



FUNDAMENTAL FREQUENCY OF TRANSVERSE VIBRATION OF  
ORTHOTROPIC PLATES OF REGULAR POLYGONAL SHAPE  
CARRYING A CONCENTRATED MASS

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1. INTRODUCTION

The present study deals with the solution of the title problem using a conformal mapping approach coupled with the optimized Rayleigh–Ritz method [1, 2]. By conformally transforming the given shape in the  $z$ -plane onto a unit circle in the  $\zeta$ -plane it is possible to construct co-ordinate functions which satisfy the essential boundary conditions in the case of simply supported and clamped plates. For the sake of simplicity, the azimuthal variation in the  $\zeta$ -plane is disregarded and the following co-ordinate functions are used.

(1) Simply supported plates:

$$W \simeq W_a = C_1(1 - r^p) + C_a(1 - r^{p+1}) + C_2(1 - r^{p+2}), \quad \zeta = r e^{i\theta}. \quad (1)$$

(2) Clamped plates:

$$W \simeq W_a = C_1(1 - r^p)^2 + C_2(1 - r^{p+1})^2 + C_3(1 - r^{p+2})^2 \quad (2)$$

where  $p$  is Rayleigh's optimization parameter [2].

It should be pointed out that orthotropic plates are commonly used in engineering practice, e.g., printed circuit boards used in electronics applications.

2. APPROXIMATE SOLUTION

Following Lekhnitskii's standard notation [3] one expresses the governing functional in the form

$$J(W) = \iint_p (D_1 W_x^2 + 2D_1 \nu_2 W_{x^2} W_{y^2} + D_2 W_y^2 + 4D_k W_{xy}^2) dx dy - \rho h \omega^2 \iint_p W^2 dx dy - M \omega^2 W^2(0, 0), \quad (3)$$

where it has been assumed that the concentrated mass  $M$  is rigidly attached at the center of the plate.

In the case of regular polygons of degree "s" the mapping function is given by [1]

$$z = A_s a_p F(\zeta) = A_s a_p \int_0^\zeta \frac{d\zeta}{(1 + \zeta^s)^{2/s}}, \quad (4)$$

where  $a_p$  is the apothem of the polygon.

Defining now

$$U_1 + V_1 i = \frac{1}{4} \frac{e^{-2\theta i}}{F'^2(\zeta)}, \quad U_2 + V_2 i = \frac{1}{2} \frac{F''(\zeta)}{F'^3(\zeta)} e^{-\theta i}, \quad (5)$$

and substituting equations (4) and (5) into equation (3) one obtains the transformed energy functional in the form

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{A_s^2 a_p^2}{D_1} J(W_a) = & \iint_c \left\{ 2 \left[ \left( W_a - \frac{W_{ar}}{r} \right) U_1 - W_{ar} U_2 \right] + \frac{1}{2} \frac{W_{ar^2} + \frac{W_{ar}}{r}}{|F'(\zeta)|^2} \right]^2 \\ & - 8v_2 \left[ \left( W_{ar^2} - \frac{W_{ar}}{r} \right) U_1 - W_{ar} U_2 \right]^2 + \frac{v_2}{2} \frac{\left( W_{ar^2} + \frac{W_{ar}}{r} \right)^2}{|F'(\zeta)|^4} \\ & + \frac{D_2}{D_1} \left[ -2 \left[ \left( W_{ar^2} - \frac{W_{ar}}{r} \right) U_1 - W_{ar} U_2 \right] + \frac{1}{2} \frac{W_{ar^2} + \frac{W_{ar}}{r}}{|F'(\zeta)|^2} \right]^2 \\ & + 16 \frac{D_k}{D_1} \left[ \left( W_{ar^2} - \frac{W_{ar}}{r} \right) V_1 - W_{ar} V_2 \right]^2 \left\{ |F'(\zeta)|^2 r \, dr \, d\theta \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{A_s^2}{16tg^4 \frac{\pi}{s}} \Omega^2 \left[ A_s^2 \iint_c W_r^2 |F'(\zeta)|_r^2 \, dr \, d\theta + \mu stg \frac{\pi}{s} W_{(0)}^2 \right] \right\}, \quad (6) \end{aligned}$$

where the fact that  $W_a$ , defined in equations (1) and (2), does not contain the azimuthal variable  $\theta$  has been taken into account, and  $\mu = M/M_p$ ,  $M_p =$  plate mass,  $tg\pi/s = \tan \pi/s$ , and  $\Omega_1^2 = (\rho h a^4/D_1)\omega_1^2$ .

### 3. NUMERICAL RESULTS

Tables 1 and 2 depict values of the fundamental frequency coefficient  $\Omega_1$  in the case of isotropic, simply supported and clamped plates, respectively. Reasonably

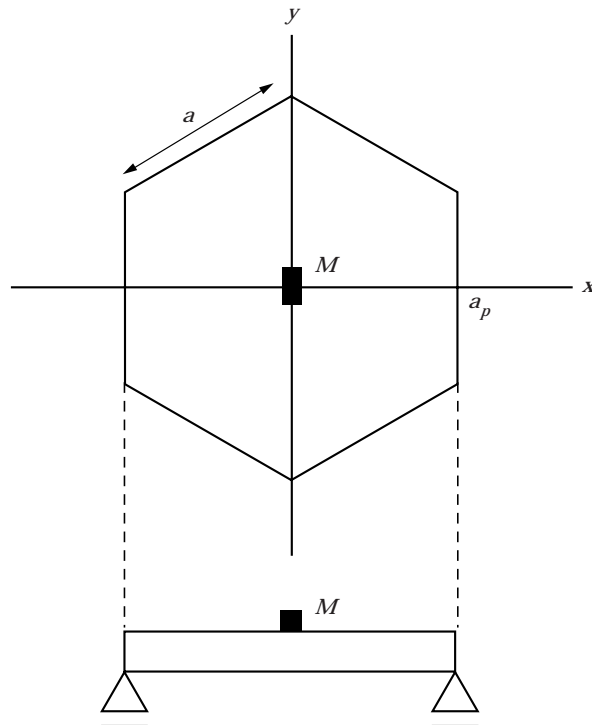


Figure 1. Orthotropic plate of regular polygonal shape carrying a central, concentrated mass,  $M$ .

good agreement with values available in the literature, for the case where  $\mu = 0$ , is obtained. Pentagonal, exagonal and heptagonal plates are considered in the present investigation.

TABLE 1

*Frequency coefficients of simply supported isotropic plates of regular polygonal shape*  
( $\nu = 0.30$ )

$s$	$\mu = 0$	0.10	0.20	0.30	0.40	$\mu = 0$ [4]
5	11.00	9.28	8.14	7.33	6.72	11.01
6	6.96	5.90	5.19	4.68	4.30	7.15
7	4.97	4.22	3.72	3.35	3.08	5.06

TABLE 2

*Frequency coefficients of clamped isotropic plates of regular polygonal shape*

$s$	$\mu = 0$	0.10	0.20	0.30	0.40	$\mu = 0$ [5]
5	19.24	15.11	12.76	11.23	10.13	19.71
6	12.56	9.91	8.39	7.39	6.68	12.81
7	8.91	7.05	5.97	5.27	4.76	9.08

TABLE 3

*Frequency coefficients of simply supported orthotropic plates of regular polygonal shape ( $\nu_2 = 0.30$ )*

$D_2/D_1$	$D_k/D_1$	$s$	$\mu = 0$	0.10	0.20	0.30	0.40	$\mu = 0$ [6]
4	0.85	5	17.08	14.41	12.64	11.38	10.42	17.03
		6	10.73	9.10	8.01	7.23	6.63	11.70
		7	7.68	6.51	5.73	5.17	4.75	—
1	0.85	5	12.49	10.54	9.24	8.32	7.62	12.54
		6	7.78	6.60	5.81	5.24	4.81	8.48
		7	5.50	4.67	4.12	3.71	3.41	—
1	0.10	5	10.17	8.58	7.53	6.78	6.21	10.45
		6	6.50	5.51	4.85	4.37	4.01	7.16
		7	4.68	3.97	3.49	3.15	2.89	—
0.25	0.10	5	8.33	7.04	6.17	5.56	5.10	8.65
		6	5.35	4.54	3.99	3.60	3.30	5.94
		7	3.84	3.26	2.87	2.59	2.37	—

Tables 3 and 4 present values of  $\Omega_1$  for simply supported and clamped orthotropic plates. The following orthotropic parameters have been considered:  $D_2/D_1 = 4, D_k/D_1 = 0.85, \nu_2 = 0.30$ ;  $D_2/D_1 = 1, D_k/D_1 = 0.85, \nu_2 = 0.30$ ;  $D_2/D_1 = 1, D_k/D_1 = 0.10, \nu_2 = 0.30$ ;  $D_2/D_1 = 0.25, D_k/D_1 = 0.10, \nu_2 = 0.30$ .

In the case of bare plates ( $\mu = 0$ ) the eigenvalues have been compared with those determined in reference [6].

TABLE 4

*Frequency coefficients of clamped orthotropic plates of regular polygonal shape ( $\nu_2 = 0.30$ )*

$D_2/D_1$	$D_k/D_1$	$s$	$\mu = 0$	0.10	0.20	0.30	0.40	$\mu = 0$ [6]
4	0.85	5	29.77	23.37	19.73	17.36	15.67	30.46
		6	19.42	15.31	12.96	11.41	10.31	20.18
		7	13.79	10.90	9.23	8.14	7.36	14.82
1	0.85	5	21.69	17.02	14.36	12.63	11.40	22.09
		6	14.13	11.14	9.43	8.30	7.50	14.52
		7	9.99	7.90	6.69	5.90	5.33	10.62
1	0.10	5	17.90	14.06	11.88	10.45	9.44	18.66
		6	11.70	9.23	7.82	6.89	6.22	12.25
		7	8.32	6.58	5.58	4.92	4.45	9.05
0.25	0.10	5	14.71	11.56	9.77	8.59	7.76	15.38
		6	9.62	7.59	6.43	5.67	5.12	10.18
		7	6.83	5.41	4.58	4.04	3.65	7.41

Present results are, in general, somewhat lower. Possibly the values determined in reference [6] are rather high upper bounds since a single approximating function was used.

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