# Bifurcation analysis of a two-degree-of-freedom aeroelastic system with hysteresis structural nonlinearity by a perturbation-incremental method 

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#### Abstract

A perturbation-incremental (PI) method is presented for the computation, continuation and bifurcation analysis of limit cycle oscillations (LCO) of a two-degree-of-freedom aeroelastic system containing a hysteresis structural nonlinearity. Both stable and unstable LCOs can be calculated to any desired degree of accuracy and their stabilities are determined by the theory of Poincare map. Thus, the present method is capable of detecting complex aeroelastic responses such as periodic motion with harmonics, period-doubling, saddle-node bifurcation, Neimark-Sacker bifurcation and the coexistence of limit cycles. The dynamic response is quite different from that of an aeroelastic system with freeplay structural nonlinearity. New phenomena are observed in that the emanating branches from period-doubling bifurcations are not smooth and the bifurcation of a LCO may lead to the simultaneous coexistence of all period- $2^{n}$ LCOs. (C) 2008 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved.


## 1. Introduction

The study of the dynamic behavior of aircraft structures is crucial in flutter analysis since it provides useful information in the design of aircraft wings and control surfaces. Concentrated structural nonlinearities can have significant effects on the aeroelastic responses of aerosurfaces even for small vibrational amplitudes. There are three types of nonlinearities in concentrated nonlinear structures, namely cubic, freeplay and hysteresis stiffnesses. The former two types have been extensively studied by many investigators. Aeroelastic systems with cubic stiffness have been successfully analyzed by using the describing function [1], harmonic balance method [2], the center manifold and the principle of normal form [3]. The describing function method [4], the rational polynomial approximation [5] and the point transformation (PT) method [6] were applied to analyze the aeroelastic system with a freeplay model. Trickey et al. [7] investigated both local and global stability of an airfoil with a freeplay nonlinearity based on both experimental and numerical studies. A survey of different types of nonlinearity and their effect on aeroelastic behavior can be found in Refs. [8,9].

[^0]Compared to the study of cubic and freeplay nonlinearities, much less literature has been found on the study of hysteresis nonlinearity. A comprehensive survey can be found in Ref. [10]. The main drawback of using harmonic balance methods to investigate freeplay and hysteresis nonlinearities is that the second derivative of an approximate solution obtained by such methods is continuous while that of the exact solution is discontinuous at the switching points where changes in linear subdomains occur. Such inconsistency between the exact and the approximate solutions may lead to serious error in the prediction and analysis. To overcome this drawback, Liu et al. $[6,10]$ employed the PT method which can track the system behavior to the exact point where the change in linear subdomains occurs. However, the PT method is not capable of finding unstable periodic solutions and thus is not suitable for performing parametric continuation.

On the other hand, nonlinearities of hysteresis type are common in many different areas of science and technology, including physics, biology, mechanics and electronics. The phenomenon of hysteresis has been recently attracting the attention of many investigators. Practical models of hysteresis can be found in Refs. [11,12]. The folding mechanism of many chaotic circuits is based on hysteresis nonlinearity [13].

In view of the above situation, we consider developing a general method for the study of limit cycle oscillation (LCO) of aeroelastic system with hysteresis nonlinearity, which may also be extended to investigate other models of hysteresis. Chung et al. [14] applied a perturbation-incremental (PI) method to study LCOs and bifurcation of an aeroelastic model with freeplay nonlinearity. The PI method is a semi-analytical and numerical process which incorporates salient features from both the perturbation method and the incremental approach. Both stable and unstable LCOs can be calculated accurately. The continuation curves thus give a full picture of the global bifurcation.

In this paper, we extend the PI method to the continuation and bifurcation analysis of an aeroelastic model with hysteresis nonlinearity. In fact, the method can also be applied to any piecewise-linear system with hysteresis nonlinearity. The paper is organized as follows. A brief description of an aeroelastic model with hysteresis nonlinearity is given in Section 2. In Section 3, we discuss the solution type of LCO in each linear region. The PI method is described in Section 4. Bifurcation analysis is discussed in Section 5, followed by conclusions in Section 6.

## 2. The mathematical model

Fig. 1 shows a sketch of a two-degree-of-freedom (2-dof) airfoil motion in plunge and pitch. The plunge deflection is denoted by $h$, positive in the downward direction, and $\alpha$ is the pitch angle about the elastic axis, positive nose up.


Fig. 1. Schematic of airfoil with 2 dof motion.

The elastic axis is located at a distance $a_{h} b$ from the mid-chord, while the mass center is located at a distance $x_{a} b$ from the elastic axis, where $b$ is the airfoil semi-chord. Both distances are positive when measured towards the trailing edge of the airfoil. The aeroelastic equations of motion for linear springs have been derived by Fung [15]. For nonlinear restoring forces, the coupled bending-torsion equations for the airfoil can be written as follows:

$$
\begin{align*}
& m \ddot{h}+S \ddot{\alpha}+C_{h} \dot{h}+\bar{G}(h)=p(t),  \tag{1}\\
& S \ddot{h}+I_{\alpha} \ddot{\alpha}+C_{\alpha} \dot{\alpha}+\bar{M}(\alpha)=r(t), \tag{2}
\end{align*}
$$

where the symbols $m, S, C_{h}, I_{\alpha}$ and $C_{\alpha}$ are the airfoil mass, airfoil static moment about the elastic axis, damping coefficient in plunge, wing mass moment of inertia about elastic axis, and torsion damping coefficient, respectively. $\bar{G}(h)$ and $\bar{M}(\alpha)$ are the nonlinear plunge and pitch stiffness terms, and $p(t)$ and $r(t)$ are the forces and moments acting on the airfoil, respectively. By a suitable transformation as described in Refs. [6,16,17], the airfoil motion without any external forces can be rewritten into a system of eight first-order ordinary differential equations:

$$
\begin{align*}
x_{1}^{\prime} & =x_{2}, \\
x_{2}^{\prime} & =\sum_{i=1}^{8} a_{2 i} x_{i}+j\left[d_{0}\left(\frac{\bar{\omega}}{U^{*}}\right)^{2} G\left(x_{3}\right)-c_{0}\left(\frac{1}{U^{*}}\right)^{2} M\left(x_{1}\right)\right], \\
x_{3}^{\prime} & =x_{4}, \\
x_{4}^{\prime} & =\sum_{i=1}^{8} a_{4 i} x_{i}+j\left[c_{1}\left(\frac{1}{U^{*}}\right)^{2} M\left(x_{1}\right)-d_{1}\left(\frac{\bar{\omega}}{U^{*}}\right)^{2} G\left(x_{3}\right)\right], \\
x_{5}^{\prime} & =x_{1}-\varepsilon_{1} x_{5}, \\
x_{6}^{\prime} & =x_{1}-\varepsilon_{2} x_{6}, \\
x_{7}^{\prime} & =x_{3}-\varepsilon_{1} x_{7}, \\
x_{8}^{\prime} & =x_{3}-\varepsilon_{2} x_{8}, \tag{3}
\end{align*}
$$

where the ' denotes differentiation with respect to the non-dimensional time $\tau$ defined by $\tau=U t / b$ with $U$ being the free-stream velocity. The coefficients $j, a_{21}, \ldots, a_{28}, a_{41}, \ldots, a_{48}, c_{0}, c_{1}, d_{0}, d_{1}, \varepsilon_{1}$ and $\varepsilon_{2}$ are related to the system parameters and their expressions are given in Appendix A. The structural nonlinearities are represented by the nonlinear functions $G\left(x_{3}\right)$ and $M\left(x_{1}\right)$. In this paper, we investigate system (3) for a hysteresis damper in pitch and a linear spring in plunge, i.e. $G\left(x_{3}\right)=x_{3}$. The hysteretic damper consists of a linear elastic spring and a coulomb damper with amplitude constraint in two directions. For detailed description of such damper, see p. 15 of Ref. [11] or p. 97 of Ref. [18]. The hysteresis stiffness $M\left(x_{1}\right)$ is described by the line segments I-V as shown in Fig. 2.

Notice that I, III and V are bidirectional while II and IV are unidirectional. The boundary of the hysteresis is composed of two freeplays following specified directions. If the traveling path is along the upper branch of the hysteresis, i.e. I $\rightarrow$ II $\rightarrow$ III with $x_{1}$ increasing, then $M\left(x_{1}\right)$ is given by

$$
M\left(x_{1}\right)= \begin{cases}x_{1}+M_{0}-\alpha_{f}, & x_{1}<\alpha_{f} \uparrow,  \tag{4a}\\ M_{f} x_{1}+M_{0}-\alpha_{f} M_{f}, & \alpha_{f} \leqslant x_{1} \leqslant \alpha_{f}+\delta \uparrow, \\ x_{1}+M_{0}-\alpha_{f}-\delta\left(1-M_{f}\right), & x_{1}>\alpha_{f}+\delta \uparrow,\end{cases}
$$

where $\uparrow$ represents the motion in the increasing $x_{1}$ direction. $M_{0}, M_{f}, \alpha_{f}$ and $\delta$ are constants. On the other hand, if the traveling path is along the lower branch, i.e. III $\rightarrow$ IV $\rightarrow$ I with $x_{1}$ decreasing, then

$$
M\left(x_{1}\right)= \begin{cases}x_{1}-M_{0}+\alpha_{f}+\delta\left(1-M_{f}\right), & x_{1}<-\alpha_{f}-\delta \downarrow,  \tag{4b}\\ M_{f} x_{1}-M_{0}+\alpha_{f} M_{f}, & -\alpha_{f}-\delta \leqslant x_{1} \leqslant-\alpha_{f} \downarrow, \\ x_{1}-M_{0}+\alpha_{f}, & x_{1}>-\alpha_{f} \downarrow,\end{cases}
$$

where $\downarrow$ represents the motion in the decreasing $x_{1}$ direction. Without loss of generality, let $\alpha_{f}=M_{0}-(\delta / 2)$ $\left(1-M_{f}\right)$. Then, in Eqs. (4a) and (4b), we have $x_{1}+M_{0}-\alpha_{f}=x_{1}-M_{0}+\alpha_{f}+\delta\left(1-M_{f}\right)$ and


Fig. 2. General sketch of a hysteresis stiffness.
$x_{1}+M_{0}-\alpha_{f}-\delta\left(1-M_{f}\right)=x_{1}-M_{0}+\alpha_{f}$. In a concise form, Eqs. (4a) and (4b) can be rewritten as

$$
M\left(x_{1}\right)= \begin{cases}x_{1}+\frac{M_{f}-1}{2}\left(\left|x_{1}-\alpha_{f}\right|-\left|x_{1}-\alpha_{f}-\delta\right|\right), & x_{1} \uparrow  \tag{4a'}\\ x_{1}+\frac{M_{f}-1}{2}\left(\left|x_{1}+\alpha_{f}+\delta\right|-\left|x_{1}+\alpha_{f}\right|\right), & x_{1} \downarrow .\end{cases}
$$

Furthermore, when the traveling path is along II (IV, resp.), $x_{2}=x_{1}^{\prime}$ may become zero. If $x_{1}$ changes direction at, say, point $H$ ( $K$, resp.), $x_{1}^{\prime}$ becomes negative (positive, resp.). Then, $M\left(x_{1}\right)$ switches to line segment V which is parallel to both I and III. Let $\alpha_{1}$ be the abscissa of $H$ which is the intersection point of line segments II and V . The equation of line segment V is given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
M\left(x_{1}\right)=x_{1}+M_{0}-\alpha_{1}+M_{f}\left(\alpha_{1}-\alpha_{f}\right), \quad \alpha_{1}-2 \alpha_{f}-\delta \leqslant x_{1} \leqslant \alpha_{1} \uparrow \downarrow, \tag{4c}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\alpha_{f} \leqslant \alpha_{1} \leqslant \alpha_{f}+\delta$. The hysteresis model described in Eqs. (4a)-(4c) is more general than that defined in Ref. [10], since $M_{f} \neq 0$ and $M\left(x_{1}\right)$ is also defined inside the hysteresis loop.
Fig. 2 shows the four main regions $R_{j}(j=1,2,3,4)$ which correspond to the following linear subsystems and associate with line segments $i=\mathrm{I}, \mathrm{II}, \mathrm{IIII}, \mathrm{IV}$, respectively,

$$
\begin{array}{rlrl}
\text { (I) } \quad & X^{\prime}=A X+F_{1}, & & x_{1}<\alpha_{f} \uparrow \downarrow, \\
\text { (II) } & X^{\prime}=B X+F_{2}, & \alpha_{f} \leqslant x_{1} \leqslant \alpha_{f}+\delta \uparrow, \\
\text { (III) } & X^{\prime}=A X-F_{1}, & x_{1}>-\alpha_{f} \uparrow \downarrow, \\
\text { (IV) } & X^{\prime}=B X-F_{2}, & & -\alpha_{f}-\delta \leqslant x_{1} \leqslant-\alpha_{f} \downarrow . \tag{5d}
\end{array}
$$

The elements of $A, B$ and $F_{i}(i=1,2)$ are determined by the system parameters of the coupled aeroelastic equations, and they are given by

$$
A=\left(\begin{array}{ll}
A_{1} & A_{2}  \tag{6}\\
A_{3} & A_{4}
\end{array}\right), \quad B=\left(\begin{array}{ll}
B_{1} & A_{2} \\
A_{3} & A_{4}
\end{array}\right)
$$

and $F_{1}=\left(M_{0}-\alpha_{f}\right) F, F_{2}=\left(M_{0}-\alpha_{f} M_{f}\right) F$, where $A_{i}(i=1,2,3,4), B_{1}$ and the vector $F$ are defined in Appendix B with $\beta=1$.

Unlike the freeplay model, the number of linear regions created in the phase space $X \in \mathbb{R}^{8}$ due to a LCO may not be fixed. It may happen that the trajectory of a LCO changes direction when moving along line segment II or IV. Then, a new linear region $R_{5}$ is created corresponding to the linear subsystem

$$
\begin{equation*}
\text { (V) } X^{\prime}=A X+F_{3}, \quad \alpha_{1}-2 \alpha_{f}-\delta<x_{1}<\alpha_{1} \uparrow \downarrow, \tag{5e}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $F_{3}=\left[M_{0}-\alpha_{1}+M_{f}\left(\alpha_{1}-\alpha_{f}\right)\right] F$ and $\alpha_{1}$ is the abscissa of the intersection point of line segments II and V such that $\alpha_{f} \leqslant \alpha_{1} \leqslant \alpha_{f}+\delta$.

## 3. LCO and solution type

Consider the hysteresis model shown in Fig. 2. Let the $Z-Y$ plane represent the eight-dimensional phase space, where $Z=\left\{x_{1}\right\}$ and $Y=\left\{x_{2}, \ldots, x_{8}\right\}$. We first of all consider a LCO traveling only in the four main regions $R_{j}(j=1,2,3,4)$. Let $Z_{1}, Z_{2}, Z_{3}$ and $Z_{4}$ denote the switching subspaces $Z=-\alpha_{f}-\delta, Z=\alpha_{f}, Z=$ $\alpha_{f}+\delta$ and $Z=-\alpha_{f}$, respectively, where the linear systems change (see Fig. 3(a)). The system response can be predicted by following a general phase path. Assuming that a motion initially starts at a point $X_{1}$ in one of the switching subspaces (say $Z_{1}$ ) as shown in Fig. 3(a), the trajectory travels in $R_{i}(i=1,2,3)$, hits $Z_{i+1}$ at $X_{i+1}$ and eventually hits $Z_{1}$ again at $X_{5}$. The points $X_{i}(i=1, \ldots, 5)$ are called switching points as they are located in the switching subspaces. We note that the points $X_{1}$ and $X_{5}$ define a Poincarè map in $Z_{1}$. The trajectory becomes a LCO if $X_{5}$ coincides with $X_{1}$ (see Fig. 3(b)). Since the system of equations in each region is strictly linear, the exact solutions in $R_{i}$ can be obtained analytically. Therefore, for a given point $X_{1}$ in $Z_{1}, X_{5}$ can be determined analytically.

Next, we consider the case when the trajectory of a LCO changes direction at $H$ in Fig. 2 when moving along line segment II. In the phase space shown in Fig. 3(c), the trajectory intersects tangentially a new switching subspace $Z_{5}$, given by $Z=\alpha_{1}$ at $X_{6}$. A new region $R_{5}$ is created corresponding to the traveling path along line segment V . If the trajectory does not move as far back as to point $K$ which is the intersection of line segments IV and V , it stays in $R_{5}$ and hits $Z_{5}$ again at $X_{7}$. Thus, a change of direction along II or IV creates a new switching subspace and gives arise to a harmonic component in a LCO.

Finally, we consider the analytic expression of trajectory in each linear region starting with $R_{2}$ which corresponds to the linear subsystem (5b). Note that $\operatorname{det}(B)=0$ and $\operatorname{rank}(B)=7$.

Proposition 1. If $F_{2}$ in Eq. (5b) is non-zero, then the system of equations

$$
\begin{equation*}
B X+F_{2}=0 \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

has no solution.
Proof. Let $X=\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{8}\right)^{\text {T }}$. From Appendices A and B for the definition of matrices $B, F_{2}$ and Eq. (7) above, we have $x_{2}=x_{4}=0, x_{5}=x_{1} / \varepsilon_{1}, x_{6}=x_{1} / \varepsilon_{2}, x_{7}=x_{3} / \varepsilon_{1}, x_{8}=x_{3} / \varepsilon_{2}$ and

$$
\begin{align*}
& \left(\begin{array}{ll}
b_{21}+a_{25} / \varepsilon_{1}+a_{26} / \varepsilon_{2} & b_{23}+a_{27} / \varepsilon_{1}+a_{28} / \varepsilon_{2} \\
b_{41}+a_{45} / \varepsilon_{1}+a_{46} / \varepsilon_{2} & b_{43}+a_{47} / \varepsilon_{1}+a_{48} / \varepsilon_{2}
\end{array}\right)\binom{x_{1}}{x_{3}} \\
& \quad=\left(M_{f} \alpha_{f}-M_{0}\right) j\left(\frac{1}{U^{*}}\right)^{2}\binom{-c_{0}}{c_{1}}, \tag{8}
\end{align*}
$$

where $b_{21}, b_{23}, b_{41}$ and $b_{43}$ are the corresponding elements of the matrix $B=\left(b_{i k}\right)$. The determinant of the $2 \times 2$ matrix in (8) is zero. Furthermore,

$$
\left|\begin{array}{cc}
b_{21}+a_{25} / \varepsilon_{1}+a_{26} / \varepsilon_{2} & -c_{0}  \tag{9}\\
b_{41}+a_{45} / \varepsilon_{1}+a_{46} / \varepsilon_{2} & c_{1}
\end{array}\right|=\left(c_{1} d_{0}-c_{0} d_{1}\right)\left(c_{5}+c_{6} / \varepsilon_{1}+c_{7} / \varepsilon_{2}\right),
$$



Fig. 3. Phase portrait of the aeroelastic system (3) with hysteresis structure: (a) general trajectory; (b) period-one LCO; (c) trajectory where the traveling path branches off from II to V.
where $c_{i}$ and $d_{i}$ are defined in Appendix A. Since $c_{1} d_{0}-c_{0} d_{1}=-1 / j \neq 0$ and $c_{5}+c_{6} / \varepsilon_{1}+c_{7} / \varepsilon_{2}=2 / \mu$, the expression of Eq. (9) is non-zero. Therefore, Eq. (8) and, equivalently, Eq. (7) have no solution. This completes the proof.

The consequence of Proposition 1 is that a linear combination of eight independent vectors is required to describe a trajectory in $R_{2}$ (and $R_{4}$ ). This is different from the freeplay model studied in Ref. [14] in which a trajectory in $R_{2}$ travels in a seven-dimensional submanifold. In the following, we replace the non-dimensional time $\tau$ by $t$.

Proposition 2. Let $\mathbf{v}_{i}(i=1, \ldots, 7)$ and $\mathbf{v}_{8}$ be the eigenvectors of $B$ corresponding to the non-zero eigenvalues $\lambda_{i}$ and the zero eigenvalue $\lambda_{8}(=0)$, respectively. Then, a solution of Eq. $(5 b)$ is expressed as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathbf{r}(t)=\sum_{i=1}^{7} p_{i} \mathbf{v}_{i}+t p_{8} \mathbf{v}_{8}+\sum_{i=1}^{8} k_{i} \mathbf{e}^{\lambda_{i} t} \mathbf{v}_{i}, \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $k_{i}(i=1, \ldots, 8)$ are arbitrary constants depending on initial condition and

$$
\left(\begin{array}{lll}
p_{1} & \ldots & p_{8}
\end{array}\right)^{\mathrm{T}}=\left(\begin{array}{llll}
-\lambda_{1} \mathbf{v}_{1} & \ldots & -\lambda_{7} \mathbf{v}_{7} & \mathbf{v}_{8} \tag{11}
\end{array}\right)^{-1} F_{2} .
$$

Proof. Since $\operatorname{rank}(B)=7$, a solution of Eq. (5b) can be expressed in the form

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathbf{r}(t)=\mathbf{p}+t p_{8} \mathbf{v}_{8}+\sum_{i=1}^{8} k_{i} \mathbf{e}^{\lambda_{i} t} \mathbf{v}_{i}, \tag{12}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $k_{i} \in \mathbb{R}, p_{8} \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\mathbf{p}$ is a constant vector in the subspace spanned by $\mathbf{v}_{i}(i=1, \ldots, 7)$. Thus, we let $\mathbf{p}=\sum_{i=1}^{7} p_{i} \mathbf{v}_{i}$. Differentiating Eq. (12) with respect to $t$ and substituting it into Eq. (5b), we obtain, after simplification,

$$
p_{8} \mathbf{v}_{8}=\sum_{i=1}^{7} p_{i} \lambda_{i} \mathbf{v}_{i}+F_{2},
$$

which implies Eq. (11). This completes the proof.
The analytic expression of trajectory in region $R_{4}$ is the same as Eq. (10) with $F_{2}$ in Eq. (11) replaced by $-F_{2}$.

Since $\operatorname{det}(A) \neq 0$ in the regions $R_{1}, R_{3}$ and $R_{5}$, a trajectory $\mathbf{r}(t)$ in these regions is simply expressed analytically as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathbf{r}(t)=\mathbf{u}+\sum_{i=1}^{8} k_{i} \mathbf{e}^{\lambda_{i} t} \mathbf{v}_{i}, \tag{13}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $k_{i} \in \mathbb{R}, \lambda_{i}$ and $\mathbf{v}_{i}$ are the eigenvalues and the corresponding eigenvectors of $A$, respectively. The constant vector $\mathbf{u}$ is equal to $-A^{-1} F_{1}, A^{-1} F_{1}$ and $-A^{-1} F_{3}$ if $\mathbf{r}(t)$ is in regions $R_{1}, R_{3}$ and $R_{5}$, respectively.

## 4. The perturbation-incremental (PI) method

The main idea of the PI method is to convert a LCO to an equilibrium point of a Poincare map in a switching subspace and consider a system of variational equations of the map for parametric continuation. Same as in Refs. [6,14], the non-dimensional velocity $U^{*}$ is mainly used as the bifurcation parameter. The procedure of the PI method is divided into two steps. The first step is to obtain an initial solution for the continuation of the bifurcation parameter in the second step. A matrix dimension reduction technique is employed to speed up the computations involved in the second step.

### 4.1. Perturbation step

For a smooth dynamical system, small LCO can be obtained through Hopf bifurcation. However, Hopf bifurcation theorems cannot be applied to a piecewise-linear system due to its low differentiability. Nevertheless, a piecewise-linear system can undergo bifurcations which have similarities (but also discrepancies) with the Hopf bifurcation [19]. System (3) with hysteresis nonlinearity defined in Eqs. (4a)-(4c) is a symmetric piecewise-linear system. A system of the form $X^{\prime}=F(X)$ with $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n}$ is symmetric if it satisfies the condition $F(-X)=-F(X)$. A LCO is symmetric if $X(t+T / 2)=-X(t)$ where $T$ is the period. An initial symmetric LCO may be obtained in the following way.

We first consider a symmetric periodic solution traveling only in $R_{5}$ which corresponds to line segment V passing through the origin as shown in Fig. 4(a). From Eq. (4c), the abscissa of $H$ is given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\alpha_{1}=\alpha_{f}+\frac{\delta}{2} \tag{14}
\end{equation*}
$$

The necessary condition for the existence of periodic solution in the linear subspace $R_{5}$ is that a pair of eigenvalues of matrix $A$ become pure imaginary (say $\lambda= \pm i \omega, \omega>0$ ) at a specific value of the bifurcation parameter $U^{*}$. Let $\mathbf{u}_{1} \pm i \mathbf{u}_{2}$ be the corresponding eigenvectors. The calculation of initial periodic solution
below is similar to that for the freeplay model in Ref. [14]. A periodic solution spanned by $\mathbf{u}_{1}$ and $\mathbf{u}_{2}$ in $R_{5}$ can be expressed as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathbf{r}(t)=\left(p_{1}+\mathrm{i} p_{2}\right)\left(\mathbf{u}_{1}+\mathrm{i} \mathbf{u}_{2}\right) \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i} \omega t}+\left(p_{1}-\mathrm{i} p_{2}\right)\left(\mathbf{u}_{1}-\mathrm{i} \mathbf{u}_{2}\right) \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i} \omega t}-A^{-1} F_{3}, \tag{15}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $p_{1}, p_{2} \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\alpha_{1}$ in $F_{3}$ is given in Eq. (14). Let $Z_{1}$ and $Z_{2}$ be the switching subspaces $Z=-\alpha_{1}$ and $Z=\alpha_{1}$, respectively (see Fig. 4(a)). If the linear subspace spanned by $\mathbf{u}_{1}$ and $\mathbf{u}_{2}$ intersects both $Z_{1}$ and $Z_{2}$, then there exists a unique periodic solution intersecting tangentially these two switching subspaces with maximal amplitude. Let $\mathbf{r}(0)$ and $\mathbf{r}(T / 2)$ be the switching points at $Z_{1}$ and $Z_{2}$, respectively, where $T$ is the period. From Eq. (15) and the fact that the tangent at $\mathbf{r}(0)$ is orthogonal to the $Z$-axis, we have

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
p_{1} u_{11}-p_{2} u_{21}=-\frac{\alpha_{1}}{2} \\
p_{2} u_{11}+p_{1} u_{21}=0,
\end{array}\right.
$$




Fig. 4. (a) Periodic solution with maximal amplitude in the linear subspace spanned by $\mathbf{u}_{1}$ and $\mathbf{u}_{2}$ and (b) symmetric LCO traveling from regions created by a perturbation from the critical value.
which imply

$$
\begin{equation*}
p_{1}=\frac{-\alpha_{1} u_{11}}{2\left(u_{11}^{2}+u_{21}^{2}\right)} \quad \text { and } \quad p_{2}=\frac{\alpha_{1} u_{21}}{2\left(u_{11}^{2}+u_{21}^{2}\right)}, \tag{16}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $u_{i 1}(i=1,2)$ are the first components of $\mathbf{u}_{i}$. As the bifurcation parameter is varied from the critical value, a symmetric LCO traversing four regions as shown in Fig. 4(b) may suddenly appear. For small $\varepsilon$, the LCO is tangential to both the switching subspaces $Z=-\alpha_{1}-\varepsilon$ and $Z=\alpha_{1}+\varepsilon$.

### 4.2. Parameter incremental step - a Newton-Raphson procedure

Contrary to the freeplay nonlinearity, the parameter incremental step for the hysteresis nonlinearity needs to take into account the unidirectional condition of line segments II and IV of $M\left(x_{1}\right)$, and the fact that a trajectory may travel in $R_{5}$ which corresponds to line segment V . Assume that a LCO contains $n$ switching points $X_{i}(i=1,2, \ldots, n)$ (see Fig. 5). Let $\mathbf{r}_{i}(t)(i=1,2, \ldots, n)$ be the segment of LCO between $X_{i}$ and $X_{i+1}$ with $X_{n+1}=X_{1}$ traveling in region $R_{p_{i}}\left(p_{i} \in\{1,2,3,4,5\}\right)$. From Eqs. (10), (11) and (13), $\mathbf{r}_{i}(t)$ may be expressed in the following analytical form:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathbf{r}_{i}(t)=\mathbf{u}_{p_{i}}+\sum_{j=1}^{8} k_{i j} \mathrm{e}^{\lambda_{p i j} t} \mathbf{v}_{p_{i} j}, \tag{17}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $k_{i j} \in \mathbb{R}, \lambda_{p_{i j}}$ and $\mathbf{v}_{p_{i j}}$ are the eigenvalues and eigenvectors, respectively, of matrices $A$ if $p_{i}=1,3,5$ and $B$ if $p_{i}=2,4$, and

$$
\mathbf{u}_{p_{i}}= \begin{cases}-A^{-1} F_{1} & \text { if } p_{i}=1,  \tag{17a}\\ C F_{2} & \text { if } p_{i}=2, \\ A^{-1} F_{1} & \text { if } p_{i}=3, \\ -C F_{2} & \text { if } p_{i}=4, \\ -A^{-1} F_{3} & \text { if } p_{i}=5\end{cases}
$$

with $C=\left(\mathbf{v}_{p_{i} 1} \mathbf{v}_{p_{i} 2} \ldots \mathbf{v}_{p_{i} 7} t \mathbf{v}_{p_{i} 8}\right)\left(-\lambda_{p_{i} 1} \mathbf{v}_{p_{i} 1}-\lambda_{p_{i}} \mathbf{v}_{p_{i} 2} \ldots-\lambda_{p_{i} 7} \mathbf{v}_{p_{i},} \mathbf{v}_{p_{i} 8}\right)^{-1}$. We note that $\mathbf{u}_{p_{i}}$ is a function of $t$ only if $p_{i}=2$, 4. If $t$ in $\mathbf{r}_{i}(t)$ counts only the time traveled in $R_{p_{i}}$ with traveling time $t_{i}$ from $X_{i}$ to $X_{i+1}$, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
X_{i}=\mathbf{r}_{i}(0)=\mathbf{r}_{i-1}\left(t_{i-1}\right), \quad i=1,2, \ldots, n, \tag{18}
\end{equation*}
$$



Fig. 5. A general LCO.
with subscript ' 0 ' replaced by ' $n$ ' (i.e. $\mathbf{r}_{0}\left(t_{0}\right)=\mathbf{r}_{n}\left(t_{n}\right)$ ). This replacement of subscript ' 0 ' by ' $n$ ' will also be adopted in subsegment formulae derived from Eq. (18). Substituting Eq. (17) into Eq. (18), we obtain

$$
\begin{equation*}
X_{i}=\left.\mathbf{u}_{p_{i}}\right|_{t=0}+\sum_{j=1}^{8} k_{i j} \mathbf{v}_{p_{i j}}=\left.\mathbf{u}_{p_{i-1}}\right|_{t=t_{i-1}}+\sum_{j=1}^{8} k_{(i-1) j}{ }^{\lambda_{p_{i-1} \mid 1} t_{i-1}} \mathbf{v}_{p_{i-1}}, \quad i=1,2, \ldots, n . \tag{19}
\end{equation*}
$$

The period of a LCO is given by $T=\sum_{i=1}^{n} t_{i}$.
In solving Eq. (18) for $X_{i}$ 's, the unknowns in a switching point at the boundary of $R_{5}$ are different from those of a switching point at the intersection of two main regions. The first component of a latter switching point is constant while the other seven components are unknowns to be determined in the incremental step. In the general LCO of Fig. 5, let $X_{i}$ and $X_{i+1}$ be the switching points at the boundary of $R_{5}$. Since the trajectory branches off to line segment V at $X_{i}$ and gets back to line segment II at $X_{i+1}$, the second component of $X_{i}$ is zero and both $X_{i}$ and $X_{i+1}$ have the same first component. Therefore, the first component of these two switching points is an unknown although they have also an average of seven unknowns. To consider the continuation in $U^{*}$, a small increment of $U^{*}$ to $U^{*}+\Delta U^{*}$ in Eq. (19) corresponds to small changes of the following quantities:

$$
X_{i} \rightarrow X_{i}+\Delta X_{i}, \quad k_{i j} \rightarrow k_{i j}+\Delta k_{i j}, \quad \mathbf{u}_{p_{i-1}} \rightarrow \mathbf{u}_{p_{i-1}}+\Delta \mathbf{u}_{p_{i-1}} \quad \text { and } \quad t_{i-1} \rightarrow t_{i-1}+\Delta t_{i-1} .
$$

To obtain a neighboring solution, Eq. (19) is expanded in Taylor's series about an initial solution. Linearized incremental equations are derived by ignoring all the nonlinear terms of small increments as below:

$$
\begin{align*}
X_{i}+\Delta X_{i}= & \left.\mathbf{u}_{p_{i}}\right|_{t=0}+\sum_{j=1}^{8} k_{i j} \mathbf{v}_{p_{i j}}+\sum_{j=1}^{8} \Delta k_{i j} \mathbf{v}_{p_{i j}} \\
= & \left.\mathbf{u}_{p_{i-1}}\right|_{t=t_{i-1}}+\sum_{j=1}^{8} k_{(i-1) j} \mathrm{j}^{\lambda_{p_{i-1}-1} t_{i-1}} \mathbf{v}_{p_{i-1} j}+\Delta \mathbf{u}_{p_{i-1}} \\
& +\sum_{j=1}^{8} \Delta k_{(i-1) j} \mathrm{e}^{\lambda_{p_{i-1} j} t_{i-1}} \mathbf{v}_{p_{i-1} j} \\
& +\Delta t_{i-1} \sum_{j=1}^{8} \lambda_{p_{i-1} j} k_{(i-1) j} \mathrm{e}^{\lambda_{p_{i-1} j} t_{i-1}} \mathbf{v}_{p_{i-1} j}, \quad i=1,2, \ldots, n . \tag{20}
\end{align*}
$$

Let $q$ be the eighth component of the column vector

$$
\left(-\lambda_{p_{i-1} 1} v_{p_{i-1} 1}-\lambda_{p_{i-1}} v_{p_{i-1} 2} \ldots-\lambda_{p_{i-1} 7} v_{p_{i-1} 7} v_{p_{i-1}} 8\right)^{-1} F_{2} .
$$

It follows from Eq. (17a) that $\Delta \mathbf{u}_{p_{i-1}}$ in Eq. (20) is given by

$$
\Delta \mathbf{u}_{p_{i-1}}= \begin{cases}\Delta t_{i-1} q v_{p_{i-1} 8}, & \text { if } p_{i-1}=2  \tag{20a}\\ -\Delta t_{i-1} q v_{p_{i-1}} 8, & \text { if } p_{i-1}=4 \\ 0, & \text { otherwise }\end{cases}
$$

As the bifurcation parameter $U^{*}$ varies, the number $n$ of switching points of a LCO may become quite large after several bifurcations. To solve Eq. (20) in an efficient way for large $n$, a matrix dimension reduction technique described in Ref. [14] is used, which is a part of the PI method for non-smooth systems.

In Fig. 3, the switching points of a trajectory in a particular switching subspace define a Poincaré map. The eigenvalues of the first derivative of a Poincare map evaluated at a fixed point determine the stability of a LCO. The details are given in Section 4 of Ref. [14]. For a general LCO with $n$ switching points, the Jacobian matrix of the Poincare map is the product of $n$ matrices which follows from the chain rule. For freeplay nonlinearity, the dimension of each matrix is $7 \times 7$. However, for the hysteresis nonlinearity, the dimension of a matrix may be different. In Fig. 5, consider the trajectory in region $R_{5}$ with boundary switching point $X_{i}$ and $X_{i+1}$. We note that $X_{i}$ has seven unknowns since the second component is zero and $X_{i+1}$ has eight unknowns. Therefore, the dimension of the matrix corresponding to this trajectory segment is $7 \times 8$. In Fig. 5, we may
assume that $X_{i+2}$ has seven unknowns and the first component is a constant. Then, the dimension of the matrix corresponding to this trajectory segment is $8 \times 7$. Therefore, the dimension of the matrix corresponding to the trajectory segment from $X_{i}$ to $X_{i+2}$ is still $7 \times 7$. The overall calculation of the Jacobian matrix for stability is more or less the same as that in Ref. [14].

## 5. Results and discussions

To compare with the previous results obtained in Ref. [10], the system parameters under consideration are chosen as

$$
\mu=100, \quad a_{h}=-0.5, \quad x_{\alpha}=0.25, \quad \zeta_{\xi}=\zeta_{\alpha}=0, \quad \gamma_{\alpha}=0.5 \quad \text { and } \quad \bar{\omega}=0.2
$$

The pitch angle is hysteretic with $M\left(x_{1}\right)$ defined in Eqs. (4a)-(4c) such that $M_{0}=0.5, M_{f}=0$ and $\delta=1.0^{\circ}$. It follows that $\alpha_{f}=M_{0}-(\delta / 2)\left(1-M_{f}\right)=0$. The plunge is linear with $G\left(x_{3}\right)=x_{3}$. The linear flutter speed $U_{L}^{*}=6.2851$ is determined by solving the aeroelastic system for $M_{0}=\delta=\alpha_{f}=0$. To obtain an initial guess from the perturbation step, we observe that, for $U^{*}=U_{L}^{*}$, a pair of pure imaginary eigenvalues $\lambda= \pm \omega \mathrm{i}= \pm 0.084 \mathrm{i}$ occur in matrix $A$ and the corresponding eigenvectors $\mathbf{u}_{1} \pm \mathrm{i} \mathbf{u}_{2}$ up to a scalar are given by $\mathbf{u}_{1}=(0.0208,-0.0022,0.0404,-0.0063,0.3404,0.0865,0.8868,0.1893)^{\mathrm{T}}$ and $\mathbf{u}_{2}=(0.0257,0.0017,0.0745$, $0.0034,-0.0631,0.0616,0,0.1954)^{\mathrm{T}}$. It follows from Eq. (16) that $p_{1}=-4.7471$ and $p_{2}=5.8777$. The traveling time between the two switching point is $T / 2=\pi / \omega=37.38$.

For the incremental step, we choose the size of the increment $\Delta U^{*}$ to be 0.01 . A Hopf-like bifurcation occurs at $U_{1}^{*}=U_{L}^{*}$ (label 1) where an unstable symmetric LCO is born. The continuation curve of the symmetric LCO is shown in Fig. 6(a). Initially, one eigenvalue of the first derivative $D \Pi$ is outside the unit circle near +1 . When $U^{*}$ decreases below $U_{2}^{*}=0.6853 U_{L}^{*}$ (label 2), the LCO traverses the four main regions. A saddle-node bifurcation occurs at $U_{3}^{*}=0.67892265 U_{L}^{*}$ (label 3) where an eigenvalue enters the unit circle at +1 . The enlarged diagram of this region is depicted in Fig. 6(b) which shows a short interval of stable LCO. A symmetry-breaking bifurcation occurs at $U_{4}^{*}=0.67892272 U_{L}^{*}$ (label 4) and the LCO becomes unstable again. At $U_{5}^{*}=0.678976 U_{L}^{*}$ (label 5), a harmonic appears in the LCO as its traveling path in $M\left(x_{1}\right)$ branches off from line segment II to line segment V and the trajectory travels in a new linear region $R_{5}$. A phase portrait of the unstable LCO with harmonic at $U^{*}=0.7 U_{L}^{*}$ is depicted in Fig. 7. The period, stability and initial switching point $X_{1}$ of this LCO with harmonic are given in Table 1. The harmonic disappears at $U_{6}^{*}=$ $0.715 U_{L}^{*}$ (label 6). As $U^{*}$ increases beyond the symmetry-breaking bifurcation at $U_{7}^{*}=0.8152 U_{L}^{*}$ (label 7), the LCO becomes stable again. Its amplitude continues to grow without a bound as $U^{*}$ tends to $U_{L}^{*}$. A phase portrait of the stable LCO at $U_{8}^{*}=0.85 U_{L}^{*}$ is shown in Fig. 8 and is compared to the result obtained by using the Runge-Kutta method. They are in good agreement. The dots in Fig. 8 represent the position of the LCO at different time obtained from the PI method. The information of this stable LCO is given in Table 2.

Next, we consider the emanating curve arising from one of the asymmetric LCOs born at $U_{4}^{*}$. On the emanating curve shown in Fig. 9(a), two short intervals of stable LCOs are found near the symmetry-breaking bifurcations. An enlarged diagram near $U_{4}^{*}$ is depicted in Fig. 9(b). Period-doubling bifurcation occurs at the other end of the intervals where $U_{8}^{*}=0.679 U_{L}^{*}$ (label 8) and $U_{11}^{*}=0.8127 U_{L}^{*}$ (label 11). At $U_{9}^{*}=0.6853 U_{L}^{*}$ (label 9) and $U_{10}^{*}=0.7452 U_{L}^{*}$ (label 10), the LCO intersects tangentially the switching subspace $Z=\alpha_{f}+\delta=1$. It will either enter or leave main region III for a small change of $U^{*}$. A sudden change of direction in the continuation curve is observed at label 10. This normally occurs when the traveling path of a LCO swops between line segment I or III and line segment V. The asymmetric LCO at label 9 is shown in Fig. 10. It contains a harmonic and its information is given in Table 3. We note that the LCO has an eigenvalue of 4955 which magnitude is very large. In fact, when a LCO corresponds to a sharp turning point on a continuation curve, it always has an eigenvalue with large magnitude.

Emanating curves arising from period-doubling bifurcation at $U_{8}^{*}$ and $U_{11}^{*}$ are shown in Fig. 11(a) (also in Fig. 9(b)) and Fig. 11(b), respectively. There are two short intervals of period-doubling sequences leading to chaos. The one near label 11 was reported in Ref. [10]. Sharp turning points are observed on the period-2 and period-4 emanating branches which are very close to each other. For instance, in Fig. 11(b), these points are at $U_{12}^{*}=0.81152 U_{L}^{*}$ (label 12) and $U_{13}^{*}=0.81135 U_{L}^{*}$ (label 13) for the period-2 and period-4 emanating


Fig. 6. (a) Continuation curve of symmetric LCO. (b) Enlarged diagram near the saddle-node bifurcation at $U_{3}^{*}$. •, Hopf-like bifurcation; *, saddle-node bifurcation; ■, symmetry-breaking bifurcation.
branches, respectively. It is interesting to note that as $\max \left(x_{1}\right)$ decreases to 1 , the asymmetric period $-2^{n}$ emanating branches arising from period-doubling bifurcation at labels 8 and 11 all join to labels 9 and 10 , respectively. This means that when a period-1 LCO enters into main region III from region $V$ at the first time, complicated dynamics suddenly occur which include the coexistence of all period- $2^{n}$ LCOs and the onset of chaos. Such phenomenon and a sudden change of direction in the continuation curve are not observed in a


Fig. 7. Unstable symmetric LCO with harmonic at $U^{*}=0.7 U_{L}^{*}$.

Table 1
The period, stability and initial switching point of the LCO with harmonic at $U^{*}=0.7 U_{L}^{*}$
Type of motion: period-1 (symmetric with harmonic)
Initial switching point: $\left(\begin{array}{lllllll}-1 & -0.1150 & -10.47 & 0.1788 & -2.662 & -2.389 & -119.8\end{array}-35.48\right)$
Eigenvalues of Poincaré map: 2.126, 0.3322, 0.0082, $0.0061,0.0003,0,0$


Fig. 8. Stable symmetric LCO at $U^{*}=0.85 U_{L}^{*}$. -, Runge-Kutta method; *, perturbation-incremental method.
two-degree-of-freedom aeroelastic system with freeplay structural nonlinearity [14]. Stable period-2 and period-4 LCOs with harmonic at $U^{*}=0.8116 U_{L}^{*}$ and $U^{*}=0.8114 U_{L}^{*}$ are shown in Fig. 12(a and b), respectively. They are in good agreement with those obtained from the Runge-Kutta method. Their

Table 2
The period, stability and initial switching point of the LCO at $U^{*}=0.85 U_{L}^{*}$
Type of motion: period-1 (symmetric)
Period: 82.78
Initial switching point: $\left(\begin{array}{lllllll}-1 & -0.1469 & -6.546 & -0.4946 & 13.15 & -1.914 & 24.90\end{array}\right.$-15.35)
Eigenvalues of Poincaré map: $-0.0955+0.1477 i,-0.0955-0.1477 i, 0.0400,0.04614,0.0231,0,0$


Fig. 9. (a) Continuation curve of one of the asymmetric LCOs. (b) Enlarged diagram near the symmetry-breaking bifurcation at $U_{4}^{*}$. *, saddle-node bifurcation; , symmetry-breaking bifurcation; * , period-doubling bifurcation.
information are given in Tables 4 and 5. A trajectory at $U^{*}=0.81 U_{L}^{*}$ obtained from numerical simulation is depicted in Fig. 12(c). This shows a short interval of period-doubling sequence leading to chaos. Emanating branches from both asymmetric LCOs are shown in Fig. 13.


Fig. 10. Unstable asymmetric LCO with harmonic at $U_{9}^{*}$, which intersects tangentially the switching subspace $Z=1$.

Table 3
The period, stability and initial switching point of the LCO at $U_{9}^{*}=0.6853 U_{L}^{*}$

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Type of motion: period-1 (asymmetric with harmonic)
Initial switching point: \(\left(\begin{array}{llllll}-1 & -0.0987 & -9.813 & 0.2719 & -3.460 & -2.472-134.7-34.41\end{array}\right)\)
Eigenvalues of Poincaré map: 4955, \(0.4291,0.0072,0.0052,0,0,0\)
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## 6. Conclusion

A perturbation-incremental (PI) method has been developed to investigate the dynamic response of a self-excited two-degree-of-freedom aeroelastic system with structural nonlinearity represented by a hysteresis stiffness. Since the first derivative of an approximate LCO obtained from the PI method is piecewise continuous which agrees qualitatively with the exact solution, it provides an accurate prediction of the switching points in the switching subspaces where the changes in linear subdomains occur. The present method is also able to compute unstable LCOs and, thus, gives a full picture of the global bifurcation.

A comparison of the dynamic response due to hysteresis and freeplay nonlinearities is discussed below:
(I) Similarities
(i) The stable intervals of period-doubling sequences leading to chaos are very narrow.
(ii) In the continuation curves, most LCOs are unstable.
(II) Differences
(i) For the hysteresis nonlinearity, a new region is created when the traveling path branches off from line segment II or IV to line segment V. Therefore, the number of regions traversed by a LCO is not fixed. However, for the freeplay nonlinearity, the number of regions is always three.
(ii) Although the rank of matrix $B$ is 7 for both types of nonlinearities, a trajectory with the hysteresis nonlinearity travels in the eight-dimensional space $R_{2}$ or $R_{4}$ while that with the freeplay nonlinearity travels in a seven-dimensional subspace of $R_{2}$ [14].
(iii) For the hysteresis nonlinearity, the period-2 $2^{n}$ emanating branches are not smooth due to the crossing of a LCO between region $R_{1}$ or $R_{3}$ and region $R_{5}$. Furthermore, all the period $-2^{n}$ emanating branches join to the sharp turning point where the asymmetric LCO traverses into $R_{1}$ or $R_{3}$ for the first time


Fig. 11. Period-2 and period-4 emanating branches arising from (a) $U_{8}^{*}$ and (b) $U_{11}^{*}$.
(see labels 9 and 10 in Fig. 9(a)). However, such dynamic behavior does not occur in an aeroelastic system with freeplay nonlinearity.
(iv) For the hysteresis nonlinearity, Neimark-Sacker bifurcation is not observed. However, such bifurcation is found in the freeplay nonlinearity.

From point (iii) above, when $\max \left(x_{1}\right)\left(\min \left(x_{1}\right)\right.$, resp.) of a LCO is increased (decreased, resp.) beyond +1 ( -1 , resp.), all period- $2^{n}$ LCOs come into co-existence. To the best of our knowledge, we are not aware of any piecewise-linear system which exhibits such behavior in the bifurcation of a limit cycle. However, similar phenomenon occurs in a homoclinic bifurcation when the Jacobian of the fixed point of a homoclinic orbit contains double real determining eigenvalue [20,21]. A determining eigenvalue is the one closest to the imaginary axis. Further investigation is needed to see whether the dynamics behind these two phenomena is the same.


Fig. 12. (a) Stable period-2 LCO with harmonic at $U^{*}=0.8116 U_{L}^{*}$. (b) Stable period-4 LCO with harmonic at $U^{*}=0.8114 U_{L}^{*}$. (c) A trajectory at $U^{*}=0.81 U_{L}^{*}$. -, Runge-Kutta method; *, perturbation-incremental method.

Table 4
The period, stability and initial switching point of the LCO at $U^{*}=0.8116 U_{L}^{*}$
Type of motion: period-2 (asymmetric with harmonic)
Period: 192.3
Initial switching point: $\left(\begin{array}{llllllll}-1 & -0.1820 & -6.471 & -0.5894 & 13.22 & -1.458 & 65.50 & -14.07\end{array}\right)$
Eigenvalues of Poincaré map: $-0.8041,-0.3702,0.0005,0.0002,0,0,0$

Table 5
The period, stability and initial switching point of the LCO at $U^{*}=0.8114 U_{L}^{*}$
Type of motion: period-4 (asymmetric with harmonic)
Period: 384.9
Initial switching point: $\left(\begin{array}{llllll}-1 & -0.1812 & -6.458 & -0.5881 & 13.22 & -1.466 \\ 65.01 & -14.04\end{array}\right)$
Eigenvalues of Poincaré map: $-0.8082,-0.1095,0,0,0,0,0$


Fig. 13. Emanating branches from both asymmetric LCOs.
Since a traveling path may branch off from line segment II or IV to line segment V, the flow at a point in the phase space may not be unique. Therefore, a trajectory may traverse itself. Although we consider a system of eight ordinary differential equations in this paper, a two-dimensional autonomous piecewise-linear system with hysteresis nonlinearity can also be defined in a similar way. It is well-known that chaos does not occur in a twodimensional autonomous system because a trajectory never traverses itself. In fact, LCO which traverses itself does exist in a two-dimensional piecewise-linear system with hysteresis nonlinearity [22]. Further study on the possible existence of period-doubling bifurcation and chaos in such a two-dimensional system is undergoing.

Simultaneous coexistence of all period-2 $2^{n}$ LCOs are observed in system (3) with hysteresis nonlinearity, but not with freeplay nonlinearity. Likewise, for the celebrated Chua's circuit [23], if the bilinear nonlinearity is replaced by the hysteresis nonlinearity, new bifurcation phenomenon may also occur.
In Refs. $[6,10,14]$ and the present paper, the structural nonlinearity $G\left(x_{3}\right)$ is simply chosen as $G\left(x_{3}\right)=x_{3}$. In fact, it can be a cubic, freeplay or hysteresis stiffness. In that case, system (3) may contain multiple nonlinearities which are both analytic and non-analytic. The harmonic balance method is usually employed to investigate the dynamic behavior arising from such nonlinearities. For instance, Narayanan and Sekar [24] employed a multi-harmonic balancing technique to capture both stable and unstable solutions of a dynamical system with piecewise linear stiffness and acted on by a flow-induced force with a cubic term. At a switching point, the second derivative of an approximate solution obtained by the harmonic balance method is continuous while that of the exact solution is discontinuous. Therefore, a relatively large number of harmonic terms is required to approximate accurately the exact solution near a switching point. To overcome this problem for system (3) containing multiple nonlinearities, the solution at different nonlinear regions may be approximated by different Fourier series. The continuity of the approximate solution and its derivative at the switching points should be imposed. In this way, the second derivative of an approximate solution is not continuous at a switching point. This is a modified approach to the harmonic balance method. Although the number of unknowns are increased in this formulation, the number of harmonic terms for each Fourier series is less. Further investigation is needed to see whether such formulation is effective.

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## Appendix A. Definitions of coefficients

$$
\begin{aligned}
a_{21}=j\left(-d_{5} c_{0}+c_{5} d_{0}\right), & a_{41}=j\left(d_{5} c_{1}-c_{5} d_{1}\right), \\
a_{22}=j\left(-d_{3} c_{0}+c_{3} d_{0}\right), & a_{42}=j\left(d_{3} c_{1}-c_{3} d_{1}\right), \\
a_{23}=j\left(-d_{4} c_{0}+c_{4} d_{0}\right), & a_{43}=j\left(d_{4} c_{1}-c_{4} d_{1}\right), \\
a_{24}=j\left(-d_{2} c_{0}+c_{2} d_{0}\right), & a_{44}=j\left(d_{2} c_{1}-c_{2} d_{1}\right), \\
a_{25}=j\left(-d_{6} c_{0}+c_{6} d_{0}\right), & a_{45}=j\left(d_{6} c_{1}-c_{6} d_{1}\right), \\
a_{26}=j\left(-d_{7} c_{0}+c_{7} d_{0}\right), & a_{46}=j\left(d_{7} c_{1}-c_{7} d_{1}\right), \\
a_{27}=j\left(-d_{8} c_{0}+c_{8} d_{0}\right), & a_{47}=j\left(d_{8} c_{1}-c_{8} d_{1}\right), \\
a_{28}=j\left(-d_{9} c_{0}+c_{9} d_{0}\right), & a_{48}=j\left(d_{9} c_{1}-c_{9} d_{1}\right),
\end{aligned}
$$

where $j, c_{i}(i=0,1, \ldots, 9)$ and $d_{i}(i=0,1, \ldots, 9)$ are defined by

$$
\begin{gathered}
j=\frac{1}{c_{0} d_{1}-c_{1} d_{0}}, \\
c_{0}=1+\frac{1}{\mu}, \quad c_{1}=x_{\alpha}-\frac{a_{h}}{\mu}, \\
c_{2}=\frac{2}{\mu}\left(1-\phi_{1}-\phi_{2}\right), \quad c_{3}=\frac{1}{\mu}\left[1+\left(1-2 a_{h}\right)\left(1-\phi_{1}-\phi_{2}\right)\right], \\
c_{4}=\frac{2}{\mu}\left(\varepsilon_{1} \phi_{1}+\varepsilon_{2} \phi_{2}\right), \quad c_{5}=\frac{2}{\mu}\left[1-\phi_{1}-\phi_{2}+\left(\frac{1}{2}-a_{h}\right)\left(\varepsilon_{1} \phi_{1}+\varepsilon_{2} \phi_{2}\right)\right], \\
c_{6}=\frac{2}{\mu} \varepsilon_{1} \phi_{1}\left[1-\varepsilon_{1}\left(\frac{1}{2}-a_{h}\right)\right], \quad c_{7}=\frac{2}{\mu} \varepsilon_{2} \phi_{2}\left[1-\varepsilon_{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}-a_{h}\right)\right], \\
c_{8}=-\frac{2}{\mu} \varepsilon_{1}^{2} \phi_{1}, \quad c_{9}=-\frac{2}{\mu} \varepsilon_{2}^{2} \phi_{2}, \\
d_{0}=\frac{x_{\alpha}}{r_{\alpha}^{2}}-\frac{a_{h}}{\mu r_{\alpha}^{2}}, \quad d_{1}=1+\frac{1+8 a_{h}^{2}}{8 \mu r_{\alpha}^{2}}, \\
d_{2}=-\frac{1+2 a_{h}}{\mu r_{\alpha}^{2}}\left(1-\phi_{1}-\phi_{2}\right), \quad d_{3}=\frac{1-2 a_{h}}{2 \mu r_{\alpha}^{2}}-\frac{\left(1+2 a_{h}\right)\left(1-2 a_{h}\right)\left(1-\phi_{1}-\phi_{2}\right)}{2 \mu r_{\alpha}^{2}}, \\
d_{4}=-\frac{1+2 a_{h}}{\mu r_{\alpha}^{2}}\left(\varepsilon_{1} \phi_{1}+\varepsilon_{2} \phi_{2}\right), \quad d_{5}=-\frac{1+2 a_{h}}{\mu r_{\alpha}^{2}}\left(1-\phi_{1}-\phi_{2}\right)-\frac{\left(1+2 a_{h}\right)\left(1-2 a_{h}\right)\left(\varepsilon_{1} \phi_{1}-\varepsilon_{2} \phi_{2}\right)}{2 \mu r_{\alpha}^{2}}, \\
d_{6}=-\frac{1+2 a_{h}}{\mu r_{\alpha}^{2}} \varepsilon_{1} \phi_{1}\left[1-\varepsilon_{1}\left(\frac{1}{2}-a_{h}\right)\right], \quad d_{7}=-\frac{1+2 a_{h}}{\mu r_{\alpha}^{2}} \varepsilon_{2} \phi_{2}\left[1-\varepsilon_{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}-a_{h}\right)\right], \\
d_{8}=\frac{1+2 a_{h}}{\mu r_{\alpha}^{2}} \varepsilon_{1}^{2} \phi_{1}, \quad d_{9}=\frac{1+2 a_{h}}{\mu r_{\alpha}^{2}} \varepsilon_{2}^{2} \phi_{2}, \\
\phi_{1}=0.165, \quad \phi_{2}=0.335, \quad \varepsilon_{1}=0.0455, \quad \varepsilon_{2}=0.3 .
\end{gathered}
$$

## Appendix B. Definitions of matrices and vectors

$$
\begin{aligned}
& A_{1}=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
a_{21}-j c_{0}\left(\frac{1}{U^{*}}\right)^{2} & a_{22} & a_{23}+j d_{0} \beta\left(\frac{\bar{\omega}}{U^{*}}\right)^{2} & a_{24} \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\
a_{41}+j c_{1}\left(\frac{1}{U^{*}}\right)^{2} & a_{42} & a_{43}-j d_{1} \beta\left(\frac{\bar{\omega}}{U^{*}}\right)^{2} & a_{44}
\end{array}\right), \\
& A_{2}=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
a_{25} & a_{26} & a_{27} & a_{28} \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
a_{45} & a_{46} & a_{47} & a_{48}
\end{array}\right), \quad A_{3}=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 0
\end{array}\right), \quad A_{4}=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
-\varepsilon_{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & -\varepsilon_{2} & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & -\varepsilon_{1} & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & -\varepsilon_{2}
\end{array}\right), \\
& B_{1}=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
a_{21}-j c_{0} M_{f}\left(\frac{1}{U^{*}}\right)^{2} & a_{22} & a_{23}+j d_{0} \beta\left(\frac{\bar{\omega}}{U^{*}}\right)^{2} & a_{24} \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\
a_{41}+j c_{1} M_{f}\left(\frac{1}{U^{*}}\right)^{2} & a_{42} & a_{43}-j d_{1} \beta\left(\frac{\bar{\omega}}{U^{*}}\right)^{2} & a_{44}
\end{array}\right), \\
& F=\left(0-j c_{0}\left(\frac{1}{U^{*}}\right)^{2} 0 \quad j c_{1}\left(\frac{1}{U^{*}}\right)^{2} \begin{array}{lllll}
0 & 0 & 0 & 0
\end{array}\right)^{\mathrm{T}} .
\end{aligned}
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