AA 242B / ME 242B: MECHANICAL VIBRATIONS

1. Review of Analytical Dynamics of Discrete Systems

- 1.1 Principle of virtual work for a particle
- 1.2 Extension to a system of particles
- 1.3 Hamilton's principle for conservative systems
- 1.4 The Lagrange equations

2. Undamped Vibrations of N-Degree-of-Freedom Systems

- 2.1 Linear vibration about an equilibrium configuration
- 2.2 Normal modes of vibration and orthogonality of vibration eigenmodes
- 2.3 Free vibrations
- 2.4 Vector and matrix spectral expansions using eigenmodes
- 2.5 Forced harmonic response
- 2.6 Response to external loading
- 2.7 Variational methods for eigenvalue characterization
- 2.8 Rayleigh's theorem on constraints

3. Damped Vibrations of N-Degree-of-Freedom Systems

- 3.1 Damped oscillations in terms of normal eigen solutions of the undamped system
- 3.2 State-space formulation and analysis of viscously damped systems

4. Continuous Systems

- 4.1 Kinematic description of the dynamics of continuous systems: Hamilton's principle
- 4.2 Wave propagation in a homogeneous elastic medium
- 4.3 Free vibrations of continuous systems and response to external excitation

5. Approximation of Continuous Systems by Displacement Methods

- 5.1 The Rayleigh-Ritz method
- 5.2 The finite element method

6. Solution Methods for the Eigenvalue Problem

- 6.1 Eigenvector iteration method
- 6.2 Subspace construction methods
- 6.4 Reduction and substructuring methods
- 6.5 Iteration in the case of rigid body modes

7. Direct Time-Integration Methods

- 7.1 Stability and accuracy of time integration operators
- 7.2 Newmark's family of methods
- 7.3 Explicit time integration using the central difference algorithm

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