TABLES OF GREEN'S FUNCTIONS FOR THE THEORY OF BEAM VIBRATIONS WITH GENERAL INTERMEDIATE APPENDAGES

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Abstract-The paper deals with the construction and tabulation of Green's functions in a form suitable for use in determining natural frequencies and mode shapes of beams with intermediate attachments and of various boundary conditions. The beam may have rotational and linear elastic attachments, as well as rotational and linear attached inertias. Example computations are illustrated.

NOMENCLATURE

I. INTRODUCTION

Beam models with intermediate inertia and elastic attachments are a common occurrence in practice, These attachments alter the dynamic characteristics ofthe base beam in manners described by Strut and Rayleigh (1945). The effect of a mass attachment on the natural frequencies of a beam with several boundary conditions was studied by Maltbaek (1961), where two displacement functions were assumed for the two segments of the beam. By application ofthe boundary and continuity requirements, the frequency equation appeared. By using a Lagrangian formulation, Dowell (1979) derived the equation for the natural frequencies of a combined system consisting of a simply-supported beam and an oscillator (spring-mass) attached at some intermediate point on the beam. Using the direct method stated in Maltbaek (1961), Lau (1984) derived and solved the frequency equation for a cantilever beam with one linear and one rotational spring attached to the same point on the cantilever. With more than one attachment at different points on the beam, the above techniques become unwieldy, and approximate methods such as in Verniere de Irassar *et al.* (1984), or the Green's function formulation of Nicholson and Bergman (1986) may now be applied. The use of the Green's functions not only leads to exact results, but also involves

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less cumbersome manipulations. The use of this method depends on the availability of the Green's function corresponding to the beam with associated boundary conditions.

In this paper these functions as well as their relevant derivatives are determined and tabulated for beams with general non-classical boundary conditions covering a wide range of practical problems. These functions are presented in a separable form, where the separate functional components are evaluated from 2×2 matrices.

2. THE EQUATION OF MOTION

The beam, with a segment shown in Fig. I, has *N* linear springs, *n* rotational springs, and r masses with both linear and rotational inertias. The exact boundary conditions need not be specified yet.

The lateral displacement $y(x, t)$ of the beam is governed by the differential equation:

$$
EI\frac{\partial^4 y(x,t)}{\partial x^4} + m\frac{\partial^2 y(x,t)}{\partial t^2} = -\sum_{i=1}^N k_{Ti}y(a_i,t)\delta(x-a_i)
$$

$$
-\sum_{j=1}^r m_j \frac{\partial^2 y(b_j,t)}{\partial t^2} \delta(x-b_j) + \sum_{j=1}^r I_{Fj} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \left\{ \frac{\partial y(b_j,t)}{\partial x} \right\} \delta'(x-b_j)
$$

$$
+ \sum_{i=1}^n k_{Ri} \frac{\partial y(c_i,t)}{\partial x} \delta'(x-c_i), \quad (1)
$$

where $\delta(x-a)$ is the Dirac delta function whose properties used in the text are, from Bracewell (1978),

$$
\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x)\delta(x-a) \, \mathrm{d}x = f(a),\tag{2a}
$$

$$
\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x)\delta'(x-a) dx = -f'(a). \tag{2b}
$$

The standard separation of variables assumption applies to the solution, thus

$$
y(x,t) = Y(x) e^{i\omega t}.
$$
 (3)

Furthermore if $G(x, u)$ is the Green's function for the stated problem with specified boundary conditions, then the solution to (1) with $(2a)$, $(2b)$ and (3) utilized is

$$
EIY(x) = -\sum_{i=1}^{N} k_{Ti}G(x, a_i)Y(a_i) - \sum_{i=1}^{n} k_{Ri}G_u(x, c_i)Y'(c_i)
$$

+
$$
\sum_{j=1}^{r} \omega^2 m_j G(x, b_j)Y(b_j) + \sum_{j=1}^{r} \omega^2 I_{P_j}G_u(x, b_j)Y'(b_j).
$$
 (4)

Fig. I. Beam segment with general attachments.

The Green's function and its relevant derivatives can be given in the forms:

$$
G(x, u) = \frac{1}{2\Delta_{\epsilon} q^3} \begin{cases} g(x, u), & 0 \leq x \leq u, \\ g(u, x), & L \geq x \geq u, \end{cases}
$$
 (5a)

$$
G_u(x, u) = \frac{1}{2\Delta_e q^2} \begin{cases} f(x, u), & 0 \le x \le u, \\ v(u, x), & L \ge x \ge u, \end{cases}
$$
 (5b)

$$
G_x(x, u) = \frac{1}{2\Delta_e q^2} \begin{cases} v(x, u), & 0 \le x \le u, \\ f(u, x), & L \ge x \ge u, \end{cases}
$$
 (5c)

$$
G_{xu}(x,u) = \frac{1}{2\Delta_e q} \begin{cases} h(x,u), & 0 \le x \le u, \\ h(u,x), & L \ge x \ge u, \end{cases}
$$
 (5d)

where Δ_e and all functions on the right-hand sides are still to be determined. If (5a), (5b), (5c) and (5d) are substituted into (4) and its derivative, the resulting equations in dimensionless attachment parameters are, assuming $0 \le x \le u$,

$$
2\Delta_{e}z^{3}Y(x) = -\sum_{i=1}^{N} K_{i}g(x, a_{i})Y(a_{i}) + \sum_{i=1}^{r} z^{4}M_{i}g(x, b_{i})Y(b_{i}) + \sum_{i=1}^{r} z^{5}J_{i}f(x, b_{i})[LY'(b_{i})] - \sum_{i=1}^{n} zQ_{i}f(x, c_{i})[LY'(c_{i})],
$$
 (6)

$$
2\Delta_{e}z^{2}[LY'(x)] = -\sum_{i=1}^{N} K_{i}v(x, a_{i})Y(a_{i}) + \sum_{i=1}^{r} z^{4}M_{i}v(x, b_{i})Y(b_{i}) + \sum_{i=1}^{r} z^{5}J_{i}h(x, b_{i})[LY'(b_{i})] - \sum_{i=1}^{n} zQ_{i}h(x, c_{i})[LY'(c_{i})], \quad (7)
$$

where

$$
K_i = k_{Ti}L^3/EI, \quad Q_i = k_{Ri}L/EI, \quad M_i = m_i/mL, \quad J_i = I_{Pi}/mL^3.
$$

3. FREQUENCIES AND MODE SHAPES

The frequencies are determined from eqns (6) and (7). Equation (6) is evaluated at all $N+r$ points of linear spring and linear inertia attachments, giving $N+r$ equations. Equation (7) is then evaluated at all $n+r$ points of rotational attachments, giving $n+r$ equations. The total of $N+n+2r$ equations is now assembled in the matrix form

$$
[D]\{Y\} = \{0\}.
$$
 (8)

The requirement of a non-trivial solution of (8) yields the frequency equation

$$
\Delta_{\mathcal{D}} = 0 \tag{9}
$$

from which the roots z_j (frequency parameters) are found, and hence the frequencies

$$
\omega_j = z_j^2 \sqrt{EI/mL^4}.\tag{10}
$$

The mode shapes corresponding to a given frequency z_j can be obtained only to within a constant. Thus one may specify $Y_i(a_1)$ for example, and use the first $N+n+2r-1$ equations of (8) to find the remaining elements of $\{Y\}$. Letting

$$
A_{ji} = Y_j(a_i)/Y_j(a_1), \qquad i = 2, ..., N,
$$
 (11a)

$$
B_{ji} = Y_j(b_i)/Y_j(a_1), \qquad i = 1, ..., r,
$$
 (11b)

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$$
D_{ji} = LY'_{j}(b_{i})/Y_{j}(a_{1}), \quad i = 1, ..., r,
$$
 (11c)

$$
C_{ji} = LY'_{j}(c_{i})/Y_{j}(a_{1}), \quad i = 1, ..., n,
$$
 (11d)

the mode shapes from (6) are:

$$
U_j(x) = -K_1 g_j(x, a_1) - \sum_{i=2}^N A_{ji} K_i g_j(x, a_i) + \sum_{i=1}^r z_j^4 B_{ji} M_i g_j(x, b_i) + \sum_{i=1}^r z_j^5 D_{ji} J_i f_j(x, b_i) - \sum_{i=1}^n z_j C_{ji} Q_i f_j(x, c_i), \quad (12)
$$

where $U_i(x) = 2\Delta_{ei}z_i^3 Y_i(x)/Y_i(a_1)$.

This completes the generalized formulae for the natural frequencies and mode shapes via (9) and (12).

4. DETERMINATION OF THE GREEN'S FUNCTIONS

The Green's functions for beams ofgeneralized boundary conditions are now evaluated for use with the standardized procedure above. The functions are assumed in the form:

$$
G(x, u) = \begin{cases} D_1 \cos qx + D_2 \sin qx + D_3 \cosh qx + D_4 \sinh qx, & 0 \le x \le u, \\ D_5 \cos qx + D_6 \sin qx + D_7 \cosh qx + D_8 \sinh qx, & L \ge x \ge u, \end{cases}
$$
(13)

where $G(x, u)$ must:

(a) Satisfy two boundary conditions at each end. (Shear force and bending moment are positive and negative respectively at $x = 0$, but negative and positive respectively at $x = L.$

(b) Fulfill displacement, slope and moment continuity at $x = u$, i.e.

$$
G(u^+, u) = G(u^-, u), \tag{14a}
$$

$$
G_x(u^+,u) = G_x(u^-,u), \tag{14b}
$$

$$
G_{xx}(u^+,u) = G_{xx}(u^-,u). \tag{14c}
$$

(c) Satisfy a shear force discontinuity of magnitude *EI* at $x = u$, i.e.

$$
EI[G_{xxx}(u^+,u)-G_{xxx}(u^-,u)]=EI.
$$
 (15)

Using (14a)–(15), D_5 – D_8 in (13) can be expressed in terms of D_1 – D_4 , thus

$$
D_5 = D_1 + as^*, \quad D_6 = D_2 - ac^*, \quad D_7 = D_3 - aS^*, \quad D_8 = D_4 + aC^*, \tag{16}
$$

where $a = 1/2q^3$.

Equations (16) which are true for all boundary conditions, are now used with (a) to establish the Green's function for a beam with any specified boundary conditions.

5. PRESENTATION OF THE GREEN'S FUNCTIONS

The Green's functions as determined by the above procedure are now presented in the most suitable form for numerical computations. As a result, $g(x, u)$, $f(x, u)$, $v(x, u)$ and $h(x, u)$ in (5) are determined in a separable form for $u \ge x \ge 0$, from

$$
g(x, u) = \psi_{11}(u)\phi_{11}(x) + \psi_{21}(u)\phi_{21}(x),
$$
 (17a)

$$
f(x, u) = \psi_{12}(u)\phi_{11}(x) + \psi_{22}(u)\phi_{21}(x),
$$
 (17b)

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$$
v(x, u) = \psi_{11}(u)\phi_{12}(x) + \psi_{21}(u)\phi_{22}(x), \qquad (17c)
$$

$$
h(x, u) = \psi_{12}(u)\phi_{12}(x) + \psi_{22}(u)\phi_{22}(x).
$$
 (17d)

Elements of the $[\psi]$ matrix are given in terms of elements of the two matrices [e] and $[\varphi]$, which are in turn given in Table 5, thus

$$
\psi_{11}(u) = \varphi_{11}(u)e_{22} - \varphi_{21}(u)e_{12}, \qquad (18a)
$$

$$
\psi_{12}(u) = \varphi_{12}(u)e_{22} - \varphi_{22}(u)e_{12}, \qquad (18b)
$$

$$
\psi_{21}(u) = \varphi_{21}(u)e_{11} - \varphi_{11}(u)e_{21}, \qquad (18c)
$$

$$
\psi_{22}(u) = \varphi_{22}(u)e_{11} - \varphi_{12}(u)e_{21}.
$$
 (18d)

In order to minimize duplications in presenting the Tables, note is taken of the facts that the $[\varphi]$ matrix contains only boundary information at $x = L$. Beams of the same conditions at $x = L$ have the same $[\varphi]$ and Δ_{φ} . Similarly, beams of the same end conditions at $x = 0$ have the same $[\phi]$ and Δ_{ϕ} . The [e] matrix is constructed from boundary information at both ends, and is different for all cases. $\Delta_e = 0$ is the frequency equation of the beam with the specified boundary conditions but with no intermediate attachments. Finally, the symmetry of the Green's functions can be expressed as $g(x, u) = g(u, x)$, $f(x, u) = v(u, x)$, and $h(x, u) = h(u, x)$. These functions are therefore given only for $0 \le x \le u$.

6. A SPECIAL CASE

For a beam with only two intermediate elements, one linear and one rotational both attached at $x = a$, expanding the corresponding 2×2 determinant of (9) gives rise to

$$
\Delta_c^2 + \Delta_e \left[\frac{K}{2z^3} g(a, a) + \frac{Q}{2z} h(a, a) \right] + \frac{KQ}{4z^4} \left[g(a, a) h(a, a) - f(a, a) v(a, a) \right] = 0, \quad (19)
$$

where a linear spring K and a rotational spring Q are considered for demonstration. The difference in square brackets of (19) can be shown to be

$$
g(a,a)h(a,a) - f(a,a)v(a,a) = \Delta_e \Delta_\phi \Delta_\phi.
$$
 (20)

Hence each term of (19) contains the factor Δ_e . Since $\Delta_e = 0$ is the frequency equation of the beam without attachments, an attempt to solve (19) as it stands will give mixed results for the stated problem as well as for $\Delta_e = 0$. Using (20), the desired form of (19) is

$$
\Delta_e + \left[\frac{K}{2z^3} g(a, a) + \frac{Q}{2z} h(a, a) \right] + \frac{KQ}{4z^4} \Delta_\phi \Delta_\phi = 0. \tag{21}
$$

7. EXAMPLE PROBLEMS

The formulae in Table 5 are verified as far as possible using published data where available. For a fixed-fixed beam with one intermediate linear spring attachment, the frequency equation from (9) is

$$
2z^3\Delta_e + Kg(a,a) = 0. \tag{22}
$$

Using Δ _c and $g(a, a)$ from Table 5(b), the fundamental frequency coefficients (z_1^2) resulting from the solution of(22) are given in Table I, and compared with results from Vemiere de Irassar *et al. (1984).*

Applying (21) to a constrained cantilever with a free tip, Table 5(c) is used, and the frequencies for the first five modes are given for $a/L = 0.8$ and various combinations of K and Q. These results are shown in Table 2 and agree perfectly with Lau (1984). For a cantilever with an attached disc which has both linear and rotational inertias, the frequency equation, after applying (20) and cancellation of the common terms Δ_e , is

$$
4\Delta_e - 2[zMg(b,b) + z^3Jh(b,b)] + z^4MJ\Delta_{\phi}\Delta_{\phi} = 0. \tag{23}
$$

The solution of (23) for $b/L = 0.4$ with various values of *M* and *J* is given in Table 3 for the first five modes $(z_n, n = 1, \ldots, 5)$.

The final example is a cantilever with tip inertias and elasticities, with an intermediate linear spring and mass with both linear and rotational inertias. The frequency determinant

Table 1. Frequency coefficients (z_n^2) for a fixed-fixed beam with an intermediate spring [values in brackets from Verniere de Irassar et al. (1984)]

from (9) is

$$
\begin{vmatrix} 2\Delta_{e}z^{3} + Kg(a, a) & -z^{4}Mg(a, b) & -z^{5}Jf(a, b) \\ Kg(b, a) & 2\Delta_{e}z^{3} - z^{4}Mg(b, b) & -z^{5}Jf(b, b) \\ Kv(b, a) & -z^{4}Mv(b, b) & 2\Delta_{e}z^{2} - z^{5}Jh(b, b) \end{vmatrix} = 0.
$$
 (24)

Using the symmetries that $g(a,b) = g(b,a)$ and $f(a,b) = v(b,a)$, the first five modes $(z_n, n = 1, \ldots, 5)$, are given in Table 4, after the relevant Green's functions were constructed from Table 5(c).

Table 2. Frequency parameters (z_n) for a cantilever with linear and rotational springs $(a/L = 0.8)$

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Table 3. Frequency parameters (z_n) for a cantilever with an intermediate mass with rotational inertia $(b/L = 0.4)$

Table 4. Frequency parameters (z_n) for a cantilever with an intermediate mass and spring, with a loaded tip.
 $J_R = 0.2$, $M_R = 0.2$, $K_R = 200$, $Q_R = 100$, $a/L = 0.6$, $b/L = 0.4$, $M = 0.2$

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Table 5. Tables of Green's functions

Subscripts R and L represent right $(x = L)$ and left $(x = 0)$ boundary attachments, respectively. Subscript P refers to diametral moment of inertia. Superscripts Rand T denote rotational and translational springs

$$
Q_{L} = k_{L}^{R} L/EI, Q_{R} = k_{R}^{R} L/EI, K_{L} = k_{L}^{T} L^{3}/EI, K_{R} = k_{R}^{T} L^{3}/EI,
$$

$$
M_{R} = m_{R}/mL, M_{L} = m_{L}/mL, J_{R} = I_{PR}/mL^{3}, J_{L} = I_{PL}/mL^{3}.
$$

Where used

$$
\alpha = \frac{Q_{L}}{2z}, \quad \beta = \frac{Q_{R}}{z}, \quad \gamma = \frac{K_{R}}{z^{3}} - zM_{R}, \quad \xi = \frac{Q_{L}}{z} - z^{3}J_{L}, \quad \zeta = -\left(\frac{K_{L}}{z^{3}} - zM_{L}\right),
$$

$$
\lambda = \frac{Q_{R}}{z} - z^{3}J_{R}, \quad \eta = \frac{1 + \zeta\xi}{1 - \zeta\xi}, \quad \mu = \frac{2\xi}{1 - \zeta\xi}, \quad \nu = \frac{2\zeta}{1 - \zeta\xi}.
$$

Table 5(b). Fixed-fixed beam

Table S(c). Cantilever with end restraints and load

Table 5(d). Pin-free with end restraints and load

Table 5(f). Elastically supported beam with end restraint and load

8. DISCUSSION

An exact method for determining the dynamic characteristics of Euler-Bernoulli beams with attached masses and springs is given, using Green's functions. These functions have been tabulated for beams of several common boundary conditions. Some example problems with known solutions are considered, and the results confirm the correctness of the method. Moreover, the method accommodates any number of spring or mass attachments, the final result being the evaluation of a determinant $(= 0)$ whose elements are determined from the tabulated Green's functions. The method is also applicable to multi-span beams, and to the important class of periodic structures such as coupled bladed disk assemblies of a turbine shaft.

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