

STEADY-STATE VIBRATION RESPONSE OF A PLATE  
FIXED ON ALL SIDES SUBJECTED TO A UNIFORM PRESSURE

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The fixed-fixed-fixed-fixed plate in Figure 1 is subjected to a uniform pressure.

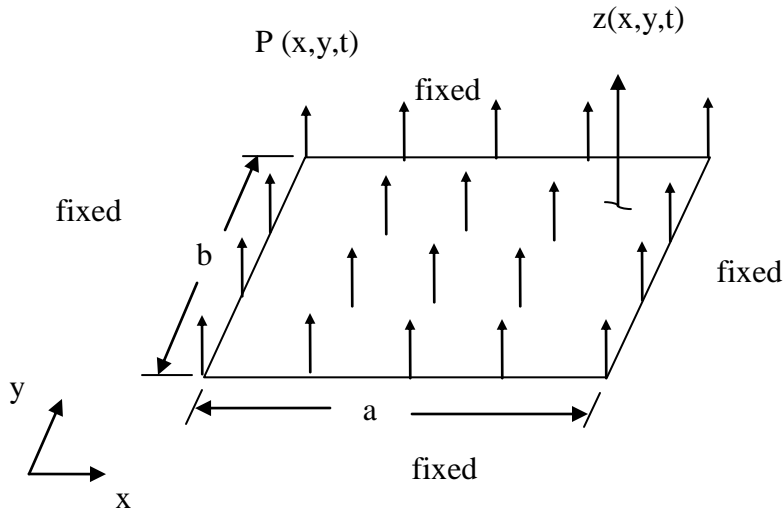


Figure 1.

The following equations are taken from Reference 1.

The governing differential equation is

$$D \left( \frac{\partial^4 z}{\partial x^4} + 2 \frac{\partial^4 z}{\partial x^2 \partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^4 z}{\partial y^4} \right) + \rho h \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial t^2} = P(x, y, t) \quad (1)$$

The plate stiffness factor D is given by

$$D = \frac{Eh^3}{12(1-\mu^2)} \quad (2)$$

where

- E is the modulus of elasticity
- $\mu$  Poisson's ratio
- h is the thickness
- $\rho$  is the mass density (mass/area)
- P is the applied pressure

Now assume that the pressure field is uniform such that

$$W(t) = P(x, y, t) \quad (2)$$

The differential equation becomes

$$D \left( \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^4} + 2 \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^2 \partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial y^4} \right) + \rho h \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} = W(t) \quad (3)$$

The mass-normalized mode shape and its derivatives are

$$Z(x, y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho a b h}} \left\{ [\cosh(\beta_x x) - \cos(\beta_x x)] - \sigma [\sinh(\beta_x x) + \sin(\beta_x x)] \right\} \\ \cdot \left\{ [\cosh(\beta_y y) - \cos(\beta_y y)] - \sigma [\sinh(\beta_y y) + \sin(\beta_y y)] \right\} \quad (4)$$

where

$$\sigma = \left[ \frac{\sinh(\beta L) + \sin(\beta L)}{\cosh(\beta L) - \cos(\beta L)} \right] \quad (5)$$

$$\beta L = 4.73004 \quad (6)$$

$$\beta_x = 4.73004 / a \quad (7)$$

$$\beta_y = 4.73004 / b \quad (8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} Z(x, y) = & \frac{\beta_x}{\sqrt{\rho a b h}} \{ [\sinh(\beta_x x) + \sin(\beta_x x)] - \sigma [\cosh(\beta_x x) + \cos(\beta_x x)] \} \\ & \cdot \{ [\cosh(\beta_y y) - \cos(\beta_y y)] - \sigma [\sinh(\beta_y y) + \sin(\beta_y y)] \} \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} Z(x, y) = & \frac{\beta_x^2}{\sqrt{\rho a b h}} \{ [\cosh(\beta_x x) + \cos(\beta_x x)] - \sigma [\sinh(\beta_x x) - \sin(\beta_x x)] \} \\ & \cdot \{ [\cosh(\beta_y y) - \cos(\beta_y y)] - \sigma [\sinh(\beta_y y) + \sin(\beta_y y)] \} \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} Z(x, y) = & \frac{\beta_y}{\sqrt{\rho a b h}} \{ [\cosh(\beta_x x) - \cos(\beta_x x)] - \sigma [\sinh(\beta_x x) + \sin(\beta_x x)] \} \\ & \cdot \{ [\sinh(\beta_y y) + \sin(\beta_y y)] - \sigma [\cosh(\beta_y y) + \cos(\beta_y y)] \} \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} Z(x, y) = \frac{\beta_y^2}{\sqrt{\rho a b h}} \{ [\cosh(\beta_x x) - \cos(\beta_x x)] - \sigma [\sinh(\beta_x x) + \sin(\beta_x x)] \} \\ \cdot \{ [\cosh(\beta_y y) + \cos(\beta_y y)] - \sigma [\sinh(\beta_y y) - \sin(\beta_y y)] \} \quad (12)$$

Assume that only the fundamental mode is excited by the pressure field.

The fundamental frequency  $\omega_{11}$  is calculated using either the Blevins or Rayleigh method in Reference 2.

The participation factor for constant mass density from Reference 2 is

$$\Gamma_{11} = 0.690 \sqrt{\rho a b h} \quad (13)$$

The displacement response  $Z(x, y, \omega)$  to the applied force is

$$Z(x, y, \omega) = \frac{1}{\rho h} W(\omega) \frac{\Gamma_{11} Z_{11}(x, y)}{(\omega_{11}^2 - \omega^2) + j 2 \xi_{11} \omega \omega_{11}} \quad (14)$$

The bending moments are

$$M_{xx}(x, y, \omega) = -D \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \mu \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) Z(x, y, \omega) \quad (15)$$

$$M_{yy}(x, y, \omega) = -D \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \mu \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \right) Z(x, y, \omega) \quad (16)$$

The bending stresses from Reference 3 are

$$\sigma_{xx}(x, y, \omega) = -\frac{E \hat{z}}{1 - \mu^2} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \mu \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) Z(x, y, \omega) \quad (17)$$

$$\sigma_{yy}(x, y, \omega) = -\frac{E \hat{z}}{1 - \mu^2} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \mu \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \right) Z(x, y, \omega) \quad (18)$$

$$\tau_{xy}(x, y, \omega) = -\frac{E \hat{z}}{1 + \mu} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} Z(x, y, \omega) \right) \quad (19)$$

$\hat{z}$  is the distance from the centerline in the vertical axis

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## APPENDIX A

### Example

Consider a rectangular plate with the following properties:

A fixed-fixed-fixed-fixed aluminum plate has dimensions:

Length = 10 in

Width = 8 in

Thickness = 0.125 in

The elastic modulus is  $1.0 \times 10^7$  lbf/in<sup>2</sup>. The mass density is 0.1 lbm/in<sup>3</sup>.

The normal mode and frequency response function analysis are performed via a Matlab script.

The resulting displacement and transfer functions magnitudes are shown in Figures A-1 and A-2, respectively.

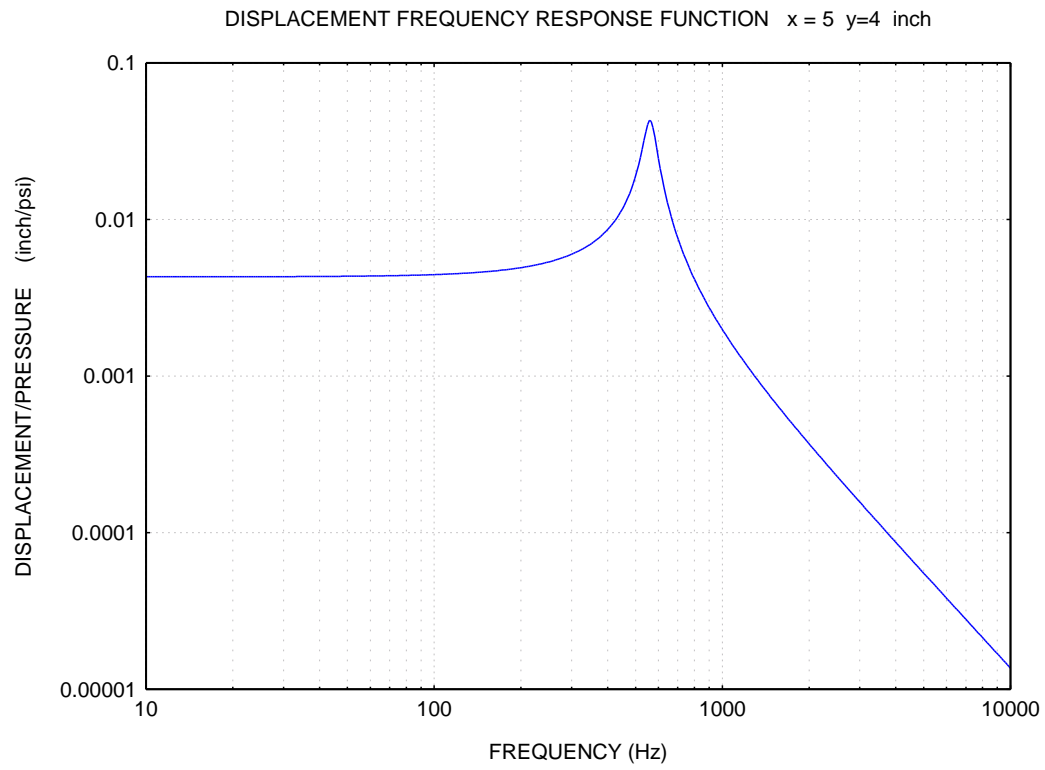


Figure A-1.

The maximum displacement response is: 0.0429 in/psi at 558.3 Hz

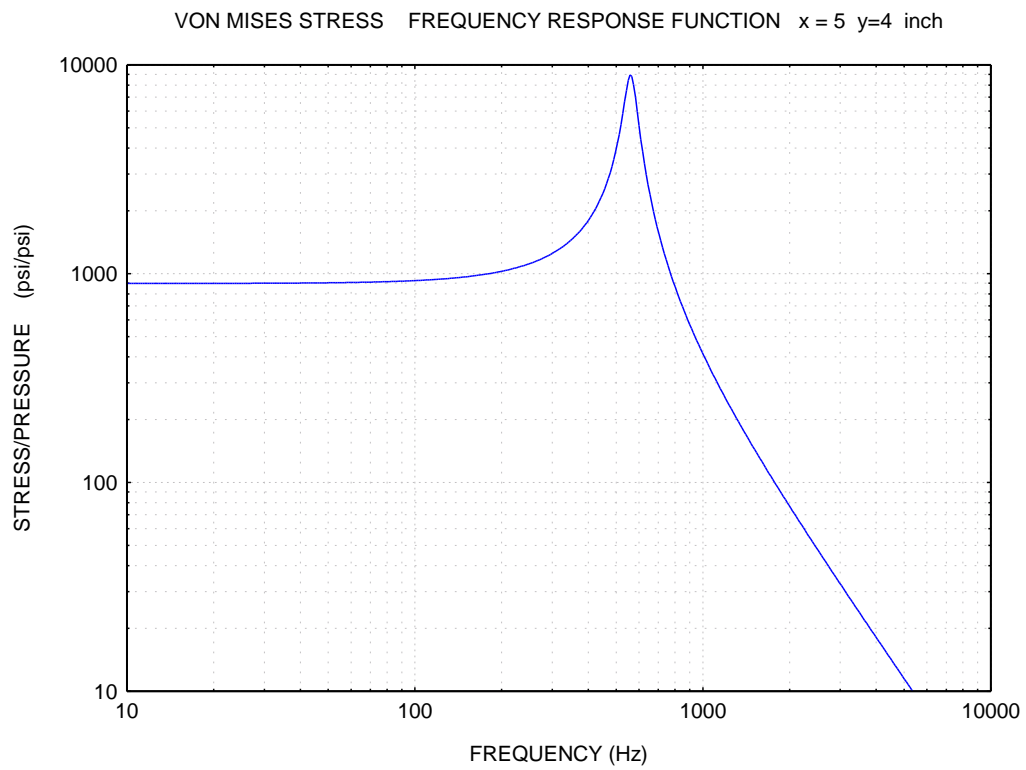


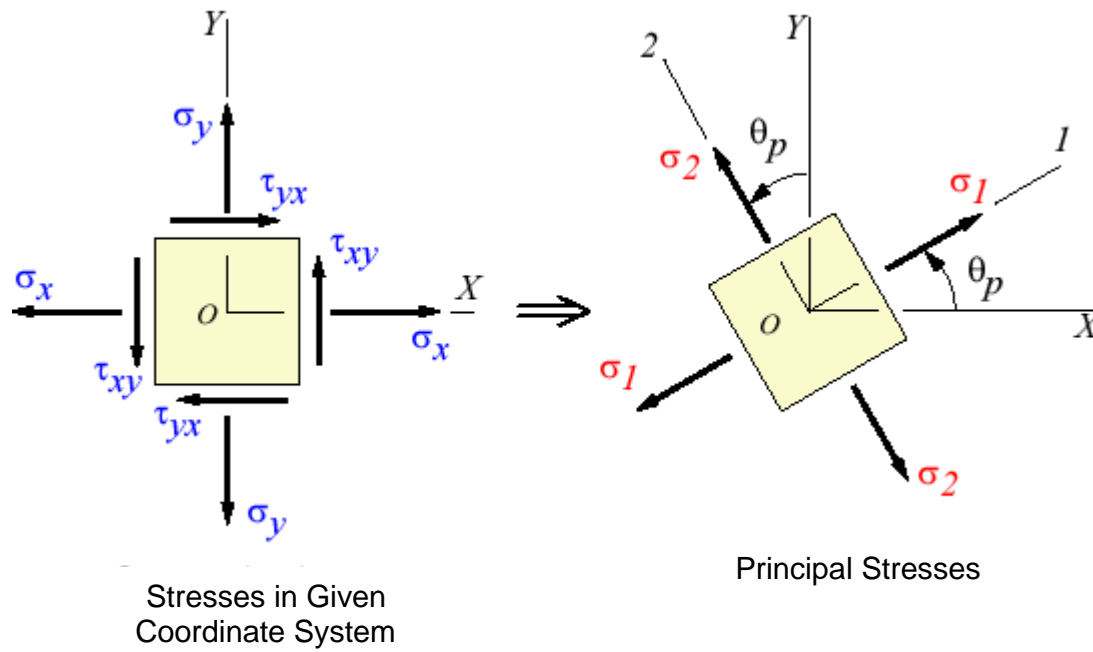
Figure A-2.

The maximum von Mises stress response is: 8949 (psi/psi) at 558.3 Hz



## APPENDIX B

### Principal Stress



The diagrams are taken from Reference 4.

The principle stresses are

$$\sigma_{1,2} = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2}\right)^2 + \tau_{xy}^2} \quad (\text{B-1})$$

The angle at which the shear stress becomes zero is

$$\tan 2\theta_p = \frac{2\tau_{xy}}{\sigma_x - \sigma_y} \quad (\text{B-2})$$

The von Mises stress  $\sigma_e$  is

$$\sigma_e = \sqrt{\sigma_1^2 - \sigma_1\sigma_2 + \sigma_2^2} \quad (\text{B-3})$$

The von Mises stress is used to predict yielding of materials under any loading condition from results of simple uniaxial tensile tests. The von Mises stress satisfies the property that two stress states with equal distortion energy have equal von Mises stress.

An alternate formula from Reference 5 is

$$\sigma_e = \sqrt{\sigma_{xx}^2 + \sigma_{yy}^2 - \sigma_{xx}\sigma_{yy} + 3\tau_{xy}^2} \quad (\text{B-4})$$