An Alternative Approach to Obtaining Stiffness and Mass Matrices for Three-Dimensional Bernoulli-Euler and Timoshenko Beam-Columns

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Abstract: In the static analysis of beam-column systems using matrix methods, polynomials are using as the shape functions. The transverse deflections along the beam axis, including the axial-flexural effects in the beam-column element, are not adequately described by polynomials. As an alternative method, the element stiffness matrix is modeling using stability parameters. The shape functions which are obtaining using the stability parameters are more compatible with the system’s behavior. A mass matrix used in the dynamic analysis is evaluated using the same shape functions as those used for derivations of the stiffness coefficients and is called a consistent mass matrix. In this study, the stiffness and consistent mass matrices for prismatic three-dimensional Bernoulli-Euler and Timoshenko beam-columns are proposed with consideration for the axial-flexural interactions and shear deformations associated with transverse deflections along the beam axis. The second-order effects, critical buckling loads, and eigenvalues are determined. According to the author’s knowledge, this study is the first report of the derivations of consistent mass matrices of Bernoulli-Euler and Timoshenko beam-columns under the effect of axially compressive or tensile force.

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1. Introduction

In linear structures, deformations are proportional to the external loads, the displacements and the internal forces of the system are obtaining via superposition. When an element of a structure is subjecting to an axial-flexural effect, non-linear interactions develop. This interaction produces second-order moments, which consist of the product of the axial force and flexural displacements. The moment magnifies non-linearly as the load increases, which results in increasingly nonlinear load-displacement relationships. Consequently, the effect of any axial-flexural interaction must consider in the analysis of those structures. The second-order effects are cause changes in the geometry of the structural system, which may result in instability issues. Stability is a structural condition defined as the loading of a structure or structural component in which a slight disturbance in the loads or geometry does not produce large displacements. Several building codes require the considerations of the effect of loads on the structure's overall stability and its members. [1-2] stipulate using a design method that includes the axial-flexural effects on the overall stability of the structure or structural components. Researchers have explored various approaches for assessing structure's stability in the analysis and design of framed structures and have presented many books and articles on this topic. Favorable information for determining the second-order effects and analysis methods can be found from the following studies [3-10]: Computer-aided designs are using in the analysis of structural systems the well-known method of this topic is the finite element method (FEM). For frame-elements are developed special techinics of FEM is called matrix methods. The accuracy of matrix methods in computer-aided design for beam-column systems is dependent on the compatibility of the assumed shape functions with the real elastic behavior of the element. The transverse deflection along the beam axis, which is included in the axial-flexural effect of the beam element, is no longer a polynomial function, but a function with trigonometric variables.

The shape functions which are obtaining using the stability parameters are more compatible with the system’s behavior. Mass matrices are one of the main components in a dynamic analysis. For a dynamic analysis to be performed using matrix methods, a mass matrix containing the appropriate features must be established. These features are derived using lumped or distributed mass techniques. A distributed mass matrix evaluation with the same shape functions used for derivation of the stiffness matrix is called a consistent mass matrix. Other researchers have developed various approaches for performing static and dynamic analyses on prismatic and non-prismatic Bernoulli-Euler and Timoshenko beams. Some of the scholars that have evaluated mass and stiffness
matrices include [11] where examined the free vibration and stability analysis of Timoshenko beams through a finite element analysis. [12] presented a symbolic integration that combined an indefinite integral with the Gauss divergence theorem, which was used to form a novel integration scheme for a consistent mass matrix in the FEM. [13] developed a new procedure for the FEM and applied it to the computation of the vibrational response of a Timoshenko beam subject to a uniformly distributed harmonic load. [14] discussed improvements to the mass and geometric stiffness matrices of a Bernoulli-Euler two-dimensional beam. [15] derived a stiffness matrix and consistent mass matrix using the principles of d’Alembert and virtual work. [16] presented a method for evaluating the shape functions and structural matrices derived for non-prismatic Euler-Bernoulli beam elements. [17] analyzed non-prismatic Timoshenko beams using a basic displacement function. [18] used a force-based approach to derive a three-dimensional consistent mass matrix for vibration analysis of beams. [19] utilized a size-dependent model based on the modified strain gradient theory.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows: in sections 2 and 3 are obtained the stiffness matrices in prismatic three dimensional Bernoulli-Euler and Timoshenko beam elements, respectively. The matrices are modeled using stability parameters, \( \lambda = L\sqrt{P/\kappa}\). In sections 4 and 5 are presented consistent mass matrices for both element types.

2. The stiffness matrices in prismatic three dimensional Bernoulli-Euler beam element

The following assumptions are made in this study:
1) behavior is purely elastic,
2) all members are prismatic, homogenous, and isotropic (i.e., the elasticity module, \(E\), moment of inertia, \(I\), and cross-sectional area, \(A\), are constants),
3) in the Bernoulli-Euler elements shear deformations are neglected, plane sections normal to the neutral axis remain plane and normal to the neutral axis,
4) in the Timoshenko beam elements shear is constant along the elements,
5) no distributed load along the beam,
6) the elements are slender.

The end displacements of a prismatic three dimensional Bernoulli-Euler beam element are shown in Fig. 1. A constant axial compressive force subjected to this element along the x axis.

The differential equation governing the displacement, \( y \), of this prismatic element, \( AB \), subjected to a constant compressive axial force, \( P \), is as follows [3]:

\[
\frac{d^4y}{dx^4} + \frac{\lambda^2}{L^2} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0
\]

(1)

Note: The effects of axial tension are presented in Appendix 1.
Where L and \( \lambda \) are length and stability parameter of the beam respectively, and \( \lambda \) is defined in Eq. (2) as

\[
\lambda = L\sqrt{\frac{P}{\kappa E I}}
\]

(2)

Fig. 1. A three-dimensional beam element end displacements and positive directions
The displacements in the x-y plane numbered 2, 6, 8, and 12 and the displacements in the x-z plane numbered 3, 5, 9, and 11 can be obtained from the solution of Eq. (1). That is showing in the following Eq.(3).

\[ Y(x) = C_1 \sin \frac{\lambda}{L} x + C_2 \cos \frac{\lambda}{L} x + C_3 x + C_4. \]  

(3)

The end rotations are obtaining from the derivation of Eq. (3), which becomes

\[ Y'(x) = C_1 \frac{\lambda}{L} \cos \frac{\lambda}{L} x - C_2 \frac{\lambda}{L} \sin \frac{\lambda}{L} x + C_3 \]  

(4)

When we want to calculate the coefficients, \( C \), of Eq. (3) due to unit rotation, in the end, \( A \), is used following end conditions:

For \( (u_6=1) \); at \( x=0 \) \( Y(x) = 0 \) and \( Y'(x) = 1 \); at \( x=L \) \( Y(x) = 0 \) and \( Y'(x) = 0 \)

The obtained coefficients, \( C \), are:

\[ C_1 = \frac{L(-1+\cos \lambda + \lambda \sin \lambda)}{\lambda(-2+2\cos \lambda + \lambda \sin \lambda)} \]  

(5a)

\[ C_2 = \frac{L(-1+\lambda \cot \lambda)(\cot \lambda + \csc \lambda)}{\lambda(-2+\lambda(\cot \lambda + \csc \lambda))} \]  

(5b)

\[ C_3 = \frac{1}{2-\lambda \cot (\lambda/2)} \]  

(5c)

\[ C_4 = \frac{Lcsc(\lambda/2)^2(\lambda \cos \lambda + \sin \lambda)}{2\lambda(-2+\lambda \cot (\lambda/2))} \]  

(5d)

After combining Eqs. 4 and 5, end moments is calculated using the Equation \(-EIy''(x) = M(x)\).

\[ M_{AB} = a \frac{EI}{L} \]  

(6a)

\[ M_{BA} = b \frac{EI}{L} \]  

(6b)

where coefficients \( a \) and \( b \) are

\[ a = \frac{\lambda(\sin \lambda - \lambda \cos \lambda)}{2 - 2 \cos \lambda - \lambda \sin \lambda} \]  

(7a)

\[ b = \frac{\lambda(\sin \lambda)}{2 - 2 \cos \lambda - \lambda \sin \lambda} \]  

(7b)

Eqs.7 are the basic parameters to calculate of the element end forces and stiffness matrices.

The stiffness matrix, \( [K] \), is obtained using the following submatrices:

\[ [K] = \begin{bmatrix} [K_{11}]_{6 \times 6} & [K_{12}]_{6 \times 6} \\ [K_{21}]_{6 \times 6} & [K_{22}]_{6 \times 6} \end{bmatrix} \]  

(8)

The submatrices are:

\[ [K_{11}]_{6 \times 6} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{E_1 A}{L} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2(a_x + b_z) - \lambda^2}{L^2} \frac{EI_2}{L^2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{2(a_y + b_y) - \lambda^2}{L^2} \frac{EI_1}{L^2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{G_1}{L} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{a_y E_1 y}{L} & 0 & \frac{a_y E_1 y}{L} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{a_x E_1 x}{L} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{a_x E_1 x}{L} \end{bmatrix} \]  

(9a)
where $y$ and $z$ denote the principal axes. When calculating parameters $\lambda_y, \lambda_z$ and $a_y, b_y$ and $a_z, b_z$ are used the Eqs. (2) and (7a)-(7b) for these principal axes. $G$ denotes the torsional elastic modulus and can be assumed to be equal to the shear modulus, while $J$ denoted the torsional constant.

3. The stiffness matrices in prismatic three dimensional Timoshenko beam element

Stiffness matrices of a Timoshenko beam should be obtained using shear deformations in the element. For this purpose, consider a simply supported beam is shown in Fig. 2.

Second and third derivations of Eq. (3) should be used to obtain the moments and shear forces in the beam. These are:

$$y''(x) = -C_1 \left(\frac{x}{L}\right)^2 \sin \frac{x}{L} - C_2 \left(\frac{x}{L}\right)^2 \cos \frac{x}{L}$$  \hspace{1cm} (10a)

$$y'''(x) = -C_1 \left(\frac{x}{L}\right)^3 \cos \frac{x}{L} + C_2 \left(\frac{x}{L}\right)^3 \sin \frac{x}{L}$$  \hspace{1cm} (10b)

Related end conditions:

At $x=0; \ y=0$ \ [-$EIy'(0) = 1$] \ at $x=L \ y=0$ \ [-$EIy''(L) = 0$]

From these:

$$C_1 = -\frac{1}{E} \frac{L^2}{J} \frac{\cos \lambda}{\frac{L}{\lambda} \sin \lambda}$$  \hspace{1cm} (11a)
\[ C_2 = \frac{1}{EI} \frac{L^2}{\lambda^2} \]  
\[ C_3 = \frac{1}{EI} \frac{L}{\lambda^2} \]  
\[ C_4 = C_2 \]  

End rotation of a simply supported beam obtained from first derivative of Eq. (3): \( y'(0) = C_2 \frac{\lambda}{L} + C_3 \). When the above obtained integral coefficients combined to this derivative:

\[ \alpha_A = \frac{1}{EI} \frac{L \sin \lambda - \lambda \cos \lambda}{\lambda^2 \sin \lambda} \]  

\[ \beta = -\frac{1}{EI} \frac{L \lambda - \sin \lambda}{\lambda^2 \sin \lambda} \]  

Shear forces obtained using third derivative

\[ V = \frac{\lambda \cos \lambda}{L \sin \lambda} \]  

When unit moment is applied to the end \( B \) of that beam due to the symmetry should be \( \alpha_B = \alpha_A = \alpha \) and according to Maxwell-Betti rule \( \beta \) is equal for both ends.

When end rotations due to shear force effect combined to the moment effect thus could be obtained total end rotations. For this purpose is used the virtual work principle. Total end rotations are as:

\[ \alpha = \frac{L}{EI} \left[ \frac{1 - \lambda \cot \lambda}{\lambda^2} + \left( \frac{\lambda}{\tan \lambda} \right)^2 \frac{XEI}{GAL^2} \right] \]  

\[ \beta = \frac{L}{EI} \left[ \frac{\lambda - \sin \lambda}{\lambda^2 \sin \lambda} + \left( \frac{\lambda}{\tan \lambda} \right)^2 \frac{XEI}{GAL^2} \right] \]  

When the beam end moments are defined as \( M_{AB} \) and \( M_{BA} \). The end rotations for the positive end moments are as:

\[ \varphi_A = M_{AB}\alpha + M_{BA}\beta \]  
\[ \varphi_B = M_{AB}\beta + M_{BA}\alpha \]  

In the cases of \( \varphi_A \neq 0 \) and \( \varphi_B = 0 \) related end moments can be found using Eqs. (15). These are:

\[ M_{AB} = a \frac{EI}{L} \varphi_A \]  
\[ M_{BA} = b \frac{EI}{L} \varphi_A \]  

where,

\[ a = \frac{L}{EI} \frac{\alpha}{\alpha^2 - \beta^2} \]  
\[ b = \frac{L}{EI} \frac{-\beta}{\alpha^2 - \beta^2} \]  

\( \alpha \) and \( \beta \) coefficients in Eqs. (17) could be obtained from Eqs. (14).

It should be noted that an axial compressive force creates second-order effects in the span of a beam-column element. These effects are represented by \( P\delta \). It is also necessary to obtain the flexural moment and displacement values induced by the \( P\delta \) effects. These values should be calculated with consideration for the nonlinear behaviors of the element. The calculation steps for obtaining the \( P\delta \) effects are given in Appendix 2.
4. Bernoulli-Euler beam element mass matrix

A distributed mass matrix evaluated with the same shape functions used for the derivation of the stiffness matrix is called a consistent mass matrix. For an element subjected to a constant axially compressive force, the procedures for obtaining a consistent mass matrix are explaining here.

A mass matrix for a linearly elastic system is expressed in matrix form as follows:

\[
\{F\} = [M]\{\ddot{u}\}. \tag{18}
\]

The mass matrix coefficients for transverse deflections numbered 2, 6, 12 and 3, 5, 9, 11 these are the coefficients related to the bending mass forces about the \(z\) and \(y\) axes respectively, could be calculated using the following Equation:

\[
M_{ij} = \rho A \int_0^L Y_{yj}(x) Y_{zi}(x) \, dx
\]

Eq. (19) will be applied to the defined shape functions from Eq. (3).

The coefficients for indices 4 and 10 in the mass matrix belong to the torsional mass forces. The following Equation:

\[
M_{\phi 4}(x) = 1 - \frac{x}{L} \tag{20a}
\]

\[
M_{\phi 10}(x) = \frac{x}{L} \tag{20b}
\]

These shape functions can be satisfied with the following boundary conditions:

Eq. (20a) for \(x=0\) \(M_{\phi 4}(0) = 1 - \frac{x}{L} = 1\) and for \(x=L\) \(M_{\phi 4}(L) = 1 - \frac{x}{L} = 0\)

Eq. (20b) for \(x=L\) \(M_{\phi 10}(L) = \frac{x}{L} = 1\) and for \(x=0\) \(M_{\phi 10}(0) = \frac{x}{L} = 0\)

The consistent mass matrix coefficients for torsional mass forces are obtained as follows.

\[
M_{ij} = \rho J \int_0^L M_{\phi i}(x) M_{\phi j}(x) \, dx \tag{21}
\]

\[
M_{4,4} = M_{10,10} = \frac{\rho L}{3} \tag{22a}
\]

\[
M_{4,10} = M_{10,4} = \frac{\rho L}{6} \tag{22b}
\]

where \(J\) is torsional constant.

Similarly, the mass matrix coefficients for deflections numbered 1, 7 are the coefficients related to the axial mass forces in the beam, could be calculated using the following Equation:

\[
M_{ij} = \rho A \int_0^L Y_{yi}(x) Y_{xj}(x) \, dx \tag{23}
\]

The same shape functions determined by the Eq. (20a)-(20b) can be used and following Eqs. (24a)-(24b) are obtained

\[
M_{1,1} = M_{7,7} = \frac{\rho AL}{3} \tag{24a}
\]

\[
M_{1,7} = M_{7,1} = \frac{\rho AL}{6} \tag{24b}
\]

Application to the Equation (19) is as follow:

The coefficients, \(C\), of Eq. (3) evaluated for each unit value of the displacements numbered 2, 3, 5, and 6. Thus, there are four coefficients in Eq. (3) for each case and a total of 16 coefficients for the four cases. The boundary conditions for all the unit values of the displacements are:

Case 1 \((u_2 = 1)\) at \(x=0\) \(Y(x) = 1\) and \(Y'_y(x) = 0\); at \(x=L\) \(Y(x) = 0\) and \(Y'_y(x) = 0\); \(\{A\} = [1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]^T\)

Case 2 \((u_3 = 1)\) at \(x=0\) \(Y(x) = 0\) and \(Y'_y(x) = 1\); at \(x=L\) \(Y(x) = 0\) and \(Y'_y(x) = 0\); \(\{A\} = [0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0]^T\)

Case 3 \((u_5 = 1)\) at \(x=0\) \(Y(x) = 0\) and \(Y'_y(x) = 0\); at \(x=L\) \(Y(x) = 1\) and \(Y'_y(x) = 0\); \(\{A\} = [0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0]^T\)

Case 4 \((u_6 = 1)\) at \(x=0\) \(Y(x) = 0\) and \(Y'_y(x) = 0\); at \(x=L\) \(Y(x) = 0\) and \(Y'_y(x) = 1\); \(\{A\} = [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1]^T\)

For example, the equation for Case 1 \((u_2 = 1)\) is
\[
\begin{bmatrix}
0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\
\frac{\lambda}{L} & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
\sin \lambda & \cos \lambda & L & 1 \\
\frac{\lambda}{L} \cos \lambda & -\frac{\lambda}{L} \sin \lambda & 1 & 0
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
C_{12} \\
C_{22} \\
C_{32} \\
C_{42}
\end{bmatrix}
= 
\begin{bmatrix}
1 \\
0 \\
0 \\
0
\end{bmatrix}
\] (25)

where the coefficient matrices are indifferent to all cases, while the constant terms of are different. Those are those described as matrices \( A \) above.

The first indices of the coefficients, \( C_{ij} \), in Eq. (25) denote the coefficients of Eq. (3), while the second indices denote the displacement numbers for the cases. Therefore, the \( i \) indices are 1, 2, 3, and 4, while the \( j \) indices are for displacements 2, 3, 5, and 6.

Case 1 (\( u_2 = 1 \)):

\[C_{12} = \frac{1}{\lambda + 2\cot \lambda - 2\csc \lambda} \] (26a)

\[C_{22} = \frac{1}{2 - \lambda \cot (\lambda/2)} \] (26b)

\[C_{32} = -\frac{\lambda}{L\lambda + 2\lambda \cot \lambda - 2\lambda \csc \lambda} \] (26c)

\[C_{42} = 1 + \frac{1}{-2 + \lambda \cot (\lambda/2)} \] (26d)

Case 2 (\( u_3 = 1 \)):

\[C_{13} = \frac{L(-1 + \cos \lambda + \lambda \sin \lambda)}{\lambda(-2 + 2\cos \lambda + \lambda \sin \lambda)} \] (27a)

\[C_{23} = \frac{L(-1 + \lambda \cot \lambda)(\cot \lambda + \csc \lambda)}{\lambda(-2 + \lambda (\cot \lambda + \csc \lambda))} \] (27b)

\[C_{33} = \frac{1}{2 - \lambda \cot (\lambda/2)} \] (27c)

\[C_{43} = \frac{\lambda \csc (\lambda/2)^2(-\lambda \cos \lambda + \sin \lambda)}{2\lambda(-2 + \lambda \cot (\lambda/2))} \] (27d)

Case 3 (\( u_5 = 1 \)):

\[C_{15} = \frac{1}{-\lambda + 2\tan (\lambda/2)} \] (28a)

\[C_{25} = \frac{1}{-2 + \lambda \cot (\lambda/2)} \] (28b)

\[C_{35} = \frac{\lambda}{L\lambda - 2\lambda \tan (\lambda/2)} \] (28c)

\[C_{45} = \frac{1}{2 - \lambda \cot (\lambda/2)} \] (28d)

Case 4 (\( u_6 = 1 \)):

\[C_{16} = \frac{L - \lambda \cos \lambda}{\lambda(-2 + 2\lambda \cos \lambda + \lambda \sin \lambda)} \] (29a)

\[C_{26} = \frac{\lambda \csc (\lambda/2)^2(-\lambda + \sin \lambda)}{2\lambda(-2 + \lambda \cot (\lambda/2))} \] (29b)

\[C_{36} = \frac{1}{2 - \lambda \cot (\lambda/2)} \] (29c)

\[C_{46} = \frac{\lambda \csc (\lambda/2)^2(-\sin \lambda)}{2\lambda(-2 + \lambda \cot (\lambda/2))} \] (29d)

Equation (3) can be established using Eqs. (26)-(29) for each case of end displacements. For example, Eq. (3) for Case 4 (\( u_6 = 1 \)) can be established from Eqs. (29a)-(29d) as follows:
\[ Y_{16}(x) = C_{16} \sin \frac{2x}{L} + C_{26} \cos \frac{2x}{L} + C_{36}x + C_{46} \] (30)

In Eq (19) determined mass matrix coefficients will be obtained from the integration of the shape functions. The functions to be integrated are

\[ Y_{1i}(x) = C_{i} \sin \frac{2x}{L} + C_{2i} \cos \frac{2x}{L} + C_{3i}x + C_{4i} \] (31a)
\[ Y_{2i}(x) = C_{5} \sin \frac{2x}{L} + C_{6i} \cos \frac{2x}{L} + C_{7i}x + C_{8i} \] (31b)

For example, the \( M_{16} \) coefficient of mass matrix \([M]\) must be calculated for \( u_3 = 1 \) (Case 2) and \( u_6 = 1 \) (Case 4), and the \( C \) parameters in Eqs. (31a)-(31b) should be:

for \( Y_{13}(x) \): \( C_1 = C_{13}, C_2 = C_{23}, C_3 = C_{33}, C_4 = C_{43} \);
for \( Y_{16}(x) \): \( C_5 = C_{16}, C_6 = C_{26}, C_7 = C_{36}, C_8 = C_{46} \).

The integration of Eq. (19) is obtained using Wolfram Mathematica [19]. Wolfram Mathematica is a modern, powerful computer algebra system with built-in functions used in many scientific, engineering, mathematical, and computing fields. The Wolfram Language is the programming language used in Wolfram Mathematica.

The integrated form of Eq. (19) is obtained from Eq. (32):

\[ M_{ij} = pA \int_0^L Y_{ij}(x) \, dx = \frac{pA}{12L} [\lambda ( - 3 \lambda \cos (2\lambda)(C_{1i}C_{5} + C_{1i}C_{6}) + 3 \sin (2\lambda)(- C_{1i}C_{5} + C_{1i}C_{6})] \\
- 12L(C_{4i}C_{6} + C_{4i}C_{7}) + 3\lambda (C_{4i}C_{5} + 4C_{4i}C_{7} + C_{4i}C_{8} + 4C_{5i}C_{6} + 4C_{5i}C_{7}) + 12 \sin (\lambda)(\lambda C_{6}C_{5} + 2 \lambda C_{6}C_{5} + L C_{4}C_{7} + \lambda C_{2}C_{6} + 2 \lambda C_{2}C_{6} + 2 \lambda C_{3}C_{8} + 3 \lambda C_{3}C_{8} + 3 \lambda C_{3}C_{8} + 6 \lambda C_{4}C_{8}) \\
+ 12 \cos (\lambda)(L(C_{3}C_{6} + C_{2}C_{7}) - \lambda(C_{3}C_{6} + C_{3}C_{8} + L C_{1}C_{7} + C_{1}C_{8}))] \] (32)

Obtaining a closed form solution for Eqs. (26)–(35) is extremely complicated, and these equations should be evaluated using numerical methods.

The stability parameter for indices 2, 6, 8, and 12 these coefficients should be calculated using the flexibility rigidity, \( E_L \). The related stability parameter is

\[ \lambda_x = \frac{L}{\sqrt{E_L}} \] (33a)

The stability parameter for indices 3, 5, 9, and 11 these coefficients should be calculated using the flexibility rigidity, \( E_L \). The related stability parameter is

\[ \lambda_y = \frac{L}{\sqrt{E_L}} \] (33b)

5. Timoshenko beam element mass matrix

In a Timoshenko beam, the effects of shear force deformation should be added to the functions \( Y_{1i}(x) \) and \( Y_{2i}(x) \) in Equation (19). The following assumptions were made for this case: no distributed load along the beam, hence in a Timoshenko beam element shear force is constant along the element.

The general displacement function which included the shear deformation term as \( D_1 \frac{x}{L} \):

\[ y(x) = C_1 \sin \frac{x}{L} + C_2 \cos \frac{x}{L} + C_3x + C_4 + D_1 \frac{x}{L} \] (34)

First, second and third derivations of Equation (34):

\[ y'(x) = C_1 \frac{1}{L} \cos \frac{x}{L} - C_2 \frac{1}{L} \sin \frac{x}{L} + C_3 + \frac{D_1}{L} \] (35a)
\[ y''(x) = - C_1 \left( \frac{1}{L} \right)^2 \sin \frac{x}{L} - C_2 \left( \frac{1}{L} \right)^2 \cos \frac{x}{L} \] (35b)
\[ y'''(x) = - C_1 \left( \frac{1}{L} \right)^3 \cos \frac{x}{L} + C_2 \left( \frac{1}{L} \right)^3 \sin \frac{x}{L} \] (35c)
According to the directions of the element coordinate system shear force due to in the positive direction applied end moments using Eq. (35c) is:

\[ V_{BA} = \frac{1}{E_I} \left[ -C_1 \left( \frac{L}{L} \right)^3 \cos \lambda + C_2 \left( \frac{L}{L} \right)^3 \sin \lambda \right] \]  

(36)

Deformation due to this constant shear in the beam:

\[ \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d_1}{L} = (-V_{BA}) \frac{\chi}{GA} \]  

(37)

When the Equations (36) and (37) combine:

\[ -C_1 \cos \lambda + C_2 \sin \lambda + D_1 \Phi = 0 \]  

(38)

where,

\[ \Phi = \frac{\chi E_I}{\lambda^3 G A L^2} \]  

(39)

and \( \chi \) is shear area coefficient.

Calculations of the coefficients \( C_{ij} \) and \( D_{1j} \) are similar as in section 4.

For example, the equations for Case 1 \( (u_2 = 1) \):

- at \( x=0 \): \( Y_2 (x) = 1, C_{22} + C_{42} = 1; \)
- at \( x=0 \): \( Y_2 (x) = 0, \frac{A}{L} C_{12} + C_{32} = 0; \)
- at \( x=L \): \( Y_2 (x) = 0, \sin \alpha C_{12} + \cos \alpha C_{22} + L C_{32} + C_{42} + D_{12} = 0; \)
- at \( x=L \): \( Y_2 (x) = 0, \frac{A}{L} \cos \alpha C_{12} + \frac{L}{L} \sin \alpha C_{22} + C_{32} + D_{12} = 0 \)

and from Eq. (38): \( -\cos \alpha C_{12} + \sin \alpha C_{22} + \Phi D_{12} = 0. \)

The new form of Eq. (25) is as:

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
\frac{A}{L} & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\
\sin \lambda & \cos \lambda & L & 1 & 1 \\
\frac{A}{L} \cos \lambda & -\frac{A}{L} \sin \lambda & 1 & 0 & 1 \\
-\cos \lambda & + \sin \lambda & 0 & 0 & \Phi_1
\end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix}
C_{12} \\
C_{22} \\
C_{32} \\
C_{42} \\
D_{12}
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}1 \\
0 \\
0 \\
0 \\
0
\end{bmatrix}
\]

(40)

After the obtaining coefficients the terms, \( C_{ij} \) and \( D_{1j} \) of mass matrix could be calculated using Equation (19) as similar explained in section 4.

6. Numerical example

In this example, the analysis of a 3-dimensional frame system shown in Fig. 3 is performed using the method outlined in this study. The elements of the system are to be considered as Bernoulli-Euler beam elements. Comparisons of the obtained results from with and without axial-flexural effects are made. The joints numbered 1 and 2 are fixed-end while the joint numbered 3 is free to displacements. The frame is under the effect of three concentrated loads at joint 3 which are in \( \vec{x}, \vec{y}, \) and \( \vec{z} \) directions -120 kN, 300 kN, and – 10 kN, respectively.

The analysis includes the following steps:

1) obtaining and comparisons of the results considering the axial-flexural effects,
2) calculation of eigenvalues,
3) obtaining of the critical buckling load factors, \( LF \).

The beams comprise 20x50 mm steel profiles and bent about the major principal axis, \( y-y \). This major principal axis \( y-y \) is parallel to the \( \vec{x}-\vec{y} \) plane of the global coordinate system.

Element properties: \( A=1000 \text{ mm}^2, I_y=20833 \text{ mm}^4, I_z=33333 \text{ mm}^4, J=99600 \text{ mm}^4, E=200000 \text{ Mpa}, G=77200 \text{ Mpa}, \) unit volume weight, \( w=7.85 \times 10^{-5} \text{ N/mm}^3 \), so a unit volume mass density of \( \rho=8 \times 10^{-9} \text{ N-s}^2/\text{mm}^4 \).

Properties of the element 1,3 (\( L=1000 \text{ mm} \):
\[
\lambda_z = L \sqrt{\frac{P}{EI_z}} = 4.243, \quad a_y=0.653, \quad b_y=3.257;
\]
\[
\lambda_y = L \sqrt{\frac{P}{EI_y}} = 1.697, \quad a_y=3.601, \quad b_y=2.105;
\]
\[
M_{4,1} = M_{7,7} = \frac{\rho AL}{3} = 2.667 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Ns}^2/\text{mm};
\]
\[
M_{4,7} = M_{7,4} = \frac{\rho AL}{6} = 1.333 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Ns}^2/\text{mm};
\]
\[
M_{4,4} = M_{10,10} = \frac{\rho L}{3} = 0.267 \text{ Ns}^2 \text{mm}, \quad M_{4,10} = M_{10,4} = \frac{\rho L}{6} = 0.133 \text{ Ns}^2 \text{mm}.
\]

Fig. 3 Numerical example

Axial stiffness \(EA/L=200000\) N/mm, torsional stiffness \(GJ/L=7689120\) Nmm.

Element stiffness matrices:

For simplicity, stiffness matrices of the element are presented only for displacements, \(u_2, u_6, u_8, u_{12}\) (bending about \(z-z\) axis)

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
-67.875 & 26062.91 & 67.875 & 26062.91 \\
26062.91 & 4350635.68 & -26062.91 & 21712269.18 \\
67.875 & -26062.91 & 67.875 & -26062.91 \\
26062.91 & 21712269.18 & -26062.91 & 4350635.68
\end{bmatrix}
\]

Stiffness matrix for displacements, \(u_3, u_5, u_9, u_{11}\) (bending about \(y-y\) axis)

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
355.489 & -237744.96 & -355.489 & -237744.96 \\
-237744.96 & 150023676.71 & 237744.96 & 87721283.41 \\
-355.489 & 237744.96 & 355.489 & 237744.96 \\
-237744.96 & 87721283.41 & 237744.96 & 150023676.71
\end{bmatrix}
\]

Similarly, after calculating the stiffness matrices of element 2,3, element end forces are calculated using \([F]=[K][u]\) and final end displacements and end forces are obtained as follows.

End displacements: \([u]^t=[-0.601347 \quad 0.750017 \quad -27.844430 \quad -0.084229 \quad -0.040023 \quad -0.001687]\).

End forces are presented in Tables 1 and 2.
Table 1. End forces for element 1-3

|       | $P_x$  | $V_y$  | $V_z$  | $M_x$  | $M_y$  | $M_z$  |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| With axial effects ($P > 0$) | 120269.4 | 6.95 | 383.16 | -647651.9 | -3109022 | -56168.87 |
| Without axial effects ($P = 0$) | 119748.80 | -92.88 | 1279.72 | -184161.9 | -1107223 | -30958.30 |

Table 2. End forces for element 2-3

|       | $P_x$  | $V_y$  | $V_z$  | $M_x$  | $M_y$  | $M_z$  |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| With axial effects ($P > 0$) | 300006.90 | -269.36 | 9616.84 | 615486.50 | -12514160 | 1888.90 |
| Without axial effects ($P = 0$) | 299907.10 | -251.58 | 8720.29 | -172494 | 4175983 | 73861.98 |

Mass matrix for displacements, $u_2$, $u_6$, $u_8$, and, $u_{12}$ (bending about $z$-axis) (see Fig. 1)

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
0.003031 & 0.616196 & 0.000970 \\
0.616196 & 180.139112 & 0.407231 \\
0.000970 & 0.407234 & 0.003031 \\
-0.407231 & -153.104721 & -0.616196 \\
\end{bmatrix}
\]

Mass matrix for displacements, $u_3$, $u_5$, $u_9$, and, $u_{11}$ (bending about $y$-axis)

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
0.002980 & 0.438717 & 0.001021 \\
0.438717 & 84.272158 & 0.262493 \\
0.001021 & 0.262493 & 0.002980 \\
-0.262493 & -64.261032 & -0.438717 \\
\end{bmatrix}
\]

Mass matrix of the system in the global coordinate system

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
0.004169709 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -0.12887 \\
0 & 0.00436467 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -0.616199 \\
0 & 0 & 0.004468431 & -0.1077673 & -0.438717 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & -0.1077673 & 10.39995 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & -0.438717 & 0 & 84.405158 & 0 \\
-0.12887 & -0.616199 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 195.21777 \\
\end{bmatrix}
\]

Eigenvalues of the system may be calculated using the equation $[K] - \omega^2[M] = \{0\}$ [20]. The eigenvalues are summarized in Table 3.

Table 3. The eigenvalues for six modes

| Modes | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Eigenvalues | 230.524 | 415.51 | 2066.54 | 6969.79 | 9444.94 | 13011.6 |

The -120 kN, 300 kN and, -10 kN initial forces in the system, are increased by small increments and the determinant of the stiffness matrix of the system, $[K]$ is calculated. The ratio of loads at the load level that makes the determinant zero to the first load determines the critical buckling load factor, $LF$, of the system. Calculated load factors, $LF$, for first two modes are:

first mode: $(LF)_1 = 1.406$,
second mode: $(LF)_2 = 2.193$.

7. Conclusions

Analyzing a frame system using the matrix method provides favorable results than the finite element method because, while a mesh arrangement is required in the finite element method, matrix methods enable each element taken into account in the frame system to be considered independently. To perform a successful static and dynamic analysis, identifying the stiffness and mass matrices of the elements is essential. That ensures an accurate representation of the system's behavior. In cases where the axial-flexural interactions are insignificant, assuming polynomial shape functions does not affect the outcome. However, in cases where the effects of the axial forces
are significant, designers are faced with problems that included second-order effects and buckling issues. In the commonly used methods the elastic stiffness matrices are assumed to be identical to those used in unaffected cases. However, to account for the second-order effects, geometric stiffness matrices are added to or subtracted from the elastic stiffness matrices, as they are related to the sign of the axial force. In this study, the suggested shape functions are basing on the actual behavior of the beam. The transverse deflection along the beam axis considered the second-order effect, cannot be adequately described by a polynomial; instead, a function with trigonometric variables is necessary. A consistent mass matrix is the main component of dynamic analysis. According to the definition of consistent mass matrix must be established using the same shape functions for the derivations of the stiffness matrices. In the proposed procedure, the mass matrix is obtaining using the same shape functions as those used for the derivations of the stiffness matrices. As could be seen from the presented example the results obtained from the static and dynamic analysis were remarkably different when the axial forces played a significant role. When the level of axial forces was deemed insignificant, the results of both methods were in good agreement with each other. The parameters, a and b, are the main factors that affected the results. The limit values for the functions in Eqs. (29)–(35) for \( \lambda=0 \) were undefined, and their limits approached the values determined using the commonly use method. The author recommends that designers who will be preferred design using the Bernoulli-Euler or Timoshenko beam-columns use the proposed procedures for all axial force levels except \( \lambda=0 \).

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Appendix 1. Effects of axial tension

A1.1 Stiffness matrix coefficients

The shape functions for displacements 1 and 4 of a beam-column in tension are assumed to be equal to the expressions for a member in compression (see Section 2). The shape functions for transverse deflections 2, 3, 5, and 6 in tension can be derived from the new form of Eq. (1), which is

\[ \frac{d^4y}{dx^4} - \frac{\lambda^2}{L^2} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0 \]  

(A1.1)

Then, the defined stability parameter \( \lambda \) in Eq. (2) can be applied in cases of tension by replacing the tensional axial force, \(-P\), by its absolute value, \(|P|\). Accordingly, the equation \( \lambda = \frac{L\sqrt{|P|/E}}{E} \) is rewritten as:

\[ \lambda = \frac{L\sqrt{|P|}}{E} \]  

(A1.2)

The solution to the differential equation (A1.1) is

\[ Y(x) = C_1e^{(\lambda/L)x} + C_2e^{-(\lambda/L)x} + C_3x + C_4. \]  

(A1.3)

The end rotations can be obtained from the derivation of Eq. (A1.3). Therefore,

\[ Y'(x) = C_1 \frac{\lambda}{L} e^{(\lambda/L)x} - C_2 \frac{\lambda}{L} e^{-(\lambda/L)x} + C_3. \]  

(A1.4)

The given expressions for the end forces of a beam element subjected to a compressive axial force can be used in the case of tension; however, in Eqs. (7a) and (7b) the defined \( a \) and \( b \) parameters should be calculated as follows [21]:

\[ a = \frac{L \frac{\lambda \cosh \lambda - 1}{\lambda^2}}{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha^2 - \beta^2} \frac{E}{L}} \]  

(A1.5a)

\[ b = -\frac{\beta}{\alpha^2 - \beta^2} \frac{L}{E} \]  

(A1.5b)

where the \( \alpha \) and \( \beta \) coefficients are

\[ \alpha = \frac{L \frac{E}{\lambda^2 \sinh \lambda}}{\frac{L}{E}} \]  

(A1.5c)

\[ \beta = \frac{L}{\frac{E}{\lambda^2 \sinh \lambda}} \]  

(A1.5d)

A1.2 Coefficients of the consistent mass matrix

To determine the mass matrix coefficients, the procedure outlined in Section 4 is used. The boundary conditions for all unit values of the displacements are:

- Case 1 (\( \bar{u}_2 = 1 \)) for \( x=0; Y(x)=0 \) and \( Y_x(x) = 0; x=L, \ Y(x)=0 \), and \( Y_x(x) = 0; \{A\} = [1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]^T \)
- Case 2 (\( \bar{u}_3 = 1 \)) for \( x=0; Y(x)=0 \) and \( Y_x(x) = 1; x=L, \ Y(x)=0 \), and \( Y_x(x) = 0; \{A\} = [0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0]^T \)
- Case 3 (\( \bar{u}_4 = 1 \)) for \( x=0; Y(x)=0 \) and \( Y_x(x) = 0; x=L, \ Y(x)=1 \), and \( Y_x(x) = 0; \{A\} = [0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0]^T \)
- Case 4 (\( \bar{u}_6 = 1 \)) for \( x=0; Y(x)=0 \) and \( Y_x(x) = 0; x=L, \ Y(x)=0 \), and \( Y_x(x) = 1; \{A\} = [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1]^T \)

For example, the general form of the equation for Case 1 (\( \bar{u}_2 = 1 \)) is

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
\frac{1}{2} \\
\frac{1}{L} \\
e^\lambda \\
e^{-\lambda} \\
\end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix}
1 \\
0 \\
1 \\
0 \\
1 \\
\end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix}
C_{12} \\
C_{22} \\
C_{32} \\
C_{42} \\
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
1 \\
0 \\
0 \\
0 \\
\end{bmatrix}
\]

(A1.6)

where the coefficient matrices are indifferent to all cases of \( \bar{u} \), while the constant terms of are different. Those are those described as matrices \( \{A\} \) above.
The first indices of the coefficients, \( C_{ij} \), in Eq. (A1.6) denote the coefficients of Eq. (A1.3), while the second indices denote the displacement numbers for the cases. Thus, the \( i \) indices are 1, 2, 3, and 4, while the \( j \) indices are 2, 3, 5, and 6.

Case 1 (\( \bar{u}_2 = 1 \)):

\[
C_{12} = \frac{1}{2 + e^L(-2 + \lambda) + \lambda}
\]  
(A1.7a)

\[
C_{22} = \frac{e^L}{2 + e^L(-2 + \lambda) + \lambda}
\]  
(A1.7b)

\[
C_{32} = \frac{(1 + e^L)\lambda}{L(2 + e^L(-2 + \lambda) + \lambda)}
\]  
(A1.7c)

\[
C_{42} = \frac{1 + e^L(-1 + \lambda) + \lambda}{2 + e^L(-2 + \lambda) + \lambda}
\]  
(A1.7d)

Case 2 (\( \bar{u}_3 = 1 \)):

\[
C_{13} = \frac{L(-1 + e^L - \lambda)}{(-1 + e^L)(2 + e^L(-2 + \lambda) + \lambda)}
\]  
(A1.8a)

\[
C_{23} = \frac{e^L(1 + e^L(-1 + \lambda))}{(-1 + e^L)(2 + e^L(-2 + \lambda) + \lambda)}
\]  
(A1.8b)

\[
C_{33} = \frac{1}{2 - \lambda \coth(\lambda/2)}
\]  
(A1.8c)

\[
C_{43} = \frac{\text{csch}(\lambda/2)\left(\lambda \coth(\lambda) - \sinh(\lambda)\right)}{2\lambda(-2 + \lambda \coth(\lambda/2))}
\]  
(A1.8d)

Case 3 (\( \bar{u}_5 = 1 \)):

\[
C_{15} = \frac{1}{2 + e^L(-2 + \lambda) + \lambda}
\]  
(A1.9a)

\[
C_{25} = \frac{1}{-2 + \lambda + e^{-\lambda}(2 + \lambda)}
\]  
(A1.9b)

\[
C_{35} = \frac{(1 + e^L)\lambda}{L(2 + e^L(-2 + \lambda) + \lambda)}
\]  
(A1.9c)

\[
C_{45} = \frac{1}{2 - \lambda \coth(\lambda/2)}
\]  
(A1.9d)

Case 4 (\( \bar{u}_6 = 1 \)):

\[
C_{16} = \frac{L}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2 + e^L(-2 + \lambda) + \lambda} + \frac{1}{-\lambda + e^L\lambda} \right)
\]  
(A1.10a)

\[
C_{26} = \frac{e^L(-1 + e^L - \lambda)}{(-1 + e^L)(2 + e^L(-2 + \lambda) + \lambda)}
\]  
(A1.10b)

\[
C_{36} = \frac{1}{2 - \lambda \coth(\lambda/2)}
\]  
(A1.10c)

\[
C_{46} = \frac{\text{csch}(\lambda/2)\left(-\lambda + \sinh(\lambda)\right)}{2\lambda(-2 + \lambda \coth(\lambda/2))}
\]  
(A1.10d)

Using Eqs. (A1.7)–(A1.10) for each end displacement, Eq. (A1.3) can be established. Eq. (A1.3) for Case 2 (\( \bar{u}_3 = 1 \)), for example, can be established from Eq. (A1.8), as follows:

\[
Y_{y2}(x) = C_{12} e^{(\lambda/L)x} + C_{22} e^{-(\lambda/L)x} + C_{32} x + C_{42}
\]  
(A1.11)

In Eq. (26a), the described mass matrix coefficients can be obtained by integrating the shape functions. The functions to be integrated are as follows:

\[
Y_{y1}(x) = C_1 e^{(\lambda/L)x} + C_2 e^{-(\lambda/L)x} + C_3 x + C_4
\]  
(A1.12a)
\[ Y_{yf}(x) = C_5 e^{(\lambda/L)x} + C_6 e^{- (\lambda/L)x} + C_7 x + C_8 \]  \hspace{1cm} (A1.12b)

For example, the \( M_{36} \) coefficient of mass matrix \([M]\) must be calculated for \( \bar{u}_3 = 1 \) (Case 2) and \( \bar{u}_6 = 1 \) (Case 4). The \( C \) parameters in Eqs. (A1.12a)-(A1.12b) should be calculated as follows:

- For \( Y_{y3}(x) \): \( C_1 = C_{13}, C_2 = C_{23}, C_3 = C_{33}, C_4 = C_{43} \)
- For \( Y_{y6}(x) \): \( C_5 = C_{16}, C_6 = C_{26}, C_7 = C_{36}, C_8 = C_{46} \)

The integrated form of Eq. (26a) is obtained using Wolfram Mathematica \([19]\) from the following equation (A1.13):

\[
\int_0^L Y_y(x) Y_{yf}(x) dx = \frac{1}{6 \lambda^2} e^{-2 \lambda L} \left[ 3 e^{2 \lambda c_1} (A1 + 2(A2 + A3)) + 3 c_2 (-\lambda c_6 - A4 + A5) + e^4 (L c_5 (A6 + A7) + A8) \right]
\]  \hspace{1cm} (A1.13)

where,

- \( A1 = (-1 + e^{2 \lambda}) \lambda c_5 \),
- \( A2 = \lambda^2 c_6 + L(1 + e^4 (-1 + \lambda)) c_7 \),
- \( A3 = (-1 + e^4) \lambda c_8 \),
- \( A4 = 2 e^4 (L(1 + \lambda) c_7 + \lambda c_9) \),
- \( A5 = e^{2 \lambda} (2L c_7 + \lambda (2 \lambda c_5 + c_6 + 2c_9)) \),
- \( A6 = 6 e^4 (1 + e^4 (-1 + \lambda)) c_5 \),
- \( A7 = 6(-1 + e^4 - \lambda) c_6 + e^4 \lambda^2 (2L c_7 + 3 c_9) \), and
- \( A8 = 3 \lambda c_4 (-2c_6 + e^4 (2(-1 + e^4) c_5 + 2 c_6 + L \lambda c_7 + 2 \lambda c_9)) \).

**Appendix 2. Calculation of the \( P-\delta \) effect**

A beam-column subjected to end moments \( M_1 \) and \( M_2 \) is displayed in Fig. A2.1. Among the end moments, the one with a greater absolute value is denoted as \( M_2 \).

\[ Y(x) = C_1 \sin \left( \frac{x}{L} \right) + C_2 \cos \left( \frac{x}{L} \right) + C_3 x + C_4 \]  \hspace{1cm} (A2.1)

The integration constants \( C_1, C_2, C_3, \) and \( C_4 \) are determined from the boundary conditions, which are as follows \([6]\):

- at \( x = 0 \), \( Y(0) = 0 \)
- at \( x = 0 \), \( M = M_1 \) \( \left( -EI Y''(0) = M_1 \right) \)
at $x = L$, $Y(L) = 0$

at $x = L$, $M = M_2$ ($-EIY''(L) = M_2$)

If the integration constants are calculated using the aforementioned boundary conditions, Eq. (A2.2) is obtained:

$$Y(x) = \left(\frac{M_2 - M_1 \cos \lambda}{p \sin \lambda}\right) \sin \left(\frac{x}{L}\right) + \frac{M_1}{p} \cos \left(\frac{x}{L}\right) + \frac{M_2 - M_1}{p L} x - \frac{M_1}{p}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (A2.2)

The moment at the section of the column located at distance $x$ from the end of the column is

$$M(x) = M_1 \left(\frac{L-x}{L}\right) + M_2 \frac{x}{L} + P y \quad \text{if } |M_2| > |M_1| \quad \frac{M_1}{M_2} \geq 0.$$  \hspace{1cm} (A2.3)

The maximum moment induced by the $P$-$\delta$ effect can be obtained from Eqs. (A2.2) and (A2.3), as follows:

$$M_{max} = M_2 \left[1 - \frac{(M_1/M_2) \cos \lambda}{\sin \lambda} \sin \left(\frac{x}{L}\right) + \frac{M_1}{M_2} \cos \left(\frac{x}{L}\right) \right]_{\max}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (A2.4)

Similarly, $Y_{max}$ can be obtained from Eq. A2.2, as follows:

$$Y_{max} = \frac{M_2 L^2}{2 EI} \left[1 - \frac{M_1/M_2 \cos (\lambda)}{\sin (\lambda)} \sin \left(\frac{x}{L}\right) + \frac{M_1}{M_2} \cos \left(\frac{x}{L}\right) \right] + \frac{M_1}{M_2} x - \frac{M_1}{M_2} \right]_{\max}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (A2.5)

It should be noted that the signs of the end moments were determined according to the classical moment rules and $|M_2| > |M_1|$ when estimating Eqs. (A2.1)–(A2.5). Therefore, if an element has a single curvature, $M_1$ and $M_2$ should be positive as $M_1/M_2 > 0$. However, for the case of reverse curvatures, the ratio of $M_1$ to $M_2$ should satisfy $M_1/M_2 < 0$.

Equations (A2.4) and (A2.5) can be solved numerically by scanning across the column length using small intervals.

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