boundary conditions, is considered. The excitation is assumed to be caused by a series of successive point masses moving at a constant speed ($v$) (Figure 8). The relative distance of the moving particles is $L_0$ and mass of each one is $M$.

Figure 9. Dynamic magnitude factor corresponding to the deflection of the beam in numerical example 4.3 at $t = 0.8t_\ast$. 

\( \text{DMF} \)
shown that using the vectorial form of orthogonality of mode shapes combined with an appropriate definition for the inner product of vectors enables EEM to be used for analyzing the dynamic response of Timoshenko beams of various boundary conditions in an efficient manner. Moreover, this modified formulation leads in significant computational efficacy:

- It reduces either the order or the number of the set of ordinary differential equations which has to be solved after substituting the eigenfunctions in the governing partial differential equation of Timoshenko beam. In fact it reduces either the fourth order set of $n$ ODEs or the second order set of $2n$ ODEs to a second order set of $n$ ODEs
- It omits much unnecessary integration in forming the set of ODEs encountered in the eigenfunction expansion solutions.

Considering common boundary conditions, a few numerical examples were solved to verify the presented analysis approach. The comparison of the results showed a reasonable similarity with discrete element method (DET) approximations [19] while they almost matched the results of Reproducing Kernel Particle Method (RKPM) [23].

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**Appendix**

**Free vibration mode shapes of Timoshenko beam**

According to Eqs. (4) and (5), to investigate the free vibration mode shapes of Timoshenko beam, the
following set of coupled equations must be solved:

\[ \kappa G A (w_{xx} - \theta_{xx}) - \rho A w_{tt} = 0, \]  
(A.1)

\[ E I \theta_{xx} + \kappa G A (w_x - \theta) - \rho I \theta_{tt} = 0. \]  
(A.2)

One can easily decouple the above equations as follows:

\[ w_{xxxx} - \left( \frac{\rho}{E} + \frac{\rho}{kG} \right) w_{xxtt} + \frac{\rho^2}{kGE} w_{ttt} + \frac{\rho A}{EI} w_{tt} = 0. \]  
(A.3)

\[ \theta_{xxxx} - \left( \frac{\rho}{E} + \frac{\rho}{kG} \right) \theta_{xxtt} + \frac{\rho^2}{kGE} \theta_{ttt} + \frac{\rho A}{EI} \theta_{tt} = 0. \]  
(A.4)

To find the solution of Eqs. (A.3) and (A.4), separation of variables is an appropriate method. According to this method, we will assume:

\[ w(x, t) = \phi(x) T(t), \]  
(A.5)

\[ \theta(x, t) = \psi(x) T(t). \]  
(A.6)

Substituting Eqs. (A.5) and (A.6) into Eqs. (A.3) and (A.4), respectively, will result in:

\[ \phi^{IV} (x) T(t) - \left( \frac{\rho}{E} + \frac{\rho}{kG} \right) \phi^{II} (X) T(t) \]  
\[ + \frac{\rho^2}{kGE} \phi(x) T^{IV}(t) + \frac{\rho A}{EI} \phi(x) T(t) = 0, \]  
(A.7)

\[ \psi^{IV} (x) T(t) - \left( \frac{\rho}{E} + \frac{\rho}{kG} \right) \psi^{II} (X) T(t) \]  
\[ + \frac{\rho^2}{kGE} \psi(x) T^{IV}(t) + \frac{\rho A}{EI} \psi(x) T(t) = 0. \]  
(A.8)

Considering Eqs. (A.7) and (A.8), separation of variables implies that:

\[ \frac{T}{T} = \text{constant and} \frac{T^{IV}}{T} = \text{constant}, \]

\[ T(0) = 0 \rightarrow T(t) = A \sin(\omega t). \]  
(A.9)

Substituting Eq. (A.9) in Eqs. (A.7) and (A.8) leads to the following equations:

\[ \phi^{IV} + (1 + \xi) r^2 \omega^4 \phi'' + (\xi r^4 \omega^8 - \omega^4) \phi = 0. \]  
(A.10)

\[ \psi^{IV} + (1 + \xi) r^2 \omega^4 \psi'' + (\xi r^4 \omega^8 - \omega^4) \psi = 0. \]  
(A.11)

In the above equations:

\[ \xi = \frac{E}{kG}, \quad r^2 = \frac{I}{A}, \quad \omega^2 = \sqrt{\frac{\rho A}{EI} \omega}. \]  
(A.12)

Each of Eqs. (A.10) and (A.11) has two sets of solutions as follows:

A: If \( \omega < \frac{1}{\sqrt{\xi}} \) then:

\[ \phi(x) = C_1 \sin(ax) + C_2 \cos(ax) + C_3 \sin(bx) + C_4 \cosh(bx), \]  
(A.13)

\[ \psi(x) = C'_1 \sin(ax) + C'_2 \cos(ax) + C'_3 \sin(bx) + C'_4 \cosh(bx), \]  
(A.14)

\[ \alpha \text{ and } \beta \text{ are parameters defined as:} \]

\[ \alpha = \left( \sqrt{1 + \frac{(\xi - 1/2)}{2}} r^2 \omega^4 + \left( \frac{\xi + 1/2}{2} \right) r^2 \omega^2 \right)^{1/2}, \]  
(A.15)

\[ \beta = \left( \sqrt{1 + \frac{(\xi - 1/2)}{2}} r^2 \omega^4 - \left( \frac{\xi + 1/2}{2} \right) r^2 \omega^2 \right)^{1/2}. \]  
(A.16)

B: If \( \omega \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\xi}} \) then:

\[ \phi(x) = C_1 \sin(ax) + C_2 \cos(ax) + C_3 \sin(bx) + C_4 \cos(bx), \]  
(A.17)

\[ \psi(x) = C'_1 \sin(ax) + C'_2 \cos(ax) + C'_3 \sin(bx) + C'_4 \cos(bx), \]  
(A.18)

\[ \alpha \text{ and } \beta \text{ are parameters defined as:} \]

\[ \alpha = \left( \sqrt{1 + \frac{(\xi - 1/2)}{2}} r^2 \omega^4 + \left( \frac{\xi + 1/2}{2} \right) r^2 \omega^2 \right)^{1/2}, \]  
(A.19)

Substituting Eqs. (A.5), (A.6), (A.17) and (A.18) into either Eq. (A.1) or Eq. (A.2), reveals that the constants \( C'_i \) are related to constants \( C_i \) as follows:

\[ C'_1 = \lambda_1 C_2, \quad C'_2 = -\lambda_1 C_1, \]

\[ C'_3 = \lambda_2 C_4, \quad C'_4 = \lambda_3 C_3. \]

\[ \lambda_1 = \frac{\xi r^2 \omega^4 - \alpha^2}{\alpha}, \quad \lambda_2 = \frac{\xi r^2 \omega^4 + \beta^2}{\beta}. \]  
(A.16)
$C_i^t$ are related to constants $C_i$ as follows:

$$
C_1^t = \lambda_1 C_2, \quad C_2^t = -\lambda_1 C_1, \\
C_3^t = \lambda_2 C_4, \quad C_4^t = -\lambda_2 C_3.
$$

$$
\lambda_1 = \frac{\xi^2 \omega^4 - \alpha^2}{\alpha}, \quad \lambda_2 = \frac{\xi^2 \omega^4 - \beta^2}{\beta}.
$$

(A.20)

Considering the four common boundary conditions, one can, with some mathematical manipulations, derive the following characteristic equations and coefficients for SS, CS, CS and CF boundary conditions. Note that some of these characteristic equations cannot be solved analytically; however, they can be solved numerically using CASs (computer algebra systems) straightforwardly.

I) Simple-Simple (SS):

$$
\phi(0) = 0 \quad \psi_x(0) = 0, \\
\phi(L) = 0, \quad \psi_x(L) = 0.
$$

I-A) $\omega < \frac{1}{\sqrt{\xi}}$

Characteristic equation:

$$
\sin(\alpha L) = 0 \rightarrow \alpha_n = \frac{n\pi}{L}.
$$

$C_2 = 0, \ C_3 = 0, \ C_4 = 0$

Definition of $\omega_n$ is shown in Box I. $\alpha$ is defined in Eq. (A.15)

I-B) $\omega \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\xi}}$

This case is exactly the same as I-A. $\alpha$ is defined in Eq. (A.19)

II) Clamped-Clamped (CC)

$$
\phi(0) = 0 \quad \psi(0) = 0, \\
\phi(L) = 0, \quad \psi(L) = 0.
$$

II-A) $\omega < \frac{1}{\sqrt{\xi}}$

$\omega$ should be calculated from the following equation in which the only unknown is $\omega$:

Characteristic equation:

$$
\omega_n = \left( 1 + \frac{(\frac{n\pi}{L})^2 (\xi + 1) r^2}{2\xi r^4} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[ 1 + \frac{(\frac{n\pi}{L})^2 (\xi + 1) r^2}{2\xi r^4} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} - 4\xi r^4 \left( \frac{n\pi}{L} \right)^4
$$

Box I
\[ C_2 = \left( \frac{\sin(\alpha L) + \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1} \sinh(\beta L)}{\cos(\alpha L) - \cosh(\beta L)} \right) C_1, \]
\[ C_3 = \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2} C_1, \quad C_4 = -C_2. \]

\[ \alpha, \beta, \lambda_1 \text{ and } \lambda_2 \text{ are those defined in Eqs. (A.15) and (A.16)}. \]

**III-B** \( \omega \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{E}} \)
\( \omega \) should be calculated from the following equation in which the only unknown is \( \omega \):

Characteristic equation:
\[ \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1} \sin(\alpha L) \cos(\beta L) - \cos(\alpha L) \sin(\beta L) = 0 \]
\[ C_2 = \left( \frac{\sin(\alpha L) - \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1} \sinh(\beta L)}{\cos(\alpha L) - \cosh(\beta L)} \right) C_1, \]
\[ C_3 = -\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2} C_1, \quad C_4 = -C_4. \]

\( \alpha, \beta, \lambda_1 \text{ and } \lambda_2 \text{ are those defined in Eqs. (A.19) and (A.20)}. \)

**IV** Clamped-Simple (CF)

\[ \phi(0) = 0, \quad \psi(0) = 0, \]
\[ \phi_x(L) - \psi(L) = 0, \quad \psi(L) = 0. \]

**IV-A** \( \omega < \frac{1}{\sqrt{E}} \)
\( \omega \) should be calculated from the following equation in which the only unknown is \( \omega \):

Characteristic equation:
\[ (\alpha(\beta - \lambda_2) + \beta(\alpha + \lambda_1)) \sin(\alpha L) \sinh(\beta L) \]
\[ + \left( \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2} \alpha(\beta - \lambda_2) - \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1} \beta(\alpha + \lambda_1) \right) \]
\[ \cos(\alpha L) \cosh(\beta L) + \left( \alpha(\alpha + \lambda_1) - \beta(\beta - \lambda_2) \right) = 0. \]

\[ C_2 = \left( \frac{\alpha \sin(\alpha L) + \beta \sinh(\beta L)}{\alpha \cos(\alpha L) - \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1} \beta \cosh(\beta L)} \right) C_1, \]
\[ C_3 = \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2} C_1, \quad C_4 = -C_2. \quad (A.21) \]

\( \alpha, \beta, \lambda_1 \text{ and } \lambda_2 \text{ are those defined in Eqs. (A.15) and (A.16)}. \)

**IV-B** \( \omega \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{E}} \)
\( \omega \) should be calculated from the following equation in which the only unknown is \( \omega \):

Characteristic equation:
\[ (\alpha(\beta - \lambda_2) + \beta(\alpha + \lambda_1)) \sin(\alpha L) \sin(\beta L) \]
\[ + \left( \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2} \alpha(\beta - \lambda_2) + \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1} \beta(\alpha + \lambda_1) \right) \]
\[ \cos(\alpha L) \cos(\beta L) - \left( \alpha(\alpha + \lambda_1) - \beta(\beta - \lambda_2) \right) = 0 \]
\[ C_2 = \left( \frac{\alpha \sin(\alpha L) - \beta \sin(\beta L)}{\alpha \cos(\alpha L) - \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1} \beta \cos(\beta L)} \right) C_1, \]
\[ C_3 = \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2} C_1, \quad C_4 = -C_2 \]

\( \alpha, \beta, \lambda_1 \text{ and } \lambda_2 \text{ are those defined in Eqs. (A.19) and (A.20)}. \)

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