

Examination of How Size-Effect Modifies the Stiffness and Mass Matrices of Nanotrusses/Nanoframes

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Abstract

The effect of the nonlocal parameter on the free vibration analysis of nano scaled trusses and frames is examined. Accordingly, firstly, the axial and bending vibrations of the nano scaled longitudinal element are formulated. Simple rod and Euler-Bernoulli assumptions are considered for axial and bending vibrations, respectively. Finite element matrices are obtained by applying the average weighted residue to the nonlocal equation of motion for free vibration. These matrices are combined according to the freedoms of longitudinal element and the matrix displacement method is explained for structures consisting of discrete longitudinal elements. It is discussed how the classical stiffness and mass matrices are modified by the atomic parameter.

Keywords: Mass matrix, matrix displacement method, nanoframe, nanotruss, nonlocal free vibration, stiffness matrix.

1. Introduction

The fact that nano scaled materials play a role in today's modern applications such as biosensors, resonators, transistors, gas sensors, nanocantilever, microcircuits, medicine, and dental has increased the importance of investigation on their mechanical properties as well as the physical, electrical, optical, and thermal properties of these materials. One-dimensional materials such as carbon nanotubes, boron nitride nanotubes, silica carbide nanotubes, metallic nanowires, and two-dimensional materials such as graphene, borophene, silicene are encountered in today's modern applications. In the investigation of mechanical behavior of such materials, because of expensiveness, high specialization requirement, high computational volume, long and inefficient processes, the studies based molecular dynamics simulation have led researchers to use mechanical structure models known from solid mechanics. It is a well-known result of scientific studies that models based classical physics theories do not give accurate results. Therefore, researchers have efforted to explain the mechanical behavior of nano scaled structures by combining these models with higher-order continuum formulations such as nonlocal elasticity, modified couple stress elasticity, modified strain gradient elasticity, doublet mechanics, surface energy.

When studies on the mechanics of nano scaled structures are examined, it can be observed that the nonlocal elasticity theory has been investigated more intensively than other higher-order continuum mechanics theories. Mechanical structure models such as rod [1-11] and beam [12-25] form the basis of studies in the nonlocal mechanics of nanostructures. Also, recently, studies

that mention mechanical analyses with nonlocal elasticity of discrete structures such as truss and frame [26-28] have entered the scientific literature.

Analytical methods such as double integration, separation of variables and series expansion have been able to solve some problems in solid mechanics [29-34]. However, reasons such as the inclusion of some parameters (elastic foundation/medium, thermal/hygrothermal environment, electro-magnetic environment, functionally grading, etc.) to the problem or the complication of boundary conditions may make the using of analytical methods in the problem impossible. Therefore, the using of numerical methods has gained importance in the solution of solid mechanics problems [35-39]. Moreover, the using of the finite element method in solid mechanics problems involving nonlocal elasticity is available in the scientific literature [2-4,10,11,17-26,40,41].

How the nonlocal parameter affects the classical elasticity solution in mechanical analysis of nano scaled truss and frame structures is discussed in this current study. It is planned that to scrutinize the nonlocal parameter on the matrices in the study [26] where vibration analyses of nanotrusses and nanoframes were given in detail. Firstly, the stiffness and mass matrices of nonlocal axial and bending vibrations of nano scaled longitudinal element are obtained using the weighted residue method. Then, stiffness and mass matrices are presented for nonlocal free vibration analysis of discrete structural models formed by axial or bending members by matrix displacement method. Finally, the effect of nonlocal parameter on the matrices of nanostructure is discussed.

2. Nonlocal Equation of Motions and Application of Average Weighted Residue

For vibration analysis of discrete structures consisting of nano scaled longitudinal elements, firstly, the axial and bending vibrations of the longitudinal element should be investigated. The free vibration equations are solved by the average weighted residue defined below:

$$I = \int_0^L h \cdot R dx \quad (1)$$

where I , h , and R define the average weighted residue, weighting function, and residue, respectively. L is length of the longitudinal element. According to method, the average weighted residue should be equal to 0. The residue is the equation to be solved, namely, the equation of motion. On the other hand, weighting function is $h = \phi^T$ and ϕ is a shape function. The shape functions are written as follow for axial and bending vibrations, respectively:

$$\phi_a = \{1 - \xi \quad \xi\} \quad (2)$$

$$\phi_b = \left\{ 1 - 3\xi^2 + 2\xi^3 \quad L(-\xi - 2\xi^2 + \xi^3) \quad 3\xi^2 - 2\xi^3 \quad L(-\xi^2 + \xi^3) \right\} \quad (3)$$

where $\xi = x/L$ is called as nondimensional longitudinal coordinate.

2.1. Axial Vibration

The equation of motion of nonlocal free axial vibration for nano scaled structures according to the simple (without shear effect) rod formulation is as [3,30]:

$$EA \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \rho A \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} + (e_0 a)^2 \rho A \frac{\partial^4 u}{\partial x^2 \partial t^2} = 0 \quad (4)$$

where E , A , and ρ state the modulus of elasticity, area of cross-section, and mass of unit volume, respectively. e_0 is atomic material constant and a is characteristic internal length. Also, u means the axial motion. Total partial integration of the average weighted residue can be reached:

$$\int_0^L \left[-EA \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - \rho A h \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - (e_0 a)^2 \rho A \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x \partial t^2} \right] dx = 0 \quad (5)$$

In order to rearrange Eq. (5), the axial motion and its kinematic relation should be defined:

$$u = \phi \mathbf{u}, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \mathbf{D}^k u = \mathbf{B} \mathbf{u}, \quad \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \phi \ddot{\mathbf{u}} \quad (6)$$

where \mathbf{u} is axial motion vector of end freedoms of longitudinal element. Additionally, \mathbf{D}^k is kinematic operator ($\mathbf{D}^k \phi = \mathbf{B}$). After Eq. (6) is replaced into Eq. (5), the following definitions can be made:

$$K = \int_0^L EA (\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{B}) dx = \frac{EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

$$M_c = \int_0^L \rho A (\phi^T \phi) dx = \frac{\rho AL}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (8)$$

$$M_{nl} = \int_0^L (e_0 a)^2 \rho A (\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{B}) dx = \frac{(e_0 a)^2 \rho A}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (9)$$

where K is axial stiffness matrix. M_c and M_{nl} explain the classical and nonlocal mass matrices, respectively.

2.2. Bending Vibration

The equation of motion of nonlocal free bending vibration is expressed as [30]:

$$EI \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^4} + \rho A \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} + (e_0 a)^2 \rho A \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^2 \partial t^2} = 0 \quad (10)$$

In which, I is moment of inertia and w is transverse motion. Similar to axial vibration, the average weighted residue result is rewritten as follow:

$$\int_0^L \left[-EI \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} - \rho A h \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} - (e_0 a)^2 \rho A \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \frac{\partial^3 w}{\partial x \partial t^2} \right] dx = 0 \quad (11)$$

Also, transverse motion and its kinematic relations are presented as:

$$w = \phi \mathbf{w}, \quad \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = \mathbf{D}^k w = \mathbf{B} \mathbf{w}, \quad \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} = \mathbf{B}' \mathbf{w}, \quad \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} = \phi \ddot{\mathbf{w}} \quad (12)$$

Substituting Eq. (12) into Eq. (11) yields the following bending stiffness matrix K , classical mass matrix M_c , and nonlocal mass matrix M_{nl} , respectively [26]:

$$K = \int_0^L EA (\mathbf{B}'^T \mathbf{B}') dx = \frac{EI}{L^3} \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 6L & -12 & 6L \\ 6L & 4L^2 & -6L & 2L^2 \\ -12 & -6L & 12 & -6L \\ 6L & 2L^2 & -6L & 4L^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (13)$$

$$M_c = \int_0^L \rho A (\phi^T \phi) dx = \frac{\rho AL}{420} \begin{bmatrix} 156L & 22L^2 & 54L & -13L^2 \\ 22L^2 & 4L^3 & 13L^2 & -3L^3 \\ 54L & 13L^2 & 156L & -22L^3 \\ -13L & -3L^3 & -22L^2 & 4L^3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (14)$$

$$M_{nl} = \int_0^L (e_0 a)^2 \rho A (\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{B}) dx = \frac{(e_0 a)^2 \rho A}{30L} \begin{bmatrix} 36 & 3L & -36 & 3L \\ 3L & 4L^2 & -3L & -L^2 \\ -36 & -3L & 36 & -3L \\ 3L & -L^2 & -3L & 4L^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (15)$$

3. Nonlocal Matrix Displacement Formulation

To constitute the vibration formulation of the structures consisting of discrete members, the stiffness and mass matrices of the element that makes a positive α angle with the horizontal in the general axes should be determined. The detail of this process can be found in [26]. Accordingly, the stiffness and mass matrices are transformed from the global axes to the local axes.

The transformation matrices for discrete structures under axial effects only (nanotrusses) and both axial and bending effects (nanoframes) are as follows, respectively:

$$T_a = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\ 0 & 0 & -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix} \quad (16)$$

$$T_b = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (17)$$

3.1. Nonlocal Matrices of Nanotrusses

Since the axial discrete member has not a stiffness in the perpendicular direction to the element, the inputs of the matrix in Eq. (7) constitute only the axial freedoms of discrete member. However, due to Newton's second law, since the mass constitute the acceleration of the motion in the axial and transverse freedoms, the matrices calculated in Eqs. (8) and (9) determine the inputs of discrete member in both axial both and transverse directions [26].

The stiffness and mass matrices in the local axes are calculated as follows [26]:

$$\begin{aligned} K_e &= T_a^T K T_a = \\ & \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha & 0 & 0 \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ 0 & 0 & \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix} \times \frac{EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\ 0 & 0 & -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} \cos^2 \alpha & \cos \alpha \sin \alpha & -\cos^2 \alpha & -\cos \alpha \sin \alpha \\ \cos \alpha \sin \alpha & \sin^2 \alpha & -\cos \alpha \sin \alpha & -\sin^2 \alpha \\ -\cos^2 \alpha & -\cos \alpha \sin \alpha & \cos^2 \alpha & \cos \alpha \sin \alpha \\ -\cos \alpha \sin \alpha & -\sin^2 \alpha & \cos \alpha \sin \alpha & \sin^2 \alpha \end{bmatrix} \quad (18) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} M_e &= T_a^T (M_c + M_{nl}) T_a = \\ & \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha & 0 & 0 \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ 0 & 0 & \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix} \times \left(\frac{\rho AL}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{(e_0 a)^2 \rho A}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \times \\ & \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\ 0 & 0 & -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix} = \rho AL \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} + \frac{(e_0 a)^2}{L^2} & 0 & \frac{1}{3} + \frac{(e_0 a)^2}{L^2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} + \frac{(e_0 a)^2}{L^2} & 0 & \frac{1}{6} - \frac{(e_0 a)^2}{L^2} \\ \frac{1}{6} - \frac{(e_0 a)^2}{L^2} & 0 & \frac{1}{3} + \frac{(e_0 a)^2}{L^2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} + \frac{(e_0 a)^2}{L^2} & 0 & \frac{1}{3} + \frac{(e_0 a)^2}{L^2} \end{bmatrix} \quad (19) \end{aligned}$$

The vibration of the nanotruss is solved by the eigenvalue formulation as follow:

$$\det\left(\sum_{i=1}^{ne} [K_e]_{n \times n}^* - \omega_n^2 \sum_{i=1}^{ne} [M_e]_{n \times n}^*\right) = 0 \quad (20)$$

where $[K_e]^*$ and $[M_e]^*$ represent the reduced total stiffness and mass matrices, respectively. Also, n is degree of freedom of discrete system. ω_n denotes the natural frequency.

3.2. Nonlocal Matrices of Nanoframes

Because bending discrete members have freedoms in the axial direction, too, the stiffness and mass matrices in the global axes can be assembled by considering Eqs. (7)-(9) and (13)-(15) [26]:

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{EA}{L} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{EA}{L} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{12EI}{L^3} & -\frac{6EI}{L^2} & 0 & -\frac{12EI}{L^3} & -\frac{6EI}{L^2} \\ 0 & -\frac{6EI}{L^2} & \frac{4EI}{L} & 0 & \frac{6EI}{L^2} & \frac{2EI}{L} \\ -\frac{EA}{L} & 0 & 0 & \frac{EA}{L} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{12EI}{L^3} & \frac{6EI}{L^2} & 0 & \frac{12EI}{L^3} & \frac{6EI}{L^2} \\ 0 & -\frac{6EI}{L^2} & \frac{2EI}{L} & 0 & \frac{6EI}{L^2} & \frac{4EI}{L} \end{bmatrix} \quad (21)$$

$$M_c = \frac{\rho AL}{420} \begin{bmatrix} 140 & 0 & 0 & 70 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 156 & 22L & 0 & 54 & -13L \\ 0 & 22L & 4L^2 & 0 & 13L & -3L^2 \\ 70 & 0 & 0 & 140 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 54 & 13L & 0 & 156 & -22L \\ 0 & -13L & -3L^2 & 0 & -22L & 4L^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (22)$$

$$M_{nl} = (e_0 a)^2 \rho A L \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{L} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{L} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{6}{5L} & \frac{1}{10} & 0 & -\frac{6}{5L} & \frac{1}{10} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{10} & \frac{2L}{15} & 0 & -\frac{1}{10} & -\frac{L}{30} \\ -\frac{1}{L} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{L} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{6}{5L} & -\frac{1}{10} & 0 & \frac{6}{5L} & -\frac{1}{10} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{10} & -\frac{L}{30} & 0 & -\frac{1}{10} & \frac{2L}{15} \end{bmatrix} \quad (23)$$

The stiffness and mass matrices of the bending discrete member are expressed as:

$$K_e = T_b^T K T_b = [k_{ij}]_{6 \times 6} \quad (24)$$

$$M_e = T_b^T (M_c + M_{nl}) T_b = [m_{ij}]_{6 \times 6} \quad (25)$$

The components of the stiffness matrix are calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} k_{11} = k_{44} &= \frac{EA}{L} \cos^2 \alpha + \frac{12EI}{L^3} \sin^2 \alpha, \quad k_{12} = k_{45} = \left(\frac{EA}{L} - \frac{12EI}{L^3} \right) \cos \alpha \sin \alpha, \\ k_{13} = k_{16} &= -\frac{6EI}{L^2} \sin \alpha, \quad k_{14} = -\frac{EA}{L} \cos^2 \alpha - \frac{12EI}{L^3} \sin^2 \alpha, \\ k_{15} = k_{24} &= \left(-\frac{EA}{L} + \frac{12EI}{L^3} \right) \cos \alpha \sin \alpha, \quad k_{22} = k_{55} = \frac{EA}{L} \sin^2 \alpha + \frac{12EI}{L^3} \cos^2 \alpha, \\ k_{23} = k_{26} &= \frac{6EI}{L^2} \cos \alpha, \quad k_{25} = -\frac{EA}{L} \sin^2 \alpha - \frac{12EI}{L^3} \cos^2 \alpha, \quad k_{33} = k_{66} = \frac{4EI}{L}, \\ k_{34} = k_{46} &= \frac{6EI}{L^2} \sin \alpha, \quad k_{35} = k_{56} = -\frac{6EI}{L^2} \cos \alpha, \quad k_{36} = \frac{2EI}{L} \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

Additionally, the components of the mass matrix can be given as:

$$\begin{aligned} m_{11} = m_{44} &= \left(\frac{\rho A L}{3} + \frac{(e_0 a)^2 \rho A}{L} \right) \cos^2 \alpha + \left(\frac{13 \rho A L}{35} + \frac{6(e_0 a)^2 \rho A}{5L} \right) \sin^2 \alpha, \\ m_{12} = m_{45} &= \left(-\frac{4 \rho A L}{105} - \frac{(e_0 a)^2 \rho A}{5L} \right) \cos \alpha \sin \alpha, \quad m_{13} = \left(-\frac{11 \rho A L^2}{210} - \frac{(e_0 a)^2 \rho A}{10} \right) \sin \alpha, \\ m_{14} &= \left(\frac{\rho A L}{6} - \frac{(e_0 a)^2 \rho A}{L} \right) \cos^2 \alpha + \left(\frac{9 \rho A L}{70} - \frac{6(e_0 a)^2 \rho A}{5L} \right) \sin^2 \alpha, \\ m_{15} = m_{24} &= \left(\frac{4 \rho A L}{105} + \frac{(e_0 a)^2 \rho A}{5L} \right) \cos \alpha \sin \alpha, \quad m_{16} = \left(\frac{13 \rho A L^2}{420} - \frac{(e_0 a)^2 \rho A}{10} \right) \sin \alpha, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 m_{22} = m_{55} &= \left(\frac{\rho AL}{3} + \frac{6(e_0 a)^2 \rho A}{5L} \right) \cos^2 \alpha + \left(\frac{13\rho AL}{35} + \frac{(e_0 a)^2 \rho A}{L} \right) \sin^2 \alpha, \\
 m_{23} &= \left(\frac{11\rho AL^2}{210} + \frac{(e_0 a)^2 \rho A}{10} \right) \cos \alpha, \\
 m_{25} &= \left(\frac{9\rho AL}{70} - \frac{6(e_0 a)^2 \rho A}{5L} \right) \cos^2 \alpha + \left(\frac{\rho AL}{6} - \frac{(e_0 a)^2 \rho A}{L} \right) \sin^2 \alpha, \\
 m_{26} &= \left(-\frac{13\rho AL^2}{420} + \frac{(e_0 a)^2 \rho A}{10} \right) \cos \alpha, \quad m_{33} = m_{66} = \frac{\rho AL^3}{105} + \frac{2(e_0 a)^2 \rho AL}{15}, \\
 m_{34} &= \left(-\frac{13\rho AL^2}{420} + \frac{(e_0 a)^2 \rho A}{10} \right) \sin \alpha, \quad m_{35} = \left(\frac{13\rho AL^2}{420} - \frac{(e_0 a)^2 \rho A}{10} \right) \cos \alpha, \\
 m_{36} &= -\frac{\rho AL^3}{140} - \frac{(e_0 a)^2 \rho AL}{30}, \quad m_{46} = \left(\frac{11\rho AL^2}{210} + \frac{(e_0 a)^2 \rho A}{10} \right) \sin \alpha, \\
 m_{56} &= \left(-\frac{11\rho AL^2}{210} - \frac{(e_0 a)^2 \rho A}{10} \right) \cos \alpha
 \end{aligned} \tag{27}$$

Free vibration frequencies of nanoframes are also calculated as in Eq. (20).

4. Discussions

The solution based on matrix displacement method for the nonlocal free dynamics of nano scaled truss and frame structures is mentioned. According to this, the stiffness and mass matrices of the nanostructure members are achieved. When obtained expressions are investigated, it is understood that the stiffness matrices are not affected by the nonlocal parameter, and additionally, the nonlocal parameter is included in the inputs of the mass matrix. The reason for this is the nonlocal parameter is only added as a multiplier to the mass of unit length (ρA) in the equations of motion which the average weighted residue is applied.

5. Conclusions

While studies dealing with the nonlocal mechanics of nanostructures with continuous system models such as beams and rods are numerous, studies on the mechanical analysis of nano scaled structures with discrete models are quite limited. This current study is explained the stiffness and mass matrices in the matrix displacement formulation given for the dynamic analysis of nano scaled trusses and frames are modified how by the nonlocal parameter.

In the nonlocal free dynamic analysis of nanotrusses and nanoframes, the fact that the stiffness matrices are the same as the classical elasticity and the mass matrix increases, shows that the classical natural frequencies will be a decrease due to the nonlocal parameter in the dynamic analysis of the nanostructures consisting of discrete members [26]. Therefore, since the response of the structure to dynamic excitations will decrease, this case should be taken into account in the design of the engineering system where nanostructures may take part.

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