

First order approximation for 1st natural (resonant) frequency of massless cantilever beam with concentrated mass at the end. The beam is treated as a spring with spring rate $K = 3EI/l^3$.

Using Hamilton's Principle

$$\delta \int_{t_0}^{t_1} (T + W) dt - \left. \frac{\delta T}{\delta q_i} \delta q_i \right|_{t_0}^{t_1} = 0$$

Kinetic Energy $T = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2)$

Work Force x Distance $W = mg(y) - Kx(x)$

Generalized Coordinates $x = l \sin \theta$ $y = l \cos \theta$

substituting and note $(\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2) = l^2 \dot{\theta}^2$

$$\delta \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \left[\frac{1}{2} m l^2 \dot{\theta}^2 + (mg) l \cos \theta - \left(\frac{3EI}{l^3} l \sin \theta \right) l \sin \theta \right] dt - \left. m l^2 \dot{\theta} \delta \theta \right|_{t_0}^{t_1} = 0$$

Taking the variation of Displacements while holding Forces constant.

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_1} \left[m l^2 \frac{\dot{\theta}}{u} \frac{\delta \dot{\theta}}{du} - (mg) l \sin \theta \delta \theta - \left(\frac{3EI}{l^3} l \sin \theta \right) l \cos \theta \delta \theta \right] dt - \left. m l^2 \dot{\theta} \delta \theta \right|_{t_0}^{t_1} = 0$$

Integrating by parts on variations of derivatives w.r.t. $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$

and assume small angle approximations
 $\sin \theta = \tan \theta \doteq \theta$ radians $\cos \theta \doteq 1$

$$ml^2 \dot{\theta} \Big|_{t_0}^{t_1} + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} (-ml^2 \ddot{\theta} - (mgl) \theta - \frac{3EI}{l} \theta) \delta \theta dt$$

$$-ml^2 \dot{\theta} \Big|_{t_0}^{t_1} = 0$$

For the integral to vanish, the integrand must also vanish.

$$-ml^2 \ddot{\theta} - (mgl + \frac{3EI}{l}) \theta = 0$$

Assume SHM let $\theta = \theta_0 e^{i\omega t}$ $\ddot{\theta} = -\omega^2 \theta$

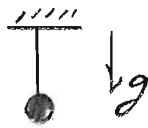
$$ml^2 \omega^2 \theta - (mgl + \frac{3EI}{l}) \theta = 0$$

Then $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{3EI}{ml^3} + \frac{g}{l}}$ rad/sec

In terms of cycles/sec, Hz

$$\omega = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{3EI}{ml^3} + \frac{g}{l}} \text{ Hz}$$


Down



Similarly when the beam (pendulum) is inverted up...

$$\omega = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{3EI}{ml^3} - \frac{g}{l}} \text{ Hz}$$

UP



When the beam is horizontal

$$\omega = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{3EI}{ml^3}} \text{ Hz}$$


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Arithmetic for sample Cantilever Beam

$$E := 10.5 \times 10^6 \text{ psi} \quad \nu := 0.3$$

$$W_1 := 1 \text{ lbs} \quad g_1 := 386.4 \frac{\text{in}}{\text{sec}^2} \quad m_1 := \frac{W_1}{g_1} = 2.588 \times 10^{-3} \text{ lb} \cdot \frac{\text{sec}^2}{\text{in}}$$

Beam Dimensions

$$b := 1. \text{ inch} \quad h := .06 \text{ inch} \quad L_1 := 18 \text{ inch}$$

$$I := b \cdot \frac{h^3}{12} = 1.8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ in}^4$$

Horizontal Resonance

$$\omega_0 := \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{(3 \cdot E \cdot I)}{(L_1^3 \cdot m_1)}} = 0.975487 \text{ Hz}$$



Vertical Up Resonance

$$\omega_{\text{up}} := \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{(3 \cdot E \cdot I)}{(L_1^3 \cdot m_1)} - \frac{g_1}{L_1}} = 0.638606 \text{ Hz}$$



Vertical Down Resonance

$$\omega_{\text{down}} := \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{(3 \cdot E \cdot I)}{(L_1^3 \cdot m_1)} + \frac{g_1}{L_1}} = 1.222838 \text{ Hz}$$



Critical Buckling Load, P_{cr} , for Vertical Cantilever

$$P_{cr} := \left(\frac{\pi^2}{4} \right) \cdot \frac{(E \cdot I)}{L_1^2} = 1.439 \text{ lbs}_f$$