

# Bridge dynamic characteristic estimation using canonical -form realization for ambient vibration

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## 1. Introduction

In this study AR and ARMA model parameters calculation method has been addressed using canonical form realization based on Hankel matrix. This research is verification for effectiveness of the proposed method since canonical realization method is simple and faster than the previous method for calculation of parameters. Estimation accuracy of the method was examined by comparison to FEM method. In this study attention has been paid to accuracy of frequency, damping and mode shapes.

## 2. Studied Model

Langer bridge is selected as the object model bridge, and

**Fig. 1** shows its general view. **Table 1** shows the model bridge element characteristics. **Table 2** shows the natural frequency result of the model bridge from 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> order by FEM method. **Fig. 2** shows the vibration modes from 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> order which obtained by FEM method.

## 3. Methodology

Discretized representation of motion equation as following

$$\mathbf{x}(k+1) = \bar{\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{x}(k) + \bar{\mathbf{B}}\mathbf{f}(k) \quad (1a)$$

$$\mathbf{y}(k) = \bar{\mathbf{C}}\mathbf{x}(k) \quad (1b)$$

Where  $\bar{\mathbf{A}} = e^{\mathbf{A}h}$ ,  $\bar{\mathbf{B}} = (e^{\mathbf{A}h} - \mathbf{I})\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{B}$ ,  $\bar{\mathbf{C}} = \mathbf{C}$ .

State space and discretized representation of motion equation in terms of generalized observational matrix yields to transformation of motion equation into multidimensional ARMA model. A multi-dimensional ARMA model can represent by a finite multi-dimensional AR model, and following equation can show a multi-dimensional AR model.

$$\mathbf{y}(k) + \sum_{s=1}^p \mathbf{G}_s \mathbf{y}(k-s) = \mathbf{e}(k) \quad (2)$$

Moreover, if the observed value of  $m$  point as a  $m$  dimension vector, then variance and covariance matrices of the observed values can be shown as following equation.

$$\Lambda(l) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \mathbf{y}(k) \mathbf{y}^T(k-l), \quad \Lambda(-l) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \mathbf{y}(k) \mathbf{y}^T(k+l) \quad (3)$$

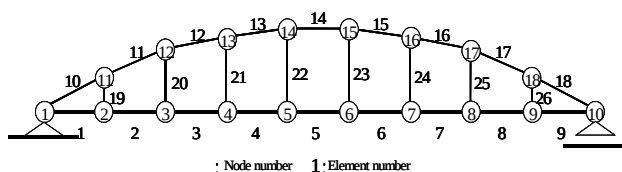


Fig. 1 General view of Langer Bridge

Table 1. Model bridge characteristics

| Characteristics         | Units                 | Numerical value     |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Effective span          | L (m)                 | 58.995              |
| Model Height            | H(m)                  | 9.36                |
| Density of steel        | D (t/m <sup>3</sup> ) | 7.85                |
| Young's Modulus         | E (t/m <sup>2</sup> ) | 2.1*10 <sup>7</sup> |
| Total mass of the model | Ton                   | 19.3                |
| Total weight of model   | Ton                   | 189.17              |
| Cross-section area      | A1 (m <sup>2</sup> )  | 0.0224              |
|                         | A2 (m <sup>2</sup> )  | 0.0123              |
|                         | A3 (m <sup>2</sup> )  | 0.0137              |
|                         | A4 (m <sup>2</sup> )  | 0.006015            |

Table 2. Natural frequency (Hz)

| Order           | Natural frequency (Hz) |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | 1.749                  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 2.893                  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 5.69                   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | 7.375                  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | 9.416                  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | 11.179                 |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> | 14.236                 |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> | 15.615                 |

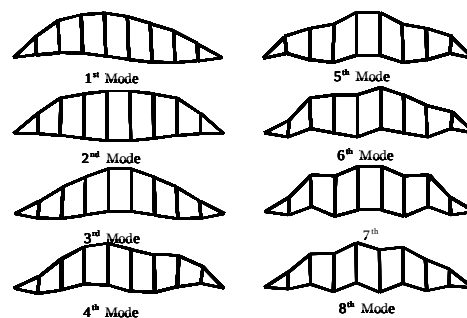


Fig. 2 Mode shapes

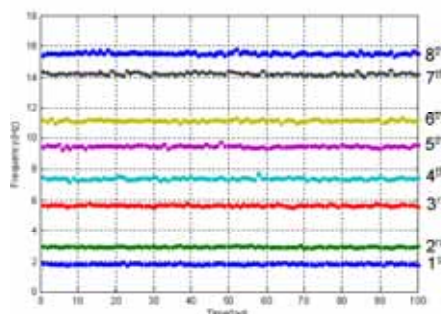


Fig. 3 Frequency (Hz)

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The following relation can be derived from observerability matrix.

$$\mathbf{P}_p \mathbf{A}^{s+1} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{A}^{s+1} \\ \mathbf{C} \mathbf{A}^{s+2} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{C} \mathbf{A}^{s+p} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -\mathbf{G}_p & -\mathbf{G}_{p-1} & -\mathbf{G}_{p-2} & \cdots & -\mathbf{G}_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{A}^s \\ \mathbf{C} \mathbf{A}^{s+1} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{C} \mathbf{A}^{s+p-1} \end{bmatrix} = \hat{\mathbf{A}} \mathbf{P}_p \mathbf{A}^s \quad (4)$$

Right – multiplying  $\mathbf{Q}_q$  to both sides of eq. (4) yields.

$$\mathbf{P}_p \mathbf{A}^{s+1} \mathbf{Q}_q = \hat{\mathbf{A}} \mathbf{P}_p \mathbf{A}^s \mathbf{Q}_q \quad (5)$$

Eq. (5) in condensed form as following

$$\mathbf{H}(s) = \hat{\mathbf{A}} \mathbf{H}(s-1) \quad (6)$$

Where  $\mathbf{H}(s)$  and  $\mathbf{H}(s-1)$  are Hankel matrix. In the detailed form the eq. (6) can be shown as follows

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Lambda(s+1) & \cdots & \Lambda(s+q) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \Lambda(s+p) & \cdots & \Lambda(s+p+q) \end{bmatrix} = \hat{\mathbf{A}} \begin{bmatrix} \Lambda(s) & \cdots & \Lambda(s+q-1) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \Lambda(s+p-1) & \cdots & \Lambda(s+p+q-2) \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

The system matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  can be obtained by two methods. First method to solve eq. (7) i.e.  $\hat{\mathbf{A}}$  becomes similar form of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

The second method is to calculate the system matrix  $\hat{\mathbf{A}}$  from extracted lower blocks of eq.(7) which are similar to  $\mathbf{G} = [-\mathbf{G}_1 \quad -\mathbf{G}_2 \quad \cdots \quad -\mathbf{G}_p]$  in the eq.(4), and becomes similar to the Yule-Walker equation, Which is as set of linear equations relating the parameters of an AR model with the auto correlation sequence in the matrix form.

#### 4. Results

Graphical representation of frequencies and modal damping are shown in **Fig. 3** and **Fig. 4** respectively. **Fig. 5** shows modes of vibration of estimated data and analysis result for all observed points. **Table 3** shows the dynamic characteristics estimation result for mean value, percentage of error, standard deviation and coefficient of variation for frequency and modal damping. The percentage of error is low for frequency as well as for modal damping. Considering the accuracy, the obtained data shows; the values are close for eigenvalue analysis and estimated dynamic characteristics where the margin of discrepancy is small for frequency as well as for modal damping. The percentage of error for frequency is the lowest for the 5<sup>th</sup> mode and the highest is for the 1<sup>st</sup> mode. The percentage of error for the damping has the lowest value for the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> modes and the 1<sup>st</sup> has the highest value.

#### 5. Conclusions

The proposed method is competent to calculate the Yule Walker equation simply and fast .Obtained result showed good accuracy. Comparison of proposed method result matched for all of the modal shapes frequencies and modal damping. The margins of the discrepancy were small. A unified procedure has been presented in this paper. The proposed method has been applied to real bridge monitoring but due to the space limit could not integrated in this paper thus the results for real bridge ambient vibration test will be presented at the time of presentation.

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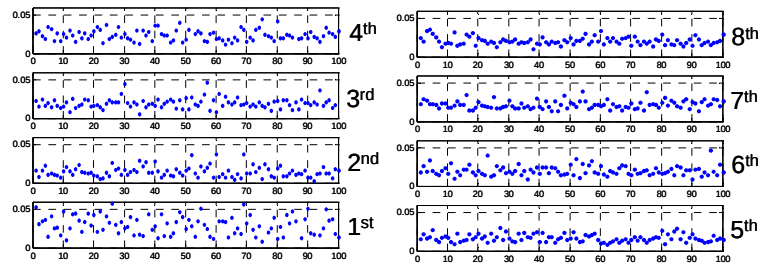


Fig. 4 Estimated modal damping

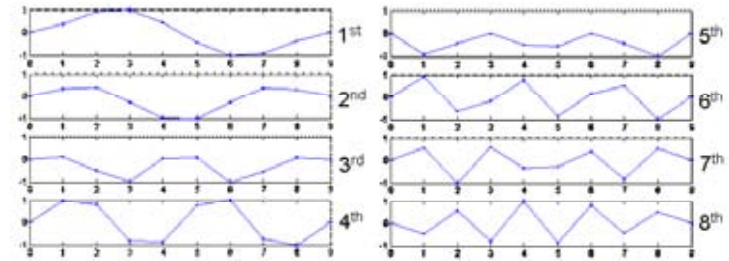


Fig.5 Estimated mode shapes

Table 3. Dynamic characteristics estimation simulation result for Langer bridge .

| Mode order      | Frequency        |            |                     |                    |                          | Modal damping    |            |                     |                    |                          |
|-----------------|------------------|------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
|                 | Analytical value | Mean value | Percentage of error | Standard deviation | Coefficient of variation | Analytical value | Mean value | Percentage of error | Standard deviation | Coefficient of variation |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | 1.749            | 1.802      | 3.03                | 0.0329             | 1.8234                   | 0.02             | 0.032      | 60.00               | 0.0163             | 49.4033                  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 2.893            | 2.921      | 0.97                | 0.0276             | 0.9432                   | 0.02             | 0.015      | 25.00               | 0.007              | 45.4519                  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 5.69             | 5.647      | 0.76                | 0.0439             | 0.7768                   | 0.02             | 0.021      | 5.00                | 0.0078             | 37.4129                  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | 7.375            | 7.399      | 0.33                | 0.0597             | 0.8065                   | 0.02             | 0.025      | 25.00               | 0.0094             | 36.4893                  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | 9.416            | 9.434      | 0.19                | 0.0577             | 0.612                    | 0.02             | 0.018      | 10.00               | 0.0049             | 28.1424                  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | 11.179           | 11.123     | 0.50                | 0.0612             | 0.5505                   | 0.02             | 0.021      | 5.00                | 0.0064             | 30.3838                  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> | 14.236           | 14.225     | 0.08                | 0.0814             | 0.5723                   | 0.02             | 0.023      | 15.00               | 0.0054             | 23.4892                  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> | 15.615           | 15.523     | 0.59                | 0.0776             | 0.5001                   | 0.02             | 0.021      | 5.00                | 0.0051             | 23.8273                  |