

Damage Detection in Structures Based on Principal Component Analysis of Forced Harmonic Responses

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- Conclusion



Principal component analysis is a multi-variate statistical method.

Aim: to obtain a compact representation of the data.

Principal Component Analysis = Proper Orthogonal Decomposition

PCA has been successfully applied for operational modal analysis (OMA) of civil engineering structures including temperature effects [1-2].

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Mathematical formulation

Let $\theta(x,t)$ be a random field on a domain Ω



At time t_k , the system displays a snapshot $\mathscr{G}^k(x) = \mathscr{G}(x, t_k)$



The POD aims at obtaining the most characteristic structure $\phi(x)$ of an ensemble of snapshots i.e.

Maximize
$$\left\langle \left| \left(\mathcal{G}^k, \phi \right) \right|^2 \right\rangle$$
 with $\left\| \phi \right\|^2 = 1$

where
$$(f,g) = \int_{\Omega} f(x) g(x) d\Omega$$

 $\langle \cdot \rangle$ denotes the averaging operation
 $\|\cdot\|$ denotes the norm

It can be shown that the problem reduces to the following integral eigenvalue problem

averaged auto-correlation function
$$\int_{\Omega} \left\langle \mathscr{G}^{k}(x) \, \mathscr{G}^{k}(x') \right\rangle \phi(x') \, dx' = \lambda \, \phi(x)$$



Thus the solution of the optimization problem

Maximize
$$\left\langle \left| \left(\mathcal{G}^k, \phi \right) \right|^2 \right\rangle$$
 with $\left\| \phi \right\|^2 = 1$

is given by the orthogonal eigenfunctions $\phi_i(x)$ of the integral equation

$$\int_{\Omega} \left\langle \mathcal{G}^{k}(x) \, \mathcal{G}^{k}(x') \right\rangle \phi(x') \, dx' = \lambda \, \phi(x)$$

 $\phi_i(x)$ are called the proper orthogonal modes (POM)

 λ_i are called the proper orthogonal values (POV)

and we have
$$\Re(x,t) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i(t) \phi_i(x)$$
 where $a_i(t) = (\Re(x,t), \phi_i(x))$
uncorrelated coefficients

In practice, the data are discretized in space and time.





The $m \ge m$ covariance matrix Σ is built

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{m} \, \mathbf{Q} \, \mathbf{Q}^T$$

The eigenvalue problem is solved





Computation of the POMs using SVD





$$\mathbf{M} \, \ddot{\mathbf{q}} + \mathbf{C} \, \dot{\mathbf{q}} + \mathbf{K} \, \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{F} \, \sin(\omega t)$$

Forced response:

$$\mathbf{q}(t) = \Im \Big(\mathbf{H}(i \ \omega) \mathbf{F} \ e^{i \ \omega t} \Big)$$

where

$$\mathbf{H}(i \ \omega) = (\mathbf{K} - \omega^2 \ \mathbf{M} + i \ \omega \ \mathbf{C})^{-1} \qquad \text{is the FRF matrix}$$

The (*m* x *n*) response matrix writes $\mathbf{Q} = [\mathbf{q}(t_1) \dots \mathbf{q}(t_n)]$

$$\mathbf{Q} = \Re(\mathbf{H}) \mathbf{F} \begin{bmatrix} \sin(\omega t_1) \\ \vdots \\ \sin(\omega t_n) \end{bmatrix}^T + \Im(\mathbf{H}) \mathbf{F} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\omega t_1) \\ \vdots \\ \cos(\omega t_n) \end{bmatrix}^T$$



$$\mathbf{Q} = \Re(\mathbf{H}) \mathbf{F} \mathbf{e}_s^T + \Im(\mathbf{H}) \mathbf{F} \mathbf{e}_c^T$$



It follows that there are only two non-zero singular values \rightarrow the forced harmonic response is captured by two POMs which reflect the real and imaginary parts of the ODS.



Concept of subspace angle

Key idea

- Use PCA to extract the structural response subspace
- Use the concept of subspace angles to compare the hyperplanes associated with the reference (undamaged) state and with the current (possibly damaged?) state of the structure.



Concept of subspace angle

Given two subspaces $\mathbf{U}_h \in \mathfrak{R}^{m \times n}$ and $\mathbf{U}_d \in \mathfrak{R}^{m \times n}$

Carry out the QR-factorizations

$$\mathbf{U}_{h} = \mathbf{Q}_{h} \mathbf{R}_{h} \text{ and } U_{d} = \mathbf{Q}_{d} \mathbf{R}_{d}$$

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The angles θ_i between subspaces \mathbf{U}_h and \mathbf{U}_d are defined through the singular values associated to

$$\mathbf{Q}_h^T \; \mathbf{Q}_d = \mathbf{U}_{hd} \; \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{hd} \; \mathbf{V}_{hd}^T$$

 $\Sigma_{hd} = diag(\cos\theta_i) \quad (i = 1, ..., 2)$





Presence of rust \rightarrow reduction of stiffness of 40 % of element 28



Measurement set-up



Impact excitation (roving hammer technique)

- Accelerometer at node 63 (Y) and at node 64 (X)
- Impact at 36 nodes in directions X and Y
- Frequency range: [0 400] Hz
- Resolution: 4096 lines \rightarrow 0.1 Hz
- Identification using the PolyMAX method



FE Mode nº 1 (78.21 Hz)



Damaged structure

Experimental mode nº 1 (77.50 Hz)





FE mode n° 2 (124.59 Hz)



Damaged structure

Experimental mode nº 2 (113.95 Hz)





FE mode n° 3 (137.66 Hz)

Damaged structure

Experimental mode n° 3 (136.10 Hz)





FE mode n° 4 (160.19 Hz)



Damaged structure

Experimental mode n° 4 (158.59 Hz)







Relative error on natural frequencies









 \rightarrow Presence of two POMs









Detection of damage



The strain energy function may be used to localize damage.

For the j^{th} element, it writes











- Use of PCA for damage detection problem in the case of harmonically excited structures
- Advantages:
- Direct processing of time-responses (EMA is not required).
- The damage indicator based on the concept of subspace angle is a global indicator (selection of modes is not required).
- The POMs are scaled by the excitation force → they can be interpreted as 'deformation modes' enabling damage localization.



Thank you for your attention.